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(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverly)

Parkerson performs at 1987 Chautauqua.

## Commission won't renew contract for Parkerson

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

The City Commission has decided to not renew the contract of Danny Parkerson, M.K. Brown Civic Center director.

Parkerson was officially notified of the decision Monday morning by Frank Smith, assistant city manager.

Monday afternoon Mayor David McDaniel said he was aware of the move but did not know any particulars.

"The situation over there was ... Danny has done a great job, but there are so many times that you have to see if a program is worth its cost. Danny has done a lot to bring entertainment to Pampa. What we're going to do is have the secretary take over the bookings and Main Street project," he said.

Kathy Beck is currently serving as Civic Center secretary. She is out of town this week and had not been officially informed the moves were going to be made. She could not be reached for comment.

"Let me reemphasize that Danny has done a lot to build up the auditorium. But the economy has hurt the civic center. Even with what has been brought in, it's just not feasible (to keep Parkerson)," McDaniel said.

Parkerson's most notable achievement was making the annual 4th of July Talent Search one of the premier events of its kind in the region.

"The 4th of July celebration was a total package for the city. Part of that was the talent show. Danny made it the top talent show in the Panhandle. But I feel like that will continue whatever else happens," McDaniel said.

McDaniel said the city is trying to hold the line on expenses and Parkerson's position was one that could be cut.

"The amount of revenue (the civic center brought in) never offset the subsidy the city had to provide. Even though we had more activity, we also had more expense. Our remaining staff will pick up the slack in Danny's absence," he said.

Parkerson said he was told by City Manager Bob Hart on Aug. 7 that the commission was considering the move. He was officially informed of the final decision Monday.

"I was calm because I had all of last week to worry about it. I feel more hurt than anything else. We've worked real hard to build up things here," Parkerson said. He will remain on the payroll through November while he looks for another job.

Parkerson says he understands the reasons behind the move were strictly budgetary.

The layoff of Parkerson will save the city approximately \$30,000. He receives \$26,395 in annual salary as well as car and travel allowance. In addition to his own departure, Parkerson said other positions at the civic center will be reshuffled.

Emergency and Environmental Services Director Steve Vaughn will now be in charge of the civic center. He also said his new responsibilities will include overseeing Lovett Memorial Library and the new golf course.

"There can be no doubt that we will see a decrease in services where the auditorium is involved. Anytime you cut staff you cut the amount of services the city will receive. What you have to do is see if the position can be justified when you take into account how much it costs," Vaughn said.

Smith said no other lay-offs are planned of any city staff. However, maintenance staff at the civic center may be reassigned to slightly different duties.

## Reagan passes torch to Bush

By TERENCE HUNT  
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — George Bush moves out of the shadow of Ronald Reagan today and takes command of a Republican convention ready to launch him on an uphill struggle for the White House and eager to learn the still-secret name of his running mate.

By the time he arrives here today on Air Force Two, Bush will have decided who will fill the No. 2 spot on the ticket, aides said. However, they predicted he will not immediately reveal the name, keeping the pot boiling perhaps until Thursday.

Speculation centered on Sen. Bob Dole, his wife Elizabeth, Sens. Dan Quayle, Pete Domenici, Alan Simpson, Atty. Gen. Richard Thornburgh, former White House chief of staff Howard Baker and Rep. Jack Kemp. Also churned up by the rumor mill were the names of Sens. John Danforth and Christopher Bond of Missouri.

Bush, after watching the convention on television in Washington, was flying here to pick up the torch from Reagan. Trailing in the polls, Bush pledged to "do my level best to fill those big shoes of President Ronald Reagan."

Reagan and Bush, political partners for nearly eight years, were crossing paths at a military airport, pausing together for photos and then traveling their separate ways — Reagan on his way out of town en route to a long vacation in California and Bush heading for a triumphant welcoming rally in this colorful convention city.

"George, I'm in your corner," Reagan declared in an emotionally charged valedictory speech to a Superdome audience packed to the rafters. "But



(AP Laserphoto)

Reagan shows thumbs up while his wife watches delegates.

George, just one more personal request: go out there and win one for the Gipper."

Sounding one more time a battle cry for conservative causes, Reagan said, "We can never let the fire go out or quit the fight, because the battle is never over."

Delegates were prepared to give Bush a conservative platform on which to challenge Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Awaiting approval today — probably unanimously — was a 40,000-word platform that pledges no tax increases, calls for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion and promises "rapid and certain deployment" of the Star Wars missile defense plan, also known as the Strategic

Defense Initiative.

The document embraces Bush's campaign proposals by endorsing child-care tax credits for low-income families, increased spending on Head Start and a new "merit schools" program, and tax-free savings bonds to pay for college. There was not a single dissenting report for the full convention to debate.

Criticizing the platform offered by the Democrats, Mrs. Dole told GOP delegates that the other party's document was long on platitudes and short on specifics. "We're not running against Bentsen and Dukakis, we're running against Bentsen and hedges," she said.

The biggest guessing game

here — the only one, really — was whom Bush would put on his ticket.

Some candidates played up their hopes, others played them down.

Emphasizing that he doesn't consider himself in the running, Simpson said: "I've said it clearly as I can. I guess they want me to jump on a chair and make an obscene gesture or something."

On the other hand, Kemp told his supporters, "I was a good second-string quarterback and I can be a good second-string quarterback for George Bush."

To the "Where was George?" taunts of Democrats in Atlanta, Reagan assured Republicans that Bush was a valuable adviser.

## President relinquishes spotlight to Bush

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — President Reagan, with a thanks-for-the-memories farewell to the Republican National Convention, ceded center stage to George Bush, voicing hope that history will find "we had a vision."

From the time he entered the cavernous Louisiana Superdome on Monday to take his seat in the presidential box until he left more than three hours later, he was showered with affection.

He returned the favor with a vintage speech extolling America's virtues.

Before passing the symbolic torch of Republican leadership today to his vice president at an airport ceremony and heading for his California ranch, Reagan exhorted Bush to "make it one more for the Gipper." He pledged to do all he could to make Bush his heir, while acknowledging that "this office is not mine to give."

Reagan's speech brought tears to longtime loyalists on the convention floor. It capped a day in which both he and his wife, Nancy, talked of relinquishing the political spotlight to Bush and his wife, Barbara.

"There are times to enter, times to stay and times to leave," Mrs. Reagan told

friends at a luncheon given in her behalf.

"Today, the curtain begins to close on the Reagan era of the Republican Party," she said. "We've had a wonderful run. But the time has come for the Bushes to step into the political leading roles — and for the Reagans to step into the wings."

That same theme dominated Reagan's convention address, preceded by a documentary about the Reagan years and heralded by trumpets blaring "Hail To The Chief."

Standing before the 2,277 convention delegates and thousands of others in visitors' and alternates' seats, Reagan declared he still would be heard, even in retirement.

"When I pack up my bags in Washington, don't expect me to be happy to hear all this talk about the twilight of my life," said Reagan, 77.

"Twilight? Not in America!" But Reagan also made clear that he doesn't desire to command the party, saying, "I'll leave my phone number and address behind just in case you need a foot soldier."

Reagan's speech contained little of the acerbic, indirect criticism of Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis that

was his theme upon his arrival Sunday.

But Reagan did not let the Democrats off the hook, even poking fun at one point at a Democratic convention speech in Atlanta by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, which was built around the rhetorical question of "Where was George?"

"George played a major role in everything we've accomplished," he said. And in noting that Bush headed a presidential task force on reducing the burden of government paperwork, he said, "And George was there."

Convention delegates frequently interrupted his speech with applause, waving banners and cheering. Reagan even got applause a few times for things he said in the filmed narration of the Reagan years.

The delegates stood for several minutes and clapped their hands as he arrived at the podium, and Reagan basked in the glory.

"Eight years ago, we gathered in Detroit in a troubled time for our beloved country," he said. "And we gathered solemnly to share our dreams."

"When our children turn the pages of our lives, I hope they'll see that we had a vision to pass forward a nation as nearly perfect as we could," he said.

## Worshippers report apparitions in the sky

By WENDY E. LANE  
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Thousands came to St. John Neumann Catholic Church hoping for a miracle and after a dramatic evening Mass, most weren't disappointed.

Shortly after Monday's mass began at 6 p.m., a few worshippers gasped and pointed skyward. Others looked and began shouting, "It's Jesus, look!"

As the excitement in the crowd brought the Mass came to a halt, scores of pilgrims cried and ap-

**'I knew there would be a miracle, I just knew it.'**

plauded, claiming to see apparitions of Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

"I knew there would be a miracle, I just knew it," said Mamie Fertitta of Beaumont, crying and pointing to the evening sky.

She said she saw the sun pulsating and then saw Jesus.

A dozen priests standing on a rooftop altar and 600 Eucharist ministers turned their backs to the crowd to look at the sky and wave. After minutes of silence, St. John Neumann pastor Monsignor Joseph James, facing the

West where people were pointing, began to sing "Amazing Grace."

People in the audience whipped out cameras to photograph the clouds and light.

Paula Mitchell, 13, of Dallas said she saw both Jesus and Mary as the sun burst through the clouds.

Jesus "had a greyish white beard and he's got some kind of cape on. Mary's wearing a crown," she said.

Some people claimed to see different apparitions.

"I saw baby Jesus for an instant in the sky," said Koreth Vargahese of Houston.

For the estimated crowd of 12,000, the pilgrimage was prompted by reports that a miracle would occur on Monday's Feast of the Assumption, the day Catholics celebrate Mary's assumption into Heaven.

The charismatic parish has been the focus of national attention after three parishioners began reporting receiving messages of peace and hope from the Virgin Mary this spring.

While many cried and pointed skyward, not everyone saw an apparition in the sky.

"I didn't see anything, but some of the other priests did," said Deacon Joe Richard.

Father Albert Meyer, a Benedictine monk from Pecos,

N.M., also saw nothing in the skies except clouds and the sun.

"I'm positive that others saw something and they took photographs," he said, adding that his deep faith is still strong.

Some of the apparition reports told of the sun "dancing" in the sky, a commonly reported part of phenomena associated with the Virgin Mary.

Similar reports have come from Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, where six youths have claimed to see apparitions of Mary.

"I went to Medjugorje and I didn't see this," said Mrs. Fertitta. "It was just so beautiful you can't even explain it."

Before the Mass, thousands streamed onto the church grounds despite temperatures in the high 90s as busloads brought pilgrims from around the country.

Many of the worshippers were handicapped, who came seeking healing.

Rosaries were said throughout the day in Spanish, English, French, Portuguese and Vietnamese, by a group of more than 50 Vietnamese immigrants from Houston.

While the reports of the messages from Mary drew many of the pilgrims, no messages were received during Monday's numerous rosaries.

James said Mary had told the parishioners earlier that no messages would come that day.

Lubbock Bishop Michael Sheehan had originally planned to preside over the feast day Mass, but decided not to follow the publicity about the messages. He has urged people to treat the messages with caution and has not endorsed the happenings at the church.

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The occurrences at St. John Neumann have not been officially approved by the Catholic Church and must first be investigated, as are other reported miraculous occurrences, Sheehan said.

But Meyer said Monday's event will have a lasting effect and that the spotlight will continue to be focused on the charismatic parish.

"I'm afraid it's just beginning here," he said.

After claiming to see an apparition on Monday, Larry Feldman of Los Angeles, a recent convert to Catholicism, asked what he should call St. John Neumann's apparitions.

"I'm wondering — do we call her 'My Lady of Lubbock?'"



(AP Laserphoto)

Arcelia Pacheco, 81, of Hereford recites rosary.

# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**DUKE, Leamon** — 10 a.m., St. Mark's CME Church.

## Obituaries

**LORON ALBERT GRANTHAM JR.**  
**MIAMI** — Funeral services for Loron Albert Grantham Jr., 70, who died Monday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church of Miami with the Rev. Dale Dunn, pastor, officiating.  
 Burial will be in Miami Cemetery with arrangements by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.  
 Mr. Grantham moved to Miami in 1946 to farm. He was married to Hellen Smith at Camp Roberts, Calif. in 1943. He was a veteran of the Rainbow Division of the U.S. Army and a 25-year member of the American Legion.  
 He was a member of First Baptist Church of Miami, where he served as treasurer for 25 years. He was a member of the school board for six years, serving as president for three years. He was a 1942 graduate of Baylor University.  
 He was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Boy Scouts of America for 50 years. He was a scoutmaster and a Silver Beaver for 15 years. He was a charter member of Miami Volunteer Fire Department, and he served on the draft board in Pampa.  
 He was a farmer and assistant manager of Miami Feed and Grain for 35 years, and an employee of Locke Cattle Co. for 35 years.  
 Survivors include his wife, Hellen, of the home; two daughters, Betsy Grantham of Amarillo and Mary Lou Burns of Sudan; four sons, J.L. Grantham of Amarillo, Joe Grantham of Houston, Tom Grantham of Pampa and Bill Grantham of Dallas; one sister, Margaret Rhoads of Glendale, Ariz.; one brother, Jim Grantham of Glendale, Ariz.; and nine grandchildren.  
 Memorials may be to a favorite charity.

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions**  
 John Cooper, White Deer  
 Martin Cornett, McLean  
 Jolene Davis, Elk City, Okla.  
 Mecko Escoc, Pampa  
 John Kendall, Pampa  
 Barbara Kirkham, Pampa  
 Jarrod Kirkland, Pampa  
 Sandra Mortiz, Pampa  
 Gladys Smith, Pampa  
 Minnie Carter, Pampa (extended care)  
 Thomas Johnson, Pampa (extended care)

**Dismissals**  
 B.L. Harrison, Pampa  
 Ida Jenkins, Pampa  
 Thomas Johnson, Pampa  
 Virginia King, Pampa  
 Bryan Martindale, Pampa  
 Brenda Palmateer and baby girl, Pampa  
 Lonnie Studebaker, Pampa  
 Jess Subia, Pampa  
 Johnny Williams, White Deer  
 Paul Whirlog, Allison

**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions**  
 John Lister Jr., Shamrock

**Dismissals**  
 None

## Court report

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
 Scott Baker was fined \$50.50 on a charge of no valid driver's license.  
 Henry Brown was assessed a \$40.50 fine for improper backing. A charge of failure to stop and exchange information was dismissed.  
 James D. Cobe was fined \$30.50 on a charge of pedestrian in the roadway. Disposition was deferred 30 days.  
 James Cook was fined \$40.50 on a charge of permitting high grass and/or weeds.  
 Rafael Felix was fined \$45.50 on each of the following charges: defective muffler, ran stop sign, speeding, driving on wrong side of roadway, and contest for speed. He was also fined \$175.50 on a charge of no insurance and \$322.50 on a second charge of no insurance.  
 Deanna Helton agreed to take a driver improvement course after pleading no contest to a speeding charge.  
 A simple assault charge against Bobby Hicks was dismissed after complaining witness failed to appear for docket call. Hicks pled guilty to a charge of no insurance.  
 Louise Hill was found not guilty on a charge of disregarding a stop sign.  
 A charge of parking in the roadway against Kevin McBunch was dismissed.  
 Harry McCollum received 30 days, deferred, and a \$70.50 fee after pleading no contest to a charge of running a red light.  
 Douglas Medley was fined \$110.50 after pleading no contest to a charge of public intoxication.  
 A case of parking in roadway against D. Barry Osborne was dismissed.  
 Linda Sickler pleaded no contest to a charge of no insurance and was fined \$175.50.  
 Charges of altered driver's license and reckless damage were dismissed against Richard Stone. He was fined \$110.50 each for charges of disorderly conduct - language and public intoxication.  
 Jerry Williams agreed to take a driver improvement course after pleading no contest to a charge of speeding.

**MARRIAGES**  
 Gaylen Doyle Stebens and Deborah Lynn Berryman  
 Terry Bruce Johnson and Melissa Ann Jensen  
 Charles Clifford Walser and Susan Carol Brown  
 Gaylord Junior Brunt and Jeanne Ann Ridgway  
 Billy Ray Barker and Candace Sue Rodgers  
 Brad Allen Morton and Vonna Lynn Mink  
 Tommy Ray Malone and Deana Ann Furnish  
 Gary Dee Cahill and Lisa Michelle Kelley

**COUNTY COURT**  
 Rafael Vazquez Felix was assessed a \$300 fine and two years probation on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
**Civil Cases**  
 First State Bank of Miami vs. George M. Ford and Janice Skinner Ford, suit on promissory note.  
 Noel Clemens vs. Clingan Tires Inc., suit for damages.  
 Kenneth R. McWilliams and Thelma McWilliams, co-trustees of the testamentary trust under the last will of J.C. McWilliams, deceased vs. Mary McWilliams Individually, et al, suit on promissory note.  
 In re: Petition of Thomas L. Genung to Perpetuate Testimony of Thomas L. Genung.  
**Criminal Cases**  
 A judgment revoking the probation of Arthur Ray Short was entered on charges of driving while intoxicated - subsequent offense. Short was sentenced to two years in Gray County Jail.  
 Larry Frank Jones was assessed two years probation and fined \$500 after he pled guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated. Jones was also given 30 days in the county jail and had his driver's license suspended.  
 A motion to place Johnny Sierman on shock probation in connection with a charge of indecency with a child was denied.  
 Ronald J. Dewitt and Donnie Ray Lee successfully completed probation.  
 Gerry Douglas pled guilty to a charge of third degree forgery and was sentenced to seven years in the Texas Department of Corrections.  
**Divorces**  
 Yvette Dyer and Tarell Dyer  
 Kenneth Stover and Susan Stover  
 Ronald Ferguson and Stephanie Raybon Ferguson  
 Russell Valentine Dworshak and Kathi Jo Dworshak  
 Mary Margaret Arellano and Benito Arellano  
 Annie Faye Cotter and James William Cotter

# Random stops of blacks halted

**TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)** — Civil rights leaders claimed victory but said they would press a \$1 million lawsuit against the city even though the police chief rescinded an order to randomly stop black teen-agers in a mixed neighborhood.  
 Police Chief Martin Felker withdrew the order Monday after separate meetings with City Manager Philip Hawkey; LeRoy Williams, president of the Toledo chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and residents of the Old West End neighborhood.  
 "The procedure was implemented to address a series of crimes that had been committed," Felker said.  
 "Unfortunately, the focus of the directive has been perceived as racially motivated instead of the intent of focusing on the suspects involved," he said.  
 The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and other opponents of the policy said Monday that they considered Felker's latest action a triumph.  
 "We put the pressure on the city because it was a patently racist order, an insult to blacks," said the Rev. Floyd Rose, pastor of the Family Baptist Church and a member of the alliance.  
 "It was another example of the city's insensitivity to the black community. We fought back and will continue to fight," he added.  
 Lafayette Tolliver, vice president of the Thurgood Marshall Law Association, a group of black lawyers, said the association was still pursuing the suit filed last week because of the police policy.  
 U.S. District Judge John Potter on Monday re-

jected the association's request for a temporary restraining order after talking to Felker and learning he had rescinded his directive.  
 "I think we won," Tolliver said. "We are satisfied as far as the temporary restraining order is concerned because now it is not necessary. The suit will continue, and we expect more plaintiffs to join us."  
 Blacks make up about 17 percent of the city's population of 340,000.  
 The association sued Friday on behalf of Walter Wade Jr., a black teen-ager who was followed and then stopped by police in front of his house last week. Wade, 19, was questioned but not charged with any offense, the lawsuit said.  
 The lawsuit said the policy violated civil rights laws and the Constitution's guarantee of freedom of association and protection against unlawful search and seizure.  
 Wade's lawyers are seeking \$1 million in punitive and compensatory damages.  
 On July 8, Felker issued the order for police to stop and question groups of black teen-agers in an attempt to end racial violence in the Old West End.  
 Later last month, the ministerial alliance, which includes ministers from a variety of church congregations in Toledo, asked the U.S. Justice Department to investigate what the ministers called a conspiracy against black officials in Ohio's fourth-largest city.  
 Two Justice Department representatives met once with city officials and once with ministers to try to mediate a solution. No action resulted.

# Lawyer says Mandela has TB

**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)** — Jailed black nationalist Nelson Mandela has tuberculosis, his lawyer said today after visiting the African National Congress leader at a hospital.  
 Ismail Ayob, the lawyer, said Mandela's family were urging President P.W. Botha to allow an independent medical examination of the 70-year-old prisoner, South Africa's best-known black leader.  
 Mandela was transferred Friday from Cape Town's Pollsmoor Prison to nearby Tygerberg Hospital.  
 Doctors say he has an inflamed left lung and is in satisfactory condition following removal of a

drainage tube from the lung. They have not confirmed publicly that Mandela has tuberculosis.  
 Mandela was visited today by his wife, Winnie, and youngest daughter, Zindzi, as well as Ayob. Several hundred people who gathered outside the hospital cheered and gave clenched-fist salutes as the three emerged.  
 They made no statement at the time, but flew back to Johannesburg, where Ayob made his announcement.  
 "Mr. Mandela is very thin, but he is on his feet," Ayob said. He declined to speculate whether Mandela's life was in danger.  
 A statement was issued on behalf of the Mandela family asking

Botha to allow them to choose a team of doctors to "conduct an independent examination in order to remove any doubts which the family may feel regarding the nature, cause and cure of Mr. Mandela's illness."  
 There was no immediate response from Botha.  
 Earlier today, the African National Congress accused prison officials "callous neglect" in responding to health problems which led to Mandela's hospitalization.  
 The prison service, asked for comment, requested the full text of the statement by the outlawed guerrilla movement and said it was preparing a response.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**MONDAY, Aug. 15**  
 Lorena Scruggs, 604 Red Deer, reported criminal mischief at the residence.  
 Brown Shoe Fit Co., 216-218 N. Cuyler, reported burglary of the business.  
 Tim Hampton, 1208 Christine, reported a robbery at Thut and Gray streets. Two Hispanic males reportedly pulled Hampton from his car while he was stopped at the intersection, struck him in the face and took his black elskin wallet with approximately \$100 in cash.  
**Arrests**  
**MONDAY, Aug. 15**  
 Jerry Lynn Norwood, 23, was arrested in the 100 block of North Starkweather on an outstanding warrant.  
 Elmer Wayne Holder, 39, 2215 N. Nelson was arrested at the residence on a Borger warrant. He was released on bond.  
 Harold Jay Whitley, 39, was arrested for public intoxication at Doucette and Harvester. He was released on a cash bond.

## Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa		
Pampa	3.22	
Milo	4.30	
Corn	5.00	
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation		
Damson Oil	1/16	
Ky. Cent. Life	13	
Serco	3 1/2	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation		
Magellan	45.46	
Puritan	12.80	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Amoco	74 1/4	dn/8
Arco	81 1/4	up/8
Cabot	37	NC
Chevron	46	NC
Enron	37 1/2	NC
Halliburton	28 1/4	NC
HCA	33 1/4	NC
Ingersoll Rand	36	up/8
Kerr-McGee	35 1/4	dn/4
KNE	16 1/2	NC
Mapco	55 1/2	up/8
Maxxus	7 1/2	NC
Mesa Ltd	12 1/2	up/8
Mobil	43 1/4	dn/8
Penney's	47 1/4	dn/8
Phillips	16 1/4	NC
SBJ	34 1/4	up/8
SFS	25	up/8
Tenneco	45 1/4	up/8
Texaco	45 1/4	dn/8
London Gold	433.25	
Silver	6.75	

## Calendar of events

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
 Texas Department of Health is offering an immunization clinic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, on the first floor of Canadian's City Hall. Clinic vaccines protect against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella and mumps. A fee will be charged to help cover the cost of the clinic; maximum fee is \$15. The amount charged will be based on family income, size and ability to pay.

## Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**MONDAY, Aug. 15**  
 5:42 p.m. — A small grass fire was reported one mile east of Loop 171. Damage to a small area of land belonging to Larry Organ was reported.  
**TUESDAY, Aug. 16**  
 6:34 a.m. — A tin storage building was reported on fire eight miles south of Pampa on Bowers City Road. Firefighters said the building was fully involved in flames when they arrived. They allowed the fire to burn itself out. Damage was estimated at \$3,000.

## Minor accidents

No minor accidents were reported by the Pampa Police Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

# Texas drought losses top \$1 billion

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The drought of 1988 has cost Texas \$1.36 billion in crop and livestock losses, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.  
 Mike Moeller, deputy state agriculture commissioner, said Monday that livestock has suffered the most with losses of \$555 million. The drought's effect on livestock could continue next year even if rainfall returns to normal, he said.  
 "We've had major herd sell-offs in a good portion of the state. You just don't build that back overnight. It could be two to four years before we get back up to where we were," Moeller said.  
 The crop losses were calculated by the Texas Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Cotton has been the biggest loser with total yield down 394 million pounds for a loss of \$300 million, according to Moeller.  
 The state's hay value has dropped by \$125 million and feed grain values are down \$30 million.  
 "Overall, it's a little worse than we thought. We had been estimating it would be close to \$1 billion. The cotton loss was a surprise. We didn't think it would be that high," Moeller said.  
 "In terms of dollars, I'm sure this is far and away the biggest annual loss we've ever experienced as a result of a drought," said Mike Moeller.



Between July 17 and Aug. 2, a black male has been involved as a suspect in one sexual assault and one attempted sexual assault.  
 Both victims were teen-age females, and in both incidents the suspect was not wearing a shirt. Both incidents occurred in the early morning hours and in different areas of the city.  
 The suspect is described as being 5 feet, 10 inches to 6 feet tall, weighing 140 to 175 pounds, with short black hair.  
 Crime Stoppers of Pampa will pay \$500 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for these crimes.  
 If you have information about this crime or any other crime, you can report it and remain anonymous by calling 669-2222.  
 Rewards are available for other crimes not listed in this announcement.  
 The board of directors of Crime Stoppers urges citizen involvement in reporting crimes in our community.

## Clements reservations due

Today marks the deadline to make reservations for the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion banquet, featuring Texas Gov. Bill Clements as guest speaker, set for 7 p.m. Saturday in the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn.  
 Reservations may be made by calling the Coronado Inn at 669-2506. The public is invited to attend the banquet.  
 Gov. Clements was prime contractor for the post engineers

when the Pampa Army Air Field was being constructed, said Nina Spoonmore, executive secretary for the association.  
 A free symposium on a new high-powered rotary engine will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Coronado Inn. The symposium is also open to the public and will be conducted by Air Force officials.  
 Saturday night's banquet will be the culmination of the three-day annual reunion.

## City briefs

**DONNA LARSON, A Touch of Class Beauty Salon, 308 W. Foster, 665-8401. Shampoo and Set, \$7. Haircuts, \$8. Perms, \$25. Manicures and Pedicures. Walk-ins welcome. Senior Citizen Discounts. Monday through Saturday. Early and late appointments welcome. Adv.**  
**CLARENDON COLLEGE**  
 Pampa Center will be offering beginning computer workshops. Beginning Monday evening September, 12th or Wednesday evening September 14th. Doug Rapstine instructor. Enroll now. Class sizes limited. Adv.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Partly cloudy tonight with a chance for isolated thunderstorms. A less than 20 percent chance of precipitation is possible. Low will be in the mid 60s and winds will be from the south at 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with less than 20 percent chance of rain. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms are possible. High will be near 90 and winds will be southerly at 10 to 15 mph.  
**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
 West Texas — Isolated to widely scattered late afternoon and evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair with no important temperature change through Wednesday. Highs Wednesday ranging in 90s except mid 80s mountains and near 100 Big Bend. Lows tonight mid 60s Panhandle to lower 70s lower Pecos Valley and Big Bend.  
 North Texas — Excessive heat to continue through Wednesday northwest and central sections with afternoon heat indices in the 105 to 110 range. Mostly fair tonight with lows 73 to 76. Mostly fair central and west, partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms east Wednesday. Highs Wednesday 94 east to 101 northwest.  
 South Texas — Partly cloudy and continued hot through Wednesday. Scattered mainly daytime thunderstorms, more numerous east Wednesday. Highs Wednesday 90s except 80s at the beaches and near 100 Rio Grande plains. Lows mostly in the 70s, except 60s in the Hill Country and 80s at the



beaches.  
**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
**Thursday through Saturday**  
 West Texas — Isolated thunderstorms South on Thursday, spreading areawide Friday and Saturday. No significant temperature changes. Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin: Lows in the middle to upper 60s; highs in the lower 90s. Concho Valley: Lows in the lower 70s, highs in the middle 90s. Far West: Lows in the upper 60s, highs around 90. Big Bend: Lows in the middle 60s mountains to middle 70s lowlands. Highs from the upper 80s mountains to near 100 lowlands.  
 North Texas — Continued hot and humid with a chance of mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms Thursday through Saturday. Highs in the mid 90s to near 100. Lows in the 70s.  
 South Texas — Partly cloudy and continued hot. A chance of mainly daytime showers or thunderstorms more numerous East sections. Highs in the 90s except 80s at the beaches and near 100 Rio Grande Plains. Lows in the 70s, except 80s at the beaches.  
**BORDER STATES**  
 Oklahoma — Heat index 105 to 111 Wednesday eastern Oklahoma. Clear to partly cloudy and continued hot through Wednesday. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms western panhandle through Wednesday and southeast Wednesday. Highs 97 to 105. Lows low 60s western Panhandle to upper 70s northeast.  
 New Mexico — Partly cloudy through Wednesday with afternoon and nighttime thundershowers, isolated in the east and scattered in the mountains and west. High Wednesday 70s high mountains, 80s to mid 90s elsewhere. Lows tonight 40s and 50s mountains, 60s elsewhere.

# Texas/Regional

## Lubbock worshipers: Faith can explain all

By WENDY E. LANE  
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Many people among the thousands that flocked to St. John

Neumann Church reported unexplainable occurrences, from seeing Jesus in the sky to having their rosary beads change color. While not everyone experi-

enced such mysterious happenings, most said faith can explain all.

"How can you explain God working?" said Mary Constancio, one of three parishioners who claim to have received messages from the Virgin Mary since February.

Many reports circulated through the crowd of 12,000 Monday about rosary beads turning from silver to a gold color.

"One priest was blessing a woman and saw her beads change right there," said Deacon Joe Richard.

Another woman said she almost didn't believe it when her silver-colored beads became a gold tone.

"I thought I was seeing things. I thought I was hallucinating," said Marjorie Beamish of Houston. "The chain turned gold but the cross didn't turn."

Tom Dayton of Pittsburg, Kan., also held his mostly silver beads up for inspection. "If you look closely at the links, you can see the gold," he said.

St. John Neumann pastor Monsignor Joseph James told the crowd during evening Mass that he knows why the beads have turned.

"Your prayers are golden," he said.

More dramatic than the reports of rosary transformations were claims of apparitions of Mary and Jesus as the sun burst through the clouds following the start of Mass.

Hundreds of worshipers interrupted the service with gasps and motions skyward.

The reports of what was seen varied widely, from sighting Mary alone, Christ alone, Jesus and Mary together and flocks of doves.

"It's a formation of Jesus that I saw," said Mary Rodriguez of Lubbock as tears streamed down her face. "It was a miracle, praise God."

One young girl became wildly excited, pointing to the sun and what she claimed was Mary.

"Look, look at her," she said. "She's right above that gold cloud. See her now, she's smiling at me."

Mrs. Constancio said she saw Mary in the clouds with Jesus.

"I saw the sun dancing in different colors," she said. "It was beautiful."

Marilyn Oliver of Port Neches said Monday that she had heard a rumor that "Mary's crown was spinning on the statue inside the church last night."

The rumor of the crown was not confirmed by parish officials.

One group skeptical of the reports of miracles attended the events trying to get documented proof.

"While we are certainly open to any verifiable paranormal events, so far the only amazing thing that has happened here is the fact that thousands of people would flock here from all over, against common sense, on the unverified claims of one man," said Harvey Madison, spokesman for West Texans to Promote Rational Thought, a group which investigates claims of paranormal behavior.



(AP Laserphoto)

Monsignor James, left, visits with worshiper.

## Bentsen seeks spotlight in his home state visits

BEAUMONT (AP) — With the national news media focusing on the Republican convention in New Orleans, Democratic vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen is doing all he can to grab the attention of the local press in his home state of Texas.

Bentsen was visiting today a Strategic Petroleum Reserve facility near here to demonstrate the Democratic ticket's support of the program, which fills underground vaults with crude oil which can be retrieved in a national emergency.

Bentsen contends in his campaign that the Reagan administration has no coherent energy policy. While Reagan can point to overall prosperity, oil areas such as this have suffered, and the administration has given inconsistent support for the petroleum reserve program.

Bentsen on Monday was in Houston talking about another industry in Texas that has suffered lately — the space program.

He visited the Johnson Space Flight Center and announced that Dukakis was coming out in favor of building a permanent manned space station.

"We will support an all-out effort to restore American leadership in exploring the universe," he said in a speech to the Greater Houston Chamber of Commerce.

President Reagan is a long-time supporter of the space station, but Bentsen contends the administration has failed to bring the space agency back to top form following the Challenger disaster.

Bentsen also announced that if Dukakis were elected, the new president would quickly reconstruct a cabinet-level council on space with the Texas senator at its head.

Lyndon Johnson, another Texan, was put in charge of the space

council when he was vice president. The board was later abolished by President Nixon, and Reagan has killed efforts in Congress to put it back in operation.

Texas has 29 electoral votes and Bentsen is trying to make good on his boast that the Democrats will carry the state this fall. The nine-day campaign trip, almost entirely in Texas, was designed to keep his name in the papers and on local television while Vice President George Bush, another Texan, is receiving all that attention in New Orleans.

"We're doing everything we can in these local markets to blow the Republicans off the front page," said campaign spokesman Mike McCurry.

Bentsen made one of the only two non-Texas stops of his current campaign trip on Monday, scooting over to Little Rock, Ark., for a political rally with Sens. Dale Bumpers and David Prior, Democratic colleagues in the U.S. Senate.

Bentsen told the 400 supporters, who endured oven-like conditions in an office building courtyard, that the Republicans in Atlanta were "out of touch with reality."

While they were boasting of an booming economy, he said, they were ignoring places like Little Rock which have lost manufacturing jobs. "And they're trying to tell you it's never been better," he said.

The vice presidential nominee said his presence on the ticket with presidential candidate Michael Dukakis means Texas could not automatically be counted for the Republicans.

"They thought the state was theirs," Bentsen said. "But now it's going to be a tough fight."

But he said he expected Bush to show a surge in the polls.

## RRC Commissioner Sharp to speak here



John Sharp

John Sharp of the Texas Railroad Commission is to speak on "Texas' Energy Future" at the Desk and Derrick Industry Appreciation Banquet on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner following at 7 p.m. Tickets for this special meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club are available by calling Scena Snider at 665-0065 or Terresa Snow at 669-2535 during office hours or 669-6079 after 5 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the banquet by making reservations. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

Sharp was elected to the Texas Railroad Commission on Nov. 4, 1986. He received 79.5 percent of the votes in the June 7 runoff election, the highest percentage ever received by any candidate in a contested runoff in Texas.

He has previously served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. In his second legislative session, he served as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for Budget and Oversight and was a member of the committees on constitutional amendments and local and consent calendars.

He also served as a member of the Coastal and Marine Council and was appointed one of three legislators to serve on the Task Force on Traffic Safety which focused on traffic and particularly on strengthening driving while intoxicated laws.

In 1982, he was elected to the state Senate with more than 64 percent of the vote. He served on the Sunset Advisory Commission and was a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

Sharp grew up in Placedo. He is a graduate of Texas A&M Uni-

versity, where he served in the Corps of Cadets. He was elected sophomore class president, student life chairman and student body president. In 1971, he represented wives of American MIA's and POW's at the Paris Peace Talks in France.

He holds a master's degree in public administration from Southwest Texas State University. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after graduating from A&M.

As a staff member to the Legislative Budget Board, Sharp designed the first draft of the "zero-based" budgeting system now used throughout Texas government.

He was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives from the 40th District in Victoria on Nov. 7, 1978, winning a five-man race without a runoff.

## Bentsen's 'other' opponent running hard

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Beau Boulter is busy reminding everyone that he is Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's "other opponent" this year.

Boulter, a two-term congressman from Amarillo, began challenging Bentsen's reelection long before the Texas senator was picked as a running mate by Michael Dukakis. But that selection, Boulter said Monday, was good news for him.

"The point is, Lloyd Bentsen doesn't want to be our senator any more. That's my issue now. As best as I can analyze it, he's saying, 'Elect me so I can resign from the Senate,'" Boulter said.

Bentsen, chosen by Dukakis at last month's Democratic National Convention, was allowed to remain on the Texas ballot in his bid for a fourth Senate term under the so-called "Lyndon Law" which was passed to allow then-Sen. Lyndon Johnson to run for both re-election and the White House in 1960.

But Boulter said Texans today believe that law is unfair.

"Nobody is entitled to ask to be elected to two offices on the same ballot. Nobody," he said.

Boulter's challenge of Bentsen has been uphill all the way, and the Republican congressman acknowledges that. He had to fight through a four-way primary and runoff elec-

tion just to challenge Bentsen, whose campaign machine often is credited with helping Democrats sweep all statewide offices in the 1982 election.

Boulter's bid drew a cool reception from many establishment Texas politicians, and he has yet to win a strong endorsement from Gov. Bill Clements. An early supporter of Jack Kemp's presidential bid in George Bush's home state, Boulter wasn't selected as a Texas delegate to the Republican National Convention and is in New Orleans only as an alternate.

"I've always been a longshot. But I've never thought I was such a longshot that I couldn't win," said Boulter, who in 1984 won a stunning upset to oust veteran Democratic Rep. Jack Hightower in the Panhandle-based congressional district.

Bentsen's finances, alone, are intimidating. As of June 30, the senator had reported raising about \$7.5 million for his re-election bid, compared with less than \$600,000 for Boulter. The Republican said he hopes to raise \$4 million or so by November.

In addition, some Republicans quietly had favored Bentsen, generally viewed as a moderate-to-conservative whose chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee is welcome influence in Texas.

But Boulter says much of that has changed

since Bentsen joined Dukakis on the Democratic ticket.

"It's helped in several ways," the congressman said.

"It's made me better known. It has tended to lend credibility to what I've been saying about Bentsen's compatibility with the Kennedy-Dukakis party. It has made some people who were supporting him feel betrayed. Now they're seeing the 'other' Lloyd Bentsen and they feel like he's turned his back on what they thought he believed in," Boulter said.

Boulter and other Texas Republicans, including state party Chairman Fred Meyer of Dallas, say they think the Dukakis-Bentsen alliance raises legitimate questions about Bentsen's positions on taxes, gun control and other issues important to Texas voters.

"Lloyd Bentsen's got, from my perspective, a good record of fighting gun control. But now, he is running to elect a president who is an avid proponent of gun control. This is a particularly important issue to a lot of people in Texas," Boulter said.

"The notion that Bentsen can change Dukakis into a gun owner is ridiculous."

Meyer said that Bentsen's fiscally conservative image is in jeopardy as running mate to the Massachusetts governor.

Boulter also is blasting Bentsen's ties to special interests.

## Comic books urged for reading programs

AUSTIN (AP) — Increased use of comic books, coupled with decreased use of workbooks, could get more young Texans interested in reading, according to a panel of the Select Committee on Education.

"Light reading is OK — comic books, teen romances, etc.," a subcommittee said Monday in a draft report presented to the full committee.

In its recommendations, the panel said school districts should "increase dollars spent for books, including even comics and recreational reading books."

The theory is simple, according to Allan Odden, a University of Southern California education professor serving as a consultant

to the special committee. Children are more likely to read books of their own selection than those assigned in class, he said.

"It turns out they are good motivational tools. It got them reading," Odden said of books that students pick for themselves. "Anything you can do to get kids to read is good."

The report from the subcommittee on student performance and quality said, "When children read materials they select on their own, the impact equals or exceeds that of basal readers."

The full committee took no vote on the proposal, but no major objections were voiced. Chair-

man Larry Jenkins urged careful wording of the proposal, caution-

ing fellow committee members that it "conceivably could be misinterpreted."

The select committee plans to wrap up its report to the Legislature in October.

In addition to the call for more money for recreational reading material, the subcommittee called for reduced money for "workbooks (and) drill-and-skill materials."

The subcommittee also recommended that the state consider requiring all students to become proficient in two languages before they graduate from high school.

Committee members called it an excellent, if unrealistic, goal. "I hate like the devil to waste

state money on that program when we have an awful lot of children who are not learning English at all well," said Will Davis, a committee member from Austin.

Winston Power, Highland Park ISD superintendent and chairman of the subcommittee, said, "It may be bold. It may be premature. But if we are ever going to bridge the gap we are going to have to make the venture."

Committee member William McBride of San Antonio, a member of the State Board of Education, called the proposed bilingual requirement "outstanding and great."

"I just don't think our state is ready for it," he said.

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## Opinion

### Congress should inquire into itself

House Speaker Jim Wright is about to undergo an ethics inquisition from his congressional colleagues, but don't expect the questions to be too probing. Few in Congress want to call into question acts most of them take for granted.

Much has been made so far of Wright's sweetheart book deal, which just might cross congressional ethics boundaries. But Wright is hardly alone at finding loopholes in congressional ethics rules. In recent years, more and more legislators have been evading restrictions on gifts from special interests by having those interests finance their personal vacations.

According to Common Cause, the self-styled citizens' lobby, the scam works like this: A House or Senate member accepts an invitation from an interest group to give a speech to its members or employees — often at a desirable location such as Bermuda or Las Vegas. The speech may take only an hour or two, but the lawmaker stretches the outing to the better part of a week — with his hosts paying for his hotel room and meals. The host group also picks up the bills for the visiting politico's spouse and children.

There may be no direct *quid pro quo* for these outings. Favorable legislation may not automatically result, and speakers in the private sector often receive such arrangements in lieu of hefty speaking fees. But when the speaker is a politician, there is ample room for the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Last year a Michigan Democratic congressman, Dennis Hertel, spent four days at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., with his wife and four children. For several hours Hertel met with Disney executives to brief them on legislative activities. In return Disney paid the food and hotel bills for all six members of the Hertel family, plus air fare for Hertel and his wife. The total bill was nearly \$2,000.

If that's how Disney wants to spend its corporate dollars, so be it. But there's also a congressional rule that forbids congressmen to accept gifts worth more than \$100 from groups or individuals with direct interests in legislation. And Disney is affected by lots of legislation — which is why its executives needed a briefing in the first place.

Common Cause reports that the average number of nights spent on the road by House members at the expense of trade associations, businesses or lobbyists more than tripled from 1980 to 1985. The figure for senators went up more than 50 percent.

Many of those congressmen took a holier-than-thou stance toward Attorney General Edwin Meese when he was undergoing scrutiny from a special prosecutor. They might better have examined their own rules and members instead. Jim Wright's dealings provide yet another opportunity for Congress to put its own house in order. They could start by either repealing the limit on outside contributions — or enforcing it.

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## For life after Ronald Reagan

By WILLIAM H. MARSHNER

Philosophical static crackles noisily these days around a book published earlier this year by Paul Weyrich's Free Congress Foundation. As one of the editors of *Cultural Conservatism: Toward a New National Agenda*, I would like to address these critics.

The book is a prescription for a long future of conservative governance in America — for life after Ronald Reagan.

Conservatives can govern, says the book, by building up a new coalition crossing the usual party lines. Its basis: the growing recognition that America's traditional, Judeo-Christian values and culture are functionally necessary.

When we follow them — when each of us adheres to them in our homes, at work, in our business dealings, and in the way we treat each other — we get a society in which things work.

If owners and managers of a company follow traditional values, they strive to make the best product possible. Again, the result is that the company competes well.

But when both workers and management forget traditional values — when each is out for nothing more than personal gain — the product declines in quality and foreign competition wins. And pretty soon, a lot of workers and managers are out of jobs.

People are coming to understand this connec-

tion and, as the 1988 election approaches, poll after poll shows that the decline in standards has become a major issue among voters.

For example, in a survey in the South, people listed "decline of moral standards" as our top national problem more often than any other. Similar results occurred in a California opinion survey.

Small wonder, then, that the same old campaign rhetoric draws little enthusiasm in either party.

Sustaining competitiveness is just one way traditional values are functional values. *Cultural Conservatism* offers many more. It explains why a nation must have strong families and schools that teach moral character. It offers new strategies to help the disadvantaged and to conserve the environment. It addresses the mess in our criminal courts, the decline of our small towns and the needs of our neighborhoods.

A few conservative reporters and columnists charge that the book strikes a bum deal with the liberal welfare state.

In the name of compassion, say critics, the book offers support to liberal programs if government will enforce conservative moral values in place of current permissiveness — a devil's bargain with Big Government. "Compassion a la Caesar" is how conservative columnist Don Feder of the *Boston Herald* puts it.

In fact, the book offers no such deal. Instead,

it calls for alternatives to Big Government and its bureaucratic solutions. Instead, it seeks the renewal of a caring society — a greatly enhanced role for local communities, service groups, churches and other private organizations in the distribution of assistance.

In fact, the book endorses many ideas pioneered by free-market theorists.

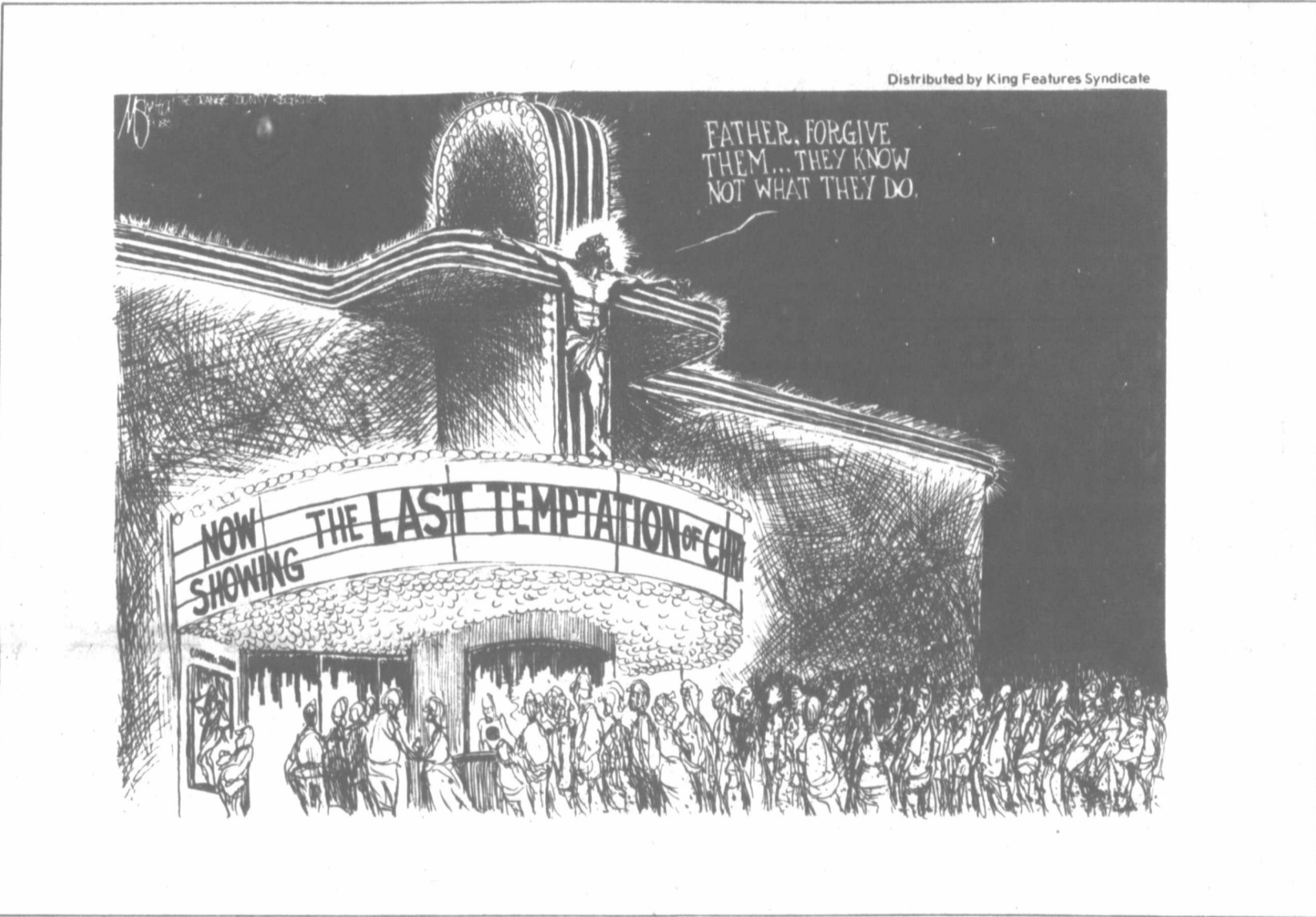
But, unlike many such theorists, *Cultural Conservatism* does not appeal to economic self-interest. Instead, it argues from an ethic of service, which some conservatives, it seems, find uncomfortable. Like such ultra-liberals as Norman Lear, they do not want government "enforcing" values.

But both sides forget a simple fact: Every law or public policy "enforces" values. The only question is: Which ones?

Will they be traditional values — those not peculiar to any one religion or belief, but rather the common heritage of our civilization?

Or will they be the "new" values of some radical clique — decidedly at odds with the real values of the American people, but dominant for far too long in our public policies?

This could be the year in which this long-playing issue surges to the top of the political charts. If it does, it will be because *Cultural Conservatism* has brought us some deservedly popular music worth being heard above all the static.



## He still prefers a typewriter!

For years now, I have been encouraged to produce my column on a computer.

"It's so much easier on a computer," people say. "You can move things around and edit and insert without any trouble."

I have resisted, however, and this is coming to you, as always, from my 1953 Royal manual.

There are a few problems with my typewriter. The "e" character falls off its arm occasionally, for instance. In fact, I once wrote an entire book with no "e's."

"What are these blank spaces?" asked my editor when I turned in the manuscript.

"Everywhere you see a blank space," I said, "put in an 'e.'"

My editor enjoyed that. It gave him something to do and it made him feel worthwhile.

What I really worry about when I think of writing something on a computer is, Where does all that writing go when you push a button and it vanishes from the screen?

Is it kept in a batch of wires in the back of the computer? Does it go to some central location in a vault buried underneath a K mart in Fort Wayne, Ind.?

And what else I've always wondered is, What guarantee do I have that when all my work disappears from that screen, it will come back



Lewis Grizzard

when I summon it?

"Don't worry," say computer types, "it can't be lost."

Right.

The Titanic couldn't sink. Liston couldn't lose to Clay. Dewey was going to beat the stuffings out of Truman. And Star Wars will work.

Did you hear what happened to the keynote speaker for the Democratic convention?

Ann Richards, Texas state treasurer, was working with speech writer John Sherman.

Mr. Sherman had completed a rough draft of the speech and had stored it in his computer.

But when he hit the print command on his magic box, only one page came out. The rest had disappeared into that black void out there.

Mr. Sherman even called in a technician, but

he couldn't bring back the speech, either. So, Sherman had to write the blamed thing over again.

What if Margaret Mitchell had written *Gone With the Wind* on a computer and when she tried to call it back, it wouldn't come?

Do you think Margaret Mitchell would have written the whole thing over again?

Of course not. She would have taken a hammer to her computer and then gone into another line of work and we'd never have known about Rhett and Scarlett.

What about other great pieces of writing? The United States Constitution, for instance.

Ben Franklin calls Thomas Jefferson and says, "Tom, send me over a copy of the Constitution."

"Sorry, Ben," Jefferson would answer. "I stored it in my computer, but now I can't find it anymore."

They would have been scrambling around trying to put the Constitution back together again and might have missed important stuff like freedom of assembly and it might have been against the law even to have political conventions, which might not have been a bad idea, but let us leave that for another time.

I'm flat out of typing paper anyway.

## Wake up, men! Beware of cosmetics!

By SARAH OVERSTREET

You tell me what's going on.

I open one section of the paper and there's a woman testifying in front of a House subcommittee that her face puffed up like a poisoned pup from overuse of hair spray. The headline reads, "Panel hears horror stories on cosmetics."

A few pages later, there's an interview with a dermatologist who says we might as well put Crisco on our faces as any of that \$56-an-ounce "skin rejuvenation" cream, for all the good it does us. And besides, he says, the ingredients are almost the same.

Then I turn to the "Accent" section and find that "Men are now interested in skin care," a headline as big as the one on cosmetics horror stories. The article beneath it says men are the newest target of cosmetics companies, as manufacturers plop out dollops of men's skin-care products as fast as they can. They claim men are buying them up just as fast.

Men, men, men. The good Crisco doctor is trying to save you from the fate that befell some several thousand years ago when some cave woman accidentally wiped her cheek with boar grease, caught her reflection in a nearby lake, and decided she looked 10 years younger.

And Dr. Crisco isn't the only one trying to get you to "Just Say No" to cosmetics. The Food and Drug Administration has been yelling bloody murder ever since cosmetics manufacturers started lying about being able to reverse the ravages of time.

The FDA is empowered to regulate any drug — that is, any substance that can actually change the structure of the body. If these cosmetics actually remove wrinkles or tighten up skin, that's a structural change, and the FDA argues that these products should come under their jurisdiction. At which time they'd force the cosmetics companies to tell you you'd be better off using Crisco.

There was no FDA when I was a kid, snatching those Seventeen magazines off the racks. Or, if there was, they must have been off fighting Thalidomide or some more important threat. I was at the mercy of those magazines, which implied that if I'd just buy whatever their advertisers were selling — from miracle pimple creams to shampoo with ground-up fish guts in it to blue mascara with gold flecks — I'd look like the girl on the cover.

After 20 years of conditioning, I still believe it. If I have an extra five bucks, it goes to blue mascara with gold flecks.

Men of America, turn back before it's too late. They're trying to do to you what they did to us, telling you a little squeeze of Eye of Newt will make you look like the GQ cover guy. The next thing you know, they'll be trying to make you believe you need more than two pairs of shoes, two sport jackets and a few shirts. They'll

try to sell you baby-blue brogans to match your blue shirt, and a pair of light yellow loafers to go with the yellow one.

Then there'll be subtle pressure to move from your old faithful briefcase to a handbag. Oh, they'll call it something like a Studsatchel, and fashion it sort of like a saddlebag hanging off Clint Eastwood's horse, but it'll be a purse, just the same. And it will cost you a lot more than a briefcase, and they will want you to buy several, one to match each of your pairs of shoes, which match your shirts: Manly Mauve, Pummel Pink, Yuppie Yellow.

Fellows, thank your lucky stars. You are living in an era where honest dermatologists go to the media right behind the charlatans and tell you you'd be better off using Crisco. If you really think you need a skin cream, and the idea of greasy vegetable fat doesn't appeal to you, try some SAE 30-weight.

### Berry's World



# Nation

## Football, utilities, homeless and horses suffer from heat

By THEASA TUOHY  
Associated Press Writer

Football coaches cut back on training, utilities from Maine to Virginia cut back on power, and the homeless sought shelter in air-conditioned buildings as record high temperatures were set in 26 cities.

Grain and soybean futures posted their strongest gains in a week Monday in response to predictions that crops in the drought-weary Corn Belt would bake for most of this week.

In New York City, Monday's record 97 degrees caused Consolidated Edison to impose a brown-out on at least 250,000 tenants, leaving them without air conditioning and no way out—elevators to their high-rise homes were shut down.

At least 10,000 other tenants suffered a blackout, scores of businesses without power had to close and two hospitals voluntari-

ly switched to backup power.

A horse that pulls a hansom cab in New York City fell victim to the heat in the city, collapsing on the street. But police officers poured cooling water on it and revived it so it could be taken for medical treatment.

Monday's record high temperatures for the date included 104 degrees in Des Moines, Iowa, breaking a 102-year-old mark by two degrees; and 97 in Louisville, Ky., and Wilmington, Del., respectively breaking 114-year-old and 93-year-old records by a degree.

All 48 contiguous states had temperatures of 87 degrees or higher and 100-degree temperatures were registered in 22 states and the District of Columbia, the National Weather Service said.

Today's forecast called for much of the same, with temperatures above normal from central New England across Georgia and west through the Plains.

In Pierre, S.D., where the nation's record high temperature was a staggering 114 degrees Monday, a big concern was for livestock. With the heat expected to continue today, the weather service's livestock safety index was predicted to reach the emergency category across most of the state.

In Minnehaha County, people who needed to find relief from the heat could call a hot-line number to get a ride to a shelter.

In New Hampshire, where air-conditioners have been sold out across the state for a month, ice skating spelled relief. Concord's Recreation and Parks Department is giving residents a chance to get back into the cold tonight by offering free ice skating.

The Salvation Army in Atlantic City, N.J., which runs an overnight shelter for the homeless, said they have started to allow people to stay during daytime hours because of the heat.

At least 10 elderly residents with heat-related complaints had to be carried down from New York City high-rises by police and paramedics, but most of the tenants seemed to have concerns for food spoiling in rapidly defrosting refrigerators.

One woman in a posh East-Side building said she'd hiked up and down 23 flights of stairs twice. The woman, novelist Barbara Szold, said her leg muscles were sore, but her main concern was for her appliances. Her microwave, her personal computer and her answering machine were all kaput, she said.

Twenty-six people in Cook County, Ill., have died from heat-related causes this month, said Chris Morris, a spokesman for the medical examiner's office.

Raising thermostats, lowering lighting and other voluntary conservation measures Monday meant New England utilities did not have to impose rotating



(AP Laserphoto)

### New York City police pour water to revive a horse that collapsed from the heat.

blackouts, which they had predicted might be necessary to save power.

William Sheperdson, spokesman for the New England Power

Pool, which coordinates New England's electricity usage, said power demand appeared to be somewhat below the record set Thursday.

## Hispanics: Knowing Spanish is detrimental to FBI career

By HOLDEN LEWIS  
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO (AP)—One of the surest ways to end up in a dead-end job in the FBI is to be a Spanish-speaking Hispanic, according to agents testifying in a class-action discrimination suit against the agency.

"I think the ability to speak Spanish in the FBI is a tremendous liability," special agent Julian Perez testified Monday before U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton.

The 311 agents who have joined the lawsuit contend the FBI discriminates against Hispanics in hiring, promotion and discipline.

The agents want damages and a change in FBI promotion practices. The trial is expected to last two weeks and up to 100 witnesses could be called.

Three Hispanic agents who testified Monday painted a picture of the FBI as an organization that shunts Spanish-speakers into relatively menial

tasks as it promotes people who complete a lot of investigations and make important arrests.

"I think Hispanic agents are treated differently institutionally in the FBI from other agencies," Perez testified. "What happens as a Spanish-speaking agent is you might initiate an investigation and have it going pretty well, but you're pulled off" for a temporary assignment requiring Spanish.

Other agents who complete such investigations begun by Hispanic agents end up getting the credit, Perez said.

Felipe Frocht, a native of Uruguay and now a special agent in San Jose, Calif., explained that "you have your normal investigative duties, then you have numerous requests to participate in temporary assignments. You have to sit on wiretaps—you're just treated differently."

Non-Hispanic agents who speak Spanish don't have to deal with the same problems, the agents testified.

The FBI's personnel director, David Rarity Jr., testified that the agency does not discriminate against Hispanics.

The lawsuit was filed in January 1987 by Bernardo "Matt" Perez, assistant special agent in charge at the El Paso office. From 1979 to 1982, Matt Perez worked at the San Juan, Puerto Rico, office—a bureau considered an undesirable assignment because of the island's high crime rate and isolation.

The agents charged that Hispanics are routinely transferred to Puerto Rico, sometimes punitively. But Rarity said more Hispanic agents are transferred to the post because they are more likely to speak Spanish.

Frocht said his association with the lawsuit was prompted superiors to threaten to transfer him to Puerto Rico—where he said he doesn't enjoy the climate, meteorologically or politically.

Puerto Rico supervisory special agent Armando Lara testified that he had been passed over for promotion nine times, and that the FBI kept a dos-

sier on his wife because they didn't approve of her opening El Paso's first rape crisis center when Lara was stationed in the West Texas city in 1974.

Lara said he was pressured into applying for a transfer to Puerto Rico. After two months in San Juan, he was transferred to the isolated city of Aguadilla on the island's northwest coast.

After five years at Aguadilla, Lara was transferred to Gallup, N.M., officially listed by the FBI as a hardship office because of Gallup's isolation and low quality of life.

Lara said he obtained his personnel file earlier this year and discovered the investigation into his former wife. Lara also indicated he was transferred to Aguadilla and Gallup punitively.

The agents also indicated they have been treated more coolly by other agents since they joined the suit, and that they expect retaliation after the trial is over.

"The terminology, I believe is, 'Don't do anything to embarrass the bureau,'" Frocht said.

## Elvis' faithful mark 11th anniversary

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Elvis Presley's ever-faithful fans filed slowly past his grave in a candlelight procession, and sent stands of flowers shaped like guitars and hearts to mark today's 11th anniversary of his death.

"Elvis, we miss you tonight. We will love you today, tomorrow and forever," June Klein of North Lewisburg, Ohio, said during a memorial program that began a late-night procession past the singer's grave at his Graceland mansion.

The stands of flowers lined a walk beside the grave. Many of the dozens of Elvis fan clubs around the country traditionally schedule their floral arrangements to arrive on Aug. 16, the day Presley died.

The procession, which began at 10:30 p.m. Monday, was expected to draw more than 5,000 partici-

pants. Police estimated a crowd of 3,000 at the Graceland gates waiting for the affair to get under way.

Laurie Cousins of Winnipeg, Canada, arrived at the gates at noon Monday to be first in line. She said the long, hot wait in the 99-degree temperature was worth it.

"It's an honor to be first, and to look back and see all those candles lit is just unbelievable," she said.

Also in the crowd were Ray and Angela Campione of New York, and their 5-year-old son, Paul Elvis Campione, who wore a white, bejeweled jumpsuit and struck Elvis poses to the delight of the other fans.

Asked why he's an Elvis fan, the child replied, "He's a nice man, and I like his music and he gives to the poor children."

Presley died of heart disease at Graceland in 1977, and the faithful return by the hundreds each year to mark the anniversary.

The graveside procession is the largest event of a nine-day celebration called "Elvis International Tribute Week," organized and promoted by managers of Graceland. More than 35,000 people are expected to tour Graceland during the week.

With Elvis recordings playing in the background, the fans queued up to touch candles to a torch lit by an eternal flame, and to walk single file up a winding, 200-yard driveway past Presley's grave beside the Graceland swimming pool.

"It helps keep his memory alive," said Gene Carothers of Gnadenhutten, Ohio, who sported an Elvis pompadour and a 6-inch-wide leather belt with dangling loops of chain.

## Trade deficit snags setback

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. trade deficit suffered a major setback in June, swelling to \$12.5 billion, the government said today. The deterioration followed three straight months of improvements.

The growth in the trade balance—a sharp 28.5 percent worse than the May imbalance of \$9.8 billion—was likely to jolt financial markets.

June's trading shortfall was the worst since February's \$14.4 billion deficit, which triggered a 100-point plunge in the Dow Jones industrial average when it was announced in April.

The June deficit, as reported by the Commerce Department, was substantially worse than had been expected. Most economists had anticipated a deficit of around \$10.9 billion as analysts expected that a rise in imports would be partially offset by continued growth of exports.

However, exports fell by 2.4 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted \$26.8 billion while imports surged to an all-time high of \$39.4 billion.

The deterioration pointed up the problem facing U.S. policymakers, who have struggled for most of this decade to find ways to reduce soaring trade deficits.

While U.S. exports have shown improvements because of a substantial decline in the value of the dollar, imports have stayed at stubbornly high levels despite the fact that a weaker dollar is now making foreign goods more expensive for American consumers.

The 5.7 percent jump in imports in June was laid to a sharp rise in imports of clothing, office equipment and heavy machinery.

The report said that shipments of foreign capital goods shot up by \$900 million in June while shipments of consumer goods rose up \$700 million.

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# Bush needs a boost for victory

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — George Bush & Co. are counting on this week's Superdome convention to provide a bounce that will vault the Republicans to victory in the fall. That's not impossible — although it never has worked that way before.

The vice president's men are wagering heavily on the pageant of New Orleans to help Bush overcome Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis, who leads Bush in the early public opinion polls.

Bush controls the convention show, of course. The delegates are his. The challenge he faces now is to show himself a leader in his own right, after eight years as the understudy.

Not since Harry S. Truman has the candidate who trailed in polls prior to his nominating convention reversed the numbers and won the election. And Truman won his upset, 40 years ago, by overcoming the damage from a bitterly divided Democratic convention.

President Reagan said his convention farewell Monday night with a proud review of an administration record he said Bush shares.

Now Bush moves on stage, to speak for himself.

His strategists say that New Orleans is the place and Thursday night the time when George Bush will emerge as his own man and as a commanding presence in the race against Dukakis.

That's high-risk politics, since voters who tune in for the transformation may tune out if they don't see one. The safe and standard procedure is to play down the event and keep expectations as low as possible.

Dukakis did that in Atlanta, putting out word that his convention address was so dull his wife dozed off while reading it. His speech was a strong one, his delivery smooth and at times even dramatic. His cheerleaders promptly claimed a masterpiece.

Hardly. Not a line was memorable enough to have survived this long. But it was a solid performance, impressed a lot of people, and thus a success.

Republican tacticians are setting a more difficult target for Bush. "George Bush has not yet been center stage to the American people," said Lee Atwater, his campaign manager. "This will be the first time."

In his convention valedictory, Reagan said his successor must be a man of strength and experience — Bush.



Bush, right, discusses convention Monday with campaign chairman James Baker.

# Contra rebels retreating back into Honduras

NEAR THE HONDURAN-NICARAGUAN BORDER (AP)

— Hundreds of Contra rebels and civilian supporters are trudging into southern Honduras base camps in a mass exodus, and their leaders say fewer than 2,000 fighters remain in Nicaragua.

Rebel officials blame the U.S. Congress for the retreat, which began four months ago and leaves the smallest Contra force in Nicaragua since the U.S.-backed fighters began their war against the leftist Sandinistas in 1981.

More than 1,000 soldiers and civilians returned last week from a central Nicaraguan combat zone. The largest single group to date, about 2,500, was said to be approaching the Coco River frontier.

Contra officials say the combatants, no longer supplied by air drop inside Nicaragua, had to retreat to receive food and other goods now available through the U.S. Agency for International Development, known as AID, in Honduras.

They say the new arrivals joined about 8,000 combatants and 5,000 civilians camped out in tents of plastic and U.S. army ponchos in the rugged terrain.

By picking up stakes and guiding their civilian supporters along, the Contras have not only lost any fighting edge but their social base, as well.

"No, they can't go back, except with a rifle in their hands," said a Contra official whose nom de guerre is Cmdr. Johnson.

Another official, Cmdr. Oswald, said the civilians "beg our troops to take them along... Without the troops, they are harassed, forcibly recruited."

Rebel leaders said Congress is to blame for the retreat and the possible end of the Contras as a fighting force.

"It's important to press the Congress, for them to understand that four months ago there were no combatants here," said Cmdr. Johnson. "Now look," he said and pointed to scores of tents.

The United States, which has supplied and trained the rebels since the beginning, stopped a CIA-run military aid program at the end of February. A month later, the Contras and Sandinistas signed a preliminary cease-fire, but peace talks broke off in June.

More than \$17 million in non-lethal assistance handled by AID started arriving in April on condition it be distributed in Honduras and not Nicaragua.

Contra leaders allowed several journalists to visit the camps over the weekend.

About 170 people who arrived Sunday trudged along a rutted road, sweat soaking their torn clothes. Soldiers carried rusty Soviet-made AK-47 automatic rifles and plastic bags of personal possessions brought on a month-long march.

They moved single-file across a field and into a camp, past two armed guards. Some of the civilians sat in the shade of a banana tree and ate raw oatmeal. One was 10 years old, another 15.

Ten civilians died of hunger during the march, three drowned and 200 were in need of medical care, said Contras in the group.

"We don't have enough medicine to treat the people who are coming in and they aren't getting the right food," said a Contra doctor known as Ahuas Tara — Tall Pines in an Indian dialect.

Ahuas Tara, rebel officials and fighting men said the new assistance program is not working. They said AID provides only rice and black beans, not vegetables and meat, and medicine supplies are mired in bureaucracy.

Bermudez, who traveled by U.S.-leased helicopter to the camps Sunday, recently was elected to the seven-member Contra political directorate and was said to have resigned his post as the military commander-in-chief.

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# Lifestyles

## Givenchy fashion



(AP Laserphoto)

A model presents an ensemble of the 1988/89 fall and winter haute couture collection designed by the Paris Givenchy fashion house recently in Paris. The checked tailored suit is worn with a large fur coat and a white felt hat.

## Good Samaritan aid requests decrease

July requests for aid were down 16 percent from June levels at Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward.

"The 261 requests is still above the 255 per month average for last year, but is below the average for 1988, which is 297 requests per month," said Bill Ragsdale, executive director.

The increase is accounted for in part by the number of persons who are new to the community. Good Samaritan figures show that new persons in the area accounted for an average of 11 requests per month in 1987, and 18 per month in 1988.

"This 64-percent increase is related to the rebuilding of the Celanese plant, and is evidenced by the many requests for temporary aid from newly employed workers. We do not expect to see any of this group again after they receive their first paychecks, but may see some after the force reductions of early 1989," Ragsdale said.

"An interesting side effect is the large number of relatives and friends who have moved here

with the workers, but most of whom have not found work, and are requesting aid from the Good Samaritan. Many of these seem to be marginal workers used to getting by with a few weeks of work each year and help from friends and agencies such as the Good Samaritan," he said.

Thanks to food grants, Good Samaritan has increased its food spending from an average of \$423 per month in 1987 to \$750 per month in 1988. Some purchases are from High Plains Food Bank; about 58 percent of the grant funds were spent locally, Ragsdale said.

Food requests for July matched the overall 16 percent reduction from June. Utility aid was up 23 percent, and the cost of utility aid was up 59 percent over June, caused in part by depletion of special utility funds at other agencies. The average utility payment was \$40.78, up from the \$33.63 average of June.

Clothing requests totaled 67 in June and 68 in July.

Of 261 families requesting aid in July, 245 were helped. Several

requests for utility aid were not paid due to frequent requests in the past combined with no apparent attempt at self-help, Ragsdale said.

Distribution of aid for July included food, 202 families; clothing, 68; rent, one; utilities, 27; transportation, 26; lodging, six; medical, 12; and other, four. Total number of individuals receiving aid was 818.

Gray County families numbered 235; there were 22 newcomers, three living outside Gray County but within 25 miles of Pampa, and one transient family.

Four were referred to Good

Samaritan by churches; friends, 33; news, one; other organizations or agencies, 13; and returns, 210. There were five emergency after-hours calls.

Out-of-pocket expenses for July totaled \$3,406.39, compared to \$3,869.53 for June. Of this total, administrative costs were \$128.45 and program costs were \$3,277.94. Program costs included food, \$1,161.87; rent, \$172.50; utilities, \$1,182.69; transportation, \$232.80; lodging, \$135; and medical, \$368.12.

Clothing items needed include children's clothing, jeans, tennis shoes, work clothing, shoes and socks.

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was mortally wounded in Los Angeles in 1968 after claiming victory in the California presidential primary.

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## Naps reduce heart disease

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—A recent study claims there is a link between napping and a lower rate of coronary heart disease (CHD).

Health magazine says researchers in Greece say the rate for those who suffered from CHD was much lower in areas where the siesta is part of the daily regimen.

After ruling out other factors such as smoking, diet and personality traits in accounting for the difference, they concluded there was a direct connection between napping and a lower rate of heart disease.

## Handicapped travelers find support at Golden Arches

DEAR ABBY: All airport terminals, bus and train depots are required by law to have ramps for wheelchairs, but the lavatories in planes, buses and trains cannot accommodate people in wheelchairs!

Knowing this, four members of our family (we are all retired) decided to see America by car. My husband is wheelchair-bound. Ted has had both legs amputated above the knee, but he's able to transfer himself from wheelchair to commode (unaided) if he can just get through the bathroom door. We stayed in a brand-new motel in Las Vegas, but the facilities to accommodate the handicapped were not yet completed. After hearing our problem, the manager had the bathroom door removed for us. Most motel builders would do an enormous favor for people in wheelchairs if they would just add six inches to the width of the bathroom doors.

However, the answer to all our eating problems from Florida to California was McDonald's. We knew that Ted would be able to get into the bathroom in any McDonald's in the country, so we had breakfast, lunch and dinner at a McDonald's every day!

Please print this, Abby. I believe in giving credit where it is due. You may use my name, and I hope you do.

EILEEN LOEF,  
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DEAR EILEEN: So do I. Here's your letter.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 14 years old, and I guess I'm physically mature for my age. Well, the other day I brought a summer dress home. It was like the ones they wear in Hawaiian movies — strapless with a wraparound skirt.

My problem is my mother. She won't let me wear it in public. She says it wasn't made for a 14-year-old. I think she is being old-fashioned and outdated. Do you think she's right, or do you think she should be more modern and open-minded, and let me wear it in public?

She told me to write to Dear Abby and whatever you say goes.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

DEAR TIMES: I agree with your mother. Times have changed, but the standards of appropriate attire for 14-year-old girls have not. Trust your mother's judgment, honey. She will never steer you wrong.

DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful 1-year-old son. His father ("Boyd") and I were high school sweethearts — but never married. We broke up after Greg was born. Boyd went into the Army right after he finished high school.

I have met a wonderful man ("Chuck") and we plan to marry



Dear Abby  
Abigail Van Buren

soon. I gave Greg his father's last name because I thought it was the right thing to do. Although Boyd pays child support, he never calls or sends his son a card at Christmas-time or his birthday. The boy does not even know this man.

Chuck is crazy about Greg and wants more than anything in the world to adopt him. Boyd says, "No way — he is my son."

Abby, how can a man be so cruel and mean? He wants nothing to do with his son, but doesn't want another man to have anything to do with him either. I need your advice.

CALIFORNIA QUESTION

DEAR CALIFORNIA Q.: The state of California will very likely grant adoption under these circumstances after you and Chuck are married. So go ahead with what I hope will be a happy life. If Boyd resists the

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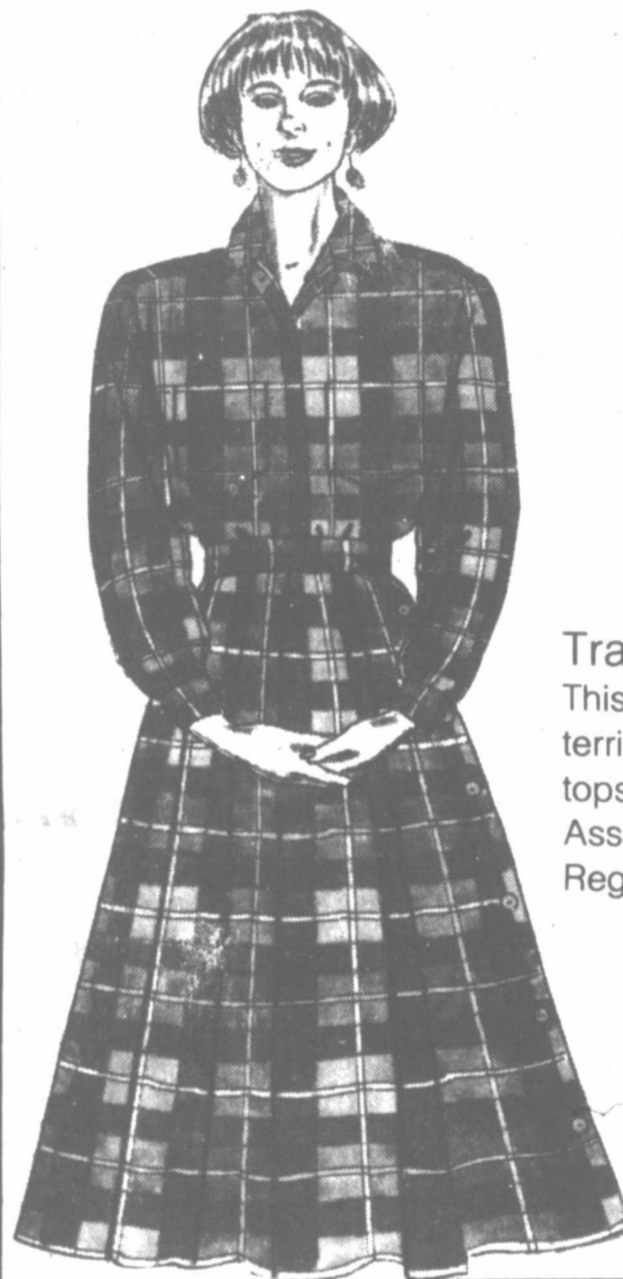
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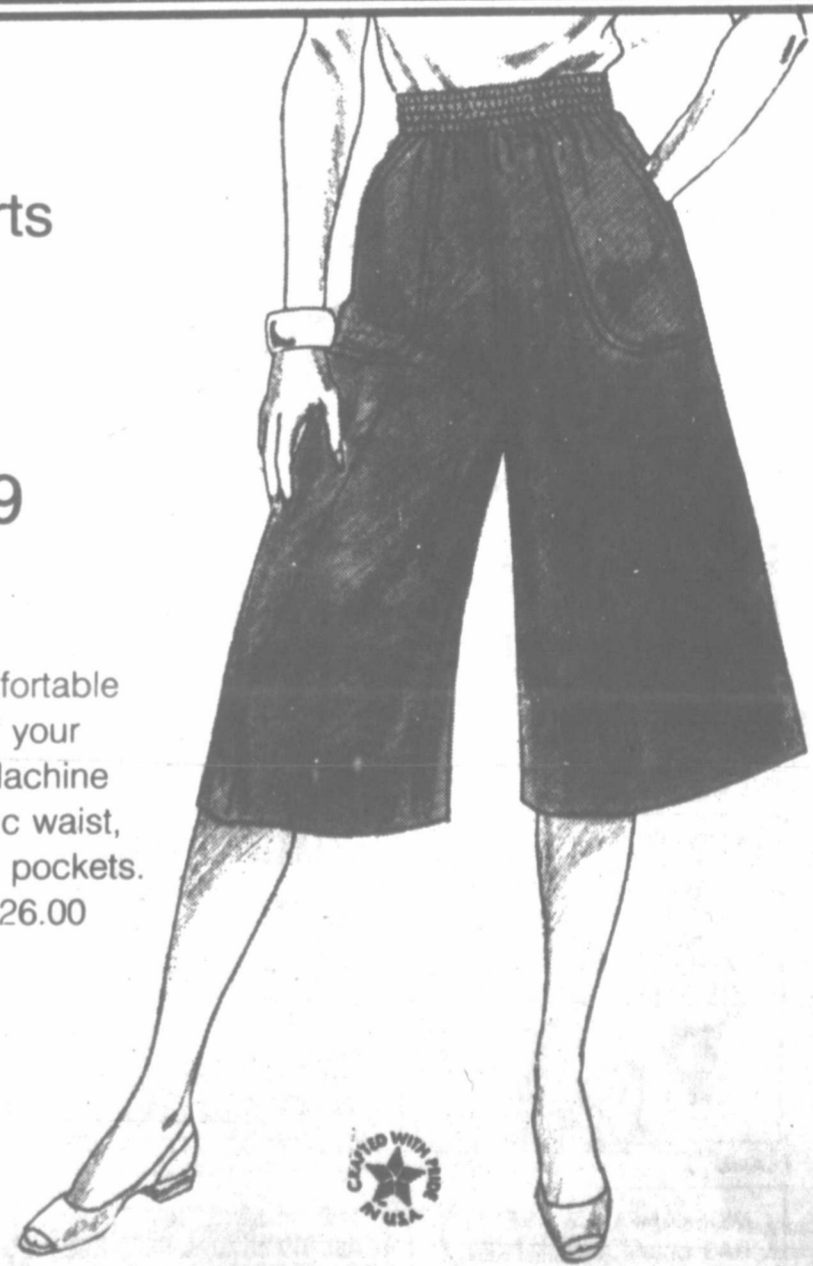
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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

## ACROSS

- 1 Rebuff
- 5 TV network
- 8 Compact
- 12 Executioner in "Mikado"
- 13 Thou
- 14 Bitter nut
- 15 Level
- 16 Actor — Torn
- 17 Actress Baxter
- 18 Spiced ale
- 20 Rob
- 21 Tool
- 22 — Guevara
- 23 Conductor — Mehta
- 26 Perched
- 30 Actress Gardner
- 31 Paving stone
- 32 Entertainer — Sumac
- 33 — annum
- 34 Himalayan monkshood
- 35 Relative
- 36 Crusader's enemy
- 38 Turns
- 40 Bernstein, for short
- 41 Spy group (abbr.)
- 42 Whizzes
- 45 Slight noises
- 49 Ship of the Argonauts
- 50 Spanish hero
- 51 Emerald Isle
- 52 Observed
- 53 Find sum of
- 54 Raise
- 55 Secondhand
- 56 Meadow (var.)
- 57 Christmas

## DOWN

- 1 Swerve
- 2 Bright star
- 3 Hawaiian instruments

## ACROSS

- 4 Stunted tree
- 5 Actor — Ritchard
- 6 Seeths
- 7 Eat
- 8 Plays on ice
- 9 Opposite of some
- 10 Forearm bone
- 11 Scottish highlander
- 19 Grain fiber
- 20 Ammunition
- 22 Beds
- 23 Smashes (sl.)
- 24 Layer of eye
- 25 Barrister (abbr.)
- 26 Hold in check
- 27 Playful child
- 28 Moslem prince
- 29 Dailey and Duryea
- 31 Machine gun
- 34 Shoots hole-in-one
- 37 Edible nut

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 38 Force
- 39 Diner
- 41 Galley
- 42 Actress Pitts
- 43 Raw minerals
- 44 Curved molding
- 45 Midway attraction
- 46 Place
- 47 Pertaining to an age
- 48 Dried up
- 50 Heat unit (abbr.)

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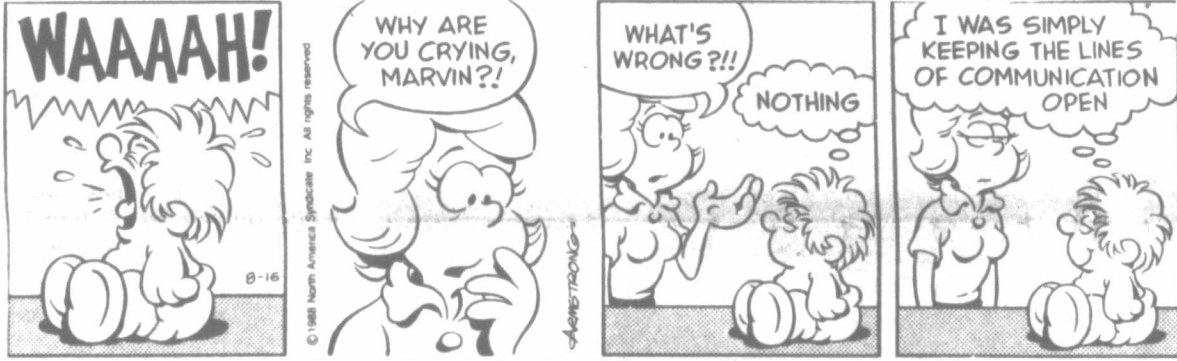


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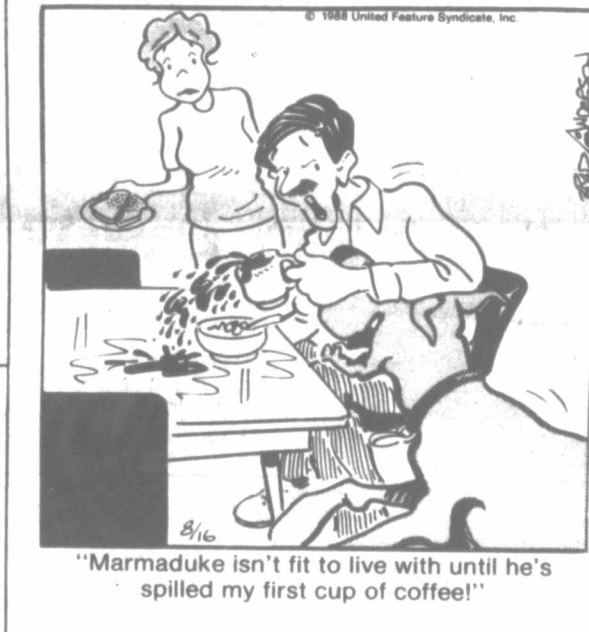
by bernice bede osol  
A dynamic, new friend will be partially responsible for adding zest to your social life and introducing you to new interests in the year ahead. It will be a person who knows the right people. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You are a rather bold and enterprising individual. Today you will utilize these attributes in effective ways to advance your interests. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Your possibilities for material acquisition look very encouraging today, especially if you pursue in earnest a secret ambition you've been contemplating. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** While others may sit around wishing for things to happen, you'll be the person who will be actively doing what's necessary to make your hopes a reality. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Challenges will awaken your resolve and determination today. Situations that appear intimidating to your associates will not look fearful to you. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** It may take some selling to get others to go along with your ideas today, but you'll be more than up to the task. Make your presentation enthusiastically. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Work hand-in-glove with your mate or partner today on an objective you have in common. When pulling as a team, excellent results are likely. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Your imagination will be more expansive today. You should be able to find several alternatives to a dilemma you thought had but one solution. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Important changes will be occurring today, but they may be screened from your view. When they surface, they could have a favorable effect on your family life and finances. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Something propitious could develop today through your social exposures. Don't pass up any invitations for gatherings that have convivial overtones. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Try to get an early start today because this can be an extremely productive day. Any tasks or assignments you undertake will be handled very effectively. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A meeting of the minds is possible today pertaining to an important matter you have to discuss and work out with another. Make the contact. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Someone with whom you are closely involved might impulsively offer you something of value today. This person's feelings will be hurt if you don't accept it graciously.

## MARVIN



By Tom Armstrong

## MARMADUKE



By Brad Anderson

## KIT N' CARLYLE



By Larry Wright

## ALLEY OOP



By Dave Graue

## SNAFU



By Bruce Beattie

## The Family Circus



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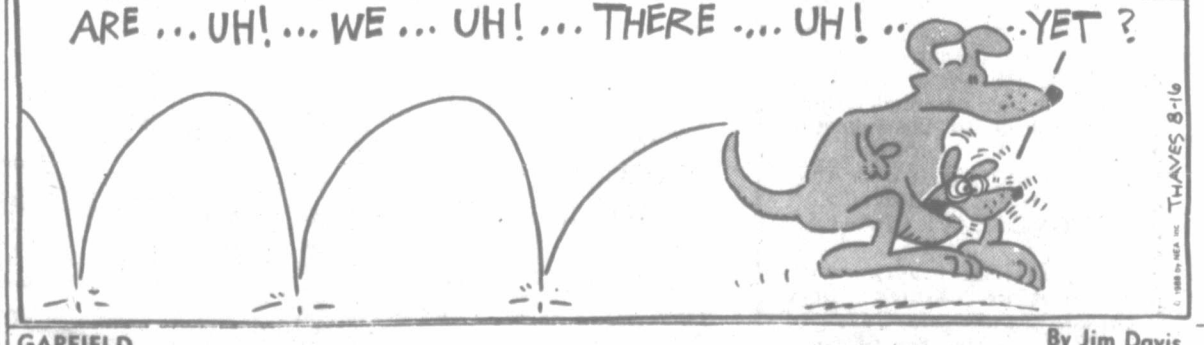
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(AP Laserphoto)

Polhemus, right, was excited at her selection.

## Miss Texas-USA aims for national title crown

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Now that Gretchen Polhemus has landed the Miss Texas-USA crown, her next quest is nailing down the four-times successful GuyRex style that has made her predecessors national competition winners.

The 5-10, 122-pound brunette from Fort Worth was crowned Miss Texas-USA of 1989 Sunday night, winning \$90,000 in cash and prizes from the nation's richest state pageant.

Miss Polhemus was crowned by last year's winner, also from Fort Worth, Courtney Gibbs, who like three others before her went on to become Miss USA.

All four — Miss Gibbs; Michelle Royer, 1987; Chisty Fitchner, 1986; and Laura Martinez-Herring, 1985 — were guided to the national pageant crown by Richard Guy and Rex Holt, owners of El Paso-based GuyRex and Associates.

Another winner coached by GuyRex, Kim Tomes Dutton, Miss USA and Miss Texas USA in 1977, was co-host of the pageant with TV gameshow host Bob Eubanks.

Holt and Guy will spend the months between now and February grooming Miss Polhemus.

Their formula for success, they claim, is refining each winner's individual style, rather than molding her into a stereotypical beauty queen. That refinement includes consulting with specialists in nutrition, exercise, makeup, fashion and hair styles.

But the key, they say, is teaching her how to think and to express herself.

"Miss Texas has to be stronger," Guy said last week. "A better interview is the only way she

**'All we had was one oar and two fishing rods and a bathing suit scarf that we tied together to make a sail.'**

can win. Pretty girls are a dime a dozen."

Polhemus bested 102 other contestants Sunday night including her roommate during the pageant, Miss Fort Bend County, Stephanie Kuehne. Kuehne, 20, was first runnerup.

Miss Spring, Sherry Kay Krantz, 23, was second runnerup; Miss Harris County, Melissa Joyce Buchanan, was third runnerup; and Miss Houston, Melissa Lynn Proctor, was fourth runnerup.

For emerging victor, Polhemus wins a cash scholarship worth about \$20,000, a 1989 automobile, a full-length mink coat, a complete wardrobe, jewelry, and trips to London and Mexico.

The contestants in the 15th annual Miss Texas-USA Pageant were judged on poise and appearance in swimsuit and evening gown competitions and on personal interviews with each of the 10 judges.

The field was trimmed to 13 semifinalists at the top of Sunday night's presentation at Municipal Auditorium, which was telecast live by 19 major television stations around the state.

The field was reduced to four finalists and then narrowed to one.

Polhemus was wearing a white evening gown with a rhinestone bodice when she was crowned.

Her new white full-length mink coat was placed around her shoulders, and she was handed the keys of a red 1989 Subaru that was driven onto the stage.

During Eubanks' brief interview with her during Sunday night's proceedings, she told of an exciting moment in her life — a modeling assignment she had on the Amazon River.

## Mexico extends inflation-busting program

By JAMES ANDERSON  
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The government announced it was extending an emergency inflation-busting program until Nov. 30, President Miguel de la Madrid's last day in office.

A statement released by the president's office Sunday night said the government would maintain its 6-month-old freeze on the peso currency exchange rate and prices for government-regulated goods and services through the end of the administration.

The government said it would not increase the federal minimum wage, also frozen since Feb. 29.

But it said the national sales tax for processed foods and medicines, as well as taxes on rents, would be lowered in some cases to bolster workers' real income.

Implemented in December, the first phase of the so-called Economic Solidarity Pact between the government, labor and business sectors expires Aug. 31.

The new measures announced Sunday go into effect Sept. 1.

"What we have achieved with the Economic Solidarity Pact is not artificial, nor is it casual, nor has it responded to immediate political objectives," de la Madrid said at a ceremony attended by members of his cabinet and the heads of leading business and

labor organizations at the presidential residence.

The program was unveiled as Mexico's inflation rate was soaring to a record 159.2 percent in 1987.

On Aug. 10, the central Bank of Mexico announced the Pact had succeeded in bringing consumer prices down to a 1.7 percent increase in July, the lowest monthly rise in seven years.

Inflation for the first seven months of the year reached 43.3 percent, while the annual rate between July 1987 and July was 122.3 percent, the central bank said.

The measures announced on Sunday include:

- Prices for gasoline, telephone service, natural gas, electricity and other goods and services sold by the government will remain stable.

- The peso exchange rate with the U.S. dollar will remain frozen.

- The government will reduce its Value Added Tax from 6 to zero percent on processed foods and medicines, with retailers required to pass the savings on to consumers.

- The daily minimum wage, currently about \$3.50 in the Federal District of Mexico City, will remain frozen.

- Taxes on rents will be reduced for those workers earning less than four times the daily minimum wage.

By Sept. 1, retailers will be obliged lower prices for their goods an average of 3 percent compared to prices in effect between July 7 and August 7.

De la Madrid said the government would continue its attempts to alleviate shortages in certain goods, such as meats, that have appeared since the officially-voluntary pact went into effect.

But he warned the government "will not abandon the use of instruments and responsibilities of authority in necessary cases" to enforce compliance with price guidelines, the statement said.

"The final objective of the fight against inflation is to reach rates of price increases similar to those of our principal trade partners," de la Madrid said.

The timing of the announcement was important for the president, economists here agreed. The government wanted to stop

costly speculation that it planned to devalue the peso against the dollar. On the controlled market last week, the peso traded at 2,241 to buy and 2,273 to sell.

The announcement also provides two weeks' lead time for reaction to subside before de la Madrid gives his final state of the nation speech on Sept. 1.

The 3-month extension of the minimum wage freeze and lowering of retail prices represented a compromise by both government and labor.

Only Saturday, Jorge Sanchez, president of the umbrella Labor Congress, said his organization would not abide by a renewal of the pact unless the government either raised salaries to compensate for inflation since February or forced the private sector to reduce its retail prices.

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