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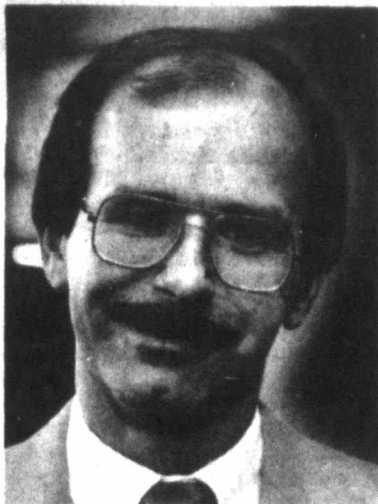
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Principal, assistant superintendent hired

By PAUL PINKHAM
Senior Staff Writer

Pampa High School's new principal says he supports the district's war on drugs, and, come September, he'll be able to add some bite to his bark, courtesy of a pack of drug-hounds hired Tuesday by school trustees.

After meeting for nearly three hours in closed session the board

named Daniel Coward, 33, of Crosbyton as its high school principal, and Dawson Orr, 34, of Austin as assistant superintendent for support services.

Later in the meeting, the board voted unanimously to contract with Private Investigation and Security Service Inc. of Gainesville, for several visits by drug-sniffing dogs at the high school

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Hostages freed; hijackers leave

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Shiite Moslem gunmen slipped out of a Kuwaiti jet at dawn today — reportedly with a promise of safe conduct — and their 31 hostages were freed, ending a 16-day hijacking ordeal.

The hijackers left Algiers for an unknown destination, according to sources in the Persian Gulf who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The Kuwait News Agency said no deal was made with the hijackers except safe passage to Iran or Lebanon.

The Algerian government, which served as mediator, and the hijackers, who the hostages said numbered about eight, said they reached a solution but did not say what it was.

The gunmen had killed two passengers since seizing the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 on April 5. But Kuwait refused to bow to the hijacker's demand that 17 pro-Iranian terrorists imprisoned in Kuwait be released. Many Kuwaitis telephoned the Kuwaiti state radio and television to congratulate their government on its firm stance.

Most of the 31 freed hostages were believed to be Kuwaiti, including three members of Kuwait's royal family. It was re-

ported previously that about 35 hostages remained aboard the plane.

An official source in Kuwait, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Algerian Foreign Minister Taleb Ibrahim promised the hijackers safe passage when he met with them aboard the plane on Tuesday.

A 31-year-old businessman, Tadar El-Kebi, said he saw the hijackers going through the plane trying to wipe off their fingerprints shortly after 4 a.m.

"This was the first indication I had that our release was imminent," El-Kebi said.

Algerian officials said the hijackers were whisked out of the jumbo jet 20 minutes before the hostages were brought out at 5 a.m. (12 a.m. CDT). The gunmen, whom the hostages said numbered eight, were taken in unmarked automobiles to an undisclosed location, the Algerian officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Floodlights that had bathed the blue-and-white jumbo jet nightly since it landed were turned off at 9 p.m. Tuesday, allegedly for a technical reason. They never came back on and the area around the jet was dark, making

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(AP Laserphoto)

Hostages leave jumbo jet.

City approves Hobart Street project over some opposition

By LARRY HOLLIS
Managing Editor

Citizens opposed to a proposed widening project on Hobart Street presented a petition signed by more than 900 residents, but the City Commission still approved the project in a split decision during a special called meeting Tuesday evening.

With Mayor David McDaniel abstaining because of his own property interests on Hobart, the commission voted 3 to 1 for a resolution accepting a Texas Highway Department's Minute Order authorizing the widening of the Highway 70 thoroughfare from Alcock/Francis streets to 21st Avenue. Commissioners Clyde Carruth, Ray Hupp and Joe Reed voted in favor of the resolution while Commissioner Richard Peet voted against it, citing his fears of adverse economic impacts on businesses along the route during the construction phase.

But all four commissioners voted for an additional motion by Hupp that the city reserve the right to reject the project later if agreements cannot be reached with the highway officials to retain modified angle parking in front of businesses on Hobart.

Before the votes were taken, a number of citizens addressed the commission, most objecting to the proposed widening for various reasons though most cited fears of its effect on business during the construction phase, expected to last several months if undertaken.

Cleo Meaker, owner of Meaker Appliance, 2008 N. Hobart, presented the commission with a petition he said had been signed by more than 900 Pampa residents objecting to the current proposed project.

Meaker read the petition, saying "our words are falling on deaf ears" that have not been hearing the comments made in public meetings on the project.

The petition rejects claims that safety is the main issue in the project, instead claiming that safety for the motoring project would not be improved by the inclusion of a continuous center left-turn lane along the route.

The petition also claims the project would result in needless spending of budgeted funds before the end of the fiscal year, "a procedure that has

wasted millions of dollars of tax dollars each year."

"The economic effect on Hobart Street businesses, already operating on a thin margin of profit, would be harmful to some and totally destructive to others," the petition states. "Hobart Street businessmen simply cannot afford any interruption of business, particularly when there is no real benefit to the public generally."

The petition also demands that the commission "be responsive to the wishes of its citizens, and not endorse an impractical and unwanted state project over objections of those directly affected."

The petitioners also claim that any other course of action "would amount to an unconstitutional deprivation of private property and business without due process of law," saying the project would in effect confiscate private property for an indefinite period of time, "resulting in senseless economic losses" to the affected businesses.

"In that event, the only possible recourse would be judicial action for an injunction against the Department of Highways and Transportation and the city of Pampa," the petition states.

The petition suggests that the commission should spend more time on seeking matching federal funds to renovate Hobart Street properties "to make them more attractive to the public and improve the economic atmosphere of the area."

Meaker said copies of the petition have been mailed to the Texas Highway Commission, U.S. Rep. Beau Boulter and State Rep. Foster Whaley, adding that more use should be made of "higher officials" to seek variances for the project.

Others also expressed concerns about the adverse economic impact, citing the interruptions that construction would cause for customers seeking access to various properties along the route or for trucks making deliveries to and from some of the businesses.

Others also challenged the safety claims, saying the continuous turn lane and/or suggested parallel parking offer just as dangerous a traffic hazard as that allegedly occurring because of angle parking.

City Manager Bob Hart said the city staff has prepared tentative plans to create 15-degree angle parking in front of businesses on Hobart, saying the plans would have to be studied by the highway

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(Staff Photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Johnson, right, leads rehearsal as band readies for trip.

Band going to Corpus Christi

Pampa High School's band is putting the finishing touches on its performance today as it readies for the Buccaneer Music Festival in Corpus Christi this weekend.

"A lot of the best Texas bands will be there," said Charles Johnson, PHS band director. Only the best bands in the state are invited to the event, he said, and only bands with first division ratings are even considered.

"It's an extremely difficult competition, one of the most difficult we've ever gone to," Johnson said. "Texas has such high standards, it's a front runner for bands all over the nation."

Band students will leave Pam-

pa at 10 p.m. Thursday, riding to the festival in two chartered buses. They will be staying in the Holiday Inn Emerald Beach on the bay and are scheduled to perform at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

"We're really looking forward to the competition. No matter what, competing against such good bands will make us sharper, make us keener," Johnson said. "The kids are playing great and I'm real pleased with them."

Approximately 15 to 20 Class 5-A first group and 10 4-A bands were invited to the festival. "That's not counting the second and third groups," Johnson said. One of the 4-A bands will be from Oklahoma, he said, but the

majority of bands competing will be from Texas.

Pampa's band will be performing University Interscholastic League competition music at the event: *Children's March, Enigma Variations and Masquerade for Band*.

"Plus we're going to have a lot of fun," he added. "We'll be right on the beach, and we're planning to come back through San Antonio and have a good time there."

The band students will be returning to Pampa on Monday morning, he said, stopping along the way to visit downtown San Antonio, including the Alamo, the River Walk and other points of interest.

State and city observing Child Abuse Prevention Month

By MARILYN POWERS
Lifestyles Editor

A Texas child abuse investigator was at home one evening when the telephone rang. He was assigned to a child beating case at the local hospital.

He went to the emergency room and found a 2-year-old boy whose small form was bruised and battered. He reached out to touch the little body — the child did not move and was cold to the touch. The boy was dead.

The mother had left her little boy with her boyfriend and gone to work the evening shift at a local business. The boyfriend had taken the child to his grandmother's house, where another relative was also visiting.

During the visit, the boyfriend noticed that the little boy had wet his pants. The man became so angry that he began to kick the boy with his pointed-toed shoes and beat him with his belt, which had a large, heavy buckle on it.

The enraged man then threw the boy into the back seat of his car and drove around for two to

three hours, while the little boy slowly and painfully died.

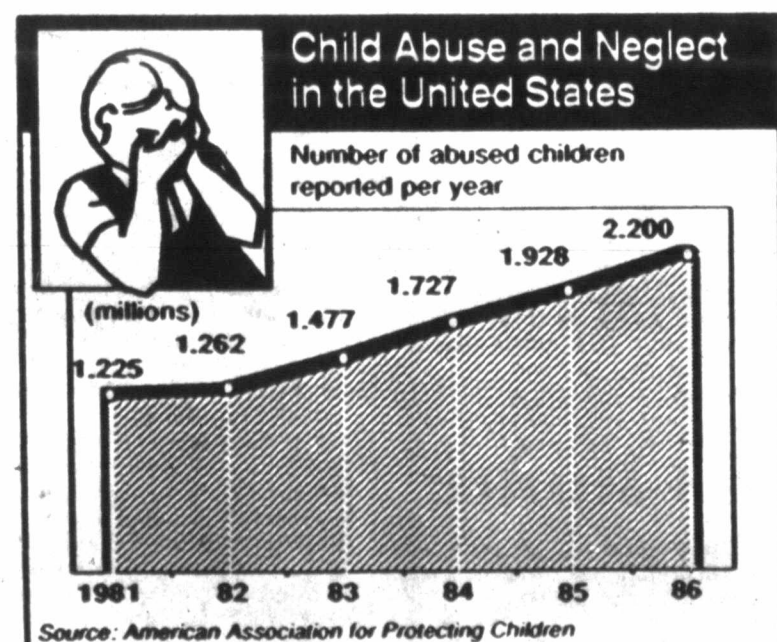
The boy's grandmother and other relatives witnessed the beating, yet they did not try to stop the man or call anyone for help.

This is a true story, and it is only one of a shocking variety of abuses that children suffer every day. Abuse can include physical injury such as that described above, and it also may be sexual or emotional abuse or harmful neglect.

The boyfriend committed a despicable act; the grandmother and relative also could be found guilty of a crime because the Texas Family Code, created in 1974, states that failure to report suspected abuse or neglect of children is a misdemeanor offense.

Texas Governor Bill Clements and Pampa Mayor David McDaniel have declared April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Pampa office of the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Gray County Child Protective Services Board are



working to raise public consciousness about child abuse through special activities this month, including recognition of K mart Store in Pampa Mall for its contribution to foster children

and through a visit by Spiderman to Pampa Mall on Saturday. Children may have their picture taken with the comic book hero, and handouts on child abuse will be passed out.

The Protective Services for Families and Children branch of DHS manages the Child Protective Services, Family Violence and Services to Truants and Runaways programs. Their definitions of abuse and neglect apply to children under 18 who are not married or have not had the disabilities of minority age removed by a court. Abusers are persons responsible for the child's health or welfare.

Abuse is a non-accidental infliction or threat of infliction of physical, emotional or mental harm to a child. Examples include burns, fractures, bruises, welts, sprains, exploitation, confinement, poisoning, exposure and starvation.

Exploitation occurs when the responsible person does, or threatens to do, one of the following:

- Involves the child in illegal or immoral activities.
- Forces the child to perform work, in or outside the home, that interferes with the child's health or causes the child to violate state education or child labor laws.

Sexual abuse is any sexually oriented act or practice that threatens or harms the child's physical, emotional or social development. Examples include fondling, sexual intercourse, sodomy, incestuous family relationships, prostitution, rape, sexual exploitation and sexual molestation.

Sexual exploitation occurs when the responsible person allows or encourages a child to engage in prostitution, as defined by state law, or in the obscene or pornographic photographing, filming or depicting of the child in illegal acts.

Neglect is non-accidental failure or threatened failure to provide a child with the physical, medical or emotional requirements for life, growth and development. Examples include inadequate food, inadequate housing and clothing, lack of needed medical attention, abandonment, lack of supervision or guidance, unmet educational needs and inadequate hygiene.

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Texas/Regional

Texas has nation's richest county, one of poorest

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tucked into a corner of Texas is the nation's tiniest county, where about 100 people tend oil wells, do a little ranching and bring home the fattest paychecks around, Census Bureau rankings of per capita income reveal.

While Texas can boast of having the nation's richest county — Loving in West Texas — it also has one of the poorest. Starr County checks in on per capita figures as being seventh from the bottom, behind five sparsely populated counties in Nebraska and a sixth in Montana, says Census Bureau statistician George Patterson.

The state as a whole falls right in the middle of the bureau's rankings of per capita income in 1985, according to figures released Tuesday.

Loving County's residents had an estimated per capita income of \$34,173 in 1985 — far outdistancing second and third place finishers Falls Church, Va., and Alexandria County, Va., at \$20,699 and \$20,094, respectively, said Pat-

erson. At the other end of the scale is Starr County, a rural and rocky spot on the Rio Grande where residents took home a meager per capita income of \$3,312 — a 24.1 percent increase from 1979 earnings of \$2,668.

Starr County had 36,100 residents in 1986, compared with the sixth lowest finishers. All had populations of less than 2,500, four of them with populations below 1,000.

Just as those minute populations may skew the picture of whether the country's poorest counties are actually worse off than Starr County, Patterson says the scant population of Loving County may also distort the picture at the upper end of the scale.

County appraiser Mary Belle Jones says Loving residents earn a living tending to oil and gas wells and doing a little ranching.

"Oil is our main source of income out here," she said. The county has felt the pinch of the oil crisis, "just like any-

body else, but it's going OK." Texas overall falls into 24th place among the states and the Washington, D.C., in its estimated per capita income of \$10,373 in 1985 — a 44 percent increase from the \$7,203 income in 1979. Nationally, per capita income rose 47.9 percent during that span, from \$7,295 to \$10,797.

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Despite the 44 percent increase in Texas, the state failed to budge from the 24th spot it held in 1979, Patterson said.

That growth, however, eludes much of the border and portions of West and South Texas, the Census figures revealed.

J. Michael Patrick, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development at Pan American

University, said unemployment in Starr County some years has reached 50 percent in the summer and fall.

He said Starr County has little employment base except for seasonal agricultural work and jobs with the county and school district.

"I would say maybe half the population does not hold a full-time job," Patrick said.

The retail, service and migrant farm jobs available usually pay minimum wage, he said.

Most of the other poorest counties are also along the border — Maverick, \$3,897, Hidalgo with \$5,563, Cameron with \$5,921, Webb with \$5,419, Presidio with \$4,880. Others — Briscoe at \$5,837 and Culberson at \$4,837 — are in West Texas, and La Salle at \$5,877, Dimmit at \$5,295, Zavala at \$4,447, and Willacy at \$5,362 — are in South Texas.

The richest counties encompass the state's largest cities and their suburbs — Dallas and Harris County, but are also scattered across West Texas.

Following Loving in per capita wealth are McMullen in South Texas, \$14,761; Midland, \$14,077; Rockwall, near Dallas, \$14,044; Collin, \$13,999; Randall in the Panhandle, \$13,226; Dallas, \$13,014; Denton, in North Texas, \$12,537; Harris, \$12,497; Fort Bend near Houston, \$12,449.

Only one county — sparsely populated Kennedy in South Texas — posted a decline in per capita income, falling 23 percent from \$10,078 in 1979 to \$7,244 in 1985.

More than a dozen counties posted increases of more than 50 percent, with McMullen leading the pack with an increase of 81.9 percent — jumping from \$8,116 in 1979 to \$14,761 in 1985. Collin County near Dallas posted the second-highest jump, a 66.1 percent increase from \$8,430 to \$13,999. Other big leaders were Loving, 57.7 percent; Coryell, 58.9 percent; Travis, 59.1 percent; Rusk, 57.4 percent; Hays, 57.3 percent; and Williamson with 56.5 percent. Dallas increased 50.2 percent and Bexar by 51.2.

Clements: Amendment would legitimize current school law

AUSTIN (AP)—The Legislature should consider a constitutional amendment that would legitimize the state's current school finance system, Gov. Bill Clements says.

The system has been ruled unconstitutional by State District Judge Harley Clark, and some lawmakers have said that if the ruling is upheld by appeals courts, the state's school aid program would need a complete and expensive overhaul.

Clark ruled that the current system is unconstitutional because it fails to make certain that each school district has the same ability to obtain money to educate students. His ruling came in a lawsuit filed by 67 districts with low property tax values.

Clements said Tuesday that "five or six" proposed amendments are being studied for action by the Legislature, which convenes its next regular session in January.

"It (an amendment) would be to merely clarify the language that would make it more understandable to Judge Clark exactly what we're about here," Clements said. "We're a long way from coming down on a specific language that would cure the so-called 'unconstitutional language' of present law.

Asked specifically if he wanted an amendment to make constitutional the current basic financial aid system, Clements replied, "I would think so. I think that would be the purpose."

Reggie Bashur, the governor's press secretary, said later that Clements feels strongly the public would favor such an amendment.

"It's needed to legitimize the independent school districts and local control. Harley Clark's decision would probably consolidate all the districts into four or six megadistricts. It's the governor's strong belief that once the people understand the full effect (of the court decision), they will literally rise up in arms," Bashur said.

Clements rejected any suggestions that a proposed amendment might reduce the state's obligation to fund all public schools.

"I've never talked to anyone that is suggesting that we either dilute or back away from the support that the state has historically given to our public schools. I don't think that's the intent at all," he said.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said Tuesday that until the appeals courts have finished reviewing the case, it would be too soon for the Legislature to act on a constitutional amendment.

He also said a constitutional amendment likely will be needed for any ultimate solution to the problem that's devised.

Clements refused to rule out the possibility of a special legislative session to deal with the judge's ruling. "Everything is possible," he said.

Hobby said it would be premature to call such a session.

PUC approves Southwestern Bell's plan for dial-a-porn

AUSTIN (AP)—An anti-pornography crusader says the Public Utility Commission missed a chance to end dial-a-porn by voting to let telephone companies decide what is inappropriate.

"Southwestern Bell will not act responsibly unless forced to by a commission or citizens' complaints," said Mark Weaver of Austin, executive director of the American Family Association of Texas, formerly known as Citizens Against Pornography.

The commission voted 2-1 Tuesday against a ban on dial-a-porn and other "976" pay call services. Instead, the commission backed Southwestern Bell's self-policing plan.

"You have my word that we are going to fix this problem," said Bill Free, a Southwestern Bell vice president.

Dial-a-porn is one of many services offered through the Dial 976 program. The recorded messages are provided by companies who, in turn, get their money from the phone companies, which do the billing and collection. Free said his company no longer wants to collect money for dial-a-porn and other controversial services.

Under the proposal, which faces PUC review, phone companies would set up a separate prefix, other than 976, for services such as dial-a-porn. The phone companies also would not provide a billing and collection service, and the calls could be limited to customers who say they want to be able to call them.

Weaver had an ally in PUC member Marta Greytok, who said, "The service is totally messed up. It is something that got out of hand." She called for a ban on all 976 services.

"We have never had 20,000 letters over any issue. We need to respond to the fact that the public is saying there is a better way," Ms. Greytok said, referring to the 23,000 letters received by the PUC. Commissioners Dennis Thomas and Jo Campbell outvoted Ms. Greytok.

Free said his company's proposal is fair to all, and does not deny service to anyone.

"We are allowing anyone to use our telephone network. We simply are saying if you want to use it in a method contrary to our best image, we are not going to bill for you," he said.

"The test is whether or not it is contrary to what we perceive is our best corporate image," Free said. "Sexual would not be permitted, vulgar would not be permitted, and confusing or deceptive would not be permitted."

But Austin lawyer Jim Boyle, who represents a company that offers a variety of 976 services, said the complaints have been based on emotion, not fact.

"I think what you're seeing, particularly in a lot of the letters, is kind of the Jimmy Swaggart reaction," Boyle said. "I think if Jimmy Swaggart had had this service, maybe he wouldn't be in the trouble he is in now."

Crime victims' rights aired at hearing

AUSTIN (AP)—Texas' system for compensating crime victims is a model for the nation but the state also needs a constitutional guarantee that victims will have the same rights as defendants, witnesses told a panel.

Four members of Associated Texans Against Crime heard several witnesses Tuesday, including the founder of "We the People," who said victims' rights will be discussed at both 1988 national political conventions.

"We feel very certain that the victims' rights resolutions will go to the national level and will be heard at both the Democrat and Republican conventions this summer," Janie Wilson said.

Ms. Wilson, of Hawkins, also said her organization would ask the 1989 Legislature to approve a proposed state constitutional amendment to guarantee the rights of crime victims.

She said the proposal would say that the crime victims, or their representatives, "shall have the right to be informed of, to be present at, and to be heard at, all criminal justice proceedings at which the defendant has such right—subject to the same rules of evidence which govern defendants' rights."

Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Plano and panel chairman, said ATAC wanted "to improve the plight of victims, instead of bending over backwards for criminals as we have in the past."

Sherry Reddick of Dallas, co-founder of Texans Against Ritualistic Abuse, said her main request would be to create a state task force to work against the "organized criminal deviant movement."

"The cult issue is facing us across the state," Johnson responded.

Ms. Reddick also called for speedier trials; computer networks to spread information about criminal acts; and the licensing of pre-school workers to protect children.

Steve Quick, interim chief of the state attorney general's Crime Victims Division, said Texas was the 31st state to adopt a Crime Victims Compensation Act, but in eight years it has become a model for the nation.

He said the fund has paid more than \$48 million to more than 11,000 victims, with the money coming not from tax sources but from court costs. Those costs include \$20 for a felony offense, \$15 for Class A and B misdemeanors and \$3 for Class C misdemeanors.

Quick said, however, the Industrial Accident Board, which administers the program, has projected the fund balance at the end of the 1988 fiscal year on Aug. 31 at \$1.6 million, which is "dangerously low, especially if benefits are increased."

Ms. Wilson, whose "We the People" organization was formed in response to the slaying of three Hawkins young people in 1986, presented petitions with 80,500 signatures calling for crime victims' rights. She also displayed a bumper sticker that said, "Victims Are People, Too."

She said members of her organization would support additional taxes to build more prisons if the increased taxes were dedicated to prison construction.

"We will pay the price, but we want a perpetual, dedicated fund," she said.

Cottage industry



Joy McDowell of Wild Peach, a small community in Brazoria County, sits in her office while holding a copy of her company's newest catalogue. The company, Cottage Collectibles, was started with six sales people in 1984 and now has 170 consultants in 36 states.

Twenty-one entering pleas in phone fraud case

MIDLAND (AP)—Twenty-one current and former Odessa College athletes who were indicted for illegally using long-distance access codes didn't mean to break the law, says the junior college's athletic director.

All the students charged last week are current or former participants in men's and women's basketball and track. But Athletic Director James Segrest said those involved probably won't be suspended from any teams.

"They weren't belligerently trying to break the law," he said. "I think they are all good kids."

Odessa College president Phil Speegle told the Odessa Amer-

ican last week the school plans no disciplinary action against the students. The students were indicted on

federal felony charges of bilking a communications company out of \$30,000 in long-distance phone calls.

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Unpublished report disputes Kennedy on OSHA

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unpublished report by congressional researchers on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration disputes Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's contention during hearings this week that the agency "fiddled away" workers' lives.

The Congressional Research Office report says OSHA's focus on construction inspections has been "relatively successful" in reducing the industry's fatality rates. A copy of the 22-page report was obtained by The Associated Press.

Its conclusions are dramatically different from those of Kennedy, D-Mass., who has set out in three days of highly politicized Senate hearings to "show that while workers died, the agency has fiddled away their lives."

The hearings before the Senate Labor Committee chaired by Kennedy were scheduled to conclude today with testimony from Assistant Labor Secretary Michael Baroody and OSHA Administrator John Pendergrass.

"We're going to have a new administration after this fall and, hopefully, we can get this agency back on track again," Kennedy said at the conclusion of Tuesday's hearing.

The Congressional Research Service report that OSHA is now reaching only 11 percent of the nation's workers with inspections instead of the 78 percent intended when Congress created the agency in 1970.

But it said all but 2 percentage points of that reduction was ordered by Con-

gress, the Supreme Court or by President Carter's administration before President Reagan took office in 1981.

"By increments, Congress and OSHA, with some help from the Supreme Court, have done this by ultimately excluding from OSHA's target list essentially all workers except those in construction, oil and gas extraction, maritime operations and high-hazard manufacturing," the report said.

Congress, for example, has exempted about half of the nation's farmworkers from coverage, the report said, in addition to workers in transportation, nuclear industry and state and local governments.

And in response to a 1978 Supreme Court decision requiring OSHA to show

probable cause to obtain a search warrant for inspections, the agency in 1979 began exempting low-risk manufacturing industries from routine inspections.

Except for construction and manufacturing, OSHA has little control, the congressional researchers said. Highway accidents, assaults and aircraft crashes account for the majority of deaths in other industries.

OSHA's decision in the late 1970s and 1980s to devote half of its inspection forces to construction has reduced fatality rates in the industry by 54 percent over the past 13 years, the report said.

Fatalities in manufacturing, which at one time received about 50 percent of the agency's inspections but now re-

ceived less than 30 percent, have also declined but by a smaller 25 percent over the past 13 years.

"OSHA's relative success in reducing injury and fatality rates in the construction industry suggests that OSHA is getting some positive effects from concentrating its limited resources," the report said.

That is a sharp contrast to the type of information presented to the Senate committee the past two days.

Baroody, Pendergrass and Vice President George Bush were criticized in testimony Tuesday by OSHA career employees and by Kennedy as pushing new regulations to substitute personal respirators for more expensive ventilation systems in protecting some workers from toxic fumes and dust.



Dukakis and his wife Kitty wave to the crowd as they celebrate his win in the New York Democratic presidential primary.

Dukakis celebrates; Jackson vows to move ahead; Gore likely to quit

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Dukakis, declaring "we can make it anywhere," after a resounding New York primary victory, was on a fast track today toward the Democratic presidential nomination and a fall showdown with Republican George Bush.

Jesse Jackson finished a strong second, congratulated Dukakis and vowed to continue his fight for the nomination. But the third Democratic challenger, Sen. Al Gore Jr., was ready to fold his campaign to leave Dukakis and Jackson to duel head-to-head over the final six primary weeks.

James Ruvolo, chairman of the Democratic Party in Ohio, which holds its primary in two weeks, called New York "a big win" for Dukakis and said the party had finally broken away from what he called the "winner-a-week syndrome."

Dukakis won 51 percent of the New York vote, Jackson 37 percent and Gore 10 percent.

"The Democratic Party's going to be unified and we're going to stop George Bush this November," Gore said, sounding a unity theme that must have been music to Dukakis' ears after two months of rough-and-tumble campaigning.

Gore was expected to halt his campaign on Thursday. He had staked everything in New York with an expensive television

campaign and a sometimes barbed-tongued effort to pose himself as an alternative to Dukakis and Jackson.

Dukakis ended up handily winning the ethnic white vote, both Jewish and Catholic. Jackson had more than 95 percent of the black vote and enjoyed a narrow, 411,903 to 405,486 victory over Dukakis in the precincts of New York City. Networks said the black vote made up 22 to 27 percent of the 1.5 million statewide Democratic vote.

Victory brought Dukakis 164 of New York's 255 delegates. He now has just over half the 2,081 national delegates he needs to clinch nomination. Jackson had 89 to bring his total to 834.

Vice President George Bush continued his roll toward the GOP nomination and declared Dukakis "a good bet" to be his Democratic opponent in the fall. He said he looked forward to the competition, and Dukakis gave him a taste of the battle to come during a Philadelphia appearance Tuesday evening.

"This fall George Bush is going to be judged by a legacy of... pink

slips for our workers, golden parachutes for high rollers, and greenmail for sharp operators on Wall Street," said the Massachusetts governor.

"I want to make that American dream come alive again, not only in Trump Towers, not only in fancy apartments all over this country, not only in a few privileged neighborhoods."

Dukakis flew from Philadelphia to a New York victory rally within walking distance of Trump Tower, where he told cheering supporters, "I love New York. Friends, if we can make it here we can make it anywhere."

Gore met first with Jackson, then Dukakis after midnight Tuesday. Jackson aides described the meeting as a "courtesy call."

With 99 percent of the precincts reporting, the vote looked this way:

Dukakis had 783,568 or 51 percent.

Jackson had 573,112 or 37 percent.

Gore had 156,052 or 10 percent.

For the two Democratic survivors, the next battleground is Pennsylvania next Tuesday.

Three more top deputies quit Meese-led Justice Department

WASHINGTON (AP) — More Justice Department deputies are leaving their posts in an exodus sparked by Attorney General Edwin Meese's legal problems, virtually emptying the department's No. 2 office.

The resignations and transfers make it increasingly difficult for Meese to recover from the protest resignations of Deputy Attorney General Arnold Burns and criminal division chief William Weld, who began the wave of departures.

The three top aides to Burns are quitting the government or transferring to new jobs. Department sources said Tuesday that all three rejected overtures by Meese aides to remain at the Justice Department after Burns and Weld abruptly quit March 29.

Meanwhile, the question of Burns' successor is still unresolved, with Meese saying he expects to hear shortly from St. Louis attorney John Shepherd on whether the former American Bar Association president will withdraw from consideration.

However, Shepherd has already told Meese aides to find someone else for the job, according to department sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Shepherd, 62, had told Meese last Friday that he was giving serious consideration to pulling out because of stress on his family stemming from his selection.

A former bookkeeper from Shepherd's law firm testified shortly before Meese recommended him for the post that she had an affair with Shepherd. The bookkeeper, who was convicted of embezzlement, claimed Shepherd had told her to write checks to herself. Shepherd denied that he had an

affair with her or that he had authorized her to write checks.

The Washington Post reported today that Shepherd was recommended for a Justice Department position in late 1984 or early 1985 by E. Robert Wallach, a longtime Meese associate now under indictment in connection with the Wedtech scandal in New York. The Post, quoting Justice Department sources, said Shepherd's ties to Wallach came up in the FBI's background checks of Shepherd and "caused some concern."

The latest departures from Burns' office will virtually empty the No. 2 office in the Justice Department of top aides.

It is customary for the deputy attorney general to pick his own assistants. But the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Meese's staff tried to keep top deputies' posts filled following the resignations of Burns and Weld.

In addition, deputies' posts in department's No. 3 office are vacant due to the departure of Associate Attorney General Stephen Trott, who is now a federal judge.

Burns and Weld resigned out of concern that the nearly yearlong criminal investigation of Meese was hurting the Justice Department's operations, morale and image.

In Burns' office, Raymond B. Ludwizewski, an associate deputy attorney general who came to the Justice Department in 1985, has handed in his resignation and is negotiating with private Washington law firms for work.

Paul Cassell, a Burns deputy who dealt with issues involving the department's criminal and antitrust divisions, is transferring to the U.S. attorney's office in Alexandria, Va., where he will become an assistant U.S. attorney.

Consumer prices shot up in March

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices, propelled by a record rise in clothing costs, shot up 0.5 percent in March, the biggest increase since January 1987, the government said today.

Besides the 2.0 percent jump in apparel costs, retail prices were also driven upward by a 0.4 percent gain in gasoline costs, the first rise since August, and a 0.3 percent hike in food prices.

Taken together, clothing, food and transportation price increases accounted for half the March jump, which was more than double the 0.2 percent gain of February.

The overall gain — amounting to 6.4 percent on an annual basis — seemed sure to further economists' concerns that inflation may be rebounding. The Consumer Price Index had risen a moderate 4.4 percent last year and a tiny 1.1 percent in 1986.

Today's report blamed the sharp increase in clothing costs, the steepest one-month increase since records were first kept in 1947, on "substantially higher priced spring and summer merchandise, particularly women's clothing."

Indeed, prices for women's and girls' clothing

rose 3.9 percent after falling in January and February. Prices for men's and boys' apparel were up 1.2 percent.

Clothing prices normally rise in the spring. Last month's jump — 3.7 percent once the department's seasonal adjustment process is factored out — was even greater than analysts had expected, however.

Leading the way was a 0.2 percent gain in prices for fresh fruits and vegetables. Virtually all the increase was in fresh fruit prices while the costs of fresh vegetables continued to decline.

After soaring 25.5 percent in 1987, fresh vegetable prices have fallen 14.9 percent so far this year.

The costs of buying meat, poultry and eggs were all up, with egg prices rising 4.6 percent.

New automobile prices rose 0.3 percent, but that increase was largely offset by a 1.4 percent drop in the cost of obtaining car loans.

Home heating oil prices rose 0.8 percent while the cost of natural gas and electricity was down 0.3 percent.

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Shipping avoids Gulf; Iranian warships in port

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP)—Commercial vessels avoided the Persian Gulf and the United States temporarily suspended its escorts of Kuwaiti oil tankers, shipping executives said. Iran's warships were reported staying in port.

U.S. Navy officers said the gulf was tense on Tuesday, but reported no combat a day after they sank or damaged six Iranian vessels. Also, a French warship spotted three more mines in the waterway and Iranian speedboats attacked two tankers.

The search continued for a U.S. Marine attack helicopter and its two-man crew, missing since going out on a night mission Monday.

Iran repeated its claim that the U.S. attacks on its oil platforms that touched off Monday's skirmishes were planned

in concert with Iraq.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz, denying that assertion, insisted the United States is neutral in the 7½-year-old Iran-Iraq war and said the American presence in the gulf is "non-confrontational."

In Washington, President Reagan said there was no doubt Iran planted the mines that prompted Monday's strikes. He said it was quieter in the gulf Tuesday and "we hope it continues that way."

One gulf-based marine salvage executive said the gulf appeared "ghostly" from lack of shipping. He and others, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said commercial vessels were avoiding the waterway.

Sources close to the Kuwait Oil Tank-

er Co. said the Navy was halting until further notice escorts of the 11 tankers it reflagged nine months ago. They said the mine hit by the U.S. frigate Samuel B. Roberts last week was in a main channel that must be swept before convoys resume.

Defense Department spokesman Dan Howard denied those reports.

Iran claimed that its speedboats sank an "American naval logistical ship," killing its crew, an hour after Navy ships destroyed the two Iranian oil platforms Monday.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency headlined the dispatch "Yank-ees Go Down: To Watery Grave As Revolutionary Guards Sink U.S. Ship." It contained no further details.

Lt. Cmdr. Mark Van Dyke told repor-

ters in the gulf that there were no U.S. casualties in Monday's clashes. He also said there was no evidence the missing AH-1 helicopter had been shot down, as Iran claimed to have done.

IRNA also said an American attack Monday on the patrol boat Joshan killed 15 crew members and injured 29.

In Monday's operations, U.S. Navy forces destroyed the two Iranian oil platforms in the southern gulf, then sank the Joshan, disabled two frigates and sank or damaged three attack boats.

Five Iranian missiles were fired from shore at a three-ship U.S. Navy "surface action group." The American warships fired chaff into the air, confusing the missiles' guidance systems and made them miss.

Navy officers identified the missiles as Chinese-made Silkworms. The Pentagon said it had not confirmed the missile type.

Howard, speaking in Washington, said one of the crippled Iranian frigates returned to the port of Bandar Abbas.

There was no estimate of Iranian casualties in the fighting, but Navy officers told Associated Press reporter Richard Pyle in the Pentagon media pool that they presumed them to be heavy.

Iran attacked a U.S.-operated oil rig and resupply vessel after the raid on the platforms, which was in retaliation for the mine that damaged the Samuel B. Roberts last week, wounding 10 crewmen.

Secretary defends U.S. Gulf policy as 'non-confrontational'

HELSINKI, Finland (AP)—Secretary of State George P. Shultz said the United States does not intend to be drawn into the Persian Gulf war but is determined to defend its ships against Iranian attack.

"We are there in a non-confrontational way," he said Tuesday. "We and others have a right to unimpeded access to the international waterways, and we protect that right."

Shultz spoke to reporters on his flight from Washington. He was to rest in Helsinki and prepare for three days of talks in Moscow beginning on Thursday.

Shultz is holding monthly meetings with Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze to prepare for the summit meeting in Moscow May 29-June 2.

He said the two sides had made "some modest progress" toward a treaty to reduce their strategic nuclear weapons arsenals by 30 to 50 percent.

"But it's tough going," Shultz said. President Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail S. Gorbachev are to sign the treaty at their fourth and probably final summit.

However, an official said Monday that 1,200 items of disagreement were in U.S. and Soviet drafts of the treaty. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, acknowledged that the treaty may not

be ready.

Recognizing this, Shultz said the Moscow summit may be mostly a "very businesslike discussion of substantive issues across the board."

Shultz said he found it difficult to analyze Iran's motives in attacking ships in the Persian Gulf and firing on U.S. vessels and aircraft on Monday, given vastly superior U.S. firepower.

He said the Iranian mine that damaged the U.S. frigate Samuel B. Roberts in the central gulf last week, prompting the Navy's retaliatory raid on two Iranian oil platforms in the gulf on Monday, may have been laid "carelessly."

But while "it may be a mistake to attribute too much coherency of strategy to Iran," Shultz said, the mine was bound to hit almost any shallow draft ship that came along.

"From our standpoint, we're not wanting to be engaged in a confrontation with Iran," Shultz said. "We're not taking sides in the war" with Iraq.

"What we are doing," he said, "is asserting our right to self-defense when a country violates that right by putting mines in a place where it's known that our ships will go."

The navy sank or damaged six Iranian warships in Monday's warfare.

Judge declares Mexican airline bankrupt

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The government airline Aeromexico was declared bankrupt by a federal judge and ordered into receivership, throwing more than 9,200 workers out of a job.

The decision Tuesday followed a strike by the airline's technical workers that started April 12 in protest of management plans to reduce the fleet and route system to bring Aeromexico back into the black.

President Miguel de la Madrid said the action is not an isolated case but part of a new policy to sell, cut out or close down all money-losing companies and agencies the government owns or operates.

"The country cannot give itself the luxury of having inefficient enterprises, which constitute a burden to the entire society," de la Madrid said at an appearance Monday in the northern industrial city of Monterrey.

Mexico has been suffering from acute inflation and other economic ills since 1982, when international prices for oil, its No. 1 export by far, first dropped.

The announcement of bankruptcy at Aeromexico was made Monday night by the Department of Communications and Transportation.

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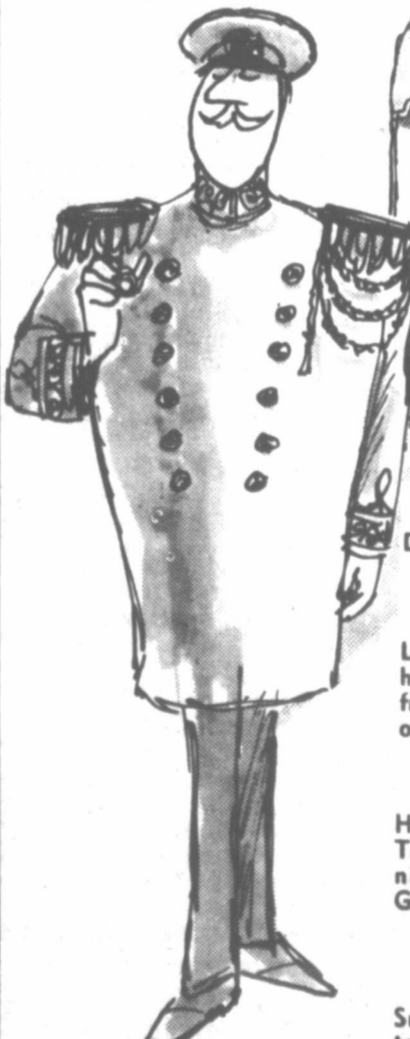
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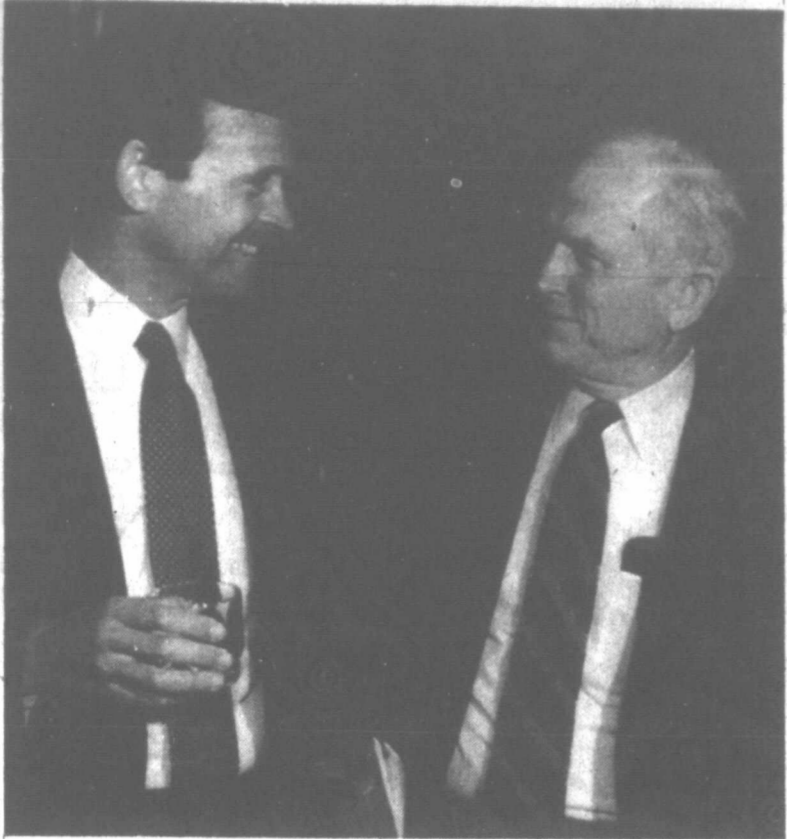
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(AP Laserphoto)
Texas Air Corporation Chairman Frank Lorenzo, left, talks with former Eastern Airlines chairman Frank Borman prior to the start of a news conference in Washington Tuesday.

Spot inspections to continue for several weeks on Eastern jets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal inspectors have examined almost all of Eastern Airlines' 267 jets and found most in compliance with safety rules, but say they will continue ramp inspections and look at many of the aircraft again.

The FAA said the 508 inspections at airports around the country have covered all but 11 of Eastern's planes and found 43 cases in which jets had to be taken out of service to correct problems. In 33 of the cases flights were delayed as a result, the agency said.

FAA spokesman Bob Buckhorn said Tuesday he could not predict precisely when the plane-by-plane inspections would conclude. He said they would continue even after each of Eastern's jets is examined at least once, possibly another several weeks.

The FAA last week said it wanted to conclude the review of Eastern and analyze its findings within 30 days.

Meanwhile, in a similar inspection at Continental Airlines, which like Eastern is owned by Texas Air Corp., FAA inspectors found one plane out of 15 examined in the first 24 hours that needed to be taken out of service.

One of the Continental jet's engines was found to be damaged from a "foreign object," Buckhorn said, adding that it is conceivable that the airline might have taken the plane from service even if no FAA inspector were present.

The deficiencies found with the 43 Eastern planes that briefly were sidelined included instances of leaking fuel and aircraft corrosion, and one case in which 19 rivets were found to have broken through an airplane's skin, Buckhorn said.

Philip Bakes, president of Eastern, characterized these

problems as not unusual. "In most every case the plane would have been taken out of service" even if there had been no FAA inspector present, he said Tuesday at a news conference.

"Every day planes are being taken out of service" as a normal part of an airline's operation, he suggested.

Frank Lorenzo, chairman of Texas Air Corp., the parent company of both Eastern and Continental, told reporters that he welcomed the federal inspections because they "will demonstrate once and for all that Continental and Eastern are safe—as safe as any major airline."

But in Miami, Charles Bryan, leader of the Eastern machinists union, criticized the FAA ramp inspection as a "whitewash" and charged that some of the FAA inspectors were only looking at log books without inspecting the aircraft. He also said FAA inspectors should "go into the shops" to observe maintenance of equipment.

"It may be the old fox watching the chicken house," said Bryan. Lorenzo and Bakes reiterated the airlines' past charges that much of the turmoil about safety at both Eastern and Continental stems from the airlines' ongoing battles with organized labor, especially Bryan's machinists union.

"What is at issue is how far a union is permitted to go by weakening a company through harassment... (and) misinformation," said Lorenzo.

Bakes blamed much of Eastern's problems on "a slanderous safety campaign" by the unions which he said are determined to block attempts by the airline to reduce labor costs.

He said the company would continue to push for a reduction of costs.

Few aliens respond to free ride offer

HARLINGEN (AP) — Immigration officials say they should not be faulted for trying out a free bus ride program for amnesty applicants that has been largely ignored.

"If we hadn't done it, I would have had regrets, as well," said Virginia Kice, an Immigration and Naturalization Service spokeswoman for the lower Rio Grande Valley. "Two or three years from now, I'd hate to look back and think 30 miles came between someone and a chance for U.S. citizenship," Ms. Kice said.

A total of 11 people used the 47-seat buses the first two days the INS chartered them for round trips to help applicants at the southern tip of the state.

Another trip was planned for today for the 25-mile trip from Brownsville to Harlingen, with repeat runs scheduled from Rio Grande City, McAllen and Brownsville next week. Total cost of the bus program is about \$1,500, officials said.

Ms. Kice said the agency started the ride program in response to suggestions from immigration attorneys that applicants might

not be showing up at the Harlingen legalization center because it was too far from some parts of the region.

"You can't say we didn't listen to citizen input," Ms. Kice said.

Only four aliens showed up Tuesday for the 35-mile trip from McAllen to Harlingen, she said.

And Monday, the first day of the ride program, only seven took the 90-mile trip from Rio Grande City on the 47-seat bus chartered from Valley Transit Co.

"I don't know if they're mistrustful," Ms. Kice said. "Maybe they don't want to ride on a bus we're sponsoring. I'm real disappointed."

Jerry Sewell, INS district director in Harlingen, said he wants to give the ride program a chance.

"If we don't get anybody on there, we may have to take another look at it," Sewell said. "We're not going to waste taxpayers' money if it's not being utilized."

He said the bus trips were widely publicized in the local Spanish media.

Other publicity in the past two months helped to more than quadruple the response at the Harlingen center, Ms. Kice said.

Those events included remote radio broadcasts, a live three-hour telethon, public service announcements, Boy Scouts distributing INS fliers in neighborhoods, airplanes pulling advertising banners and an INS employee recording a Spanish song called "Amnistia."

With the May 4 deadline approaching, applications at the Harlingen center have jumped from 250 a week in January, to more than 1,400 last week, she said.

But in the Harlingen district and nationwide, the turnout is lower than expected.

The one-time amnesty offer is part of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which was designed to pay for itself through application fees.

Most applicants must prove they have lived illegally in the United States since before Jan. 1, 1982.

Grand jury clears three in \$100 bail case

EL PASO (AP) — A grand jury declined to indict a city judge who in February set bail at \$100 for a man who was accused of trying to sexually assault actress Tracy Scoggins the week of the Miss USA pageant.

The day after the Feb. 25 attack, a state district judge ordered the re-arrest of Pedro Concepcion Padilla when he learned of the low bond. State District Judge Brunson Moore re-set bail at \$100,000, which Padilla posted.

The grand jury investigated Padilla, Municipal Judge Rodolfo Romero and former

Assistant City Attorney Enrique Medrano on charges of tampering with government records, and looked into charges of official misconduct by Romero, Assistant District Attorney Gonzalo Garcia said.

Padilla at first gave an alias and was released on \$100 bail set by Romero and paid by Medrano.

Romero has been suspended from the bench pending an investigation by Chief Municipal Judge Robert Duran. Medrano

resigned his parttime job with the city.

Police began an investigation after receiving reports that Padilla and Romero are longtime friends. Investigators noted that Romero and Medrano are also private lawyers whose offices are in the same building.

Garcia declined to comment on the grand jury probe except to say the panel considered all the evidence before issuing a no-bill.

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Common ingredients make this uncommonly good entree. Start with frozen spinach, canned tuna and Parmesan cheese — staples in most kitchens. Make a note to pick up cottage cheese, refrigerated crescent rolls and provolone cheese at the supermarket, and you're set.

The braid makes four good-sized main-dish servings, or cut into eight thinner slices and serve as a hot appetizer.

TUNA SPINACH BRAID

- One 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained
- One 6½-ounce can tuna, drained and flaked
- 1 cup cream-style cottage cheese, drained
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
- 1 package (8) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 3 thick slices provolone cheese (3 ounces)

For filling, in a large mixing bowl combine spinach, tuna, cottage cheese, Parmesan and garlic.

Unroll and separate crescent dough into 4 rectangles. On an ungreased baking sheet or jellyroll pan, place rectangles together, overlapping edges slightly, to form a 14- by 10-inch rectangle. Firmly press edges and perforations together to seal. Spread filling in a ¾-inch-wide strip lengthwise down center of dough. Top with provolone cheese. Make cuts in dough at 1-inch intervals on both long sides of rectangle just to edge of filling. Fold dough strips diagonally over filling, overlapping strips and alternating from side to side to give a braided appearance. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 18 to 20 minutes or until golden. Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 523 cal., 36 g pro., 38 g carbo., 25 g fat, 72 mg chol., 1,383 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 101 percent vit. A, 21 percent thiamine, 31 percent riboflavin, 41 percent niacin, 59 percent calcium, 25 percent iron.

Peppers add spice to old standby dish

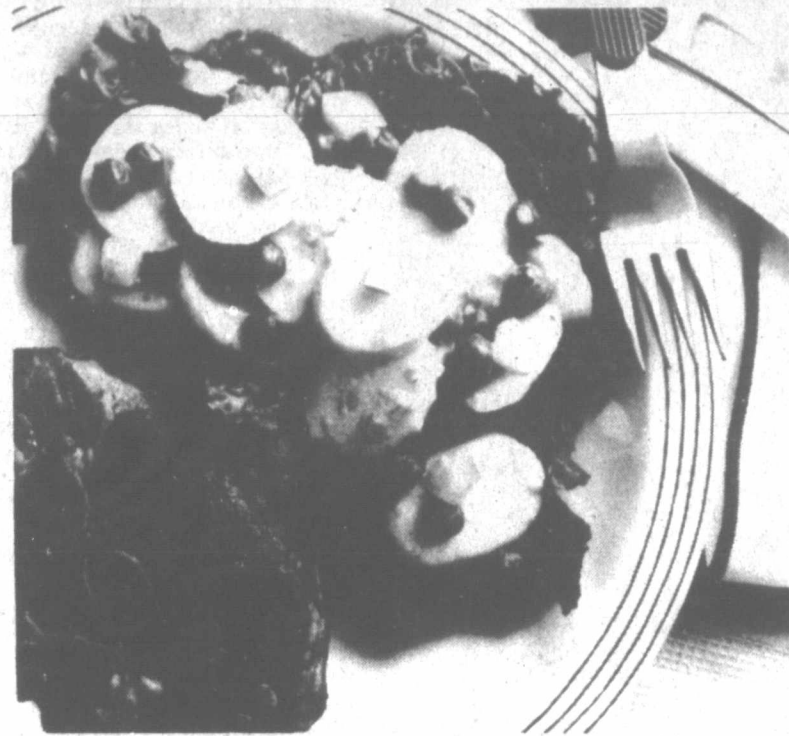
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Potato salad again? This time give it some spunk with green chili peppers and creamy bacon salad dressing. Canned potatoes keep preparation simple. Frozen peas go into the salad right from the package.

For dinner on the double, prepare the salad and quick-chill in the freezer for 10 to 15 minutes while you broil meat and complete the meal.

CHILI PEPPER POTATO SALAD

- Two 16-ounce cans sliced potatoes, drained
- 1 yellow or red sweet pepper, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup loose-pack frozen peas
- ¼ cup reduced-calorie creamy bacon salad dressing
- One 4-ounce can diced green chili peppers, drained
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon bottled minced garlic



You can speed preparation time for potato salad if you use canned sliced potatoes. Green chili peppers give the salad a new taste.

In a large mixing bowl toss together potatoes, sweet pepper and peas. In a blender container combine salad dressing, chili peppers, salt, pepper and garlic. Cover and blend until smooth. Toss with potato mixture. Chill 1 hour. (If desired, cover and

quick-chill in the freezer for 10 to 15 minutes or until cold.) Serve on lettuce leaves. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 103 cal., 3 g pro., 19 g carbo., 2 g fat, 532 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 28 percent vit. A, 94 percent vit. C, 10 percent thiamine, 11 percent iron.

Use cabbage mix for slaw-wiches

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens
Food Editor

Pick up a bag of pre-shredded cabbage or coleslaw mix to speed preparation of these easy sandwiches even more. Enjoy the cabbage mixture in sliced roast beef or ham sandwiches, too.

CORNED BEEF SLAW-WICHES

- ½ cup low-calorie mayonnaise-type salad

- dressing
- 2 teaspoons prepared mustard
- 4 cups finely shredded cabbage
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onion
- 12 slices very thin whole wheat bread, toasted
- One 12-ounce can corned beef, chilled

Combine salad dressing and mustard. Combine cabbage and onion; toss with dressing mix-

ture. Spoon ½ cup of cabbage mixture onto 6 of the toasted bread slices. Cut corned beef into 12 slices; arrange 2 slices on each sandwich. Top with remaining toasted bread. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 302 cal., 21 g pro., 28 g carbo., 13 g fat, 53 mg chol., 949 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 37 percent vit. C, 11 percent thiamine, 13 percent riboflavin, 18 percent niacin, 24 percent iron, 20 percent phosphorus.

Broccoli, wild rice team up

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens
Food Editor

This dish was cleaned up in a hurry at my son's school potluck supper. Sauce mix, soup mix and milk make a super-easy, creamy sauce that tastes great.

BROCCOLI AND WILD RICE BAKE

- 1 to 1½ pounds broccoli, cut into 1-inch pieces
- One 6¼-ounce package quick-cooking long grain and wild rice mix
- One 1-ounce envelope sour cream sauce mix
- 1 single-serving-size envelope instant cream of chicken soup mix
- 2 cups milk
- ¼ cup soft bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter, melted
- ¼ teaspoon paprika

Cook broccoli stems in enough boiling salted water to cover 5 minutes. Add flowerets; cook 4 to 5 minutes or until tender. Drain. Prepare rice mix according to package directions. Combine sauce and soup mixes; stir in milk. In a 2-quart casserole combine rice and milk mixture; fold in broccoli. Combine bread crumbs, margarine and paprika; sprinkle over top. Bake, uncovered, in 350-degree oven 35 to 40 minutes or until heated through. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 134 cal., 6 g pro., 17 g carbo., 4 g fat, 5 mg chol., 402 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 24 percent vit. A, 63 percent vit. C.

To convert kilometers to miles, multiply by 0.6.

Microwave brownies cook in one-third of the usual time

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens
Food Editor

The chocolate lovers in our Test Kitchen weren't satisfied with their microwave brownie recipe until they came up with a version that tastes just as good as conventional brownies — but bakes in one-third the time.

Food in the corners of square baking dishes cooks quickly because it gets a double dose of microwave energy. If the corners of the brownies seem to be cooking too fast, shield with small pieces of foil. But don't use foil unless the manufacturer's directions for your oven recommend it.

TRIPLE-LAYER MICROWAVE BROWNIES

- 1 square (1 ounce) unsweetened chocolate
- 3 tablespoons margarine or butter
- ¼ cup quick-cooking rolled oats
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ cup margarine or butter
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 slightly beaten egg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1/3 cup chopped nuts
- Chocolate Frosting

In a microwave-safe mixing bowl cook chocolate and 3 tablespoons margarine, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) 1½ to 3 minutes or until melted.

In a mixing bowl stir together oats, 1/3 cup flour, brown sugar

and soda. In a 1-cup measure cook ¼ cup margarine, uncovered, on high 45 to 60 seconds or until melted. Stir into oat mixture. Pat oat mixture into an ungreased 8- by 8- by 2-inch baking dish. Cook, uncovered, on 50 percent power (medium) 3 to 4 minutes or until surface appears dry, giving dish a quarter-turn after 2 minutes. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, stir together ½ cup flour and baking powder. Stir sugar and water into chocolate mixture. Add egg and vanilla; stir gently until combined. Add flour mixture; stir until combined. Stir in nuts. Spread evenly over oat layer. Cook, uncovered, on medium 5 to 7 minutes or until done, shielding corners if necessary and giving the dish a quarter-turn every 3 minutes. Scratch the slightly wet surface near the center with a wooden toothpick. The brownies should be cooked underneath. Cool on wire rack. Frost with Chocolate Frosting. Cut into bars. Store in covered container. Makes 24.

Chocolate Frosting: In a small microwave-safe mixing bowl combine 1 square (1 ounce) unsweetened chocolate and 1 tablespoon butter or margarine. Cook, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) for 1½ to 2½ minutes or until melted. Stir in 1 cup sifted powdered sugar and ½ teaspoon vanilla. Stir in enough hot water (about 1½ tablespoons) to make spreadable.

Nutrition information per serving: 123 cal., 2 g pro., 16 g carbo., 6 g fat, 11 mg chol., 58 mg sodium.

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Lifestyles

Amarillo hospital to take part in health care teleconference

AMARILLO — On April 22, High Plains Baptist Hospital will participate in a nationwide video teleconference moderated by ABC's Ted Koppel. This teleconference will provide people in Amarillo and the Panhandle an opportunity to have an impact on national health care policy.

The teleconference will be held from noon to 3 p.m. in the Harold Smith Auditorium at High Plains

Baptist Hospital. "Aging in America: Dignity or Despair?" will feature an exit poll of all who attend, and the responses will be sent to national legislators.

The conference will include leaders in health care, social services, government, business, labor, senior advocacy, public policy and economics for three hours of discussion and debate

concerning the emotional and economic costs of living longer.

Participants at the Baptist Hospital teleconference will be able to ask specific questions of the national panel members during the last segment of the program via 1-800 telephone service from the auditorium.

The teleconference is free and open to the public.

Regional NOW conference features child care speaker

LUBBOCK — The South Central Regional Conference of the National Organization for Women will be held April 22-24 in the Holiday Inn Civic Center of Lubbock. Guest speaker will be Amy Wilkins of the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C.

Wilkins will discuss child care in America and the Act for Better Child Care legislation which is pending in Congress.

The Children's Defense Fund is a national non-profit children's advocacy organization which focuses on low income, minority and handicapped children. Wilkins is program associate in the child care division. Her job is to provide technical assistance to state and local child care advocates, administrators and legislators.

The conference is a biannual event which serves to elect regional representatives from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas to NOW's national board of directors. The National Organization for Women is the largest action-oriented organization working for the legal rights of women in the United States.

Events begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22 with a hospitality suite sponsored by Texas NOW. Registration will begin at 7 p.m. in the hotel lobby. The conference is open to non-members, and sliding-

scale fees are available.

Registration will continue on Saturday, April 23, beginning at 8 a.m. The conference will include a series of workshops on such topics as sexual harassment, pregnancy discrimination, AIDS, Hispanic women in history and history of the feminist movements in America.

The first series of workshops will be held from 8:30 to 9:50 a.m. The second series will be from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m. The final series of workshops will be 8:30 to 9:50 a.m. Sunday, April 24.

The first open assembly will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. This session will feature the opening ceremony and welcoming speeches. There will be a lunch break from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The second assembly will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and will include nomination speeches and several entertainment features celebrating feminist history and humor.

The final session will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday and will be highlighted by Wilkins' speech.

Throughout the conference there will be exhibits in the hotel lobby featuring feminist books, literature, buttons, T-shirts, greeting cards, art and music.

Child care will be provided. For more information, contact Barbara Becker at 793-0582.



Kayla Pursley, left, and Betty Brown "visit" with two of the puppets to be used in High Plains Epilepsy Association's presentation, "Our Friends."

ACT I builds puppet booth for epilepsy education show

Volunteer members of Area Community Theatre, Inc. (ACT I) have built a puppet booth and donated it to High Plains Epilepsy Association for use in their educational programs.

The epilepsy association, a United Way agency, will offer "Our Friends," a new service designed especially for use in schools. The puppet show features a child with epilepsy explaining to his friends what having epilepsy is about.

The format for the script was designed by the drama department at Amarillo College.

ACT I volunteers Mark Dressler from Ohio and John Potts, owner of Windocoat of Pampa, constructed the booth frame. Kayla Pursley sewed the fabric covering for the booth, which measures 5x6x2 1/2 feet and is built on a hinged frame that will fold down to a flat 3x5 feet. The cloth covering is a

one-piece construction that will slide down onto the frame.

When the booth is set up, there is enough room for three adult puppeteers to operate puppets from inside.

"Our Friends" is intended to be taken directly to students in their classrooms to help them understand that children with epilepsy are no different from them," said Betty Brown of Pampa, executive director of the epilepsy association.

"The presentations will be made by the association staff and volunteers, and would be appropriate for civic groups and other organizations as well as schools," she said.

To arrange for a presentation of "Our Friends," call the Pampa branch office of the epilepsy association at 108 N. Russell, 669-9323, or the central office in Amarillo at 806 S. Bryan, 372-3891.

Club News

Altrusa Club

Altrusa Club of Pampa met at noon April 11 in Coronado Inn. Carolyn Chaney, president, welcomed members and special guest Richard Stowers, honorary member Helen Dimmler and new member Brenda Tucker.

Rena Bell Anderson introduced the Altrusa Girl of the Month, Shelia Brinsfield. Daisy Bennett, vice president, announced plans for a leadership training seminar to be held April 23 in Abilene.

Marilyn McClure, information committee chairman, announced an orientation meeting for new members on May 9.

Leona Willis, finance chairman, introduced Stowers of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pampa,

who outlined plans for the two groups' golf scramble, to be April 30 at Pampa Country Club.

Pat Johnson, corresponding secretary, advised members that Governor Linnette Scagliola will make her official club visit Monday, May 2. Following the meeting, a reception will be held in the home of Chleo Worley.

Georgia Johnson presented the Altrusa Accent on the importance of attending a leadership training seminar.

Hostesses for the meeting were members of the vocational services committee. Greeters were Dovyve Massie and Geneva Tidwell.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. April 25 in Coronado Inn,

and will be a celebration of Altrusa International's birthday.

El Progreso Club

El Progreso Club met April 12 in the home of Ida Perkins. Ten members attended the meeting chaired by Perkins, club president.

After Ruth Riehart led the club collect, minutes for the March 22 meeting were read and approved. Maedell Lanehart gave a report from the membership committee.

Julia Dawkins presented Betty Elbert, who gave a demonstration on scarf tying.

The next meeting will be April 26 in the home of Virginia Pressnell.

Prescription drugs require informed use, proper care

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I published a letter from a reader who requested a rerun of information about the interaction of certain foods with prescription drugs. She was wisely concerned that she might be "eating some foods that would be harmful to her medication."

Today I will deal with what you should tell your physician before he or she prescribes any medication:

1. If you have ever had any allergic reactions or side effects to certain drugs in the past.
2. If you are taking any medication on a regular basis, such as contraceptives or insulin, or if you use a non-prescription drug on a regular basis.
3. If you are being treated for a different condition by another doctor.
4. If you are pregnant, or a heavy smoker, or a heavy drinker.
5. If you are on a special diet or are taking vitamins and mineral supplements.

Some tips to help you use prescription drugs safely and effectively:

1. If a drug is not doing what it is supposed to do for you, check with your physician. You may need a different dosage or a different drug.
2. If you have an unexpected symptom — rash, nausea, dizziness, headache — report it to your physician immediately.
3. Don't stop taking your medicine just because you're feeling better. You may prevent the drug from doing its work



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

4. Check drug labels for specific instructions or warnings such as, "Do not take on an empty stomach" or, "Do not take with milk."
5. Check the label, or ask your pharmacist, for storing instructions. Some drugs should be refrigerated; others must be protected from light.
6. Always keep medicines out of the reach of children.
7. Never let another person use your medicine, and never take medicine prescribed for

anyone else. (This includes birth control pills.)

8. Never take medicine at night without turning on the light.

9. Do not transfer medication from the original container to another. The original container is designed to protect the drug. Also the instructions for taking the medication are on the original container.

Readers, for further information about prescription drugs, send for the free booklet published by the Food and Drug Administration in cooperation with the National Council on Patient Information and Education. To obtain this booklet, write to: RX Drugs, Consumer Information Center, Department DA, Pueblo, Colo. 81009. No stamped, self-addressed envelope is necessary, but please allow 30 days for delivery. When this hits print, the center will be deluged.

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Looking ghastly and in keeping as being one of the most reviled creatures in Australia, is the giant cane toad, which resides in Queensland. According to North Queensland police, hippies are now getting their kicks by boiling cane toads and drinking the liquid.

Shimmer and shine of court's costumes a part of San Antonio's Fiesta

By NANCY PERDUE
The San Antonio Light

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Linda Harral knows that all that glitters is not gold.

To her, the shimmer and shine of Fiesta means getting dressed in one's rhinestone-studded best.

Ms. Harral, 40, knew it would take time to achieve the right look. So she started getting ready in January.

A part-time employee at the Witte Museum, Ms. Harral helped dress 12 mannequins in the regal gowns worn last year by the court members of the Queen of the Order of the Alamo.

The long, exquisite velvet dresses worth five-figure-digit prices will be on display at the museum through May 30.

"I was really flabbergasted by the splendor of the gowns," Ms. Harral said. "They weigh a lot. I don't understand how those ladies stand in them. They have to have tremendous stamina."

Ms. Harral, an Austin resident who commutes five times a week to San Antonio, joined the museum staff in November as an exhibits department volunteer. In January, she was hired to work part time in the museum's textile division, where her first assignment was to display the Fiesta gowns in the plush fashion they deserve.

"San Antonio has always had an amazing sense of style," she said. "I think Fiesta celebrates that."

First, she assisted the staff in painting, hanging lights and doing carpentry work. Then she learned how to assemble mannequins after a frantic afternoon of trying to find two arms and a set of legs that matched the same dummies. It also was a challenge to find the right-sized dolls to fit the gowns. Because four of the 1987 Fiesta duchesses were petite, children's mannequins were used.

Ms. Harral also helped dress the plastic models that refused to move their elbows. And, she discovered how to create curly hair from paper in styles that would give justice to the sparkling royal crowns.

"This is a wonderful education for me," she said, adding she decided to try museum work to determine if she wants to seek it as a second career.

She is a former airlines hostess with an anthropology degree who was raised in a four-generation West Texas ranching family.

"This is a whole lot cheaper than graduate school," she said. "I just hope I get hired full time. If I do, one of the first things I will probably do is move to San Antonio."

Ms. Harral said she had to exercise extreme care to make sure twinkling stones did not get torn from the fancy hand-made gowns. And getting the royal festival garb to the first-floor auditorium exhibit area was not easy.

Search aimed at finding Kansas movie sites

By SALLY STREFF
Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Film Commission officials are looking for an old-fashioned baseball park with wooden bleachers, and a buffalo herd.

They're also searching for a Martian landscape and a small ghost town — preferably one with trees growing on its streets.

Locating those scenes may help the commission attract more film makers to Kansas, says Jerry Jones, coordinator for the commission, which is an arm of the state Department of Commerce's travel and tourism division, created in 1982.

At a recent Los Angeles film convention, film producers from around the world said they were looking for the baseball park and 160 other locations as sites to shoot their films.

"Ordinarily we search by ourselves, or ask for help from the chamber of commerce or the convention and visitors bureau," Jones said. "But we've got to find quite a few locations, photograph them, and send the pictures to the producers, all in the near future."

Jones' trip to Los Angeles was the latest step in the commission's attempt to lure to Kansas an independent film industry that is increasingly moving out of California.

So far, Jones says, the commission is succeeding.

Producers of the movie "Kansas," which was filmed around Lawrence last fall, are still working on a musical score before releasing it, Jones said. The movie, which starred Andrew McCarthy and Matt Dillon, should be in theaters by July or August.

Producers of another movie, a romantic comedy called "Twister," have opened production offices in Wichita and will begin shooting this spring for seven weeks, Jones said. Two actors have been chosen to star in the movie but their names have not been announced.

Because of those films and numerous smaller productions, the money being spent in Kansas by film makers is on the rise.

In fiscal year 1985, moviemakers spent about \$500,000 in the state while shooting here, including for hotels and to hire local workers, Jones estimated. In 1987, they spent about \$6 million and that number has already been exceeded this year.

High costs in California are the main reason many film producers, especially independents, are going elsewhere to shoot their films, Jones said. Since 1980 film production in California has dropped by 50 percent, due largely to higher labor costs because of studio contracts with trade unions.

Independent producers don't have union contracts and are attracted to right-to-work states like Kansas, where they can hire non-union workers, Jones said.

That's why it's unlikely a blockbuster film by a major studio will ever be made in Kansas, Jones said. Both "Kansas" and "Twister," for example, are made by independent companies.

Meanwhile, the state is beginning to establish the technical services needed to fill out the skeleton crews film makers bring along.

"More and more people are gaining experience," Jones said. "But many producers still don't realize the extent of talent and technical help that we have."

Kansans have worked in art design, makeup, electric work, casting and wardrobe on recent film productions.

But Kansas is competing with

other states and with Canada for the independent film makers.

"Film commissions are cropping up everywhere," Jones said. In Canada, Toronto alone reaps \$144 million a year from film makers, because many producers use it as a less expensive alternative to shooting in New York City.

And a television movie production of "Gunsmoke," aired last fall, was produced in Canada after its producers briefly considered Kansas, Jones said.

The trick to attracting film makers is finding the locations they want, Jones said, and that's where the search for the Martian landscape comes in.

Kansas has a wide variety of locations from metropolitan to period small towns in central Kansas and plains in western Kansas. But, producers are very picky, Jones cautions.

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