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Meese resigns, responds to probe of conduct

By PETE YOST
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Resigning Attorney General Edwin Meese III said today that any questions raised about his ethics in a court-appointed investigator's 830-page probe of his conduct would be just excess verbiage.

Nonetheless, Meese said he would respond.

Asked about reports that independent counsel James McKay's report — delivered in secret to a federal judge hours before Meese resigned Tuesday — paints an unflattering portrait of the attorney general but does not suggest any illegal activities were committed, Meese said:

"That's really immaterial because whatever may be in the report along that line would only be commentary in his opinion. It would have no legal force."

Meese, making the rounds of network television's three major morning news programs, said McKay's only charter had been to determine if the attorney general violated any laws.

"He has now found that there was ... no criminal conduct of any sort on my part," Meese said. "So anything else that might be said is merely surplusage."

Asked if presenting material that suggests unethical behavior was, in his opinion, excess ver-

biage, Meese replied: "Certainly it is. It's not his job to go into ethical questions or ethical issues at all."

Noting that McKay is expected to turn the results of his probe over to the Justice Department for an ethics review, Meese said he doubted that any department probe would be conducted.

"I know of nothing of that sort," he said.

The department's Office of Professional Responsibility had been prepared to examine possible improper conduct by the attorney general in a review that could have resulted in a recommendation to President Reagan that Meese be fired.

But Meese, who said on Tuesday he would leave office by early August, said he would respond personally to any suggestions of unethical conduct raised by McKay's 14-month investigation.

McKay began his investigation after four executives of Wedtech Corp. pleaded guilty in connection with alleged bribes paid to public officials and began cooperating with authorities.

Detailing his decision to leave office, Meese said he spoke to Reagan before the president left for last month's economic summit meeting in Canada, telling Reagan that he thought it would be in "my best interests" to leave the government before the presi-



Meese, left, and Reagan.

dent's term expires next January.

"He said if it was in my best interests — and I felt it was — then he could understand that and he would go along with it," Meese said.

Then, on Tuesday, Meese called the White House and spoke with Reagan as he was on his way out the door. "Again, he said that

if that was my wish, he would be agreeable."

Within 30 minutes or so, Meese announced his resignation at a news conference in Sacramento, Calif.

Asked today if he was leaving under a cloud, Meese said, "I don't believe there is any cloud at all."

Asked if he was leaving the de-

partment in the lurch, given that a number of top-level posts are filled by recent appointees yet to face Senate confirmation hearings, Meese said, "Not at all."

He said the people in those slots, including his top deputies, have extensive legal experience.

The new deputy attorney general, Harold Christensen, and criminal division chief, Edward Dennis, have been on the job for little more than a month, while the department's No. 3 official, Associate Attorney General Francis Keating, has been at work just two months.

Reagan, asked Tuesday whom he would name to succeed Meese, told reporters, "I have nobody in mind."

Meese, asked if he had been pushed out, said, "Nobody tried to shove me and nobody could shove me, as a matter of fact."

Reagan, who has stood by Meese during the criminal investigation and persistent calls from critics for his resignation, issued a statement saying "Ed Meese has served the American people loyally and well."

The attorney general declined to answer when asked if his longtime friend, E. Robert Wallach, had manipulated him. He said he would not answer because Wallach is under indictment for alleged racketeering in the Wedtech scandal.

Asked if he been naive, Meese

responded, "I would hope not."

McKay looked into Meese's ties to scandal-plagued Wedtech Corp., a \$1 billion Iraqi oil pipeline and his meetings with regional Bell telephone executives when he held \$14,000 in phone company stock.

The independent prosecutor also investigated an arrangement in which members of a Washington real estate family arranged to pay a \$40,000-a-year salary for Meese's wife and then won an office lease renewal with the Justice Department.

Each aspect of McKay's investigation involved Meese's relationship with Wallach, who is under indictment for alleged racketeering in the Wedtech scandal.

Wallach, interviewed Tuesday evening on CNN's *Larry King Live* program, said McKay "spoke to over 100 witnesses, reviewed thousands and thousands of documents and came up with-out a single scintilla of evidence of wrongdoing on Ed's part and, I submit, therefore, on my part."

Meese decided to resign in part out of the realization that he faces a new and intense round of public criticism when the report by McKay is publicly issued in a few weeks, said Justice Department sources who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Meese, 56, said he will return to private life.

Pentagon defends jetliner action, but reparations sentiment grows

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon says the Iranian airliner shot down by a Navy ship in the Persian Gulf was broadcasting on a military channel, although officials privately acknowledge the jet was in commercial airspace at the time of the incident.

The Reagan administration said Tuesday that Capt. Will C. Rogers III of the cruiser USS Vincennes thought his ship was under attack in part because of conflicting identification signals sent from the Iran Air A-300 Airbus.

Pentagon spokesman Daniel Howard said some of the signals were on a military frequency identified with F-14 fighter jets.

But while the administration was defending the decision to fire on the airliner, sentiment grew for U.S. reparations to relatives

of the disaster's victims and officials were being buffeted by calls for a speedy gesture of conciliation on the world stage.

On the record, administration officials said there had been no discussion of awarding reparations. But sources who spoke only on condition of anonymity said the idea was under active consideration at the State Department, the Pentagon and the White House.

Reagan did not rule out such reparations, saying it "is a matter that has to be discussed" once a U.S. investigative team dispatched to the gulf completes its work.

Iran has accused the United States of intentionally shooting down the wide-bodied jet which was flying over the Persian Gulf with 290 people aboard. President

Reagan and other U.S. officials have described it as a tragic accident.

One congressional source said administration officials are recommending that Reagan quickly make an offer of compensation on a humanitarian basis, in part to differentiate the United States from the Soviet Union, which rebuffed all requests for reparations following its 1983 destruction of a Korean Air Lines jetliner with 269 people aboard.

Some U.S. officials, however, noted that the Iranian government has used the incident as an anti-American rallying point and said it might be reluctant to cooperate with any U.S. humanitarian effort.

Iran's military commander-in-chief, Parliament Speaker

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City formally accepts land for golf

By LARRY HOLLIS
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Pampa city commissioners formally accepted a 194-acre tract for development of a municipal golf course during a special called meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The acceptance of the land had been deferred from several past meetings to allow time for title change documents to arrive and then for time for the city staff to study the documents to settle easements and mineral rights issues.

City Attorney Don Lane said he feels that while some of the issues are still to be settled, the deed requirements should be satisfactorily resolved within a few days.

Lane said the matters are already in the process of being resolved, with title insurance matters requiring an appraisal of the land to determine its value and other agreements being worked out with property, ease-

ment and mineral rights owners.

The commission authorized the city staff to accept the land on behalf of the city for the course development subject to the matters being resolved.

Lane said he feels the lease changes can be settled without creating any problems that would delay the development of the course.

City Manager Bob Hart said the lease agreement will require that any firm or individual drilling on the land or otherwise using the land for mineral rights concerns consult with the city for the location and placement of any lines or other facilities.

Hart also said he had contacted representatives of Phillips Petroleum Co. and feels there should be no problem with their pipeline easements in the tract.

Phillips currently has two lines already on the tract. Hart said the company representative had indicated the company has no future plans for further develop-

ments in the area and would be willing to work with the city if any changes have to be made in their current facilities on the tract.

Hart said the Phillips lines were installed mainly to move their products from nearby wells to other destinations. The petroleum field involved apparently has not seen much action in recent years and probably won't be activated enough in the future to warrant any new lines, he explained.

The motion to accept the land was passed unanimously, with all commissioners present.

Hart said engineer Ray Hardy of El Paso, who has been hired to oversee the course development, plans to be in town this Friday to begin the initial staking for the construction of the course.

A groundbreaking ceremony has been tentatively set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, with Gray County commissioners, Pampa Public Golf Association members and others to be invited.

Warm embrace



Jody Farriell of Pampa lovingly hugs her son Allen, 2, in the cool shade of a bus door while at M.K. Brown Auditorium recently.

Temperatures will remain in the upper 80s for the next couple of days, offering some relief from the hot summer weather.

Gas producers promote plan to pipe more to New England

BOSTON (AP) — Texas natural gas producers, with a little help from their New England friends, would like to pipe more of their fuel to this region to reduce reliance on foreign oil and boost the Texas fuel business.

A delegation of Texas state and industry officials were in Boston Tuesday for a one-day New England-Texas Conference on Natural Gas Potential. The gathering was attended by executives of the gas industry in Texas and New England.

Leading the effort are Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Texas Railroad Commissioner John Sharp, whose office regulates the Texas energy industry.

Promoting wider use would help natural gas become "a fuel of choice," Kennedy said at a news conference trumpeting the Texas-New England alliance.

"It's time we stopped getting into a system of socialism for the rich and capitalism for the poor. We want real competition," he said.

The idea is fairly simple: Texas natural gas producers would like to sell more of their relatively inexpensive fuel to New England for heating homes and making electricity.

Natural gas accounts for 13 percent of energy used in New England. By contrast, oil furnishes some 60 percent of the region's energy.

The reserves of natural gas in Texas were described as a surplus, about 35 years' worth at current consumption.

Sharp said it has been estimated that if the United States made full use of its gas reserves, it could reduce its reliance on imported oil by 1.5 million barrels a day.

While there might be plenty of gas, getting it here — specifically by building a pipeline — is a problem. That's where Kennedy comes in. Though building a pipeline would take about one year, red tape could tie up the project for seven to eight years.

Kennedy said his task will be running interference with the paperwork to hasten the necessary approvals.

Sharp also happens to be Texas state chairman of Gov. Michael S. Dukakis' presidential campaign. In answer to a question, Kennedy dismissed any suggestion that Dukakis might have something to gain from a Democratic push to help Texas' ailing energy-based economy.

"I don't believe there are any political overtones," Kennedy told reporters. "It's about time Americans started looking out for themselves and each other."

But Sharp said later in an interview that the notion of bringing more Texas natural gas to New England came from the man who will probably run for the presidency against a former Texas oil entrepreneur, Vice President George Bush.

Sharp said Dukakis planted the idea while campaigning in Texas for the March 8 Super Tuesday

Democratic primary in Texas.

"Since that time, everybody in Texas is talking about natural gas. He has rejuvenated the hope in Texas," Sharp said.

Though not present, Dukakis issued a statement backing the idea.

"Natural gas will continue to be an important future energy source in Massachusetts, particularly for electric power generation," he said. "Therefore, we must continue to aggressively pursue a public-private partnership which brings together the rich natural gas resources of the Southwest with the growing demand for new supplies throughout the Northeast."

He commented on the conference by saying this state would continue to actively promote the use of natural gas.

A meeting is set for Nov. 29-30 at the University of Houston, assembling 10 people each from Texas and New England as well as representatives of other gas producing states.

Bill would permit USDA agents on border to carry guns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Kika de la Garza has introduced legislation that would allow U.S. Department of Agriculture plant-pest inspectors on the U.S.-Mexico border to carry guns for protection against increasingly ruthless drug smugglers.

De la Garza, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, concedes USDA is "not too enthusiastic" about his bill. But he argues that agents deserve protection because they are on front lines in the drug war.

"The Justice Department doesn't want every federal agent running around with a gun. But these guys are in the war zone, in the battle line," said de la Garza, a Mission Democrat. "The drug situation is going from bad to worse, and drug dealers down to the kid on the block are armed now."

The USDA doesn't believe plant protection and quarantine (PPQ) officers at border stations should be armed because they usually work alongside armed U.S. Customs agents, who have sole

responsibility for arresting violators of federal agriculture regulations.

In a letter to de la Garza, James W. Glosser, administrator of USDA's Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service, said officials don't believe there is a pattern of serious provocation or violence directed against the PPQ officers, or that providing firearms would help.

Inspection service spokeswoman Nancy Robinson said the agency's position is that the PPQ officers are not on front lines.

But PPQ Agent Mario A. Rodriguez, who works at the Gateway International Bridge in Brownsville, told de la Garza in a letter that he and his colleagues "intercept fugitives from the law, often considered armed and dangerous."

In searching vehicles at the border for plant pests and diseases, illegal animals and produce, and other contraband such as drugs and illegal currency, PPQ officers frequently uncover caches

of marijuana and weapons, Rodriguez said.

"We have encountered many, many instances of people carrying weapons, in boots, in purses. We find a lot of drugs, and we're getting a lot of terrorist threats," he said Tuesday.

"We are performing our job in a dangerous area. U.S. Customs inspectors are armed, but we are not, even though we work right alongside of customs inspectors, subjecting ourselves to the same hazards and work situations," Rodriguez said.

"With the increasing problem of drugs coming across the border, and smugglers becoming more ruthless, not to mention the threats of terrorists coming into the U.S. through Brownsville, I fear one day a shootout will break out at the port of entry bridge and PPQ officers will not be able to defend themselves, or help to back up customs inspectors," he said.

PPQ agents are cross-designated as Customs and Immigration and Naturalization Service

agents along the border, yet another agent said "few people recognize the difference between agencies' uniforms; the traveling public only see an individual in a uniform and automatically assume they are (customs) inspectors."

"We're just as much of a target as any agent, but we're the only ones who aren't armed," said the agent, who asked not to be identified.

The agency has told PPQ officers not to conduct inspections unless a second officer, either PPQ or customs, is present.

De la Garza several years ago moved through Congress legislation that allows APHS cattle tick inspectors along the border to carry firearms.

"The decision to authorize cattle fever tick inspectors to carry firearms was based on evidence that their safety, while patrolling wide areas of desolated border territory, could be impaired without some form of self-protection," Glosser wrote the congressman.

Cisneros may return to the sidelines

By SCOTT McCARTNEY
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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For a decade Henry Cisneros has been the pre-eminent Hispanic leader — a successful mayor, an articulate speaker, a thoughtful politician, a powerful role model.

At the height of his prestige, he is moving to the sidelines, maybe even getting out of politics.

He's turned down an offer to speak at the Democratic National Convention, quashed any talk of the vice presidency and ruled out trying to spread his "San Antonio Miracle" with a statewide race in Texas in 1990.

Even as national attention turns to the power of Hispanic political clout this year, Cisneros says he may not seek reelection as mayor.

Cisneros said of his move out of the national arena, "It's a decision that I've made."

"For the moment my total and exclusive focus is on San Antonio issues," he said. "We're in a period of tremendous resurgence in San Antonio after the Texas slump and we have many, many initiatives here that are setting this city in position for the long run."

His attention is also focused on a year-old son with a congenital heart defect who will require extensive surgery at about the same time as the 1990 campaigning season.

Cisneros also talks regularly with two businessmen about joining them in a corporate

venture. To other Hispanics leaders across the country, not having Henry Cisneros out front carrying the torch will be a setback.

"He leaves a huge vacuum," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman Gloria Molina. "His soft-spoken yet direct way is what we need and I don't know if anyone else can sit down with presidential candidates, labor leaders, or whoever and look them in the eye and not give in."

"As he steps to the sidelines, he'll be sorely missed," Molina said.

"Everyone thinks it's a shame but they respect his priorities," said Harry Pachon, director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

Cisneros, interviewed four years ago by Walter Mondale as a possible running mate, says he'll campaign for Democrat Michael Dukakis this fall, and he'll announce Sept. 15 his decision on a possible fifth term as mayor.

He often points out he's never put himself forward as any sort of official Hispanic spokesman or leader, and says he turned down a chance to address the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta because he just didn't have the time.

"To take weeks off to prepare a quality major speech and then deliver it just adds to the weight of what I need to do here on things I have promised to do," including projects on



Cisneros, center, with his son John Paul, wife Mary Alice and daughter Theresa.

water, education, drugs and a domed stadium, he said.

He says he doesn't see a gap in Hispanic political leadership.

"I can see from the Jesse Jackson experience that it might be useful to have someone who could bring people together and speak for people in a way that Jackson is

doing," Cisneros said.

"But frankly, the Hispanic community doesn't lend itself to that. There are more differences in the Hispanic community than there are in the black community. My sense is what is happening is very productive and that is a lot of leadership is being developed across the country."

Boulter encourages Dukakis to pick Bentsen

DALLAS (AP) — Republican senate nominee Beau Boulter says talk of putting Sen. Lloyd Bentsen on the Democratic presidential ticket headed by Michael Dukakis helps Beau Boulter.

"I believe that Dukakis' consideration of Lloyd Bentsen helps my campaign by highlighting something we've been talking about all along, and that's Bentsen's philosophical kinship with Michael Dukakis and with the party of George McGovern," Boulter said.

Boulter on Tuesday sent a letter to Dukakis urging the Massachusetts governor to pick Bentsen for the No. 2 job.

"The two of you make a perfect pair," said Boulter, adding,

"Bentsen is, at heart, a Mike Dukakis Democrat."

Chris Peacock, a spokesman for Bentsen, said, "We don't have any comment on this tomfoolery."

Boulter also said that if Bentsen is tabbed as Dukakis' running mate, Bentsen should step down from the Senate race.

But under Texas law, Bentsen could leave his name on the Senate ballot even if he ran as vice president. The so-called "LBJ law" was initiated by Lyndon Johnson to run for both vice president and senator in 1960.

Boulter said that Bentsen should not take advantage of the law and run for both offices. "Even though it's legal, it's still

wrong. It's a holdover from the LBJ days of backroom politics. It's flap-dab greedy to run for both offices," he said.

Bentsen is one of several politicians mentioned as possible running mates to Dukakis. Others include Sens. John Glenn of Ohio, Bob Graham of Florida as well as Jesse Jackson, who had dinner with Dukakis on Monday night.

Dukakis also had face-to-face chats with former rivals, Tennessee senator Albert Gore Jr., and Rep. Richard Gephardt.

Although Bentsen has repeatedly said he is not interested in the vice presidency, Boulter said Bentsen wants it.

We should expect more of U.S.

As I sat by the side of the rodeo grounds Monday evening and watched the "rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air" lighting up the moonless summer night, I couldn't help but take a moment to reflect on the present state of this country we live in.

Monday's celebration of freedom followed the announcement Sunday morning that a U.S. Navy vessel, the USS Vincennes, blasted an Iranian airliner over the Persian Gulf, killing 290 passengers. Government officials said the warship mistook the plane for an Iranian F-14 fighter.

I suspect that most of us shoot off fireworks on July 4 more as an excuse to make loud noises and to look at the colorful flashes than to celebrate the freedom we take for granted.

Few of us who have not actually taken part in a war realize how closely related fireworks are to the bombs and rockets used to kill and maim the enemy. Few of us connect these relatively harmless displays with the bombs and rockets that brought down an Iranian airliner.

Practically everywhere you go, you'll hear people discuss what happened Sunday. Most comments I've heard sound something like this: "Too bad. They should have listened to the warnings." Or, "Serves them right. Ought to blast all those Iranians off the face of this earth anyhow!"

Iran officials, the Ayatollah Khomeini particularly, are milking the incident for all its worth, emphasizing the fact that children were aboard. They've plastered films and photographs of the dead all over television and newspapers.

Meanwhile, U.S. officials are rapidly giving their side, making the USS Vincennes crew sound as if they are lily-pure. Seven warnings the plane was given, U.S. officials said, three on military frequency and four on commercial frequency. Every effort conceivable was made to warn the plane before it was attacked, they said.

American journalists are quick to lap up the propaganda issued by both sides and spit it out for the American public.

Can we Americans see this for what it is? Can both sides be innocent? Why would Iranian officials allow a commercial airliner to fly across the Persian Gulf knowing full well that hostilities has

Off Beat

By
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taken place only hours before?

Is it possible that knowing something like this might possibly happen, they would sacrifice almost 300 innocent victims to further their mad compulsion to denounce the United States? What better weapon to use than to say that the U.S. cruelly, and without regard for human life, shot down a helpless Airbus.

Yet we know that Iranians place little value on life, believing that dying for their "religious" cause is the highest honor possible.

On the other hand, I talked to a U.S. Navy veteran who served on the USS Vincennes' sister ship, the USS Enterprise. He said that the computer technology on those ships is such that the computer radar can identify an object approaching the ship, decide what weapon would best be used against it and have the weapon fired within 15 seconds. As long as the computer is working...

In the first news reports, file footage of an Iran Air jetliner was shown, as was an Iranian F-14 fighter. There's no comparison. One can seat 290 people - the other, I don't know for certain, but it looked like it couldn't seat more than five. Our military radars are certainly sophisticated enough to discern that much of a difference, I would think.

I don't believe either side is being entirely truthful. And that disappoints me.

Somehow I can excuse Iran's behavior, but I expect more from the United States. If we've made an error, surely we're big enough to confess to it, and then stand up and take what's coming to us. Only time will tell.

Bishop College faces deadline to raise funds

DALLAS (AP) — Bishop College officials have been told by a federal bankruptcy judge that they must raise \$1.85 million by Aug. 15 or face closure of the predominantly black college.

Bishop College attorneys had told U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert McGuire in a plan filed in June that they would raise that amount by the August deadline or voluntarily close the college before the beginning of the fall semester.

"In the past it was a self-imposed deadline. Today it became a judicially imposed deadline," Bishop College attorney Arley Finley III said Tuesday.

McGuire said Tuesday he will hold a hearing at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 15 to decide whether to approve the college's reorganization plan under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy law. But, the judge said, if they fail to raise the \$1.85 million by noon that day, he will cancel that hearing.

College officials have estimated they will need \$1.85 million to cover the school's operating deficit for the 1988-89 school year.

The Rev. William Shaw, chairman of the college's board of trustees, says he is optimistic about the college's fund-raising efforts, but would not say how much has been raised.

"The flow of dollars is small," Shaw said. "We don't expect the major flow until the later part of July."

Writers Guild detectives stalking strike breakers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There are 8 million stories in Hollywood, and the Writers Guild of America is using anonymous tips, inside leaks and library sleuths to make sure no new ones appear during its strike against producers.

"We are extremely anxious to find someone (who is breaking the strike). We want to say, in effect, that the bad guys who are taking advantage of this strike are going to get caught," said Del Reisman, vice president of the WGA West.

Eight volunteer screenplay detectives from the 9,000-member WGA have set out to identify any scriptwriters violating the 18-week strike against the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

The WGA disciplinary committee, which meets once a week, has already recommended that at least one television writer be tried by the WGA for unauthorized strike work. The maximum penalty for such work, besides fines, is dismissal from the guild, effectively ending a screenwriter's career.

In entertainment industry newspapers today, the WGA published full-page advertisements warning writers that "the guild is actively investigating reports of individuals who are writing for struck companies."

The ads come at a time when the WGA is trying to maintain its strong union solidarity: the guild rejected the latest management offer by a 3-1 vote June 22.

The two sides are deadlocked over payments for domestic and foreign television reruns and the guild is scheduled to meet tonight to vote on a model contract for independent producers.

"This far into a strike, people's principles tend to wobble a bit. We know that scabbing is going on," said Burt Prelutsky, chairman of the WGA's disciplinary committee. "It's no secret that it's difficult to collect evidence.

We get tips and we try to track them down."

The long strike has resulted in sweeping layoffs among California's 230,000 entertainment industry workers.

In the case of coal miners or meat packers, it's easy to tell who's crossing picket lines and who isn't. But with scriptwriters — who often work at home or in a private office — spotting strikebreakers is more difficult.

Who, for example, is writing all the scripts for network soap operas?

"There is no indication that anybody in our guild is scabbing those soaps," Reisman said. "But they are being written by somebody."

Lee Phillip Bell, the long-term story adviser for CBS' *The Bold and the Beautiful*, said she didn't know who was writing the scripts for her show. "We're trying not to be involved in that," Bell said.

Secretaries or production personnel writing soap operas will be barred from joining the guild should they apply for membership, Prelutsky said.

Jonathan Rintels, a member of the WGA disciplinary committee, said the group has been interviewing two to three writers suspected of strikebreaking each week.

"The ones who cooperate usually have an explanation or say that they'll stop," Rintels said. "And there are a lot of gray areas (in the WGA contract) so it is difficult to pinpoint whether somebody has actually scabbed."

All WGA members were requested to file their scripts at the guild headquarters when the strike began March 7.

"It's very easy to tell if a film is following the final rewrite of the script as registered (at the WGA) or if there's been a complete rewrite," Reisman said.

Total revisions are prohibited during the strike; only minor line or scene changes can be made.

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AT&T announces the following price changes for some of its Texas intrastate services. These changes, which more closely reflect the actual costs incurred by AT&T in providing these services, will become effective on August 1, 1988.

- SDN (Software Defined Network) Schedule A prices will be reduced 1.5% during the initial 30-second period. Schedule B prices will be reduced 16.4% overall. Schedule C prices will be reduced 4.2% overall.
- WATS 80 service prices for both the initial 80-hour usage period and the additional usage period will increase 5%.
- The monthly prices for some of AT&T's Analog Channel Services will increase between \$7.05 and \$25 per channel termination for Analog services.
- The monthly prices for some Dataphone Digital Service (DDS) will decrease up to \$9.65. Other DDS monthly prices will increase up to \$18.35. Overall, AT&T's DDS monthly prices will increase less than 1%.

The combined effect of these price changes is expected to produce approximately \$3.4 million in annual revenue, which is approximately 0.3% of AT&T's annual revenue for all Texas intrastate services.

If you have questions regarding these price changes, please call your AT&T Account Executive, or our business consultants toll-free at 1-800-222-0400. AT&T's tariffs reflecting these changes will be filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas on July 1, 1988, with an effective date of August 1, 1988.

Persons who have questions regarding this tariff filing may also contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas in writing, at 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or by calling the Public Information Office at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 for teletypewriter for the deaf.

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Opinion

Welfare 'reform' not really change

When a business makes a mistake in making a product, it tries to correct itself by building a better one. When government makes a mistake, it shuffles a few papers and spends more money. The bottom line is that the taxpayers pay for mistakes, so blunders need not be corrected.

A case in point is the country's welfare mess. It's obvious now that the \$130 billion now spent at all levels of government on anti-poverty programs only gets people addicted to government doles, while fattening bureaucrats and professional poverty workers.

The Senate has voted to make the problem even worse. By a 93-2 vote it approved the euphemistically named Family Security Act, a five-year, \$2.8 billion measure sure to grow into another huge program. The Senate bill is more likely to survive reconciliation meetings with the House, inasmuch as the Reagan administration supports it, but the tendency is obvious.

The White House supported the Senate version only after more stringent work requirements were included, by which some recipients will have to work 16 hours a week, either for private companies or on government projects. Such "workfare" schemes are already at work in many state welfare programs, and may seem a good deal. People should work for the money they get.

Yet "workfare" only encourages people to look to the government for work. This should never have become a role of government, and the Family Security Act will in fact further entrench the government in this role.

This new program, ironically, will make jobs more scarce, making worse the "problem" it is supposed to solve. It will take more money from the economy — \$2.8 billion to start — which means either higher taxes or more public debt. This burden will be paid by businesses through higher taxes or higher interest rates paid on company loans, which reduces business expansion, and so reduces the number of private jobs offered by these businesses.

Finally, even with the "workfare" sections added, the bill includes many loopholes that will simply increase the size of the existing federal welfare behemoth. This is the opposite of what is needed. In their study "Paying People to Be Poor," Lowell Gallaway and Richard Vedder of Ohio State University write: "The U.S. welfare system is creating poverty, not destroying it ... At least 5.7 million people ... are living in poverty by choice as a result of the generosity of public welfare. Each additional \$1 billion in welfare spending increases the poverty population by 250,000."

Let's see. The new welfare "reform" will cost at least \$2.8 billion. That comes to 700,000 more people in poverty.

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Fighting not only with Britain

In the midst of the sunburn and fireworks that marked the Glorious Fourth, it may not be amiss to look back at the drafting and adoption of the Declaration of Independence. This is what the celebration was all about.

Impressions persist that just about everybody supported the American Revolution, that the Continental Congress adopted Thomas Jefferson's draft of the Declaration in one unanimous whoop, and that Jefferson's immortal assertion of human freedom was the primary purpose of the document. None of this was so.

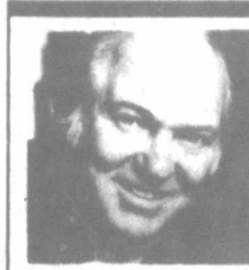
In his autobiography, Jefferson recalled the heated opposition to separation from Great Britain. Toward the end of June 1776, only nine of the 13 colonies had firmly settled on revolt. It took a vast deal of arm-twisting to bring them around. Not until July 1 did it become clear that the infant states would present a united front.

"It was now evening," Jefferson recalled, "the members exhausted by a debate of nine hours, during which all the powers of the soul had been distended with the magnitude of the object."

At last South Carolina yielded; Pennsylvania consented; another delegate arrived from Delaware to cast a decisive vote. New York still awaited instructions, but the time for action had come. Congress proceeded immediately to consider the Declaration of Independence that had been reported by committee on June 28.

The drafting of an appropriate declaration had been assigned to a five-man committee. Said Jefferson laconically: "The committee desired me to do it. It was accordingly done."

The object of the declaration was not "to find out new principles, or new arguments, never before thought of, not merely to say things which had never been said before; but to place



James J. Kilpatrick

before mankind the common sense of the subject, in terms so plain and firm as to command their assent and to justify to ourselves the independent stand we were compelled to take."

Thus the declaration began with Jefferson's deferential bow to the world beyond our eastern shore. His draft continued with the words every schoolchild puts to memory:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with" — here Jefferson had written "inherent" rights, but it was changed to read "certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed ..."

Then Jefferson got down to the business at hand, which was to explain just why the British colonies were declaring their independence. This is the part of the declaration that almost no one reads anymore. In the original draft, it was very tough stuff.

The present king of Great Britain, Jefferson cried, "has waged cruel war against human nature itself, violating its most precious rights of

life and liberty."

The king had engaged in "piratical warfare." He had refused to suppress the slave trade; indeed, he was determined to keep open this "execrable commerce" in which men were bought and sold.

All this was too much for both the Southerners who bought slaves and the New Englanders who transported them. The whole long paragraph went on the scrap heap.

Jefferson had charged that within a span of only 12 years, King George had laid a foundation for "tyranny over a people fostered and fixed in principles of freedom." This was too much for such wavering Tories as Timothy Pickering, who happily would have expunged every line except for "a single sentiment which recommends friendship to his dear England."

Like authors before and since whose literary labors have been subjected to committees, Jefferson fumed at the amendments and deletions. He called them "mutilations."

All this is forgotten. In 1826, just before the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson spoke of what independence had accomplished: It had restored a right "to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion."

"All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man. The general spread of the light of science has already laid open to every view the palpable truth, that the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few bootied and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, by the grace of God."

"These are grounds of hope for others. For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them."



How dare they now tell him?

Michael Dukakis has huddled with Jesse Jackson, has asked Jackson to provide a "biographical profile." Such a profile would — or should — reveal if there is anything in Jackson's background that could embarrass the ticket should he be selected for vice president.

And candidate Dukakis says he is giving "very serious consideration" to naming Jackson his running mate.

Jackson has said that he is unsure that he would accept the second spot but has made clear that he would not accept any other position in a Dukakis administration.

Jackson has repeatedly insisted that he has "earned consideration" for the vice presidency — which he has.

But now there are Democrats telling Democrats that Jesse Jackson on the ticket would be more a liability than an asset.

They are saying that he has "never held public office" and that there are shadows hanging over his administration of PUSH money and that Jackson may be "personally vulnerable."

What they mean is that he is black — and the kingmakers fear that his blackness may alienate an essential segment of the voter population.



Paul Harvey

The same arguments were advanced against blacks in Chicago, Detroit and Gary, Ind., who subsequently became city administrators — and good ones.

But that analogy notwithstanding, the Democratic Party for three generations has built its blue-collar allegiance by representing itself as the party of the underprivileged.

Democrats espoused voting rights for black people, equality in transportation, education and even preferential treatment when it comes to employment.

They have consistently encouraged them to participate fully in the political process. Are they now suggesting that for lesser offices that's all right — but not for the big one?

This is the party that has a proud and honored tradition that demanded that judges and courts and everybody must be colorblind.

Are they now confessing themselves guilty of the very prejudice of which they have charged others?

For three generations self-serving big-city machine politicians have used black people in the name of entitlements. They bought skid-row votes with a bottle of cheap booze or a promise of patronage, warehoused welfare voters in high-rise slums — taking them out only every Election Day to repay their obligation. Jesse Jackson dared to bust out!

Republicans would dearly love to have a black candidate who could deliver that enormous voting bloc: strengthen their ticket where it is weakest. But Jesse Jackson has pre-pledged his allegiance to Democrats and to their party.

How dare they now tell him that he's good enough to support them but not good enough for them to support him!

Shelter needed against economic storm

By ROBERT WALTERS

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Just as "supply side economics" has assumed symbolic importance during President Reagan's tenure in the White House, the catch phrase likely to accompany the next administration is "investment economics."

That buzzword is designed to convey the message that the nation — no longer able to sustain deficit-financed excesses in both domestic consumer consumption and international security commitments — must drastically overhaul its priorities so that future growth is funded through investment.

The savings necessary to provide investment capital have not been available in recent years, notes Lawrence H. Summers, an economics professor at Harvard University and a senior advisor to Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, the Democratic Party's likely presidential nominee.

The U.S. national savings rate in 1986 and again in 1987, adding up everything — personal, corporate,

IRAs, pensions, government — has been less than 2 percent," says Summers. "We've been consuming more than 98 cents out of every dollar."

National savings rates are 10 times higher in South Korea and eight times higher in Japan. Even in this country, they have been substantially higher in recent decades — almost 8 percent in the 1960s and 7 percent in the 1970s.

"Reversing the low rate of saving and increasing our investment in the future — that is our central economic priority for the next decade," adds Summers.

He offered those observations earlier this year in his role as a leader of Rebuild America, a new Washington-based organization dedicated to forging a political consensus to support revitalization of a stagnant, debt-burdened economy.

The group's prestigious policy advisors include Summers and Robert B. Reich of Harvard, Nobel laureate Robert M. Solow and Lester C. Thurow of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Pat Choate, director of policy analysis for TRW Inc.

Rebuild America currently has a distinct Democratic cast (its two chairmen are Rep. Mel Levine, D-Calif., and Mark Dayton, a Minnesota party activist) but its leaders insist that they are searching for additional Republicans to fulfill their commitment to making the organization nonpartisan.

Indeed, much of the research it has conducted thus far transcends partisan considerations. Some of examples of the disturbing statistics cited by Rebuild America:

- Both Japan and West Germany devote more than 2.5 percent of their gross national product to non-defense research and development efforts. The comparable figure in this country is less than 2 percent.

- Every dollar's worth of imports is matched by \$1.36 worth of exports in Japan — but only 59 cents worth of exports in the United States.

- Public school students receive 180 days of instruction annually in this country, but 230 days in West Germany and 240 days in Japan.

"Everything the Japanese have

done until now is a mere prologue to the threat of the 1990s," says Rebuild America Director Fred Branfman. Specifically, he cites the competition in developing superconductor technology for computers and other applications, ceramics and other new materials, high definition television, biotechnology and artificial intelligence.

"There are no short-term answers," stresses Branfman. "It took us 20 years to dig the hole we're in. It will take us at least 10 years to get out."

Adds Levine: "America's economic preeminence can no longer be taken for granted. We have been slipping and will decline further without dramatic action ... America now has to invest and produce more, and borrow and consume less."

Because the nation already faces "a gathering economic storm," Rebuild America warns that failure to take remedial action "could see the next recession accelerate a decline in American living standards and competitiveness for generations to come."

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"Don't 'but ...' me, man. Gimme your wallet."

Lifestyles

Diamond engagement ring dates to 1477

By BILL STIEG
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — History doesn't tell us Mary of Burgundy's reaction when Maximilian of Austria gave her a diamond engagement ring in 1477.

But if a modern-day Max were to slip a similar ring onto the hand of an '80s Mary, the chill might go all the way to her feet.

The stones in the ring presented by Maximilian were somewhat small and dull, by current standards, but that modest ring holds a special place in jewelry history, experts say. It was probably the first diamond engagement ring.

"They don't have that fire to them," says John Loring, design director at Tiffany & Co., whose famed Tiffany setting remains universal nearly 100 years after

its development.

A copy of Mary of Burgundy's ring has been on display in a special exhibit, "The Power of Love: Six Centuries of Diamond Betrothal Rings," tracing the history of a girl's best friend.

"This gives you a sense of where it all started," says Benjamin Zucker, gem dealer, author of the book "Gems and Jewels" and primary organizer and supplier of the recent exhibit at Christie's, which continues on a worldwide tour following its close here.

It also shows where it ended up: large, dazzling stones with 58 facets — the "brilliant cut" that most effectively reflects and disperses light.

In between, the development of cutting is seen, from the dull "hogback" cut — actually just a polished-down point of the rough

stone — to the rose cuts and square cuts of the 18th century.

Settings vary from simple to elaborate, reflecting increases in jewelers' skills as well as the supply of diamonds.

Among the landmarks of love in the exhibit is the heart-shaped engagement ring given to Elizabeth Barrett by Robert Browning.

Prints of centuries-old paintings show the diamonds of old — appearing basically black.

"If Mary of Burgundy and Maximilian could have walked into any New York City jeweler's, they would have been dazzled indeed," said Zucker.

Dazzled because diamonds of their day could not be cut, and so were left in the natural octahedral form, or worn down with diamond dust into the hogback, or table-top, cut.

But they were rare, coming almost exclusively from India, and treasured for their hardness, Zucker and Loring said.

"Diamonds don't go away," Loring said. "Some of these modern diamonds are hundreds and hundreds of years old — they've been cut and re-cut."

Because of that durability, and "because they're white and pure," Loring said, diamonds are the natural choice as a symbol of betrothal.

By the 18th century, India's supply was running out, but in 1725, it was noticed that miners in Brazil were using diamonds as chips in card games, Loring said. Diamonds suddenly became plentiful and their use in jewelry "more and more lavish."

Discoveries in South Africa in the 1860s, then later in Botswana, Australia and the Soviet Union, have kept the supply steady, he said.

Diamond rings remain as popular as ever, according to Zucker and Loring. The Tiffany setting remains the favorite, its tiny prongs holding the stone aloft for maximum fire and brilliance, Loring said.

The latest setting innovation is a simple platinum band with a gap, in which the diamond is suspended by the sheer tensile strength of the metal. "You couldn't possibly knock it out," Zucker said.

The exhibit was organized by an industry group, the Diamond Information Center.

Donation



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Wal-Mart Store of Pampa and its associates recently donated \$1,635 to Quivira Girl Scout Council. The money will be used for a water well at Camp Cibola, which is used by the Girl Scouts. From left are Wal-Mart representatives Ricky Spiller and Sandra Horton, and Quivira Girl Scout Council representatives Celia Fowler, executive director, and Paula Goff, field executive.

Lean times ahead for hogs

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — That fat hog that's come under scorn by dietitians may soon be slimming down in revolutionary fashion and challenging chicken and turkey for a larger portion of America's dinner plate.

A report released recently by the National Research Council recommended that farmers take some of the fat out of their animals, and at Purdue University research under way for several years may help breeders accomplish that goal.

"It will make pork more competitive with poultry," said Robert L. Thompson, Dean of Agriculture at Purdue. "It shows you don't have to take red meat out of the diet. The consumer simply doesn't want all that fat out there."

Following a 2½-year study of the national food supply, the research council released a report that not only said Americans should reduce the fat, cholesterol and saturated fatty acids in their diets, but that the producer can help them do it by raising leaner animals. The government, in turn, should revise meat-grading policies to educate the consumer.

Injections of growth hormones are one way to trim a pig, but another, more convenient way to raise a trimmer hog is to get compounds that promote lean growth into the feed supply.

A pair of Purdue animal science professors, Scott Mills and Mac Orcutt, have been testing one such compound called a beta adrenergic agonist and how it may affect cells in the animal. Mills said the compound might hold more potential for trimming fat from beef and lamb, but there's greater urgency with pork.

"Right now, genetically, we have a rather fat critter. That is where the most good is going to come," Mills said.

The research began with the notion that in the early stages of lactation, a female does not deposit body fat. The goal is to simulate those conditions in pork so that it produces muscle protein and eliminates fat.

Already a hog that's 20 percent leaner is possible, but Mills said some hogs of the future could be even trimmer as new methods were developed.

"I think we're going to see much more dramatic data in the next year or so. I think we're going to see fat cut as much as 50 percent," Mills said. Part of that may be an illusion to the consumer, though.

"Realistically, the butcher can do the same thing we're doing. He just trims it off and throws it away," he added.

The real benefits will come through more efficient use of feed and in turning consumer attitudes around.

"It's going to save a lot on cost of production. We can lower the cost of pork, and that will be a big boost ... even if it's no more than a public perception of what we're doing," Mills said. He added, "A lot of the negativity associated with meat is hype."

The epinephrine-like compounds will pass through the animal rapidly, Orcutt said, and a couple of days of "withdrawal" before it is shipped for slaughter may be all that's needed to clear them from the body.

The compounds may be ready for government approval in two years, Orcutt added.

Sleep disorder may be genetic

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A new genetic finding adds a wrinkle to a puzzling link between the immune system and narcolepsy, a disease of excessive sleepiness that afflicts an estimated 200,000 Americans.

More research might help expose the cause of the disease, which includes irresistible daytime sleepiness, attacks of sudden weakness or physical collapse, and hallucinations.

The link to the disease-fighting immune system concerns a protein that appears on the surface of some immune-system cells.

One variant of the protein, called HLA-DR2, appears in about 25 percent of the population but in some 99 percent of narcoleptics, says John Holloman of the Stanford University School of Medicine.

Holloman and others studied the gene that acts as a blueprint for the protein, comparing the gene from narcoleptics to that taken from other people.

A difference might give a clue to what goes wrong in narcoleptics.

But new studies show the gene from narcoleptics is entirely normal, Holloman said in a recent interview. He now plans to look for the protein in the brains of narcoleptics and of dogs that have a version of narcolepsy.

Maybe the disease results from an abnormal attack by the immune system on its own tissues, he said. Or maybe the problem is an abnormal binding of the protein to a neurotransmitter, a substance brain cells use to communicate.

Merrill Mitler, director of research at the Scripps Clinic Sleep Disorders Center in La Jolla, Calif., is taking a different tack.

Narcolepsy runs in families, which suggests some genetic role. Since the HLA-DR2 gene is normal, maybe the culprit is some other gene that lies nearby on the gene-carrying structures called chromosomes, he said. Genes lying close to each other tend to be inherited together, so the HLA-DR2 gene would show up often in people who inherited the nearby gene, he said.

Telephone can be dangerous instrument in lightning storm

DEAR ABBY: Having just read your article on lightning, I commend you for your efforts, but I must correct one of your "facts."

You said, "Do not use the phone during lightning storms." Abby, there is no possibility of being killed by telephone-line electrical surges caused by nearby lightning strikes, because the size of the wires in the telephone prohibits transmission of high voltage. The wires would "blow," much like a light bulb filament when a light bulb burns out.

However, the rest of your information is very good. You are right: Lightning can strike twice in the same place. In fact, lightning must strike the same place at least eight times before it can be seen by the human eye. Electricity is that fast!

WASHINGTON READER



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR SADDENED: I checked with the Syracuse Post-Standard and discovered that the cause of death is still in dispute, with some investigators pointing the finger at a microwave oven the woman was standing next to, and others blaming the phone wires. Stay tuned.

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DEAR READER: Read on, please:

DEAR ABBY: Your column on how to avoid the dangers of lightning ran in the Syracuse (N.Y.) Post-Standard on Saturday, May 21. Thank God, I read it carefully that morning, because Saturday afternoon the storm clouds gathered and I quickly called my three children indoors. We shut all the windows and doors — and stayed away from the windows as you advised. Then the storm broke loose, and it was terrible!

Later we read in the paper that a 22-year-old woman, eight months pregnant, was killed during that storm while talking on the telephone! Lightning had struck the

telephone wires and traveled into the receiver, killing her instantly. In your column you said, "Don't use the telephone unless it's absolutely necessary. Electricity can travel through the telephone wires."

All I could think of was that if she had read Dear Abby in the Syracuse Post-Standard that day, this tragedy could have been avoided.

Abby, we'll never know how many lives you saved that day. Moral: Read Dear Abby every day.

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A secret desire you have been harboring that you've only told to a few close friends has excellent chances of being realized in the year ahead. Luck will play a key role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Gentle methods and procedures will achieve things for you today more than flexing your muscles or raising your voice could ever hope to accomplish. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91426, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The end does not justify the means today in competitive career involvements. Play by your usual high standards and keep your image intact.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Bolster your beliefs in things spiritual today by seeking inspiration from outside sources or meditating quietly by yourself on your ambitions and objectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Financial matters must not be handled impulsively today because it could lead to loss. Be both prudent and patient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will make a favorable impression on others today if you're willing to forego your own interests in order to be cooperative. If you're self-centered, the opposite will be true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Pay heed to your hunches in your material affairs today. If your feelings warn you about a certain person or situation, play it safe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Being involved with large groups today might not give you the excitement it usually generates. In fact, you may even feel uncomfortable in a crowd.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't invite anyone to your place today unless you sincerely want their company. Someone may take you up on it and he or she could turn out to be a bore.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Surround yourself with companions today whose conversations are light and inspirational. Avoid people who like to argue about heavy topics.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful you don't get involved in something that looks good on the surface, but could prove to be quite expensive if it turns out sour.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone's cooperation you need now may offer support, but it could have strings attached. Don't get tangled up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although you might be inconvenienced in some manner, you'll feel better if you let compassion govern your actions, even if a small, personal loss is involved.

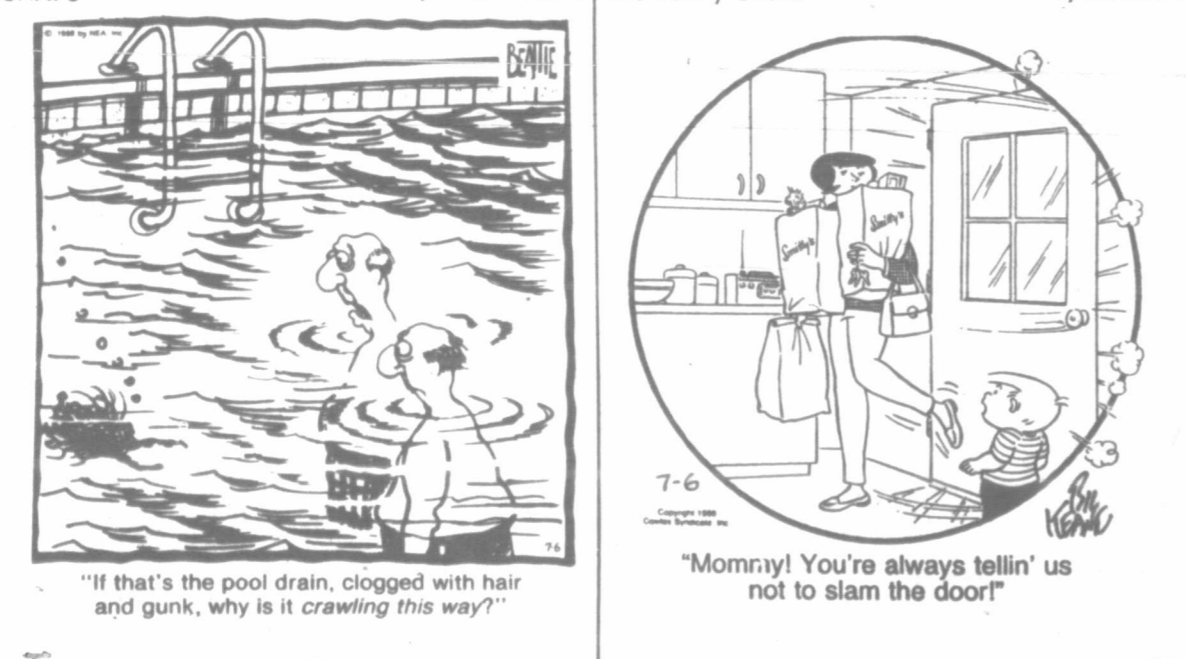
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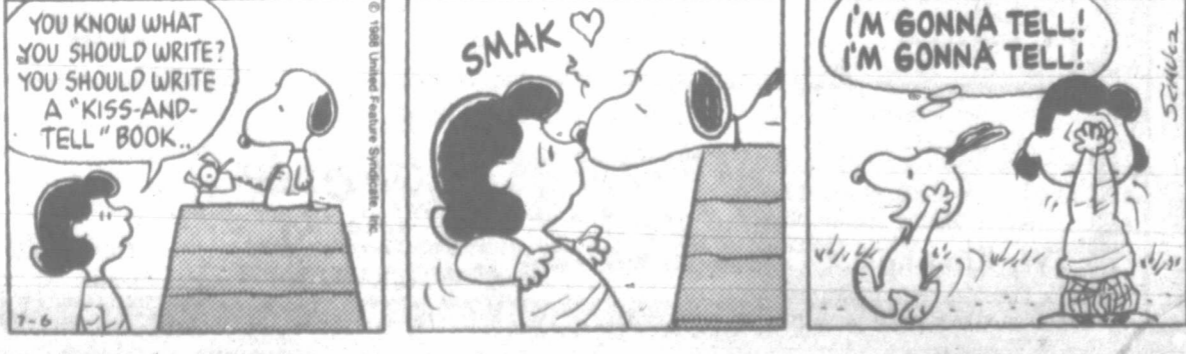
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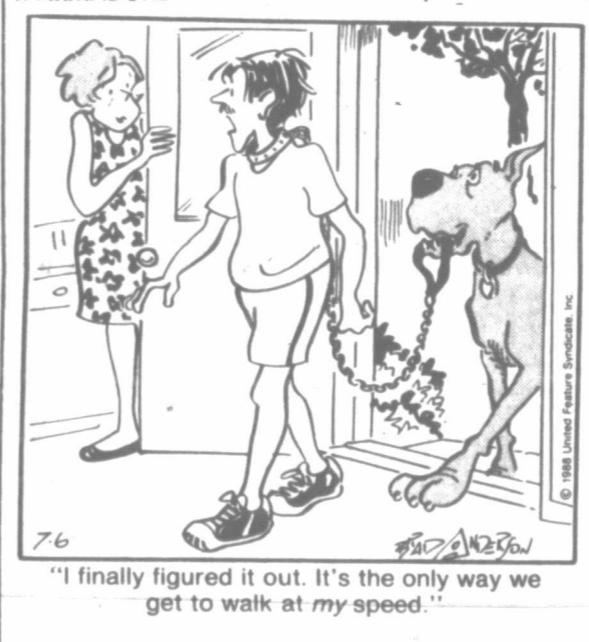
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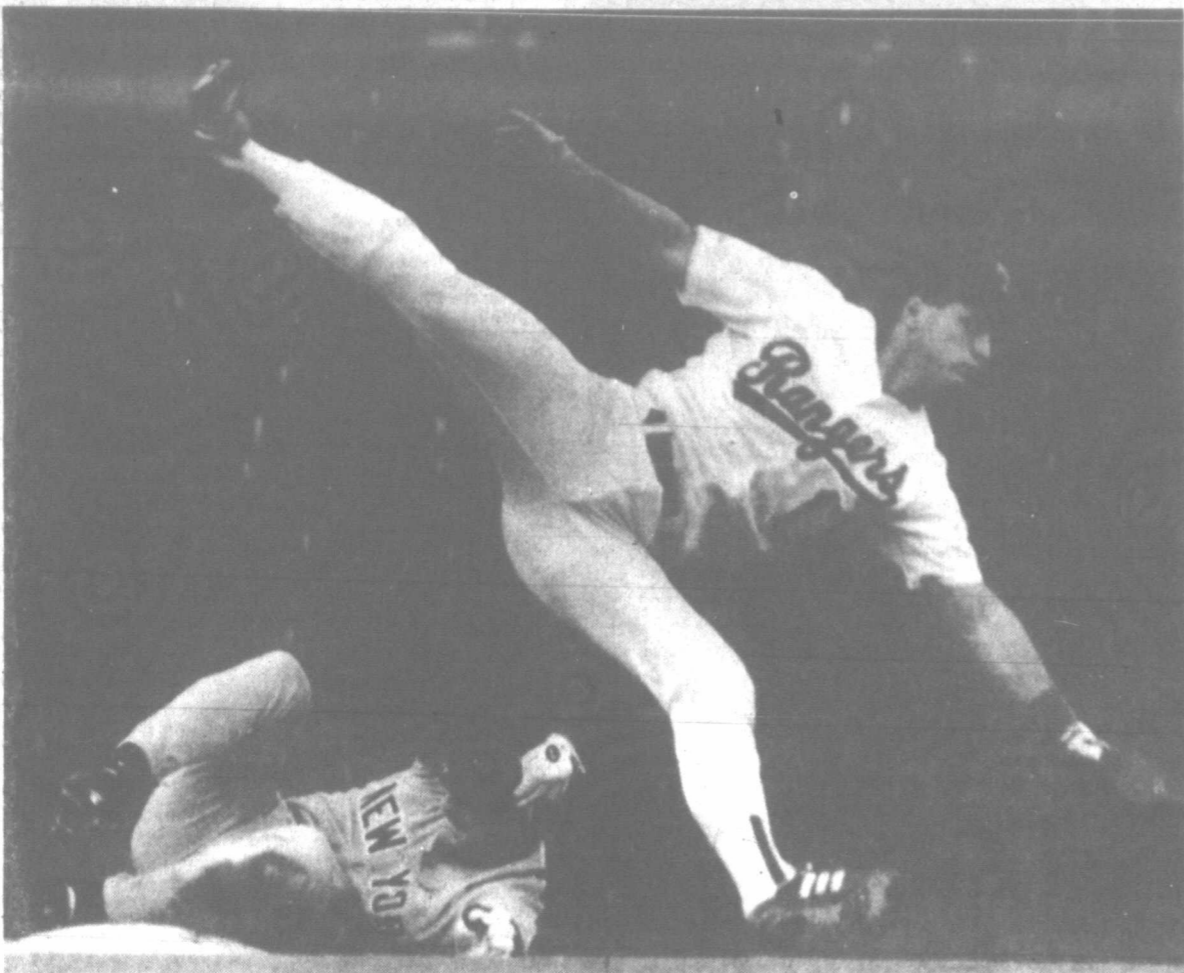
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Sports



Rangers' shortstop Scott Fletcher stretches for a wild throw as the Yankees' Mike Pagliarulo swipes second.

Yankees close gap John tosses six-hitter at Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP)—New York Yankees manager Lou Piniella blamed Dave Righetti's latest failure to come through in a save situation to a lack of concentration, but Righetti had another idea. "I stunk," the reliever said after he had to help get the final out and clinch a 5-3 victory for the Yankees over the Texas Rangers Tuesday night.

New York pulled to within a game and a half of the division-leading Detroit Tigers but there was concern over Righetti's latest failure.

Yankee starter Tommy John scattered six hits over six innings and received support from five first-inning runs. New York seemed about to cruise to its fourth victory in its last six games when Righetti retired the first two Ranger hitters in the bottom of the ninth.

But Righetti walked Jeff Kunkel, then yielded back-to-back singles to pinch-hitters Barbaro Garbey and Mike Stanley, the latter producing a run.

When Righetti walked the next hitter, Bob Brower, Piniella was forced to go back to the bullpen for Tim Stoddard, who got Scott Fletcher on a fly ball for the final out. Stoddard collected his second save of the season.

It was the sixth time Righetti has failed to get a save in 17 situations so far this season.

"I've just got to stay positive, go out there and do the job. You shouldn't even be talking to me. You should be talking to Tim Stoddard. He's the guy who got the save."

Piniella offered Righetti a solid vote of confidence, emerging from the manager's office to give

his left-hander a few encouraging words.

"The game turned into an adventure," Piniella said. "He got two easy outs, then he lost his concentration. He was overthrowing."

"But I guarantee you that if the situation arises, he'll be out there again tomorrow night. I want to use him often."

The 45-year-old John, 7-2, didn't walk a batter during his six-inning stint as he improved his lifetime record to 284-218. John, the oldest active player in the major leagues, moved into a tie with Ferguson Jenkins for 22nd on the all-time victory list.

Neil Allen relieved John to start the seventh.

"It was nice to get Tommy that big lead," Piniella said. "I'd just felt he'd thrown enough pitches (96) for six innings."

The Yankees jumped on Ranger starter Ray Hayward, 4-6, and sent nine men to the plate in the first inning. New York had scored six runs in the first two innings of Monday night's 13-2 victory over Texas.

The first five New York batters reached base, three by walks, and Hayward, who threw only four strikes among his 17 pitches, was lifted in favor of Craig McMurtry.

McMurtry pitched seven innings of four-hit relief, walking three and striking out five.

"It's disappointing to come in with the bases loaded and not do any better than I did," said McMurtry, who put in his longest major league stint since 1984 with Atlanta. "I really would have liked to have had a doubleplay ball."

All-Star voters befuddled Bock's Score

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

There just aren't enough places on the starting All-Star team to do justice to all the players who belong there. What they need for Tuesday night's game are new rules with three or four designated hitters to accommodate the overflow.

Hey, the American League changed the rules from nine players to 10. So can we.

There is, for example, the traditional limitation of three outfielders in the starting lineup. Both leagues are supplied with more suitable candidates than that, and there is evidence that the excess has left voters befuddled.

If you can vote for just three American League outfielders, then maybe you three are Dave Winfield, Jose Canseco and Kirby Puckett, all worthwhile choices. What do you do then with people like Boston teammates Mike Greenwell and Ellis Burks?

Nothing, apparently.

The last report of voting results before tonight's announcement of the starting teams show Greenwell and Burks, fourth and eighth among the AL's hitters at .344 and .325, missing in action. This is not easy to do, considering that the All-Star vote tally goes 16 deep.

Greenwell's credentials, through Monday night's games, included 64 runs batted in, tied for first in the majors with AL outfield vote leader Canseco, and a .584 slugging percentage and .440 on-base percentage, both second best in the league. Burks' .527 slugging percentage was eighth best in the league.

And for that neither player could make it to the top 16?

They aren't the only ones feeling left out today.

The best young outfielder in the National League may be Chicago's Rafael Palmeiro. He is fourth in the league in hitting at .315 through Monday night, third in hits with 102, and tied for fifth in doubles with 24.

In the All-Star vote, he is 15th.

That is not because the fans have been voting casually. There is nothing terribly wrong with a

starting outfield of Darryl Strawberry, Andre Dawson and Vince Coleman.

Montreal first baseman Andres Galarraga is tearing up the league, batting .345 with 19 home runs and 52 RBI. He is, however, only third in the voting behind San Francisco's Will Clark, who also has 19 homers and leads the league with 62 RBI, and perennial Keith Hernandez of New York, the beneficiary of force of habit votes at a time when he has spent almost a month on the disabled list.

If Hernandez and Atlanta's Gerald Perry (second in the league at .332 but also disabled) were healthy, you could add them to Clark, Galarraga and Houston's Glenn Davis (18 homers, 59 RBI) and have an NL team with five very good first basemen. This, though, would be a problem since baseball, shackled by tradition, insists on continuing to use only one first base in the game.

Then there is the matter of third base in the National League.

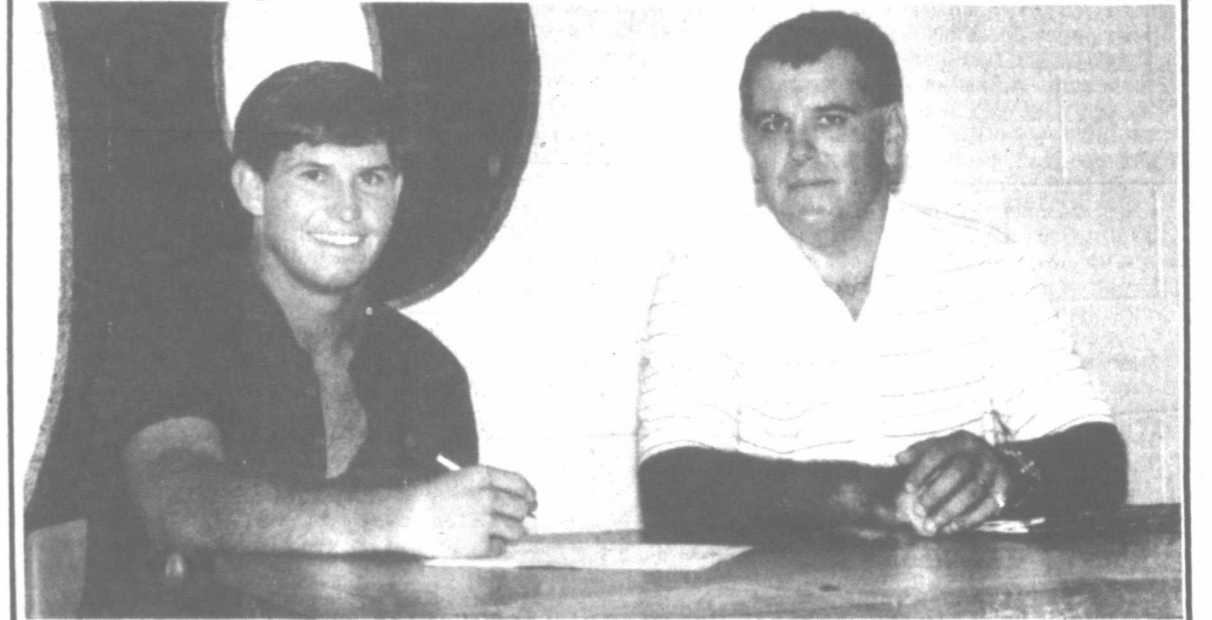
For many years, that was an automatic vote, and deservedly so, for Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt. Now the ravages of age have limited Schmidt to a .236 summer and second place in the balloting behind Pittsburgh's Bobby Bonilla. There is nothing terribly wrong with that because Bonilla is a legitimate star. But absent from the eight-deep vote tally at the position are Cincinnati rookie Chris Sabo and veteran Vance Law of Chicago, both enjoying banner seasons.

Sabo (.308) and Law (.307) are running 5-6 among NL hitters. Through Monday's games, Sabo also led the league with 30 doubles and was fifth in slugging percentage at .529. The voters, however, found eight third basemen more deserving of All-Star votes.

Voting for Sabo required determination since he is not on the ballot because of his rookie status. But if you wrote in Sabo, what did you do with Bonilla? Or Law? Or, for that matter, Schmidt?

The All-Star extravaganza is a welcome mid-season pause, a time to contemplate the season's first half and anticipate the rest of the race. The game belongs to the fans but making them pick and choose between so many worthy players invariably leaves them frustrated. And it's not wonderful either for the players they're forced to leave out when they vote.

Owens signs with Vernon JC



PHS athlete Troy Owens (left) will be attending Vernon Junior College on a baseball scholarship this fall. Also pictured is Harvester baseball coach Rod Porter. Owens, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerrel Owens, was a three-year starter and letterman for the Harvesters and was named to the All-District 1-4A Team as a pitcher this season. Owens led the Harvesters in all pitching statistics in 1988. "Troy was a great leader," Porter said. "He will be sorely missed." Torrey Gardner and Chris Martinez, the other seniors on the '88 Harvesters' team, will also be playing college baseball. Gardner will be a walk-on at Lubbock Christian College while Martinez is undecided about the college he'll be attending.

Pampa 16-18 team sweeps Hi-Plains

Pampa defeated Hi-Plains in a Babe Ruth 16-18 year old doubleheader Tuesday night at Optimist Park.

In the opener, Pampa won 8-0 as Troy Owens hurled a two-hitter. Owens struck out five and walked four.

Billy Wortham was Pampa's top hitter with two hits. Owens had a double while Brandon Knutson, Mark Aderholt, Mike Cagle and Kyle Clark each had a single.

Rose was the losing pitcher. Pampa won the nightcap 6-2 to run their record to 6-0.

Aderholt was the winning pitcher, giving up four hits while striking out two and walking one.

James Bybee had two hits to lead Pampa. Cagle contributed a double while Knutson and Chris Martinez each had singles.

Pampa plays at Childress tonight. Gametime is 5 p.m.

Jenkins' novel has PGA teed off

FROM THE NOTEPAD: The Continental Basketball Association franchise which was offered to Amarillo has gone instead to Wichita Falls for next season, and CBA directors decided to maintain the 12-team league for the 1988-89 campaign...Former Pampa Harvester football coach JIM WHITE has joined the staff of EMORY BELLARD at Westfield High School in the Houston area. Former PHS star basketball E.J. McILVAIN is on the school board there...Another Harvester cage great, CHARLIE MINOR was in town over the weekend to help his parents, CHESTER and HELEN MINOR, celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. He and former teammate COYLE WINBORN tested their golfing prowess Saturday...And still another ex-Harvester cager continues active in the lifetime sport. San Antonio attorney JOHN CARLOS joined 2,000 other teams in the Dallas Hoop-D-Do three-man benefit tournament recently. Carlos will gather with other members of the Class of '68 in a reunion next month.

If you can remember when you had to putt a stymie in golf, you don't have to worry about the draft. And if you knew how to do it, go to the head of the class...The Dallas Cowboys' front office, despite a reasonably good continuing relationship with former star DUANE THOMAS, is very nervous about the forthcoming book by the ex-WT Buffalo...Hereford's JAMES MAYS, who ran as a half-mile 'rabbit' for the dream mile at the Bislett Games in Oslo, Norway last

Sports Forum

By Warren Hasse



weekend, wore a Texas jersey rather than from his Texas Tech alma mater. The field of the finest milers in the world missed a world record as Mays failed to run the necessary pace for his 800...Look out Little League. China has announced it will join that super baseball program this fall, initiating a baseball program for international competition when the sport becomes an official event in the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.

Bad news for former Harvester basketball coach ROBERT McPHERSON, who lost his outstanding starting play-maker guard WILLIE WILLIAMS to grades...Brilliant writer DAN JENKINS, who showed the seamy side of pro football in his sports novel "Semi-Tough", has another ("Dead Solid Perfect") that has the Professional Golfers Association upset and Hollywood drooling...Is there any finer hour on television weekly than "An Evening at Pops"...Wisconsin governor TOMMY THOMPSON signed the pari-mutuel racing bill, but put a hold on the racing of snowmobiles until the safety factor can be studied...Where does the Pampa Chamber of Com-

merce stand on the golf course issue, since proponents claim it has great importance in securing new industry?...JOE KERBEL taught them well. Three of his former players are now colonels in the military service of the USA. Colonel DAVID MCINTURFF, USMC; Col. WOODY GILLIAND, USMC; Col. CHARLES DAVES, US Army. Kerbel, a Marine captain in WW II, would be proud...

Fine Pampa golfer NITA HILL is a director of the Women's West Texas Golf Association...Detroit Pistons' peacekeeper BILL LAIMBEER wears a size 17 Converse. You think that's big until you realize just-drafted (Chicago Bulls) WILL PERDUE needs a 21-AAAAAAA, which you can pick up at any sporting goods store, naturally...Kudos to the Louisiana Legislature for passing a bill requiring any bumper sticker with coarse or filthy language to be in letters 1/4 inch high.

The only National Football League running back to become head basketball coach at a major university is BOB WADE, who succeeded LEFTY DRIESELL at Maryland. Wade had a three-season NFL career: 1968 with the

Steelers, 1969 with the Redskins, 1970 with the Broncos...How true. NBC tennis commentator DICK ENBERG says: "In all sports it's the most difficult is to finish second"...Trivia: Name the all-NFL player who averaged 17 points per game during his college basketball career, led his team in scoring two seasons, and was a second-team all-American.

One of the newest positions created in progressive and concerned college athletic programs is that of 'rules compliance coordinator', with responsibility for assuring all men's and women's athletic teams comply with all NCAA and conference rules...While complaining that "he's a little bit thin, needs to work on techniques, and man-to-man which he didn't play in college", the Chicago Bears think their sixth round draft choice, 5-9, 165-pound LEMUEL STINSON of Texas Tech can challenge for a job this season "because he has the speed to be a big-league corner-back"...Trivia answer: RON KRAMER, who spent ten seasons in the NFL with Green Bay and Detroit, was an outstanding basketball player at the University of Michigan from 1954-57...An excellent reason for young people to specialize and excel at a sport is the cost of college tuition which is forecast to increase from the current \$5,945 to \$16,969 by the year 2005. Any type scholarship will be of great financial assistance, and coaches as well as classrooms teachers, have an obligation to put their charges in a position to compete for those scholarships.

Major League standings

By The Associated Press All Times CDT AMERICAN LEAGUE													
East Division						West Division							
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	
Detroit	49	31	.613	-	2-6-4	Lost 1	25-16	24-15	Oakland	52	31	.627	-
New York	47	33	.588	2	2-6-4	Won 1	23-14	24-19	Minnesota	45	34	.570	5
Cleveland	44	39	.530	6 1/2	3-7	Won 2	25-19	19-20	Kansas City	43	39	.524	8 1/2
Boston	40	37	.519	7 1/2	6-4	Won 1	21-18	19-19	Texas	38	42	.475	12 1/2
Milwaukee	40	42	.488	10	3-7	Won 1	24-20	16-22	Chicago	37	43	.463	13 1/2
Toronto	40	44	.476	11	3-7	Won 1	21-22	19-22	California	36	46	.439	15 1/2
Baltimore	24	57	.296	25 1/2	2-5-5	Lost 3	14-22	10-35	Seattle	33	50	.398	19

NATIONAL LEAGUE													
East Division						West Division							
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	
New York	52	31	.627	-	7-3	Lost 2	29-14	23-17	Los Angeles	46	33	.582	-
Chicago	44	36	.550	6 1/2	7-3	Won 2	21-16	23-20	San Francisco	41	39	.513	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	44	37	.543	7	2-5-5	Lost 3	24-17	20-20	Houston	41	41	.500	6 1/2
Montreal	40	41	.494	11	2-6-4	Won 2	24-18	16-23	Cincinnati	39	43	.476	8 1/2
St. Louis	38	43	.469	13	3-7	Lost 1	19-20	20-23	San Diego	37	46	.446	11
Philadelphia	35	45	.438	15 1/2	3-7	Lost 3	18-18	16-27	Atlanta	29	51	.366	17 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE												
Monday's Games						Tuesday's Games						
Late Games Not Included						Late Games Not Included						
Oakland 4, Cleveland 2, 16 innings	Detroit 5, Seattle 3	Chicago 5, Baltimore 1	Minnesota 3, Milwaukee 1	California 11, Toronto 4	Boston 9, Kansas City 2	New York 13, Texas 2	Cleveland 3, Oakland 0, 1st game	Cleveland 4, Oakland 2, 2nd game	Seattle 5, Detroit 4	Toronto 4, California 1	Boston at Minnesota, (n)	Baltimore at Chicago, (n)
Milwaukee 3, Kansas City 1	New York at Texas, (n)	Today's Games										
Oakland (Burns 1-0) at Cleveland (Swindell 10-7), 4:35 p.m.	Seattle (Langston 6-8) at Detroit (Alexander 8-4), 4:35 p.m.	California (Finley 3-8) at Toronto (Steib 10-5), 4:35 p.m.	Boston (Hurst 9-3) at Minnesota (Viel 13-2), 7:05 p.m.	Baltimore (Boddicker 4-10) at Chicago (McDowell 3-4), 7:30 p.m.	Milwaukee (Filer 4-3) at Kansas City (Saberhagen 10-4), 7:35 p.m.	New York (Guidry 0-0) at Texas (Russell 7-2), 7:35 p.m.						

Mexican elections give challenge to power of IRP Party

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexicans choose a new president and legislature today in balloting expected to leave the governing party in power but also illustrate its eroding influence over the electorate.

The Institutional Revolutionary Party has won every presidential election since it was founded in 1929. But its current candidate, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, 40, has faced the party's stiffest competition in years.

His victory is expected, but the party is likely to face a tougher challenge of convincing Mexicans and international observers that the election day result is credible.

Cuahtemoc Cardenas on the left and Manuel J. Clouthier of the conservative National Action Party, the strongest contenders, both have made alleged governing party vote fraud a principal campaign issue.

Both vow to challenge the election results if tampering is suspected.

The other candidates, Rosario Ibarra de Piedra of the small, radical Revolutionary Workers' Par-

ty and Gumerindo Magana of the conservative Mexican Democratic Party, issued similar warnings.

Salinas de Gortari has said he wants an honest election and prefers to win by a smaller, credible margin rather than trying to beat the margin of his predecessor.

President Miguel de la Madrid, who won 70 percent of the vote in 1982, completes his six-year term Dec. 1 and under the Constitution cannot be re-elected.

In addition to president, voters will elect 500 members of the Chamber of Deputies to three-year terms and 64 senators to six-year terms.

Unofficial results are expected a few hours after polls close this evening. Partial results from the Federal Electoral Commission are expected late today and official, final results next week.

Besides allegations of vote fraud, the campaign was marred Saturday by the gunshot slayings of Francisco Xavier Ovando, a longtime Cardenas collaborator and strategist in his campaign, and an assistant to Ovando.

Jorge Obrador Capellini, Mexico City judicial police director, said Tuesday that the shootings were not politically motivated.

He said Ovando was killed in revenge for fighting organized crime while serving as Michoacan attorney general when Cardenas was governor of the state.

Capellini said police have 15 suspects in the slaying but have made no arrests.

The campaigns of Cardenas and the other opposition candidates injected new life into Mexican politics. One effect, political analysts say, may be to draw more of the 38 million registered voters to the polls. About 25 percent did not vote in the 1982 election.

The governing party, after years of facing weak opposition or none at all, was up against a clear right and left a situation that led Salinas de Gortari to run as representative of the "progressive center."

The splintered left, except for Mrs. Ibarra, consolidated behind the 54-year-old Cardenas, who once led a dissident movement in the governing

party's left wing. Cardenas is representing the National Democratic Front on a platform of renewed nationalism and is aided by the affection Mexicans still feel for his father, the late President Lazaro Cardenas. His popularity surged near the end of the campaign when Heberto Castillo of the Mexican Socialist Party withdrew from the race and gave Cardenas his support.

Irritation over inflation, unemployment, deterioration of the environment, government corruption and the lack of an alternative, wrote political scientist Lorenzo Meyer, "has spilled into a demand, ever more open and shared by larger groups, for change in the political structures."

Salinas de Gortari, a Harvard-educated economist, was handicapped by having been de la Madrid's budget director and author of his economic austerity program. He has pledged to modernize the country's economic and political systems.

Cardenas has said he would stop the government from selling state-owned companies.

Soviet soldiers sent against protestors in Armenian capital

MOSCOW (AP) — Soldiers moved into the airport in the Armenian capital of Yerevan to disperse youthful protestors who shut it down, official newspapers said today. Activists claimed soldiers shot and killed at least one person.

Alexi Mananikov, an editor of the unofficial Moscow journal *Glasnost*, said 22-year-old Khachik Kazaryan was killed in a confrontation between protestors and soldiers at the airport.

He said sources in Yerevan told him as many as 40 people were wounded by soldiers trying to reopen the airport Tuesday night.

Since February, Yerevan has been the scene of massive protests demanding annexation of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the neighboring southern republic of Azerbaijan.

The demonstrations had been peaceful.

Moscow artist Kuryun Nahabidyan said three unidentified students were killed at the airport. "Officers shot them with pistols," he said.

He said the demonstrators had gone to the airport to try to stop military planes from bringing in paratroopers, tanks and machineguns. "The army has occupied all of Armenia. Nagorno-Karabakh, too," he said.

Neither report was confirmed

by official sources. Tuesday's editions of the government daily *Izvestia* reported that thousands of Armenians have gone on strike in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh.

The report indicated the protestors in Armenia were angered at how their leaders had represented their demands to last week's national Communist Party conference in Moscow.

Izvestia said most flights in and out of Yerevan were canceled and the airport was filled with stranded travelers.

Most Armenians want Nagorno-Karabakh annexed to Armenia. The mountain enclave's predominantly Armenian population has been agitating since February to be united with neighboring Armenia.

Armenia supports the demand. Azerbaijan opposes it.

In February, at least 32 people were killed in riots over annexation which broke out in Sumgait, Azerbaijan.

Most Armenians are Christian, most Azeris Moslem.

Today, an editor at the Armenian press news agency in Yerevan said reports of a confrontation at the airport Tuesday evening were "rumors."

"That's not official information," she said. Asked whether there were many soldiers in

Yerevan, she said, "I didn't see any soldiers." The telephone call was interrupted before she could be asked her name or further information.

Mikhail Padalovich, an editor of the Communist Party newspaper *Kommunist* in Yerevan said he had no information about an incident at the airport. He said there were no demonstrations in the city and workers were at their jobs.

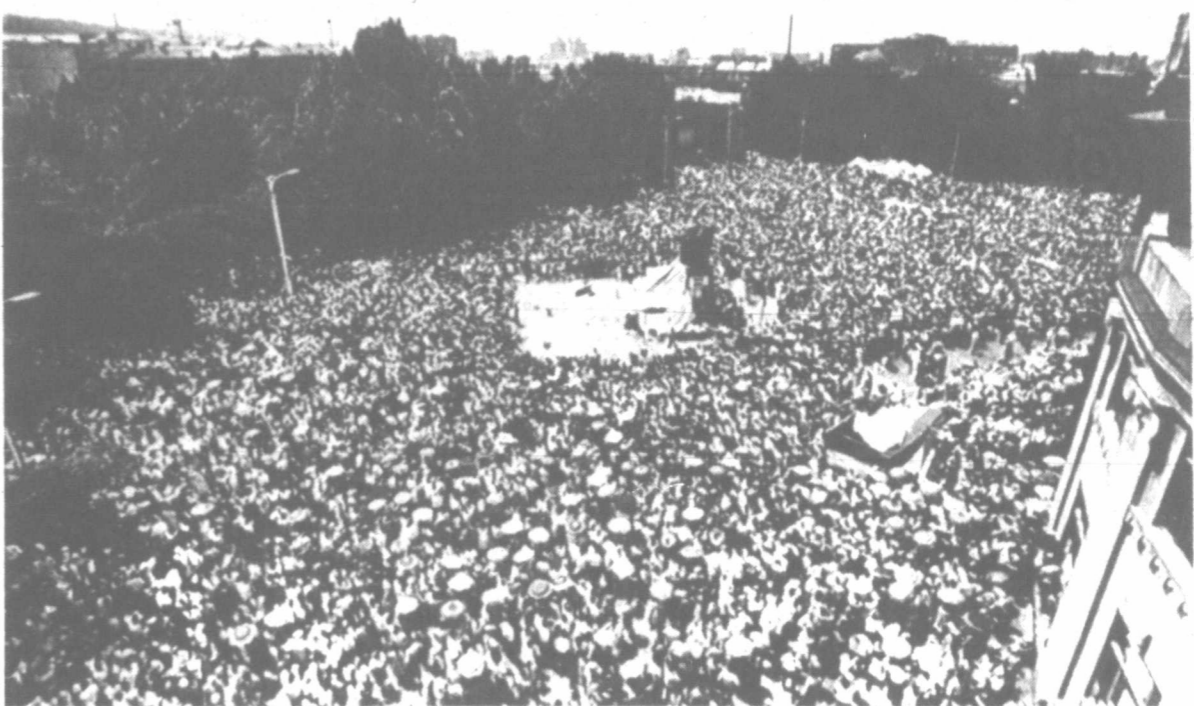
The Armenian republic's office in Moscow declined comment on the reports.

The Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* reported that during a meeting in Yerevan's Theater Square on Sunday someone began calling for a blockade of Zvartnots Airport and a large column of people headed on foot toward it.

Pravda said planes were allowed to land, but demonstrators prevented them from taking off again. It said hundreds of passengers were stuck at the airport.

Pravda said the demonstrators "grossly disrupted order" at the airport.

The national labor newspaper *Trud* quoted an unidentified official of the Armenian Ministry of Internal Affairs as saying "intervention of the organs of internal affairs was required to restore order."



(AP Laserphoto)

Thousands of Armenians demonstrate in front of opera house in Yerevan.

"According to our evaluation, the normal life of the airport will be restored in the near future," the ministry official was quoted as saying. *Izvestia* said activists met on Sunday in Yerevan with dele-

gates to the Communist Party conference that ended Friday in Moscow. Apparently dissatisfied with the Armenian delegation's presentation of the dispute over Nagorno-Karabakh, they called a strike.

Solving ethnic disputes and increasing the economic autonomy of the country's republics are two of the key issues in Mikhail S. Gorbachev's program to restructure the Soviet state and economy.

Texas Air seeks agreement over Eastern Airlines

WASHINGTON (AP) — An agreement aimed at soothing labor-management relations at troubled Eastern Airlines could be announced as early as today, government and industry officials say.

Top management and union officials from Eastern and its parent company, Texas Air Corp., met for four hours Tuesday with federal peacemaker William E. Brock, but failed to announce any agreement that would help end the carrier's labor strife.

Spokeswoman Wendy DeMocker of the Department of Transportation, the site of Tuesday's session, said afterward that word of a pact could come today.

Meanwhile the *Miami Herald* reportedly has obtained copies of a joint statement and accompanying documents signed by both sides Tuesday.

The joint statement said, "We intend to abide by these steps in good faith, thereby ensuring the continued public confidence in the safe performance of Eastern Airlines," the *Herald* reported in today's editions.

The newspaper quoted the text of the joint statement as adding, "The collective bargaining process is ongoing and is at various stages for each employee group. ... We will continue to seek negotiated solutions to those issues."

The *Herald* reported the agreements reached commit Eastern and its unions to an array of joint committees and task forces that would address longstanding safety concerns raised by organized labor.

One industry official, saying he had spoken to a meeting participant, concurred and said that the approval of Eastern's unionized pilots was all that blocked agreement. The official asked not to be identified.

No one was saying much about the details of the agreement, however. In a statement, Brock, the former labor secretary, said the talks focused on "the continued safe and productive operations of Eastern Airlines."

The industry official said he believed the agreement would be "no big deal," and was likely to lay out means for better communication between Eastern's labor and management. Tuesday's session ended with Brock saying more work was needed.

Hijackers sentenced to hanging

ADIYALA, Pakistan (AP) — Five Palestinians were convicted today and sentenced to hang for the bloody 1986 hijacking of a New York-bound Pan Am jumbo jet in which 21 people were killed.

Their trial by a special one-judge tribunal in a makeshift courtroom in a prison in this town 30 miles west of Islamabad began in September.

The plane, which originated in Bombay, India, was seized on the ground on Sept. 5, 1986 in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi and sat on the tarmac for 17 hours before the ordeal ended in a fusillade.

In addition to those killed, nearly 200 of the 400 passengers were wounded.

"We don't care about the sentence," said Mohammad Hafiz al-Turk, the suspected mastermind. "We care only about the millions of Arabs and Islamic countries."

Al-Turk, a Libyan arrested in Islamabad less than a week after the hijacking, was convicted of conspiracy. He was the only one of the five not to board the Pan Am jet.

The other four — Mohammad Ahmed al Munawar, Khalil Husain Rahayal and Saed Abdul Rahim, all of Lebanon, and Abdul

Latif Sairfani, of Syria — were convicted of hijacking and murder. The four were found guilty of killing 10 people.

All five will appeal their sentences.

In an interview after the sentencing, al-Turk, the self-appointed spokesman for the group, said if free he and his comrades "would hijack another plane."

In a statement issued in January, the five said their aim "was to fly the plane towards some sensitive, strategic center of the Zionist enemy and to blow it there, with us inside."

Witnesses told the court that four gunmen dressed as airport security guards drove a small van to the Pan Am jet.

They said the four charged the plane and demanded it fly to Cyprus to pick up Palestinian comrades. Early in the hijacking, the three-man cockpit crew escaped through an emergency hatch.

After shooting an Indian-American passenger, the tension reached a climax around 9:30 p.m. when an onboard generator ran out of fuel, plunging the cabin into darkness. Fearing an attack, the gunmen began spraying the inside with bullets as Pakistani

security forces stormed the plane.

Throughout their trial, the five blamed the Pakistani commandos for the killings.

But Judge Syed Zafar Babar discounted that argument. Still, he found them guilty of just 11 deaths, saying there was insufficient evidence to convict them of more.

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