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Helpful Frankenstein



(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverly)

Teresa Lyles, a client at the Pampa Sheltered Workshop, receives some aid from a familiar Halloween friend as she plays bingo during a party for workshop members recently. Frankenstein (Wayne Greenhouse of Miami) and two of his witchy friends visited

the group at the party Thursday at First Christian Church, sponsored by Top o' Texas Telephone Pioneers #55. Along with bingo, the partygoers also enjoyed refreshments and a trip through a haunted house as an early Halloween treat.

Texas frees violent offenders early to relieve overcrowding

DALLAS (AP) — Violent criminals are leaving prison early because of a law designed to control the prison population and a court ruling that has made the statute retroactive, a newspaper reports.

The Prison Management Act was enacted in 1987 amid legislators' promises that only non-violent inmates would get out when the law was invoked by Gov. Bill Clements.

But *The Dallas Morning News* reported Sunday that 86 inmates, including 31 who had committed violent crimes, were released up to seven months early when Clements signed an executive order July 21 triggering their release.

Three of the released inmates had committed murder, two others had attempted murder and 10 had sexually assaulted children.

One was convicted of rape, 11 of robbery and four others served time for aggravated assault.

Unlike Texas' controversial furlough program in which inmates are allowed to leave prison for a week and return, an early release means the inmate's prison term is over.

The furlough program was frozen last week after lawmakers expressed dismay about reports that violent criminals were receiving leave time.

Asked about the early release of violent offenders, Clements said he was reluctant to shorten the terms of any prisoners. But he

said, "under the ... circumstances, we had no choice."

Originally the Prison Management Act stipulated that only non-violent offenders with sentences shorter than 10 years would be eligible for early release and would receive "good time" awards that shortened their sentences.

But the law's application to only non-violent offenders was effectively nullified by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in December. The court ruled that in-

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mates who were convicted before the 1987 law was passed were eligible for good-time awards under a less-restrictive 1983 version of the law.

As a result, about 2,500 current Texas inmates who were convicted before February 1987 now receive 30 days of good time each time the Prison Management Act is invoked.

Clements invoked the act six times in 1987 and the seventh time in July, resulting in the release of

some violent offenders seven months ahead of schedule.

"That obviously was not the Legislature's intent," said Sen. Bob McFarland, R-Arlington, who authored the 1987 bill.

The state is under a federal court order as part of a lawsuit settlement to alleviate chronic overcrowding in its prisons. The Prison Management Act grants the governor the emergency powers when the prison population reaches 95 percent of capacity — the legal limit set by the court order.

If the governor does not use his emergency powers, the Board of Pardons and Paroles is forced to reduce the population through normal parole, which often results in the release of more violent offenders.

The governor's general counsel, Rider Scott, said Clements was aware that violent offenders would be eligible for early release when he signed the act in July.

But Scott said the governor did not directly let the convicts out of prison. He said Clements merely granted the inmates "good time" — a prison term for time credit that shortens sentences and, in these cases, pushed them out of prison.

"Obviously the governor was briefed about the decision and its consequences," Scott said. "We are reluctant to ever invoke these measures, but it is necessary to control the (prison) population."

S&L industries meeting amid mounting problems

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — The oldest and largest trade group of savings institutions opened its annual convention today, intent on persuading Congress to help the ailing industry with a multi-billion-dollar bailout and preserve it as a system separate from commercial banks.

The nation's 3,048 savings institutions lost \$7.5 billion in the first six months of this year and losses almost surely will top last year's post-Depression record of \$7.8 billion.

An estimated 4,050 delegates and spouses to the U.S. League of Savings Institutions' 96th annual convention have gathered in the palm-ringed luxury hotels along Waikiki Beach to map strategy for 1989, when Congress likely will make decisions affecting the industry for years to come.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board, which regulates the industry, estimates the cost of restor-

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ing all S&Ls to solvency at \$45 billion to \$50 billion, but private analysts put the price tag as high as \$100 billion.

Bank board chairman M. Danny Wall, scheduled to address the convention on Thursday, said his agency will have enough money to do the job, but only if thrift institutions are charged a special assessment for deposit insurance for the next 30 years.

S&Ls say they can't afford it and are looking to Congress to come up with the additional money.

"It's a 30-year mortgage we just flat out can't handle," said Theo H. Pitt Jr., chairman of Pioneer Savings Bank in Rocky Mount, N.C., and outgoing chairman of the industry group.

The bank board this year has shut down more than 135 institutions or merged them with stronger partners, but at midyear, 497 insolvent institutions were still open. Another 408 were solvent but losing money.

The Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., financed by assessments on the industry, was set up to insure deposits in S&Ls but it has been weakened by the flurry of failures. S&Ls already pay more than twice as much for deposit insurance as commercial banks — \$2.08 cents per \$1,000 of deposits for S&Ls compared with 83 cents for banks.

Pitt contends that continuing the extra assessment, originally scheduled to be phased out in three years, would push otherwise profitable institutions into insolvency, creating an ever-enlarging problem.

So far this year, the extra assessment has made the difference between profit and loss for 69 institutions, he said.

"Clearly there is a limit to what the solvent institutions can do," he said.

Congress, when it decides how to pay the bill, whether through a direct appropriation from the Treasury or through some sort of taxpayer-backed guarantee, will almost certainly include measures aimed at preventing the problem from recurring.

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Although much of the industry's problems are concentrated in depressed oil-producing states in the Southwest, they have been magnified in Texas, California and Florida by lax state regulation that permitted thrift institutions to make risky investments far removed from traditional home mortgage lending.

Many in the industry had

pushed for permission to diversify in the early 1980s when soaring interest rates made it impossible for thrifts to make money on their old, fixed-rate mortgages. The argument was that a greater range of activities would help institutions pull themselves out of the hole.

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As it turned out, Pitt said, the institutions that strayed most from traditional mortgage lending earned the least.

"The ones that have gotten into trouble were the ones who took the most advantage of the new powers," he said.

Rep. Gerald Kleczka, D-Wis., and other members of Congress say that after all the insolvent S&Ls are closed or merged with stronger partners, the entire S&L system should be merged with the commercial bank system.

But Pitt says American home buyers need a separate S&L system.

A study by the U.S. League this summer showed that thrifts and mortgage banking companies owned by thrifts provided 54 percent of the country's residential mortgages last year.

"I believe Congress is beginning to recognize that we haven't abandoned our traditional role," Pitt said. "If we don't do it, you're going to have to reinvent the system."

He said the league will be recommending regulatory changes in what he called a "never again scenario." Among the likely recommendations, he said, would be stricter limits on direct investment in commercial real estate projects and on the amount that can be loaned to a single customer.

Indiana refinery fire kills 2

WHITING, Ind. (AP) — A refinery tank exploded, killing two workers and critically injuring two others after covering the four with molten asphalt that burned through layers of clothing and hardened on their bodies, officials said.

Sunday's fire and the resulting explosion in the tank, which was several stories high, were contained within 30 minutes by refinery firefighters, said Elise Sims, spokeswoman for Amoco Oil Co.

The explosion, the second this month at the refinery off Lake Michigan, "sounded like a vacuum-packed puff," said Michael Kowal of Whiting, who was driving by the refinery just northwest of Gary.

"Next thing I know there was black smoke 100 to 200 feet in the air. It just pushed it up like a mushroom cloud," Kowal said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, said Amoco spokesman Charles R. Mason.

George Kusbel, Leo Gonzalez and Robert Zivich had hardened asphalt up to half an inch thick on parts of their bodies when they were brought to St. Catherine's Hospital in East Chicago, said emergency room Dr. Michael Pepper.

"We had to cut all their clothes off with a cast saw," Pepper said. "Most of them had two or three layers of clothes on because of the cold weather, so it burned right through their clothes."

Kusbel, 37, of Whiting, died six hours after suffering third-degree burns over more than 80 percent of his body, and Michael Zimmerman, 44, was pronounced dead on the scene, officials said.

Gonzalez, 40, of East Chicago, and Zivich, 44, of Dyer, were in critical condition at hospitals today with third-degree burns over much of their bodies, officials said.

Dropping eggs



(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverly)

Charles Owens, head custodian at Travis Elementary School, prepares to toss a number of packaged eggs off the school roof while students gather below recently. The eggs were a science project of Travis fifth-graders who studied about creative problem-solving and how it relates to space

fields. The students took ordinary eggs and tried to package them in a way so they would not break when hurled to the ground. Styrofoam, rubber bands, pantyhose and boxes taped tightly together were some of the ideas. Only a few of the eggs actually broke.

Texas/Regional

Jesse Jackson stumps Texas to ask Dems to vote Dukakis

By JEFF AWALT
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson planned to continue his campaign sweep through Texas today, urging Democrats to give Michael Dukakis an early lead in a key state by taking advantage of new laws making it easier to vote absentee.

His campaign for Dukakis and vice presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen planned stops in the Rio Grande Valley and Fort Worth today, after a day of stumping in a city where Jackson led in the Democratic presidential primary.

Drawing the image of Rosa Parks' 1955 bus ride that symbolized the civil rights movement, Jackson reminded a mostly black crowd at a Houston park Sunday of the struggles and bloodshed that led to their right to vote.

"This is a critical moment in the history of our country and our world, and you are the difference," Jackson told more than 600 supporters who cheered and chanted during the rally at Houston's Emancipation Park.

"I want the word to go forth tonight that we have a lead in Texas because you voted today," Jackson said. "And then I want you to go home tonight and say, 'Match me.'"

He then joined about 150 supporters on one of several buses bound for precinct voting places, while others followed in caravan of cars.

"She refused to surrender and she was jailed," Jackson said of Mrs. Parks' stand against discrimination, stirring the crowd to applause and shouts of support.

"To think that today we have the right to leave this park and get on these buses and ride down the street and vote for Michael Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen,"



(AP Laserphoto)

Jackson speaks in Houston Sunday morning

Jackson said. "We can do it right now — Texas can set the pace and lead the nation."

Absentee voting totals are expected to hit new highs across Texas this election because of a new state law allowing anyone to vote absentee for any reason.

The voting began Oct. 19 and continues through Friday.

Although Jackson's Texas tour was designed to prompt Democratic voters to take advantage of the law, he also used campaign stops Sunday in Houston to denounce the Republican ticket and promote the civil rights record of the Democrats.

He addressed members of the National Black MBA Association in Houston Sunday and later traveled for an evening campaign stop in Beaumont.

Jackson criticized Republican presidential candidate George Bush for using the image of black Massachusetts inmate Willie Horton in campaign advertisements against Dukakis, governor

of the state that freed Horton under a prison furlough program.

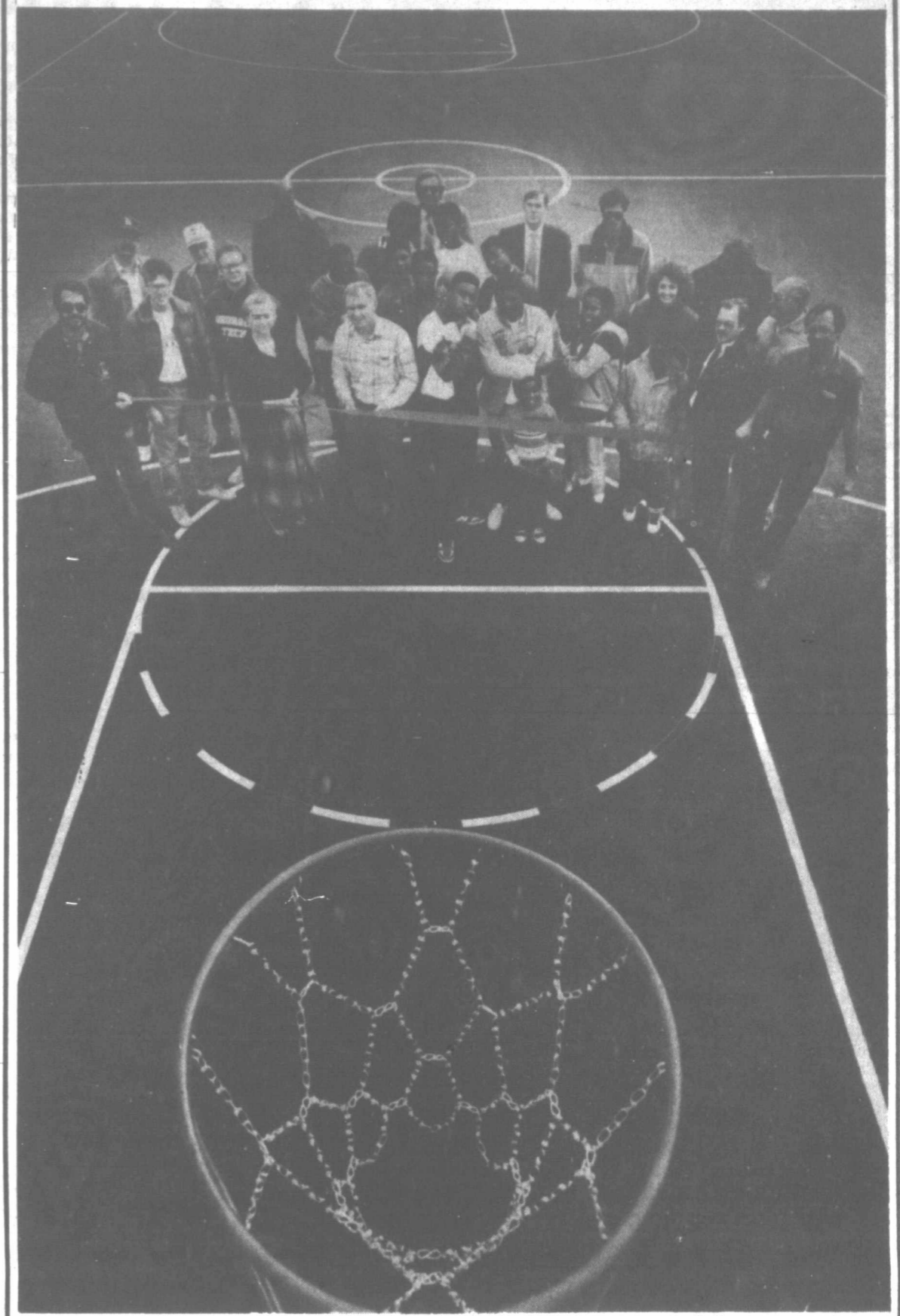
Bush ads have used the ads describing Horton's crimes to suggest Dukakis is soft on criminals, while Democrats also have charged that the campaign is meant to encourage racial fears.

"Just as Reagan projected the image of the welfare queen, Bush projects the image of Willie Horton, the criminal," Jackson said. "The fact is, my friends, that all of us are against crime everywhere, no matter who the criminal may be."

Jackson also lashed out at the Republican campaign for its attacks on Dukakis and its derogatory use of the "liberal" label.

Referring again to the struggle for civil rights, Jackson said, "The whites who stood up for what's right were called liberals, the blacks were called militants. There's always some ugly name designed to discredit people who do their best to make America better."

Court ready for play



(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

A group of Cabot Corporation employees, city officials and staff, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members, Clean Pampa Inc. representatives and neighborhood residents gathered Friday afternoon for a ribbon cutting on a new basketball court at Prairie Village Park. The court is the result

of Cabot employees' efforts to improve the park under the Adopt-A-Park program. Cutting the ribbon, at center left, are Cabot employees Glenda Fletcher and plant manager Ron Hurst. Other Cabot employees present included Bob White, Tom Lindsay and Charlie Tindell.

Driver arrested in traffic rampage

FORT HANCOCK, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a truck driver accused of shooting an officer and forcing several motorists off Interstate 10 — including a woman who was killed when her vehicle flipped — may have been under the influence of drugs.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman David Wells said authorities arrested Denver Jerome Burrell, 30, of Anderson, S.C., after a 70-mile, hour-long traffic rampage through a remote area of West Texas Sunday morning.

Burrell, who was hauling a shipment of lightbulbs from South Carolina to Nevada, apparently went berserk at the wheel, speeding down the interstate and forcing vehicles off the roadway, officials said. He then led authorities on a chase through the desolate, mountainous area, allegedly shooting a constable and trying to run him down with the tractor trailer.

A 48-year-old El Paso woman was killed after the Ford Bronco she was driving apparently was run off the road and flipped over.

Burrell remains in Hudspeth County Jail in lieu of \$400,000 in bonds on charges of attempted

capital murder, involuntary manslaughter and driving while under the influence of a controlled substance.

Wells said authorities are unsure what type of drug Burrell may have been using when the accidents occurred.

"The only thing we know is he was high — evidently on drugs," said DPS Trooper Bob Newman of El Paso. Arresting officers at the scene "said he was out of his mind." Other witnesses confirmed Burrell appeared disoriented.

The rampage began about 10:30 a.m. near Van Horn, about 100 miles southeast of El Paso, Newman said. As the tractor trailer continued west on I-10, it allegedly rammed the 1985 Bronco driven by Sharon Marie Agutter of El Paso, sending the vehicle careening off to the right and flipping off the road about 10 miles west of Sierra Blanca.

Justice of the Peace Arcadio Ramirez of Sierra Blanca pronounced Ms. Agutter dead at the scene. A poodle in the vehicle survived, Wells said.

Newman said officials hoped to upgrade the involuntary manslaughter charge against Burrell

stemming from Ms. Agutter's death to a murder charge.

As the rampage continued, the truck rammed a Winnebago that was pulling a compact car atop a trailer behind, smashing the car.

Newman said Hudspeth County Constable Sonny Hillin and a U.S. Border Patrol agent chased the truck and were able to stop Burrell initially. But as Hillin stepped out of his patrol car, the truck driver allegedly tried to pin the officer against his car.

Hillin scrambled back to his car and stopped the truck again by pulling in front of it. But Burrell allegedly shot through the truck windshield, hitting the officer in the neck.

A nursing supervisor at Vista Hills Medical Center in El Paso said Hillin was listed in stable condition late Sunday. But Mrs. Hillin said her husband would require extensive surgery to repair the jaw.

After officers from the DPS, Border Patrol and sheriff's office continued to pursue the truck for several more miles, Newman said Burrell finally stopped his rig just a half-mile west of Fort Hancock and surrendered without incident.

Let's put the Soviets in the NFL!

Where does the time go? One minute you're in first grade, the next you're graduating from college. One minute the NFL is playing football in places like England and Sweden, the next it's the Super Bowl.

It's a little sad, I know; but the football season is more than half over. For the high school and college gridders, it's already final stretch time. The sweetest things in life pass so quickly.

There are few pleasures in life equal to the pure joy of watching 300-pound brutes knocking the snot out of each other on a field of astromuck. Call it the ballet of brutality.

What is it about football that is so pleasurable to us of the Grid Iron faith? Basketball moves faster. Baseball requires more individual talent. But there is still something wonderful about football that makes it just a cut above all other sports. Maybe it is just the pure aggression.

With all the pads they wear, these hulks get to flatten each other with a force that would kill the average guy on the street. Yet, they just get up and jog back over to the huddle while wiping the stars from their eyes.

Occasionally some guy will get knocked down and not be able to get back up. But does that make us hate the game? Nah. We just pause for a moment of meditation on this dangerous pastime we so enjoy and then wash the thought down with another cold slug from the bottle.

For the true fan of football, it doesn't even really matter who's playing. Tampa Bay at Green Bay is just as good as Chicago at Washington for the true fan — as long as they are playing THE GAME.

During an NFL strike a few years ago, NBC tried running Canadian football as a substitute. Worked for me. They had a field longer than Hobart Street and a bunch of hosers running down the field yelling, "I'm open, mon capitain! Throw zee ball zis way!"

Maybe my love of the pigskin sport has to do with the fact that I was never much good at it in school. Bad knees. I spent more time on crutches than I did on dates.

Off Beat

By
Bear
Mills



For a football player, there is nothing in life worse than a knee injury. Well, there may be one thing ...

Once in seventh grade I was playing center. Suddenly nature was knocking at my door and it was only two minutes into the first quarter. "Coach, can I run to the ..."

"Are you out here to play football or whine, Mills?"

My bladder groaned. Imagine trying to explain to the guy on the other side of the ball that he better not pop you too hard or he'll be very sorry ...

Even today I make sure no one is blocking the path from the TV to the restroom. Haunted by an early trauma.

In spite of all that, I can think of few things in life more enjoyable than a Sony Trinitron, a remote control and the Redskins on CBS while the Oilers are on NBC.

Football is like life ... war, violence, victory, struggle.

In fact, it may be better than life. In life, people get killed over disagreements. In football, the Steelers call the Oilers bad sports and they duke it out on the field. Everybody walks away when it's over. War without death — amazing.

If we really wanted to do something to help the cause of world peace, we'd send the bureaucrats home and let Pete Rozelle start negotiating for the Russians to join the NFL!

Mattox going after illegal bingo games

HOUSTON (AP) — A newspaper investigation into the billion-dollar bingo business has uncovered dozens of violations and prompted Attorney General Jim Mattox to call for a state investigation into illegally run games that allegedly are stealing money from legitimate charities.

In a copyright story Sunday, the *Houston Chronicle* described bingo games rigged by a network of insiders who walk away with the big prizes and alleged cash skimming, and commercial bingo operators illegally offering to pay charities a cut of the profits for lending their name to the operations.

Mattox said his and state Comptroller Bob Bullock's offices should jointly investigate the billion-dollar bingo business to clean up the apparent widespread violations of state law.

"Based on the information that you've uncovered in this matter, I think it would be proper for both the comptroller's office and my office to review the information you've developed," Mattox told the *Chronicle*.

"We've gotten independent complaints, but nothing specific. I'm sure the comptroller will want to investigate. We will handle the litigation for the comptroller if he needs it."

Mattox's office oversees charities and charitable trusts, while Bullock's office is responsible for direct enforcement of the state's bingo law and routinely investigates complaints.

Bingo games have generated nearly \$1.4 billion since the 1981 Legislature legalized them, producing nearly \$7 million in state taxes and \$25 million in taxes for cities throughout the state.

Allegations in the *Chronicle* re-

port include:
• Reports that a network of insiders circulates throughout the state, setting up phony winners for prizes as large as \$500 per game.
• Illegally run games. Some commercial bingo operators reportedly have approached charities throughout Houston with offers to pay them 10-15 percent

of the proceeds in exchange for using the charities name.
• Cash skimming. Under the law, all funds collected must at some point be spent on charitable purposes, except for permissible expenses. Some commercial operators, however, reportedly are skimming off profits before the funds are ever turned over to the charities.



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Opinion

Unelected officials plan tax increase

The U.S. government is supposed to be responsible to the people. Even when politicians do something we don't like, we're at least supposed to have the option of kicking them out of office and replacing them with someone else. Those replacements almost always turn out to be just as bad, or worse, but at least the facade of accountability is maintained.

Yet even this system, itself severely flawed, is being usurped by unelected, unaccountable government bodies and processes. A big new scam is the national commission, appointed to solve some "crisis." The latest variation of this scam is the National Economic Commission, set up allegedly to find ways to reduce the budget deficit. The NEC has been quietly meeting, deciding the real policies that will go into effect, no matter who is elected president next week.

Now, you don't need a Ph.D in economics to know how to reduce the deficit, currently running at \$150 billion per annum. The solution is to cut spending and promote growth through tax cuts and reductions in government power. But, though NEC won't disclose its recommendations until after the election, it's also easy to predict what that recommendation will be: T-A-X I-N-C-R-E-A-S-E.

Consider some of the stellar bipartisan members of the commission: Lee Iacocca, who never saw a protectionist program or government giveaway he didn't like, especially when, at taxpayer's expense, it helped his company and boosted his \$17 million-plus income; Robert S. Strauss, the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and the favorite consensus moderate of many in both parties; House Ways and Means Chairman William Gray, a big taxer; and AFL-CIO boss Lane Kirkland, whose union is comprised more and more of government workers, whose rolls swell with any tax boost.

Back on the campaign trail, Dukakis says he'd resort to a tax boost only "as a last resort." Yet he has already proposed so many new federal programs, including a vast new socialized medicine scheme, that the "last resort," covered by a smokescreen from NEC, would occur about two minutes after a President Dukakis said "I do solemnly swear" next January. A President Bush might initiate a tax boost a few weeks later than Dukakis would; as a consensus player, Bush probably would go along with NEC's expected tax boost consensus.

Of course, since 1947, every \$1 in new taxes has led to \$1.58 in new spending. That means NEC's expected tax boost would actually worsen the deficit, not reduce it. But that's just what we should expect from an unelected cabal utterly unresponsive to citizens' true needs.

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Ask about cast of his mind

WASHINGTON — Cast of mind. Cast of mind. In choosing a president, that still seems to me the key factor. A capacity for leadership is important, of course, and experience in federal affairs counts for a great deal, but in judging between George Bush and Michael Dukakis, one has to ask about the candidate's cast of mind.

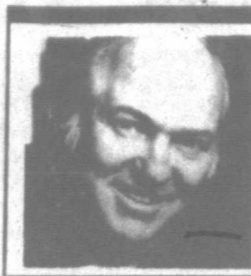
That is what troubles so many observers about Dukakis and his allegiance to the American Civil Liberties Union. He has boasted that he is a "card-carrying member" of the ACLU, a statement of commitment that implies total commitment.

I do not see how that inference can be escaped. If he had said merely that he is a member, that he feels the ACLU has done some good things in defense of individual freedom, but that he often disagrees with the ACLU on particular actions — that would have alarmed almost no one. But he didn't say that.

A "card-carrying" commitment, at the very least, clearly implies commitment to the major policies of the ACLU. These appear in a formal statement of the organization in the form of guides to local chapters. Examples recently were published in the *Congressional Record*.

The ACLU is wholeheartedly devoted to the doctrine of separation of church and state. As a general principle, most Americans surely agree on the issue. But the ACLU's obsession with the doctrine carries it far beyond the mainstream of American thought.

Thus policy No. 84 demands removal of the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance. Policy No. 92 seeks an end to the tax exemption on church properties. Another policy calls for lawsuits to prevent schoolchildren from singing Christian or Jewish songs at Yule



James J. Kilpatrick

tide. The ACLU would ban all religious displays on public property during the Christmas season. Does the card-carrying governor support these policies?

The ACLU is equally devoted to the cause of free speech. Writing in *The New Republic*, Mark S. Campisano recalls when the organization really did fine work in the field. It defended John Scopes, the Tennessee schoolteacher, in the famed "monkey trial" of 1924. It fought the senseless censorship of such works as James Joyce's *Ulysses*.

But in its official policy statements, the ACLU has taken the right of free speech and leaped over a cliff with it. Policy No. 18 would ban the rating of movies because of the "chilling effect" such ratings have on freedom of expression. Policy No. 4 would abolish all laws — and the ACLU means ALL laws — on the sale and distribution of hard-core pornography. The ACLU would prohibit any sort of interference by principals or teachers in the unfettered publication of student newspapers.

Pursuant to these official policy guides, the Maryland chapter of the ACLU recently rose to the defense of students at Thomas S. Wootton High School in Rockville. They had taken to

wearing T-shirts to school bearing such legends as "Big Pecker" and "I Want Your Sex." One T-shirt depicted two turtles copulating. Another depicted a condom.

Principal James Coles ordered them to cut it out. Said the ACLU's Maryland director: "The school shouldn't be in the business of banning those messages. That's what the First Amendment is all about." Some of us who live by the First Amendment every day of our lives would insist emphatically that that is not what the First Amendment is all about.

The ACLU's official policies deal with personal liberty. Policy No. 211 would abolish laws against prostitution. Policy No. 210 similarly would legalize the sale of marijuana and narcotic drugs. Where stands the card-carrying member?

Except in such cases as murder and treason, the ACLU believes that no person convicted of crime should be imprisoned. "A fine should always be the preferred form of penalty." This is because "imprisonment is harsh." Under Policy No. 242 offenders should be given probation or suspended sentences that would "maximize the liberty of the individual."

These are fair examples by which the dedication of a "card-carrying member" may be judged. The significance to the presidential campaign lies in the awesome power that is vested in a president to nominate judges for the Supreme Court and the lesser federal courts.

In this regard, what is the cast of mind of Michael Dukakis? Every president since Washington has nominated judges in his own philosophical image. This is the way the system works. I, for one, don't want it to work in the way of the ACLU.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 31, the 305th day of 1988. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween.

Today's highlight in history: In 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

On this date: In 1795, English poet John Keats was born in London. In 1864, Nevada became the 36th state.

In 1887, Nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek was born in Chekiang Province.

In 1926, magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit at age 52 of gangrene and peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix.

In 1938, one day after his *War of the Worlds* broadcast had panicked radio listeners, Orson Welles expressed "deep regret" but also said he was "bewildered" that anyone thought the Martian invasion portrayed in the drama was real.

In 1955, Britain's Princess Margaret ended weeks of speculation by announcing she would not marry Royal Air Force Capt. Peter Townsend.



Fire ghost out house hunting

I remember some long-ago Halloweens in Tulsa, Okla., when youngsters would dare one another to stay in the vacant old house which they were sure was "haunted."

Every community had at least one "haunted" house in those days.

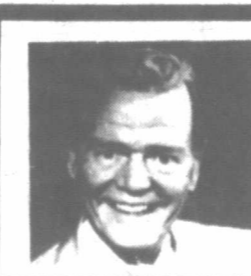
The debunkers have spoiled that fun for recent generations. With applied sciences they have demonstrated that most phenomena have a logical explanation.

Yet, even now, once in a while, there is one such that the church and the parapsychologists and the ghost-busters and the engineers, chemists and geologist cannot explain.

There was such a house in Orland Hills — an attractive, upper-income suburb of Chicago. Occupants complained of an eye-burning white haze in the house, of strange odors, sometimes like sulfur.

In this attractive bi-level house, Bob and Karen Gallo were certainly NOT exaggerating the problems.

Indeed, they sought persistently to quiet any suspicions about the place, fearful they would never be able to sell it. Yet, they could not ignore and had to report fires which appeared to start



Paul Harvey

themselves, three in one month.

The Gallos were advised by fire officials to move out; they did.

Then for most of a year, arson investigators investigated every possibility — arson, pranks, natural gas, methane gas, sewer gas, faulty electrical system. They reported "no logical explanation."

Once, while they were in the house investigating, a blue flame an inch in diameter shot out of a wall socket, for more than a half a minute — after which the outlet still worked.

Two officers from the Orland Fire Protection District saw that happened. Of 26 separate incidents, 11 of them were witnessed either by

police or fire department professionals.

Another time, with investigators on the premises, another flame from nowhere set a mattress afire.

Travelers Insurance Co. employed Packer Engineering to investigate — to take infrared photographs, to study any possible heat differentials in the house. They found none. They tried a fog machine to trace air currents in the house; nothing unusual. Investigators spent nights in the house after which they had their own blood examined. Nothing.

Two soil borings below the foundation revealed only heavy clay.

By now the house was neither salable or livable.

At long last the insurance company decided there was nothing to do but to declare the house worthless and tear it down — and pay off the insured portion, which was not enough to replace the house.

Anyway, last Thursday the bulldozers moved in — the house came down. The hole in the ground was then filled and smoothed over, and the ghost of Orland Hills, evicted, roams the city — house hunting.

Here's what Bush could say on Nov. 6

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

I realize it's asking a lot of a man within inches of the presidency, but here's what I wish George Bush would say to the American people in a television address on Sunday evening, Nov. 6:

"My fellow Americans: The polls indicate that on Tuesday you are very likely to elect me as your president. I have sought that high honor, and if you confer it on me I will of course do everything in my power to serve you honorably and well.

"But, my friends, no president can serve you really well — can serve you as you deserve to be served — if he is compelled to work with and through a Congress dominated by his political opponents.

"Every president comes to that office with a program: a series of things he hopes to do, and which presumably you hope he will do. Almost all of these things, however, require the ap-

proval of one or both houses of Congress. If his opponents dominate the Congress, it follows as night follows day that the president will be unable to implement many parts of his program.

"Now, I certainly do not criticize the Democrats in Congress for this fact. Indeed, it is precisely the function of the opposition party, under our system, to subject the president's proposals to sharp scrutiny, to make alternative suggestions, and to thwart him (if they can) when they believe he is wrong.

"But ordinarily in our history the voters have elected a president and Congress of the same party, in the expectation that they would work toward essentially the same ends. It is only in recent decades that we have fallen into the habit of routinely electing a president of one party and a Congress of the other.

"At first this may even strike you as a good idea — as an extension of the familiar principle of the separa-

tion of powers. But do you really want to cripple your government in this way? Wouldn't it be better to let one party take charge of both the presidency and the Congress and do its very best for you — and then replace it, if you felt the other could do better?"

"Accordingly, I am asking you tonight to consider most seriously the structure and composition of your government. If you want me to be your president, and to do for you the very best that I can do, I ask you to elect also a Republican Senate and House that will work with me and not against me.

"I realize that there are many Democratic members of both Houses who are splendid public officials. I know, moreover, that every Democratic candidate will promise to support me 'when I am right' and oppose me only 'when I am wrong.' But we also know that every Democrat elected to either the House or the Senate on Tuesday will vote to place that body

under the control of his party, and that his party would inevitably use its power to thwart my program and diminish the success of my administration. Unfortunately that administration would also be your administration — the only one there was.

"If, therefore, you are unwilling to give me a Republican Congress that will work with me, I suggest in all sincerity that you consider voting for Gov. Dukakis, who will at least not be thwarted routinely by a Democratic Congress. I cannot in all conscience recommend that you again put political opponents in control of the legislative and executive branches and compel them to fight like two scorpions in a bottle.

"America deserves, and needs, better than that. If you want me to be your president, I ask you most sincerely to give me a Congress that agrees with you.

"Thank you, and good night."

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Kraft agrees to \$13.1 billion merger bid by Philip Morris

NEW YORK (AP) — The unprecedented, mid-October frenzy of buyout bids has spawned its biggest deal yet, a \$13.1 billion megabuyout of Kraft by Philip Morris that would create the world's biggest consumer products company.

The proposed merger announced Sunday would be the biggest ever between two non-oil U.S. companies and, if successful, would end a short but sharp takeover battle between the two giant food and consumer goods companies.

It also would create a \$40 billion-a-year company armed with some of America's best-known consumer products, including Philip Morris Inc.'s Miller beer, Marlboro cigarettes, Jell-O and Maxwell House coffee, and Kraft Inc.'s Velveeta, Parkay margarine, Philadelphia cream cheese, Miracle Whip salad dressing and Sealtest ice cream.

That would fulfill Philip Morris' goal of reducing its dependence on revenue from its slowing cigarette business, while making it a tougher worldwide competitor against other giant multinationals.

"As we have stated from the outset, we believe the combination of Philip Morris and Kraft will create a U.S.-based food company that will compete more effectively in world food markets," said Hamish Maxwell, Philip Morris' chairman and chief executive.

In a joint announcement, the companies said they had a definitive agreement for New York-based Philip Morris to boost its outstanding tender offer for all of Kraft's outstanding stock to \$106 a share from \$90.

Kraft shares closed Friday at \$96.50, up \$2 a share on the New York Stock Exchange. Philip Morris closed down 25 cents at \$94.75 a share.

Glenview, Ill.-based Kraft had rejected as inadequate the \$90-a-share offer made Oct. 17, and unveiled a defensive restructuring it said would pay its stockholders \$110 a share in cash and securities.

The restructuring, thought by many analysts to be mainly a bargaining ploy, would have boosted Kraft's debt by about \$12.4 billion, likely forcing it

to sell some of its businesses to raise cash for debt payments.

Kraft said Tuesday it would negotiate only if Philip Morris sweetened its offer to at least \$110 a share, and insisted it would not be pressured into a buyout.

A preliminary agreement was reached after negotiations Friday in Chicago. The Kraft board of directors approved it Sunday in New York, Maxwell said in a telephone interview.

"Our shareholders are receiving full value, and this merger is the best possible outcome for our employees, customers and the communities in which we operate," said John M. Richman, chairman and chief executive of Kraft, which has 47,000 employees.

If completed, the merger would rank behind only the \$13.4 billion acquisition of Gulf Oil Corp. by what is now Chevron Corp. in 1984.

With combined revenue of about \$39.5 billion in the year ended June 30, the company would be the world's biggest consumer products maker, out-

pacing the \$30 billion-a-year British-Dutch company Unilever NV, according to industry estimates.

The combination of Kraft and General Foods Corp., which Philip Morris acquired in 1985 for \$5.6 billion, would produce about \$20 billion in annual revenue, making Philip Morris the world's second biggest food company, after Switzerland's \$28 billion Nestle SA.

The proposed buyout follows a mid-October wave of multibillion-dollar takeover bids focusing on food companies.

Pending is a \$20.3 billion proposal by the investment firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. for food and tobacco giant RJR Nabisco Inc. Also pending are a \$5.23 billion hostile bid for Pillsbury Co. by Britain's Grand Metropolitan PLC, a \$1.4 billion bid for West Point-Pepperell Inc. by rival textile maker Farley Inc. and a \$941.2 million bid for Holly Farms Corp. by Tyson Foods Inc., two of the nation's biggest poultry processors.



Imelda Marcos, left, visits with supporters in New York.

Imelda arrives in New York to face embezzling indictment

By MARJORIE ANDERS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos has returned to the city where she once threw lavish parties, this time to answer to an indictment accusing her and her husband of embezzling \$100 million from their homeland.

Mrs. Marcos and her entourage arrived Sunday by luxury jet from Hawaii, where she and ousted Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos have lived in exile since fleeing the Philippines in February 1986.

Defense lawyers convinced U.S. District Judge John F. Keenan that the 71-year-old Marcos was too frail to make the trip to New York City for a court appearance.

His arraignment was postponed, at least until a government physician examines him.

The judge, however, ordered Mrs. Marcos to appear. She was scheduled for arraignment today on charges that the couple used the country's money to buy property including four New York buildings and artwork.

Lawyers said Mrs. Marcos, 59, will plead innocent to charges in the Oct. 21 embezzlement and racketeering indictment. The main racketeering charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison upon conviction.

Mrs. Marcos flew from Hawaii on Saturday, the first time she has left the state since her exile there.

On Sunday, a limousine brought her to the Waldorf Towers, one of the New York locations where she threw lavish parties as first lady. She was surrounded by reporters and photographers. Bodyguards cleared a path as she and those with her strode inside the luxury apartment-hotel without comment.

A Marcos associate in Honolulu, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Mrs. Marcos hoped to shop and entertain old friends while in New York.

"Her real concern is that she also hasn't left her husband's side for three years and she's very concerned about his health," John Bartko, a Marcos attorney, said in Honolulu.

"She's going to meet her legal obligation, but I just don't see her having a gay old time in New York City."

Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Marcos visited St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral. Aides said the Waldorf bill, which reportedly will run \$1,800 a night, is to be paid by friends they won't identify.

The criminal indictment is similar to a 1986 civil lawsuit filed in California by the Philippine government of Marcos' successor, Corazon Aquino.

"We developed an idea, which the American courts bought, that a dictator can't fleece his country, deposit the loot in the United States and expect to get away with it," said Morton Stavis, president of the Center for Constitutional Rights, a non-profit legal group representing the Aquino government.

In response to the lawsuit, an injunction was granted March 2, 1986, that prevented the sale or transfer of Marcos' New York properties, which included four Manhattan commercial build-

ings and a Long Island estate, with a total value reportedly in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

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U.S. to ease North Korea restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is expected to respond to an appeal from South Korea early this week by announcing an easing of diplomatic and trade restrictions against North Korea, according to U.S. officials.

The moves are a complement to efforts by South Korean President Roh Tae Woo, who has called for a north-south summit meeting and a resumption of trade between the two Koreas as part of an attempt to ease tensions on the peninsula.

Roh met with President Reagan 10 days ago and suggested the United States take some modest steps in coordination with South Korea's own moves.

Although modest, the gestures planned by the administration are believed to be the most extensive the United States has adopted toward the communist north since the Korean armistice was signed 35 years ago.

North Korea is one of the few countries in the world with which the United States has no diplomatic relations, and it has been the target of a highly restrictive U.S. trade embargo.

U.S. officials, insisting on anonymity, said the trade embargo may be relaxed to permit the sale of medical supplies to North Korea.

There also may be an easing of curbs on U.S. visits by North Koreans and on currency exchanges between the two countries.

The officials also said U.S. diplomats are expected to be allowed substantive contact with North Korean diplomats for the first time in almost a year.

In a gesture to the north in early 1987, the administration removed a prohibition on diplomatic contacts but then restored it after what officials said was convincing evidence of North Korean complicity in the November 1987 bombing of a South Korean passenger plane that killed all 115 aboard.

Since Roh's visit, the State Department has been working with the Treasury Department and

other agencies to carry out the paperwork necessary to implement the expected changes, the officials said.

Historically, South Korea has, with U.S. help, tried to isolate North Korea but Roh has altered that policy with his call for north-south trade and for an unprecedented summit meeting with President Kim Il-Sung.

As U.S. officials see it, Roh's moves reflect increased South Korean self-confidence based on the country's growing economic strength and the success of the Olympic games held in September in Seoul.

North Korea made no attempt to disrupt the games, which Roh took as an encouraging sign. He proposed the summit shortly after the games concluded, reflecting, in part, strong domestic pressure to make an effort that could lead to the eventual peaceful reunification of the peninsula.

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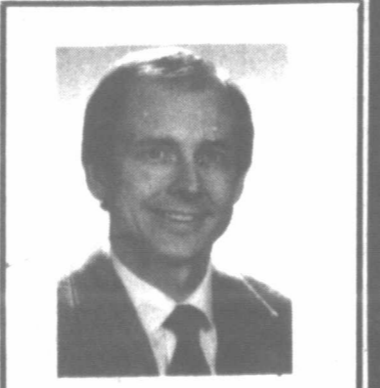
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If you're bothered by headache that seems to have its origin at the base of your skull, you may be suffering from tension headache.

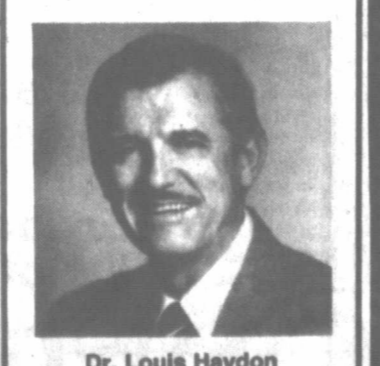
Tension headaches can be caused by an irritation of the nerves in the area of the spine immediately under the skull. These are called the suboccipital nerves. They pass through small openings in the spinal column to muscles in the surrounding area. Any abnormal pressure or dysfunction of neck and muscles can irritate the nerves, causing tension.

The tension doesn't cause the headache. To treat this form of headache, attention should be paid to the bone and muscle structures. They should be returned to normal balance so they can function properly again.

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World



Sandy Blum, suffering from burns, is wheeled into Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem Sunday.

Firebombs kill mother and three children

By NICOLAS B. TATRO
Associated Press Writer

JERICHO, Occupied West Bank (AP)—Palestinians hiding in a banana plantation hurled firebombs at a passenger bus just outside this West Bank town, killing a mother and her three children aged 9 months to 3½ years.

The bus was set ablaze just 35 hours before Israel's parliamentary elections, which are expected to be extremely close, and could drive undecided voters to the Likud Bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who has advocated a hard line in dealing with violence.

Israeli news reports identified the dead woman in Sunday's attack as Rachel Weiss, 27.

She and her boys, Rafael, Netanel and Efraim, lived in Jerusalem and were returning home from the northern Israeli town of Tiberias, where they celebrated a friend's bar mitzvah, a coming-of-age ceremony for Jewish boys aged 13.

Five other passengers were wounded, one a soldier who was seriously burned.

Two of the injured are immigrants from Pittsburgh: Dov Blum, 35, who suffered serious burns on his face, and his wife, Cindy, burned on her face and back, said Ruth Mekel, a spokeswoman at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Sunday night's attack claimed the largest number of Israeli lives in a single assault since the Palestinian revolt against Israel's 21-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip broke out almost 11 months ago.

A total of 305 Palestinians and 10 Israelis have been killed in the intifadeh, Arabic for uprising, which began Dec. 8.

Maj. Gen. Amram Mitzna, the West Bank commander, told reporters in Jericho today that a curfew was imposed on the town of about 17,000 Arabs that is 18 miles east of Jerusalem.

As reporters watched, a huge army bulldozer plowed under rows of banana trees. Officers said bushes and trees would be knocked down to prevent future ambushes.

Mitzna said dozens of Palestinians had been detained. Israel

radio said seven Arabs involved in the attack were apprehended, and Armed Forces Radio said one confessed.

Soldiers, some using police dogs, searched door to door.

Officers said the attack was meticulously planned, but Mitzna played down a connection with Tuesday's elections: "The timing is just two days before the election, but it is not the first time that firebombs were thrown on (West Bank) roads."

In the past two months, there have been more than 100 firebomb attacks in the Jericho area, Israel radio said. Army patrols were in the area and arrived within minutes.

Mitzna said firebombs were hurled at the bus by Palestinians hiding in banana trees next to the narrow asphalt road about 8:15 p.m. One broke through a window, setting alight the back seat where the children were sitting.

"Two or three Molotov cocktails were thrown at the bus, which went up in flames in seconds," Mitzna told reporters.

The driver slammed on the brakes, and most of the 22 passengers scrambled to safety. A soldier, identified only as Sgt. Ron, boarded the red-and-white Egged bus No. 961 and found a woman still aboard.

"From the back of the bus I heard the sound of a trapped woman," Ron said on Israel radio. "I grabbed her with one hand. I said, 'Come out with me.' She absolutely refused."

"She screamed, 'But I have a baby, what about the baby!' After a few seconds, I realized that if I remained one more second (I would be killed)."

The woman's husband was aboard the bus but escaped without serious injury, army officials said.

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In videotape, hostage Anderson says U.S. impeding his release

By FAROUK NASSAR
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem kidnapers today released a videotape of American journalist Terry Anderson, who read a message blaming the U.S. government for preventing his release.

The tape was delivered to a Western news agency office in Beirut, along with a statement in Arabic, a few days after Anderson spent a fourth birthday, his 41st, in captivity.

"Once again I have been given the chance to speak to my government, my family and my people," said the chief Middle East

correspondent for The Associated Press.

"I love you, I miss you very much. I know of your continued strong efforts for me," he addressed friends and family in the English-language message.

"I have been very close to being released several times over the past three years, but each time it seems that the U.S. government uses its influence to stop any agreement and I don't understand this."

"I am not asking (President) Reagan to deal with terrorists, although Mr. (George) Bush did so in the Iran-Contra affair and TWA hijacking." He did not elaborate.

"Our problem could have been solved a long time ago without such complications as arms deals," Anderson said.

He urged the U.S. administration to negotiate his release and appealed to the new U.S. president once elected to end the plight of the hostages. The Reagan administration has said it refuses to negotiate with terrorists.

Anderson, of Lorain, Ohio, was kidnapped March 16, 1985, in Beirut and is the longest-held of the 14 foreigners, nine of them American, missing in Lebanon and presumed captives of kidnapers.

He was seized by a group calling itself Islamic Jihad, or Holy War, which said in the accompanying statement that it provided the videotape "on the occasion of Terry Anderson's birthday and in response to your letters, and according to his desire to send you a recorded message."

Islamic Jihad also holds Thomas Sutherland, 56, of Fort Collins, Colo., who is acting dean of agriculture at American University in Beirut. He was kidnapped June 10, 1985.

In a statement Oct. 23, the group repeated its longstanding demands for the release of Anderson and Sutherland, which include the release of fellow "holy warriors" from all foreign jails and withdrawal of Israeli forces from south Lebanon.

Anderson appeared relaxed as he read from the prepared statement. He was clean-shaven and wore his eyeglasses. His hair was neatly combed. He appeared from the waist up, wearing a striped grey sweater.

"I am well and being well treated and I received your birthday greetings and as always I thank you very much," he said.



Anderson speaks on videotape.

Poland closes Gdansk shipyard

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—The Lenin shipyard in Gdansk, birthplace of the banned Solidarity free trade union movement, will be closed Dec. 1 in a move to restructure Poland's shipbuilding industry, the government announced today.

The state-run PAP news service said the decision was made Oct. 29 by Prime Minister Mieczyslaw F. Rakowski, who had just taken office.

A furious Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa, responding to the announcement, denounced the decision as "a personal provocation of Prime Minister Rakowski against the birthplace of Solidarity."

He said his movement was ready to take over the shipyard and run it profitably.

The government's move comes as it bickers with Solidarity over the makeup of the opposition's delegation to round-table talks Communist authorities promised in August in return for Walesa's ending of Poland's worst labor unrest in seven years.

In a communique announcing the move this morning, PAP referred to the speech Rakowski made Oct. 13 when he presented his government to the parliament.

"Rakowski announced that his government will go from words and plans to firm acts which would recover the Polish economy," PAP said.

"That would include liquidation of enterprises

that are inefficient, unproductive and some enterprises which require subsidies from the state treasury," the agency said.

PAP said the announcement of the Lenin Shipyard's closure "is not a surprise for public opinion or for the workforce of the Lenin shipyard. The possibility of liquidating this shipyard has been discussed in public... For a long time."

The shipyard, scene of strikes this year in May and August and for two decades a hotbed of union activity, employs about 10,000 workers.

It was scheduled to build 11 ships this year, and builds ships primarily for the Soviet Union, which as an ally is afforded very favorable purchase terms.

Articles in the press have questioned its profitability, with one newspaper describing the yard "as a giant on partly rotten legs."

Walesa, an electrician at the shipyard, said the union could cope with the yard's financial problem if given the chance.

"We are ready to take over this enterprise and make it profitable. We will help the (workers' council) take it over so that the shipyard can work well and make its profits," he said.

The opposition wants Communist authorities to grant it a say in helping solve Poland's daunting economic and social problems.

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Lifestyles

Apple peelers were patented in 17th century

By RALPH and TERRY KOVEL

Fall apples were an important part of the diet of the early American settler. Those that were not eaten fresh were stored in large barrels. Many were pressed to make apple cider, but most were preserved for the winter meals. Some apples were peeled and cored and then either cut into circles to be strung on cords to dry, or cooked into apple butter, apple jelly or apple pies.

Peeling and cutting many apples in a short time was a problem that inspired the invention of hundreds of types of mechanical apple peelers. The first patent for a peeler was issued to Moss Coates of Pennsylvania in 1830.

At first, the apple peeler had a straight rod with a crank at one end and a fork to hold the apple at the other. A knife-blade on a hinged arm was positioned so the blade would cut the apple skin when the crank was turned.

Gradually the peeler was improved with gears and pulleys for speed, an extra knife to cut segments or circles, and a "pusher" to remove the core from the peeler.

Many types of wooden or iron peelers can be found in shops today. Most can still be used to help peel apples. There are even modern copies of the old peelers being made and sold in kitchenware stores. Look for homemade wooden examples, and iron models that have the date and name molded into the iron.

Q. I have a small figurine that was given to me at birth by an

Antiques

aunt. It is "Saturday's Child." The piece is marked with the stamp of a crown-topped circle with the number 51 in the center.

Underneath it says "Royal Worcester, Made in England, 3262."

Who was "Saturday's Child?" I have it because I was born on a Saturday.

A. Your figurine is one of a series made by the Royal Worcester factory of England from 1938 to the present. Seven figures were introduced in 1938, and seven more in 1954 so that a boy and girl are available for each day.

You must be a very hard worker, if the poem that inspired the figures is to be believed:

*Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace,
Wednesday's child is full of woe,*

*Thursday's child has far to go,
Friday's child is loving and giving,
Saturday's child works hard for his living,*

*And the child that is born on the Sabbath day,
Is fair and wise and good and gay.*

You can date your figurine exactly from the circle mark on the piece. Slight variations in the mark were used to indicate the date. The *Sandton Guide to Royal Worcester Figurines, 1900 to 1970* by David, John and Henry Sandton (Seven Hills Books, Cincinnati,

ti, \$65) shows all of these codes and lists the figurines made by the company.

Q. My silver coffee set is marked "Pilgrim Silverplate." When and where was it made?

A. The name Pilgrim appears on pieces of holloware made by the Friedman Silver Co. Inc. of Brooklyn, N.Y. The company was purchased by the Gorham Corporation in 1960.

Q. I have a bandanna that pictures a log cabin and a barrel that is labeled "cider," along with a picture of a man who I'm told is William Henry Harrison. Would this be a presidential campaign souvenir? Why the symbols?

A. William Henry Harrison ran against Martin Van Buren in 1840. A newspaper article in favor of Van Buren said that if you gave Harrison a barrel of hard cider, he would be happy to spend the rest of his days sitting in a log cabin.

The derogatory words backfired when Harrison's supporters decided to use the log cabin and alcohol as symbols of the candidate. Harrison never lived in a log cabin but the image stuck. Rallies were held in front of mock-ups of log cabins. Songs about log cabins were sung, and his supporters enjoyed drinking hard cider.

Harrison won the election.

TIP: Floodlights facing toward the house are better protection than floodlights facing away from the house because moving figures and shadows can be seen

more easily.

New! For a copy of the Kovels' new loose-leaf booklet listing the record-setting prices paid for art and antiques in 1987-88, send \$1 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Record-Setting Prices, Kovels, P.O. Box 22900, Beachwood, Ohio 44122.

CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded at antique shows, sales, flea markets and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

Cow pitcher, head and shoulders, white and brown, blue horns, yellow cowbell, 6 1/2 inches: \$18.

Collar buttonhook, sterling silver handle: \$22.

Still bank, Casey Jones, train: \$35.

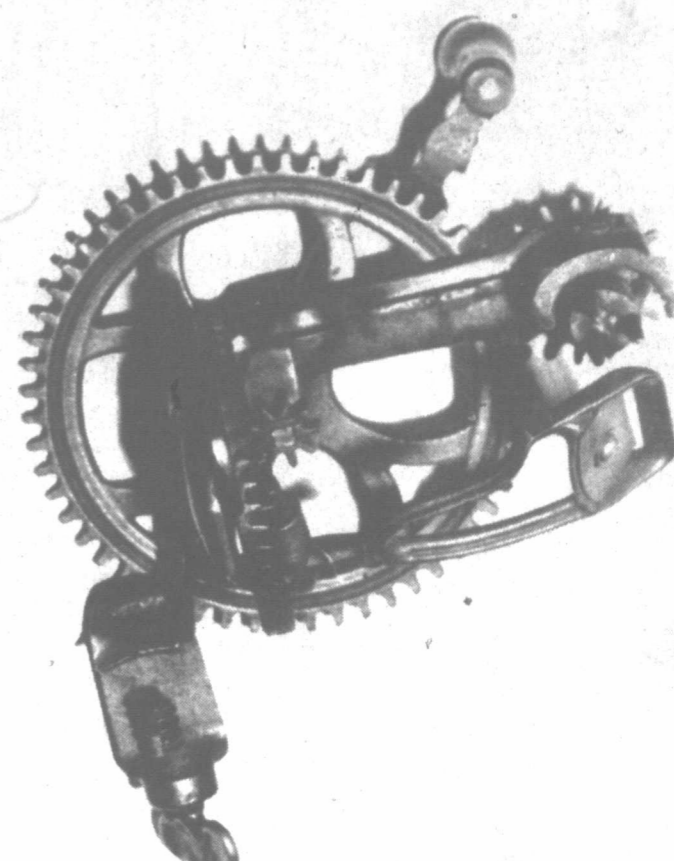
Silver-plated necklace, Art Deco, three rectangular set carnelians, chain links alternating with 18 carnelian beads: \$65.

Papier-mache snuff box, round, yellow and brown transfer, Dr. Syntax "The Shooting Pony": \$130.

Blue Willow platter, octagonal, scalloped, Patterson, c.1870, 17 1/2 inches: \$165.

Toledo scale, countertop, 10-pound, copper tray: \$200.

Rococo revival hall stand, walnut, brass scroll and gryphon hat hooks, swivel mirror, marble top over drawer, flanking umbrella stands, stenciled "Blake & Davenport 12 Cornhill Boston," 90 inches high: \$800.



This geared iron tool was a popular kitchen item around 1895. It is an apple peeler made to clamp to a table top. Imagine it as a clock face, with the crank at one o'clock, the apple held on the three-prong arm at two o'clock and the blade at three o'clock.

Lenci doll, No. 300, girl, all original, 16 inches: \$950.

Louis XVI style chandelier, six-light ormolu and cut glass, cage form, two tiers of hexagonal fa-

ceted glass borders, flower form candleholders, pendant chains, faceted drops, 39 inches high: \$4,950.

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Hot-air balloon among Nieman Marcus gifts

By JAY JORDEN
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — That winter wish list for well-stocked wallets, the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book, this year proves that not everything is better in pairs, providing a lift for Yuletide spirits with a "his-OR-hers" hot-air balloon.

But the company that intro-

duced his-AND-hers camels, dirigibles and Spangled Cats is not saying that togetherness is out of vogue with the affluent.

Featured in the catalog is the Neiman Marcus Cloudhopper, a 30-foot hot-air balloon that fits into an automobile trunk or on the back of its owner.

"We only have one balloon, the Cloudhopper," said company spokeswoman Pat Zajac. "Only

one can ride in it. Of course, if 20 people want one, that's no problem. We are prepared to provide as many Cloudhoppers as the world wants."

Constructed by Per Lindstrand of Thunder & Colt Balloons, England, the "fantasy of free-flight" sells for a mere \$18,000. Lindstrand, says Zajac, was the first man to cross the Atlantic in a hot-air balloon.

"We always look for things that

are unexpected, unusual," said Zajac, "and this is the world's first backpack balloon."

"It's the most compact balloon ever offered to the public," she said. "It's a backpack balloon that fits in the trunk of a car as a whole unit."

Not all the catalog gifts are for loners. The upscale "Easy Rider" can hit the road with other bikers on a limited edition Har-

ley-Davidson Heritage Softail motorcycle with customized seat, matching helmet and his-OR-hers black leather jacket with silver studs.

"Malcolm Forbes would love it," said Zajac, referring to the publishing magnate who owns a collection of motorcycles. "You are seeing more CEOs and business people out on the road with their motorcycles."

"Liz Taylor loves the color purple. Malcolm has supplied her with her own violet motorcycle." The wanderlust may strike Christmas shoppers in a more down-to-earth way.

For \$25,000, you can take a 10-day bicycle tour of Italy's Tuscany Region on custom Cinelli touring bikes, which may be personalized with your monogram or family crest.

The romantic tour for two, "the Tuscany Gran Turismo," comes with a deluxe motor coach and a driver-guide to accompany the riders, who can room at luxurious country inns and villas through

the trip. This year, the Neiman Marcus gift selection contains a touch of humor and whimsy. There's a silver-plated baby bottle for a budding corporate chief executive officer at \$25.

"We have taken the baby from silver spoon in mouth to bottle," said Zajac.

Other novelties include an edible chocolate chess set, giant milk- and white-chocolate postage stamp replicas, brooches of metal and precious stones depicting official birds of the 50 states and a set of howling coyote salt and pepper shakers, handmade in Albuquerque by a native artist.

Zajac said 3.2 million N-M catalogs were mailed to shoppers worldwide this fall.

"Through the years, we have tried to appeal to the humor and the child in all of us," she said. "We try to approach the merchandising of the Christmas book with humor and whimsy. If nothing else, it is a wish book for those who read it."

Hope Cottage plans 70th anniversary reunion

DALLAS — Hope Cottage, Dallas' oldest adoption agency, will have a special "family reunion" for all of its adoptees and their families from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the site of the old Hope Cottage Building on Welborn Street in Dallas.

The site is now the playground for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn, off Oak

Lawn and Maple.

The reunion marks the 70th anniversary of the agency, and special events are planned to commemorate the occasion. A historical exhibition will feature "70 Years of Hope."

Information on the event is available through Hope Cottage at 4209 McKinney Ave., Suite 200, Dallas, 75205, telephone (214) 526-8721. The adoption agency also requests,

that adoptees get back in touch with Hope, whether or not they can attend the event.

Through its 70 years, Hope Cottage has placed more than 10,000 children through adoption. It continues to provide adoption services and counseling of adoptive families and adoptees, as well as pregnancy and counseling services for birthparents.

Rank has no privilege to non-smokers

DEAR ABBY: You are going to get clobbered for telling that military wife who wouldn't allow guests to smoke in her home: "Rank has its privileges. I'd say that the commanding officer and such luminaries as JFK and FDR (if they were still living) would be welcome to light up wherever they please."

For as long as you have been writing your column, you should be aware by now how militant non-smokers are. Some of them would kick their own mother out in 10 feet of snow if she dared to light up in their house.

I haven't bet on anything for many years, but I'd bet your mail will run heavily against you on that statement.

"PINK" PINKERTON,
PICO RIVERA, CALIF.

DEAR PINK: Give the man from Pico Rivera a cigar! I am catching it from all directions. I did not say those luminaries would presume to light up without permission; I said I thought they would be welcome to. Big mistake. I blew it! My readers told me that I was wrong, and they were right.

DEAR ABBY: A reader asked, "Why don't people who are sick stay



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

home, instead of going to work and giving everybody else their cold, flu, or whatever they have that seems to be going around?"

I can answer that in four words: They need the money. Many jobs don't include "sick days" — it's no work, no pay.

Many days I've dragged myself to work feeling lousy, but I can't afford the luxury of staying home.

My last job allowed six days off a year. But nobody would dare to take them because it would reflect on their job performance record. If you were out sick more than six days, you were called in and "counseled" — and when it came time to be promoted, your work record was marked "not dependable."

Now, about keeping kids home from school because of sickness: In my son's school, they actually lowered his grade by a whole letter because he was out more than eight days in one semester!

My sister is a 27-year-old widow with two children, 5 and 7. She saves her days off without pay for their illnesses. Her take-home pay is \$210 a week, so two days off brings her paycheck down to \$126.

Now you know why people don't stay home when they're sick.

RHODE ISLAND MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: I do. And it's time employers showed a little more heart.

DEAR ABBY: Five million Americans have diabetes and don't know it! These people are at risk of serious complications if diagnosis and treatment are not sought in time. November is National Diabetes Month, so you can help by alerting the public to the symptoms of diabetes so it can be detected early: increased thirst, urination and

hunger; blurred vision, itchy skin, slowly healing wounds or extreme fatigue (especially after a meal), or a tingling sensation in toes or fingers. You are also more likely to have diabetes if you are overweight, are over 40, have given birth to a baby who weighed more than 9 pounds or have a relative with diabetes. Those at risk should be tested yearly for diabetes.

MARY GROSSI, R.N., C.D.E.,
LONG ISLAND CHAPTER,
AMERICAN DIABETES
ASSOCIATION

DEAR MS. GROSSI: I am glad to be able to pass on this valuable information. Readers: For more facts about diabetes, education and support, call your local chapter, or the national toll-free number: (800) ADA-DISC.

"How to Write Letters for All Occasions" provides sample letters of congratulations, thank-yous, condolences, resumes and business letters — even how to write a love letter! It also includes how to properly address clergymen, government officials, dignitaries, widows and others. To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$2.99 (\$3.99 in Canada) to: Abby's Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064. (Postage is included.)

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Is your child having trouble studying? Do their study habits need improving? Do they need to be motivated to study? Are they studying, but not reflected in their grades?

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If you feel these workshops will benefit you and your child, please call one of the following phone numbers and let us know so we might be better prepared.

Middle School Workshop: Wed. & Thurs. in Nov. 3:30 to 4:15
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Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Overfills
- 6 Endocrine
- 11 Deny
- 13 Evening star
- 14 Singer Frankie
- 15 Costume
- 16 Offense
- 17 Legal documents
- 19 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 20 Actress — Lamarr
- 22 Actress Ruby
- 23 Shot hole-in-one
- 24 Navigate
- 26 Hums
- 28 Edgar Allan
- 30 Author — Levin
- 31 Snoop
- 32 Wiggly fish
- 33 Invalidated
- 36 Body
- 39 Parched
- 40 Cunning
- 42 Mouth parts
- 44 Singing syllable
- 45 Cubicles
- 47 Vacation spot
- 48 Less attractive
- 50 Box
- 52 Nervous
- 53 Blood vessel
- 54 Test for fit (2 wds.)
- 55 Discourage

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- 1 Grind together
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GEECH

By Jerry Bittle

TRICK OR TREAT.
IS THAT YOU, EARL?
YES, MIZ COOTER.
WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME BACK NEXT WEEK AFTER I CASH MY CHECK.
I'M NOT COLLECTING FOR THE PAPER, MIZ COOTER. IT'S HALLOWEEN.
THEN COME BACK NEXT YEAR.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THE KING WILL NOW GIVE OUT THE GRAND PRIZE FOR THE BIGGEST PUMPKIN OF THE YEAR!
PUMPKIN, SIRE... PUMPKIN!

EEK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

HEY... HERE'S A SUPER-MARKET THAT'S STARTING TO SELL LEGAL SERVICES
BUT THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION IS COMPLAINING...
THEY'RE PUTTING THEM IN THE SAME AISLE AS THE VACUUM CLEANERS

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

TRICK OR TREAT...
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WHAM WHAM WHAM WHAM WHAM WHAM WHAM WHAM
SORRY, CLUMSY, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ANYONE CALLED MEDUSA.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

IN HONOR OF IT BEING HALLOWEEN...
I STOPPED AT THE VIDEO STORE ON THE WAY HOME AND RENTED A COUPLE OF SCARY MOVIES
WELL I GUESS IT'S BETTER THAN WATCHING THE TWO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ON TV
THAT'S REALLY SCARY!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

THAT LITTLE STRETCH OF SWAMP WON'T STOP THOSE HUBOTS! THEY'RE DETERMINED TO GET US!
THEY'RE COMING ACROSS!
JUST LIKE WE FIGURED THEY WOULD!
YES, LET THEM COME!
ARE YOU WOMEN CRAZY??
I THINK THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOIN', GLIZ! RELAX!
RELAX!! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MARBLES, TOO??

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

HAPPY DAYS OLD AGE HOME
"Maybe I should do this one alone..."

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane

"Couldn't we use REAL makeup like fake blood and lumpy skin and...?"

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Luther, forget the candy...bring dog treats!"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

HALLOWEEN COSTUME? WHO'S WEARING A HALLOWEEN COSTUME? I'M YOUR BLIND DATE!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

HOW MUCH IS 25 AND 25?
HOW MUCH ARE 25 AND 25?
NOBODY KNOWS HOW MUCH 25 AND 25 IS.

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

LOOK! A BUCKEYE!
ISN'T IT PRETTY? LOOK HOW PERFECT IT IS.
I'M GOING TO KEEP THIS ONE.
WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH IT?
TRI TO DENT SUSIE'S SKULL FROM 50 FEET.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sansom

YOU'RE A BIT OLD FOR THIS, BUT I LIKE YOUR OUTFIT.
WHY, THANK YA, FRIEND.
HERE, HAVE A CANDY BAR...
MIGHTY NICE OF YA, BUT MUM CADDY BROKE DOWN.
...AH JUST WANTED T'USE YOUR PHONE.

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

THE TIMING IS PERFECT! THE TRICK-OR-TREATING ALWAYS GETS THEM SOFTENED UP FOR ELECTION DAY.

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz

TONIGHT IS HALLOWEEN... HOW COME YOU'RE NOT SITTING OUT IN A PUMPKIN PATCH WAITING FOR THE GREAT PUMPKIN, AND MAKING A TOTAL COMPLETE AND ABSOLUTE FOOL OF YOURSELF?
YOU HAVE A NICE WAY OF WORDING THINGS...
THANK YOU... I WORK THEM OUT ON LITTLE SLIPS OF PAPER BEFOREHAND...

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GERMS!
SPLAT
BOP
WHAP!
I SEE SOME OF YOU STAYED FOR THE SECOND SHOW

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

A number of restrictions that have hampered you will be alleviated in the year ahead. You'll have greater freedom to operate, enhancing your possibilities for success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be extremely lucky at this time where joint ventures are concerned, especially in arrangements that involve a member of the opposite gender. 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 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is a good day to negotiate important agreements that have far-reaching effects. All of the parties involved should be pleased with the results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your talents for resolving the dilemmas of others could earn large rewards today. Offer your assistance willingly when needed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Functioning as a middleman is a role you're particularly well-suited to perform today. Under your capable guidance, all involved will get a fair shake.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions continue to look promising where your material interests are concerned. In fact, you may even benefit from something which you did not initiate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Think big today, because you'll be in your element when large objectives are at stake. Size will be instrumental in awakening your full potential.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Stay on top of matters today that can contribute to your security. You're on a lucky roll in this area, so make hay while the sun shines.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your popularity is at a high point and friends are likely to do things for you that they'll not do for others. Be sure to properly acknowledge their efforts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A matter about which you have been anxious looks like it may be resolved to your satisfaction today. Luck will only do so much, you'll have to do the rest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be hopeful today regarding the outcome of events, regardless of what occurs in the early stages. You should begin to shine when the finish line is in sight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Objectives can be achieved today either financially or career-wise if you give them top priority. Success is likely wherever you concentrate your efforts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your leadership qualities, as well as other enviable attributes, will be very evident to others today. When you say or do something, all will sit up and take notice.

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Dukakis finally admits he's a liberal as race nears its end

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press Writer

Michael Dukakis boasted about his liberal background and challenged rival George Bush to an election eve debate while the Republican nominee, wary of a tightening presidential race, vowed a tough fight in the waning days of the campaign.

With eight days left until Election Day, and some polls indicating a race closer than earlier surveys suggested, an enthusiastic Dukakis campaigned by train Sunday through California's Central Valley, where he added a new twist to his populist appeal.

"We need a president in the tradition, yes, the liberal tradition of Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John Kennedy," the Democratic nominee told voters at stops from Bakersfield to Stockton.

Questioned by reporters about his decision to embrace the "L-word," a label he has shunned for months, Dukakis said he comes from the liberal tradition of "presidents who were on the side of average Americans, presidents who helped to build middle class America."

"Harry Truman was a liberal who believed in balancing budgets and that's the tradition I

come from," the Massachusetts governor said.

Dukakis also called on his GOP opponent to use the network television time they both bought on election eve for a one-on-one debate with a moderator and no reporters.

"I'm going to be a president who unites America," Dukakis said. "If he (Bush) wants to talk about that, then I'd be happy to meet him face-to-face."

The vice president, in the second presidential debate on Oct. 13, ruled out the possibility of a third confrontation between the two candidates.

Bush stumped in Philadelphia's suburbs on Sunday and briefly manned the phones at his campaign headquarters in Montgomery County.

"This is George Bush calling from the headquarters. We're trying to get the vote out. I know you probably don't believe it, but that's who it is," the GOP nominee said in one call.

Bush also delivered a pep talk to staff members at the headquarters, saying he and his wife, Barbara, plan "to keep running like we're 10 points behind. Nobody is going to out-work us."

The vice president was campaigning today in Louisville, Ky.,

and St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo., after taping an interview in Washington, D.C., with NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw.

As part of a counteroffensive, the Dukakis campaign in Missouri announced late Sunday that a free lunch with the homeless will be held across the street from St. Louis' Union Station at the same time as the Bush rally.

The lunch for clergy, veterans, the elderly and others is being sponsored by the St. Louis Clergy Coalition, Students for Dukakis and other organizations, the campaign said in a statement.

The Democratic nominee was continuing his campaign in California with stops in San Jose and the Los Angeles suburb of Norwalk. Aides to Dukakis said their internal polls showed California, and its major prize of 47 electoral votes, is up for grabs despite surveys last week showing Bush ahead by 10 points.

Dukakis' running mate, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, was focusing today on his home state of Texas where two statewide polls released this weekend showed Bush maintaining a strong lead, ranging from 15 to 21 points.

Republican vice presidential nominee Dan Quayle was campaigning in Michigan and Ohio. The latest nationwide poll, a

Time Magazine survey published today, found the Republican ticket leading Dukakis-Bentsen by 10 points, 50 percent to 40 percent.

The survey of 1,096 probable voters was conducted Tuesday and Wednesday and had a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

Bush's chief of staff, Craig Fuller, said the campaign thought the race would tighten in the closing days of the campaign.

"I think it's to be expected as you get to the final days of the campaign that you're going to see some tightening in this race, but that's going to cause us to work

harder," Fuller said.

Buoyed by his campaign's tracking polls and some statewide surveys indicating a closer race, Dukakis claimed that the battle for the White House is far from over.

"You can sense it, you can feel it, you can taste it," he said.

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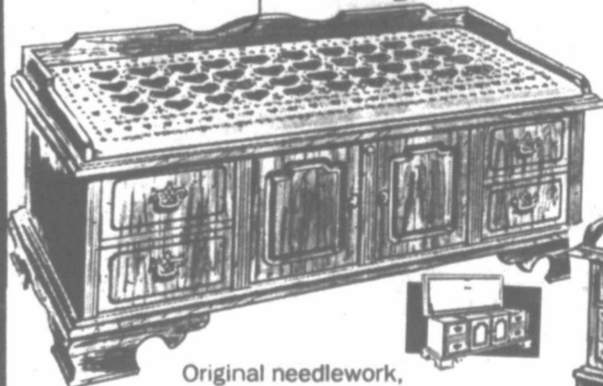
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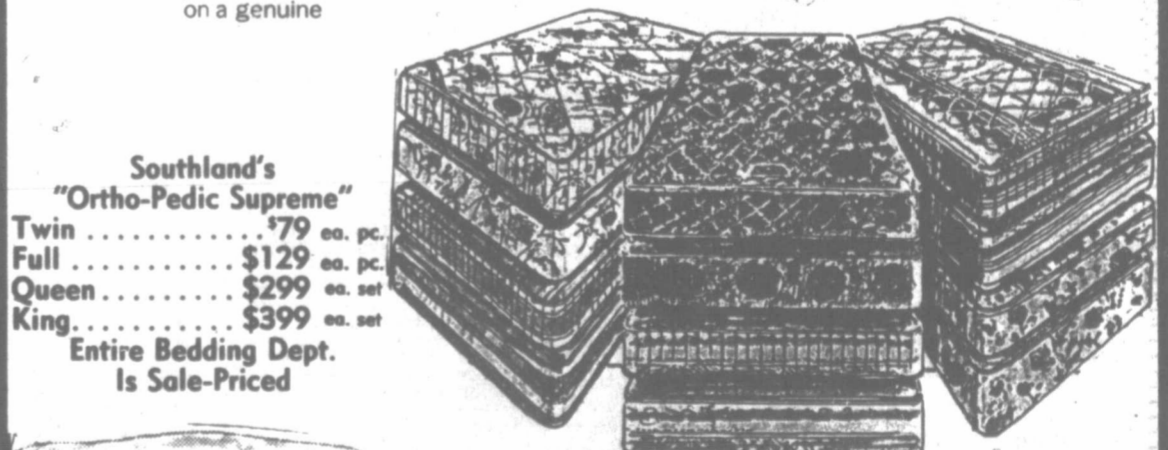
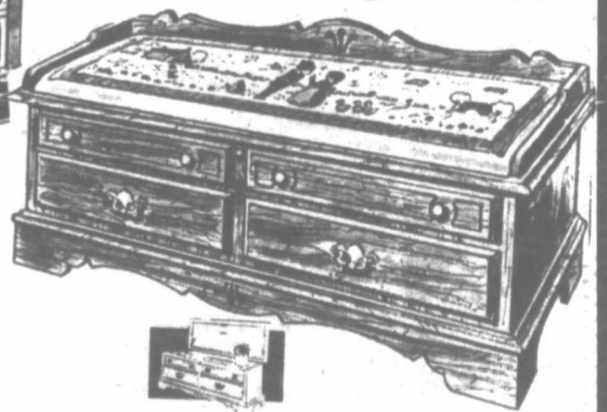
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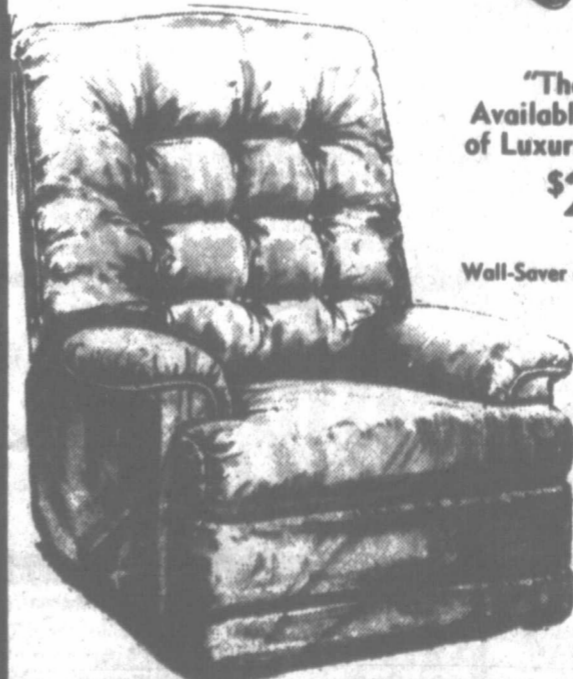
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Roloff property to be auctioned

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A 550-acre spread where the late evangelist Lester Roloff operated unlicensed homes for youths goes to the auction block this week to repay a local school district unpaid taxes.

Roloff, a dynamic radio preacher whose sermons were broadcast throughout the nation, died in 1982 when his private plane crashed.

"The Farm," as Roloff called it, is located just outside the Texas coastal city of Corpus Christi on Farm-to-Market 865.

The property of People's Baptist Church, founded by Roloff in 1951, will be auctioned Tuesday at the Nueces County Courthouse to satisfy a \$75,250 judgment against the church for back taxes owed to the West Oso Independent School District.

The state Supreme Court ruled in September that the church owed the taxes after finding the church had nullified its tax-exempt status by allowing a for-profit business to operate at "The Farm."

Last Friday, the church was about \$1,000 short of halting the public auction by paying the taxes owed for 1978 through 1985, plus penalties, interest and court costs.

Church and school district officials could not reach an agreement on payment of the back taxes.

The West Oso school board decided last week that the church must pay the taxes in full.

The judgment and decision infuriate the Rev. Wiley B. Cameron, Roloff's successor.

"The church does not belong to Caesar," said Cameron. "Should we render money to Caesar, or (render) redeemed people now able to walk uprightly and not be a burden to the state?"

The property includes outbuildings for farm equipment, a guest house, residences for about 65

church and school staff members, a school for children aged 3 years to 18 years — and what remains of Roloff's controversial homes for drug abusers.

People's Baptist Church, founded by Roloff in 1951, also remains.

Roloff's 72-year-old widow, Marie, lives on the farm in the two-story home she once shared with the evangelist, but is reclusive.

About 450 troubled youths and drug and alcohol abusers lived in five homes located on the farm, but today only 150 remain in three homes.



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