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First part of U.S. aid arrives in Colombia

By BRUCE HANDLER
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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The United States on Sunday began shipping a \$65 million package of military aircraft and weapons to help Colombia fight its war against powerful cocaine empires.

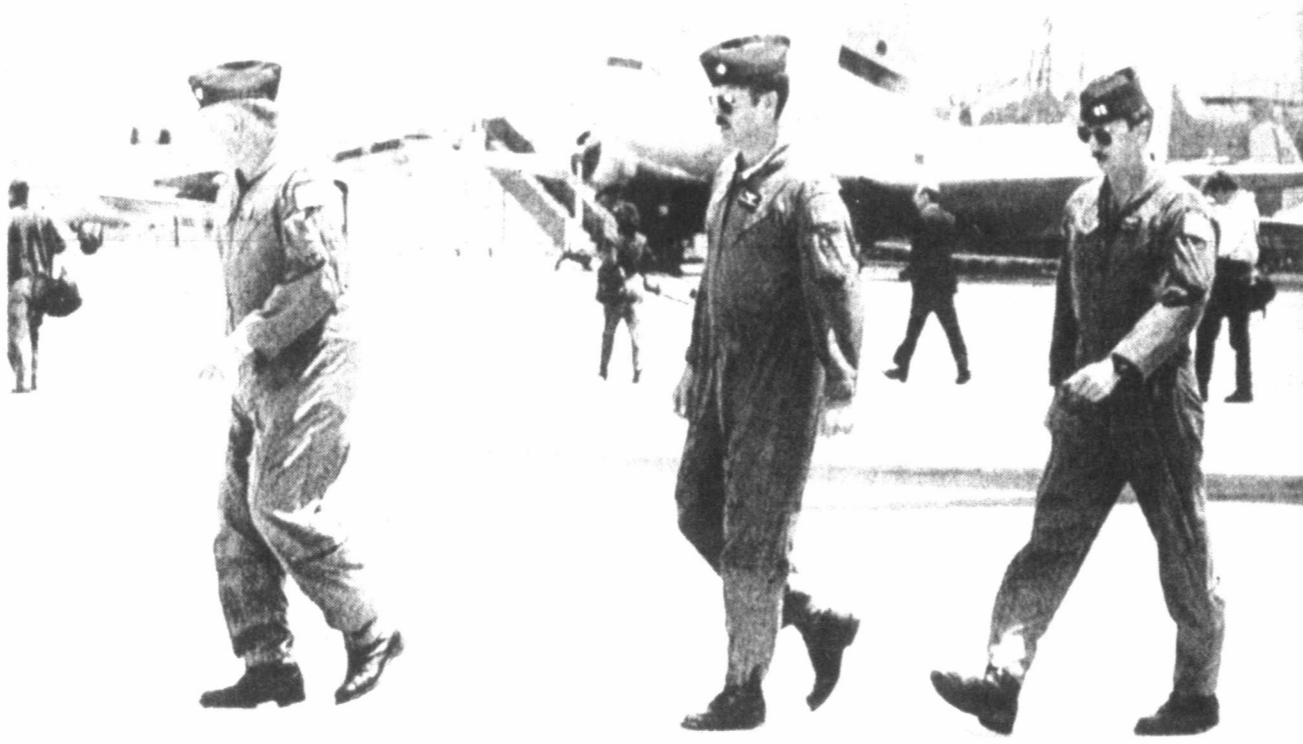
The first to arrive were two C-130B transport planes. U.S. Ambassador Thomas McNamara, present at a Bogota military air base where the transports landed, said the big jets "are in excellent condition and should serve the Colombian armed forces for many years."

The commander of Colombia's air force, Gen. Alfonso Amaya Maldonado, said the C-130s "will be used in the fight in which we are engaged ... to re-establish order."

The high-tailed C-130s can take off and land on 3,000-foot runways, even those with no paving, and presumably could be used in raids on remote coca-leaf plantations and clandestine cocaine-refining laboratories. By contrast, passenger jets such as 747s and DC-10s need runways of 9,000-10,000 feet.

Also on their way to this South American country, according to the Pentagon, were five UH-1H transport helicopters and eight A-37 reconnaissance jets. The A-37s can be outfitted with machine guns and rockets.

The United States also has



A flight crew from a C-1308 transport plane walk toward the terminal Sunday after landing at Catam Air Force Base in Colombia as the first part of a \$65 million aid package from the U.S. arrives to help in the fight against drug lords.

promised Colombia rifles, pistols, machine guns, rockets and grenades — even bulletproof vests for Colombian officials and judges who

prosecute drug traffickers.

Bogota's anti-drug newspaper *El Espectador*, bombed Saturday by drug-cartel terrorists, came out Sun-

day with a smaller edition that maintained its hard line against the drug barons.

"We will continue moving for-

ward!" the front page proclaimed in Spanish. "In its 102 years, *El Espectador* has always gone ahead, overcoming all adversities," said the paper, whose publisher was assassinated in 1986 by drug traf-

Eighty-four people were injured in Saturday's bombing.

Several Bogota newspaper editorials on Sunday called on Colombia's Congress to make permanent the special anti-drug measures decreed Aug. 18 by President Virgilio Barco, providing for the extradition of drug traffickers and the confiscation of their property.

Colombia's Supreme Court has until the end of September to determine whether these measures are constitutional. If the court says no, the government might have to release suspects being held for possible delivery to the United States to face drug charges there.

Authorities also could be forced to return some \$200 million worth of villas, airplanes, cars, yachts, motorcycles and weapons summarily seized from alleged traffickers.

A former president, Carlos Lleras Restrepo, writing in a weekly magazine, said the emergency rules should be deemed legal "because they are the same powers the constitution authorizes in time of war."

The drug cartels, which last month assassinated Colombia's

leading presidential candidate and also the top police official in the cocaine center of Medellin, have declared "total and absolute war" against Barco's civilian administration.

In a related development, the press reported Sunday that the government had eliminated a surtax, ranging up to the equivalent of \$5 a month, for unlisted phone numbers.

Bogota's largest newspaper, *El Tiempo*, said: "Due to the lack of security in our country, many telephone customers prefer to keep their names out of the phone book." The paper said there were about 5,000 unlisted numbers in this capital of 6 million.

Also Sunday, Barco fired the chief of the anti-drug effort in Medellin, the headquarters for many of Colombia's drug traffickers. A source said he was ousted for having dealings with drug lords.

The government gave no reason for removing police Col. Antonio Sanchez as chief of a special 4,000-member anti-drug unit in Medellin. A source at national police headquarters in Bogota, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he was ousted for dealing with drug traffickers.

Sanchez was the third colonel fired from the national police in a crackdown on corruption that began in January. He was replaced by Col. Humberto Canero Maldonado.

Hot weather awaits Labor Day revelers

Hot weather awaits those participating in various Labor Day activities today, with a slight chance of thunderstorms offering the potential for some possible cooling off.

Students and faculty found themselves with their first holiday of the new school year today after having attended school for only one day last Friday, just barely time to get used to summer's unofficial end.

Locally, thousands are expected to fill Central Park as the annual Chautauqua festivities get under way with arts and crafts, food and drink booths, entertainment, games and activities.

The Chautauqua events got off to an early start this morning with 5K and Fun Run sponsored by Coronado Hospital for the Pampa United Way. For those early risers, the Pampa Soccer Association had breakfast ready at the park.

Activities are expected to continue until around 5 p.m. today, with the trees in the parks and tents offering some welcome shade from the hot temperatures expected to climb into the mid-

90s. Those not attending Chautauqua and having the day off will be flocking to the area lakes and other recreational sites with family and friends, or just staying home and relaxing under the air conditioners.

Those not having the day off will be waiting on customers going into stores having special Labor Day bargains, providing gasoline and food to those out traveling on the holiday or continuing law enforcement, medical and other services that don't wait for holidays.

As usual, banks and other financial institutions are closed for the day. The U.S. Post Office will be open for box patrons, but there will be no home or business mail delivery today. City, county, state and federal offices are closed except for law enforcement and emergency services.

According to Associated press reports, hot temperatures continued to dominate the state Monday and forecasters warned Labor Day revelers to take it easy.

Forecasters said excessive heat indexes of more than 105 degrees would continue throughout south and west Texas, as well as in the Dallas-Fort-Worth area.

Temperatures are expected to begin cooling Tuesday.

Skies across the state on Labor Day were generally clear to partly cloudy. Isolated showers developed over the upper Texas coastal waters, creating muggy conditions.

Winds were generally south to southeast across Texas, except in the northeast portion, where winds were easterly. Winds statewide were light, mostly in the 5 to 10-mph range.

The National Weather Service said most of the state should remain hot and sunny, except for the coastal plains, East Texas and extreme West Texas, where showers were expected to cool things off.

Showers also were possible over the northwest, northeast and extreme northern sections of Texas Monday night.

DPS reports 26 dead in holiday fatalities

By The Associated Press

As alcohol-related accidents pushed the state's holiday traffic fatality count precariously closer to the projected Labor Day weekend total, authorities say they fear that more holiday revelers will choose to drink and drive.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported late Sunday that 26 people had died on Texas roads. Officials blame alcohol use in almost half of those deaths, although alcohol was not believed to be a contributing factor in the six fatalities reported late Sunday.

"We're sitting here on the edge of our chairs, hoping people don't imbibe," Tom Mobley, a DPS safety education officer, said. "But that could mess up our predictions."

The DPS is conducting a holiday fatality count during a 78-hour period that began at 6 p.m. Friday and will end at midnight Monday. Statisticians for the DPS have predicted, based on past holiday periods and

current trends, that 34 people will die on Texas streets and highways during the period.

"Right now, it looks like we're going to stay pretty close to our estimate, or below," Mobley said. "It depends on how many of them decide to come home today (Sunday), rather than laying out in the sun tomorrow and driving home tomorrow night."

The latest deaths on Texas highways and streets included a 19-year-old Killeen youth.

Andrew Molina was killed Sunday when the vehicle he was driving west on U.S. 190 in Bell County hit the median at a high speed and rolled five times. Officials said he was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown from the vehicle.

Two Floridians died Sunday afternoon when they were struck by a vehicle as they stood beside their car on Interstate 10 about 13 miles west of Sheffield.

Antonio Jose Gutierrez, 62, and Omaira Gutierrez, 28, of Hialeah,

Fla. were struck by a vehicle that had drifted onto the shoulder as it towed another vehicle.

Also Sunday, Sally Elizabeth Shoening, 29, of Austin died when her vehicle went out of control and flipped on FM 2657 about three miles south of Oakalla in Burnet County. Three young children riding in the car were in critical condition at an area hospital late Sunday, authorities said.

Two Bronson residents died in a two-car collision at the intersection of Texas 184 and FM 1592. Shirley Holms Kohn, 27, a passenger in one car, and Aloyz Vanek, 54, the driver of the second vehicle, died in the accident, which occurred about 12:20 p.m. Sunday.

Abelino Sanchez Cantu, 64, of San Antonio, was killed when his vehicle ran off a city street and struck a tree about 8 a.m. Sunday.

Andrew White, 15, was killed Saturday about four miles south of Sugarland when the vehicle in which he was riding struck a curb,

went out of control, then hit a tree. Officials said he was not wearing a seat belt.

Eddie James Haley, 37 of Liberty, was killed Saturday when he walked in front of a vehicle on a Liberty street.

Gerardo Maldonado Villegas, 22, of Pharr, was killed about five miles north of Pharr when his vehicle veered off the road and overturned. He was not wearing a seat belt.

Earlier on Saturday, Texas had its first death of a motorcyclist who ignored a new law requiring helmets.

Robert Santos, 20, of El Paso was killed when his motorcycle went out of control at a city intersection about 2:50 a.m. Saturday. Police said Santos was not wearing a helmet.

James David Waldrep, 71, Crowley, La., lost control of his vehicle at Atascocita and Wilson Rd. in Humble at 11:17 a.m. Saturday morning. He was wearing a seatbelt.

Finally, a fish



President Bush leans over his boat Fidelity and proudly displays the first bluefish he caught off the Maine coast near his home in Kennebunkport on Sunday. The president is scheduled to return to Washington this Labor Day afternoon after nearly a three-week long vacation in Maine.

Congress wants to help Poland but concerned about budget

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress, facing a crowded foreign policy agenda marked by both crisis and opportunity, apparently is eager to help Poland with significantly more aid than proposed by President Bush.

But although Democratic and Republican leaders agree on the need to help Poland's new government demonstrate it can outperform the communist regime it replaced, there is little sense of how much additional money can be squeezed out of an already overburdened budget.

Overall, there is growing unease on Capitol Hill that the means available do not match the magnitude of the global problems waiting to be addressed.

These include: How to deal with the challenge to the authority of the government of Colombia by narcotics racketeers, how best to wage the war on drugs, how to

manage an era of warmer relations with the Soviet Union, and how to deal with China in the aura of anger caused by the crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

House and Senate members are ending their summer recess and streaming back to Capitol Hill, many fresh from visits to nations whose problems Congress will soon seek to address.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas returned from a visit with Poland's new leaders campaigning for increased aid and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine, an apparent ally, says, "Those members with whom I have talked believe we should go beyond the \$100 million the president proposed."

"I think the events occurring in Poland could be historic in nature and we ought to be doing everything we can to encourage the conversion of that government

from communist to non communist," Mitchell said.

"The primary thing is food," Dole said. "They want to fill the shelves. They want to show change. People expect things to get better. We need to act quickly."

But Dole said there are only "vague" ideas of how to find the money to pay for new assistance. And Mitchell said the final dimensions of an aid package will not emerge for some time.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., a former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, says private capital, not government aid, is likely to prove the answer as Poland struggles to build a non-communist future.

Lugar visited nine Latin American nations in 14 days of the summer recess, focusing on the problems of narcotics, and huge foreign debts.

Congress is likely to be highly supportive of U.S. efforts to help Colombia battle armed narcotics traffick-

ers who recently took responsibility for murdering a leading presidential candidate.

Support also is strong for efforts to eradicate coca crops — from which the cocaine is produced — in such countries as Colombia, Bolivia and Peru.

But Lugar said the lure of enormous profits is so great that he does not believe eradication and crop substitution will lead to anything but the removal of coca production to other fields in other countries.

One of his colleagues, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., is taking the other tack, pressing for adoption of a "debt for drugs" exchange in which Latin American nations guarantee the destruction of narcotics crops in return for relief from some of the burden of their large external debt.

Attempts to use U.S. forces to destroy coca crops in Peru, Lugar said, might well inject those forces into an internal civil war with Peru's Shining Path guerrillas who are centered in narcotics producing regions.

'Biggest Party in History' ends well in Dallas' Cotton Bowl

By DIANA JENSEN
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DALLAS (AP) — An estimated 45,000 Texans arrived at the Cotton Bowl Sunday for part two of what has been billed as the Biggest Party in History.

But the Miller Lite-sponsored extravaganza featuring The Who and a slew of other musical groups fell short of filling the 72,000 capacity stadium. Still, revelers waited through 100-degree temperatures to be part of Randy Quaid's long-awaited party.

"We've got quite a few people out there," said Sgt. Lee V. Donaldson of the Dallas Police Department's special park patrol. "Most of them are young adults or teen-agers — from 19 or whatever."

Tens of thousands of Texans joined The Who in singing lyrics of "Pin Ball Wizard," as the British rockers closed out their 25th anniversary tour.

The group took the stage about 9 p.m., with huge banners several stories high unfurling from Miller Lite advertisements to the British flag and artwork of pinball machine accessories like flippers and arrows.

The Who opened with three early hits, including

"Can't Explain" and "Substitute." Roger Daltry, wearing jeans and a tank top in the humid Texas night, then broke into, "I Can See for Miles."

But the highlight of their performance came with renditions from their rock opera, *Tommy*.

Guitarist Pete Townsend, pony-tailed and wearing a special glove after cutting his hand in a previous performance, performed with his trademark swing-arm strums.

The Who was preceded by performances by Texas talents The Fabulous Thunderbirds and Stevie Ray Vaughn and Double Trouble.

Party host Randy Quaid, who has been promoting the two-day festival staged in six cities for more than a year, told concert-goers the event was a beneficial success for the Texas Special Olympics.

"This has been one of the greatest weekends Texas has seen," Quaid said. "We couldn't ask for a better way to celebrate the holiday and raise \$1 million for Special Olympics."

Quaid also urged the fans to drive carefully on their way home.

Lines to buy beer far exceeded those for hot dogs and T-shirts with fans 10 and 12 deep awaiting their chance to buy two-per-purchase limit of Miller Lite.

Donaldson said last-minute concerns about drinking at the event had prompted the use of yellow wristbands for eligible drinkers and red bands for designated drivers to prohibit minors from being served alcoholic beverages. Free soft drinks were available to those with red bands.

But Donaldson said most of the party-goers appeared to be of legal drinking age.

"Some of them looked like they were plenty old — gray in the temples and big ol' bellies — not rookies at drinking beer," Donaldson said with a laugh.

"It was no hassle" to get the wristband, said Leanne Whitney, 29, of Copperas Cove. "It doesn't bother me. It doesn't necessarily mean it's a beer party. They're not really encouraging people to drink."

Miller posted signs in Spanish and English at beer booths, reading, "Think When You Drink."

But Michael Stewart, 27, of Dallas, didn't care for the wristband approach. "I thought it was kind of

stupid," Stewart said. "The people that gave out tags didn't ask to see your IDs — only the lady that let me in line. They should have had separate designated-driver lines."

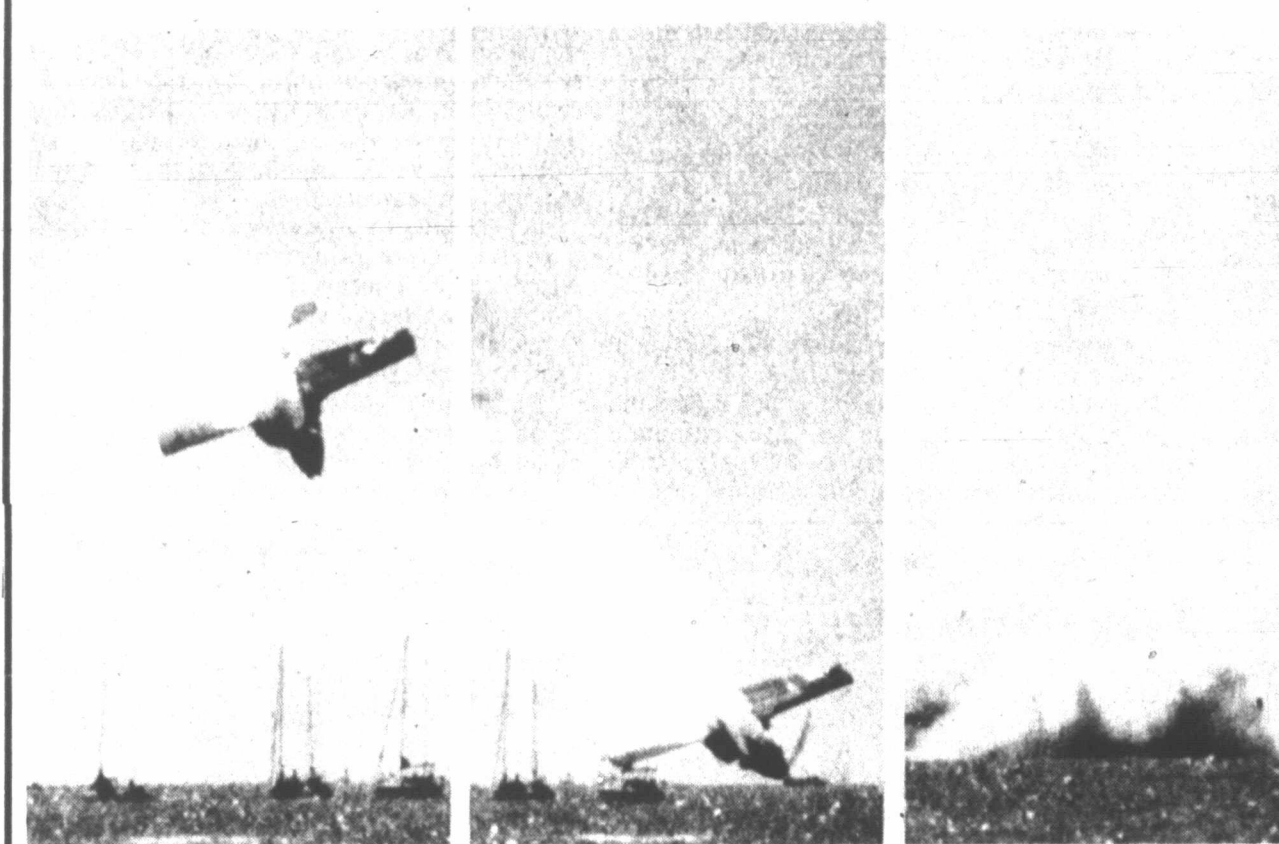
About 50 Dallas officers and another 10 supervisors were assigned to the Cotton Bowl areas to ensure safety. Only one woman was reported to have been overcome by the 100-degree temperatures early on in the evening, said Melissa McCann, Miller spokeswoman.

Donaldson said he expected more of the problems would come as the crowd began leaving the fair grounds.

"You're going to have some confrontations," Donaldson said. "It's just like any large event like this where you have music and drinks: They don't all go home happy; some of them go to jail."

Earlier in the weekend, an estimated 120,000 braved record heat to join the mirth in Houston. Another 120,000 showed up at events in San Antonio Saturday, while thousands of others appeared at Miller Lite-sponsored events at Midland-Odessa and Corpus Christi on Saturday and Mercedes in the Rio Grande Valley on Sunday.

Aerobatic collision



(AP Laserphoto)

One of two jets from the Snowbirds aerobatic team crashes into Lake Ontario following a mid-air collision Sunday during an airshow at Toronto, Canada. One pilot parachuted to safety while the other pilot is missing. While the collision is still under investigation, authorities said witnesses reported seeing one of the plane's wingtip come into contact with the other plane.

Carter to lead Ethiopia talks

By MARC RICE
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Former President Carter, in the mode of his Camp David triumph, is staging talks this week between the Ethiopian government and Eritrean rebels on the 28-year-old war that has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives.

Ten years ago, Carter brokered the Camp David peace agreement between Israel and Egypt. The sessions beginning Thursday have a more modest goal: getting the two sides to sit down together.

"In the history of political affairs, the most significant single step is the first meeting," Carter said last month in announcing the talks.

Previous attempts have failed to arrange talks between the Ethiopian government and the well-organized, heavily armed rebels fighting for independence from their province. But Carter, during a July visit to the East African nation, said the opportunity for peace has never been better.

The war has turned more than 1 million people into refugees. It has drained the Ethiopian economy, contributed to the suffering from famine and drought and led the government to bring in Soviet and Cuban military aid.

The two sides now have agreed that Carter should act as a neutral observer for the preliminary talks, which the participants say they hope will lead to more substantive meetings.

Neither Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam nor Isaias Afwerki, general secretary of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, will attend the meetings at the Carter Center. The center, opened in 1986, houses

the Carter presidential library and museum as well as a think tank, a conference center and offices of foundations devoted to peace and public health.

Carter Center officials will not disclose the size of the negotiating teams, where the groups will stay or security plans. The meetings will be closed, and no one knows how long they will last.

Dayle E. Powell, the Carter Center's director of conflict resolution programs, said extensive efforts have been made to ensure the negotiators feel comfortable during their stay.

"Not just their physical comfort, but the feeling of neutrality," she said. "We are making every effort to provide for them a congenial environment in every aspect."

For example, Carter Center personnel are careful not to term the Ethiopian-Eritrean conflict a "civil war," which Ms. Powell said implies support for the government's view of the struggle as a conflict within a single state.

Eritrean guerrillas, which share some Marxist principles with the Ethiopian government, believe their province at the northern tip of Ethiopia, with 3.5 million people, should be an independent nation.

An ancient Ethiopian kingdom, Eritrea has been ruled by the Ottoman Turks, the Italians and, finally, the British during World War II before becoming part of a federation with Ethiopia after the war. Fighting broke out between Ethiopia and Eritrea in 1961 and Ethiopia annexed Eritrea in 1962.

Eritrea has long been coveted territory because its location on the Red Sea gives Ethiopia its only ports.

Mengistu came to power after the 1974 ouster of Emperor Haile Selassie, who had ruled since 1930.

Towns argue over super collider bragging

WAXAHACHIE (AP) — It's been nearly a year since Ellis County was awarded the superconducting super collider project, sending its three biggest towns on a super collision course over bragging rights to the giant atom smasher.

All three — Waxahachie, Ennis and Midlothian — want people to think of their town first when they think of the super collider.

So far, Waxahachie has smashed the competition, even though the 53-mile collider ring won't touch the town.

Shortly after the U.S. Energy Department announced last November that Ellis County would be the site of the collider, the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce printed hundreds of bumper stickers proclaiming: "Waxahachie, Texas, The Center of Attention, Home of the super collider."

Waxahachie captured and kept the spotlight of the national news media, which seldom mention the super collider without mentioning Waxahachie.

Ennis, a town of about 14,150 people east of Waxahachie, countered with a proclamation of its own. A billboard on Interstate 45 says: "Ennis, Texas, Super Collider Country."

"The only thing Waxahachie has is its name," said Kipp Burnett, executive vice president of the

Ennis Chamber of Commerce. "It sticks. Even though it's hard to say, you don't forget it."

Bob Sokoll, Waxahachie city manager, scoffs at such talk.

"We are not going to let one peon city to the east like Ennis think they are the home of the super collider," Sokoll said. "The only thing

Ennis does better than us is play football."

Midlothian, population 5,000, won't be left out in the cold, said Pam Mundo, executive director of the town's chamber of commerce.

She came up with a slogan: "We are the Gateway to the Super Collider."

Four arrested on drug charges

Two adults and two juveniles were arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies last week in what was initially a call concerning cruelty to animals.

Tina Malone, 19, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and Charles Mahley, 23, on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants, said Gray County Sheriff Jim Free.

Two juveniles, ages 15 and 16,

were each charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Sheriff's deputies were called to the Davis Trailer Park on a report of cruelty to animals late Thursday afternoon, Free said. While inside a trailer in the park to discuss the animal cruelty report, the officers observed the marijuana and the drug paraphernalia which led to the arrests, the sheriff said.

State auditor to review finances of Texas' 49 community colleges

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The state auditor will begin reviewing the financial administration of Texas' 49 junior colleges — which spend more than \$1 billion per year — in light of a report that focused on the troubled American Educational Complex in Killeen but also found potential problems at other two-year schools.

University of Texas management professor Terrell Blodgett recently told state leaders that his six-month study of the AEC revealed that other community college financial records often were substandard.

"Budgets are, for the most part, general documents with sparse financial and program information," Blodgett's 310-page report stated. "Audits vary widely, in format, scope, content and depth."

Blodgett also said another area of concern "is the lack of preparation of local governing boards to fulfill their oversight responsibilities as laid out by state law."

"Many of the (junior college) budgets show proposed expenditures for the coming year, and they don't give their elected board or the public any indication of what they have spent," Blodgett said.

"The budgets lack specificity which would be necessary to make

intelligent decisions," he said.

He also said there is little or no training for board members who want to learn how to analyze the spending blueprints.

Junior colleges statewide spend more than \$1 billion annually, with about half that amount coming from state coffers and the remaining from local taxes, tuition and fees, officials said.

Sharon Leggett, first assistant state auditor, said a review of the colleges is included in the department's annual plan.

"We're not going to financially audit those institutions, but we are going to look at how well they are being audited, and the quality of the budgeting process and the oversight by the board," Ms. Leggett said.

Stanton Calvert, executive director of the Texas Public Community Junior College Association, said he believes the review could be beneficial.

"I don't think the auditors will find shortcomings," Calvert said. "There will undoubtedly be recommendations and they will be welcome. That's in the nature of any large institution. You can always do things better."

He said Blodgett was not critical of other junior colleges, but wanted to make sure that what happened at AEC doesn't happen elsewhere.

"What happened at Killeen

(AEC) has been an unhappy exception to the other schools. There were some pretty severe lapses. They were riding the edge of the rail," he said.

Blodgett's report detailed nearly two decades of administrative irregularities at AEC that has plunged the school to the brink of financial disaster.

Blodgett and a team of state auditors looked at about 15 community colleges when investigating the AEC, a community college that has expanded into a worldwide network of education operations on military bases and Navy ships.

Based on the study, Blodgett said that community colleges in general "could easily be viewed as the stepchildren of education in Texas" despite the fact that they enroll more than one-half of all students in higher education in the state.

In addition, about 75 percent of all minorities in higher education are enrolled in community colleges, he said.

Blodgett said the schools "are overshadowed at the local level by the local school districts, and at the state level by the four-year institutions."

But still, he added, "In spite of this split responsibility, they have functioned reasonably well in the state."

Hance to campaign for sweeping reforms in legislative ethics laws

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — If elected governor, Republican Kent Hance plans to seek sweeping reforms of state ethics laws that would require lobbyists to make detailed reports on gifts made to lawmakers and other top officials.

The legislators and officials who accept such gifts — which have included lobbyist-paid vacations — also should be required to report, he said.

"The perception of the public is that the tail is starting to wag the dog," Hance said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It is an issue, and it should be a concern to everyone."

Reports filed with the secretary of state's office show that lobbyists spent more than \$1.86 million on entertainment and gifts for members of the Texas Legislature during its 140-day regular session this year.

That spending — at a pace topping \$13,000 a day — purchased meals, drinks, golf games at exclusive private clubs, hunting and fishing outings, and trips to destinations such as Mexico, ski resorts and a championship boxing match in Las Vegas, Nev.

But state law doesn't require a lobbyist to report which legislators received his gifts.

As a former state lawmaker and U.S. House member, Hance said he wants to see the state's ethics rules more closely parallel the tougher

federal standards which require recipients to report on gifts they receive.

"Reporting is important so the public can get the facts. Then they (the politicians involved) can debate the issue of whether it was right or wrong," Hance said.

"That's one of the things we'll push through. It will be a high priority."

Hance, one of three Republicans in the governor's race, said he will offer a detailed package of reform proposals later this month.

He said the ethics rules should apply to all elected officials, the executive directors of state agencies and members of the governor's staff.

"I think that every trip that anyone takes should be reported. The lobbyist should report the specific trip, who went, and more importantly the representatives and senators

(who take the trips) should report. And if it's taken within 90 days of an election, it has to be reported within 10 days," Hance said.

While many legislators say they aren't swayed by the vacations and other gifts from lobbyists, critics charge that such gifts may be influential.

Current state laws "are too loose," Hance said. "I think there's some people, probably, that could take the trips and they'd never be influenced. But there are others that would be influenced."

He said such gifts also create a real problem with the public's perception of its government.

"A guy back home's going to read about somebody taking a lawmaker to Acapulco for a week or something, and he's going to say, 'How could that guy vote against his (a lobbyist's) bill?'" Hance said.

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Opinion

Premature to make any drastic changes

It is premature to discuss drastic changes in South Africa as the result of F.W. de Klerk pushing P.W. Botha out of the presidency. De Klerk will face elections this Wednesday. Aside from keeping his commitment to visit Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda (which precipitated the split with Botha), he is unlikely to do much before then.

However the vote turns out this week, more liberalization of racially-motivated economic restrictions is virtually inevitable, followed eventually by enfranchisement of blacks, Indians and "coloreds." The question is whether the process will be relatively peaceful or bloody.

The loosening of apartheid to date didn't grow from a sudden outbreak of humanitarian warm fuzzies on the part of South Africa's rulers, nor has international pressure played much of a role. Instead, reforms have been forced by a quiet, gradual but powerful process of black economic self-empowerment. Confronting absurd limits on economic freedom imposed by apartheid, black people have simply ignored the laws, built up economic institutions and power bases, and compelled the law to recognize the new realities.

Black consumer boycotts brought towns controlled by the Conservative Party, which had tried to re-enforce segregation laws abandoned by the national government, to a standstill. The buying power of color now exceeds that of whites, and producers can no longer treat the "black market" as an appendage of the "white market."

A key to black empowerment has been the resort to the "informal" sector of the economy. Apartheid laws tried to keep blacks poor and dependent. So they went into businesses the state had difficulty controlling, like street vending, running pirate taxis or money lending. The black-market taxi business grew from almost nothing five years ago to a \$1 billion a year industry that has put government-subsidized buses to shame.

Street vendors have been so successful at organizing to protect their rights that the government has cut back on arbitrary restrictions, reduced the number of vendors required to get licenses and allowed provincial authorities to institute further deregulation. Why? Because a serious attempt to enforce the old anti-black laws would have led to chaos, and enough blacks are getting enough economic independence to constitute an effective political force.

Botha, personally an arrogant and imperious leader, had to accommodate this new reality, visiting black townships, visiting Nelson Mandela, making peace with Angola and Mozambique and coining the slogan "Adapt or die." The next South African president will have to accommodate more.

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Up is down and left is wrong

WASHINGTON — We had a quite considerable demonstration here in town the other day. In silence, save for the beat of muffled drums, thousands of persons marched past the U.S. Supreme Court. Their purpose was to proclaim their dedication to "civil rights" and to pronounce anathema upon the court for certain decisions this past term.

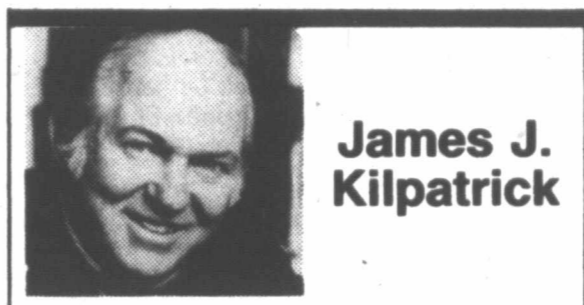
There were ironies here, and perhaps hypocrisies as well. Demonstration leaders, historically opposed to racism, were in the street defending — racism. Men and women who have spent their lives in waging war against discrimination last week were marching to uphold — discrimination. In this paradoxical situation, up is down and down is up, wrong is right and left is wrong.

When we speak of racism or racial discrimination, we are speaking of a course of conduct, whether public or private, in which decisions are made according to the color of one's skin. I know something of racism. I was one.

As a man born, bred and brought up in the South, I traveled from boyhood to the Brown decision with the prejudices of a lifetime firmly packed. This was in 1954. I was 33 years old. To my regret it took the better part of 10 years for me to realize that racial discrimination is wrong, wrong, wrong.

Other Southerners, both black and white, had better sense. They saw the prospect of desegregation as the embodiment of a color-blind Constitution. There would be no black schools or white schools; there would be "just schools." Persons of every race would be treated equally before the law.

It didn't work out that way. Almost immediately the goal of desegregation became a goal of integration. This was an enormous difference, not fully



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realized at the time. The change led us inexorably into racial quotas, into racial busing, into a litigious morass in which race was the be-all and end-all. Instead of diminishing race consciousness, laws and court decrees intensified the awareness.

The marchers who demonstrated have only an abstract, theoretical interest in a color-blind Constitution. The goal of equality is the last goal on their minds. Implicit in their demonstration is a desire for an Orwellian society in which some are more equal than others.

This was their complaint against the high court, that in the past term the court moved marginally, incrementally, back toward a literal reading of the 14th Amendment: No state shall deny to ANY PERSON within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. The court moves toward equality. The demonstrators march against it.

A case in point: Back in January the court ruled 6-3 that a "set-aside" ordinance adopted by the city of Richmond, Va., violated the Equal Protection Clause. Patently this was so. The ordinance required that at least 30 percent of the city's municipal construction be awarded to minority subcon-

tractors.

The ordinance was adopted with the ostensible purpose of remedying past discrimination against the city's black subcontractors, but the city was unable to provide direct evidence that it had ever discriminated against anyone. The evidence was entirely conjectural and mostly statistical, but the consequences of the ordinance were distinctly palpable: Affirmative action was also negative action.

By discriminating in favor of blacks, the ordinance discriminated against whites. The effect was to deny white persons the equal protection of the laws. As Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote, minorities were to enjoy "an absolute preference over other citizens based solely on their race." Justice Antonin Scalia, concurring, observed jellingly that "where injustice is the game, turnabout is not fair play."

Twenty-two years ago, in his book *The Morality of Consent*, Alexander Bickel said what constantly needs to be said. Bickel is one of the century's foremost teachers of the law; he abhors racism in any form. He asserted that "discrimination on the basis of race is illegal, immoral, unconstitutional, inherently wrong, and destructive of democratic society." That says it all.

No student of our history can deny or expunge the ugly chronicle of discrimination against blacks. Again, I know. I once was part of a power structure that defended the old ways. If means can be found to remedy or to prevent specific acts of racism, let them be employed. Of course!

But once we embrace the concept of a society in which persons are distinguished and classified by reason of race, we have embraced the very evils the silent marchers purportedly condemn.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, September 4, the 247th day of 1989. There are 118 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

Today's highlight in history:

On September 4, 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film camera, and registered his trademark: Kodak.

On this date:

In 1886, Apache Indians led by Geronimo surrendered to General Nelson Miles at Skeleton Canyon in Arizona.

In 1917, the American expeditionary force in France suffered its first fatalities in World War I.

In 1957, Ford Motor Company began selling its ill-fated Edsel, which proved so unpopular it was taken off the market in 1959.

In 1967, in a TV interview that apparently hurt his bid for the Republican presidential nomination, Michigan Governor George Romney said he'd undergone a "brainwashing" by U.S. officials during a 1965 visit to Vietnam.



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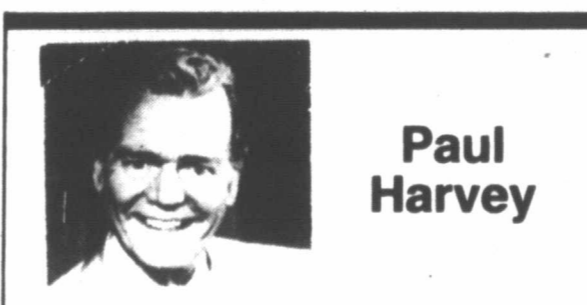
Example: This last year — without raising taxes — our states benefited from a 7 percent increase in tax collections, merely because of our expanding economy.

In Hawaii, Montana and Oklahoma last year the tax take increased a whopping 20 percent. In Texas 19 percent. In Alaska 18 percent. In Kansas and Maine 17 percent. In Florida 16 percent. In South Dakota 15 percent.

Those states took in that much more in taxes without raising taxes.

And the average tax take of 7 percent stayed ahead of our 4 percent inflation by a wide margin.

Most state revenue derives from sales taxes. When people are prosperous, they buy more things. Tax revenue from this source last year totaled \$87 billion. From state income taxes (because of higher



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incomes) states harvested \$80 billion.

These are green years! Inflation is in remission. Americans are spending more money on things which cost less. Retail sales in July soared nine-tenths of a percent, and much of the increase represented new cars.

Wholesale prices have declined two months in a row. In July producer prices were down four-tenths of a percent.

Unemployment was less in July, declined by a tenth of a percent.

Said another way, 94.8 percent of America's workers are working.

So dynamic is our nation's economy that it cre-

ated an additional 169,000 jobs during July.

The total number of American workers working, 117.5 million, is 2.5 million more than one year ago.

And at the same time hourly wages of American workers increased eight-tenths in July; now averages \$9.70 an hour, \$338 a week. Wages and salaries increased 4.5 percent over this last year.

Sales of new single family homes increased 5.5 percent in June; third increase in three months.

Order to United States factories up four-tenths in June; both durable and non-durables.

And best of all, perhaps, our economy is prospering without overheating. An annual rate of 1.7 percent growth the second quarter is "sustainable growth."

Going uphill you want to stay in low gear. And with this escalating prosperity government automatically collects more taxes.

With our stock market soaring to new highs, some acrophobia is understandable. So there are the nervous Nellies who can't believe our prosperity is for real — but it is.

Competitive American capitalism has proved "profitable" for everybody. In the immortal words of Yakkov Smirnoff: "What a country!"

Why Labor Day 'don't get no respect'

By CHUCK STONE

Like Rodney Dangerfield, Labor Day "don't get no respect." Or at least very little.

And, if the recent anti-United Auto Workers vote in Nissan's Smyrna, Tenn., plant presages the future, labor unions, in the words of an old blues number, "are in a world of trouble."

Labor Day is the day that once psychologically divided summer from fall, unofficially authorized reopening schools and stamped a mythic imprimatur on Democratic presidential campaigns. No more.

The greenhouse effect has altered seasonal balances. Many public school systems and colleges now return students in the last week of August (which is about as un-American as I can envision!). And the recent Democratic presidential mediocrities, coupled with labor's declining political clout, has rendered the Labor Day campaign kickoff moot.

But the real reasons Labor Day suffers from a Rodney Dangerfield

complex are a national change in attitude toward labor unions and an international change in the competition of the marketplace.

More and more workers are opting not to join labor unions. Between 1975 and 1982, for instance, the national percentage of union members in the work force declined from 28.9 percent to 21.9 percent.

That's why the Nissan Smyrna vote was no aberration. During the bitter 18-month campaign, the UAW trotted out its big artillery, only to be humiliated by what a *USA Today* page one story called a "crushing blow," 1,622 to 718 against unionization.

That vote may have represented a delayed reaping of a four-fold harvest — eight years of Ronald Reagan's staunch anti-labor unionism, unions pricing U.S. industries out of international competition, the globalization of America's economy, and a subliminal feeling among the high-tech computer generation that unions are passe.

Reagan signaled his unabashed

anti-labor stance when he set out to break the air traffic controllers union (a union that paradoxically had supported him in the 1980 election) — and succeeded.

Workers got the message. Work stoppages, which had averaged 276 days a year during the eight years before Reagan was elected, dropped dramatically to an average of 79 days during the eight years of the Reagan administration. When management knows that it has a strike-breaking administration — allied with a sympathetic public — it can confidently hunker down and outwait the strikers.

When I was a teen-ager 50 years ago, "Made in Japan" was derided as a badge of inferiority. Today, "Made in Japan" guarantees a high-quality product at lower price. A comparison of hourly compensation demonstrates the disadvantage at which American manufacturers are forced to compete.

In 1983, for example, the hourly compensation for U.S. workers was \$12.31, the highest in the western world. For Japanese workers, the hourly compensation was \$6.24; for

Taiwanese workers, \$1.61, and for South Korean workers, \$1.29.

The increasing globalization of the American economy has devastated domestic steel and shoe production. Only American-made automobiles still compete with foreign-made counterparts.

But the unemployment rate is down, and jobs are abundant, even if their wages don't match industrial rates. I saw a national fast-food chain's sign near the driver's test headquarters, advertising for drivers, \$8 to \$15 an hour.

In 1989, labor unions can no longer command their members' highest loyalty. Abortion, reverse discrimination and flag burning compete for their attention.

Union members no longer automatically vote Democratic and few bother with Labor Day parades. They vote Republican, celebrate Labor Day with a three-day holiday in the country and pray that they don't wake up one morning and moan, "There goes the neighborhood."

Poll: Most Americans regard management more favorably

By GARY LANGER
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NEW YORK (AP) — Half of Americans say workers are better off with unions than without, but more people regard management favorably than view unions favorably, a poll has found.

Many respondents in the Media General-Associated Press poll saw unions as weakening, and few objected to that trend. Still, by a 49 percent to 31 percent margin, they said workers are better off with a union than without one.

In what could be seen as a positive sign for the future of unions, young respondents, ages 18 to 29, were the most likely to favor unions. They scored higher than their elders on questions about their opinion of workers and about whether they think employees are better off under unions.

Overall, however, non-unionized respondents were more unwilling than willing to join a union — 47-37 percent, with the rest unsure.

Moreover, while 44 percent thought of unions favorably, 64 percent had a positive view of management. And seven in 10 favored so-called right-to-work laws, which ban mandatory union membership.

On other issues, the poll found most workers this Labor Day satisfied with their salaries, working conditions and time off. But 41 percent rated their pensions fair or

poor, and 37 percent rated their pay as fair or poor.

Nearly nine in 10 respondents backed raising the minimum wage, which has been \$3.35 an hour since 1981. Most supported the \$4.55 minimum approved by Congress over the \$4.25 urged by President Bush, but most also liked Bush's plan allowing new workers to be kept at \$3.35 for their first six months.

Bush vetoed legislation in June that would have phased in a \$4.55 minimum wage by 1991 and did not include his "training wage" proposal. Congress is expected to take up the issue again this fall.

Nearly nine in 10 respondents backed raising the minimum wage ... Most supported the \$4.55 minimum.

The poll was conducted by telephone among a random sample of 1,163 adults from July 6-17. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 points for the entire group and 4 points for the 812 who were employed.

When rating their own circumstances at work, respondents gave the highest grades to the safety of their workplace — 87 percent said "excellent" or "good" — and their overall working conditions, with 81 percent favorable.

Sixty-nine percent expressed satisfaction with their time off, 61 percent rated their health benefits favorably and 60 percent said their salary was excellent or good as opposed to only fair or poor.

The lowest ratings went to pension benefits: Of those with an opinion, just 46 percent viewed their pension plans as excellent or good, while 41 percent were dissatisfied. A quarter overall rated their pension benefits as poor.

Benefits were not the prime concern, however: Fifty-four percent said they would prefer better wages to better benefits.

Concern over wages lessened among white-collar, management workers. Seventy-one percent of them rated their salaries favorably, compared with 57 percent of blue-collar workers and of non-management white-collar workers.

Union members also were less likely to be concerned about their wages. Seventy-one percent were satisfied, equal to the salary satisfaction among management workers.

Union and management split on another point: Union members said by 83-10 percent that workers are better off with unions, while management employees said by 46-37 percent that workers are better off non-unionized.

Union membership, declining over the years, now accounts for just under 17 percent of the nation's work force.

South Africans stage beach protest

By JOHN PARKIN
Associated Press Writer

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — Thousands of blacks marched, picnicked and waded at a "whites-only" beach Sunday. Police made 58 arrests, but waited more than two hours before breaking up the protest.

The crowd, estimated at 5,000 to 10,000, stretched for more than a mile along the shore, the biggest beach protest ever in South Africa.

Organizers claimed a victory over segregation and vowed further acts of protest during a nationwide defiance campaign.

Several dozen whites, some carrying whips and wearing "whites only" T-shirts, yelled abuse as the throng paraded along the segregated sections of South Africa's most heavily used beachfront. Other sections of the hotel-lined shore have been opened to all races in recent years.

One angry white man barged into the crowd, yelling and pushing, but police said they could control the situation on their own. Some whites yelled to the officers, "Shoot them dead."

At one point, police arrested about 10 black youths who unfurled a flag of the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla movement. They remained in custody late Sunday, but police said the other 48 people arrested during the course of the protest were released after a few hours.

The police contingent of several hundred officers was equipped with shot guns and a water cannon, but they made no efforts to stop the protesters from moving onto segregated Addington Beach.

In contrast, police used clubs and whips and arrested 500 people Saturday in Cape Town while breaking up a planned protest march to Parliament.

White lifeguards remained at their posts during the beach protest and white surfers continued to paddle off the shore while black children splashed nearby.

After about 2 1/2 hours, police officers announced that the protest was illegal and began moving the crowd away.

At a news conference later, protest leaders said they considered the event a success.

"It's the dawn of a new age," said the Rev. Stanley Mogoba, a prominent Methodist leader.

More than 1,300 people, including prominent activists such as Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, have been arrested since Wednesday in connection with the defiance campaign. Most have been released pending possible court action.

The defiance campaign began Aug. 2 and has intensified steadily since then.

New poor take over area of Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — One of the city's most concentrated pockets of poverty is expanding in an area where young professionals lived 10 years ago, and the new residents don't have access to many services they traditionally need.

The area was once touted in television commercials for a giant apartment complex as "beautiful southwest Houston," but many residents moved out during the oil bust and apartment buildings were neglected. Now, decaying apartments are occupied by many low-income families and illegal immigrants.

Cunningham Elementary School, for example, is a microcosm of the neighborhood it serves.

Ten years ago, there were 436 children enrolled in the school. They were 75.5 percent Anglo and only 14 percent of the children were on the free lunch program, with another 15 percent qualifying for a reduced-cost lunch.

By last year, 1,268 students were enrolled. About 72 percent are Hispanic and 99 percent are receiving free or reduced-price lunches, principal Rose Mary Garza said.

Many children are recent arrivals from war-torn countries in Central

America. Some had no education before coming to the United States.

Ms. Garza said the population as a whole hasn't been plugged into the government social services system.

"Their parents need help," she said.

But services such as city and county health care and food stamps aren't close.

A new Women, Infants and Children center is in the area, but it only provides vouchers for nutritional supplements for pregnant women and mothers of young children — not medical treatment.



(AP Laserphoto)

National Zoo veterinary teacher Peter Vogel attends to the small panda cub kept in an incubator before its death Sunday.

Panda cub dies from infection

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fifth cub born to giant panda Ling-Ling died Sunday after 39 hours of fighting an infection transmitted from its mother, but disappointed zoo officials said they haven't given up hope for a successful birth.

Maybe next year, they said. As her human handlers recounted Ling-Ling's latest travails at a news conference, the black-and-white animal sat in her nest cradling apples put there in place of her missing baby.

The never-named tiny cub, weighing only 3.1 ounces, was born prematurely Friday at the National Zoo and taken from its 250-pound mother six hours later because of concern of infection.

'Every effort was made to pull this cub through its illness.'

Zoo officials said the cub, a male, first began showing signs of strength, but then weakened despite around-the-clock efforts by zoo veterinarians as well as from pediatric experts enlisted from nearby Children's Hospital.

Caretakers originally had thought the cub was a female, but determined it was a male after examining it more closely after death.

The cub was placed in an incubator, fed a special formula through a tube into its stomach and given antibiotics to fight the infection, officials said.

"Every effort was made to pull this cub through its illness," said zoo director Michael Robinson.

At one point, when zoo officials managed to suc-

cessfully separate the cub from a sedated mother, Robinson recalled, "I thought we'd won."

But Mitchell Bush, chief veterinarian at the zoo, said the cub's survival was an uphill struggle because of the premature birth and the infection. During most of its 39 hours of life the care given the cub was similar to what a prematurely born child would receive.

Bush said there had been concern from the start that the cub might have caught an infection from its mother, which has had problems periodically with a kidney infection since 1983 and had a reoccurrence only a week ago. The tiny cub's chances of survival were reduced further because it weighed only about three-fourths of what a normal panda cub would weigh, officials said.

Three of the four previous cubs born to Ling-Ling also died of infection shortly after birth with the longest-living cub surviving for four days in 1987. Because of the mother's problems with infection, a decision was made nearly two years ago to take any future newborn away from the mother, Bush said. That approach had never been tried before, officials acknowledged.

No giant panda cub has yet to be successfully bred in captivity in the United States, although cubs have survived at zoos in Mexico, Japan, Spain and China, the native home for giant pandas.

While disappointed, officials at the National Zoo said they continue to have hope Ling-Ling will become pregnant again. Robinson said although Ling-Ling is 20 years old — the oldest panda surviving in any zoo — there have been cases in China where pandas older than Ling-Ling have given birth.

"We'll face next year with more knowledge and experience than ever before," said Lisa Stevens, manager in charge of the zoo's Panda House.

Fraternity gathering turns to violent riot

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Thousands of young people here for a Labor Day weekend fraternity gathering went on a rampage down the main thoroughfare of this resort city early Sunday, firing shots and looting more than 100 stores.

After a tense but uneventful day in which store owners cleaned up gutted storefronts, police turned out at mid-evening in riot gear and cleared the streets, arresting dozens more young people during a 35-minute sweep.

Two men were wounded by gunshots in the earlier confrontation with police, and at least two others were injured, authorities said.

City officials say some of the estimated 100,000 young people who clogged the resort strip looted more than 100 stores along Atlantic Avenue, the city's main beachfront thoroughfare.

Police said 160 people were arrested and brought into the station between Friday evening and early Sunday evening, and 395 others had been issued citations for various offenses. They did not have a breakdown of the kinds of arrests.

At the request of city officials, Gov. Gerald L. Baliles dispatched a military police detachment from the

National Guard and state police troopers to the area.

At 8 p.m. Sunday, city officials closed the downtown beach area to incoming traffic. State and local police patrolled the area on foot and by helicopter.

Several people threw bottles at state troopers, who began making arrests, and onlookers taunted National Guardsmen who marched through city streets, armed with batons and assault rifles.

Shortly after 9:30 p.m., about 75 Virginia Beach police officers formed a wedge and began moving south on Atlantic Avenue, which runs parallel to the oceanfront one block away.

The Virginia Beach officers were followed by a state police armored truck, which announced over a public address system that the approximately 350 young people in the street represented an unlawful assembly.

Officers were pelted with bottles as they walked along the street and made arrests.

By 10:05, Atlantic Avenue was empty except for several hundred police officers. Dozens were arrested during the course of the 35-minute sweep.

Telethon rehearsing



(AP Laserphoto)

Comedian Jerry Lewis practices a number with the McGuire Sisters in preparation for his annual Labor Day Telethon, which began Sunday evening. The sisters are, from left, Christine, Phyllis and Dorothy. The telethon is being broadcast from Las Vegas.

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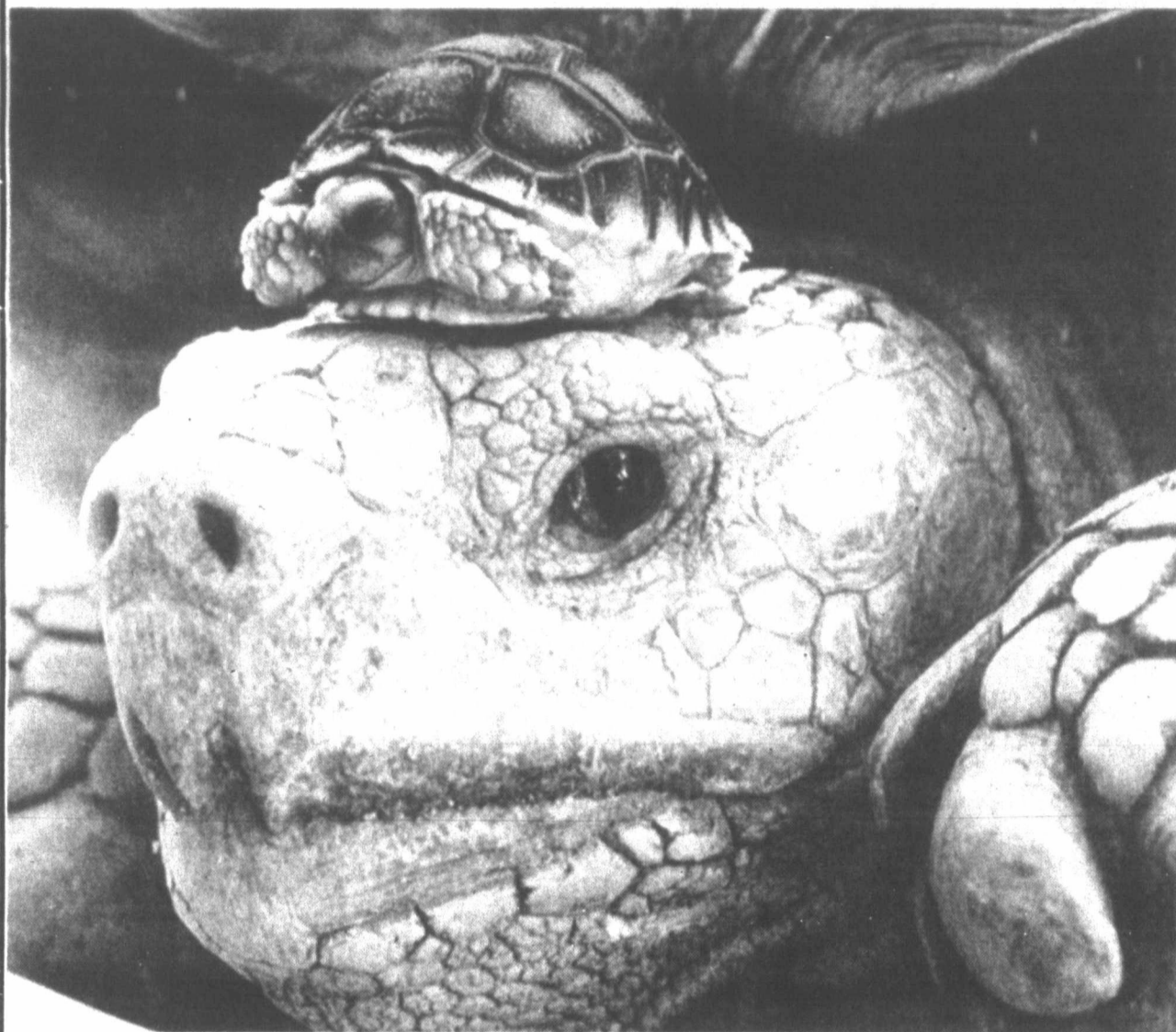


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Like father, like son



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A two-week old, 3-ounce African spurred tortoise sits on its dad's head at the San Antonio Zoo, site of a late-summer baby boom. The dad is 40-years-old and weighs close to 80 pounds.

MCorp to forgive executive loans

DALLAS (AP) — MCorp, whose collapse in March led to the second-costliest federal bank bailout ever, has agreed to forgive \$8.8 million in personal loans made to its top executives, according to a published report.

The bank holding company's plan to wipe out the officers' debts could be blocked by a federal bankruptcy judge who now oversees MCorp's operations, *The Dallas Morning News* reported in a copyright story Sunday.

Some creditors last week said they plan to raise the issue in the Houston bankruptcy court, the newspaper said.

An MCorp spokesman said there was nothing improper about the loans, which were part of a benefits package.

"If there is anyone hinting that MCorp executives have enriched themselves at the expense of the company, it simply is not true," said MCorp spokesman Joseph Stroop.

He noted that chairman Gene H. Bishop and other top executives had declined to accept pay raises arranged in their employment contracts as the company's troubles mounted.

Bishop could not be reached for comment, the newspaper reported.

MCorp, whose failure will cost the government \$2 billion, said in a recent corporate filing that it believed the debts should be waived. A percentage of each loan would be forgiven each year over a period of five to 10 years until the debts were wiped out.

On March 29, federal supervisors seized 20 of MCorp's 25 subsidiary banks and declared them insolvent. The company filed for protection from creditors under the federal bankruptcy code a few days later and continues to operate five banks.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. later sold the 20 failed banks to Banc One Corp. of Columbus, Ohio, as part of a \$2 billion bailout.

MCorp started the below-market loan program in 1984 as part of an executive compensation package. The company designed the loans to enable officers to "accumulate net worth in their personal investment portfolios," according to corporate filings.

The loans ranged from \$25,001 to \$300,000 per executive and accrued interest at a beneficial rate set by

the company's directors, typically 6 percent.

MCorp's plans to have the debts forgiven should the company experience a change of control are revealed in public documents dating to 1987.

In the spring or summer of 1988, MCorp directors agreed to forgive some of the personal loans, amounting to \$2.5 million. The move came after the bank holding company, realizing it could not survive, opened talks with government officials for financial assistance, according to MCorp documents.

The debts eligible for the special payment waiver included \$300,000 each owed by Bishop, MCorp president John T. Cater and group chairman James B. Gardner.

Bishop and Cater recently announced their resignations from MCorp. The impact of their pending departure on the loans is unclear, although the officers negotiated an overall financial compensation settlement with the company's creditors.

But MCorp's compensation program already included a provision to excuse the executive loans in installments over a decade if the company's ownership changed. That provision covers all the \$8.8 million in personal loans to executives.

That control provision, added in late 1986 as the company's fortunes began to crumble, also called for restructuring \$17.9 million in fixed-rate mortgages given top executives. The mortgages typically carried a rate of 8 percent.

In its corporate filing, MCorp acknowledged its bankruptcy filing could force the near-immediate repayment of the personal and mortgage loans.

The affected executives have hired a Phoenix law firm, Snell & Wilmer, to argue the loans should be forgiven.

Several MCorp creditors said they probably would ask the bankruptcy court to force repayment of at least some of the executive loans.

"Creditors will argue that any discretionary loan forgiveness is a fraudulent transfer of company assets," said William Fagan, a Minneapolis investor who controls MCorp bonds.

MCorp's executive loan program apparently carried no restrictions on the use of the cash.

Feisty Zsa Zsa now takes on Beverly Hills police force

By JEFF WILSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor, the alluring honey-blonde whose feisty nature and eight trips to the altar command more attention than her occasional movie career, is taking on the Beverly Hills police force.

Miss Gabor goes on trial Sept. 11 on charges she slapped a Beverly Hills motorcycle cop who she says roughed her up June 14 after stopping her \$215,000 Rolls-Royce convertible on a busy thoroughfare.

"I tell you mainly why I go to trial: that this shouldn't happen to other women," Miss Gabor said during an interview at her Bel-Air mansion.

"They wanted to drop all the charges. And the funny part is they wanted to make, how do you call, civic work for 100 hours. And this guy (Rob Lowe) who had pornographic movies, he only got 20 hours (community service)."

Miss Gabor has selected a black Valentino designer dress, black hat and pearls ensemble for her courtroom battle against charges of battery on a policeman, disobeying an officer, driving with an expired license, having an open container of alcohol in her car and having expired car registration.

If convicted, she faces a maximum jail term of two years and a \$4,000 fine.

Miss Gabor has tangled before with law enforcement.

In January, authorities said, she spouted profanities when she was taken off an airliner in Atlanta because her two dogs were loose in the plane. The same thing happened in 1968 when she illegally brought a

dog with her to Spain.

"They dragged me off a plane with the dog and put me in jail for a night," Miss Gabor said, adding incarceration wasn't so bad. "I spent the night in jail with this wonderful, gorgeous American sailor and we had the best time. We laughed our head off."

She also recalled a run-in with a policeman in London.

"This is not the first policeman I hit. I hit one in London," she said. "Then he said, 'Come here, gorgeous girl, in my arms. A woman who can hit an English policeman I love.' And he kissed me."

"The English are much more civilized."

"Here in Beverly Hills, I was afraid of this policeman. I was raised under Nazi occupation, Russian occupation, and I wasn't afraid," she said.

The glamorous Hungarian-born actress, who is secretive about her age, looks much younger than her years — reported to be between 62 and 70.

"I don't smoke. I don't drink. I have a good sex life. Why shouldn't I be beautiful?" she asks. "You only die once. Enjoy yourself."

Her trademark "dahlink" rarely emerged in last week's conversation about where she's been, what she's doing and where she's going.

The former Miss Hungary was 16 when she married Burhan Belge, the Turkish ambassador to Hungary.

She also married hotel magnate Conrad Hilton, actor George Sanders (who had previously been married to her sister Magda), businessman Joshua Gosden Jr., inventor Jack Ryan, lawyer Michael O'Hara and her current husband, Prince

Frederick von Anhalt, Germany's Duke of Saxony.

Such matrimonial experience inspired Miss Gabor to write two books — *Zsa Zsa's Complete Guide to Men* and *How to Get a Man, How to Keep a Man, How to Get Rid of a Man*.

In addition to real estate holdings — the \$15 million Bel-Air estate, a Simi Valley, Calif., ranch and a Palm Beach, Fla., home — Miss Gabor's cosmetics and jewelry businesses are making her rich in her own right.

In October, she will star as the owner of an animal beauty parlor in *Animal Haven*, the latest of what she calls a 50-picture career in Hollywood. Her movie credits include *Moulin Rouge*, *Queen of Outer Space*, *Boys Night Out* and *Picture Mommy Dead*.



Zsa Zsa Gabor

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Willie says he's planning next Farm Aid

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Country singer Willie Nelson said he's in the battle to help farmers "for the duration" as he announced his fourth Farm Aid concert will be held somewhere in the Midwest next spring.

Nelson is founder and chairman of Farm Aid Inc., which has raised \$12 million with three concerts to support family farmers in the United States. He said he intends to continue holding Farm Aid concerts until the farm crisis is over.

"We're here for the duration," Nelson said before a non-benefit concert Saturday. "That means when farmers get 75 percent of parity."

Nelson has had trouble finding locations for the Farm Aid concerts.



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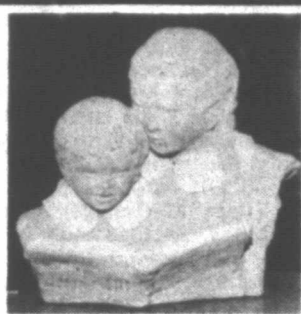
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The Book Report

By
Janette Quarles and Ellen Malone

Lovett Library Staff

September's New Books A Knight in Shining Armor - Jude Deveraux

Dougless Montgomery couldn't believe it. She had tried to be the very essence of the modern American woman - competent yet sexy, financially independent yet ready to love and be loved. She had planned this holiday tour with special care, wanting everything to be perfect for Robert, the man she hoped one day to marry.

Yet here she was, after a stupid quarrel, abandoned in a church in the midst of rural England. Abandoned, with no luggage, no money, no credit cards, while Robert drove off without so much as a backward glance.

As Dougless lay upon a cold tombstone, crying in fury and frustration, she longed for a knight in shining armor to save her from the abyssal.

Suddenly, as if in answer to her prayers, the most extraordinary man stood before her ...

He was Nicholas Stafford, Earl of Thornwyck, who according to his tombstone had died in 1564. Tall, broad-shouldered, attired in gleaming silver and gold, he was magnificent.

He stood in the dim light of the church, thunderstruck, drinking her in: her strange costume, the uncased hair that flowed to her shoulders, her long lovely bare legs.

He could scarcely keep his wits about him, but of one thing he was certain - she was the most beautiful creature he had ever seen.

TRIED AND TRUE CRITIC'S CHOICE

Lords of the Earth - Patrick Anderson

Wade Kingslea was a Texan ... a rugged man who went after what he wanted and got it. His dynasty, his women, his power. But behind it all, he left a trail of corruption and violence ... from the back streets of brawling Fort Worth, to the back rooms of Washington's Capitol Hill. Kingslea took it all - big money, steamy sex, total control.

Yet one proud man wouldn't be bought: his grandson Philip - who was determined to expose Wade Kingslea's dark link to that fateful day in Dallas ... a time when history and destiny met to destroy a generation's dreams.

The Last Innocent Man - Philip Margolin

David Nash is "The Ice Man", a brilliant young defense attorney in Portland, Oregon, who has risen rapidly to the top of his profession with a remarkable series of acquittals in one spectacular trial after another, each of them won because of his devastating trial tactics and his perfect, nerveless poise.

Despite his success, however, Nash's realization that many of the accused murderers and rapists he has so dazzlingly defended are actually guilty of their crimes has begun to eat at him, causing a wrenching moral crisis that makes him disgusted both by his legal reputation and his lonely life.

Then, on a quiet summer night at the seedy Raleigh Motel, rookie policewoman Darlene Hersch has

her throat slit while posing as a prostitute. Suddenly, Nash's professional colleague, attorney Larry Stafford, is in the worst trouble of his life: the police think he did it.

Nash eagerly jumps to Stafford's defense - the case has become a West Coast sensation - believing he's finally found someone he has been looking for most of his career, a wronged and worthy client, the last innocent man.

Tenaciously, obsessively, "The Ice Man" begins preparing for what he anticipates will be a triumphant courtroom battle of his life - only to find himself falling hopelessly in love with Jennifer, Stafford's wife.

Lovestruck, Nash walks confidently into court on opening day oblivious to the ethical trap about to snap shut on him, oblivious to the alarming signs that something is wrong, terribly wrong, with the Stafford's story about where Larry was the night Darlene died a violent death in Room 22.

The Titan - Fred Mustard Stewart

The Titan is the gripping story of one man's drive to acquire unlimited wealth and power - and the price he pays for his success.

Nick Fleming is the titan - a fascinating and paradoxical figure, at once ruthless and capable of great courage and idealism; charming, charismatic, but willing to make cold, hard life-and-death decisions; romantic, yet at the same time shrewdly pragmatic.

He is an arms tycoon who believes in peace; a family man who loves and is loved by many women; a devoted father who almost destroys his own son; a billionaire who can buy almost everything - except release from the guilts and fear of a tormented childhood.

His path to wealth spans sixty years, sweeping at a headlong pace from Russia in the Revolution (where he makes his first financial coup) to Hollywood in the lush days of the silver screen (where he buys a movie studio) to the inner councils of world leaders - and to a Nazi concentration camp, where his spirit is almost broken.

Along the way Nick Fleming inevitable makes enemies. Some call him "merchant of death" and lay at his door responsibility for an army of the dead of two world wars. Others - even his eldest son - call him "cut-throat" for the ruthless instincts that catapult him to untold riches.

But he makes one deadly mistake in his lifetime: he deserts the only woman whose insatiable ambition is equal to his own, a woman who loves him so passionately that she relentlessly seeks her revenge upon him for the death of her father and her innocence.

NON-FICTION FOR THE MONTH

Moms & Dads, Kids & Sports - Pat McNally

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Coast to coast, millions of kids are getting more involved with sports than ever before. At school or in the neighborhood, from organized teams to pickup games with friends to individual sports such as swimming or golf, athletics has

become the focus of many youngsters' lives - keeping them fit, and at the same time, being great fun.

But with so many children taking part in such a wide variety of sports, questions often come up: What's the best equipment for a given sport? What about overcoming a kid's fear of injury? What's the best way to get along with coaches and how much should parents get involved?

Pat McNally, former professional football player and now a children's sports columnist, has the answer to these questions.

He addresses such diverse areas as pre-game meals, weight gain, getting in shape, mental preparation, dealing with frustration, injuries (ankle, knee, shoulder, and many more), sports physicians, physical therapists, as well as the steroid controversy.

More importantly, McNally discusses child sports psychology: what to do with the kid who wants to play too much or who wants to drop out altogether and take a break from sports.

He also talks about just how deeply involved children should become in sports as well as the kind of support parents can provide to help their children be more secure about their potential as athletes.

With so many kids playing sports every day, Moms & Dads, Kids & Sports offers clear and sensible advice on dozens of things you need to know about your children and sports. It's a must reference guide and psychology primer.

Texas town spreads community spirit

DEAR ABBY: Please help us find a community to honor with the Midland Community Spirit Award.

After the rescue of Jessica McClure from an abandoned well, the citizens of Midland, Texas, want to recognize another community that has worked together to accomplish a goal.

So often our attention is focused only on negatives. But as shown in the rescue of Jessica, when people work together, miraculous results are accomplished. We know there must be many large and small victories occurring in communities every day. We hope that by recognizing another community, we can share the good will we have received and encourage other communities to tackle difficult problems they may face.

We have asked President Bush to present the Midland Community Spirit Award at a White House ceremony next month.

Abby, please publish this, and invite proud citizens to nominate their communities now. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 1, 1989. For a simple nomination form, write to: Community Spirit Award Nomination Form, P.O. Box 1152, Midland, Texas 79702-1152. Or phone (915) 685-7411 for applications. CARROLL M. THOMAS, MAYOR, MIDLAND, TEXAS

DEAR MAYOR THOMAS: Here's your letter. Please send me a form; I would like to nominate my own hometown - Sioux City, Iowa - for its show of generosity, compassion and teamwork when a United Airlines jet crashed in a Sioux City cornfield on July 19.

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Pampa's first post office

On May 16, 1982, George Tyng wrote from Pampa to Frederic Foster in New York City: "Am circulating a petition for establishment of a post office here...which makes a good means for expression of news, upon the desirability of organizing Gray County."

On June 17, 1982, Tyng wrote: "To procure the establishment here at Pampa of a post office, permanent railway, telegraph and express agency would cost, I think, not over \$26,000 a month."

On September 18, 1982, Tyng wrote that extra outlay during the next six weeks would include \$10,000 monthly subvention to the post office at Pampa.

(Tyng went to his home at Victoria, Texas, for the ninth birthday, on September 27, of his son Francis. He then went to New York and to the Honduras Rosario Mine at San Juancito, Honduras. His letters suggest that he did not return to Pampa until the spring of 1893.)

The petition of citizens interested in establishing a post office at Pampa was forwarded to the Post Office Department in Washington, D.C. on September 22, 1892.

A location paper in the National Archives states that the proposed post office at Pampa was to be situated in the southeast quarter of Section 102, Block 3, I. & G.N.R.R. land grant, in the County of Gray, State of Texas.

It was to be on route No. 32004 from Mulvane, Kansas, to Panhandle, Texas, on which the mail was carried seven times per week on each day.

The nearest post office, on one side, was Miami in Roberts County, a distance of 22 miles to the north-east.

The nearest post office, on the other side, was White Deer in Carson County, a distance of 14 miles



Museum Mementoes

Eloise Lane - White Deer Land Museum

to the southwest. The other nearest post office was Parnell in Roberts County, a distance of 18 miles by the most direct road to the north.

The nearest most prominent river was the Canadian; the nearest creek was Red Deer. The post office was 22 miles from the Canadian, on the south side of it and near the head of Red Deer, on the south side of it.

The nearest railroad was the Southern Kansas Railway of Texas; the post office was to be on the north side of the railway, 200 feet from the track.

The name of the railway station was Pampa.

There were 24 inhabitants at Pampa, and the post office was to supply a population of 43 and new settlers coming.

E.E. Carhart, postmaster at Panhandle, certified the location paper with his signature.

The National Archives gives October 29, 1892, as the date establishment of the post office at Pampa with Thomas Lane as Postmaster. His certificate of appointment is in the post office room at the White Deer Land Museum.

Emma Lane told her family that a room had been built over the dugout in which the T.H. Lane family lived. This room was used for the first post office, depot, waiting room and telegraph office.

Trains did not usually stop at the Pampa depot unless special arrangements were made. Any mail for the post office was placed in a bag to be

tossed out a window as a train passed by the station.

Since Tom Lane was often away from Pampa because of his work as a section foreman for the railroad, Emma served as substitute. She placed stamps, money orders and other things which might be needed on a table. People would wait on themselves and leave money for payment in a cigar box. Emma said that she was never short a penny.

In 1926, T.H. Lane wrote to J. Everts Haley, Sr. who was collecting area history: "I kept the post office at Pampa, and when I took a notion to leave, I did so but left the post office open. The cowboys who came in for the mail looked through what was there, found theirs and took it. If they wanted stamps they took them and left the money and I never lost a thing. The post office inspector raised a 'kick' but everything was straight. I asked him what he would do under the circumstances and he just laughed. You could not do that now, because they would carry off the post office itself if it was not staked down."

Post offices previously established in the area of Gray County were Eldridge (Alanreed) on March 20, 1886; Crossland on July 21, 1888 (discontinued December 2, 1889 with mail going to Eldridge); Boydston on April 18, 1891 (established in Donley but changed on December 11, 1902, to Gray County because of a new survey) and Lefors on October 12, 1892.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

citizens rushed to the scene to offer aid and comfort to the survivors and their families. Restaurateurs brought food, hotels offered lodging, and people stood in line to donate blood. I'm sure there are many other communities where citizens rose to the occasion when tragedy struck. Readers?

DEAR ABBY: Between you and me, I think the people who write to you are either morons or they're just plain stupid.

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 - Heraldic border
 - Handsome man
 - Tennis equipment
 - Prosecute
 - Wreath
 - State Bldg.
 - Beatles' 'rummer
 - Swiftly
 - Chaste
 - Primitive word
 - Brick carrier
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 - Singer Fitzgerald
 - Gums
 - T of TV
 - Hot water tank
 - Less sloppy
 - Gets away from
 - Winds
 - Furniture wood
 - Rub out

- DOWN**
- Door clasp
 - Wife of Zeus
 - Rara
 - Buckwheat
 - Bachelor's last words (2 wds.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- Between Colo and Mo.
- Opp. of endo
- Scottish child
- of Two Cities
- Basque headwear
- Indefinite person
- Dull
- Actress Claire
- Have the courage to (2 wds.)
- Tranquil
- Ocean
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- Environment agcy
- Incorrect (pref.)
- Diamonds (sl.)
- degree
- Accounting agcy
- Elderly
- Able to fly
- truly
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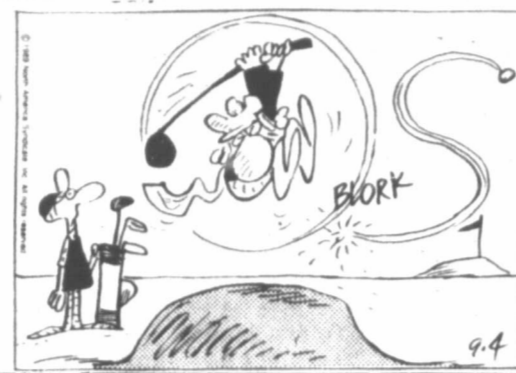
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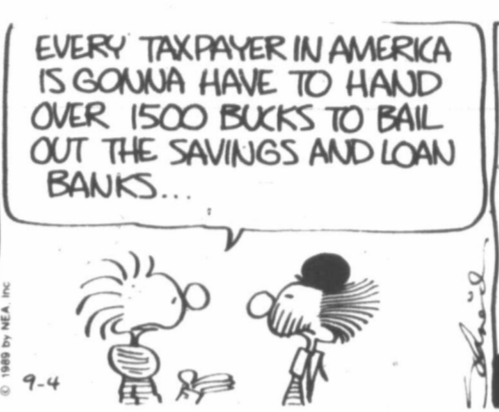
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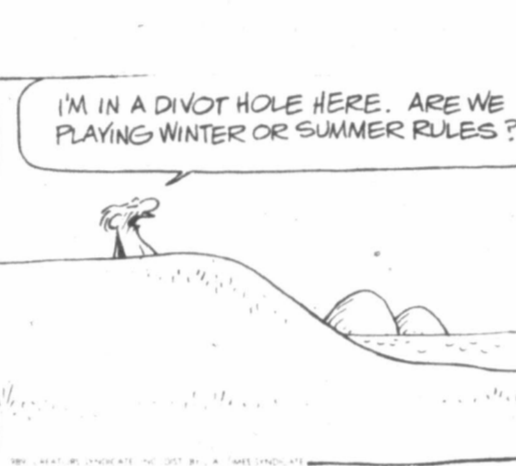
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Astro-Graph

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, if you find yourself in a meaningful involvement that appears to have no commanding officer, don't be hesitant to step in and take charge of matters yourself. You'll do a good job. 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.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep a low profile today, because you'll be able to function more effectively by handling situations from behind the scenes. If you step out in the open, you might get scolded.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your restless spirit will be happier around outgoing, gregarious people today; so try not to get involved with people who take themselves or life too seriously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your possibilities for fulfilling your ambitious objectives today look better than usual, even if the goals you establish are more difficult than usual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have the faculty for accurately sizing up the qualities in others today. Additionally, you're also a good learner and you'll later effectively use the positive things you saw in them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There will be some important shifts in conditions taking place today initiated by outside influences. Regardless of whom or what authors them, you're apt to be the one who gains the most.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your luck will be greatly enhanced if you keep everything in proper balance today. Be neither overly aggressive nor unduly complacent, your winning route is down the middle of the road.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Co-workers will mirror your moods today if you show them you're industrious and ambitious. Once you get on a roll, they'll automatically fall in step with your pace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In situations where you find yourself in a managerial role today, bend over backwards to be just and fair. Your actions will win you loyal supporters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Give household and domestic matters top priority today, especially if you feel there is something major that needs attention which you can put back in proper order.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In addition to your other assets, your diplomacy and tact can effectively be used to your advantage today. When you turn on the charm, all will start purring.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're still under favorable financial aspects and benefits can be derived today through some type of partnership arrangement. Associate with money makers.

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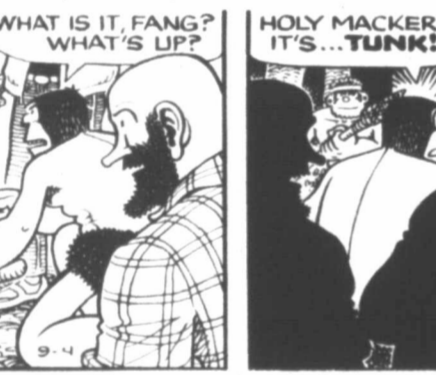
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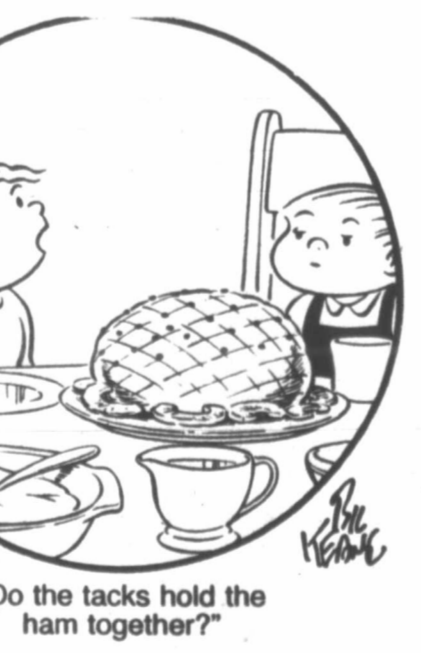
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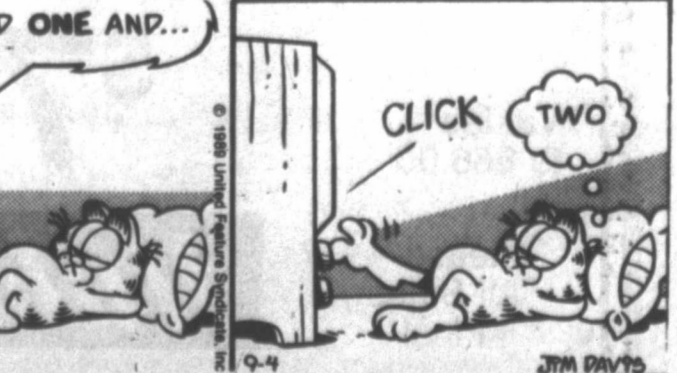


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Sports

Cards rally past sinking Astros

By R.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — Joe Magrane failed to dazzle the Houston Astros and become the National League's first 19-game winner, but he did manage to control the damage.

Magrane gave up 13 hits Sunday in six innings. He also kept St. Louis close enough for the Cardinals to rally past the fading Houston Astros 4-3 on pinch hitter Leon Durham's bases-loaded, none-out sacrifice fly in the ninth inning.

"Joe didn't have one of the ballgames he's used to pitching, but he scattered the hits and kept us in the game," third baseman Terry Pendleton said after St. Louis pulled to within 1 1/2 games of first-place Chicago in the National League East.

"I had good enough stuff to win, I did think," Magrane said. "It seemed to be one of those days when they hit everything to the right spots. The only thing I tried to do was keep the score down."

Magrane had given up only 17 hits in his three previous outings, all complete-game victories.

But Sunday was different. He gave up two hits in the second and third innings without yielding up a run and surrendered a run on three hits in the fourth. He also gave up a run on four hits in the fifth and another on two hits in the sixth. In Magrane's favor, the

Astros had five infield hits and mostly played one base at a time so that the Cardinals trailed only 3-0 when they finally got to Astros starter Mark Portugal.

Portugal had a one-hitter through five innings before surrendering a triple to pinch hitter Vince Coleman and a double to Willie McGee on his first two pitches in the sixth. McGee went to third on a fly out and scored on Milt Thompson's grounder. St. Louis tied the score in the eighth on Thompson's sacrifice fly off reliever Danny Darwin, 11-4.

The Cardinals won in the ninth when Pendleton and Denny Walling, 4-for-6 against his former team, singled to put runners on first and third. Jose Oquendo drew an intentional walk before Durham lifted a fly to medium center for his first RBI of the season.

Todd Worrell, 3-5, worked a scoreless top of the ninth for the victory.

Durham, picking a good time for his first contribution to the pennant race, is batting .083 in 12 at-bats between two stints at Triple A.

"I had no time for butterflies," said Durham, who is batting only .083 in 12 at-bats for St. Louis after spending most of the season in Triple-A. "I got rid of them at the National Anthem."

"That run meant a lot to me. It makes me feel I'm finally contributing to the ballclub."

Buffalo billed as runaway

Editor's Note: This is the second in a six-part series by the Associated Press on the NFL division races.

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

The league's most balanced division in the 1980s — only the Jets haven't won it of the five teams and they've been a wild card four times — will be packed together again. In the middle.

New England, New York and Indianapolis will be flirting with .500, capable of surprising any opponent and equally able to disappoint their fans. While they seek wild card slots (and don't get them), Buffalo will, once more, run away with the AFC East.

And the Miami Dolphins, once the terror of the division, will flounder again.

The Bills' defense is overpowering, easily the AFC's best. Linebackers Cornelius Bennett (9 1/2 sacks) and Shane Conlan are as good as any. Darryl Talley is underrated and Ray Bentley led the team in tackles. All-Pro Bruce Smith, fortified with a monster contract, is complemented up front by nose tackle Fred Smerlas and DE Art Still.

"When Bruce and Cory get it going together, you see the guys on (an opponent's) offense wondering what's going to happen next," says Talley. "That's when we know we've got them."

Buffalo's offense hardly is as high-powered as Miami's or New York's, but doesn't need to be. Levy likes the conservative approach, even with gunner Jim Kelly as his quarterback.

Kelly is capable of big numbers but probably won't get the go-ahead to open up. He has capable receivers in Andre Reed (71 catches), Chris Burkett and Trueman Johnson and all the backs can catch the ball.

Thurman Thomas was impressive as a rookie with 881 yards rushing and Robb Riddick scored 12 touchdowns. Levy would love to give Thomas 30 carries a game and throw only when absolutely necessary.

Scott Norwood (34 field goals) is one of the league's best kickers, but his presence is balanced by Dean Biasucci in Indianapolis and Pat Leahy in New York.

If New England had a decent kicker last season (just 13 field goals), it might have made the playoffs. A victory over Denver in the season finale would have pushed the Patriots into a wild-card spot but they didn't get it.

Greg Davis of Atlanta was signed to handle the kicking and the rest of the special teams are strong.

So is the running game, with John Stephens, the offensive rookie of the year with 1,168 yards, working behind guards Ron Wooten and Sean Farrell and tackle Bruce Armstrong. The passing game will get a boost if Eason is over arm woes and Hart Lee Dykes does what everyone thinks he can at receiver.

Dykes won't get much pressure with superb vet Stanley Morgan, Irving Fryar and Cedric Jones around.

A solid linebacking unit led by Pro Bowl performer Andre Tippett outside, quickly improving Johnny Rembert inside, is backed by a veteran secondary. If DEs Garin Veris and Ken Sims are healthy and free agent pickup Gary Jeter repeats his 11 1/2 sacks, the Patriots could find themselves in a repeat position entering their last game, against the Rams.

Indianapolis has the great runner, Eric Dickerson, excellent linemen in Chris Hinton and Ray Donaldson, flashy rookie receiver Andre Rison, and Biasucci on offense. Dickerson should lead the league in rushing again — he had 1,659 yards in 1988 — and also showed he could catch the ball with 36 receptions.

Rison will be a major addition if quarterback Chris Chandler and Jack Trudeau can get him the ball. Steady Billy Brooks will benefit from the double coverage Rison draws.

Duane Bickett leads the aggressive linebackers, but the line and secondary are inconsistent. Bickett and Freddie Young must have big years. Safety Keith Bostic, a free agent pickup, might be the best addition Indianapolis made in the offseason.

Indianapolis had an 8-2 finish last year after winning the division the previous season. Another slow start is possible, however, with games against the 49ers and Rams the first two weeks.

"A win in that first game could really set the tone for the entire season," says general manager Jim Irsay.

The holdouts of Al Toon, the AFC's top receiver, Wesley Walker and Johnny Hector set the wrong tone for the Jets in the preseason. Popular backup QB Pat Ryan's knee injury would be disastrous if O'Brien also goes down — and he has a history of injuries and poor finishes.

AFC EAST

	Buffalo	Indianapolis	New England	New York Jets	Miami
Season	12-4	9-7	9-7	8-7-1	6-10
Last 8 Games	5-3	6-2	6-2	4-4	2-6
vs. AFC East	7-1	5-3	5-3	3-5	0-8
vs. AFC	10-2	7-5	7-5	6-7-1	3-9
vs. NFC	2-2	2-2	2-2	2-0	3-1
at Home	8-0	6-2	7-1	5-2-1	4-4
on Road	4-4	3-5	2-6	3-5	2-6
on Artificial Turf	11-2	6-6	8-5	6-7-1	0-5
on Grass Fields	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-0	6-5
Points (NFL Rank)	20.6 (14)	22.1 (9)	15.6 (24)	23.3 (6)	19.9 (17)
Opp. Points (NFL Rank)	14.8 (3)	19.7 (117)	17.8 (5)	22.1 (21)	23.8 (24)
Yards (NFL Rank)	332.2 (12)	304.4 (21)	268.3 (27)	325.9 (13)	357.6 (5)
Opp. Yards (NFL Rank)	286.1 (4)	331.0 (17)	292.6 (5)	352.1 (23)	361.3 (26)
Rushing Yards (NFL Rank)	133.3 (7)	140.6 (47)	132.5 (9)	133.3 (8)	75.3 (28)
Opp. Rush. Yards (NFL Rank)	115.9 (12)	105.9 (8)	131.2 (19)	132.8 (21)	156.6 (26)
Passing Yards (NFL Rank)	198.9 (15)	163.8 (24)	135.8 (27)	192.7 (19)	282.3 (1)
Opp. Pass. Yards (NFL Rank)	170.3 (4)	225.1 (25)	161.4 (3)	219.3 (23)	204.7 (14)
Turnover +/- (NFL Rank)	-1 (16)	+5 (9)	-3 (19)	+13 (3)	-4 (20)

But the Jets show a lot more promise at the outset of 1989 than they did a year ago. A young, aggressive secondary led by Defensive Rookie of the Year Erik McMillan and James Hasty, and a rebuilt offensive line are areas of marked improvement.

The long-ball combination of O'Brien-Walker or O'Brien-Toon and the steadiness of TE Mickey Shuler and RB Freeman McNeil spark the offense. The defense could be in trouble without blitz guru Bud Carson, now head coach in Cleveland.

New York has the best kick

coverage teams in football. Miami has the best passer in the NFL, but Marino can't do it alone. Sammie Smith was drafted to provide a running game and should do well if the line ever learns how to block for runs; it certainly kept Marino upright by yielding a record low seven sacks last season.

Mark Clayton, Mark Duper and Troy Stratford are the other main ball-movers.

The shoddy defense can brag of only linebacker John Offerdahl, safety Jarvis Williams and first-round draftee Louis Oliver.

Major League standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division					East Division				
Toronto	W	L	Pct.	GB	Chicago	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	73	63	.540	—	St. Louis	76	60	.559	1 1/2
Boston	69	68	.504	5	Montreal	73	63	.537	3
Milwaukee	68	71	.489	7	New York	72	63	.533	3 1/2
Cleveland	63	73	.463	10 1/2	Pittsburgh	59	76	.437	16 1/2
New York	62	76	.449	12 1/2	Philadelphia	54	81	.400	21 1/2
Detroit	50	89	.360	25					
West Division					West Division				
Oakland	W	L	Pct.	GB	San Francisco	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	83	54	.606	—	Houston	78	58	.574	—
California	78	58	.574	4 1/2	San Diego	72	64	.529	6
Texas	69	65	.515	12 1/2	Cincinnati	71	65	.522	7
Minnesota	69	67	.507	13 1/2	Los Angeles	66	70	.485	12
Seattle	61	75	.449	21 1/2	Atlanta	64	72	.471	14
Chicago	58	78	.428	24 1/2					
Sunday's Games					Sunday's Games				
Seattle 3, Boston 2					Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 1				
New York 5, California 2					Atlanta 8, Chicago 5				
Detroit 12, Cleveland 3					St. Louis 4, Houston 7				
Minnesota 9, Toronto 10					Montreal 4, Los Angeles 0				
Chicago 4, Baltimore 2					San Diego 9, Philadelphia 5				
Oakland 5, Milwaukee 0					San Francisco 4, New York 0				
Kansas City 13, Texas 2									



Craig Hainline holds one-shot lead in Top O' Texas.

Hainline maintains lead in Top O' Texas

Final 36 holes scheduled today at Pampa Country Club

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Oklahoma State freshman Craig Hainline remains the leader in the Hart Warren Top O' Texas Tournament, but he had to make some quick repairs to his golf game to stay on top.

Hainline found his lead in jeopardy after consecutive bogeys on No. 13 and 14 in Sunday's second round at the Pampa Country Club course. But the Wichita, Kansas native bounced back with a birdie on No. 15, followed by a couple of pars and a birdie on No. 18 for a one-under par 70.

"That birdie on No. 15 gave me confidence and got me going again," said Hainline, who holds a one-stroke lead at 137 going into today's final 36 holes. "I was a little down after those two bogeys. I just didn't hit the ball straight and I knew I had to play some good golf from there on out."

Rex Hughes of Follett moved

into sole possession of second at 138 with a sizzling five-under par 66 Sunday.

Doug Jon-Hopton of Mansfield and Brent Bostick of Oklahoma State, are tied for third at 139.

Hughes, who started the day in a five-way tie for fifth, topped his round off with an eagle on No. 18. Only Hainline's five-foot birdie putt, which curled around the edge on the final hole before going in, kept the score from being tied going into the finals.

"I really didn't expect that one to drop. It was a nice surprise," added Hainline.

Hainline felt that hitting the greens with his iron shots has kept him on top through two rounds.

"The greens are small and fast which makes it a pretty demanding course. If you miss the green, it's hard to get the ball up and down. There's a little elevation to most of the greens, which also makes it pretty tough," Hainline said.

Hainline's OSU teammate,

Scott Deserano of Dallas, went from second to sixth after a 73 yesterday.

The championship flight was cut to 149 and below after Sunday's round.

Pampa High golf coach Frank McCullough leads the first flight after two rounds with a 144.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT (after two rounds)

1. Craig Hainline, Wichita, Kans., 67-70 — 137; 2. Rex Hughes, Follett, 72-66 — 138; 3. (tie) Doug Jon-Hopton, Mansfield, 72-67 — 139; Brent Bostick, Oklahoma State, 72-67 — 139; 5. Richard Ellis, Plano, 141; 6. Scott Deserano, Dallas, 69-73 — 142; 7. Bill Hoelle, Oklahoma State, 72-72 — 144; 8. Chance Blythe, Texas Tech, 70-75 — 145; 9. (tie) James Bischof, Amarillo, 74-73 — 147; Billy West, Lubbock, 74-73 — 147; 11. (tie) Brad Martin, Cameron University, 74-74 — 148; Jay Lavender, Oklahoma City, 74-74 — 148; Jeff Baker, West Texas Junior College, 72-76 — 148; Rodney Young, Cameron University, 76-70 — 148; Doug McFaridge, Pampa, 73-75 — 148; 17. Abe Cornish, Cameron, 74-75 — 149.

FIRST FLIGHT

1. Frank McCullough, 73-71 — 144; 2. John Kaplan, 73-76 — 149; 3. L.R. Hudson, 75-75 — 150; 4. (tie) Jerry Lockhart, 76-75 — 151; Keith Teague, 76-75 — 151; Steve Scott, 71-80 — 151; Larry Stephens, 74-77 — 151; 8. (tie) Monte Dalton, 82-70 — 152; Bill McIntyre, 77-75 — 152; 10. (tie) Reid Sidwell, 79-74 — 153; Mike Hughes, 78-75 — 153; 12. (tie) T.C. Lovins, 81-76 — 157; John Sparkman, 76-81 — 157; Roy Milliron, 80-77 — 157; Jeff Langen, 83-74 — 157; 16. Mike Murray, 84-74 — 158; Steve Lusk, 78-79 — 158; 18. Loyd Stepens, 76-84 — 160; 19. Roy Don Stephens, 83-79 — 162; 20. Jody Chase, 84-79 — 163; 21. Scott Stoner, 85-79 — 164; 22. (tie) Champ Davis, 87-78 — 165; Terry Jones, 86-79 — 165.

SECOND FLIGHT

Lee Zigelgruber def. Brent Allen, 4-3; Ken Blewett def. Dennis Brungardt, 6-5; Carroll Langley def. Ben Sued, 2-1; Buddy Jamberson def. Grant Johnson, 4-3.

THIRD FLIGHT

Nathan Landley def. Tim New, 1-up 23; Joe Cree def. Lacy Barger, 5-4; Bill Simon def. Joe Watkins, 4-3; Rick Higgins def. Merlin Rose, 2-up.

FOURTH FLIGHT

Greg Trolinger def. Dwight Chase, 1-up 19; Charles Jett def. Dale Sexton, 3-1; Ron McInturff def. Don Harris, 2-up; Denny Brungardt def. Gerald Rasco, 1-up.

FIFTH FLIGHT

Dan Luther def. Tai Tate, 6-5; Weldon Talley def. Tommy Hill, 1-up; Curtis Heard def. Chuck White, 2-1; Danny Strawn def. Paul Howard, 5-4.

SIXTH FLIGHT

Howard Reed def. Bob Phillips, 3-2; Randy Holt def. Randy Stephens, 3-2; Larry Ingram def. Larry Jennings, 1-up 19; Bruck Redick def. Richard Mackie, 3-1.

SEVENTH FLIGHT

Bill Allen def. Kent Mitchell, 5-4; Ralph Baker def. James Cunningham, 3-up; Terry Allen def. Floyd Sackett, 6-5; Don Russell def. Chris Morin, 1-up 18.

EIGHTH FLIGHT

Mike Dalrymple def. Tim Hill, 6-3; Tony Stephens def. Charles Langen, 4-3; Mark Cunningham def. Bill Sackett, 2-1; Robert Bolton def. Don Alexander, 2-up.

NINTH FLIGHT

John East def. Johnny Miller, 2-1; Roger David def. Bush Jordan, 4-3; Morris Enloe def. Glyn Lusk, 1-3; Jackie Curtis def. Bob Hulse, 2-1.

TENTH FLIGHT

Nolan Welborn def. Randy Hall, 5-4; Bill Lee def. Roland Darcie, 6-4; Dwight Mackie def. Bob Ingram, 2-up; Robert Stephens def. O.J. McClintock, 7-6.

ELEVENTH FLIGHT

Jerry Stephens def. Jack Osborne, 5-4; Tommy Lee def. J.T. Winters, 5-4; L.C. Hudson def. Winslow Ellis, 4-3; Bob Hogan def. Bill Ballard, 1-up 18.

Sooners still look the same in lopsided opener against New Mexico State

By OWEN CANFIELD
AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — After only one game as Oklahoma's coach, Gary Gibbs got to use a line that had his predecessor used to wear out.

"I'm sorry the score got out of hand the way it did," Gibbs said Saturday after the 15th-ranked Sooners beat New Mexico State 73-3. "But there's nothing I can do about that when I put in the reserves and they go out and play hard."

Gibbs sounded just like Barry Switzer, who dished out his share of beatings in 16 years as Oklahoma's coach. And the Sooners looked like they usually do as they scored more points in an opener since 1917 when they beat Central Normal 99-0.

With fullback Leon Perry scoring three times and freshman Ike Lewis scoring twice, Oklahoma rushed for 518 yards against a

New Mexico State team that had only one victory a year ago.

"We got beat offensively, defensively, in the kicking game and we got outcoached," said New Mexico State coach Mike Knoll. "But nothing is ever as good as it seems or as bad as it seems."

It was a sentiment shared by Gibbs, who said it's tough to gauge how well his team played given the disparity in talent. "The game got out of control so quickly," he said.

It did indeed. The Sooners scored touchdowns on all three first-quarter possessions, settled for a field goal on their first possession of the second quarter, returned a punt 52 yards for a touchdown the next time, then followed with another touchdown.

The only time Oklahoma didn't score in the first half came when the Sooners failed to convert on fourth-and-10 from the Aggies' 35-yard line late in the second

quarter.

At intermission, Oklahoma led 38-0 and had 17 first downs. New Mexico State had 26 yards and had made three first downs, one of them thanks to a penalty.

"It was always second and long or third and 15," said Glen Watson, the Aggies' defensive coordinator. "We attack the defense's weaknesses. The only problem is there was no weakness out there today."

It was Oklahoma's first regular-season game since being placed on three years' probation in December. Several players had spoken before the game about having something to prove, given the Sooners' low national ranking and the widely publicized off-season arrests of five players.

Offensive tackle Mark VanKerisbilck said he considered the No. 15 ranking "a slap in the face."

"We want to show the fans and

the coaches we are a class team and are a good team," he said. "All of the adversity is behind us."

The Sooners lived with the wishbone under Switzer, but got away from that formation much of the time Saturday. Six touchdowns came out of the new multiple-I formation, which is designed in part to ease the burden of the quarterback.

"We were very basic," offensive coordinator Jim Donnan said. "We had some stuff we didn't show today, but we also showed we can do a lot of things from different formations."

Steve Collins started at quarterback, becoming the first freshman in school history to open the season at that position. He completed three of six passes for only 18 yards, and had minus-5 yards on five carries. But he didn't make any big mistakes.

"I thought Steve Collins did a good job the first game out, and I

thought the other 10 players around Steve took a lot of pressure off him," Gibbs said.

The big first half guaranteed that Gibbs felt not pressure in his debut. He said he was more nervous in 1974, when he started the Sooners' opener at linebacker against Baylor.

That season was the last time

Evert continues strong play

NEW YORK (AP) — In the twilight of her tournament career, Chris Evert reached back for one more sunrise in the U.S. Open. She played practically perfect tennis to defeat the teen-ager who had pushed her to the brink of retirement.

Evert produced a nearly flawless 6-0, 6-2 victory over 15-year-old Monica Seles on Sunday to advance to the Open quarterfinals for the 19th consecutive year, then admitted she surprised even herself with the efficiency of her

Gibbs stayed on field level during games. Every year since then, he has been in the press box.

Ruzek kicks 'Pokes to win over Oilers

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

IRVING — Roger Ruzek didn't upstage Troy Aikman's coming-out party. He simply capped it with a victory. That's probably the best way to look at the 55-yard field goal Ruzek kicked as time ran out Saturday night, giving the Dallas Cowboys a 30-28 victory over the Houston Oilers in the NFL's annual battle of Texas.

Not only was it a fitting ending to Aikman's 306-yard passing yardage for the game, in which the \$11 million man was officially anointed Dallas' starting quarterback, but it gave owner Jerry Jones and Coach Jimmy Johnson a win in their first game at Texas Stadium.

The combination — Aikman, Jones and Johnson, plus the first Dallas game NOT coached by Tom Landry — resulted in a crowd of 63,582. That was Dallas' largest pre-season gathering since 1981. It also was the largest crowd of any kind for the Cowboys since Nov. 17, 1985, when they lost 44-0 to Chicago, a game that might have started America's team on its downhill slide to the 3-13 record that precipitated Landry's removal after last season.

"I hope people don't read too much into a winning a pre-season game," said Johnson, who chose Aikman, the No. 1 pick in last April's NFL draft, over Steve Walsh, who played for him at Miami and was taken in the supplemental draft.

"We are a long way from being a good football team. We wanted to win because this team has been down for a long time. But next week we are 0-0."

Still, the Cowboys will go into New Orleans next week off three wins in

four exhibitions — as many victories as the Cowboys had in 16 regular-season games last season.

And they will go into it with a starting quarterback they didn't have last year — Aikman, who threw for 203 yards in the first half, when Dallas took a 20-7 lead, and finished 19 of 31 for the 306 yards.

"He played like a veteran," Houston defensive end William Fuller said. "We kept hitting him, we couldn't rattle him."

Aikman was sacked four times and hit a half-dozen more. A couple of times he was hit late and played the last three quarters with a split lip.

"We've got to keep people off him better," Johnson said. "He can't go through this during the regular season."

Still, Aikman held up well. He completed a 29-yard pass to Kelvin Martin over the middle as he was getting hit and several other passes under pressure. His completions included two for 33 yards and one for 39, in addition to the 29-yarder, dispelling the criticism in Dallas over his numerous short completions in early games.

And he threw a 21-yarder to Ray Alexander with four seconds left that set up Ruzek's winning field goal.

"I'm still always going to take what they give me," Aikman said, indicating he would still throw short if necessary. "But I think it was proven tonight that I can throw the ball."

Johnson wasn't specific on why he chose Aikman as the starter except to say, "He can do some things in our offense that Steve can't."

Aikman also drew praise from Houston coach Jerry Glanville, who was disappointed but not devastated at losing.

Robinson wins San Antonio race

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Nissan team broke Porsche's two-year hold on the Nissan Grand Prix of San Antonio, but not without a scare at the start of the race.

Chip Robinson, who won the inaugural San Antonio Grand Prix in 1987 driving a Porsche 962, won Sunday's event, driving for Nissan.

It was the seventh IMSA Grand Touring Prototypes victory for Robinson this season — the first in his own car without teammate Geoff Brabham.

But Robinson nearly put himself and Brabham out of the race on the first lap.

Starting the race on the front row, with Brabham and Davey Jones,

Robinson tried to draft behind Brabham in front of Jones on the first turn.

"I was looking in my mirror, seeing if I could pull in behind Geoff," Robinson said. "I put on the brakes too hard and spun around."

Robinson bumped Brabham, sending both drivers spinning and dropping Brabham to 13th place while Robinson fell to 19th.

"At that point, I just put my head down and thought it was going to be a hard day," Robinson said. "It was good that it happened so early in the race because I knew we could pick up some time during caution flags."

Luck and a new race format helped Robinson pull out the victory.

Texas, Colorado game on ESPN

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Busting his buttons after a No. 14 ranking for his team in the AP pre-season football poll, Colorado coach Bill McCartney knows there may be a price to pay for opening the season in style — on national television tonight against Texas.

"Somebody told me it's been 20 years since a college team played on Monday night and then played again the following Saturday," McCartney said. "I think that team was Houston, and they lost both games."

Colorado originally was scheduled to play Texas on Sept. 23, but when ESPN expressed interest, both teams agreed to move the game up.

"We did it so we could play on national TV," McCartney said. "That kind of exposure is always good for your program. But we knew it would make our second game harder."

Colorado must gear up for in-state rival Colorado State on Saturday with just four days of preparation.

Texas, by contrast, has the next two Saturdays off and doesn't play again until Sept. 23, when it plays at SMU.

Two other teams that meet tonight — Illinois and Southern California — have next Saturday off. Illinois, coincidentally, plays Colorado in its next game, on Sept. 16.

McCartney's Buffaloes at least are in good health and are eager to inaugurate the new, softer artificial surface at Folsom Field for the 5:30 p.m. MDT kickoff.

"As a coach, this is just what you'd want for an opener," McCartney said. "Texas is a formidable opponent which has had a rich tradition. They have suffered through some lean years, but they've had three good recruiting years in a row. They have big, good-looking athletes, and they match up well with us."

Plagued by injuries a year ago, Texas was 4-7. Among key returnees from that team are quarterback Mark Murdock, who became the first UT freshman to surpass 1,000 yards passing, and flanker Tony Jones, who needs only 211 yards to surpass Johnny "Lam" Jones' school career receiving yardage record of 1,603.

But the Longhorns remain young. Of the 44 players on their two-deep roster, 13 will be playing in their first collegiate game.

Colorado returns 16 starters from last year's 8-4 team that suffered narrow losses to both Oklahoma and Nebraska and bowed to Brigham Young 20-17 in the Freedom Bowl.

Junior tailback Eric Bieniemy is coming off a 1,243-yard rushing year, and linebacker Alfred Williams and Kanavis McGhee anchor a fierce defense.

Sophomore Darian Hagan takes over at quarterback for ailing senior Sal Aunese, who is battling inoperable stomach and lung cancer. The Buffs have dedicated their season to Aunese and named him honorary captain for the season.

McCartney believes the first three games — which will be played in a span of 13 days — will be critical.

"If we can get through our first three games and get some momentum and stay healthy, then we get a week off before Washington," he said.

2 Museums

WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa. Tuesday through Sunday 1:30-4 p.m., special tours by appointment.

PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays end 2 p.m. Sundays at Lake Meredith Aquarium & Wildlife Museum. Fritch. Hours 2-5 p.m. Tuesday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Closed Monday.

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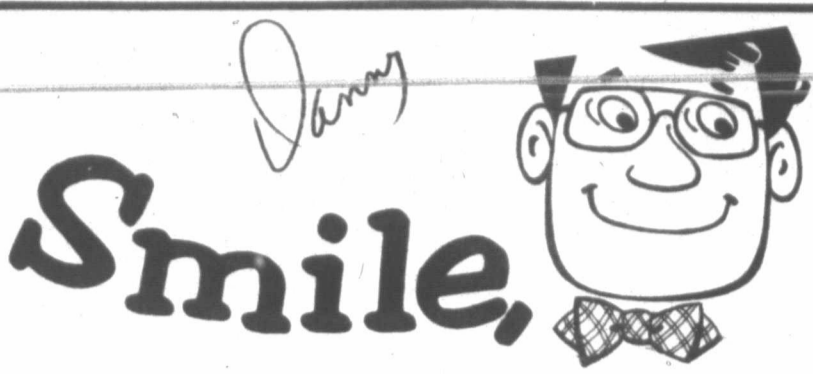
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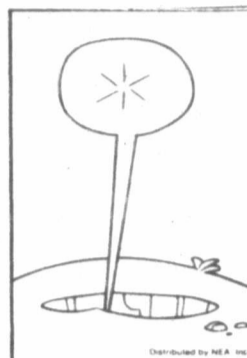
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Drug wars spread throughout communities across nation

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG
Associated Press Writer

Americans came home from work last week, locked their doors, flipped on their TVs and stared in astonishment at the fabulously wealthy empire they had created.

With its fine homes and ranches, its regal horses and sleek limousines, it looked like a society worth fighting for. The Colombian drug barons, who own it all, certainly think so.

When the barons declared war on the Colombian government for daring to enforce the law, President Virgilio Barco spoke out to those he considered responsible — American drug users.

"Those of you who depend on cocaine," he said, "have created the largest, most vicious criminal enterprise the world has ever known. What might seem to be a matter of personal habit ... has thrown us all into a war we did not ask for."

When President Bush goes on television Tuesday to announce his strategy for fighting that war, he will be speaking to a nation that considers illegal narcotics its greatest scourge.

On any day, in almost any community, illicit drugs influence the way people live and the way many die. What follows is a glimpse at seven days in the battle against drugs in America.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

At 3 a.m., police go to work in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Sheriff's deputies serve a warrant on a travel trailer that allegedly serves as a crackhouse. A woman and two men are arrested for possession of crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Those bare facts tell little about who these people are and what brought them to this place. But the incident is typical of many such events around the country on this or any other day.

Crackhouses have become the 1980s equivalent of Prohibition speak-easies, operating brazenly and raking in handsome profits. But they're unlikely ever to evoke nostalgia. For many people, they represent a neighborhood's ruin.

In Spokane, Wash., 27-year-old Matthew Hartnett is arrested for torching a suspected crackhouse. Police denounce the apparent act of vigilantism, but neighbors applaud it.

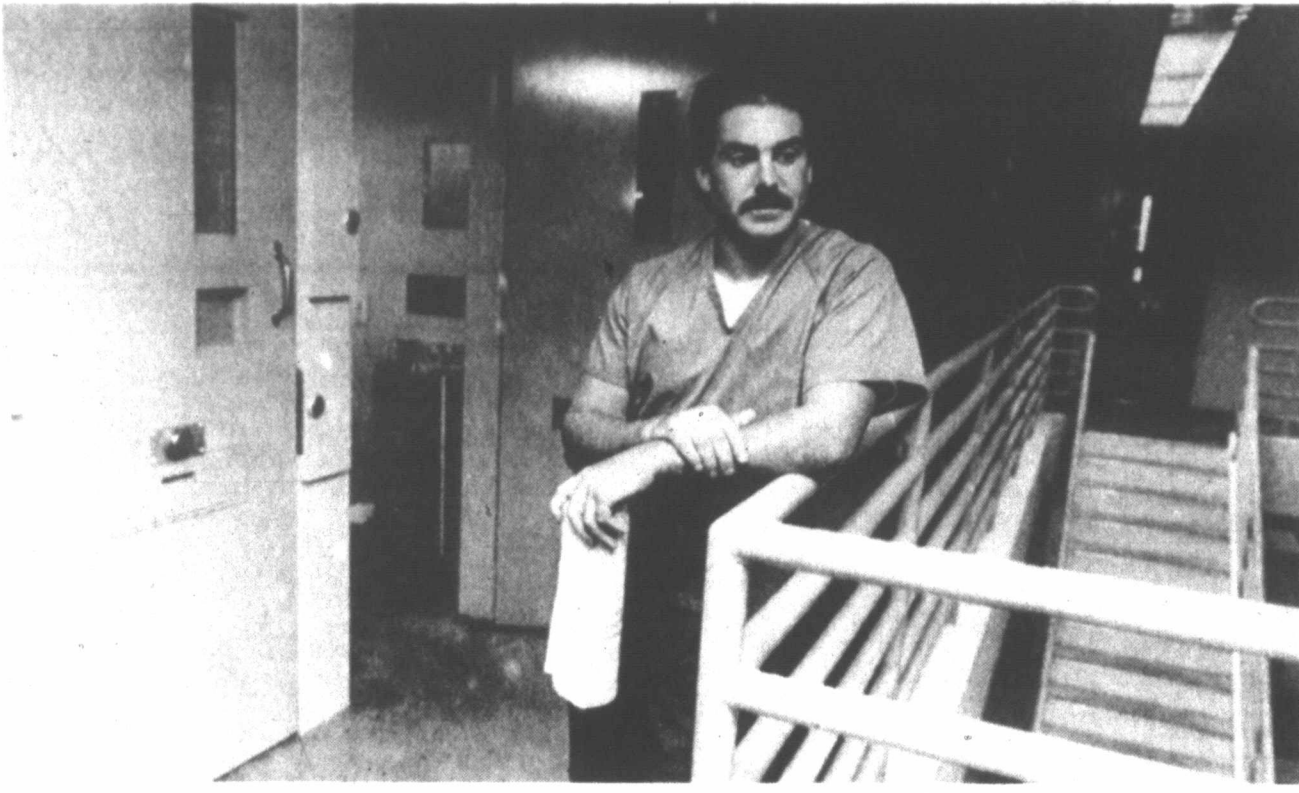
"At the least," said one man, "we ought to give him a certificate of citizen appreciation."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

A police video camera in Norfolk, Va., captures a revealing glimpse of entrepreneurs at work.

Two narcotics officers staking out an apartment building courtyard say they videotaped two dealers making more than 100 cocaine deals in six hours — about one sale every 3 1/2 minutes.

The stakeout comes to an abrupt halt when the suspects spot the hidden camera through the blinds of a vacant apartment and burst in on the



(AP Laserphoto)

Matthew Hartnett was arrested on arson and malicious harassment charges Aug. 24 for allegedly torching a Spokane, Wash., house known for prostitution and drug sales. Hartnett denied he was responsible for the arson fire.

officers. One suspect, 18-year-old Leonard Ingram, allegedly fires a shot that goes wild. He is charged with attempted murder of a police officer.

Guns, drugs and money are now inextricably linked in an unholy trinity. And it is violence — not drug abuse — that has become the most alarming aspect of the illegal narcotics trade.

In Los Angeles, the drug gang capital of the nation, two cars pull up to a red light at 8:30 p.m. It's a pleasant evening, the temperature in the 70s, a bit of light lingering after the sunset. A gun battle erupts between occupants of the two cars, who belong to rival drug gangs. A 17-year-old is killed and three other youths are wounded. When police order the combatants to drop their weapons, one allegedly points a gun at them. Four people are arrested.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, in his weekly radio address, tells parents about new laws that will be in effect when their children head to class Monday. He stresses the tough penalties for people who sell drugs near campuses and a law that prohibits students from wearing electronic beepers that might be used to make drug deals.

Once, such laws might have been considered Draconian, not to mention unnecessary. Now they're typical of a barrage of anti-drug legislation that desperate lawmakers have enacted.

In Florida, authorities report convicted drug dealers are losing their homes, boats, planes and jewelry under a new law permitting a 75 percent sales tax on their ill-gotten gains.

"There are literally tens of millions of dollars out there, and it's the state's challenge to find that property," said Greg Marr, coordinator of the program.

In Hawaii, U.S. Marshal Faith Evans says law officers have seized \$1.3 million in real estate owned by drug dealers in the past month alone.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Readers of the *Northwest Florida Daily News* in Fort Walton Beach open their Sunday papers to read about a family waging its own drug war. Three sisters are leading the crusade, picketing an intersection known for drug-dealing, and neighbors aren't sure what to make of them.

"You don't have a lot of people to back you up," said Annie Beal, one of the sisters. "A lot of them look at you like you're crazy."

Crazy or not, Ms. Beal and her sisters are among the growing number of people who are fed up with the drug trade and have decided to do something about it.

In Trenton, N.J., where the state capitol is being renovated while rows of nearby tenements rot, a group called the Grass Roots Movement is holding the last in a seven-week series of campouts on drug-infested streets.

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Organizers say the all-night vigils are aimed at reclaiming the streets from drug dealers and users, but they acknowledge the roots of the problem grow deep and their efforts are more symbolic than substantive.

"At the campouts we had lots of discussions with dealers who have given up on the system," organizer Shahid Watson said. "They'd say, 'I'd work but I'm not going to work at McDonald's for \$3.50 an hour.'"

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Just east of the main bus station in New York City, security guard Robert Reynolds patrols a grungy block of 41st Street with the newest

recruit in the war on drugs: Damien the Doberman.

Crack dealers and smokers had taken over the block, smoking, sleeping, defecating and fornicating in public. So business owners chipped in this July to hire 24-hour private guards, who patrol with a nightstick in one hand and a chain leash in the other.

"Within one week we had eliminated most of the problem," said Carl Person, who organized the effort. "Police are limited, but a dog doesn't know from constitutional rights. If a dog goes 'woof woof,' the people can't argue with it."

The guard service costs \$1,750 a week, with business people contributing from \$25 to \$250, depending on their rent.

"It's expensive, it's an added tax, but unfortunately it's the only way to do it in New York City," said Ron Savitt, a businessman. "There will never be enough police to cover it."

The same complaint is heard elsewhere. In Century, Fla., a town of 2,600 on the Alabama border, members of the six-member police force say the crack problem is too big for them to handle.

"It's like fighting Vietnam," said Officer Gary Johnson. "It's a losing battle."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

A Detroit woman who settled a crack debt by allowing her 13-year-old daughter to be raped is sentenced to life in prison by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James J. Rashid.

Although her crime normally would carry a 10- to 25-year sentence, Rashid says Susan Barbier, 29, has "sunk to an intolerable level of humanity" and shows no poten-

tial for reform.

"This case demonstrates tragically the far-reaching impact of drugs on innocent people," the judge said.

Although some people say drug abuse is a victimless crime, no such argument is made about child abuse. Often, as on this day, they go hand in hand.

In Charlottesville, Va., social workers say they're seeing more children placed in foster care because their parents abuse drugs.

And in Richmond, Va., a 12-year-old girl is shot in the head and arm while standing on her front porch. Both her mother and police say a 26-year-old man who also was wounded in the attack was apparently the target. The motive, they believe, was drug-related.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

In Washington, Bush administration sources leak details of the president's anti-drug strategy. A short time later, District of Columbia police tally their 303rd homicide of the year.

On the same day one year ago, 219 homicides had been reported in the nation's capital.

Aides say the president's battle plan will include economic and military assistance to drug-producing countries such as Colombia. The president also will urge state legislatures to impose still tougher laws against drug use.

Tough federal laws prevail in D.C., but they haven't been enough to stop one of the nation's worst crack epidemics. Two miles from the White House, police say a 26-year-old Alexandria, Va., woman was shot to death by another woman shortly after 10:45 p.m. The crime appears to have been drug-related.

Some 2,000 miles to the south, government officials in Colombia say three more judges have resigned, terrified the drug barons will kill them for doing their jobs.

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