

Candidates make last pitches

By The Associated Press
Presidential candidates made last-minute pitches today in three states for votes in the final primaries of the 30-state marathon leading to the party conventions.

The stakes were big with the primaries Tuesday in California, New Jersey and Ohio producing 540 Democratic delegate votes and 331 on the Republican side.

with Carter planning activity there today, too.
President Ford, running for the Republican nomination, was in Ohio today and his opponent, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, campaigned in his home state.

As the primary circuit, which began in February in New Hampshire, neared a close, Reagan picked up 35 new delegates in weekend state conventions — 15 in Louisiana, 17 in Virginia and 3 in Colorado. Ford picked up one in Virginia. The changes give Ford 806 delegates and Reagan 690 with

1,130 needed for nomination. There was little change on the Democratic side with Minnesota giving 16 of its delegates selected Sunday to Sen. Hubert Humphrey and three were chosen uncommitted. Humphrey said last week he may reassess his early stand against active campaigning for the nomination.

Among Democrats, Carter, the former Georgia governor, now has 909 delegates and Udall, the congressman from Arizona, 307.5. There are 393.5 uncommitted delegate votes with 1,505 needed for the nomination.

Ford, in a television appearance Sunday, said he believes he is closing on Reagan in California.
California is a winner-take-all primary and the most recent California Poll shows Reagan the leader for the state's 167 delegates. Ford is favored to take a hefty portion of the 164 total delegates from New Jersey and Ohio.
Five of the Democratic presidential hopefuls appeared on ABC's "Issues and Answers" Sunday, but did little more than restate old positions and make

Reagan contemplates nuclear war policies

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ronald Reagan, pressing his campaign argument that U.S. defenses have faltered, says that if the Soviet Union moved in

Western Europe, the United States could be left with no recourse but "the one thing that none of us wants at all, the nuclear button."
"The day we push the nuclear button, we know that we do not have the nuclear superiority we once had, we don't even have parity," the former California governor said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Reagan said the Russians are now "in the position of being more truculent and aggressive with the use of conventional arms, knowing that there is virtually no way we can prevent this."
But President Ford said every military official he depends on believes that the United States "has the military capability to carry out any assigned mission."

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Reagan repeated that he is determined to preserve U.S. sovereignty over the Panama Canal and the zone surrounding it. He said the administration seeks "a treaty which would call for a period in which you'd turn over the canal."
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He said welfare, revenue sharing, community development, housing and education aid would be among them.
"It would have to be a systematic and orderly transfer, phased in so that there is no disruption of services to the

people who need them and also so that there is no danger of suddenly dumping a burden on local and state government before they were prepared for it," Reagan said.
He said some programs should be canceled outright, but the only one he cited specifically was federal support of the arts. The national endowments for the arts and humanities are to receive \$191 million under the current administration budget.
Reagan said that as President he would consider himself a lobbyist for the people against the government. "You stand between the taxpayers and the tax spenders," Reagan said. "It is there to see that government serves the people, that the people don't serve government."

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Man drives 'hot' car into Pampa

A 24-year-old man drove into Pampa and stopped near McCullough Street Saturday where some men were working and inquired where he could find a job.
He also wanted to know where he could park the 1976 Maverick he was driving.
"It is hot," he said.
The men thought he was referring to the engine temperature. But they watched the man park the car in a wheat field and became suspicious. They then called the Texas Highway Patrol.

The suspect now is in Gray County jail on a fugitive warrant. Troopers D.L. Stubbs and James Gerry checked the car and found it had been stolen from a car lot in Tazewell County, Va. on June 3.

The suspect was released from Wise Correctional Institute on May 21, 1976 — 13 days before the reported theft. Stubbs said. Stubbs said the car had been driven only 2,300 miles when taken. He said after he and Gerry found the vehicle was stolen they returned to McCullough Street to talk with the men and obtain a description of the suspect.
As the troopers started to leave the scene they saw a man matching the description walking down the road.
"I don't know why he was coming back," Stubbs said. But the troopers made the arrest and Justice of Peace E.L. Anderson set bond at \$2,500.
Warrants are now being issued out of Virginia for the suspect.

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On the record

Obituaries
MRS. VIOLA MULLINS
Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. today for Mrs. Viola Mullins, 75, of Lockney at the First Baptist Church of Lockney. The Rev. John Jenkins, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow at Lockney Cemetery. Arrangements are by Carter Funeral Home.
Mrs. Mullins died Sunday in

Lockney. Survivors include three sons, James of 1940 N. Sumner, Wayne, Jr. of Brownfield and Carl of Pasadena, Tex.; four daughters, Mrs. Ouida Denton of White River, Az., Mrs. Pauline Bryant of Odessa, Mrs. Rita Webster and Mrs. Barbara Cunyus, both of Lockney. 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Highland General Hospital
Mrs. Mae Mayer, 618 Lowry.
Mrs. Ann Standish, Alameda.
Mrs. Mary A. Koen, 1708 N. Hobart.
Joe W. Sears, 700 Bradley.
Mrs. Lula A. Shipp, Borger.
Mrs. Robbie Summers, 1133 Sirroco.
Mrs. Mary Noel, 945 E. Malone.
Mrs. Frances Nooncaster, 2321 Aspen.
Mrs. Dorothy Whitefield, Borger.
Lewis Marcy, 601 Zimmers.
Mrs. Bessie Beaty, 328 Sunset Dr.
Mrs. Sherry Shufflin, 1137 Sierra.
Brian Bailey, 2221 N. Russell.
Mrs. Lillie O'Quinn, 1922 Grape.
Kimberly Chittenden, 2540 Christine.
Mrs. Vivian Baker, Canadian.
Elsworth Tietz, Phillips.
James Quarry, 1015 E. Francis.
Mrs. Dorothy McConnell, 1800 Evergreen.
Mrs. Nora Belt, 621 Naida.
Gerald D. Garrison, 529 N. Nelson.
Mrs. Judy K. Tinsley, 925 Terry Road.
Dismissals
Randall E. Taylor, 410 West St.
Mrs. Rita Wade, 320 N. West.
Danny McCain, 816 Deane Dr.
Mrs. Opal Miller, 1109 Frost.

Stock market report
The following 11 a.m. grain quotations are furnished by Wheeler Grain of Pampa.
Wheat \$2.15 Bu
Milo \$1.30 cwt
The following quotations show the range within which these securities could have been traded at the time of completion.
Franklin Life 19 1/2
K.S. Cent. Life 23 1/2
Southland Life 10 1/2
So. West Life 23 1/2
The following 10:30 N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by the Pampa office of Schneider Broker Hickman Inc.
Beatrice Foods 24 1/2
Cable 25
Celanese 17 1/2
Cities Service 17 1/2
DIA 21 1/2
Kerr-McGee 21 1/2
Pittman 20 1/2
Franklin Life 19 1/2
K.S. Cent. Life 23 1/2
Phillips 22 1/2
Shell 23 1/2
Southwestern Pub. Service 11 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana 26 1/2

Mainly about people
Helen Sprinkle, Gray County district clerk, will attend the Texas County and District Clerks Conference June 9-11 in Brownsville.
The Highland General Hospital Auxiliary Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the conference room at the hospital.
Indoor sale. All day Tuesday. Furniture, everything must go.

Police report
Weekend activities reports by the Pampa Police Department included one arrest for driving while license suspended, one arrest for carrying a prohibited weapon, and investigations of a CB radio theft, a disturbance, a hit and run and two non-injury accidents.
Michael Lewis Cole, 20, of Pampa, was stopped for traffic violations and police found a .22 caliber revolver in his possession. Cole was charged with carrying a prohibited weapon and several traffic violations.
He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace E.L. Anderson who set bond at \$2,000.
Glen Edward Black, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of W. Brown for driving while his license was suspended.
No arrests were made following a disturbance call from the Coronado Inn.
A CB radio was reported taken from a locked car at 810 N. Somerville and police investigated a hit and run in the 700 block of Gray.

British pound gets US help

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and 10 other nations will make \$5 billion available to Great Britain to help it through its financial crisis caused by the steep drop in the value of the pound, a U.S. government announcement said today.
The announcement, made jointly by the U.S. Federal Reserve System and the Treasury Department, said the money will be made available "in the common interest in the stability and efficient functioning of the international monetary system."
The money will be made available as a standby credit to be borrowed when needed by the Bank of England, the central bank of Great Britain.
Of the total, \$2 billion will be put up by the U.S. government. The rest of the funds will come from France, West Germany, Japan, Switzerland, Canada, and several other nations, as well as the Bank for International Settlements.
The joint Treasury-Federal Reserve announcement said the funds were offered because of the decline in the value of the British pound, which went from \$2.02 in early March to its current exchange rate of about \$1.71.
The decline has put increasing pressure on Britain's Labor government, which already was faced with trying to control one of the industrial world's worst inflation rates.
The amount of money and the

Alien laws upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today upheld the constitutionality of state and federal laws excluding resident aliens from jury duty.
The court's decision was announced in a brief, unsigned order with no explanation.
The action followed by one week a unanimous decision of the court upholding a federal law requiring aliens to reside in the country for five years and be admitted to permanent resident status before becoming eligible to participate in a supplemental Medicare program.
In another ruling last week, the court struck down a Civil Service Commission rule barring resident aliens from most federal jobs but said that such a bar might be constitutional if it were enacted by Congress or ordered by the President.
Today's ruling came in the case of Lester L. Perkins, a Jamaican granted permanent residence in the United States, who was barred from serving as a juror in the state of Maryland.

Kissinger tours Latin America

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has begun his second Latin American tour in four months with a declaration on behalf of human rights and a pledge to lend a helping hand economically.
"Human rights must be preserved, cherished and defended in this hemisphere," Kissinger said.
"For if they cannot be preserved, cherished and defended here where the rights and the promise of the individual have played such a prominent historical role, then they are in jeopardy everywhere."
"We of the Americas have a special obligation to ourselves and the world to maintain and advance international standards of justice and freedom."
Kissinger was speaking at a luncheon Sunday in Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic. His remarks probably foreshadowed the speech he will make Tuesday to the annual general assembly of the Organization of American States in Santiago, Chile.
Human rights are dominating the OAS meeting because of charges against the host country, Chile. The OAS Human Rights Commission has prepared a report condemning the

Quake shakes Mexico City

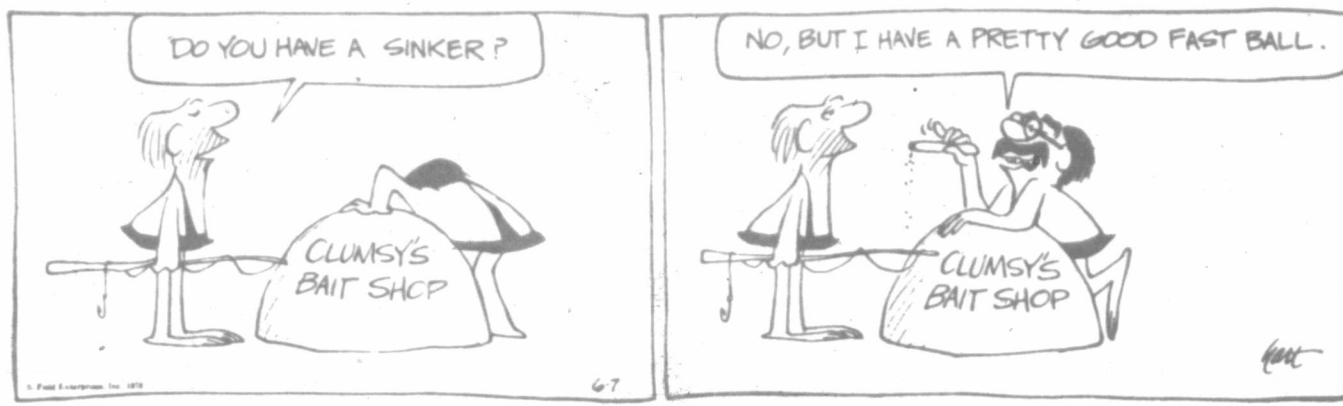
MEXICO CITY (AP) — A quake lasting more than a minute shook Mexico City today. Skyscrapers trembled from the force of the tremor. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.
Police said the quake was felt in the Pacific resort of Acapulco, 190 miles southwest of Mexico City, and in Veracruz, a Gulf of Mexico port 200 miles to the east.
The Mexican Red Cross reported no emergency calls. Telephones continued to function in the capital and electric service was not disrupted.

MR. FLUGG by Jon Peterson



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"Frankly, I don't care if I NEVER see another bicentennial!"

CAMPUS CLATTER with BIMO BURNS



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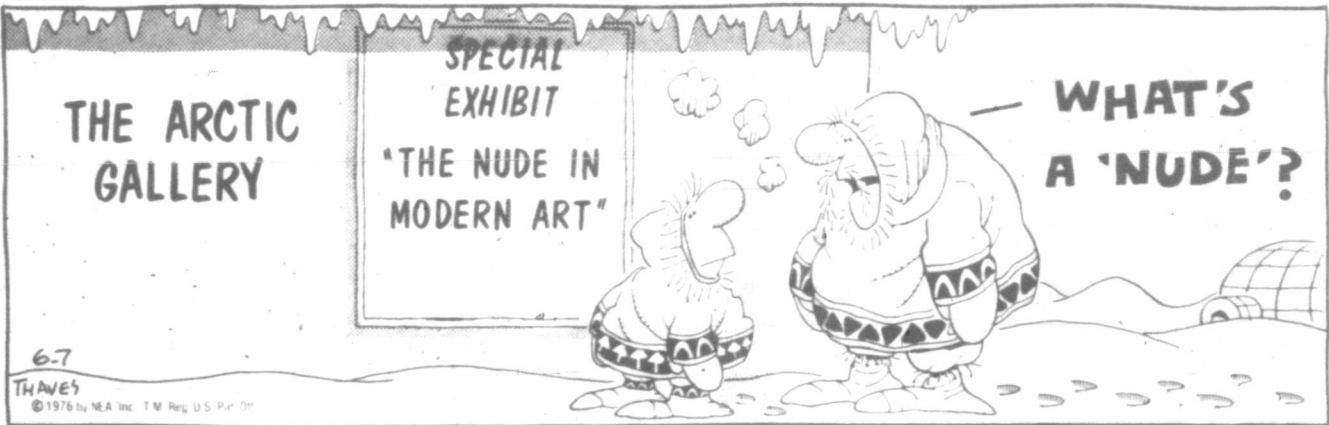
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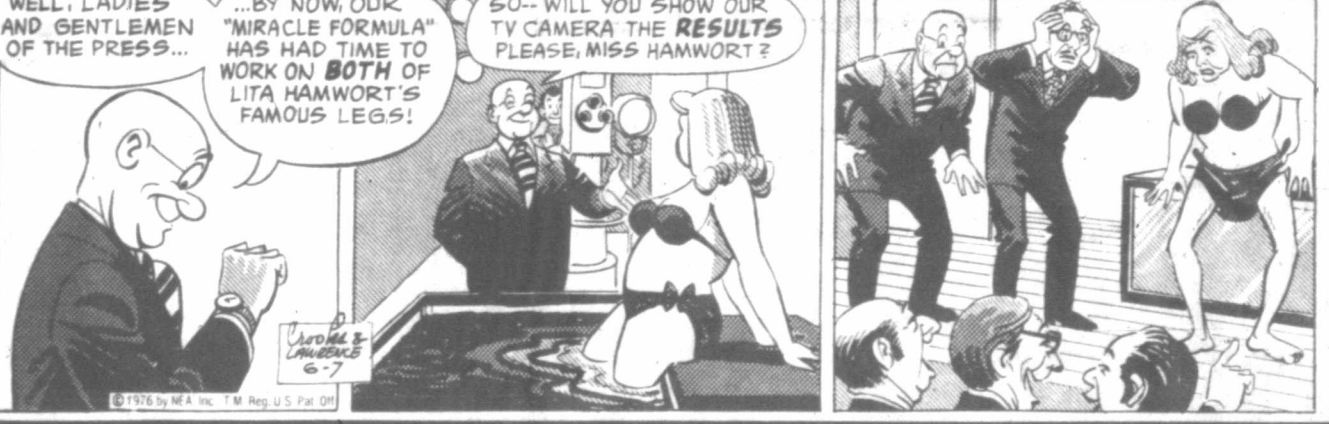
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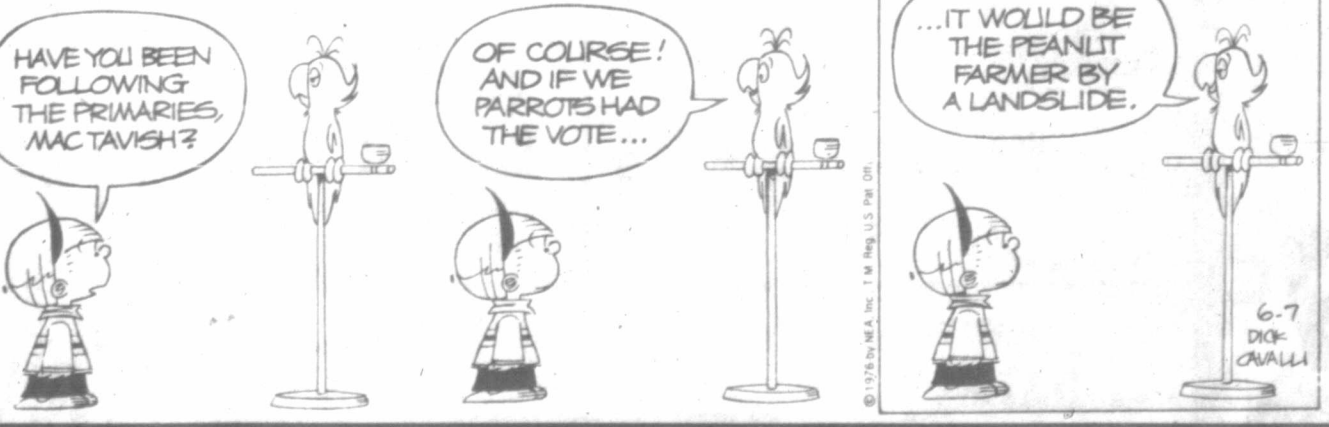
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Dublin: 'like Chicago in the 30's'

EDITOR'S NOTE—The three million people of Ireland are coming to realize that each terrorist act increases their taxes. And the costs of violence seem to many to be getting out of hand.

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)—Because of the violence in the North, the Irish in the South pay more for a pint of stout these days, entertain fewer "Yanks" in the tourist season and, for the first time in history, are experiencing a crime wave of weekend bank and payroll robberies.

It's like Chicago in the Twenties, only the beer costs more," moaned Dubliner Billy Quinn, bellying up to the bar in John Mulligan's on Poolbeg Street, where President John Kennedy once lifted a historic jar.

Like everywhere else, this landmark pub

had just raised the price of a pint of Guinness by a third, to 40 pence (75 cents), because of austerity taxes imposed by the government to cope with runaway inflation and soaring defense costs directly related to the troubles in Northern Ireland. Among other things, the army and the police force have been almost doubled in size to help patrol the 362-mile border with Ulster and deal with terrorist activities.

"Evil men and women, now engaged in unforgivable campaigns of criminal violence in our midst," Finance Minister Richie Ryan told the Dail, the Irish parliament, were largely to blame for the high taxes on alcohol, tobacco and luxury items in the country's most strung-out peacetime budget.

Nothing in Irish life since the death of de Valera has occasioned so much public grief or impassioned conversation. Wherever

one goes, the price of the pint takes precedence over other national problems, including the decline in tourists, the chronic unemployment and the still rising cost of living—all of which the Republic's coalition government regards as a fallout of the continuing Ulster crisis. Publicans claim business is down 40 per cent.

"Is it government insanity or have we all gone mad?" docker Tim Casey inquired of one and all in Mulligan's. "You could get 20 pints to the pound in this pub not long back. Now you're lucky to get two." Police cars screaming along the banks of Liffey drowned out his peroration.

"The Friday Angelus," intoned Tommy, the barman, employing Dublin slang for the weekend siren song of wild car chases and shot-ups attending the spate of nearly 50 armed robberies that in the past three months have netted gangsters more than a

million dollars. Much of the loot, police are certain, goes for buying arms for the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

In 1969, when the new troubles first erupted in Northern Ireland, the Republic in the South budgeted \$30 million for defense. This year it will spend \$140 million—nearly five times as much. The army has been expanded from 8,500 to 13,800, with provision for 15,000, and the Garda Siochana, the unarmed police force, has gone from 6,552 five years ago to 8,404.

In a land of three million people, each terrorist event carries an immediate security price tag. Police overtime zoomed during the long stakeout for Dr. Tiede Herrema, the kidnapped Dutch industrialist, and the subsequent trial of Eddie Gallagher and Marian Coyle. After IRA Provisionals wrecked Dublin's Mount Joy prison then made a spectacular helicopter escape, the government invested thousands of pounds in turning the Portlaoise

maximum security prison into a floodlit miniature of San Quentin.

As Prime Minister Liam Cosgrave has said on a number of occasions, his government is determined "not to permit any part of the island to be a haven for murderers, whatever their professed motive."

Economics, as much as morals, are involved here. The Irish Tourist Board estimates that bombs over the border have cost them the equivalent of a year's tourist trade since 1973—or roughly more than 1.5 million tourists.

In Northern Ireland, where more than 1,500 lives have been lost in the past six years, the British government last year alone pumped more than \$800 million into the bomb-shattered economy of its poorest province, plus \$400 million in compensation for terrorist destruction and up to \$70 million to keep an army of 15,000 troops in Ulster.

The Republic also has had its bomb

atrocities, most memorably the rush hour blast that killed 23 shoppers on a Dublin street in 1974 and another the same day at a bar in the small border town of Monahan that killed five and wounded 20 others. The over-all cost of the troubles to the South in terms of police overtime, defense-inspired inflation, tourists lost and reduced foreign investments is difficult to quantify, but Justin Keating, Ireland's Minister for Industry and Commerce, ventured a guess at "between 500 and 600 million pounds"—the in the neighborhood of a billion dollars—since 1969.

The number of new companies registered in the Republic dropped from 5,543 two years ago to 3,564 in 1975, while the number of firms going bankrupt in the same period increased from 186 to 307. Business leaders blame inflation and the recession throughout western Europe rather than the troubles spilling over from the north for the decline in plants.

Mobeetie files suit

WHEELER — The Mobeetie Independent School District has filed a damage suit against Continental Oil Co. and Groendyke Transport Inc. as a

result of an explosion which occurred at the Continental warehouse in Mobeetie on Aug. 23, 1974.

The suit was filed in the 31st

District Court of Wheeler by the school district through its trustees.

They include Jack Hefley, Glen B. Hodges, Douglas Corse, Paul Hathaway, William Setz, Gordon Estes and Joe Darnell.

The school's petition states that at the time of the explosion a transport truck, owned by Groendyke Transport Inc. was unloading gasoline at storage tanks when suddenly without warning a fire and fire and explosion occurred resulting in serious damage to property owned by the plaintiff.

The property was within 2,000 feet of the explosion.

Trustees stated that the explosion caused severe vibrations and damaged the school building located on the north side of 4th Street in Mobeetie.

The damage, they allege,

caused extensive cracking throughout the building and necessitated repairs totaling \$4,325.10.

Groendyke has asked that the suit be transferred to a district court in Dallas County.

School officials filed a controverting plea and asked that the suit remain in Wheeler for trial.

Continental Oil requested the suit be moved to Houston.

Judge Grainger McIlhany is the presiding judge in the 31st Judicial District, he has not granted the removal requests as yet.

Groendyke asked it be moved to Dallas because its principal place of business is in that city. Continental claims its business location is in Harris County.

The defendants have filed general denials.



Back to 1776

Representing Quivira Girl Scout Council, Miss Cheryl Birkes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Birkes, of 2356 Aspen, will attend the National Girl Scout's "1776 All Over Again," June 19 to July 9 at Camp Louise near Wilkes Barre, Penn. Accompanying Miss Birkes will be Miss Jill Maxwell of Borger. The girls will experience the style of life in 1776, and visit historical sites in Philadelphia. A junior honor student at Pampa High School, Miss Birkes is a member of Girl Scout Troop 90, ranking as a First Class Scout.

Teacher test slated

Prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teacher Examinations at West Texas State University July 17 must register with the Educational Testing Service (ETS) by June 24.

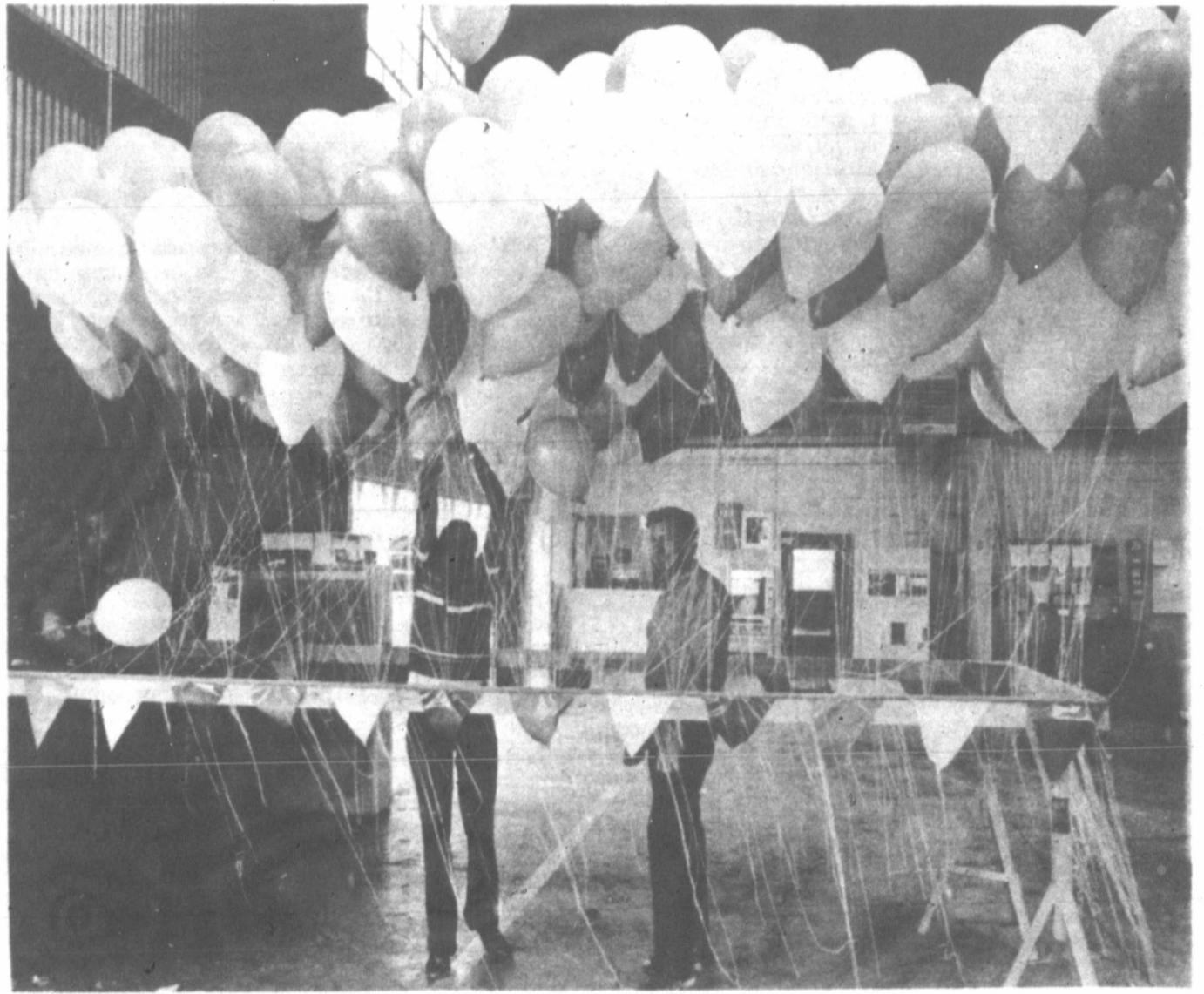
Registrations must be mailed and must reach ETS in Princeton, N.J., by that date. Forms and instructions may be obtained from Dr. Kenneth Waugh, director of the WTSU Testing, Academic and Career Counseling Center, or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, (ETS, Box 911, Princeton, 08540).

During the one-day session in Canyon, a candidate may take

the Common Examinations, which include tests in professional and general education, plus one of 22 Area Examinations, designed to test knowledge of particular subject matter and teaching methods.

Registered candidates will receive an admission ticket and notification of the exact location of the center to which he or she should report.

Those taking the Common Examinations will report at 8:30 a.m. and finish at about 12:30 p.m. Dr. Waugh said. Area Examinations are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to about 4:15 p.m. the same day.



Cloud of balloons

There were plenty of helium-filled balloons for everyone Saturday at the Family Day for employees of Cabot's Machinery Division located west of Pampa. About 1,800 employees and relatives were expected to tour the facilities and partake of the many varieties of refreshments and mementos.

(Pampa News photo by Thom Marshall)

Attorney urges harmony between nation, state

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—Federal energy and environmental agencies should work more closely with states to protect both the health and economic welfare of citizens, Illinois Atty. Gen. William J. Scott said Saturday.

Scott, responding to the federal viewpoint offered during a session of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), said states are concerned about bureaucratic overreaction at the federal level.

"As attorneys general, our responsibility to our citizens is to protect their rights to both clean air and to make a living," he said.

Scott said federal agencies

usually are helpful in working with state attorneys general to stop harmful environmental activities.

But bureaucratic overreaction, at both the state and federal levels, is becoming a real problem. Sometimes, not enough attention is paid to the full effect of agency decrees," he said.

Peter L. Strauss, general counsel for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), said the states need to get more involved in nuclear energy matters.

"My wish is to emphasize opportunities for state-federal cooperation in nuclear power, not confrontation," Strauss said.

Robert Zeyner, deputy coun-

sel for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), said his agency would not go away because of increasing resistance to federal environmental standards.

"The complaints about the number and complexity of federal regulations will fade as we all see that the need to balance energy and environmental concerns leads away from simplistic solutions," he said.

Another speaker Saturday, U.S. Rep. Bob Krueger, D-Tex., stressed the need for increasing domestic oil and gas production.

He warned against increasing dependence on foreign petroleum sources.

At a dinner Friday night, Rep. Barbara Jordan, D-Tex., warned that the flow of federal dollars to the states for war on crime may be limited in the future.

She said the federal government's ability to deter crime was limited and that the burden in the battle rested with state and local governments.

"The arrival of the federal dollar on the state level is no guarantee the crime rate will be lowered," she said.

She called for a combined effort of state, local and federal law enforcement officials to "work together toward a common goal of establishing justice and order for all our citizens."

The annual NAAG meeting ends Sunday afternoon.

AP news analysis

Arab turmoil could help

By ELIAS ANTAR
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO (AP)—The current Arab turmoil over the civil war in Lebanon could give Egypt a chance at a major objective—unifying Arab ranks for productive negotiations with Israel.

The broad strategy in Cairo seems to be to take advantage of the crisis facing the Palestinian guerrillas in Lebanon to make them moderate their demands in a final Mideast peace.

If the Palestinians ask for something they could conceivably get instead of persisting in claims to all of Palestine, Egyptian strategists apparently believe Syria might also be amenable to a settlement with Israel.

After working out a unified and reasonable Arab position, Egypt would try to encourage the next U.S. administration to press Israel for concessions which it is now unwilling to make.

Egyptian and Palestinian officials had been holding talks for weeks even before the Lebanese crisis came to a head. But it is not clear whether the Palestine Liberation Organization,

which seeks a Jewish-Arab lay state to replace Israel, has come around to Egypt's idea for a Palestinian state on the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip. Both territories were occupied by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War.

Egypt's new friendship with the PLO marks a sharp shift from a period of bitter feuding between them.

When President Anwar Sadat signed Egypt's second disengagement agreement with Israel nine months ago, the Syrians called it a sellout and the Palestinians called him a traitor to the Arab cause. Both vowed to oppose it to the bitter end.

But the twists and turns of the Lebanese civil war have opened a rift between Syrian President Hafez Assad and PLO chief Yasir Arafat. Syrian tanks are facing Palestinian machine guns outside Beirut and Palestinian officials say the guerrilla movement is facing its severest crisis since King Hussein crushed the guerrillas in Jordan in 1970.

Taking advantage of the Syrian-PLO dispute, Sadat took up the Palestinians' cause,

evidently in hope of leading them to the negotiating table and getting them to agree to the Egyptian version of a future Palestinian state.

Egypt initiated a U.N. Security Council debate last month on Israeli measures against Arabs in the West Bank. Last week, it demanded that the Arab League consider the PLO as a member state with full voting rights. On Thursday it backed a PLO demand for a meeting of Arab foreign ministers to discuss the Syrian incursion into Lebanon.

Egyptian support for the Palestinians has been accompanied by loud railing against Syria, but there are strong signs that

Sadat does not wish to see the Lebanese crisis result in the overthrow of Assad in Damascus.

The attacks on Syria in Cairo's press have harped on "party circles" and avoided mentioning Assad by name, indicating Sadat feels he can still do business with the Syrian president. If overthrown, Assad would almost certainly be replaced by members of his Baath Socialist Party who are much more extreme on the subject of Israel.

At least 18 foreign countries now have mandatory safety belt use laws, according to the American Safety Belt Council.

Police procedure new

Richard Mills, Pampa police chief, announced new procedures in the investigation of all thefts, auto burglaries and felony mischief reports.

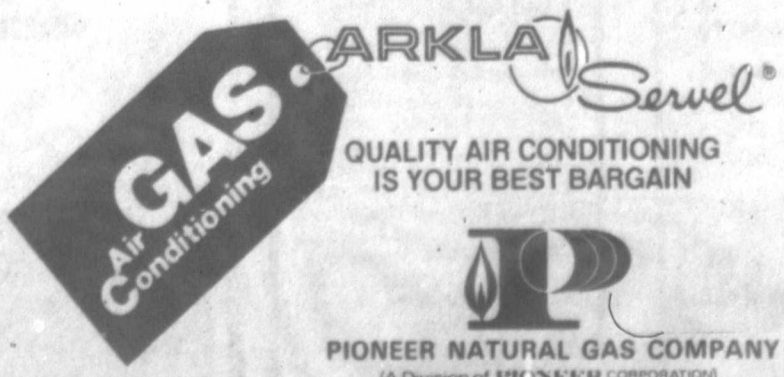
Investigating officers will take the initial reports from the complainant in person since insurance companies often rely on police reports to substantiate claims, Mills said.

In cases involving the reported theft of CB radios, stereos, guns and other items, police will require the complainant to show proof of ownership or tell where the item was purchased.

Mills said the new procedures "will be beneficial to the police department and the public at large."

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Teenage club denies torture

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Members of an elite, militaristic teenage club and their parents have denied the group tortured a 15-year-old San Antonio high school youth during an ROTC outing.

The group, called The Blackjacks, is a nonsanctioned club within the Churchill High School ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps).

Freshman ROTC member John Abbott told a meeting of ROTC and Blackjack members and their parents Friday night he was physically abused and threatened with death during the outing last month.

Abbott and his parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. George Abbott, left the meeting after others sneered and laughed at them.

"Not all boys are meant to be military leaders," said Robert Van Dyke, general manager of the city water board and a parent of one of the Blackjack members.

The slender, young Abbott stood before about 60 parents and ROTC members and told how he was tied down spread eagle-style, dragged and kicked in the groin by Blackjacks urinated blood during "war maneuvers" on the outing.

Abbott was not hospitalized.

Abbott's account of the fracas was labeled false and grossly exaggerated by Blackjack members and their parents. Adult sponsors on the outing said they were unaware of the incident.

Mrs. Abbott told the meeting she had reported the alleged beating of her son to ROTC advisor Maj. Stanley Schultz. She said Schultz told her, "the boys like to get together every now and then and fight it out. So don't worry."

The Northeast Independent School District has remained quiet about the allegations.

Although Blackjacks is not

sponsored by the high school, several of the parents called it an elite group which gives the boys experience in actual military training.

"I think the training is tremendous and I'm proud my son is a Blackjack," said Van Dyke.

James Carter, president of the Churchill ROTC Booster Club, called the meeting to discuss the allegations.

Out of 135 ROTC members at the school, about 28 are members of Blackjacks. Members of the group wear T-shirts with the club name emblazoned across them.

Neither Churchill principal Robert Geisler nor Maj. Schultz attended the Friday meeting.

In a telephone interview Saturday, young Abbott likened the Blackjacks to the Hitler youth of World War II. He said they were a "gang" within the ROTC.

Abbott said he was tortured after being taken a prisoner by the Blackjacks, who were portraying Viet Cong soldiers during the maneuvers. Abbott said he was tortured during an "interrogation."

Mrs. Abbott said that when her son returned home from the outing, "he looked terrible."

View death optimistically

NEW YORK (AP) — A majority of Americans take a hopefully optimistic view toward death, either of themselves or of members of their families, the report of a new, unusual study said Saturday.

But it found that a substantial minority—nearly a quarter of the respondents—are pessimistic about the prospect of death, displaying anger, bitterness or stoic resignation toward it.

The "world views" study, involving responses from a cross-section of 1,467 people, was made by the National Opinion Research Center, an arm of the University of Chicago.

Of the 58 per cent that showed optimism or hope about death, most of them—44 per cent—associated their view with religious concepts, the study found, but 14 per cent based their outlook on secular grounds.

Twenty-four per cent took a "pessimistic world view" of either anger at tragedy or resignation without hope to the inevitability of death. Another

18 per cent, with an ambiguous vagueness about it, fit into none of the categories.

William McCready, the project director, said the objective was to "get beneath the usual superficialities ordinarily brought out in surveys and find what people's underlying attitudes are toward reality."

He said religion is not just doctrinal propositions, devotional practices or ethical injunctions, but "rather the human response to the lamentable fact of our mortality. It is an attempt to cope with tragedy and evil in the world."

The study, called "The Ultimate Values of the American Population," is being published by Sage Publications of Beverly Hills, Calif.

The study, funded by the Henry Luce Foundation, found relatively few differences between Protestants and Roman Catholics, but found that Jews are almost twice as likely as Gentiles to have a pessimistic view of the meaning of life. Differences also showed up between Catholic ethnic groups.

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