

Ingersoll-Rand forced to cut 120 more jobs

By JEFF LANGLEY
Staff Writer

Another 120 employees were laid off today at Pampa's Ingersoll-Rand Plant, and others who still have a job at the facility will be placed on a reduced work schedule, according to President V.P. Raymond.

Raymond said nearly half of the nation's drilling rigs are now idle, and he said the idle rigs must go back on line before orders for new rigs from Ingersoll are expected to pick up.

Raymond said a majority of the workers laid off today had worked for Ingersoll-Rand for five years or less.

He said the employees who will be placed on a reduced work schedule are involved in the manufacture of oil drilling rigs, and are not in the specialty steel manufacturing portion of the plant's operation.

Raymond said the loss of orders due to declining drilling activity is to blame for Ingersoll's labor reductions.

What is one of Pampa's largest labor forces, with more than 1,000 people employed at the local facility earlier this year, now has been reduced to about 600 to 650 employees, according to company spokesman.

Today's layoff was the fourth reduction in force at the plant this year.

The first layoff at the plant this year involved 39 employees, the second let 155 people go, and the third saw 147 employees laid off. Combined with today's layoff, Ingersoll-Rand has been forced to lay off 461 workers this year.

"All of the employees will receive severance pay, based on

length of service," Raymond said about today's unemployed workers.

"Continued declining sales and the uncertainty about the length of the dramatic oilfield downturn has forced us to position the company into a reduced operations mode for the foreseeable future," Raymond said in announcing the layoffs.

"Operational drilling rigs in the domestic market have decreased on a weekly basis since January to a current 55 percent utilization level."

"As we have said in the past, many of these drilling rigs and an equivalent number of workover rigs will have to go back to work before our business opportunities improve," the president said.

In addition to manufacturing mobile drilling rigs, the local plant creates high-quality steel.

Also, Ingersoll-Rand's parts and service facilities in Texas and other states combine with the Specialty Steel Division to "provide a significant base for the future," despite the slowdown in rig manufacturing, according to Raymond.

"Although we continue to increase our market share during these difficult times, there is not sufficient business to maintain previous manning levels."

"This reduction will impact on approximately 120 hourly and salaried employees, and will further place some affected employees on reduced work weeks until excess inventories are worked off," Raymond said.

"Obviously, we regret having to take this action, but there is absolutely no other alternative," the president added.

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'Need to dig deeper this year'



Individual gifts will prove the key to success for this year's United Way campaign. Louise Fletcher, co-chairman of the Civic and Professional Division of this year's drive, said Wednesday.

"Those of us who are more fortunate in this recession period need to dig deeper and work harder for the United Way this year," Fletcher told those attending the morning planning session at Coronado Inn.

Co-chairman Ed Sweet echoed her comments, adding that the United Way drive has a record of success in Pampa.

"I believe the United Way is the best way to handle the needs of the community," he said.

This year's United Way drive begins Oct. 18, and volunteers and organizers have been in preparation for the drive for several weeks. Fifteen local agencies benefit from the drive each year.

Campaign chairman Reed Echols pointed out at Wednesday's meeting that not only do volunteers do the work of conducting the funds drive, but throughout the year volunteers also serve at the benefited agencies, with donated time and labor which adds up to hundreds of hours monthly.

This year's goal is \$222,000. Agencies helped by the United Way in Pampa are:

American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Genesis House, Gonzales Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital, High Plains Epilepsy Association, Meals on Wheels, Pampa Community Day Care Center, Pampa Family Services, Pampa Satellite Center, Salvation Army, the two Senior Citizens' Centers, Southwestern Diabetic Foundation and the U.S.O.

Louise Fletcher and Ed Sweet study plans for the current United Way campaign.

Pampa's budget okayed

By JEFF LANGLEY

Staff Writer

Pampa City Commissioners without comment gave final approval to the fiscal 1983 city budget, tax rate and water rate during the regular meeting Tuesday.

The budget pegs total city spending during the next fiscal year, which begins Friday, at \$7,226,266.

The tax rate to finance the budget was increased from 56 cents per \$100 valuation to 57.9 cents per \$100.

The new rate will raise city taxes on a \$30,000 home here about \$5.70 per year.

Commissioners Tuesday also gave final approval to a water - rate increase.

The cost for city water will increase 65 cents for the first 3,000 gallons used per month, from \$6 to \$6.65 for the first 3,000 gallons.

In other business Tuesday, commissioners gave final approval to a new city ordinance banning "open containers" of alcohol in public places within the city (see Wednesday's Pampa News).

More expenses for the storm sewer project along highway 70 were approved for payment Tuesday.

Merriman and Barber of Pampa, consulting engineers for the project,

were paid another \$12,748, as a portion of their total fee.

The financial firm of Rauscher Pierce Refsnes Inc., which sold the certificates of obligation which are financing the project, received \$20,000, as partial payment for that firm's services.

Additional payments which were not called for in the project's contract were also approved for payment Tuesday.

Gene Barber explained the contract had to be amended to pay for unexpected expenses involved in the project.

He said one portion of the 42-inch line, completed as a joint city - county project, could not be constructed using the cast - in - place method of pouring the concrete and constructing the pipe in the field.

Barber said three, 20-foot sections of the line were laid with prefabricated, "corrugated" pipe, increasing expenses planned in the contract.

Youth clings to life after head-on collision Tuesday

By DAVID CHRISTENSON
Staff Writer

A Pampa teenager is listed in critical condition today at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo after his pickup struck a farm tractor west of town.

Brent Williamson, 15, of 2201 Beech, is in the intensive care unit of the Amarillo facility with severe head injuries today after the wreck.

Melissa Stephens, 14, of 1714 Hamilton, a passenger in the 1982 GMC pickup with Williamson, was also injured in the wreck.

Both victims were taken to Coronado Community Hospital and later transferred to the Amarillo Hospital by Pampa Medical Services ambulance.

Stephens was later moved to High Plains Baptist Hospital, and was

The change was necessary to get around existing water, sewer and utility lines, Barber explained.

The city previously authorized \$1.4 million for its share of the project, and City Manager Mack Wofford said most of that allowance will probably be spent to complete paving and other work related to the project.

Also, an employee of an Austin bank was authorized by commissioners to pick up the city's sales - tax rebate check from the state comptroller's office in Austin.

The Austin bank will wire the funds to Citizens' Bank and Trust here, the city depository, according to Wofford.

City management requested the change in the city's procedure of receiving the state funds, because they said it allows the city to receive the money "three to five days" earlier than the city presently receives the money through the mail.

released after treatment Wednesday morning.

Department of Public Safety trooper Norman Rushing reported Williamson was eastbound on 23rd Street when he struck the tractor head-on on the unpaved road about 2.4 miles west of Price Road.

Ronald Dean Rice Jr., 20, of Pampa was driving the tractor west on that road. Rushing said Rice was not injured in the accident.

"We're still investigating, trying to put it all together," he said.

Both the truck and the tractor were lighted before the wreck, he said, and although the area was dark, there were no obstructions to the vision of the drivers.



*It was gooey,
profitable...
... and wet!*

It raised money, and it was fun. And it was wet and featured a pie for at least one participant in the annual free car wash given by Pampa High School students who are involved in the Pampa High School Choir.

When the washing was done for the day, Jeff Stewart decided advisor Billy Talley needed some dessert (left) including a faceful of banana cream pie. That left Talley a bit messy, so the pie was followed (right) by a bucket of water for a chaser.

Last Saturday's free car wash by the choir members was set up to raise money by gathering pledges of so much money per car during an eight-hour period. And each year, hundreds of cars are washed for free by the enthusiastic, if a bit soggy, bunch of students.

(Photos courtesy of David Bolch)



Pampa's burglaries up a whopping 67 per cent

By DAVID CHRISTENSON
Staff Writer

Pampa's burglary rate is on the rise.

The Pampa Police Department reported that the number of burglaries through August of this year has increased by about 67 percent from last year.

In the 1981 tabulation period, 150 burglaries were committed in the city up to August. In last month's figure, the count went up to 251.

That's about two burglaries every three days in Pampa, on the average.

The police department breaks these statistics down into three areas — forced entries, unlawful entries and attempts.

Attempts are up only slightly, from 11 to 14. Unlawful entries — in which burglars simply open an unlocked door or window to enter — are down, from 62 to 42.

But forced entries, or break-ins, have more than doubled, from 77 last year to 195 this year.

"The economy is a real contributing factor," said Police Chief J.J. Ryzman. "And a lot of the house burglaries are 'crimes of opportunity.'

A "crime of opportunity" is one in which goods are left for the clean picking of criminals. Garage doors or front doors left unlocked are particularly tempting, he said.

"Generally speaking, burglary is a young person's crime," he said. In the last year that an average age of burglars was calculated in Pampa, it came to 17.6 years old, including burglars "as young as nine and as old as 45."

"A lot of it goes back to need of money for lack of work, drug habits or drug usage," he said.

Residential burglaries are up more than burglaries of businesses, Ryzman said.

"I think that's a nationwide trend," he said, but "this is the first year we've seen such a high increase in them."

"A good portion of your residential burglaries take place in the daytime or late evening," he said, when residents are out to work or on the town.

Favorite targets of are television sets, stereos, HBO converter units, jewelry, coin collections and guns — "usually something that can be carried easily," Ryzman said. Burglars will "very seldom" take furniture.

Burglaries of vehicles are calculated in a separate category, under thefts, he said, and thefts are down.

These crimes are not particularly seasonal, Ryzman said, although in warm seasons "people are out on foot, walking around," and residents "don't pay that much attention" to their homes.

One way to avoid such crimes is with proper security, and

Pampa police will offer free inspections of homes for that purpose beginning Friday.

If a home passes the security test, the homeowner is eligible for an insurance premium reduction credit of five percent, but only if they have installed devices such as deadbolts, solid core doors and locks on windows and garage doors.

Application for such an inspection must be made to the Texas Crime Prevention Institute, and forms for application are available at the offices of insurance agents, police and sheriff departments.

When the programs first started here in 1974, he said, there was some resistance.

Old-time Pampa residents would say "I've lived here all my life, and we don't have those problems here."

Ryzman said we do, and they're getting worse.

daily record

services tomorrow

DODD: James Z. — 9:30 a.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Iowa City, Iowa.
WEATHERRED: Mrs. Matty Lee — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Kress.
McGEE: Mrs. Bessie Marie — Memorial services, 7:30 p.m., Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

obituaries

JAMES Z. DODD
 IOWA CITY, Iowa — James Z. Dodd, five-year-old son of Rod and Sharon Dodd of Rt. 1, Pampa, died Tuesday morning at the University of Iowa Hospital, following a long illness.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Iowa City, Bishop Michael P. Nolan officiating. Burial will be in Strawberry Point, Iowa Cemetery, directed by Beckman - Callahan Funeral Home, Iowa City.

He was born May 20, 1977 in Boise, Idaho.

Survivors in addition to his parents include a brother, Samuel Dodd and a sister, Jaime Dodd, both of the home; and his grandparents, Mrs. Ilo Camp of Iowa City and James and Edna Dodd of Meridian, Idaho.

The family requests that memorials be made to Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo.

MRS. MATTY LEE WEATHERRED

PLAINVIEW — Mrs. Matty Lee Weatherred, 97, died Wednesday.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Kress First Baptist Church, the Rev. Steve Vernon, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in a Kirkland cemetery under direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 30, 1885 in Kenner, Ala. She was married to William Charlie Weatherred June 15, 1902 in Mena, Ark. He died in December, 1933. She moved to Quanah in 1933 and to Kress in 1942. She was the oldest living member of the Kress Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Allene Coker and Mrs. Carl (Clara Jane) Sexton, both of Pampa; four sons, Stanley Weatherred and W.C. Weatherred, both of Kress, Alan Weatherred of Tyler and Harrell Weatherred of Plainview; 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

REV. MARVIN RAY KING

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The Rev. Marvin Ray King, 52, of Phoenix, died Tuesday in Phoenix.

Services are pending with Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, Amarillo.

He was born Aug. 10, 1930 in Memphis, and was a minister of the Sunshine Tabernacle in Phoenix.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; two sons, Michael King of Phoenix and Ricky King of Amarillo; a daughter, Sharron Zeiner of Canadian; his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Murray King of Grand Prairie; two brothers, Willard King of Amarillo and James King of New Caney; four sisters, Mary Robertson of Grand Prairie, Shirley Buckner of Duncanville, Ruby Compton of Wellington and Joyce Boaz of De Soto; and eight grandchildren.

JERRY McGLOHAN

AMARILLO — Jerry McGlohan, 43, former Pampa resident, died Wednesday at Northwest Texas Hospital.

Services are pending with Carmichael - Whatley Funeral Directors.

He was born June 9, 1939 in Louisiana. He was a 1957 graduate of Pampa High School. He was married to Donna Leland June 20, 1959 in Pampa. He had lived in Amarillo since 1960. He was a member of South Georgia Baptist Church and the Archaeological Society of Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Roy Dean McGlohan of Amarillo and Brian Gerald McGlohan of the home; a daughter, Troy Kay McGlohan of Amarillo; a brother, Roy McGlohan of Ulysses, Kan.; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Alice Schwinn of Durango, Colo., Mrs. Virginia Rushing of Ulysses and Mrs. Irma Hines of Borger.

senior citizen menu

FRIDAY

Chicken enchiladas or fried cod fish, french fries, buttered broccoli, baked beans, tossed or jello salad, lemon pudding or blueberry crunch.

police report

Officers of the Pampa Police Department responded to 40 calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Pizza Inn, 2131 Perryton Parkway, reported a burglary of coin-operated machines, unknown amount taken.

Eva Fritz, 1801 N. Nelson, reported theft of a bicycle, value \$100.

Kim Albin, 721 E. 15th St., reported burglary of a residence.

calendar of events

FUNDAMENTALS OF PETROLEUM

The Fundamentals of Petroleum class will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in room 101 of Clarendon College. New students may register tonight for the 10-week course. A \$40 tuition will cover the cost of the class and books.

Government may buy open grain to help bolster prices

By BOB FICK

WASHINGTON (AP) — With government analysts offering no hope for an improved farm economy, the Reagan administration is reviewing the possibility of buying grain off the open market to bolster prices, congressional Republicans say.

It's the same idea they say the Nixon administration used with some success in coping with price-depressing grain surpluses a decade ago.

And those Republicans, many of them seeking re-election from voters they say are concerned about the administration's current farm policy, are encouraging that kind of move. Without some action, they fear voters will take out their frustration on Republican candidates.

"I know economists at USDA have been considering this," Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said Wednesday after some two dozen GOP Farm Belt House and Senate members met to discuss what the administration can do to ease the farm depression and at the same time lessen any potential impact on the Nov. 2 congressional elections.

hospital notes

CORONADO COMMUNITY
Admissions
 Howard Bronner, Pampa
 Loyce Wofford, Pampa
 Ruby King, Pampa
 Jewell Hale, Pampa
 David Brogdon, Pampa
 Alma Seitz, Miami
 Jeanne Deer, Pampa
 Bertha Penrod, Pampa
 Ruth Hathaway, Mobeetie
 Muriel Moore, McLean
 Tammy Melton, McLean
 Rose Stillwell, Pampa
 Donna Myers, Borger
 Lisa Eastham, Pampa
 Olen Bailey, Pampa
 Paula Crook and infant,
 Erick, Okla.
 Tony Reeves, Shamrock
 Imo Jean Clark, Shamrock
 Arval Gowin, Shamrock
 Elsie Thomas, Wheeler
Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mike McGill, Pampa, a baby girl
 To Mr. and Mrs. Randy Derr, Pampa, a baby girl
Dismissals
 Donetta Welch, Pampa
 Fannie Taylor, Pampa
 Deane Scott, Pampa
 Naomi Martin, Pampa
 Corinne Kelley, Pampa
 Mary Coombes, Pampa

Mary Nichols, Borger
 Jesse Whitson, Pampa
 Kelli Dunn and infant,
 Pampa
 Glenda Didway, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Kathryn Ford, Wellington

Jo Vigus, Erick, Okla.

Cole Vinyard, Shamrock

Randy Edwards, Shamrock

Susan Peachy, Shamrock

Shirley Donnell, Shamrock

Births

To Kathryn Ford, Shamrock, a baby girl

Dismissals

Olen Banks, Mobeetie

Rosa DeLeon and infant,

McLean

Paula Crook and infant,

Erick, Okla.

Tony Reeves, Shamrock

Imo Jean Clark, Shamrock

Arval Gowin, Shamrock

Elsie Thomas, Wheeler

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa
 Wheat 3.21
 Corn 4.00
 Soybeans 4.23
 The following quotations show the range within which various securities have been traded at the time of compilation
 Ky. Cent. Life 15 1/4
 Service 3 1/4 - 4
 Southland Financial 18 1/4
 The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Scheider, Bernet Hickman, Inc. of Amarillo.
 Beatrice Foods 21 1/4
 Colgate-Palmolive 24 1/4
 Colgate-Palmolive 24 1/4
 Cities Service 45 1/2

DIA 19 1/4
 Rochester 12
 Getty 42 1/4
 Halliburton 34 1/4
 HCA 42 1/4
 Mobil 25 1/4
 InterNorth 25 1/4
 Kerr-McGee 27 1/4
 Mobil 24 1/4
 Phillips' 29 1/4
 PNA 17
 SJ 35 1/4
 Standard Oil 40 1/4
 Tennessee 29 1/4
 Texaco 28 1/4
 Union Carbide 46 1/4
 London Gold 494.00
 Silver 8.85

city briefs

RATHSKELLER BARBEQUE, Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Everyone invited.

HOLIDAY SHOWING - of Handmade gifts. September 30 - October 2. Adv.

fire report

TUESDAY, September 28

9:40 a.m. - Firemen responded to a fire in an air conditioning unit at Dalton Furniture, 413 W. Foster. Firemen said the only damage was to the motor of the unit.

WEDNESDAY, September 29

12:40 a.m. - Firemen responded to a "smoke scare" at Coronado Nursing Center, 1504 W. Kentucky. Firemen reported there was no fire.

2:30 a.m. - Firemen responded to a fire at Coronado Nursing Center, 1504 W. Kentucky. Firemen said a fire, which was out upon their arrival, was started in a mattress and box spring by a resident who was "smoking in bed." Firemen said the only damage was to the bed.

9:15 a.m. - Firemen made an ambulance run to 1309 Rham at the request of David Putman. Fireman said Putman's six-month-old baby was transported to Coronado Community Hospital, after the infant "fell out of bed on his head."

school menu

FRIDAY
 Hot dog with chili, french fries with catsup, pork and beans, mixed fruit, milk.

minor accidents

TUESDAY, Sept. 28

10:45 a.m. - A 1981 Ford, driver unknown, struck a legally parked 1982 Chevrolet in the 400 block of Ballard. The driver left the scene without leaving information.

12:13 p.m. - A 1978 Pontiac driven by Jeanne Whitten Parker, Amarillo, collided with a 1978 Lincoln driven by Ila Crutcher Chisum, 1928 Evergreen, at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

12:15 p.m. - An unknown vehicle collided with a legally parked 1976 Chevrolet in the 700 block of Reid. The driver left the scene without leaving information.

5:45 p.m. - A 1982 Ford driven by Mary Kiefer Mason, 416 Magnolia, collided with a 1970 Chevrolet legally parked at the 500 block of Magnolia. Mason was cited for unsafe change in direction of travel.

7:15 p.m. - A 1968 Ford driven by Jimmie Marvin Smith, 420 N. Zimmers, collided with a 1977 Mercury driven by Gabriel Trenajo Mora, 1020 Twiford, in the 400 block of North Zimmers. Smith was cited for improper start from a parked position and failure to show proof of liability insurance.

'Harvies' take national award



Rochelle Lacy receives a check for \$500 from Cabot's Marvin Slaymaker (front row, left) as Pampa High School's Texas Studies class took third place in national competition sponsored by Cabot. Next to Lacy in the front row is Kim McCain, and in the back row, from left, are school board member and Cabot employee Kurt Beck, next to Robert Knight, Reid Sidwell, and John Grimes, all students involved in the prize-winning project. (Staff photo by Bruce Lee Smith)

Mock energy hearing wins nat'l award for Pampa High students

By JEFF LANGLEY
 Staff Writer

Students at Pampa High School have added more national honors to the school with an award in a contest which proposed solutions to the energy crisis.

The Texas Studies class of Rochelle Lacy took third place in a national contest sponsored by the Cabot Corporation.

The 1982 Energy Hearings Competition was open to all high schools across the country in cities where Cabot has operations.

Pesky Texas bugs are making a mountain out of an anthill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A special committee on fire ants voted Wednesday to ask the 1983 Legislature to spend \$12 million to continue subsidies for a pesticide program and to find new ways to kill the persistent pests.

Rockdale Rep. Dan Kubiak's committee decided the money should be equally split between the pesticide program and research at Texas Tech and Texas A&M.

Rep. Gerald Geistweidt, D-Mason, and Bill Sims, a state senate candidate from San Angelo, opposed the pesticide program, which they said was an unwarranted subsidy.

Fire ants have infested 110 Texas counties, according to Kubiak. Marc Trostle, state fire ant expert, said the

third-place finish in the competition netted Pampa High School a check for \$500 from Cabot.

The check and award were presented to the class by Marvin Slaymaker, northern area manager of Cabot's Gas Processing and Pipeline Division, during ceremonies at the school Wednesday morning.

Students won the award by participating as make-believe senators and energy industry executives in a mock energy hearing.

During the hearing, students followed

an agenda which included formal questioning of witnesses and a debate about energy policy.

Based on information at the hearing, the group proposed a national energy policy.

According to Cabot officials, "The students at Pampa High School submitted an entry that exhibited practical, common-sense ideas that work toward solving the (energy) problem, without losing sight of the problem of getting the various states to comply with the solution."

Slaymaker said for 100 years, Cabot has been involved in furthering education through endowments, and he said the energy hearings are a part of Cabot's continuing effort in that area.

Pampa students who participated in the award-winning effort include Kim McCain, Reid Sidwell, Marty Cross, Gary Dabbs, John Grimes, Robert Knight, Garland Allen, Kerry Wright, Stormy Fulton, Ricky Poole and Craig Chapin.

First place in the contest and \$1,500 went to DuPont High School in Belle, West Virginia, and second place and \$1,000 were awarded to East Bank High School in East Bank, West Virginia.

Drill rig accident kills a 22-year-old man from Borger

By DAVID CHRISTENSEN
 Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — A 22-year-old Borger man was killed in a drilling rig accident near White Deer Tuesday morning.

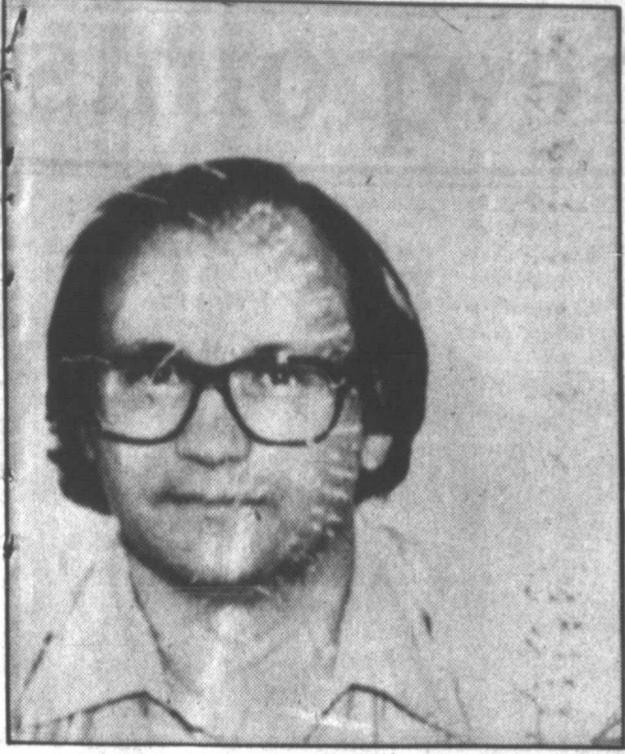
Brian Griffin, an employee of Spradlin Oil Company for the past three years, was dead on arrival at North Plains Hospital in Borger.

Investigators said the driller was crushed between two pieces of equipment on a standing oil rig.

The drilling crew transported the victim by car to Skellytown, where Griffin was transferred to a Borger ambulance.

Services for Griffin will be at 2 p.m. today in the Bible Baptist Church at Borger, with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe, pastor, officiating.

McKenna's Wagon feeds D.C.'s poor



Ronald Floyd White, self-styled political terrorist

'Buried alive' suspect arrested

RIO HONDO, Texas (AP) — A self-styled "political terrorist" wanted for three kidnappings — including that of a man buried alive for four days — was arrested near this rural southern Texas town after a high-speed chase that injured two officers, authorities say.

Ronald Floyd White, 38, was being held today at the Brownsville Medical Center, where he was admitted with an undisclosed "personal illness," according to nursing supervisor Shirley Heathcock.

White was arrested about 8:40 p.m. Wednesday in an aggravated kidnapping warrant issued in the abduction of Michael Baucom, 21, of Santa Fe, Texas. Baucom was buried for four days in a narrow box while his kidnappers demanded a \$75,000 ransom.

Officers, acting on a tip that White was in South Texas, spotted the man in Brownsville, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Larry Todd.

DPS agents, FBI agents and local authorities chased White for more than 30 minutes before slowing him to 80 mph by "bumping him off the road," said DPS agent Bud Peters.

"We didn't try to run him off the road any earlier because we didn't know if he had any hostages. Besides, we knew the country and he didn't," he said. "We knew he was running out of road."

White did not resist arrest when he was stopped, Peters said. "He was armed," Todd said, "but apparently no one was shot."

Three San Benito police vehicles collided while setting up a roadblock on one of the rural palm-lined highways, Todd said.

Officer Debra Sanderson, 27, was in good condition today at Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen with minor injuries, according to nursing supervisor Susan Edwards. Another officer was treated and released at a San Benito hospital.

WASHINGTON (AP) — As dusk falls across Farragut Square, thousands of workers pour out of office buildings two blocks from the White House and head for home without a glance at the converted ice cream truck and its curious clientele.

Some 30 to 35 men have lined up, their calloused hands clutching at plastic bags that contain their belongings. They are waiting for sandwiches, yogurt, potato chips and hot chocolate from McKenna's Wagon, a new volunteer effort to feed the city's homeless, destitute men and women.

A lady known as Miss Doris rises from a park bench and follows the men to the wagon for dinner.

Miss Doris sleeps in a parking garage and hasn't eaten all day. She takes one of two sandwiches and tucks it in her tattered shawl for later. "You're just wonderful people," she tells the volunteers in the truck. "I don't know what we'd do without you."

McKenna's Wagon rolled onto the streets of the nation's capital on Sept. 3, providing dinner seven days a week. A dozen volunteers take turns picking up food and supplies, preparing sandwiches and taking the truck on its rounds. Each night, the lines have grown longer along the curbside, as more and more needy people hear about the free meal.

"We're up to almost 300 each night," said Dr. Veronica Maz, a former Georgetown University sociology professor who started the wagon program. "There must be many more people out there than we realize who are hungry, who are sleeping in parks and alleys."

Shelters in the city currently house 467 men and 158 women. There are 193 homeless families in the District of Columbia, according to the latest figures from the city's Department of Human Services. Those families include 424 children.

"Lately we've been seeing mothers and children at a few of the stops," said Ms. Maz. "Some of them are shoeless, and we've found out that some of the mothers and children have been sleeping in the parks. Sometimes they don't come again and we don't know what's happened to them."

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., driver Bob Harris weaves the truck on its daily route to Lafayette Park, Washington Circle, Farragut Square, a triangle at 11th and I streets, Northwest, and Dupont Circle if supplies last that long.

Most of the food is purchased for 5 cents a pound from the Capital Area Community Food Bank, a non-profit, private organization which collects food donated from area supermarket chains. Food, gasoline, cups and sandwich wrap cost just over \$100 a week, some of which comes from donations by Washington residents, churches and community groups.

McKenna's Wagon was named after the late Rev. Horace B. McKenna, a local Jesuit priest who worked among the poor. It is a follow-up project to Martha's Table, which Ms. Maz began six months ago to provide a learning center, companionship and a free meal to children from broken or impoverished homes in the city.

"Many of these are the children of the very, very poor," said Ms. Maz. "Some of them have parents who don't care whether they go to school or not."

Martha's Table, located at 14th and W streets, and McKenna's Wagon, depend totally upon volunteers like Ms. Maz who stopped teaching at Georgetown in 1980.

Ms. Maz says she doesn't miss the academic life, claiming she's "still" teaching people. It's just a different group of people. I'm doing something I think is more meaningful to me personally."

Connie Ridge is another volunteer who finds time one day a week to make 200 sandwiches and then rides the truck to distribute them. Ms. Ridge, who helps run the Mount Vernon Center for Homeless Women here, recognizes many of the gaunt faces and specifically watches for "Carlos" at the Washington Circle stop near George Washington University. The 70-year-old black man hasn't appeared at the truck for days, she said. "I know he loves peanut butter and I want to give him an extra sandwich tonight if I see him."

At a recent gathering at Washington Circle, several men talked of unsuccessful job hunting and the cold nights ahead.



Innocents' names on felon list discouraged voters, lawsuit says

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — People were discouraged from exercising their right to vote by a list of "possible convicted felons" issued — and later revoked — by Texas Secretary of State David Dean, according to a suit filed in federal court here.

Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, an attorney for some of the plaintiffs in the class-action suit, said Wednesday the suit seeks court permission "to take the statement of the secretary of state and ask him under oath what caused him to produce this purge list weeks before the election."

"We want to find out what other acts he intends to come forward with in the next few weeks that might have the effect of discouraging or interfering with voter participation by the people of Texas," Oliveira said.

As part of Dean's program to purge voter rolls of dead people, felons and voters registered more than once, he sent all tax assessor-collectors in the state a list headed "possible convicted felons."

Dean asked county officials to check names on the voter rolls against the purge list and remove those of convicted felons.

The list was compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety, which was asked to include only the names of felons, Dean said. But he later was told by DPS officials the list also included names of people convicted of misdemeanors.

He recalled the list after a lawsuit was filed by Jerry Angerman of Austin, a Democratic candidate for the state legislature. Angerman, never convicted of a felony, was on the

list. Plaintiffs in the suit are the Voluntarios Organizados Trabajando Para Accion Inc. and "certain unnamed individuals who are not convicted felons who are on the list," said Oliveira.

Gilberto Hinojosa of Texas Rural Legal Aid in Brownsville contended Dean's action "has sort of a chilling effect on low income and minority voters in voting."

Hinojosa said Dean should be prevented from issuing such a list without clearance from the Justice Department.

Oliveira said Wednesday the suit also contends putting names of people on the list who are not convicted felons constitutes slander.

Dean "needs to be put on notice that he needs to be a lot more careful in doing something like this, particularly so close to an election," Oliveira said.

"By no means are we saying that people should be allowed to vote illegally," Oliveira said. "But before you put out purge lists, you should be more careful and more responsible."

Oliveira conceded that "there probably is a considerable amount of people on those rolls who are not legally entitled to vote and they should be struck."

Also named as defendants in the suit are DPS director James Adams, Cameron County elections administrator Tencha De La Pena and Travis County tax assessor-collector Bill Aleshire.

U.S. District Judge Filomeno Vela has not set a hearing date.

Actress Mary Martin, seriously injured in an automobile crash on the West Coast earlier this month, walks with difficulty as she visits San Francisco radio station KQED Wednesday with talk show host Jim Hartz, left. Actress Janet Gaynor, also injured in the crash, is still in hospital. (AP Laserphoto)

State clamping down on dogfight watchers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas is becoming the "dogfighting capital" of the nation because its law is too lax, one legislator said before his committee voted to make dogfighting a felony and dogfight-watching illegal as well.

The House Committee on State Affairs unanimously decided Wednesday to ask the Legislature to enact the tougher law when it convenes in January.

"We're becoming the dogfighting capital because other states are cracking down," said Rep. Milton Fox, R-Houston. "This is not just some local good ol' boys fighting dogs. This is a national activity designed to make money, and some other very unsavory activities go along with it."

San Antonio Rep. Paul Elizondo said that at his subcommittee's hearings this summer law enforcement officials testified they had better luck prosecuting dogfighters under gambling laws than under the state's anti-dogfighting statute.

The Legislature considered raising penalties for dogfighting and cockfighting during its last session, but the measure failed because of pressure from supporters of birdfighting.

The maximum current penalty for staging a dogfight is a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine. The next stage in severity would be a third-degree felony, carrying a penalty of two to 10 years in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Watching a dogfight, not now illegal, would become a misdemeanor under the committee's recommendation.

Committee members also agreed to warn the Legislature against inadvertently making legitimate dog-breeding and training activities illegal. Rep. Milton Fox, R-Houston, said he had received several calls from constituents concerned that they might "automatically be felons by raising pit terriers."

Pit bulldogs are the most common type of dogs used in illegal fighting.

Student takes control as copter pilot dies

HOUSTON (AP) — A helicopter pilot who suffered a fatal heart attack while flying home refused to stop for help in Arkansas because he wanted "to die in Texas," says a passenger who took over the controls and safely landed the craft.

K.W. Musgrove, who lives in the suburb of Deer Park, said he managed to land the helicopter Wednesday at two different farm houses in rural East Texas to summon medical help, but no one was home.

Musgrove, a student pilot with 15 hours experience, said he then taxied the helicopter to a brickyard about two miles north of Garrison. But by the time an ambulance was called Jolly R. Wheeler Jr., 39, also of Deer Park, had died, said Peace Justice Harold Boggs.

"I tried to get him to stop and get to a hospital, but he jokingly said, 'I want to die in Texas.' I said, 'Oh no, don't say that,'" Musgrove said.

"We finally stopped at a small airport about 20 miles from where he died and a lady there gave him some medicine. He said he would be all right," he said.

The two men were returning from a trip to Illinois, where Musgrove had purchased the helicopter, he said.

They spent Tuesday night in Bentley, Ark., where Wheeler complained of feeling ill and went to a hospital. Wheeler was told he probably had indigestion.

"He said they ran a test on his heart but found nothing wrong," Musgrove said.

As they were flying back to the Southeast Texas community of LaPorte on Wednesday afternoon, Wheeler complained of severe chest pains and asked him to take the controls. Musgrove's said.

"He pulled a bottle of medicine out of his pocket. I told him we weren't too far from a hospital and asked him to let me call an ambulance. He said he was all right, that he could make it," Musgrove said.

About 15 minutes later, Wheeler told him to land immediately because he was going to faint, Musgrove said.

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Don't tax -fund abortion

Who can doubt that the cliff-hanger 47 - 46 vote by which the Senate tabled the anti-abortion legislation "sets the stage for next year" as its author, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., so confidently predicts?

Instead of waning with the passing years, the abortion issue waxes anew. Of the various anti-abortion measures submitted from time to time in Congress, none has come so close as the 1982 effort.

Abortion was within the province of the states to regulate during most of the first 200 years in the life of this country. Local control of abortion was overturned in 1973 by a stunning U.S. Supreme Court decision that denied the states authority to prohibit abortion in the early months of pregnancy.

Had the pro-abortion advocates been satisfied with their victory in excluding the government from the abortion decision and leaving this to the individual woman and her physician, the intense abortion debate might have subsided somewhat over the years. Instead, the proponents pulled the government back into the abortion issue by arranging for federal funding of abortion. Predictably, the use of tax money to promote abortion has played a large part in galvanizing anti-abortion forces into a national crusade.

After periodic and frustrated efforts to enact anti-abortion legislation in Congress and an anti-abortion amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the issue was fully joined for the first time in the Senate recently. President Reagan threw his administration's support behind anti-abortion legislation being sponsored by Senate conservatives. The Helms law would have prohibited funding for abortions and included a congressional finding that human life begins at conception. The legislation was in the form of an amendment attached to a "must-pass" bill required to raise the federal debt limit by Oct. 1.

Programs aren't panaceas

What is it about elevation to a high government post, particularly an appointive post, that leads to the delusion that solutions to problems that have eluded mankind's wisdom for generations are suddenly at hand? Does it arise from a desire to justify huge budgets with lavish promises? Do people imagine that once the proper hands are on the levers of power, solutions will begin to flow like water from rocks or manna from heaven?

Health and Human Services Secretary Richard S. Schweiker said recently that the government is planning to launch a new crusade against — are you ready? — teen-age alcohol abuse. Waxing dramatic, Schweiker told the already converted at an Alcohol and Drug Problems Association convention that "No human loss is more tragic than a young life, rich with promise, cut short. The killing must be stopped."

That's such a motherhood-and-apple-pie statement that one is almost reluctant to criticize Schweiker's newfound enthusiasm. Certainly teen-age drinking is a problem that concerns many of us, and realistic steps to curb its abuse would be welcome. Aside from the nobility of the sentiment, however, Schweiker sidesteps two questions that are of paramount importance to anybody concerned with realistic efforts to curb social evils.

The first question is whether it is the responsibility of government at the federal level to address and try to solve every social ill that besets a large, complex society. The second

is: It is time to stand and be counted on this issue," Reagan said in a letter to key senators. He termed the anti-abortion legislation a "moderate approach" to "one of the most sensitive problems our society faces."

With its moral overtones and the passionate differences it generates, abortion is indeed "one of the most sensitive problems our society faces" and, therefore, ought not to be subsidized through tax funds. The pro-abortion activists cannot have abortion both ways — beyond government regulation but under government sponsorship. The issue of when human life begins is complicated and controversial, and perhaps the Helms law can be faulted for its interpretation. Nevertheless, it seems clear that no taxpayer should be forced to subsidize a procedure he regards as murder. State and federal funding of abortions should be halted.

Or another point, we are troubled at the tactic of the anti-abortion forces in attacking their legislation as an amendment to a bill to increase the federal debt limit, which must be enacted by Oct. 1 if the government is to pay its bills.

Surely, one of the most sensitive problems facing our society deserves legislation that can be considered on its merits without resort to parliamentary pressure or trickery. The Helms amendment is not likely to have set the stage for action on abortion in Congress next year unless its successor legislation avoids the 1982 pitfalls and sticks to the question of funding abortions with tax money.

Contrary to some court rulings that have upheld public funding of abortions, appropriation of public funds is a legislative and not a judicial prerogative. Moreover, the best way to defuse the gathering momentum for a constitutional amendment against abortion is for Congress to prohibit federal subsidization of abortion on demand.



JUST ANOTHER CASUALTY IN BEIRUT

The elderly dictators

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

NEW YORK (NEA) — The recent game of musical chairs in Peking, the rumors of Brezhnev's impending retirement in Moscow, serve to remind us that the world's two leading dictatorships are both gerontocracies — societies ruled by old men — and that major changes are impending and cannot be long delayed on both cases.

Brezhnev is 75 and in failing health;

Deng Hsiao-ping, the de facto dictator of Red China whatever his actual title,

is 78 and apparently fairly spry, but (as the saying goes) not getting any younger.

Both are surrounded by allies and advisers in their 70s — or in the case of Deng, who has just carried out a "reform" intended to rejuvenate the leadership — by a couple of spring chickens in their 60s. Say what you will, it's an elderly crowd in both cases.

The reason, of course, is that

dictatorships find the transfer of power from one generation to another the most difficult of all tricks to pull off. Despots who survive into their 60s and 70s have usually taken care to surround themselves with fawning yes-men who are adequate to fill fountain pens but

hardly the sort you'd want to turn a country over to.

Worse yet, however, are the shadowy types out on the fringes of power — men perhaps truly capable of supreme rule, but suspect, and often resentful, for that very reason. So the old tyrants hang on and on, afraid to relinquish the supreme authority that they know very well may subsequently be used against them.

The Soviet rulers, having had a couple of decades' more experience than their Chinese counterparts, have occasionally allowed losers in the power struggle to opt for what was

Chi-no. 'animal house'

By PAUL HARVEY

College fraternities, measuring fun by the keg, discredited themselves in the '50s, disintegrated in the '60s.

A generation hiding in the ivy from the draft sat-in, lived-in, shot-up and freaked-out. They dropped acid and dropped out. They talked revolution without the slightest idea what it was. They tried to evolve suddenly and, as Darwin knew, there is why.

In a wall-to-wall world they tried for vertical — and for the minuscule few who went straight up — most went straight down.

Two recent studies of the youngsters of the '60s who are now in their 30s reveal an alarming percentage only marginally changed.

Now, on the heels of this generation of mediocrities and less is rising a fraternity dedicated to EXCELLENCE.

Oliver Rowe, a successful North Carolina businessman, was invited in 1976 to regenerate and to become president of Chi Psi Fraternity.

He had been a member since student days at Chapel Hill. He agreed only on condition that the fraternity would dare to be different.

He demanded the brothers rededicate themselves to academic achievement, campus leadership, self-discipline and personal development. In all things, excellence!

It is now six years later. On the University of North Carolina campus alone, Chi Psi includes 14 Phi Beta Kappas and four Rhodes Scholars. Of 70 active brothers, 35 are Morhead Scholars.

Evidence of excellence is unmatched among fraternities and there are now 29 Chi Psi chapters from Maine to California.

Chi Psi is unwelcome at colleges which demand that all campus organizations be coed, but it is vigorously unmatched for academic excellence on such prestigious campuses as Cornell, Washington and Lee, Rutgers, the University of Michigan and the University of Oregon.

Snob appeal? Inevitably, after three decades of academic decadence, peer-pressure to be re-exerted UPWARD will be construed as "snobbish."

Breeding ground for bookworms? On the contrary, while Chi Psi seniors and juniors help frosh members get off to a good start academically, the senior class president and their student body president are Chi Psi.

Oliver Rowe, 30 in December, with the inbred leadership quality which is supposed to be characteristic of Sagittarians, does not just point the way for his beloved brothers; he leads the way. By precept he infinitely generous philanthropist, professes and practices:

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If rumor is to be believed, Leonid Brezhnev may be planning some sort of semi-retirement at the end of this year; but you can bet your bottom ruble that nobody in Moscow is counting on his surrendering real control. Like Deng Hsiao-ping, Brezhnev will probably give up a few tedious, day-to-day responsibilities, while clinging grimly to the reality of power.

In both cases, luckily, real change — when at last it does come, as it must, thanks to human mortality — is quite likely to result in a lateral shift of power, rather than a true revolution: i.e., to the nearly contemporary cronies of the dead despot, rather than to a genuinely new generation. And that, in turn, will tend to perpetuate the sort of cautious aggression, often by proxy, that the Soviet Union has pursued under Brezhnev, and the emphasis on domestic improvements that has characterized Deng's regime in Peking.

A far more dangerous situation would arise if, in either capital, control of the machinery of power were seized by somebody quite outside the current ruling circles — a well-connected, young general, say. Let such a youthful monster get his hands firmly on the levers of state authority and he would soon be looking, like Alexander the Great, for new world to conquer. And since there's only one these days, the future would be grim indeed.

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Study says Moscow doesn't have nuclear edge

LONDON (AP) — Fears of the Soviet Union gaining over the United States in strategic nuclear weapons are unfounded, the International Institute for Strategic Studies said in a report issued today.

But the prestigious London-based research organization warned the balance of nuclear and conventional weapons in Europe is shifting against the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The conclusions were part of the 1982-83

"Military Balance" report prepared by the private, non-profit institute, which draws members from 50 nations and concentrates on international security, defense and arms control.

The United States has 6,920 land and sea-based warheads compared with an estimated 7,000 Soviet warheads, the report said. But when bomber-delivered warheads are added, the United States, with a larger long-range bomber fleet, has 9,268 warheads

against the overall Soviet total of an estimated 7,300, the report said.

However, the institute said this U.S. edge is partly offset by the greater force of all the Soviet weapons — an estimated 6,100 megatons against the overall U.S. total of 3,752.

The report said the Warsaw Pact advantage in Europe stems mainly from the deployment of Soviet multi-warhead SS-20 missiles and NATO's failure to boost its missile arsenal.

The institute listed 4,124 Warsaw Pact long-and-medium-range missiles in Europe against 1,643 in NATO's arsenal. This does not include the Poseidon and Trident warheads were included.

systems, which are currently arming U.S. submarines but are not necessarily available for defense in Europe.

The report calculated that in a European nuclear war, up to 1,085 Warsaw Pact warheads would penetrate NATO defenses against 275 Allied warheads hitting their targets. It noted, however, the Allies would likely score 568 nuclear hits if Poseidon and Trident warheads were included.

It said NATO's weakness in Europe is unlikely to be overcome before the end of the 1980s, when it completes the scheduled deployment of 434 long-range Cruise and 108 medium-range Pershing 2 missiles.

U.S. in Beirut

Marines patrol for land mines

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Flak-jacketed Marines swept war-torn Beirut's coast for mines today to prepare for an amphibious landing of armor and the last contingents of the multinational peacekeeping force, a U.S. spokesman said.

U.S. Defense Department spokesman Army Lt. Col. Lee Delorme said the leathernecks' landing operation which began Wednesday was resuming around noon and would take several hours.

Besides mine patrols along the beach, underwater demolition units also mapped the coast, Delorme said. Other Marine units ringed the Lebanese capital's airport, where the first civilian flight since the Israelis invaded nearly three months ago was scheduled to land in a symbolic return to normal.

President Reagan said Wednesday the Marines would stay at least until all foreign armies have left the beleaguered Middle East nation, and that the leathernecks might remain beyond then.

Defense officials said between 800 and 900 leathernecks landed Wednesday and the rest of the 1,200-man Marine contingent of the 32nd Amphibious Task Force was coming ashore today, bringing to more than 3,000 the strength of the multinational force that also includes French and Italian troops.

The 6th Fleet landing vessels Nashville and Hermitage carried the remaining Marines, five M-60 tanks, several armored assault vehicles, and anti-tank rockets, Delorme said.

The Lebanese government requested the multi-national force return to Beirut following the Sept. 14 assassination of President-elect Bashir Gemayel and the massacre of Palestinian refugees at two Beirut camps Sept. 16-18.

The force was first in Beirut in late August and early September overseeing the evacuation of Palestine Liberation Organization guerrillas under the pressure of a protracted Israeli siege.

Delorme said the Marines would be fully deployed in their positions around the airport and in south of the city by evening. The French and Italian units already are deployed in the Sabra and Chatila refugee camps, sites of the massacre, and other sensitive central city positions.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on Wednesday formally requested a full judicial probe into the Israeli army's possible role in the massacre, blamed on Christian militiamen. The bloodbath has sparked an uproar in Israel because Israeli troops permitted the militiamen into the camps.

U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon, who greeted the first Marines who arrived on Wednesday, called their deployment "a very important symbol of turning over sovereignty to the Lebanese people."

The U.S. Embassy said more than 400 Marines landed at the seaport from the 6th Fleet ships Manitowoc and Saginaw and drove in trucks and jeeps south to the airport to join leatherneck comrades airlifted from the helicopter carrier Guam.

Marching in formation, the Marines, wearing camouflage uniforms and flak jackets, carried M-16 rifles, mortars and anti-tank weapons. The rifles were unloaded, but the Marines carried ammunition clips that can be inserted instantly and are under orders to shoot in self-defense.

Lebanese children waved and smiled at the Marines, many of whom had their names written on their helmets in Arabic.

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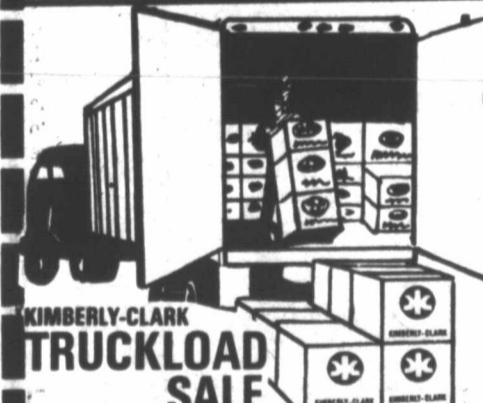


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Gardening by Moon Signs

How and why Texas has five state flowers

BY LOIS BOYNTON

The moon will be increasing: 1 - 2; 17 - 31. The moon will decrease: 3 - 16.

The Fruitful signs are: 1 (Pisces); from 2:40 p.m. the 8th through 10th (Cancer); 17 - until 4 p.m. the 18th (Scorpio); 27 - until 12:30 p.m. the 29th (Pisces).

The Semi - Fruitful Signs are: 4 - until 12 noon the 6th (Taurus); 15 - 16 (Libra); 22 - until 4:30 p.m. the 24th (Capricorn).

The Barren signs are: 2 - 3 (Aries); from 11:40 a.m. the 6th until 2:40 the 8th (Gemini); 11 - 12 (Leo); 13 - 14 (Virgo); 20 - 21 (Sagittarius); 25 - 26 (Aquarius); from 12:30 p.m. the 29th through 31st (Aries).

When planting by the moon make sure that seed or bulb are planted in the phase and sign as planned, so that germination will occur at the proper time.

The fourth quarter is not a good time to plant anything. It is best for cultivation, pulling weeds, cutting grass and destroying pests of all kinds.

Our state flower has a curious history. Texas really has five state flowers, all bluebonnets. And here is how it happened.

In the spring of 1901, the Texas Legislature got down to the serious business of selecting a state flower. The battle was hot and heavy. One favored the cotton boll since cotton was king in Texas in those days. Another wanted the cactus. He talked so eloquently and so long that he earned the name "Cactus Jack", and it stuck with him for the rest of his life. He was John Nance Garner who later became vice president of the

United States. But the National Society of Colonial Dames of America won that day and their choice, Lupinus subcarousus, (generally known as buffalo clover or blue bonnet, so said the resolution) and it was passed into law March 7, 1903.

Lupinus subcarousus is a dainty little plant which paints the sandy rolling hills of Texas with sheets of sky - blue in early spring. Some think it the least pretty of all the blue bonnets. Others wanted Lupinus texensis, the big bold blue beauty which covers most of central Texas and gives painters inspiration.

So off and on for 70 years legislature tried to solve this problem of the blue bonnets. Finally in 1971 they lumped them all into the state flower, all varieties of blue bonnets so that the law would include any new species discovered. There have already five varieties discovered. These and any other new discoveries will automatically become the state flower. And so technically we have five state flowers.

Lupinus subcarousus is the original champion and co-holder of the title. It grows naturally in Leon, LaSalle and the northern part of Hildago Counties. It is not easy to grow elsewhere.

Lupinus texensis is the favorite of tourists and artists. It provides a blue spring carpet over central Texas. It is the species most likely to be found in seed stores. It is the easiest of all to grow.

Lupinus havardi, also known as the Chisos Blue bonnet, is the most majestic of the blue bonnets. Its flowering spikes grow up to three feet tall. It is found in the Big Bend Country and difficult to cultivate outside its natural habitat.

Lupinus plattensis is sometimes found in the Texas Panhandle. It is the only perennial and grows about 2 feet tall.

It is also known as the Nebraska Lupine.

Lupinus concinnus is a delightful little midget - from 2 to 7 inches in height. It is found sparingly in the Trans - Pecos.

Now you know the history of our state flower.

When a blue bonnet ripens, its seed or pod splits into two corkscrew sections and expels the seeds for some distance. Often when drenched with dew then dried suddenly in a hot spring sun, the pod will split with an audible pop and fling the hard seed for a considerable distance. This way the seed really gets around. You might see a patch of white or pink flowers but this is very rare.

There is new evidence that gardeners who raise and eat their fruits and vegetables can have a jump on their neighbors who do not, so goes the report of the National Academy of Sciences which suggests we all be able to reduce the risk of cancer by eating plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole grain cereal products every day, by not using at all or cutting back sharply on salt - cured, salt - pickled and smoked foods, including the very popular hot dog. They recommend daily, some member of the cabbage family like broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts or kale. These are better for you when eaten raw. A cup full of kale provides more than enough vitamin A and vitamin C to meet the minimum daily requirements. Kale, when grown in the garden requires little care and will stay fresh in the garden late in to the winter.

To harvest sunflower seeds: wait until the seeds are fully ripe and firm, then cut the head with about a foot of the stem attached. Hang it in a dry airy spot to finish ripening. Don't stack the heads or they will rot. You may need to cover the heads with cheesecloth to keep the birds away while they are ripening on the plant.

Plant your spring blooming bulbs including lilies the 1, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27 and 28. Do not plant tulips until November and December.

Put down rose cuttings the 9th and 10th.

We have been asked if it is possible to save tomato seeds for planting next year. Yes, if you are fortunate enough to have a Porter tomato, you should save the seed because these plants cannot be bought in the plant stores. They are a small tomato but one of our favorites. They have such good flavor and are very dependable to produce continually until frost.

This is a good time for planting shrubs and trees, especially those you can get in containers. Be sure to water them well, this is very important to give them a good start.

When rain is forecast turn on the sprinklers. Rain falling on previously moistened soil will soak in better and give deeper penetration. Even a light rain will go farther. The sound of rain falling on the roof is a most welcome autumn treat.

Many plants are often unhappy where we plant them despite our best efforts to give them recommended location. Maybe they need more sun, or shade. These are some of the reasons for moving plants from one place to another. This is the ideal time for this operation.

Cut back the old vines to the ground from climbing roses, tie up the new growth to the fence or trellis to prevent them from blowing about in the winter winds.

As you plan your garden for next year plan to grow some of the new plants and seeds. They cost little more than the ordinary ones.

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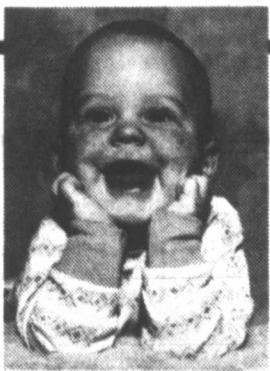
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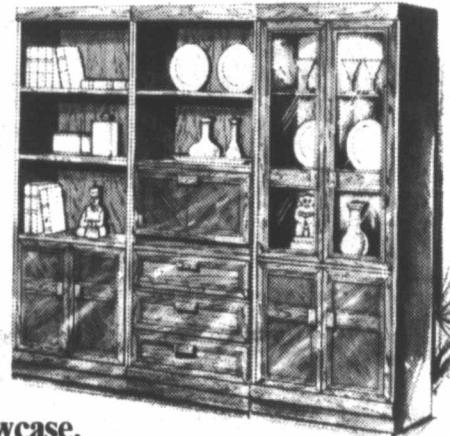
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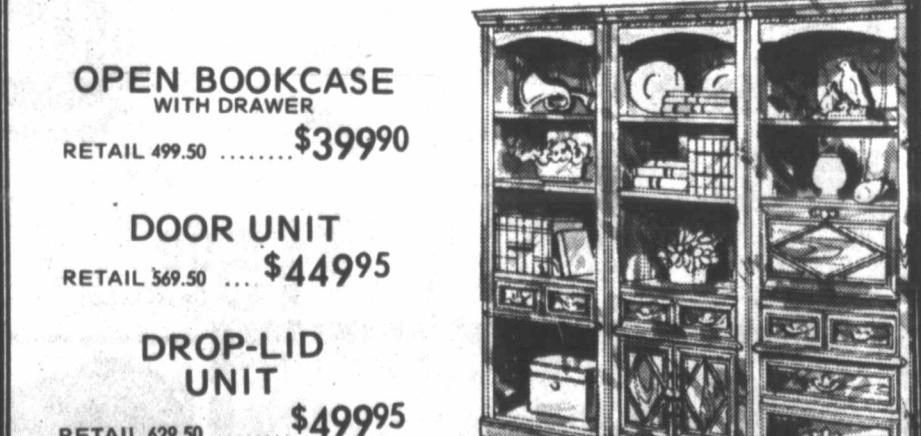
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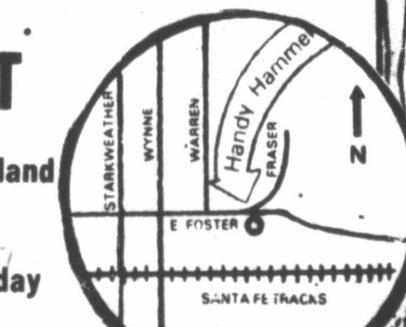
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At Wit's End

And this little piggy went to Grandma

BY ERMA BMBECK

Any new baby worth its salt these days as two fully equipped nurseries: one with Mom and Dad and one at Grandma and Grandpa's.

Each one has a bed, a playpen, a poty seat, blankets, assorted clothes and toys. They tell a story.

Soon after the birth of a baby, a mother must make a decision. She knows that throughout a child's lifetime he will receive many toys, some more devastating to the human body than others. She must weigh options. Who will house these toys? The new parent whose job it is to discipline firmly and give

their full attention to this child? Or those two, sweet, vulnerable people in their twilight years who are so awed by this precious life that they blindly accept whatever you give them?

The decision is usually quick and decisive. Stick it to the grandparents.

From all appearances, the toys are divided evenly between the two houses. It is only after you watch a mother designate a toy's future that a pattern begins to develop.

Any game that has 187 pieces, cannot be seen by the human eye, and screws up the vacuum sweeper goes to Grandma and Grandpa's

house.

Any doll that has a wardrobe trunk filled with 1-inch bras and bikinis that get lodged under your fingernail when you try to pick them up, is left at Grandma and Grandpa's.

Anything that has a wheel off or needs painting goes to you - know - who.

Anything you have to add water to is definitely a grandparents' toy, as is anything that takes the top of your head off like whirling tops, computer bleeps, drums, horns and sirens.

Size is a big factor in determining at whose house a toy will come to rest.

Grandparents automatically get any toy that dominates a living room (trampoline, tent, horse, indoor gym, full-size fuel rocket).

Why do grandparents put up with it? I visited a friend of mine recently who had just become a new grandmother. She was perched on the edge of the sink, held captive by a battery - driven robot that stood three feet tall, had two bug eyes, and kept mumbling, "Phone home".

"Every time I think of telling my daughter to take all these toys off my hands, I feel sorry for her. She's stuck with the kid!"

The discovery that led to the Klondike gold rush was made in 1896. In two years, Dawson grew from a few houses to a community of 25,000, and within three years all important creeks in the Klondike Valley had been staked by gold-seekers.

When I was 33, I fell in love with a 19-year-old man. I had six children, no job and no money. He accepted all of us.

Today I am 47, and he is 33. We have eight children (two are now happily married) and we also have a grandchild. The children and I will testify to what a loving husband and father he has, and he will testify to the shower of blessings he has received from us.

When we married, almost everyone thought it wouldn't last, but we considered all the negative aspects plus objections from parents — his and mine — and we decided it could work out if we cared enough about each other.

Yesterday I read an article on marriage and one question was asked: "If you could change one thing about your spouse, what would it be?" Abby, would you believe I couldn't think of one thing? Then I asked my husband that question. He thought for a long time, and finally said, "I can't think of anything either."

LUCKY US

DEAR LUCKY: You may be lucky, but the success of your marriage cannot be attributed to luck alone. For one thing, you're a unique couple — you accept each other just the way you are.

Albert Einstein reportedly said, "Women marry

men hoping they will change, and men marry women hoping they will not. So each is inevitably disappointed."

DEAR ABBY: I was born and raised in a small town in Iowa, and I'm now residing in St. Paul, Minn. I'm dating an older man from the office, and we're getting "serious." He's a wonderful guy and everyone considers him quite a catch.

Now for the problem: He's constantly putting down my "roots" and making fun of the little town I was raised in. Whenever he introduces me, he mentions the fact that I'm a "country girl from a hick town" in Iowa, and puts me down in a very mean and arrogant way. Then he laughs and makes a joke of it. Of course, I'm hurt. What should I do? I love the guy, but I wonder if I can plan a happy future with a man who seems to delight in ridiculing my small-town roots.

HEARTSICK FROM IOWA

DEAR HEARTSICK: Have you told him that his "jokes" about your roots make you uncomfortable and unhappy? If you haven't, do so, and take your cue from his behavior. (He may be a nice guy with a peculiar sense of humor.)

If he continues to hurt you after you've told him how you feel, you'll know you're in love with a mean and insensitive man, so proceed at your own risk. (P.S. My roots are in Iowa, too, and I'm proud of it!)

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "No Name in New Mexico," whose future daughter-in-law asked her to be matron of honor, reminded me of my wedding.

When I started making plans for my wedding, I was stumped at first as to whom I wanted for my matron of honor. Then my fiance told me the matron of honor should be my best friend.

Well, that made my decision easy. I chose my mom, and she was absolutely thrilled. I feel lucky to have such a close relationship with my mother, and it made me happy to be able to show her in some small way how I feel about her. Sign me ...

LUCKY IN CINCINNATI

DEAR LUCKY: Your mother is also lucky to have a daughter such as you. Add to the list of lucky ones the father who's asked to be his son's best man — and the son whose best friend is his father.

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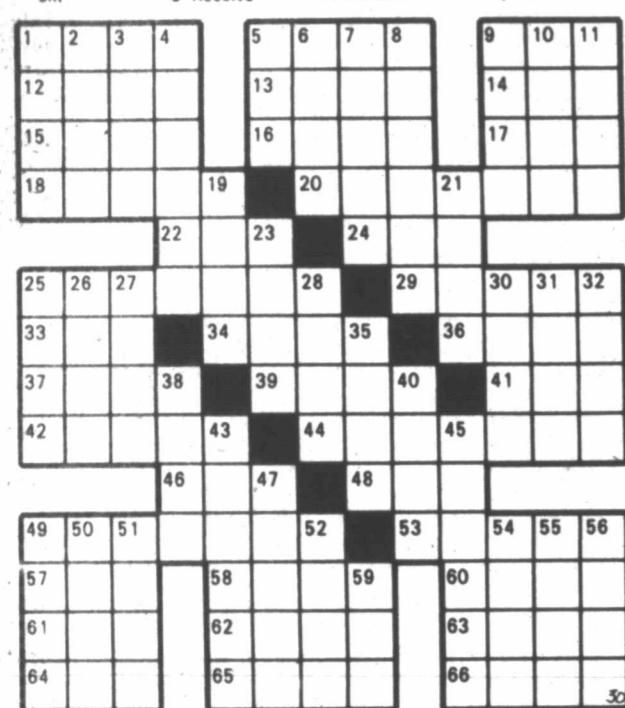
Today's Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Punish "all right" (comp. wd.)
- 5 Come upon 48 Envision
- 9 Universal time 49 Stimulant (abbr.)
- 12 Baseballer 53 Dress material
- 13 Jacob's twin 57 Soldier's address (abbr.)
- 14 Auto club 58 Dines
- 15 Intersection sign 60 Hawaiian island
- 16 Companion of 61 Weaken odds
- 17 Under the weather 64 Cunning
- 18 Concerning sound 65 Killed
- 20 Huge 66 Cupid
- 22 Long time 24 Gun an engine
- 25 Trough 29 Hazardous
- 33 Echo 34 Exhortation
- 36 Iberian lady
- 37 House plant
- 39 Montreal world's fair
- 41 Over (poetic)
- 42 Tennyson hero
- 44 Encouraged sin
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- 78 School book
- 79 Master stroke of Mexico
- 80 Grime
- 81 Part of the leg
- 82 Glimpsed
- 83 Color a picture
- 84 Hawaiian island
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- 86 Neuter
- 87 Sonnet
- 88 Triste
- 89 Annual (Scot.)
- 90 Bin
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- 92 Yardage
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DOWN

- 1 Actor Parker
- 2 Toward the center
- 3 Luncheon
- 4 Glimpsed
- 5 Service
- 6 Charge
- 7 Doesn't exist (cont.)
- 8 Cleaning implement
- 9 Receive
- 10 African land
- 11 Powder base
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Your earning potential looks exceptionally good for the coming year, especially if you hone your skills and expertise in your chosen field. Be the best at what you do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Lady Luck will be with you today in situations which affect your income or resources. Have faith that things will work out well and they will. Find out more of what lies ahead for you in the seasons following your birthday by sending for your copy of Astro-Graph. Mail \$1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When dealing in financial realms today, subtle tendencies to be impulsive. Take time to determine what would be the wisest way to either buy or sell.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll have more fun in group endeavors today if you aren't too insistent that things must be done your way. Blend into the crowd.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you may foresee situations as having more complications than exist. Your assessments will be wrong, as you'll happily discover later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Favorable things could happen today where your career and income are concerned. Don't

waste your efforts and energies in frivolous areas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Poor timing could be your worst enemy today, so be sure you have all the back-up moves planned before jumping into ventures or projects.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others want to be helpful today, provided you do not demand that they must do this or that. Ask nicely and they'll comply.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your commercial affairs will go much more smoothly today if you treat the persons you deal with more like friends than just business contacts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your best chances for success today will come in areas where you are able to do what needs doing unaided. Strive to be as self-sufficient as possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's important today to deal with the persons who work with you as equals. You'll gain their full support by being friendly, not superior.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't be passive today. On the other hand, don't be too assertive or you'll anger those with whom you are involved. This is especially true in social sports.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you have had a disagreement with your mate recently which is yet to be resolved, this is a good day to work things out.



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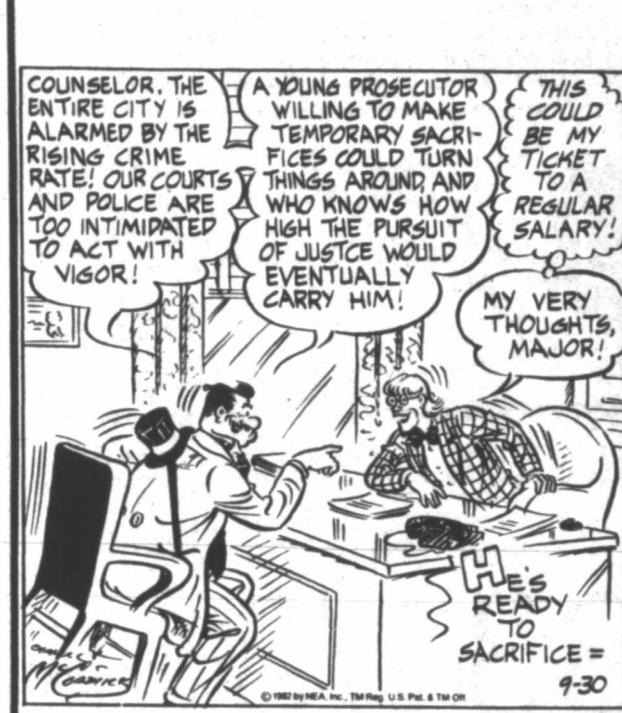
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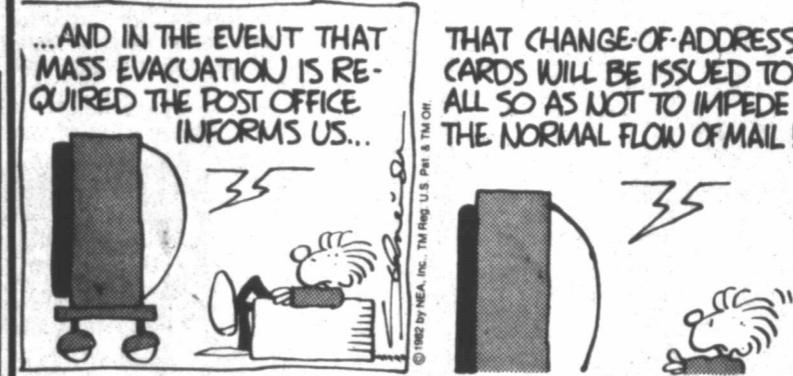
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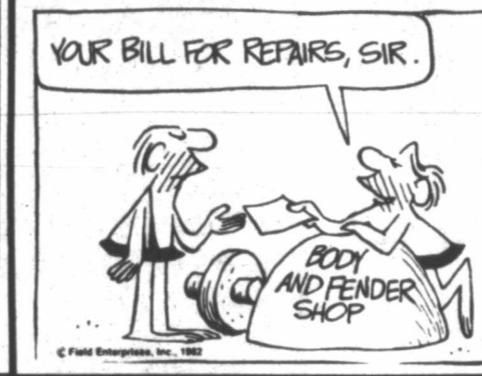
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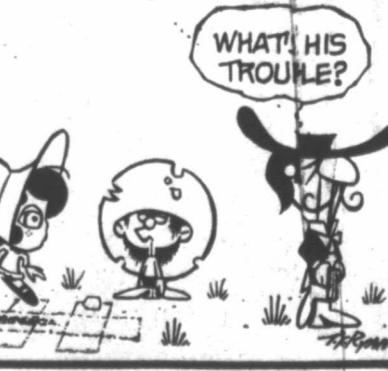
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Described as the official E.T. dolls, these were among the first wave of the creatures from the outer space movie to hit the market. (AP Laserphoto)

Banks concern about defaults cited in 'sticky' prime rate

By The Associated Press

Analysts are skeptical that a drop in the prime lending rate by a major New York bank will lead to lower interest rates for consumers, but President Reagan insists the economy is about to turn the corner.

Bankers Trust Co., the nation's 10th-largest commercial bank in terms of deposits, said Tuesday it was cutting its prime rate to 13 percent, half a percentage point below most other banks and the lowest rate in two years.

The prime rate, charged by banks to their best corporate customers, is not directly linked to the cost of consumer loans but is frequently viewed as an indicator.

At his news conference Tuesday night, Reagan took note of the Bankers Trust action, and said a continued decline in inflation will bring down interest rates and pave the way to recovery.

No other major banks, however, matched the Bankers Trust rate, and some economists said financial institutions may be increasingly reluctant to lower interest rates on commercial loans due to fears of possible loan defaults sparked by widespread business failures.

Meanwhile, the nation's thrift industry showed more signs of trouble with a government report that consumers withdrew \$2.1 billion more than they deposited in savings and loan associations last month. It was the sixth straight month of net withdrawals and the 16th in the past 18 for the ailing industry.

In other economic developments:

A spokesman for Pan American World Airways said the carrier is not making a profit despite predictions from its chairman. An executive of Trans World Airlines said that unless the economy improves, as many as four airlines may not survive the next 18 months.

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Japanese students test higher than U.S. counterparts

By DEBORAH SMITH
 Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — To some educators here, the uniformity of Japan's school system is the secret of Japanese children's high math and science scores in international testing and a key to the nation's economic success. Others think it stifles creativity and breeds sameness.

The subject attracted wide attention earlier this year when a psychologist's study showed that Japanese children's scores on standardized intelligence tests averaged 11 points higher than Americans, and that 10 percent of Japanese have an above-average IQ of 130 compared with 2 percent of Americans.

Newspapers here gave extensive display to the findings, but they triggered debate among scholars, some of whom said it was difficult to compare such scores internationally.

The Japanese regard their educational system with much pride, and often describe themselves as the world's most literate people. The government claims the official literacy rate is 99.7 percent, but concedes that this figure includes everyone who can read and write the simplest words.

Unlike the United States, where each state and school district sets educational standards, Japan's Ministry of Education determines curriculum and chooses textbooks nationwide. But it leaves the teaching style to the teachers and their schools.

Education is compulsory from age 6 to 14. Most children attend free public elementary and middle schools, the rest private schools or special facilities for the handicapped.

Some schools have relaxed the requirement for uniforms, but they remain the order of the day in many, especially in private schools.

Most Japanese hit the books longer than the required nine years. About 97 percent of students go to high school or technical institutes and 37 percent to college.

"Japan has no natural resources. Educated children are our future. We must import natural resources and make good products to sell abroad."

Moeko Tawara, a board of education member in Tokyo's Nakano Ward, says she worries about the stress on uniformity.

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