

# Turnout for initial meeting indicates Pampans are MADD

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Lifestyles Editor

Close to 50 Pampans, including Pampa's chief of police and two Highway Patrol officers, were concerned enough about drunken driving to attend the organizational meeting of a Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) chapter here Monday night.

"I never dreamed of that many coming the first night," President Sharon Potter said today.

At last night's meeting, Potter explained the purposes of the chapter: to create public awareness of the drunken driving problem, to monitor the courts, to offer support and services to the victims of drunk drivers and eventually, to end alcohol-related auto accidents.

"We're not out for no drinking, for prohibition," Potter said. "We just don't want you to drive after you've had too much."

Five Pampa women had worked three months to bring about the formation of a MADD chapter here. They are now the temporary officers of the organization until enough members join and new officers are elected.

They are Potter as president, Pat Radcliff, vice president,

Sheila Eccles, second vice president; Phyllis Taylor, secretary; Jeanette Gikas, treasurer. Richard Taylor has been named historian.

Although five women have begun forming the group, MADD membership includes men and women, teenagers to senior citizens in all areas of life. An even number of men and women attended last night's meeting.

Texas Department of Public Safety Officer Jerry Burgdorf presented a film "Epidemic," discussing the drug problem of American young people. Afterwards, he said alcohol is the number one cause of car accidents today.

In 1982, 4,274 people died in auto accidents in Texas, Burgdorf said. More than half of the auto accidents in Texas were alcohol-related, he said.

That same year in Gray County, from June through August, Texas Highway Patrol troopers arrested 24 persons for driving while intoxicated. This year, during the same three-month period, troopers, working on their days off through a special state-funded program, arrested 94 persons for driving while intoxicated (DWI).

On the state level in 1982, Texas Highway Patrol troopers

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DPS officer Jerry Burgdorf speaks at MADD meeting (Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

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## Mercury drops 50 degrees

### Autumn arrives early in Pampa, Panhandle

Autumn arrived three days early for Pampa area residents as a Canadian cold front swept across the Texas Panhandle late Tuesday night, dropping temperatures as much as 50 degrees from yesterday's highs in the 90s.

The cold system hit Pampa around midnight, with winds gusting up to 45 miles an hour blowing dust and putting a haze around city street lights.

The low temperature at 7 a.m. was 43, dipping 50 degrees from Monday's high of 93, recorded at 3:33 p.m. Monday's low was 69. The high today is expected to inch up into the mid-50s, with a low Wednesday in the low 40s. The high for Wednesday should reach into the mid-60s.

The cold air brings a chance of scattered showers and thundershowers with the increasing cloudiness. Winds this morning were northerly at 30 to 40 mph. The winds are expected to decrease to 15-25 mph this afternoon, shifting to easterly 5-15 mph tonight. Lake wind warnings have been posted.

The National Weather Service in Amarillo warned farmers to watch for blowing dust, dangerous lightning and possible brief heavy rains in the Panhandle. Farm machinery should be secured to protect from damage from the winds.

Heavy thunderstorms were reported Monday evening from Clarendon to Claude and southeast of Canyon and to the west of Plainview.

The cold front stretched from the Canadian border through Montana and Colorado into Kansas. Oklahoma,

New Mexico and Texas. Snowfalls hit the Rocky Mountain areas, with temperatures into the teens. Heavy rainstorms mixed with hail and gusty winds were expected in eastern Colorado and New Mexico today.

Amarillo had a record-tying high of 98 Monday afternoon before the cold front headed into the Panhandle.

The mercury dipped into the upper 40s in Amarillo before dawn as northerly winds gusted to near 45 mph across the Panhandle. The front was expected to drop temperatures to unseasonable lows as it moved southward.

Elsewhere in Texas, a flash flood watch was posted for Southeast Texas as more rain was forecast for areas already saturated by downpours of up to seven inches over the past two days.

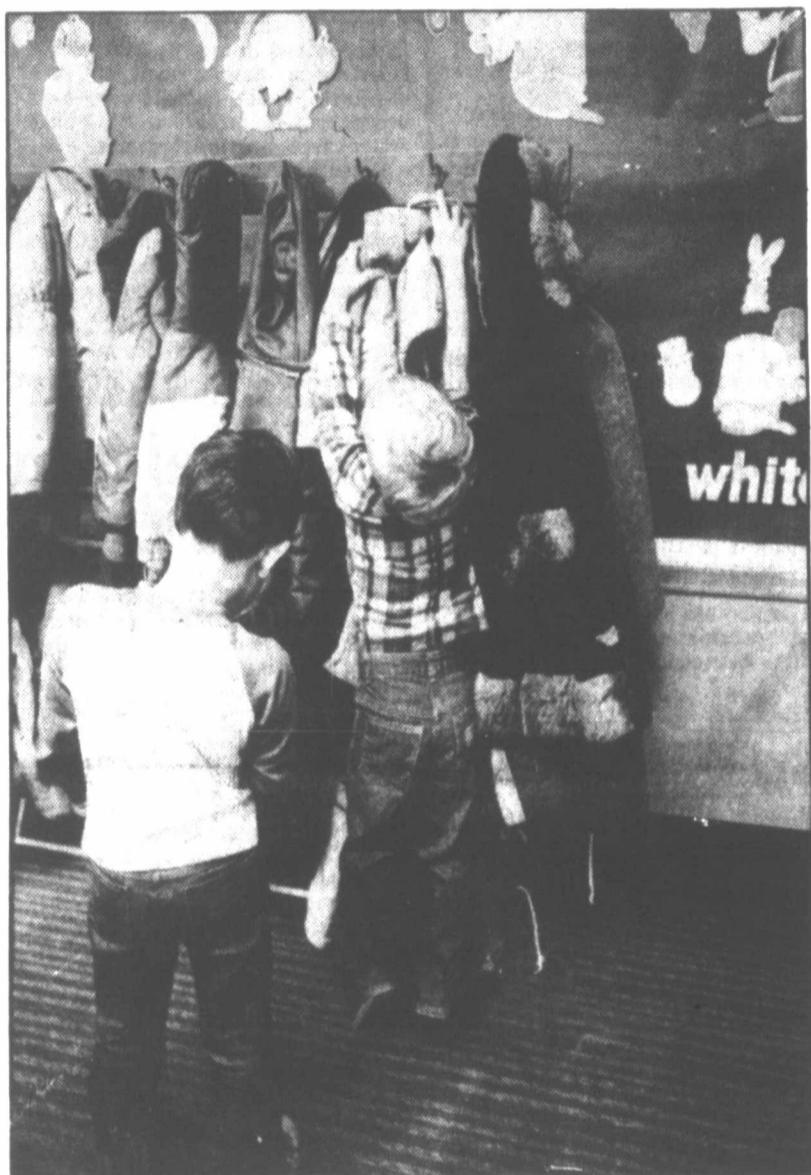
Light fog settled across sections of East Texas, while low-level clouds covered a large portion of North Central Texas. Clear skies were the rule across the rest of the state.

Temperatures at 5 a.m. ranged from 48 at Amarillo to 81 at Brownsville and McAllen.

Winds had shifted to the north across the Panhandle at speeds of 30 to 35 mph. The rest of the state noted southerly winds at 10 to 15 mph.

The forecast called for cloudy skies, gusty winds and unseasonably cool weather across North Texas. Temperatures were expected to drop tonight and Wednesday. A T-shirt

Scattered showers and thundershowers were expected Wednesday.



SIGN OF AUTUMN—The coat hangers at local elementary schools were filled for the first time of the year today after a cold front blew into the Pampa area last night. Ben Rodriguez, left, and Brent Robertson shed their heavy clothing after checking into the kindergarten classroom at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. (Photo by Bruce Lee Smith)

## Rocket-carrying truck overturns near Shamrock

SHAMROCK, Texas (AP) — A truck carrying unarmed rockets overturned on Interstate 40 early today, leading to the brief evacuation of several residents within a mile of the accident, the Department of Public Safety said.

U.S. Army spokesman Jim Lemon at Fort Bliss said the truck was carrying 864 of the 2.7-inch rockets from Pine Bluff, Ark., arsenal to Holloman Air Force Base. N.M. Lemon said the rockets carry no warheads but do contain fuel.

DPS spokesman Larry Todd said the truck overturned about 3:30 a.m. two miles west of Shamrock in the Texas Panhandle.

Todd said one crate was damaged, but there was no damage to the rockets and the cargo remained intact. A six-man demolitions crew from Ft.

Bliss, Texas flew to the scene today to direct cleanup operations, said Lemon.

"That's what we have those people for," he said. "They're experts."

Traffic on the interstate highway was detoured around the accident by using some farm-to-market roads, Todd said, and "four or five" families were asked to leave their homes as a precaution.

"We do not feel there is any danger to the public," he said. "It (the propellant) is a 'Class B' explosive, which is very low-grade."

Todd said residents were being allowed to return to their homes.

Officers were unable to determine immediately how the accident happened, but Todd noted that a cold front had kicked up high winds in the Panhandle area at the time of the accident. No one was injured, he said.

## \$21 million lawsuit goes to jury today

BY JEFF LANGLEY  
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A seven-woman, five-man Pampa jury was expected to begin deliberations late today to decide a \$21 million lawsuit filed against the local gas utility company.

Before the case was placed into the hands of the jury, each side had 2½ hours to state its case during final arguments. The plaintiffs started final arguments this morning.

When they returned to the Pampa courtroom at 9:30 a.m. today, Pampa District Judge Don Cain instructed the jurors about the issues they must decide in the lawsuit against Pioneer Corporation and its subsidiaries, Energas and Westar Transmission Companies.

James Boleman IV, 29, his wife Ana, 29, and their infant daughter are parties to the suit against the utility company. The Bolemans were injured in a fire in their Pampa mobile home Aug. 27, 1982, just hours after Energas turned on natural gas at the trailer.

The family says the companies are negligent and responsible for the fire. The companies deny all charges made in the lawsuit.

Testimony, which ended Friday, lasted 11 days in what court officials said is the longest trial ever held in Pampa.

Lawyers and the judge spent Monday preparing the final charge to the jury, the list of issues the panel will decide in the case.

The case was called for trial Aug. 29, and jury selection began the next day, the first of two full days of questioning needed to seat the panel.

Several witnesses testified that an uncapped and leaking copper gas line inside the trailer caused the fire the day Energas started service at the home.

After calling only four witnesses, defense testimony ended Friday afternoon.

During the trial, the plaintiffs said the Energas serviceman was not properly trained.

## Pampa minister killed in accident

The Rev. Ronald A. Harpster, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, 600 N. Frost, was killed in an industrial accident Tuesday morning.

Details were not available at press time Tuesday. A family friend said he was employed by Fish Construction Company at Phillips.

Rev. Harpster, who lived at 1900 N. Coffee, formerly served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, from 1975 to 1979.

## At city budget hearing

### Street program top concern

BY LARRY HOLLIS  
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The city of Pampa's street maintenance program prompted comments from several people among the 20 who attended the public hearing on the proposed 1983-84 operating budget Monday morning.

Walter Shed questioned a proposed increase in the budget for street maintenance when the \$250,000 budgeted this year was not spent. City Manager Mack Wofford said the amount was not spent because of a loss in sales tax revenues, adding that seal coating had been done the two previous years.

Questioned on the same matter by former mayor E. C. Sidwell, Wofford

said, "We dedicate ourselves to spend" funds for seal coating this year.

Sidwell also raised questions about the cost of seal coating for local streets. He claimed the city had said at one time it would cost about \$13,000 a mile for seal coating, then later lowered the estimate to \$11,000. Sidwell said Amarillo had recently seal coated about 90 miles of streets for \$8,500 a mile.

Wofford said the cost depends on the bids received by Pampa. He explained after the meeting that the last bid was \$0.4725 a square yard, which would roughly be \$10,250 a mile. Bids are taken by the square yard, not by miles, he added.

The estimate per mile varies, he said,

depending on the width of a street. The average Pampa street is 37 feet wide, which would yield the above cost per mile figure. The proposed \$500,000 street maintenance funds would seal coat approximately 48 miles, about "two of our normal programs," which aim at about 20 miles a year to get all asphalt streets sealed about every five years.

Sidwell commented the seal coating program "seems to me to be quite ridiculous. We need to catch up." He said the city also should be considering other areas than seal coating to improve the streets. "You seem to be dodging the issue," he told the commission, offering "excuses rather

than reasons" for the neglect of the streets.

"What actually is going to be fixed?" asked Faustina Curry, suggesting more than seal coating needs attention.

Wofford said the funds could be spent any way the commission decides. Commissioners will have the authority to set priorities, he said, but currently the seal coating is being emphasized.

Several citizens suggested the city needs to raise more money for street improvements.

Commissioner W. A. Morgan, answering some earlier criticism of the increased budget, said the city cannot keep the same budget and make needed street improvements. He said past commissions have not been looking forward enough, trying to keep budget costs down instead of raising money in advance of inflation and rising costs. Accordingly, he said, the city gets "hit with everything at once."

Kirk Duncan referred to street maintenance and other neglected items, such as peeling paint in City Hall and weeds on city property, saying, "They've been put off too long." The time has come for the city to raise necessary funds for needed improvement projects.

"I'm ready to assume my share of the responsibility," he said, adding that he hopes the rest of the city is ready, too.

"I do think it's time we do something," Dean Wilson commented. He said the city should get funds for street improvements "but make certain it is well spent," preferably on a pay-as-you-go basis. He said people need an idea where the money has gone and where it will go.

Vickie Mouse said the city should

## City outlay could hit \$8.3 million

BY LARRY HOLLIS  
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A small crowd showed up at the public hearing Monday morning on the city of Pampa's proposed 1983-84 operating budget and generally voiced comments that more needs to be done on street maintenance and improvements.

With the proposed budget now estimated at \$7.7 million, new funds from a tax rate increase under study and debt payments on bonds and certificates of obligation could push the total city budget to about \$8.3 million. Commissioners are planning to allot only about \$500,000 for street maintenance, most of that only for seal-coating programs.

The budget plan discussed yesterday was estimated at \$7,728,282. Added to this will be bond payments of \$341,097

and payments for certificates of obligation of \$166,075, according to City Manager Mack Wofford.

Total outlay, then, would be \$8,179,404.

If the city commission adopts an 8 percent increase in property taxes, an additional \$145,000 could be raised as revenue, bringing the total to \$8,324,404. Already budgeted is a 3 percent increase, Wofford said.

The bond payments are tax supported, Wofford said after the meeting. Funds for the certificates of obligation are not taken out of taxes, but will be taken from solid waste collection revenues. The certificates of obligation were issued for solid waste collection projects, Wofford explained.

Last year's total budget included \$228,222 in debt payments, for a total of \$7,228,266.

The budget for 1982-83 was estimated at \$6,835,546, but sales tax revenues could fall short as much as \$538,000 from the expected \$1,952,000, Wofford said at the beginning of the public hearing. (Next year's budget contains estimated revenue of only \$1.5 million from the 1 percent sales tax collections.)

This, actual expenditures for the 1982-83 operating budget will be only about \$6.3 million, Wofford said.

The difference between the total budgeted figures for last year and next year is \$953,138, about a 15 percent increase. But if next year's budgeted funds including new property tax revenue and debt payments are spent, the actual difference - because of the cut-back from loss of sales tax revenue

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# Heavy casualties in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — A military commander says Nicaraguan troops have broken up a rebel plan to seize territory and establish a provisional government, but that fierce fighting and heavy casualties resulted.

In El Salvador, the government Peace Commission announced plans for a second meeting with leftist insurgents, to be held Sept. 29 in Colombia. But the commission warned there may be no further meetings unless the rebels send high-ranking officials.

Deputy Commander Roger Lanuza, head of counterinsurgency forces for Nicaragua's leftist government, said Monday that government troops were locked in combat with a large rebel force from Honduras that battled its way into Boaco, Chontales and Yelapa Sur provinces in eastern Nicaragua.

"Up to now, we have killed 75 of them and captured many more men, including 20 who surrendered," Lanuza said.

He did not reveal government casualties, but another military source, who refused to be identified for security reasons, said fighting continues "very

heavy with many casualties on both sides."

Lanuza said the 450-strong rebel force began its push into Nicaragua in early September, planning to link up with Costa Rican-based exiles attacking from the south "and seize a large part of the national territory to set up a provisional government."

He said government troops halted the drive and scattered the insurgents but that heavy fighting continued.

Daniel Ortega, head of the three-man Sandinista junta, said last week that 1,180 guerrillas and 800 government soldiers had died in fighting since January, when Honduran-based rebels, who receive aid from the CIA, intensified cross-border attacks.

The Costa Rican-based

insurgents are led by Eden Pastora, a hero of the 1979 Sandinista revolution that overthrew rightist, pro-American President Anastasio Somoza.

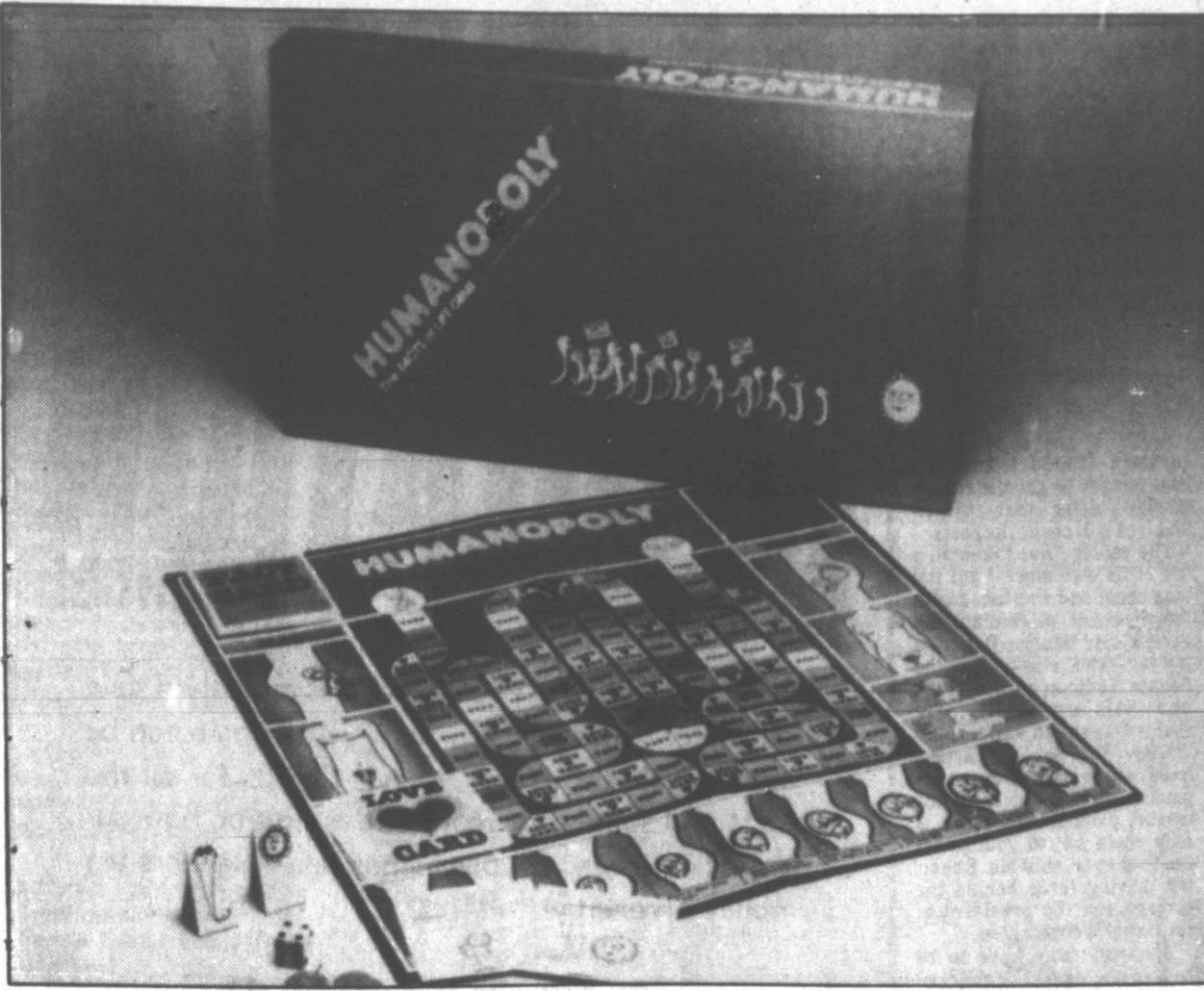
Pastora's band is made up mostly of disenchanting Sandinistas, while the Honduran-based insurgents are led by former members of Somoza's National Guard.

The Reagan administration says Nicaragua poses a threat to Central America because of its ties to Cuba and the Soviet Union and accuses the Sandinistas of supplying arms to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador.

In San Salvador, Francisco Quinonez, president of the peace commission, said he and the other two members would meet with the leftists in Bogota, Colombia.

"We hope that someone of importance will represent them. If not, I don't see any reason for continuing to meet," he said.

Quinonez and Revelo first met in Bogota on Aug. 29 with Carlos Molina and Oscar Bonilla, both of whom are considered of secondary rank in the leftist organizations fighting El Salvador's U.S.-backed government.



**BIRDS AND BEES BOARD GAME** — "Humanopoly," a new board game introduced by Carol G. Wells, director of the Center for Sexual Communication in Long Beach, Calif., is designed as a means for parents to more easily tell children about the facts of life. (AP Laserphoto)

## New devaluation of peso is predicted

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican peso will plunge in value by more than 15 percent to a rate of 175 to the dollar by the end of the year because of inflationary pressures and speculation, the American Chamber of Commerce says.

The prediction is part of a study prepared by the chamber in its most recent Quarterly Economic Report. It was provided to The Associated Press on Monday. Government spokesmen were not immediately available for comment on the report. In the past they have refused to comment on the subject of possible devaluations.

The study concludes that the Mexican government will be forced to make the fourth big devaluation in two years because of speculation and the increased prices of Mexican goods in relation to its biggest trading partner, the United States.

The peso was devalued from 26 to about 50 to the dollar in February 1982, then dropped to 70 pesos on Sept. 1 and nearly 150 to the dollar in December 1982 when the government removed exchange controls and allowed the currency to drop in value.

Inflation in Mexico is running at above 80 percent, compared to about 5 percent in the United States. The difference in inflation means the peso will be overvalued in terms of the dollar unless it is continually changed to make up for the disparity, the study said.

Despite success in stabilizing the peso here, rumors of a devaluation that have already begun here will lead to a run on dollars, the study said, "given the proven penchant of Mexicans to swap the market with demand for dollars the moment they smell devaluation in the air."

The devaluation will be accompanied by an end to the two-tiered currency system the government maintains to provide cheaper dollars to businesses that need currency for imports, the study predicted.

On Monday, sales of the controlled dollar opened at 130.07 per dollar, with the free dollar at 149.10. The government already has been allowing the two rates to converge by allowing the controlled dollar to slip at a rate of 13 centavos per day.

The study said the government will be forced to increase the slippage rate to between 15 and 18 centavos per day, so that the free and controlled rates would be unified sometime in the first quarter of 1984.

"We're not telling them what they should do," said Michael Allen, a chamber researcher, in an interview with The Associated Press. "This is the possible scenario."

In a related story, the Mexican daily El Financiero reported Monday that Mexicans living on the border once again are traveling to the United States to make purchases, a trend that was reversed after the last big devaluation.

The study said that although Mexican prices on most products are still lower than in the United States, the flow of U.S. buyers into Mexico has been reduced because of the closing gap between prices.

At the same time, more Mexican buyers are shopping in U.S. cities in search of products of higher quality, even if prices are slightly higher on the U.S. side.

## Newsman, wife, son slain; daughter survives

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — After her father, mother and brother were bludgeoned to death, a 2-year-old girl wandered around the home for two days, playing with toys, bleeding from an assault and possibly trying to awaken her dead family, officials said.

The victims — a Fort Wayne journalist, his wife and an 11-year-old son — were discovered Monday at their home, dead from "severe head injuries from a blunt instrument such as a bat," said Allen County Coroner Roland Ahlbrand. He called the murders "bizarre" and "at best confusing."

Police said they recovered "a bloody baseball bat," believed to be a murder weapon, from the toddler's bedroom. They had no suspects or motive in the case.

Dan Osborne, 35, editorial page editor of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel since April; his wife, Jane; and their 11-year-old son, Ben, were killed Friday night as they slept, Ahlbrand said.

Osborne's daughter, 2-year-old Caroline, underwent surgery Monday at an unnamed Fort Wayne hospital to repair damage.

### Shamir favored as prime minister

JERUSALEM (AP) — The ultra-religious Agudat Israel faction, a key partner in Menachem Begin's outgoing coalition, told President Chaim Herzog today it favored Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to be Israel's next prime minister.

The announcement, after an hour of consultations, left Shamir virtually assured of getting Herzog's approval to begin forming a new government. On Monday, two other small parties with bring votes in Parliament also backed Shamir.

Although it controls only four seats in the 120-member Parliament, Agudat Israel is a vital component of the 84-seat majority coalition which Shamir says has endorsed him as the next prime minister.

Despite his resignation, Begin, 76, remains caretaker prime minister until a new government is sworn in by Parliament. He retains full policy making authority and has not delegated his powers to his deputy, David Levy.

from a sexual assault and was in serious condition, said a police source who asked not to be identified. Calls today to all four Fort Wayne hospitals showed no patient listed as Caroline Osborne.

Caroline was found in her room playing with toys Monday morning after spending more than 48 hours with her dead parents and brother, Ahlbrand said. The victims apparently had been attacked in their sleep, he said.

The two-story home on the city's southwest side showed no signs of forced entry or robbery, police spokesman Thomas R. Engle said.

"We have every indication that there was nothing

stolen," said Engle. Television sets, jewelry and money were visible.

"The motive here is what concerns me," Ahlbrand said. "I have three family members brutally slaughtered and a 2-year-old who was left to walk about the house for two days bleeding, with her dead family about her... 'What manner of man was this? Or what manner of men was this?'"

The family was found when T. Craig Ladwig, an associate editor of the News-Sentinel, went to the house after Osborne failed to show up for work at 7 a.m.

Osborne, dressed in shorts and a T-shirt, was found lying in his blood-stained bed with

his dog, who also was bludgeoned, police said.

Osborne's son, also in shorts and a T-shirt, was on the floor at the foot of the bed in a zippered sleeping bag, while Mrs. Osborne was found in a downstairs room, lying face down with her nightgown pulled up to her waist.


"It looked like she was injured and tried to get away. Blood was here and there around the house," according to Ahlbrand.

Engle said the toddler had been wandering around the house and may have disturbed the bodies trying to awaken family members.

Stewart Spencer, executive editor of the News-Sentinel,

said he was not aware of Osborne or the newspaper receiving any threats.

Osborne joined the News-Sentinel in April from the Kansas City Star, where he was assistant business editor.



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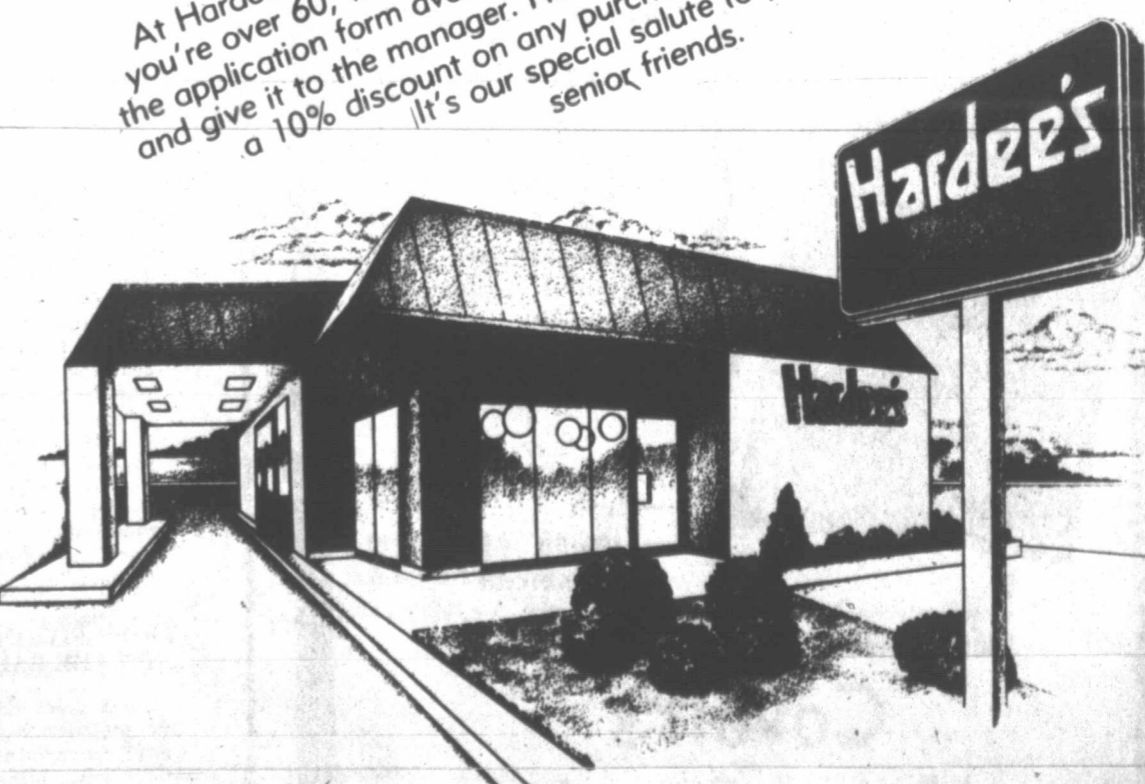
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# Traveling through the backyard of France

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — If you want to get from here to there in a hurry, the canals of France are not the way to go. On the other hand, if you're game for a timeless pause, the canals offer the picturesque, the animated, long glimpses into the past, and many pleasant surprises.

By **SID MOODY**

AP Newsfeatures Writer  
**ISENAY, France (AP)** — The canals of France are a picture gallery. A new landscape unfolds around every easy bend.

Indeed, since the speed limit is equivalent to a fast walk, the views are almost still-lives.

The pictures: Geraniums in Window Box. Vanilla-hued Charollais Cows Seeking Coolness in Shaded Mud-brown Pond. Stormcloud-gray Slate Tower of Ancient Ochre Chateau Stabbing Above Dark Green Trees. Red American-made Tractor Cutting Hay of Van Gogh Gold.

The fragrances: a barnyard. The village bakery at dawn. Blossoms of a canal-side hedgerow.

There are 5,000 miles of canals in France. They pass by their share of cement plants and train trestles. On some, modern locks winch 350-ton barges up massive concrete rails in what are in effect portable bathtubs.

On others, however, the locks are more apt to be small, mossy chambers where you can cool off under the squirting leaks of the old gates depending on the heat and how indifferent you are to the blasé French attitude toward riverine hygiene.

The canals are open to all: the professional captain who may raise his family year-round on his immaculate, black-hulled 150-tonner; the yachtsman with mast stowed on deck; the classic canal bank fisherman in undershirt, beret and blue pants and obligatory dead cigarette wedged in the corner of his mouth, dozing in a canvas chair until summoned either by his wife to the picnic table or by the alarm bell on his line tinkling that he has a minuscule fish on the end of his immense pole.

You can also, as in this case, rent a barge and join the crowd. The barge is 42 feet long and is loaded with six people and about four cases of wine, one rose and one white from Sancerre and two of Pouilly fume from across the Loire River, all bought after taste-testing in dank caves.

This is a trip from approximately somewhere to wherever the canal goes. It is not arduous. The severest task may be trying to drive a mooring spike between the overgrown paving stones along the bank, stones that may have been laid by order of Louis XIV or maybe XV or even XVI.

You may tie up almost anywhere.

Cabin fever? Bread, pate and wine buyers; sightseers or those who find a nap under a tree irresistible can go off on bikes and catch up farther along the way. The canal is only going where it is going.

Time, along the canal of the upper Loire River and its offshoot, the Canal du Nivernais, is a clock without

hands. There are the ruins of a medieval castle near Uxeloup where, would you believe, a falcon perches by the crumbling battlements waiting, perhaps, for its duke. There is a farm girl right out of eternity strewing corn from a sack for the geese. And the cutter of grass, at eventide, could have posed for Millet.

The only reminder that this is a century with a particular number is that the farm girl is wearing a stinky bikini and the cutter of grass is trying to start one of those gas-powered jobs you strap to your shoulder. He succeeds and blasts away at the weeds for an hour, disrupting any thoughts of the Angelus.

This is the backyard of

France, a countryside as bountiful with light and texture as its language with its vowels. It takes three, for instance — e,a,u — to say "water" which is pronounced as but one — "o." "Goose," too, has three — o,i,e — pronounced as but two — "oy."

This surfeit of the French is to bedazzle the stranger, as is their landscape.

If there is any element of time, it is the locks which pop up wherever the reigning Louis' engineers decided to go up or down to accommodate the terrain. In the backwater canals, the locks' doors — two at each end — are cranked by winches that date to the invention of the toothed gear.

One heave to get the old cast iron and wood door moving and you can crank it the rest of the way with one hand. Meanwhile, the lockkeeper — in French, an *eclusiere* who runs his eglise from a red-tile roofed house by the lock — has adjusted the flow gates in the doors to let water in or out depending whether you're going up or down. The process takes 10 minutes and raises or lowers you eight feet, on average, to provide a whole new perspective on what was ahead and is now behind.

Some lockkeepers manage two ecluses. He or she will leave you to finish with the doors and bicycle off to get the next lock ready. You can tip the *eclusiere* with a

cigarette, share a glass of wine or just compliment them on their roses, geraniums and hollyhocks.

You could spend a lifetime at this, cruising the canals of France, the Low Countries, the British Isles, Germany, even Sweden. Some do. An Englishman with a dog and a boat that looked like it hadn't been painted since Dunkirk said he had taken early retirement to "see if canal life was worth the gamble." He'd been seeing for the last five years.

Canals don't lend themselves to the long perspective. They are revealed in stages, by surprises.

What looks like just another high bank unveils, when

ascended, a whole meadow filled with the tents of weekenders. Pink tents, blue tents, tan tents, tents with peaks and flags. It could be the army of Charles the Stout of Burgundy — some histories, not French, refer to him as Charles the Fat — encamped on the eve of some battle.

Then there was this hamlet, Isenay. It crowns a steep hill above the Nivernais Canal and overlooks the Aron River valley to the hazy outline of Burgundian uplands in the distance. There is a Renaissance chateau, visible from the canal across a field and up through an alleyway of trees. That is why we had stopped, to take a closer look.

It was closed to the public and invisible from the road.

Isenay did not seem much, about a half dozen houses clustered around a tiny Romanesque church, all very, very old except the chickens scratching along the road. But a tour of the church reveals an inn behind it. The inn has a terrace of crushed white stone behind a hedge and several white tables under a canopy of very old, very wise and carefully pruned trees from under which you can gaze at the homeland of Charles the Stout over a beer, even though it is not yet noon.

Might one eat? The patronne says no, her husband cannot serve lunch because the water is off.

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# Lifestyles

## Pampa Day Care Center fills a need

By SARA CARMICHAEL  
Of the United Way

One way to see United Way dollars in action is to visit the Pampa Day Care Center, 1100 Gwendolyn. The center is a cheerful, fun place, full of activity. This facility has a capacity of 86 children and is open weekly from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Barbara Kirkham, director, runs the center, assisted by Assistant Director Kim Lunceford and a board of directors led by President Faustina Curry.

"The center is more than a babysitting depot," Kirkham says. "We offer a learning program that fits the needs and the abilities of the children."

The four classes are divided from birth to 18 months, 18 months to 2½ years, 3 and 4 year olds and 4 years to school age.

A graduated educational program, "My Friends and Me" begins at nursery level and continues through all the classes. Volunteers teach exercises and aid the children in learning colors and numbers.

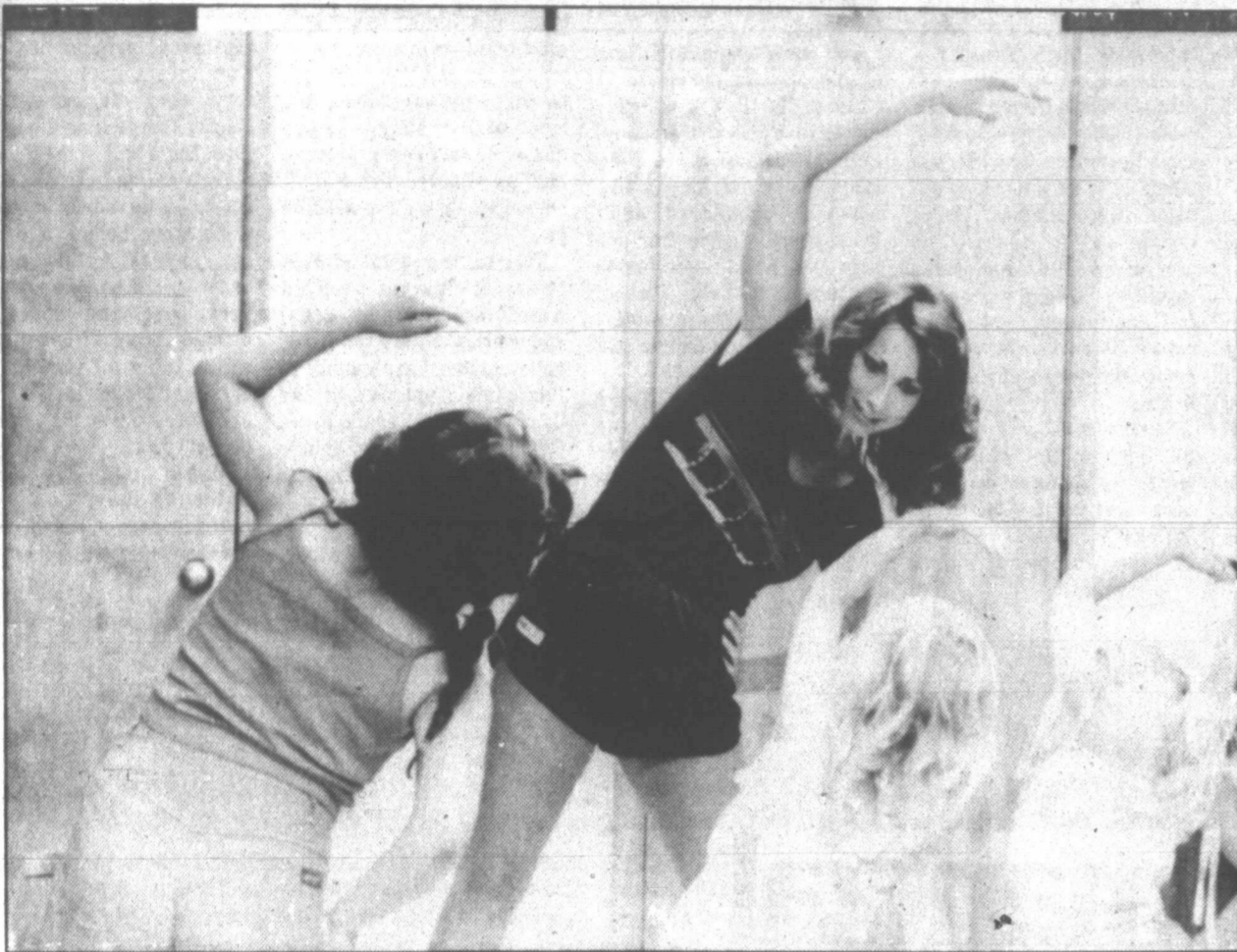
Field trips to area farms give children a first hand look at animals and farm life. Some of the youngsters joined in Red Cross swimming lessons this summer. When they are not learning, they take advantage of the large playground.

Also included with the center is a kitchen where the staff prepares two hot meals each day. This facility enables working parents to leave their children in a cheerful, clean, enriching environment.

Pampa Day Care Center, with the help of the United Way, is meeting a great need.



Volunteer Faustina Curry, who is also the president of the board of directors for Pampa Day Care Center, uses a felt board to teach this youngster colors, shapes and the alphabet.



Susan Heare, center, leads exercises at the Pampa Day Care Center.

### HIGH PLAINS HEARING AID CENTER

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Hearing Aid Specialists Attend California Seminar

Three Hearing Aid Specialists from the Texas - Oklahoma Panhandle have been awarded Continuing Education Grants. These grants were awarded A.W. McGinnas, M.S., Shirley Moore, H.A.S., and Cindy Munn, M.A., all on staff at High Plains Hearing Aid Center in Amarillo, Texas.

The three Hearing Aid Specialists will be in Anaheim, California, attending classes and developing skills to provide better Hearing Aid Fitting and Analysis. The classes will include the Testing and Fitting of Canal type Hearing Aids that have become so popular.

Mr. McGinnas will attend the seminar this week.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, and Following Wednesdays he will be in Pampa Senior Center, 500 W. Francis from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dear Abby

## Sexless marriage ignites reader's response

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: You are very perceptive, and your responses show a wonderful understanding of the human condition. However, your response to "Doing Nicely Without," the lady who had no interest in sex but had a good marriage anyway and wondered why, was unfair in my opinion.

Your response, "Maybe he gives at the office," was flip. It neglected to take into account that not all men are sex-starved, and her husband may have been perfectly content without sex.

She didn't say she denied him, only that she's not interested. If she participates out of love, while not physically inspired, what greater act of love can there be? And to place even a shadow of suspicion where none existed is unkind.

While the lady may not know what she's missing, my advice would be, "If it works, don't fix it."

Please, Abby, don't let one wet noodle outweigh the many bouquets you deserve for the great work you do.

TRUDY HUNT

DEAR TRUDY: Thanks, I needed that. Regrettably I assessed that letter as a put-on, and I responded in kind, which came off as very un-kind to

many irate readers who took it seriously. Mea culpa. Mea maxima culpa!

DEAR ABBY: First let me assure you that I am not some kind of nut or weirdo. I am an unmarried male college professor in need of some information that, believe it or not, I cannot find anywhere else.

From my earliest recollections I have felt that my body did not match my psyche or emotional responses. In other words, I have all the feelings, instincts and desires of a woman. I hate to use that old cliché, "I feel like a woman trapped in a man's body," but nevertheless it expresses exactly how I feel.

I have never had any homosexual tendencies, and the sexual experiences I have had with women have been very unrewarding. Living as I am in the wrong sex has become increasingly tormenting, and now I want to have a sex-change operation, but I do not know where to begin. Where is this operation performed? How much does it cost?

Because I do not want to have such information coming to my residence or office, I hope you will help me through your column. It may help others who also want to know. Thank you.

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DEAR ANONYMOUS: Write to: Janus Information

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DEAR ABBY: I am a meter reader for the Mississippi Power Co., and I am appalled at the number of homes I have come across that have no numerical identification (no house numbers).

My concern is that the occupants may need the police, fire department or an ambulance, and how are they ever going to get the help they need if there are no numbers on their houses?

Please print this. It may wake up some folks and save their lives.

J.R. DARNELL, PASCAGOULA, MISS.

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### Housework valued at \$7 per hour

By LOUISE COOK  
Don't sneer at housework! The household labor of women who devote their time to taking care of their homes and families is worth an average of \$7 an hour or about \$300 for a typical week of chores, according to new studies from Cornell University.

Keith Bryant, a professor of consumer economics and housing in the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell in Ithaca, N.Y., said he used "an opportunity - cost concept which says that the value of anything to you is what you had to give up to get it."

Bryant based his findings on families with two parents

and two children. "This way the typical family, even though it's going fast," he said. "It's kind of the mythical average family."

Aging parents is topic of seminars Sept. 20, 22

"You and Your Aging Parent" is the title of a two-part seminar scheduled Sept. 20 and 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson.

The first part is to focus on alternative resources for the aged person. The second part covers the feelings of those towards the elderly and of the elderly persons themselves. For more information, call

Bryant calculated the worth of the work done by full-time housewives and by women who are employed outside the home.

665-0059. The series of seminars is sponsored by the Coronado Nursing Center and Home Health Agency.

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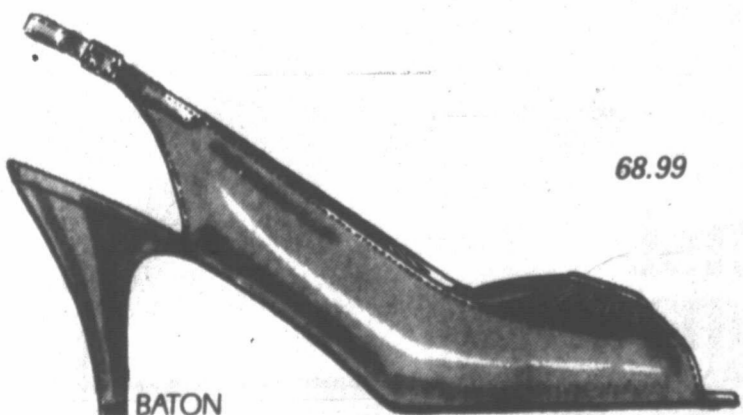
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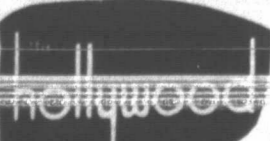


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# California Country look blends naturals and popular new pastels

Californians are putting their own distinctive stamp on American Country, the decorating style currently so much in vogue whose "look" owes so much to our rural past.

American country (East Coast version) features raw

woods, quilts, hooked rugs and the like, and darkish colors like reddish-brown and teal blue.

By contrast, the West Coast version — which might be dubbed "California Country" — is characterized by lighter colors and less primitive

furnishings. It leans heavily to pastels (just coming back into popularity after years of being out of favor) and materials like cane and rattan instead of heavy woods.

The difference between the two decorating styles is

evident in a California Country-style "great room" (combination kitchen, dining area and family room: itself a California innovation).

The great room has a light, bright, airy feeling overall. It has stuccoed walls painted French vanilla (the stucco comes in a can and is troweled on) and large Palladian windows with gracefully arched tops.

The furnishings are a moveable feast. Moveable because the modular wicker units can be shifted around to suit the needs of the moment. A feast because the overstuffed cushions are covered in delicious ice cream-color stripes: raspberry, orange and blueberry against a French vanilla ground. The fabric is authentic California drop cloth (a stenciled canvas).

The bookcase built into one wall and the cane-topped coffee table are both elm wood: blond and contemporary. (The California look is eclectic and borrows from the present as well as the past.)

But good looks are only half the story. The room is practical and efficient as well. For instance, the floor is vinyl flooring that looks like wood planking. It not only looks like real wood planks (and is easier and less expensive to install) but the vinyl surface resists water-spotting and other stains.

The top of the dining table and the kitchen countertops look like white marble. Metal kitchen cabinets need little care; they have a baked-enamel finish in Bristol blue.

As for efficiency, the kitchen is an unusual fishhook shape, with the range forming the "hook." This puts the range in the middle of the kitchen where it is accessible from several directions. (The range, with grille, is vented through the floor.)

Beside the fireplace is a round table covered with a floor-length muslin skirt topped with crib quilt (the perfect size for the purpose). In front of the table stands a provincial carved-wood armchair.



Modular wicker furniture in family room area is covered with California drop cloth in ice cream-color stripes. Natural materials (or man-made look-alikes) and pastel colors figure prominently in California Country decorating.



This room is practical as well as good-looking. Easy-to-clean surfaces include marble-look countertops and metal kitchen cabinets with baked-enamel finish. Wood plank-look vinyl flooring, white

## Fabrics recreate the past

An authentic copy of an old fabric is known as a "document." Those seeking to create a historically accurate interior rely on such documentary fabrics to recreate a feeling of the past with today's home furnishings.

Once hard to come by — especially for American interiors — reproductions are now more widely available. One authority recently estimated that documentary fabrics are available for every year in American history between 1700 and 1850. A growing number of fabrics are also based on the later Victorian, Art Nouveau and Art Deco periods.

To make use of these fabrics, consumers must educate themselves about the period they are trying to recreate. This research can be carried out at libraries, historical restorations and

museums as well as in books devoted to the past.

Gaining accurate information about decorating ideas of the past has become

easier as more museums and restorations have opened to the public. Books on historic architecture and interiors are also more plentiful.



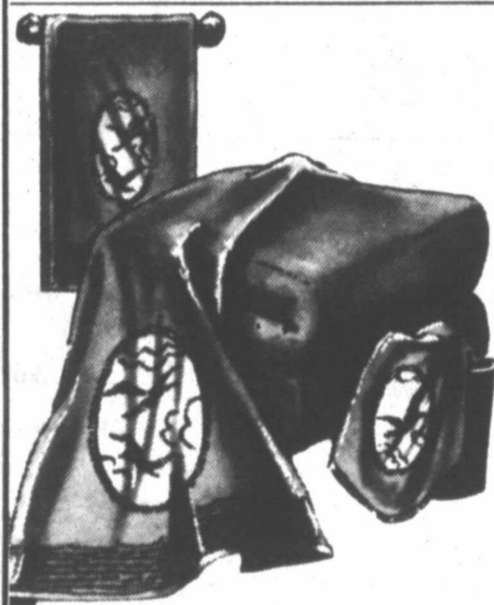
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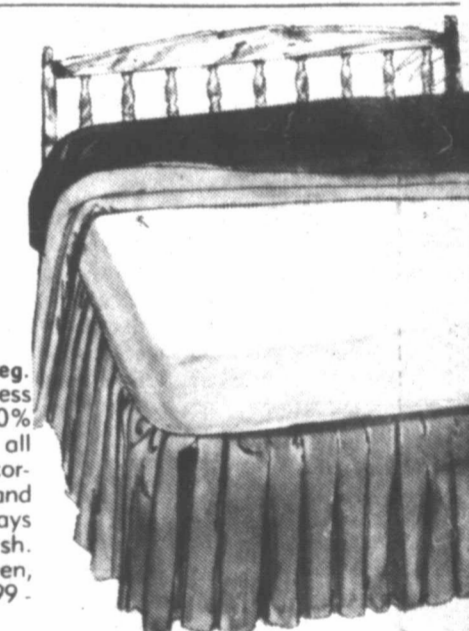


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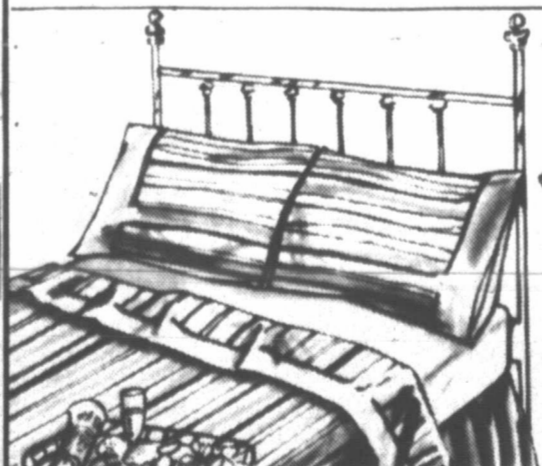
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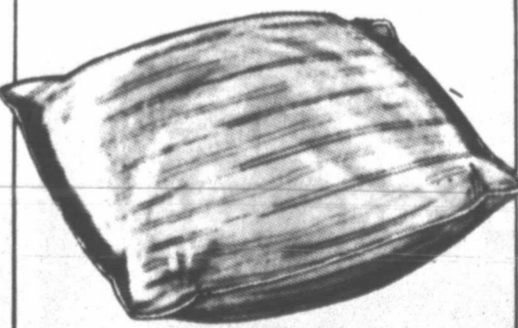


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## Player says that old-time pool hustlers dying breed

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — The old image of pool, played in smoky halls by unsavory characters, "trouble right here in River City," is changing — and so is the pool player. No longer the "hustler," the "pool shark," the professional player is coming into his respectful own. Or at least that's the feeling of an old-time pool shark.

By **STRAT DOUTHAT**  
Associated Press Writer

**ASHLAND, Ky. (AP)** — Modern-day pool sharks like Mike Sigel are taking their cue from high-paid counterparts in other pro sports, and one of the casualties is the poolroom "hustler" of an earlier era. The wiry, dark-haired young man says he earns more than \$100,000 a year plying his trade on the brightly lit, felt-covered rectangles. He says pool is in line to become one of the country's next big televised sports.

Sigel says you can bet on it — although he wouldn't anymore. "I used to be a big gambler but, frankly, I haven't gambled in five or six years. In fact, none of the top players hustle any more, and they hardly ever gamble with each other," says the 29-year-old Baltimore resident while practicing between matches at the Blue Grass Classic, held in a steelworkers hall in this small eastern Kentucky river city.

"There's too much money to be made playing in tournaments these days and there's no risk involved, other than your entry fee."

Once, Sigel would have been known as a pool shark, as a hustler, or by some other pejorative term. He and his foes would have battled it out in murky rooms festooned with spittoons and peopled by characters out of a Damon Runyon story.

Now, however, he and his peers see themselves as legitimate athletes who aren't all that different from pro golfers or tennis players.

Sigel paused to drill the nine ball into a side pocket and then returned to the subject of what it's like to be a latter-day professional pool player. "Nobody hustles much any more," he says. "You can make too much money in tournaments these days; besides, it takes \$100 a day on the road just to survive, and lots of days you simply don't make that much when you're hustling."

"Then, too, in addition to the tournaments there are more and more television exhibitions. And, as for me, I also have product endorsements and I teach one week a month at a pool school in Tennessee."

"Pool is like where tennis was 10 or 12 years ago," he says. "It's becoming a popular television spectator sport and it's right on the verge of taking off."

If he's right, Sigel is likely to become one of television's newest sports stars. He's already one of the top two or three pool players in the country, if not the world. "And, this year, alone, I've already earned more than \$25,000."

## Last picture show for America's drive-ins?

By **JAY ARNOLD**  
Associated Press Writer  
When Preston Henn closed his Airport 9 Drive-In in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., last year, he went out with a program that included "The Last Picture Show," "Gone With the Wind" and "Things Are Tough All Over."

Henn said he sold the 30-acre property, which boasted nine screens along busy U.S. 1, for \$4.6 million to Broward County, which will use the land to expand the nearby Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

The end of Airport 9 is not unique.

America's 50-year love affair with back-seat "movie-watching" is on the wane, battered by cable television, bad weather, video arcades and increasingly sophisticated movie audiences that want the Dolby stereo and 70mm screens offered only in indoor theaters.

"The drive-in is the buggy whip of the motion picture industry and ultimately headed for extinction," said Sumner Redstone, president of Boston-based National Amusements Inc., which

operates 55 outdoor screens. Redstone, whose company has been converting its drive-ins to multi-screen walk-in theaters, said, "There is not a single drive-in we would like to preserve, notwithstanding our emotional attachment to the drive-in business."

Drive-ins began in June 1933 when Richard Hollingshead opened the first outdoor theater in Camden, N.J., to appease smokers and others who wanted to be able to eat and talk during a movie.

The business grew slowly, with outdoor screens numbering just 10 nationwide by 1939. But post-World War II demand swelled the total to 3,775 by 1954 as returning veterans and well-wheeled teen-agers discovered that

the local drive-in was a cheap place to avoid parental scrutiny.

Drive-ins peaked at 4,063 in 1958 before the decline began, according to the National Association of Theater Owners. As of June, 2,935 drive-ins remain, primarily in the South and Southwest where weather allows nearly year-round seasons.

"The novelty of the drive-in has long since worn off," said A. Alan Friedberg, former National Association chairman and head of Sack Theaters in Boston.

"With an audience that is increasingly sophisticated, you will find that every audience wants the proper presentation for a film and no longer looks to the drive-in as it used to as a cheap motel," Friedberg said, noting that

drive-ins once were "a locus for, shall we say, amorous activity."

"With a much more permissive society that has developed over the past number of years, the significance of the drive-in in that area has diminished," Friedberg said.

Friedberg said that even such drive-in staples as exploitation and R-rated sex films are becoming increasingly less popular.

"The focus of the industry, more and more, has turned away from sex, away even from violence and more to the special effects film," said Friedberg, adding that drive-ins can't compete technologically with indoor theaters.

"We haven't thought of the drive-in market for years,"

said film producer Brandon Chase, who made millions on the drive-in circuit with such movies as "The Giant Spider Invasion."

Universal Pictures Vice President and Sales Manager Bill Soady said drive-ins accounted for 21 percent of Universal's business in 1971. In 1982 that percentage was 4.4 percent, he said.

But at least one theater chain is bucking the trend. Los Angeles-based Pacific Theaters, which operates both indoor and outdoor theaters, has more than 120 drive-in screens in California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona and Hawaii. Pacific, which claims to be the world's largest drive-in theater operator, enjoyed its best year ever in 1982, Pacific Vice President Robert Selig said.

"We are not only thriving at the box office, but we also are in the throes of a rather spectacular technological upgrading," Selig said. For several years, Pacific has offered high-fidelity audio feeds at its drive-ins capable of delivering stereophonic movie soundtracks to car stereo systems.

## Union leader's assets to be confiscated

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — A Mexico City judge will confiscate the assets of an Oil Workers' union leader accused of defrauding the union for \$6.6 million, he said in reports published Sunday.

Judge Jorge Reyes said that Monday he will order the confiscation of the holdings of union leader Hector Garcia

Hernandez, which he said are worth considerably more than the alleged total, to "assure the restitution of what was taken from the oilworkers."

His comments came in a press release from Mexico City's ninth district court late Saturday.

Garcia Hernandez, 48, has

been held since Sept. 13 at a prison on the southern edge of Mexico City on charges of corruption. He was the Oil Workers' Union's Education and Social secretary, a position officials said he used to take a 2 percent cut of the money the union received from companies doing contract work for Pemex,

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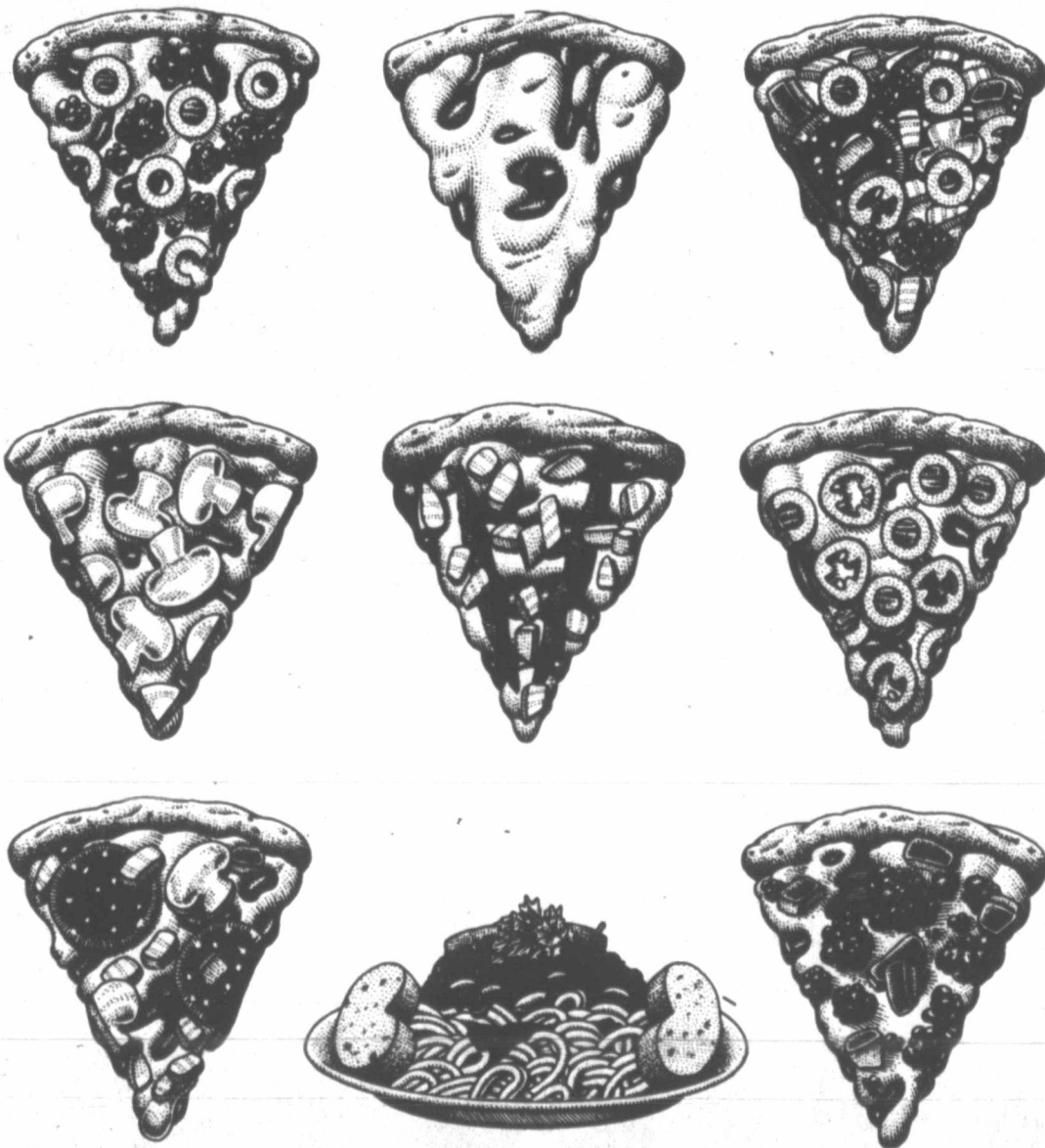
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Persons with whom you share common ideals will prove to be lucky for you this coming year. Strengthen relationships with those whose philosophy is in harmony with yours.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Initially, conditions may appear to be working against you today but don't let this disconcert you. Your luck improves near the finish line. Order now. The NEW Matchmaker wheel and booklet which reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs, tells how to get along with others, finds rising signs, hidden qualities. Plus more. Send \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Mail an additional \$1 for your Virgo Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead. Be sure to give your zodiac sign.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Situations you try to promote today to benefit others equally, as well as yourself, have excellent chances for success.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Diligently pursue matters which offer the potential of large financial rewards. You're in a cycle where something big will eventually happen.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Don't hesitate today to assume command of things which are more than others are able to handle. Challenges enhance your performance.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Normally you like to make your evaluations predicated upon cold, hard facts, but today your intuition may reveal more valuable information than will your logic.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** The times tend to favor you now regarding something important you've been hoping to pull off. Don't allow yourself to lose faith in your endeavors.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If your work record warrants it, this is a good day to open discussions with your superiors about a raise or advancement — perhaps both.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Be sensible regarding your mode of operation today. By the same token, also assume a "nothing ventured, nothing gained" attitude. Play to win.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your luck could take a dramatic change for the better today. In areas where things have gone against you, you might reap unexpected gains.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You have made several valuable allies, and these special friends may do favors for you at this time which they would not do for your associates.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Aim for loftier objectives than usual today, especially where your work or career is concerned. There's a chance you might pull off something spectacular.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Being able to organize ventures or enterprises on a rather grand scale should come easy for you today. Don't be intimidated by size.

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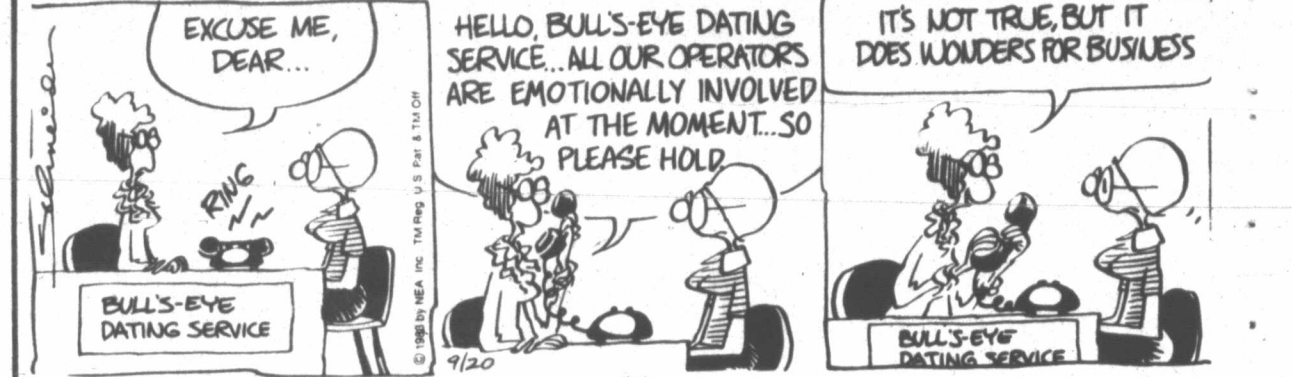
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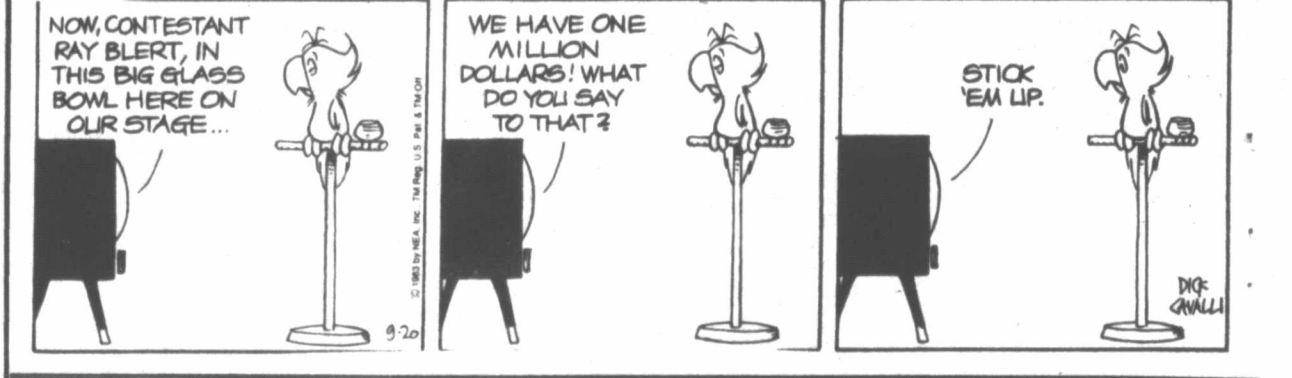
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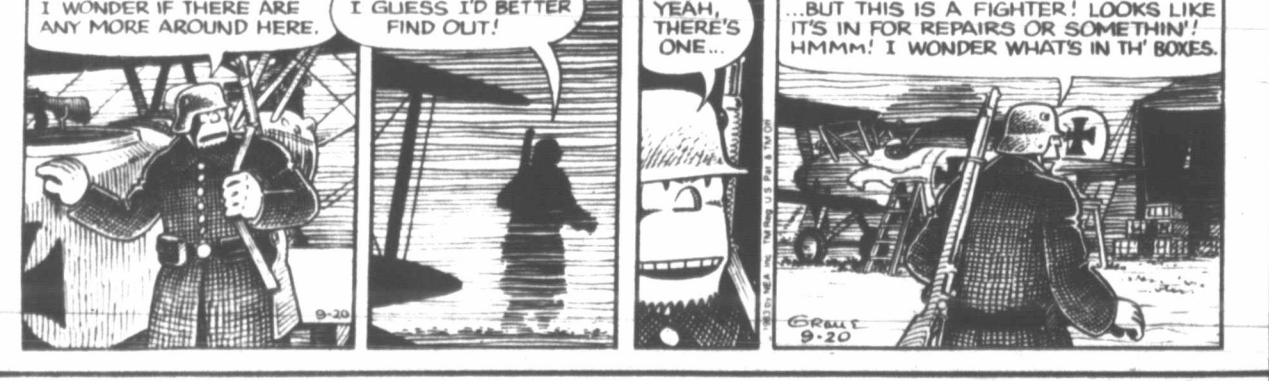
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**DEMONSTRATION HALTED** — Anti-government demonstrators burn banners they got from pro-government rallyists who were planning a big rally for the beleaguered government of President Ferdinand

E. Marcos in Makati, Philippines, Tuesday. The pro-government rallyists fizzled after a water balloon was thrown at its chief organizer, Makati Mayor Nemesio Abut and his security people whisked him away. (AP Laserphoto)

### Middle class joins anti-Marcos campaign

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Stirred by the violent death of a man they might not have followed were he alive, thousands of Filipinos are joining a growing movement to end President Ferdinand E. Marcos' 18-year rule.

Many are middle- and upper-class people, traditionally pro-Marcos and pro-American, who have never before publicly expressed political sentiments. Now, they are joining students, clergymen, laborers and long-time opposition figures in passing out anti-Marcos leaflets and marching in street demonstrations.

Last Friday, thousands of office workers and businessmen demonstrated in the country's main financial district in a Manila suburb.

The activities are to culminate Wednesday with nationwide rallies marking a "national day of sorrow" over the death of opposition leader Benigno Aquino, assassinated Aug. 21 as he stepped from an airplane on his return from three years of voluntary U.S. exile. Security guards immediately killed a man the government claims was the assassin.

Wednesday is the 11th anniversary of Marcos imposition of martial law, which continued for eight years.

The Aquino family has opposed President Reagan's planned November visit because it would demonstrate support for Marcos, whom they blame for Aquino's death.

Marcos, in an interview with Cable News Network, said that if Reagan cancels his visit "it would be a slap in the face and it

would affect Philippine-American relations." The assassination and the government's faltering investigation of the crime have given Marcos his greatest — some say final — political challenge.

"I don't think Mr. Marcos can ever recover completely from the events of August," said Randolph David, director of the University of the Philippines Center for Third World Studies. "Even if he remains in power for the next year or two years, I don't think things will ever be the same. I think we've started to live a post-Marcos period." Marcos' term ends in 1987.

Other Filipinos do not dismiss the president so quickly. Marcos retains and has often used broad powers to arrest those he believes are subverting the government, and he has been able to organize pro-government rallies which in the past have overshadowed opposition gatherings.

But Marcos, 66, has so far reacted to the assassination and the outpouring of public grief by secluding himself in his heavily guarded palace. He has denied any involvement in the assassination by himself, his politically powerful wife Imelda or his government.

Mrs. Marcos reiterated Monday that she is stepping down from all government posts next year because of suspicion of her involvement. But her husband has rejected pleas for his own resignation, calling them "childish" and announcing he will run for re-election to another six-year term if his party insists.

### Deliberations near in Pizza Hut murder trial

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas (AP) — A defense attorney called six alibi witnesses to testify that Calvin Loyd Padgett was working 220 miles away when three employees of a Pizza Hut restaurant here were slain.

Final arguments in Padgett's capital murder trial were scheduled to begin today.

Defense attorney Jerry Birdwell rested his case Monday after the witnesses testified that Padgett was at work at J.D. Bray's Paint Co. in Healdton, Okla., on May 10, 1982, the day of the killings.

But Jerry David Westberry, the bookkeeper for the paint company, said there were no records that Padgett worked May 10, and said that he was paid for 10 1/2 fewer hours than usual that week.

Another defense witness, Michael Earl Davis, a former

patrolman for the Mount Pleasant police, said that he concluded from his investigation that one person could not have committed the murders.

Padgett, 28, is charged with the murders of George Dwain Landrum, 42; Howard Leroy McClafflin, 25; and Shirley O'Bler Thompson, 24.

Their bodies were found in or near a walk-in cooler at the rear of the restaurant. All had been shot, and Landrum had also been hit in the head with a hammer, authorities said.

Padgett was arrested later last year with his girl friend and 15-year-old brother in Oklahoma, where he was charged with the November aggravated robbery of a service station-restaurant. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison, authorities said.

### Paper comments on Miss America

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A Johannesburg newspaper which usually supports South Africa's white-minority government said today the 62-year span before a black was chosen Miss America "doesn't say much for the land of the free."

The Citizen, an English-language daily, said in an editorial that the excitement in the United States over the selection of Vanessa Williams as the first black winner of the contest "is evidence that changing deep-seated racial attitudes is not easy."

The editorial quoted sections of the Declaration of Independence and Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address which declare Americans to be free and equal.

"In practice, there is still no complete equality in America, the majority of Negroes remaining a much-deprived class," The Citizen said. "Perhaps Americans will be a

little more tolerant about South Africa's attempts to overcome its own racial problems."

"In the Miss South Africa contests...there were colored finalists this year," the paper said. "Who knows — and it may not take 62 years — we may have a Miss South Africa one day who is also not white."

In South African, persons of mixed race are known as coloreds.

South Africa has two Miss South Africa competitions, sponsored separately by two newspaper groups. Both have been open to blacks, coloreds and Asians since the government eased restrictions against multi-racial public gatherings several years ago.

So far, all winners of both competitions have been white.

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