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Infant abducted from day care center

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) - Police were trying to determine if the woman who abducted a 3-month-old infant from a day care center in this Dallas suburb was the same person who called another center saying she was searching for her kidnapped daughter.

she had come by to pick up 'Jennifer,' police said. The DeSoto center owner said she told the caller she could not release the names of children. 'She said, 'If I came to pick her up, what would you do?' the owner said. 'I told her if there was a dispute, we would have to call police. She said, 'is that what would happen in all the centers?' It sounded like she was just asking for general information.'"

arrived, the attendant brought her a baby named Jennifer, but the woman pointed to Jessica and took her instead. Police said the woman who took the baby was in her late 20s, about 5 foot 5 and weighed about 130 pounds. She had acne scars on her face, brown eyes and wavy brown hair pulled back in a bun and was dressed in a blue hospital lab coat with the initials OB-GYN embroidered on the front, investigators said.

Congressman questions border aid figures

WASHINGTON (AP) - Another \$9.2 million in federal assistance for border areas of the Southwest has been announced by the Reagan administration, but a congressman from the region says he fears the administration may be exaggerating its aid figures. The additional \$9.2 million in aid was announced Wednesday amid questions about an announcement last week that more than \$100 million in such assistance had been awarded to border areas suffering economically because of devaluations of the Mexican peso.

Dick Vermeer, Global vice president, told the El Paso Times that without the guarantees the company could not pay its share of building the rig and construction would have to stop. But Rep. Ron Coleman, a Democrat from El Paso, called the administration's inclusion of Global's financial guarantees in the border aid figures "a misleading grandstand play by the administration to make it appear that the border region will receive more assistance than it actually will."

University of Texas at Austin, all in Texas but far from the border. According to the task force, the \$9.2 million in federal awards made in the past week to the Southwest border area were: - A \$593,700 Department of Agriculture loan for construction of rental housing in Uvalde, Texas. - A \$770,000 grant from the Commerce Department to El Paso to expand an air freight terminal there.

Preservationists riled by city hall's remodeling

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) - Preservationists are upset about remodeling plans aimed at modernizing parts of San Antonio's City Hall, a historical landmark that dates back to 1889. Part of the renovation includes the destruction of a number of original walls and the removal of old tile on the building's third floor, which is being expanded to house the city's legal department.

John Miller, project coordinator for the modernization work, said Tuesday that he did not know why the interior tile surfacing was removed. That decision, he said, was made by the architects. The three-floor renovation work should be completed within a month, Miller said. Crews then will tackle improvements at the City Hall annex across the street and, next year, will begin work on the landmark building's second floor, he said.

Council approved the remodeling efforts, but did not review the details of the work to be done. City Hall was significantly altered in 1927, when its original dome was removed to allow construction of a fourth floor. Other interior modifications were carried out in the 1950s.

Weapons trial defendants acquitted

DALLAS (AP) - A federal jury has acquitted five men of charges they conspired to illegally export infrared radar units for the use by the Libyan army on Soviet-made helicopters. The verdicts of innocence late Wednesday afternoon elicited hugs and tears among the defense attorneys and the defendants, who argued they were entrapped by overzealous government informants.

pending resolution of the trial, are eager "to get back to work enforcing the law," said Michael Hinton, the attorney for the two men. "I felt as confident about the innocence of my clients as I ever have in any trial, in any state, in any court. Everyone had to endure the stress and trauma of a trial, and the jury's verdict was so very proper," said Hinton. The two constables, who run a bodyguard service in Houston, had contended they felt they were hired solely to provide security for the pending sale of infrared radar units.

had no idea they were intended for use by Libya. Fraser said after the verdict, "I'm going to my church, fall on my knees and thank God, because it's his work that did it." Fraser said religion has become a more important part of his life since his arrest three months ago. His wife, Charlene, and his pastor and pastor's wife were with him throughout the trial. "I felt like a girl that went in the bar and got picked up," Fraser said.

Travel agents seek end of Soviet tours

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - A group of Austin travel agents say they will refuse to sell tickets for flights to the Soviet Union on any carrier to protest the shooting down of a Korean Air Lines plane. President Reagan barred American carriers from selling tickets on Aeroflot, the Soviet airline.

But Winston Harwood, owner of Harwood Travel and a member of the Travel Agents Council of Austin, said few U.S. travel agents sold Aeroflot tickets before the presidential ban he described Wednesday as "an empty gesture." Most agencies book flights through European carriers that fly to Moscow, he said. The council, representing 27 of 70 travel agencies in Austin, is seeking to "go one step further" than the president "and say we won't sell flights to Russia on any carrier," Harwood said.

U.S. prosecutor not to be rebuked

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) - U.S. District Judge John V. Singleton of Houston has decided against disciplining Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Berg for a comment in court that drew an official rebuke from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In his order released Wednesday, Singleton said criticism of Berg's performance in previous cases has been justified. But Singleton added that Berg did not intend to strike a "foul blow" in the recent brouhaha.

not on trial. But in a Sept. 8 hearing on the latest rebuke, every witness who testified, including several lawyers and five federal judges who submitted letters, argued against punishing Berg. In 1981, three circuit court judges noted that Berg's privilege of practicing in federal court "may be forfeited ... we shall issue no further warnings." Two cases were reversed on appeal because of Berg's trial tactics but the latest case did not "signal a return" to that kind of conduct, Singleton said. The judge said he felt the publicity Berg suffered from the recent incident caused the prosecutor "sufficient embarrassment to constitute discipline" in proportion to the error.

Grand jury ends inquiry into alleged welfare vouchers abuse

SAN DIEGO, Texas (AP) - A Duval County grand jury investigation into alleged abuse of welfare vouchers and county travel funds by public officials has ended without an indictment. Grand jurors ended their seven-month investigation into alleged abuses in the county's welfare department with a recommendation Wednesday that county commissioners adopt stricter guidelines for issuing welfare vouchers and disbursing travel funds.

Democratic primary election. County Commissioner Fidencio Saenz was among those convicted following a year-long federal investigation into vote buying in the South Texas county. Saenz was convicted of conspiring to use welfare vouchers to buy votes. Saenz, along with Duval County Judge Gilberto Uresti and Duval County Commissioners Richard Barton, Alejo Garcia and W.E. (Sonny) Wiederkehr appeared before grand jury members Wednesday before grand jury members convened in the district court to issue a report of the investigation. Tanguma said grand jury members found instances of "unethical" but not illegal uses of travel funds. He declined to comment on the nature of the unethical use of the funds. Following the grand jury's report, Uresti said county commissioners had already adopted stricter welfare department guidelines in June 1983.



NATIONAL POSTER CHILD - Helen P. Humphrey, 5, who is paralyzed from the waist down, is looking forward to her year as the 1984 March of Dimes National Poster Child. Helen, from Oklahoma City, swins, rides a tricycle and goes horseback riding, despite her full length braces and crutches. (AP Laserphoto)

Wolf owner charged with firing at letter carrier

HOUSTON (AP) - A man who says he emerged from his mobile home to find one of his pet wolves crying "in a cloud of Mace" faces a federal assault charge accusing him of firing a shotgun at a letter carrier who sprayed the animals. Billy Aaron Greywolf, 62, appeared before a magistrate Wednesday on a charge of deadly assault on a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier. U.S. Magistrate Ray J. McQuary set his bond at \$10,000, which Greywolf posted. Postal inspector Ron Pry said the two loosely chained animals charged carrier Sylvia D. Fisher when she approached the trailer about noon Tuesday.

and my baby was whimpering and fighting his eyes." Greywolf said he did not immediately recognize the woman as a letter carrier and feared she was attacking his animals after mistaking his house for the office of a car repossession agency across the street. He faces a preliminary hearing in federal court on Sept. 29. If convicted of deadly assault on a federal worker, he could be sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined \$10,000. Greywolf said he has never applied for a city license because the animals are pets. Pry said Houston letter carriers are routinely attacked by dogs, particularly dogs running loose. "but this is the first incident here involving wolves." Give your Fair Share the United Way.

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U.S. role in Lebanon reported limited

By R. GREGORY NOKES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration may be near the limit of its military commitment in Lebanon, especially if government forces are defeated at Souk el-Gharb, well-placed State Department officials say.

These officials, who insisted on anonymity, say naval bombardments from U.S. gunships were decisive in turning back a major assault on the town by the Moslem Druse militia and its supporters that threatened to overwhelm Lebanese army defenders earlier in the week.

"It was very hairy," said one official. "We bailed them out, but we would prefer not to bail them out."

More naval shelling is likely if the battle for the town continues, and U.S. warplanes may go into action on the side of government forces, officials say. The battleship New Jersey is headed for the Lebanese coast and could become involved.

From the comments of U.S. officials, it is clear that protecting American members of the

international peacekeeping force is a lesser motivation for U.S. involvement in the fighting than helping prevent a crippling defeat from being inflicted on the Lebanese army.

The feeling is widespread, however, that the Lebanese army has performed better than expected at Souk el-Gharb, a matter of some pride here since Americans had a major hand in training the army during the past year. But it is weary from battle, and the continuing assaults on the town are taking their toll.

One official acknowledged that if Souk el-Gharb is overrun, "it would probably spell the collapse of the Lebanese army as a protective force and probably spell the fall of the Gemayel government."

But direct involvement in combat by American Marines is being ruled out. "We are kind of at the limit of what we will do militarily unless there is a dramatic change," he said. "If (President Amin) Gemayel and the army can't pull off their own

survival with a little help from their friends, we can't do it for them."

If Gemayel can't survive, U.S. officials don't think anyone who has a better chance of governing would succeed him, and they envision that Washington might arrange a speedy withdrawal for the Marines who are in Lebanon as part of the multinational peacekeeping force.

One senior State Department official said that if the Druse were fighting alone, they might already have given up trying to take Souk el-Gharb, which traditionally has been a Christian town.

The United States has "very good intelligence" that between 500 and 1,000 Palestinians may be fighting around Souk el-Gharb, with reinforcements arriving daily, he said. "The Palestinian element is becoming a very important factor in the fighting."

The motives of the Palestinians aren't clear. But it is thought they may be trying to regain some of the influence they lost when Israeli forces ousted them from the Beirut area last year.

Division threatens war powers compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Democrat-dominated committees of the House are on a collision course over U.S. policy in Lebanon, one threatening to cut off funds for Marines in Beirut and the other ready to extend their stay by 18 months.

Taking the House leadership by surprise, the Appropriations Committee voted Wednesday to choke off money for the Marines on Dec. 1 unless President Reagan has accepted a 90-day War Powers Act limit on his power to keep troops on a battlefield without congressional approval.

The 20-16 party line vote came as members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee predicted easy approval by that panel today of a compromise

18-month authorization agreed to by Reagan and most congressional leaders, including Democratic House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.

The 1973 War Powers Act entrusts the Foreign Affairs Committee with such authorization measures and calls for speedy action both in committee and on the floor. Leaders have said a floor vote may come next week.

But the measure adopted by the appropriations committee, which would cancel out the 18-month authorization, is also due on the floor next week, as part of a spending bill that must be passed to pay for government operations after Oct. 1.

House leaders were expected to try to break the impasse by parliamentary means before the two conflicting committee actions reach the floor.

The 18-month compromise is scheduled to come up in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Friday. Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., said floor debate, limited to three days, will begin Monday. House action would follow.

When the Senate committee meets, Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., says he might offer an amendment to reduce the time to 12 months.

Testifying before the House and Senate committees on Wednesday, Secretary of State George P. Shultz said the agreement had not settled the traditional differences between Congress and the executive branch "about the requirement of congressional authorization for presidential disposition of our armed forces."

San Antonio policewomen walk lonely beat

By EILEEN WELSHOME
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — The first arrest of the evening was fast and easy: He was a lean, bony transient sleeping on a bench in Travis Park.

Foot Patrolman Chris Vieyra leaned over and smelled the man's breath for alcohol. He frisked the suspect, then nodded to his partner.

Sherry Caruso snapped on the handcuffs and yanked the man to a sitting position.

"Why are you taking me in?" the transient asked, blinking his eyes in confusion. The two officers told him he was being booked for public intoxication and reassured him it would be only for the night.

It was a simple arrest. No muss, no fuss.

But they're not all like that. "Especially on hot summer nights when tempers flare and violence lurks behind the next call."

Those are the nights that separate the men from the boys — and the male officers from their female counterparts.

Those are the nights when grizzled officers say privately that a "broad with a badge" is worthless.

"Being arrested by a woman is like being sent to your room by your mama," a veteran patrolman grumbled.

Such remarks are not merely locker-room "machismo." Despite official lip service about the effectiveness of policewomen and their growing role in the department, many male officers fear a woman at their back in a tight situation is worse than no back-up at all.

"Sometimes a soft touch can help control a guy, but I'd rather see someone 6-foot-3 and 200 pounds standing behind me," said one young patrolman.

"Sometimes there is a need to go ahead and get physical," he said. "Women have a tendency to delay doing that and a call can be blown out of proportion because they didn't act in a physical way."

Patrolman Geri Garcia, a soft-spoken mother of two, came up against such attitudes when she graduated from the police academy in October.

She readily acknowledges that most female officers are

physically smaller than their male counterparts. But sometimes the "machismo" of a male officer only serves to inflame a confrontation, she said.

"The majority of us are not the same size and strength as men, so you have to use more tact," she said. "If a guy needs to go to jail, he goes to jail. There's a big difference between going in there and screaming back and being part of the problem, or resolving it in another way."

The more chauvinistic officers claim women are spared more physical confrontations simply because of their sex.

"A man is less likely to jump on a woman just because she's a woman," a young patrolman said. "There's no honor in (it)."

Women have come a long way in the San Antonio Police

Department since World War II, when the first "powder puff squad" was activated to control prostitutes at Fort Sam Houston.

Today, the feminine influence can be felt almost everywhere. But statistics indicate it still is a minor influence, at best.

Women constitute less than 4 percent of the entire department. Of 1,116 officers, only 40 are women.

Despite the figures, there is a general consensus among the rank-and-file that women

are here to stay. Most agree women are needed vitally in such areas as the juvenile division and sex crimes.

For Mrs. Garcia, like other women in the department, becoming a police officer was not a carefully plotted plan she nurtured from childhood.

Nor was it the pay, the hours or life on the streets that attracted her.

"It's some kind of fever you catch that stays with you," she said.

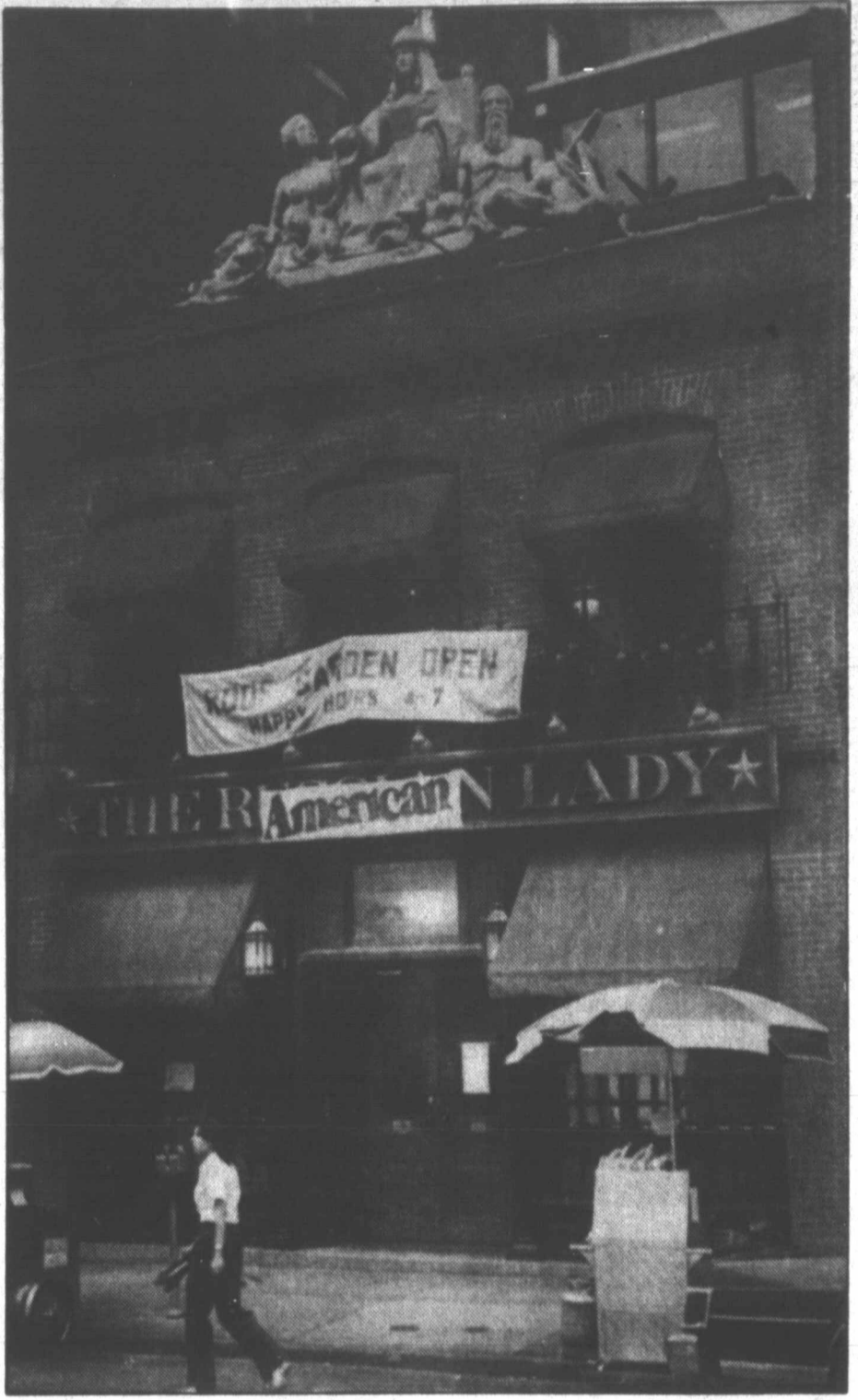
Male officers concede the sensitivity that female

officers bring to the job is an asset when dealing with the traumatized rape victim or an abused child.

But it is that same quality that also is criticized in the male-dominated world of the San Antonio Police Department.

Deputy Chief Marion Talbert, one of the high-ranking officers, is well-known for his outspoken views on female officers.

Women share the pay, but not the danger, Talbert contends.



PATRIOTIC PROMOTION — The Russian Lady Cafe in Hartford, Conn., has changed its name to the American Lady Cafe this week to promote tonight's all-American night in protest of the Soviet downing of a Korean jetliner. A statue of 18th-century Russian empress Catherine the Great adorns the roof. (AP Laserphoto)

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Consumer revolution is raising living standards of Chinese

By VICTORIA GRAHAM
Associated Press Writer

PEKING (AP) — After years of egalitarian poverty under Chairman Mao Tse-tung, a new consumer revolution is dramatically raising the standard of living and profoundly changing values in China.

Madame Li Shuying, a prosperous suburban pig farmer, couldn't afford not to buy a \$143 White Orchid washing machine with a spin drier.

The wife of a busy Peking veterinarian and mother of two active children, she raised 52 pigs last year and earned \$2,700. After a hard day on the pig farm, the 37-year-old peasant woman still must feed her family, do the cleaning and washing, check the accounts and try to relax in front of the TV.

"I just love my washing machine, it's so convenient," she said. Last year she bought a television and an electric fan — this year the washer. "Next year we're going to buy a refrigerator," she said.

This rampant, unabashed consumerism would have been denounced as bourgeois decadence a few years ago. And still today critics say that expectations of material well-being are rising dangerously high and fast — beyond China's ability to meet them.

During the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, people who had refrigerators often covered them with a cloth or board. Shops delivered them at night to avoid spiteful neighbors who would turn the buyers in.

Now in Peking there are 30,000 proud owners of refrigerators.

Under the policies set down by China's current leader, Deng Xiaoping, people are encouraged to work hard, earn more and

live well. Since 1979 China has shifted its economy from heavy industry to light industry. Defense plants that once turned out tanks are switching to sewing machines, electric fans, radios and bicycles.

Last year China produced 2.5 million washing machines and 3 million cassette recorders — double the 1981 output. It turned out 99,900 refrigerators — an 80 percent increase, 5.2 million TV sets — a 90 percent increase, and 24.2 million bicycles, up 38 percent. This year's production will be higher and China announced it will produce 700,000 color televisions in 1985.

Still it can't keep up with the demand of 1.1 billion people. Neon signs, shop windows, TV commercials, billboards and the neighbor's latest acquisition all fuel the desire for more.

For the first time consumers can choose. Shall it be the Phoenix brand — the Cadillac of bicycles — for 260 yuan \$130? Or the Flying Pigeon for \$95? The double Wild Goose washer from Chengdu for \$117 or the Hundred Flowers brand from Hefei for \$108? The White Cloud refrigerator for \$101 or the Long River for \$118?

The revolution is based on rising purchasing power. The average worker earned about \$400 in 1982, but an average worker at the Peking Refrigerator Factory earns about \$500.

Private entrepreneurs and restaurant owners, once banned as capitalist exploiters, now can make thousands of dollars a year. Although the average peasant income was \$135 last year, many earn more and face criticism from the less well-off.

Some peasant families earned the equivalent of more than \$20,000 through various undertakings in one year. The 160 families in Kingshisi Brigade in Heilongjiang, all live in new houses, earned \$500 per person and all own color televisions.



RIOT AFTERMATH — Burned buses caused a traffic jam Thursday after youthful demonstrators put them to the torch during a battle between rioters and police near the Malacanang palace in Manila, Philippines. A

massive rally calling for President Ferdinand E. Marcos' resignation was held and the rioting occurred among youths who marched after the rally. (AP Laserphoto)

Marcos warns of 'extreme' measures after day of rioting

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Ferdinand E. Marcos, in an angry response to the bloodiest anti-government rioting in his 18-year rule, today warned he would resort to "extremes that you already know of" if violence continues.

Marcos, appearing on national television, blamed his political opponents for the night of rioting he said killed 11 people. He said the opposition had misread as a sign of weakness his government's tolerance of earlier demonstrations.

"Henceforth, we will be firm" in handling violence, Marcos said. "I warn the opposition: do not force my hand, do not compel me to extremes that you already know of."

His statement was an apparent reference to the imposition of martial law in 1972. Thousands of opposition politicians — including assassinated arch-rival Benigno Aquino — were jailed along with journalists and alleged subversives when martial law was declared.

In a satellite interview Wednesday with Ted Koppel for the ABC television network's "Nightline," Marcos said he was not ready to reimpose martial law but then added, "I might if I am compelled to do so."

"... we'll see what the developments are. This matter is a matter of judgment. I don't believe it's necessary right now."

It was the slaying of Aquino Aug. 21 as he returned from three years of self-imposed U.S. exile that spurred the series of anti-government demonstrations.

"I might at this time announce that the government holds the opposition and its leaders responsible for the unfortunate incidents last night and early this morning," Marcos said.

He said an order he had given the military to observe "maximum tolerance" with demonstrators calling for his resignation was being reconsidered.

Wednesday's anti-government rallies, which spread to other major Philippine cities, were held to mark what the opposition called a "Day of National Sorrow" one month after the Aquino slaying. Wednesday also was the 11th anniversary of Marcos' declaration of martial law, which lasted eight years — a day the government celebrates as "Thanksgiving Day."

The opposition has blamed Marcos for complicity in Aquino's assassination — a charge he vehemently denies — and is demanding he resign.

A check by The Associated Press with police and a dozen Manila hospitals showed that at least 10 people — two firemen, two marines and six civilians — were killed and nearly 200 were injured in rioting that followed a peaceful demonstration by an estimated half million people in the center of Manila.

U.N. delegate measures himself by his enemies as well as friends

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Weighing in at 125 pounds, Charles M. Lichenstein admits to being "pretty skinny."

But, when a Soviet diplomat kicked verbal sand in his face, the normally unassuming deputy U.S. delegate to the United Nations flexed his vocal muscles and forcefully told the Soviets where to go.

Instantly, Lichenstein became a hero of those Americans who feel that the United States should not suffer Soviet rebuffs lightly.

But members of the House Arms Control and Disarmament Caucus and nine Americans representing non-governmental organizations affiliated with the United Nations demanded his removal for what they considered a very undiplomatic suggestion: the United Nations could leave New York if delegates felt uncomfortable.

"I measure myself by my enemies, as well as my friends," says Lichenstein, a native of Albany, N.Y., a former CIA intelligence analyst and one-time campaign worker for former President Richard M. Nixon and Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.

"I serve at the pleasure of the President," he told The Associated Press on Wednesday, a day after celebrating his 57th birthday amidst the furor. "I never sought the limelight."

In Washington, President Reagan made clear he would not fire Lichenstein. He told reporters the diplomat "had the hearty approval of most people in America in his suggestion that we weren't asking anyone to leave, but if they chose to leave, 'G'bye."

Sources said the White House switchboard lit up all day Tuesday with calls that were "overwhelmingly positive."

According to Lichenstein's office, he received 355 supportive telephone calls as of Wednesday afternoon and only 13 against him. Letters ran 41-1 in his favor.

Until the Soviet Union shot down a South Korean airliner with 269 people aboard on Sept. 1, Lichenstein's usual role had been in the background, often seen whispering in Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick's ear during Security Council debates.

"By the luck of the draw," he found himself delivering the initial U.S. indictment of the Soviet Union when, on Sept. 2, the Security Council opened a debate on the downing of Korean Air Lines Flight 007. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was in Morocco and could not get back in time.

Last Monday, Lichenstein was in a meeting of the U.N. committee on host country relations when the Soviet representative, Igor Yakovlev, questioned America's fitness to host the United Nations because Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had been denied permission to land at Kennedy or Newark airports.

Lichenstein retorted that if U.N. members came to the conclusion they were not welcome here, the United States "strongly encourages such member states seriously to consider removing themselves and this unwelcome."

organization from the soil of the United States."

He added that and other U.S. delegates "will be down on dockside waving you fond farewell as you sail into the sunset."

The State Department sought to take the sting out of the remarks by noting Lichenstein was responding off-the-cuff to a Soviet "provocation" and was "not articulating U.S. policy."

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Trusting guinea pig for Agent Orange testing

By BILL KACZOR
Associated Press Writer

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jack Spey doesn't mind being a guinea pig in the U.S. Air Force's study to determine if Agent Orange caused the illnesses that many Vietnam veterans blame on the dioxin-laced herbicide.

"We've focused on the emotionalism, the sensationalism and we've ignored most of the science on this thing," Spey said. "It's sad in a way. A lot of people have been unnecessarily worried."

The outspoken former Air Force pilot is convinced neither he nor any other veteran was harmed by Agent Orange, despite the fact that it contained small amounts of dioxin, a highly toxic byproduct of the manufacturing process.

Spey, known as "Mr. Ranch," is president of the Ranch Hand Vietnam Association. Its membership includes the more than 1,200 veterans who sprayed Agent Orange and other herbicides on Vietnamese jungles and crops during a 10-year defoliation campaign known as Operation Ranch Hand. These men are now the subjects of a 20-year Air Force study.

The study's first finding — that there was no evidence of abnormal deaths among the Operation Ranch Hand members — was released by the Air Force in July.

Fifty of the 1,247 Ranch Hands who survived the Vietnam War have died since, a mortality rate matching that of a 6,171-member comparison group and the general U.S. population of white males of the Ranch Hands' age group, the study said. Four Ranch Hands died from cancer, a slightly lower rate than normal, it added.

But some critics still aren't convinced. They said the first report dealt only with the question of mortality and didn't consider whether Agent Orange affected veterans' physical or mental health or caused birth defects in their children.

More results — focusing on whether the Ranch Hand veterans are experiencing more health problems than other veterans — will be announced next month.

"It's good news for the Ranch Hand personnel that I don't think it guarantees a clean bill of health for the ground units who served in Vietnam," said Rep. Thomas Daschle, a South Dakota Democrat who is chairman of the Vietnam Veterans in Congress Caucus.

Spey, a 45-year-old retired major, who served six years in Southeast Asia — three as a Ranch Hand — isn't one of the worriers.

Today he operates a sailboat charter and rental business in

State orders tests for PCB contamination

ROBSTOWN, Texas (AP) — City officials have been ordered to conduct tests to determine the source and extent of PCB contamination at a city utility storage yard and to see if the cancer-causing chemical polluted ground water.

Contamination by polychlorinated biphenyls was discovered after a city official acted on an anonymous tip and requested a soil test by the Texas Department of Health, officials said.

Paul Kutichinski, regional director of the Texas Department of Water Resources, ordered the tests and said the investigation should include a survey to locate electrical transformers that may have been buried at the Robstown Utility Systems storage yard.

In the past, PCBs mixed with oil have been used in electrical transformers as a coolant. Now, the high toxicity of PCB has prompted a federal ban on the agents.

During a meeting Tuesday between Robstown utility officials and Kutichinski, Utility Systems representatives said that some electrical equipment had been buried at the contaminated yard within the past year.

Any equipment that uses PCBs as a chemical agent must be disposed of in an approved burial site. Robstown has not secured a permit to bury such materials, Kutichinski said.

If transformers are buried at the site, the Robstown Utility System could face fines ranging up to \$25,000 a day, said State Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, who attended Tuesday's session.

But Charles Schwarz, an engineer with the Texas Department of Health, Region 8, said preliminary tests of soil indicate the highest concentrations of PCBs are under a rack holding several electrical transformers.

this beach resort just a few miles from Eglin Air Force Base, where another Agent Orange study is going on.

Ranch Hands, including Spey, sprayed a bombing range there with the herbicide. Scientists are monitoring the range for long-term impact on flora and fauna.

The Ranch Hand association was initially formed and still serves mainly as a social group. It holds reunions — this year's is scheduled for next month in Fort Walton Beach.

Spey has testified before congressional committees in support of the Air Force's contention that Ranch Hands had more exposure to Agent Orange than other servicemen, a point contested by some critics.

"I've tasted it, I've had it in my mouth," Spey said. "We had daily intimate contact with the chemical."

It blew in the fliers' faces through open windows from planes flying ahead and sloshed over them from spills, some routine and others the result of battle damage, he said.

The C-123 Provider cargo planes took 8,000 hits during the 10-year spraying period. One plane, nicknamed Patches because it was riddled with 600 bullet holes, is now on display at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

Critics of the Agent Orange study contend Ranch Hands were able to shower off the herbicide after each mission, while ground troops spent days and weeks wearing clothes, eating food and drinking water contaminated with it.

Not so, Spey said. For one thing, the herbicide was sprayed over enemy-held territory where American troops were unlikely to come in contact with it, he said.

Then, if troops were down there, he argued, the spray they'd receive would be so fine they would hardly feel it, much less be soaked by it. Very little of even the fine spray could get through the thick jungle canopy to ground level, Spey contended.

First lady's grief leads to loss

WASHINGTON (AP) — From the attempt on her husband's life to her stepfather's death, Nancy Reagan has undergone two years of emotional crises so wrenching that she has lost 10 pounds and has been unable to regain it.

The first lady began to lose weight shortly after the March 30, 1981, assassination attempt that wounded President Reagan. "It was very soon thereafter that she was informed that her father was going to die," according to her press secretary, Sheila Tate. "She had a lot of months of worry about that before his death."

Dr. Loyal Davis, a noted neurosurgeon, died Aug. 19, 1982. The first lady's mother, former actress Edith Luckett Davis, 87, is confined to a wheelchair and lives in an apartment in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mrs. Reagan, 62, visits her mother several times a year. The first lady has mentioned her father occasionally during public appearances since his death and often breaks into tears.

Persistent rumors about the first lady's health prompted Mrs. Tate to take up the issue directly with Mrs. Reagan.

"She said that's a lot of personal emotional pain, combining that with doing her job and starting to worry

about her mother," Mrs. Tate said.

"She said it seemed like one personal worry after another and that it takes a while to work your way out of that," Mrs. Tate said. "She's lost 10 pounds that she's valiantly attempting to gain back."

The first lady, about 5 feet 4 inches tall, now weighs about 105 pounds.

Mrs. Reagan underwent treatment for skin cancer last December. Mrs. Tate said the only treatment the president's wife now undergoes is occasional removal of "these little spots" where she's gotten too much sun.

"The doctor said that's a



A LOOK INTO THE PAST — Ex-Air Force pilot Jack Spey looks over photographs on his office wall and reflects on his past in the Air Force. Spey, known as "Mr. Ranch", is president of the Ranch Hand Vietnam Association which is made up of some 1,200 veterans who sprayed Agent Orange. (AP Laserphoto)

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15 Fall show
16 Sewweed product
17 Female saint (abbr.)
18 Small coin
20 Mother
21 Allure
24 W/W 1 plane
27 Hearing-aid part.
31 Source of poi
32 Check bookkeeping
33 Actress Dunne
38 _____ Blanc
36 Fought
40 Hillside (Scott)
41 Something landlubbers lack (2 wds.)
49 Women's patrotic society (abbr.)
46 Dull
57 Mom's mate
50 Helpful

DOWN

1 Courage
2 Whole
3 Road
4 Pounds (abbr.)
5 Make a choice
6 Expunge
7 Musical instrument
8 Spanish for one
9 University degree (abbr.)
10 Set
11 Novelist
12 Ferber
13 Swam
19 Depression initials
21 Venus' sweetheart
22 Accountant (abbr.)
23 Asks for ride
24 Budge
25 Remove rind
26 Greek deity
28 Fragrance
29 One of Columbus' ships
30 Feminine (suffix)
34 Noun suffix
37 Stands
38 Building wing
39 Overwhelm with noise
42 Gold Coast (abbr.)
43 Sprinkle with powder
44 Bewildered
45 Cincinnati ball club (abbr.)
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51 Dieter's concern
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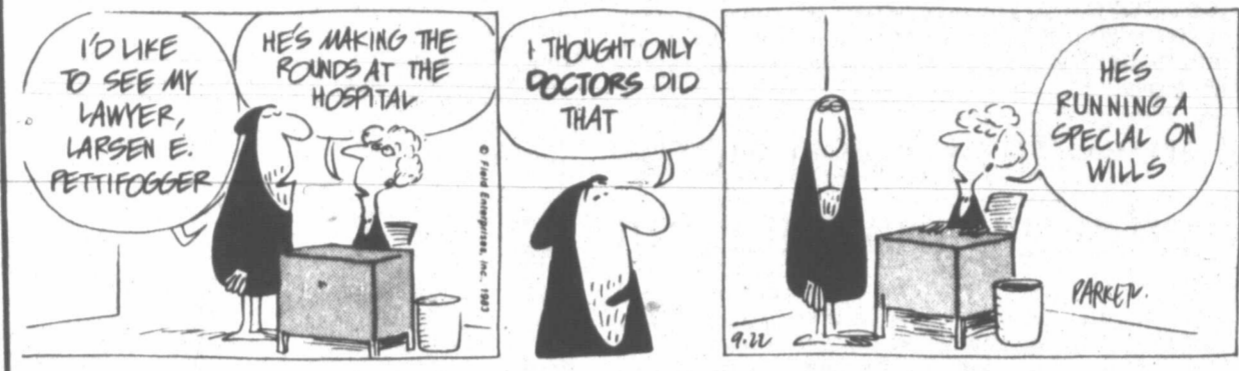
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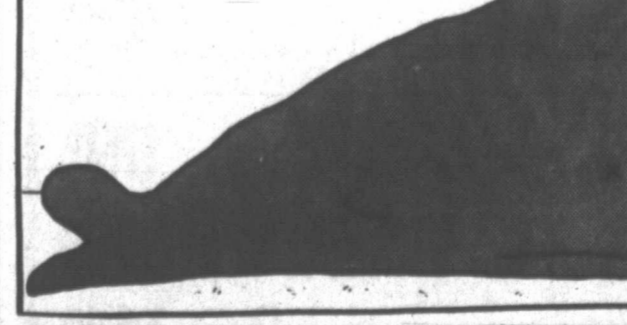
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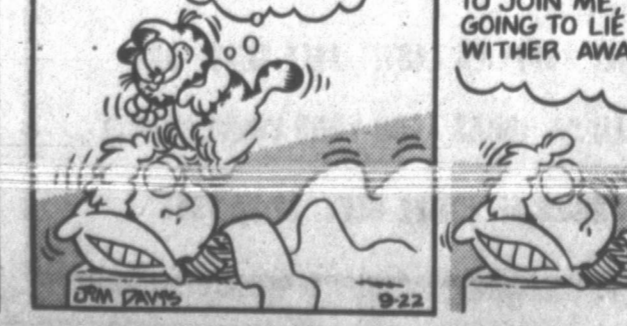
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be budget-conscious today and limit your spending to your immediate needs. Going into debt for something you can't presently afford isn't a good move.

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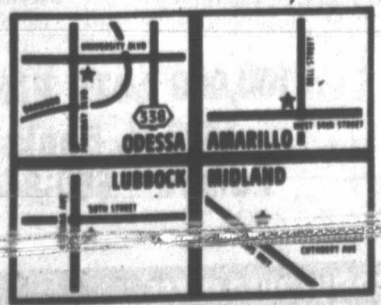
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Michael Dokes, World Boxing Association heavyweight champion, clowns at the podium while challenger Gerrie Coetzee, left, sits quietly during Wednesday's news

conference in Cleveland. Dokes defends his championship Friday night against Coetzee of South Africa in a scheduled 15-round bout in Cleveland's Richfield Coliseum. (AP Laserphoto)

LaJet Classic tees off today

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — While Fuzzy Zoeller and Hal Sutton are engaged in a head to head struggle for the PGA Tour's money-winning lead, Rex Caldwell continues his personal, career-long quest for his first victory. "I want to win," he said before teeing off today in the first round of the \$350,000 LaJet Coors Classic.

"It's a personal thing with me. "The money's important. Sure. But let me win and they can pay me \$10."

"I think I'm a good enough player to win. But I haven't done it. Not yet. And that's what I want. "Just one time, I want to be able to say I went out there against the best players in the world and on that one week, I beat 'em."

"It seems like everybody else on the Tour is winning. Am I the only guy on the Tour, the only guy not a rookie, who hasn't won? It seems like it. You've got guys out here trying to quit the Tour, and they come up and win one. Look at Pat Lindsey. He's ready to pack it in, and he wins and he's exempt for two years. No way in the world he can quit now. "They're trying to pack it in and they win. I'm out here for the long haul and I can't win. You figure it out. "Maybe runnerup is my niche."

It has been this year. The lanky, talkative Caldwell, not yet a winner in nine years of Tour activity, has had four runnerup finishes this season. Two of those came in playoff losses. Another came last week in the Las Vegas Pro Celebrity Classic when he made an unsuccessful attempt at overtaking Zoeller. He came from six shots back in the final round and was within two with two holes to play.

Pampa softball standings

Table with columns for Men's Open League, Division One, Division Two, Division Three, Division Four, Mixed Open League, and Division One. Lists various teams and their records.

AL roundup Orioles reduce magic number to three

By BEN WALKER AP Sports Writer It was business as usual for the Baltimore Orioles. Rookie Mike Boddicker calmly quieted the whooping fans at Tiger Stadium with a first-game shutout, and then John Lowenstein blasted a two-out grand slam to cap a six-run rally in the ninth inning of the second game to complete a sweep of Detroit in their Wednesday two-night double-header.

"They go about their jobs so well, it's hard to say where they won it," said Tigers Manager Sparky Anderson after absorbing 6-0 and 7-3 losses.

Detroit had blasted Baltimore 14-1 Tuesday night to pull within 6 1/2 games of American League East Orioles. The Tigers already faced an uphill battle, and a crowd of 32,198 turned out Wednesday, hoping to see the team continue its climb. When the night ended, however, Baltimore had reduced its magic number to

three and led the second-place Tigers by 8 1/2 games. The Orioles have 11 games remaining; Detroit has 10 left.

"That's a pretty good baseball team over there," Anderson said.

In other AL games, Chicago swept a two-nighter from Minnesota, winning 2-1 and 7-6; Toronto beat Seattle 4-3; Boston downed New York 3-1; Milwaukee clubbed Cleveland 10-7; California blanked Kansas City 3-0, and Texas defeated Oakland 4-2.

Boddicker, 15-7, pitched a five-hitter and struck out a career-high 12, including the side in the ninth. It was his fifth shutout, tops in the AL. Lowenstein, Eddie Murray and Cal Ripken each homered in the first game to pin the loss on Jack Morris, 19-12.

The second game was going Detroit's way until the ninth inning. Rick Leach's two-run homer had offset Murray's 30th homer and the Tigers led 3-1 before Baltimore loaded the bases against reliever

Dave Gumpert, 0-2, on a walk to pinch hitter Jim Dwyer and singles by John Shelby and Dan Ford.

Reliever Aurelio Lopez came in and threw a wild pitch, making it 3-2. Cal Ripken then popped up. Murray was intentionally walked, reloading the bases, and Mike Young fanned for the second out.

But Lowenstein, who had entered the game in the eighth inning as a pinch hitter, blasted an 0-1 pitch into the upper deck in right field, his 14th home run of the season, and Joe Nolan followed with his fourth homer.

Sammy Stewart, 9-3, went the final three innings for the win.

"We have a decent bench. We have a pretty good platoon system. We like our setup," said Baltimore Manager Joe Altobelli. "I don't think you can get this far without talent — and we do have that." Said Lowenstein: "When I

hit it, I knew it was over (right fielder) Rick Leach's homer. But I didn't think it was over the fence. It was a very pleasant sight to see it disappear."

White Sox 2-7, Twins 1-6 LaMarr Hoyt won his 11th consecutive game in the opener and now leads the majors with 22 victories.

Hoyt, 22-10, allowed seven hits and Chicago won it when Harold Baines ripped an RBI single in the seventh to snap a 1-1 tie.

The nightcap in Chicago was tied 6-6 in the ninth inning when Tom Paciorek walked, took second on Ron Kittle's single and scored on Scott Fletcher's one-out single. Baines now has a 17-game hitting streak and Paciorek has hit in 16 straight.

Blue Jays 4, Mariners 3 Doyle Alexander, who lost his first eight decisions of the season, continued his resurgence with his fifth consecutive victory. Alexander, 5-8, gave up eight hits and struck out five in

pitching his fourth complete game of the season. Visiting Seattle scored three runs in the first inning on a two-run single by Al Cowens and an RBI single by Dave Henderson before Toronto struck for four runs in the third, keyed by RBI singles by Alfredo Griffin and Jesse Barfield.

Red Sox 3, Yankees 1 Boston led 2-1 when New York loaded the bases with one out in the top of the eighth inning.

Butch Wynegar then flied out to right fielder Reid Nichols, whose throw to the plate nailed Dave Winfield, ending the inning. Tony Armas belted his 34th home run in the bottom of the eighth, giving him 100 RBI this season.

Bob Ojeda, 11-7, got the win in Boston and Bob Stanley got his 31st save.

Brewers 10, Indians 7 Don Sutton won his first game since July 14 — breaking his eight-game losing string.

Major League baseball standings

Table showing Major League baseball standings for American League East Division, National League East Division, and National League West Division.

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