

St. Paddy's Day expose' Shamrock, Texas (ah, the shame) isn't Irish!

By SIONNHA O'TIGHERNEADH
(Jean Tierney)
Of the News

SHAMROCK — This town isn't Irish. There's not a single O'Reilly or Flanagan in the phone book. But on St. Patrick's day, what town can resist a healthy dose of the blarney?

Today, on the saint's day honoring the 5th-century British missionary who carried the gospel across the Irish Sea and, reportedly, chased all the snakes out of Ireland, Shamrock, Texas, is turning green.

(There isn't a single Murphy in the Shamrock phone book.)
The Shamrock Texan newspaper will hit the streets on green paper today.

But Shamrock is postponing most of its annual Saint Patrick's Day fun until Saturday, when thousands of Irish and lovers of Ireland are expected to crowd in for a day of music, marching, rodeo and mud races.

(There isn't a single O'Hara in town.)
Shamrock first turned green, despite a lack of the Irish in its founding, in 1938. Texan Society Editor and Advertising Manager Priscilla Vermillion said today.

That year, the high school's senior class wanted money but could not stage its traditional play. The band director, who was not Irish (his name was Glenn Truax), suggested a Saint Paddy's Day party instead, Vermillion said, "just because of the (town's) name." The booster club pitched in, and Shamrock found its first leprechauns.

(Nary a Maloney in town, either.)
The leprechauns are usually costumed youngsters marching in the parade. Sixty entrants will march through town Saturday, competing for trophies.

There was apparently nothing of Ireland in Shamrock's birth, Vermillion said. A rancher and farmer named Nichols marked out the town on the north side of the Red (not Green) River in 1904 "because there was nothing between Oklahoma City and Amarillo," she said. He apparently picked the name "Shamrock" simply because he liked it. Later he moved the townsite two miles to the south side of the river.

Friday evening, the 29 young women from all over the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles competing for Miss Irish Rose will be introduced at a town banquet.
The fun starts Saturday morning with a dignitaries'

breakfast and, at 9 a.m., an Old Settlers' Reunion at 204 N. Main St.

The parade marches at 10:30 a.m. At 11, there will be team roping at the Brashears rodeo grounds northeast of town.

The mud races northeast of town at 1 p.m. are a new event this year. Vehicles with oversized tires and springs will race through some of the worst ruts and pits the organizers could make. "There's no telling how many thousands of gallons of water were put in there to make it muddy," Vermillion said.

There's calf roping at 1 p.m. and selection of Miss Irish Rose at 2:45 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, plus presentation of the parade trophies. Judges will also pick the Donegal Beard, the handsomest male facial hair in town that day. Seekers of the beard title need not register in advance, Vermillion said. "They just show up."

Last year, the town's Irish-for-a-day fined the state governor, then Bill Clements, \$1 for showing up clean-shaven. Visitors without "Donegal" beards risk landing in the town's Bare-faced Jail for charity.

After all, Shamrock is Irish, isn't it?
(Shamrock does have some O'Gormans and Kincannons.)



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Miami burn victim still clings to life

Cora "Code" Harris, 81, is still listed in critical, but stable condition in the burns center at Lubbock General Hospital this morning following the fire Tuesday which killed her 88-year-old husband, D.H. Harris.

A hospital spokesman said, considering her age and the extent of her injuries, she is doing

remarkably well. "Code" was badly burned Tuesday night in an apparent attempt to rescue her husband from a fire which badly damaged the livingroom of their Miami home.

A neighbor said he heard her hollering from her front porch about the fire. He ran to get help, and

when he returned from calling the fire department, she had gone back inside. Fireman Ken Gill said she was unconscious on the kitchen floor when he found her.

Funeral services for D.H. Harris are scheduled for Friday, 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Miami.

Top lamb at junior sale brings two grand

By JEAN TIERNEY
Of the News

A 110-pound lamb sold for \$2,067.10 at the Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Sale Wednesday at Pampa's show barn. But it wasn't an ordinary lamb.

The Suffolk was raised by Randy Skaggs, a 17-year-old Pampa honors student who also won the prestigious Frank M. Carter Agricultural Scholarship this week. The lamb left the Junior Livestock Show with a big blue ribbon, a trophy and the grand championship.

A company formed solely for this purchase paid \$2,000 for the lamb, said Chamber of Commerce Secretary Floyd Sackett. The Top O' Texas Corporation, 25 or 30 friends of Randy's father, Bob Skaggs, agriculture teacher at Pampa High School for 25 years until his death Jan. 23.

The corporation's \$2,000 gets it no lamb on the table, Sackett said. The sheep itself was bought by Midwest Feed Yard of San Angelo, which paid 61 cents a pound, the floor price, for the meat. Through the chamber, Randy will receive the money from both the slaughter price and the

corporation's scholarship.
About 350 animals from the Junior Livestock Show went under the gavels of auctioneers Bob Caddel and Charles Walser Wednesday. The champions in each class went for hundreds of dollars above their value as meat, the money above floor price bid as donations to the young people who spent months feeding and grooming their prizes.

"As one of the auctioneers said today," Sackett commented, "You're not buying an animal today — you're buying faith in a boy or girl."

The reserve champion lamb, a Suffolk raised by Donnie Smith of the Gray County 4H Club, sold for \$721.98, or \$650 above floor price, bought by the McLean Boosters' Livestock Club for the Boy Scouts' table.

The grand champion steer, a Maine-Chianina-Angus cross raised by Jean Leven of Panhandle, sold for \$1,500 above floor price to Judy Oil Company of Miami. Iowa Beef Packers of Amarillo bought the slaughter rights to both it and the reserve champion steer for 65 cents a pound. Leven earned a total of \$2,285.20 for her 1208-pound animal.

Cammy Hoover's reserve champion steer, at 1184 pounds, earned her a total of \$1,769.60. Follett Feeders and the Southwest Cattlemen's Credit Association gave her \$1,000 above the floor price. Hoover showed her crossbreed for the Ochiltree Future Farmers of America.

Julia Graham, 10, of the Gray County 4H Club took home \$1,613.05 for her grand champion pig "Baby Face." The Top O' Texas Pork Producers paid her \$1,500 above the floor price of 47½ cents a pound. Charles Ludecke of Paducah, Texas, bought the slaughter rights for both grand and reserve champion barrows.

The reserve champion, a 237-pound Hampshire raised by Mike Clay, 18, of the Carson County 4H Club, sold for \$775 above floor price to the Production Credit Assoc., Top O' Texas Pork and Morris Feed Co. of Mobeetie. Clay got a total of \$887.58 for his barrow.

Cowboy lost all in fire

By JULIA CLARK
Staff Writer

The last thing Monte Hopkins expected to see when he returned home from work yesterday was a fire truck in front of his house.

When Hopkins and his boss, Joe McMahan, turned the corner onto his street, his boss said, "Is that fire truck in front of your house?"

Firemen were carrying smoldering furniture out of the apartment Hopkins shares with Daryl Steder.

"Everything I own is in that house," said Hopkins. "What I have on is what's left," he mused as he brushed his gloved hand across his chaps.

Hopkins is a cowboy on the Ronnie Gill ranch near Miami. His roommate was not at home at the time of the fire.

The apartment, owned by D. B. Jameson, sustained heavy fire damage. Assistant Fire Chief J. D. Ray said the fire appeared to originate in the sofa. He said it looked as though the fire smoldered in the sofa for some time, finally burning down through the floor.

There was a large hole in the floor under the sofa where the fire had burned through.

Hopkins said neither he nor his roommate smoked. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Wearin' the green



Pete (who won't tell The Pampa News her last name) says she has special clothes for each holiday of the year, including several outfits for

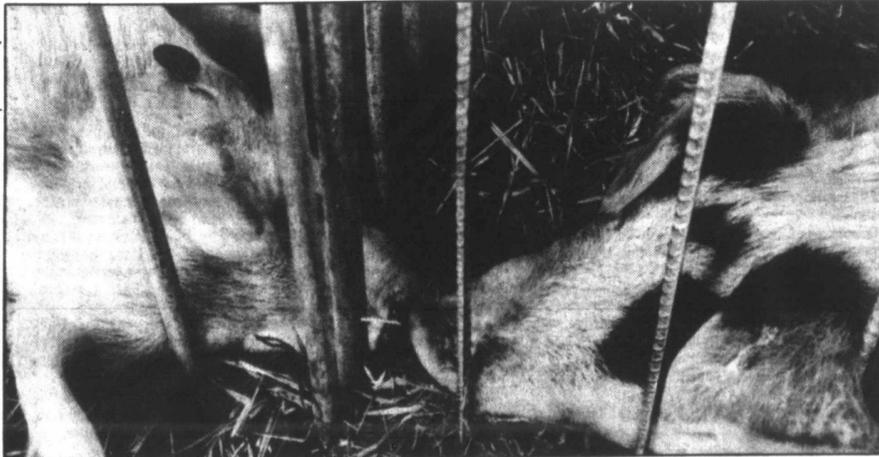
Christmas and one for Easter. Pete came to the newspaper sprinkled with shamrocks, of course, for March 17, St. Patrick's Day. (Staff photo by Bruce Lee Smith)

Weather

Today will be cloudy and cold with a high in the lower 40s and gusty, northerly winds 10 - 20 mph. Tonight will be partly cloudy with a low in the upper 20s. Friday will be partly cloudy and warmer when the winds from the southwest at 10 - 20 mph will bring the temperature into the upper 50s.

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Two pigs in neighboring pens sniff snouts and perhaps plot an escape after the Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Show this week. The next day, they went to market at

47½ cents a pound along with about 200 other pigs shown by 4H and FFA students. Buyers paid the students from \$100 to \$1,500 above floor price for the pigs. (Photo by Jean Tierney)

Pampa youngsters will have Easter vacation

By JULIA CLARK
Staff Writer

Pampa school children and parents will have their Easter vacation March 28 - April 1 as planned, James Trusty, superintendent of schools announced at the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday.

Trusty said the Texas Education Agency has excused two of the school days missed because of the February snowstorm and allowed changing the April 4 in-service day to a regular school instruction day. May 25 will be the last day of school for the students and May 26 will be records day for the teachers.

The board accepted resignations from three teachers and recommendations of the various school principals to renew the contracts of their present teachers.

The following teachers tendered their resignations:

- Betty Haines, Lamar Early Childhood Education teacher, effective March 7.

- Jerry Johnson, PHS girls basketball coach (resigning his coaching position only), effective May 26.

- W. C. Jet Wilson, PHS coach - teacher, effective May 26.

Teresa Glover, PHS senior, was recognized and commended as the student of the month. Teresa was chosen Homecoming Queen last fall, is the head cheerleader and a member of the National Honor Society. She is the daughter of John and Virginia Glover of Pampa.

The Long Range Planning Committee reported money is available to finish work already begun on the following projects: putting asphalt flooring on the work-out area behind the highschool, purchasing and installing blinds for the south and west windows of the school buildings, purchasing tables and chairs for the highschool and replacing exterior doors on school buildings.

The committee recommended getting started on the final

phase of renovation of the Pampa High School auditorium:

- Repairing and replacing seats.

- Replacing carpet.

- Cleaning and painting.

Under long term purchase planning, the committee recommended:

- Purchasing the alternate fuel system.

- Purchasing an IBM computer, initially for the business office, but can later be expanded for use in the classroom.

- Renovating and replacing the field house folding bleachers.

- Erection of chain link fences around Horace Mann and Lamar schools.

Finally, the committee recommended investigation of buying land on which to build feeding facilities for the vocational agriculture department and installing an elevator for handicapped students at the high school.

The board decided to buy 480 chairs and 30 round tables for

the highschool cafeteria for a total cost of \$8,200.50. One pedestal table has been sent to Huntsville for repair, paint and a laminated top. If the finished product is satisfactory, more will be sent for renovation. According to Paul Boswell, district purchasing agent, a substantial savings can be realized by having structurally sound furniture renovated.

Accepting the \$53,413.57 bid by Gulf States Distributing of Houston, the board of trustees decided to purchase compressed natural gas (alternate fuel system) for part of the district's bus fleet.

In other business, the board approved payment of the due bills and invoices, accepted the budget report and tabled for further consideration purchase of FM radio equipment and purchase of a lock security system.

The board also accepted the recommendations of the local textbook committee and decided to buy 12 circulating fans for the highschool auditorium.

daily record

services tomorrow

HARRIS, D. H. - 2 p.m. Friday, First Baptist Church, Miami. Burial will be in the Miami Cemetery.

obituaries

D. H. HARRIS

MIAMI - D. H. Harris, 88, of Miami died in his home Tuesday night. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Miami with Rev. Jerry Howe, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Harris was born in Indian Territory, Okla., May 1, 1894. He was a resident of Miami for more than 70 years. He married Cora Lee Rhodes on April 19, 1920 at Canadian. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the American Legion. He was a veteran of WWII.

Survivors include: his wife of the home, one son, Bobby G. Harris of Bartlesville, Okla.; and three grandchildren, Tammy and Kerry Harris of Bartlesville, and Edwin L. Folks of Oetha, Kan.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler - Evans of Pampa	
Wheat	3.32
Barley	4.90
Soybeans	4.97
The following quotations show the range within which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation	
By-Cow Life	23
Serico	6.64
Southland Financial	20
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock market quotations are furnished by Schneider-Bernet Hickman, Inc. of Amarillo	
Beatrice Foods	25 1/2
Celco	26 1/2
Celanese	54 1/2
Cities Service	31 1/2
DIA	22 1/2
Dorchester	18 1/2
Getty	32 1/2
Halliburton	30 1/2
HCA	45 1/2
Ingersoll-Rand	44 1/2
InterNorth	25
Kerr-McGee	29 1/2
Mobil	28 1/2
Penny	58 1/2
Phillips	22 1/2
PFA	20 1/2
SJ	30 1/2
Southwestern Pub	18 1/2
Standard Oil	29 1/2
Tenneco	34 1/2
Texaco	32 1/2
Zales	27 1/2
London Gold	416.75
Silver	10.75

police report

Pampa police reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday:

Pampa roller rink at 123 N. Ward reported a burglary. Estimated damage and loss \$32.46

Mead's Bakery at 806 W. Foster reported someone entered his '69 van and cut all the wires to the ignition. Estimated damage \$100.

minor accidents

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday:

WEDNESDAY, March 16

4:32 p.m. - Firemen responded to a house fire at 408 N. Purviance, residence of Monte Hopkins and Daryl Steder. Owner of the property is D. B. Jameson. Cause of the fire was unknown. There was heavy damage.

7:35 p.m. - Firemen responded to a fire in a mobile home at 807 W. Francis, residence of Donnie Rodgers. The property, owned by C. L. Farmer, sustained moderate damage to one room. Cause of the fire is unknown.

Senior citizen menu

FRIDAY

Chicken pot pie or fried cod fish, french fries, blackeyed peas, baked squash, toss or jello salad, lemon fluff or peach tarts

hospital notes

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions

Timothy Miller, Pampa
Candis Zimmerman, Perryton
Bruce Gillis, Pampa
Betty Kindle, Pampa
Ralph Davey, St. Clair Shores, Mich.
Betty Junks, Pampa
Ahavada Allen, Pampa
Judy Rutledge, Pampa
Lucille Carter, Pampa
Helen Mallard, Pampa
Mary Alderson, Lefors
Ida Vansickle, Pampa
Audra Mayo, Pampa
Norma Miller, Pampa
Linda Johnston, Pampa
Clarence Scott, Pampa
Linda Graham, Pampa
Mattie Barnett, Pampa
Ruble Woodward, Pampa

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Zimmerman, Perryton, a baby boy.

Dismissals

Bana Carnes, Pampa
Leslie Gage, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions

Sonna Eadsley, Shamrock
Karen Sue Helms, Briscoe
Brandon Case, Shamrock
Rip Neeley, Shamrock
Paul Harding, Shamrock

Dismissals

Evelyn Spates, Shamrock
Patricia King, Shamrock
Sybil Verden, Lakeview
Larry Conway, Sweetwater
Viola McLamore, Shamrock
D.W. Rankin, Shamrock
Rena Edwards, Shamrock
Iva Darnell, Hollis

city briefs

THE WATER Bedroom, Inc. is open in Coronado Center. Quality furnishings and waterbeds, too.

SIGN UP for Candy Classes - March 22, 23 or 24. One night class, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Total Fee, \$5 in advance. Call Gay's Cake and Candy, 669-7153.

STAG PARTY - Moose Lodge, Thursday 17th, 7:30 p.m. Calf fries and etc. Members and Guests Welcome!

ST. PATRICK'S Day Dance - Nugget Club, Loaded Dice Band, \$3 cover charge. Serving Irish Stew, corn bread, cash door prizes.

GARAGE SALE: 110 S. Houston, Friday, Saturday, Sunday afternoon.

fire report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following minor accidents to The Pampa News:

WEDNESDAY, March 16

7:40 a.m. - A '68 Volkswagen driven by Clayton Elwood Conklin of 342 Canadian and an '82 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jimmy Wayne Keel of 1608 Christine collided in the 800 block of E. Beryl.

3:43 p.m. - A '77 Dodge pickup driven by Wesley Murry Ray, 17, of 1001 Varnon Dr. and a '79 Oldsmobile driven by Rosalie Breckon Gipson, 36, of 808 N. Wells collided in the 2200 block of N. Hamilton. Ray was cited for failure to yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right. No injuries reported.

school menu

FRIDAY

Chicken pattie, mashed potatoes, breaded okra, cherry cobbler, hot roll - butter, milk

New location



Jenny, David and Sandra Bronner are welcomed to the new location of Pampa Pool and Spa on Hobart Street by Mike Ward and Paul Simmons of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Previously operating on Loop 171, the Bronners build spas, hot tubs, pools, and storm shelters. (Staff photo by Bruce Lee Smith)

Man wanted for Alaska murders killed in Texas cycle accident

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) - Alaska authorities came to Texas looking for a solution to a spree of killings of young women. Now they will leave with more questions and another suspicious death - that of the man who confessed to the killings.

Thomas Richard Bunday, 35, told Alaska State Troopers Jim McCann and Chris Stockard Monday that he was responsible for five women killed during a two-year span, according to the two officers.

On Tuesday, 75 minutes after the arrest warrant that McCann and Stockard were awaiting was issued in Fairbanks, Alaska, Bunday was killed when the motorcycle he was riding slammed into a dump truck near Vernon, about 40 miles east of here, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers said.

Alaska state troopers at a Fairbanks news conference Wednesday refused to speculate on whether the accident was a suicide, but one investigator called the unexpected turn of events "mind-boggling."

McCann and Stockard said they arrived in Texas March 7 and Bunday, a career military man who was stationed at Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks until September 1981, admitted to them that he strangled and shot the women.

McCann and Stockard said they could not arrest Bunday until they obtained warrants from Alaska. The warrants were issued at 2 p.m. CST, and Bunday was killed at 3:15 p.m., officials said.

Stockard said Bunday, a technical sergeant at Sheppard Air Force Base here, was not under surveillance at the time of the accident.

The two troopers said they first interviewed Bunday as a suspect in January. They said his name cropped up initially among thousands based on car registrations derived from vehicle sightings near the crime scenes.

As investigators continued to sift thousands of leads, Bunday's name kept cropping up, they said.

"We looked at over 200 people and his name kept coming up," McCann said.

Stockard and McCann came to Texas with search warrants to inspect Bunday's home in Burkburnett. They said Wednesday that the search uncovered evidence linking Bunday to the murders, but they would not elaborate.

Bunday had no prior criminal record, the troopers said. He gave no motive for the murders, they said.

Bunday arrived at Sheppard from Eielson one month after the last murder, records at the Texas military base showed.

The bodies of four of the victims were found along a 25-mile stretch of the Richardson Highway between Fairbanks and Eielson. The body of Doris Oehring, who was last seen on June 13, 1980, was never found.

According to the troopers, the others Bunday admitted killing were:

- Glinda Sodemann, 19, of Fairbanks, on Aug. 29, 1979;
- Marlene Peters, 21, of Tanana on Jan. 31, 1981;
- Wendy Wilson, 16, of Eielson on March 5, 1981;
- Lori King, 18, of Fairbanks on May 16, 1981.

Lake Meredith needs 10 teens who aren't afraid to work hard

By JEAN TIERNEY
Of the News

FRITCH - The National Park Service is looking for 10 good young men and women to take care of Lake Meredith this summer.

The work won't be easy: pulling weeds, cleaning up trash, cleaning comfort stations and helping the rangers with the tourists.

When the Park Service began its federal Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) 10 years ago, funding was high, said Rose Tillmon, the park's executive officer; and Lake Meredith received money to hire 50 teenagers who lived at the park and another 50 who commuted each day.

However, Congress this year has allotted only \$380,000 for YCC summer jobs across the nation. Tillmon said Wednesday, Lake Meredith has enough funding this summer for only 10 YCC jobs, to be divided equally between women and men.

The pay will be \$3.35 per hour for eight weeks, from June 13 to Aug. 5, and the teenagers must live at home and commute to the park each day. "If some of the kids have relatives in Borger, well, they could stay with them during the week," Tillmon said.

Summer job prospects in the Panhandle may be "slim" this year, predicted Charles Vance at the Texas Employment Commission office in Pampa.

Last summer, the area's unemployment rate was about 2 percent, Vance said. "Now it's maybe three times that, 3 1/2 times that. If it was hard last summer, you can imagine what it will be like this summer." His office, with service and high school clubs, is planning a youth employment service this summer to try to match employers' jobs with students looking for work. Inquiries usually begin arriving at his office about April 1, and his office surveys employers for available jobs about May 1, he said.

The 10 summer jobs at Lake Meredith won't be glamorous, Tillmon said. "It's strictly a work-learn program." But the teenagers will get to meet some of the two million tourists who visit this year and will learn about lakes, wildlife and conservation on the job. One YCC worker may be assigned to work the contact station at Alibates National Monument while the ranger conducts tours and thus tell tourists "a little something about Lake Meredith," she added.

Last year's YCC crew helped build new boat docks at the lake. In previous years, YCC crews have helped with archaeological excavations, improved wildlife habitats, painted buildings, fenced, landscaped the headquarters and worked on the Fritch Wildlife Museum, Tillmon said. In 1973,

with a lot of work on the drawing boards, the park put its 100 YCC students to good use and also provided environmental lessons and organized recreation for the resident workers.

This summer, with no construction or special projects planned, the work will be mostly maintenance of the lakeshore and tourist areas.

Applicants must be 15 years old by June 1 but not yet 19 by Aug. 31; be permanent residents of the U.S.; have not worked on a YCC program for more than three weeks in the past; have a social security number; and pass a general physical checkup to clear them for physical labor. Applicants must also have clean records (as the Park Service puts it, have "no history of serious criminal or other anti-social behavior that might jeopardize their own safety or that of others") and permission of their guardians.

Application forms are at the Lake Meredith Recreation Area headquarters in Fritch between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for returning the forms is 4 p.m. on April 1.

In Brief

Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir says after talks in Washington that chances have grown for an agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli, Palestinian and Syrian forces from Lebanon. The White House calls a grenade blast that injured five U.S. Marines an "isolated incident" for American peacekeeping troops in Beirut.

WASHINGTON - After debating most of the day and evening the House adjourns without voting on a resolution calling on the United States and the Soviet Union to freeze their nuclear arsenals.

NEW YORK - Today's St. Patrick's Day parade up Fifth Avenue was missing a few things - Irish government representatives, a U.S. Army band, a flock of school children and even some politicians - but parade officials vowed to hold today's event "with dignity and pride" despite protests about the grand marshal, an IRA sympathizer.

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador - The trial of four national guardsmen in the 1980 slayings of four American churchwomen is delayed after an appeals judge calls on a lower court to produce more evidence on a related robbery charge.



The 105 people who receive their one hot meal a day from Meals on Wheels discovered that "The Ides of March" don't always bode bad tidings. This past Tuesday Debbie Montoya, Troy McBride and Maria Martinez of Mr. Gatti's Pizza helped prepare spaghetti with meat sauce, salad and garlic bread which Gatti's donated to Meals on Wheels. Gatti's plans to donate a similar meal for each patron of Meals on Wheels once a month in the future, and hopes that other businesses in the area will do the same. Pampa Meals on Wheels is a local non-profit organization which is primarily a nutrition service for older and handicapped homebound residents. Meals on Wheels is supported by contributions from the community and the United Way and volunteers who cook and deliver the meals. For more information, call 665-1461. (Staff photo by Bruce Lee Smith)

Scheduled to testify



David Kent, a former New Orleans deputy superintendent of police, leaves the federal building in Dallas Wednesday. Kent is scheduled to testify today in the trial of seven New Orleans police officers accused of civil rights violations. (AP Laserphoto)

Sergeant denies police wrongdoing

DALLAS (AP) — A New Orleans police sergeant who denied that he or any of his officers beat residents of a predominately black neighborhood during an investigation into a fellow officer's slaying faced cross-examination today by prosecutors.

Sgt. John E. McKenzie, one of seven officers charged with violating the civil rights of several residents of the Algiers area, took the stand in his own defense Wednesday.

Government lawyers rested their case Wednesday morning. The federal court trial was recessed until this morning when McKenzie, the second defense witness, faced cross-examination by prosecutor Michael Johnson.

"Are you aware of or did you commit any misconduct whatsoever by any officer under your command?" defense lawyer Ralph Capitelli asked McKenzie Wednesday.

"No sir, not in this incident or in any other investigation," McKenzie replied.

McKenzie said his officers had successfully talked an alleged brutality victim, Robert Davis, into talking to them about the murder of white patrolman Gregory Neupert.

The officers, defendants Stephen Farrar and Dale Bonura, "had gained his confidence and assured him we would do all we could do to protect him," McKenzie testified.

But the officers said a black detective, Oris Buckner, began "hollering in his face" and told him that he would "kick his rear end all the way across the street," McKenzie testified.

Buckner was granted immunity from prosecution. He claimed to have participated

in at least one of the beatings.

Davis and four other residents of the New Orleans neighborhood have testified that the patrolmen beat and threatened them while investigating Neupert's murder.

Buckner, who said he was not trusted because he had not beaten anyone, "is a liar," McKenzie said.

The trial was moved to Dallas because of extensive news coverage in Louisiana.

On trial with McKenzie are Farrar, 31; Bonura, 34; Officer Steven Rebol, 29; Officer Richard LeBlanc, 32; Detective Ronald Brink, 37; and Detective Thomas R. Woodall, 32.

Defense attorney Walter Rothschild, who did not give his opening statement until Wednesday, told the jury that "everyone of the witnesses for the prosecution had an interest in the outcome of this case, either financial or given immunity."

"The (defense) witnesses you will hear have no interests in the case," Rothschild said.

McKenzie acknowledged that he has been named in a civil suit, and has "a financial stake" in the outcome of the case.

Four people were killed in Algiers police raids that followed Neupert's slaying, and no charges were filed in connection with the deaths.

The controversy surrounding the crackdown prompted the resignation of Police Superintendent James Parsons, his second-in-command, David Kent, and generated extensive publicity that caused the trial to be moved to Dallas.

Gasoline credit card charges spark debate

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate State Affairs Committee is studying a proposal to outlaw a 3 percent charge made on credit card gasoline purchases by some oil companies.

Some witnesses Wednesday told the committee the charge was a "surcharge" while others claimed it was a "discount" for paying cash.

However, members of the committee drifted away one by one until after nightfall there were not enough left to take action on the bill by Sen. Kent Caperton, D-College Station.

Further testimony will be taken next week. A similar bill is pending in the House.

Caperton said his measure simply did away with the 3 percent "surcharge"

levied by Exxon, Texaco and Mobil. Gulf and Shell do not include the 3 percent "processing charge" in the wholesale price of gasoline.

"This is a fair way to take care of greedy oil companies," he said.

F. Warren Butler, retail sales manager of Exxon's USA Western Region, called Caperton's bill "anti-consumer, anti-competitive and discriminatory."

"This prevents dealers and distributors from offering a discount to their customers who elect to pay cash," Butler said. "A discount for cash program also permits dealers to become more competitive for the cash segment of the market."

"These processing fees have already

driven many dealers out of business and they will continue to drive more dealers out of business, if this unfair business practice is not stopped," said Barbara McBee, who said she operated two stations in Hurst.

"This bill is clearly discriminatory because it keeps oil companies from recovering a legitimate business cost," said Bill Abington, representing the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. "The processing fee is a marketing device designed to spread the cost of credit among those who benefit from the use of the credit card."

"Banning this processing fee would require cash customers to continue to subsidize purchases made by credit card customers," Abington said.

Home Country

Hardship driver bill sent back to Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Veteran Rep. Gerald Hill was carefully steering his "hardship license" bill through the House when he got blind-sided by a rookie lawmaker.

Rep. Steven Carriker's crafty move probably guarantees a House-Senate confrontation on a measure aimed at making it tougher for 15-year-olds to get driver's licenses.

Carriker, D-Roby, won House approval of an amendment killing a provision insisted on by senators. The House voted 121-15 Wednesday for tentative approval of the bill, but the Carriker amendment probably means a House-Senate conference committee will have to work out the differences.

The Senate bill does away with the "general welfare" provision that has allowed thousands of 15-year-olds to get driver's licenses. The current law OK's licenses for 15-year-olds who can show they must drive for the "general welfare" of their family.

The bill by Sen. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville,

also requires underage drivers to take drivers training courses to qualify.

The proposed measure allows hardship licenses only in cases of "unusual economic hardship," sickness in the family or for vocational education programs.

Hill, House sponsor of the Glasgow bill, fended off several amendments Wednesday, but lost to freshman Carriker.

Carriker pushed through an amendment removing the Senate provision allowing the Department of Public Safety to issue 60-day hardship licenses and waive the drivers training requirement in cases of family death or illness.

"The intent of the amendment is consistency," Carriker said, citing House failure to approve 60-day licenses in cases of economic hardship.

Some House members hailed Carriker's move as a victory for rural lawmakers in a struggle with their urban colleagues.

House members also changed the Senate bill by allowing suspension of a hardship license after a

moving violation, and allowing 14-year-olds to take driver's training in preparation for a hardship license at age 15.

Those amendments were cleared by Hill, D-Austin, and probably will be approved by the Senate.

The measure faces another House vote before it goes back to the Senate. If senators reject any of the changes, the bill most likely will go to a conference committee, something Hill didn't want.

"I assume some version of the waiver (for family health problems) is going to be necessary" to get the bill OK'd in conference committee, Hill told reporters.

DPS officials say too many 15-year-olds are driving because of the current hardship license law. Under the general welfare provision, DPS cannot deny the license to any 15-year-old if they can pass the driving test.

About 30,000 15-year-olds now have hardship licenses. The young drivers are involved in a disproportionate number of accidents.

Family identified, driller killed in pipeline explosion

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Authorities have identified the charred bodies of a mother, her three young children and a workman who were found after a natural gas explosion incinerated two nearby trailer homes and shot flames 600 feet into the air.

Investigators found the five bodies after the blaze was put out Wednesday morning, 12 hours after the accident, said Ector County Sheriff's Deputy Bailey Roberts.

Workmen drilling fence post holes accidentally punctured an eight-inch pipeline Tuesday night, sparking the fire, authorities said.

The bodies were identified as Maria Guterrez, 41; her three children, Celeste, 7, Christiana, 9, and Elizabeth, 13; and Manuel Chavez, age unknown, of Odessa, who had been drilling at the time of the blast.

Five other people were injured, one critically.

Santiago Guterrez, the 42-year-old husband of Maria Guterrez, was hospitalized in Lubbock in critical condition with second- and third-degree burns over 90 percent of his body.

Gloria Pena, 39, was also hospitalized in Lubbock General Hospital and was listed in serious condition with second- and third-degree burns.

Her husband, 44-year-old Alvaro, and his son, 10-year-old George, were listed in stable condition in Odessa Medical Center Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Sarah Mancha.

A second son, Alvaro Jr., 13, was treated for burns and released.

Pena said his family was in the kitchen when the explosion occurred. They rushed to a bedroom and jumped out of a window just before the fire swept through the home, he said.

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March is 50th anniversary of Big Government

By William A. Rusber

AUSTIN, Texas (NEA) — The month of March marks the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of Franklin Roosevelt as president, and the occasion is not going unnoticed. Here in Austin, scholars, political figures and assorted commentators have gathered to contemplate the historic event and its consequences at a two-day affair at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library.

For most of the participants, the program undoubtedly partakes of the nature of a celebration. Claude Pepper is here, as well as others who, as young men, participated in the New Deal era themselves. And there are a good many on hand, like John Kenneth Galbraith, who came along too late to play a personal role in the New Deal's great days but who have lovingly perpetuated its principles and traditions in subsequent decades. What Gerald Ford and I are doing here amid all the revelry is a good question. I feel a bit like Banquo's ghost.

Historians, probing ever deeper into the core of FDR's personality, are finding there — as is so often the case with powerful political figures — a startling and rather unsettling ambiguity. But however improvised or inconsistent Roosevelt's responses to his political environment may have been, there can be no doubt that they resulted in a powerful drive in one basic direction: toward governmental activism at every level, and in almost every imaginable direction. That, unquestionably, was the fundamental legacy of the New Deal.

Prior to the Roosevelt administration, the United States government had not often thought of itself as affirmatively obliged to intervene in the nation's economic life with a view to improving matters. If recession or depression occurred as a result of the ordinary operations of the business cycle, government's traditional role had been to keep the ship of state plowing ahead through the storm until in God's own sweet time it abated. The unemployment, foreclosures and bankruptcies this entailed were regarded as painful but necessary — more or less Darwinian — aspects of the process.

In fairness, they may have been exactly that. But the Great Depression exceeded all previous economic downturns in length, depth and numbers of people affected, and it came at a time when various forms of socialism — all based on governmental planning and control — were winning wide support elsewhere in the world as humane alternatives to unrestricted capitalism. The New Deal, borrowing many of socialism's programs and techniques without accepting its central dogmas, moved briskly to regulate the securities markets, insure bank deposits, encourage industrial labor unions, forestall farm foreclosures, loan money to small businesses, extend rural electrification, create government jobs for the unemployed and provide, through the Social Security system, governmental assurances of a dignified old age for the nation's elderly.

Critics of the New Deal have justly objected that it never really ended the Depression — only World War II did that. But the New Deal's greatest achievement was probably a psychological one: The sense it imparted of momentum, of effort, of problems being attacked rather than merely being allowed to stagnate or fester. And it is undoubtedly this psychological achievement that is chiefly being remembered, and celebrated, here in Austin.

But the New Deal concept of benevolent Big Government impressed itself forcefully on the minds of many millions of Americans, and in subsequent decades those who inherited the Democratic Party from Franklin Roosevelt were thus

able to assign to the federal government tasks before which even FDR's genial experimentalism might have faltered. We have learned, by bitter experience, that Big Government has limitations every bit as spectacular as its potentialities, and that it isn't always benevolent. We have seen scores of billions of the taxpayers' hard-earned dollars simply wasted. We have seen grandiose plans for human betterment turn, unexpectedly, into malignant engines of mendacity. We have seen even Social Security, that proudest of New Deal legacies, threaten to bury American society beneath the burden of its insupportable promises. Those are some of the reasons why, amid the revelry here, Banquo's ghost is to be seen.

Soviets threaten Mideast peace...

While the U.S., in its role as an honest broker in the Middle East, has been negotiating the removal of Israeli, Syrian, and Palestinian armies from Lebanon, the Soviet Union has quietly insinuated itself into that ravaged country.

Monday in Washington, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger warned that Syria has become "another outpost of the Soviet Union," with thousands of Soviet military personnel operating and defending SAM-5 missile batteries that now pose a threat to the U.S. Mediterranean fleet as well as to Israeli air operations.

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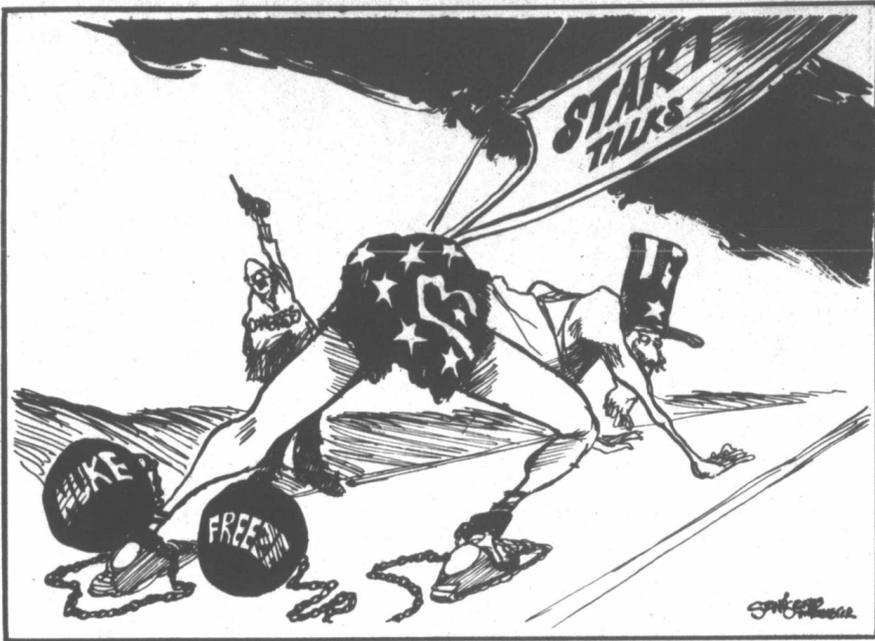
This provocative and destabilizing buildup culminates a massive Soviet re-supply of military hardware to Syria, a long-time Russian client and near-satellite, following heavy losses of material during Israel's invasion last year of Lebanon. Its sinister significance is that the Soviets have dealt themselves a major new hand in the Middle East. A heavy price will have to be paid before the Soviets agree, if ever, to a Syrian pullout from Lebanon.

With Syria, as Secretary Weinberger says, a Soviet outpost, American diplomatic efforts to rid Lebanon of military occupation by foreign forces appear to be increasingly bleak. The Israelis have not fought a war to liberate themselves from the PLO threat in Lebanon only to withdraw and turn the country back to Syria and the PLO, which is to say to Soviet domination. Even if they were willing to do so, a unilateral Israeli withdrawal would not be in our best interest.

And, whatever else may be said, handing Lebanon back to the Syrians and the PLO would be an intolerable tragedy for the Lebanese, who have suffered more than 100,000 killed and a million uprooted under those occupiers since 1975.

A heavy Soviet presence in Syria and consequently in Lebanon should stimulate some broad rethinking of Arab as well as Israeli withdrawal completely from Lebanon as a precondition to negotiations on the future of the occupied West Bank has clearly been overtaken by events and is unrealistic. It freezes the Arab-Israeli peace process.

The goal of ridding Lebanon of all foreign forces has been bedrock U.S. policy, and rightly so, since the Israeli invasion made this possible. That basic aim should be pursued, despite Soviet intervention. But clearly the single-minded Arab and American policy of pressuring Israel to withdraw from Lebanon, thereby abandoning the Lebanese to their enemies, appears to be increasingly improbable.



'Made-work' does not make for wealth

By OSCAR COOLEY

A "jobs" bill which would appropriate a few billions to hire people now unemployed is wending its way through Congress and may have arrived by the time this sees print. It would earmark money for new government projects, community development, public works, etc., in short, for doing things that nobody has thought of as necessary. They would be "made-work."

Made-work does not make prosperity, on the contrary it postpones the return of prosperity. It makes people think the problem of unemployment is being solved and that the economy is recovering. They relax their efforts to find real, useful work.

The jobs bill, which originated in the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives, reminds oldtimers of the WPA, or

Works Progress Administration, set up during the great depression. The WPA was a huge jobs program. It insured that the depression would last, and last it did — until Pearl Harbor.

The jobs bill is a form of welfare, deceptive form. It deceives some into thinking they are getting a real job when they are not. Welfare in the form of spendable cash is preferable. Cash welfare is a dole, frankly so, given to tide people over an emergency which will last only until they are able to start earning again. Getting a dole being distasteful to most Americans, it spurs them to try hard to find a real job.

And most of them do. Thirty-five percent of all who are laid off find new jobs within five weeks, and another 31 percent find jobs within the next ten weeks. Thus, two-thirds of the unemployed find new jobs by their own efforts

within less than four months. Many laid-off workers don't go near the welfare. They have savings that they have set aside for a rainy day. These savers have maximum incentive to find a new job.

Jobs legislation is purely a political ploy. It is designed to impress the public that the legislation are doing things to increase employment and dispel the recession. In reality, what they are doing will lengthen the recession. In reality, what they are doing will lengthen the recession. The present jobs bill will only slow the economic upturn that apparently began in January.

Reagan has been castigated for doing nothing to remedy the recession. In fact, his program of cutting taxes and reducing spending by government is the best course of action the government could possibly follow.

It's not easy when your wife is president of your old company

By ART BUCHWALD

Secretary of the Navy John Lehman has a problem. He was accused in The New York Times of not fully disclosing all the details of the sale of his consulting firm, Abington Corp., when he joined the government. Mr. Lehman's clients included many defense contractors such as Northrop, Boeing and TRW, and therefore questions were raised at the time, as to conflict of interest when he became Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Lehman testified at his hearing he had divested himself of all interest in the consulting business, and had made Abington a holding company instead, with his wife as president.

He told a press conference last week that unfortunately his wife, in filing corporate records with the District of Columbia, had mistakenly listed Abington as "a consulting firm" and not a "holding company" as he had instructed her to do. He was quoted as saying, "I will have sharp words with my wife about that."

This is where he got himself in serious trouble. Whether Mr. Lehman is in conflict with his job is not for the press to decide. But anyone who publicly announces he's going to have sharp words with his wife over a business deal had really got himself in a box.

"Well, Barbara, you really made a mess of things."

"Why are speaking to me so sharply, John?"

"Because of the stupid mistake you made when you filed the incorporation papers for our new company."

"I told you I didn't know anything about corporations when you made me president of Abington."

"I didn't expect you to know much. But any simpleton knows the difference between a consulting firm and a holding company!"

"Don't shout at me. What's the difference?"

"A consulting firm consults. It gives advice to clients for a fee. A holding company holds things like stocks and bonds and cash and real estate."

"So what's the big deal?"

"The big deal is that as Secretary of the Navy I am not allowed to consult, and I promised Congress I would cut all ties with the defense establishment when I became Secretary of the Navy. If Abington is still listed as a consulting firm with you as president it looks as if we're still in business."

"That's silly. I don't know anything about the consulting business. I wouldn't be able to tell the difference between an F-18 and a Boeing 747."

"I know that, but the press doesn't. They dug up the fact that I sold our overseas business to Lord Chalfont in England for \$60,000, and we had a verbal agreement he'd sell it back to me after I left the government after I leave the Navy."

"If you don't stop yelling I'm walking out of this house. Why didn't you have a lawyer file the corporation papers instead of me?"

"Because I figured any dumb wife should know how to incorporate a holding company. What did they teach you at college?"

"I majored in fine arts. John, why don't I just go down to the City Hall and tell the man I made a mistake and I don't want to be president of a consulting firm any more, and I've decided to go into the holding company business instead?"

"You can do anything you want, but you've got every newspaperman and TV reporter digging into our personal affairs. They have nothing else to do during the holidays. We'll be on Page One until Congress comes back from vacation."

"That's your problem. You can't push me around like some three star admiral. I'm going to resign from the company. You can get yourself a new president of Abington."

"Why would you resign now?"

"Because I'm not going to have you yelling at me every time you get a call from the 'Washington Post.'"

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Berry's World



"I told him that we already have a KGB agent who has infiltrated our anti-nuclear group, but he insisted on coming to tonight's meeting anyway."

History has finally caught up with Chicago

By Don Graff

It began with Carl Stokes. He wasn't the first to give it a try. He had, in fact, made a run at it himself two years earlier, and had come within some two thousand votes of the prize.

There were also a few incumbents in smaller cities here and there around the country.

But it was Stokes' Cleveland victory in 1967 that captured national attention and made history. He was the first black elected mayor of a major American city.

Since then, history has repeated itself with some frequency — in Detroit, in Newark, in Los Angeles, in Atlanta. You know how it has gone, and you know where this is going.

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History has caught up with Chicago.

Harold Washington, a black congressman, was the winner of a tight three-way Democratic mayoral primary race and, as the commentators have since been telling us — again and again and again — that is tantamount to election in Chicago, where politics IS the Democratic machine.

Washington edged, with a bit more than a third of the vote, incumbent Mayor Jane Byrne and Cook County Prosecutor Richard M. Daley. It could be argued objectively that in the upset outcome, Chicago's electorate lucked out with the most qualified candidate.

Washington is a two-term congressman with previous service as a state legislator and in city and state appointive posts.

The defeated incumbent's chief qualification when she got the job in 1979 had been her long service in, and shrewd observation of the workings of, the machine under long-time chief engineer, the late Mayor Richard J. Daley. As for the present prosecutor and would-be mayor, his other — and possibly primary — qualification for the job is his relationship (son) to the aforementioned Richard J.

But then, since when has objectivity been a factor in Chicago elections? Or, for that matter, almost anywhere else outside of isolated New England town meetings?

And so it may well be that "tantamount" is going to be redefined in the April 12 general election, or dropped entirely from Chicago's political vocabulary.

The fact is that since the Democratic primary, the Republican candidate for mayor — Bernard Epton — has benefited from an upsurge of interest in his candidacy. It's a development the beneficiary is not too happy about.

To run as a Republican for mayor of Chicago has been, to put it bluntly, a biennial ritual to no practical effect. To put it bluntly, it has been an exercise in political masochism. It has been more than a half century since a Republican made decisions in city hall.

But Epton, a former state legislator who undertook the race initially out of duty, is suddenly politically viable. Suddenly, campaign money is available. The business estab-

lishment, which has been playing footsie with the machine establishment for decades, is suddenly supportive. Also the fund raisers and dispensers at national Republican headquarters, who Epton himself says wouldn't even return his calls before the primary.

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At the controls



Longtime radio and TV personality Arthur Godfrey, who died in New York Wednesday, tries out the controls of a Pan American World Airways "clipper ship" before taking a flight from New York to Paris in 1951. Godfrey was well known for his interest in airplanes and was himself a pilot. (AP Laserphoto)

Old redhead dead at 79; he was loved by millions

NEW YORK (AP) — Fans mourned Arthur Godfrey, the ukelele strummer whose gift of gab made him a radio and television favorite for five decades, and even the singer he once fired on live TV recalled Godfrey as "the greatest salesman in the world."

Godfrey, who liked to call himself the Old Redhead and who was once dubbed "the Huck Finn of radio" for his folksy wit, died Wednesday at age 79 after being hospitalized 13 days for emphysema and pneumonia at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The entertainer will be cremated without any public service, said a spokesman for the William Morris agency, which represented Godfrey.

"I hope — indeed I shall pray — that he will rest in peace," said Julius LaRosa, the singer "discovered" by Godfrey and then fired by him on the air in 1953, shocking the nation.

LaRosa had just finished singing "Manhattan" on the TV show "Arthur Godfrey and Friends," when Godfrey turned to the audience and announced, "This is Julie's swan song." He accused LaRosa of a "lack of humility."

The singer told reporters Wednesday night that he and Godfrey never reconciled, but he credited Godfrey for giving his career a boost and recalled Godfrey as "the greatest salesman in the world."

From his signature greeting of "Howa'ya, Howa'ya," to his public battle against lung cancer, Godfrey did everything with his own brash style. He liked to say that you "get as much out of life as you put into it."

"You had nothing to do with your birth, and you can't control the circumstances of your death. But you can do something about living," he told one interviewer.

"He made the personality more important than the talent," recalled another easygoing TV celebrity, Art Linkletter.

At his peak in the 1950s, Godfrey had a Monday-through-Friday daytime show, "Talent Scouts" on Monday night and an hour of "Godfrey and His Friends" on Wednesday nights. His weekly prime-time audience measured 82 million viewers.

In 1959, it was reported that Godfrey's shows brought in \$159 million in advertising for CBS.

His "Talent Scouts," with an applause meter that measured audience response to unknown performers, is credited with giving newcomers Pat Boone, Barbara McNair, Vic Damone, Johnny Nash, the McGuire Sisters and Shari Lewis their start.

Godfrey never claimed to be much of a singer himself, but he loved to perform.

He threw himself into his work and into other pursuits as well. He flew his planes around the world, and twice got into trouble for buzzing an airport.

Godfrey's career got its start about the time the stock market was plunging the nation into depression in 1929.

Then a Coast Guardsman, Godfrey and some friends were in a Baltimore pub listening to amateurs perform on a local radio station. His friends, who had heard Godfrey's banjo plucking, urged him to audition.

He got a 15-minute spot on the station and was billed as "Red Godfrey, the Warbling Banjoist." The spot was sponsored by a pet shop that sold bird seed. It paid \$5.

From there he went to Washington with NBC and then to CBS in 1945, where he became one of the network's biggest assets.

Some sponsors complained about his ad-libs, especially when Godfrey would tear up their scripts and tell the audience "Nuts to that!"

A typical Godfrey aside came one day when he was touting a shampoo supposed to contain milk and eggs. "If your hair is clean you can always use the stuff to make an omelet," he cracked.

His successful lung cancer surgery in 1959 made front-page headlines and his pluckiness during his recovery brought him an outpouring of public affection. He later campaigned to increase public awareness of the disease.

Godfrey retired from regular radio broadcasts in 1972. The secret to his longevity as an entertainer, he said, was in his willingness to meet new challenges.

"If you want to last, you have to grow," he said. "That little screen is merciless and if you aren't constantly more interesting and intriguing, they — the public — will drop you, ruthlessly."

Godfrey was born Aug. 31, 1903, in New York City but was raised across the Hudson River in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. He was married in 1938 to Mary Bourke, and they had a daughter and two sons.

Consumer price drop raises many questions

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — The drop in consumer prices from an 11.5 percent rate in 1980-1981 to just 3.9 percent in 1982 brings up as many questions as answers.

Was the drop due to planning or chance? Was the high interest rate "solution" to inflation one of the causes? Were the benefits of the decline spread widely or concentrated among a relative few?

A slowing in the rate of energy prices provided 2.2 points of the total 7.7 point-drop in the inflation rate, according to Data Resources Inc., which provides much of the arithmetic for economists.

There is no question that programs to diminish usage and step up domestic production contributed to the slowdown. Gasoline prices plunged. In the earlier period they had risen 26 percent. In the latter they fell 6.6 percent.

But the question that torments inflation-fighters is the extent of their contributions in comparison to those of OPEC, with flooded the world with unneeded oil and forced prices lower.

How much of the improvement was due to domestic planning? How much to poor planning on the part of OPEC and other oil-producing nations?

An even bigger contribution to the slowdown, some 3.6 percentage points, was made by the cost of home ownership.

Home prices and home maintenance and repair costs rose, though more slowly than earlier, but the category called finance-taxes-insurance actually fell by 4 percent — after having risen earlier by 2.2.

In the conventional thinking of economists, and in the practices of the Federal Reserve Board, rising interest rates are considered

a consequence of inflation and an antidote to it.

A rise in interest rates also can be a factor, and that the removal of those high rates can contribute to lessening inflation.

Food and beverages, which lent 0.9 of a percentage point to the overall 7.7 percentage

point slowdown, is the only other significant contributor to the slowdown, aside from the "all other" category.

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Soviets are threatening to deploy missiles near US

MOSCOW (AP) — A top Soviet official said today that Moscow would set up its own medium-range nuclear missiles "near American borders" if the United States deployed new nuclear rockets in Western Europe.

It was believed to be the first time any Soviet official was that specific about how the Kremlin would react to NATO plans to begin deploying 572 new Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Europe by the end of the year.

Georgi Arbatov, director of the U.S.A. and Canada Institute at the Soviet Academy of Science, wrote in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda:

"As far as equality (of weaponry) is concerned, in that case for the sake of this equality we would have not only to add to our missiles in Europe, but also to deploy them near American borders."

In the propaganda battle that has accompanied Soviet-American talks in Geneva on reducing both long-range and medium-range missiles, the Soviets have said on at least two occasions that the American deployment would force Moscow to put Washington "in an analogous position."

Some Western analysts said that meant the Soviets would install nuclear-tipped rockets in Cuba, but the Soviets were never more specific until the Arbatov article today. Arbatov, however, never mentioned where near American borders the Soviets would put missiles.

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Texas behind in defense contracts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Department of Defense purchases of products and services plummeted in Texas last year, and the state yielded to New York its ranking as the nation's number two supplier for the Pentagon, studies indicate.

The studies, of prime contract purchases over \$10,000, show that the Pentagon made over \$6.87 billion in such purchases in Texas last fiscal year — or 6.6 percent of the total nationwide. That's a drop of more \$631 million from the previous year, when such purchases in Texas ran over \$7.5 billion — or 8.6 percent of the nationwide total.

New York's share of such defense purchases, meanwhile, jumped to more than \$7.7 billion last fiscal year from \$6.5 billion the previous year.

Easily retaining the biggest share was California, where such contract purchases last year totaled more than \$22 billion, or 21.8 percent of the nationwide total.

The Pentagon studies were of the net value of all Department of Defense procurement actions of over \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, including contract awards, job and delivery orders and price adjustments on contracts.

The studies covered prime contract awards, or contracts made directly between the Pentagon and suppliers. The totals include civil operations of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Of Texas' 254 counties, 121 benefited from such purchases last year. Among the counties benefiting most, and the amounts of purchases, were Tarrant, \$1.9 billion; Dallas, \$1.4 billion; Nueces, \$411 million; Jefferson, \$404 million; Bexar, \$373 million; Harris, \$319 million, and Taylor, \$307 million.

Two Texas firms were listed among the nation's top 25 corporate recipients of such prime contract dollars last fiscal year.

They were Tenneco Inc. of Houston, whose subsidiaries in various states did more than \$844 million in such business, and Texas Instruments of Dallas, which did more than \$838 million.

New York, meanwhile, placed five companies in the top 25 and California placed four.

And while Texas' share of such contract purchases declined, California's increased dramatically last fiscal year, from \$16.6 billion or 19 percent of the nationwide total the previous year.

The extent to which various states benefit from defense contracts has recently become an issue in the debate over whether to approve President Reagan's proposed 10 percent growth in defense spending next fiscal year.

Republican Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, a staunch supporter of President Reagan's proposed military buildup, last month sent a letter to fellow senators challenging them to propose defense cuts in their own states, and received only six responses.

Tower said the reaction indicated that there is more support for defense increases than is generally recognized or that senators "clearly recognize defense spending provides a tangible economic benefit to their states."

Texas' other senator, Lloyd Bentsen, a Democrat who has called for stretching out defense increases over a longer period than proposed by Reagan, did not respond to Tower's challenge.

"We took it as a tongue-in-cheek device," said Jack Devore, Bentsen's press secretary. "I think he was trying to make a point."

At a recent meeting here of the National Governors' Association, Texas Gov. Mark White voted for a resolution questioning "the assumption that significant real growth in the defense budget is required to maintain a strong military posture."

White said that defense contractors could not efficiently make use of all the increased spending being proposed by the president.

"Texas will never suffer from the elimination of waste," White, a Democrat, told reporters. "And if there's waste in the program, it should be eliminated."

Following are county-by-county totals of prime defense contract purchases of goods and services in Texas last fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30. Totals are for contract purchases of over \$10,000.

Normally, the county is the area where the work is to be performed or the product finally processed. The totals do not reflect locations where work is performed by a sub-contractor of the prime contractor:

Andrews, \$84,000; Angelina, \$1,275,000; Aransas, \$1,301,000; Bandera, \$95,000; Bastrop, \$2,654,000; Bee, \$3,040,000; Bell, \$87,617,000; Bexar, \$373,328,000; Blanco, \$35,000; Bosque, \$67,000; Bowie, \$99,283,000; Brazoria, \$34,076,000; Brazos, \$3,960,000; Brown, \$2,907,000; Burleson, \$243,000; Burnet, \$16,000.

Calhoun, \$3,807,000; Cameron, \$4,434,000; Carson, \$31,000; Cass, \$18,000; Chambers, \$1,185,000; Childress, \$75,000; Coleman, \$11,000; Collin, \$1,406,000; Comal, \$459,000; Comanche, \$78,000; Coryell, \$1,060,000.

Dallam, \$31,000; Dallas, \$1,429,142,000; Deaf Smith, \$16,000; Denton, \$213,891,000.

Ector, \$197,000; Ellis, \$606,000; El Paso, \$127,480,000; Erath, \$792,000.

Fannin, \$2,398,000; Fort Bend, \$238,000; Franklin, \$33,000; Freestone, \$152,000.

Galveston, \$188,196; Gillespie, \$1,379,000; Goliad, \$42,000; Gonzales, \$23,341,000; Gray, \$6,439,000; Grayson, \$51,925,000; Gregg, \$2,138,000; Guadalupe, \$177,000.

Hall, \$11,000; Harris, \$319,868,000; Harrison, \$57,274,000; Haskell, \$40,000; Hays, \$242,000; Hidalgo, \$121,512,000; Hill, \$13,625,000; Hood, \$292,000; Hopkins, \$158,000; Houston, \$394,000; Howard, \$1,980,000; Hunt, \$255,838,000; Hutchinson, \$110,000.

Jasper, \$1,650,000; Jeff Davis, \$65,000; Jefferson, \$404,013,000; Jim Wells, \$140,000; Johnson, \$225,000.

Kaufman, \$631,000; Kleberg, \$2,605,000; Knox, \$7,161,000; Lamar, \$5,363,000; Lampasas, \$20,000; Leon, \$12,000; Limestone, \$1,215,000; Lipscomb, \$487,000; Live Oak, \$2,841,000; Lubbock, \$27,071,000.

McLennan, \$45,742,000; Marion, \$864,000; Mason, \$77,000; Matagorda, \$701,000; Medina, \$6,328,000; Midland, \$101,000; Milan, \$210,000; Montague, \$14,000; Morris, \$46,000.

Nacogdoches, \$209,000; Navarro, \$41,000; Nolan, \$29,000; Nueces, \$411,426,000.

Orange, \$132,000; Palo Pinto, \$6,551,000; Polk, \$23,000; Potter, \$25,261,000; Presidio, \$1,054,000; Randall, \$39,000; Reeves, \$143,000; Rockwall, \$43,000; Runnels, \$51,000; Rusk, \$26,000.

San Augustine, \$197,000; San Patricio, \$16,406; Smith, \$22,448,000; Stephens, \$48,000.

Tarrant, \$1,953,911,000; Taylor, \$307,304,000; Titus, \$792,000; Tom Green, \$6,357,000; Travis, \$100,515,000; Tyler, \$16,000.

Upshur, \$16,000.

Survivors sue LULAC

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — The League of Latin American Citizens has been sued for \$1.75 million by the survivors of an Albuquerque man who was killed outside a LULAC club two years ago.

The family of George Almaraz contends in the lawsuit that national and local officers of the Hispanic organization failed to provide adequate security at the club.

The lawsuit seeks \$750,000 in economic damages, \$750,000 in compensatory damages and \$250,000 in exemplary damages.

In August, Danny Pete Blea was convicted of murdering Almaraz in an alley next to the club following an argument. Blea also was convicted of aggravated battery and aggravated assault for shooting bartender Patricia Campos.

Blea was sentenced to life in prison, but that term doesn't begin until he completes a 49-year sentence for heroin trafficking, state prison officials said.

During the trial, Blea testified that he drank at least 25 beers and tequila shots at the club the evening of Jan. 26, 1980.

The lawsuit says Blea was not a member of the club and shouldn't have been allowed on the premises. In addition, the lawsuit says, Blea had displayed a pistol the previous night at the club and threatened to kill anyone who bothered.

Despite the threat, there was "no security whatsoever at the bar, aside from a female bartender," the lawsuit said.

Lunar colony predicted by end of century

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Man may be ready soon to establish a permanent lunar colony and tap what may be a vast storehouse of raw materials on the moon, a group of scientists said here Wednesday.

A series of speakers at the 14th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference at the Johnson Space Center said that technology, some available and some being developed, will make it possible to establish a mine, factory or a science station on the lunar surface by the end of this century.

"I think we will have a moon colony by 2000," said Hans Mark, a deputy administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "We will have the enabling technology in this decade."

He predicted that NASA will develop a space station orbiting the Earth and an orbital transfer vehicle by 1990.

Once the orbital transfer vehicle — a spacecraft which flies only from low-Earth orbit to high-Earth orbit — is developed, "we'll realize how easy it would be to go on to the moon."

George Mueller, a former NASA executive who helped direct the Apollo program, said that modern studies have suggested the moon could be used for a variety of purposes.

He said it could possibly be mined for oxygen — to supply rocket engines and space colonies — or to harvest a variety of precious metals.

One study, said Mueller, suggested asteroids, which are rich in platinum, iridium and other rare and valuable metals, could be forced to crash into the moon. The asteroid minerals could then be collected by lunar robot machines.

Mueller said it is still not known for sure if there is water on the moon, but if such deposits exist, they could be exploited to make hydrogen and oxygen, the basic components in a powerful rocket fuel.

But Mueller said the most logical use for the moon in the near term would be to establish it as a solar power generating base, producing electricity for use on Earth.

A vast field of solar power cells — which convert sunlight to electricity — could be constructed on the moon's surface that is constantly in direct sunlight, he said.

Electricity generated by the power cells could be converted to microwaves and beamed to Earth, then converted back to electricity.

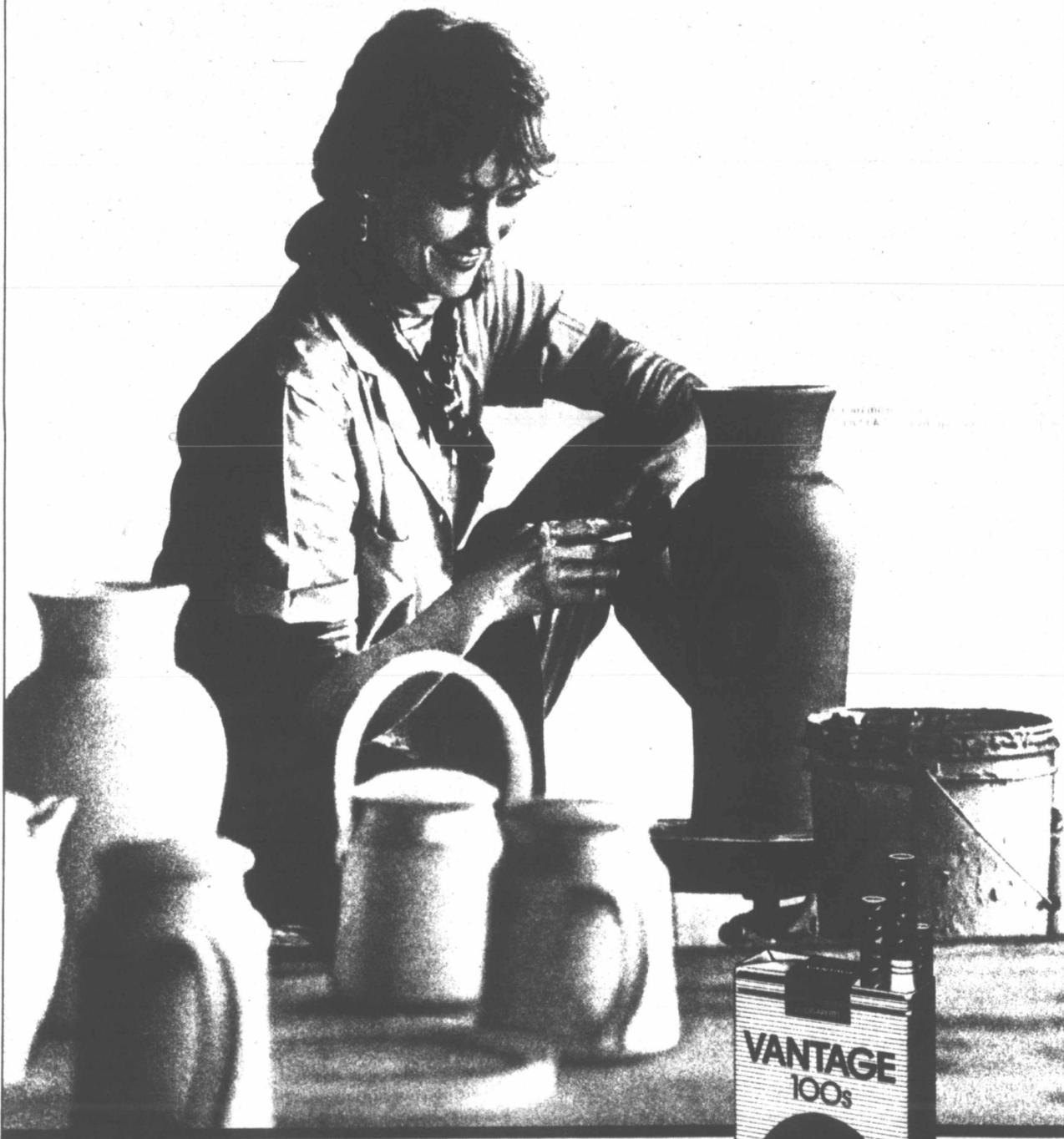
"This is technically feasible and within the state of the art," said Mueller. A 200-megawatt station could be built on the moon within a 10-year period using lunar materials for 90 percent of the construction.

Larry Haskin, a Johnson Space Center scientist, said that early experiments using simulated lunar material have developed a number of suggested techniques that could be used to mine iron or other minerals from moon rock and soil.

Hugh Davis, head of Eagle Engineering, a space technology firm, said his company has conducted a study which shows the moon could be used economically as a source of oxygen for the nation's space operations.

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More agriculture in the classroom sought

By DON KENDALL AP Farm Writer
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Government festivities for the 10th annual Agriculture Day on March 21 will include a petition by former secretaries of agriculture asking that schools teach more about the nation's food supply and where it comes from.
 The petition will be sent to all state governors urging them to support an "agriculture in the classroom" program, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday.
 Signers include Agriculture Secretary John R. Block and seven of his predecessors — Bob Bergland, John A. Knebel, Earl L. Butz, Clifford M. Hardin, Orville L. Freeman, Ezra Taft Benson and Charles F. Brannan.
 Although USDA's announcement did not mention it, an appearance at the department by President Reagan is still in the works, according to program officials.
 Reagan's tentative visit to USDA will be followed

by Block attending a National Press Club luncheon to be held as one of the Agriculture Day activities.
 In the afternoon, exhibits showing various programs of USDA agencies will be opened to the public.
 A private reception will be held for members of Congress and farm leaders in the evening at the department. It will be sponsored by the Agriculture Council of America Education Foundation, and the National Agriculture Day Steering Committee.
 Agriculture Day was started informally a decade ago and gradually became a national event, including state and local activities scheduled to draw attention to the nation's food system.
 This year's observance was boosted by Congress in a joint resolution last September and signed by President Reagan on Oct. 14, according to the sponsors.
 Despite agriculture's problems with sagging farm income, reduced exports and surplus

stockpiles of key crops, the accomplishments of the nation's producers are generally recognized as unsurpassed in the world.
 Still, problems do exist, and the enthusiasm among Agriculture Day planners may have been dampened a bit by Peter C. Myers, chief of USDA's Soil Conservation Service.
 Farmers and ranchers should take note of "the need to reduce soil erosion as part of an observance of National Agricultural Day," Myers said Tuesday.
 Nearly three billion tons of soil erode from the nation's cropland each year, a loss that seriously threatens long-term agricultural productivity in many areas.
 "We need to take steps to curb soil loss," Myers said. "Losses are very serious in many areas, with some farms losing as much as 150 tons of soil per acre per year."

A black vs. white battle in Philadelphia

By LEE LINDER
 Associated Press Writer
 PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With W. Wilson Goode, the son of a black North Carolina sharecropper, battling former mayor Frank Rizzo for the Democratic mayoral nomination in the nation's fourth largest city, it looks almost like a replay of Chicago's mayoral primary.
 Goode, seeking his first elective office, tangles in the May 17 primary with Rizzo, who spent 30 years as a policeman before moving into City Hall where conservatives hailed his law-and-order tactics and liberals labeled him a racist.
 The 44-year-old Goode, former chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, says he hopes race won't become a factor in the nation's fourth-largest city, which has been ruled by Democrats since 1951.
 "In this country we have always had racism, religious bigotry," he said during a recent interview. "I think we have grown as a city, and in the end people will vote for me because I'm a better man."
 Rizzo doesn't agree with that assessment, complaining Philadelphia is in trouble because of poor leadership.
 "I'm more experienced, and I have more leadership capabilities," said the 62-year-old Rizzo, finding himself in the unaccustomed role of underdog.
 Rizzo served two terms, from 1972 to 1980. He was barred by the City Charter from three-in-a-row, so has

been waiting to launch his comeback, living on a \$44,000 pension.
 Mayor William Green, a former Congressman who succeeded Rizzo, decided against a second term after dealing with Philadelphia's tough financial, school, transit, welfare and labor problems.
 Goode, the city's second-ranking official in his post of managing director in Green's cabinet, jumped into the race.
 He sees some similarity between his campaign and the upset triumph of Rep. Harold Washington, the black who won Chicago's Democratic primary by defeating incumbent Jane M. Byrne and Richard Daley, the son of Chicago's legendary leader who had held the office for 21 years. As in Chicago, blacks account for about 40 percent of the Democratic vote in Philadelphia.
 But the similarity is not a matter of race, he says, but of outsiders with new ideas getting in.
 "We were running against people from the past," Goode said. "Washington was a kind of new face in City Hall (and) he brought a different perspective on city government in Chicago," linking his so-called political freshness to the same category.
 "I think people basically are starting to reject the past and go with the future."
 The race issue keeps surfacing, though not always from the candidates.
 After Washington's triumph, one of his principal backers, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, came to Philadelphia and suggested it was time now for blacks to support black candidates.
 Both Goode and Rizzo sharply criticized Jackson's remarks.
 "There's no place in Philadelphia or in this campaign for such divisive and inflammatory comments," Rizzo said.
 Goode said Jackson's remarks were "inappropriate, ill-timed and inconsistent with what we believe should happen...I do not want everyone black to vote for me. I feel I can appeal to the overwhelming majority of all people in this city on the basis of being competent."

Early published polls show Goode, who moved here with his family in 1954, holds a substantial lead over Rizzo — as much as 20 percent.
 "I can feel it when I walk the streets," said Goode. "There is broad-based support for my candidacy."
 Rizzo agreed he was the underdog, but said he was never ahead in early polls in his other political battles: "It's only the one on election day that counts, and I've won both of them."
 On the Republican side, three whites are contending for the nomination: John Egan, president of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange; Rep. Charles Dougherty; and Tom Gola, former city controller and one-time pro basketball star of the old Philadelphia Warriors.
 Goode said blacks comprise about 43 percent of Philadelphia's 650,000 registered Democratic voters "and I will need 80 percent of the black vote to win."
 In Chicago, an Associated Press-NBC News exit poll found that Washington captured 84 percent of the black vote while his two opponents split all but a handful of the white vote.
 Rizzo reacts sharply to critics who accuse him of polarizing the races while he was mayor, that in his blind support of the police and his hard-nosed attitude on crime, he sometimes closed his eyes to violations of civil rights.
 "I served all the people, as mayor and as a policeman."

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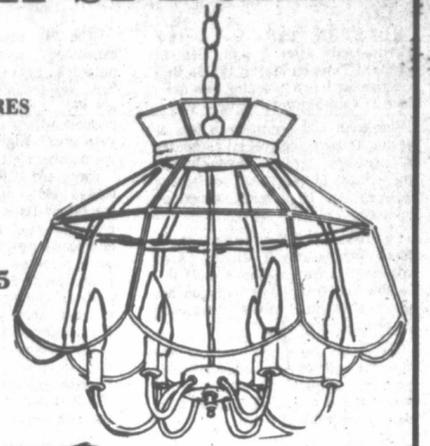
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Ma Bell births bouncing baby 409 - it's a new area code!

HOUSTON (AP) — A few microseconds after 2 p.m. Central Standard Time on March 19, Ma Bell will give birth to a bouncing new Area Code. It's already got a name — 409.

The birth will occur when bits of electricity carrying special computer instructions streak through the microchips of 1,872 big switching stations on the North American continent.

In a flash, 409 is born and telephone users from southern Mexico (Area Code 905) to frozen Alaska (907) will be able to dial Diboll or Nacogdoches or any of 180 other Texas towns using the new number.

The Texas towns receiving the new code are now in Area Code 713. The explosive growth of Houston, the major 713 city, forced Southwestern Bell to create the new code.

"The 713 assigned numbers are exhausted," said Sheryl Doyle, the network service supervisor for Southwestern Bell in Houston. "There are 640 ... (phone number prefixes) possible within an NPA (Numbering Plan Area). Right now, we don't have any numbers left."

There are 10,000 numbers — from 0000 to 9999 — possible within each of the 640 prefixes of the NPA. In 713, each of the 6.4 million possible numbers are either being used or have been reserved by a customer for future use, said Mrs. Doyle.

Phone company experts knew the number shortage was developing. They began studying the problem four years ago and concluded that the best way to develop new numbers for Houston would be to create Area Code 409. It includes more than 180 towns that now are in 713, but which are long

distance toll calls from Houston.

Under the plan, 713 becomes an island Area Code, completely surrounded by 409. It will be the first with such a configuration, said Mrs. Doyle. One reason for the design, she added, is to prepare for creation of another area code in the future.

"According to forecasts, 15 years from now it'll be necessary to split 713 again," she said. "If the current growth continues, we'll run out of numbers again."

The new area code number will not cause a change in any customer's seven-digit local number. In Lufkin, for instance, 634-8861 will still reach the telephone office there.

But with Lufkin placed into 409, the number 634-8861 could be assigned to a new telephone in Houston, which remains in Area Code 713.

This will happen to all of the

prefixes within the new 409. Mrs. Doyle said the change will free 240 prefixes for use in Houston. That, in effect, creates 2.4 million new telephone numbers.

Four-oh-nine will become the 128th Area Code number in the North American area and it will give Texas seven code areas, second only to the eight of New York.

Area codes have been in use nationally since 1947. Eighty-seven of them were created for internal phone company use, principally to help operators who then handled all of the long distance calls. Texas was given four Area Codes — 214, 713, 817 and 512.

Most local numbers during that era included a word prefix and five numbers. (Remember Pennsylvania Six-Five Thousand or Butterfield Eight?)

In the 1950s and 1960s, the word prefixes were dropped and Americans had to memorize three more numbers to call home. And shortly after that, the Direct Distant Dial was instituted. Customers could dial long distance phones themselves and the era of operators began to fade. Americans also had to memorize three more numbers to say 'hi' to Gran'ma.

On June 7, Area Code 213 in California will be split with Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley keeping the old code and the rest of the area going into the new 816 area. On June 23, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island in New York will split off to form Area Code 718. Manhattan and the Bronx will remain in 212. In 1985, Area Code 214, (Dallas) is expected to split in two.

Eventually, says Southwestern Bell spokesman Jim Lydon, America will

get too many phones for even the present system.

"Some day we'll run out of area codes," he said. No final solution to this problem has been found, said Lydon, but he said telephone companies may create a four-digit area code system.

If that happens, Americans will have to memorize 11 numbers to call home. 'Tis enough to discourage even ol' E.T.

Experts ran into some tough problems in carving up the telephone map for the new 409 Area Code. Mrs. Doyle said they made an effort to avoid splitting cities and towns, but were not always successful. In The Woodlands, a new town north of Houston, some neighborhoods may eventually be in 409 while the center of the town remains in 713.

Chihuahuas are rare in Chihuahua

By MONTE HAYES
Associated Press Writer
CHIHUAHUA, Mexico (AP) — The ancient Toltecs fattened it and considered it a delicacy. Today, the Chihuahua dog is a prized, pocket-sized pet that is surprisingly hard to find in the northern Mexican state that provides its name.

Ask a shoeshine boy in Plaza de Hidalgo where you can find one of the tiny, hairless dogs with the large, pointed ears, and he scratches his head and says he's never seen one.

"Although it may seem incredible," said Chihuahua businessman Gonzalo Morales. "I've seen only one of those little dogs in the 20 years I've lived here."

Veterinarian Xavier Lopez says it's easier to find Chihuahuas in El Paso, Texas, 230 miles to the north, than in the dog's home state of Chihuahua.

"There are two or three people here who raise and sell Chihuahuas," he said. "But the breeders have had problems with illness, adaptation and high mortality at birth."

He says domestication has weakened the modern-day Chihuahua's capacity to withstand the state's harsh winter, when temperatures often fall below freezing.

"The dogs found at Casas Grandes had adapted to the cold. But the domesticated dogs of today are not as resistant to the cold," he said. "They became more dependent on heating, more delicate. That's why their owners put sweaters on them."

The modern, hairless version of the Chihuahua was discovered in 1850 running wild in pre-Columbian ruins at Casas Grandes, 210 miles northwest of here, the veterinarian says.

The Indians who populated Casas Grandes a thousand years ago traded with Toltec merchants in central Mexico, historians say. The Toltecs, forerunners of the Aztecs, fattened a long-haired version of the Chihuahua and savored its meat.

Lopez says domestication also resulted in an increase in the dog's size and forced selective breeding by kennels to produce the 1-pound "pocket-sized" Chihuahua, considered the ideal.



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Texas called world parrot-smuggling capitol

By NANCY STANCILL
Houston Chronicle
HOUSTON (AP) — In a town along the Mexican border not long ago, U.S. Customs agents stopped a stout, middle-aged woman when they observed a strange fluttering in the ample folds of her blouse.

Inside a sock stuffed in her blouse was a drunken Mexican parrot, who had been given tequila in the hope it would not emit telltale squawks during the trip through Customs.

Last week government agents in Houston confiscated 103 parrots — including 21 dead ones — and charged a north Houston couple in what

was called the largest seizure of contraband parrots from Mexico.

These incidents illustrate why Texas has become the world's parrot-smuggling capital of the world, say Houston-based government agents David Kleinz and Jeff Friend.

"By geography alone, Texas is much bigger for parrot smuggling than any other state," says Friend, a Customs Service special agent. "The climate along the border is good for the birds. They do well here."

And once the contraband birds get to the big cities — Houston, San Antonio and Austin are the most popular — they are distributed to other parts of the country as well, he says.

"The demand here is staggering," adds Kleinz, a special agent for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "But people just can't seem to get enough of the birds anywhere."

And though the two agents can smile about the woman who tried to smuggle the bird in her cleavage, they are deeply concerned about the upsurge in smuggling, because they believe the public is unaware of the economic and health hazards.

Also, they say, organized crime is beginning to tap the lucrative bird-smuggling market and the instances of

large-scale parrot smuggling are on the rise.

"It's been suggested that bird smuggling is as profitable as marijuana smuggling," says Charles Conroy, a spokesman for Customs, which estimates that at least 10,000 parrots are brought into the United States illegally each year.

No one knows how many come into Texas, but agents believe that the number of parrots confiscated by Customs yearly in the southwest region (Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona and part of Louisiana) is only a fraction of the number smuggled.

Customs confiscated 216 parrots in 1980 and 668 in 1981. Last year's total of 405 birds may reflect a shift in manpower to other enforcement priorities, says Conroy. Friend and Kleinz, who once concentrated exclusively on investigating parrot cases, now have added responsibilities.

The two men are worried about a decrease in efforts to halt parrot smuggling.

"One of these days we may see an incredible outbreak in Newcastle disease that could destroy every chicken, duck and pigeon in Texas," says Kleinz.

Parrots can carry exotic Newcastle disease, an outbreak of which destroyed

12 million birds, mostly laying hens, in southern California in 1971-74. Eradicating the disease, which spreads quickly among birds, cost the government \$56 million, mostly in payments to chicken farmers whose fowl had to be destroyed. The infected parrots came from South America. Parrots also can carry psittacosis, a flu-like disease transmissible to humans.

For these reasons, people who wish to import a psittacine or hookbilled bird must make advance arrangements with the U.S. government, reserving a space at one of nine quarantine facilities for 30 days to ensure that the parrot is free of disease. The hefty \$80 cost tends to encourage smuggling.

Kleinz says smugglers hawk their birds "at fast-food restaurants along the border, in newspaper ads" and through unscrupulous pet shop operators.

Friend says parrot smuggling goes hand-in-hand with illegally transporting other items, such as drugs, because the smuggler usually has conveyances such as airplanes or boats that must be kept working so they can pay for themselves.

"We recently picked up a man in Austin who had 18

parrots, two ounces of cocaine, \$1,700 in funny money and a bunch of dirty pictures," Friend says.

Similarly, he recalls, hundreds of dead parrots were found floating alongside bales of marijuana near a capsized boat abandoned by smugglers two years ago.

Kleinz and Friend say they have seen attempts to smuggle the birds in such containers as ice cream freezers, diaper pails, oil tanks and between trailer loads of Mexican brick. In border towns, smugglers have brazenly floated rafts of bird cages across the Rio Grande in broad daylight.

The chain of profit, they say, is almost unbelievable. "A man buys a parrot from a Mexican farmer for \$8," Conroy says. "It's sold in the village for \$18. It's smuggled into the U.S. for \$50. It's sold wholesale to a pet shop for \$200 and it retails for \$400 or \$500 or more."

Most of the birds coming into Texas are from Mexico and range greatly in retail value, but some sell for \$3,000 or more. One parrot, an Imperial Amazon found only on certain Caribbean Islands, would fetch \$65,000, Friend says.

Mexican profiteers, he says, will "knock parrot nests right out of the tree, destroying nine out of 10 babies. A tremendous amount of birds is being destroyed."

Many birds die en route, Friend says, because "they have weak respiratory systems and stress out easily."

Friend and Kleinz were instrumental in establishing a quarantine facility in Mission, Texas, so that government-confiscated birds could be kept alive rather than routinely destroyed, as was the practice until a few years ago.

School wins grant for Gulf research

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The Department of Energy has awarded Texas A&M University an \$8.1 million contract — the largest in the school's history — to continue the university's study of salt deposits in the Gulf of Mexico.

The project has been studying the government's program to remove salt from underground caverns and discharge it into the Gulf of Mexico. The salt is being removed from caverns off the Texas and Louisiana coasts to store 750 million barrels of oil.

A&M has been studying the government's creation of a Strategic Petroleum Reserve for six years, said Dr. Roy Hahn, head of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station's environmental engineering division.

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Heimlich Maneuver saves lives

If you saw someone choking, would you be able to offer assistance? Many people would probably not know what to do.

A technique often successful in clearing a choking victim's airway is the Heimlich Maneuver. It involves pushing the patient's diaphragm upward to get rid of an obstruction in the throat.

Performed immediately and correctly, the technique can save lives. An American Heart Association survey found the maneuver to be successful 85 percent of the times it was performed.

The Texas Medical Association (TMA) suggests the following steps in using the technique:

—Stand behind the victim and put your arms around the waist.

—Let the victim's head and upper torso hang forward.

—Make a fist with one hand and place your thumb against the victim's abdomen. IMPORTANT: The thumb

should be between the navel and the rib cage.

—Grasp your fist with the other hand, press into the victim's abdomen and thrust upward quickly.

—It may be necessary to repeat this procedure several times.

Sometimes a victim will collapse from oxygen loss. If this happens, the procedure is basically the same:

—Straddle the victim, who is face up.

—Place your hands on top of each other just below the victim's diaphragm.

—Push forcefully toward the victim's head.

—Repeat the procedure if necessary.

The maneuver is to compress the air already in the lungs. This should force what is in the victim's throat to be expelled.

Promptness is a key factor in saving a choking victim because death can occur within four minutes. Also

important is performing the maneuver correctly.

Improper technique can damage the liver, spleen or stomach. Your doctor can advise you on where to receive instruction on the

Heimlich Maneuver.

In many cases, choking occurs while eating and sometimes in restaurants. Bystanders often feel helpless because they think the victim is having a heart attack,

prompting the term "caca coronary."

Before performing the Heimlich Maneuver, be certain the victim is choking from an obstruction in the throat or windpipe.

Texas Commission on Arts accepting advisory members

AUSTIN — Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) is accepting nominations for new members of its nine advisory panels. The nine panels — community arts, dance, education, literature, media, music, theatre, touring and visual arts — architecture — are composed of at least 12 members each, with the exception of the six-member touring panel.

The 1982-83 Texas Arts Plan, which describes TCA's goals, programs and services, defines panelists as "experts or professionals in their respective fields who may be artists, arts administrators, trustees of arts organizations or others knowledgeable in the arts."

They come from differing geographic locations, ethnic origins and arts disciplines

and meet twice a year in Austin to review grant applications submitted by Texas arts organizations.

Advisory panel members may be nominated by any interested person or organization throughout the state. To be eligible, nominations must include a resume and be received by the commission no later than April 1, although the commission welcomes nominations in advance of the deadline.

Final selections are made by commission members and will be announced at the April 28 commission meeting. Appointments are made for three year terms.

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Community Concert membership drive



These Community Concert Association workers are looking over member lists they are updating in the current membership campaign, March 13 - 21. Membership drive co-chairman Louise Richardson holds the list. Behind her from left are board members, Karen Bridges, Margaret Williams and Bonnie Hawkins, area membership chairman. This week current members can renew their memberships for the coming year. (Staff photo by Bruce Lee Smith)

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JANICE ANN BROWER

Brower to compete

Janice Ann Brower, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brower of Pampa has been selected as a finalist in the annual Miss Northern Texas National Teenager Pageant to be held at Clarendon College, Clarendon, May 6-8.

Miss Northern Texas National Teenager Pageant is the official regional finals to the Miss Texas National Teenager Pageant to be held June 4.

Miss Brower's hobbies include reading, dancing and swimming, golf, basketball, sewing and cooking.

Dear Abby

Cash gifts receive hearty endorsement

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: I've written to you three times in my life — so far — and two of my letters have appeared in your column. Not bad! Here goes again:

Re money gifts at weddings: Why not? So many young people live together for a while before they tie the knot and really don't need any more serving pieces, toasters or blenders.

We gave both of our nephews money for wedding gifts. One of them pooled all his cash gifts and used it for something he really needed — a sizable down payment on a car.

I think the "correct" thing to do in every situation is what is sensible and practical for the people involved.

Any gift given with love and consideration for the recipients is "correct" in my book. Who cares what the etiquette books say!

T.J.F. IN AGAWAM, MASS.

DEAR T.J.F.: I agree. But the etiquette books say that cash gifts are "correct." What is incorrect is a wedding invitation accompanied by the suggestion that a gift of cash is preferred. In other words, it's okay to give cash, but it's not okay to ask for it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a knock-down, drag-out fight about a point of etiquette.

Here's the situation: My husband and I were dinner guests at the home of a couple in another city. On returning home the following day, we sent the hostess an exceptionally lovely arrangement of flowers to express our appreciation.

It's been two months, and we've heard nothing from the hostess to indicate that our flowers were received. (Never mind a "thank-you.") My husband maintains that our flowers were a "thank-you" for the dinner, and it's not necessary for her to thank us for having thanked her.

I say the hostess should have at least let us know our flowers were received. Who's right?

PEA PICKER'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: You are. The hostess should have acknowledged the flowers and thanked you for them.

DEAR ABBY: Your column featuring the questionnaire to determine whether you are an alcoholic brought tears to my eyes.

I remember taking that test a year ago at my second A.A. meeting. The results convinced me that I was an alcoholic and had to do something about it.

When I was 17, I found myself drinking Coffee Royals at 8:30 a.m. to face my day. I had been drinking and drugging since I was 12. I was a basket case.

I am 18 now, and I have not had a drink, or drugs of any kind, for nearly a year. Tomorrow will be my first anniversary!

Alcoholics Anonymous has definitely saved my life. I have everything going for me. I came from a life of hell, and today I have a hell of a life!

Thanks for constantly plugging A.A. That column made my day.

BOBBY S.

DEAR BOBBY: No thanks due me. A.A. threw you a lifeline. You caught it. Congratulations.

DEAR ABBY: In your column in the Toronto Sun, someone raised the old chestnut about whether a man should remove his hat in an elevator when there are ladies present.

I thought that was settled once and for all years ago by Emily Post — but I won't swear to it. This is the essence of her reply, though not the exact wording:

"An elevator is a means of transportation, in the same category as a local bus, subway, train or streetcar. The only difference is that an elevator travels vertically, rather than horizontally. A man does not remove his hat in other vehicles, so there is no necessity for him to remove it in an elevator."

You're welcome.

ARTHUR PICKERING, CANADIAN

DEAR ABBY: Please let us know if we should send a thank-you note for a check we received as a wedding gift that was returned (twice) to us marked "N.S.F." (It finally cleared.)

NEWLYWEDS IN NEW CASTLE, PA.

DEAR NEWLYWEDS: A gracious thank-you note would be doubly appreciated after a double bounce.

Doke picked as finalist

Shellie Jay Doke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Doke of Pampa, has been selected as a state finalist for the Miss North Texas National Pre-Teen Pageant.

The pageant is scheduled July 16 at Clarendon Junior College in Clarendon.

Miss Doke is 10 years old and a fifth grader at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.



SHELLIE DOKE

PMS girls choir wins sweepstakes at UIL

Pampa Middle School (PMS) girls choir brought home a Sweepstakes trophy they won at the UIL Concert-Sightreading Contest for choirs.

Three Middle School choirs and five Pampa High School choirs participated in the contest March 10 and 11 at West Texas State University campus in Canyon.

PMS girls choir was awarded the Sweepstakes trophy after they earned a first division rating in both

concert and sightreading categories. The PMS Concert Choir received a II in concert and a III in sightreading. PMS Boys choir members won a II in concert and a I in sightreading. Elena Ann Donald is director of the Middle School choirs.

PHS concert choir, concert men, mixed choir and girls choir all received first division ratings in concert but failed to earn a I in sightreading to complete the Sweepstakes.

Concert choir women received a I in sightreading but received a II in concert.

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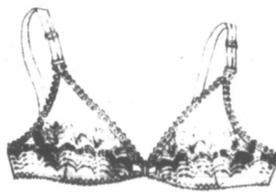
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 - 5 Nutmeg spice
 - 9 Caesar
 - 12 Mohorovicic discontinuity
 - 13 Mild girth
 - 14 Compass point
 - 15 Terminal pole
 - 17 Depression initials
 - 18 Firmament
 - 19 Insect stage
 - 20 Lowest point
 - 22 Look at
 - 23 And so on (abbr., Lat. 2 wds.)
 - 24 Forego
 - 27 Master plan
 - 32 Prods
 - 34 Arthur's nickname
 - 35 Vast expanse
 - 36 Flurry
 - 37 Football division
 - 39 Artist's equipment
 - 41 Time
 - 44 Labyrinth
 - 45 Lighted
- DOWN**
- 1 French women (abbr.)
 - 2 Egg center
 - 3 Third person
 - 4 This (Lat.)
 - 5 Becomes one
 - 6 Excited order
 - 7 Ungentlemanly man
 - 8 Of anteaer
 - 9 Mail
 - 10 Cross
 - 11 Valuable
 - 16 Golfing aid
 - 21 Pretend
 - 22 Female saint (abbr.)
 - 23 Do wrong
 - 24 Campus area
 - 25 Hindi dialect
 - 26 Composer
 - 28 Mexican sandwich
 - 29 Weather bureau (abbr.)
 - 30 Goshi
 - 31 Harvard's rival
 - 33 Humorist
 - 38 Usable
 - 40 Electrical unit
 - 42 Pub beverage
 - 43 Approached
 - 47 Saratoga
 - 48 Egg (Fr.)
 - 49 Playful child
 - 50 Take notice
 - 51 Parched
 - 52 Fodder
 - 53 Jot
 - 54 Stuck-up person
 - 57 Male garment
 - 58 Scotch beret

Answer to Previous Puzzle

SHAW	SHAD	EVA
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be hesitant to make concessions today if you feel it's necessary to better your position. You'll get most of what you want, but not all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A potentially difficult situation will be handled with ease today, owing to the efforts of another who will be working on your behalf.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's been said that nice guys don't finish first. However, you can disprove this axiom today by reaching your objectives through being kind to others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may not have all the ideas yourself on how to get things done today, but you'll have the ability to elicit the missing pieces from others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Success is likely today. You'll know how to use your imagination to skirt any potential obstacles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Others will find you an exhilarating companion today. You'll set the type of example which will encourage them to utilize their better qualities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your approach to managing another's tricky business problem will be clever and practical. You might even realize a modest portion of his gains.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The basis for a solid relationship can be established in a brief verbal exchange today. Weigh your words carefully when making new contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Channel your artistic urges today toward beautification of your surroundings. You can add touches you won't tire of readily.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The conversational buzz behind your back today will be highly complimentary. Several pals will be telling others about your virtues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can be very clever today in moving funds around in ways to make it possible to get things you thought you couldn't afford.

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Robbery detective adopted victim

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — The Old Man of South Laredo Street died quietly in his sleep, ending a two-year relationship with the police detective who "adopted him."

Anthony Lopez was alone and frail when robbery detective Ray Hildebrand became like a son to him. Their chosen kinship began two years ago in August. Young thugs entered the abandoned house where Lopez lived on South Laredo Street. They beat him and took \$1 from his pockets.

Lopez, 78 at the time, fell to the floor and pretended to be unconscious. The attackers set fire to the old, frame house and left Lopez to die in the blaze. Bleeding and still shaken, he climbed out a window and escaped.

Robbery Lt. Javier Moreno sent Hildebrand to investigate the robbery.

Lopez could provide Hildebrand with only a vague description of three young men. They never were caught.

Hildebrand, a police veteran, had seen it all on his years on the force, but he could not bear to see the fragile, old man left alone.

With help from a city councilwoman, Hildebrand got Lopez an apartment.

The policeman and his wife, Suzanne Hildebrand, became his companions.

On weekends, they took their 9-year-old son, Ashley, to visit Lopez, and they became a family.

Hildebrand taught the old man how to operate the elevators in his apartment building and Mrs. Hildebrand took him on his first shopping trip.

Ashley taught the old man how to write his name.

"He taught us too," Mrs. Hildebrand reflected. "His logic was simple and almost childlike. He used to say that if you wanted something, you must work for it. You must never take anything that is not yours."

"He did not understand racism. He said that Jesus knew only one race."

Lopez had been used to roaming the street before the robbery and fire. He was slow to adjust to apartment living, but adapted after a few months.

Then, about a month ago, he fell ill. More than anything, Mrs. Hildebrand said, he was just old and tired.

She persuaded him to enter the hospital, but once there he refused to take off his clothes. He even slept in his shoes.

When the Hildebrands did not bring their son with them on visits, Lopez demanded an explanation.

On March 7, a county court-at-law judge made Hildebrand the legal guardian for Lopez.

Patients talk, breathe normal with operation

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — People who have lost up to three-quarters of their vocal cords to cancer have been able to talk and breathe normally after an operation refined at the Ochsner Medical Institutions, a surgeon said.

"It's a new operation that we've had a lot of success with," said Dr. R. Brent Butcher, who said he and his colleagues have built new vocal cords for 13 or 14 patients over the last two years.

Without the operation, the patients would be able to talk only by swallowing air and bringing it up in a controlled belch. This esophageal speech produces an unnatural voice, and Butcher said only about half the patients with cancer of the larynx can learn to do it.

He said patients' voices become breathier and deeper after the operation, but still are much closer to normal than so-called esophageal speech.

Even more important, he said, is that they can breathe normally, instead of having to have a hole cut in the throat below the spot where the larynx used to be.

"When you take out that much of the voice box and just leave it to heal on its own ... it will become very constricted" — too

tight to let the person breathe through the nose or mouth, he said.

Butcher said the technique can be used only on a small percentage of patients with cancer of the larynx — those whose tumors were on the true vocal cords or in the space between those cords and the false vocal cords that narrow the opening of the larynx during swallowing.

And at least half of one vocal cord must be left in the throat.

To replace the rest, the doctors take almost all of the cartilage from the nasal septum — the strip that separates the nostrils.

"We have to leave a little strip at the top and at the end so the nose doesn't collapse," Butcher said.

The doctors also take the lining that covers the cartilage on one side, leaving the other side intact so that there's no hole between the nostrils.

"It'll heal just like it is without any problems," he said.

"We make a single cut and bend the cartilage on itself to form a keel so it preserves the natural contour of the voice box."

"That's all that's necessary. Once you've rebuilt that, you form a new vocal cord from the lining ... what we call a neocord."

Child walking to gain strength for operation

HOUSTON (AP) — An 11-year-old candidate for a heart transplant abandons her wheelchair for part of each day and walks in an effort to gain strength for an operation which could save her life, her father says.

Sharon Stohler, of Anderson, Ind., began the mild exercise last week at the advice of doctors at Texas Children's Hospital. David Stohler said Tuesday. It was the first time she had moved without the chair since her release from an Indiana hospital Dec. 9, he said.

A team of doctors is conducting tests to see if Sharon is a likely candidate for a heart transplant, Stohler said results of a heart biopsy, which will search for inflammations and tell doctors the organ's tissue type, are expected Wednesday.

"There are two sides to the problem — it's risky for her to walk, but at the same time, she's losing muscle tone, including the heart muscle," Stohler said. He said doctors in Indiana felt walking would place an unnecessary strain on Sharon's heart.

"She walks in her room or to the nurse's station and back. I'm really not sure how far that is — not very far," Stohler said.

Testing began after the child and her parents arrived from Indiana March 9.

"As far as we know, everything is going well," he said. Stohler said tests were originally scheduled for completion Wednesday, but added that they appeared to be behind schedule.

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Sports Scene

Douglass, Raymond leave today for state meet

Clay Douglass is brimming with confidence. Amy Raymond is nervous. Those different feelings are understandable since Douglass is a senior and Miss Raymond is a sophomore. Both, however, are headed for the same place—the Texas High School Swim meet this weekend in Austin.

There were no slippups this year for Douglass, who qualified for the state meet by winning the 200 IM with a time of 2:03.22 in the regionals.

"I really messed up last year in the 200 IM," Douglass said. "I had a bad start and it kept me from placing."

Douglass has had few bad starts this season, winning two events and sometimes three in several meets this season.

"I've been doing pretty good and I've got a lot of confidence going into state," Douglass said. "The 200 IM has been one of my better events."

Douglass, who received the Dee Henry Memorial Award for courage three years ago at the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Ceremonies, broke his own record in the 200 IM at the district meet this year with a winning time of 2:07.01.

"I've been working on the four basic strokes of the 200 IM and just trying to keep in shape," Douglass added.

"Clay has been looking super," Pampa coach Jema Allen said. "I real excited about his chances."

Miss Raymond will be competing in both the 100 backstroke and 200 IM after placing second in both events at the regionals. As a freshman, Miss Raymond just missed making it to the state meet. She had qualified for the regionals in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

"Amy is a little tight right now, but that's good," coach Allen said. "She'll be ready to swim when the time comes."

Miss Raymond started swimming competitively in the Dolphins' swim program when she was eight years old, but the state meet can give the most experienced swimmer a severe case of the butterflies.

"I feel like I'm ready, but I'm very nervous," Miss Raymond said.

Preliminaries begin at 5 p.m. Friday at the Texas Swim Center with the finals set for 1 p.m. Saturday.

Both Douglass and Raymond will be in Austin Thursday night for a two-hour practice session.

Eyes State Meet



Pampa sophomore Amy Raymond will be competing in the state swim meet Friday and Saturday in Austin. Miss Raymond qualified for the state meet in both the 100 backstroke and 200 IM. (Staff Photo)

Kemper Open tees off today

KAANAPALI, Hawaii (AP) — Jeannette Kerr and the other Hawaiians on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour will see some familiar faces in the gallery for a change in the Women's Kemper Open tournament.

While conceding that professional golf is hard work, Kerr, who was the best Hawaiian finisher in last year's Kemper with a tie for 17th place, thinks the tournament is fun.

"I'm comfortable with all the people here," said Kerr, one of 116 players who today will start play at the 6,182-yard, par-73 Royal Kananapali north course. "It's a lot of fun to know people are behind me."

"Here I might have a pretty good gallery and that's when a lot of people feel pressure," she said. "But it relaxes me. It gives me more people to talk to. I like to talk and laugh. It calms me down. When I get to the shot, I'll

concentrate. But you can't put blinders on for five hours."

Lenore Muraoka, who finished 38th last year, came home a week ago, only to be taken ill. Although she's recovered, Muraoka admits she still has problems.

"I fell lousy physically and I'm not the best mentally," she said. "I don't have a very good attitude and I can't work it out by going jogging or anything."

Although they're the local favorites, Kerr, Muraoka and other members of the Hawaiian contingent will be battling defending champion Amy Alcott in the \$200,000 tournament.

Other major contenders in the field are Pat Bradley and JoAnne Carner. Bradley won the Kemper in 1981, and Carner, the LPGA's all-time leading money winner, lost to Alcott last year by a single stroke.

State Preparations



Pampa senior Clay Douglass gets ready to kick off the side during a practice session Wednesday. Douglass will be competing in the state swim meet Friday and Saturday in Austin. (Staff Photo)

Braxton meets Spinks for light heavy title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — They're finished hitting sparring partners — Dwight Braxton in a barroom and Michael Spinks in a ballroom — and now they're ready to punch each other in the home of the Miss America Pageant.

There won't be anything cosmetically pretty about Braxton and Spinks' scheduled 15-round battle for the undisputed light heavyweight championship Friday night in the 14,000-seat Convention Hall. But a lot of boxing followers expect a work of fistic art.

"They've put together a fight that's going to go down in the books," said Archie Moore, who was the undisputed light heavyweight champion from 1953 until 1960 and is one of history's great fighters.

The 69-year-old Moore watched the 26-year-old Spinks spar four hard rounds Wednesday in the quiet of a hotel-casino ballroom.

Also on hand was Eddie Futch, the trainer of Larry Holmes, who will be in Spinks' corner Friday night for the fight, which will be televised live by Home Box Office and on limited closed-circuit television in the United States.

Earlier, Braxton worked out in the noisier atmosphere of the lounge of another hotel-casino.

There was no smoking allowed — just drinking — during the training session. Tables were almost against three sides of the ring, and the bar was about 10 feet away from the other side.

Braxton, who says he is over a cold he had last week, also sparred four rounds. They were not as heated as the four Spinks worked, but Braxton was much more active than he had been on Tuesday.

NBA roundup

Knicks keep on winning

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD
AP Sports Writer

The New York Knicks are not only winning, they're doing it convincingly and against some of the best teams in the National Basketball Association.

In their last three triumphs on the road — against New Jersey, Boston and Milwaukee, who have three of the five best records in the league — the Knicks have built 20-point halftime leads.

Wednesday night's 105-93 victory over the Bucks in Milwaukee also gave New York a seven-game winning streak for the first time since February 1981. All the victories have come against winning teams.

"We have been playing very well, obviously," Knicks Coach Hubie Brown said, "and it is because we have gotten strong performances by just about everybody. There is no one guy to key on."

Bernard King and Sly Williams scored 15 points each for the Knicks, while Trent Tucker and Bill Cartwright had 14 apiece.

"Hubie has a pretty deep team there," said Milwaukee Coach Don Nelson. "New York has been the hottest team in the league."

Elsewhere in the NBA, Atlanta beat Washington 94-81 in overtime, New Jersey tripped Cleveland 96-90, Utah bombed Detroit 125-115, Philadelphia beat Boston 105-100, Los Angeles topped Phoenix 104-95, Seattle stopped Kansas City 110-102 and Chicago edged Golden State 113-111.

After leading by seven points going into the second period, the Knicks outscored the Bucks 39-26 in the second quarter to go up 64-44 at halftime.

The Knicks built their largest lead, 70-48, in the third period before Sidney Moncrief, who led the Bucks with 19 points, sparked a 10-0 comeback to make it 70-58 with 5:20 left in the period.

But Cartwright scored 10 points, including two consecutive dunks on assists from Williams, in the fourth quarter to keep New York's lead in double figures. Its average margin of victory during the seven-game winning streak has been 11 points.

"We knew they would make a run at us, but we never let them get within 10 in the fourth quarter, which I was really happy with," Brown said.

The Knicks, who were 14-26 and in last place in the Atlantic Division Jan. 22, are now 35-30 and would make the playoffs if they started today.

"Hubie just told us to be patient and that when we learned his system, we would start winning," Knicks guard Eddie Runfield said. "We knew it would take a while, and it did take the first half of the season." 76ers 105, Celtics 100.

Andrew Toney scored 12 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter and Moses Malone added 28 points as Philadelphia beat Boston without injured Julius Erving and flu-plagued Maurice Cheeks.

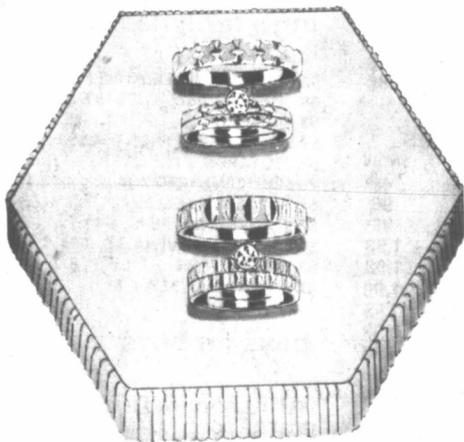
Toney outdueled Boston's Larry Bird, who had 30 points, as the 76ers won their 23rd game at home, improved their record to 55-9 and took an 11-game lead over the Celtics in the Atlantic Division. Lakers 104, Suns 95.

Los Angeles won its fifth game in a row as Earvin "Magic" Johnson had 25 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists against Phoenix.

Dennis Johnson led the Suns with 23 points, while Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who had only seven points with 3:45 left, finished with 12 to keep alive his streak of scoring in double figures in 437 consecutive regular-season games. Nets 96, Cavaliers 90.

Albert King and Michael Ray Richardson each scored 19 points and New Jersey held off a late Cleveland rally to win its fourth straight game.

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In For The Score



Texas Christian University forward Doug Arnold drives in for the score as Tulsa's Herbert Johnson attempts to block the shot during first-half action Wednesday night in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament in Tulsa. Arnold had 20 points and 17 rebounds in leading TCU to a 64-62 win. (AP Laserphoto)

Dream Comes True

Lamar meets Alabama in Midwest game

HOUSTON (AP) — George Milhouse, an Alabama youngster snubbed by Crimson Tide basketball recruiters, has a recurring dream — he's in a hotly contested game at the NCAA tournament and the opponent is the University of Alabama. Tonight his dream comes true.

Milhouse, a high-jumping 6-5 junior, says the only thing missing from his dream was the name of his team and the end of the game.

The name "Lamar University" fills in the first blank. The Cardinals, 22-7, meet Alabama, 20-11, in first round play of the Midwest pre-regional in the Summit tonight.

Maryland, 19-9, plays 28-3

Tennessee-Chattanooga in the evening's other game.

"I always wanted to play for Alabama," said Milhouse, a substitute for Lamar. "They recruited me as a junior. They said they were interested in me as a point guard. I wasn't too crazy about that. Maybe that's why they didn't come back after my senior season."

So Milhouse, of Selma, Ala., went to Clarendon Junior College in the Texas Panhandle, then transferred to Lamar. From there, he's hoping to carry the dream a step further.

"The game never ended in the dream," he said. "I didn't win it with a last-second shot or anything. I was just out there playing against

Alabama, making some good moves and having a good time."

Milhouse came into his own in last week's Southland Conference, post-season tournament. In Lamar's 75-54 championship victory over North Texas State, he made a sensational tip-in just before the half, hit two outside shots in the second half, and added four rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot.

"I had a feeling George was going to be a factor in the tournament and he was," Lamar coach Pat Foster said. "The thing about him is that so much of what he does, like hard-nosed defense and keeping the ball alive under the boards, doesn't show up in the box score. I think he can

be a great player next year." That idea excites Milhouse, who is weary of his role on the bench.

"For a while, I sort of wished I'd gone somewhere else," he said. "I knew I was good enough to play here, but it didn't seem like I could fit in to the kind of game Perk (Kenneth Perkins), Randy (Gray) and Brian (Kellybrew) were playing. It just took time for me to adjust."

But Milhouse said he's grown accustomed to his fate. "I've been able to accept not starting because we're winning," he said. "I love to win and be part of winning. I try to encourage the guys who are on the floor and be ready when my time comes. What happened in the conference

tournament was one of the biggest thrills of my life. Getting to play in the NCAA is going to be an even bigger thrill."

But would it be a bigger thrill yet to be part of a Lamar victory over Alabama?

"The biggest," he said, with a wide grin.

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NCAA at a glance

By The Associated Press

The dates, times, sites and pairings for the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's Division I Championship tournament.

Preliminary Round
 Tuesday, March 15
 At Philadelphia
 Princeton 53, North Carolina A&T 41
 La Salle 76, Boston U 56
 At Dayton, Ohio
 Robert Morris 84, Georgia Southern 54
 Alcorn State 81, Xavier, Ohio 75

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
 Thursday, March 17
 At Greensboro, N.C.
 West Virginia, 23-7, vs. James Madison, 19-9
 Virginia Commonwealth, 23-6, vs. La Salle, 18-13
Friday, March 18
 At Hartford, Conn.
 Syracuse, 20-4, vs. Morehead St., 19-10
 SW Louisiana, 22-4, vs. Rutgers, 22-7

Second Round
 Saturday, March 18
 At Greensboro, N.C.
 Virginia Commonwealth-La Salle winner vs. Chesapeake, 21-9
 West Virginia-James Madison winner vs. North Carolina, 26-7

Midwest Regional
First Round
 Thursday, March 17
 At Tampa, Fla.
 Purdue, 26-8, vs. Robert Morris, 23-7
 Illinois St., 24-4, vs. Ohio U, 22-4
Friday, March 18
 At Evansville, Ind.
 Tennessee, 19-11, vs. Marquette, 19-8
 Oklahoma, 23-4, vs. Ala.-Birmingham, 19-13

Second Round
 Saturday, March 18
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NIT roundup

DePaul breaks jinx

By The Associated Press

For a change, DePaul Coach Ray Meyer knows that today's newspaper will contain at least one piece of good news.

An embarrassed first-round loser in the last three NCAA basketball tournaments when DePaul was ranked among the nation's elite, Meyer finally avoided the opening-round jinx Wednesday night. Freshman Tony Jackson scored 20 points and keyed a second-half surge that carried the Blue Demons to a 76-73 victory over Minnesota in one of seven first-round National Invitation Tournament games.

So it wasn't the coveted NAAs. At least Meyer gets into the second round.

"Tomorrow morning, I don't have to read in the paper that we lost in the first round," the veteran coach said after the game.

Elsewhere, the University of New Orleans stunned LSU 99-94 in overtime, Texas Christian nipped Tulsa 64-62, Oregon State trounced Idaho 77-59, Fresno State defeated Texas-El Paso 71-64, South Carolina trimmed Old Dominion 100-90 and Iona whipped St. Bonaventure 90-76.

DePaul broke its game open in the second half with bursts of 7-0 and 10-0 that opened a 66-50 lead with eight minutes to play.

"We decided at the half that we were quicker and realized we could run," said Meyer. "The difference in this one was the first five minutes of the second half. We brought the ball down seven times and came away with 15 points."

At Baton Rouge, La., reserve Acie Sanders scored eight points in overtime, including two insurance free throws with 11 seconds remaining, as New Orleans shocked LSU, UNO, 23-6, never led until Sanders' tip-in gave the Privateers an 86-84 lead after 20 seconds of overtime.

Sanders made a three-point play with 1:09 left in the extra period, then added his two free throws for a 97-94 lead with 11 seconds remaining. Oscar Taylor, who led the Privateers with 22 points, added two free throws with nine seconds left.

Smith said he put Sanders into the game mostly because he plays good defense.

"He's a kid who plays his role. He was a starter for us the first two years, but now comes off the bench and does what we ask him to do. Tonight, that was scoring at a crucial time," Smith said.

Smith also made a crucial decision concerning Claude Butler, who was yanked from the game late in the first half with no points and six turnovers. LSU was leading 51-38 at the intermission and, said Smith: "My assistants didn't want him to start the second half. I disagreed and said, 'If he doesn't do well, we'll take him out.' Thank goodness we went with him."

Butler scored 13 of his 15 points in first 10 minutes of the second half as UNO tied the game at 63-all.

At Tulsa, TCU's Doug

Arnold hit a jump shot with five seconds left to lift the Horned Frogs over the home team, Arnold, a 6-foot-9 senior, finished with 20 points and 17 rebounds.

At Corvallis, Ore., Charlie Sitton scored 19 of his 21 points in the second half as Oregon State roared from behind to down Idaho 77-59. Steve Woodside and Danny Evans added 18 points apiece for the Beavers, who trailed 35-32 at halftime.

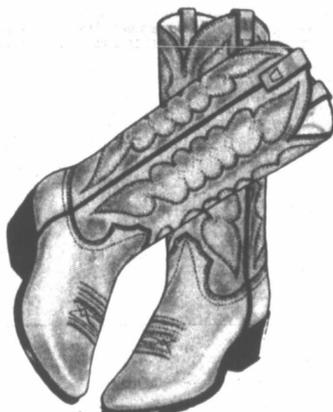
At Fresno, Calif., Desi Barmore had a perfect night with 5-for-5 from the field and 10-for-10 from the free throw line to lead Fresno State over Texas-El Paso. The 6-7 Barmore scored 10 of his season-high 20 points in the final five minutes as he paced a 16-4 burst after the game was tied 54-54.

At Columbia, S.C., Jimmy Foster scored a career-high 31 points and Kenny Holmes added 24 to lead South Carolina to a 100-90 victory over Old Dominion. Holmes scored 12 points in a second-half surge that helped the Gamecocks open a 67-49 lead.

At New Rochelle, N.Y., Steve Burt scored 24 of his 33 points in the second half, breaking the single-season Iona College scoring record and rallying the Gaels over St. Bonaventure. Iona overcame a 42-38 halftime deficit as Burt, a 6-3 junior guard, brought his season total to 696 points, surpassing Jeff Ruland's 685 in 1979-80.

The first round continues tonight with William & Mary at Virginia Tech, Wake Forest at Murray State, Tulane at Nebraska, Alabama State at Mississippi and Northwestern vs. Notre Dame at Rosemont, Ill.

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Yarbrough caught in Caribbean

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Yarbrough, who fled the country after losing his appeal of a perjury conviction, was captured after he ventured away from his safe retreat on the Caribbean island of Grenada, officials say.

The fugitive justice was arrested Wednesday on the independent island nation of St. Vincent 19 months after fleeing Texas to avoid a five-year prison term.

Acting on the fear that Yarbrough might post bond and flee, officials left Wednesday night to begin extradition proceedings.

Yarbrough was ordered to prison for a 1978 perjury conviction. He faces an additional charge of felony bond-jumping, authorities said.

"I'm enormously pleased, I'm delighted," said Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, who announced the surprise arrest at a hastily called news conference Wednesday evening along with Gov. Mark White.

Yarbrough had fled Texas with his wife and two children to attend medical school in the Caribbean island of Grenada. He had successfully avoided arrest there because the United States has extradition problems with that island state.

But two weeks ago, Yarbrough left Grenada on a trip to the nearby island of St. Vincent, and U.S. authorities made their move.

Yarbrough was spotted by U.S. consular officials in Kingston, the capital of St. Vincent, and arrested by legal authorities, said Gilbert Pena, head of the governor's Criminal Justice Division.

"A couple of weeks ago we heard there may be an opportunity to make the connection in St. Vincent, so we were in contact with the U.S. marshal's office and the U.S. attorney's office in St. Thomas (the nearest U.S. territory), who were assisting us in developing a plan to get him," said Pena.

"After the arrest, the governor in St. Vincent decided to let the U.S. government have him — not on an extradition basis, but simply as a person who is a desirable person," Pena said.

He said federal marshals from the Virgin Islands flew to St. Vincent in the British West Indies on Wednesday and took custody of the Texas fugitive. They whisked him

on a charter flight back to U.S. soil, where Pena said "I think he's in jail" on the island of St. Thomas.

Pena, Assistant District Attorney Bill Wilms and Travis County Sheriff Doyle Bailey left Wednesday night on a private plane for St. Thomas, according to Ann Arnold, White's press secretary.

The three officials flew to Dallas on a state-owned plane and then flew to St. Thomas on a private jet owned by Dallas millionaire H. Ross Perot.

Ms. Arnold said the trip was set up quickly because of fears that Yarbrough might post bond.

Pena said he did not know when Yarbrough would be brought back to Texas.

"It's going to be just like extraditing him from another state," since St. Thomas is a U.S. territory, he said.

Yarbrough actually enrolled in school in Grenada in 1980, but he was not officially a fugitive until the following year when he failed to show up for a formal sentencing hearing Aug. 11, 1981. His appeals had run out.

He had resigned from the Supreme Court on July 16, 1977 amid controversy over his qualifications to hold a seat on the court. Critics said he was elected because of the similarity of his name to that of former U.S. Senator Ralph Yarborough, D-Texas, and Don Yarbrough, a former Republican candidate for Texas governor.

Yarbrough, who said God had told him to run for office, won election to the court in November 1976, but quickly found himself in mounting legal troubles.

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Byrne to face Washington as write-in



Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne announces Wednesday that she'll run as a write-in candidate in an "uphill battle" against fellow Democrat and mayoral nominee Harold Washington. Washington, right, later told reporters the decision was a ploy for Byrne to pay off political debts. (AP Laserphoto)

Insurgents destory electric towers

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Leftist insurgents entrenched on the slopes of the battle-scarred Guazapa volcano blew up two primary electrical towers and plunged most of the capital into darkness.

The Wednesday night blackout came hours after an appeals judge said he has delayed the trial of four national guardsmen in the 1980 slayings of four American churchwomen. The judge told a lower court to produce more evidence.

The rebel dynamite attack was the latest sabotage in an intensified assault this week on the country's power grid. Guerrillas periodically have wrecked power installations in their 41-month-old war to overthrow the U.S.-backed rightist government.

Repair crews restored power to most of San Salvador after 15 minutes, but about a third of the country continued without electricity because of sabotage attacks that began Sunday.

Parts of seven of El Salvador's 14 provinces have no power, affecting at least 1 million of the country's 4.8 million people.

The towers are on the southern slopes of the Guazapa volcano about 12 miles north of San Salvador, but the blasts were so powerful that residents in the capital heard them.

More than 2,000 troops, led by 400 members of the U.S.-trained Atlacatl battalion, are engaged in an anti-guerrilla sweep over the slopes of the volcano, where the rebels have remained entrenched despite repeated attempts to wipe them out.

The Defense Ministry says that since the drive began Saturday the troops have killed at least 30 guerrillas. One of the dead was the president of the El Salvador Human Rights Commission.

Tipping law protestors taking tip from bankers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Critics of a new law designed to catch waiters who don't pay taxes on their tips are taking a tip from the banking industry.

The bankers and their customers generated millions of letters to Congress demanding repeal of a law requiring that 10 percent of interest and dividends be withheld for tax purposes. Despite stiff opposition from President Reagan and leaders of Congress, the bankers have a good chance of winning.

Paul Gann, an author of the Proposition 13 tax-cutting initiative in California, and several members of the House announced a drive Wednesday to get seven million Americans to sign petitions calling for repeal of the new tips provision.

The new law "is repressive on the wrong people — the hardest-working and lowest-paid people in the United States," Gann told a news conference. He said some restaurant operators and many waiters had asked him to lead the campaign.

"It imposes an onerous tax burden on little people," said Rep. Phil Crane, R-Ill.

Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., chief sponsor of the repeal bill, added that the crackdown on tips will hurt "people who are working to support their families when they could choose to go on the social welfare rolls."

Two dozen House members have endorsed repeal of the tips provision. Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., is sponsoring a similar bill in the Senate.

In addition to the nationwide petition campaigns, the interest-withholding and tips provisions have two other things in common: Both were contained in a 1982 bill aimed at raising government tax collections by \$100.4 billion through 1985. And both are aimed at catching people who aren't paying their share of taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service estimates that about 80 percent of tip income is never reported — an evasion level exceeded only by income from illegal sources.

Even before the new law was passed, waiters were required to report their tips to their employers.

Senators line up with jobs bill amendments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is giving a \$165 billion Social Security rescue plan its last major congressional test as legislators line up with amendments ranging from a payroll tax rollback to a retirement age of 68.

The Senate began preliminary work on the legislation Wednesday and was resuming debate today.

The House approved its version of the bailout plan last week on a 282-148 vote.

But the House, which has stricter rules than the Senate for considering legislation, was able to insulate the measure from amendments.

Members of the Senate, however, have indicated they will try to attach more than two dozen amendments to the version of the bill drafted last week by the Senate Finance Committee.

The Senate was voting today on amendments by Sen. Steven D. Symms, R-Idaho, to gradually raise the retirement age from 65 to 68, and by Sen. Bill

Bradley, D-N.J., to provide "disability-retirement" benefits in the next century for workers 62 or older whose health prevents them from working but who do not meet the stringent requirements of the regular disability program.

Sen. William L. Armstrong, R-Colo., said he would seek to block the package's increases in the payroll tax.

Sen. Russell Long, D-La., the top Democrat on the Finance Committee, attacked the package for setting "a dangerous precedent" by relying too much on general revenues to shore up the Social Security system.

Nonetheless, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., chairman of the Finance Committee, predicted Wednesday the Senate would pass the bill "by a substantial vote," and that Congress will "have this on the president's desk sometime late next week."

Generally, the Senate package parallels the House version. It keeps virtually intact

recommendations of the National Commission on Social Security Reform to curb benefits, increase payroll taxes, tax a portion of the benefits going to more affluent retirees and make Social Security coverage mandatory for new federal employees.

The Senate Finance Committee version of the bill calls for raising the retirement age to 66 by 2015 and phasing in a 5 percent benefit cut for new retirees in the next century.

The House bill would raise the retirement age to 67 by the year 2027, but not cut future benefits.

Dole, who served on the reform commission, acknowledged that the package, which he said "requires concessions from all the parties who have a stake in Social Security," cannot stand much tinkering.

"It is a fair and reasonable proposal, not a perfect proposal," Dole said. But he added "the strength of this package may be the weakness of its parts."

Reagan is being advised to step up defense campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, facing continuing battles on a broad range of defense and national security issues, is being advised by aides and members of Congress to step up his pro-defense campaign.

As a result, Reagan is contemplating a televised speech on the defense budget, or, possibly, a major defense policy speech to the Foreign Affairs Council when he visits Los Angeles later this month.

Reagan is trying to buy some time in Congress, and got a reluctant Senate GOP majority to accede to his request that they delay a Senate Budget Committee vote on his defense spending plan until April 6.

One senior White House official says "the sentiment is strong" in favor of a freeze on the development and deployment of nuclear weapons. So, the sentiment is also strong in the White House that Reagan needs to build a public case for his positions on nuclear

weapons, defense spending and funding for El Salvador.

"We recognize (the need for) a selling job," said Larry Speakes, a White House spokesman. "It's something we have to go to the public on, which the president intends to do."

Reagan is asking for \$238.6 billion in defense spending for fiscal 1984, an increase of 10 percent beyond inflation. There is pressure in Congress to limit the increase to up to 6 percent above inflation.

Reagan has taken steps to drum up support for his budget. He used a Saturday radio address to talk about defense issues and has urged members of Congress to speak out in support of his spending plan.

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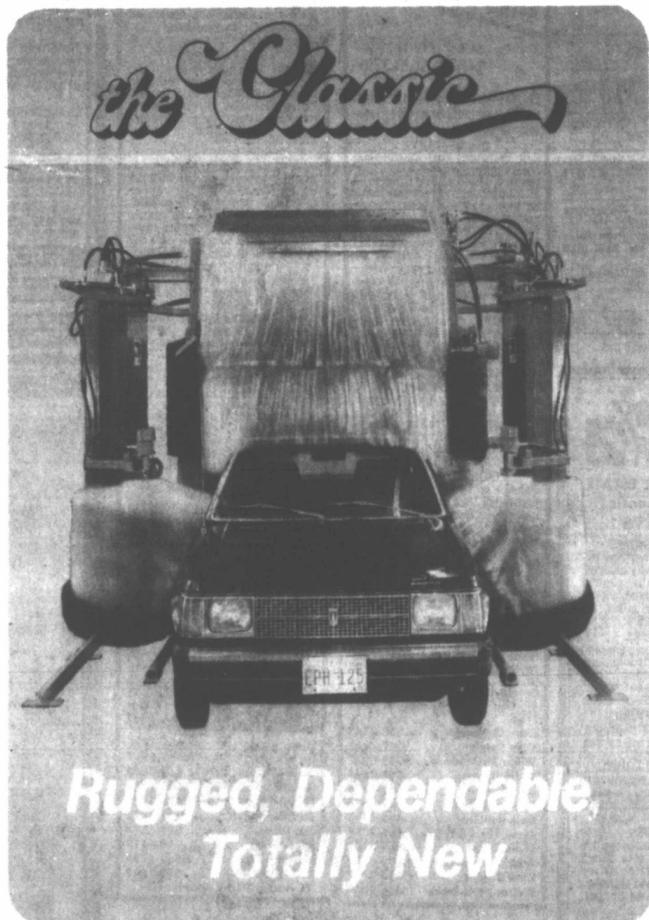
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