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## 'Bold, new initiatives' needed in energy, Texaco head says

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — President John McKinley of Texaco Inc. said today President Carter and his aides should take "bold, new initiatives" in developing an energy policy.

That policy should take into account that America must use less energy and produce more, McKinley said.

"The best way to encourage production — and the best way to encourage conservation — would be a return to market pricing of oil and gas," he added. "Are we so paralyzed by fear of the market that we are unwilling to give it a chance? It's the only thing that ever worked."

McKinley and other oil and gas executives addressed the Texas Railroad Commission at the annual state of the industry meeting.

Their testimony followed the setting of the statewide oil allowable for April at 100 percent. As usual, production in the East Texas Field was restricted to 86 percent.

Executive Vice President L.A. Ramsey of Gulf Oil Exploration and Production Co. said the United States "has run out whatever spare time we may have had" to increase crude oil production.

"This is not to say that the immediate supply situation is critical. It is not," said Ramsey.

He said, however, the dropoff in Iranian production "collapsed the old time-frame" that provided a 5-to 10-year margin in developing non-oil energy sources.

"To date," he said, "the temporary loss of Iranian crude has not created an absolute shortage of oil in the world, thanks to the fact that other OPEC nations have increased production somewhat and we have been able to draw on inventories. Strategic reserves and inventories throughout the non-Communist world are probably sufficient to allow importing countries to squeeze through 1979 without Iranian crude, if we have to."

He said the United States "could certainly avoid a crisis simply by conserving." He added, however, "serious conservation does not occur without the persuasive factor of higher prices."

"Demand for gasoline — of all the major petroleum products — should be reduced through the pricing mechanism, because demand for products from the lighter end of the barrel is far outstripping demand for heavier products," Ramsey said, and added:

"In fact, therein lie the seeds of the next real oil crisis: a scarcity of light crude oils resulting in a scarcity of gasoline, kerosene and naphtha for chemicals."

"But how long and how often will we, as a nation, choose to flirt with crisis before we decide to take prudent self-protective action?" Ramsey asked.

He said since the president's "decision on future crude oil prices will determine the future vitality of the U.S. energy industries and their ability to satisfy domestic demand for years to come, we consider this one — if not the — most important domestic decision he will be called upon to make as president."



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ANTICIPATION — Gerad Skipworth, 7, listens intently as names are called out for the lucky 1,100 who will get to see President Carter at a town meeting in Elk City, Okla., March 24. His grandmother filled out 24 coupons for Gerad, the play paid off as his name was picked.

## Mental hospitals rule change looms

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas House members have voted 99-33 to drop the longstanding requirement

that state mental hospital superintendents be physicians.

A final vote that would send the bill to the Senate was expected today.

Since the mid-1960s, state law has prohibited anyone but physicians to be hired as superintendents of state mental hospitals.

Rep. Emmett Whitehead, D-Rusk, said the state Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation "has trouble finding qualified doctors who will work for \$35,000 or \$40,000 a year running an \$18 million business."

## It's spring, tra-la-la!

It's been six weeks since March 2, give or take a few days, when by tradition the groundhog leaves his burrow and looks for his shadow.

Brother Groundhog would have had to be myopic indeed to have missed his silhouette that day. The ritual indicated that Big Spring and environs were in for six more weeks of winter. The elements prove the little animal right. Fact is, he may have under-stated his case.

Spring officially shows up at 11:22 o'clock tonight. The pre-April showers have come and gone, too, and they may bring pre-May flowers.

What most of the local population would like to see is a general warmup. They're tired of the cold nights and days that can bring a half dozen different kinds of weather between daybreak and dusk. They're tired of staying indoors, high fuel bills and throwing that extra blanket on the bed at night.

So spring is officially here, or will be in a matter of hours. Now local residents are willing to let another Mother Nature perform the miracles expected of her with the changing of the seasons.

The long winter of 1978-79 is over. The sun can come out to stay anytime.

## Narc dog fund tops \$5,000

Big Spring Police Chief Stanley Bogard has signed a contract to purchase a 14-month-old German Shepherd from a firm in Albuquerque, N.M., to use as a drug-sniffing dog here.

Bogard will pay \$3,500 for the dog itself, and another \$1,500 for additional training with a local trainer. All funds were donated by a variety of individuals and organizations in the area.

"We received a total of \$5,300, and there is still some money that has been promised. The extra funds will be used for food and veterinarian fees," said the Chief. "We should have the dog within the next six weeks," he added.

## Israel, Egypt clashing again

By the Associated Press

Israel and Egypt clashed today over the future of Jerusalem and the Palestinians in their first public disagreement since President Carter's visit to iron out final obstacles to a peace treaty.

But Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil said he doubted the dispute would impede the treaty signing.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin told Parliament in Jerusalem that Israel would never allow a Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River or the Gaza Strip or return East Jerusalem to the Arabs.

"It will not happen," Begin told the Knesset, opening debate on the treaty. "We won't agree to it, we won't allow it, we won't make it possible."

Begin said he was replying to a statement by Khalil that Israel would have to withdraw to the borders that existed before the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, surrender Arab Jerusalem and accept Palestinian statehood.

"My dear, honorable Dr. Khalil," said Begin, "write this down: Jerusalem, the one Jerusalem, is Israel's eternal capital. It will never be divided again."

In Cairo, Khalil said Begin's statement "spoils the atmosphere" of the treaty and said it was "an unsuccessful beginning to a period in which we had hoped that all parties would work ... for a just and lasting peace and a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East."

Khalil said: "As for the Palestinian

question, the Camp David accord clearly stipulates the necessity of solving the question from all its aspects, thus taking into consideration the legal rights of the Palestinians. It is along this principle that they will decide their future."

When asked if the dispute could block a signing, Khalil said, "No, I don't think so."

As the Israeli debate opened, right-wing opponents of the pact set up two makeshift settlements in the northern Sinai Desert, and a shouting Communist member was expelled from the Knesset after accusing Begin of "selling Israel to the Americans." But observers predicted at least 100 of the 120 members would endorse the pact Wednesday at the end of the two-day debate, which was being broadcast live on television and radio.

Begin planned to leave Friday for Washington to sign the treaty, and Al Ahran, the semi-official Egyptian newspaper, said Egyptian President Anwar Sadat would leave Saturday. The signing at the White House is expected Monday.

Al Ahran said Sadat would spend five days in the United States, then return to Egypt to submit the treaty to the 360-member National Assembly for ratification.

In Washington, Defense Ministers Ezer Weizman of Israel and Kamal Hasan Ali of Egypt failed to agree on when Israel will give up the offshore Sinai oil fields, the last issue in their negotiation of a timetable for Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai.

## Focalpoint

### Action / reaction: No choice

Q. Why was some of the landscaping removed from in front of the VA Medical Center? The local VFW and American Legion posts went to a lot of trouble to provide some of the landscaping there.

A. According to VAMC director Garland Evers, several parts of the landscaping on the grounds were in a state of disrepair and were an "eyesore" at the hospital. "Because of cutbacks mandated by the VA at the national level, we only have one groundskeeper, and over the years since the fountain and several garden-type memorials were put in, they have fallen into a state of disrepair with the shrubs dead or dying and the curbing and concrete cracked and buckling," said Evers. "Just to repair the fountain, we were told a minimum of \$5,000 would be required, besides filling it with several thousand gallons of water and the time required every two weeks to empty, clean, refill and properly care for it. We could not justify the costs, in view of the mandates for a 10 percent cutback in energy and resource consumption, so we are re-landscaping along lines which will allow for beauty with less costly upkeep."

### Calendar: Circus time

TODAY

Big Spring Lung Assn., also known as "Pink Puffers," will meet at 7 p.m. in Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Dr. Samuel Sepuya will discuss respiratory diseases due to infection. Public invited.

Band Boosters will meet in the Runnels Band Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Permian Basin Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses will meet in Midland at the Chorus Hospitality Room at 7:30 p.m. Michael Rossen of the Lubbock Office of Transplantation will speak on potential donors and kidney transplants. Any interested nurses are urged to attend.

The Moscow Circus, on its 1979 tour, will be at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Howard County Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, Howard College Auditorium, 4 p.m. Winner qualifies for March 31 Regional Bee in Lubbock.

WEDNESDAY

A coffee in honor of newcomers to Big Spring to be held in the Reddy Room of Texas Electric Service Company, 409 Runnels at 10 a.m.

The second performance of the Moscow Circus will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

An arson reward fund will be discussed during a meeting of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at noon in the conference room.

### Tops on TV: Daring duo

Feeling daring? ABC is offering a couple of new features tonight that could be pretty funny, or on the other hand... At any rate, you can try your luck with "13 Queens Blvd." at 8:30. It's the story of a man who breaks the news to his wife that they are moving after 25 years from New York City to Akron, Ohio. Then at 9:30, Richard Dawson hosts a comedy special featuring Steve Martin and others, called "Bizarre." Oh well, the pickings could be worse. Maybe.

### Inside: Death wish

AN ALABAMA PRISONER, sentenced to die, is resigned the fact and wants to get it over with. See page 2-A.

A WEST TEXAS ARTIST has gone from working in the oil fields to painting oil prints. See page 5-A.

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### Outside: Rain

Chance of drizzle, showers and fog today and Wednesday. High in the mid 60s today, low in the upper 40s tonight. High Wednesday in the mid 60s. East and northeast winds 15 to 20 mph today, 10 to 15 mph tonight. Chance of rain 50 percent today and tonight, 30 percent Wednesday.



## Moscow Circus artists to perform

Big Spring and nearby West Texas area residents join a select group of 15 American cities to host the famed Moscow Circus artists on a widely publicized 1979 U.S. tour in a premiere performance tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Directors of the internationally acclaimed production, who won approval of our State Department in Washington and the Russian Ministry of Culture for the tour, emphasized that only the word "circus" contained any similarity to our American shows.

The Moscow artists, chosen from among 8,000 trained performers present a totally unique en-

tertainment in a giant size one-ring area with each act performing one at a time.

The two hour show, accompanied by a full orchestra under the baton of the noted Russian conductor Boris Porozjki, includes the thundering, hard riding Cossack horsemen and the famous Filatov presentation of a dozen and a half trained bears but also introduces the world's only performing "house" cats.

The sensational cats, actually saucy costumed pussy-cats, are the feature of the most famous of all Soviet clowns — the incredible Kuklachov. Interspersed with other major acts

are such improbably performers as monkeys and parrots, poodles and puppies — and uncaged Siberian leopards. Continuing the pace of the unusual is Russias' Olympic strongman Osipov, whose physical prowess demonstrates weight lifting and balancing feats.

Only the spectators themselves can determine which of the other fast paced presentations has the most popular appeal. The gymnasts, aerial acrobats, equilibrists, foot jugglers or the leaping, twisting teeter-board performers.

The Moscow Circus gives a final performance at Big Spring tomorrow night.



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Moscow Circus star can be seen here in two performances

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## Alabama prisoner awaits electrocution

# 'I've come to grips with death'

ATMORE, Ala. (AP) — John Louis Evans III didn't pay much notice when newspapers headlined the firing squad execution of Gary Gilmore in Utah on Jan. 17, 1977.

Evans was too busy. He had shot a pawn shop owner to death in Alabama 12 days earlier. He and cohort Wayne Ritter were robbing food stores, pizza parlors, fried chicken take-outs, hardware outlets and small shops.

When Gilmore was executed, says Evans, "I read it in the paper. I thought, 'Big deal. The guy got what he wanted.'"

Then Evans and Ritter headed for Disney World in Florida to celebrate Ritter's 27th birthday.

Now Evans sits in a small, dim cell awaiting an April 6 electrocution that might have been scripted by Gilmore. Like the Utah killer who wanted to die, Evans has forsown any final appeals. He repeats almost wearily that he wants death and wants it soon.

His scheduled electrocution would make him the first person since Gilmore — and only the second in 12 years — to be executed in the United States.

"I'll be glad when it's over," says Evans, 29, of Beaumont, Texas. "Knowing the date you're going to die, it's kind of weird. But I don't dwell on it all the time...I've come to grips with death."

He also seems to have come to grips with his life. By his own account, it was "a wasted life," full of crime

and with no one to blame but himself.

"I was a rotten kid," said Evans. "It had nothing to do with my family. I would pull stuff just to see if I could get away with it. And then when I'd get away with it, I'd just feel so good for days."

"And then I'd just have to go out and do something a little bit bigger... I knew where I was headed." Evans, his chained hands lifting cigarettes, spoke easily during an interview in the death row witnesses' chamber next to Alabama's electric chair at Holman Prison.

It didn't seem to bother him that he was so near the chair, which is painted a gaudy yellow. At one point Evans stood up and looked at it and laughed. "I just wish it was painted a different color," he said.

Recounting the events that led him to death row, Evans said he was 16 when he pulled his first armed robbery.

"I was more scared than the guy was," he said. "But when it was all over, I was thinking, wow, all this money, you know, for 30 seconds work. And that's when I decided right then and there it was the easy way to go."

But it wasn't easy. He was repeatedly in trouble with the law and eventually ended up in an Indiana prison on a bad check charge. When he was ready to get out, he said, "I looked back on my life and it had been pretty wasted. I thought, 'I'm not getting anywhere. It's the same old treadmill, over and over



"COME TO GRIPS WITH DEATH" — Johnny Louis Evans III smiles as he talks with a reporter at Atmore, Ala., where he is scheduled to be executed April 6.

criminal habits, just as he rejected his white, Roman Catholic, middle-class home life.

"I knew me too good," he said. "You hurt the people you love. When it comes down to it, I'm a pretty selfish person. If I want to do something, I do it. No matter who gets hurt. So I figured, well, it's better not to get into anything" that might involve love.

"It's been a wasted life, sure," he said. "But I'm not down on myself, I'm just a realist. I was a rotten kid, I knew I was a rotten kid...I liked being a rotten kid...I was going down society's wrong road and I didn't care."

On death row, Evans said he finds little or no pleasure in his routine, which mostly involves sleeping, writing letters, watching a hall television, listening to the radio and playing chess.

Alabama's 42 death row inmates get 30 minutes of exercise outside each day, but Evans said he has skipped the exercise period all but one day in the past month. He said it hurts to see "all the freedom out there" beyond the prison fence.

Asked if he has considered suicide, Evans replied, "Not me, brother...What are you going to do? Cut your wrists and lay there for 20 minutes? Psychologically, that's got to be one of the most cruel ways to go."

"Or do you make a little rope out of your sheets and hang there 30 minutes kicking around? That's a hard way to go...I'm doing it the easy way."

Captured in Little Rock, Ark., by FBI agents, the two admitted to 30 armed robberies and nine kidnappings during the crime rampage. Evans said in court that he had shot Nassar in the back, and Ritter said he would have done so if Evans hadn't.

Both said repeatedly they wanted a hurry-up death

sentence, but Ritter later changed his mind. More court proceedings are scheduled to determine if his death sentence should be maintained.

Evans said he has known love and has a woman friend who now is "not discussable." But he said he rejected love because it would interfere with his



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AND WAITING — The "ready stick" rests of the arm of Alabama's electric chair in Atmore where Johnny Louis Evans III is scheduled for electrocution on April 6. The chair has recently been painted a bright yellow. The "ready stick" is used to signal the executioner that the prisoner is prepared for the electrocution.

## Prisoner wins suit against government

WASHINGTON (AP) — A counterfeiter successfully sued the government from his cellblock in Leavenworth, Kan., and then won a precedent-setting decision awarding him \$10 an hour in attorney's fees.

"It's a novel new way to make money while in prison," said Royce Lamberth, chief of the civil division of the U.S. attorney's office here. "It's beyond my belief that Congress ever contemplated every prisoner in the country to have a windfall like this."

The case of George Reynolds Jones Jr. is the first known in which a prisoner was awarded money for acting as his own lawyer in a freedom-of-information suit, according to Justice Department specialists.

Lamberth said there's been no decision on whether to appeal the \$425 in fees awarded to Jones Feb. 28 by U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker in Washington.

Jones, serving a five-year sentence for possession of counterfeit money, sued the Secret Service in December 1977, to obtain documents related to his case.

He won under the 12-year-old Freedom of Information Act, which allows citizens to obtain government records except those that would harm the country if disclosed. The law permits award of attorney's fees to successful plaintiffs, who can file suit if an agency

refuses to turn over documents.

While other non-lawyers previously have won attorney's fees, this apparently is the first time a prisoner has won such an award, according to Lynne Zusman, the Justice Department's specialist in this area.

She said the decision, if it stands, could encourage freedom-of-information suits by prisoners. "There's quite a bit of interest (among prisoners) anyway," Mrs. Zusman said. "If there's an added incentive of being paid \$10 an hour, I would think this would be appealing."

A significant increase in the number of freedom of information suits could cause problems in agencies such as the FBI, which has a four-to-six-month backlog in processing freedom-of-information requests.

Bureau director William Webster recently told Congress that 16 percent of its FOI requests come from prisoners, up from 6 percent 15 months ago.

Jones had sought \$4,250 in attorney's fees and costs, billed at a rate of \$50 an hour for 85 hours work. Judge Parker said the \$50 rate would be fine for an attorney, but not for Jones.

"The large number of hours spent reflects his inexperience, as plaintiff himself concedes," Parker said in his decision. "The number also reflects time spent by him doing clerical work."

## Testimony begins in Hart's trial

PRYOR, Okla. (AP) — Testimony from law officers first on the scene of the slayings of three Girl Scouts at a northeastern Oklahoma summer camp nearly two years ago was expected today in the trial of the man charged in the girls' deaths.

Prosecutor S.M. Fallis Jr. is seeking the death penalty against Gene Leroy Hart, 35, on trial for three counts of first-degree murder in the June 13, 1977 sex slayings.

During noon recess of today's court session, Hart attorney Garvin Isaacs said the Locust Grove native would speak out for the first time since his capture April 6, 1978.

Hart, whose voice has never risen above a whisper in his court appearances, was expected to respond to a list of questions submitted by newsmen covering the trial.

Isaacs warned the answers would not have anything to do with the charges against Hart, although jurors in the trial are sequestered and they have been ordered not to read news of the trial.

Monday, as testimony began, three former Girl Scout counselors testified about their gruesome discovery of the battered bodies of the three young girls at Camp Scott, near Locust Grove.

Lori Lee Farmer, 8; Michele Guse, 9; and Doris Denise Milner, 10, all of the

Tulsa area, were beaten and molested. Their bodies were found with their sleeping bags about 100 yards from their bloody platform tent.

Victims' parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guse and Mrs. Bettye Milner, all of Tulsa, occupied one of the benches in the third floor Mayes County courthouse courtroom on the first day of testimony.

Members of Hart's family were asked to leave the courtroom after it was disclosed they had been subpoenaed as witnesses.

Testimony, following 11 days consumed with the selection of a six man, six-woman jury and two alternates, began with questioning of the three counselors who were in charge of 27 girls in the Kiowa unit of Camp Scott, near Locust Grove.

## Increase in world cotton area likely

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture today forecast an increase in world cotton area for 1979-80 after an expected reduction in world cotton stocks this season.

Summarizing a cotton circular to be issued by its Foreign Agricultural Service later this month, the Department forecast the area planted to cotton for 1979-80 at 32.5 million hectares (plus or minus 1.5 million hectares), compared with 31.6 million this season. (One hectare equals 2.47 acres.) While foreign area may expand slightly, the United States could increase planted area by about 6 percent.

The first estimate of U.S. production will appear in the department's Aug. 10 "Crop Production" report.

Assuming normal yields, foreign countries would harvest 2 to 6 percent more cotton than the 49.2 million bales produced in 1978-79.

The 1978-79 world consumption is estimated at 61.9 million bales, which exceeds the world production estimate of 60.1 million and could result in the lowest foreign stock level since 1971. Cotton prices have strengthened from a year ago.

Foreign cotton area for 1979-80 is projected at 27 million hectares (plus or minus 1 million hectares), compared with 26.6 million in 1978-79. The forecast is

based on reports from U.S. agricultural attaches in 16 major producing countries.

This increase reflects the higher cotton prices and prospects of rising consumption. However, several factors, such as pressure to increase food production, labor shortages, and rising production costs will tend to limit expansion.

The Soviet Union is expected to increase area about 1 to 2 percent, but little if any change is expected in the People's Republic of China. Cotton area is forecast to expand in Columbia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Peru. Only a few countries, including Greece and Syria, expect to reduce cotton planting.

The world production estimate of 60.1 million bales in 1978-79 is down 5 percent from last season. U.S. production dropped 3.6 million bales, while foreign production, at 49.2 million, increased slightly. India harvested a near-record crop, due to improved yields. Production estimates have been increased for Argentina and Egypt, while Pakistan's estimate has been revised downward because of wet weather and insect damage.

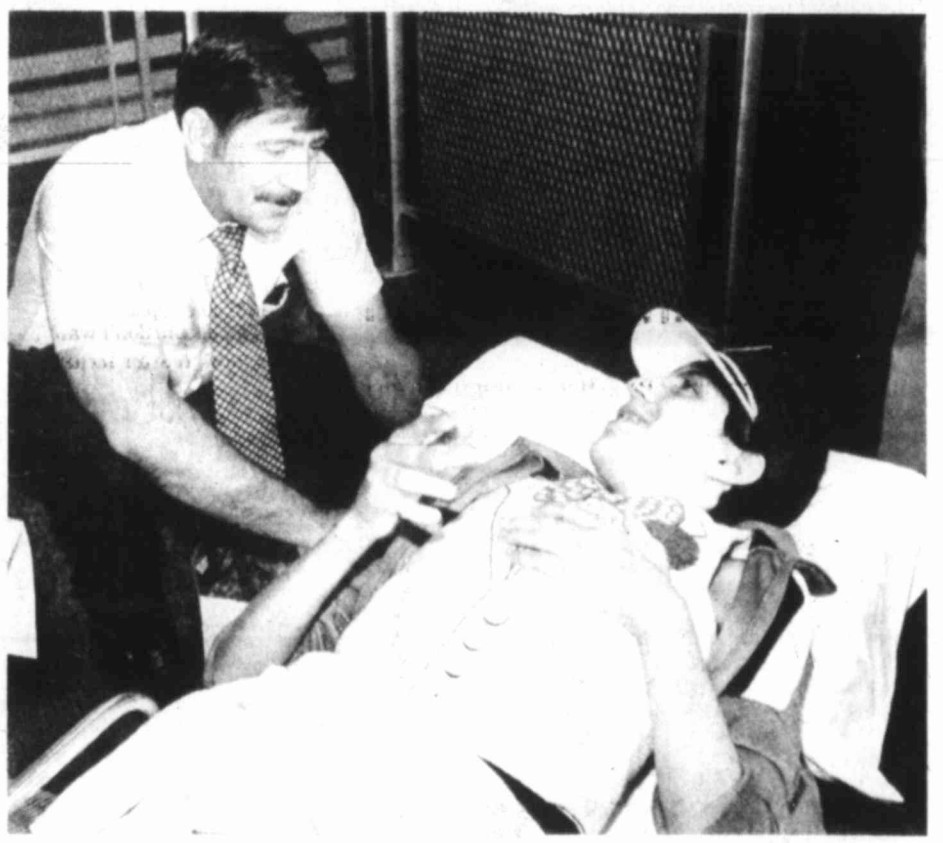
The 1978-79 world consumption estimate of 61.9 million bales is about 1 million larger than the previous season. U.S. consumption is expected to show a decline, while foreign use

is estimated to expand over 1 million bales. Countries experiencing growth in demand include India, Japan, Korea, and Hong Kong. Little change is expected in Europe.

World cotton stocks may drop to 22.2 million bales by Aug. 1, 1979, which would still be nearly a million above August 1977. However, foreign stocks could be the lowest since 1971. Stocks in Communist countries, especially China, have apparently declined sharply since 1973. Turkey and Pakistan will likely reduce stocks this season.

Cotton trade worldwide in 1978-79 is estimated at 19.6 million bales, up sharply from 19 million in 1977-78. Most of the increased trade is moving to Asia, especially China. U.S. exports are estimated at 6 million bales, compared to 5.5 million last season.

Cotton prices strengthened during the first half of 1978-79 in response to strong demand and some concern over supply. The Northern Europe Index "A" rose from an average of 71.91 cents per pound in July to 79.38 cents in November. Since then, prices have weakened, and for the week ending Jan. 18, the Index "A" averaged 75.60 cents per pound. U.S. prices have generally remained competitive, as indicated by the heavy volume of sales.



(AP WIREPHOTO)

REUNITED WITH FAMILY — Michael Southerland and his father Ray share tender moments together at Miami's airport Monday night after Michael's return from Cincinnati where he underwent surgery for the removal of a cancerous vertebra. Michael, 14, has bone cancer. Three other members of his family, including father Ray have had cancer. (AP Laserphoto)

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# Texas House passes tax relief bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill implementing the 1978 Tax Relief Amendment, including exemption of two cars per family from property taxes.

Also in the bill is more than \$430 million in state reimbursement of school district revenue losses resulting from mandatory property tax cuts.

Next step will be committee hearings in the Senate, which probably will rewrite the bill (HB1060). That would mean a joint conference committee would have the job of drafting a compromise.

The House voted on the bill article-by-article Monday. The closest vote was 78-56 on a provision setting out the formula for state reimbursement of school district revenue losses caused by mandatory property tax cuts.

Passage of the tax relief bill marked the mid-point in the 140-day regular legislative session.

Voters approved the Tax Relief Amendment in November. Its only automatic provision exempted \$5,000 of the market value of each owner-occupied house in Texas from school district property taxes.

Major provisions of the bill would:

- Add another \$10,000 exemption on homes owned by the disabled and persons 65 and over, and freeze school taxes of the elderly for the rest of their lives.
- Exempt two cars or light trucks per family from property taxes, with the state reimbursing school districts for the revenue loss in the 1979 tax year, estimated at about \$17 million.
- Limit state spending increases to the percentage of growth of Texans' total personal income each year.
- Exempt intangible property from taxation, except for intangibles already subject to taxes, mainly bank stock.
- Establish a method for taxing farm, ranch and timber land on its crop-producing ability instead of its market value.
- Omit intangible property from the measurement of school district wealth that is used in determining how much state aid each district will receive — a boon to urban districts where most of the intangibles are concentrated.

The formula for reimbursing school districts covers losses dollar-for-dollar in the coming fiscal year. In 1981, however, the formula would provide only 90 percent of the homestead tax losses of districts whose appraisals are below the statewide average.

State representatives passed to the Senate a bill raising penalties for assault — where no bodily injury occurs — when the victim is a school teacher. Assault includes threats as well as actions.

The bill would provide up to 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine for an assault on a teacher. The usual penalty for assault is a fine of up to \$200 but no jail time.

House members passed, 133-0, a \$907,000 emergency appropriation for the attorney general's office. The bill returns to the Senate for action on a House rewrite, which itemized the expenditure items, including \$300,000 for the Howard Hughes will case



STRIKING COLLEGE TEACHERS — Teachers at Trenton State College picket at the entrance of the college in Trenton, N.J. Tuesday as they began their strike. Teachers in New Jersey's eight state colleges began their job this morning to gain more wages and improvements in work conditions. (AP LASERPHOTO)

## 'Blue law' repeal a boost?

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Repeal of the so-called "blue law" that prevents the sale of certain items seven days a week would either give a needed boost to the free enterprise system or cause the family to crumble, conflicting witnesses told a House committee Monday.

"It would take working mothers out of the home on

the one day they have to spend with their children. Let well enough alone," said Jeanette Salvati of Caribe Fine Jewelry in San Antonio.

The law "is based solely on economics and as a matter of fact to control competition," said Rep. Bill Ceverha, R-Dallas, sponsor of a bill to repeal it.

The House Committee on

Business and Industry sent his bill to subcommittee along with proposals that would:

- let each county decide for itself whether to repeal it, a measure sponsored by Rep. Robert Valles, D-El Paso.
- repeal the law and also dismiss any pending court cases against alleged violations, sponsored by Rep. Doyle Willis, D-Fort Worth.

The committee's acting chairman, Rep. Doug McLeod, D-Galveston, said the local option proposal had the best chance of receiving a favorable report.

"The people don't want the blue law. It's an irritant to

them; it's an inconvenience to them and most of all it's confusing to them," Ceverha said.

He said the items that can't be sold were selected arbitrarily.

"We find that the confusion causes bad feelings with our customers. It causes problems for our clerks," said Richard Craig of the Texas Federation of Drugstores.

The law does not prevent stores from staying open seven days a week but forbids certain items to be sold on Saturday or Sunday.

The list was developed "by design, directed at the very stores that are primarily closed," said Jack Welch of

Marlin, representing the Texas Retailers Association against repeal.

He said the law makes sure that retail employees have a day off.

His association represents department and specialty stores. "The smaller retailers feel they will just practically be put out of business," he said.

## Henry Ford II will retire soon

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Henry Ford II will give up his "executive responsibilities" at Ford Motor Co. before the end of the year, but will keep a hand in the huge business his grandfather founded.

"I do plan to continue my association with the company in other capacities, but I no longer will be serving as chief executive officer," Ford said at a closed meeting of Australian Ford dealers. He said he would step aside "by the end of this year."

Ford has been the company's chief executive officer since 1945 and chairman for the past 19 years.

The remarks were made last Wednesday, detailed Monday in the Australian Financial Review, and confirmed by a Ford spokesman in Dearborn, Mich.

Ford is visiting Australia for the introduction of a new car model.

Whether Ford, 61, will stay on as chairman of the world's fourth-largest manufacturing company isn't certain, and little additional information was forthcoming Monday from Dearborn.

"I'm afraid we really can't elaborate on the statement at this point," said spokesman Roland Williams at Ford headquarters.

The most popular scenario among industry observers has Ford President Philip Caldwell, 59, becoming chief executive, and Henry II's younger brother William Clay Ford, now a vice president, taking over as chairman.

As long ago as 1977, Ford indicated he didn't plan to remain chief executive until he reached mandatory retirement age in 1982.

In Detroit two months ago, he remarked "anything's possible" when asked directly if he would get out of the driver's seat this year.

William Clay Ford, 54, owner of professional football's Detroit Lions, was named chairman of the Ford board's executive committee last year in a move widely seen as preparatory for Henry's retirement.

Ford's son, Edsel, 29, is concluding his first year as assistant managing director of the company's Australian division and is being groomed for a job at corporate headquarters.

Henry II was 28 and Ford Motor Co. was losing about \$10 million a month when he took the reins in 1945.

He immediately started an aggressive reorganization, recruited talented management and called for better understanding with labor.

By the end of 1946, the company had a profit of \$2,000. Three years later, profits hit \$177 million. By 1953, Ford Motor Co. passed Chrysler Corp. and became the nation's No. 2 car-seller — a spot it still holds behind industry giant General Motors.

Ford has one of America's largest personal fortunes, and with his family controls nearly 40 percent of the voting stock shares in Ford Motor Co.

## Signup for conservation cost-sharing funds starts

Signup for conservation cost-share practices at the Howard County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) began Monday and ends Friday.

Eligible practices include churning, root-plowing, grubbing, dozing and roller chopping), building earthen ponds, constructing parallel, diversion and standard terraces, waterways, pipelines and wells for livestock water and rangeland chiseling, pitting or listing.

To receive cost-sharing funds, the practice cannot begin until approval has

been established.

The ASCS county committee has also received authorization to begin a signup program for conservation practices on a three to five year plan. This "mini long term agreement" will be administered by the county ASCS committee and the Soil Conservation Service. The SCS will engineer the program objectives on the land selected for cost sharing at 50 percent of the total cost of the practices, with a maximum payment of \$3,500.

Signup for the mini long term agreement will last through May 1.

## Weather

### Flash flood watch in parts of Texas

By The Associated Press

Heavy thunderstorms drenched much of East, South and Southeast Texas early today, prompting the National Weather Service to extend a flash flood watch through today.

The flash flood watch, meaning that there was the possibility of flash flooding, covered an area of Texas along and 50 miles on either side of a line from Junction to 30 miles northeast of Beaumont.

Heavy thunderstorms were reported early today in East Texas after an evening of violent weather. The violent weather consisted of heavy rain, briefly high wind gusts and heavy thunderstorms. The heavy rain produced some street flooding in the Beaumont area and in North Texas, mainly around Gainesville.

A flash flood warning expired early today in Liberty, Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties. Forecasters said heavy rains were causing some flash flooding because the

ground was soaked.

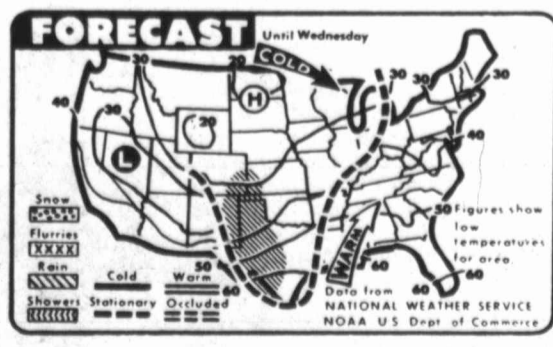
Forecasts called for mostly cloudy skies today with widespread showers and thunderstorms. Some of the heaviest rainfall was expected in the Hill Country and in portions of South Central and Southeast Texas.

Dense fog cut visibility early today around Austin and in the Concho Valley.

Early morning temperatures ranged from the 30s in the Panhandle and mountains of Southwest Texas to near 70 along the coast in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Early morning extremes ranged from 33 at Dalhart to 71 at both McAllen and Brownsville.

**FORECAST**  
WEST TEXAS — Mostly cloudy most sections through Wednesday. Scattered showers and thunderstorms through Wednesday. Highs low 50s Panhandle to low 80s Big Bend. Lows upper 30s Panhandle to low 50s south.

**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
WEST TEXAS — Chance of showers most sections Thursday through Friday. Partly cloudy Saturday. Slight cooling trend Thursday through Saturday. Highs near 60 north to near 80 extreme south Thursday, cooling to 50s north and 70s south by Saturday. Lows in the 30s north to 40s south.



WEATHER FORECAST — Warm weather is expected for the East in the forecast period, today until Wednesday morning. Cold weather is forecast for the central states and near-normal temperatures for most of the West. Showers are expected from West Texas into the southern Plains. (AP WIREPHOTO)

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# They held the line in New Orleans

The bitterness can run deep and endure long in a person who has lost face. It could be that way with the police in New Orleans.

Their bargaining agents reasoned they had city officials over a barrel in their recent disruption of services over a wage issue, but it appears the city out-toughed the men in blue. The Teamsters were calling the shots for the police officers and that didn't set very well with the city administration. The honchos at city hall not only didn't break, they wouldn't bend very much.

OFFICIALS IN other communities who felt they were being held hostage

by disaffected public employees must have taken heart, too.

The end to the problem came rather abruptly. In a final gesture of defiance, the officers rejected the city's offer, after which they started reporting in for work. As local president Vincent Bruno put it, "we were overcome by superior forces."

It might also be said that the police were undone by their inability to enlist the cooperation of garbage collectors and fire fighters. Though both groups displayed some support for the striking police officers, in the end both refused to honor the picket lines.

Most of all, however, the

policemen's cause suffered grievous wounds by their conspicuous failure to enlist public support in their cause. Far from rallying to the side of the policemen, the people of New Orleans were almost universally hostile toward the officers for ruining the annual Mardi Gras celebration. Outnumbered and surrounded like Col. Travis' troops in the Alamo, the police finally struck their colors.

THE COST TO THE city was tremendous. Coming as it did, the problem cost the merchants of the community millions in Mardi Gras receipts. The wounds to both the city

and the officers may be a long time in healing.

The ending was less than happy for everyone. The police officers will continue to be sullen if not mutinous. The businesses will never be able to recoup its Mardi Gras losses and the whole dispute bids fair to surface again in the not too distant future.

The city has this going for it, however: It, at least, has struck a blow for the concept that there are limits beyond which public employees — particularly those in public safety-related areas — should not and may not go. If painfully won, that's a victory worthy of salute.

## Best of seasons

### Around the rim

Marie Homeyer

Spring is my favorite time of the year.

I suppose it appeals to me because it is the first sign that all that bleak winter weather will be gone for another eight months. It also signifies the start of outdoor activities.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES suit me the best because I have always been a person that would rather be out playing than inside sitting around. When I was younger I always played outside with my brothers and their friends. Very seldom did I opt to stay inside with dolls and the like.

Now, those outdoor activities take shape in softball, tennis, skiing and sailboating. Softball I like so well because of my dad's influence. He would rather play baseball than any other sport there is.

Softball will take on a new dimension this year as I will be playing for the newly-formed Big Spring Herald Good News Bears team. It will be quite interesting as Danny Valdes will be the coach and Bob Rogers will be the manager. At least, Bob has promised us a snowcone after every game. They sure will go down good after a long hot game.

When I was growing up, spring meant that the wild flowers and berries would spring up. To me there is nothing more beautiful than to drive along the highway and see the sides of the roads covered with bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrushes and pink wildflowers. The combination of these three flowers is a breath-taking sight. One that I have always enjoyed and will miss seeing this year.

WHEN THE WILDFLOWERS begin to bloom, you can find cars stopped along the road with people out picking them, or having their picture taken amidst the beautiful scenery. On some Sunday afternoons, along the bypass around Navasota, there are cars lined along the side.

I suppose the one thing that I don't like about spring is the rain. And, an added dimension since moving to West Texas, is the dust storms. When I was going to college, during the spring an umbrella was a constant companion whether it was in the car or being toted to class.

So, while I'm out on the softball field practicing and eating dust I'll be remembering the site of the bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrushes back home.



## CIA's dead arm

Evans, Novak

WASHINGTON — Although details are veiled in "top secret" national security files, the State Department recently decided against an extremely important but relatively simple cloak-and-dagger operation in a Southeast Asian country. The reason: the CIA decided it would have to be reported to Congress.

That decision, reached after agonizing deliberations, reflected fear — born of past experience — that the operation would assuredly be leaked by one of the scores of congressmen or their staff aides.

UNDER OVERSIGHT rules insisted on by Congress in the post-Watergate climate, eight congressional committees must be informed, in secret, about all undercover or clandestine operations to be undertaken by the CIA's once formidable cloak-and-dagger division. Such broadcasting of super-secret operations has played into the hands of the anti-CIA clique on Capitol Hill and encouraged systematic leaking aimed at further discrediting the CIA.

When high officials at State were finally told that the CIA's lawyers had ruled that the operation fell within legal reporting rules, it was immediately cancelled. Risks of disclosure and subsequent political embarrassment, it was felt, outweighed the value of the operation.

### BAKER STAYS

Defense-oriented Republicans can abandon hope that Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee will be replaced by Sen. John Tower of Texas as Senate majority leader in time for the SALT II debate.

Baker previously had promised he would "step aside" as floor leader when his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination got going. That spawned hope among hard-liners that Tower, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, would defeat Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, assistant floor leader, as Baker's replacement. Tower would provide a more partisan Republican voice on the strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT).

But Baker is in no hurry to leave. "It was too hard to win the job in the first place for him to go quickly," one Senate insider explained to us. In particular, he wants to be at the helm for the SALT debate. Therefore, Baker may stay as leader for a while after announcing his presidential candidacy — perhaps keeping the job for the rest of the year.

Moreover, to "step aside" does not necessarily mean to resign, in Baker's opinion. He may merely take a leave of absence from the leadership, during which Stevens — not Tower — would automatically succeed him.

### KEMP BOMBS

A hint of how ill-prepared Rep. Jack Kemp is for the presidential race he is contemplating was his abysmal performance at the Midwestern Republican Conference in Indianapolis March 10.

ALONG WITH FIVE other Republicans entered in the presidential "cattle show" at the conference, Kemp was allotted 8 to 10 minutes. Unlike the others, Kemp had prepared no special material. His staff simply was not equipped for the task. What's more, just as he began to speak, he was disconcerted as questionnaires for a CBS presidential preference poll were passed through the audience.

The usually dynamic Kemp wandered listlessly through 25 minutes of disconnected fragments from his regular speeches. The CBS poll put Kemp dead last in all categories — including "best speaker," where he barely nosed out George Bush for the booby prize.

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## She reacts to flu shot

Paul E. Ruble, M.D.

Dear Dr. Ruble: I am 75 and have taken flu shots every fall for the past few years. I went to the doctor's for a flu shot this year and told him I have been getting sick after the shots. So he said, "No shots." Next day, I called another doctor and told him. He said the same thing. Yet I get terribly sick when I have the flu and I live alone.

Should I go to another doctor and not tell him what the others said, or what? Please give me advice. — Mrs. M.J.

You don't mention how sick you get after the injection. There can be mild flu-like symptoms but they rarely are a reason not to give the shot. Some people can have an allergy to eggs, chicken or chicken feathers. This would be a reason not to give the vaccine. Tests can determine allergy.

Otherwise, the vaccine is recommended for patients with continuing health problems, or patients in nursing homes, particularly those over 65.

I trust you've weathered the flu season sufficiently to be up and about again. I don't recommend that you start playing "hide and seek" — hide the reactions and seek the shots. Discuss the allergy questions with the doctor next time. If that is ruled out, it becomes a matter of weighing the shot reaction against the severity of the flu symptoms you get. The fact that you live alone is a good reason to be wary of medicine that produces severe symptoms. Ultimately this is a decision for your doctor (whichever one you settle on).

Dear Dr. Ruble: Are leg cramps a part of pregnancy? — M.W.

Very much so for many women, especially after the first three months. If a woman has this chances are they will disappear by the ninth month. A lot of blood calcium is thought to be a contributing cause, also impaired leg circulation. For a fuller discussion of these troublesome cramps see my booklet "How to Stop Leg Cramps and Foot Pains." Send 35 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to me care of The Big Spring Herald.

Dear Dr. Ruble: Can you tell me what would cause a blood-tinged semen? I am 52 and in reasonably

good health, but I am concerned despite being told "not to worry." You explain infections and causes in language even this layman can understand, so I'd be grateful if you could explain away my fears — or should I have more extensive check ups? — J.M.

Blood in the semen (hemospermia) is a frightening observation, but it usually doesn't mean a serious medical problem. It may indicate an infection or irritation of the prostate gland or its surrounding structures (seminal vesicles). More often than not there is no disease present.

Does it require an examination? Yes. If the doctor finds no prostate or other problem you can ignore it.

Dear Dr. Ruble: The joints on my fingers and a toe are enlarged. My fingers looked crooked. I was wondering if diet or anything else would keep them from getting worse. I have heard that eating red meat can cause this in some people. Is this true? — Mrs. C.J.

It should be looked at. These can be changes that are caused by osteoarthritis or they may indicate gout deposits, particularly if the large toe is involved. Your red meat information probably refers to gout. Some doctors do recommend restriction of red meat, especially organ meats. They contain high levels of uric acid, the forerunner of gout deposits (called urates). Red meat is

valuable source of protein, vitamins and iron, so you wouldn't want to eliminate all from your diet, needlessly. If you have gout, the more modern way to handle it is with specific medicines which are fortunately very effective. The role of diet has been downgraded in recent years. If you have osteoarthritis, red meat is not restricted.

Dear Dr. Ruble: Here's a tip on bedwetting that might help some parents. Sometimes children get overtired playing all day and if allowed to stay up until wee hours (as some parents allow them to), they are just too tired to get and make a trip to the bathroom. The result — bedwetting. What do you think? — A Grandma Who Knows.

A good point to consider. The "wee hours" syndrome has been recognized.

Arthritis sufferers can be helped. For a copy of the booklet, "How You Can Control Arthritis," which discusses many types of arthritis and related joint diseases as well as effective treatments and medications, write Dr. Ruble in care of The Big Spring Herald. Enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 50 cents.

Dr. Ruble welcomes reader mail but regrets that due to the tremendous volume received daily, he is unable to answer individual letters. Readers' questions are incorporated in his column whenever possible.

## My answer

Billy Graham



DEAR DR. GRAHAM: My wife was a woman of strong faith. She died several years ago. I would give anything to know that some day we will be reunited, but since her death I have only had more doubts about God. How can I overcome these doubts? — N.S.

DEAR N.S.: You can overcome these doubts by coming to have the same faith your wife had. From what you say, her faith in Christ strengthened her even in her last illness, and her love for Christ was constant even when she was very weak physically. That does not mean you necessarily will have the strong faith she had all at once; faith may begin as a mustard seed and grow gradually.

God wants you to become His child, and have the hope of eternal life of which the Bible speaks so often. In fact, God has done everything possible for you so that you too can know beyond doubt that Heaven is

your final home.

The basic reason why anyone is blocked from Heaven is because of sin. God is holy, and the Bible tells us that everything evil will be excluded from Heaven. And yet God has provided an answer to the sin problem of the human race. Jesus Christ died for our sins, and He rose again from the dead to make forgiveness possible and open the door of Heaven to us. Only by refusing to accept Christ, and deciding instead to continue living apart from God in your sins, will you be lost.

What can you do? By a simple act of faith you can receive Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. Trust Him, and ask for His forgiveness for your sins. Then in the years that remain for you on this earth, seek to live for Him. Learn to read and listen to the Word of God every day also. Remember: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" Romans 10:17.

"Oh, dear! I was rather counting on the labour chaps to bail me out... but it seems they're all out on strike."

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**OILFIELD ARTIST** — After 20 years, Gordon Bankston has traded the hard hat of an oilfield roughneck for the pen and brush of an artist. With him here are Dena Cook (left) and Julie Wray.

## West Texan making it as artist

# From oilfield to oil paintings

HOUSTON (AP) — For 20 years Gordon Bankston spent his days in the oil fields of West Texas, working as a roughneck, a pusher and a pumper.

At nights he would soak the oil and the grime from his calloused hands, pick up a pen and draw another cartoon, or a brush and paint a scene from that flat, often desolate, but always beautiful land where the black energy is sucked from deep under the sandy soil.

From the oil fields, Bankston made his living. From his paintings, sketches and cartoons he found "where I always thought I belonged."

Today Gordon Bankston has put aside his hard hat and his oil-stained overalls.

He is a full-time artist, with paintings going as high as \$1,500, and prints as low as \$4.50, and a cartoon strip called "Oil Patch", and playing cards, calendars, Christmas cards and designs for gags.

"I've hit a lot of dry holes since I went at art all the way, but I'd just back up and

drill again. There was a time when first starting that I left Dallas with 15 cents in my pockets and heading for home in Odessa," Bankston recalled in a recent interview.

"I'm still not making a fortune, but I'm getting by. I set a goal and I'm going for it. I'd advise everybody to do something they enjoy. I went a lot of days without a payday, but I stayed with it."

Bankston was born 47 years ago in the shadow of an oil field in the Smackover field of Arkansas and grew up in the famed Permian Basin of West Texas.

He drew his first work of art at the age of 6, and naturally it was a drawing of a drilling rig.

When it came time to

decide on a future, Bankston went where he knew a paycheck would arrive every week or so — to the oil fields where his father had worked for three decades until his retirement in 1957.

He never lost his love for art and eventually his cartoon strip became a fixture in several West Texas newspapers. It depicts the hard, but humorous life of the fields.

Using the cartoons as his base, Bankston spent \$4,000 to print calendars and postcards and "then I had to spend so much time working for the rent, the groceries and the clothes, I couldn't market them. Finally, I just took off and went the art route all the way."

Once travel money was hard to come by, but

Bankston now says he can afford airplane fare to the major markets where his seemingly endless supply of items, all decorated with his cartoons and paintings, are sold.

But on occasions he likes to go back to his earlier days and drive his 1948 pickup truck, loaded with his goodies, from one city to the

next. He admits it might not be in the best taste of the serious artist, but Bankston doesn't mind using a couple of good-looking gals in tight jeans to help promote his paintings, as he did recently in Abilene.

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## Sophisticated communications system installed in deaf home

WESTERVILLE, Ohio (AP) — In a few months, residents of the nearly completed Columbus Colony apartments will wake up to gently flashing lights or a vibrating bed.

The lights and bed are part of a sophisticated communication system being installed for what is believed to be the nation's first totally planned community for the deaf.

The vibrating bed is for those who find dancing lights a bit too dazzling in the early hours. Lights also will be used to announce the arrival of guests at the door.

Should a visitor attempt to enter an apartment unannounced, security alarms hooked to lights will flash a warning to the residents.

Telephones in the apartment complex will "ring"

through flashing lights and will be equipped with Teletype printers. Residents will be able to send and receive printed telephone messages from around the country.

"Everything we do down here is new," said James Flood, a spokesman for the project. "There is a lot of trial and error. It's experimental."

The \$4 million, 106-unit apartment complex, along with a \$2.2 million, 100-bed nursing home, will open in late June or July, said Mickey Nader, a spokesman for the colony, located on a 143-acre site northeast of Columbus.

Plans call for the facilities to eventually accommodate 500 persons, said Nader. Planned tentatively are a community center and chapel, a health clinic, an

office building, a research center and a halfway house to help the deaf cope with their impairment.

Flood, who lost his hearing at age 12, said that deaf people, by circumstance, do not associate with those who can hear. "We live in a world of our own," he said.

But not every resident at the apartment complex and nursing home will be deaf.

"There will be a mixture of both deaf and hearing in the community so that all can communicate," Nader said.

Some residents, he said, may be both deaf and blind, and special provisions have been made for dealing with their special handicap. For them, for example, the arrival of a visitor will be signaled by a waft of cool air from an electric fan, Nader said.

Planning for the project,

sponsored by the Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association, has been carried out under a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Commission on Aging. However, the project didn't really begin taking shape until 1976, when the Department of Housing and Urban Development agreed to guarantee loans of \$4 million for the apartments and \$2.2 million for the nursing home, Nader said.

The loans will be repaid through rents and fees paid by residents. One-bedroom apartments will rent for \$366 a month and two-bedroom units for \$415, Nader said.

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## Nine members of BSHS speech team score wins at Midland

Nine members of the Big Spring High School speech team competed in the Midland College Tournament last Saturday and all nine advanced to the semifinals.

Competing were Jan Whittington, Kerry Whitley and Elise Uhart, all in prose interpretation; Robin von Rosenberg and Norma Caballero, both in poetry interpretation; Elaine Brown, informative speaking; Cappy Tatom, Brenda Clay and Kathy Birdwell, all in persuasive speaking.

Six of the Big Spring representatives then placed in the finals. They included:

Jan Whittington, second in prose interpretation; Kerry Whitley, third in prose interpretation; Elise Uhart, fourth in prose interpretation; Brenda Clay, second in persuasive speaking; Kathy Birdwell, third in persuasive speaking and Cappy Tatom, fourth in persuasive speaking.

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## Daisy chain On the light side

### case moves

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — As an aftermath to the criminal conviction of four Texas oilmen, the civil phase of the so-called daisy chain oil-pricing case is moving into the federal courts.

U.S. District Judge George C. Carr has scheduled a conference at Tampa on April 6 in the state of Florida's civil suit against Florida Power Corp., seeking to repay Florida Power customers an estimated \$8 million in overcharges during 1973-74.

The state and Florida Power have agreed to a \$6 million settlement, but it hasn't yet been approved in federal court.

Florida Power, in turn, is suing to get back the money it allegedly was overcharged in a so-called "daisy chain" transfer of oil from company to company, with price increases at each transaction.

The Federal Energy Administration also is suing Texas oil firms owned by defendants in the criminal prosecution.

In the criminal trial, moved here from Tampa, a jury convicted James R. Clark, 49; John L. Burns, 50; Walter L. Ballard, 59, and Ronald Pruitt, 37, all of Houston, of conspiracy to illegally raise prices of oil going to Florida Power in 1973-74. They also were convicted of mail fraud.

Richard Raymond, 63, former Florida Power vice president, was acquitted.

Ray Granlund, 72, a Texas oil broker also indicted on the criminal charges, has yet to be tried. He was granted a separate trial because of ill health.

U.S. District Judge Terrell Hodges of Tampa has taken under consideration motions to acquit the four Texans who were tried, notwithstanding the jury's guilty verdict.

The civil case was assigned to U.S. District Judge Ben Krentzman of Tampa but was transferred to Carr because Krentzman is a customer of Florida Power.

## On the light side

### Got a license ... ?

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's legislature, which accidentally banned tricycles from sidewalks a few years back, now appears to have done a number on youngsters camping out in back yards.

Sen. John R. Kasich, R-Columbus, said Monday that he interprets a 1978 law to mean that it is illegal for a landowner to allow five or more sleeping bags on his property unless it is licensed as a recreational camp.

He made the discovery after introducing a bill to exclude private landowners who accommodate friends with recreational vehicles from the definition of recreational vehicle parks, which must be licensed.

The freshman senator said he found "portable sleeping equipment" — sleeping bags — listed under the criteria for a recreational camp.

The legislature probably will amend the definition, as it did in 1974 after finding an act had mixed the definitions of tricycles and bicycles in a safety law aimed at keeping bicycles off sidewalks.

A committee hearing on Kasich's recreational vehicle bill is scheduled Thursday, and he says, "I am having an amendment prepared to take care of this sleeping bag business."

### More power in trunk ...

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Ronald Lowrey figured he had a real bomb on his hands when he bought an engineless, 1969 Japanese-built car from a friend. He was almost correct.

Lowrey towed the clunker to his home Monday and opened the trunk — and found 50 pounds of dynamite.

Lowrey, 33, called police, and bomb squad officers removed the explosives to a bunker near Geiger Field.

He said he doesn't know how the dynamite got into the car. He wouldn't give police the name of the woman from whom he bought the car. And he wouldn't say how much he paid.

Police were trying to track down the car's last registered owner.

### All those in favor ...

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Between a tax relief debate and a committee meeting on "blue laws," the Texas House of Representatives took time for a wedding.

Rep. Ralph Wallace, D-Houston, exchanged vows Monday with Jo Ann Jansen of Huntsville in the packed gold and white House chamber.

The romance proceeded faster than some legislative actions.

The 29-year-old, second-term legislator said he met his bride-to-be six weeks ago on a blind date. Two days later, he proposed to the Sam Houston State University interior design student.

Mrs. Wallace, 27, wore roses in her hair and a three-piece beige suit for the 15-minute ceremony. Wallace dressed in a black suit with a rose in his lapel.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon in Peru.

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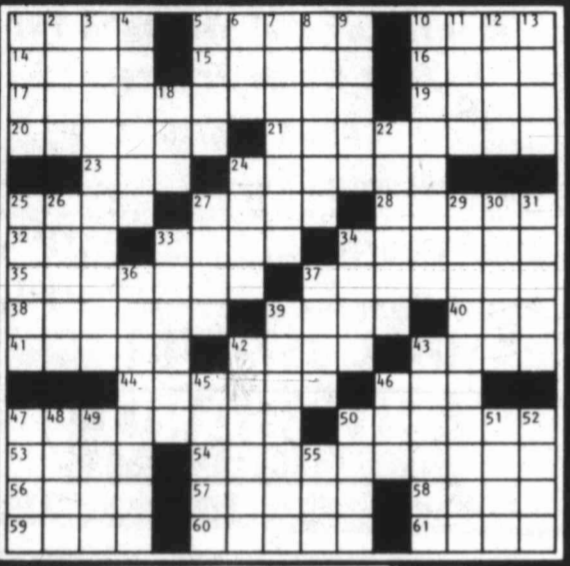
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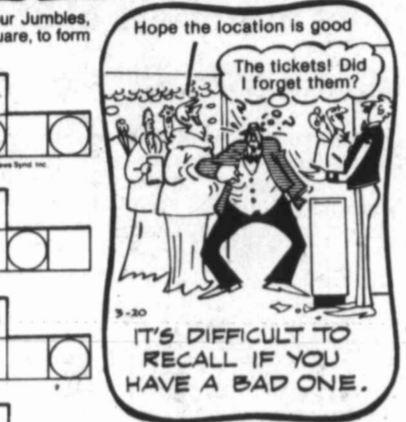
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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1979

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Daytime finds it difficult to get your affairs on a solid structure as you would like to have them. Wait until evening to organize your efforts sensibly for good results. Plan with care.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Wait until the end of the day to seek support from a bigwig for good results. Take no risks with reputation in your community. Curb temper.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Study new outlets carefully before you commit yourself to anything. You are apt to encounter delays during daytime, but you meet new associates in the evening and everything works speedily for you.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** You find it difficult to meet your obligations early in the day, but later all works out satisfactorily. Try to help mate with problems and be happier together.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Don't antagonize a partner who is important to you or you could get into a serious argument. Study a situation that is puzzling you before you take action.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** You may find it hard to put new ideas in operation early, but tonight you can do so easily. Keep silent if a co-worker is out of sorts and avoid arguments. Evening is fine for socializing.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Improve talents during daytime, and later enjoy inexpensive but wholesome pleasures. You can make considerable headway in career work now.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Show more devotion for kin and avoid a possible argument at home. Avoid trouble of all kinds by being ahead of the game. Take no risks with credit. Be sure to keep accurate accounts.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Drive or walk with utmost care if you are to avoid danger since the air is filled with it. Show more courtesy toward partners and get good results. Soothe their jangled nerves.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** You think you can buy your way out of anything now, but you had better save your money and be wiser. Build a reserve for the future, when you may need it badly.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Pursue anything of a personal nature in the evening, since daytime is adverse for such. Keep busy at business matters during the day.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Tackle annoying chores early so that you have more time for important matters. An adviser could be of help to you if you consult early and later follow advice given.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Be kind to a good friend who is prejudiced but who can be of assistance to you. Daytime could be frustrating but by evening everything is fine for fun with kin, good friends.

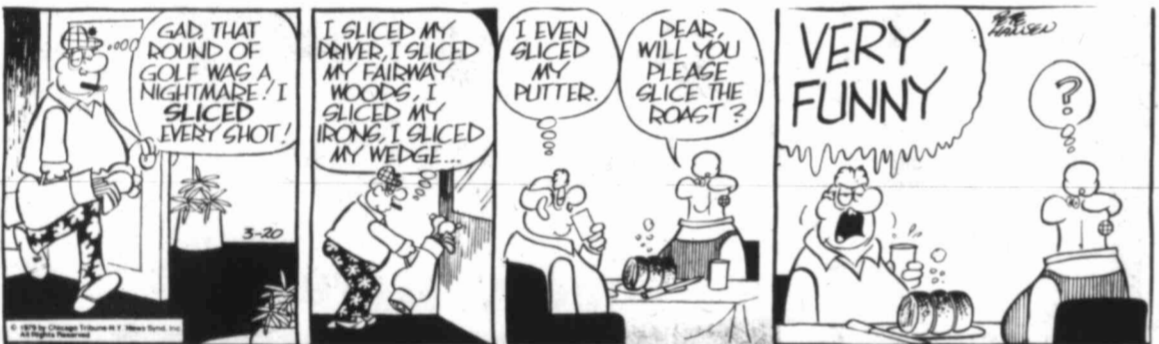
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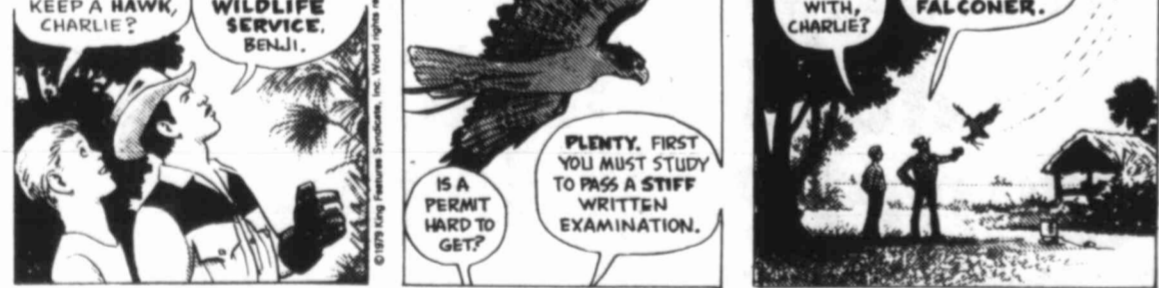
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### Coahoma dominates junior high meet

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Junior High tracksters completely dominated the Coahoma Junior High Meet, winning both the seventh and eighth grade boys' and girls' divisions. The Coahoma eighth grade boys won the 1200-meter relay and had four other individual winners on their way to a 132½ point total. The Coahoma eighth grade girls outscored Colorado City by a 131-113 point total. The Coahoma fems relied on first place finishes in the 800 and 1200-meter relays to score 40 points. The Coahoma seventh grade boys scored 104 points to win their division. Rotan, with 88 points, was the only close challenger. Dever paced the seventh graders, notching two first place finishes. The Coahoma seventh grade girls had the highest point total of the afternoon, scoring 149 points. They captured both the 400 and 1200-meter relays for 40 points, then used first place finishes by Stoker, Griffin, and two by Henry to run away with their division.

## Scorecard

Table with columns for SOCCER, BASEBALL, TRANSACTIONS, NCAA, and NBA. Includes scores for Penn 64, St. John's 62, Houston 40, Atlanta 30, etc.

# Lemon: 'I'm not going to kill my club to entertain people'

## Bob Lemon blasts Commissioner Kuhn

By the Associated Press — Their names are not yet among the pitching stars of the American League. But if their performances this spring are an indication,

### Whitey Herzog misses the umpires

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Whitey Herzog, manager of the Kansas City Royals, hopes baseball settles its current squabble with the umpires in a hurry because he misses his friends in blue. Really? "Sure I miss 'em," Herzog said. "The guys who are filling in are trying hard, but they're just not very good. We had a home plate umpire the other day who must have missed 50 pitches. Most of them were ours because we lost the game 14-0."

Herzog, never shy when it comes to dealing with the umps, says a manager must know when and how to argue with them. "Last year, George Bamberger led the league in getting bounced," the Royals' manager said of his counterpart with the Milwaukee Brewers. "You know why? He didn't know how to do it. He never managed before. He never was on the coaching lines before. He didn't know how to go about it."

In 1973, when Herzog was fired in September as rookie manager of the Texas Rangers, he left as the league leader in ejections, with seven for the season. "At the winter meetings, Earl Weaver (Baltimore's manager) came up yelling in that high-pitched voice of his, 'I tied ya. I tied ya!' He got his seventh thumb in that last month."

Herzog said the strangest argument with an umpire came last season with Ken Kaiser, a former professional wrestler who joined the American League staff in 1977. "He had been with us in spring training and worked about 10 games," Herzog said. "Now the season starts and he blows a call at first base. I come out and before I can open my mouth, he's all over me, telling me how hard he worked in our spring games and how I had some nerve arguing. I hadn't said a word and he's telling me off."

What did Herzog do? "I turned around and went back to the dugout," he said. Managers are prohibited from arguing ball-strike calls with umpires but there's nothing that says they can't discuss those calls with their catchers. On one apparent foul tip which was called a ball, Herzog paid a visit to Royals' receiver Darrell Porter. "I came out and said, 'Darrell, I thought that was a foul tip.' He said, 'It was.' Then I said, 'remember, I'm still talking to my catcher... I knew his eyes were bad, but I didn't know he couldn't hear either.'"

### Steer netters capture Andrews Invitational

ANDREWS — Steer netters won their second team championship of the year at the Andrews Spring Invitational over the weekend. The Steers put together 90 points on the courts, topping second-place Monahans which scored 81, and Odessa High which totaled 80. Big Springer Barry Fish made it to the singles finals where he was edged by Oscar Villarreal of Monahans, 6-2, 6-3. Also taking a trip to the finals was the doubles team of Bill Little and Brent Pearce. They were defeated by the team of Costello and Hall of Fort Stockton, 6-2, 6-2. "Little and Pearce did an outstanding job," said Coach Wendell Sadler. "They're our number-two team, and they beat Seminole's number-one team, the fourth seed from Monahans, and Fort Stockton's number-two team to get to the finals," he added. Steer netters will travel to Fort Stockton on Thursday night for a dual-match, and then will remain through the weekend for an invitational tournament there.

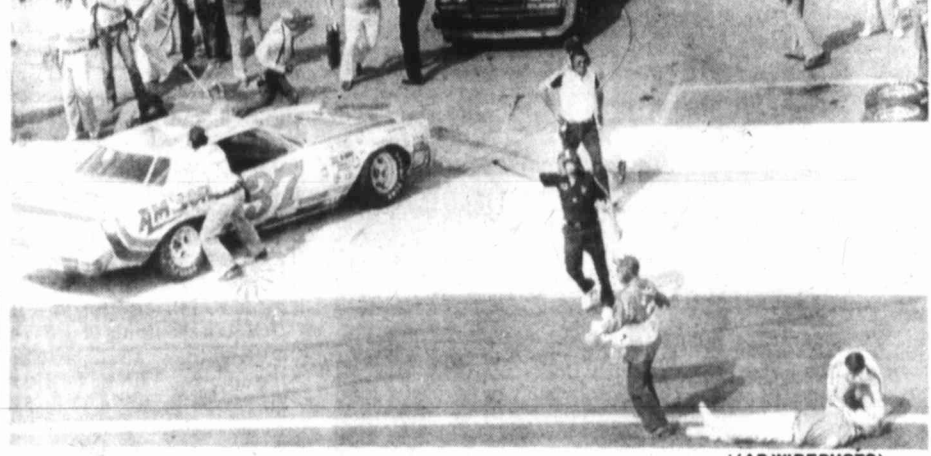
watch out for a pair of youthful right-handers: Kip Young of Detroit and Mark Clear of California. Neither has allowed a run this spring. The 24-year-old Young has pitched 12 preseason innings, including five in Monday's 2-1 victory over the Montreal Expos. He struck out seven in his stint, polishing his breaking pitches in preparation for his first full season with the big-league club. Most of his victims flailed feebly at his curve. "That makes you feel like you must be doing something right," said Young, who was promoted to the Tigers from the minors midway through last season and managed a 6-7 record with a 2.81 earned run average. "They're just disgusted," he said of the batters. "It's early in the spring and they're not used to seeing that many breaking balls."

They can expect plenty more when the season begins. The 22-year-old Clear has been working on his control... successfully. The 6-foot-4, 200-pounder — a nephew of Angels first base coach Bob Clear — has pitched nine spring innings, striking out 16 while allowing just two hits and three walks. "My uncle and my dad have been doing a lot of work with me," he said after striking out the side twice in three innings Monday as the Angels beat the Chicago Cubs 5-3. "I'm excited about my chances of making the Angels this season. I'd just like to make this club. I think I'm capable of starting, but I'm just happy to get a chance."

In the other exhibition games, the New York Yankees trimmed the Atlanta Braves 2-1, the Houston Astros nipped the Minnesota Twins 4-3, the Los Angeles Dodgers drubbed the Baltimore Orioles 8-2, the Cincinnati Reds edged the Philadelphia Phillies 4-3 in 13 innings, the Toronto Blue Jays topped the Boston Red Sox 10-8 and the Texas Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 6-2. Meanwhile, the Oakland A's bested the Cleveland Indians 8-3 in a game shortened to seven innings by rain, the Seattle Mariners drubbed the Milwaukee Brewers 8-3, the San Diego Padres topped the San Francisco Giants 5-3, the St. Louis Cardinals tripped the Chicago White Sox 5-3 and the New York Mets beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-4.

After the Yankees had won their second game this spring — and their second against the Braves — Manager Bob Lemon expressed his reaction to the latest communique by Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn. Kuhn, alleging some clubs had fielded lineups of backup players, directed each team to field "representative squads" for exhibition games at which admission is charged. "I'm not going to kill my club trying to entertain people during spring training," said Lemon. "It's not like a nightclub act. You shouldn't have to play their favorite songs."

"There's no sense bringing the kids to spring training if you're not going to play them," Lemon continued. Jim Obradovich cracked a ninth-inning single to score Julio Gonzalez with the run that carried the Astros past the Twins. Davey Lopes had a double and two singles as the Dodgers collected 18 hits off the Orioles and cruised to victory.



PIT CREWMAN HIT — Emergency crews rush to Dennis Wade, at right, after he hit in the pits by Dave Watson, driving car 37, at the Atlanta 500 Auto Race Sunday. The Watson car was coming into the pits when he lost control and skidded hitting Wade. Wade died shortly afterward.

### NIT

Table with columns for Semifinals, Finals, and Wednesday's Games. Includes scores for Kansas City 43, Denver 39, etc.

### Baseball

By The Associated Press Monday's Games Houston 4, Minnesota 3 New York (A) 2, Atlanta 1 Los Angeles 8, Baltimore 2 Detroit 2, Montreal 1 Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 3, 13 innings Toronto 10, Boston 8 Texas 6, Kansas City 2 Oakland 8, Cleveland 3, 7 innings, rain Seattle 8, Milwaukee 3 California 5, Chicago (N) 3 San Diego 5, San Francisco 3 St. Louis 5, Chicago (A) 3 New York (N) 5, Pittsburgh 4 Tuesday's Games Houston vs. Montreal at Daytona Beach, Fla. Atlanta vs. Kansas City at Fort Myers, Fla. Toronto vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla. Cincinnati vs. Boston at Winter Haven, Fla. Detroit vs. Chicago (A) at Sarasota, Fla. New York (A) vs. Minnesota at Orlando, Fla. Chicago (N) vs. California at Palm Springs, Calif. Oakland vs. Cleveland at Tucson, Ariz. Seattle vs. Milwaukee at Sun City, Ariz. San Francisco vs. San Diego at Yuma, Ariz. Philadelphia vs. Baltimore at Miami, (n) New York (N) vs. Pittsburgh at Bayamon, P.R. (n) Wednesday's Games Houston vs. Montreal at Cocoa, Fla. Baltimore vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla. St. Louis vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla. Los Angeles vs. New York (N) at St. Petersburg, Fla. Philadelphia vs. Texas at Pompano, Fla. Minnesota vs. Cincinnati at Tampa, Fla. Kansas City vs. Chicago (A) at Sarasota, Fla. San Francisco vs. California at Palm Springs, Calif. Cleveland vs. Seattle at Tempe, Ariz. Chicago (N) vs. San Diego at Yuma, Ariz. Boston vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla. (n)



OUCH — W.B.C. Heavyweight champ Larry Holmes landing a vicious right to sparring partner Kevin Issacs during Holmes preparation for the March 23rd title fight against Puerto Rico's Ossie Ocasio.

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Names in the news



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DIANA RIGG

Faith healers failed

LONDON (AP) — Faith healers failed to provide actress Diana Rigg relief from back problems, so the 40-year-old performer says she will try more conventional pain-killing treatment to postpone possible surgery.

After a month out of action with back trouble, Ms. Rigg returned Monday to her starring role in Tom Stoppard's play, "Night and Day" at London's Phoenix Theater.

Vicious rumors on ERA

NEW YORK (AP) — A "malicious rumor" is being circulated to defeat the Equal Rights Amendment by preying on the "deep, unspoken fear people have about bathrooms," says one of President Carter's daughters-in-law.

Judy Carter, wife of the president's eldest son, Jack, wrote in Redbook magazine's April issue: "A few wily political brains decided to make bathrooms a political issue...Attaching an emotional issue to the Equal Rights Amendment would hide the real issues of equal pay, equal education and legal rights for homemakers..."

Mrs. Carter said unisex bathrooms have existed for centuries and buses, trains and airplanes have used them effectively for any years without infringing on anyone's privacy.

Pope writes on Easter

NEW YORK (AP) — In a poetic mood 12 years ago, Pope John Paul II wrote of man, history and death.

In "Easter Vigil 1966 — a conversation with God begins," the Pope wrote: "The human body in history dies more often and earlier than the tree. "Man endures beyond the doors of death and catacombs and crypts. "Man who departs endures in those who follow. "Man who follows endures in those departed. "Man endures beyond all coming and going in himself and in You."

Excerpts from three of the former Karol Wojtyla's works, written under the pen name Andrzej Jawien, appear in the April issue of Ladies' Home Journal with special permission from the Vatican.

Alioto makes decision

BOSTON (AP) — Former San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto says he has made a decision about whether to run again for mayor of the city by the bay. Tune in again in June to learn what he decided.

"If I made my announcement in Boston before San Francisco, I'd be in big trouble, big trouble," said Alioto, 62, adding that he would reveal his plans in June.

Alioto called a press conference Monday to announce the candidacy of his sister-in-law, Jean Sullivan McKeigue, 33, for the Boston School Committee. Alioto and his wife, Kathleen Sullivan Alioto, 35, a school committee member who made an unsuccessful bid for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts last fall, have been living in San Francisco.

Mrs. Alioto refused to disclose if she planned to resign from the five-member Boston School Committee.

Students attacker 'learns his lesson'

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A high school student who slugged a teacher in 1978 said Monday he's learned his lesson after a state judge awarded the teacher \$2,396 in damages.

Educators called the verdict in favor of Eugene Sloan a "landmark," saying it's the first Texas case in which a teacher won damages from a student attacker.

"I wouldn't do it again, I'll never do that again," said Richard Salinas, who said he struck Sloan "to get even" for an incident earlier in 1978.

"This case might well lead to a review of local policies across the state," said Texas Education Commissioner M.L. Brockette. "Policies will probably grow more

strict for the protection of teachers and of students." Lawyers for Salinas downplayed the impact of the decision, as did assistant superintendent Dr. Dwayne Bliss.

"I don't foresee any change in discipline," Bliss said. "We keep discipline as tight as we can and still keep students in school."

Sloan said he felt "justified."

"I think it will be a good deterrent to students who think they can beat up a teacher," said Sloan. "It should mean more protection for teachers."

Salinas said a hallway incident in which he and a friend were suspended from Moody High School eventually triggered the attack. He said he did nothing wrong to warrant the suspension. "I said I was going to get even," Salinas said.

Six months later, as Sloan was seated grading papers, Salinas punched him, causing cuts and a black eye. Sloan said he had no chance to stand up or defend himself.

"I thought I might get away with it," Salinas said. "Blood ran down my face, a lot of it went down my shirt," Sloan said. He said several persons saw the attack, but no one helped him.

The damage award covered medical expenses, mental anguish and embarrassment and exemplary damages.

Stuteville free on bail

Samuel Stuteville, indicted by the March Grand Jury for bigamy, was returned to Big Spring Sunday at 5:50 a.m. Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Ray Bedford went to Crain, Colo., Wednesday to bring Stuteville back.

Stuteville was released on \$2,500 bond set by District Judge Jim Gregg.

Diaz posts bail

Jose Diaz, 711 NW 8th, was released on bond Sunday. He was arrested Saturday on suspicion of assaulting a police officer. Bond was set at \$5,000 by City Judge John Coffee.



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