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Grand jury indicts Billy Clayton

HOUSTON (AP) — One of the most powerful figures in Texas politics, House Speaker Bill Clayton, faces arraignment next Friday on racketeering, conspiracy, extortion and fraud charges after the first indictments in the FBI's Brilab investigation were handed down.

Under court order not to talk about the charges, Clayton left the federal courthouse here, where he was fingerprinted and photographed, in silence.

"You are standing next to a man who wanted to be heard by the media," Roy Minton, Clayton's chief lawyer, said Thursday.

Clayton had appeared before U.S. Magistrate Frank G. Waltermire, who set bond at \$10,000.

The veteran lawmaker had said he been expecting Thursday's grand jury indictments since he was caught up in the FBI's undercover investigation, code-named Brilab for bribery-labor, which became public in February.

L.G. Moore, a Houston labor union official, and Austin attorneys Randall D. Wood and Donald W. Ray also were named in the six-count indictment. Rusty Kelly, administrative aide to Clayton, was named as co-conspirator, but not as a defendant.

Moore also appeared Thursday before Waltermire, who set bond at \$10,000.

The indictments were the first to be returned in a year-long investigation into political corruption, labor racketeering and organized crime in the Southwest.

They came almost five months after the grand jury began hearing witnesses and listening to recordings of conversations involving Clayton, Moore, Wood, Ray and FBI informant Joseph Hauser.

The indictment charges that Moore, aided by Wood and Ray, delivered \$5,000 to Clayton during a meeting on the \$70-million-a-year state employ-

ees' insurance plan. Hauser, while working for the FBI, said he posed as a representative of a national insurance company.

The indictment also charged Clayton with accepting a promise of an additional \$600,000 if the state employees' insurance contract was awarded to the insurance company Hauser said he represented.

Clayton has acknowledged receiving \$5,000 from Moore last November. But he said he put the money in a safe place and planned to return it to Moore, regional director of Operating Engineers and International Union.

The three-term speaker became rich through his family farm and by investing in banks. Elected to the House in 1962, he became speaker in 1974 and won an unprecedented third consecutive term in 1979.

Clayton 'innocent until...': Clements

AMARILLO (AP) — Texas Gov. Bill Clements says it would be unfortunate if the news media pre-empted indicted House Speaker Bill Clayton's right to a fair trial on racketeering, conspiracy, extortion and fraud charges.

"I'm most sympathetic," Clements said in Amarillo Thursday. "I would remind you that everyone is innocent until proven guilty."

"His trial is yet to come and it would be very unfortunate if the radio, television or news media pre-empted our judicial system."

Clayton was indicted by a federal grand jury Thursday along with L.G. Moore, a Houston labor union official, and Austin attorneys Randall B. Wood and Donald W. Ray.

The indictments were the first to come from the FBI's undercover Brilab investigation. Grand jurors five months ago began listening to taped conversations involving Clayton, Moore, Wood, Ray and FBI informant Joseph Hauser.

Clements said he had talked to Clayton Wednesday and knew the indictments were forthcoming.

"I am very sad about it and disappointed. He's a nice human being and has been very helpful to me," said Clements. "We have a fine line of communication that has worked very well."

Grand jurors alleged Clayton accepted \$5,000 during a meeting with the other defendants and Hauser in which discussions were held on the \$70-million-a-year state employees insurance contract.

The indictments also charged Clayton with accepting a promise of another \$600,000 if the contract was awarded to the company Hauser said he represented.

Clayton acknowledged receipt of the \$5,000, but said it was a campaign contribution that he put in a safe place until it could be returned.

Whatever the outcome of a trial, the indictments alone may have killed his chances to win an unprecedented fourth term as speaker.

Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, and Rep. Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, are considered the two leading contenders in the speaker's race. Only Bryant currently opposes Clayton.



Texas House Speaker Billy Clayton talks to reporters in Houston Thursday after being indicted by a grand jury. Clayton is under a court order not to talk about the charges of racketeering, conspiracy, extortion and fraud leveled by the jury. (AP Laserphoto)

Society thumbs its nose at Friday the 13th

CHICAGO (AP) — It's Friday the 13th, which means the Anti-Superstition Society will be meeting today.

The agenda provides time for smashing mirrors, trampling four-leaf clovers and opening umbrellas indoors.

The society meets only on Fridays that fall on the 13th, and today's meeting at a fashionable downtown club is the only one this year.

"In 1981, there will be three Fridays the 13th — in February, March and November," said Les Lear, the society's executive vice president.

The group was organized in 1930 by 13 members, including Chicago Bears owner George Halas. He and one of his former stars, Harold "Red" Grange, will be among 26 men honored today for their civic contributions.

Grange, who wore football jersey No. 77, will be 77 years old Friday, and will talk to those at the meeting by telephone.

"The society tries to discourage belief in silly superstitions," said Lear.

There will be 13 black cats roaming about the room while the meeting is held from 4:13 to 6:13 p.m.

There are 313 members in the group.

Family of fire fighters celebrates milestones

By KAY CRITES
Staff Writer

The Lands had their own mutual admiration society Thursday as father Doyle Land celebrated his 25th year with the Midland Fire Department and son Pat Land celebrated his first day of work Wednesday at the Odessa Fire Department.

"It's just another day to me," said Doyle about his anniversary. "Just means another \$4 raise."

"Oh yeaaaaahhh," chimed Pat and Doyle's wife Barbara sarcastically.

For Pat, the day meant his first fire — at 4 o'clock Thursday morning.

"I didn't know anything. The guy next to me woke me up. I don't even know where it was."

In contrast, Doyle can remember the address of his first fire 25 years ago, 105 N. O St.

Doyle began work with the Midland Fire Department June 12, 1955. He made driver in July 1958, captain in August 1965 and battalion chief in 1973.

"It's changed a lot," said Doyle. "We've got a lot more modern methods of fighting a fire now. We used to see smoke coming out of a house and

go in with our nozzles open. Now we don't open the nozzles until we find a fire. We have new air masks. With the old ones you couldn't breathe through them hardly. We've gone from 500 gallon per minute pumpers to 1200 gallon a minute pumpers.

"There are a lot of new things, like the Jaws of Life, which is probably the most valuable piece of equipment we have at a bad wreck. I don't know how we got people out without it."

"Crowbars and stuff, huh?" prompted Pat.

"Yeah, I guess."

The Jaws of Life is a pneumatic cutting tool used to pry open jammed car doors or to slice through crumpled automobiles holding victims painfully in their clutches.

Due to all these innovations, fire seldom completely destroys building these days, unless it's a trailer house in the county, Doyle added.

Pat Land had really wanted to work at the Midland Fire Department, but there's a city policy against hiring anyone under 21 and against hiring relatives of anyone already working at the department.

So Pat went over to Odessa to take

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VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Mount St. Helens thundered into its third big blow during the night, shooting a plume of steam and volcanic ash 10 miles high and dusting this city and neighboring Portland, Ore., with the heaviest fallout yet.

No deaths or injuries were reported, but as Friday the 13th dawned, a million people were warned to stay indoors or wear masks if they ventured out. One tiny logging town, pelted with pumice the size of marbles, was evacuated.

Mayor Connie McReedy declared a limited state of emergency in Portland, which lies just across the Columbia River and 40 miles southwest of the volcano, and imposed a speed limit of 15 mph. Winds from the opposite direction at high altitudes carried a light sprinkling of dust 100 miles north to Seattle.

"It looks like an atom bomb," an observer in a U.S. Forest Service plane radioed as the volcano exploded Thursday night for the third time in a month. "It's very, very black ... It's still booming, it's really booming."

Scientists said the eruption could become the worst since May 18, when the volcano blanketed six states with ash and claimed the lives of dozens of people.

Portland International Airport was closed to traffic as ash-laden rain cut visibility. Within three hours of the eruption, a quarter-inch of the powdery grit had accumulated in Hazelwood, just north of Vancouver.

In Vancouver, the Clark County sheriff's office halted patrols and was making only emergency runs.

There were numerous reports of minor traffic accidents and vehicles stalling after ash clogged their air filters.

Pebbles of pumice up to an inch in diameter were reported falling in Cougar, a tiny logging town 10 miles south of the mountain. Cowlitz County sheriff's deputies said people were being evacuated from the restricted "red zone," an area within a 20-mile radius of the peak.

Twenty people at Cougar were eva-

cuated, but another 20 at a sporting goods store just down the Lewis River from the logging town were forced to stay put until the ash fallout subsided.

"It's a major eruption," said Pete Rowley, a U.S. Geological Survey geologist. He said the plume from the southwestern Washington mountain, first reported at 8:45 p.m. PDT by an Eastern Airlines pilot, rose as high as 32,000 feet and was the greatest activity since a May 25 blast that stranded thousands of Memorial Day travelers.

By 4 a.m. PDT today, the plume had dropped to about 16,000 feet.

The Portland mayor's office said a slight trace of ash was found in the Bull Run Reservoir that supplies water to more than one million people in the area. Officials said it would make the water acidic but should not pose a major health problem.

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The U.S. Forest Service issued an ash warning for the Portland-Vancouver area.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's latest gasoline rationing plan, which would dilute the effects of an emergency oil shortage with a flood of coupons, is forcing Congress to take yet another journey across familiar but slippery ground.

The lawmakers will decide whether to embrace or reject Carter's proposal under rules that give the plan — sent to Capitol Hill Thursday — a much better chance for approval than versions that died there in past years.

Congress has been demanding a gasoline rationing plan for five years, but earlier efforts by Carter and President Ford died in a din of congressional squabbling over which states would benefit most.

If the new proposal is approved — more precisely if Congress fails to reject it — a 20 percent shortfall in U.S. oil supplies would set in motion a vast new bureaucracy in which thousands of workers would distribute billions of coupons to the owners of 153 million vehicles at a federal cost of \$2 billion or more a year.

Theoretically, the set-up would spread the shortage fairly among all Americans. It would give extra weight to farmers and others in agriculture, to states whose drivers use their cars a lot in times of fuel plenty, to mass transit and to anyone else who could convince the government he or she deserved special treatment.

Anyone who didn't use all his cou-

pons could sell them to anyone else for whatever the market would bear.

Most senators and representatives, preoccupied with budget and draft registration votes Thursday, gave no quick indication how they would vote on the new plan.

But Sen. John Culver, D-Iowa, said chances of defeating it under the new rules would be "slim at best," even if farm-state senators opposed it. And they won't, he implied, since it contains a provision they wanted — taking special farm fuel allocations out of the overall national pot rather than out of each state's share.

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Volcano blows again

Plume shoots 10 miles into air

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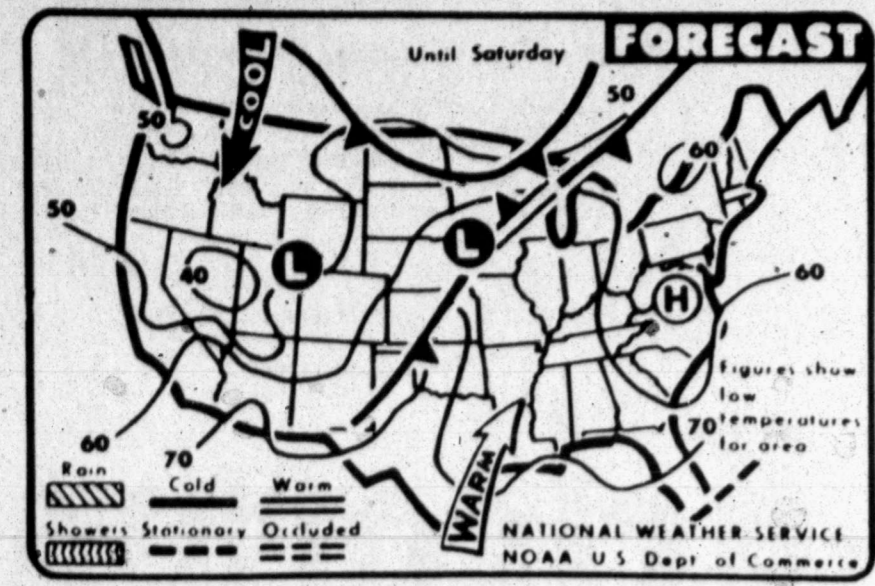
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Cool weather is expected until Saturday morning from the Pacific Northwest to the Great Lakes. Warm weather is forecast for other areas of the nation. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

Sunny days and fair nights through Saturday. Low tonight in the upper 60s. High Saturday in the upper 90s. Wind tonight southerly, 10-15 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS table with columns for location, high, low, and precipitation.

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES table listing temperatures for various cities like Albuquerque, Denver, and Phoenix.

Texas temperatures

Texas area forecasts table listing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities.

July draft registration seems likely

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's draft registration program, winning all-but-final approval from Congress, probably will begin in mid-July. When it ends two weeks later, an estimated 4 million young men will have signed up.

By a vote of 58 to 34, the Senate on Thursday approved spending \$13.3 million to renew mandatory registration for the first time since 1975. The House has passed practically identical legislation, but must act again because of a minor amendment the Senate added. That approval is likely next week.

Then, only a court suit threatened by the American Civil Liberties Union would stand in the way of the stand-by registration program. The ACLU has said it would argue in court that the program's exclusion of women illegally discriminates against men. Carter had proposed including women, but that was rejected by both the Senate and the House.

For his part, the director of the Selective Service System agrees with including women. "My own wish," said Bernard Rostker, "is that Congress would own up to it and change the law."

If there is a ruling against an all-male system, he said, "the courts could direct us to register women or simply declare the law unconstitutional" — meaning no one would register. As now planned, registration will be carried out over a two-week period at 34,000 post offices across the country.

Men born in 1960 will be told to register during the first week; men born in 1961, the next week. Failure to register is a felony carrying a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Registration opponents predicted that massive numbers of young men would fail to register, either out of ignorance or in defiance.

"I am convinced the president will find it was much easier to convince the Senate to fund draft registration than it will be to get 19- and 20-year-olds to submit to draft registration," said Barry Lynn, head of the Committee Against Registration and the Draft.



Pat Land, right, took a day off from his new job as a firefighter with the Odessa Fire Department to congratulate his father, Doyle Land, on his 25th anniversary with the Midland Fire Department.

Doyle celebrated his anniversary Thursday, and Pat started his first job as a firefighter Wednesday. (Staff Photo by Kay Crites)

Fire fighting family celebrates

His father recalled the many stunts they had pulled on rookies — squirting them with hoses, turning their pants around backwards and switching their boots. The veterans would then sound the sirens in a false alarm so the new men, in the rush of their first fire, would hurriedly put their pants on backwards and be unable to pull the suspenders up because they were looped under their legs and have their left foot in the right shoe and vice versa.

"I was very embarrassing for them," Doyle said. "We used to just sit there and die laughing. But the sooner they learn you can take it, the sooner they leave you alone," he told his son sagely.

"That's all right," Pat commented, "I've listened to you and now I know all the tricks. I'll be prepared."

cause our salaries weren't very good then." Of the three sons, only Pat actually fulfilled the childhood dream. One son works for a glass company and another is in college and wants to be a missionary, according to his father. A daughter is still in high school.

"You know I never worried about Doyle, but I do about this one," said Barbara Doyle, pointing at Pat. Pat, a fully trained emergency medical technician before entering the fire department, is currently undergoing his roughest tests — those administered to "rookies" by the firemen.

"They call me rook — answer the phone rook," said Pat. And they joke "about my tugboat feet and monkey arms." Pat wears a 13½ shoe and has long arms.

'Ghost gas' sought advertisement text describing an investigation into fainting spells among employees.

Ted Kennedy not ready to give up campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of Edward M. Kennedy say President Carter's appeals for party unity are a thinly disguised attempt to force the Massachusetts senator from the race for the Democratic nomination.

"Obviously we will be for party unity when we get the nomination too," said Kennedy aide Steven Schlesinger after the Carter camp voiced repeated appeals for togetherness at the party's platform committee hearings Thursday.

"That's their notion of how to push Kennedy out of the race," said Schlesinger, Kennedy's deputy issues director. Carter played host to several committee members at the White House Thursday night, saying he is "extremely eager to see rifts healed," but adding that there need be no "fear or consternation" if some disputes are left to the national convention to decide in August.

The hearings, which continue today and Saturday, are the last in a series prior to the drafting of the platform. Both Carter and Kennedy made presentations through spokesmen to the committee Thursday. Stuart Eizenstat, Carter's chief domestic adviser, told the 100 members that Kennedy had been one of the president's most loyal supporters in the Congress. "We believe the issues that unite us far outweigh those on which there are differences," he said.

But they clearly parted company on their approach to the economy, with Carter arguing that his anti-inflation program, stressing spending restraint and voluntary wage and price guidelines, is the best course despite recessionary pressures. Kennedy, on the other hand, urged adoption of a \$12 billion jobs program to combat the recession, and renewed his call for mandatory wage-price controls to handle inflation.

For the first time in a long while, Carter did not call for a balanced budget, apparently accepting the opinion of his advisers that this is impossible in light of the economy's downturn.

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Odessan jailed on drug charge

An Odessa man was arrested Thursday night by Midland narcotics officers, who found approximately three pounds of what is believed to be marijuana.

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Bush plans Midland dinner as fund-raiser

WASHINGTON — Barely two weeks after ending his exhausting two-year quest for the presidency, George Bush is back on the road. This time, however, his goal is not votes, but money. Traveling alone, the former U.N. ambassador is on a coast-to-coast tour to help retire his \$380,000 campaign debt. A series of private, \$1,000-a-couple fundraising dinners is scheduled at the homes of wealthy Bush supporters over the next few weeks in an effort to raise about \$150,000 of that amount. One of those dinners will be in his former hometown of Midland, Texas, where he got his start in the oil business. Plans for that dinner haven't been announced yet.

The first was held in San Francisco on Thursday, Bush's 56th birthday. Others are scheduled for Atlanta, New York, Brewton, Ala., Washington, and five Texas cities — Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Midland. "The goal is to erase the debt before the Republican convention in Detroit next month. George Bush is personally committed to raising every nickel of that amount himself," said campaign finance director Frederick M. Bush, who is no relation to the former ambassador. For that reason, Bush will not accept any money raised at a series of

Fair, hot in forecast

Sunny days and fair nights is what the weatherman has on the menu for the Permian Basin at least through Saturday. Low temperature tonight should be in the upper 60s and the mercury likely will climb into the upper 90s on Saturday.

Constable Merritt dies

Jack Merritt, 76, Midland County constable who farmed and ranched before he became a lawman more than 40 years ago, died Wednesday night in a Midland hospital following an illness. He lived in the Valley View community, just southeast of Midland.



Jack Merritt

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Ross Payne, pastor of Cotton Flat Baptist Church, officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. Glen Shoemaker, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home. The Midland County Courthouse will be closed Friday afternoon for Merritt's funeral. Merritt was born in 1904 in Weatherford in Parker County and later lived in Snyder before he hitched some horses up to a covered wagon and moved to Midland County in 1927.

Following the death of Constable Bill Morelan. "I'm going to come to my office like I always have, if I live," Merritt said in an interview in 1976. Over the years, the constable developed a reputation as a lawman who would rather — and did — lend a helping hand than pull a pistol and throw some poor fellow in jail. "The Lord was with me all the way," Merritt said. "I've never had too much serious trouble with anybody." His approach to law enforcement was centered around common horse sense, diplomacy and a whole lot of waiting. "I ask the Lord each day if I can help someone big or small," he said almost two years ago. "I would rather help people than put them in jail. "It's worth something just to be able to help your fellow man. That's all I live for...just to help a friend." The death of Merritt, as Tom McGinnis, one of his deputy constables, said Merritt's death signals "the end of an era."

Courthouse closed, flag at half-mast for Merritt

The Midland County Commissioners' Court, in one of its rare abbreviated sessions, on Thursday afternoon ordered the Midland County Courthouse closed Friday afternoon in honor of Constable Jack Merritt, who died Thursday at age 76. The court also decreed that the Texas flag at the courthouse would be flown at half-mast today in honor of Merritt. Merritt's funeral was to be at 1 p.m. today in Calvary Baptist Church. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park. Commissioner Durward Wright, who made the motion that the courthouse be closed as a tribute to Merritt, said the constable was a "first-class law-enforcement officer, a friend of all county employees and a citizen of our county extraordinary."

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Screwworm nearly eradicated

MISSION, Texas (AP) — Statistics tell the success story of the battle to rid the United States of pesky screwworm flies that prey on livestock.

Last year, there were 90 cases nationwide, confined to Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California. In 1972, Texas alone recorded 90,980 cases.

The program's record means it will gradually phase out operations in this country and by 1982, it will be confined to Mexico.

"We've been very successful," said Dr. James Novy, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture

other programs but not all will find government jobs.

In the next two or three months, approximately 100 workers in the plant and distribution section will get pink slips. Only 20 employees will be absorbed into other offices by the end of the year, he said.

Another fly distribution center in Douglas, Ariz., closed in January although aircraft for Mexican flights are maintained there.

The phasing out of American offices means more work will be done in Mexico. The Mexico-United States Commission for Screwworm Eradication is

headquartered in Mexico City.

"As the work moves south, we'll open distribution centers deeper in Mexico," Novy said. Programs in Hermosillo and Obregon, both in the northern state of Sonora, are being phased out.

New offices opened earlier this year at Mazatlan and Culiacan in northwest Mexico.

Cooperation of ranchers has been a big factor in the program's success, Novy said.

Veterinarians have urged ranchers to avoid branding, castration and other surgery in warm months.

Interest rate reduced by USDA on federal price support loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department has reduced interest rates paid by farmers who plan to take out federal price support loans on their 1980 crops.

The loans will bear an annual interest of 11.5 percent, down from the rate of 13 percent that had been in effect since April 16, Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland said Thursday.

Bergland said the reduction took effect immediately.

A number of interest rates on other USDA programs, including several in the Farmers Home Administration, also are being reduced to reflect the reduced costs to the government of borrowing money to finance them.

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screwworm laboratory. "The whole objective is to eliminate the screwworm from Mexico to the Guatemala border."

The fly larvae feed off wounds in warm-blooded animals and can weaken or kill livestock if left untreated. Since 1962, the lab here in the lower Rio Grande Valley has grown flies, sterilized them and distributed them from airplanes. Sterile flies mating with wild flies will break the insect's life cycle.

The laboratory is located at a former Air Force base, which houses several other USDA programs.

"The original plan was that we would close down here by 1981, but in 1978 we had an outbreak in Arizona, New Mexico and far West Texas which set the program back," Novy said Thursday.

"It's conceivable that we could close by the end of 1981 but it's in the plans to continue to 1982," he said.

Some of the 500 employees will be absorbed by

New figures confirm farmers' worst fears

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rising production costs continue to put a crimp in farmers' income prospects this year, according to the latest Agriculture Department figures.

The new figures, released Thursday, are expected to stir further calls among farm groups and members of Congress for the Carter administration to raise crop price supports and take other relief measures.

Net farm income in the second quarter of this year now is estimated at an annual rate of \$20.2 billion, a drop of more than 40 percent from the 1979 annual rate in the second quarter of \$34.1 billion.

If the annual rate in a three-month period held steady over the entire 12 months, that would be the net income for the calendar year.

In 1979, for example, the quarterly annual rates varied from about \$36 billion in the first quarter to a low of around \$29.8 billion in the third.

But farmers wound up having a net income of \$33.3 billion, according to the latest USDA revisions, virtually matching the record set in 1973. The figures, however, do not take into account the effects of inflation.

Not all farmers share equally when times are good, nor do all of them fare badly when national income prospects are down. Dairy farmers, for example, are considered to be doing well because of rising production and higher guaranteed federal price supports.

Cash grain farmers and many livestock producers, particularly those who raise hogs, have been hurt severely by lagging prices and higher costs.

As an overall indicator, however, the figures do show how trends develop and how farmers nationally fare from one period to another.

For example, the new figures for the second quarter, at \$20.2 billion, represented a further slide in farm profits this spring. A month ago, experts forecast the second-quarter income rate at \$20.8 billion.

Three months ago, in early March, the forecast for the second quarter was \$26 billion.

"Although the rate of increase in farm production input prices will slow in coming months, net farm income for 1980 will average substantially below 1979," the report said. "The 10 percent to 14 percent rise in 1980 production expenses will easily outpace the small gain in cash receipts."

Looking at third-quarter prospects for the first time, the report forecast some increase in the annual rate for farm income, a rise to \$23.5 billion in July-September. No figures were shown for the fourth quarter.

Officials have predicted an overall decline in net farm income this year — the amount farmers have left over after paying production expenses — of around 25 percent. That would put 1980 income at around \$25 billion, down more than \$8 billion from last year.

USDA report forecasts record wheat production

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new government report indicates a record wheat crop may be possible this year. But that will depend on the effects of recent drought in the northern Great Plains.

The Agriculture Department said Wednesday farmers are expected to harvest a record winter wheat crop of 1.76 billion bushels this year, 9 percent more than the 1979 harvest and 3 percent above last month's forecast.

Based on field surveys June 1, the new estimate compares with last year's winter wheat harvest of 1.6 billion bushels and the May forecast of 1.71 billion bushels.

Winter wheat accounts for about three-fourths of total U.S. wheat production. It is planted in the fall and harvested the following summer.

Total U.S. wheat output last year was about 2.14 billion bushels, including the 1.6 billion bushels of winter wheat. Spring-planted wheat accounts for the remainder. It is the spring-planted crop that is open to serious question.

The department's first forecast of spring wheat production will be issued on July 11, which will provide the first total

production estimate of U.S. wheat this year.

Severe drought has diminished prospects for spring wheat in much of the northern Great Plains, but officials say total output could possibly be around 500 million bushels, more or less.

Including winter wheat prospects, that points to a possible total U.S. wheat harvest this year of around 2.26 billion bushels, which could be about the amount that USDA experts say will be needed to meet domestic and export demands in 1980-81.

The new report included a winter wheat forecast of nearly 119.3 million bushels for Washington state this year. That was an increase of 5.3 million bushels from prospects on May 1.

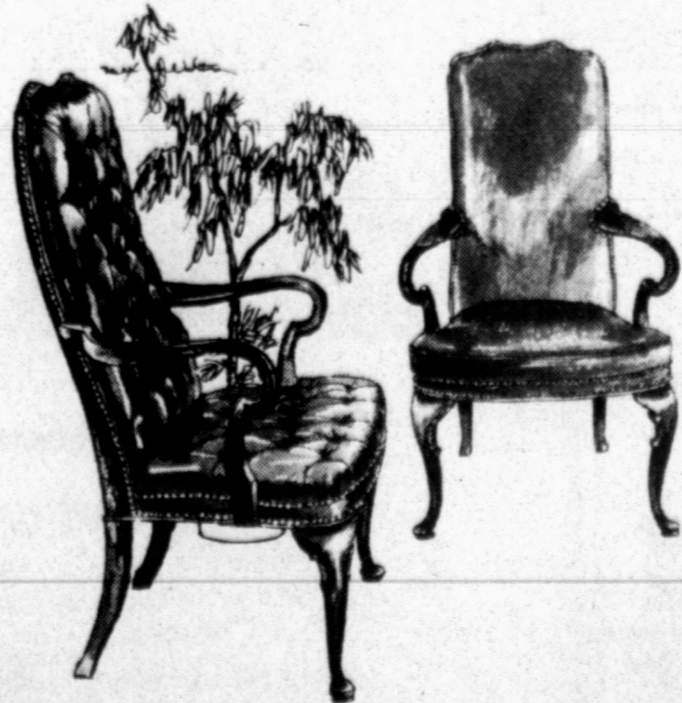


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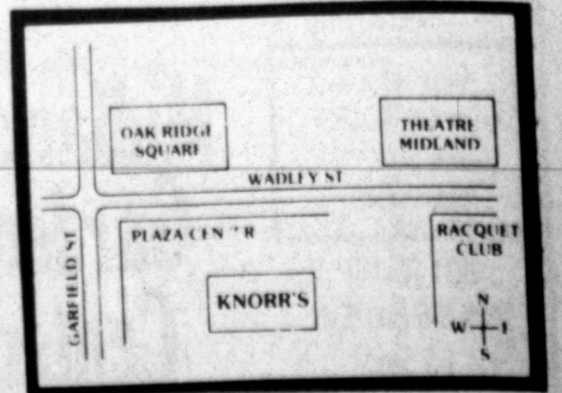


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'Dallas' security tight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Who shot J.R.?" is a question heard around the world these days, but the producers of the hit CBS series "Dallas" are out to keep the answer secret.

J.R. Ewing, an oil-rich scoundrel played by Larry Hagman, was gravely wounded when he was shot twice in the stomach in this season's last episode. The audience doesn't know if he'll live or die, or who pulled the trigger.

Lorimar Productions is taking precautions to keep everyone guessing until the fall season. Probably no more than three people know who the assailant is — and the triggerman could be changed if the secret leaks.

Scripts are being issued with crucial pages missing. Episodes are being filmed under tight security in Dallas. Phony scenes fingering the wrong person are being filmed to keep everyone guessing — including the cast and crew.

"We're going to do everything in our power to mislead or keep the audience guessing and keep the identity of the real assailant hidden until the show airs," said producer Leonard Katzman, in a telephone interview from Dallas.

Katzman gave only one clue: "The assailant will be someone that the audience has seen or heard about. It won't be somebody that J.R. discovered robbing the Ewing office."

Here are the chief suspects:

- Sue Ellen Ewing, J.R.'s ill-used wife.
- Kristin Shepard, Sue Ellen's sister. J.R.

ended their affair by telling her to get out of town or he'd have her arrested for prostitution.

— Alan Beam, a devious young lawyer working for J.R.

— Cliff Barnes, whose father was ruined by the Ewings.

— Vaughn Leland, a banker who borrowed \$20 million to buy J.R.'s share in oil land in Asia. A few days after the sale the Asian country nationalized the company.

— Marilee Stone, whose husband killed himself after losing all his money in J.R.'s oil scheme.

— Dusty Farlow, Sue Ellen's lover, also has been considered a suspect. Although his plane crashed four episodes before the shooting, Farlow's body was never found.

Besides the "whodunit" angle to the fall series, there's the question of whether J.R. will pull through.

Larry Hagman has not signed a new contract and reportedly is holding out for \$100,000 an episode. According to one published report, Lorimar is offering \$55,000.

"I think you can say both of those figures are erroneous. Let's say it's a little on the high side," Katzman said.

Linda Gray, who plays Sue Ellen, also has not signed a new contract. There was no indication of what she was seeking.

They are not due to begin work in Dallas for about a week.

Jordan back in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Civil rights leader Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., has returned to New York, two weeks after he was critically wounded by sniper fire in Fort Wayne, Ind., and doctors say he could leave the hospital "in a matter of weeks."

"I think he is out of the woods, so to speak," said Dr. Melville Platt, associate director of New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center where

Jordan is now being treated.

Meanwhile, police and FBI in Fort Wayne said the investigation of the May 29 attack on Jordan had produced "nothing promising."

Platt said the 44-year-old National Urban League president was healing satisfactorily "in light of the great seriousness of his initial injury."

Jordan, shot in the lower back in Fort

Wayne, Ind., was flown aboard an Air Force medical evacuation plane Thursday to the New York medical center where the deposed Shah of Iran was treated for cancer last year.

Jordan was in "serious but stable condition," hospital Administrator Scott Margolis said Thursday night.

Before leaving Fort Wayne, Jordan issued a statement to the Parkview Memorial Hospital

staff, saying: "I am well on the way to a complete recovery, to the full resumption of my duties as president of the National Urban League."

Dr. Andrew Adair of Chicago, regional director of the Urban League, said Jordan returned to New York because "he wanted a different environment. He wanted to go home."

He added that there was some concern about his security, but said he

knew of no threats on Jordan's life during his stay at Parkview.

Jordan also told the hospital staff, "In my personal struggle for recovery and health, as in the social struggle for justice, I continue to believe we shall overcome."

Davis said FBI agents and city police detectives have interviewed 500 to 700 people about the sniper attack on Jordan.

Sub crew homosexuals probed

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — As many as 16 female sailors on the USS Norton Sound — one-fourth of the women aboard — could be discharged in connection with a Navy investigation of alleged homosexuality, officials said.

The inquiry reportedly began after a list of the women aboard the missile test ship was circulated, and female crew members checked the names of those they believed were homosexu-

als.

Master Chief Petty Officer Jim McDonough declined to comment Thursday on that report in the Daily Breeze, a Torrance newspaper.

He said the inquiry began May 15, when the ship was at its home base in Port Hueneme.

Originally, 24 women had been investigated, but the number was reduced to 19 after initial screening for "mental disease," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Mark Baker.

Three more were eliminated from the investigation Wednesday.

Some women have refused to undergo psychiatric examinations, according to the newspaper, and some have sought legal counsel, said Lt. Cmdr. George Maris, head of the Naval station's legal services.

All the women remain on duty, and no charges have been filed. All are second and third class petty officers and have been in the Navy for six to 20 years, the paper said.

Under naval regulations, grounds for discharge include homosexual activity prior to enlistment, a homosexual attack on someone, having a homosexual encounter while enlisted or exhibiting homosexual tendencies.

Baker would not reveal the specific grounds for the investigation of the women, but quoted Navy policy: "Homosexual activity will not be tolerated, and any member who is determined to have attempted, solicited, or engaged in homosexual

acts shall normally be separated from naval service. The presence of such a member in a military environment seriously impairs combat readiness, efficiency, security and morale."

The decision on filing charges, or relieving women of their duty during the investigation, is up to the Norton Sound's captain, Jay Seebirt. He refused to talk to The Associated Press.

The "women at sea" program is two years old, and seven ships have female crew members.

In the last fiscal year, 142 persons received discharges for homosexual acts or tendencies, a Navy spokesman in Washington D.C. said.

Hance wants aid for Nicaraguans

WASHINGTON — A \$75 million U.S. aid package has only a 50 percent chance of keeping Nicaragua a non-communist nation, U.S. Rep. Kent Hance said Thursday, but a five-day trip to the Central American country last weekend convinced him the money is a necessary "investment for the future."

Hance, a Democrat from Lubbock representing the 19th Congressional District, was one of four congressmen representing President Carter in appearing before the ruling military junta, Sandanista rebels, business and church leaders.

The others were House Majority Leader Jim Wright of Fort Worth and Reps. Bill Alexander of Arkansas and Stephen Neal of North Carolina.

Both branches of Congress have approved authorizing \$70 million in loans and a \$5 million grant to the country. But Hance voted against it because "I was really skeptical of there being any chance to save the country from communism."

Hance changed his mind because of information gathered on his trip. "Our intelligence sources have thoroughly convinced me that if we don't participate in trying to save the government and keep it, if that country goes communist, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico will be having the same problems over the next 10 years."

As small as the world is today, Hance said, the fall of those countries to communism would have an effect upon the Southwest and the U.S.

The loans would be used to repair damage caused by the Sandanista-led rebellion against former President Somoza, said Hance, who added that Somoza "bombed every manufacturing plant he could."

About 60 percent of the money would go directly to private business. The government portion would be earmarked for housing, roads, water and health projects. No military projects will be financed, said Hance.

The congressional delegation met with the archbishop of the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, 50 business leaders, Costa Rican President Rodrigo Ciza and the five-man ruling junta.

According to Hance, some of the Sandanistas are "hard-core Marxists" who would like the U.S. to refuse them aid so they can turn to Cuba and the Soviet Union. "But there are also Sandanistas who are hard-core free enterprise people," he said.

Hance became involved when Jorge Salazar, president of the National Federation of Coffee Growers in Nicaragua, dropped by his office in Washington several weeks ago. Salazar was accompanied by the executive officers of the Nicaraguan Chamber of Commerce.

The Nicaraguans wanted the Texas congressman included in the entourage selected by Carter "because I had a strong free enterprise and pro-business voting record," he said.

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Pentagon may gradually increase Mideast air operations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first deployment of U.S. F-4E jet fighters for training exercises with Egyptian warplanes next month may signal a gradual and cautious increase in American military air operations in the Middle East.

This was indicated Thursday by Gen. Lew Allen Jr., Air Force chief of staff, in an interview.

His remarks came in conjunction with a Pentagon announcement that a squadron of F-4 Phantom jets will fly to Cairo for about 90 days of joint training to "give the pilots and crew members of both countries additional experience with regard to operating sophisticated equipment in the area."

The twelve planes and about 400 U.S. Air Force personnel will travel from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., and will live and work in temporary shelters and maintenance shops during the unprecedented exercises, which

will include live firing on Egyptian ranges.

As Allen pictured it, the operation will be beneficial for both air forces: The Egyptians will be able to sharpen their skills in flying 35 U.S.-supplied F-4s, while "it's in our interest to learn to operate in that region."

Looking at the F-4 deployment in a broader context, Allen spoke of "a cautious U.S. effort to project force into that area in ways that do not exacerbate tensions."

He made it clear that U.S. strategists hope to expand such periodic U.S. air operations into the Middle East-Indian Ocean-Persian Gulf areas, possibly to include similar joint exercises with the air force of Saudi Arabia, which already is partially equipped with American planes and which is buying 60 F-15 jets.

Further, Allen said, the United States would like to expand its recently agreed access to Oman, which is strategically located on the ap-

proaches to the Persian Gulf, to permit some U.S. air operations around that country.

U.S. naval power in the region was built to major proportions last fall after Iran's seizure of U.S. hostages and the later military move into Afghanistan by the Soviet Union. Apparently because the U.S. fleet stayed well to sea, this caused only minor political ripples in the area.

But the presence of U.S. military aircraft, even on a periodic basis, at air fields in some Persian Gulf-Indian

Ocean nations apparently would be more politically sensitive because, U.S. officials said, such a U.S. presence would appear to tie some countries closer to the United States.

Allen left no doubt that Saudi Arabian security is considered by U.S. strategists to be the key, so far as U.S. objectives in the area are concerned. Saudi Arabia is the biggest source of U.S. oil imports.

"Speaking of the Persian Gulf and the neighboring Mideast region, Allen said, "What we'd like to do is obtain

experience in operating in the area and, by so doing, increasing tolerance of nations in that area to our operations."

This, he said, would be done "by gradually increasing deployments," subject to approval of the countries concerned.

"From a military point of view," Allen added, "our interests are to expand our activities (in the Persian Gulf region) as the political realities will permit."

He said "the most limiting factor to

our operations in the Persian Gulf area" has been the lack of bases to provide fuel, water and a variety of support for U.S. air and naval units.

Allen conspicuously avoided mentioning Israel in his scenario for increased U.S. military air operations in that part of the world. Under questioning, he conceded that there were "overwhelmingly political" restraints against joint U.S.-Israeli operations, which he said would "cause concern to some neighbors" of Israel.

Former interrogator says American soldier was expert in torture

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — An American expert in torture, whose specialty was forcing needles under his victims' fingernails, was one of the men who taught Hugo Walter Garcia Rivas his craft, the former interrogator for the Uruguayan military said.

Garcia told reporters shortly before boarding a flight to an unnamed destination in Europe Thursday that he didn't know the American's name and had no indication he was from the U.S. military. There was no immediate comment from American officials on the claim.

Garcia said he joined the Uruguayan army in 1975 and a year later was assigned to the Counter-Information Company where he learned "interrogation methods" from the American and others. "Interrogation means torture. I tortured people when I was in the army in Uruguay," he said.

Garcia said he and other trainees practiced on live prisoners, and learned to use electric shocks and the "submarine," a technique he called "very effective." He said applying the "submarine" means "a hood is put on the prisoner whose head is held under water."

Garcia said there were 90 soldiers in his company, and that the team was headquartered in the same building as the army command in Montevideo, the Uruguayan capital. He said the company was under the command of Department II of the Chiefs of Staff.

Garcia, 23, a private, said he helped interrogate prisoners for three years, then became a photographer for the counter-espionage team. He said he got a discharge from the army Dec. 31 by claiming he had family problems, but the real reason was "it was something very awful to a lot of people."

Garcia said after getting his discharge he was warned to flee Uruguay because of what he knew. After arriving in Brazil, the International Secretariat of Jurists for Amnesty in Uruguay and the Association of Latin American Lawyers for the Defense of Human Rights arranged his passage to Europe. He was accompanied on the flight by his wife and 15-month-old son.

Garcia said the last time he tortured someone was in 1978 and that he could remember the name of only one victim: Humberto Pascarella. His voice broke and he covered his face with his hands when he said, "I took part in his interrogation in 1977" and that Pascarella died a few days later.

Garcia said four majors and five captains are still in his former company torturing political opponents of the Uruguayan regime. He said his feelings of revulsion were shared by other enlisted men who were in the company, but that his denunciation of their activities will make it harder for them to leave.

Garcia said Uruguay, a country of 3 million which borders Brazil, has unleashed a ferocious attack against the left-wing opposition which is battling the military-dominated government. He said torture is still going on unabated in Uruguay and that it was impossible to estimate the number of victims.

"There are so many security organizations and all of them use torture, I can't tell," he said.

It was a decade ago that Uruguay's Tupamaro guerrillas kidnaped and killed Dan A. Mitrione, 50, a police expert working for the U.S. Agency for International Development. The guerrillas said the American was training Uruguayan secret police.

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Rival political factions said fighting in Kabul

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Rival political factions in Afghanistan's Marxist leadership are reported "fighting like two crazy dogs," as Soviet and Afghan army units tighten security around Kabul, a city awash with rumors of an impending coup and possible new attacks by Moslem guerrillas, according to reports reaching here.

An Afghan scholar who arrived here Thursday reported the power struggle in the Afghan capital between the government's rival Parcham and Khalq factions.

He said five Parchamites, supporters of President Babrak Kar-

mal, and four Soviet citizens have been killed in recent days at the Mikrorayon apartment complex used by Soviet advisers in Kabul. One of the Russians was hacked to pieces, said the scholar who asked not to be identified.

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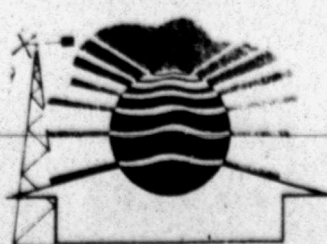


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DR. NEIL SOLOMON Computers used as diagnosis aid

Dear Dr. Solomon: A friend of mine tells me that computers are being used to treat patients with psychiatric problems. I know there's no way he can know what he's talking about, but I promised to write. Will you please clear this up? — Franklin.

Dear Franklin: Your friend is just a trifle confused. Computers are being used to assist psychiatrists in arriving at a diagnosis of a patient's condition, but not in the active treatment process.

Dr. John H. Greist, of the department of psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin Hospital, explains that it is important to identify as early as possible patients who can respond to specific treatments. Dr. Greist believes that the use of computers obviates the need for psychiatrists to remember the many specific criteria needed to arrive at a diagnosis.

Dear Dr. Solomon: I can see where cancer research on animals may be helpful in expanding our knowledge of the disease, but it seems many scientists jump to conclusions too quickly. Suppose saccharin, for example, does cause cancer in rats; people aren't rats, are they? — Phil.

Dear Phil: If I may rephrase your question, what you are asking is whether a chemical that causes cancer in animals will also cause it in humans. Almost all cancer experts would answer "yes."

The Office of Technology Assessment has reported that all substances found to cause cancer in animals have the potential for causing cancer in humans. Along the same lines, the National Academy of Sciences has stated that animal studies designed to detect carcinogenic activity are predictive of how humans will respond.

Dear Dr. Solomon: I notice that in movies depicting life in the United States a hundred or more years ago, the actors never smoke cigarettes. Assuming that what the movies show is accurate, when did cigarettes become popular in this country? — Ralph.

Dear Ralph: People began using cigarettes with increasing frequency in the early 1900s; they became even more popular during World War I. Prior to the 1900s, tobacco was preferred in the form of cigars or used in pipes, for chewing, and as snuff.

Dear Dr. Solomon: As a father-to-be for the first time, I would like to know what restrictions there are on sexual relations between my wife and myself during the pregnancy. — Mr. G.H.S.

Dear Mr. S.: A pregnant woman may have sexual relations during a normal pregnancy until four weeks before the scheduled delivery date. Of course, if your wife has contractions or bleeding afterwards, she should check with her obstetrician.

Guam residents get day in court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The residents of Guam who lost homes and property after the United States liberated the South Pacific island from the Japanese in World War II are about to get their day in court.

The cost to remedy the old injustice could be as high as \$700 million, according to government officials. Guam's spokesman in Congress says the figure will probably be far less.

A little noticed provision of an omnibus bill enacted this year said Guam residents who successfully press their claims for compensation are entitled to interest from the time their land was taken.

The Justice Department said that measure could triple the cost of the compensation program.

When President Carter signed the law March 12, he said the interest payments are "inconsistent with settled law and practice." But he agreed to the measure despite his reservations since it covered a broad number of subjects besides Guam.

There have been 700 claim suits filed, many by sons and daughters of people who lost their land after the island's liberation in 1944. The United States took the property for Navy bases in the war against Japan and kept it afterward to maintain armed forces in the Pacific.

Jury trials are expected to begin later this year. To recover any money, the Guam residents must prove the property was taken unfairly.

Del. Antonio B. Won Pat, who speaks for Guam in Congress, said one-third of the island was taken over and there were many cases where natives surrendered their land for a fraction of its value. The appeals process at the time was of little help, since only the Navy reviewed its own decisions.

Located about 3,700 miles west of Hawaii, Guam has 255 square miles of land. It has been a U.S. territory since 1898, except for the 2½ years of Japanese occupation during the war. It

was administered by the Navy until 1951, when it was granted the right to elect a governor and legislature.

A federal commission that investigated the land claims of Guam residents said the natives often surrendered their property for less than it was worth because of "threats, coercion, appeals to patriotism and fear of military reprisal."

Won Pat said "we were in concentration camps when the Americans came. They took whatever land they needed for the prosecution of the war."

An aide to Won Pat, Roger Stillwell, said the Guam residents were among the strongest supporters of the U.S. military effort, welcoming their liberators with flag-waving and jubilation.

"But we still ripped them off," Stillwell said. "To put it politely, the deck was stacked."

After more than a decade of trying, Won Pat succeeded in winning passage in 1977 of a law authorizing compensation for the lost land.

The current controversy is not over the justice of that act, but over the eventual cost.

A Justice Department official who asked not to be named said "I have serious doubts that anyone but a handful of legislators had an idea of the amount of money involved" when Congress agreed this year to grant interest on the claims.

But Won Pat said the department made its objections well known in hopes of defeating the measure.

He contends that since the prevailing interest rates at the time the land was taken were in the 3 percent range, the cost of compensation may be a lot less than the department's figures.

Won Pat, now 70, was a 35-year-old school teacher when the Americans recaptured Guam. "I didn't have any property," he said.

Those who did and are still around to file claims feel they are about to be rewarded with long-overdue justice, Won Pat said.

Publishers hear news products will survive

ATLANTA (AP) — American newspapers will survive the onslaught of new technology that brings news brought directly into the home via television and small computers, a communications lawyer predicted.

"The mass appeal of the newspaper — its low cost, its diversity and portability, its ease of reading, all of these features and more — ensure the continued viability of your product," Richard W. Wiley said Wednesday.

Wiley, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, addressed the Production Management Conference of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Wiley urged newspaper executives to develop their own electronic information-distributing systems.

"It is incumbent on your industry to be involved with, and to take advantage of, a variety of new methods of electronic information transfer and delivery," Wiley said. That would allow newspapers to maintain their status as gatherers and distributors

of information, he said.

David Carlisle, head of a Canadian company now setting up a television-oriented information network, told the association that newspaper publishers must move quickly to head off challengers who want to take advantage of the new technology.

"The threat is, any entrepreneur can set up a videotext company and start calling on your advertisers tomorrow," Carlisle said.

Telecommunications experts speaking at the conference said television along with increasingly inexpensive home computers and communications links to businesses, eventually will provide many educational and recreational services to private homes, as well as news and electronic mail.

The Associated Press announced this week it will take part in an experiment to provide news reports through home computers. Some media experts have predicted that such systems eventually will replace the home-delivered newspaper.

'Blue flu' protest ends

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Police were back on the job Thursday after a four-day sick-out to protest the status of contract negotiations, but firefighters were threatening to come down with "blue flu."

Firefighters voted Wednesday on a job action, but a spokesman for the firefighters association said results of the vote would be withheld "until we feel it is a proper time to put it out."

Mayor Roger O. Parent said wage negotiations with the police now would center "on realignment of available city funds" and there would be no further action sought against police because of the "blue flu."

Police had defied a restraining order issued Monday by Judge John Montgomery, who was scheduled to rule today on whether to make the order permanent.

Chief Michael Borkowski said 26 of 27 men returned at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday for the first shift and the absent policeman was "legitimately sick."

Parent announced amnesty for the protesters, with no loss of pay and no prosecution, if they returned to work. About 200 of the 250-member force had called in sick.

See-through pulpit highlight of convention

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Lively and impassioned preaching is a trademark of Southern Baptists, and a see-through plexiglass pulpit lets the 13,586 people at the denomination's convention here see every gesture and expression.

The "messengers," as the convention-goers are called, shouted "Amen" as they listened to sermons from the stage of the Cervantes Convention Center or watched the proceedings on closed-circuit television throughout the center.

Besides lively debate on church policy and problems, the Southern Baptist Convention also featured a dim-lit Christian "nightclub" at a nearby hotel with late-night evangelistic singing by girls in old-time saloon costumes.

The convention, now in its final day, offered 46 exhibit booths with pictures, posters, video shows, books, church supplies, free trinkets, treats and a tic-tac-toe computer game.

Most conventions are good for liquor sales, but not the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Baptists don't drink," said Tim Hedquist, a planning official from Nashville, Tenn., "but they eat. We eat about as much as other people drink."

One preacher, the Rev. Stan Coffey, of Albuquerque, N.M., urged

Baptists to take their message to housing developments, shopping centers and ballparks. "We must change our 'Welcome' mat to a 'Will Go' mat," he said.

Other preachers dealt with the church's internal tension over "liberals."

The Rev. Landrum Leavell II, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said Baptists should have better judgment "than one of my birds" when they feel inclined to "hunt out liberals."

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