

Kermit and Wink residents now have new focus for their heated feud

WINKLER COUNTY, Texas (AP) — The folks in Kermit and Wink have been feuding over football teams and population size for more than 50 years.

But the object of their most heated rivalry is a giant hole that nibbles at surrounding earth and gurgles with murky green water.

The central issue seems to be a nickname for the yawning expanse: the Kermit Krater or the Wink Sink.

"It's raised a lot of static between these two towns," said Kermit pilot Lonnie Collins. "It should have been called the Winkler County Whatever."

Since the hole first opened in the arid desert between the two towns, it

has gobbled up oil field pipelines, telephone poles and untold tons of earth and become a something of a tourist attraction.

"It's just a hole," said a disgusted Vera Johnson, who drove 115 miles from Andrews to gaze disappointedly at cavern.

It's not exactly "just a hole," since the giant cavity measures 400 yards by 360 yards and is more than 70 feet deep.

Curious tourists, journalists, television crews and geology students descend daily upon the area to get a peek at the geological puzzle.

"Flies never swarmed on manure like people have on this place," said Mike Davidson, a leather-faced cow-

boy.

The crater was just a small sink in the ground when it appeared June 3 on an old, West Texas oil field.

Juan Garcia discovered the 20-by-20-foot bubbling cavity while scouting for pipeline leaks. Garcia said he left the site to get a supervisor, and when the pair returned 20 minutes later, "that hole was nearly 150 yards long."

Local residents frequently joke about the abyss, but many businessmen are not so amused.

The pit's insatiable appetite has seriously threatened a Shell Oil Co. tank farm, spooked travelers driving along Texas Highway 115, and cost Atlantic Richfield almost \$20,000 in

fencing and round-the-clock security.

Dubbed the "guacamole hole-y" because of its avocado-green water, the hole continues to grow sporadically and devour mesquite trees, pipelines and telephone poles that stand in its path.

The feud between the two communities dates back to the 1920s when Wink — then a bawdy, brawling boom town of 25,000 — forced a county referendum to move the courthouse from Kermit.

But when oil and gas field sprang up, Kermit's population steadily grew while Wink's shrank dramatically. Football and baseball games have intensified those feelings, but nothing to the extent of the hole-naming dis-

pute.

Kermit Mayor Jack McGuire said the situation has resulted in priceless "cheap publicity," while Wink residents feel they've been left to sink in their own hole of anonymity.

Wink, with a population of about 1,025, actually is two miles closer to the sinkhole than is Kermit, a community of 7,900.

"That's the way it is around this county — Kermit takes credit for everything," said James Wicker, a Wink welder.

Wicker's 12-year-old daughter, Tabatha, added: "Somebody said if Wink did fall in, Kermit would be so jealous they would jump in too."

Residents from both communities

speculate the crater was caused by collapsing caverns in New Mexico, tremors from the Mt. St. Helens volcano, and "just plain ol' devil's work."

Geologists blame the hole on eroding salt domes, possibly because of oil drilling techniques, and have warned a sinkhole "two miles wide and eight miles long" could eventually open up.

"It got everybody thinking," said Winkler County Civil Defense coordinator Jim Williamson. "In the daylight, we'd joke about it. But there'd be a sudden thump in my house at night and I'd wake up thinking, 'The Hole.'

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Iranian women, wearing Islamic clothing as ordered by government authorities, wash a wall of a building in Tehran. Iran's female civil servants were threatened with immediate dismissal unless they report to work in Islamic veils. (AP Laserphoto)

'Wear veils,' or else, Iranian women told

By The Associated Press

An influential member of Iran's new Parliament today urged that the American hostages face a court similar to the one that tried Nazi war criminals in Nuremberg. Meanwhile, Iran's female civil servants were threatened with immediate dismissal unless they report to work in Islamic veils.

"Repeatedly I have said that the Iranian nation has not taken hostages, but a bunch of spies, thieves who have been operating for 25 years in Iran, hoping, with trust of God, they will be tried in a court like the one in Nuremberg," said Fakharedin Hejazi.

Hejazi received the most votes of any parliamentary candidate who ran in Tehran, the Iranian capital. He is a staunch supporter of the Islamic Republican Party, which favors spy trials for some of the hostages and dominates the Parliament, which is to decide their fate.

Hejazi spoke in the town of Estahbanat in the southern province of Fars. His remarks were carried by Iran's official news media.

Nuremberg was the German city where the United States and its allies tried Nazi criminals after World War II.

The militants holding the U.S. hostages in Iran said Sunday that some of their captives had been moved again from three cities because the U.S. government was plotting to kill them, and more would be transferred.

"In view of military aggression by the world-devouring U.S.A. against Iran and its satanic plots against the life of the hostage-spies, we have decided to transfer them to different parts of the country so as to have them under the control of the nation, until such time as their final fate is decided by the Islamic Majlis," the militants said in a statement broadcast by Tehran Radio.

"We announce that we shall continue our policy of transfers. Consequently, we have transferred hostages from the three towns of Arak, Mahallat and Najaf Abad to other sites."

Arak, Mahallat and Najaf Abad are in west-central Iran. The statement did not say how many of the 53 hostages were involved in the transfer or where they were taken.

Fifty of the Americans and the U.S. Embassy in Tehran were seized Nov. 4 while ousted Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was undergoing cancer treatment in New York. Three of the embassy's top officials are prisoners at the Iranian Foreign Ministry in Tehran.

Shah reported 'improving'

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The temperature of the deposed shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, is almost normal now and he is "very alert" and "improving nicely," his spokesman said today.

Robert Armao, the spokesman, during a telephone interview also criticized a report published Sunday by the semi-official Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram that said the ex-monarch was in very critical condition, and out of a coma.

"I don't know where they get their information, but it's all wrong."

13 Salvadorans survive ordeal in Arizona desert

AJO, Ariz. (AP) — Robbed and abandoned by smugglers who ferried them over the border, a group of Salvadorans, including three children, drank aftershave lotion and fought over drops of urine in a desperate attempt to stay alive in searing desert heat, a survivor says.

"We put it (urine) in rags and we wiped our faces with it," said 20-year-old Yolanda Estela Hernandez. "It was so hot and we were so thirsty."

She was one of 13 survivors, from a group of 40 to 50, rescued from the sun-baked desert, where the air temperature reached 110 degrees and the soil reached 150. Thirteen Salvadorans were found dead from dehydration and three children were among the missing.

The middle class Salvadorans, who officials say may have fled their country to escape civil strife, paid up to \$1,200 each to be smuggled into the United States and were abandoned in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument park at least four days ago.

Officials say there's no hope of finding more survivors, but a "low profile search" for more bodies was being conducted today in the 516-square-mile park.

A search by horseback and helicopter began Friday after a motorist reported seeing a man lying by the roadside. Two bodies and 10 survivors were found Saturday, and 11 more dead and three survivors were found Sunday.

"After being tormented by the extreme desert heat," they had stripped off much of their clothing and were found covered with cactus thorns, said Dr. Joseph Rustick, who treated the survivors.

"There were thorns in their feet, thorns in their back, legs, thighs, buttocks and face — everywhere that you can imagine."

He said they drank aftershave, deodorant and their own urine. "Some of them managed to drink the moisture from cactus, and they were the smart ones."

Near a cluster of bodies found Sunday were mirrors and traces of a fire the Salvadorans had set to alert aircraft to their plight.

"It's a dirty, dirty business," said Border Patrol Agent Earl Scott, who helped search for the aliens in the well-traveled smugglers' territory.

The group included some husbands and wives, some strangers, a 6-year-old, a 2½-year-old and a young mother who said the smugglers took her 13-month-old child, according to The Arizona Republic.

Mrs. Hernandez said the group fought over drops of urine, deodorant and cologne, and some aliens threatened to kill others if they did not share their urine.

She also said, "I had my baby when we started and the 'coyotes' (alien smugglers) took him away. I don't know where my baby is. I want my baby."

Scott promised the smugglers would be caught, adding "This is going to be an international deal."

He said he believed the abandonment was "deliberate because all they had to do was say, 'See those mountains? Go three miles in that direction and you'll be on the highway.'"

The identities of the Salvadorans were not immediately available, although Scott said some came from the Santana region of El Salvador.

"We've had a lot of El Salvadorans through here, but never the middle class like you're seeing right now," he said. "It's probably because of the civil strife in their country."

"They feel that El Salvador is going to fall to the leftists, but they haven't claimed political asylum as such, and they're probably not entitled to it under current rules."

Violence between left- and right-wing extremists has been increasing in El Salvador since a coup ousted the conservative government of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero last Octo-

ber.

The aliens had valid El Salvadoran passports and Mexican entry papers, but not U.S. entry permits, Scott said. If they are deported, he said, they probably would go back to El Salvador. But he added there may be no disposition for some time.

Rustick said one woman said she could not be returned to El Salvador because she "would be killed."

Five El Salvadorans were at Cornelia Hospital and eight were at a Pima County Sheriff's station.

In Rome, the Jesuit order of the Roman Catholic Church today condemned what it called violence and intimidation against its representatives in El Salvador.

A statement issued by Jesuit headquarters said the provincial superior in El Salvador has been threatened with death, Jesuit educational institutions had been subjected to repeated police searches, and that a bomb set off June 28 by a ring-wing extremist group exploded a few yards from the Jesuit provincial's room.

Carter announces visit with Chinese leader

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — President Carter will confer with Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng when he visits Tokyo this week to attend a memorial service for the late Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira.

The traveling White House announced the meeting between the two leaders Sunday when it released the president's schedule for the 21-hour visit to Tokyo.

In Peking today, Hua told U.S. Senate majority leader Robert Byrd he was looking forward to his talks with Carter, the first between the two leaders. Last year, Carter met with Senior Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping when Deng was in Washington.

Hua told Byrd he had been invited to visit the United States, but for various reasons had not been able to go yet.

After Carter attended church Sunday evening for the third time in the day, he told reporters he hadn't yet set an agenda for his meeting with the Chinese leader, set for 7 p. m. EDT, Wednesday. "But we will decide before we get there," he added.

The meeting is of symbolic impor-

importance since Carter passed up an opportunity to meet with Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev by not attending the May 8 funeral of Yugoslavia's Josef Broz Tito.

The Japanese are known to be delighted that Carter is attending the memorial service for Ohira, who died of a heart attack June 12, just a month after he had visited the United States. The Japanese also are happy about the presidential meeting with Hua, since they believe it will strengthen the U.S.-Japan-China relationship.

Although Hua recently paid a state visit to Japan, he decided to return for the memorial service after it was announced that Carter was going.

Carter was winding up his long holiday weekend in his hometown today with a second softball game. Sunday, Carter pitched his team to a 13-3 victory over a team headed by his brother, Billy Carter. After the game, Carter jogged for 10 minutes in a nearby field, despite temperatures near 100 degrees.

Carter arrived here late Friday.

Midland man dies after Hogan park stabbing

Julian Ortiz Marroquin, a 19-year-old Midlander, died after a stabbing at Hogan Park Sunday night and police have a 23-year-old suspect in custody in connection with the murder. The suspect turned himself in to police Sunday night.

About 9:24 p.m., police were notified of a stab victim at 300 Fiesta Ave. While en route to Fiesta, the officers were notified that the man had turned himself in. When the officers arrived at 300 Fiesta, they found Marroquin, 19, lying on his back on the kitchen floor. Ambulance attendants said the man was dead when they arrived.

Marroquin's brother told officers the stabbing occurred after an argument at Hogan Park, in front of the Woman's Club. Danny Marroquin drove his brother, Julian, back to the house where family members lifted him from the car and carried him into the house and laid him on the kitchen floor.

Julian had a single stab wound to the chest, just above the heart. He was pronounced dead by Peace Justice John Biggs.

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Texas delegates don't want Bush

By GARTH JONES
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AUSTIN (AP) — If Ronald Reagan chooses George Bush as his running mate he will have a selling job to do with his own delegates from Texas.

Telephone interviews by the Associated Press with Reagan's 61 delegates showed at least 19 of them favor New York Congressman Jack Kemp, who made a hit as a keynote at the Houston state convention.

Only seven Reagan delegates picked Bush for vice president.

Another 10 said they would respect Reagan's decision, no matter who it was, and 10 said they were uncommitted. Three favored Rep. Phillip Crane, R-Illinois. There were two votes for Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, and single votes for others.

Fifteen of Bush's 19 Texas delegates wanted him as a vice presiden-

tial candidate while one chose Reagan and another picked Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tennessee.

During his campaign, Bush said over and over he was not interested in the vice presidency. However, recently in party gatherings at San Antonio and Dallas, not open to the press, he reportedly said he would take the job if offered.

A Gallup Poll published last Friday said a survey of Republicans and independent voters indicated 29 percent favored Bush for vice president, while Baker got 15 percent and former Texas Gov. John Connally 12 percent.

Still earlier, a CBS-TV poll of most of the 2,000 GOP delegates to the national convention July 14-17 in Detroit showed Bush favored by almost 30 percent to Kemp with 20 percent and Baker with 10 percent.

In the Texas AP interviews, not a

single Reagan or Bush delegate suggested Connally for vice president. Neither was there a vote for Texas Gov. Bill Clements or former Ambassador Anne Armstrong, both mentioned as vice presidential possibilities.

One Texas pollster has predicted Reagan would gain 5 to 7 percentage points among Texas voters if he picks Bush as the second man of the GOP team.

Although Bush has withdrawn from the GOP presidential campaign, the 19 Texas delegates he won in the May 3 primary will go to Detroit pledged to him. Bush says he will meet with his delegates there and ask them to vote for Reagan on the first ballot.

Under party rules, delegates are bound to support the candidate they represented in the May 3 presidential primary unless he releases them from that bond.

Jim Baker, Bush's national campaign manager, told the AP Bush would make his request for Reagan support at a meeting of all 300 Bush delegates in Detroit. No time has been set for the meeting.

Bush said he wanted the people "who stuck their necks out for me" to be rewarded with the distinction of being a delegate to the national convention. "I won't just leave them hanging."

However, Bush stressed in his withdrawal statement that he would only "ask" his delegates to vote for Reagan when he released them.

The strength of his request may depend on the shaping of the party platform now being drafted.

Most Reagan and Bush campaigners think there will be no problem with Bush delegates casting at least one for Reagan. There is no other serious candidate.



This Associated Press photograph and a story about these two boys, Charles, left, and Ben, apparently abandoned by their mother near Topeka, Kan., led to their identification by their father

in Illinois. Dennis W. Best said he "can't wait" to be reunited with his two young sons. (AP Laser-photo)

Pop says he 'can't wait' to be reunited with sons

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A 24-year-old steelworker says he "can't wait" to be reunited with his two young sons, who were left in a Topeka, Kan., church nearly two weeks ago with a note saying their mother could no longer support them.

Dennis W. Best, of Edwardsville, Ill., said Sunday he would drive to Topeka for the reunion today.

"Oh, man, I can't wait to get there," Best said.

Best identified the boys after seeing an Associated Press photograph and story about them and the fruitless search for their mother.

"All we have is two boys who can't talk much, two shopping bags, a note their mother left and that's it," Detective Don Crenshaw said.

The note, which gave the boys' names and birthdates, said: "Their father was killed in a car accident. I just can't seem to make enough money for all of us to survive. I am sorry it had to come to this."

The boys, Ben, nearly 3, and 20-month-old Charlie, were placed in a temporary foster home by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

"I was working on my car Saturday when a friend came over and asked when were the boys' birthdays," Best said. "He showed me the story in the Edwardsville Intelligencer."

Best said he didn't know why the boys' mother would have abandoned them, but he said money was not the reason.

The young steelworker, who was

divorced a year ago, said the court had granted custody of the boys to their mother and he had believed she had taken them to Hawaii to join her mother. He said he didn't know the boys had been abandoned.

After seeing the story, Best — who has "Ben" and "Charlie" tattooed on one arm — contacted Crenshaw in

Topeka and identified the boys by the color of their eyes, said Sgt. Reece Morgan of the Illinois State Police.

"He said the one boy was a little pudgy and had bow legs and the detective said that fit. He had a birth certificate of one of the boys with him and he also had photographs taken last Christmas," Morgan said.

Nearly half of trapped gas already released at TMI

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. (AP) — The release of radioactive krypton gas from the crippled nuclear reactor at Three Mile Island is nearly half completed, according to a plant spokesman.

As of 8 p.m. EDT Sunday, 26,963 curies, or nearly 48 percent, of the estimated 57,000 curies inside in the reactor's containment building had been vented, said a spokesman for Metropolitan Edison Co., the plant operator.

Meanwhile, Environmental Protection Agency monitoring of the venting operation continued to indicate that radiation levels in the area surrounding the plant were well within safe limits.

The venting of the krypton is the first step in the cleanup of the reactor containment building. The building was contaminated in March 1979 in the nation's worst commercial nuclear accident.

In readings obtained Saturday and released Sunday, the EPA reported a monitor at a tourist observation center near Three Mile Island continued to detect the highest level of krypton since venting began.

A skin-exposure reading of .34 millirems, or 2 percent of federal limits for annual exposure of krypton to the skin, was detected at the observation center during a 24-hour period ending at noon Saturday, according to a prepared statement.

Total skin dose measured here as of Saturday was 0.0051 millirem, less than 1 percent of the annual skin-dose limit. The whole-body dose measured 0.000043 millirems or a very tiny fraction of 1 percent, according to EPA.

More tests due at TVA nuke plant

ATHENS, Ala. (AP) — Engineers from the Tennessee Valley Authority and the General Electric Corp. planned additional tests at the Brown's Ferry nuclear plant near here today hoping to find out why a number of control rods failed to fully insert during a shutdown a week ago.

TVA spokesman Mike Butler said the engineers will be withdrawing the control rods from the reactor core to allow the fission process to heat the reactor to near normal temperatures and pressure.

Butler, speaking during a press briefing Sunday, said no electricity will be produced during the tests, which are expected to continue through Tuesday. GE built the 1.1 million kilowatt plant.

The engineers are trying to learn why 76 of the unit's 185 control rods failed to fully insert during a manual shutdown for maintenance June 28.

It took operators three times within a 15-minute period to get all the control rods inserted during the "scram" without having to resort to a safety backup system. The control rods are inserted in the reactor to stop the fission process during a shutdown.

Second New Mexico victim dies of plague

BERNALILLO, N.M. (AP) — A 4-year-old Bernalillo girl has become the second plague fatality in New Mexico this year, and state health officials say they suspect the child died from the highly contagious pneumonic form of the disease.

The girl, who was not identified, was admitted to an Albuquerque hospital late Saturday and died a short time later, according to Michael Burkhardt, director of the state Health Services Division.

Burkhardt said the state scientific laboratory division in Albuquerque confirmed Sunday the girl had died from the plague. The bubonic form of the disease swept Europe in the Middle Ages.

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Reactor checked after run

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee Valley Authority operators will be spending this week testing effects of their first creation of fission at the \$1.46 billion Sequoyah nuclear plant.

Fission at the plant 15 miles north of Chattanooga was created for the first time Saturday. Operators now must monitor such things as steam pressure and heat levels to see how the Unit 1 reactor is working.

When the low-level tests are successfully completed and safety measures are in place, the TVA Board of Directors will decide whether to apply to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a full power license. Sequoyah has received only a low-level testing license.

On Saturday, the reactor was brought to "critical" level when control rods in the reactor were slowly pulled, freeing neutrons to smash into other atoms and create heat.

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Reagan advisors suggest accelerated arms race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key advisers to Ronald Reagan believe the United States must challenge the Soviet Union to an accelerated nuclear arms race before the two countries can achieve adequate arms control.

Only if the Soviets are convinced that the United States will modernize and expand its nuclear forces will they make significant concessions, the Reagan men said in recent interviews.

If Reagan, the Republican near-nominee, is elected in November, these advisers — all veterans of past strategic arms negotiations — said they would advise that he:

—Abandon SALT II, the controversial arms treaty signed in 1979 by President Carter and his Moscow counterparts. The treaty has not yet been ratified by the U.S. Senate.

—Embark immediately on a costly program to protect U.S. missiles and improve their capability to fight a limited nuclear war.

—Take a tough negotiating stance to force the Soviets to accept more favorable SALT terms, but be patient if they do not immediately make concessions.

Many of those proposals are reflected in a draft of the 1980 Republican platform, obtained by The Associated Press.

Reagan, who has no direct experience in strategic affairs, thus far has reflected the thinking of three strategic experts among his 10 top foreign policy advisers: retired Gen. Edward Rowny, Fred Ikle and William Van Cleave.

"Once we clearly demonstrate to the Soviet leadership that we are determined to compete, arms control negotiations will again have a chance," Reagan said in a Chicago campaign speech in March that remains the definitive foreign policy statement of his campaign.

"If we put them on notice that we'll go up, then there's a chance that they'll come down," says Rowny, who represented the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the SALT II negotiations and who then retired rather than support the treaty approved by Carter.

"Going up" means building a variety of strategic weapons which the Carter administration says are unnecessary.

Van Cleave, a professor at the University of Southern California who worked briefly on SALT I before resigning from government, is an apostle of "quick fixes" for the U.S. missile and bomber force. He believes those forces are vulnerable to destruction in a Soviet sneak attack and

must be upgraded well before weapons like the new MX missile can be deployed in the late 1980s.

He advocates immediately starting to dig new underground silos for the Minuteman III missiles, then shutting them secretly from hole to hole to confuse Soviet targeters. The administration rejected that idea because of fears that it would violate SALT provisions designed to insure that each side can check the number of launchers deployed by the other.

Van Cleave also supports a crash program to outfit the aging B-52 bomber with cruise missiles, in greater numbers than the administration proposes.

The Reagan advisers also believe the United States will have to build a new strategic bomber, probably a derivative of the B-1, which was scrapped by the Carter administration in 1977.

The Reagan team attaches no cost estimates to these programs, nor does it say how they would dovetail with Reagan's avowed intention to both cut taxes and balance the federal budget.

At the bargaining table, the Reagan advisers say they would be less anxious than the Carter administration to reach an arms control agreement.

Ikle, who was director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency under Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford, says his favorite model of a U.S.-Soviet negotiation is the treaty that ended the post-World War II occupation of Austria.

"We held firmly to our position that Austria should be fully independent, without any vestiges of Soviet occupation forces left," he said.

Anderson leaves today for meetings with allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the Republican Party is preparing to nominate Ronald Reagan for president, independent candidate John B. Anderson will be winging around the Middle East and Europe meeting with leaders of five major American allies.

Anderson is scheduled to leave today for an 11-day trip through Israel, Egypt, West Germany, France and England and the Republican congressman concedes he is trying to keep his candidacy on the minds of American voters.

"I don't think it is any secret when you get into the summer doldrums where focus shifts to the conventions," Anderson says, "we have to get out and make our profile visible."

"There is also something traditional about a candidate making a trip to Europe," he said in an interview. "I think it will be valuable to make contact in advance of the election with European leaders so they have confidence in me."

In addition to whatever public interest is generated by the trip itself, Anderson will also ap-

During the interview, Anderson was asked if an overseas trip time to partially coincide with the Republican National Convention might not appear to be a political gimmick.

"Anything can be gimmicky depending on how I conduct myself," Anderson said.

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DEATHS

Thomas Pina

Rosary for Thomas Inocencio Pina, 22, of Midland was recited Sunday in the Thomas Funeral Home chapel. Funeral Mass was to be said at 3 p.m. today in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Pina drowned Friday in Moss Creek Lake near Big Spring.

He was born Feb. 21, 1958, at Taylor. He had lived in Midland for the past four years. He was a carpenter for a construction company and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, Tommy Pina Jr. and Santos Pina, both of Spur; two sisters, Benita Pina and Angelita Pina, both of Spur; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pina of Spur; a brother, John M. Inocencio of Midland; and six aunts and six uncles.

Jesse Leo Davis

ANDREWS — Services for Jesse Leo Davis, 78, of Andrews were to be at 3 p.m. today in Means Memorial Methodist Church with burial in Andrews Cemetery directed by Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

He died Saturday morning in a McLean hospital following an illness.

Davis was born May 3, 1902, in Burneyville, Okla., and moved to Andrews from Mangum, Okla., in 1929. He was married to Mary Snipes May 10, 1924, in Altus, Okla. She died March 7, 1978. He had been staying with his daughter in McLean the past five weeks.

A retired county shop foreman, he worked for Andrews County 36 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Bill Graham of McLean; five sons, Zane Davis of Fort Worth, Tommy Davis and Charles Davis, both of Andrews, Floyd Davis of Breckenridge and Mike Davis of El Paso; two sisters, Mrs. Pat Murphy and Mrs. T.E. Spannagel, both of Cement, Okla.; a half-brother, Joe Crow of Minnesota; two half-sisters, Mrs. Grady Green of Burk Burnett and Mrs. Lawrence Wichbrecht of Wichita Falls; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

W.E. 'Will' Moren

BIG SPRING — Services for W.E. 'Will' Moren, 85, of Big Spring were

Group wants races to go on despite fatal crash

BISBEE, Ariz. (AP) — Despite an accident that killed two coaster race spectators, the Energy Free Racing Association hopes to convince the Bisbee City Council that the annual July 4th race should continue.

"More people have been killed in the Indianapolis (500) race, and nobody is talking about stopping it," said Mike Shannon, a spokesman for the Association, which planned to meet with the council today.

Bisbee Mayor Michael Lynn called off this year's race Friday after a coaster car crashed Nancy Djanato, 33, of Sierra Vista, and her 5-year-old son, Michael, to death.

Another five spectators suffered minor injuries in the crash.

Members of the racing group met Saturday and called the race official even though only 14 of 54 entries had finished.

Courtney reunion Saturday

STANTON — The Courtney Homecoming will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday amidst the bustle of the annual Martin County Old Settlers' Reunion here.

The Courtney community reunion will be in the auditorium of the Cap Rock Electric Co-operative building off the Midland Highway here.

"It's for everyone that ever lived, went to school or whatever at Courtney," said Kathleen Lewis, a 1937 graduate of the old Courtney High School and the Martin County treasurer.

Courtney is a farming-ranching community northwest of Stanton.

The high school at Courtney was discontinued in the 1950s and, years later, the elementary school was shut down.

All that's left today of the school is the gymnasium in disuse.

Youngsters in the Courtney area attend school at Stanton or Grady.

to be at 1 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park. He died Friday at his home in Big Spring.

Moren was born March 21, 1895, in Kennedale. He was married to Eula Kate Norton Jan. 2, 1927, in Fort Worth. She died Jan. 21, 1977. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He served in the Army in World War I and farmed in Young County until 1944. He moved to Marfa and then to Lubbock with the Civil Service.

Moren came to Big Spring in 1949 and owned and operated the Western Auto Store until his retirement in 1974.

Survivors include two sons, Reeves Moren of Big Spring and Bill Moren of Andrews; a daughter, Anna V. Hart of Fort Worth; three brothers, Charlie Moren and Robert Moren, both of Fort Worth, and Frank Moren of Keller; two sisters, Fay Moren and Mildred Bateman, both of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Marilyn Suter

BIG SPRING — Services for Marilyn Suter, 37, of Big Spring are pending with Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home here.

Mrs. Suter died Thursday in Savanna, Ill.

She was born Sept. 24, 1942, in Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Suter of Big Spring; two sons, Samuel Logan and Neil Logan, both of Savanna, Ill.; a daughter, Nita Logan of Wichita Falls; her mother, Juanita Newton of Rusk; and a brother, Mack Newton of Rusk.

Ernest L. Harris

COLEMAN — Services for Ernest L. Harris, 93, of Burkett, father of Wayne Harris of Midland, were Sunday in the Stevens Funeral Home chapel with burial in Burkett Cemetery.

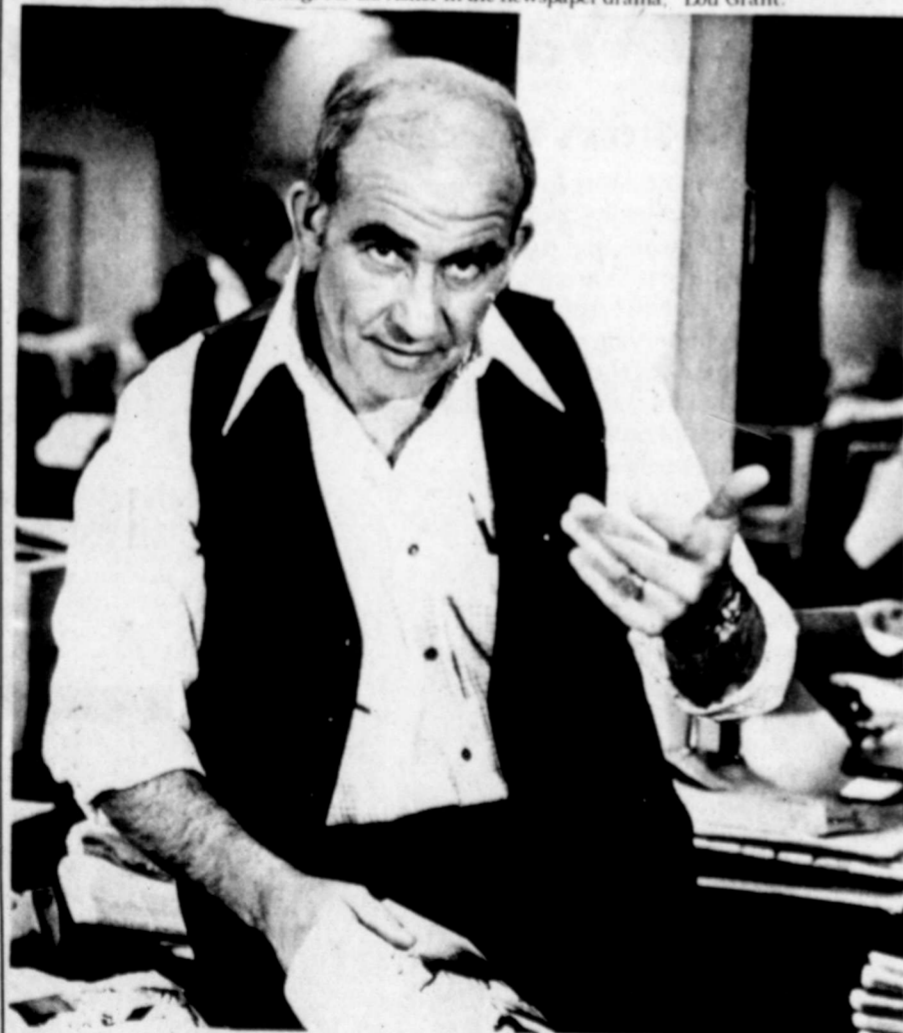
Harris died Friday in a Cross Plains nursing home.

He was born Feb. 17, 1887, in Burkett. Harris was married to Lydia Keller Aug. 21, 1914, in Coleman. He was a manager and clerk at the Audis General Store in Burkett for 30 years. He was a member of the Woodman of the World IOOF Lodge and the Church of Christ.

Other survivors include his wife, a son, a brother, three sisters, three grandchildren and a great-grandson.

when the fatal accident occurred. The mayor said he wants to ban the adult division races, where cars and drivers can weigh up to 600 pounds combined.

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Viet refugees vow fight for homeland

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — If the people of Vietnam ever rise up against their communist rulers, thousands of refugees will flock to join them, says the newly elected chairman of the World Organization of Vietnamese Communities.

Until then, said Nguyen Dinh Thu, 60, of Oklahoma City, Vietnamese refugees will concern themselves with preserving their culture and language.

Thu was elected by 140 delegates from 26 states and five foreign countries representing 700,000 Vietnamese refugees. The inaugural convention of the organization ended Sunday in Oklahoma City.

"There is a shortage of food in Vietnam now," said Thu, a construction contractor.

"Before the communists, we never ran short of food. In addition, there's no freedom in our country now — that will be the cause of the revolution and they'll overthrow the communists."

Thu said he and fellow refugees would hurry back bearing arms to support the uprising.

"There's no regime that will last forever," he said. "We are anxious to

10,000 acres destroyed in California brush fires

By The Associated Press

A fiery Fourth of July weekend in California claimed nearly 10,000 acres of brush and timber and kept firefighters battling several blazes today, including a 3,300-acre fire raging out of control in the Sequoia National Forest.

No containment time was predicted Sunday for the blaze in the Clover area of the forest, 200 miles north of Los Angeles, said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Meg Hansen.

She said the fire was sparked by humans Saturday, but its specific origin was unknown. About 750 U.S. Forest Service firefighters were battling the blaze, which was pushed by 28 mph winds.

Only a few minor injuries were reported among the firefighters, Ms. Hansen said.

A blaze in the Anza Borrego desert in northwestern San Diego County was contained late Sunday and was expected to burn itself out by Tuesday evening, said California Department

of Forestry spokesman Doug Allen. All but 100 of the 600 people battling the blaze, which consumed 2,800 acres of brush, were to be withdrawn today.

Eight firefighters were injured while battling the blaze. One suffered an apparent heart attack while another sustained a chain saw cut in the leg. Several collapsed from heat exhaustion and one man went into convulsions, possibly due to insect bites, Allen said.

The fire, which began Friday, apparently was ignited by a hiker who tried to dispose of some toilet paper by burning it.

Meanwhile, there were also no predictions of containment for a blaze that threatened a mobile home park in the Quail Valley, 20 miles southeast of Riverside. The fire began shortly after noon Sunday and had burned more than 500

acres of dry brush by evening. CDF spokeswoman Donna Taylor said a team was protecting the homes. She said the fire, being battled by 150 firefighters, was 20 percent contained late Sunday.

U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Stella Bryant said containment was tentatively expected early Tuesday for a fire in the Kings River area of Sierra National Forest, about 40 miles east of Fresno. More than 400 firefighters were at the scene of that blaze, which began Saturday night and had claimed about 1,000 acres by Sunday.

Officials said the blaze was apparently caused by humans and an investigation was in progress.

Also Sunday, Los Angeles County firefighters conquered a stubborn brush fire east of Little Rock Dam in the Antelope Valley.

PEOPLE

'Who shot J.R.?'

NEW YORK (AP) — And now for some more shot-in-the-dark answers to the question heard round the world: "Who Shot J.R.?"

Some Texas celebrities hazarded some guesses to People magazine on who plugged the star villain of the CBS-TV series "Dallas:"

—DAN RATHER, CBS newsmen who hails from Wharton and sets aside 60 minutes on Friday nights to watch Larry Hagman and company: "One thing I'm sure of: It was not a woman. Texas women invented stand-by-your-man loyalty. But if a Texas woman ever shot her man, she'd hit him between the eyes and no Texas jury would convict her."

—GEORGE BUSH, transplanted Houston oilman and former Republican presidential hopeful: "Don't look at me. On the day J.R. was shot I was getting killed in New Hampshire."

—STANLEY MARCUS, of the expensive Neiman-Marcus store: "I know. But I'm not telling. Goodbye."

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — It was JIMMY over BILLY, 13-3, in a softball game between President Carter's softball team and his brother Billy's. "It's the first thing he's won in so damn long it's about time he won something," quipped brother Billy on Sunday.

The president's younger brother also joked, "I thought it was fixed to bring in ballplayers from all over the country to play one game," referring to the Secret Service agents and White House staff who made up the president's team.

"I understand on good sources it cost him \$2½ million to bring those players in from all over the world. I understand he got three of the Iranian hostages out to play the game. He's sending them back tomorrow morning."

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Three members of the FOUR SEASONS singing group were injured during an open-air concert on Independence Mall when a sudden gust of rain and wind blew down two light standards.

The accident Saturday night also injured three other people and demolished \$125,000 worth of the group's equipment. The injured were treated and released.

"It just seemed to have been an act of God," said FRANKIE VALLI, the group's lead singer. "I had just left my microphone when everything seemed to explode."

Confusion ensued among the 30,000 spectators at the free concert, as some struggled to get out of the way while others moved closer to see if any of the group had been seriously injured.

Pianist Jerry Corbetta, 32; female vocalist Toby Tyler, 24; and drummer Jerry Polci, 27, were treated at local hospitals.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Political activist ANGELA DAVIS, 36, was married here in a private ceremony to an Oakland, Calif., photographer and chef, Hilton L. Braithwaite, 36.

About 30 relatives and friends attended the ceremony Sunday at the home of the bride's parents. Ms. Davis, a Birmingham native, is running for vice president of the United States on the Communist Party ticket.

A controversial figure in the 1970s, Ms. Davis is now a professor at San Francisco State University. She has been active with the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression organization.

BOSTON (AP) — J.D. SALINGER, a recluse since the phenomenal success of his novel of adolescent turmoil, "The Catcher in the Rye," is still writing, but for himself alone.

"I love to write and I assure you I write regularly," Salinger says in an interview that may be the first published since he spoke to a high school newspaper reporter in 1953.

"But I write for myself, for my own pleasure. And I want to be left alone to do it."

The interview by Betty Eppes of Capital City Press was published in the Boston Sunday Globe. Salinger lives in a ranch-style chalet on a cliff in Cornish, N.H.

"The Catcher in the Rye," the story of 15-year-old Holden Caulfield published in 1951, sells some 400,000 copies annually. Salinger hasn't published since 1965.

"I could not have foreseen all that's happened since I began this writing business," said Salinger, 61, "and sometimes I wish I'd never published. I have absolutely no plans to publish at this time. All I want now is to write and to be left absolutely alone.

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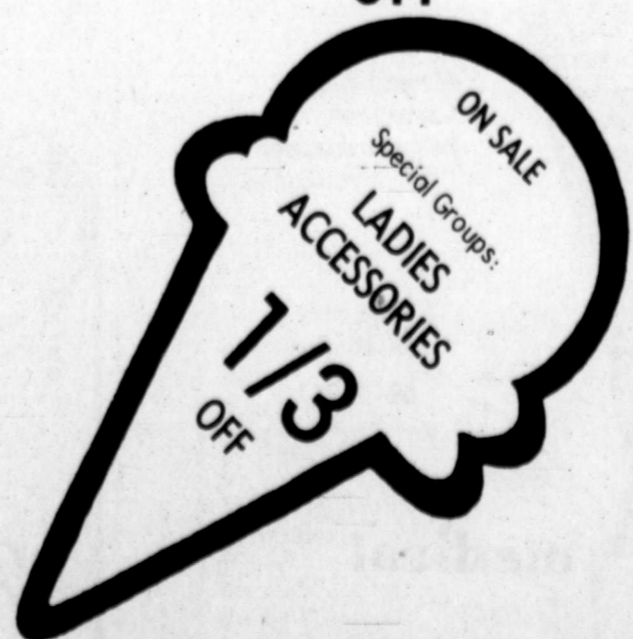
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Mexico believes scientists tampering with its weather

By CHRISTOPHER DICKEY
The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY — Some call it a tempest in a teacup, but the latest storm in U.S.-Mexican relations centers on allegations that the scientists north of the border have been tampering with Mexico's weather, possibly with disastrous results.

The controversy suggests just how suspicious the Mexicans can be of "Yankee imperialist maneuvers," how much faith they still have in U.S.

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ingenuity — especially if it has sinister overtones — and how desperate this nation is as it faces its worst drought in 20 years.

The basic allegations, lodged by some Mexican officials and several Mexican newspapers, accuse the United States of stealing rain by diverting hurricanes from Mexico's shores. The villain in this scenario, for a change, is the U.S. National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and its project "Stormfury."

According to the Mexican accounts, U.S. hurricane-hunter aircraft intercepted a storm named Ignacio off Mexico's Pacific Coast in October. The planes allegedly seeded Ignacio with silver iodide or some other material designed to increase precipitation, widen the eye of the storm and reduce its winds, the newspapers explain.

Ignacio was blasting north toward the parched states of Sonora and Sinaloa on Oct. 23; on Oct. 27 it suddenly changed direction, and by Oct. 30 it disintegrated.

Ignacio's puzzling trajectory is a matter of fact, and there is also no question that U.S. hurricane hunters battered their way through its winds.

But the U.S. Embassy here steadfastly denies that the aircraft did anything more than record Ignacio's temperature and measure other vital signs. The flights, moreover, were authorized by the Mexican government.

As for Stormfury, the embassy said, the program of experimentation with hurricane control, begun in 1961, has seeded only four storms, all of them in the Atlantic. The last one was Ginger in 1971, and the only one that showed any results from the treatment was Debbie in 1969, U.S. officials say.

Evidence indicates that other hurricanes have been seeded since then but without any discernible effect, according to meteorologists here.

Critics of the United States remain unsatisfied, however. The drought is already having a devastating impact and many Mexicans are intent on blaming the power of Uncle Sam before the forces of Mother Nature.

Mexico is dependent on the rains brought by tropical storms to supply the water requirements of many of the nation's farms, especially in the north. Last year Ignacio was the only hurricane that even came close, and its mysterious demise has proved deadly for Mexican agriculture.

Food production is reportedly down 30 percent and Mexico will have to import 2 million more tons of grain than it had planned. Most of it will come from the United States.

As many as 4.5 million head of cattle are threatened and ranchers reportedly are slaughtering calves at birth to keep them from dying of thirst and hunger later. Combined with the heat wave that also has struck the western United States, the drought has turned parts of northern Mexico into a nearly unendurable oven.

The effects do not end with the borders of the drought. Partly because reservoirs are so low, power cuts have been made throughout the country. In Mexico City for the last

two weeks most neighborhoods have grown accustomed to blackouts 30 minutes or more every night.

It was just as the full extent of this crisis became obvious in mid-June that Capt. Silvino Aguilar Anguiano, director of the Mexican National Meteorological Service, first suggested that the drought might be the work of the Americans and that the connection ought to be investigated.

The idea took off like flames through dry tinder and for three weeks Mexican newspapers have run daily front-page headlines detailing the operations of Stormfury and conjecturing on its effects.

The widely respected newspaper Excelsior this week had a banner headline announcing that "The Hurricane Hunters Are Protecting Florida's Tourism."

Most of the headlines are based on speculation by some of Mexico's meteorologists suddenly thrust from academic obscurity into the national limelight.

The lead story in El Sol's midday edition Thursday, headlined "U.S. Aborting Typhoons now," is typical of the worst. After describing the history of stormfury in the same terms as others have, Jose Brisenno Muniz, "investigator for the University of Guadalajara's Institute of Astronomy and meteorology describes the historic frequency of hurricanes hitting

Mexican shores.

The article concluded that "the unforeseen but repeated absence of hurricanes from the Mexican coast in recent years, according to Brisenno, after a natural 'custom' of centuries, can only be explained by the deliberate and effective program realized by the United States."

Yet some calm voices are heard in the midst of the tempest.

"It is an incontrovertible...truth (that) the United States has treated Mexico with extreme insolence, cruelty, abuse," a columnist wrote in the news and opinion magazine Razones. "But—despite everything that has gone before—we cannot keep representing the United States as the author of every wound we suffer or every stupidity we commit."

The speculation is so widespread, however, and the publicity so great, that despite the paucity of proof the hurricane crisis has demanded the attention of leading Mexican politicians.

At a lengthy press conference this week Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda devoted most of his time to meteorology. He was scrupulously careful not to contradict the U.S. version of stormfury's history but added that U.S. hurricane hunters will not be allowed to use Mexican airstrips this summer until the government completes an investigation.

Driver spills 2511 pack; Bay Bridge lanes closed

By W. ENDICOTT
The Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Jim Craig was zipping across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge the other day when he glanced into his rear view mirror just in time to see a 50-pound sack of Bicron 2511, a talcum-like substance used as an additive in latex paint, fall off his truck and into the path of a small yellow car.

The sack broke open on impact, splattering the car and spilling across the bridge.

Craig pulled over to see if the car was all right but it did not stop. So, unworried, he shrugged and continued on to his company's paint manufacturing plant in South San Francisco. He knew the substance, which later was to be labeled by cautious state officials as a "mysterious white powder," posed no danger.

But the spill triggered the closure of all five lanes on the bridge's westbound upper deck that lasted nine hours, the longest tie-up involving the bridge since it opened 43 years ago, and created one of the worst traffic snarls in Bay Area history.

In the aftermath of that closure, state officials have been roundly criticized for overreacting, for taking so long to identify the substance as non-toxic and harmless and for a general lack of planning for such emergencies.

But their caution in dealing with what they thought might be a lethal chemical was only a reflection of the times and an indication of a growing concern about the thousands of chemicals and hazardous materials, being transported by trucks daily on highways and freeways across the country.

Although there are federally mandated regulations governing everything from containers to special labeling, there are virtually no restrictions on what can or cannot be hauled and only in cases involving the shipment of hazardous waste material from a manufacturing site to a disposal site are special permits required.

"Generally speaking," Jack Vallas, assistant chief of enforcement services with the California Highway Patrol, said, "there is nothing made that cannot be hauled one way or another....You've got to haul things."

And Robert Halligan, a public affairs officer for the California Department of Transportation, defended the bridge closure. "They're hauling all kinds of stuff these days," he said. "We just couldn't take a chance."

Indeed, there have been numerous reports in the last few months of serious and potentially serious incidents across the country.

A tractor-trailer rig

carrying three kinds of cyanide blows a tire and crashes into a poultry truck near Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, forcing the temporary evacuation of hundreds of residents and tourists; an attorney general in Rhode Island charges that "gypsy truckers" are hauling leaking drums of pesticides, solvents, cyanide solutions and acids to illegal dumping sites in New England; a flatbed truck carrying 75 canisters of pressurized acetylene, oxygen, argon and liquefied propane gas overturns on Highway 78 near San Marcos, Calif., tying up traffic for more than two hours.

But for the last several days, all the attention has been focused on Northern California, which has been plagued with a rash of accidents involving spills that have interrupted traffic and lent new impetus to efforts at tightening up enforcement procedures for existing safety regulations.

For example, just five days before Jim Craig lost his sack of paint additive on the bridge, three lanes of U.S. 101 near San Jose were closed for a while after a truck spilled several containers of the chemical PCB.

Ironically, both government and trucking industry officials contend that there are no more spills now than there ever were, just that those that occur are getting more attention. But they also concede that never before has there been such a variety of hazardous materials being transported.

Federal officials estimate that there are about 250,000 shipments daily of toxic chemicals and other hazardous substances on the nation's roadways.

"We've got a lot more on the road now than we've ever had," said Peter Weiner, a special assistant to Gov. Edmund G. Brown, for toxic substances control. He said the state is limited to some extent by federal law that prohibits "undue burden on commerce" but is taking several steps to tighten up procedures for dealing with spills.

Recent legislation awaiting Brown's signature, for instance, would

create a central "notification and reporting system" for all toxic spills incidents through the state Office of Emergency Services and would allocate money for the training of state and local officials in how to deal with such spills.

At one point last year, the Brown administration was under pressure from Tom Hayden's Campaign for Economic Democracy to establish a system that would require truckers to notify the state in advance of hazardous shipments. But Weiner said that would have created a nightmare of paperwork.

"You can't achieve a zero risk," he said, "and no one's trying to, but we do want to eliminate unnecessary and involuntary risks to the public health. There's no reason for motorists or people in their neighborhoods to suffer unnecessary risk because trucks aren't safe and drivers aren't trained."

Some local governments around the country have taken steps to minimize risk to their counties or cities.

In Boston, for instance, Mayor Kevin White earlier this year signed into law an ordinance banning trucks loaded with liquefied natural gas or other flammable materials from moving on the city's streets and freeways unless they have specific business in the city.

In Santa Barbara County in California, a measure is being drafted that would restrict the routing and times of day that chemicals could be shipped through particular areas and require prior notification to local authorities of plans to transport extremely hazardous materials — much the same as is required now of shippers of dynamite and other explosives.

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Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, Reagon Brown, on an inspection trip through central Texas, found the bottom of this stock tank at Manor bone-dry and covered with large cracks brought

about by the prolonged heat wave that has threatened Texas crops and livestock. (AP Laserphoto)

Gardeners often miss desired effect

By HENRY MITCHELL
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sometimes gardeners miss the opulence of summer and wonder what, exactly, is wrong. Now there are gardeners who want the garden to look as good as possible in January, say, and therefore plant a lot of hemlocks, yews, ivy and so forth on the theory they are bound to look fine in the winter, and bound to give the garden a furnished look at all times.

Sometimes the effect, however, is like the bottom of a well: dank, oppressive, gloom. And while it looks green in winter, all right, it can look heavy at all seasons.

There are a lot of gardens like that in congested, jammed-up neighborhoods. Two quite simple additions can do wonders for dismal, funerary gardens:

First, a pool in the sunniest spot. It should be larger than seems reasonable. Most things in gardens look better if over-scaled; that is, they look best if made too big.

The second thing is to introduce vines — a grape. For some decades now I have kept my eyes open for climbing plants. I yield to nobody in my fondness for kudrars, akebias, clematis, campsis, honeysuckles, Virginia creepers, moonflowers, morning glories, creeping figs, climbing roses and so on. But no other vine catches the light in just the way the grape does, and no other vine I can think of makes a pattern, a color, a texture, a canopied shade, quite like the grape.

Strike in seventh day

DETROIT (AP) — As strike by 9,000 municipal workers entered its seventh day today, a union spokesman conceded that bargainers for the city and its striking employees still were far from agreement eight days from the start of the Republican National Convention.

Talks between the city and Council 25 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees recessed early today to allow union representatives to review a new counter-proposal.

Lloyd Simpson, chief negotiator for the AFSCME council, later described the offer as "regressive in nature." The city's top negotiator confirmed the proposal withdrew an earlier offer of dental insurance coverage.

Meanwhile, Republican Party platform committee members began arriving for hearings that were to open today.

The strike, which began last week, idled city buses and left garbage to pile up in neighborhoods. Department of Public Works supervisors escorted by Detroit police cleared downtown

Often gardeners with glum courtyards think maybe some tubs of nicotiana or bright yellow marigolds will help. Far less trouble, far more effective, is a single grape vine. What sun there is will be caught by the grape leaves. The grape is a plant that at once lightens the effect of too many yews and adds luxuriant solidarity to frail designs.

Such a vine is entirely too heavy to be allowed to grow over other plants; it will smother everything. In very small gardens, however, a grape does very well on a 4-inch wooden post. In larger gardens, it can wind its way along chains or ropes, or grow over an arbor above a bench, or over a summer house.

A grape vine in sun, with yews or dark evergreens in the background — the evergreens lightened perhaps by a plant of the wild Japanese clematis — will provide as much contrast as you really want.

In small gardens the effect seems to me better if you see that large pool (even if space limits it to 6 by 8 feet) through some slight barrier — say, a pole with vines at one side, between the place where you sit and the water itself. Needless to say, the "barrier" should be mainly an illusion and not blocking the view of the water.

Beyond the water, and reflecting in it, there ought to be a few (or many) flowers that really show up, such as lemon-yellow or white things. Marigolds need not be despised, nor daylilies or roses or lantanas or dahlias, zinnias, nasturtiums, etc. Lemon or canary yellow shows up the best.

I am always surprised at the odd

things gardeners are tempted to, in the handling of their lily pools or basins of water. Even books on design, which should be better than most of them are, seem determined to surround the pool with some sort of fuzz.

The pool, on the contrary, usually looks best if there are not plants whatever around it. A bathtub in the middle of the living room is exactly what you want, and I overstate it a bit.

The pool should be brim full. There should be no statuary in or near it. Fountains should be avoided, unless the water arcs into the pool from the wall. The pool in a small garden is going to be too small, to begin with, so heroic restraint is called for not to clutter up its margins or surface with gewgaws.

It may be hard to believe, but water itself is more ornamental than the junk culture commonly introduced, and in a small pool Maillol, Henry Moore, Phidias, della Quercia, and vinyl gnomes are equally junk. Small pools, in fact, are usually decimated in their effect by the introduction of plants or works of art, admirable in themselves, but cluttering in their effect by the pool.

Every pool that has a statue or a fountain should have it temporarily removed. Almost invariably, you will like the effect better. If not, put it back, and God have mercy on your soul.

Sculpture can look fine, set some distance back from a pool. Assuming, of course, it looks fine to begin with, which it usually does not. The garden at Sissinghurst, the Nicolson-Sacville-West garden in Kent, that everyone rightly admires, is damaged by the owners' unfortunate fondness for quite ugly sculpture. There isn't much of it, but what there is manages to damage a considerable area around it.

If you have a piece of sculpture you want in a small water basin in front of it, against a wall, rather than sticking it on a pedestal in the pool where its chief function will (as like as not) be to impede swimming fishes.

Very well, class. We have it now? Yews and darkness in the background, a pool as large as seems sane in the brightest sun, a grape vine to sun, a brimming fullness of water, no fountain (put the fountain against the wall and let it gurgle into a basin, not the pool) and no sculpture or rim of ivy or anything else around the pool, at least not on the side you view it from. And in the distance some vines up on poles or columns or whatever, to give height, and shining through them some bright yellow flowers.

If you have sculpture "somebody gave you, or that you bought in a fit of error, try putting it in the dining room with a spotlight on it, or let it preside over the rabbit hutch or dog kennel.



DR. NEIL SOLOMON

New childbirth technique safe

Dear Dr. Solomon: My daughter-in-law is pregnant with her first child and is being instructed on a new method of delivery. From what I understand, the newborn infant is gently massaged after birth and placed in a warm bath. In addition, delivery takes place in a dark room. I was wondering whether you have heard of this method and whether you feel it is advisable. — Mrs. L.C.

Dear Mrs. C.: You appear to be describing the Leboyer method of delivery, an approach to childbirth advocated by Dr. Leboyer in his book, "Birth Without Violence." In addition to the features you mention, he recommends placing the baby on the mother's abdomen after delivery and delaying the severing of the umbilical cord. Dr. Leboyer suggests that the approach to childbirth he recommends makes for healthier children, free from conflict.

His theories have evoked a great deal of interest, probably because of the trend on the part of many people toward natural childbirth. However, a number of physicians have raised questions about some of his procedures, particularly the recommendation for delivering the infant in a dark room, waiting before cutting the cord and giving the baby a warm bath after delivery.

The Leboyer approach to childbirth has now been compared to a more conventional type of delivery in a study involving 40 women of low obstetrical risk; and the researchers, from McMaster University Medical Center in Ontario, Canada, have concluded that neither procedure has an advantage over the other.

The scientists report that the babies delivered by the Leboyer technique were no more responsive and no less irritable than the other babies during the period following their birth; neither were any differences in temperament apparent at eight months of age.

Although the Leboyer procedure was not shown to be superior to the conventional method of delivery, neither was it found to pose any danger to the baby, or to increase the risk of complications for the mother. In fact, mothers delivered by the Leboyer method had shorter first-stage labors than those delivered by the conventional method. The researchers speculate that this may have been due to a placebo effect.

While your daughter-in-law may not benefit more from the Leboyer approach — except insofar as psychological factors may be involved — you may relax with the knowledge that either method is appropriate for women of low obstetrical risk.

Dear Dr. Solomon: At what age should an infant begin receiving solid foods? — Mrs. F.T.

Dear Mrs. T.: In general, babies do not require solid foods until they are three to six months of age.

(If you have a medical problem, see your doctor. If you have a medical question, write to Neil Solomon, M.D., 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208. Dr. Solomon cannot give personal replies but will answer as many questions as possible in his column.)

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How to have a happy heart

But now at last I am through with my work here, and I am ready to come after all these long years of waiting.

For I am planning to take a trip to Spain, and when I do, I will stop off there in Rome; and after we have had a good time together for a little while, you can send me on my way again.

But before I come, I must go down to Jerusalem to take a gift to the Jewish Christians there.

For you see, the Christians in Macedonia and Achaia have taken up an offering for those in Jerusalem who are going through such hard times.

They were very glad to do this, for they feel that they owe a real debt to the Jerusalem Christians. Why? Because the news about Christ came to them from the church in Jerusalem. And since they received this wonderful spiritual gift of the Gospel from them, they feel that the least they can do in return is to give them some material aid.

As soon as I have delivered this money and completed this good deed of theirs, I will come to see you on my way to Spain.

And I am sure that when I come the Lord will give me a great blessing for you.

Will you be my prayer partners? For the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and because of your love for me—given to you by the Holy Spirit—pray much with me for my work.

Pray that I will be protected in Jerusalem from those who are not Christians. Pray also that the Christians there will be willing to accept the money I am bringing them.

Then I will be able to come to you with a happy heart by the will of God, and we can refresh each other.

And now may our God, who gives peace, be with you all. Amen.

Romans 15:23-33

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Many area jail variances granted

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — The Texas Commission on Jail Standards has granted several variances for the Pecos, Schleicher and Winkler county jails, but tabled action on several variance requests for the Martin County Jail.

Pecos County was granted variances on the lack of safety vestibules in the multi-occupancy cells, lack of remote unlocking facilities on some cell doors and lack of a separation cell.

Schleicher County was granted 12 variances for its jail including lack of lavatory in a multi-occupancy cell, lack of safety vestibules in inmate living areas, lack of tables and seating in multi-occupancy cells, inadequate lighting, bunks which are smaller than required, lack of proper height in cells, water closets and lavatories which are not vandal-resistant, padlocks on doors, lack of insect

and security screens on windows, a stairway which is too narrow and a wooden stairway.

Winkler County was granted a variance on exit doors which swing against the flow of traffic.

Eight variance requests by Martin County officials were tabled until a reinspection can be made to determine if the jail is in compliance with other standards.

These variances include a booking area which is on the same floor as governmental functions, a processing area which is not within the inmate-occupied area, a kitchen ceiling which does not have a smooth and washable surface, lack of the required number of single cells, inadequate space in a dalyroom, lighting fixtures within reach of inmates, lack of a mechanical ventilation system for backup purposes and location of the kitchen next to an exit stairway.

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