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Scientists studying manatees as aid in energy crisis

By PETER EISNER
Associated Press Writer

MANAUS, Brazil (AP) — The Amazon manatee, a blubbery, walrus-like mammal that is one of the world's most peaceful creatures, may be saved from possible extinction while at the same time helping man cope with the energy crisis.

Scientists at a jungle research center here are studying ways to protect the manatee — the world's only fully aquatic, plant-eating mammal — while putting it to work on a test project to see if it will gobble up all the weeds that otherwise clog the operation of Brazilian hydroelectric dams.

The project is the latest in man's centuries-old courting of the manatee, which early sailors linked to the legend of mermaids who lured seamen from their ships. Since then, it has been eaten by peasants who enjoyed the flavor of its meat, skinned for its thick hide to make conveyer belts, and only recently studied by scientists, who say they believe good planning will save the huge but docile creature from possible extinction.

Specialists at the Brazilian government's National Institute of Amazon Research are working with government electric utilities on the project, which will place 50 Amazon manatees in the Curua-Una Dam project in the Amazon jungle state of Para. The animals will be fitted with radio transmitters so their habits and movements can be traced.

"This study will also allow the creation and development of an arti-

ficial population of manatees to be monitored," said Dr. William Magnuson, an Australian scientist working on the project. "It is hoped that as the manatee population within the lake grows, the excess animals may be used to stock other reservoirs or restock areas of reduced or extinct population of this mammal."

Magnuson and his coworker, Canadian scientist Robin Best, are fairly certain the manatees will be able to control the growth of entangling plants in the hydroelectric dam. A full-grown manatee, which reaches a maximum size of nine feet long and weighs half a ton, can consume 80 pounds of plants a day.

Until now, little has been known about the Amazon manatee, which is hard to spot in the darkened waters it plies along the 3,915-mile-long Amazon River and its thousands of tributaries.

"To monitor the habits of one manatee has literally taken thousands of man-hours, and our resources have been limited to do that," Magnuson said.

The Amazon manatee's salt-water cousin, the Caribbean manatee, which swims as far north as the Florida coast, is on the more serious world endangered list and is sometimes killed by the propellers of pleasure boats that cut through its murky-water habitat. A third species of manatee, the dugong, is found off Australia.

Magnuson says a greater danger for the manatee is that it can become entangled and drown in the huge nets used by commercial fishermen. That

danger presents more of a potential problem than the individual hunting of manatees by subsistence fishermen, who call the manatee "peixe-bol" — Portuguese for bull-fish — and prize the animal for its meat which can be cooked in its own fat, then stored without refrigeration for up to a year.

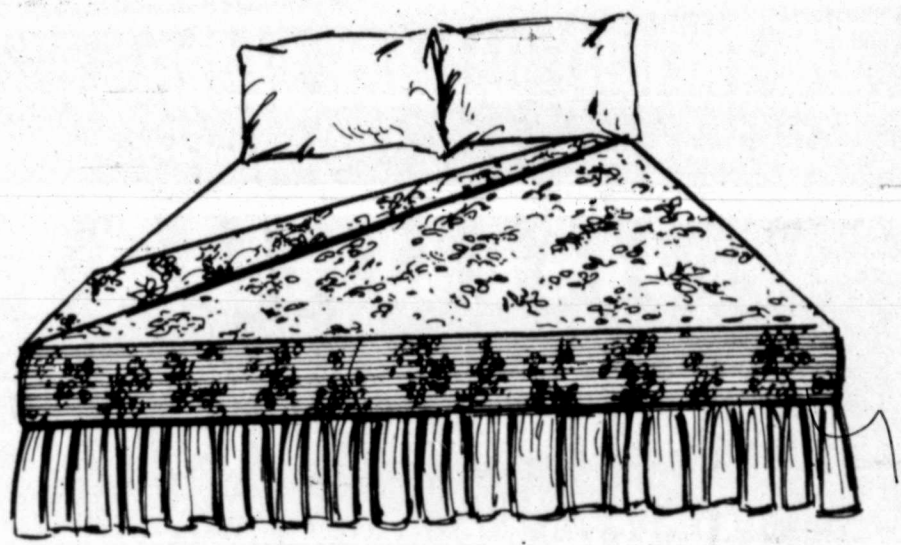
"We can't say the number of (Amazon) manatee that have been eliminated or the number that remain," Magnuson said. "But we're hopeful, based on the statistics we get from local fishermen, that there's still a good number around. Yet only a fool would say they're safe on that basis."

The manatee has fascinated man for hundreds of years. Eighteenth century drawings of the animal made it half human, half fish in appearance and the scientific name of its order, "Sirenia," comes from the mythical sirens, whose alluring calls were said to lure sailors to their death.

Magnuson says he doubts the early artists who popularized the manatees' mermaid connection had ever seen a manatee at close range. Biologically related to the elephant, it is a grayish black animal with a hairy snout and teeth that are regularly replaced by pushing new teeth onto the gums and forcing the old ones out.

Despite its lumbering size and slow metabolism which requires that it surface for a breath no more than once every five minutes, the manatee ends up being a responsive animal.

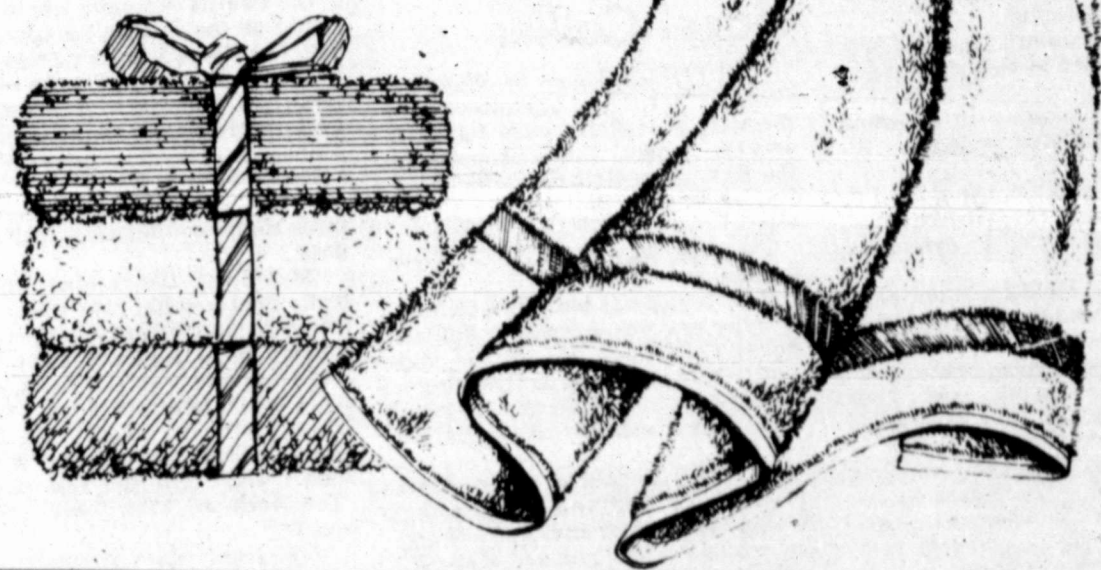
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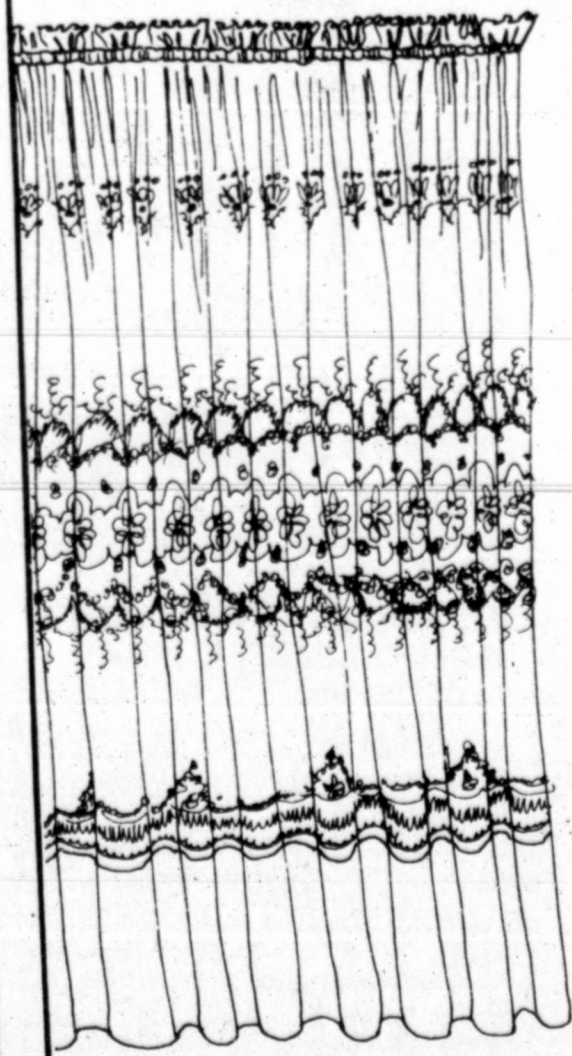


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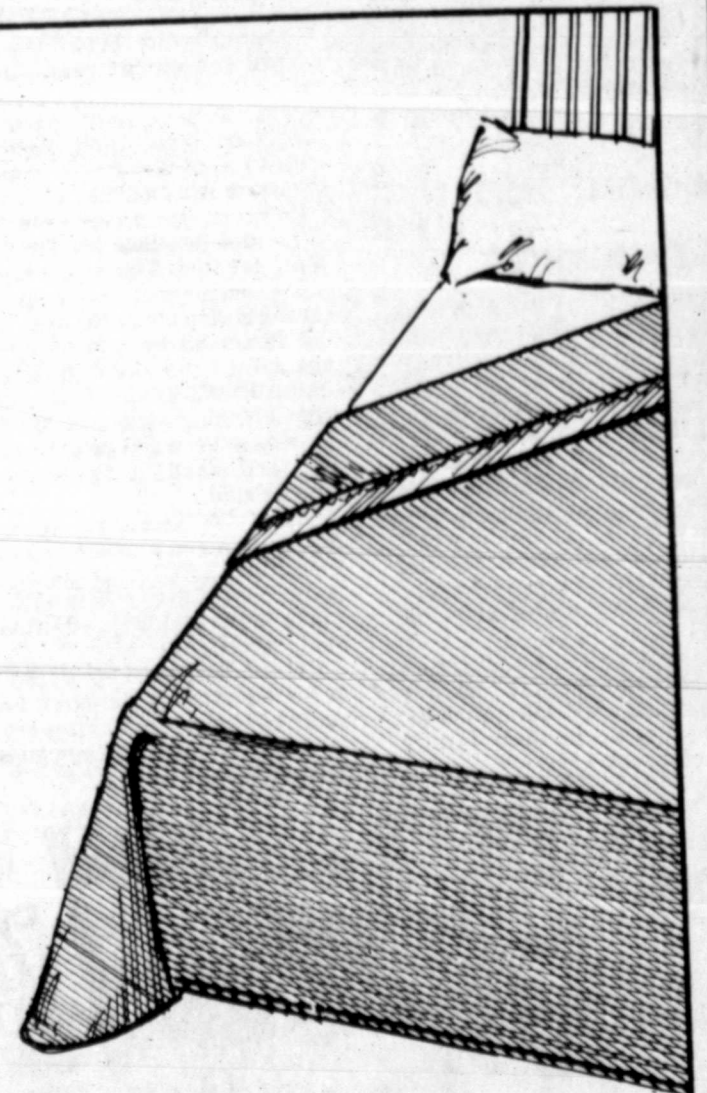
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James C. McCoy

STANTON — Services for James Clayton McCoy, 46, of Austin and formerly of Stanton, were to be at 11 a.m. today at the Methodist Church in Menchaca.

Alva L. Tate

ANDREWS — Services for Alva Louis Tate, 78, of Andrews will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Singleton Funeral Home Chapel of the Chimes with the Rev. Benson Kennedy, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating.

Sailor innocent of lesbian charges

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Navy Petty Officer Tangela Gaskins sobbed in the arms of her attorney and said "Thank you for just believing in me" after a Navy board found her innocent of charges she engaged in homosexual acts aboard the USS Norton Sound.

Navy investigation of alleged homosexual activities. "I do not intend to expose my private sex life any more than has already come out," she said. "But I feel a denial is in order."

should have been my work performance." She said she would take a week's leave to decide whether to stay in the Navy. "To me, it seems more of a defiance to stay than to leave," she said.

Emmy awards may be starless

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The star-studded Emmy awards ceremony could be a bit lackluster this year if striking actors — including some of the top nominees — follow through on a threat to boycott the awards night.

publisher, Mrs. Pynchon. Nina Foch also was nominated as best supporting actress for a guest star appearance on the series.

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'Suzy' Choi

CRANE — Services for Mrs. Chun-Suk "Suzy" Choi, 21, of Los Angeles, Calif., were to be at 11 a.m. today in Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home chapel here with burial in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Crane.

Hazel Collier

GOLDTHWAITE — Services for Hazel Collier, 73, of Goldthwaite and formerly of Midland, were July 30 in Wilkins Funeral Home chapel, with the Rev. Doug Holtzclaw officiating.

Mary V. Freer

LAMESA — Services for Mary Viola Freer, 82, of Grand Prairie and formerly of Lamesa, were to be at 10 a.m. today in Northridge United Methodist Church here with the Rev. Jack Webb officiating.

Tenement fire kills two girls

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A fire that raced through a tenement early today killed two girls, including a 15-year-old deaf-mute who may have died because she wasn't aware of the fire in time to escape, authorities said.

Allen could drive tar deposits to U.S. coast

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Tar deposits from Bay of Campeche oil spill could be driven toward U.S. shores if Hurricane Allen bypasses Texas and hurries into Mexico, scientists say.

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up by a wall of water," said Dr. Arnold Bouma of the U.S. Geological Survey here. "You really need tremendous forces. If its churning a lot and a lot of sediment, it may indeed rip up part of the tar and cover part of the barrier islands. But because it is hard, it would not be too difficult to clean it up," Bouma said.

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Response to K-car may write Chrysler Corp.'s last chapter

By GUY DARST

DETROIT (AP) — A new model is always a bit of a new beginning for an automaker. Chrysler Corp.'s "K-car" may be a last chance.

The No. 3 automaker is hoping that hot sales of the new front-wheel-drive compacts will pull the company out of deep financial trouble.

"This is K-day for Chrysler, D-Day for Detroit, and a new beginning for America," Chairman Lee A. Iacocca said in ceremonies this week as the first K-cars rolled out of the Jefferson Avenue assembly plant.

"No one knows better than I that Chrysler is Detroit and Detroit is Chrysler," said Mayor Coleman A. Young. "We are counting on the K-car."

Will hostage get cards?

ODIN, Minn. (AP) — Arvid Laingen is hoping that his brother, Bruce Laingen, a hostage in Iran, was able to receive the cards Odin residents sent him for his 58th birthday.

"It's going to be real interesting to see how many of them get through to him," said Arvid Laingen, a farmer. "Practically everyone we talked to sent him a birthday card."

Bruce Laingen, who is from Bethesda, Md., celebrated his birthday Wednesday. He was the U.S. charge d'affaires in Iran and was being held at the foreign ministry along with two other hostages.

Arvid Laingen said he received a letter from his brother last week and said he seemed to be in good spirits.

"He hopes to get out and is getting a little tired of setting a date that keeps going by," Arvid Laingen said.

Of all auto companies, Chrysler facilities are most heavily concentrated in and around Detroit. Much of the unemployment in Detroit, which is running at 15 percent, is a result of Chrysler layoffs.

If the K-car doesn't work out, Chrysler officials say they will probably have to file corporate papers for bankruptcy.

It was to avoid a Chrysler bankruptcy that Congress approved \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees in December. Chrysler has used \$800 million of those guarantees. The company lost \$1.09 billion last year and according to government estimates could lose \$1.2 billion this year.

The K-cars — Plymouth Reliant and Dodge Aries — should enable Chrysler to show a profit in the fourth quarter, Chrysler says. The cars go on sale Oct. 2 and the automaker says it already has orders for half the expected 1980 output of 180,000 cars.

Chrysler, highly aware of buyer esteem for the quality of Japanese cars and of the four recalls of the Plymouth Volare and Dodge Aspen, is going to great lengths to try to prove it can make a car well.

Chrysler says a \$100 million retooling of the Jefferson Avenue plant makes it the most technologically advanced in the world.

Ninety robot welders in each of the two K-car plants will make 98 percent of the 3,000 spot welds on the body. Chrysler says welds made by robots are more accurate than those made by human workers. The standard 2.2-liter 4-cylinder engine, also a new model, gets 178 inspections, twice that of previous engines.

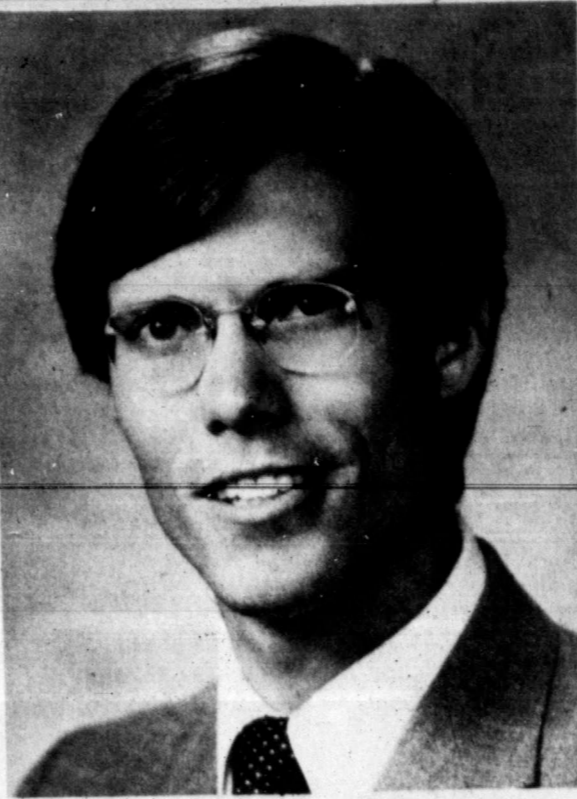
No cars will be shipped until proving ground tests are completed on the first 1,000 K-cars, expected to take 10 days. Retired Chrysler engineers will make periodic 16-mile test drives of production cars.

Chrysler says it will have the capacity to build about 600,000 K-cars in the 1981 model year.

The cars are two feet shorter and, at 2,300 pounds, 1,000 pounds lighter than Volare and Aspen. They compete head-on with General Motors Corp.'s highly popular front-wheel-drive X-cars.

Chrysler says manual-transmission K-cars will get 25 miles per gallon on the city driving test of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency — 1 mpg better than the best of this year's X-cars — and 40 mpg on the highway test. Chrysler also contends that K-cars are roomier than X-cars.

No prices have been announced. Industry observers expect the cheapest stripped-down K-car model to carry a \$6,000 sticker. The cheapest Aspen today lists for \$5,045.



Mark A. Skrabacz

Midland 'smokeout' chairman named

Midlander Mark A. Skrabacz was recently appointed volunteer chairman of the American Cancer Society's 1980 Texas Great American Smokeout for Midland this fall.

The nationwide annual event to encourage smokers to give up the habit for a day will be Nov. 20 this year.

Skrabacz, a 1971 University of Notre Dame graduate and a 1979 Masters graduate from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, will attend a statewide seminar for area chairpersons in San Antonio, Aug. 14-15.

Skrabacz is an announcer for radio station KNFM and also an employee of Pilot Life Insurance.

Fossilized whale skull unearthed

MONTGOMERY, La. (AP) — The fossilized skull of a 45 million-year-old whale — perhaps the first complete skull of its species — has been unearthed from a river bank in a rural central Louisiana community that was once covered by a deep sea, scientists said.

The discovery of the extinct whale's 48-inch skull was made July 31 but kept secret until Wednesday to protect the dig from souvenir hunters until all the remains were recovered, said Dr. Judith Schiebout, a Louisiana State University geologist.

"I've been camping here every night to take care of it," said Winston Lancaster. The graduate student in biology was a member of the five-person team that found the skull after a year of off-and-on digging.

The whale probably lived in the Eocene Epoch, 56 to 40 million years ago, when mammals became the dominant animals on earth. Ms. Schiebout said. And at that time, what is now central and southern Louisiana was covered by the sea.

The remains were found along the banks of the Red River in Montgomery Landing, some 50 miles northwest of Alexandria, where pine forests cover the countryside. The area has produced other skeletal remains from the Eocene Epoch for more than 100 years, Ms. Schiebout said.

Scientists are working the dig under a contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which plans to deepen and modify the Red River, eventually opening the channel to barge traffic from Shreveport to the Mississippi River.

Also discovered were some ribs, teeth, about a dozen vertebrae and a humerus, a bone that corresponds to a human's upper arm, which was part of the whale's flipper.

The skull is too old for carbon-dating techniques, but Ms. Schiebout said it may be the first complete skull from a species of whale known as the Basilosaurus cetoides ever discovered. The species, which had 3-inch-long teeth, grew more than 60 feet long and fed on smaller fish.

"This particular whale did not die and wash up on the shoreline, as is the case with many whales," she said. "Its position indicates that it died in deep water, from 150 to 200 feet down. Some shark teeth were found near the skeleton, indicating the dead or dying animal may have been eaten by sharks."

Eventually, the skull may be displayed in Baton Rouge at the LSU Museum of Geoscience,

Margaret Trudeau to appear

TORONTO (AP) — Margaret Trudeau will do an imitation of newscaster Barbara Walters during a segment of "The Big City Comedy Show," a television series being produced in Toronto, the show's producers say.

urday Night Live." The "Big City Comedy Show" is being made for Canadian television, but the producers hope it will run in the United States as well. Mrs. Trudeau has movie acting experience, has worked as a photog-

rapher and written an autobiography, "Beyond Reason." In Ottawa, a spokesman for Trudeau said the prime minister was on vacation and "we have no knowledge of the whereabouts or activities of Mrs. Trudeau."

Mrs. Trudeau, the estranged wife of Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, will begin taping Wednesday, according to a spokesman for the show.

She will also do a take-off on Roseanne Rosandanna, a bumbling newscaster portrayed by comedian Gilda Radner on the NBC-TV show "Sat-

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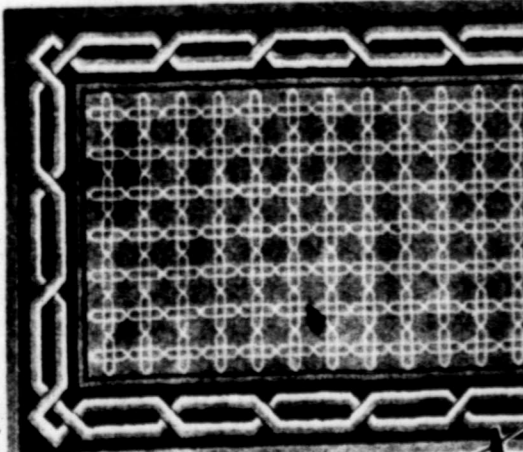
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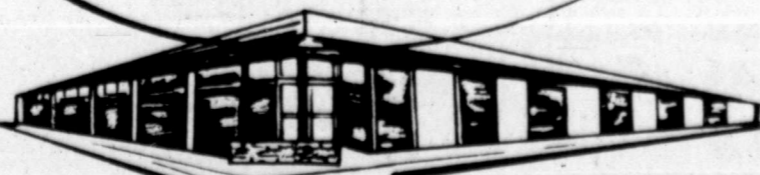


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Allen rivals worst storm

MIAMI (AP) — Hurricane Allen, replenished by warm Gulf of Mexico waters, Thursday rivaled the most intense Atlantic hurricane of all time, an unnamed storm that killed 408 people in the Florida Keys 45 years ago.

And forecasters at the National Hurricane Center here said Allen, already the second strongest Atlantic hurricane on record, could surpass the 1935 Keys storm as it absorbs more warm water crossing the Gulf in the next few days.

"It's sure got the potential to do that," said forecaster Bob Pifer. "But even if it doesn't pick up any more strength, it's already near a record strength and should be able to maintain that position. It shouldn't lose anything."

As it grazed Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, Allen was compared to the 10 deadliest and costliest storms ever to hit the United States. Though it hasn't yet become a U.S. storm, forecasters said Allen likely could make its landfall along the western Gulf coast.

The huge 1935 storm grew to a super hurricane in the 145 miles between the Bahamas and the Florida Keys.

As it crossed the Florida Straits, its central barometric pressure — the driving force that sucks wind in from the outside — dropped to 892 millibars and its winds whirled at about 200 mph, according to records at the Hurricane Center.

Allen's pressure fell to 899 millibars Thursday, surpassing the 900-millibar reading of the second most intense storm on record, Hurricane Camille, which devastated the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coasts in 1969 with winds of 175-200 mph.

All three hurricanes were category 5 storms on the Hurricane Center's 1-5 scale of storm strength.

After the 1935 Florida Keys hurricane and Camille, here are the most intense Atlantic storms to strike the United States:

- 1919, unnamed, Florida Keys and South Texas, 927 millibars, 600-900 deaths.
- 1928, unnamed, Lake Okeechobee, Fla., 929 millibars, 1,836 deaths.
- 1960, Donna, 930 millibars, 50 deaths.
- 1900, unnamed, Galveston, Texas, 931 millibars, 6,000 deaths.
- 1909, unnamed, Grand Isle, La., 931 millibars, 350 deaths.
- 1915, unnamed, New Orleans, 931 millibars, 275 deaths.
- 1961, Carla, Texas, 931 millibars, 46 deaths.
- 1926, unnamed, Miami, 931 millibars, 243 deaths.

But the strongest of these monstrous ocean storms aren't always the biggest killers, depending on how much warning residents have and what precautions they take, forecasters say.

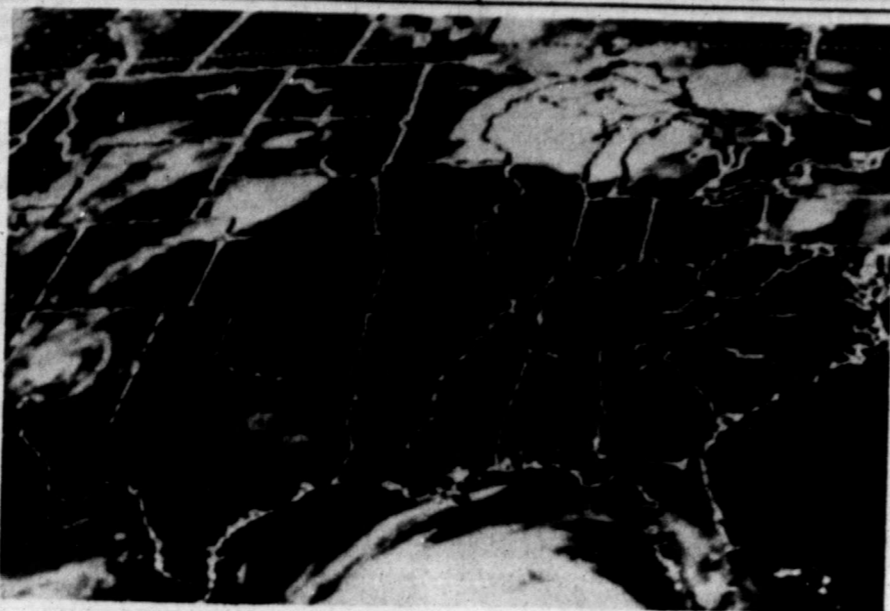
The deadliest U.S. hurricane from the Atlantic, the Caribbean and the Gulf was the 1900 Galveston storm when 6,000 drowned in high tides.

The Hurricane Center, a U.S. government agency, doesn't keep detailed records of Atlantic storms that don't strike the United States. But Hurricane Fifi killed about 8,000 people in Honduras in 1974 and Hurricane Flora took 5,000 lives in Haiti and another 1,000 in Cuba in 1963.

Last year's Frederic caused the most property damage of any U.S. hurricane. Its toll along the Mississippi, Alabama and Florida Gulf Coast was \$2.3 billion. As inflation raises property values and coastal areas are developed, weaker storms do more damage, forecasters noted.

After Frederic, here are the 10 costliest U.S. hurricanes:

- 1972, Agnes, Northeastern states, \$2.1 billion.
- 1969, Camille, Mississippi and Louisiana, \$1,420,700,000.
- 1965, Betsy, Florida and Louisiana, \$1,420,500,000.
- 1955, Diane, Northeastern states, \$831.7 million.
- 1975, Eloise, Northwest Florida and Puerto Rico, \$550 million.
- 1954, Carol, Northeastern states, \$461 million.
- 1970, Celia, South Texas, \$453 million.
- 1961, Carla, Texas, \$408 million.
- 1960, Donna, Florida and U.S. East Coast, \$387 million.
- 1938, unnamed, New England, \$306 million.



Friday's satellite cloud picture shows spiraling bands of clouds associated with the dangerous hurricane Allen, packing 185mph winds, just north of the Yucatan Peninsula in the Gulf of Mexico. (AP Laserphoto)

Hurricane watch issued for entire Texas coast

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The National Weather Service issued a hurricane watch for the entire Texas coast at 5 a.m. today as killer Hurricane Allen moved within 500 miles of this South Texas port city.

The government of Mexico also issued a hurricane watch for the northeast coast of Mexico.

Allen was continuing to move to the west northwest at 18 mph at the time the hurricane watch was issued by the National Weather Service at Miami, Fla.

Forecasters said if Allen continues on the present course at the current speed hurricane conditions could be in effect along the Texas coast within 36 hours.

They said hurricane warnings would likely be issued for portions of the watch area later today.

Highest winds in the hurricane were at 145 mph.

"Allen continues to be an extremely dangerous hurricane and is expected to strengthen again later today," forecasters said.

At 5 a.m. when the watch was issued, Allen was located near Latitude 22.8 North and Longitude 90.2 West.

Small craft from the mouth of the Mississippi River westward to the Mexican gulf coast including the Yucatan peninsula and around western Cuba were urged to remain in port.

The watch was issued only hours before the Disaster Emergency Management Agency was to hold a meeting in Dallas to organize 35 federal agencies and volunteer relief organizations that might be called upon should the hurricane strike the Texas coast.

Hurricane tips

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Flood Insurance Program advised Gulf Coast residents Thursday in the path of powerful Hurricane Allen to keep cars fueled in case evacuation becomes necessary.

The agency said preventive steps can reduce wind and rain damage to possessions.

Other tips from the agency included: —stay tuned to a local radio or television station for latest weather advisories and special instructions from local government officials.

—check "battery-powered" equipment such as flashlights and portable radios.

—store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs and kitchen utensils.

—board up windows or protect them with storm shutters or tape.

—secure outdoor objects that might be blown away, such as garbage can or lawn furniture.

—moor boats securely before the storm arrives or take them to a designated safe area.

—move furniture, small appliances and other valuable possessions to upper floor where possible, and away from windows and doors that could break under the force of the wind and allow rainwater to enter the building.

Casino using play money

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Gamblers are using play money to help work the bugs out of the gaming tables before the official opening of the Brighton Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City's fourth legal casino.

The state Casino Control Commission voted 3-0 Thursday to grant a temporary operating permit to the Brighton, which cost \$69.4 million to build.

The practice gambling at the gaming tables was to begin today and continue for three days. Slot machines will take real money.

State officials will monitor the new casino workers and internal accounting controls during the dry runs.

The casino will officially open Tuesday.

The commission said there were 87 conditions the casino had to meet before the temporary permit became permanent. Most dealt with construction requirements.

The Brighton is owned by the Great Bay Casino Corp.

Search for copter may be resumed

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — While more offshore oil rig workers came ashore as a precaution against Hurricane Allen, the Coast Guard was deciding whether to resume its search for possible survivors of a crash of an evacuation helicopter.

Thirteen people were aboard the helicopter when it went down Wednesday night in the storm-tossed Gulf of Mexico, about 80 miles southwest of Houma, La.

Four bodies and scraps of wreckage were recovered Thursday. The identities of those known dead were not released immediately.

Petty Officer Kenneth Wink said ships and aircraft stopped searching at sundown Thursday and were awaiting word whether to resume.

The southern Gulf of Mexico was being churned by winds from Hurricane Allen, which was more than 500 south of Louisiana, when the 58-foot, 9,500-pound Air Logistics helicopter went down while evacuating workers from an oil production platform.

Five of the passengers worked for Ocean Drilling and Exploration Co. and seven worked for companies servicing the ODECO platform.

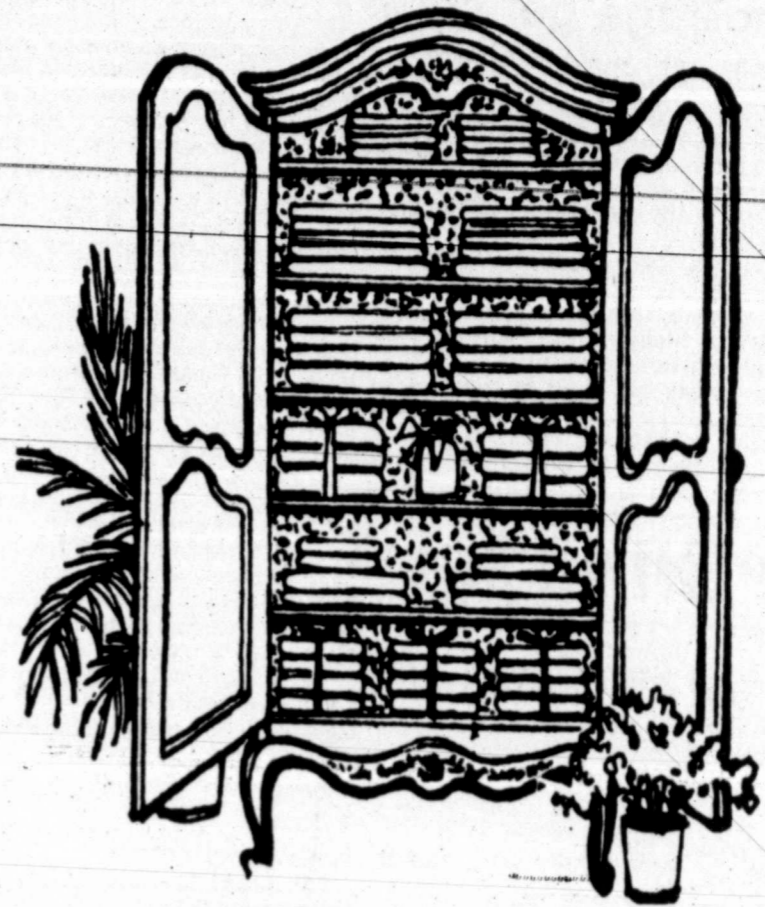
Some 650 ODECO workers were being evacuated today, said spokesman Al Spindler.

Evacuations from drilling rigs and producing platforms also were underway by Amoco, Chevron USA, Gulf Oil Co. and Shell Oil Co.

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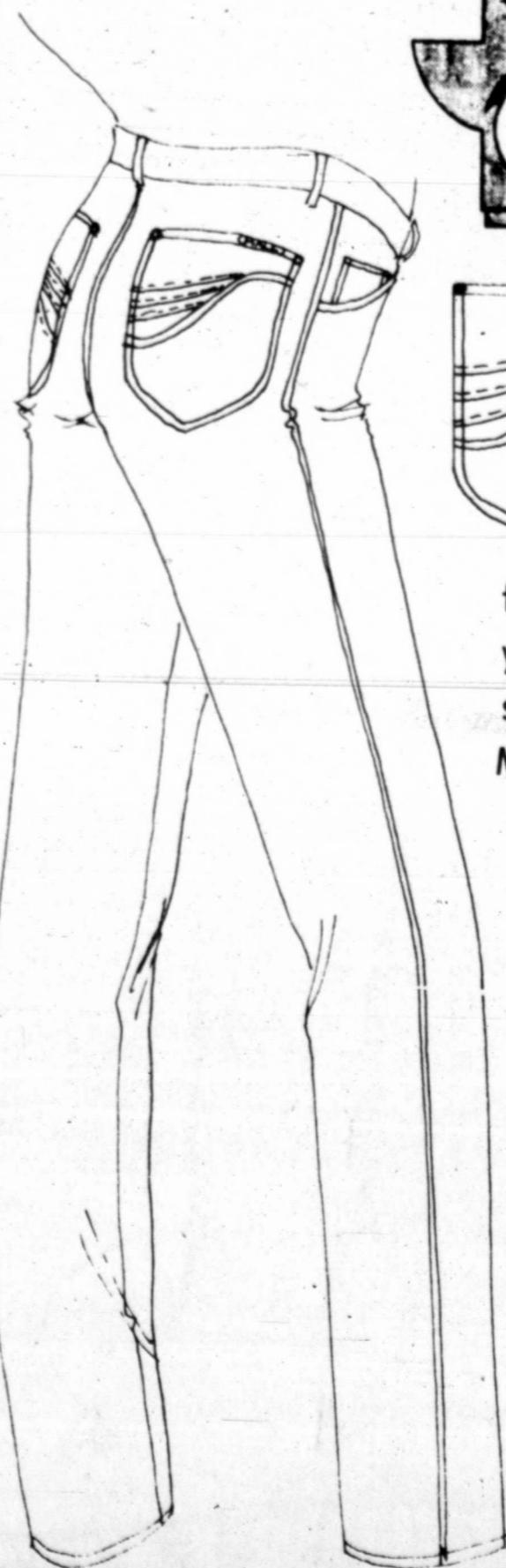
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Midland law students, Nancy Matchus and Kevin Clark, were recently awarded the Leon Jaworski scholarship at Baylor University School of Law.

Miss Matchus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Matchus, attended Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. She is a member of the Student Bar Association, Delta Theta Phi, Order of the Barristers and serves as president of Moot Court Society.

Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clark, received a bachelor of business administration from Baylor. He is a member of Phi Delta Phi, Moot Court Society and Baylor Law Review...

JOE MICHAEL BEANE is a recent summer graduate of The University of Texas at Austin. He earned a BBA degree in accounting. He is a 1976 graduate of Midland High School.

He has been employed by the accounting firm of Main, Hurdman and Cranston of Midland...

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SHARON HILLIS, Midland County Extension agent (home economics) is among about 200 home economists at the 37th annual Texas Association of Extension Home Economists (TAEHE) state meeting through Saturday in Lubbock.

With a theme "Changing Reflections" for this year's meeting, home economists will scrutinize their changing roles and responsibilities during the eighties at workshops and in general sessions, the agent said.

Programs and discussions will focus on today's most pressing "people concerns"—economic conditions, energy, social conditions, marketing and policy, land and water resources and leadership development.

Keynote speakers include Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. Jennie C. Kitching, assistant director for home economics. In addition, several other speakers will address the major concerns.

Also, ceremonies for the recipients of the national Distinguished Service Awards, tours, an entertainment segment and installation of officers, along with several other award presentations, will complete the three-day program.

Ms. Hillis will be installed as director for District 6 Extension Home Economists and will serve in this capacity for a two-year term of office. She will also be recognized as the newly-appointed state public relations chairman of the Texas Association Extension Home Economists for 1980-81...

MELINDA K. FISHER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fisher, was recently awarded a special scholarship at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Ms. Fisher is a 1976 Lee High School graduate and is transferring from Midland College...

Cowboy hats fashionable

By DEAN GOLEMBESKI
AP Writer

DANBURY, Conn. (AP) — Just like in an old Western movie, a hero has ridden out of the West to save one of the oldest industries in the place once known as the Hat City because of its No. 1 factory product.

Except this time, the good guys and gals aren't wearing just white cowboy hats, they're wearing cowboy hats of a variety of colors, shapes and designs.

Cowboy hats, once considered proper attire only in the West or on the movie sets of Hollywood, have become fashionable everywhere, even in the urban East.

The clothing industry is pushing the Western look for men and women this fall, complete with cowboy boots, leather vests, fringed leather jackets — and cowboy hats.

The sales boom in cowboy hats parallels a resurgence of interest in Western movies from Hollywood. And to fit Eastern tastes, hat makers, like auto makers, are offering "downsized" versions of traditional hat designs.

The sudden popularity of cowboy attire has given Danbury Hat Co., a subsidiary of the famous Stetson Hat Co. of St. Joseph, Mo., a transfusion.

"We expect to make 60,000 dozen hats this year," says Don Rafferty, the plant's general manager. That figures out to 720,000 hats.

The upturn at its only remaining hat factory has produced a small boom in this western Connecticut city 70 miles from New York.

"We can't make enough. We turn away business daily. The recession has not affected us a bit right now," Rafferty said.

The plant is the sole survivor among more than 35 hat factories that operated in Danbury as recently as the early 1960s. It makes the hat bodies that are then shipped to the main plant in Missouri for final shaping.

"The hardest part is making the body," said Rafferty. He explained that a variety of rabbit, hare and beaver fur must be sorted, cleaned and then blended in different weights and colors before being made into a hat.

Making the hat body "is a very skilled, laborious type job," he said. "There are not that many people who can make hat bodies."

The company's 170 employees are a mixture of young and old, and some have been with the company for as long as 50 years, he said.

Today, Danbury Hat Co. is all that remains, and it is not the original Danbury Hat Co., but an offspring of Mallory Hat Co. It still occupies the Mallory factory, parts of which were built in 1851. Stetson acquired the company in 1967.

In addition to the well-known Stetson cowboy hat line, priced from \$50 to \$200, the company still makes a dress hat. But the popularity of that hat is on the decline, Rafferty said.

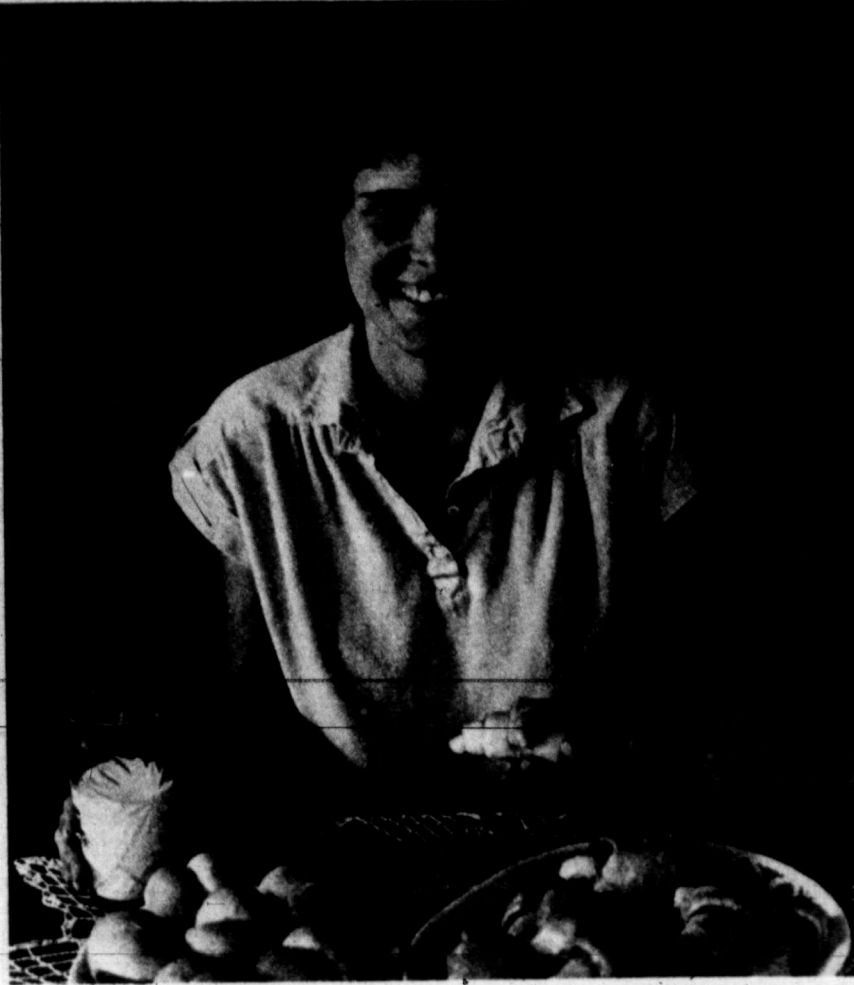
Part of the reason may be that a new, lighter, smaller cowboy hat designed for Eastern customers, has "really taken off and may replace the conventional hat sometime," Rafferty said.

"Some feel out of place with the big hat in the East," he explained. The traditional hats have a 4-inch brim and a 7-inch crown. The downsized version has a 3-inch brim and a 5 1/2-inch crown, he said.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the company was at its low point, making about 40,000 dozen hats a year and watching the other hat factories close down.

Had the company gone below 40,000 dozen, Rafferty said, "We would have been in trouble."

But what prevented the company from going under, he said, was that "the cowboy never gave up on the hat."



What's cooking?

Sherry McDonold, 4615 Pleasant, makes scrumptious, melt-in-your-mouth, cinnamon rolls.

"I've been baking bread steadily for about two years—it started turning out well after I moved here," she said. "I guess I got better with practice."

Her husband Mike, a production engineer for Chevron, and daughters Jamie, 3, and Stacy, 7 months, didn't mind eating the results of her experiments, though.

"Baking bread isn't really that hard after you try it the first few times," she insists. "After you work out the yeast steps, then it's easy."

"I like to try new recipes, but mostly I am just into trying new bread recipes," she says. She has several tips for making successful bread: Never use outdated yeast, make sure yeast is at room temperature and soften yeast in lukewarm water at least 10 minutes.

STANDARD ROLL DOUGH

- 1 1/2 cup scalded milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 2 pkg. yeast (dissolved in 1/2 cup warm water)
- 2 beaten eggs
- 5-6 cups flour

Place shortening and milk in double-boiler and scald. Let this mixture cool. Mix sugar, salt and eggs together in large bowl. Slowly pour cool milk mixture into egg mixture. Pour in soft yeast. Slowly add flour. Knead until you have a smooth dough. Let rise once. (About 1 1/2 hours). Shape either into dinner rolls or cinnamon rolls. Let rise again. (About 1 hour). Bake at 375 degrees for 10-15 minutes.

CINNAMON ROLLS

Divide dough into four equal portions. Roll each portion into a 12-inch circle on floured surface. Spread with softened butter. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar mixture. Cut into wedges (triangle shaped). Roll from large end to small end to form crescent-shaped roll. Let rise, then bake. While warm, brush with a glaze.

GLAZE:
Mix 1 cup powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon milk until glaze is smooth and of desired consistency.

Reroofing cost is relative

Although cost will be a consideration when reroofing, the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association says low initial cost sometimes costs more in the long run. A roofing material that offers a longer design life may be more expensive initially than a lesser grade of roofing, but may be less costly in the long run by providing added years of service.

Duct systems save energy

The cost of energy is one of the most important items people think about when shopping for a home. If forced air heating or central air conditioning is included, look for fiberglass duct systems, advises the Thermal Insulation Manufacturers Association. Fiberglass duct systems are free of condensation and noise. Since they are self-insulating, heating and cooling consumes less energy.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

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DEAR HELOISE:
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gum stuck to them, you know the panicky feeling I was experiencing. They looked as though the child had run into stretchy cement.

Not only was just one pair affected but almost the entire load of jeans. Try to remove gum by just pulling it off? Not a chance, and I was afraid rewashing would only spread the gum and make it worse.

Spotting my can of prewash stain remover, I sprayed each glob of gum and let the jeans sit for a few minutes. Then I scraped all of the gum off easily with a dull knife blade.

I resprayed the spots to be on the safe side, then re-washed the jeans.

They turned out good as new with no trace of the sticky bubble gum remaining.

The moral of the story? Check your child's pockets carefully before washing. You never know what those pocketed treasures will do to a load of laundry. — Helen Overton

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Or to Mom's nerves!

This same prewash spray will remove gum from carpets and upholstery BUT it may circle some fabrics, so be careful.

Do not use it on your child's hair, though, as the spray has a petroleum base which might be absorbed through the skin. Use plain baby oil for this.

Thanks for your solution to a sticky problem — Hugs, Heloise

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DEAR HELOISE:
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Stock market gains

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market surged ahead Thursday in a full-speed advance that carried the Dow Jones industrial average to its highest level in nearly 3 1/2 years.

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Trend includes fewer retirements. NEW YORK (AP) — Smaller, less elaborate houses. Two or more households sharing one house. Smaller automobiles. Smaller families. Shorter and less expensive vacations.

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Nonferrous metal

Table of nonferrous metal prices, including copper, zinc, and lead.

Gold Futures

Table of gold futures prices, including gold and silver.

Over the counter

Table of over-the-counter stock prices, including various individual stocks.

Commodities

Table of commodity prices, including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

Cotton

Table of cotton prices, including various cotton grades.

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Table of grain prices, including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

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Table of livestock prices, including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

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Table of stocks in the spotlight, including individual stock names and prices.

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Advertisement for Warren Faller, a real estate agent, including contact information and services offered.

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Large advertisement for Warren Faller, featuring a portrait and detailed contact information for real estate services.



Firefighters, left, run from the collapsing wall during Wednesday's general alarm fire at the Facemate Corp. in Chicopee, Mass. One



firefighter, right, has already escaped the wall as Chicopee's John Bowler turns to aid his Captain Bernard LaFleur who stumbled as he began his retreat. LaFleur was uninjured. (AP Laserphoto)

Sheldon came to novels late in life

By MARLENE AIG
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Sidney Sheldon spent more than 30 years as a successful producer-director-writer before he decided "by sheer accident" to try writing novels.

And, as has been the case throughout most of his life, the 63-year-old Chicago native was a smashing success in his "mid-life second career."

"I like the freedom of writing novels," Sheldon says. "You have one hundred collaborators in movies and TV. A screen play doesn't come to life until the actors speak the lines. But as the novelist, I cast, direct and produce. I love it."

Sheldon went to Hollywood as a reader at the age of 17 and used to get up at 4 a.m. to try his hand at writing screenplays. He finally sold "South of Panama" and began his Hollywood career. After serving as a pilot in World War II, Sheldon returned home, not just to Hollywood but to Broadway as well. He wrote a new book for "Merry Widow," collaborated with Dorothy Kilgallen on a play, "Dream of Music," and, in 1948, collected an Oscar for the screenplay of "The Bachelor and the Bobby Soxer."

His screenplays for "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Easter Parade" won Screen Writers Guild Awards and his Broadway show, "Redhead," added a Tony to his collection.

He was producing the TV series "I Dream of Jeannie" — and he says "writing 95 percent of the scripts" — in 1970 when he decided to try his hand at "something serious."

He wrote in the mornings and produced in the afternoons, losing money, he says, because he turned down projects in order to stay with the book.

"The feeling was marvelous," he recalls. "Writing the book was such a freedom of feeling."

The first book was "The Naked Face," a mystery about a psychiatrist convinced someone is trying to kill him. It received mixed reviews and a nomination for the Edgar, a prize for mystery writing.

While his first novel may not have set the world on fire, his second, he says, "changed my life."

"The Other Side of Midnight," an international tale of love and revenge, was an immediate success and continues as a best seller today, now in its 65th paperback printing.

"I was totally stunned and surprised by the success of it," he admits. "It was a hard act to follow."

His third book, "A Stranger in the Mirror," wasn't as popular as "The Other Side of Midnight." But the fourth, "Bloodline," is challenging the success of "Midnight."

It was the unhappy conversion of "Bloodline" into a movie that made Sheldon decide to produce the film version of his latest novel, "Rage of Angels."

"I didn't realize what would happen in the cutting room," Sheldon says of the earlier film, which starred Audrey Hepburn and was panned by critics.

"I'm determined that won't happen with 'Rage of Angels.'"

As do his previous novels, "Rage of Angels" deals with characters who are larger than life and who live extraordinary lives in exotic places.

"My ambition," Sheldon says, "is to tell stories that entertain. People like vicarious living. They read to go to faraway places and totally escape. That's what I do. I'm a storyteller and entertainer. I make no pretense to being a great artist."

While Sheldon's characters may be too rich, too bright, too evil or too lucky to be real, the places they roam are authentic.

"I'm a meticulous researcher," he says. "If I put a palm tree in a restaurant somewhere, a reader can go to that restaurant and see that palm tree. I want the reader to identify, no matter what the locale."

He can spend more than a year researching a book. He says he spent three months touring European pharmaceutical companies, then went on to interview various European police officials and lived in Rome before starting "Bloodline."

A first draft — which he dictates — can run 1,200 pages. Then he'll spend more than a year rewriting. He never reads a book once it's published. "I'd want to rewrite it."

"Writing novels is so exciting — to create a world and decide who will live in it and what will happen to them. I find it awesome and tremendously powerful."

While he may sometimes miss his old Hollywood life, Sheldon says, "I want to go on writing novels for the rest of my life."

Quake shakes central Alaska

PALMER, Alaska (AP) — A moderate earthquake shook central Alaska early Thursday but apparently caused no damage or injuries, the Tsunami Warning Center at Palmer reported.

The epicenter of the tremor was 40 miles southwest of Healy in a remote area of Mount McKinley National Park, center spokesman John Sindorf said.

The quake, at 10:16 Alaska Daylight Time, was felt in Fairbanks, McGrath and Palmer and at several points along the Alaska Railroad, Sindorf said.

Preliminary readings indicate the earthquake measured 5.4 on the open-ended Richter scale, he said.

The National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., said the quake registered 5.0 on the Richter scale.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an

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Utah — Hollywood with G-rating



Dan Haggerty is shown here in a scene from "The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams," one of a growing number of films being made in Utah. A growing community of filmmakers, alienated by Hollywood's morality and high costs, is finding Utah good ground for making their films. The majority of the films being made there are family-oriented, G-rated films. (AP Laserphoto)

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Hollywood cowboys have long been digging their booted toes into the red Utah dust, squinting into the camera under the desert sun. These days, the state is more than a backdrop — it's home to the whole show.

A growing community of film makers, alienated by Hollywood's morality and high costs — or both — has found fertile soil in Utah's economic and social climate.

"People are shocked when they learn how many films are being made here," said Paul McGuire, a former New Yorker now with Utah's Linton Productions. "Utah is a phenomenal place for movie production — but it's still almost a secret."

Hollywood film companies often use Utah for location shooting. Director John Huston and actor John Wayne made some of their best-known westerns on the state's vast deserts, among its delicate sandstone arches or high in its mountains. And actor Robert Redford, who lives in Utah near his Sundance ski resort, filmed "Jeremiah Johnson" and parts of "The Electric Horseman" here.

But the state is more than scenery. In the past decade, about 50 feature films — for TV and cinema — have been shot almost entirely in Utah, many by home-grown companies.

One lure for film makers is Utah residents' strong support for family entertainment. Utah film makers have latched onto the family film industry, orphaned by Hollywood because many there consider a "G" rating the kiss of death.

Sixty percent of Utah's residents are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — a faith that emphasizes wholesome family activities.

Except for Walt Disney Productions, most G-rated films now hail from Utah, including hits like "The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams," "The Lincoln Conspiracy," "Where the Red Fern Grows," and "In Search of Noah's Ark."

"The Utah films don't have the big budgets, but they have a certain kind of integrity," said McGuire, whose company makes only G-rated movies. "We're making films for Middle America. These people are not thrilled with what they're seeing from Hollywood — they're offended."

He said the Mormon emphasis is apparent in most Utah films, but religion is not. "We don't make religious films, but we make films that are healthy, positive and uplifting."

Another Utah film company, Osmond Productions, owned by the singing family, acknowledges its philosophical tie to the church.

President William Critchfield, a former Mormon bishop, called the Osmonds "among the strongest missionaries of the church," attributing 35,000 converts worldwide to Donny, Marie and the family.

He brags the Osmonds "brought Hollywood to downtown Orem" with their \$8 million entertainment center and its TV and movie production facilities.

Sister of late shah back in U.S.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The mourning Princess Shams, eldest sister of the late Shah of Iran, is in seclusion somewhere in southern California, her spokesman said Thursday.

The Iranian princess is believed to be living with a small army of servants and half a dozen dogs at her \$1.5 million Montecito ranch house near Santa Barbara.

"Princess Shams Pahlavi, the bereaved sister of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, is in seclusion, grieving and very distressed at the death of her brother," spokesman Robert Garrick told The Associated Press. "His death is a great personal loss to her, and, she believes, a loss to Iran."

Princess Shams reportedly arrived with an entourage of 18 to 20 people at Los Angeles International Airport on a July 4 flight from Mexico. It was not known how long she had been in Mexico.

Garrick, a public relations consultant hired by the Pahlavi family, confirmed that the princess returned to Southern California, but he refused to disclose where she was staying.

Princess Shams was presumed either at Montecito or in Palm Springs, where she and her 90-year-old mother took refuge earlier this year at the desert estate of publisher Walter Annenberg.

Mother and daughter fled their Beverly Hills home in January after the mansion was set afire by Iranian student demonstrators. Neither woman was injured.

New York police rounding up hookers

NEW YORK (AP) — With thousands of Democrats expected to prowl the streets during next week's political convention, police are filling the jails with hookers rounded up in a new "sweep."

Judge Rena K. Uviller, who is temporarily presiding over prostitution cases this week, has been meting out fines of \$150 or a 10-day jail term to all prostitutes found soliciting in residential or heavily traveled commercial areas in Manhattan between 8 a.m. and midnight. Prostitutes are usually charged between \$25 and \$50.

The judge said Wednesday that she was getting tough because prostitution "intrudes on a citizen's perception of life in New York."

She said she warned the women last week that if she saw them again it would automatically mean five days in jail. She added, however, that she was "torn with pity for these girls."

Inspector Emil Cicotelli, head of the police department's Public Morals Division, also has joined the fight to clear the streets.

Cicotelli said he was appropriated \$7,000 to pay for overtime and extra plainclothes officers to be stationed around the Madison Square Garden, Times Square, and the Lexington Avenue "strips" to await propositions.

One officer said the word filtered down through police ranks is that "the department wants the streets hooker-free by Sunday night."

A "sweep" that began Saturday had netted 213 hookers by Tuesday.

But one problem is that city jails are filling up. "Right now we're about at capacity," said Correction Department spokesman Al Anderson.

Another problem is lawsuits stemming from false arrests.

ties. The center has a strict code — the Osmonds won't lease to makers of R-rated films.

"We don't let them in," Critchfield said. "We turn down that kind of thing. We're committed to wholesome, family entertainment."

Even the Osmonds have learned about G-ratings. After a 1978 G-rated film starring Jimmy Osmond flopped, the next Osmond film, "Going Coconuts," starring Donny and Marie, was PG.

One character was killed on screen to win the rating. "We found a lot of people were offended at that," said Critchfield. "They couldn't believe the Osmonds would make anything other than a G film. But when you see it, it's so cute and so hilarious you see it's done in good taste."

The Utah boom also is partly due to the changing industry, with its new markets of cable and syndicated TV and foreign sales, said John Earle, director of films in the state Division of Industrial Development. "These are voracious sorts of markets. It's no longer the bailiwick of some producers in Hollywood. Any Joe Blow can have access now," he said.

Film producers have become more competitive and more decentralized, Earle said, adding needed services were once confined to Hollywood, but now are available elsewhere.

"We're trying to build a community of film makers here with all the ancillary services so you don't have to go to Hollywood for anything," said Dennis Picture and Television Artists.

Utah's stable economy makes fund-raising relatively easy, Earle said, and the pot is sweetened by the state's right-to-work law. With labor eating up as much as 35 percent of film making costs, a company can save on non-union labor, said Critchfield.

Utah-made films also save on location shooting. "Within a couple hundred miles, you can tap almost every kind of scenery," said Al Pedersen, a spokesman for Taft Productions, a film company.

"There's no doubt about it — the state is consistently pulling ahead of other states that have similar locations and economic situations," Berrett said.

Earle says Southern California is still home to the bulk of all U.S.-made films, with New York second. Texas and Florida come next with about \$45

million in productions, and Utah, gaining fast, had about \$42 million in productions last year.

To stay competitive, Berrett said Utah film makers must drop their emphasis on G ratings and make movies that appeal to a wider market. He said: "I predict they won't be doing as many G pictures" in Utah in the future.

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