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Sawed-off shotgun forced retreat, officers testify

By ED TODD
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Two Midland lawmen who testified that they entered the J.L. "Jack" Nichols home on the afternoon of May 27 with drawn pistols to serve a search warrant said they were compelled to retreat after Nichols confronted them with a 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun.

"He told me to drop my weapon or he would shoot me," testified Midland police undercover narcotics officer Mike Mann, who said he was holding his pistol in his right hand and his police badge, identification, and the search warrant in his left hand.

Mann, under examination by prosecutor Jim Rex and cross-examination by defense attorney Jimmie D. Oglesby in a jury trial in the 238th State District Court on Tuesday, said he declined to drop his weapon, which, he said, was held in a down position.

MANN SAID he felt there was a "great possibility" that Nichols would kill him as well as Midland County Deputy Constable Tom McGinnis, who had accompanied Mann to serve the search warrant just outside the southern outskirts of the Midland city limits. Neither Mann nor McGinnis was in uniform.

Later that day, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were arrested, jailed and charged with assaulting the two lawmen.

School officials defend budget

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ONE TAXPAYER complained the 5:15 p.m. starting time did not allow Midlanders enough time to assemble and do battle over the proposed tax

Big Spring woman killed when car rolls several times

BIG SPRING — A 17-year-old Big Spring woman was killed early today when the car she was driving hit a curb and rolled several times.

BOTH LAWYERS said that they identified themselves as law enforcement officers. But Mann said Nichols "slammed the door" on him, and McGinnis said Nichols did the same thing to him at back of the house.

Mann, who sports a beard and long hair, said he was dressed in his customary casual work clothes — blue jeans and a sports shirt — as an undercover officer. McGinnis said he was dressed in Western attire and was wearing his deputy constable's badge. McGinnis is clean shaven and wears a short, conservative, hair-style.

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He said that he and Sgt. Carr had gone out to the Nichols place on the morning of May 27 after a "confidential informer" had said marijuana was growing out on the Nichols'

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A woman standing amidst striking workers at Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, Monday uses a megaphone to exchange opinions with a shipyard official. (AP Laserphoto)

Most Polish workers stay off the job

GDANSK, Poland (AP) — The Polish strike wave rippled briefly across the country to the steel mills in the south, but workers there were reported back on the job today.

Both government officials and dissident sources said many of the 40,000 workers walked off the job Tuesday at Nowa Huta, the showcase steel center near Krakow, some 300 miles south of Gdansk.

The strike in the Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot area of northern Poland's central Baltic coast spread to the major port of Szczecin, 180 miles to the west on the East German border, and to Elblag, 40 miles east of Gdansk, the official PAP news agency reported.

Saudi Arabian jetliner burns

265 die in fourth-highest toll in history

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Flames engulfed a Saudi Arabian jetliner after it made an emergency return to the Riyadh airport and all 265 persons aboard perished, the official Saudi press agency reported today. It was the fourth-largest death toll in aviation history.

officials in the Pakistani city. Earlier, officials in Karachi said most of the passengers were Pakistanis returning to work in Saudi Arabia after visits home for the Eid festival at the end of the Moslem holy month of Ramadan.

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Anderson will be on ballot

AUSTIN (AP) — Rep. John B. Anderson's name will appear on Texas' November ballot as an independent candidate for president, says Secretary of State George Strake.

Strake said most of the names removed from the Anderson petitions were either illegible or were those of voters in May 3 Republican presidential primary. "We did not remove any names of those who voted in the Democratic presidential primary," Strake said.

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Strake has contended that Republican voters could not sign Anderson petitions but Democrats could, because the GOP primary was binding in selection of national convention delegates while the Democratic poll was a "beauty contest."

When asked if he expected a lawsuit, he said "If I were them, I wouldn't do it. I think it would be an expensive losing ordeal."

Ms. Middlebrooks said the Democrats will attempt to determine if comparing Anderson's signatures with their own computer files of reg-

gistered Democratic voters on May 3 whether the petitions approved by Strake contain enough Democratic signatures to keep Anderson from being certified.

"If we find enough Democratic names, we will file suit," Ms. Middlebrooks said.

George Bush arrives in China to discuss Reagan's position

PEKING (AP) — George Bush, the Republican vice presidential nominee, arrived in Peking today to try to convince Chinese leaders that Ronald Reagan's sympathy toward Taiwan poses no threat to U.S.-Chinese relations.

ously and serve to reinforce the cause of peace in Asia and, indeed, the entire world," Bush told reporters at Peking Airport.

Bush was met by U.S. Ambassador Leonard Woodcock, Han Shu, director of the Foreign Ministry's American and Oceanic Affairs Department, and Xie Li.

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Corporate profits picture means spending cutbacks,

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sharp drop in corporate profits from April through June means that companies will continue to cut back their spending and lay off more workers in coming months, private economists say.

The squeeze on companies is tightened further by suddenly rising interest rates that discourage borrowing for new plants and equipment, these economists explain.

Moreover, a revival of rampant inflation last month will add to the cost of new business investment and dampen any prospect of a rapid resurgence in consumer demand — a force that should exist if companies are going to risk heavy spending.

These trends — which would ensure a very sluggish recovery from the current recession — were painted in interviews Tuesday with economists from three of the nation's leading private forecasting firms.

The economists agreed that the decline in corporate profits — while not unexpected — virtually guarantees that companies will further cut back activity and lay off more workers.

"This is a trigger for cutting employment," said Sandra Shaber, senior economist of Chase Econometrics Associates in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. "This is inescapable."

Chase Econometrics, Data Resources Inc., and Evans Economics all predicted a sustained shrinkage of corporate profits through this year as the recession continues — although at an easing pace.

On Tuesday, the Commerce Department reported that corporate profits fell steeply from the first quarter to the second quarter. This occurred while the nation's entire economy plunged 9 percent from April through June as the full force of the recession took hold.

Pre-tax profits from April through June fell 19.8 percent from the first quarter, while after-tax profits declined 18.2 percent.

Corporate profits from current production — a measure that adjusts for depreciation and the replacement of inventory — fell nearly 11 percent from first quarter to second quarter.

Companies did manage to retain more of their total earnings during the second quarter than in the first quarter. However, these retained profits were 13 percent below levels set during the same three-month period in 1979, Commerce Department figures show.

"If retained earnings are shrinking, and interest rates are up, business investment will be choked off in coming months," said Ms. ShPber.

Otto Eckstein, head of Data Resources of Lexington, Mass., said the falloff in capital spending — once concentrated in the auto industry — "now is diffused throughout the entire economy."

Ms. Shaber said that while individual companies knew before Tuesday that their own profits were down, they were not aware of the total picture for all companies. "Now, they will look at the aggregate trend and base plans on this," she cautioned. "Profits are a psychological trigger."

The nation's unemployment rate shot up swiftly from 6.2 percent to 7.8 percent between March and May. But since then, it has remained virtually stable.

Despite this stability, all three private forecasters expect joblessness to rise to about 8.5 percent by year's end, a prediction recently adopted by the Carter administration.

"With profits declining, there is growing pressure to lay off workers," agreed Eckstein.

Future business spending is considered a crucial means to grease the recovery from recession, Ernst stressed. That's because consumers won't be in a position to spend heavily in coming months, he said.

Wages and salaries fell in July as people were pummeled by the painful mix of high unemployment and double-digit inflation.

Moreover, after easing for several months, wholesale prices rocketed by 1.7 percent in July. That represents an annual rate above 22 percent.

"With higher costs, people will have to cut back spending, particularly for consumer durables like appliances," said Ms. Shaber.

"This is not a very favorable sign; particularly if business is cutting back too," she said.

Interest rates are climbing again

Chase Manhattan hikes prime rate to 11.25 percent

NEW YORK (AP) — Interest rates on business loans and home mortgages are climbing again, and analysts say further increases are likely in the next several weeks.

The upward spiral was underscored Tuesday when Chase Manhattan Bank raised its prime rate a quarter of a percent to 11.25 percent and two major California mortgage lenders boosted their rates to 13.5 percent.

Chase, the nation's third-largest commercial bank, said its action was in response to rising costs in lending. Wall Street analysts predicted other

banks would soon join Chase and raise their rates from the prevailing 11 percent level.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see the prime move up to 11.25 or 11.5 percent in the next couple of weeks," said Maria Fiorini-Ramirez, an economist for Merrill Lynch.

If the rest of the banking industry follows Chase's lead, it will mark the first general increase in the prime rate since April 2, when the rate peaked at 20 percent.

The prime — the rate banks charge on loans to their best-risk business

customers — parallels changes in open-market interest rates such as the federal funds rate. Those rates have soared in recent days, raising banks' lending costs.

The upturn in rates was particularly evident at the Treasury Department's latest auction of short-term bills. The rate on 26-week Treasury bills rose from last week's 8.891 percent to 9.765 percent, the highest since last April.

The higher Treasury bill rates mean banks will be paying higher interest rates on the popular six-month money market certificates starting Thursday.

Bank officials say they expect interest rates to continue rising in the next several weeks before tapering off in late October or early November.

The prime rate does not apply to consumer loans, but is considered a key barometer of trends in all kinds of interest rates, including those on auto and home loans.

Home mortgage rates in California have been rising steadily over the last four weeks. On Tuesday, Great West-

ern Savings & Loan Association of Beverly Hills, Calif., boosted its rate to 13.5 percent from 13 percent.

A short time later Home Savings & Loan Association of Los Angeles, the nation's largest, matched Great Western, which ranks No.2 among the country's savings and loans.

A spokesman for Great Western said the half-point increase was prompted by strong loan demand and a continued slowdown in savings deposits.

The lag in deposits has forced many savings and loans to compete with other financial institutions, including banks, for funds in the open market. Because those rates have been rising lately, some savings institutions have compensated by boosting their mortgage rates.

In a related matter, the ceiling on single-family home mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration or guaranteed by the Veterans Administration rises today to 12 percent from 11.5 percent. That rate applies to conventional fixed-rate mortgages.

Tax cut bill includes 'something for everyone'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee says tax legislation the panel is rushing to complete this week will contain something for everyone.

Just how much everyone would get under the proposal should become more clear today as the committee considers a plan to accelerate tax write-offs for business and an income tax reduction.

There was no objection heard Tuesday as Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, described a proposal to simplify and accelerate the rate at which businesses can write off the cost of buildings, equipment and vehicles.

Bentsen said his proposal would drop existing depreciation rates by at least 40 percent. The committee staff estimated the cut would be about \$11 billion in 1981.

The committee also is considering a combination of individual tax cuts

which would amount to about \$21.2 billion in 1981.

These cuts would be accomplished through a combination of measures, including a method to offset some of the Social Security tax increases that will occur in January and give some tax relief to lower-income taxpayers. The remainder of the cut would be utilized to make an across-the-board income tax rate cut.

Committee members also have shown they want to include incentives for savings and a change in the tax liability for unearned income — capital gains.

"Everybody's going to get something," said Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., the committee chairman.

The panel has publicly displayed a strong bipartisan spirit as it has shaped the tax package this week. When debate has turned to controversial topics, Long has turned the committee's

attention back to issues on which the senators agree.

Long won agreement Tuesday from the committee members to vote by noon Friday on sending a tax cut bill to the Senate floor. The committee previously agreed on making the total cut \$25 billion to \$30 billion, saying it should be passed passed this year.

But final congressional passage of a tax cut this year is in doubt because House leaders are balking at taking quick action.

"I can't conceive of how we can get a tax cut out of the House before we go into recess Oct. 4," said House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass.

Gunman surrenders

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A domestic dispute escalated into a 2½-hour hostage siege at a downtown Social Security office before police negotiators convinced the gunman to surrender, authorities say.

No injuries were reported Tuesday when Emmett Gremlion, 39, fought with his estranged wife at the office, fired two shots and then took a 46-year-old Social Security employee hostage, officials said.

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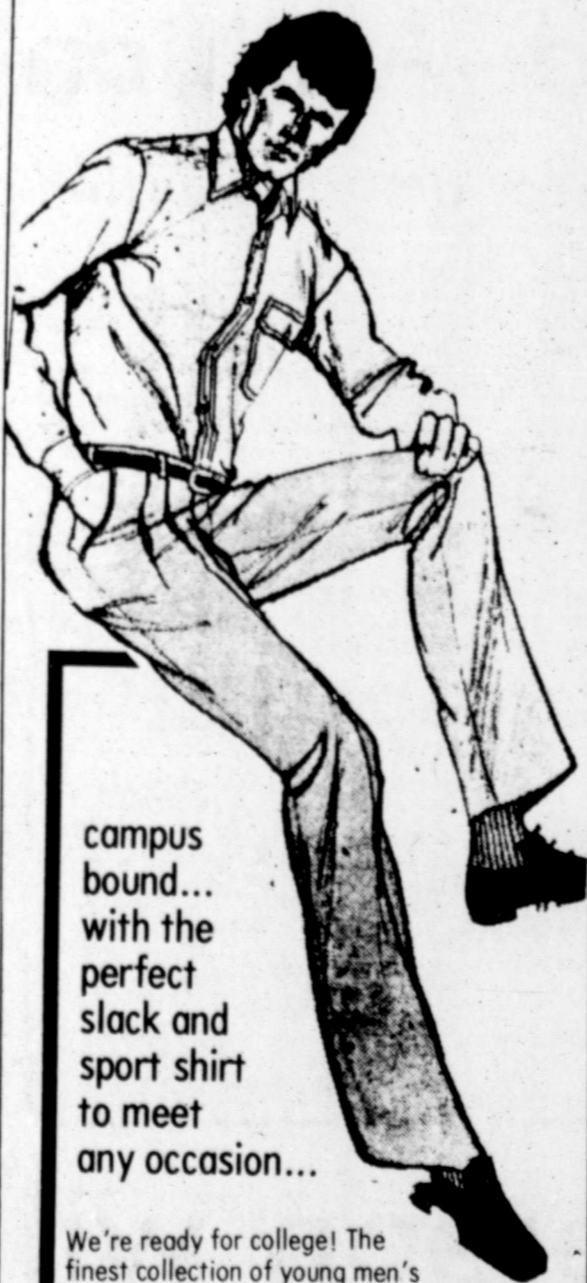
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New park plans cut to bones

By LANA CLUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Plans for two parks that are being constructed partially with funds from community groups have been slashed to the bare bones, but the blame for the cuts has gone to the contractors whose bids have been far above the estimates.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, meeting in a regular session Tuesday, was told the contractor already has started work on Tumbleweed Neighborhood Park, located south of Wadley Avenue and west of A Street, but the city only had \$74,000 to develop it. Basic ground work is being done at Kiwanis Park, but there aren't enough funds to finish it according to the original plan.

Junior League of Midland has donated money for Tumbleweed Park while the Kiwanis have put out money for Kiwanis park on Haynes Avenue.

For \$74,000, the city is managing to get the earth work done and a sprinkler system installed at Tumbleweed, according to George Logan, parks superintendent. City crews will plant trees and grass and install playground equipment that has already been purchased.

BUT WAYNE KOHOUT, director of parks and recreation, pointed out that some trees, nighttime lighting, sidewalks and fountains have been eliminated from the original plans and will have to be put in later.

Of the \$74,000, Kohout said \$54,000 is going primarily for earth work, which means moving the dirt, surveying and putting in utility lines for lights and water fountains.

"You mean we're paying \$54,000 just to move dirt around," said an incredulous commission member.

"The architect himself couldn't figure out the high costs," Kohout said of the unusually high bids. As a result, the City Council took the park plan and accepted the lowest bids on a piecemeal basis.

"What type of AstroTurf is this you're putting in," quipped commission member Mark Philpy.

"We're putting in our own grass," Kohout replied.

"We're reaching the point we can't afford to have parks," remarked another board member, Nada Baulch.

Kohout explained the high costs on bids are not limited only to parks, but to all facets of the city.

"Bids and estimates are having a tremendous spread, as much as 100 percent. It's difficult to get a handle on it. Bidding costs here are about the highest in the state. Their (contractor) attitude is 'if you want to take the estimate, fine; if not, fine,'" he said.

The higher building costs might be limited to governmental entities, alluded board member Kent Sloan of Commercial Bank & Trust.

He explained that a customer was wanting to build a softball field and Sloan checked with contractors on a price.

"I WAS TOLD by one firm that if it was for the city, the bid would be three times as high," Sloan recalled.

"Why?" questioned a puzzled Philpy. "The city of Midland has a good bond rating. It pays its bills."

After finding out that Rose & Sons is the general contractor for Tumbleweed Park, Philpy said he would call the company "and find out why the hell it costs so much to build a park."

Because of these skyrocketing costs for capital improvements in parks, the City Council is considering instituting a plan to set up a voluntary donation system whereby the money would go into a park fund.

The Parks and Recreation Commission voted to adopt the plan and a list of priorities.

The commission decided that it is the city's responsibility to buy park land and to maintain parks. The extra money would go to constructing parks.

The formal statement going to the City Council calls for the money "to improve and construct existing and newly-acquired parks and recreational facilities."

Heading the list of priorities is finishing Kiwanis and Tumbleweed parks. Also on the list were lighted softball fields, additional work on Hogan Park Golf Course, installation of sprinkler systems in some parks and interior furnishings for the Senior Citizens Center.

THIS VOLUNTARY monthly donation of \$1 will be printed on the water bills, but it will be several months before the city's computers can be reprogrammed. Meanwhile, the commission suggested stuffing the water bills with a notice about the donation.

Considering there are 20,000 customers, even if only 50 percent of the people donate \$1 it will mean an additional \$10,000 a month for the capital improvements.

Residents surrounding Tumbleweed Park are being asked for their ideas about the park, said Kohout. He explained that some residents don't want a park, others want some changes made and the remainder are agreeable to the plans.

New fees and charges for 1980-81 were approved by the commission. The list will go before the City Council to be adopted. The major change was in the yearly golf course fee which went from \$200 up to \$220.

Logan pointed out that parks crews have been installing sprinkler systems in several city parks and haven't had time to mow the areas. With the recent rains, "they are beginning to look a little ratty," said Logan, but assured the commission the work would be done soon.

Light rain sprinkles Permian Basin

Light rain sprinkled Permian Basin communities late Tuesday night and early today, but most rainfall amounts were small.

Midland received intermittent showers between 10:48 p.m. Tuesday and 12:30 a.m. today that dropped .03 inch of moisture on the city. That boosted this month's rainfall total to .93 inch and the yearly total to 6.01 inches, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

While Midland received only a hint of rain, Odessa, 20 miles to the west, received 1.00 inch of rain, according to unofficial sources. Lamesa also reportedly received 1.00 inch of rain Tuesday night.

Andrews reported receiving .20 inch of rain Tuesday night. But Crane, Stanton, Rankin, Big Lake and Big Spring reported no moisture overnight.

The weatherman, however, is holding out a chance for more of the wet stuff tonight. A 30 percent probability for precipitation existed today and a 20 percent chance will continue throughout tonight.

It should be partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, in fact, through tonight. But skies should become fair Thursday. The weatherman says there will be no important temperature changes.

Low temperature tonight should drop into the upper 60s, giving Midlanders a pleasant relief from the summer heat. High temperature Thursday should climb back into the lower 90s, however.

Tonight's southerly winds blowing at 5-15 mph should become light and northerly on Thursday.

Tuesday's high temperature was a not-too-awfully-hot 91, much cooler, in fact, than the record high for that date of 103 set in 1977. Low this morning was 70. Record low for today's date is 58 set in 1940.

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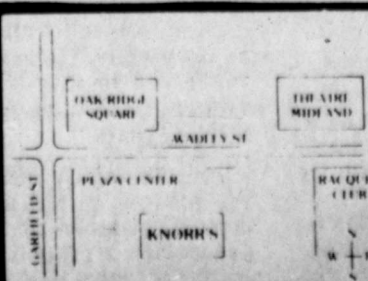
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Midland school trustees OK trial run for outdoor learning center

By DAVID CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

School trustees voted Tuesday to give the outdoor learning center a four-month trial run before adopting it as part of the district's science program.

The center, named the Barton H. Warnock Nature Trail, could give students a good learning tool provided it meets trustee satisfaction.

So far, the school district, city and Midland Soil and Water Conservation District have expressed an interest in the center's operation.

Located near Hogan Park, students would be near to the site with the school district paying the cost.

Students would spend a half day traveling over a 2,800-foot trail with 35 stops. Twenty of the stops would

include an extensive explanation of plants and animals in that area.

If adopted, the program would cost the school district about \$34,100.

Trustees were told that the center did not have enough bathroom facilities, drinking fountains or shelters to accommodate large numbers of students.

Also, elementary school teachers would require in-service training to help them utilize the center as an efficient learning tool for their students.

Dr. Joseph Baressi, assistant superintendent of instruction, said the center's programs should be well-planned if the center is to be effective.

During the first meeting in January, trustees will evaluate the center's first four months of operation in a report to be prepared by Byrant Saxon, director of program development and research. Saxon and several science teachers will be monitoring the center's operations.

Trustees reiterated that the purpose of the center's close evaluation is based on the need to research and evaluate all current programs in the district with emphasis toward cost and learning effectiveness.

But, during the center's report, trustees expressed concern that elementary students are not spending enough time in the classroom because of field trips to the Petroleum Museum, the Planetarium, Community Theatre, Youth Symphony and Museum of the Southwest.

Manuel Carrasco, director of elementary education, showed in a report that 1,088 fourth grade students took a total of 90 trips to all five organizations during the year. And 1,093 fifth graders visited four of the organizations. Third and sixth grade students conducted field trips to two of the organizations and kindergarten through second grade students visited the Planetarium.

A survey of elementary school principals showed that field trips to the Petroleum Museum were ranked the highest with a more than medium educational value rating.

The lowest ranked field trip by the principals is the ballet with a low educational value rating.

Although no immediate action was taken by trustees regarding the report's findings, trustees were advised

to decide early since their decision will have an effect on those organizations' budgets.

The Planetarium, Petroleum Museum, Museum of the Southwest, Community Theatre, and Youth Symphony are items in the district's budget.

Dr. James Mailey, superintendent, said he felt confident that most of the schools' repair and renovation work will be completed by the Aug. 27 opening date. However, there will be some work that will continue after the school session begins.

The superintendent expressed frustration with the slow file work in Midland High School's bathrooms. There should be three boys and three girls bathrooms in operation at MHS by Aug. 27.

Mailey was pleased to learn that the

seating in Midland Memorial Stadium will be completed by the first football game in September.

Most of the windows at Midland High School should be finished by next Friday. But, Mailey reported there will be several plywood planks covering several windows at the high school.

In earlier action, trustees approved hiring 53 elementary teachers and 46 secondary instructors and accepted 30 resignations and one leave of absence.

School officials informed trustees that the district's 32 percent above the state minimum salary schedule helped the recruiting process. But, there were other key factors which prevented the district from getting instructors to apply for employment.

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DEATHS



Arthur King

Arthur L. King, 77, 2010 Keith St., died Monday evening in a Midland hospital following a lengthy illness. Services were to be at 4 p.m. today in Fort Worth and Jax Street Church of Christ with Clyde Freeman officiating, assisted by Don Mitchell. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Ellis Funeral Home. King was born March 27, 1903, in Franklin County. He came to Midland in 1953 from Franklin County and was associated with the Midland public schools for 11 years, retiring in 1969. He was employed in the maintenance department. He was married to Lena Chesshir Nov. 4, 1933, in Hagansport. He was a member of Fort Worth and Jax Street Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife; three sons, Bobby King of Irving and Thomas King and Dwayne King, both of Midland; a daughter, Mrs. Don (Yvonne) Brooks of Midland; a brother, Oscar King of Broken Bow, Okla.; a step-brother, Marvin Hyde of Mount Vernon; a sister, Mary Condrey of Bay City; three step-sisters, Bertie King and Maudie Martin, both of Odessa, and Gladys Morgan of Hagansport; and six grandchildren.

Edith Wimple

Services for Edith E. Wimple, 62, of 2203 S. Baird St., were to be at 10 a.m. today in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Baptist

Iranian student found deportable

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A 23-year old Iranian student who took a job without permission of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service was found deportable by an immigration judge. After the ruling Tuesday by Judge Gordon Sacks, Farhang Obohhat, a math major at Norfolk State University, accepted an opportunity to leave the country at his own expense within 15 days. But he told the judge that he plans to qualify for permanent resident status by marrying an American. Had he not agreed to leave voluntarily,

Church officiating. Burial was to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wimple died Monday in a Midland hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born Jan. 5, 1918, in Athens and moved to Midland in 1932 where she was raised and had lived ever since. In 1946 she was married to Robert Wimple in Midland. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Clay Wimple of Midland; two brothers, Freeman Hulsey of Midland and Flirian Hulsey of Beaverton, Ore.; and two sisters, Hazel Bryan of Midland and Dorothy Hill of Houston.

Robert Lewis

Services for Robert Lewis, 83, of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today at the Penecostal Church of Jesus Christ with the Bishop W.C. Swain officiating. Burial was to follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Roscoe V. Jackson Mortuary.

Lewis died Saturday night in a Midland hospital.

Lewis, who was born Feb. 2, 1897, in Giddings, moved to Midland about two months ago to live with his daughter. He moved here from Roswell, N.M., where he had been a resident since 1955. He was a carpenter in Roswell and a member of the Baptist Church there.

Survivors include a son, Booker L. Lewis of Abilene; four daughters, Emma Mae Bramlett of Dallas, Mabel Stocks of Odessa, Lacy Lee Hill of Midland, and Henretta Ratcliff of Houston; a brother, Andrew Brown; and a sister, Blanche Lenley.

John McCrary

John L. McCrary, 74, 1709 W. Ohio Ave., died Sunday in a Midland hospital.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church chapel with Dr. Robert Boynton Smith officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Charles McCrary and James B. King, both of Vernon; Dee McCrary of Houston; Louie Beam and Cameron Beam, both of Dallas; Tommy Beam of Amarillo; Neal Corney of Roswell, N.M.; and Allen S. Hitchcock of Midland.

tarily, the government would have started deportation proceedings against him immediately.

Obohhat was accused by the government of working for one month at King Richard's, a restaurant in Newport News. An alien cannot take a job without first getting permission from the INS.

At the hearing, Obohhat said he was waiting for his future wife's divorce to become final, according to INS inspector Robert Woytych. He asked if he could stay in the country a few days past the 15-day period if there were a delay in his wedding.

Page Blakemore

Page Blanton Blakemore, 92, died Monday at the home of a son, William B. Blakemore II of Midland.

Funeral services are pending. Burial will be at the Iron Mountain Ranch in Marathon.

Blakemore was born Aug. 19, 1888, in Kentucky. He was graduated in 1910 from the University of Kentucky as a mining engineer. He was married to Ethel Virginia Sights on March 17, 1918. She preceded him in death in 1967. He worked as a mining engineer and geologist until a few years before his death. During his lifetime he was involved in mining operations in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, New Mexico, Arizona, North Carolina and Texas. He served as an officer of the Corps of Engineers in France during World War I, was called to Washington in World War II to serve on the War Production Board, and called again during the Korean War to serve in Washington on the Defense Minerals Administration.

Other survivors include another son, Page P. Blakemore of Salt Lake City, Utah, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family requests that memorials be sent to St. Nicholas Episcopal Foundation of Midland or to a favorite charity.

Willie Flowers

ODESSA — Services for Willie Ralph Flowers, 75, of Odessa were Tuesday in Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home chapel here with burial in Odessa Cemetery.

He died Monday in an Odessa hospital.

Flowers was born in 1905 in Burkett and was married to Lilly Mae Morgan in Comanche County in 1922. He moved to Odessa in 1946 from Comanche.

Survivors include four daughters, Eva Shields of Santa Anna, Willie Mae Nodulski of Shelling, Calif., Peggy Blake of Midland and Francine McKamie of Dallas; three sons, Pearl Flowers of Odessa, Dalton Flowers of Gadston, Ala., and Warren Dale of Odessa; and 21 grandchildren.

'Gus' Koonce

Services for Charles A. "Gus" Koonce, 85, of rural Midland, were at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Doyle Land, P.L. Louder of Ozona, Grover Springer and Marvin Standefer, both of Lenora, Ken Peeler and J.D. Crawford.

Dr. Farr says U.S. system educates wider range than any other nation

By DAVID CAMPBELL Staff Writer

American public education is not such a bad kid after all, according to Dr. Roger Farr, past president of the International Reading Association.

Despite the negative publicity it has received from the media, Farr claims America's educational system has educated a wider range of people than any other nation.

"Children in the lower economic range are achieving more than any other nation," the reading specialist said. This is because Americans feel that everyone should be given a chance to progress as far as one wants to go.

Farr made these comments to a small but receptive audience Tuesday night in the San Jacinto Junior High School auditorium.

Most people today claim that students 30 years ago scored better on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests than their modern counterparts, he reported. However, Farr cited several studies that have proven the opposite because of some important differences.

The SAT is used by some educators as an indicator of success in public education.

During the late '30s and early '40s, only the better educated students were permitted to take the SAT, Farr explained. This class of people represented about the top 7 percent of America's students.

If one compares today's 7 percent of the best educated students, he said this student would beat out his 1940 counterpart.

Black students during the early '40s were not permitted to take the SAT, Farr said. But he pointed out that most black students are taking the test now and are definitely better educated.

However, the amazing statistic regarding today's student is that more students have obtained perfect scores on the SAT which is an indication of success for America's education system.

In 1940, less than half of the population completed high school whereas in 1970 more than 95 percent of the students have completed high school.

Another indicator Farr pointed to regarding the success of education in the U.S. is the number of American Nobel prize winners. American-educated individuals have won more than twice as many awards than have all the nations put together, he said.

The prominence of the United States in the world is due to the work of U.S. schools, he stated.

In the area of reading, Farr gave the few parents in the auditorium

some suggestions which would make their child a better reader before he attends school.

"First, parents should talk with their children instead of talking to them," he said. This means that parents need to ask their children about their feelings and try to understand them.

Another aid in teaching pre-school children to read is reading to them as soon as the child is able to speak. "If dads or moms read a lot to their kids, the kids would begin to mimic their parents," he said.

Re-reading stories, knowing the story is in the book, reading to pets,

toys or objects and relating phonetic sounds to other words are indicators that children are learning to read.

He stressed that reading comprehension is more important than learning the basic skills to read because reading without thinking is useless.

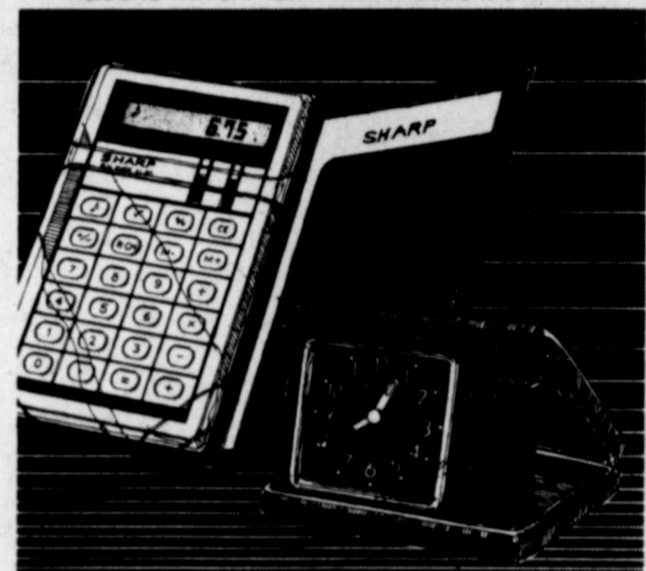
"Reading is one more avenue to a richer life," he said.

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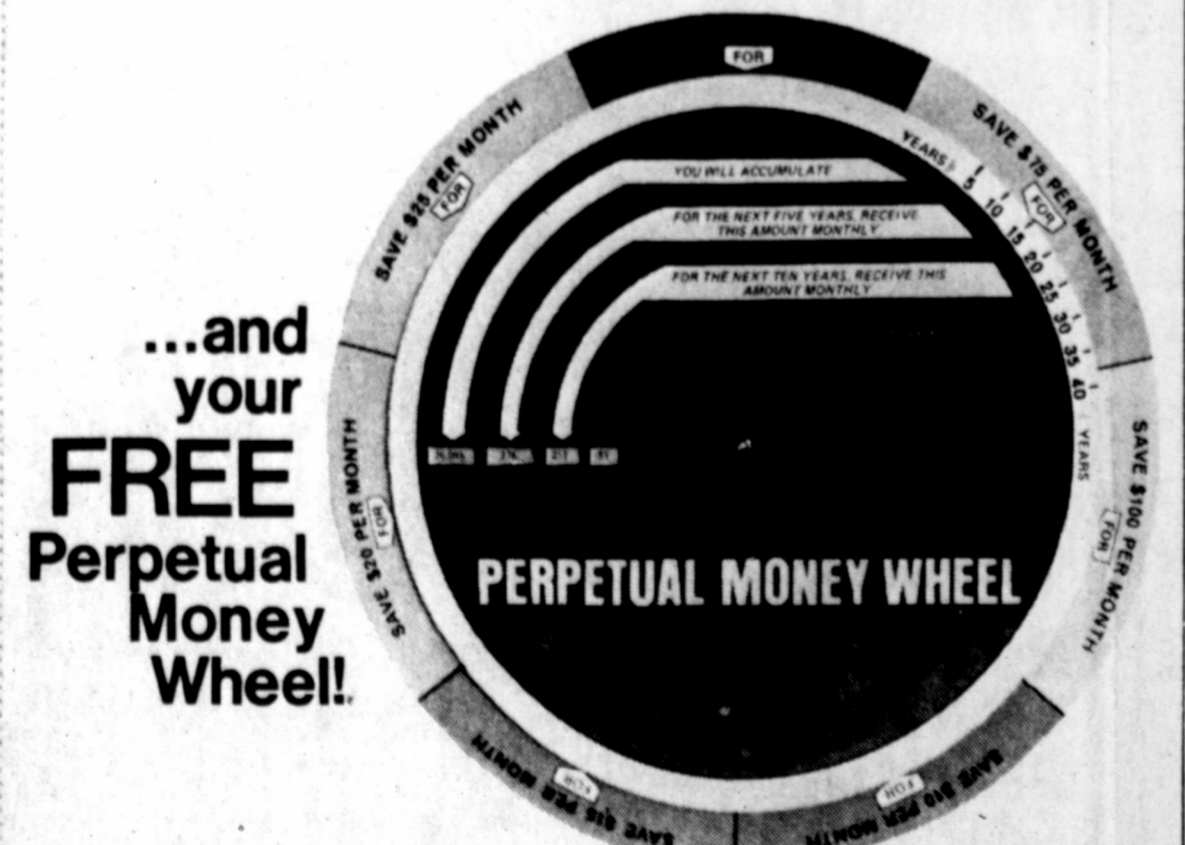
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Skid Row playground brings pleasure to kids

By ELIZABETH MEHREN
The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Good news travels fast in the children's underground.

When the Catholic Workers opened Skid Row's first playground next to the Hospitality Kitchen one recent morning, kids — boys and girls wearing hopeful expressions and heart-shaped name tags — were sizing up the swings, the slides and the sandpiles.

Only an hour later, their number had doubled. Nearly 40 4-to-8-year-olds were chasing each other through the lot that six weeks ago housed empty wooden boxes, painting on butcher paper pinned to the cyclone fence, stringing beads of colored macaroni pieces, and sitting down to a midmorning snack of fresh, juicy watermelon slices. Against the asphalt and the dingy brick walls, the squeals of children at play mixed with the usual sounds of Skid Row.

"IT'S KIND of obvious," said Monica Santos, one of the three Los Angeles grammar school teachers who volunteered to staff the playground for the summer, "that the kids went home and got their brothers and their sisters and their cousins and their friends..."

It was also obvious that the logic behind this latest brainchild of the Catholic Workers was being proved with every smile and every shriek of youthful glee: Give these kids a playground, and they'll play.

"We noticed about three years ago that more and more families were beginning to move into the Skid Row area," said Jeff Dietrich, manager of the Hospitality Kitchen and a 10-year veteran of Catholic Workers' projects in Skid Row. "We started working with them then, taking them on field trips, throwing ice cream parties for them, stuff like that."

WHAT THEY observed, working with children from infants to teenagers, "100 percent Mexican and mostly undocumented," Dietrich said, was that "these kids didn't have any place to go. If they weren't locked in their rooms or playing on their fire escapes, they were playing in the streets. The older ones were doing things like setting fires and beating up the winos." Dietrich sighed. "These kids are like all kids. They've just got all this energy — and no place to channel it."

Dietrich elaborated: "These kids were completely forgotten. Nobody thinks of families actually living on Skid Row. These people come up from Mexico, they work mostly in the garment industry, they move into a little 10-by-10 hotel room. They call it an apartamento. That means there's a stove and a refrigerator in the room. They can pack a lot of people in there." The Catholic Workers estimate, in fact, that at least 1,000 Mexican families are living in this area. "That's a lot of kids," Dietrich said.

WITH THE closest children's park, and the closest school, some two miles from the Skid Row area, Dietrich said the Catholic Workers were painfully aware of the need for recreational facilities for the growing number of children in that area. "But remember," he said, "these are not people who are eligible for any official services. And it was clear to us that there were no agencies that were going to make the transition" and do something.

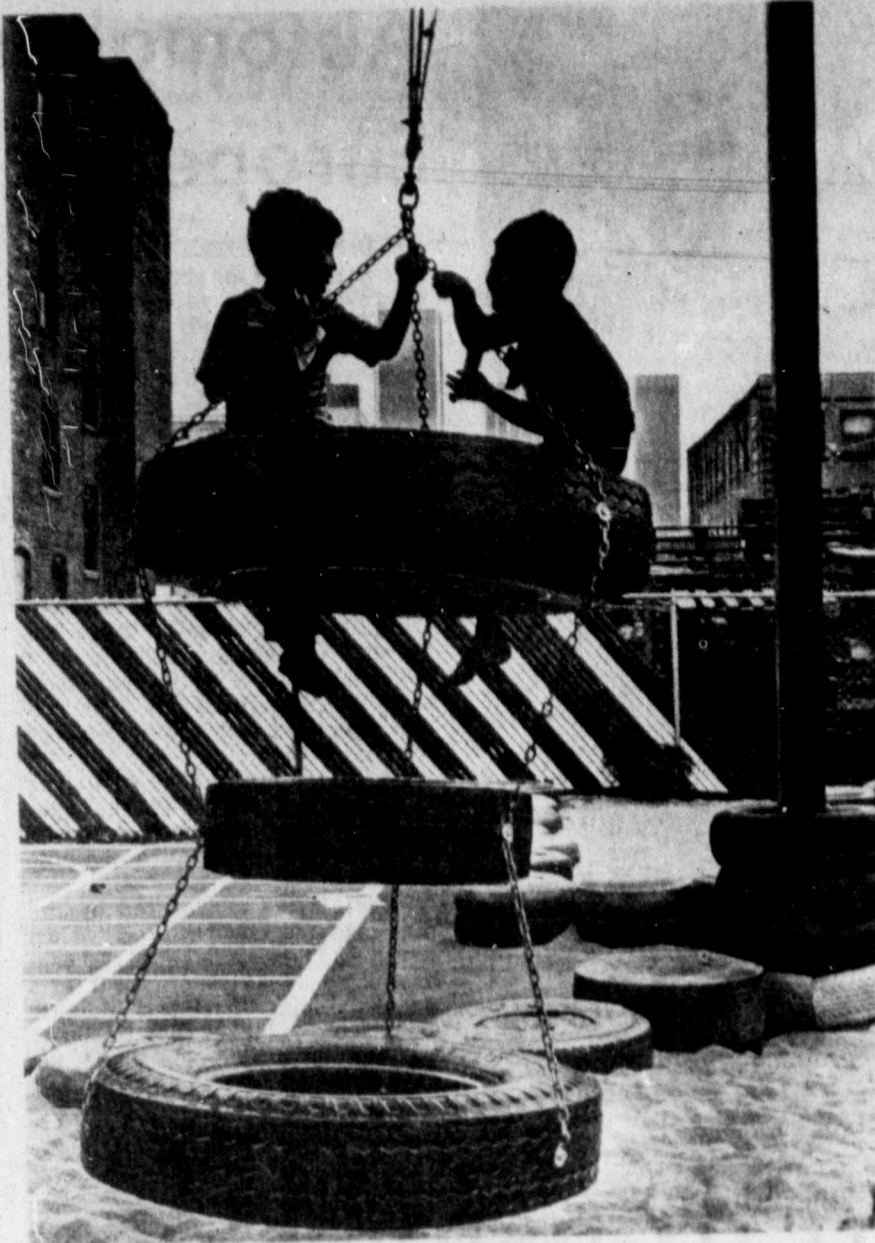
The Catholic Workers themselves decided to do something when the lot adjacent to their Hospitality Kitchen and Free Clinic suddenly became available for rent.

So when the 50 by 150-foot space became available for \$150 a month last November, Dietrich said, "We snatched it up." While Dietrich set about soliciting funds for the playground (mainly from local Catholic parishes), his Catholic Worker comrades sought a design for the park from the Southern California School of Architecture.

AND IT WAS Catholic Worker Greg Johnson, 24, who took over from there. "There were a lot of volunteers," Dietrich said, "but Greg has to take about 90 percent of the credit for building this thing." The entire project, Dietrich said, cost about \$6,000 — or one-tenth of an annual Catholic Workers' budget that includes running the free kitchen, the free clinic, an at-cost foodstore, two workers' houses and putting out a newspaper, the Agitator.

Pushing a triple-tiered tire swing laden with laughing preschoolers, Johnson explained that "our intent was to make a place that would be fun, safe and virtually indestructible." As for the fun part, Johnson said, "well, they've been climbing over the fence for weeks now." The safety was built into the design. "Andas for being indestructible, well, that remains to be seen."

Johnson paused for a moment, and suddenly found himself serving as a 6-foot-plus climbing structure. "Kids were meant to get out and run around," he said. "They need to develop their muscles. I think a place like this can only do them good."



Simple things like old tires were transformed into imaginative sand boxes and swings by Greg Johnson, a member of Catholic Workers, who took the lead in building a playground in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles. The total cost was only \$6,000. Families in the area had no place for their children to play previously. (Los Angeles Times Photo by Martha Hartnett)



DR. NEIL SOLOMON

Primary, secondary deficiencies defined

Dear Dr. Solomon: I often see people buying bags of "greens." What is meant by "greens" and how should they be prepared? —Ms. C.L.

Dear Ms. L.: "Greens" refers to green leaves and stems of plants, such as spinach. They differ from salad plants, which generally are eaten raw. Although greens, too, can be eaten raw if they are very tender. Usually, however, they are boiled first. Although greens lose some of their nutrients when cooked, they often are easier to digest than a raw salad.

In preparing greens, use as little water as possible and cook only long enough to make them tender. The liquid that remains contains nutrients and can be used as part of a sauce for the cooked greens.

Dear Dr. Solomon: What is the difference between a primary and secondary vitamin deficiency? —Hal.

Dear Hal: A vitamin deficiency is said to be primary when it results from an inadequate diet. It is secondary when it is caused by some external factor, despite an adequate dietary intake by the individual.

For example, a primary vitamin deficiency may be caused by poverty, which restricts the kinds of foods one may purchase, or adherence to a fad diet that does not provide essential nutrients. A secondary deficiency may result from decreased absorption or increased excretion of a vitamin, as occurs in the case of chronic

infection. Secondary deficiencies are more common than primary deficiencies in the United States and other affluent societies; primary deficiencies are more common in the developing areas of the world, as well as in some sections of the United States.

Dear Dr. Solomon: As a new mother with all the anxieties that role implies, I would like to become more knowledgeable about nutrition. I assume that vitamin requirements change as an infant grows and matures. Would strict adherence to the recommended daily allowances preclude a vitamin deficiency? —Mrs. H.L.

Dear Mrs. L.: As you suggest, the need for vitamins is greater during a period of growth, since they are needed to maintain existing tissue as well as to grow new tissue. However, the daily requirements for vitamins also may change in response to environmental factors.

For example, surgery can lead to excessive losses of vitamins, minerals, protein and other essential nutrients. Similarly, chronic infection may result in decreased absorption and increased excretion of a number of vitamins, while pregnancy and lactation increase the need for all vitamins and other essential nutrients.

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Automakers' slump: Western Europeans also feeling pinch

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Last spring it hit Detroit. Now the slump in automobile sales has Western European manufacturers deeply worried and layoffs are increasing. Like their U.S. counterparts, the Europeans are being hit by recession, inflation, high gasoline prices — and Japanese imports. But also of concern is what might be in store from Detroit. Here is a report.)

By ROBERT MCCARTNEY

ROME (AP) — The giant Mirafiori car production plant in Turin has closed this August vacation season for five weeks instead of the usual four. Many of its workers now fear that they may lose their jobs when they return.

The extended shutdown at the 38,500-worker plant reflects the growing troubles of its owner, Fiat, as well as of the entire West European auto industry.

"Certainly I'm worried by the rumors that we could be fired," said a 40-year-old Sicilian father of two children who operates one of Fiat's metal-stamping machines. Another employee who makes chassis said he was putting aside money "for the hard times ahead."

COMPANY MANAGERS through-

out Western Europe fear that a sales slump in most major markets in the first half of this year could deepen into an industry-wide recession similar to the one that hit Detroit in the spring.

"The market is very weak and we cannot keep up the high level of production that we planned for 1980," Hans Thoenqvist, an executive at Swedish manufacturer Saab-Scania, said in an interview.

Top auto firms in Britain, France and West Germany have laid off employees or trimmed working hours.

Fiat hasn't yet reached the plight of Chrysler, which needed a loan from the U.S. government to survive, but it is the largest private auto company in Europe facing major financial difficulties. It lost money on its car and truck operations last year and laid off two-thirds of its blue-collar workers for up to seven days in June and July. Vice Chairman Umberto Agnelli, whose family controls Fiat, says "massive" firings — the first in the company's history — will be necessary in the autumn.

THE PROBLEMS in Europe are almost exactly the same as the ones plaguing U.S. auto companies.

Consumers are shunning showrooms because of sharply higher gasoline prices and the eroding effect of inflation on the purchasing power of their wages and salaries, according to industry economists. Many potential buyers are waiting for new scaled-down models, which save on fuel.

In addition, an onslaught of Japanese imports has taken 10 percent of the West German market and a record 18 percent, despite quotas, in Britain. Italy and France also restrict purchases of Japanese cars.

Even without these factors, auto executives admit that it would have been hard to match last year's 10 percent gain in sales volume in Europe. But sales in the first six months of 1980 plummeted in Britain by 16 percent and in West Germany by 12 percent. Sales of new cars dropped 6.1 percent in France.

INVENTORIES OF unsold cars

also have soared. Fiat, which exports half its cars to other European countries, has more than 70,000 in parking lots. Peugeot of France announced layoffs and offered a 250-franc (\$65) bonus to any worker bringing in a customer. Adam Opel, the West German subsidiary of General Motors, introduced financial incentives leading 9,000 workers to retire early. BL of Britain, the former British Leyland, laid off 5,000 personnel.

The industry has placed much of the blame on Japan. The Japanese sold 600,000 cars in the European Common Market in 1979 and bought slightly under 40,000 from the nine member nations. They are anxious to penetrate Europe further and Nissan and Toyota are seeking permission to build plants in Italy and Spain.

The Japanese have benefited from improvements in their technology and productivity and what is generally admitted to be brilliant marketing. They design their models to suit European tastes and include elaborate accessories.

ECONOMISTS NOTE that Japan also has enjoyed a great advantage from the steady slide of the yen on foreign exchange markets, which reduces the cost of Japanese products for foreign consumers.

British union leaders have called for curbs on Japanese imports and several companies asked the Common Market to investigate. But some executives want to preserve an open market.

"We meet the stronger competition with innovations and investments," Opel General Manager James F. Waters says.

Many Europeans are also concerned about the threat of tough competition from U.S. companies.

GENERAL MOTORS is building plants in Austria and Spain and Ford is already well-entrenched in Europe. Both companies are designing "world cars," or single models using standardized parts produced all over the globe. That efficiency will be hard to match and could force a shakeout in Europe.

Fatalities traced to transmissions

By ILONA ROSS

NEW YORK (AP) — Mary D. Merenda parked her 1978 Mercury Monarch in front of her children's school, switched off the engine and removed the keys, leaving two of her four children in the car.

Five minutes later, nuns standing near classroom windows saw the car start rolling backwards. Five-year-old Marcie apparently tried to get out from the back seat, but her foot caught in the door and she was dragged about 20 yards, says her father, St. Louis, Mo., orthopedic surgeon Frank Merenda.

When the car crashed to a halt in a fence, Marcie was dead.

As a result of this and at least 97 other fatalities over the last decade allegedly traced to transmissions that shift from park to reverse under slight pressure, Ford Motor Co. may be facing the largest auto recall in U.S. history.

In June, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued preliminary findings that 16 million Ford cars and light trucks apparently have transmission defects. The potential recall covers all Fords sold after August 1972 and manufactured before October 1979 and equipped with one of the following types of automatic transmissions: C-3, C-4, C-6, FMX and JATCO.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it had received reports that defective Ford automatic transmissions had caused more than 6,000 accidents, 98 deaths and 1,710 injuries.

Most of the accidents involved runaway cars whose gears shifted from park to reverse after being left unattended, engines running. Ford claims the deaths were due to driver error, not design defect.

The automaker, which says the NHTSA figures are based "on faulty analysis and inaccurate and inadequate information," will rebut the charges at a public hearing beginning today in Washington before the agency decides whether to order a recall.

The agency said it had received more than 23,000 complaints from Ford product owners about incidents in which vehicles slipped from park to reverse. Its report says the frequency of transmission slippage is 90 per 1,000 Ford vehicles, compared with 2.2 per 1,000 General Motors vehicles, based on owner complaints.

However, Charles Gumushian, Ford government relations associate, says the statistics are biased against Ford due to adverse publicity and because some groups have solicited complaints from Ford owners.

The NHTSA also said investigators found one or two apparent design errors in several different Ford transmission designs.

The company modified its 1980 and 1981 transmissions. No complaints of slippage in these models have been reported.

Gumushian says the modifications "were not directly related to the investigation. 'They're very subtle,' he said. 'The average consumer couldn't tell the difference. They ensured positive engagement into the park gear — not that it wasn't there before.'

"It assured that the driver would not inadvertently put the gear in between park and reverse," he said, then added that "there is no guarantee" against driver error in positioning the gears.

Gumushian cites three driver errors that Ford says are responsible for slippage: failure to position

gears properly, failure to apply emergency brakes, and failure to turn off the engine.

He added that Ford includes three cautionary reminders in its instruction booklet, which he said many Ford owners fail to read.

Merenda, whose wife had turned off the engine but had failed to engage the emergency brake in the fatal 1979 accident, called in a specialist to test his Monarch, a Ford product.

"Three out of five times it went from park to reverse on a slight incline with the motor not even running," he said.

A recall would cost Ford, the nation's No. 2 automaker, several hundred million dollars. The record auto recall was in 1971 — 6.7 million GM cars to replace defective engine mounts.

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Carter's 'recovery' indicared

. . .but, politically, he isn't 'cured'

By WALTER R. MEARS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Right on schedule, the first symptoms of political recovery are showing on President Carter's chart — but he's not well yet.

Carter and his strategists had said all along that their poll ratings against Ronald Reagan would improve markedly once the Democratic National Convention renominated him.

Until then, it was a two-man show among Democrats, while Reagan had the Republican billing all to himself. Now Carter heads the Democratic ticket and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is supporting him, although it isn't yet clear how active he'll be in the campaign ahead.

The president has indeed narrowed the pollsters' gap, just as former President Gerald R. Ford did against Carter four years ago. Lopsided pre-convention margins for Carter in those polls proved illusory; once Ford had defeated Reagan and gained the GOP nomination, the race was a tight one.

An Associated Press survey showed a surge in Carter support immediately after the Democrats' convention week in New York City. The attention and television time a national convention draws will almost invariably boost the ratings of its candidates.

The new poll, completed on Saturday, shows Reagan the preferred candidate of 39 percent of likely voters questioned. Carter was chosen by 32 percent, Rep. John B. Anderson, the independent, by 13 percent. The rest were undecided or favored minor party candidates.

Ten days earlier, before the Democratic show, it was Reagan 47 percent, Carter 22 percent, Anderson 15 percent.

In both those surveys, the margin of error was 4

percentage points, meaning the candidates' actual support could be higher or lower by that margin.

Robert S. Strauss, Carter's campaign chairman, had said the president surely would gain ground once his contest with Kennedy was settled.

"I just know that we're picking up," Strauss said during the convention. "I'm a pretty good judge of this — I'm the complaint department, with damn little authority to make refunds."

Strauss, who spends much of his time with a telephone in his hand, said he was getting those readings from Democrats around the country as he sought to orchestrate harmony behind the Carter ticket.

The national surveys set benchmarks of popular sentiment. Except in runaway campaigns, they tend to get closer at election day nears.

But a presidential election is not a single, nationwide contest. It is 51 contests, for the electoral votes of each state and the District of Columbia. The question is not only how many votes, but where. A runaway in one state counts for no more than a narrow victory in another; winner takes all the electoral votes.

And Democrats from states like Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, even some Deep South states, left New York nervous, or pessimistic, about Carter's standing with their voters. The president can't afford to lose states like those.

He won them all last time to gain 297 electoral votes, and the White House, while Ford was sweeping the West, Reagan looks solid in the West, too, and his people talk of carving into Carter's Southern home base.

The national polls will become more solid benchmarks of strength once the general election campaign is under way in earnest, and the impact of the national conventions is forgotten. And the surveys that assess the chances of the candidates state-by-state will be an even handier guide in the weeks ahead.

Strauss says the polls will show a dead even race weeks before the election. And Carter insists he'll win the one that counts, on Nov. 4.

The new AP survey, and others to come before Labor Day, may spell serious trouble for Anderson. The League of Women Voters had said it will invite candidates who are gaining at least 15 percent in the national polls, and are competing for enough electoral votes to win, to participate in the first of the presidential campaign debates next month.

Anderson wants in, badly. He said it will be "a damaging blow" to his campaign if he cannot confront Carter and Reagan in debate. And the first of the three debates is crucial to the independent. If he's on the platform in Baltimore, the likelihood is that his poll ratings will exceed the 15 percent level in later surveys, keeping him in the debate lineup.

The AP poll shows him 2 points short of the target. He doesn't have a national convention to boost his standing. So his campaign is launching a television advertising campaign, and he'll be naming a vice presidential running mate in the next week or so.



Louisiana Gov. Dave Treen examines large discs of copper, recovered along with \$35,000 worth of gold and other artifacts from the wreck of a Spanish treasure ship snagged by a shrimp trawl in the mud off the Louisiana coast. (AP Laserphoto)

An Analysis

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Clues still puzzling

By SANDRA BALMER

CHICAGO (AP) — Expensive racehorses that never earned their keep and some poorly forged checks are among the clues perplexing investigators assigned to solve the \$21 million puzzle of why heiress Helen Vorhees Brach vanished.

Mrs. Brach's attorney, John Menk, says the three-year-old trail is "as cold as yesterday's pancakes," but her brother believes there's still hope of finding out what happened and wants a judge to hire a private investigator to look for her.

Unless the mystery is solved, her estate, estimated at \$21 million, will remain in limbo for four more years. Under state law, missing people are not declared legally dead until seven years after their disappearances and their estates cannot be distributed until then.

Mrs. Brach, who is 62 if she is still alive, was a Miami Beach club hostess when she married Frank Brach of the Brach Candy Co. He died in 1970 at the age of 80, and she lived quietly afterward on a seven-acre estate in Glenview, north of Chicago.

On Feb. 17, 1977, Mrs. Brach left the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where she had a routine check-up and bought a few trifles at a specialty shop. A clerk at the store is the last person who remembers seeing her, other than her long-time houseman, John Matlick.

Matlick said she caught a flight back to Chicago that day and he picked her up at the airport. He said she stayed at home for the next four days and then he drove her to the airport for a trip to Florida. He said that was the last time he saw her.

Police said Mrs. Brach had no reservation on a Florida-bound plane that day and never boarded one.

Matlick cashed seven checks worth \$15,000 written on Mrs. Brach's account on Feb. 17 and 18. He said they were compensation for household expenses. Police said the checks were forged and the signature didn't even resemble Mrs. Brach's. No charges were filed.

Matlick later cited his Fifth Amendment right not to incriminate himself in refusing to answer questions about the incident.

Police investigators said they also examined ties between Mrs. Brach and two horsemen, Richard Bailey and his brother, Paul Bailey. Mrs. Brach dated Richard, and Paul sold her \$300,000 worth of racehorses that lost about \$120,000 in their first year of running.

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Niekro gets win in relief role

By The Associated Press

At the age of 41, Phil Niekro has learned to expect just about anything when he comes to the ballpark.

So after Atlanta used four other pitchers, Niekro wasn't shocked when Braves Manager Bobby Cox waved him in from the bullpen in the 11th inning against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday night.

"I always come to the park ready to pitch," said Niekro, who set the Cubs down on one hit in the top of the 11th and then got the victory when Glenn Hubbard doubled home the winning run in the bottom half of the inning as the Braves beat the Cubs 5-4.

"I broke in as a relief pitcher, so it's nothing new to me," said Niekro, 10-14, who has appeared in 30 games this season and started 28 of them. But his two relief stints have been productive ones — the victory over the Cubs and a save earlier this season.

In other National League games, the Houston Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2, the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the San Diego Padres 7-4, the Los Angeles Dodgers edged the Montreal Expos 3-2, the Cincinnati Reds trimmed the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 and the San Francisco Giants nipped the New York Mets 5-4.

The win was Atlanta's ninth in the last 12 games, and it was the third time Hubbard had delivered the decisive hit.

"The other two times he did it with home runs," said Cox. "He's helped us tremendously, both with his bat and with his glove."

Bob Horner opened the 11th with a single and gave way to pinch runner Luis Gomez. Chris Chambliss bunted Gomez to second and then Hubbard came through with his game-winning hit.

Astros 5, Pirates 2

Art Howe and Cesar Cedeno drove in two runs apiece as the Astros won their fifth in a row to remain one game ahead of Cincinnati and two ahead of Los Angeles in the N.L. West. Despite the loss, Pittsburgh remained two games in front of Montreal and 2½ ahead of Philadelphia in the East.

Astros starter Nolan Ryan struck out seven in 7-2/3 innings to even his record at 8-8. Joe Sambito finished up for his 12th save.

Ryan, who signed as a free agent for approximately \$1 million a year last winter, has been under fire for not living up to his reputation, criticism he feels is unfair.

"I don't think I've pitched that badly," he said. "I've kept us in most of the games I've pitched. Tonight I had to rely somewhat on the fastball, but nobody pitches very long in the major leagues with just one pitch."

Ryan's seven strikeout gave him 142 for the season, second in the league behind Steve Carlton's 211.

Kentucky team young

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — If a few good freshmen can be found, reports that Kentucky's football team has no depth will have been greatly exaggerated, says sophomore defensive lineman Kevin Kearns.

"We've got a young team and, if we can just stay healthy, maybe get some of these freshmen coming in to help us out, I think we'll have that much problem," Kearns said.

"We're going to have, I think, one of the strongest defensive lines in the country. Our defensive backs are going to be tough. We'll be young in linebackers, but I think we'll be all right."

Injuries, aches and pains took their toll last season as the young Wildcats finished 5-6.

Of Kearns' cohorts on the defensive line, Tim Good, Chuck Jones and Al-Gouthier Conference noseguard Richard Jaffe nursed assorted injuries. Heralded freshman Richard Abraham suffered a collapsed lung in preseason drills and logged just 34 plays for the year.

"We didn't have nobody" when the injuries struck, Kearns said.

Bruce says Buckeyes loaded

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Earle Bruce is hoping the football experts are as right about his Ohio State team this year as they were wrong last season.

The Buckeyes were picked to finish fourth last season in the Big Ten Conference in a preseason poll of writers and broadcasters. But they proceeded to go undefeated in the regular season and win the conference title in Bruce's first year as successor to 28-year veteran Woody Hayes.

Now many of those same media members are saying the Buckeyes can win the national title this season, and Bruce said at a press review Tuesday that he won't argue with their assessment.

According to Bruce, one difference between the two seasons is that the no-name players of last year have become big names. The pressure that comes with his job didn't bother him, he said.

"Pressure?" he asked. "I can take it. It comes from yourself."

Phillies 7, Padres 4

Philadelphia won its sixth in a row and eighth in the last nine games to pull closer to Pittsburgh.

Manny Trillo tied the game 4-4 with a fifth-inning homer, then Garry Maddox and Larry Bowa produced the go-ahead run with consecutive doubles.

Dodgers 3, Expos 2

Los Angeles got its winning run in the ninth inning when Steve Yeager led off with a single, moved to second on a single by Derrell Thomas and scored when Davey Lopes singled past the outstretched glove of shortstop Chris Speier.

"The pressure situation is already there," said Lopes. "You don't have to wait until September, because if

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Long-distance pigeon racing is national sport in Belgium

By **ROBERT WIELAARD**
Associated Press Writer
BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Belgium has about 10 million people and 6 million to 8 million pigeons — 106,000 of which are officially registered as active racers. Where others bet on horses, Belgians bet on pigeons.

"This country truly is the cradle of pigeon racing," said Andre Vancoppenolle, head of the Royal Belgian Pigeon Amateurs Federation.

A pigeon race is a contest against the clock that exploits the uncanny ability of carrier or homing pigeons to fly hundreds of miles and find their way home.

At one recent race, 25,000 Belgian pigeons were released near Orleans in neighboring France and returned to their coops 250 miles to the north in a matter of hours. The winning bird clocked an average speed of 58.5 miles per hour.

"That's a pretty average speed for a race of this distance," said Vancoppenolle, who owns 120 pigeons himself. "Some birds are known to have reached speeds of up to 120 kilometers (75 miles) per hour."

The racing season runs from April to September. Pigeon racing is known in various European nations but in Belgium the sport is big enough for

the state radio network to run hourly newscasts every weekend — when most races are held — about weather conditions and release times at far-away starting points.

Typically, the pigeons are loaded into special baskets on Thursdays or Fridays and transported away for weekend races that can start in southern France or even Spain.

Each bird has a special ring on one of its legs bearing a number. The rings are slipped into sealed timing boxes by the owners as soon as the pigeons arrive home. Race officials later open the boxes to check the time each bird punched in.

Owners may enter as many birds as they want.

"In any given race I may fly as many as 50 pigeons," said Vancoppenolle in an interview.

Pigeons have a lifespan of about 20 years but racers are retired when they reach 10 or so.

As in other sports, the history of pigeon racing has its success stories. In 1977, for instance, one pigeon was sold for the equivalent of almost \$27,000 at a Brussels sale.

"This was, of course, an exceptional price," said Vancoppenolle, "and the bird is used for breeding only."

The more normal price for a good

breeding pigeon is \$1,000 to \$1,330.

Pigeon racing is a growing sport both here and abroad. "In Belgium people are betting on the sport and it is not unusual to see a bet of, say, 10,000 francs (\$333) on a particular bird," Vancoppenolle said. Last year, more than 20,000 homing pigeons were exported from Belgium for breeding purposes, including 565 to the United States.

Homing pigeons have a history few other birds can match.

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Brutus used pigeons in 40 B.C. dur-

ing the siege of Madeira as did Wellington in 1815 at Waterloo. U.S. forces used them to relay messages in both world wars and even decorated one of them for saving American lives.

In the center of Brussels stands a little-noticed statue of a semi-nude woman draped in classical Greek garb holding a pigeon in an outstretched hand. The monument is a sort of memorial to the Unknown Pigeon that commemorates the contribution of carrier pigeons in the defense of Belgium during the two world wars.

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Bankers look for reasons not to lend in tough times

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Executives of small companies, family concerns and other closely-held business operations know that when times get tough and money gets tight, bankers look for reasons not to lend them money.

That list can be long, inclusive and even inventive, because if a bank doesn't want to lend it simply doesn't. It is hard to turn down General Motors; it is quite easy to deny funds to Smith's Machine Shop.

Still, says Sy Jones, it pays for a smaller company to know and avoid the red flags. And so he compiled a list for clients of his company, Coopers & Lybrand, the big accounting firm.

1. Large growth in sales volume with little, if any, bottomline growth. "The typical entrepreneur is market oriented," says Jones, who heads the firm's Emerging Business Services Group. "Only infrequently is he a financial person."

Because of the entrepreneur's peculiar mental set, said Jones, "he tends to seek bigger and bigger sales, hoping that the bottom line also will rise. He often gets caught in a liquidity squeeze."

2. Inventory expanding at a faster pace than sales.

Small businesses often are run by venturers who accept risks that larger companies would avoid, says Jones. Some think the worst thing possible is to lose a sale because an item wasn't in stock.

The result: As business declines, inventories swell. Says Jones: "Inventory is the most difficult asset to manage, and among the most difficult to audit." Needless big inventories are flapping flags.

3. Accounting controls not considered very important by management; control that are in place appear to have a high potential for management override.

Too often, says Jones, smaller businesses are run by people who rely on gut feelings. It's dangerous, he says. They should have automatic, built-in warning systems. Lenders feel more confident with them.

4. Hanging on to an outdated inventory with the forlorn hope of selling it some day.

5. Lack of inventory records. "Without these records or a physical inventory, the owner, at best, can only estimate what is on hand and its value," says Jones. "Some don't

know how they're doing until the end of the year."

6. Poor inventory turnover. "In addition to items going stale, the carrying charges can be staggering at today's interest costs," says Jones. More companies are using computers, he concedes, but for billing rather than inventory.

7. Company is highly leveraged, thinly capitalized. Unfortunately, this is sometimes a necessary condition when a venture is starting up. However, to the lender it is a hurricane flag if the leveraging isn't accompanied by a healthy stream of profits.

8. Viability of company rests on one person or a small group. The situation is common, says Jones, in companies that have grown very fast in a short time, without a chance for developing and training middle managers.

9. Lack of management tools needed to analyze sales by customer, product, product line and plant profitability. Management style apt to be informal.

"When a company has reached a certain size the owner is surprised that systems and procedures that have been serving him adequately have lost their effectiveness," says Jones. It makes lenders wary.

10. Management not always open in discussing matters with its bank or in making the most effective use of its auditors or other advisers.

A very bad sign, says Jones, "goes with its professionals," meaning that it discusses and listens to accountants, bankers and others who possess special knowledge.

"If you come to a bank in advance of problems you often can work them out," he says. But if you wait until a crisis has developed you can hurt yourself and the banker too. It puts him on the spot, says Jones.

11. No monthly or quarterly financial statements; annual reports not available until several months after year-end.

"Timely financials of one kind or another are among the first things lenders look for, initially and on a continuing basis," he says. "Without statements, it is very hard to get money."

To which you might add another observation, one that can be verified by small-business people: Statements or not, in times like these it is often hard to get money — unless your company doesn't need it.

Purolator driver, guard to get lie detector tests

KILLINGLY, Conn. (AP) — Two armored van guards who were held up while taking a lunch break will be given lie detector tests as authorities investigate the armed robbery of \$486,000 in gold compounds and cash, officials say.

The Purolator Security Inc. driver and guard told investigators they were ambushed Tuesday by three hooded, armed bandits on a side road about one mile from the Rhode Island state line, according to officials.

Stolen was a shipment of \$450,000 worth of gold salts and \$36,400 in cash. The shipment was being moved from Cranston, R.I., to Carlisle, Pa., although the truck's initial destination was Hartford.

The gold was in the form of a poisonous mixture of gold and cyanide salts, weighing 200 to 300 pounds. The compound, which is used for industrial gold plating, can be lethal within minutes if inhaled, according to health experts.

Police declined to identify the owner of the shipment, saying security would be compromised.

Guard Edward Slegeski was in the locked van and driver Arthur Stewart

was outside when the three robbers surprised them at about 11:30 a.m., police said.

Slegeski, 29, said two of the robbers carried shotguns while the third had a pistol. The security workers each carried pistols but no shots were fired, state police Lt. John Henry Bourgeois said.

Slegeski said the bandits used handcuffs to manacle him and Stewart to the inside of the truck while they transferred the boxes of gold salts and coin sacks into two cars.

After suffering a shoulder injury in a struggle with the robbers, Slegeski freed himself with a key and drove to the Danielson barracks, said state police Sgt. Jack Burke. Slegeski said the key was left over from his former job as a police officer and fit the type of handcuffs used by the robbers.

Bourgeois said police were trying to learn whether the thieves knew the route of the armored van or waited for it in the area of the robbery, on Bear Hill Road near Route 101.

Area residents said Purolator trucks regularly stop for lunch there.

Competitor says Perot's Medicaid visits illegal

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — H. Ross Perot's one-on-one visits with the three State Board of Human Resources members about a \$400 million-a-year Medicaid contract were illegal, the chairman of a competing firm says.

And the board was, perhaps, un-Texan in reconsidering — at Perot's request — its decision to give the contract to Bradford National Corp., said Bradford chairman Peter Del Col.

"I thought a Texan's word was his bond," Del Col, of New York City, told a news conference Thursday.

The board voted July 15 to give Bradford the contract, replacing Perot's National Heritage Insurance Corp. But after Perot's visits, the board reopened the matter on July 29 and said it would make a final decision on Aug. 25.

Del Col said he had hired Austin lawyers and would sue if the board gives Perot's firm the contract to operate Medicaid for 700,000 Texas welfare recipients. He said Bradford stands to lose \$5 million to \$10 million in profits if it loses the contract.

In a long memorandum filed with the board, he said Perot's private talks with each board member violated provisions of the Texas Administrative Procedure Act.

Del Col said "any change in the board's position would necessarily appear to be grounded in these (one-

on-one) communications."

The board's public decision to reopen the contract issue followed a closed-door meeting with Morton Meyerson, president of the Perot company. Del Col suggested this also was illegal.

"Although an executive session may be convened to discuss matters properly handled in private, (Meyerson's) communications may have addressed matters not properly presented in an executive session. This would constitute a violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act," Del Col's memorandum said.

The board's original decision to give the contract to Bradford was based on findings of staff members and consultants that Bradford would save the state \$20 million to \$60 million over four years.

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Carter scoffs at talk about 'uphill battle'

By WALTER R. MEARS

NEW YORK (AP) — For the Democrats, it seemed, all roads from Manhattan led uphill.

That's the way the route ahead of President Carter looked to his supporters and to Democrats still skeptical about the ticket they sent into the campaign against Ronald Reagan and independent John B. Anderson.

"An uphill battle," Gov. Hugh Carey of New York called it. Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California said much the same thing.

But Carter scoffed at the polls that showed him lagging far behind Reagan, and had the record with him when he added: "I have always been underestimated as a candidate."

AT TIMES, that has worked to his advantage. It certainly did when he began, almost unnoticed, the campaign that carried him to his first nomination, at the same Madison Square Garden convention hall in which he was renominated. By the time rival Democrats started to take him seriously, Carter had that campaign just about won.

But as the 1976 Democratic nominee, he had an advantage he doesn't have now: he was the fresh face, the

seption in the ranks.

FOR ALL THAT, Carter and his people clearly figure that Reagan is the best thing they have going for them. Carter's climactic address to the convention on Thursday night was one designed to raise doubts about Reagan, to depict him as a radical and to suggest that he'd be a risky man to entrust with foreign and defense policy in a nuclear age.

On Friday, he spelled out the strategy even more clearly, saying that "there never has been a sharper distinction" between candidates with the possible exception of the 1964 election, in which President Lyndon B. Johnson trounced Sen. Barry Goldwater.

The Johnson Democrats spent much of their campaign trying to paint Goldwater into a right-wing corner, calling him radical, reckless and dangerous. Carter hasn't gone that far yet. But he's just getting started.

But Goldwater was a careless candidate, whose offhand comments often armed his opponents. Reagan is a cautious one, despite some misstatements and mistakes during his primary campaign. Since he leads comfortably in the polls, his strategists will try to play it safe.

"I NEVER HAVE worried too much about the polls," said Carter. His campaign chairman, Robert S. Strauss, said they are bound to turn up now that the president has been renominated. That's been the case in the past.

Strauss said the polls will show Carter and Reagan running even by mid-October.

But even allies who dutifully forecast a Carter victory warn of a tough campaign.

Brown, for example, while endorsing the ticket and saying he'd campaign for it, added that Carter must show "an aura of competence" in the contest ahead. That suggests something missing in the past four years.

Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas took the convention platform on losing night with some blunt words:

"THOSE WHO are alienated from us ... want to know why, if they do vote, they should return a president who has led at a time of inflation and unemployment."

He said Carter should answer that the economy has been deteriorating for a decade, and that Republicans would make it worse. The decade includes four years of Carter, making the case for the defense a bit more difficult.

"It's going to be tough," said Sen. Robert Morgan of North Carolina. "But it's not going to be impossible."

Those appraisals were typical as the Democrats broke camp in New York. But, as Carter said, he's gone uphill before.

An analysis

outsider, the candidate come to challenge the Washington establishment. Now he and his people are the Washington establishment.

In that campaign, he was for change. Now he has a four-year record to defend, and it is a troubled one. Economic woes persist, the American hostages are still captive in Iran — and Carter's brief expression of concern at their plight was the only mention of that situation during the four days of the Democratic National Convention.

The uproar over brother Billy Carter and his lucrative links with the government of Libya subsided at convention time. Billy stayed away. But it will surface again this week as a special Senate panel opens public hearings, featuring Billy's own testimony.

Carter claimed that the national convention adjourned in unity and achievement which "guarantees that we have turned the corner." But its sendoff to the renominated ticket was lukewarm by comparison with those of conventions past.

Convention cheers are no gauge of election odds. But a candidate whose people have to work at stirring ovations among conventioners who normally like to whoop it up is a candidate with a job ahead of him. Carter has the promised support of the party hierarchy, including Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, but there still is some dis-

Greece has fewer tourists who are spending much elss

By GILLIAN WHITTAKER

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Although Greece has enjoyed its perennial fine summer weather, fewer tourists enjoyed soaking up the sun.

Industry spokesmen report bookings were down even for the high season, and said this year's visitors were more economy-minded than ever.

Official figures for the first four months of 1980, based on the number of arrivals in Greece, showed an 11.2 percent decrease, and hotel owners say the overall seasonal figure will show an even further drop.

A total of 858,124 tourists arrived here in the January-April period this year against 954,233 in the same period in 1979.

Nondas Solaunias, president of the Greek Federation of Hotel Owners, estimated that the decrease in tourists could reach 15 percent by the end of the year. He added, however, that higher prices should keep the industry's income at around the same level as in 1979, when it earned \$1.6 billion, Greece's leading source of foreign exchange.

Solaunias attributed the drop in tourists to a general decline in world travel this year. Americans for many years have headed the list of foreign tourists visiting this country, but their number also dropped considerably.

According to tour agencies dealing exclusively with the U.S. market, the number of Americans is down this year by about 35 percent. One of the reasons cited is the unease generated by the events in Iran and Afghanistan, which apparently has caused many to think twice about vacationing abroad.

Don Gilliland, a manager for the luxury American tour company Maupintours, said nearly half the firm's tours in Greece had been canceled. "But at least at this deluxe level of the industry we are suffering much less than other tour operators. I can't complain; I'm working."

Gilliland said tourists were also

spending noticeably less on extras such as side tours and souvenir buying. "We find that people will still take a trip, but instead of the more luxurious, relaxed, two-day tour, will try to cram everything into one day," he said.

The figures for Greece's tourist income over the January-April period of 1980 show an increase of 19 percent over the same period last year, from \$249 million to \$307 million. However, with a year-to-year inflation rate that reached almost 25 percent in April, the earnings are down on the real level of the 1979 figures.

Solaunias, also president of the Hoteliers Federation of Rhodes, said that, despite the overall drop, that south Aegean island had chalked up a 10 percent increase in tourists in the first four months of the year in comparison to the same period in 1979.

He attributed this to the fact that Rhodes hotel owners did not increase their prices to the maximum level permitted by the National Tourist Organization, thus being in a position to offer cheaper packages than other resorts.

Spy resigns from academy

LONDON (AP) — Self-confessed spy Anthony Blunt has resigned from the British Academy after four leading members quit in protest over his continued presence in the nation's top academic institution for the arts.

In a statement published Monday, Blunt, 73, an eminent art historian and former art adviser to Queen Elizabeth II, declared: "Resignation seemed the only way by which I could lessen the dissension which my continued membership has caused."

The move is the latest mark of public disgrace for Blunt, who was stripped of his knighthood last November after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told the House of Commons he spied for the Soviet Union during World War II.



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