

Budget 'Overwhelmingly' Endorsed

Reagan Hinting Of Compromise

By CLIFF HAAS

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, savoring a "resounding victory" in his first big budget battle in the House, now is hinting at compromise on the massive tax cuts he has pledged to deliver to the American people.

The \$688.8 billion budget blueprint for fiscal 1982, matching Reagan's call for deep spending and tax cuts, was endorsed overwhelmingly by the House on Thursday, with scores of Democrats defecting to join a unanimous Republican minority.

On two votes, the margins were 253-176 and 170-154 for the Reagan-backed plan crafted by Reps. Phil Gramm, D-Texas, and Delbert L. Latta, R-Ohio.

Those far outstripped the 51-seat majority that Democratic leaders had hoped would be their check on what GOP leader Robert Michel of Illinois trumpeted as a change of course for American government. And they left some of the president's opponents and supporters doubting that his less popular proposal for a three-year, 30 percent tax cut could be stopped.

Reagan, however, seemed to be relaxing his vow not to compromise on taxes.

"I happen to believe that what we have proposed is an integral part of the program and strive for all of that," he said when asked about a tax compromise, hours after the House vote as he prepared to

welcome Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki to a formal White House dinner.

"But I don't know what other proposals might be made, just as Gramm-Latta came forth with a proposal with regard to the budget that, uh, even suggested more cuts," Reagan added.

House Budget Committee Chairman James R. Jones, D-Okla., whose budget proposal was scuttled in favor of the Reagan-backed plan, said after the vote that if president gives his tax-cutting recommendation "the same attention" as the budget plan, "I believe it will carry."

Reagan hailed his victory — just the first step on the congressional budget path — as a "historic moment of commitment to a government that can both serve the people and live within its means."

The next step is in the Senate, which is considering a \$699.1 billion budget resolution that differs little from the measure endorsed by the House. The Senate's Republican majority was almost certain to deliver on its proposal — also embraced by Reagan — perhaps by Monday.

In initial action Thursday, the Senate soundly rejected moves to strip \$100 million earmarked for legal aid for the poor and to add \$100 million for the Veterans Administration.

The tide in the House had been shifting Reagan's way for the past two weeks, but

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Fem Bikers

Career women such as these will get the chance to show their mettle Saturday by riding in the American Cancer Society's Annual Bike-A-Thon. Joining the ride this year will be (from left) Betty Pickens, Pauline

Howard, Lola Faye Veazey, Earlene Cook, and Laverne Kimbell. The Bike-A-Thon is open to all ages, and will get underway Saturday at 9 a.m. Saturday at Sugarland Mall. (BRAND PHOTO).

Bike-A-Thon Saturday

The Deaf Smith County unit of the American Cancer Society will hold its annual Bike-A-Thon beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. The actual ride will begin at 9 a.m., commencing from the Sugarland Mall parking lot. The Bike-A-Thon will follow the same route it has for the past several years, winding through the Northwest section of town.

The Hereford Police Department will provide an escort vehicle for the annual event as it has done for the past several years as well. Police sergeant Vernon Hope will guide the bikers along the route.

According to Naomi Schroeter, chairman of the event, prizes will be given away at the rest stops along the route.

Despite High Interest Rates

Economy Shows Improvement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite renewed surges in interest rates, the economy shows signs of improvement, with receding inflation predicted for the rest of the year.

The current worldwide glut of oil has slowed energy price inflation, while spiraling housing prices have tapered off because of high mortgage rates, and several economists say the price trends are expected to continue throughout 1981.

As a result, some forecasters predict inflation will run below a 10 percent annual rate for the rest of the year, perhaps as low as 8 percent.

Consumer prices rose 12.4 percent last year, with energy and housing price rises leading the way.

The latest inflation pulse was to be taken today with the government's release of its report on wholesale price rises during April.

The government also planned to release its report on the nation's unemployment rate during April. The jobless rate stood at 7.3 percent of the workforce in March and has shown little change since jumping from 6.3 percent to 7.6 percent during the spring of 1980.

Economist Donald Ratajczak at Georgia State University, which issues its own price report each month, estimated that prices at the wholesale level rose at only a 7.5 percent annual rate during April, less than half the increase recorded for March.

Ratajczak said a long-

expected surge in food prices still has not developed, while energy inflation is rapidly receding. In general, he concludes, "inflationary pressures definitely are moderating."

Inflation at the wholesale level rose at a 16.2 percent annual rate in March — the steepest increase in eight months — because of sharp

jumps in energy costs and a new rise in food prices.

The wholesale report — which the government refers to as the Producer Price Index — (See ECONOMY, Page 2)

Reagan, Suzuki Pledge To Boost Cooperation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, asking visiting Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki to work with him so "we do not exhaust ourselves," is acknowledging that the United States and Japan have become competitors as well as partners.

The two leaders promised

increased cooperation Thursday as they began two days of talks designed to help them get to know each other while forming a foundation for future efforts to resolve policy differences on trade, defense and foreign relations.

The president, looking fit and carefully groomed less

Clements Proposes Prison Tent Cities

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tent cities inside present state prison units and a new conditional parole system will be used to ease overcrowding in the Texas Department of Corrections, Gov. Bill Clements said Thursday.

National Guardsmen stretched a squad-sized tent on the Capitol lawn later as a preview of the prisoners' new homes.

"If tents are good enough for our Army, four our Marines and our National Guard, they're good enough for our prisoners," Clements

told a news conference. Clements said the tents are part of a two-pronged effort to answer a federal court's finding that Texas prisons are so overcrowded that 3,000 inmates sleep on the floor.

He said the plan resulted from a series of conferences that involved state prison officials, the Board of Pardons and Paroles, LL Gov. Bill Hobby, Speaker Bill Clayton, and Attorney General Mark White.

Clements said the two steps would include:

— Amend a Senate

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Conservatives Aid Reagan Win

By CHARLES RICHARDS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The voting began at 4:30 p.m., and the big cheer went up six minutes later when the 218th "aye" vote went up on the electronic scoreboard in the U.S. House of Representatives chamber.

President Reagan — with the help of a coalition of conservative Democrats — had won his first major legislative battle.

But Thursday's 253-176 victory on the president's blueprint for economic recovery was also a major triumph for the Conservative Democratic Forum, a band of 47 Democrats, mostly from the South, established only months ago.

"It surprised me, the final margin," said Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, the president of the group that delivered 38 votes to the solid bloc of 190 Republicans — a swing more than enough to overcome the Democrats' 51-vote edge in the House.

The swing of 38 votes by the conservative Democrats was about what Stenholm and many of his associates were predicting, but they were pleased to see 25 other Democrats go with them.

"I think it was a significant vote in that we did change the fiscal direction of the government," added Stenholm, a cotton farmer who came to Congress in 1979.

"But this was the easiest vote we'll have," he said,

referring to the battles ahead in earmarking appropriated funds to the programs recommended by the president. "It was just the beginning, but it was a good beginning."

Texas played a significant part in the vote. Of the 63 Democrats nationwide who voted for the bipartisan Gramm-Latta bill endorsed by Reagan, nine were from Texas, including all eight of the state's CDF members.

Rep. Phil Gramm, D-College Station, was swarmed by newsmen and cameramen from all three networks after the bill he co-sponsored ran up its 77-vote margin.

The Democratic leadership, including Majority Leader Jim Wright of Fort Worth, had tried to persuade Democrats to support its budget package, which Wright said gave Reagan 75 percent of what he asked in the way of spending cuts.

The Gramm-Latta bill, which is similar to the Senate version, differed from the Democratic leadership bill in its severe cuts to social programs, including elimination of several of them.

Repeatedly, Democrats rose during six days of floor debate to condemn the administration proposal as one which benefits the rich at the expense of the poor.

"Time and again we've heard this depicted as detrimental to the poor and the elderly, but surely with

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McDermitt Opry Set Saturday

In conjunction with "National Music Week," Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228 will sponsor the 8th annual Woody McDermitt Memorial Opry, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Saturday at the IOOF Hall, 205 East 6th Street.

A snack bar will be open at 7:30 p.m. for those wishing to buy cold drinks and sandwiches prior to the show.

Local musicians performing in the annual Country-Western music show include Glen Nelson, T.G. Hasten, Susie Curtisinger, Tim Smith, Holly Hodges, Jody

Blackwell, Nora Leslie, Carolyn Tackett, Shannon Burrious, Kenneth McDermitt, Travis Gilliam, Mark Inman, Margie Morales, Melody Moore, Earl Behrends, Tammy Behrends, Meallia Moore, Harold Manning, The Country Four, The Christianaires, and Steve Brashers.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Tickets are on sale at Sound Stage 1 or can be obtained from members of the Rebekah Lodge.

This year's program coordinator is Jerry Hodges.

Kubiak Fighting For Gasohol Bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Rep. Dan Kubiak says his years of fervent fighting for gasohol will face a fierce test next week when his colleagues decide whether the fuel should be exempt from the gasoline tax.

Kubiak said Wednesday he would fight the watered-down version of his bill approved by the House Ways and Means Committee and then will push his original bill.

Speaker Bill Clayton, who looked in on Kubiak's news conference, predicted House approval of the Kubiak version.

The Central Texas legislator says the gasohol industry will never get going in Texas if the state does not nudge it along by exempting the fuel from the five-cent per gallon tax. Twenty-seven other states exempt gasohol from the tax.

Gasohol is a mix of 10 per-

cent alcohol and 90 percent gasoline. Kubiak, D-Rockdale, wants gasohol to be tax exempt until it is competitive with gasoline.

"We will either allow Texas to get into production of gasohol on a major scale or we will not have it at all in this state," he said.

The Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Rep. Bob Davis, R-Irving, was hostile to the bill, he said.

The Texas Good Roads Association has opposed the bill because it fears the tax exemption would cut road funds.

The substitute bill forwarded to the House by the committee includes what Kubiak called a "strike" clause, voiding the bill when gasoline hits \$1.50 per gallon. The substitute would make the bill effective next year, in-

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Storms Cross North Texas

By The Associated Press

Thunderstorms, including some severe storms, moved eastward across North Texas early today bringing strong winds, heavy rain and hail to some areas.

Some power lines were blown down and some houses had their roofs blown away early today as the storm moved through the Snyder area. Some low lying areas around Snyder were flooded and some roads were under water before dawn. Fluvanna, about 20 miles northwest of Snyder, received three inches of rainfall, according to the National Weather Service.

The thunderstorm activity was expected to die out in North Texas by noon, but forecasters warned that new thunderstorm activity would resume in western portions of North Texas and begin moving eastward across the area late today and tonight. Some of the new activity could become severe, forecasters warned.

Forecasters called for partly cloudy skies statewide today. Highs were to be mostly in the 80s and 90s except in the Panhandle where highs were to be in the 70s.

Except for North Texas, partly cloudy skies were reported early today across the eastern half of the state while the western half had clear skies. Some fog was reported in South Texas.

Early morning temperatures were mostly in the 60s and 70s except in the Panhandle and extreme Northeast Texas where the mercury dipped into the 50s.

Hereford Gets Rebate Check

AUSTIN — State Comptroller Bob Bullock this week reported that collection of the state's 10 percent mixed drink tax during the first quarter of 1981 was up 29 percent over the same period last year.

Bullock reported the state received \$28.5 million in taxes on the sale of mixed drinks during the first three months of this year.

The comptroller's office is mailing checks totaling \$8.2 million to 211 counties and 371 cities as their share of the gross receipts tax on mixed drinks for the quarter. The state's general revenue fund will receive the balance, \$20.2 million, of the tax money col-

lected. Deaf Smith County will receive \$1,243.85 from the tax, while the city of Hereford will receive \$1,032.83. Mixed drink tax collected in the county for the first quarter was \$8,292.32, with \$6,865.53 collected in Hereford.

Texas cities and counties receive a 15 percent rebate of the tax collected on mixed drinks sold within their boundaries under the law that legalized the sale of mixed drinks in the state.

The mixed drink tax is collected by the alcoholic Beverage Commission and the city-county rebates are sent out quarterly by the

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update friday

Masked Men Rob

Noted Heart Surgeon

HOUSTON (AP) — Three men wearing ski masks and wielding a pistol broke into the home of Dr. Denton Cooley, forced the noted Houston heart surgeon to lie down on the floor and robbed him of \$250, police said.

The bandits broke through a glass-enclosed porch and forced the surgeon to lie on the floor of the library, said Lt. D.L. Sitz.

Cooley's wife, Louise, heard a noise and went downstairs. When she discovered the bandits, she ran to a neighbor's house and called police, Sitz said.

Three suspects were arrested and questioned late Wednesday, but only one man — who carried a 9mm pistol — faces charges, the detective said.

Cooley was unable to identify the suspects and a laboratory analysis of their clothing, shoes and hair was inconclusive, Sitz said.

Sniper Kills

4 in Tavern

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A man who allegedly fired an automatic pistol into a crowded rock 'n' roll tavern, killing four people and wounding at least 20 before being wrestled to the ground, faced arraignment today on murder charges.

At least 10 of the wounded were in critical condition after the shooting Thursday night, authorities said.

"He didn't say nothing. He just opened the door and started firing," said Brent Yagle, a patron at the Oregon Museum tavern. "I didn't think the shots were real until I saw

people dropping."

"The first thing I did was grab for the gun," said Ashley Mitchell, a patron who helped subdue the man. "I struck him four times on the head." The gunman, hit on the head with a pool cue, was held by customers until police arrived.

Police arrested Lawrence W. Moore, 25, Lyons, Ore., and booked him on charges of first-degree murder, Sgt. Gary Kinsman said. Moore was scheduled for arraignment today.

"We have no idea of the motive at this point," Kinsman said. "It's still pretty much in a turmoil."

The names of the victims were not immediately released.

At least 10 ambulances were called in from surrounding communities to take the injured to Salem Hospital, Kinsman said. Relatives swarmed to the hospital as news of the shooting spread.

Patrons said the man fired his first shot toward the bar, then turned the weapon toward the crowd.

"The gunman fired multiple rounds, reloading clips of ammunition several times," Kinsman said.

"During one of the lulls in shooting, the gunman was jumped by one patron, immediately joined by several other patrons, who were able to subdue him," he said.

At least four people tackled the gunman, who did not resist as one man hit him on the head with a pool cue while another grabbed for the 9 mm weapon, witnesses told police.

The tavern, a popular night spot, is two miles from downtown Salem near the Willamette river in a residential area of the capital.

Peace Corps Closer to Split

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Peace Corps is another step closer to becoming a separate agency not under the direction of Thomas Pauken, a former military intelligence officer named to head ACTION.

Pauken's appointment was confirmed Thursday by the Senate as the House Foreign Affairs Committee ap-

proved by unanimous voice a measure to re-establish the Peace Corps as a separate agency. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee had adopted the same measure Wednesday.

Capitol Hill concern over the Peace Corps' administrative integrity and world image has been heightened by President Reagan's appointment of Pauken, 37, of Dallas, to the ACTION post.

Women Getting Childbirth Rebates

BOSTON (AP) — Women who give birth and leave the hospital within 24 hours are collecting \$200 rebates from an insurance program in an experiment to cut maternity costs at a suburban Boston hospital.

The plan is intended to give doctors and women an incentive to reduce costs while still delivering babies in the hospital.

"So far as we know, it's the first in the nation," Dr. Louis F. Alfano, chairman of Massachusetts Blue Shield and an obstetrician at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital.

"We're studying to see what the real savings will be so we can then make a judgment as to whether we can offer this kind of program in our regular business and ultimately lower the premium," said Robert Murphy, a Blue Cross planner. "I'm obviously expecting to save dollars. That's why we're doing it."

The plan is an outgrowth of the hospital's maternity day care program, which was developed to allow women to have their babies in a comfortable, home-like atmosphere and go home as soon as possible.

Weather

West Texas — Partly cloudy most sections today with widely scattered thunderstorms mainly east today and southeast tonight. Fair most sections and cooler north Saturday. Highs mid 70s north to low 90s extreme south. Lows mid 40s north to mid 60s south. Highs Saturday upper 60s north to low 90s along Rio Grande.

More Violence Occurs After Sands' Funeral

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Sniper fire, a gun battle and some rioting occurred in Northern Ireland after the Irish Republican Army buried its new hero, hunger-striker Bobby Sands, and renewed its vow to free all of Ireland from British rule.

In Dublin, police reported a bungled attempt to assassinate a former foreign minister of the Irish Republic, Garret Fitzgerald, leader of the opposition Fine Gael Party and an outspoken critic of the IRA.

The violence in Ulster Thursday night was less intense than security chiefs had feared. But the 20,000 mourners at Sands' funeral cheered wildly when IRA political expert Owen Carron declared in a fiery graveside oration:

"Bobby Sands, your sacrifice will not be in vain...We haven't got the tanks and the guns but, please God, this will not always be so."

Police headquarters warned the province to be alert "in the days ahead...having regard to the known intentions" of the IRA's Provisional wing and the splinter Irish National Liberation Army. The police statement added: "This should be especially borne in mind by persons who occupy positions of prominence or influence in the community."

Mobs of young Roman Catholics lobbed gasoline and

acid bombs at security forces in Belfast and Londonderry, as they have every night for more than a week, and in the border town of Strabane. Police said Strabane's municipal tourist bureau was gutted by firebombs.

Army and police patrols came under sporadic sniper fire in Roman Catholic areas of Belfast and Londonderry. Officials said at least one policeman was wounded.

An army patrol fought a gun battle with four guerrillas near the border of the Irish Republic Thursday night. The soldiers captured one gunman and another was arrested by police in the republic. Unconfirmed reports said the other two guerrillas were shot and killed, but the army refused to confirm or deny it.

Sands, a 27-year-old member of the IRA Provos, died of starvation early Tuesday in the Maze prison near Belfast, where he had been serving a 14-year sentence for illegal possession of firearms. He had fasted for 66 days in a campaign to force the British to jailed IRA members as political prisoners rather than common criminals.

Three other convicted guerrillas remain on the hunger strike despite the British government's adamant refusal to give them political status. There were unconfirmed reports another prisoner would join them Saturday.

Americans May Not Get as Much Inflation Relief as Predicted

HOT SPRINGS, Va. (AP) — Americans will get some relief from inflation this year and next but not as much as the Reagan administration is predicting, executives of some of the nation's largest corporations were told today.

At the same time, the executives, attending the spring meeting of the prestigious Business Council, were told that the unemployment rate will rise to 7.6 percent in the middle of this year and then fall to 6.9 percent by the end of 1982.

The jobless rate stood at 7.3 percent of the workforce in March.

The economic forecast, prepared for the Business Council by economists from 20 major corporations, predicted that interest rates will stay between 14 percent and 16 percent through next year.

"Interest rates are going to stay high," said Charles L. Brown, chairman of the board of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. "The good news is that there is a fairly good consensus the inflation rate will come down."

The Federal Reserve Board on Monday raised its basic discount rate to a record 14 percent. The Fed acted only a few hours after the nation's largest banks raised their prime lending rate on corporate loans to 19 percent. Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan warned Wednesday that the prime

could climb to 20 percent.

The council analysis predicted that inflation will level off to 10.8 percent by the end of the year and dip to 9 percent by the end of 1982. The Reagan administration forecasts inflation at 10.5 percent by the end of 1981 and 7.2 percent in 1982. The consumer price index increased 12.4 percent last year but slowed to a 7.5 percent annual rate in March, the lowest rate since last summer.

Both the council and the administration's forecasts assume that President Reagan's economic program will get through Congress. The business groups' predictions, however, are based on a slightly smaller tax cut package — \$40 billion — than the \$54 billion the administration is now calculating for fiscal year 1982.

Overall, the business group is predicting the economy will pick up in the second half of this year, after some sluggishness in the current quarter, and grow at a moderate pace next year.

Based on the analysis, "1982 looks like an excellent year," said Theodore F. Brophy, chairman of General Telephone & Electronics Corp.

Senators to Get Second Hearing on Market Funds

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Senators got the second verse of the same song next week in the battle of Texas banks and savings and loan companies versus money market funds.

Sen. Bill Meier, D-Eules, asked and received permission, 30-0, Wednesday for a second public hearing on a House-approved bill that, as a result of a Meier amendment, would require money market funds to keep financial reserves in Texas.

He said "fat cats" from New York City has flooded Texas with "lies and misrepresentations" about his amendment.

Sen. Walter Mengden, R-Houston, said he agreed another hearing was needed but for a different reason.

"I think the banks and savings and loans are the ones who shepherded this bill through the House to get it over here," Mengden said, "and they put the amendment on it in committee. I'm sure that you (Meier) are just an innocent victim."

"There is nothing illegal about it and it is totally within the rules. This is just a typical political trick that works within our system," Mengden said.

Money market funds, which have yielded investors up to 17 percent interest recently, are sold mostly by brokerage funds, and compete with money market certificates and certificates of deposits yielding 6 percent or less, sold by Texas banks and savings and loan institutions.

At a committee hearing April 30 Meier attached an amendment to a House-approved bill regarding state bank reserves. The amendment would put money market funds under control of

the State Banking Department and require they maintain reserves in Texas as national and state banks, as well as savings and loan branches, have to do.

Shortly afterwards, numerous newspaper advertisements and radio ads by the Investment Company Institute appeared claiming the change would cost Texas investors and might run the funds out of Texas. State senators and representatives got thousands of calls and letters from worried investors.

"All I did was offer an amendment to a House bill at a regular public hearing," Meier said Wednesday. "The effect of the amendment was fully explained... We don't need to tell the fat cats in New York City what legislation we are considering."

Meier said Texans have invested about \$5.5 billion in money market funds, but only about \$1.9 billion has been retained in Texas. "They have taken \$3.1 billion out of Texas," he said.

Thefts Highlight Police Reports

Several thefts highlighted city police reports Thursday, and 11 traffic citations were issued.

One minor accident was investigated by police officers, and police are investigating a report of a harrasing phone call.

Felix Mendez, 208 Whittier, reported that someone attempted to break into his home. Damage of \$50 was estimated on the door but nothing was missing.

Mrs. F.M. Hawkins, 518 Willow Lane, complained that someone threw a rock through a window at her home. Damage was estimated at \$15. A woman reported that a male companion had struck her on the face and body and pushed her around. No charges were filed but investigation is continuing.

The City of Hereford reported that a picnic table had been removed from a city park. Value of the table was placed at \$200.

Lloyd Bridges of Hurst reported that tools were

Victory

the margins were stunning. The president prevailed by 77 votes on the most critical roll call, drawing support from all 190 Republicans and 63 of the 241 Democrats to substitute the Gramm-Latta version for a Democratic leadership plan that would have given Reagan 75 percent of his recommended spending cuts.

That done, the measure passed by 116 votes in what was little more than a formality and a chance for more Democrats to jump on the Reagan bandwagon.

Reagan, who had divided the Democrats and rallied the Republicans with private chats and presidential cufflinks, was pleased.

"When the people speak, Washington will now listen — and will act," he exclaimed in a White House statement.

"For years, the American people have been asking that the federal government put its house in order."

Reagan said the House action was "a resounding victory, not only for our economy but for a spirit of

lower-income Americans.

The non-binding budget plan sets guidelines for Congress as it passes legislation later in the year, and the precise nature of the cuts and size and shape of the tax plan won't be known for months.

But the plan does require cuts of \$36.6 billion in federal programs, with the bulk of reductions ordered in social areas such as food stamps, public service jobs, health care and education.

The Democratic plan would have spent about \$7 billion more on social programs, while calling for a \$25.6 billion deficit in 1982 and aiming for a balanced budget in 1983.

It couples those cuts with an accelerated, \$188.8 billion defense budget, projects a \$31 billion deficit in fiscal 1982, starting Oct. 1, leaves room for the president's tax cuts and envisions "a balanced budget in 1984."

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to a record 15.5 percent.

The increase, which took effect today, covers single-family, fixed-rate loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration and the Veterans Administration. The move was taken to keep at least some mortgage money flowing to federally backed programs, which must compete with private home loans carrying higher rates.

The Federal Reserve Board reported Thursday that consumers took on \$3.11 billion in new installment debt in March, the biggest increase since 1979. More than half the new credit was for car loans.

Another monthly inflation figures sometimes fluctuate wildly, many economists interpreted the March consumer figure as a trend of moderating inflation for all of 1981.

On Thursday, the government announced it is raising the maximum interest that lenders can charge on government-backed home mortgages from 14.5 percent

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approved bill, now pending in the House, to allow 1,500 low-risk prisoners, near the end of their sentences, to be released from Texas Department of Corrections units and sent to halfway houses in Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, and San Antonio. He said a number of prisoners have already asked to be released under the conditional parole plan.

— Set up tent cities, "with cots and board floors," within the security perimeters of present TDC units. "These groups of tents would take

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stead of this year.

Clayton predicted Kubiak's version of the bill would pass "by a big majority."

Kubiak said, "He has a lot more faith in some of the votes than I do."

Also at the news conference were Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown, Texas Consumer Association President Jim Hightower, and officials from three farm co-ops ready to start producing gasohol.

Brown said gasohol is "essential to the survival of this nation." He said 300 Texas gas stations now sell

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comptroller's office.

Bullock said first quarter tax collections represent the sale of more than \$285 million worth of mixed drinks in Texas.

Other areas near Deaf Smith County and Hereford to receive rebates include Castro County, \$967.30, and Dimmitt, \$361.27; Potter County, \$96,855.47, Randall County, \$5,799.32, and the city of Amarillo, \$94,355.65; Lubbock County, \$77,017.32, and the City of Lubbock, \$75,978.09.

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there," Reagan said. "Well, Japan and America are like those singers...The standards we set for each other are marks of excellence."

But as if to ward off the inevitably tragic conclusion to that legend, the president said, "Yet, we do not exhaust ourselves in that contest but rather pursue our respective goals as friends and allies."

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Camp Fire Council Holds Grand Council Fire Today

School Lunch Menus

The Hereford Camp Fire Council will hold its Grand Council Fire, tonight at 7 p.m. in the Bull Barn.

This is the first Grand Council Fire the local council has held here. Its purpose is to develop an Indian Lore program, to establish the tradition of conducting a Grand Council Fire to recognize Camp Fire youth's accomplishment to celebrate with drama and song and develop a strong group togetherness.

Highlights of the ceremony will be when the council chief

recognizes the recipients of the "Who Bird" award, "Solo Flight," "Torch Bearer Rank," "Star Bird," "Firemakers," and "Trailseeker" and Woodgatherer Rank.

Blue Birds seeking membership into Adventure of Camp Fire will be recognized and a special ceremony inducting them as Adventure Camp Fire members will be held.

The public is invited to attend the special ceremony tonight at 7 p.m.



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HEREFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast

MONDAY - Cereal, 1/2 banana and milk.

TUESDAY - Donut, applesauce and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Toast, hash brown potatoes, fruit juice and chocolate milk.

THURSDAY - Sausage, biscuit, orange wedges and milk.

FRIDAY - Bacon, toast, juice and milk.

HEREFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

MONDAY - Chicken fried beef patty and gravy, fluffy potatoes, green peas, fruit juice, chocolate prune cake, hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY - Hamburger with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and onions, tator tots, peaches in syrup and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Burrito, buttered corn, macaroni salad, gelatin with fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken salad sandwich, tomatoes, vegetables, soup, chips, carrot and celery sticks, apple and milk.

FRIDAY - Barbecue, pinto beans, potato salad, dill pickle spears, fruit and milk.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

Lunch

MONDAY - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, buttered bread and milk.

TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green

beans, carrot sticks, cookies and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Burritos, corn, cabbage apple salad, applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, potato chips, lemon fluff and milk.

FRIDAY - Fish sticks, tossed salad, corn, chocolate pudding, rolls and milk.

WALCOTT SCHOOL

Breakfast

MONDAY - Cheese toast, milk and juice.

TUESDAY - Pancakes, syrup, bacon and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Corn flakes, raisins, buttered toast, milk and juice.

THURSDAY - Scrambled eggs, buttered toast, jelly, milk and juice.

FRIDAY - Peanut butter, buttered toast, syrup, milk and juice.

WALCOTT SCHOOL

Lunch

MONDAY - Barbecue on a bun, pickles, French fries, cookies and milk.

TUESDAY - Macaroni cheese and ham, blackeyed peas, corn bread, peanut butter brownies and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Burritos, chili, tossed salad, iced cake and milk.

THURSDAY - Beef tips and noodles, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit jello and milk.

FRIDAY - Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad and milk.

Women's Golf Tourney Set to Begin Saturday

Tea off time is set for 8:30 a.m. this Saturday for the Annual Hereford Women's Golf Association Membership Tournament. Mike Horton, club pro is signing up participants now.

Members are urged to sign up as soon as possible in order to be flighted according to their handicap. New members are welcomed to play in this event.

American Legion Auxiliary Recognized for Membership

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 192 recently received a Department and National award for membership at the recent district convention, announced Beverly Jesko. Mrs. Jesko conducted the business meeting during its monthly meeting Tuesday evening in the Legion Hall.

Mrs. Jesko presented a charm to membership chairman Clara Trowbridge for early membership. Betty Jo Carlson gave an

informative Americanism report. She recommended that members read the State and National Legion publication and be aware of activities of concern to veterans.

Virginia Adams, Girl State chairman announced Girl State certificates will be presented to Girl State Citizens Paula Alexander and Kim Sims at the high school award assembly. They will also be invited to a dinner in

the Legion Hall Tuesday evening May 12 at 7 p.m. to hear Boys State reports and to be acquainted with Girl State procedures. The 1980 Girl State representatives will also be invited.

Ethel Logan, Hospital chairman, gave a report on bingo in the VA Hospital in April. She announced a dinner honoring volunteers will be held May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Psychiatric Hospital in the Medical Center. Hereford volunteers will attend.

Edwina Thomas legislature chairman, advised the unit to be on the alert for Legislation concerning MIA and take action with letter writing when needed. Many bodies of service men classed as missing in action are still held in Vietnam. Memorials will be sent to M.D. Anderson Hospital Cancer fund in memory of Legion members Carl McCaslin and J.R. Vineyard.

Pet Ott, poppy chairman, announced poppies will be distributed May 27. Members are asked to assist and let her know what time and where they would like to be stationed.

Scholarship chairman Argen Draper gave names of scholarship eligibles. The unit made a selection and the award will be given during the awards assembly at HHS May 18.

Dee Wiseman, Betty Jo Carlson and Argen Draper were elected to serve on a nominating committee and delegates to the 4th Division Convention June 6-7 in Amarillo were elected.

They are Beverly Jesko, Troyce Hanna, Edwina Thomas, Betty Jo Carlson and Clara Trowbridge.

Ethel Logan, Edwina Thomas and Pet Ott served refreshments to 14 auxiliary members and Legion members in attendance.

Ann Landers Rude In-Laws



DEAR ANN LANDERS: Several months ago I invited my husband's niece, her husband and their seven-year-old daughter to Saturday dinner. I called a week ahead of time, and the date was set for 7 o'clock.

I work a full-time job and it is not an easy thing for me to fix a company meal. I shopped after work on Friday and prepared part of the dinner that evening.

On Saturday at 2 p.m. my niece phoned and said a couple they liked a lot had called and asked them to go bowling, so they wouldn't be able to come for dinner. I was hurt and angry and told my husband I would not invite them to dinner again. He said I was behaving like a child.

I explained that they would be welcome in our home anytime, but if he wanted them for dinner, he would have to do the shopping, cooking and the cleaning up.

Am I being "childish," as my husband says? This is not the first time they have pulled this stunt. It happened to my sister-in-law twice. What do you say?—Silver Springs Md.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Nine years ago in April I joined a group called Recovery, Inc. I owe them my mental health. Today I LIVE, not merely exist.

Before I joined Recovery, life was a nightmare. I paced the house day and night, when I wasn't in a hospital. I slept poorly. My children were very young at the time. I'm glad they don't remember how their mother

was then. I was afraid to be in the house alone. I was nauseated and couldn't eat because I would have a coronary because my heart pounded so much. I locked up all the knives—afraid I might kill myself. I was depressed, cried a lot for no reason, and was afraid to go out of the house. When I tried to explain how I felt, I was met by blank stares. No one understood. They just said, "Snap out of it!" Or, "Get hold of yourself!"

A friend told me about Recovery. She had read about this group in your column. I went and a miracle happened. Everyone there knew how I felt. They told me to keep coming to meetings and I would get well. They were right. I have been a group leader for seven years. It really works!—Grateful In Canada

DEAR CANADA: Yours is about the tenth Recovery, Inc. testimonial I have printed. The founders of this terrific organization told me several years ago that I "put them on the map." I couldn't receive a finer compliment.

All you folks out there who sneer when I say, "There IS help for you. Find it! And GET COUNSELING!" please give this organization a try. Look in your phone book. There are over 1,000 chapters—and they have succeeded when expensive private psychiatric hospitals have failed. I can't say enough for this beautiful organization.

CONFIDENTIAL to Call Me Mike: Take a hike, Mike. If you marry her you'll be miserable and so will she. A man who believes a woman who isn't a virgin when she marries is "a tramp at heart" would never be able to

make the adjustment. And since you're looking for someone between 27 and 30, be prepared for a long search, Buster.

Mother's Day Bake Sale Scheduled This Saturday

A Mother's Day Bake Sale will be going on in Sugarland Mall this Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. The sale is sponsored by Sweet 'n' Fancy Cake Decorating Club.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the club's treasury to be used for projects throughout

the year. Cakes, cup cakes, cookies and some decorated cakes, all made by club members will be for sale.

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 55-65 and are not in a Bible study class, we invite you to join us for Bible study at First Baptist Church each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. ground floor ADULT IV DEPARTMENT

Memorial Fund Set

A memorial fund has been established at the First National Bank for the late Marge Kissel, wife of Jack Kissel, Route 5. The fund has been established to defray medical expenses incurred by Mrs. Kissel during a lengthy illness.

4-H Parent Leaders Elect New Officers

Deaf Smith County 4-H Parent Leaders met Tuesday night to elect new officers and make plans for the summer 4-H activities.

The new officers elected for the next year were:

Chairman, Marcy Hughes; Vice Chairman, Susan Hicks; Secretary-Treasurer, Betty Lady; Reporter, Ruth Robbins; District Delegates, Stan and Wanda Slagle and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Henderson. The officers will assume their duties in September.

Becky Hughes presented a short program explaining some of the things she did and learned in Washington D.C. as one of the five Texas Delegates at the Texas 4-H Conference.

Funds were allocated to pay expenses for 4-Hers in various activities this summer, including sending 22 4-Hers to State Roundup at A&M University, Range Camp in Brownwood, Rifle Camp at Colorado, Texas 4-H Congress in San Antonio, the State Horse Show in Waco and Electric Camp at Cloud Croft, New Mexico.

Sue Powell, chairman, gave a report on 4-H's involvement in the Town & Country Jubilee, by organizing the project fair. Janice Conkwright, Dixie

West and Tommie Savage agreed to assist County Agent Penny Cribbs with the County Fashion Revue, as a committee.

Robby Vann, county agent, discussed ideas to help 4-H Teen Leaders plan a "County Fun Day" for July 19th. The day will be a 4-H family day full of picnics and fun!

Those attending the meeting were: Sue Powell, Chairman, Charlie Cobb, Betty Lady, Ruth Robbins, Marcy Hughes, Tommie Savage, Dixie West, Janice Conkwright, Jimmie Rowton, Herb Vogel, Sue and Ray Blanton, Robby Vann - County Extension Agent, and Penny Cribbs - County Extension Agent.

Women's G.I. Forum Plans Dessert Sale

The Women's G.I. Forum Chapter will conduct a bake sale from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday in Sugarland Mall. Cupcakes, cookies, cakes and pies will be for sale by the chapter.

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Klan Involved in Government Overthrow

By DAVID L. LANGFORD
Associated Press Writer

The Ku Klux Klan connection in an alleged plot to invade a tiny, impoverished "banana republic" and overthrow its government is puzzling authorities from Canada to the Caribbean.

"How on earth could the Ku Klux Klan be interested in fighting with blacks against blacks?" asked Prime Minister Mary Eugenia Charles of Dominica, a nation of 74,000 people in the Windward Islands that gained independence from Britain in 1978.

Yet six of the 10 men who face a hearing Friday before a U.S. magistrate in New Orleans on charges of trying to launch a seaborne invasion of Dominica from Louisiana have been active Klan members.

They include one grand wizard recognized as a national leader, a former sailor who helped establish a Klan klavern aboard a U.S. Navy ship and an organizer for the KKK in Canada. At least one of the others has been linked to a neo-Nazi organization.

Federal agents arrested the clandestine band — eight Americans and two Canadians — April 27 at a marina at Slidell, La., across Lake Ponchartrain from New Orleans, as they arrived with a vanload of weapons, mostly automatic rifles and handguns, plus 20 sticks of dynamite and plastic explosives.

Mike Hall, an agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said the trap was set for the mercenaries after they agreed to pay an undercover agent \$15,000 for a boat to take them the 2,000 miles to Dominica.

U.S. Magistrate Kenneth Hughes scheduled the hearing to determine if agents had probable cause to arrest the men on charges of violating the Federal Neutrality Act and firearms violations.

Several questions remained unanswered.

Were the raiders simply mercenaries, guns for hire? Were they motivated by their ultra right-wing ideology? Who bankrolled the operation?

Miss Charles, in New York last Friday for a meeting at the United Nations, said Dominican authorities in February uncovered a plot to stage a coup and restore to power her political rival, ex-Prime Minister Roland John. She said her government gave the FBI the names of mercenaries in North America who were believed

involved. "The men were coming to assist the dissatisfied ex-prime minister to put him back in office," she said. Miss Charles said she was "completely puzzled" to hear that several Klansmen were involved.

Dominica is a poor island, 29 miles long, covered mostly by rain forests, banana plantations and what Miss Charles called "some of the best growth of marijuana."

"We feel quite sure that the money for mounting this mercenary coup could not have come from the people of Dominica," she said. "I'm merely surmising and I wonder if this has something to do with the drug traffic."

U.S. agents identified the ringleader of the band ar-

rested in Louisiana as Michael Eugene Perdue, 32, of Houston, one of the few in the group not known to Klan-watchers.

A neighbor said Perdue, who lives in an antique-filled home with a roommate, told him he was a former Army Green Beret, gun buff and expert marksman. The neighbor, who requested anonymity, also said Perdue "travels a lot" and had been in Canada recently.

According to an affidavit filed April 24 by federal agents seeking a warrant to search Perdue's home, he told a federal informer that he had a deal with a former prime minister of Dominica to "supply men and equipment," including

sophisticated Israeli machine guns.

Dominican police commissioner Oliver Phillip said island police had interrogated Mary Ann McGuire of Toronto, Canada, a psychiatric nurse who told them she was sent to Dominica to spy for a raiding party that was to follow.

Phillip said Ms. McGuire, who at first gave Dominican officials the address of the Klan's Toronto office as her home address, admitted she knew Perdue but said she had been hired by Wolfgang Droege, 31, of Victoria, British Columbia, one of the Klansmen arrested in Louisiana.

Droege, a native of For-

chheim, near Nuremberg, West Germany, who went to Canada 15 years ago, has been an organizer for the Association of Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

In an interview last July, Droege said the Canadian Klan's main aim was opposition to the immigration of blacks and the removal of those living there. "We're just going to fight for our rights just like so many other groups have," he said.

Droege's Klan group is affiliated with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headquartered in Tusculum, Ala., and headed by Grand Wizard Don Black, 27, who was also among those arrested in Louisiana.



Deadline for Pageant Today

Today was the deadline for entries into the Little Miss Hereford Pageant, scheduled May 16. Rehearsal for the pageant will be held Friday, May 15 at 2:45 p.m. for ages 4-5; 3:45 p.m. for ages 6-8, 9-12 and 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Glenda Hansen, center, a member of the steering committee, is shown discussing pageant rules with contestants (left) Cynthia Hudson and Julie Culp.

Weatherford Appeals For Water from Lake

WASHINGTON (AP) — "It was worth my visit. Everything looks okay," Mayor Dave Deison of Weatherford, Texas, said after a House subcommittee heard an appeal that his community be allowed to draw surplus water from a lake just southwest of Fort Worth.

Deison, accompanied by his community's city manager, George Campbell, appeared Tuesday before a subcommittee of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee to get an "okay" for Weatherford's use of water from Benbrook Lake.

"They took it under advisement, but everything looks great," said Deison after a short subcommittee session. The meeting, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., was delayed for more than an hour

because of a caucus of House Democrats about the approaching vote on the budget.

Specific congressional approval is needed because both Benbrook Lake and Lake Grapevine were built specifically for use in conjunction with the plans of making the Trinity River navigable from Fort Worth to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Corps of Engineers, which built both lakes, later ruled the navigation hopes unpractical. Since then, 10 percent of the surplus water in Benbrook Lake has been allocated for use by the city of Fort Worth and 20 percent by Benbrook.

Also testifying before the subcommittee were the sponsors of the House resolution to approve Weatherford tapping into the lake — Majority Leader Jim Wright,

D-Fort Worth, and Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford.

The subcommittee is to begin its budget markup Wednesday, and the full committee is to begin meeting Thursday. But no one spoke against the request.

Weatherford uses an average of 2.33 million gallons of water daily, but long-range projections indicate that will triple within 30 years for the town of 12,000 people, Deison said.

If allowed use of the remainder of the surplus, the city of Weatherford would build a 17-mile pipeline from Benbrook Lake to connect with a pipeline that runs from Lake Weatherford to Weatherford.

Officials estimate it would take three years to get the pipeline laid. Cost has been estimated at \$1.5 million.

The resolution also provides for Granbury to have right to get water from Benbrook Lake. Officials from Granbury have recommended more wells be built to provide future water for Granbury, but it was decided to take care of the possibility.

James L. Strawn, a planner and developer for the Tarrant County Water Capital and Improvement District, also testified in behalf of the proposal.

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"And besides, what's the use of worrying? What good does it do? Will it add a single day to your life? Of course not! And if worry can't even do such little things as that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things?"

"Look at the lilies! They don't toil and spin, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not robed as well as they are. And if God provides clothing for the flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, don't you suppose that He will provide clothing for you; you doubters?"

"And don't worry about food--what to eat and drink; don't worry at all that God will provide it for you. All mankind scratches for its daily bread, but your heavenly Father knows your needs. He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern."

"So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom. Sell what you have and give to those in need. This will fatten your purses in heaven! And the purses of heaven have no rips or holes in them. Your treasures there will never disappear; no thief can steal them; no moth can destroy them."

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Houston Blanks Cubs

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer

It's been the kind of a year for Bob Knepper that even when his fastball isn't working, it won't slow him down.

"I didn't have a good enough fastball so I had to concentrate on keeping the ball down," the Houston Astro left-hander said Thursday after posting his third shutout of the young season with a 6-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Knepper, who earlier pitched 1-0 shutouts against Los Angeles and Cincinnati, scattered six hits this time, allowing the Cubs to hit only two outfield flies.

Knepper's pitching, incidentally, has been a big factor toward the Astros' recent surge. The defending National League West champions have won nine of their last 11 games after a dismal 3-12 start.

In other NL games, Los Angeles edged Philadelphia 2-1, New York nipped San Francisco 3-2, Montreal stopped San Diego 2-1, Atlanta beat St. Louis 4-3 and Pittsburgh swept a doubleheader from Cincinnati 3-1 and 7-1.

Knepper, 3-0, was in danger

of losing his shutout in the sixth when pinch-hitter Steve Dillard singled and took third on a single by Ivan DeJesus with none out. But the left-hander struck out Scot Thompson and got Bill Buckner to hit into a double play.

Dodgers 2, Phillies 1
Steve Garvey's RBI single in the eighth lifted Los Angeles over Philadelphia and handed right-hander Marty Bystrom his first major league defeat after seven victories.

Bystrom was brought up last September and won five games in the Phillies' drive to the National League East championship and started Thursday night's game with a 2-0 record.

Jerry Reuss, last year's NL comeback player of the year, pitched a six-hitter for his third victory in four decisions. He struck out four and walked none.

Mets 3, Giants 2
Ed Lynch gave up six hits in 7 1/2 innings while Doug Flynn and Mike Jorgensen belted home runs to lead New York over San Francisco. Lynch left the game in favor of Neil Allen, who earned his

fourth save after the Giants scored their second run in the eighth when Dave Bergman singled and came home on Milt May's single and an error by right fielder Joel Youngblood.

Doyle Alexander got by the first 21-3 innings, but Flynn belted a homer to tie the score at 1-1 in the third. With one out in the sixth, Bob Bailor singled. After Youngblood popped out, Jorgensen hit his third homer of the year.

Expos 2, Padres 1
Ellis Valentine delivered the tie-breaking run with a two-out double in the eighth, leading Montreal over San Diego behind Scott Sanderson's four-hitter.

Rodney Scott began the Expos' eighth with a walk off starter Chris Welsh with one out. Scott then stole second and advanced to third on a fly ball. He coasted home as Valentine drilled a pitch to left field.

Sanderson walked one and struck out four while improving his record to 4-1.

Braves 4, Cardinals 3
Reliever Bruce Sutter walked Brian Assestine on a full count with the bases loaded

ed in the eighth to give Atlanta its winning run over St. Louis.

Sutter issued the walk, forcing in Jerry Royster, after St. Louis starter Silvio Martinez yielded a one-out single to Bob Horner and walked Dale Murphy. After pinch-runner Royster and Murphy executed a double steal, Sutter intentionally walked Glenn Hubbard and struck out Bruce Benedict before walking pinch-hitter Assestine.

Right-hander Rick Camp picked up his third victory in four decisions after allowing one unearned run in the final three innings.

Pirates 3-7, Reds 1-1
Tony Pena drove home the win with relief help from Enrique Romo as Pittsburgh defeated Cincinnati in the first game of their doubleheader.

Dale Berra drove in four runs, including three with a bases-loaded double in the fourth; to pace Pittsburgh's offense in the second game. Eddie Solomon scattered seven hits in the nightcap before needing Grant Jackson's relief help in the ninth.

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TOC Crown Up For Grabs

NEW YORK (AP) — Take it from a loser: "It's an altogether different game on clay."

South African Johan Kriek made that point before he was eliminated in the \$592,000 Tournament of Champions being played on the Har-Tru courts at Forest Hills. And now that the tourney at the famed West Side Tennis Club has reached the quarterfinals, the clay players are still around.

"I think playing on clay is a war of the minds," Kriek said. "The guy who lasts the longest is going to win the match."

Today's quarterfinals sent Carlos Kirmayr of Brazil against Hungary's Balazs Taroczy, Victor Pecci of Paraguay against Mel Purcell, Eddie Dibbs against Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina and Eliot Teltscher against Wojtek Fibak of Poland.

Who's favored now that top-seeded John McEnroe and

third-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis, the defending champion, are sitting on the sidelines?

"I think five or six guys have a chance now," said Taroczy, Hungary's only professional athlete. "I think I'm one of them."

"Everybody's tough," said Fibak.

"I'm real fired up to play Pecci," said Purcell, who advanced with a 6-1, 6-0 blowout of Fritz Buehning on Thursday. "We've never played, but he's a great player. Anyone who has the wins that he does on clay has to be."

In Thursday's other matches, Kirmayr outlasted Angel Gimenez of Spain 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; Clerc stopped Heinz Gunthard of Switzerland 6-1, 6-0; Dibbs eliminated Kriek 6-3, 6-0, and Teltscher got by Mario Martinez of Bolivia 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Sunday's final will be nationally televised by ABC-TV. The winner collects \$100,000 with the runner-up getting \$40,000.

Watson, Rookie Top Nelson Golf

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — When it comes to being the boss of the course, Tom Watson has no peers at the Preston Trail Golf Club and the Byron Nelson Classic.

Watson, the game's current kingpin, assumed his usual role today atop the leader board of the \$300,000 tournament but he had to share it with an unknown.

He is seeking an unprecedented fourth straight Nelson championship and a place in the history books beside legendary Walter Hagen, who won four successive PGA championships. No other player has won a tournament four times in a row.

Dipping 3-under-par after four holes, Watson breezed home Thursday with a 4-under-par 66 and a share of the first round lead with young Tim Norris.

Tim Norris?

Don't feel bad if you've never heard of Norris. Watson wasn't sure he had either.

"Honestly, I don't know him," Watson confessed after learning he was tied for the lead with the 24-year-old rookie, a product of Fresno State in California.

"Is he just a rookie?" wondered Watson, the reigning Masters champion who won his last time out at New Orleans.

For his own part, Norris seemed singularly unimpressed by a round that included six birdies and two bogeys over the 6,993-yard par 70 Preston Trail course.

The prince and the pauper took a two-shot lead over a

quintet that included Ray Floyd, Mark McCumber, Lennie Clements, Beau Bach and stormy Bruce Lietzke.

"Even if I won the tournament I still wouldn't like this golf course," said Lietzke, complaining that the greens were bumpy and grainy and the fairways less than adequate.

Twelve other players, however, managed to beat par with 69s, and another 11 matched it. Lee Trevino, who has vowed to win this tournament in his hometown, headed a group of 15 at 71.

"I won't die happy until I win here," said the Merry Mex.

Watson, who has pocketed almost \$200,000 here — winning four times in all — dropped birdie putts of 15, 8, and 10 feet on the first four holes and said:

"I'm happy about the way I started."

He should be. A victory here would set Watson up for a chance to win an extra \$200,000 with a triumph at next week's Colonial in nearby Fort Worth.

Texas Tops White Sox

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

Who are Bob Owchinko, Jeff Jones, Craig Minetto and Bo McLaughlin and what are these imposters doing on the mound for the Oakland A's?

What's that, you say they pitch for the A's? Don't be silly, everyone knows only Mike Norris, Rick Langford, Matt Keough, Steve McCatty and Brian Kingman pitch for the A's. Don't they always finish what they start?

Not always. Thursday was one of those rare occasions — only the ninth time in 28 games — when Oakland's starting pitcher wasn't around at the finish.

In fact, Keough departed with one out in the third inning, allowing three runs on eight hits. And Manager Billy Martin not only went to his bullpen, he trotted out everyone who resides there before the A's nailed down a 6-3 triumph over the Detroit Tigers.

"The bullpen was super, especially Bob Owchinko," said Martin, who has claimed

all along the A's have an underrated relief crew.

"The biggest reason we've been unnoticed is that our starters are so good," said Jones, the winner as the A's upped their record to 22-6.

In other American League action, the Seattle Mariners made it two in a row under Manager René Lachemann by defeating the Milwaukee Brewers 4-1, the California Angels nipped the New York Yankees 2-1, the Toronto Blue Jays downed the Cleveland Indians 6-2 and the Texas Rangers whipped the Chicago White Sox 9-4. Baltimore, Boston, Kansas City and Minnesota were not scheduled.

While Oakland's relievers were stifling the Tigers on one hit over the final 6 2/3 innings — a two-out single in the ninth — the A's batters went to work to erase a 3-1 deficit.

Cliff Johnson homered in the fifth inning, pinch hitter Mitchell Page connected in the sixth to tie the score and Tony Armas and Jeff Newman added solo shots in the seventh. Armas was his ninth of the season, tops in the majors.

Owchinko pitched four scoreless innings and Jones went two more, giving way to Minetto after walking Alan Trammell with one out in the ninth. Minetto retired Steve Kemp on a line drive to right, then surrendered a single to Richie Hebner. McLaughlin took over and went to a full count on Lance Parrish before the Detroit catcher fouled out to end the game.

Rangers 9, White Sox 4
Errors by Chicago pitcher Ed Farmer and outfielder Harold Baines allowed the tying and lead runs to score on the same play, opening the door for a seven-run Texas outburst in the eighth inning. With Texas trailing 3-2, Leon Roberts singled to open the

top of the sixth on singles by Willie Randolph, Jerry Humphrey and Reggie Jackson. Ford opened the bottom of the sixth with a double and was sacrificed to third by pinch hitter Bert Campaneris before Baylor dribbled a single into left field.

Blue Jays 6, Indians 2
Otto Velez ignited a four-run rally in the fourth inning with a homer. Rick Bosetti drove in two runs and Dave Stieb hurled a five-hitter to pace Toronto. Velez, who hit seven home runs against Cleveland last year, collected Toronto's first hit when he led off the fourth inning with a home run just inside the right-field foul pole off Rick Waits. Jorge Bell followed with a single and, after John Mayberry walked, Bosetti singled to score Bell. Danny Ainge singled Mayberry home and Ernie Whitt followed with a perfect suicide squeeze bunt that scored Bosetti. Mayberry homered in the eighth.

Sports Briefs

BASKETBALL
WASHINGTON (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Los Angeles Lakers, Moses Malone of the Houston Rockets and Adrian Dantley of the Utah Jazz headed a list of 16 NBA players who will play three exhibition games in Japan during the first week of June, it was announced.

The tour will match East and West All-Star squads in the three separate contests. The East team will consist of Marques Johnson, Elvin Hayes, Bill Cartwright, Nate Archibald, Larry Kenon, Michael Ray Richardson, Dudley Bradley and Tom McMillen. The East coach had not been named.

The West squad, under the direction of Kansas City Coach Cotton Fitzsimmons, includes Jabbar, Malone, Dantley, Phil Ford, John Lucas, Jack Sikma, Kermit Washington and Gus

SOCCER
MADRID (AP) — Soccer's ruling body rejected the North American Soccer League's request to change any playing rules and warned that the NASL would be suspended from official recognition if it did not apply the international regulations.

The executive committee of the International Federation of Football Associations, under president Joao Havelange of Brazil, agreed to give the NASL until the end of the current season to apply the rules of the international board. If it fails to do so, the panel said, the league would be suspended indefinitely.

Gold Sox Defeated

By The Associated Press
Designated hitter Barney Scott had a solo homer, drove in two runs and scored twice as the Tulsa Drillers defeated the Jackson Mets, 8-3, in a Texas League baseball game Thursday night.

In other Texas League action, El Paso beat Amarillo, 7-6, San Antonio shut out Midland, 3-0, and Shreveport edged Jackson, 3-2.

Tulsa jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and held a 3-1 lead after three innings. Mike Anicich had a solo homer in the ninth for Jackson.

Angels 2, Yankees 1
Ken Forsch scattered eight hits, Don Baylor's sixth-inning single broke a 1-1 tie and Don Aase put down a bases-loaded threat in the eighth inning. Forsch won over Tommy John, who limited California to six hits. The Angels were held hitless until Rick Burleson led off the fourth inning with a single. Dan Ford followed with another single and Fred Lynn sacrificed before Burleson scored on a wild pitch.

The Yankees tied it in the

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T-Ball Action

League action has started in both boys' and girls' T-Ball competition, and the above photo shows action from one of the games. Scores this week in boys' T-Ball include: Cardinals

35, White Sox 34; Rangers 39, Giants 34; Yankees 39, Orioles 27; Braves 45, Astros 40. In girls' action, the Angelettes defeated the Cardinalettes, 30-29.

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San Francisco	12 16 .429 7	
San Diego	9 18 .333 9 1/2	

Thursday's Games
 Atlanta 4, St. Louis 3
 Houston 6, Chicago 9
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 New York 2, San Francisco 2

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Toronto	9 15 .375 5 1/2	

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Texas	14 9 .609 5 1/2	
Chicago	12 11 .522 7 1/2	
California	13 15 .464 9	
Minnesota	9 15 .375 11 1/2	
Kansas City	6 13 .310 11 1/2	
Seattle	6 18 .300 13	

Thursday's Games
 Oakland 5, Detroit 3
 Toronto 4, Cleveland 2
 Texas 9, Chicago 4
 California 2, New York 1
 Seattle 4, Milwaukee 1
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Texas League

EAST		W. L. Pct. GB
Jackson	17 11 .607 -	
Tulsa	12 13 .480 3 1/2	
Shreveport	12 14 .462 3 1/2	
Arkansas	12 15 .444 4 1/2	
Tulsa	12 13 .455 3 1/2	

WEST		W. L. Pct. GB
San Antonio	17 10 .630 -	
El Paso	16 12 .571 1 1/2	
Amarillo	13 14 .481 4	
Midland	9 15 .369 5 1/2	

Thursday's Results
 Tulsa 8, Jackson 3
 Shreveport 13, Arkansas 1
 El Paso 7, Amarillo 4
 San Antonio 2, Midland 0

Houston Evens Playoff Series

By HOWARD ULMAN
 AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics, having lost the battle against overconfidence, are a step closer to losing the war against the Houston Rockets.

The dominant feeling among observers was that the contest for the National Basketball Association title would be no contest. Rarely has there been such a disparity in the records of the final combatants.

The Celtics were 62-20 in the regular season. The Rockets were 40-42. Going into Thursday night's second game of the championship series, Houston had lost its last 14 games against the Celtics and was 3-31 in Boston.

Showing strong defense in the last half of the fourth quarter and capitalizing on sloppy Celtic play, the Rockets rallied from a seven-point deficit in the final 7:09 and won 92-90 to even the best-of-seven series at one game apiece.

"We just played a very poor basketball game. It's a demonstration of what guys do when they get a big head," said Boston forward Cedric Maxwell.

The Rockets didn't win their eighth post-season road game, a playoff record, simply because Boston played poorly. The brilliance of Houston center Moses Malone, coming off a mediocre opening perfor-

mance, had a lot to do with the victory.

Malone had 15 points and 15 rebounds in the Celtics' 98-90 victory Tuesday night but came back with 31 points and 15 rebounds Thursday night. After Boston took an 82-75 lead with 7:09 to go, Malone scored seven points, blocked two shots and stole a pass.

Larry Bird led Boston with 19 points and, for the second straight game, grabbed 21 rebounds. He also had five of Boston's 22 turnovers. The Celtics had 19 in the first game.

Until Thursday night, Boston had won all 29 games this season in which it had held its opponent below 100 points.

Like many others, the Celtics apparently expected the series to be brief — until Thursday night.

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Palimony Saga of B.J. King Reaches Stage of Over-Kill

By WILL GRIMSLEY
 AP Special Correspondent

The Billie Jean King palimony saga has reached the stage of media over-kill. It seems that Billie Jean herself, a great champion and a force in the women's movement, should be anxious now to close the door and let the matter rest.

But, no, the reels and presses roll on — with Billie Jean obviously disinclined to apply any brakes. Why? Is it, as she insists, that, having always been available to the media, she refuses to run for cover now? Or does she feel that openness will remove whatever tarnish there is to her image and protect her credibility?

Only Billie Jean knows. But those who know Billie Jean know that she has no inten-

tion of tossing away the cudgel she has wielded for so many years.

Everybody admits that Billie Jean gave a gutsy performance in a specially called news conference a week ago when she acknowledged, chin quivering but with little wetness behind those familiar spectacles, that she had once carried on a homosexual relationship with a former secretary.

That was vintage Billie Jean. Cornered, go into the attack. Storm the net. Hit the big overhead. Win the crucial point. Always fight back.

But how many more times must we see her baring her soul on national television? Why should she continue subjecting herself to the same outworn questions and wrenching apologies?

Why did it happen?

"I made a mistake."
 Is your marriage threatened?

"No, our relationship (with husband Larry King) is stronger than ever."

Will what you have done hurt women's tennis?

"No, the game is bigger than any one of us."
 Ad infinitum.

We, the media, must shoulder some of the blame, not for pouncing on the stunning development — it had to be handled fully and objectively on its merits — but for prolonging and sensationalizing it.

The TV networks have been fair. It's just that they didn't know when to quit. And Billie Jean has appeared amenable to an endless series of these national inquisitions on a subject unpalatable to a large segment of our society.

For years, insiders have whispered of homosexuality on both the tennis and golf tours, touching even the greats. However, discretion has kept gossip largely from

the public ear except in the case of the legendary Big Bill Tilden who, before his death, was arrested for molestation of a minor.

It's been an accepted tenet of journalism that what a person, even a celebrity, does in

private should remain that person's private business. Billie Jean has found that is not always the case. But nothing and no one can shake the monument she's built in tennis and the struggle for women's rights.

In Lady Michelob Tourney Whitworth Tries Comeback Course

ROSWELL, Ga. (AP) — Kathy Whitworth, who dominated women's golf for four consecutive years beginning in 1970, is on a comeback course in 1981 that should make her the game's first \$1-million winner.

The 41-year-old veteran also is only two victories shy of the all-time record of 82 Ladies Professional Golf Association victories held by Mickey Wright.

Whitworth, who hasn't won a tournament since 1978, will try to draw one step nearer Wright's mark in the \$125,000 Lady Michelob which began today. The 54-hole event is being played at the demanding 6,270-yard, par 73 Brookfield West Golf and Country Club course.

Whitworth, who has career earnings of \$955,825, is No. 9 on this year's money list with \$48,972, which is more than she earned in 1979 and 1980. She has competed in 11 events this year, tying for second twice. She had four other top 10 finishes.

Whitworth narrowly missed her 8th career title last week when she tied Sally Little and Hollis Stacy for first place in the CPC Women's International at Hilton Head before Little won on the first hole of a sudden death playoff.

Whitworth shrugs off the possibility of hitting the \$1 million mark.

"Oh, it is not all that special," she said. "The only reason it is special is that I would be disappointed if I didn't get it because I am so close."

Whitworth ranks among the favorites on the hilly Brookfield West terrain, where Pam Higgins is attempting to defend the title she claimed by three shots last year, leading from start to the finish.

The field of 86 includes eight of the top nine money winners this year, with Nancy Lopez-Melton missing. Lopez-Melton, who has never played the event, ranks No. 1 in earnings with \$93,666 this season.

Other top money winners who will compete include Donna Caponi, Little, Pat Bradley, JoAnne Carner, Jane Blalock, Beth Daniel, Amy Alcott and Whitworth.

Little is the only three-time winner of the season and Caponi has two titles going into the 15th tournament of the year.

Three others also are chasing the \$1 million mark — Caponi, Blalock and Carner — but each trails Whitworth by more than \$50,000.

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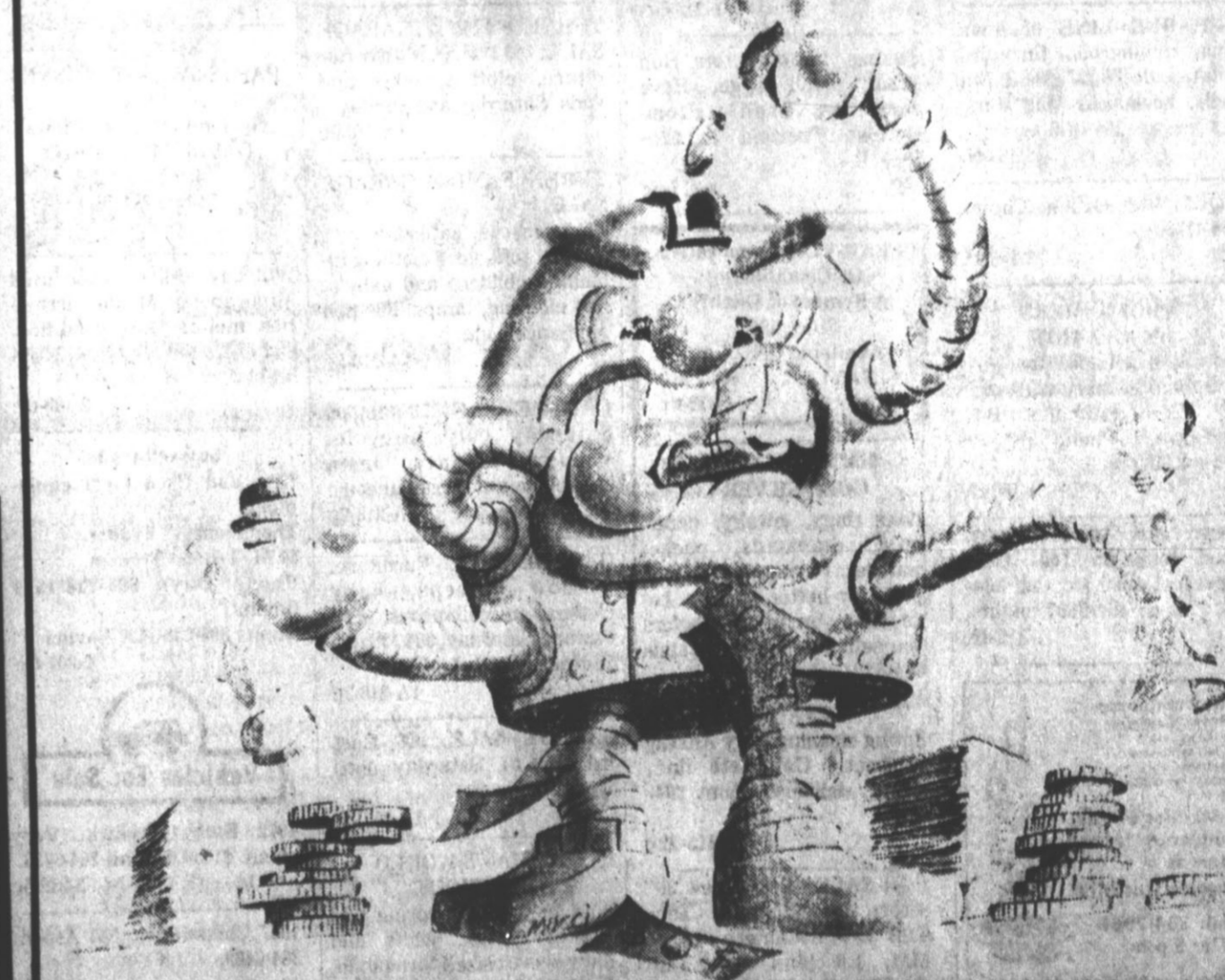
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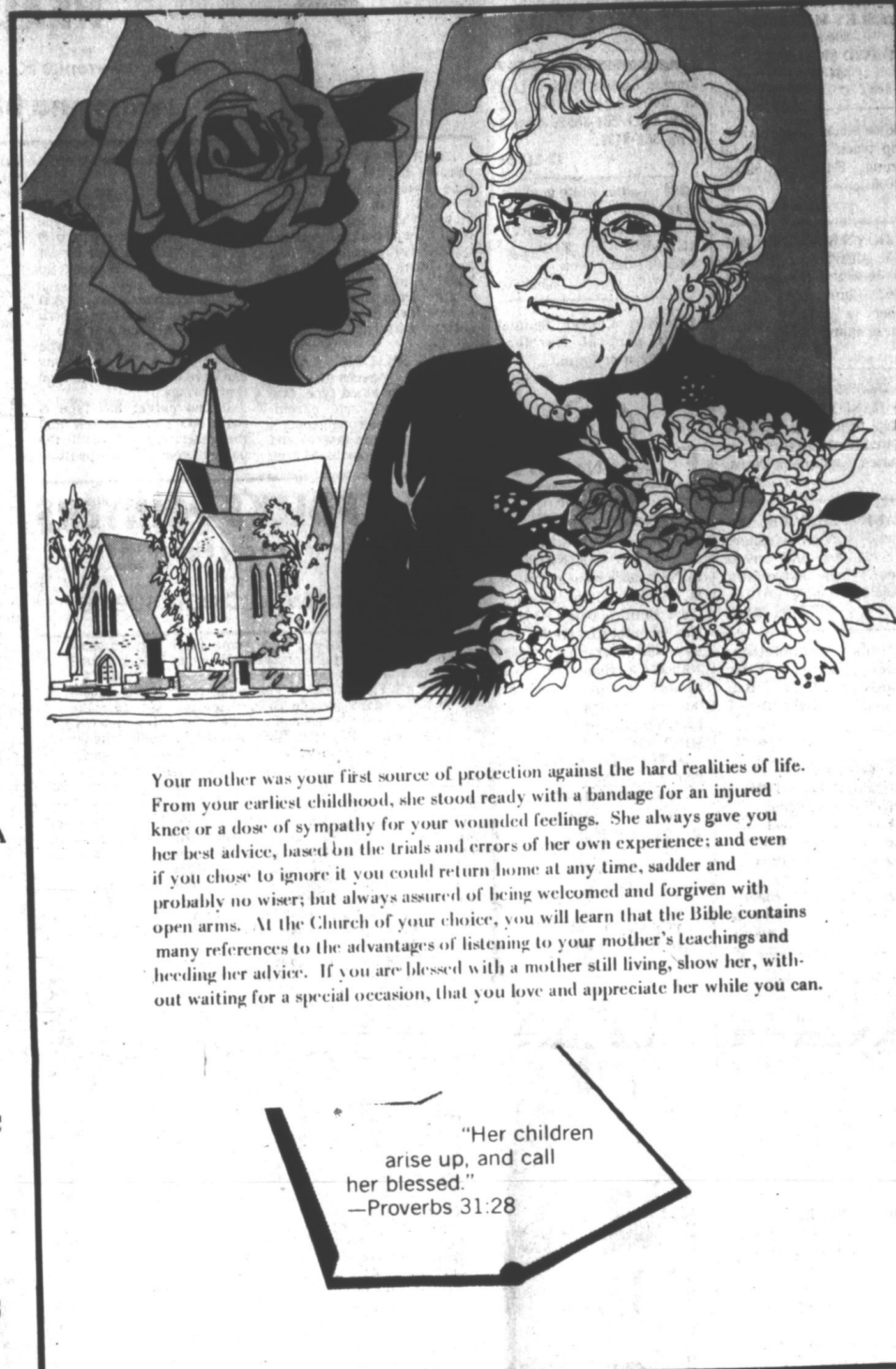
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