

Simons keeps extra \$500 monthly, Pennington denied deputy pay

Pay, taxes go up with county budget nod

By DEBE GRAVES
Staff Writer

It was dollar day in Deaf Smith County Commissioners' Court as commissioners approved a \$3.9 million budget, three percent tax increase, eight percent pay hikes and numerous expenditures under the current budget and for the fiscal year which begins Oct. 1. John Chandler and Eddie Bradley, representing a group of Amarillo businessmen putting together a program to bid for the Department of Energy's Superconducting Super Collider project, were the recipients of a \$19,348 pledge from the commissioners. Chandler presented the request based on estimates of expenses involved in soliciting the project to the area. If placed in the Texas Panhandle at a site near Dimmitt, the project would bring an average of 8,000

jobs per year and \$1.5 billion dollars of income to the area. Each city and county expected to receive benefits from the project has been requested to pledge financial support, based on populace and tax base, to conducting work needed to present a proposal to the DOE. Chandler told commissioners that the proposal will go to Washington, D.C., on Aug. 3 and the National Academies of Science and Engineering will narrow the proposal of 33 states down to five to 12 sites meriting close study. DOE will conduct intensive studies of the short list of proposed sites during 1988 and final selection of a site for the enormous government project will be made in January 1989. Commissioners approved a \$1,104 bid from Webster's to carpet offices on the fourth floor of the courthouse and in the county courtroom.

A request by Sheriff Joe Brown that Sharon Pennington be promoted to the office and salary of a secretary-deputy was denied. Brown had asked that Pennington be given a salary increase based on income she generates through bond processing fees, but the commissioners instructed him to present a job description of her duties, original and added, and stated a promotion or salary increase would be considered on the basis of job performance and not linked to the revenue she generates. Upon evaluation of Pennington's duties --which initially were secretarial but which now include transporting prisoners and investigative work with rape victims and assaulted children-- Brown requested Pennington be promoted to the office of secretary-deputy with commensurate salary.

Commissioner Troy Don Moore spoke in favor of the promotion and creation of the job title change. Though absent from the vote, Commissioner Bill Bradley had previously spoken in support of Pennington's claim. But, Commissioners Austin Rose and Johnny Latham voted against Moore. Pennington, a licensed deputy with 179 continuing education hours, was given a \$100 a month salary increase and the title of Administrative Assistant. Two other administrative assistants currently employed in the courthouse receive a salary of \$14,490. Pennington's annual salary, including the \$100 a month raise, will be \$13,182. She receives an additional \$100 a month, as do all deputies required to wear a uniform, for clothing allowance.

The county handbook lists an administrative assistant as one who "performs a large variety of complex secretarial duties." The decision to promote Pennington to the administrative title came after a bitter cross-fire of comments from other department heads within the courthouse who claim they, too, have employees who have taken on additional duties and who have not been compensated for those duties. In discussion relating to the decision it was stated that the Commissioner's Court does not wish to step out of the bounds of the county employee policy by handing out spot raises on the basis of the addition of duties to a position. But, in later business, Judge Tom Simons was granted a permanent \$500 a month salary increase which he has received on a temporary basis for two months for acting as director of the Social Services office. Two months ago Simons agreed to combine his office with the Social Service office, a move said to save taxpayers \$10,000 a year. Simons described his extra duties during Monday's commission meeting: "All the county judge does is answer the phone on weekends and give out food and gas." Assisting Simons with the duties of the Social Service office is Judy Baker, former part-time assistant to Social Service Director Earlene Cook who resigned in April. Baker, who Simons says "knows the job

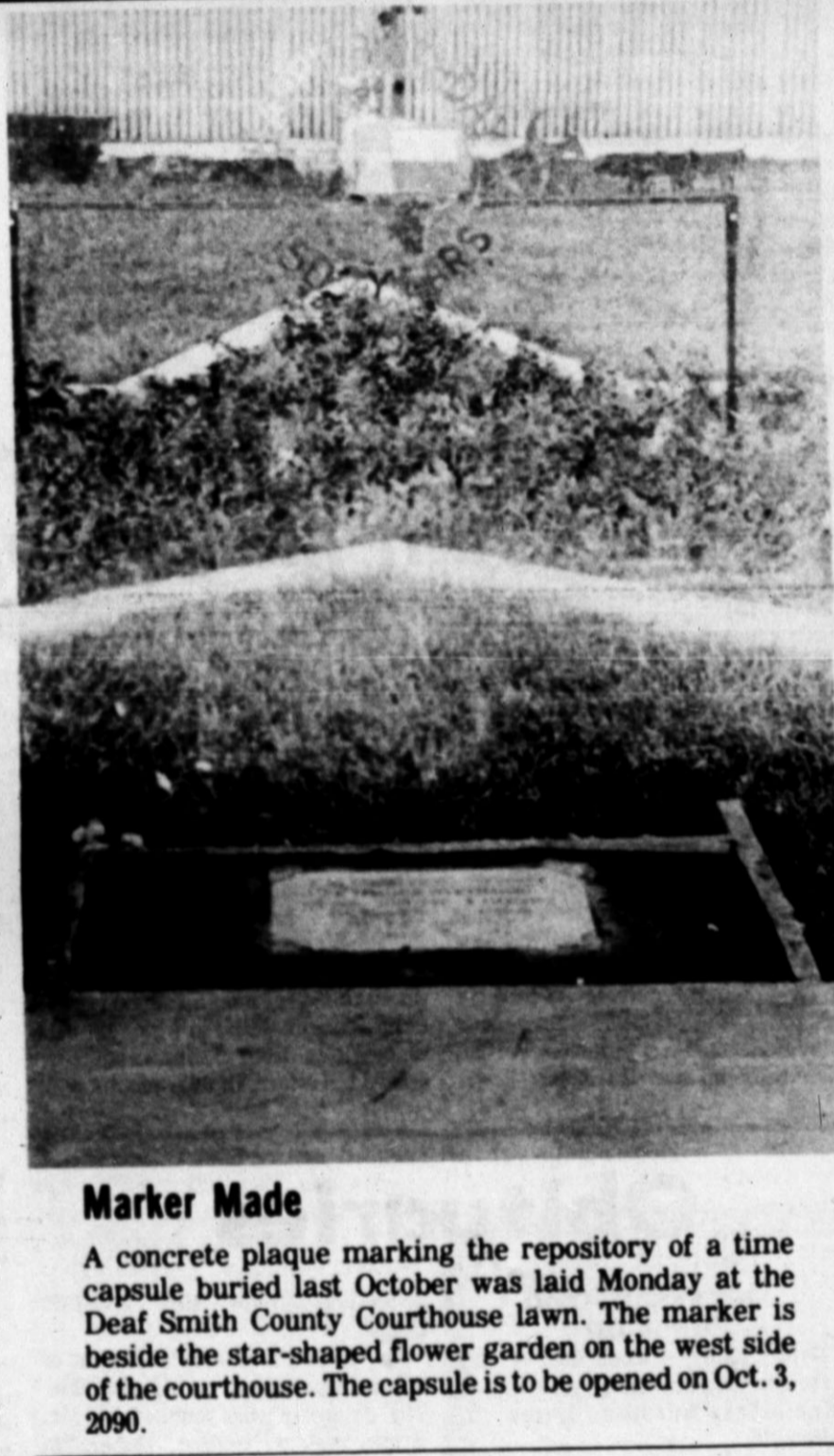
well, who to call, what we can and cannot do," was given a \$100 a month raise during the Monday meeting. Her raise will be effective July 15. Department heads upset by the lack of pay raises for their employees may be mollified, in part, by the court's decision to implement an eight percent, across the board, pay hike for county employees. This is the first salary increase county employees received since January of 1985. A tax base of \$4,516, which reflects a three percent increase, was set to provide additional revenue to cover salary increases and other county expenditures. The tax rate and percentage raised will be effective Oct. 1. Commissioner Rose noted that a bid awarded to Steven's Chevrolet has now been given to Stagner-Orsborn Buick-Pontiac. The bid was for a car for the Sheriff's Department and Steven's was unable to deliver the car as bid so the purchase was awarded to the second lowest bid. Appian Corporation was awarded the bid for sealcoating approximately 13 1/2 miles of county roads. Appian bid a cost of \$.50 per yard. Commissioners voted to support a grant application to form a Regional Law Enforcement Drug Unit but noted that as long as Deaf Smith County is a participant in the Metro-unit the Commissioner's Court will not contribute financially to the newly formed unit. Commissioner Moore and Sheriff Brown were instructed to check size requirements and make the final selection of two window unit air conditioners based on bids from Vasek Service and Equipment and from Bob's Heating and Air Conditioning. Rebecca Walls was named as interim librarian for the county library and Rinaldo Lucero was named to take over custodial duties for the facility. Commissioners decided to contract with Paul Mason to determine specifications and advertise for bids for the lease-purchase of computer equipment for various courthouse offices. Commissioners also voted to appoint County Auditor Alex Schroeter as Purchasing Agent. Schroeter will assume his duties, at no additional salary per his request, on Oct. 1. He will be responsible for seeking bids on office equipment, printing and other high-volume items for the courthouse and precinct barns. Department heads and their designates will contact Schroeter for purchase orders for budgeted items under \$5,000 and will seek approval of the Commissioner's Court for items over \$5,000 and for items not budgeted.

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Texas chilled by front

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A rare late season cold front dropped temperatures to unseasonable levels across the northern half of Texas early today. At dawn, the cold front was nearly stationary, located along a line from the upper Texas coast across South Central Texas into the Rio Grande Plains south of Del Rio. Some scattered showers and thunderstorms were reported early today over portions of South Central Texas around the cold front. Some other thundershowers were reported in the northern Panhandle and rain-fall was reported in El Paso during the night, but stopped during the pre-dawn hours. Forecasts called for a chance of showers and thunderstorms over the High Plains, South Central Texas and Southeast Texas through tonight. Skies will be mostly cloudy over South Texas and partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows tonight will be mostly in the 70s and 80s with cooler readings, mostly in the 60s, over northern sections of the state. Highs Wednesday will be mostly in the 80s and 90s with readings in Southwest Texas expected to be around or slightly above the 100-degree mark. Early morning temperatures were in the 70s and 80s in the southern half of the state and in the 60s elsewhere. Extremes ranged from 59 at Amarillo to 82 at Corpus Christi.



Marker Made

A concrete plaque marking the repository of a time capsule buried last October was laid Monday at the Deaf Smith County Courthouse lawn. The marker is beside the star-shaped flower garden on the west side of the courthouse. The capsule is to be opened on Oct. 3, 2090.

RAC to study DOE dump impact in three counties

Stating that negative impacts of the Department of Energy nuclear waste repository project would extend into the whole region of the Texas Plains, officials in Castro, Parmer, and Swisher Counties have formed the Repository Assessment Commission, an inter-governmental entity similar to the Waste Deposit Impact Committee (WDIC) of Deaf Smith County. The group is composed of the county judge and commissioners of each of the three member counties. An executive council of RAC is made of two county commissioners from each of the counties. Plans are to headquarter RAC in Dimmitt. RAC is funded through the Governor's Nuclear Waste Programs Office, and is already funded through September, according to RAC chairman Dale Winders, a Castro County (Prec. 2) Commissioner. The initial RAC priority will be a study on the direct effects on the tax bases of the three counties from potential impacts on land prices, food production and the beef cattle industry. Consultation has begun with professors at Texas Tech University concerning impact study. Winders says the commission is hopeful that Tech will be performing studies for RAC by September. Winders says the studies would include land values, impact on prices of area food products, usage, possible food contamination and value of underground water supplies, transportation concerns, health and emergency service, effects of stress and psychology of fear of an accident, and potential effects of radiation releases or accidents on humans, crops and livestock.

"These studies would undergird a governor's veto of the site, could be of future benefit to the respective counties in working with incoming industry, and should help, if the DOE prevails, in requests to the government for impact damages," says Delbert Devin, president of the Nuclear Waste Task Force. Opponents are supportive of RAC because it will contribute more information on effects of the dump and has more of a focus on agricultural impacts.

If missile threat appears

U.S. ready to attack Gulf bases

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. ships and planes patrolling in the Persian Gulf are authorized to attack Iranian missile installations if it appears missiles are about to be used, Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger says.

Issuing an unusually blunt and direct warning, Weinberger said Monday that in "certain circumstances" the United States would shoot first rather than wait for Iran to fire so-called Silkstorm missiles at ships flying the U.S. flag. Iran is thought to have obtained several dozen Chinese-built missiles and is storing them at a base near the Strait of Hormuz, where they could be fired at any ship entering or leaving the Persian Gulf. The missiles are generally considered by Pentagon officials to pose the greatest threat to U.S. Navy ships preparing to escort Kuwaiti oil tankers through the gulf. "The Silkstorm is a weapon that's capable of inflicting substantial damage on neutral shipping, on our own shipping," Weinberger said. "And it's important that everyone understand that we would not have to wait until it actually hit us." The defense secretary refused to spell out the circumstances under

which U.S. forces would attack the Iranian missile sites. But he said if military commanders in the region detected the deployment of the missiles and "evidence of hostile intent," they would not have to wait for Iran to actually open fire. Weinberger agreed to discuss what he said was the "imminent" start of U.S. escort operations for the Kuwaiti tankers during a 45-minute interview with reporters from the

Knight Ridder newspaper group. He refused to say precisely when the first escort operation would occur but hinted it might well be next week. As the defense secretary spoke, other administration officials were disclosing that the Soviet Union and China had quietly informed the U.S. government they supported, in principle, the imposition of an arms embargo against Iran if that country refuses to heed a cease-fire in its war

with Iraq. The U.N. Security Council is expected to order the cease-fire later this week, but Iran is believed determined to keep fighting until Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is forced out. The arms boycott would be taken up by the council within 30 to 45 days. The support of the Soviet Union and China is considered essential since either one could block an embargo with a veto vote. Vernon Walters, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, went to Moscow and Beijing last week to seek their backing. Describing Walters' mission as more successful than anticipated, two U.S. officials who asked not to be named said the Soviets and China had acknowledged the need for an arms embargo if the ceasefire was ignored. But the officials cautioned that the Soviets and China had not given Walters an unshakable pledge to vote with the United States for the boycott. "They came out very supportive," one of the officials said. "They conceded an enforcement measure was necessary. They accepted an embargo in a philosophical sense. But they did not commit themselves."

Burglary attempts hit neighborhood

Burglaries and domestic disturbances topped the list of calls for Hereford Police Department officers during the weekend and on Monday. Residents of four homes on the 100 block of Fir reported attempted break-ins. Several windows had been pried and footprints were found under the windows of one home. A few houses away another window screen was pried off and marks were made on the window. Across the street, two residents reported entry was made into their back yards and one door latch was tampered with.

None of the attempts were successful. Burglars had better luck elsewhere in town. A man on Ave. B reported a \$900 riding lawn mower was taken from his garage. A VCR, some VCR tapes and several items of jewelry were taken from a home on South Main Street. On Star, a woman reported the theft of a \$990 gas grill from her backyard. A stolen bicycle was recovered in the 300 block of Lawton and officers

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Local Roundup

Tax check down 11 percent

Hereford's sales tax return from the state comptroller's office puts the year to date total at 11.89 percent below what it was this time last year. Statewide, returns are down 6.5 percent. The city's recent return of \$38,201 brings the year to date total to \$310,084 for 1987. In 1986, the year to date total was \$351,938. But the payment for May was up slightly; the 1986 check was for \$37,342. Following are a few area towns, their returns, and year to date collection changes from 1986: Dimmitt, \$9,476, down 25 percent; Plainview, \$71,445, down 4 percent; Littlefield, \$17,238, 5 percent; Vega, \$1,501, down 11 percent; Friona, \$7,565, down 6 percent; Amarillo, \$752,673, down 4 percent; Canyon, \$24,219, up 7 percent; and Tulia, \$7,722, down 11 percent.

Tax board to view budget

The 1988 budget is on the agenda for the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District Board, which is to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at 402 West 4th. Other agenda items are routine business of minutes approval and office report.

Sheriff's report

Deaf Smith County Deputies are investigating two civil complaints filed during the weekend and a report of a horse missing from Barrett Croffoot West. A person reported missing was found and a resident reported a stolen bike. One arrest for public intoxication and one for traffic warrants were made.

DOE meeting Wednesday

Department of Energy Deputy Manager Robert Wunderlich will hold a weekly briefing at 7 a.m. Wednesday in the Community Center, to report on the status of the Salt Repository Project. Wunderlich will discuss staffing and procurement figures as well as other topics of interest to those attending. The public is encouraged to attend.

Weather

TUESDAY A.M. LOW: 61
MONDAY HIGH: 80 MONDAY A.M. LOW: 55
SUNDAY HIGH: 87 SUNDAY A.M. LOW: 67
SATURDAY HIGH: 100
MOISTURE: 24 of an inch reported Monday morning at KPAN.
OUTLOOK: Partly cloudy tonight with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. A low in the upper 50s. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. High near 80. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain less than 20 percent.



Featured At Lions' Carnival

The Hereford Lions Club Carnival opens tonight at the Bull Barn and continues through Saturday night. The Sandhill River Band (members pictured above) will be featured in a free concert Friday night, with performances at 7 and 9 p.m. The annual carnival also features game and food booths and rides from the "Pride of Texas Shows."

Soviet delegation leader calls for Mideast forum

JERUSALEM (AP) — The leader of a Soviet delegation has called on Israel to join an international Middle East peace conference, and stated the forum should not force Israel to accept unfavorable terms.

Yevgeny Antipov, head of the first official Soviet delegation to visit Israel in 20 years, said Monday the Kremlin would no longer insist that the peace conference impose solutions on its participants.

"Certainly if something will be imposed on the countries it won't last long," Antipov, deputy head of the Consular Directorate at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, told reporters. "The solution is the compromise and the good will of all the participants... To achieve lasting peace, all must agree."

But he added the Soviets could not be expected to play a passive role at a peace forum.

The delegation, which arrived late Sunday night, plans to survey Russian Orthodox Church property and look into the status of 2,500 Soviet passport holders. The Soviet Union and Israel do not have diplomatic ties, and the visit was arranged through the Finnish Embassy.

Some of the Soviets were scheduled to meet today with Yaacov Aviad, head of the consular affairs department at Israel's Foreign Ministry.

As proposed, the Middle East peace conference would include the five permanent U.N. Security Council members — the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Britain and France — as well as Israel, Egypt, Jordan, a Palestinian delegation and possibly other Arab countries.

"If we are saying the conference should be under the auspices of the United Nations, certainly the role ... of the permanent Security Council members should be taken into consideration," Antipov said.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leader of the left-wing Labor Party, favors an international conference but insists that critical negotiations take place between Israel and its Arab neighbors without interference by other countries.

So far, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, leader of the right-wing Likud bloc, has blocked Peres' efforts to advance the conference idea. Shamir has said an international conference would force Israel to make dangerous territorial concessions.

Shamir and Peres insist that the Soviet Union restore ties with Israel and ease emigration restrictions on its Jewish citizens if it wants a larger political role in the Middle East.

Labor and Likud are in the third year of a fragile coalition; Shamir and Peres traded jobs in October.

Antipov said the two-month stay of the eight-member Soviet consular team should not be interpreted as a step "towards establishing diplomatic or consular relations with Israel" broken by the Soviet Union in 1967.

"We said before and we're saying now: in order to establish consular or diplomatic relations, normalization of the full atmosphere in the region must be achieved," he said.

"This goal should be achieved through an international conference," Antipov said.

The Soviet official did not mention the issue of Palestinian representation at the conference, a stumbling block in the peace process.

Antipov said his delegation's mission was specific.

"We don't have any political tasks and to think we have some other purposes... would be in the realm of fantasy."

McFarlane to testify in Iran-Contral hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Iran-Contral committees are calling former National Security Adviser Robert C. McFarlane back to the witness table to dispute Lt. Col. Oliver North on issues including preparation of a fake chronology designed to obscure President Reagan's role in the affair.

House committee Chairman Lee Hamilton D-Ind., said McFarlane was expected to testify following North's last scheduled testimony today.

McFarlane, said Hamilton, intends to challenge statements made by his former subordinate over the past week on at least three areas where North said he had authority from superiors: solicitation of third countries for aid for the Contras; the Contra military program; and alteration of documents.

On all three instances, it's a question of authority," Hamilton said. "I think there is a flat contradiction as to those points. He is coming in because he wants to directly dispute and contradict the testimony of Colonel North on those several items."

Before McFarlane would take the stand, however, North was returning for what should be his last day of questioning by committee members anxious to point out the failings of the White House policymaking system that led to the sale of weapons to Iran and the diversion of proceeds to Nicaragua's rebels.

On Monday, a parade of committee members took turns lecturing North — at times eloquently — on the nature of democracy and how the administration's covert policies, shielded from public debate, had thwarted the process.

"The American people have the constitutional right to be wrong," Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., told North, pointing out that Contra aid has never had clear public support as reflected in sometimes vacillating congressional policies.

"And what Ronald Reagan thinks, or what Oliver North thinks, or what I think, or what anybody else thinks, makes not a whit if the American people say, 'Enough,'" Rudman said. "There comes a point that the views of the American people have to be heard."

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found another bike they believe may have been stolen.

Assault charges were filed by a woman who was threatened by her husband, but in another domestic assault no charges were filed. Domestic calls were investigated on Gracey, Paloma Lane, Schley, Irving, Ave. I, Lake and Fourth. Officers also answered a call on Belvins where a man reported his wife had been unfaithful to him. No action was taken by the police in response to his charges.

A complainant assaulted in her residence on Paloma Lane refused to file charges. Charges were filed in an incident involving assault on Knight Street. Aggravated assault occurred in a fight on South Texas. A female was treated at Deaf Smith General Hospital for injuries she received during the incident.

Criminal mischief reports were filed concerning a vehicle driven through the front yard of a residence on Ranger, damage to a fence gate on Knight Street, kids throwing rocks at a plumbing business, a juvenile who admitted to scratching paint on a vehicle and \$420 damage to the back glass on a car on Lake Street.

Other offenses reported include disorderly conduct at the Town and Country store, two cases of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a medical report of a husband who fell and hit his head, a prowler on the 600 block of Union, reckless damage on Ave. I, harassment when a clerk refused to sell beer to a customer and was afraid he would come back to bother her, juveniles involved in harassment on Lee Street, a barking dog disturbing the peace on Aspen,

New Arrivals

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
 Julian Barrientos, Bert Brown, Rosa Caballero, Estella Casarez, William Clement, Jane Dameron, Dottie Darden, Mike Davies, Willia Duggan.

Janie Galvan, girl Galvan, Jose Galvan, Jean Holbert, Nadine Hill, Charlie Holt, Kate Johnson, Al Lee, Jean Lyles, Vanessa Marquez, Boy Marquez, Norma McRight, Sheri McRight.

Margiea Montelongo, Norman Nelson, Angela Roddy, Boy Roddy, Shy Shafer, Vaneta Shipp, Clifford Smith, Johnnie Smith, Nancy Spinnare, Boy Spinnare, Teofila Tijerina, Felipe Valdez, Ann Walker, Carol Wheat.

Delta pilot failed to notify controllers of near collision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air traffic controllers were not notified for more than three hours that a Delta Air Lines jet had strayed 60 miles off course over the Atlantic and nearly collided with another jet, investigators have revealed.

The pilot of the Delta plane made no report to controllers at Gander, Newfoundland, although he should have done so because the section of trans-Atlantic airspace where the incident occurred is not monitored by radar, officials said.

Canadian and U.S. authorities are examining not only why the Delta jetliner was so far off course, but the actions of the pilots involved after the incident last Wednesday.

The two planes, carrying nearly 600 people, were assigned to parallel flight "tracks" that are 60 miles apart, but the Delta Lockheed L-1011 went so far off course that it flew within 100 feet of the Continental Boeing 747 — close enough for the passengers to see Delta's markings.

According to aviation sources, the Delta pilot should immediately have reported to controllers at Gander that he strayed way off course.

"There was no report received (from the Delta pilot) by Gander center," John Owen, regional director of the Canadian Aviation Safety Board, said in an interview Monday.

Owen, who is in charge of the investigation, said the near-collision occurred at 12:35 p.m. EDT, but the air traffic control center was not notified of an incident until 3:50 p.m. EDT when the Continental flight operations center informed officials that a near-collision had occurred.

The Continental pilot made the report even though he was not required to do so and pilots aboard other jetliners tried to persuade him not to report the incident, said Bruce Hicks, a Continental spokesman.

Delta jets have been involved in five incidents in recent weeks, the

Congressional committee comes before jury duty

GRAHAM, Texas (AP) — Robert McFarlane, from her home in Bethesda, Md.

Although born in Washington, D.C., McFarlane spent most of his boyhood in this town of 10,000 about 85 miles west of Fort Worth. His father, the late W.D. McFarlane, was a U.S. representative from Graham, and his mother still lives here.

McFarlane was summoned for jury duty in a case involving a juvenile accused of firing a shot that injured a school bus driver, District Clerk George Birdwell said.

In Beverly Hills Neurosurgeon sentenced to confinement in slum apartment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Beverly Hills neurosurgeon has been sentenced to wear an electronic device to make sure he obeys his court-ordered 30-day confinement in a vermin-infested apartment building he failed to repair.

Dr. Milton Avol can have visitors and food brought to him in his building, which he rents to low-income tenants, but he will have to wear the so-called electronic leash on his ankle so authorities will know if he leaves.

The doctor's 10-year record of building, health and safety code violations on his properties earned him the nickname "Rat Lord."

"I will only permit you to go outside the building so you can assist in repairs to the building," Municipal Court Judge Veronica Simmons-McBeth said Thursday as she ordered the confinement to start Monday.

She imposed the sentence, the first of its kind in Los Angeles, two years ago, after Avol repeatedly failed to improve conditions at four buildings he owned. It had been suspended during appeals.

Avol's attorney, Donald Steier, maintains Avol has improved conditions at the building in which he will be confined. Avol claims vandalism ruined his efforts to upgrade his properties, and that tenants share the blame for conditions.

Since being sentenced, Avol has sold all but the one building. Its problems include rodent infestation, missing or broken windows, lack of fire exits and deteriorating plaster.

Tenants complain about mice and rats but say the building, in a crime-ridden section of Hollywood, has become safer since Avol installed locks and hired a security guard.

"I killed six mice in one day," Jose Cavazos, who pays \$450 a month for a one-bedroom apartment, said Thursday.

The building's courtyard was strewn with soiled toilet paper, boxes and other garbage. Some windows were boarded up, and graffiti was scribbled on the walls.

"I'm glad he's finally serving his time in this building," said Deputy City Attorney Stephanie Sautner. "It's still a slum building. It's infested with vermin and cockroaches, electrical problems, mildewed walls, faulty wiring."

Confinement in the building is the second phase of Avol's two-part sentence. The first, 30 days in jail, was to end at midnight Thursday. Avol served most of that time in a sheriff's department lockup in Marina del Rey.

He has been cited for more than a dozen criminal code infractions and hundreds of health, fire and building code violations since 1967.

After pleading no contest to four health, building and fire code violations in 1983, Avol was placed on probation, fined \$250 per count and ordered to repay \$1,000 to the Department of Health Services for its inspection costs. The current sentence came in the wake of continued infractions.

Obituaries

JOHN HENRY FLOOD
 July 14, 1987
 John Henry Flood, 88, of 139 Liveoak, died this morning in Bevins Memorial Nursing Home in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

ALFREDO MARTINEZ
 July 13, 1987
 Alfredo Martinez, 81, of Southland died at 1:20 a.m. Monday in Lubbock's South Park Hospital after a brief illness. He is survived by a daughter, Josephine Ellis of Hereford.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at his residence. Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Guadalupe Catholic Church with Monsignor Curtis Halfmann, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englund's Funeral Service.

Mr. Martinez was born in Mexico and moved to Southland in 1951. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Trinidad; three sons, Juan of Lubbock, Jose Angel of Krum and Otilio of Dallas; five daughters, Dominga Martinez and Carmen Martinez, both of Slaton, Mary Ann Martinez of Lamesa, Josephine Ellis of Hereford and Irene Valdez of Southland; 36 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

HOWARD C. BROWN
 July 11, 1987
 Howard C. Brown, 71, of Amarillo, founder of a Hereford business, died Saturday, July 11, 1987.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Chapel at Central Church of Christ with Dick Marcear officiating. Arrangements were by

Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel.

Mr. Brown was vice president of Brown, Graham & Co. of Amarillo. The company was founded by Mr. Brown and his brother, Robert, in 1955 at Hereford. The Amarillo office opened in 1957 and Mr. Brown moved to Amarillo in 1967 to run it.

He was a member of Central Church of Christ and was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Jeanne Jackson of Amarillo; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be to Harrington Cancer Center or High Plains Children's Home.

CLARA BURELSMITH
 July 10, 1987
 Clara Burelsmith, 93, of Idalou, died at 11:55 p.m. Friday in Swisher Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Idalou Church of Christ with Stewart Gillespie, minister, officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

She was born in Wynnewood, Okla., and moved to Idalou in 1947. Her husband, David, died in 1948. She was a member of the Church of Christ. A daughter, Patsy Nance, preceded her in death.

Survivors include seven sons, D.S. of Tula, E.B. of Levelland, M.T. of Hereford, R.W. of Reno, Nev., J.H. of Petersburg, Dean of Odessa and Ernest of Idalou; three daughters, Margaret Burelsmith of Slaton, Meryle Templin of Reno, Nev., and Nora Faye Parish of Lubbock; 26 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Tiny Catholic church built stone by stone

KRESS, Texas (AP) — God is alive and well and living in a windswept prairie parish built stone-by-stone by church members and fashioned from a deserted and displaced funeral home.

It will never be mistaken for the architecturally wondrous St. Paul's Cathedral in London but St. Paul's of Kress is unique in its own right.

"The whole scenario is unusual," said the Rev. Rex Nicholl, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church in this tiny town of 783 on the southern edge of the Texas Panhandle.

With only periodic disruptions — usually during televised Dallas Cowboys football games — parishioners spent two years of Sundays tearing down a building in Plainview and hauling it mostly by pickup to Kress. They removed the rock walls piece-by-piece and replac-

ed them at the church site.

"A lot of work has gone into this place, but not a penny has been spent by anybody," said Joe Maldonado, the moving force behind the new church. "The congregation has done everything, the electrical work, the carpentry, the plumbing.

"That's what makes it so beautiful."

Technically, St. Paul's is not a parish but a mission since it has no resident pastor. Nicholl serves the nearby Tulia parish and another mission in Silverton and conducts mass here only on Saturday nights.

But the Hispanic membership at St. Paul's doesn't dwell on technicalities.

"It's not just our church, it's the community's, because that's who built it," said Maldonado.

Plainview church rebuilt in small Kress community

Nicholl said there is no shortage of small, poor Mexican-American churches in Texas but noted that the circumstances surrounding the St. Paul's project were unusual.

A closely knit group of about 30 families, the Kress Catholics discussed the possibility of building their own church in Kress several years ago.

"We got a bunch of people together and they went for it," Maldonado said. "We raked up enough money to buy some property and in the meantime began looking for a building."

What they found was an empty, two-story petrified rock building behind the Plainview Daily Herald offices. Owned by the newspaper's parent, Hearst Corp. of New York, the building once housed a funeral home and later law offices, apartments and even a beauty salon.

In 1981, Maldonado approached Herald Publisher James Thomas with an offer to buy and remove the building, explaining that it would be reconstructed in Kress. Thomas contacted Hearst.

Maldonado clearly recalls his next

meeting with Thomas:

"Joe," the publisher said, "I can't sell you that building."

"Why not?" asked a crestfallen Maldonado.

"Because we're going to donate it to you."

The Kress group went straight to work.

Mostly farm workers, school employees or men and women with sales and service jobs, they rebuilt the church from scratch.

"We all learned to nail a nail," laughed Maldonado.

"I think everyone pitched in, not only the men and women but the teen-agers and the children," Nicholl said. "This gave them a sense of solidarity."

He called the project a triumph of "cooperation, enthusiasm and determination" with a generous assist from people in the area, including some who may have resisted the effort early on.

"A lot of people helped us that we didn't even know," said Maldonado. "One of our biggest donors is not a Catholic."

Maldonado, an employee at a Plainview auto parts store, said one of the biggest boosts to the church movement was unexpected and more spiritual than material.

After obtaining the building from the Herald, parishioners submitted proposed names for the church to Rev. Leroy T. Matthiesen, bishop of the archdiocese of Amarillo. It was

he who selected St. Paul's.

Three months later, workers discovered an August 1936 calendar page in the attic of the old funeral home. It bore a painting of the Apostle Paul.

"I believe this indicates that God was pleased with the decision to name the church St. Paul's," the bishop observed.

"That really got everybody excited," said Maldonado.

Matthiesen came to Kress in August 1983 when the church, though still unfinished, was formally dedicated. He told the congregation that "your sweat and tears and blood" built the church, along with "your talent, time and treasures."

With Joe Maldonado too choked up to speak, Matthiesen recalled the words from "My Fair Lady" when Eliza Doolittle was to be introduced to society:

"You did it, you did it, you did it!"

Best was the worst town in Texas

BEST, Texas (AP) — Best was a town built on fast profits and schemes, a town that never lived up to the plan for it to be a model oil camp.

It was known as the "Best Town with the Worst Reputation," and a Saturday night there was considered to be a hard-drinking, hard-fighting night on the town.

In 1926, it was estimated that Best had a population of 3,000. Many people who came to find their fortune in the oil fields of West Texas found it easy to set up temporary quarters in Best, living in tents and shacks.

Today the word "wild" has a different connotation when applied to Best. It is overgrown with wild plant life, a setting where deer and rattlesnakes once again are plentiful. Today, the only legacies of the community named for Tom Best are a post office on U.S. Highway 67, crumbling foundations and probably the most fitting remnant of the bygone, rip-snorting oil town — the jail.

"Best was doomed to be a ghost town," said John Kovach of Odessa, who lived in Best in its heyday.

"Texas University owned the land, and they couldn't sell any of it even if they wanted to. You could only lease

it for a certain number of years with an option to renew," Kovach said.

"So people put up 'shotgun' houses (houses built along a straight hall, similar to mobile homes) and tents hoping to make a bunch of money and leave after the drilling ceased," he said.

Bars still guard the windows of the tiny adobe jail that appears too small to have housed a rowdy bunch of men. But according to Kovach, the jail served mainly as a "holding tank."

"Men were kept in the jail only until we could get a sheriff from Big Lake to come transport them back to Big Lake," Kovach said.

Nonetheless, Best's reputation as a dangerous town was only exceeded by the notoriety of nearby Texon's nationally famous baseball team.

"Best got its reputation from the shanty town which existed there in a gravel pit," said Dorothy Way of Big Lake, a former resident of Texon. "It was considered dangerous for women and children to go to Best, even in the daylight," she said.

"The problem was Best had the only post office around, and we couldn't go pick up our mail. We had to wait for the men to come home from the oil fields every day, so they could go get the mail," Ms. Way said.

"The city of Best was a beehive of drillers, contractors, roughnecks, supply men, bootleggers and prostitutes," said James J. Isbell in "The Reagan County Story," sponsored by the Reagan County Historical Society.

"It became hazardous to roam the streets and byways by yourself, even in daylight," Isbell said. "The gravel pit — some called it the 'Hell Hole' — was located north of the railroad tracks and a real tough shanty town. Open saloons were booming day and night. Many murders were committed and people robbed."

Kovach said the gravel pit had shacks with false store fronts and honky tonks in the rear.

"I remember one with a drug store front that had a single bottle of Mentholatum on a shelf inside. No one was attending the store, and people were gambling and drinking in the back," he said.

"Choc beer and moonshine whiskey flowed freely, for a price, as well as gambling and girls. Part of the problem was that Best was not incorporated and it was governed by the county," Kovach said. "So, the 'law,' (a few deputies) had to rule with a gun.

"I avoided the danger by minding my own business," Kovach said.

Despite its reputation, and some shootings and killings, Best was not as bad as some of the other oil boom towns, such as Ranger, he said.

But in 1925, the Texas Rangers came to Best to "clean it up," according to Kovach. "They dismantled a lot of the 'stores' in the gravel pit and raided a home where choc beer was being brewed, since it was during Prohibition."

Best was planned as a city with easy access to the nearby oil fields after the Santa Rita No. 1 oil well gushed in on May 28, 1923. With few roads, living close to the oil fields was a necessity.

Kovach played a part in furnishing a rig and oilwell equipment for the Santa Rita No. 1. At the time, he was a 19-year-old night clerk in Breckenridge for Continental Supply Company (now LTV Energy Products Company). Carl Cromwell, a famous wildcatter, breezed in late one evening and ordered the oil rig and equipment, saying it must be delivered in one night.

Impressed by the big sale and Cromwell's enthusiasm, Kovach worked well into the night to get the equipment on its way to Best. The inexperienced Kovach didn't stop to think about the customer's credit rating or the fact that he paid with a postdated check.

Fortunately, Cromwell set up the oil equipment at the Santa Rita No. 1 and hit one of the biggest oil strikes in history, making Kovach's unsuspecting gamble pay off.

Forty-one years later, in 1964, Kovach was cited by the University of Texas for his contribution to the Santa Rita No. 1.

Despite the primitive living conditions in Best in the early '20s, the oil fields were booming and wealth flowed.

"Continental Supply had a million-dollar month, which was unheard of in those times," Kovach said.

For recreation, Kovach remembers playing bridge, or going to Texon to play golf or attend baseball games. "The best times we

had, were attending dances in Best, San Angelo and other nearby towns," he recalls.

Despite the concern with crime, Kovach's most harrowing experience was an accident.

It was New Year's Day, and most of the occupants of the Continental Supply Store had been at a New Year's Eve dance until the wee hours. About 11:45 a.m. a young couple attempted to light a gasoline heater. "It blew up when they went to light it," Kovach said.

Everyone escaped with no injuries worse than some slight burns, but the store was destroyed. It was estimated that Continental Supply lost \$200,000, only partially covered by insurance.


Not long after, the flow of oil began to abate. "People began leaving overnight," Kovach said. "There was a time when a barrel of water in Best cost \$1 and sour crude was selling for 10 cents a barrel."

Kovach closed the Continental Supply Store in 1934 and moved to Odessa with the company.

Best, which once boasted of a beauty shop, grocery and merchandise stores, four hotels, a school and several other businesses, was virtually deserted after the Great Depression. By 1945, only about 12 families lived in the town, where street after street was vacant.

Today it has a population of about 25, and the old jail and post office.

Even though the "best" of Best is gone, the town with the colorful past has found its place in West Texas history.



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TODAY'S QUOTE: "Some men rob you with a six gun, others with a fountain pen" — Woody Guthrie.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 10) and last quarter (July 17).

TODAY'S TRIVIA: In which state was Gerald Ford born? (a) Michigan (b) Nebraska (c) North Dakota

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Lifestyles

—4-H Around the County—



Carr Honored By Shower

Jennifer Carr, bride-elect of Dr. Brian Eades, was honored recently with a bridal shower in the home of Ruth Allison. Receiving guests were, from left, Allison;

Helen Eades, mother of the prospective bridegroom; the honoree; and Rosemary Powell, mother of the honoree. An August wedding is planned by the couple.

Bridal shower fetes bride-elect

A bridal shower honoring Jennifer Carr, of Dallas, bride-elect of Dr. Brian Eades, was held Saturday morning in the home of Ruth Allison, 113 N. Texas.

Guests were greeted by the honoree, her mother, Rosemary Powell of Orange; the prospective bridegroom's mother, Helen Eades; and Allison.

Refreshments were served from a table laid with a white cloth over mauve pink, the bride's chosen color. White and pink napkins further enhanced the color scheme as did a silver coffee service, silver punch bowl with cups, silver trays, and crystal dishes.

The table was centered with a large arrangement of silk flowers in multi-colored pastel shades gathered in a crystal bowl.

A large tray of fresh fruit assembled atop two fresh pineapple halves

were served along with sausage balls, miniature cinnamonrolls, fruit-nut bread, and pastel shades of mints.

Alice Eades, sister-in-law of the prospective bridegroom, registered guests. The registry table contained a bud vase of mauve pink flowers. Yellow daisy corsages tied with blue satin ribbon were presented to the honoree and the couple's mothers.

The hostess gift was a piece of the luggage chosen by the couple.

Hostesses included Allison, Mildred Betzen, Sara Cook, Mary Herring, Wanda Hoover, Mary Sue Hull, Betty Koelzer, Ann Line, Ruth McBride, Judy Mitts, Lavon Nieman, Bettye Owen, Dorotha Prowell, Brenda Reinauer, Peaches Reinauer, Ruth Robinson, Clovis Seago, Theda Seiver, Georgia Sparks, Marie Stringer, Mary Thomas, and Avis White.

The honoree will marry Dr. Eades on August 29 at Park City's Baptist Church in Dallas. Eades is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Eades of Hereford.

Scholarship supper set

The public is invited to attend the Nazarene Christian Academy Scholarship supper from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday in the church fellowship hall.

Tickets are priced at \$3 per adult and \$1.50 for children seven years of age and under. All proceeds will go to

the scholarship fund for children whose parents desire Christian education but cannot meet the cost of Christian schooling.

The meals will be served each Wednesday at the church through Aug. 19.

POLLY'S POINTERS

Reader's tips for non-soggy crust

By Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY — I just read about the lady who had a soggy pie crust. I make lemon pies all the time and mine are never soggy. Here is my never-fail crust.

Stir 1½ cups all-purpose flour together with ½ teaspoon salt. Cut in ¾ cup white vegetable shortening with a pastry blender or fork until it reaches the consistency of coarse meal. Add 3 tablespoons cold milk. Stir gently

with fork. Gather into a ball. Place in pie pan. With fingertips, spread pastry along the bottom and side of the pan, shaping a high, fluted edge. Yield: one 9-inch pie shell.

I make about 12 crusts at one time and freeze them, so I use a rolling pin to roll out my crust. — MARY

DEAR POLLY — When I have a meal that includes cornbread, I bake it on my waffle iron. The bread is nice and crisp — and pretty, too. — H.D.

By DAVY VESTAL
County Extension Agent

Eleven Deaf Smith County 4-H'ers traveled to Austin this past week to compete in the 1987 Texas Club Calf Association and Belt Buckle Bonanza. The Bonanza is the largest summer steer show in the nation with over 1,200 steers vying for championship honors.

Angela Brumley and Michael Berend were the most successful local 4-H'ers exhibiting their steer each to Reserve Breed Champion honor. Brumley placed her Middle Weight Semmental steer first in class and then was named Reserve Breed Champion. Berend's Heavy Weight Maine Anjou steer worked its way up to first in class and eventually Reserve Breed Champion as well. Kelly Christie placed his Brahman steer 2nd in class while Jeremy Myers' Maine Anjou steer placed 3rd. Other results include: Brandi Binder-5th, Maine Anjou, Brittany Binder-5th. Hereford, Greg Urbanczyk-5th Charolais, Chris Grotegut-6th Maine Anjou, Colby Christie-6th Charolais, Brek Binder-9th Maine Anjou.

Jeremy Myers placed his Chianina Heifer 2nd in class while Colby Christie's Southdown was a class winner.

June 27-28 the group participated in the Golden Spread Classic in Amarillo. Greg Urbanczyk showed the Champion Charolais, Chris Grotegut exhibited the Champion Simmental and Kelly Christie showed the Champion Brahman steer. Jeremy Myers exhibited the Reserve Champion Maine Anjou steer while

Colby Christie showed the Reserve Champion Charolais steer. Other class winners include Angela Brumley and Brittany Binder. Other results are Jeremy Myers-4th place Chianina, Angela Brumley-4th place All Other Breeds, Brek Binder-3rd place All Other Breeds, Brandi Binder 5th place Chianina, Donna Grotegut-6th place Maine Anjou Greg Urbanczyk-2nd place All Other Breeds, Michael Berend-2nd place Maine Anjou, 4th place Limousin, Patrick Newton 5th place Hereford, Tommy Preston-3rd Santa Gertrudis.

Jodi McElhaney qualifies for the 1987 State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene July 23-26. McElhaney qualified her horse by accumulating points at the District 4-H Horse Show in Amarillo on June 24. McElhaney was in the top twenty of over 70 horses at the show.

Good luck at State Jodi!

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Military Muster

Army Pvt. Phillip D. Parson, son of Ellis and Mildred Parson of Summerfield, has arrived for duty with the 41st Engineer Battalion, Fort Drum, N.Y.

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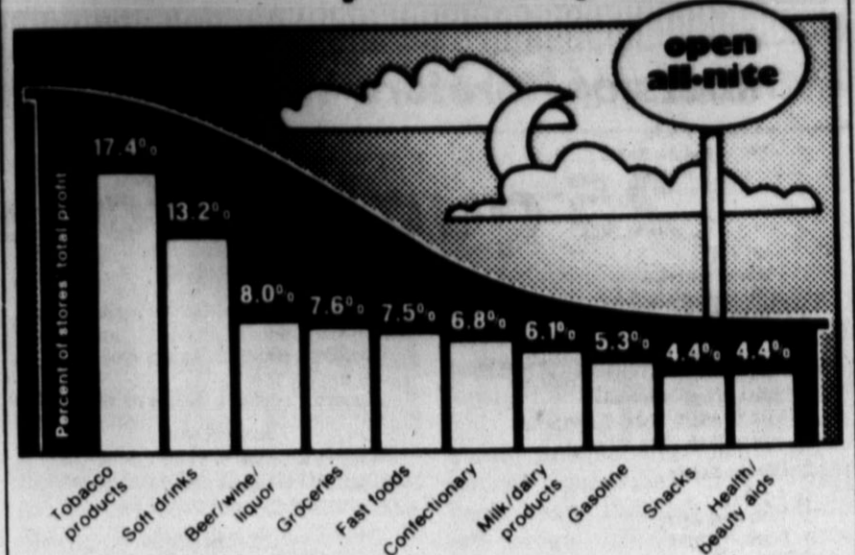
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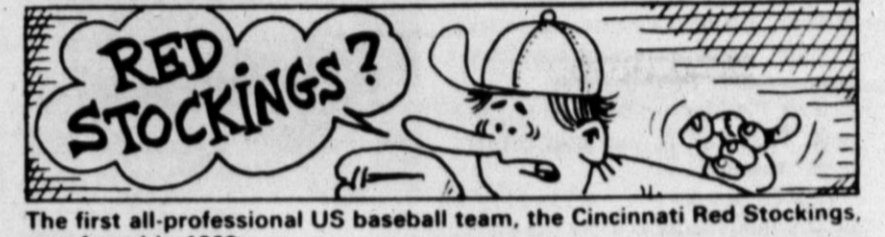
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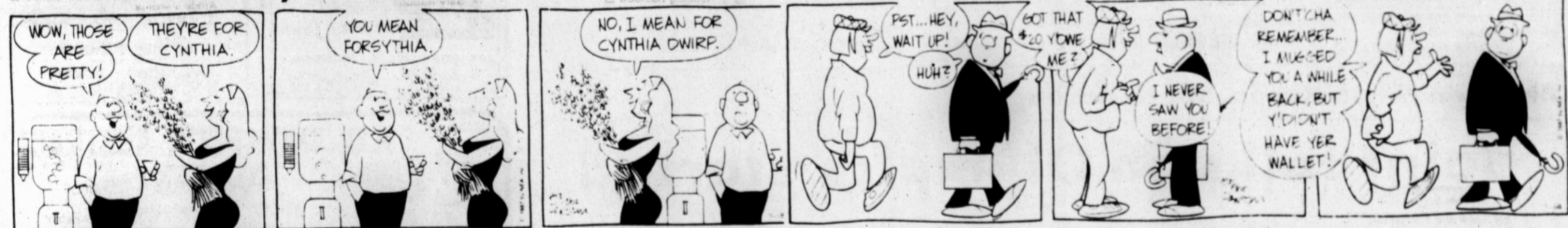
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Election day

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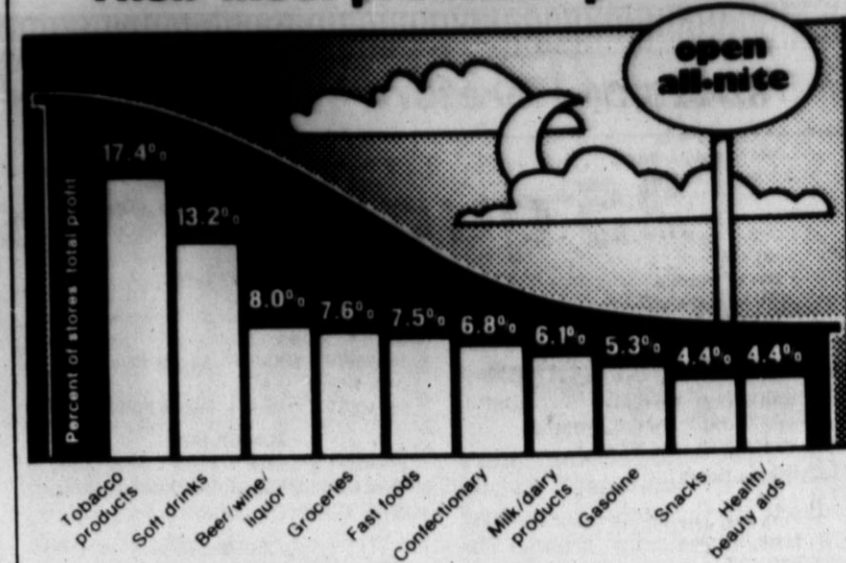
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In 58th baseball all-star game

Will hitters or pitchers rule tonight?

By STEVE WILSTEIN
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — In the year of the hitter, with both All-Star lineups studded with modern versions of Murderers Row, starting pitchers Mike Scott and Bret Saberhagen will try to restore a little law and order to the game.

Scott, the National League starter in tonight's 58th All-Star Game, will test his split-fingered fastball against an American League squad packed with New York Yankee power.

If Rickey Henderson, Don Mattingly or Dave Winfield don't get to Scott, George Bell, Cal Ripken and Wade

Boggs may.

And waiting for his turn will be the crowd favorite, Oakland rookie slugger Mark McGwire, a redhead built like a lumberjack, whose 33 homers lead the majors.

Saberhagen, the lanky 15-3 right-hander starting for the American League, has no less a chore against Eric Davis, Andre Dawson, Mike Schmidt, Darryl Strawberry and Jack Clark, who have a total of 118 homers this season.

The original Murderers Row of the 1927 Yankees featured Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and company. Nostalgia aside, the new generation of sluggers could stand in the lineup with the

best of them at the pace they're going.

It is the special joy of baseball's All-Star Game that it allows fans to fulfill a fantasy of bringing so many top players together, to see, for example, Boggs with his .375 average and Mattingly with his .336 average, in the same lineup.

The game also is a stage for young phenoms like McGwire to stand with established stars, and for aging players to take a final bow.

One had to laugh a little Monday watching the 23-year-old McGwire, looking like a wide-eyed overgrown kid, talking with the full-bearded Boggs and politely turning down the

offer of a plug of tobacco.

A sellout crowd of almost 50,000 and clear skies were forecast for the 5:30 p.m. PDT game as the AL tries to win consecutive All-Star Games for the first time since 1967-68.

Despite a 3-2 loss last year, the NL has won 13 of the last 15 along with 21 of the previous 24.

The American League squad, with three rookies, is a little younger, averaging about 28 years, compared to the NL's average of 30. Eleven American Leaguers are making their first All-Star appearance, while all but four of the National Leaguers have been at the game before.

And as it has been all season, the 22

percent jump in home runs has been hotly debated. To help settle the question of whether the balls are any livelier, American League President Dr. Bobby Brown said both leagues would begin laboratory testing on the balls.

"We're going to repeat tests we conducted in 1984 when we awarded the ball contract to Rawlings," Brown said. "We don't expect any difference."

Brown said results would be back within two weeks "and possibly a lot sooner."

Asked whether the ball was "juiced," National League President A. Bartlett Giamatti, the former presi-

dent of Yale University, quipped, "No more than I am, sir."

Scott and Saberhagen each have allowed 12 home runs this season but are split on the reasons.

Davis, who leads the NL with 27 homers, will bat leadoff and be followed by Ryne Sandberg, Dawson, Schmidt, Clark, Strawberry, Gary Carter, Ozzie Smith and Scott.

Henderson will lead off for the AL and be followed by Mattingly, Boggs, Bell, Winfield, Ripken, Terry Kennedy, Willie Randolph and Saberhagen.

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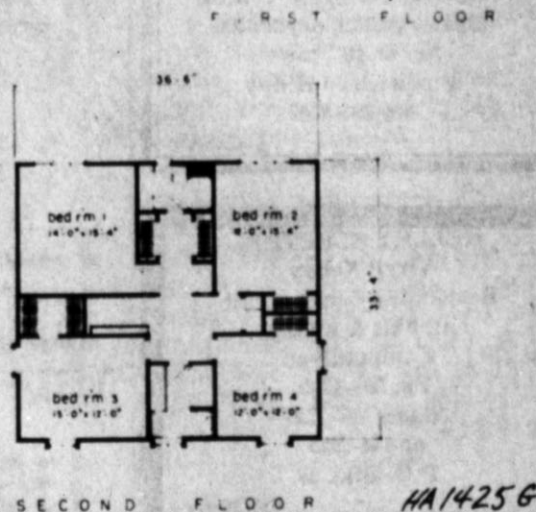
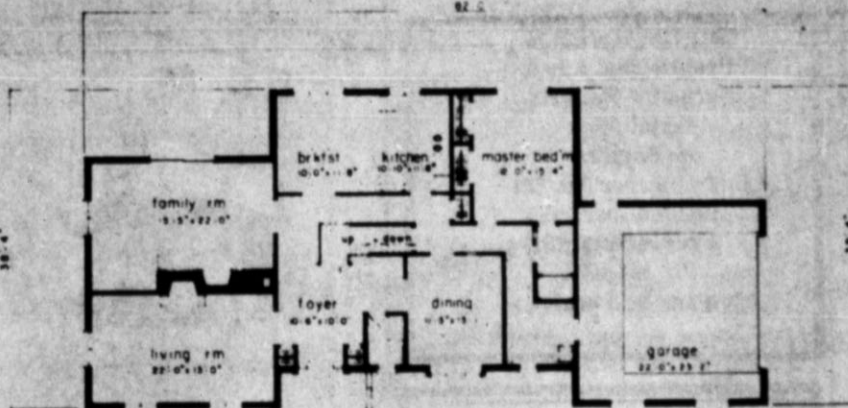
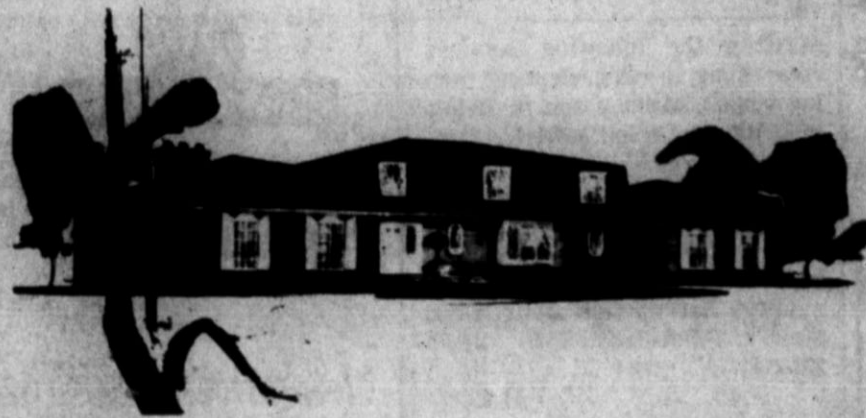
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