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There are, it seems, three kinds of pole-cats. The first is a critter more commonly called a skunk. The second is a person who acts like one. And the third is, well, a cat that sits on a pole. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)

New oil price hikes due from OPEC

BALI, Indonesia (AP) — The 13-nation OPEC oil cartel met today in a bid to restore "at least a facade of unity" despite the 85-day-old war between two of its members, Iran and Iraq. The oil producers were also expected to make plans for a new round of price hikes.

Opening the first major OPEC meeting since the Persian Gulf war erupted Sept. 22, Indonesia's President Suharto appealed to Iran and Iraq "to seek the best conceivable solution to their conflict as soon as possible."

In a quiet protest, Iran's delegation placed a large black-and-white photograph of Iranian Oil Minister Mohammed Jawad Beqir Tunguyen, who has been taken prisoner in the war, in the seat he would have occupied.

Asked about the picture, Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeh Abdul Karim told a reporter, "We think it would be more appropriate to expose the pictures of the victims of the Iranian regime."

Suharto said he hoped the OPEC meeting "could produce fresh wind for mutual understanding, fraternal relations and close harmony amongst its members."

The delegates from Iran and Iraq, confronting each other on this idyllic palm-dotted tourist island, showed no outward response to Suharto's plea.

Their conflict has cut off a combined total of 4 million barrels a day in oil exports and spurred disarray among other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries who hope to restore some sort of unified front.

"We must be vigilant that this OPEC meeting does not become an arena which weakens the unity and integrity of our organization," Suharto said. "We are obliged to restrain ourselves and to act calmly."

The challenge before OPEC is "to restore unity," Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said Sunday, on the eve of the meeting. "We are going to avoid any points which can lead to confrontation. I don't believe the problems we have had will last forever. I am optimistic."

OPEC protocol experts took the unusual step of separating Iran and Iraq, whose delegates traditionally were seated side-by-side in the alphabetic arrangement of past meetings. The Indonesian delegation was sitting between them.

Iran was expected to use the meeting to repeat its demand for the return of its oil minister, who was captured by Iraqi troops in late October near the Iranian oil refinery center of Abadan.

Iraq claims Tunguyen is a prisoner of war and refused to hand him over at the Bali meeting despite the urging of some OPEC members who suggested such a step could improve the chances for peace.

Because of the war, there was speculation the OPEC members might not be able to get together on a new formula for oil prices. But the Venezuelan minister predicted they would try again to achieve the unified pricing policy that eluded them at their meeting last September in Vienna.

He predicted the Iran-Iraq war would help dry up the world oil glut, stemming from economic recession and conservation, that has prevented OPEC hard-liners from getting the top dollar prices they sought for their oil.

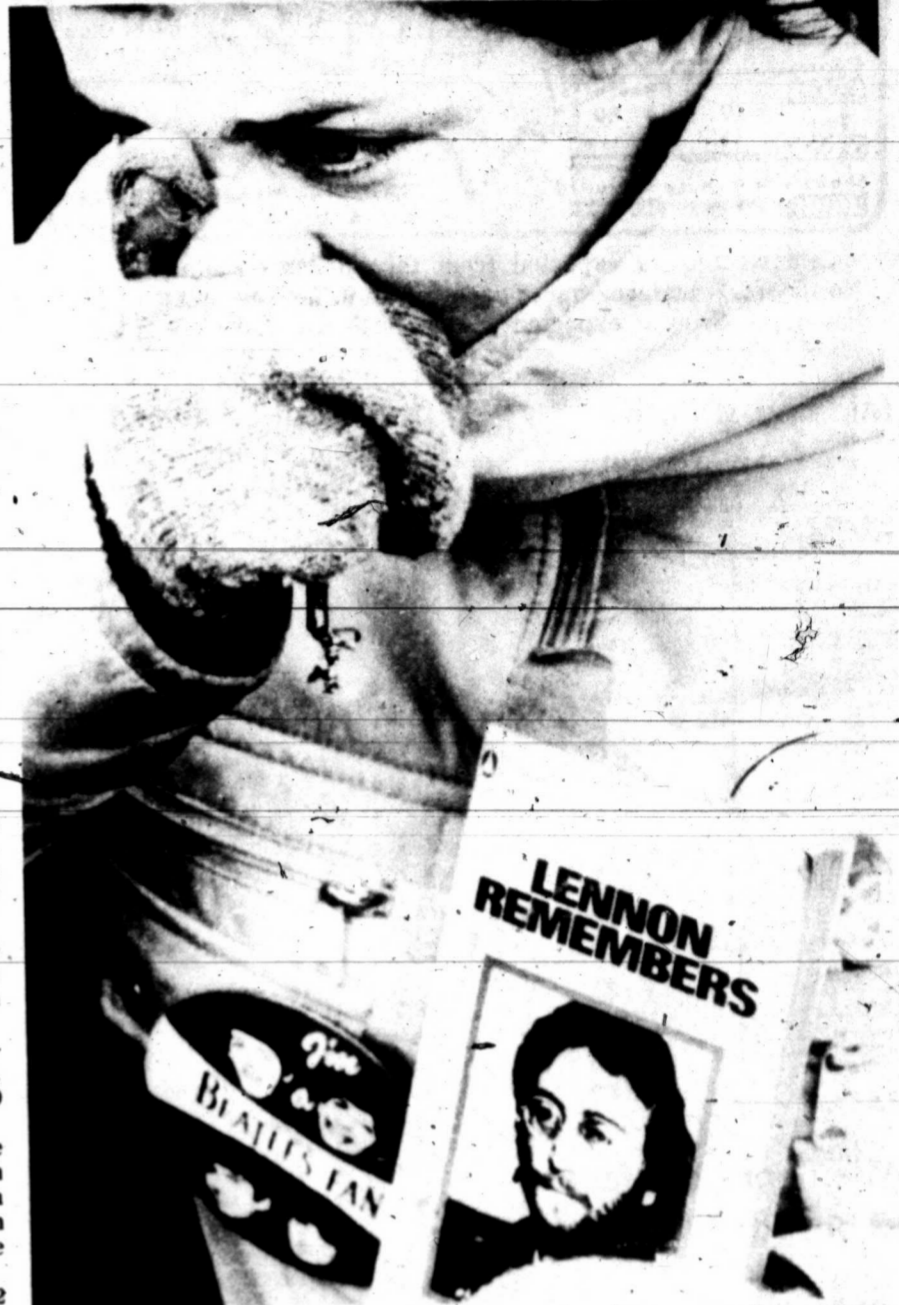
"We are sure we are going to have a deficit in the first quarter of next year," Calderon Berti said. "In my opinion we will have to restore equilibrium in supply and demand."

He said oil consumption this year by non-communist countries was about 25 percent less than in 1979. But he said 1981 consumption should return to 1979 levels.

He suggested that a pricing formula could be worked out for 1981 if Saudi Arabia agreed to match the OPEC benchmark price of \$32 per barrel. Saudi Arabia, the cartel's largest producer, has been selling its oil for \$2 a barrel less than the base price.

Calderon Berti said quarterly price increases of 2 to 3 percent in real terms next year to cover inflation might be possible if there was unified pricing.

"If they (Saudi Arabia) move to \$32, we would be happy to apply the formula," he said. "We are satisfied that we could stay with this for the year."



Clutching a book by John Lennon, a girl weeps during 10 minutes of silence at a memorial service in Chicago for the slain ex-Beatle Sunday in Chicago. Details on Page 6A. (AP-Laserphoto)

Congressional pay hike said dead

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man who will lead House Republicans in the new Congress says a proposed \$10,000-plus congressional pay raise is dead. If Rep. Robert H. Michel is right, the lame-duck 96th Congress may reach a compromise on the sensitive issue in time to keep a large chunk of the federal government from going broke at midnight.

The 17 percent pay raise, which would hike the salary of a member of Congress from \$60,662 to \$70,900 and raise the salaries of 34,000 top-level government employees, is attached to an omnibus spending bill.

Unless that bill is passed by midnight, the State, Justice, Commerce, Treasury and Health and Human Services departments will lose their authority to spend money, as will

most independent federal agencies. And without the power to spend, Rep. Jamie L. Whitten, D-Miss., warned over the weekend, "they will have to close virtually every building" in Washington.

Despite meeting for about 12 hours Saturday, Congress recessed until today after failing to agree on the pay raise proposal.

But Michel, interviewed on ABC's "Issues and Answers" Sunday, said the pay raise had become "a dead issue, there's no question about it," indicating a compromise could be reached easily.

The Illinois congressman is on a House-Senate conference

committee that arranged to take up the pay raise dispute again today. Discussing his prediction that the pay raise would be dropped from the bill, Michel said Sunday: "I'm going to be a conferee and that's exactly what's going to happen."

In complex parliamentary maneuvering Saturday, the House and Senate tossed the stopgap spending package back and forth, with the House approving the pay raise and the Senate scuttling it.

At one point, as the House waited for a reply from the Senate, nine GOP representatives gathered on the House floor to sing Christmas carols, including "Santa Clause Is Coming to Town" and "Jingle Bells."

Iran lays blame on U.S.

Bani-Sadr points finger at us

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr today blamed the United States for the delay in freeing the 52 American hostages and said Washington must be prepared to return every penny of Iranian wealth before the standoff can be resolved.

"The Majlis (Parliament) has asked for the return of our money and if there is any obstacle it is in the answer that America gives," Bani-Sadr told a news conference for foreign reporters in Tehran. "The principle reason for the delay lies in the hands of those who hold real power in the United States."

He did not elaborate, but said any U.S. decision to withhold a portion of Iranian assets "clearly will not lead to a solution."

Bani-Sadr was commenting on the delay in Iran's response to the latest

U.S. clarification of the four conditions proposed for release of the 52 hostages, held now for more than 13 months. He said the fault for the delay rests with the United States for failing to state in clear terms its acceptance of the demands adopted Nov. 2 by the Parliament.

"Of course, I am not speaking only of the money that was stolen by the Shah and his relatives. I am speaking also of the money that belongs to the Iranian government and is in the U.S. banks or the banks that are under U.S. control."

Iran has demanded the return of the wealth of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and his immediate family, withdrawal of pending U.S. lawsuits against Iran, release of more than \$8 billion in Iranian assets frozen in U.S. banks and a U.S. pledge of

non-interference in Iranian affairs.

The U.S. government is reported to have explained the legal obstacles to its fulfilling the first two demands but reportedly said the other two conditions could be met without difficulty.

Last week, Executive Affairs Minister Behzad Nabavi, chief of the government commission studying the hostage issue, publicly rejected the U.S. position that the U.S. courts must decide who is entitled to the shah's holdings in the United States.

"This point must be cleared up, that is whether they (the U.S. government) will return the money to us. I do not think our people will accept a solution which would result in the loss of one penny of their money," said Bani-Sadr, who is not directly involved in the hostage negotiations.

Woman killed near Andrews

ANDREWS — A 54-year-old Andrews woman died Sunday morning from injuries she received when the pickup she was driving near here overturned twice.

The fatality occurred about 14 miles northeast of Andrews on Texas Highway 115, according to a Department of Public Safety spokesman.

Andrews Peace Justice Jay Williams pronounced Monia McMillan Renfro dead at the scene at 8:05 a.m.

According to reports, Mrs. Renfro was traveling east on Highway 115 when she ran off the right side of the road, overcorrected and went into a broadside skid.

The vehicle overturned twice, throwing the woman out of the pickup truck, the spokesman said.

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9 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT 'TIL CHRISTMAS

A couple of encouraging triumphs noted in people's war against numbers

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

Score one — no, make that two — tiny and temporary triumphs for everyone who has ever screamed in frustration: "I'm a name, not a number!"

The Senate voted last week to delay a plan to increase ZIP codes from five digits to nine. And a campaign to use Social Security numbers as a sort of universal identification system appears dead for the time being. You can't win the war against the numbers, of course. They're everywhere — from birth to death.

Consider: —Almost 270 million Social Security numbers have been issued since the system began in 1936.

—The American Automobile Association says 144 million people in the United States have drivers' licenses — numbered, of course. Those people drive 116½ million passenger cars — with numbered registrations and numbered license plates.

—There are over half a billion numbered credit cards in circulation in the United States; the average credit card has more than five pieces of plastic in his or her pocket. Spencer Nilson, publisher of a newsletter about credit cards, estimates that the average will be over eight per cardholder by 1985.

—The U.S. Passport Office has issued more than 13 million numbered passports.

—If you want to use one of the 15,000 or so cash machines operated by banks and other financial institu-

tions you'll need a special "personal identification number" — a PIN. And, for security reasons, your PIN should not duplicate any of your other identification numbers.

—Telephone numbers are getting longer. A spokesman for the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. says 90 percent of AT&T customers have to dial "1" before the regular number on a wide variety of calls. In some cases, the extra digit increases the number of combinations available for customers; in others, it's used to record toll calls.

—And there's a new television show on NBC: "Number 96."

Ironically, one of the few places where numbers are under attack is the supermarket. The industry wants to stop stamping prices on individual packages, relying instead on the "Universal Product Code" — a combination of lines and spaces which can be "read" by a computerized scanner at the cash register. Consumers, however, have resisted. When it comes to prices, they want to keep the numbers.

The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh raised the idea of using Social Security cards — and numbers — as a means of universal identification earlier this year. Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University and chairman of the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, suggested the idea as a way of dealing with

illegal aliens. Patricia Harris, the secretary of health and human services, opposed the plan, however, and the commission staff rejected it, just as earlier suggestions for a national identification-number have been rejected by other panels.

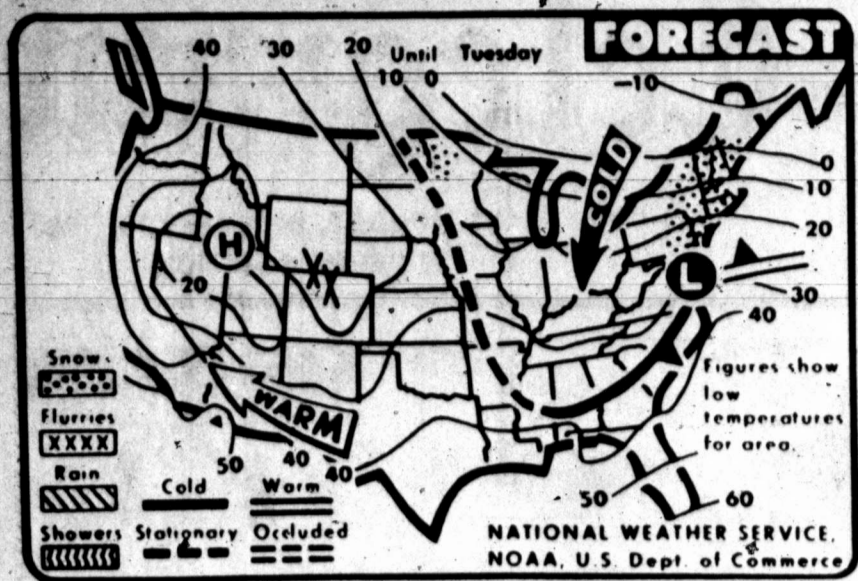
The Postal Service wanted to expand the ZIP code starting in February, to allow identification of addresses by block or apartment building. Big business mailers were the first target; longer numbers for individuals weren't expected until the fall. Officials said new machines to read the longer numbers would cost \$900 million over a five-year period; they estimated savings eventually would be worth \$600 million a year.

Business rebelled — even though the Postal Service promised that use of the code would be voluntary. Joyce Greenberg of the Greenberg Smoked Turkey Co. in Tyler, Texas, said it would cost her company \$6,000 to update mailing lists. Ray Geiger, editor of the Farmers' Almanac, said his publishing firm would have to spend \$30,000 to convert. "Z stands for Zip-posterous," was Geiger's rallying cry.

The Senate, in legislation passed last Thursday, ordered the Postal Service to delay introduction of the longer numbers until June 1, 1981. But the numbers are on the wall: The law permits postal officials to buy \$316 million worth of equipment designed to implement nine-digit ZIP codes.



WEATHER SUMMARIES



Cold weather is expected from the northern Plains to the Northeast. Warm weather is expected from the Southwest to the Southeast. Snow is expected in the Northeast. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

Table containing weather forecast, national weather service readings, local temperatures, and southwest temperatures for Midland.

The weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, and others.



The clear tones of tintinnabulation could be heard from the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall Sunday, as nine handbell celebrated a Christmas Handbell Festival. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)

Afternoons continue to be warm, sunny

Health and sports enthusiasts must be having a hey-day with the weather as Mother Nature sees fit to order up warm, sunny afternoons. The National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport says this perfect hiking-jogging weather should continue through Tuesday.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy entire West Texas through Tuesday. Otherwise, partly cloudy entire West Texas through Tuesday. Warmer, most sections today and southeast Tuesday. Highs today and Tuesday mostly 60s. Lows tonight mostly 30s except mid 40s big bend valleys.

Billions in oil stolen from Indians

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Federal and tribal investigators are scouring production records and interviewing workers amid allegations that billions of dollars worth of oil may have been stolen on central Wyoming's Wind River Indian Reservation. The investigation into the records from hundreds of oil wells on the Connecticut-sized reservation — not far from Teapot Dome — began when one oil tank truck was caught without proper papers.

The Journal quoted Denver oilman John King as saying that while oil prices increased from \$8 to \$30 a barrel, reservation production and income increased only slightly, from \$3.6 million in 1976 to \$4.3 million in 1979. While some royalties are paid at a fixed rate per barrel, others are paid as a percentage of the price. No suspects have been named in the case, but Newsweek quoted a former Bureau of Land Management official, Byron Mock, as saying investigators are concentrating on the operators of reservation pipelines.

Three women killed in crash during police chase in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — A car being pursued by police raced the wrong way up a Dallas expressway early today and crashed into a car, killing three of the four women occupants. Authorities said they were preparing charges against the 33-year-old suspect, a Dallas man, on three counts of manslaughter, possession of marijuana, evading arrest and speeding.

Electors elect U.S. president today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald W. Reagan of California will be elected president of the United States today. George Bush of Texas will be elected vice president. Today's the day the electors who were elected on Nov. 4 meet in the capitals of the 50 states and in the District of Columbia to cast the votes that actually elect the president.

ton. On Jan. 6, Vice President Walter F. Mondale, in his role as president of the Senate, will open the ballots and announce the totals. If the electors obey the popular will, Reagan and Bush will be elected by 489 electoral votes to 49 for their opponents, Jimmy Carter and Mondale.

margin, it is possible for a candidate to win the national plurality but not a majority of the electoral vote. That has happened twice. Presidents Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876 and Benjamin Harrison in 1888 failed to get a popular majority but won in the electoral college. This time, with independent candidate John B. Anderson in the running, it appeared possible that no one would win an electoral vote majority and the election would be decided in the House of Representatives. But Anderson did not carry a single state and all that pre-election worry was for naught.

Lee bands present Christmas concert

The Robert E. Lee High School concert bands will present their Christmas program Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the LHS auditorium. The Symphonic band, directed by Larry Hess, will perform Jingle Bell Fantasy, Christmas Medley and Sleigh Ride. Selections by the Honors band, directed by Randy Storie, include Brazilian Sleighbells, Christmas Festival, Ballet for Young Americans, Old Scottish Melody, Shepherd's Hey, Conqueror March and Hey, Mr. Banjo.

Bandit robs Speedy Pak Grocery

Midland police continued to search early today for a man in his early 30s who allegedly robbed the Speedy Pak Grocery at 1201 Garden City Highway of an undetermined amount of cash Sunday evening. Store employees told police the man was armed with a small blue steel revolver when he came in about 7:25 p.m. and robbed the store. They described the robber as about 5 feet, 4 inches tall, weighing 110 pounds with short black hair and brown eyes. He was clean shaven, the employees said, and wore a denim jacket and pants. Several hundred dollars worth of hunting equipment was taken from an Odessa man's pickup during a vehicle burglary early today.

Damage was estimated at \$300. Midland firefighters used 100 gallons of water early today to extinguish a fire at J&S Bendix Laundry, 212 E. Florida St. Nine firemen responded to the fire call about 3:20 a.m. today and spent about an hour battling the blaze. A trash can and a folding table were burning when firemen arrived, and they theorized the fire may have been started by a cigarette in a trash can. The fire caused slight fire damage to a washer and slight smoke and water damage to the building, which is owned by Jerry Fussell. In all, fire trucks and ambulances responded to 13 calls Sunday and early today.

Police Roundup

received for a month prior to that time. Mrs. Wallace called her husband to the front door and an argument reportedly erupted and escalated into a confrontation involving the woman from The Reporter-Telegram and Wallace. Wallace at one point pushed the woman to the street. The woman then took off one of her shoes and threw it at Wallace, who flung it back into the street, the reports indicated. Shortly thereafter Wallace went inside his house until he heard a "popping" noise. He went outside and found windows broken out of his vehicle. The police were called at that point.

Advertisement for Smirnoff vodka featuring a bottle of Smirnoff in a gift basket. Text includes 'One of the 11 Gifts of Christmas' and 'Show some style when you say Smirnoff® Vodka. The gift that leaves you breathless. Merry Christmas. Give them Smirnoff.'

Bomb test postponed

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — A planned underground nuclear bomb test was postponed indefinitely Saturday because the wind was blowing toward populated areas, the U.S. Department of Energy announced. David Miller, a spokesman for the DOE, said detonation of the nuclear device had been scheduled for 10 a.m.

DEATHS Mrs. G

WINTERS — Glen (Gladys F.) of Leander and will be at 2 p.m. Memorial Church. Hyton Cemetery directed by W. She died Saturday after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Kinsey, 1909, near Sidway. She was in Leander a year lived in Nolan hart, Midland. Church of Christ. Survivors include sons, Glenn I. and John Kinster, Rebecca four grandchildren.

Samuel

ABILENE — Kerby Beall, father of Ruth Chivers at 4 p.m. Funeral Home with Hollis Service will be in the home. He died Saturday in a Crestwood, Mo. Beall was a pair Service had previous.

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Justice takes over Wood probe

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A U.S. Justice Department decision to supervise the investigation into the 1979 assassination of a federal judge has caused "bad feelings" in the U.S. attorney's office here, according to a published report.

Justice Department spokesman John Russell told the San Antonio Express-News the change was made because the focus of the investigation into the slaying of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr. has shifted to Houston.

"It's being supervised by the Justice Department's criminal division in Washington with the assistance of U.S. Attorney Jamie Boyd and the U.S. attorney in Houston," Russell said.

Russell said the department took the supervisory role from Boyd's office here because "it (the investigation) has gone into a multi-district area now."

Assistant Attorney General Philip Heymann and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mark Richard are now supervising the case, Russell said.

First Assistant U.S. Attorney Fred Rodriguez told the newspaper he had not been informed of the change.

"I'm not surprised," he said. "I've said all along that when the investigation gets pretty far along someone from up there would step in and take over."

But the Express-News quoted one source in Boyd's office as saying "there are some bad feelings about it."

Boyd could not be reached for comment.

Wood, known as "Maximum John" for his stiff

sentences in drug cases, was cut down by a single sniper's bullet outside his San Antonio townhouse on May 29, 1979.

A special grand jury is investigating the Wood slaying and the attempted assassination of then-Assistant U.S. Attorney James Kerr in San Antonio on Nov. 21, 1978.

Last week, FBI director William H. Webster said significant progress had been made and linked both the Wood killing and the attack on Kerr to organized crime figures.

Russell said another reason for Heymann's assuming personal supervision of the investigation was that "this is a very high priority case."

The spokesman declined to comment on whether the change had anything to do with the progress of the investigation.

Previously, Heymann and the criminal division had been monitoring the investigation but had not played a leadership role, the Express-News reported.

One source quoted by the newspaper said the change was necessary because so much activity had recently taken place in Houston, which is outside Boyd's jurisdiction.

Carl Walker is acting U.S. attorney in Houston.

Charles V. Harrelson, 42, convicted in a 1968 murder-for-hire case, has been made a target of the special grand jury investigation, according to his attorney, Robert Tarrant of Houston.

Harrelson is being held in the Harris County Jail awaiting trial on unrelated state charges.

Witnesses told the FBI they saw Harrelson in

the parking lot of the apartment complex where Wood lived just minutes before the judge was shot while getting into his car.

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A Monroe, Ohio fireman steps over a broken rail tie as an Ohio EPA inspector looks over chemicals spilled when a train derailed in a sparsely populated area near Monroe Sunday. The chemical phthalic anhydride was being carried in one of the 13 cars that jumped the track. Officials evacuated a small area around the scene and closed several roads through the area. (AP Laserphoto)

DEATHS

Mrs. G. Kinsey

WINTERS — Services for Mrs. Glen (Gladys Faye Smith) Kinsey, 71, of Leander and formerly of Midland, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Winters Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Hylton Cemetery in Nolan County, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

She died Saturday in Georgetown after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Kinsey was born March 20, 1909, near Sidney in Comanche County. She was married Dec. 7, 1926, to Glen Kinsey in Roscoe. She had lived in Leander a year and had previously lived in Nolan County, Amarillo, Dalhart, Midland, Sweetwater and Bangs. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Glenn Ray Kinsey of Del Rio and John Kinsey of Leander; a daughter, Rebecca Lee of Liberty Hill; and four grandchildren.

Samuel K. Beall

ABILENE — Services for Samuel Kerby Beall, 68, of San Angelo, stepfather of Karen Allen and brother of Ruth Chivers, both of Midland, will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with Hollis Swaffard officiating. Burial will be in Potosi Cemetery.

He died Saturday from injuries received in a car-pedestrian accident in Crestwood, Ky.

Beall was born March 9, 1912, in Potosi. He operated Beall's Auto Repair Service for over 23 years. Beall had previously lived in Midland and

'Bill' McGary

SAN ANGELO — Services for William E. "Bill" McGary, 82, of San Angelo, father of Billie Wilkerson of Midland, were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel here. Burial was to be in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

He died Friday in a San Angelo hospital.

McGary was born Aug. 27, 1898, in Limestone County. He was married Nov. 28, 1928, to Vernie Gilbreath in San Angelo. He was retired from General Telephone of the Southwest.

Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, a son, a sister, 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

James Nettleton

VAL VERDE — Services for James A. Nettleton, 71, of Val Verde County, brother of Amma Dixon of Midland, were Saturday at Humphreys-Doran Funeral Home here with burial in Sonora Cemetery.

He died Friday at his ranch after a brief illness.

Nettleton had ranched in Val Verde County since 1947.

Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, a son and a sister.

Train derailment causes evacuation

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Forty-eight families went home early today in a suburban neighborhood southwest of Louisville after an evacuation caused by a seven-car derailment on an Illinois Central Gulf freight.

One of the derailed cars carried 33,600 gallons of a hazardous chemical but developed no leaks, authorities said.

Lake Dreamland firemen and Jefferson County police went door to door late Sunday night telling people within a half mile of the derailment to evacuate, a fire department official said. The families were allowed to go home after about three and one-half hours.

A shelter for evacuees was set up at Butler High School several miles from the scene, police spokesman Bob Yates said.

Equipment arrived late Sunday to right the only car presenting a potential danger—a tanker loaded with butadiene. Officials said the rail car was partially submerged in mud.

Butadiene is an explosive chemical used in the manufacture of synthetic rubber, and is classed as hazardous by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Nine trapped in old folk's home

NAPLES, Italy (AP) — A wing of an old people's home damaged in the Nov. 23 earthquake collapsed in Naples early today, trapping at least eight old women and a nun inside, firemen said. Rescue workers feared all nine were dead.

Firemen still struggled to recover the victims from the rubble hours after the collapse. A man and two women were carried out alive.

The wing of the 18th century building crashed down shortly after midnight. There was no immediate indication of what triggered the collapse but there were four slight tremors in the area overnight.

"It happened all of a sudden," Antonio Cigliano, a city official who helped rescue three old women from the rubble. "There was a big boom and then cloud of dust."

"I heard a loud noise and I thought it might be a new tremor," said a night watchman. "I escaped from the garage and called my co-worker Sandro who was saved running out another door. Then a cloud of white dust filled the square."

Sentencing scheduled today for two former FBI officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two former high-ranking FBI officials, convicted in connection with illegal break-ins during the search for radical leftists nearly a decade ago, faced sentencing today in federal court.

W. Mark Felt, once the bureau's No. 2 man, and Edward S. Miller, formerly head of its intelligence division, last month were found guilty of violating the constitutional rights of the leftists' friends and relatives.

The two men face possible sentences of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine from U.S. District Judge William Bryant.

The sentencing comes four days after the Justice Department dropped similar charges against the FBI's former acting director, L. Patrick Gray, conceding 2½ years after issuing the indictments that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute him.

Much of the government's case against the former FBI chief was based on assertions by Felt and Miller that Gray had authorized the break-ins in 1972 and 1973 to get clues as to the whereabouts of members of the radical leftist Weather Underground.

But last Thursday, the Justice Department said it could not establish proof "that Gray actually joined a conspiracy" to stage the break-ins and added he may not even have known of them while he was acting FBI chief.

During their trial in October and early November, Felt and Miller admitted approving the break-ins, but said they had the impression from

comments made by Gray that he did not oppose them.

Felt, who moved through the ranks of the FBI to become the top deputy to longtime director J. Edgar Hoover and later to Gray, is the highest-ranking official of the FBI ever to be convicted.

Throughout their trial Felt and Miller insisted they had acted "in the best interests of the country" in ordering the illegal residence searches.

"I spent my entire adult life working for the government and I always tried to do what I thought was right and what was in the best interest of the country," Felt said after the verdict Nov. 6. "The jury didn't agree with me."

Miller added, "We tried to do our job for people, and I think we did a good job. We did the job the only way the job could be done."

Last week, after charges were dropped against him, Gray expressed bitterness toward the Justice Department, saying he had "every reason to believe this prosecution was malicious."

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An unidentified woman believed to be a mother of one of the victims is consoled after a robbery at Bob's Big Boy in Los Angeles where three people were killed and six others injured. Two robbers rounded up 11 occupants of the restaurant into a meat freezer and then opened fire after taking their money. (AP Lasrphoto)

Bandits shoot nine in robbery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A routine late-night closing at a shopping center restaurant ended in a bloodbath when two armed robbers herded 11 customers and employees into a meat locker and opened fire, killing three people and wounding six others. "It was somewhat of an execution," Los Angeles police Sgt. Jim Anderson said Sunday. "All of them were ordered into the back room, put in a meat freezer and shot." The killers, described in police teletypes as two men in their mid-20s, escaped with an undetermined amount of cash and valuables seized before the shootings. There were two customers and nine employees in the Bob's Big Boy Restaurant when the shootings occurred about 3 a.m.

Pronounced dead at the scene were David Burrell, a 20-year-old customer, and Aphrodite Agtani, 23, a waitress and the mother of a 4-month-old child. Ahmad Mashuck, 20-year-old restaurant cashier, died later at Cedars Sinai Medical Center. The other customer, 17-year-old Tami Rogoway, and 20-year-old Diane Irvin, an employee, were in stable condition at Brotman Memorial Hospital. Malloy, 23, had a shotgun pellet removed from his right eye.

Employee Darwin Logan, 19, was treated for minor wounds at Los Angeles New Hospital and released. Two employees, Rhonda Robinson, 19 and Ismael Luna, 20-year-old son of Cesario Luna, were unharmed in the hail of shotgun pellets.

"There was no rhyme or reason," said Sgt. Wesley E. Toles. "There's no way to know why the two weren't hit."

The incident shocked residents of the neighborhood. "I can see someone committing a robbery," said one woman. "They may be angry because they can't get a job. They may be hungry. But I can't see shooting people down. It's crazy." Anderson said the two gunmen entered the restaurant — located on La Cienega Boulevard near the Santa Monica Freeway — through a rear door just as the last customers were preparing to leave. They emptied the cash register and safe. Then, in a scene that recalled the "Steakhouse Murders" in Oklahoma City two years ago, the robbers lined up the victims in the meat freezer, robbed them individually and started shooting at them one by one.

In the July 16, 1978, steakhouse killings, six people — four of them under 18 years old — died after robbers forced them into a walk-in freezer at the Sirolo Stockade restaurant and gunned them down. Roger D. Stafford was sentenced to death in the case.

Authorities discounted any link between the Bob's Big Boy shooting and a similar robbery about an hour earlier at an ice cream parlor in suburban Upland, 45 miles to the east.

Veverka only witness for defense in civil rights case

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Defense attorneys for Charles Veverka Jr. say their entire case in the civil rights trial may rest on their client's testimony concerning the beating death of a black insurance executive last year in Miami.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge William Hoeweler Jr. of Miami excused the six-man, six-woman jury for the weekend. One juror is black and five are Mexican-Americans. But Hoeweler met with government and defense attorneys in his chambers Saturday to begin drawing up the jury charge, which could be delivered today if the defense rests its case.

Chief Defense Attorney Denis Dean called Veverka to the stand Friday after the government rested its case. The attorney indicated Veverka's 3 1/2 hours of testimony, plus defense

cross examination of 18 government witnesses, may constitute his entire case. Government attorneys also introduced 53 exhibits in an effort to show that Veverka was an accessory and conspired with other Dade County Public Safety officers in the fatal beating of Arthur McDuffie, 33, and subsequent coverup of the brutality.

Chief government witnesses Mark Meier, a former Dade County officer, and Richard Goto-wala, an 18-year Miami City Police Department veteran, testified they saw policemen beat McDuffie's head bloody with nightsticks and flashlights.

The two prosecution witnesses also testified they saw officers beat on McDuffie's motorcycle and run over it with a patrol car to fake evidence that McDuffie was thrown on his head in a collision with a patrol

car. Veverka admitted writing and signing six phony reports to back up the concocted story, but he denied using any excessive force on the victim.

The 30-year-old defendant, named "policeman of the year" in 1978 by a Miami civic group, said he went along with the coverup because he was ordered to by superiors.

Veverka testified that his conscience forced him to report the incident to authorities on Dec. 26, five days after McDuffie died of massive head injuries. Veverka testified against fellow officers during a state trial, but the officers were acquitted. One physician was quoted as saying McDuffie's skull was fractured to the point that X-rays "looked like a chain-link fence."

The former officer said he decided to tell the truth on Christmas Day while enjoying the company of his son, knowing that McDuffie's two daughters never again would spend Christmas with their father.

Fishermen missing

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — U.S. Coast Guard officials today questioned two commercial fishermen after their 90-foot scallop boat sank about 43 miles from Barnegat Inlet.

Four men from the crew of six on the Atlantic Princess remained missing today, and the Coast Guard did not plan to resume a search suspended Sunday night, authorities said.

The two men, whose names were unavailable, were rescued from a life raft about 9:45 a.m. Sunday by another fishing trawler, Virginia Options, which arrived in Atlantic City early this

morning. Petty Officer Clyde Pasterski said, "The boat capsized. Apparently the dredge had caught on something and when they tried to pull it up, the vessel capsized."

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The prime rate: Where will it go from here?

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — When the prime rate hits 20 percent you begin to lose your perspective as well as your shirt. You know that 20 percent is high, but how high? Well, would you believe it was 2 percent in 1949?

Losing one's economic reference point is common today, because most of the usual measurements of economic health are bouncing around like a dinghy in a squall, leaving most people unaware of their whereabouts. It took 17 years, until 1966, for the prime rate to reach 5 percent. But in less than 8 months this year that same measure of borrowing costs fell from 20 percent to under 11 and then back to 20 percent.

Where it will go from here is really a matter of guesswork. There are some who foresee 30 percent, and others who say the rate is now close to its top. But even bank chairmen, such as Walter Wriston of Citibank, have found the rate moving opposite to their just-issued forecasts.

Whichever way it moves, however, you may be certain that nobody for a very long while will have any good idea of where the prime rate "should" be. That assurance is gone as surely as the 2 percent prime.

More familiar, but equally confusing these days, is the consumer price index, a measurement that as recently as 1959 through 1965 never rose as much as 2 percent in a year. Even in 1967 it rose only 3.4 percent.

That latter year is an important one, because it is now the base year for determining relative prices. For most purposes you can pick any year and say it's prices equal 100, and then measure future changes from it.

Since the federal government chooses to use 1967, we are able to calculate that prices today are at an all-time level of 254.1, or that they were in October. That is, according to Federal officials, retail prices today are about 2½ times what they were in 1967.

Nevertheless, the once slow-moving CPI is so volatile now that its rise in just one month sometimes exceed the changes for entire years during the early 1960s. In fact, so swiftly do prices change today that few people can say what a can of beans "should" cost.

They find it difficult also to relate to the size of federal budgets deficits, to increases in retail sales, to declines in productivity, to the low rate of savings ... maybe even to their own paychecks.

Simply for the sake of perspective, consider this contrast: In fiscal 1974 the federal budget deficit was \$4.7 billion, but in fiscal 1980 it was \$59 billion, and the combined deficits since 1974, including the anticipated deficit for fiscal 1981, will exceed \$300 billion.

Such contrasts give some indication of direction, and probably serve as navigation guides of a sort. But now hear this: All those big budget numbers are to some extent distorted by inflation. And for rough calculations, the CPI just referred to is a measure of the distortion.

Those budget figures, as you will recognize on reflection, include a lot of inflation. The dollar used to measure deficits today is not the dollar used to measure deficits yesterday. Its like measuring the depth of the snow with a 12-inch foot one day and a 10-inch foot the next.

And the same distortions apply to the level of retail sales, to the measurement of gross national product, and of course to the nation's income. Your paycheck proves that when you take it to the store.

No wonder at all that people feel adrift in uncharted waters. All the buoys have lost their anchors and the landmarks have faded into the mists. And we sit here lost, wondering when the fog will lift.

Fight inflation by tearing up credit cards, group urges

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Rip up your credit cards," the nation's largest consumer organization advises.

"Credit cards are attractive because they are so easy to use. The problem is that credit payments can become too large very quickly and substantial interest charges accompany the unpaid balance. While credit cards may be convenient, by encouraging impulse buying they can ruin your monthly budget.

"Tear them up and toss them out," advises the Consumer Federation of America in a new pamphlet, "Inflation Fighters Guide." The federation says following its advice can save a consumer hundreds, perhaps thousands, of dollars each year.

Another tip is to shut the door to salespeople.

"Salesmen are trained to stay in your home until they have made a sale. It's always easier to say no at the door than in your living room," the pamphlet says.

The federation of consumer groups also suggests buying used products "because the price of the new one is

inflated just by its 'newness.' Check newspaper classified ads and community bulletin boards or place an ad yourself. Garage and yard sales offer excellent bargains."

Other advice in the pamphlet:

—Shop co-op stores. "Because of their nonprofit status, they offer lower prices and better customer treatment than most merchants."

—Compare and negotiate. "It is easiest and most economical to compare prices by phone. Use the Yellow Pages to identify those merchants selling the brand you want, then call the stores to find the lowest prices. You can try to negotiate even lower ones."

—Complain when dissatisfied. "When you think you've been treated unfairly, be an assertive consumer — complain until you receive satisfaction."

Copies of the pamphlet are available without charge by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Consumer Federation of America, 1012 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Cut your own taxes through proper advance planning

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

Nobody likes to think about taxes — especially during the holidays. But a little thought and some simple actions between now and the start of the year could cut your 1980 income tax bill.

Timing is a major factor in easing the burden and the key question involved is whether you itemize deductions.

The standard deduction — called the zero bracket amount — is \$2,300 for single people and \$3,400 for married couples. If your deductions for things like medical expenses, state and local taxes and interest expense are more than the standard amount, it pays to itemize.

There is more to making the decision than simple addition, however. You may be able to speed up or slow down your spending so you can itemize in one year and still get the full advantage of the standard deduction in the next year. You have to estimate some expenses and plan ahead, but the effort could save money.

Here's how it works: Suppose you and your spouse expect your 1980 deductions to total \$3,200 and you estimate that your 1981 deductions — the ones for the return you'll file in 1982 — will be about the same. That's a total of \$6,400 in deductions. You would appear to be better off taking the standard amount each year and getting \$6,800 worth of deductions.

Suppose, however, that you can shift some of 1981's estimated deductions to 1980. Perhaps, for example, you can pay a medical bill for \$300 at the end of December instead of the beginning of January. Perhaps you can make a major purchase — on which there is a substantial amount of sales tax — this month instead of next. Maybe you can mail a charitable contribution before Christmas rather than waiting until after Jan. 1.

Assume you shift \$600 worth of deductible spending from 1981 to 1980. You now have \$3,800 in deductions for

the return that must be filed by April 15. On your 1981 return, you use the zero bracket amount. You get a total of \$7,200 worth of deductions — \$400 more than you would have if you used the standard amount both years.

If you are in the 20 percent marginal tax bracket, an increase of \$400 in the value of your deductions saves you \$80; if you are in the 50 percent bracket, it's \$200.

The timing principle works the same way if you want to delay spending instead of speeding it up. You have to figure out in which year you will get the biggest advantage from an increase in deductions. There are several things to consider — including the talk in Washington of a tax cut that could affect the amount you will have to pay on your 1981 income.

The size of your income — and whether you expect it to change next year — is important in deciding how to use timing to increase deductions. The higher your income, the higher your tax bracket and the greater the value of a deduction. If you expect your income to increase sharply next year — because of a new job or a second income — you might want to delay deductible spending. If, however, you expect your income to decrease sharply — because of retirement, for example — it is probably wiser to speed up spending.

Spare tools

BURLINGTON, Mass. (AP) — Every car on the road should have emergency tools such as screwdrivers, electrical tapes and wrenches, advises Dick Berggren, editor of a car-racing magazine.

"Even if you don't know how to fix the car, this may enable someone else to do quick repairs that can save you aggravation and possibly a towing fee," he said.

"Spraying lug nuts with rust penetrant several times a year will allow for faster changing of tires," he added.



Dolly Parton, left, Lily Tomlin, center, and Jane Fonda arrive at New York's Sutton Theatre for the premiere of the movie, "Nine To Five." The three star in the film, which was shown Sunday night for the benefit of Working Women, the national association of office workers. (AP Laserphoto)

Federal witness program flawed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government's program to protect witnesses in organized-crime court cases is plagued by security breaches, false promises and inadequate assistance from agencies such as the Social Security Administration, investigators told Congress today.

Yet, despite the problems, about three of every four persons in the Witness Security Program say they still would have enlisted if they had known in advance how their lives would be affected, staff attorney Gregory Baldwin said in testimony prepared for the permanent investigations subcommittee of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

These conclusions, the result of an eight-month investigation, were to be presented during the first of three days of hearings into the program.

The program, established in 1970 to aid federal prosecutors in their war against organized crime, has provided new lives and identities for about 3,500 witnesses and 8,000 of their dependents. Included in the group are about 250 prisoners.

The subcommittee arranged to hear later today from one such witness and the widow of another who participated in the program and later committed suicide.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., subcommittee chairman, was expected to ask photographers not to take pictures of the two as they entered and left the room. Arrangements were made for the two to testify from behind opaque shields to conceal their identities.

In his prepared testimony, Baldwin, the staff counsel, said a large number of witnesses are generally satisfied with the program run by the Justice Department and U.S. Marshals Service. But he said the program is underfinanced and many problems exist.

In one case, he said, a witness's mail, addressed to his former hometown, was given to a marshal to be mailed from a city other than the one where the relocated person was living. But the marshal mailed the letter from his office, in the same city where the witness lived.

"The witness's location was thus exposed and he had to be relocated a second time," Baldwin said.

Another problem lies in providing to a relocated witness the identification needed to establish his new life, Baldwin said.

Despite recent improvements, Social Security cards take up to three months to arrive. Social Security officials still do not transfer a witness's earnings record from his old number to his new one.

In addition, several states refuse to supply new birth certificates for witnesses.

Lack of identification makes it difficult for a witness to establish credit under his new identity. As a result, "they feel betrayed and punished by the government because of their cooperation," Baldwin said.

He also said many prisoners who enter the program and testify against targets of organized crime investigations receive promises that are never fulfilled.

They are told that they will receive favorable parole consideration, that their families will get financial aid and that they will be protected for as long as they are in prison.

"In an overwhelming number of instances, these are misrepresentations," Baldwin said.

New owners unsure what to do with town

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Four couples who plunked down \$615,000 to buy an entire Arizona town to show for their weekend's shopping. Now they're not sure what to do with it.

"No one has given it a thought," said Eloise Engler, a Phoenix realty agent who joined with her husband and six other people to buy the

7.5-acre northeastern Arizona town of Navajo on Saturday. "It was such a fast decision." None of the eight had seen the town, where Arizona was first declared a territory more than 100 years ago, when they decided to bid on it after reading about it in the newspapers. The 25-year-old town includes a motel, gas station, post

office and store. The winning bid was \$60,000 below the list price, but \$215,000 more than the minimum bid required by its former owners, the Spurlock family.

A spokesman for the Spurlocks said the family would be "very happy with the offer."

Mrs. Engler and her husband, Irwin, were

persuaded to join in the bidding by Don and Rita Schwinghamer, a retired couple from Phoenix. The other purchasers were Frank and Ann Schwinghamer, cousins of the Phoenix couple, of Saskatchewan, Canada, and Len and Betty Siebert, of Seattle.

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Klan spy trying to resume normal life

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Although his 18-month infiltration of the Ku Klux Klan gave Jerry Thompson painful memories and his wife a bleeding ulcer, the reporter says he would do it again because the public should know how fanatical and how heavily armed Klansmen are.

"I would hate to think of going through the sacrifice and hardships that I've put my family through," Thompson said in an interview after the last of his nine-part series appeared in today's Tennesseean.

"But after getting a good inside look at the Ku Klux Klan, I feel it is important enough that they be made aware of these people. It probably wouldn't take me nearly as long to decide to do it again as it did the first time."

Thompson said he came across few new facts about the Klan during his undercover work, but he came away with deep impressions. He said the number of active members was smaller than he had anticipated, dedicated to a race war and well armed for it. He

said many of the Klansmen have machine guns.

"The people I actually came in contact with so firmly believe that what they are doing is for the salvation of this country and the preservation of this country, that they are willing to die for it," he said. "They're willing to fight in the streets, fight anywhere the fight needs to be."

Two of his strongest impressions were of a young white girl he saw at a Klan parade in Birmingham, Ala., and the wrinkled face of an old black woman who watched as he marched in Tusculumbia, Ala.

Thompson said the girl in Klan garb reminded him of his own 9-year-old daughter. "Her eyes looked straight ahead. She was expressionless. Our Klan people kept referring to her as cute. Seeing her made me want to cry."

He was demonstrating against welfare on Labor Day when the old black woman saw him.

"I knew that she hated me," he said. "Worse, her look of contempt made it clear that she

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Kelly trial resumes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bribery trial of Rep. Richard Kelly, R-Fla., resumes today after suggestions by his defense attorney that Kelly was a victim of circumstance who fell prey to a desire by FBI agents to bring a political balance to their Abscam investigation.

Four Democrats stand convicted in the probe into corruption by public officials; two others await trial. The investigation began in 1979.

Before his trial was recessed for the weekend, Kelly's lawyer, Anthony Battaglia, pressed undercover FBI agent Anthony Amoroso as to whether he hadn't remarked during the investigation that the enterprise needed a Republican because it was already top heavy with Democrats.

Amoroso acknowledged that he had, in fact, made such a statement during a casual conversation with a Philadelphia attorney who acted as a middleman to put federal agents in touch with public officials.

Battaglia also established during his cross-examination of Amoroso that the FBI agent had made seven specific offers of money to Kelly during a Jan. 8, 1980, meeting in which the congressman eventually stuffed \$25,000 in cash into his coat and trouser pockets.

Earlier last week, the federal court jury of seven men and five women viewed a videotape which showed Kelly declaring, "Let's do it," when offered that amount as front money to sponsor legislation that would allow a fictitious Arab sheik to immigrate to this country.

The agent handed over the money and said \$75,000 more would follow.

Mayor killed

SALERNO, Italy (AP) — The mayor of an earthquake-stricken town who had come under criticism for his handling of relief operations was shot to death today at the wheel of his car, police reported.

Marcello Torre, Christian Democrat mayor of Paganì north of here, was killed by a lone gunman as he was driving on the outskirts of the town, police said. A passenger was seriously wounded.

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