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Reagan preparing for talks with Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, believing he has strengthened his economic and military bargaining power, is preparing for "some serious negotiations with the Soviets," administration officials say.

The sources, who spoke on condition they not be named, said Reagan's recent decisions to add Soviet specialist Jack F. Matlock Jr. and arms control specialist Ronald F. Lehman to the National Security Council staff "point to more White House involvement in the U.S.-Soviet relations area."

The president, one official said, is anxious to build on the new strength he perceives in the wake of his recent congressional victory that won money for the MX missile, the growing signs of economic recovery and statements of unity from the Western allies at the Williamsburg summit.

"He believes we now have the economic and military strength for some serious negotiations with the Soviets across the board," the official said.

He noted the first sign of that may come later this week when Reagan decides how he will modify the U.S.

negotiating position for the resumption of the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) with the Soviets. Reagan was said to have studied various negotiating options while at Camp David for a long weekend.

After Reagan and his wife returned from the Maryland mountain retreat, they drove to the suburban home of Secretary of State and Mrs. George P. Shultz for a private dinner.

The prevailing view in the administration, one source said, is that the United States has improved its leverage at the negotiating table with its recent successes and that the time has come to seek concessions from the Soviets on a variety of arms control and economic issues.

But the official made it clear he was talking about a long-range plan, perhaps extending into a second Reagan term, should the president seek re-election.

Reagan came into office saying the United States needed to build its strategic nuclear forces in order to negotiate from a position of strength, the official recalled, and the president now believes he has accomplished that. He cited Reagan's decision to resume production

of the B-1 bomber, press development of the Trident nuclear submarine and missile system and get congressional approval for the MX.

The appointment of Matlock, the present U.S. ambassador to Czechoslovakia who has devoted much of his career to Soviet and East European affairs, as senior director of European and Soviet affairs on the NSC staff was disclosed over the weekend, although no formal announcement has been made. The White House announced last week that Lehman, a former deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, had been named senior director for defense programs and arms control.

The appointments, one source said, "are an indication of the level of interest (national security affairs advisor William P.) Clark and the president will be giving to the U.S.-Soviet policy area."

Although the State Department continues to play an active role, the buildup of people on the NSC staff is one of the first moves toward a re-emphasis on U.S.-Soviet issues in coming months, the officials said.

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Mourners honor sheriff slain in shootout with Kahl

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark. (AP) — Mourners honored a sheriff killed while trying to apprehend tax protester Gordon Kahl, as North Dakota authorities searched for people who helped hide the militant fugitive.

A man tentatively identified as Kahl was killed along with Sheriff Gene Matthews in a gun battle Friday night at a remote farmhouse in northeastern Arkansas.

Kahl, 63, was wanted in the slayings of two U.S. marshals in North Dakota four months ago. He was a member of a militant, survivalist, anti-tax group called Posse Comitatus and was on probation for a 1977 conviction for failure to file federal income tax forms.

Matthews, who was buried Sun-

day, was the first officer to enter the farmhouse and the only one of 28 officers to be shot. He was wounded in the chest and died three hours later from a loss of blood, the state medical examiner said Saturday.

The body believed to be Kahl has not been identified positively because it was badly burned when the munitions-filled house caught fire during the gun battle. Authorities were waiting for the arrival of his dental records.

Tentative identification was made based on Kahl's physical description, including surgical scars and a bullet fragment found in a hip, said Arkansas state medical examiner Dr. Fahmy Malak.

Malak said after autopsies on

Matthews and Kahl on Saturday that there is a "great probability" that the body was Kahl's.

"I think the sheriff shot Kahl and Kahl shot the sheriff," FBI Agent Ray McElhaney of Little Rock said Saturday.

More than 500 people crowded a small Methodist church on Sunday at the funeral for Matthews, 37, of Walnut Ridge.

Trooper Mike Coy of the Arkansas State Police was one of 200 law enforcement officers who attended Matthews' funeral. "He was not afraid to pay the price," Coy said.

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Goin' fishing

Taking advantage of sunny weather this week, 7-year-old Billy Folger scampers along the edge of Wadley-Barron Park Lake and attempts to scoop up minnows.

Staff Photo by Cody Bell

Polls predicting Thatcher victory

Bookmakers stop taking bets

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LONDON (AP) — British bookmakers were so convinced today that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservatives will win at the polls this week that they stopped taking bets on them.

Opinion polls unanimously predict the election Thursday will give Mrs. Thatcher her second term in office and produce a stinging defeat for the Labor Party, currently Britain's main opposition party.

"There's No Stopping Her Now" said a headline today in the staunchly pro-Thatcher Daily Mail newspaper.

But Labor leader Michael Foot said he does not believe the surveys. "The only poll that matters, he said, is 'the one where ordinary people put their cross in the box.'"

William Hill, Britain's biggest bookmaking operation, said the Conservatives are such a sure thing that the bookmakers stopped taking bets on them because, after paying betting tax, bettors would have a hard time making money on them. With the 1-to-8 odds listed recently, a bettor after tax could win only 90 cents for every \$8 wagered.

Seven newspaper polls published

seats in the House of Commons, for a huge 150-seat majority compared with a current 35-seat edge.

Such a lineup would mean Mrs. Thatcher would never be in danger of losing a parliamentary vote. Even so, Mrs. Thatcher has admitted that a surge of support for the alliance has been a worry to her.

A poll by Market Opinion and Research International (MORI) for the Sunday Times found 27 percent of Conservative supporters prepared to vote for the alliance in a bid to stop Labor in districts where the Conservative candidate is given little hope of winning.

In her campaign speeches, Mrs. Thatcher has warned that if this "tactical voting" spreads around the country to more marginal seats, it could hand seats to Labor that it would otherwise never expect to win in a Conservative landslide.

Because of bedrock loyalty to their party, Labor supporters are considered far less likely than Conservatives to switch their votes tactically when their candidates face a hopeless task.

This was underlined by the only new poll published today, giving

predictions for Scotland that contrast with Britain as a whole. During the last election in 1979, Labor won 44 seats in Scotland and the Conservatives 22.

The MORI survey for the Daily Express reported the Labor edge over the Conservatives in Scotland has jumped from three points on May 3 to 10 points last weekend, because of Conservatives deciding to vote for the alliance.

The poll found 38 percent support Labor; 28 percent Conservative; 22 percent alliance and 12 percent Scottish Nationalist.

Mrs. Thatcher dismissed Labor as the "no-hope party" when she addressed a youth rally for her party in London Sunday, while in Birmingham, Foot told followers, "Young people have had no hope under the Tories. Over one million under-25s are now on the dole."

After some union leaders warned of severe strikes if the Conservatives are re-elected with a big majority and pursue "bush the unions" policies, Mrs. Thatcher said in a television interview that she will bring in new curbs on the unions.



AP Laserphoto

Denis Thatcher, husband of Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, wields a giant glove in support of his wife at a Tory Youth Rally in London on Sunday.

Libyan diplomat allegedly shot by Lebanese

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Police have arrested a 21-year-old Lebanese leftist and charged him with shooting Libya's top diplomat in Lebanon seven times in an assassination attempt, state and privately owned radio stations reported today.

The radios quoted unidentified police officials as saying Khaled Osman Alwan confessed he shot Libyan charge d'affaires Abdel-Khader Ghoka on Sunday night.

After the shooting in his hotel lobby, the diplomat underwent six hours of surgery and was in critical condition today at the American University Hospital, the radio stations said.

The police sources were quoted as saying Alwan, a Sunni Moslem, told police interrogators he was a member of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party, a leftist Lebanese group that advocates the incorporation of Lebanon into a "Greater Syria."

The party is staunch ally of the Palestine Liberation Organiza-

tion. Party spokesmen were not available for comment on the report.

The Beirut office of the French news agency Agence France Presse said it received two telephone calls claiming responsibility for Ghoka's shooting.

One claim was made on behalf of the Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners, a shadowy rightist group that had claimed responsibility for several bombing attacks against leftist and PLO targets in Lebanon in the last two years, AFP said.

The second call came in behalf of Al-Jihad Al-Islami, an underground Shiite Moslem group loyal to Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini which had claimed responsibility for attacks recently on the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut, the agency said.

But all Lebanese radio stations ignored these claims and concentrated on reports attributed to

police that Alwan was a member of the Syrian group. The stations did not explain why a leftist would shoot a Libyan diplomat. They said the suspect was being interrogated in "utmost secrecy."

Earlier, the Voice of Free Lebanon radio station of the rightist Christian Phalange Party's "Lebanese Forces" militia identified Alwan as the man in police custody. The radio claimed Alwan was working for Fatah, the PLO's main guerrilla group.

There was no confirmation of the reports about Alwan from police.

The Phalange Party is a bitter foe of the PLO and Fatah, which have been at odds recently with Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy. Khadafy last month accused Arafat of plotting with the CIA to assassinate him and declared Libya's support for a dissident faction within Fatah.

The state radio quoted police sources as saying the assailant walked into the Napoleon Hotel, in

mostly Moslem west Beirut, where he asked to reserve several rooms. He then walked out, returning a short time later as Ghoka entered the hotel.

While Ghoka was at the desk asking for his key, the man pulled out a pistol and shot him seven times, wounding him in the neck, chest, abdomen, thigh and arm, the radio quoted the sources as saying.

The man was described as stocky, of medium height, with brown hair and wearing blue jeans. The radio said he fled from the hotel, brandishing his gun, and that hotel employees told officials the gunman spoke Arabic with a Lebanese accent.

Ghoka had been living at the hotel since the Libyan embassy building was badly damaged during the siege of Beirut by Israel last summer.

The assassination attempt came on the eve of the first anniversary of Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

INSIDE TODAY

Colorful house

Martin and Rosenell Meissner owners of the "Pepto-Bismol" house at 724 W. Louisiana Ave. LOCAL — 1C

Coaches for the Texas Longhorns and Oklahoma State Cowboys talk about their meeting in today's NCAA World Series game. SPORTS — 3B



Bridge.....5A
Classified.....6C
Comics.....4A
Crossword.....4A

Editorial.....6A
Energy.....4B
Entertainment.....7B
Lifestyle.....3C

Markets.....5B
Obituaries.....2C
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Weather

Partly cloudy and cooler with the low temperature in the upper 50s. Details on Page 2A.

Service

Delivery.....682-5311
Want Ads.....682-6222
Other Calls.....682-5311

WEATHER SUMMARY

Cooler temperatures forecast

After a weekend of temperatures flirting with the 100 mark, the National Weather Service is calling for partly cloudy skies and cooler temperatures tonight and Tuesday.

According to the NWS forecast, tonight should be partly cloudy and cooler with the low in the upper 50s and winds easterly at 5-15 mph. Tuesday is expected to be partly cloudy and a bit warmer with the high in the low 80s and winds southeasterly at 10-15 mph.

The NWS recorded a trace of rainfall at Midland Regional Airport during the 24 hours ended at 6 a.m. today. The monthly and yearly precipitation totals remain at a trace and 2.17 inches, respectively.

Although many West Texans are anxiously searching the sky for that "good rain," Mother Nature has failed to cooperate. Around Midland County, 20 of an inch of rain was reported this weekend at the Midland Farmers' Co-op in east Midland. In south Midland, the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum reported only about .10 of an inch. A farmer in northeast Midland County reported his rain gauge was "dry as a bone" this weekend.

By about 7:30 a.m. today, downtown Midland was receiving a moderately heavy shower. Several area cities, including Andrews, Lamesa, Big Lake, Big Spring, Crane and Stanton, reported sprinkles or drizzle this morning.

Sunday's high of 96 fell a half dozen degrees short of the record 102 set in 1974. The overnight low of 61 compares with a record low for this date of 56 set in 1973.

Sunset tonight will be at 8:52 p.m.; sunrise Tuesday comes at 6:42 a.m.

Midland statistics

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight with the low in the upper 50s and winds easterly at 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy and warmer Tuesday with the high in the low 80s and winds southeasterly at 10-15 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:	
Yesterday's High	96 degrees
Overnight Low	61 degrees
Sunset today	8:52 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:42 a.m.
Precipitation	Trace
Last 24 hours	Trace inches
This month to date	Trace inches
1983 to date	2.17 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:	
6 a.m.	62
7 a.m.	65
8 a.m.	69
9 a.m.	73
10 a.m.	76
11 a.m.	82
noon	87
1 p.m.	88
2 p.m.	91
3 p.m.	93
4 p.m.	94
5 p.m.	94

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:	
Abilene	88
Del Rio	85
Amarillo	89
El Paso	91
Fort Worth	91
Houston	87
Lubbock	87
Marfa	82
Odessa	83
Wichita Falls	88

Weather elsewhere

Temperatures on left indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EDT. Temperatures on right indicate outlook for tomorrow.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Outk	Hi	Lo
Albany	75	62	cl	71	50	35
Albuquerque	87	57	cl	83	55	35
Amarillo	69	50	cdy	73	52	35
Asheville	78	58	rn	71	57	35
Atlanta	87	66	cl	80	63	35
Baltimore	71	63	rn	76	55	35
Birmingham	82	69	cl	81	57	35
Bills	77	47	cl	76	50	35
Bismarck	68	38	cdy	75	45	35
Boise	77	45	cdy	84	53	35
Boston	63	58	cdy	76	58	35
Buffalo	71	54	cl	68	40	35
Burlington	68	55	cl	70	50	35
Casper	61	46	cl	70	44	35
Charleston, S.C.	85	71	cl	85	69	35
Charlotte, N.C.	83	57	cl	80	61	35
Chicago	86	64	cl	78	62	35
Cincinnati	81	58	cl	78	51	35
Cleveland	89	57	cl	70	45	35
Columbus, S.C.	90	68	rn	85	63	35
Columbus	81	57	cl	75	47	35
Dayton	80	58	cl	77	49	35
Denver	55	38	cdy	74	47	35
Des Moines	63	44	cl	75	53	35
Detroit	76	61	cl	78	69	35
Duluth	61	41	cdy	75	42	35
Fargo	65	42	cdy	73	46	35
Flagstaff	72	35	cl	75	46	35
Great Falls	73	45	cdy	75	46	35
Hartford	79	59	cdy	78	53	35
Helena	70	46	cl	75	47	35
Indianapolis	80	59	cl	78	69	35
Jackson, Miss.	86	66	cdy	78	57	35
Jacksonville	86	72	cl	89	70	35
Kansas City	82	44	cdy	75	53	35
Las Vegas	91	68	cl	95	68	35
Little Rock	87	62	cl	81	55	35
Los Angeles	76	64	cdy	75	63	35
Louisville	82	62	cdy	77	57	35
Memphis	85	69	cdy	79	59	35
Miami	86	79	cdy	90	77	35
Milwaukee	59	49	cdy	64	42	35
Minneapolis	64	42	cdy	68	50	35
Nashville	86	64	cl	77	55	35
New Orleans	87	69	cl	80	70	35
New York	75	66	cl	76	60	35
Norfolk	81	69	cl	83	63	35
North Platte	80	59	cl	78	52	35
Oklahoma City	83	54	cdy	75	55	35
Omaha	81	44	cdy	78	54	35
Orlando	88	71	cdy	83	74	35
Philadelphia	81	64	cdy	79	56	35
Phoenix	99	72	cl	105	73	35
Pittsburgh	79	55	cl	70	48	35
Portland, Me.	62	51	cl	72	49	35
Portland, Ore.	72	56	cl	87	55	35
Providence	72	59	cdy	76	56	35
Raleigh	83	64	cl	81	65	35
Rapid City	65	37	cl	74	50	35
Reno	83	43	cdy	84	44	35
Richmond	85	65	cdy	84	54	35
St. Louis	83	55	cdy	74	52	35
St. Pete-Tampa	90	76	cl	90	77	35
Salt Lake	76	52	cdy	83	56	35
San Diego	70	64	cdy	70	63	35
San Francisco	84	60	cdy	87	52	35
Seattle	68	53	cdy	76	53	35
Shreveport	88	68	cdy	77	60	35
Spokane	75	51	cdy	82	52	35
Syracuse	76	57	cdy	69	42	35
Topeka	67	49	cdy	78	55	35
Tucson	91	61	cl	99	66	35
Tulsa	81	55	cl	78	56	35
Washington	82	66	cdy	81	62	35
Wichita	85	66	cdy	78	56	35

Extended forecast

Wednesday Through Friday
West Texas: Fair to partly cloudy with a slow warming trend. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms most sections Thursday and Friday. Highs Wednesday upper 70s Panhandle to lower 90s Big Bend valleys Friday. Lows Wednesday near 50s Panhandle to upper 60s Big Bend valleys to upper 90s Big Bend valleys to near 70s Big Bend Friday.

North Texas: Fair at night. Partly cloudy days with a gradual warming trend. Highs mostly 80s warming to mid 80s to mid 90s by Friday. Lows 60s Tuesday and mid 60s to around 70 by Friday.

South Texas: Scattered mostly afternoon and evening thundershowers with thundershowers most likely north and west portions. Highs mid and upper 80s northwest to low and mid 90s extreme south. Lows upper 60s northwest to mid and upper 70s coast and extreme south.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Generally cloudy north, partly cloudy south, fair southwest today. Scattered showers, thundershowers except southwest. Some thundershowers possible severe this afternoon. Partly cloudy through Tuesday most areas. Continued fair southwest. Cooler today, except southwest. Generally warmer Tuesday, highs mid-60s Panhandle to near 80s southwest, with low 90s southwest and near 100 Big Bend valleys. Lows near 50 north to 60 south, mid-60s Big Bend. Highs Tuesday low 70s north to low 90s southwest, except near 100 lower elevations of Big Bend.

'Cats' captures seven Tony Awards

NEW YORK (AP) — "Cats," a \$5 million Broadway extravaganza based on poems by T.S. Eliot, garnered best musical among its seven Tony Awards, while the surprising "Torch Song Trilogy" took home two awards, including best play.

Forty-nine Broadway shows were eligible for awards for the season that ended May 15. The Tony Awards, equivalent to Hollywood's Oscars, honor the choices of nearly 700 theater professionals.

"Cats," a British import and the most costly Broadway show ever, also won best book of a musical. The award was accepted by Valerie Eliot, whose late husband's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" poems provided its lyrics.

"Tonight's honor would have given my husband particular pleasure," Mrs. Eliot said during Sunday night's show, which was televised live on CBS from the Uris Theater, renamed the Gershwin Theater during the evening.

Eliot was born in St. Louis, became a British citizen in 1927, and died in 1965. His widow lives in London.

Eliot and composer Andrew Lloyd Webber shared a Tony for best score of a musical. "Cats" director Trevor Nunn won as best director of a musical. Webber also wrote the music for "Evita" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" also now on Broadway.

Betty Buckley, who sings "Memory" in "Cats," won as featured actress in a musical. John Napier and David Hersey won for "Cats" costume and lighting design, respectively.

Harvey Fierstein won twice for "Torch Song Trilogy," for writing the best play and as best actor in it.

Tony award winners listed

NEW YORK (AP) — Here is the list of Tony award winners for Broadway's 1982-83 season announced here Sunday night:

- Best Musical: "Cats."
- Best Play: "Torch Song Trilogy."
- Best Revival: "On Your Toes."
- Best Actor, Play: Harvey Fierstein, "Torch Song Trilogy."
- Best Actress, Play: Jessica Tandy, "Foxfire."
- Best Actor, Musical: Tommy Tune, "My One and Only."
- Best Actress, Musical: Natalia Makarova, "On Your Toes."
- Best Book, Musical: T.S. Eliot, "Cats."
- Best Score, Musical: T.S. Eliot and Andrew Lloyd Webber, "Cats."
- Best Director, Play: Gene Saks, "Brighton Beach Memoirs."
- Best Director, Musical: Trevor Nunn, "Cats."
- Best Supporting Actor, Play: Matthew Broderick, "Brighton Beach Memoirs."
- Best Supporting Actress, Play: Judith Ivey, "Steaming."
- Best Supporting Actor, Musical: Charles (Honi) Coles, "My One and Only."
- Best Supporting Actress, Musical: Betty Buckley, "Cats."
- Best Choreography: Tommy Tune and Thommie Walsh, "My One and Only."
- Best Scenic Design: Ming Cho Lee, "K2."
- Best Costume Design: John Napier, "Cats."
- Best Lighting Design: David Hersey, "Cats."

The play also is somewhat autobiographical. Its leading character is an entertainer who, dressed as a woman, works in a homosexual nightclub. Fierstein did that at age 16. He turns 29 today.

Fierstein, holding his two Tony Awards, said, "It is just the most marvelous thing in the world. We're like off-off-Broadway, doing theater out of our hearts, minds and lives. To get this kind of response from Broadway professionals is wonderful." Fierstein leaves his acting role June 11, to work on adapting the movie, "La Cage aux Folles," for stage.

John Glines, one of the show's six producers, said on TV, "I want to thank my producing partner and lover, Lawrence Lane, who never said it can't be done." Asked later whether he meant to shock the viewing public, Glines said, "Broadway producers get accused of not being daring."

Jessica Tandy, who turns 74 on Tuesday, was named best actress in a play as the Appalachian woman in the now-closed "Foxfire." She said her husband, Hume Cronyn, who co-wrote the play, "gave me a bit of an edge by writing such a wonderful part for me."

Another senior performer, 72-year-old Charles "Honi" Coles, who has been tap dancing professionally

for 52 years, won for best featured actor in a musical, "My One and Only."

Tommy Tune and Thommie Walsh won the choreography Tony for "My One and Only" and Tune won a Tony for best performance by an actor in a musical.

Natalia Makarova, the Kirov Ballet ballerina who defected to the West 13 years ago and now plays a Russian ballerina in "On Your Toes," won as best actress in a musical. She included thanks to "my husband, who didn't help much but stayed out of the way."

"On Your Toes," with music by Rodgers and Hart, won an outstanding reproduction of a play or musical.

Gene Saks won as best director, for "Brighton Beach Memoirs." Neil Simon, who wrote the play, was not nominated for his work.

Matthew Broderick, 21, who stars in "Brighton Beach Memoirs," won as best featured actor in a play. Broderick dedicated his Tony to "the honor, appreciation, love and memory" of his father, actor Jimmie Broderick, who died after his son was cast in the role but before the play opened.

Judith Ivey, won as best featured actress in a play for her role in the now-closed "Steaming."

Ming Cho Lee won as best scenic designer for building a Himalayan mountain in "K2."

A special Tony for regional theater was presented before the telecast to the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association.

The Tony Awards are named for the late Antoinette Perry, who worked in the American Theater Wing during 1947, and for the last 17 years by the League of New York Theaters and Producers.

Three men sought in slayings

CHINO, Calif. (AP) — Investigators searched today for three men in a car stolen from a blood-spattered home where a couple, their daughter and a neighbor boy were slain and their 8-year-old son was injured.

As part of their investigation, sheriff's deputies said they were also looking for two inmates who had escaped from a nearby prison in the past few days, but Dispatcher Gwen Culbreth said it wasn't known if the escapees were among the three men who were seen at the home Saturday evening.

A "cutting instrument" was recovered from the rural house where deputies Sunday found the bodies of F. Douglas Ryen, 41, wife Peggy Ann, 41, daughter Jessica, 10, and Christopher Hughes, 12, a neighbor who was spending the night at the Ryens' house, San Bernardino County Sheriff Floyd Tidwell said. He declined to describe the weapon.

The family station wagon was stolen as was a license plate from another vehicle reading "RYEN 41," deputies said.

The isolated Ryen home is located in rolling hills at the end of a dead-

end street where the dozen or so neighbor families are horse breeders. The house is "out of earshot" of any neighbors, said neighbor Al Warren.

The area is about five miles from the California Institution for Men at Chino where one inmate escaped Thursday and another Saturday, said sheriff's Deputy Chief Gene Majors. He declined to release their names but said investigators were checking out any possible connection to the slayings.

Sheriff's Deputy Jack Watkins described the murders as "Manson-style," referring to the 1969 cult murders of pregnant actress Sharon Tate and four others by Charles Manson followers at a Laurel Canyon house.

But Tidwell said: "It was not ritualistic at all, just very brutal." He said it appeared there had been a struggle.

"There was blood all over," he said.

Eight-year-old Joshua Ryen was listed in stable condition today at Loma Linda University Hospital where he was flown from the afflu-

ent Chino Hills area, 35 miles east of Los Angeles, investigators at the scene of the stabbing said.

"The boy in the hospital is doing well, although at one point they feared they would lose him," Tidwell said at a news conference late Sunday, adding that the child was being heavily guarded.

"We have talked to him a little bit...I'm not sure how much we're going to get from him," Tidwell said.

The sheriff said authorities believe the killings occurred between midnight and 2 a.m. Sunday and that more than one assailant and weapon were involved.

Tidwell said the killers attacked Ryen in the living room, while his wife ran into a bedroom to protect the children. Sheriff's investigators were able to piece together the path the assailants took from information given them by the Ryen boy and from the placement of the bodies in the hall, bedroom and bathroom, Tidwell said.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryen were found nude in their bedroom, along with one of the children, authorities said.

The surviving boy was found in a

bedroom while the other child was in a hallway, deputies said.

An autopsy was scheduled to determine whether they had been sexually abused, officials said.

Neighbor Bill Hughes, father of Chris Hughes, discovered the blood-bath when he arrived to take his son to church about noon Sunday, said Larry Reas, whose property is next to the Ryens'.

Deputies said the Ryen family and Chris had been on a weekend outing and returned about 9 p.m. Saturday.

Deputies were also looking for three men believed to be driving Ryen's white 1977 Buick station wagon, possibly heading to Flagstaff or Phoenix, Ariz. Witnesses told investigators that three men were at the Ryens' Saturday evening, Tidwell said.

Lease, whose house is about 400 yards from the Ryens, said he heard nothing although he had been outside during the night.

The Ryens were chiropractors in Santa Ana in Orange County.

There was no sign of forced entry at the house, and it appeared only the car was taken, Tidwell said.

Galveston's 'glory days' may return

GALVESTON (AP) — Until 1957, people flocked to this coastal resort community to drink, play cards, roll dice or bet on the horses.

This was the place for high rollers. Thousands paid a quarter to ride the Interurban train from Houston, hoping to turn their dreams into dollars.

Governors, mayors, police chiefs and sheriffs looked the other way.

But the jackpot didn't last forever. The big bust came when Texas Attorney General Will Wilson got the winning hand. Obtaining dozens of civil court injunctions, Wilson closed gambling establishments all over the county.

The gamblers came back for a while, but old-timers say the end finally came in 1961 when Hurricane Carla devastated the city. Galveston had to rebuild and its beaches and historical buildings became bigger drawing cards than the gambling tables.

Now, some residents want to bring back the "glory days" — legally.

The City Council last week agreed to hold a non-binding straw vote to see what citizens want. State Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, also said he would introduce a bill to authorize local-

option gambling elections — if he is convinced the community supports it.

But no one's taking any bets.

At a two-hour hearing on the straw vote, opponents warned of the dangers of wagering. They predicted increased street crime, prostitution and official corruption as well as financial ruin for many families.

Those who favor gambling don't talk about the moral aspects, instead emphasizing that the casinos would give the island's economy a much-needed shot in the arm.

Harry Levy Jr., who was a president of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce during the gambling days of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, told the Houston Chronicle in a story published Sunday the economy was such an important factor that business and civic leaders accepted the benefits and looked the other way.

The out-of-town people who came to gamble were big spenders. They were good customers and they paid their bills. For small businessmen, the thousands of slot machines all over the island kept the red ink in the desk drawer.

"There was a hesitancy to oppose (gambling) too strongly," Levy said.

Fire related to electrical problem

CINCINNATI (AP) — Survivors of a choking fire on an Air Canada DC-9 stayed alive by breathing through wet washcloths, tissue and even a man's vest during a harrowing 11-minute descent as the plane filled with smoke, investigators say.

Meanwhile, National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Dave Engen said Sunday it was "highly probable" that the fire, which killed 23 passengers, was related to the electrical system in the rear lavatory area of the plane.

Eighteen passengers and all five crew members escaped after the burning DC-9, en route from Dallas to Toronto, made an emergency landing last Thursday at Greater Cincinnati International Airport in northern Kentucky.

Federal officials, tentatively ruling out the possibility that the fire on Flight 597 was set, said they are focusing on circuit breakers which tripped during the flight, indicating an electrical problem or an electrical response to another problem.

"The cabin attendants passed out wet washcloths to passengers," Engen said at a Sunday news conference. "All those who survived were breathing through some cloth of some kind. One person used a Kleenex. Another man used his vest."

Those who died were overcome by heat and smoke, Engen said.

Investigators were trying to determine the content of the smoke, after Boone County Coroner Don Stith said the dead passengers were overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning as well as smoke inhalation.

Engen said tests on the plane's fuel lines found no leaks. He also said the casing on the motor for the rear lavatory toilet was partially melted, but the source of the heat evidently was something other than the motor.

The first sign of trouble during the flight came when three circuit breakers for the rear lavatory popped in the cockpit and couldn't be reset, Engen said. Later, a passenger reported smoke at the back of the plane, and First Officer Claude Ouimet went to investigate.

"He felt the (lavatory) door was hot," Engen said. "He didn't open it. He put his hand on the

forward bulkhead; it was less hot, but it was still hot."

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Mid-Opening Report

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By CHET CURRIER

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At that meeting in Indianapolis, Welch declared a dual war against communism and "big government," and the John Birch Society was born.

Twenty-five years later, the 83-year-old Welch has turned over society leadership to two younger men. But the right-wing organization's new leaders say they remain committed to rallying Americans against the spread of communism, socialism and declining morality.

"We're not fooling around. We think civilization is at stake," said the society's national director of public information, John McManus.

ON DOMESTIC ISSUES, she is fully aware that if the president runs for re-election, as she is convinced he will, the Democrats will probably try to make unemployment a major issue in the campaign.

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White House aids who fear she might become a political liability have already started leaking stories about her alleged indiscretions at staff meetings and predicting her role in policy decisions on the sensitive women's issue will be curbed.

After he won the election, President Reagan rewarded her with the post of ambassador to Switzerland. The Jersey City-born graduate of Wells College studied law at the University of Pennsylvania, took a post-graduate course at the Academy of International Law, The Hague, taught in Philadelphia public schools, and served as special assistant to the attorney general in the Pennsylvania departments of Justice and Public Welfare before being elected to the state legislature in 1972.

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Domestic car sales were stuck at an annualized 6.0 million-unit level during the first three months of the year, noted Edward Yardeni, economist at Prudential-Bache Securities Inc.

Jack Lavery, who directs economic research for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, said several important forces are working in the automakers' favor right now.

First of all, though unemployment remains high at 10.1 percent, total employment is growing — by more than 500,000 jobs since late last year — helping to push up wage and salary income.

Consumers have become more confident about the economic outlook," Lavery said. "Commercial banks have begun to compete for auto loan business with the auto finance companies, so borrowing rates have come down; new car price increases have been restrained for over a year, and gasoline prices remain well below the level of a year ago."

In the University of Michigan's regular survey of consumer sentiment in April, he added, "When asked whether this is a good time or a bad time to buy a car, more consumers answered positively than at any time since the question was first asked in 1953."

Last week, General Motors and Ford announced that they would offer loans at 8.8 percent interest for most of their small cars through the end of this month. Their actions underscored one especially striking trend of late — the revival, once again, of buyers' enthusiasm for larger vehicles.

In the first four months of 1982, compacts and subcompacts accounted for more than half the industry's sales. In the comparable period this year, according to Ward's Automotive Reports, the small cars' share was down to about 43 percent.

"The perception that gasoline prices could well move lower rather than higher, or at least not dramatically re-escalate, has undoubtedly played a role in the shift," Lavery observed. "Moreover, given the improvement in fuel efficiency for all sizes of cars, even a new full-size car may get better mileage than the car it is replacing."

Investor's Guide

Bank charge can be tax deductible

Q. I have two \$10,000, 26-week Treasury bills. I purchased one through my local bank, the other by submitting a tender to the Treasury Department. I roll over these bills to buy new T-bills every time they mature. My bank charges \$50 each time I roll over the bill I have there. Can I deduct this charge on my income tax return?

A. You can take that bank charge as an investment expense, under miscellaneous deductions, assuming you itemize deductions on your income tax return.

It is possible to transfer the T-bill you now have at your local bank to a Treasury Department direct account. To accomplish that, you should contact the fiscal agency department of your district Federal Reserve Bank. The people there will give you instructions. Transfers of that type take place so infrequently they are handled on a case-by-case basis by the Fed and local banks.

Here's a kicker. Your local bank undoubtedly will levy a charge for the transfer. My advice is to let the T-bill you have at the local bank mature. Tell that bank not to roll it over. Use the \$10,000 to buy another T-bill directly from the Treasury or your Federal Reserve Bank. You won't pay any charge.

Q. I paid off my 6.25 percent mortgage last year, when the savings and loan holding it offered a 20 percent discount on the outstanding balance. Then, the S&L sent me a Form 1099-MISC listing "\$1,650.86 Mortgage Discount" as miscellaneous income for 1982. To me, this was not income, but a reduction of a debt. Am I right? Or, was I obligated to include this amount as income on my 1982 tax return?

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Newspaper quotes source in bomb report

READING, Pa. (AP) — The Reading Eagle, quoting a U.S. intelligence source, says recent reports from the Middle East indicate that Libyan Col. Moammar Khadafy has five crude atomic bombs, but no system to deliver them accurately.

The newspaper, in a copyright story that quoted the unidentified "highly reliable" source, said if the report is true, Libya would be the first of the Islamic nations to obtain nuclear weapons.

The existence of atomic devices in Libya's arsenal was "brought to light in recent days by agents operating in the Middle East," the newspaper said Sunday. But the Eagle quoted its source as saying the Libyans have not developed a system to deliver the bombs on target.

Anson Franklin, assistant White House press secretary, said Saturday night, "We don't comment on intelligence reports." The State Department also declined comment.

A CIA press spokesman did not return phone calls Saturday night, the Eagle said, and attempts to reach the Libyan mission in Washington, D.C., Saturday night were unsuccessful.

State Department press officer Sondra McCarty told The Associated Press on Sunday that "I don't have anything on it."

"We really don't have anything at this point on it," press officer Capt. Jim Santana at the Defense Department told the AP.

According to the Eagle, Libya obtained the bombs through Pakistan after investing more than \$100 million in a Pakistani project. Libya also provided Pakistan with uranium from Niger, the newspaper said.

The source also said that Israel, while publicly denying it has developed a nuclear option, is believed to have a sophisticated arsenal of nuclear weapons with refined delivery systems, the newspaper said.

New president to be elected

PEKING (AP) — The nearly 3,000 members of China's National People's Congress convened today in pomp-filled ceremonies to elect the country's first president in 14 years and endorse the modernization plans of leader Deng Xiaoping.

Premier Zhao Ziyang, opening the session with the annual government report, said the nation of 1 billion has made great progress in modernization. He said political life "steadily is returning to normal."

Zhao outlined China's economic and foreign policies and its social and cultural achievements since the last Congress in 1978. He said the current tasks are economic development and social advancement, including better treatment for once scorned intellectuals and scientists.

Since 1978, he said, China has readjusted its economy while maintaining a fairly high growth rate.

Zhao delivered his report, equivalent to a state of the union address, at the Great Hall of the People. The main auditorium was draped with China's red five-starred flags and decorated with roses and potted trees.

The 164 members of the presidium sat on a red-carpeted stage, and behind them hung the red and gold national seal. Many of China's aging

leaders were helped to their seats by attendants.

For the third consecutive year, reporters are being permitted to attend the opening and selected sessions of the 17-day parliament session.

The new congress will elect China's first head of state in 14 years and elect a State Military Commission intended to improve the organization of the armed forces and take daily administration away from the Communist Party.

The President — there is only one candidate nominated by the party — will be 78-year-old Li Xiannian, an economist and financial expert. The major function of the largely ceremonial post will be receiving foreign visitors.

China's last president, Liu Shaohchi, was removed from office and died in prison in 1969. He was jailed for criticizing the Great Leap Forward and other unsuccessful economic policies of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

The presidency was abolished in 1975 but it was restored in the new constitution adopted last December.

This is the first session of the Sixth People Congress, China's highest legislative body whose members are elected for five-year terms.

Achievements of summit credited to compromise

By The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post New Service

PARIS — At the conclusion of the summit conference last week in Williamsburg, Va., the Times of London headlined its account of the proceedings: "Reagan Sheds Cowboy Image." But many European commentators credit the success of the talks not to Reagan but to a general atmosphere of compromise.

The Paris weekly L'Express said, "White House aides in Williamsburg were openly hailing the performance of their president, but within the French delegation the phrase was repeated, 'Nobody won, nobody lost,' in order to explain, if not justify, a conference that ... ended without major disaster but also without brilliant success."

The Economist of London, while noting that Reagan's "insistence on informality had much to do with a pleasing success," gave major credit for the outcome to President Francois Mitterrand of France and Premier Yasuhiro Nakasone of Japan.

"Both did their utmost," the Economist said, "to ensure that the weekend in Williamsburg was a cozy and friendly affair, helpful for the re-election of both the American and British leaders — Mr. Nakasone by sounding more like a NATO member than do most NATO members; Mr. Mitterrand by sounding as eager a fiscal conservative as the rest, and by backpedaling furiously on calls for fixed exchange rates."

Mitterrand came back to Paris feeling better about the conference than he did when he departed, largely because he found that he did not argue all by himself with Reagan over high U.S. interest rates. The Americans heard that argument from all sides, and Mitterrand, in fact, waited until last to speak on the subject and then only supported what others had already said.

REACTION IN West Germany has been mixed, though German

ment spokesmen have characterized the talks as a success.

The main success in Washington's view was the declaration that reiterated the determination of the seven governments involved — the United States, Canada, Japan, Britain, France, West Germany and Italy — to support the basing of new U.S. intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe. But Mitterrand is now plunged into an internal argument with France's Communist Party, which supports his government, for agreeing to the declaration.

Hence neither Mitterrand nor French commentators are talking much about a "Reagan success" at Williamsburg. They are brooding over whether Mitterrand had a success or a defeat.

Representatives of the British press who were present at Williamsburg were more inclined to see the talks in terms of positive results. The Times of London commented:

"It will be remembered as the occasion when President Reagan emerged as an international leader of stature, finally managing to shed his cowboy image and show that he is capable of mastering the niceties of diplomacy as well as the complexity of the global economy. It was Reagan's personal summit from the start, and many feared it might turn out to be a disaster."

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH said that Reagan's "performance has further strengthened his as yet unannounced candidacy for re-election as president in 1984."

Although West German leaders appeared to be pleased with the outcome of the talks, opposition leaders expressed disappointment.

Hans Heinz Hauser, deputy floor leader in Parliament for Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union and its Bavarian ally, the Christian Social Union, described the summit talks as successful.

Khadafy's arrival creates turmoil for summit

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy's unexpected arrival created turmoil in preparations for the 19th Organization of African Unity summit and could delay the official opening of the meeting scheduled for today.

African leaders met informally behind closed doors today and delegates, who declined to be named, said the meetings focused on the Western Sahara dispute, which has paralyzed the OAU since last year, and on who should replace Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi as chairman.

Some delegates said Khadafy, who arrived here Sunday night, planned to claim the chairmanship which was denied him because of the failure to convene two OAU summits in Tripoli last year.

One delegate from a moderate African country which frequently

has been at odds with Libya said he believed Khadafy had "a better than 50 percent chance" of becoming chairman, provided he doesn't try to hold another summit in his capital.

The delegate said this would cause "alarm and concern among many people," particularly moderate African leaders who stayed away from Tripoli because of hostility to Khadafy's radical policies.

Khadafy had not been expected, in recent years, he sent lower-level delegations and the last time he attended an OAU summit was in 1975.

Khadafy's arrival, presumably to play a personal role in the Western Sahara dispute, threw preparations into a state of confusion. The Sahara conflict, involving debate over OAU membership for the Polisario guerrilla movement, threatened to scuttle the summit for a third time in a year.

Some delegates predicted a delay in the opening of the scheduled six-day conference to allow time for more behind-the-scenes negotiations over the Polisario Front, a leftist group backed by Libya and Algeria which has been fighting Morocco for control of the Western Sahara.

The Western Sahara issue and the question of who should legally represent Chad torpedoed the two attempts to hold a summit at Tripoli last August and November. There was speculation Khadafy still wants to become OAU chairman — a position denied him when the two planned summits collapsed.

The Western Sahara issue came to the forefront of OAU affairs in February 1982, when Secretary-General Edem Kodjo of Togo decided to seat the guerrillas as the 15th OAU member. They took the name the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic. Morocco led a boycott of 19 coun-

tries at that meeting, and the boycotters have since kept the OAU from officially meeting by preventing a quorum of 34 countries.

The second attempt to hold a Tripoli summit in November was plagued by the civil war in Chad. Khadafy, as host of the meeting, wanted to seat Goukouni Oueddei, a Libyan protege who had recently been ousted as president of Chad, instead of Chad President Hissene Habre.

The Chad question was not expected to be a problem this time, but the Western Sahara issue seemed still far from resolution.

A spokesman for Polisario, Moulad Said Suliman, noted the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic had been officially invited as an OAU member and said, "We will attend the meeting. We will not negotiate that."

world in brief

Writer keeps money in diary case

HAMBURG, West Germany (AP) — The reporter who supplied the forged Hitler diaries to Stern magazine kept most of the \$3.75 million the magazine paid for them, the Hamburg-based Bild am Sonntag newspaper said.

"The proof that we have found with (Gerd) Heidemann basically makes further statements from witnesses unnecessary. We have almost everything in writing," Bild am Sonntag quoted an unnamed investigator in the Hamburg state prosecutor's office as saying.

The prosecutor found an "explosion" in Heidemann's assets after 1981, when he took the first payment for the diaries from Stern, the newspaper said Sunday.

Heidemann had claimed to have passed along all the money to Konrad Kujau, the Nazi relics dealer who has admitted forging the bogus books. But Kujau has said he only received about \$1 million.

Allegations of arms supply denied

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir has denied allegations in an Italian parliamentary report that Israel offered to supply Red Brigade terrorists with arms.

The report charged that the extremists had refused an Israeli weapons offer in 1974, but received arms shipments from the Palestine Liberation Organization four years later.

Shamir spoke to reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport Sunday after arriving from Rome, where he completed a week of talks with West European leaders. He said that during his meetings with Italian leaders, he was "asked about these reports and denied them outright."

Police ask about child murderer

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Police are asking the public for any information about the mysterious gunman who last week burst into a classroom and killed three children, a teacher, a traffic policeman and then himself, a spokesman said.

Authorities searching for a motive for the bloodbath have found no one who knew the 34-year-old killer, Karel Charva, well enough to give them any meaningful clues, police spokesman Karl-Heinz Wagner said.

"It seems he had no friends. He was not married. He was totally alone," he said.

Australia to maintain relations

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia will maintain economic and diplomatic relations with South Africa for the present, but will re-examine air traffic and sporting contact between the two countries, Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Hayden said.

Hayden said in a statement Sunday that a code of conduct on employment standards would also be set out for Australian companies operating in South Africa. The decisions followed a general Cabinet review of Australia's relations with the white-minority government, he said.

Ayatollah criticizes countries

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini criticized the United States, the Soviet Union and France for what he claimed was their support of Iraq in the Iran-Iraq war, the official Iranian news agency said.

Khomeini's speech was read by his son Sunday at a Tehran demonstration by hundreds of thousands of Iranians honoring the anniversary of the 1963 uprising against the former Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, IRNA said.

On June 5, 1963, Moslem clergymen demonstrated against programs proposed by the shah for land reform and women's suffrage. The shah's army killed 100 people in the uprising and deported Khomeini, who went into exile in France and Iraq and returned to Iran in 1979 after the fall of the shah.

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CHOCOLATE CULINARY CUES: A CHOCOLATE LOVERS' GUIDE

Luscious chocolate cake, chocolate chip cookies, and creamy chocolate ice cream are among the most tantalizing of chocolate desserts. Although chocolate is a common term for candy and dessert items, there are really only three basic types: unsweetened, semi-sweet, and milk chocolate, which perform very differently in different applications. To understand chocolate and the various types available, it is imperative to know its origin. All pure chocolate is derived from the cocoa bean, the seed of a tree that grows in tropical climates. After harvesting, the beans are shelled, processed, and ground to produce a dark, syrupy substance called chocolate liquor (it contains no alcoholic content.) Chocolate liquor, when poured into small molds and allowed to harden, forms baking chocolate. It is very bitter and is best used for cooking and baking. If, during manufacturing, the cocoa butter is separated from the chocolate liquor, cocoa is made. Cocoa, which imparts rich chocolatey flavor, is excellent for cake, cookie, and brownie baking, as it measures easily from the can and readily blends with dry ingredients for mixing. The Chocolate Bundt Cake featured here is a delectable cake made with unsweetened cocoa.

Sweetened chocolate, including both semi-sweet and sweet varieties, has sugar added to the chocolate liquor processing. Both can be eaten as is, but are also excellent for mousses, candy making, and specialty desserts. The semi-sweet type is available in 1-ounce blocks for cooking. It is also frequently formed by the manufacturer into chips for making the ever popular chocolate chip cookies. Chocolate Chips are available in two sizes: regular and small or Mini Chips. Because of its small size, Mini Chips are more versatile than their larger size counterpart; they are great stirred into pancake batter, muffins, quick breads, brownies, and some cake batters with a thick consistency. The stretch further than regular chocolate chips - try using less Mini Chips for the same effect in your cookies.

The third form, milk chocolate, contains extra cocoa butter, sugar and concentrated milk solids. Generally, it is not recommended for baking because of its high milk solid content, and should not be substituted in recipes. It is best eaten as a candy bar or confection. From the three basic chocolate forms, other varieties are also made. For example, chocolate flavored syrup is a product made from cocoa and corn syrup. It is frequently used for chocolate beverages, frozen desserts, and topping for ice cream or desserts. The dark color, mild chocolate flavor, and pourable consistency are due to the manufacturing process and additional ingredients.

As a general rule, it is best to use the form of chocolate as written in the recipe. But there are several exceptions to this rule. For example, semi-sweet and sweet cooking chocolate are almost always interchangeable, and semi-sweet and sweet cooking chocolate substituted in recipes calling for melted semi-sweet chocolate chips or squares can be purposes, cocoa can be substituted for unsweetened chocolate. For baking and cooking tablespoons cocoa plus 1 tablespoon shortening or oil to equal 1 square of unsweetened chocolate. Different kinds of chocolate have vastly different flavors and uses. The favorite recipes included here not only show the versatility of the types of chocolate, but perhaps will whet your appetite for a taste of one of America's favorite flavors - chocolate.

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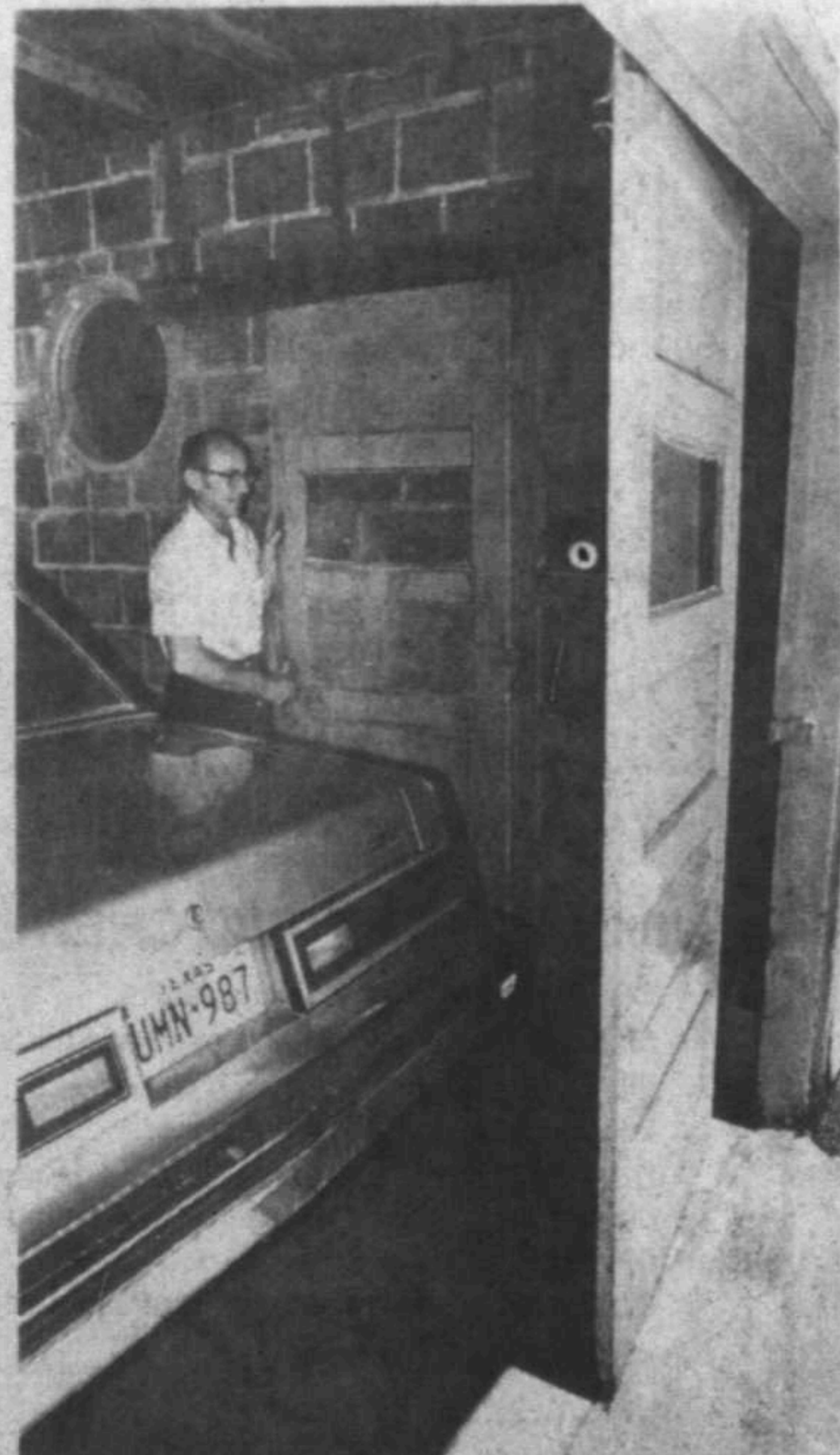


Martin and Rosenell Meissner stand outside what has become a landmark in Midland — their pink and green house on the corner of Louisiana Avenue and A Street.

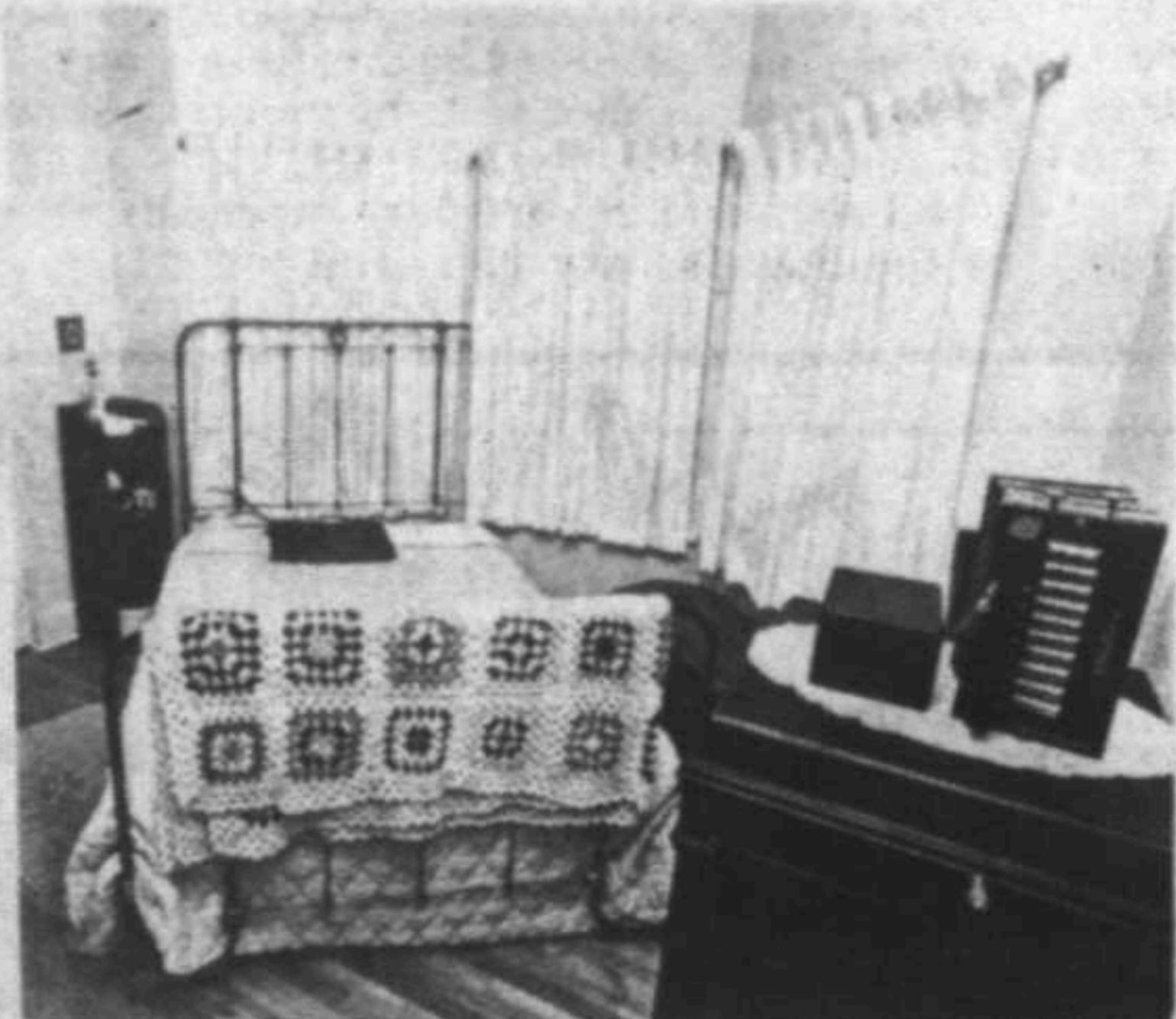
In the pink (and green)



The Meissners and their office staff go about their business in what was once the house's front room. It's finest feature is the parquet floor.



Along with its pink and green exterior, Meissner's garage boasts another unusual feature — doors which slide sideways on a U-shaped track.



Some traditional furnishings adorn a rather non-traditionally shaped bedroom.



This bathroom, added by Vickers Petroleum Co., is tiled in green ceramic. Not surprisingly, the original bathroom is tiled in pink.

What's pink and green and likely to grab the viewer's attention?

- a. A Mary Kay Cosmetics Cadillac with an emerald interior.
- b. Kermit the Frog wearing a tutu.
- c. The "Pepto-Bismol House" on the corner of Louisiana Avenue and A Street.
- d. A seasick elephant as seen by a wino.

Who in their right mind would paint a house pink and green?

- a. Laurel and Hardy and/or Abbott and Costello.
- b. Midlanders Martin and Rosenell Meissner.
- c. A guy who would wear a yellow and black leisure suit to the symphony.
- d. Carmen's Colorblind House Painters and Shoe Repair, Inc.

Why would anyone paint a house pink and green?

- a. Because it was there.
- b. To get to the other side.
- c. To slow traffic on bordering streets.
- d. Because the paint store was fresh out of violet and orange.

Perhaps more than even the First National Bank building, Clayton Williams' Aggie banner or "Texas' Largest Drugstore," the pink and green house on the corner of Louisiana Avenue and A Street has achieved landmark status in Midland.

Gawkers, picture-takers and the color-coordinated curious double and triple-take as they pass 724 W. Louisiana, with its rambling stucco fence and Spanish-style frame wrapped in pastel pink and green.

Martin and Rosenell Meissner — who've made their home and office at 724 W. Louisiana for the past 22 years — were recently asked the question which haunts many Midlanders: "All right, what the heck's the deal with the pink and green?"

The Meissner's answer, it turned out, was colorful in its good-natured simplicity: "That was the color it was."

"When we bought the house, the outside was pink and green like it is now," said Meissner, 52, an independent insurance

agent and lifelong Midland resident. "We thought that color was this house. We just couldn't see changing the color and ruining the neighborhood."

"The house just lent itself to the pink," echoed Mrs. Meissner, 51, who added the original colors were altered somewhat — to the present Rose of Sharon and Aqua Marine — when they performed their first paint job on the house in 1969. "The original was a more bluish-green than it is now," she said.

Meissner concedes "there's been quite a bit of speculation among the people of Midland as to why we've left it this color. I've never had any special feeling one way or the other. We thought it was kind of distinctive."

The house, which they purchased on Oct. 15, 1960, "was already a little bit of a landmark then," he said. "Really, we didn't think we were doing anything real daring because it was this color. We just tried to preserve the historical notoriety that it had."

Through official records and conversations with other Midlanders, Meissner traced the "historical notoriety" of 724 W. Louisiana back to about 1936, when architect Frank Aldrich built the home.

Aldrich included several special touches — including 11-inch thick walls, 9-foot ceilings, a 3/4-inch oak parquet floor in the living room, cedar-lined closets — and offered tours to prospective home builders. "This was a house ahead of its time," said Meissner, noting that the house was supposedly featured in an issue of House Beautiful magazine during the early 1940s.

On Oct. 21, 1947, after the house was owned by another man for a short time, Vickers Petroleum Co. bought it to lodge its company president. Vickers added a bathroom, bedroom, garage and converted a carport to living area — doubling the size of the home to about 2,000 square feet.

Meissner said he's been able to trace the house's pink and green hue to at least as far back as the time it was owned by Vickers. In fact, the bathroom added by the oil company was tiled in green ceramic. The ceramic tile lining the original bathroom is (you guessed it) pink.

East Texas school district maps out major changes

ATHENS, Texas (AP) — Change usually comes slowly to the rolling hills and lush forests of East Texas, but school trustees here say they have the formula to put their district at the forefront of a new educational direction.

Their roadmap for reform is the National Commission on Excellence in Education study, a package of sweeping condemnations of American public schools and recommended changes that trustees here adopted as a statement of philosophy.

"This may be the most significant document that ever came out of Washington D.C. ... it offers failsafe solutions to the problem. It's just an incredible document," said school trustee John Buquoi.

THE PROBLEM, he said, is a school district suffering from perhaps two decades "of what some call benign neglect."

This is a district, he said, where the percentage of graduates going on to college has declined from 76 percent to 62 percent, where "C"

students can be excused from final exams and where unchallenged students lose their enthusiasm for education.

The schools here, Buquoi and board president Jerry Taylor said, have no expectations for students to do homework, administrators who don't know how many students drop out, and "math and science courses that simply are not what they were 20 years ago." Sixty-seven percent of the courses for juniors and seniors are electives.

"We have something of a smorgasbord of education, homogenized, diffused and diluted to the point there is no more central purpose," said Buquoi, paraphrasing a part of the national report.

Buquoi said the district may be the first in the nation to adopt the complete report as statement of principles and a blueprint for change in the way it educates its 2,826 students.

"It is the first (report) I ever saw that puts the problem in such clear perspective. No one I have talked to disagrees with one word of this

report," said Buquoi. Myron Becker, a commission spokesman in Washington, said he has no information on Athens, but he knows of no district that has implemented all the recommendations.

THE REPORT'S release at the White House on April 26 came on the heels of a divisive election in this town of 10,000 on a proposed \$12.9 million bond issue for school construction. Voters overwhelmingly rejected the proposal and subsequently elected three new trustees — including Buquoi — who had opposed it.

Some critics, who asked not to be identified, suggested the national report just fell in the laps of trustees eager to relieve the pressure on them, in the wake of the bond defeat, to propose alternate educational improvements.

Athens has quality education, they said, and the meaningful ideas in the national report are too expensive to implement.

The biggest thing that worries

me is some of the new board members are very anxious and willing to substitute their expertise and philosophy of education for that of trained experts," said former school trustee Doug Richey, who lost to Buquoi.

"I would say there is probably seriousness there, but I don't think it (adopting the report) was well thought out," said Richey, a math teacher at Henderson County Junior College.

"We are in a rut now from a TEA (Texas Education Agency) curriculum change in the early '70s. I would not rush out on a limb and claim this commission has it (the answers). Talk is cheap," he said.

Richey said trustees should set overall policy and not try to run the schools. He said interference by some previous school trustees is the reason the district has had six superintendents in 12 years.

THE LAST superintendent, C.C. Baker, resigned just more than a week ago, because of what the board called "irreconcilable differences."

Buquoi insists that once the board hires a new superintendent, the district can begin to implement parts of the report without raising the district's \$7 million budget or the local taxpayers' \$2.5 million annual contribution to it.

The district can, he said, design ways for teachers to spend more of each class period teaching, reduce the number of fluff electives and increase the number of required courses by altering teacher assignments, stiffen graduation requirements and put a strict homework policy in place.

"This is a small town without many resources," said Taylor. "We have to do the best with what we have."

Taylor and Buquoi concede that some recommended changes are too expensive and will have to wait, and that some — such as lengthening the 180-day school year to 200 or 220 days — never could be afforded without new state laws and financial support.

"We have to re-establish credibil-

ity before we could get a tax increase. The people are not going to let us raise taxes disproportionately with the quality of education. If you have mediocre education, you'll get mediocre taxes," said Buquoi.

Later, he said, the district will consider adding a year of math and science and a year or two of social studies to its requirements so it will be in line with what the report called "the new basics" of four years of English, three of math, science and social studies and a semester of computer science.

OTHER FUTURE CHANGES, said Buquoi, may include a competency test for new teachers and higher salaries for the district's 167 teachers, who with an average 12 years' experience and a bachelor's degree earn \$18,400 a year.

"This report represents an absolutely no risk way to improve education," said Buquoi, adding that the board has concluded an educational emergency exists in the district.

DEATHS

Vernon R. Black

CRANE — Services for Vernon Roscoe Black, 69, of Crane, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Tabernacle Baptist Church in Crane directed by

Richard W. Box Funeral Home. Black died Sunday in a Crane hospital.

He was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church and a retired employee of Atlantic Richfield Oil & Gas.

Changing laws affect Oglesby murder trial

HOUSTON (AP) — James Curtis Oglesby was convicted in 1962 of killing the son of popular Harris County Sheriff T.A. Binford, and many thought he would die in the electric chair.

But a jury rejected the death penalty and sentenced the 24-year-old iceman to 199 years in prison for killing Thomas John Binford during an apparent holdup attempt at a small grocery store.

Last month, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned the conviction and ordered a new trial for Oglesby.

The appeals court cited a 1979 precedent that stated a conviction is defective if the same jury that determines a defendant's competency to stand trial also decides his guilt or innocence.

State District Judge William Hatton has appointed a lawyer for Oglesby, 46, and a prosecutor has started piecing together a case that has been dormant for more than two decades. Many of the laws affecting the case have changed greatly.

Lawyers said it is a rare case that is appealed 20 years after conviction. In Oglesby's case, a "jailhouse lawyer" filed an appeal for him a few years ago.

Joe Newman, one of the court-appointed attorneys who defended Oglesby at his 1962 trial, said he and defense attorney John Cahoon didn't want to appeal the case, even with the stiff sentence.

"We didn't want to file (an appeal) because (prosecutors) would have joined in it," Newman told the Houston Chronicle in a story published Sunday.

Under the law at that time, Newman said, Oglesby could have been retried and given the death penalty.

Former Harris County district attorney Frank Briscoe said he wished the defense would appeal. Newman said. "He (Briscoe) was very, very bitter about it. He wanted to burn him."

Briscoe, however, says he only vaguely remembers the case.

Oglesby still maintains he is innocent. But proving it won't be an easy job for his new court-appointed lawyer, James Stafford.

Some of the witnesses are dead, statements given by witnesses to police are not admissible in the case and there is no transcript of the original trial.

Stafford said he plans to push for a trial and will not plea bargain.

"I ain't gonna plea him. If everybody is as dead as I think they're dead, they can't make the case," Stafford said.

"This is one of those cases where there's nothing they can offer me. They can't give him the death penalty, can't give him anything worse than life. Unless they give him time served, there's going to be a trial," he said.

"The man definitely has paid his debt to society. If it hadn't been the sheriff's son and if there hadn't been so many high-powered people involved, he wouldn't have gotten the 199 years. But when you kill the sheriff's son, that's different."

Even if Oglesby is convicted and sentenced to the maximum life sentence, he would get credit for time already served and would be eligible soon for parole.

Hurricanes nothing new to Texas, world coastlines

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Hurricanes have killed thousands of Texans this century, and damage from the violent tropical cyclones is estimated in hundreds of millions of dollars. But weather researchers say hurricanes have plagued mankind long before there was an Alamo.

Even the name "hurricane" is ancient. Experts report the Maya feared the ferocious "hunrakin," while Indians in Guatemala talked of the devastation from a "hurakan." The Caribbean Indians called the storms "urican," "aracan," or "huiranvucan."

Weather records show more than 100 hurricanes have hit Texas since 1766. But only 19 are classified as "major" storms. The deadliest struck Galveston Island in September of 1900. Called the worst natural disaster in U.S. history, the powerful storm claimed at least 6,000 lives and caused damage estimated between \$30 million and \$40 million.

The actual death count was never determined, but records show the toll could have been as high as 8,000. Fifteen years later, another hurricane hit Galveston — this time in August.

The official death toll was estimated at 275, much lower than the great 1900 storm because storm-wary residents had raised the grade of the island and had built a seawall to protect the from surging tides blamed for

most of the fatalities from any hurricane. Damage from the 1915 storm was set at \$50 million.

Another Gulf coast city was unable to survive the onslaught of killer hurricanes. Indianola, once a flourishing port, was abandoned after being leveled by storms in 1875 and 1886.

This century, storms hit Freeport in July 1909, Corpus Christi in Aug. 1916; south of Corpus Christi in Sept. 1919; north of Brownsville in Sept. 1933, Matagorda Bay in Aug. 1942, east of Galveston in July 1943, Port O'Connor in Aug. 1945 and Freeport in Oct. 1949. Those storms claimed a total of 417 lives. Damage was at least \$100 million.

In the 1950s, meteorologists began calling hurricanes by women's names. The first storm so designated to hit Texas arrived in 1957.

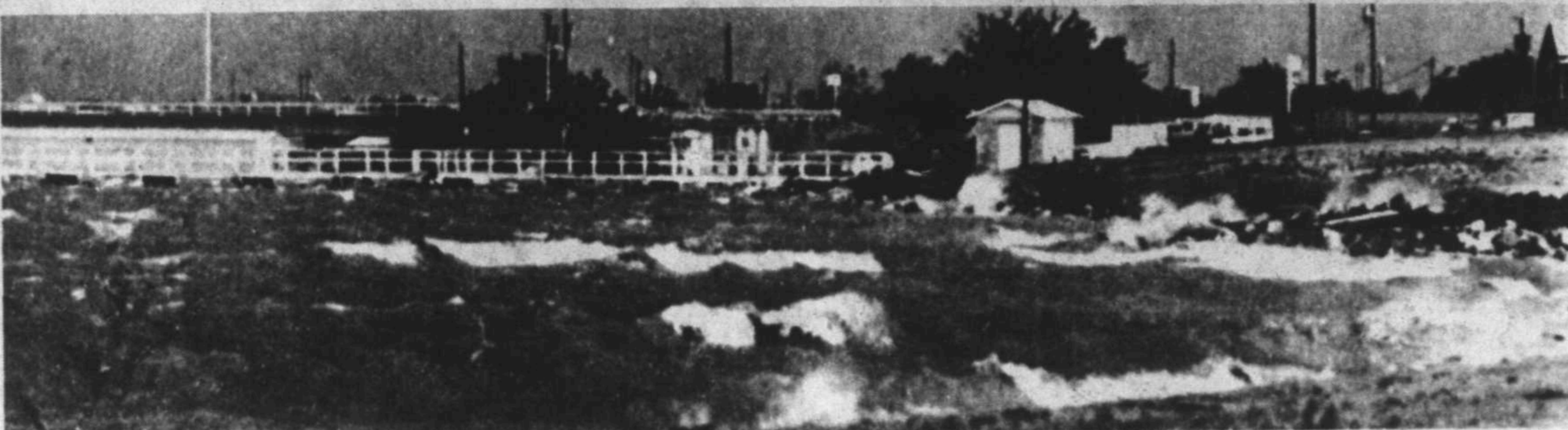
Hurricane Audrey was blamed for 10 deaths in Southeast Texas on June 27. The storm then cut diagonally across Louisiana and Alabama.

From Sept. 11-13 1961, Hurricane Carla assailed Texas. The storm struck the coastal bend and moved directly north. Even though its strength diminished over land, remnants of the storm managed to

cross Canada.

Carla killed 34 Texans, despite the evacuation of 250,000 coastal residents. Property damage was estimated at \$200 million and crop losses were set at \$100 million.

Carla's wind gusts were clocked at 175 mph. It was the largest and most intense Gulf coast hurricane in many years, with much of the damage attributed to unusually prolonged winds, high tides and flooding.



Weekend weather in the San Angelo included buffeting from several directions. High winds created white caps on a southwestern area lake, above, and hail pelted the northern edge of town.

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Story of son's death 'told itself'

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — It's the story Terry Pringle couldn't stop telling. He first told it to Dr. Dan Pope, a couple of minutes after feeling the last few beats of the little heart.

Pope, who became much more than doctor to the Pringles during the 20 months since Eric was diagnosed at age 4 as having leukemia, was not surprised. He had been with the family earlier in the day.

"Did he die in his sleep?" he asked. "You've got to be kidding," Pringle answered.

"For the past two hours I've been watching the fight of the century."

In his book, "This Is the Child," Pringle recalled his 5-year-old son's last moments, in which Eric said God was telling him to hold his breath, but that he couldn't.

"What impressed me so much was not that God was talking to him," Pringle said in an interview, "but that he wasn't going to just stop breathing. He could go out easy, or he could fight. After that I was no longer afraid."

"That's what I've always considered Eric's gift

to me. He removed any fear I had." it's also the story Terry Pringle couldn't stop writing, once he began. "This Is the Child" was published in May by Alfred A. Knopf in New York.

"I started writing primarily because I wanted to tell the story of Eric," he said. "But in writing the book I found myself telling how a parent feels in this situation, of watching a child die."

"But I've never seen it as another book about a dying child. I do see it as essentially the story of Eric, a child who knew how to live his life."

Midland landmark keeps couple 'in the pink'

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The soft-spoken, easy-smiling Meissner said he has no idea why Vickers favored pink and green. Nor could he say why the next owner, drilling contractor Walter M. Wilkinson, decorated the entire interior in various shades of green.

In 1960, the Meissners were searching for a larger house at the same time Wilkinson, who had moved to Kansas, was selling his rental home in Midland.

"We had driven by this place many times and thought it was an attractive house," Meissner recalled. "Little did we think we would someday buy it."

"I came over and looked at the place and we decided we liked it. So we wrote him and asked if he'd sell it to us. They wrote right back and said yes, and I think we closed that thing out in about 15 days."

Since 1960, the Meissners have suffered countless questions, comments and inquisitive looks with good humor.

One caller — his courage bolstered by fellow party goers — phoned at midnight to learn the unvarnished truth about the pink and green paint. Mrs. Meissner said a family friend for more than 14 years only recently got up the nerve to ask "Why do y'all have it pink?"

The Meissner's 24-year-old son, Edward, said he

once spent several minutes listening to an architecture student describe Midland's "yucky" pink and green house. When she finally learned it was his home, "her face just fell off," he said.

Mrs. Meissner said her son Ivan, then 8, announced to his parents that pink is "a delightful color." Ivan, now 21, said growing up in a pink and green house "was a lot of fun. This is the easiest place to locate in Midland."

"I get a bang out of watching people drive by and you try to read their minds," Mrs. Meissner said. "They'll just give it the weirdest look and just keep on looking."

Surprisingly, Meissner said he has yet to adjust an auto insurance claim in the intersection bordering his eye-grabbing home.

He said they lived in the house more than 20 years before a vandal sprayed "Pepto-Bismol" in pink paint on the green fence. Although the prank didn't really bother him, at the insistence of a lady who lamented "what they did to your beautiful house," Meissner reported the incident to the police.

When the patrolman arrived to survey the damage, "he kind of halfway giggled, kind of halfway not. And when he found out it was no big deal to me, well he thought it was as funny as I did."

Meissner said children are especially attracted by the house's fairy tale paint job. "They call it

'ice cream and candy house' or 'cotton candy house,'" he said.

Grown-ups, he said, "either generally like it or they think it's way too loud, outlandish."

Contrary to what some believe, the pink and green paint is not an advertising gimmick for Meissner's insurance business.

"Really, that wasn't our purpose," he said. But he added that "it became a way of telling people where our office is. We say 'We're in the loudest house in Midland, on the corner of A and Louisiana.'"

They've repainted the house twice since 1969, each time striving to approximate the proper pink and green tints.

Meissner observed, chuckling, "Every time we repaint it, it appears to people that we've repainted it louder."

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