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Summer's splatter

While the mercury rises steadily to summery heights, 11-year-old Mark Rankin slides to cooler ground on his slip and slide "Wet

Banana." Mark, who lives at 4206 Russell, is the son of Larry and Sherry Rankin.

Challenger's landing delay clouds flight

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Space shuttle Challenger, rerouted on its 96th orbit, went around the world two extra revolutions today and glided without fanfare to a sunrise landing on the familiar bed of Rogers Dry Lake. "Challenger, wheels down," commander Robert Crippen reported as the 100-ton winged shuttle touched down right on the centerline as it ended a near-flawless six-day mission, marred only by waveoff on the first attempt to land a shuttle in Florida.

The ship's five astronauts, including America's first lady of space Sally K. Ride, hoped to return the shuttle to Cape Canaveral, Fla., but overcast Florida skies forced the disappointing diversion.

"The good news is the beer is very, very cold this morning. The bad news is that it is 3,000 miles away," ground controller Guy Gardner told the flight crew as Challenger rolled to a stop.

"That's what I was afraid of," Crippen replied.

Crippen's crew included pilot Rick Hauck and mission specialists Ride, John Fabian and Dr. Norman Thagard.

A small NASA crew and a mini-convo of "safing" vehicles was ready and waiting on the lakebed. The regular landing crew was still in Florida.

Challenger pierced clear skies onto runway 15, a hard-sand strip on the Mojave Desert, at 6:57 a.m. Pacific time.

"Nice and smooth on the way in," said Crippen. "As I said once before, what a way to come to California." He was pilot on the first shuttle flight in 1981.

There were hundreds of thousands of sightseers and a rousing welcome-home ceremony to greet that mission. This time, only 125 people made the trip on the chance that weather would force the detour. NASA first postponed the Florida

landing for 90 minutes, citing "patches of fog and low clouds." Officials still hoped skies would clear to allow an 8:30 a.m. EDT touchdown.

But just after 7 a.m. EDT, as Crippen was to begin descent to Florida, Gardner radioed: "The weather at the Cape is getting worse instead of better, so it looks like no go for KSC (Kennedy Space Center)."

"You guys can sit back and relax a little bit; we will be going into Edwards on the following orbit." He added, "KSC had a red carpet out for you."

Crippen, who had practiced the KSC landing for months, said in resignation: "We would have liked to go there very much, but if the weather's bad, that's the right thing to do and we understand." Later he said, "We're ready to come down whenever and wherever."

On orbit 97, Crippen got the go-ahead to fire Challenger's twin braking rockets. That slowed the shuttle's 17,400-mph speed by 210 miles to start it from 180 miles high on an hour-long, blazing descent back to Earth.

The ship landed on orbit 98. By any measure, the flight had been a success and Ms. Ride's performance — the first American woman to fly in space was a workhorse on scientific and mechanical tests — had to be a powerful endorsement for female astronauts.

Five of the previous six shuttle landings took place at Edwards, and conditions were so good today that a spokesman called it "a bad case of severely clear weather."

The back-up recovery crew at Edwards, 30 people compared to 150 in Florida, will not have equipment to place electrical power on the shuttle, cool it down or purge its gases until they tow it to a hangar.

Veto ruling will have wide effect

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, by striking Congress' authority to veto executive decisions, lobbed a shell across the street into the Capitol that people on both sides agreed will set off a historic revision of the way government works.

"Today's decision strikes down in one fell swoop provisions in more laws enacted by Congress than the court has cumulatively invalidated in its history," Justice Byron R. White wrote in a dissenting opinion to Thursday's 6-3 ruling.

The decision "reflects a pro-

foundly different conception of the Constitution than that held by the courts which sanctioned the modern administrative state," White said.

Rep. Elliott H. Levitas, D-Ga., called White's dissent the only exception to a display of "monumental ignorance" by the majority of the actual working of government.

"We have a disaster of government of significant proportion which Congress will have to address immediately," said Levitas, chairman of the oversight and investigations subcommittee of the Public Works Committee.

Levitas predicted Congress will embark immediately on a "major restructuring of government to repair the damage wrought by the Supreme Court."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said today that the Justice Department was reviewing the decision "in light of the number of laws it affects."

While he said the president was pleased by the decision, he acknowledged that as a presidential candidate, Reagan had supported at least

part of the veto as it applied to domestic issues.

The court decision, which brings the checks and balances features of the Constitution into focus more clearly than most rulings do, deals with the so-called legislative veto.

Under that procedure, Congress delegates to the president and executive branch agencies authority to carry out certain laws with the proviso that one or both houses will get a look at specific decisions and rules and countermand any they don't like.

Congress calls for more taxes, spending

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has broken step with President Reagan's economic program, adopting a compromise \$859 billion budget blueprint calling for more taxes, more domestic spending and less military spending than Reagan has insisted on for 1984.

The Democrat-controlled House, meanwhile, took a second slap at Reagan by voting to limit next month's personal income tax cut to a maximum \$720 — a move that is unlikely to ever become law.

In rapid succession on Thursday, both the House and Senate approved the budget plan completed by congressional negotiators on Monday. The House tally was 239-186 while the Senate approved it 51-43. It does not require the president's signature because it only serves as a guide for Congress as it drafts spending and tax legislation.

Reagan repeatedly has hammered at the compromise budget saying its mandate for \$73 billion in higher taxes over the next three years, multibillion-dollar increases in domestic spending and half the military spending boost he wanted could stall the economic recovery and weaken national defense.

The president was expected to have more to say today. Legislators indicated the vote for the budget plan was as much a protest against the president sitting out the congressional budget process this year as it was a vote against his economic policies.

"The president has literally walked away from the budget process and now proposes a non-policy of vetoes, of chaos, of constant confrontation," said Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., a key member of the House Budget Committee.

"His budget was dead on arrival here. ... In that vacuum ... the Congress has a responsibility under the budget process to develop a budget framework," Panetta said.

After the budget vote, House Democratic leaders brought up the bill to limit the July 1 personal income tax rate cut to a maximum \$720 per family and \$637 for single people.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, noted that the proposed limitation

would raise \$6 billion next year and \$21 billion over the next three years, and would be "a statement that Congress has begun to grapple with the menace of federal deficits."

However, the 229-191 House vote for the tax cap was a clear political statement from Democratic leaders who have portrayed the measure as a move to restore fairness to Reagan's tax policies, which Democrats argue favor the rich.

All 229 votes came from Democrats. House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., argued that the tax cap "will place nearly all the burden on those with the greatest resources."

House Republican Leader Robert H. Michel of Illinois countered that the tax cap would hit taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes above \$35,200 a year.

"It's pure political spite because the president has so obviously been right while the Democratic leadership has been wrong about tax cuts," Michel said.

The Senate is expected to take up the tax limitation measure Tuesday and all indications are that the Republican-controlled chamber will kill the legislation.

Bell will seek record state rate hike

AUSTIN (AP) — Southwestern Bell officials have told the Public Utility Commission that the phone company will ask for a record \$1.7 billion statewide rate increase.

Bell scheduled a news conference today to make public what apparently will be the largest rate increase ever requested by Bell in any state.

Ronna Martin of the PUC staff said Thursday that Chairman Al Erwin had confirmed that Bell officials told him and commissioner Peggy Rosson the company would seek an increase totaling more than three times the amount of the \$471.5 million rate increase sought by Bell in 1982.

Erwin and Ms. Rosson were out of town Thursday and unavailable for comment.

If approved by the PUC, the rate increase would about triple the \$10 average monthly residential phone bill statewide.

Southwestern Bell contends increased rates are necessary to

offset the loss of about \$750 million in annual long-distance revenues when it is divested by its parent company, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., on Jan. 1. The separation is part of an antitrust settlement in a case brought by the U.S. Justice Department against AT&T.

Recent rate increase requests by Southwestern Bell included \$254.8 million in Missouri, which was more than double any previous rate request in that state; \$137.9 million in Arkansas, which was more than five times any previous rate request; and \$213.7 million in Kansas, which was about four times larger than any previous request.

Recent requests by Bell in Texas were for \$326 million in 1980, when the PUC granted a \$114 million increase; \$469.8 in 1981, with the PUC approving \$243.7 million; and \$471.5 million last year, when the commission okayed a \$243.9 million increase.

Syrian government expels PLO chief Arafat

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The Syrian government expelled PLO chief Yasser Arafat today, a Palestinian official said, and a grim-looking Arafat immediately left Damascus for an undisclosed destination.

The ouster came after Palestinian officials reported that rebel Palestine Liberation Organization forces ambushed and killed an undetermined number of Arafat's men during the

night. The Syrian action marked an escalation of the dispute between Syrian President Hafez Assad and Arafat over charges that Syria was backing a rebellion in the ranks of Arafat's Al Fatah guerrilla organization.

One of the ambushes was intended for Arafat, a military source at Arafat's office said. The PLO chief said he thought about a dozen Fatah fighters were killed or wounded.

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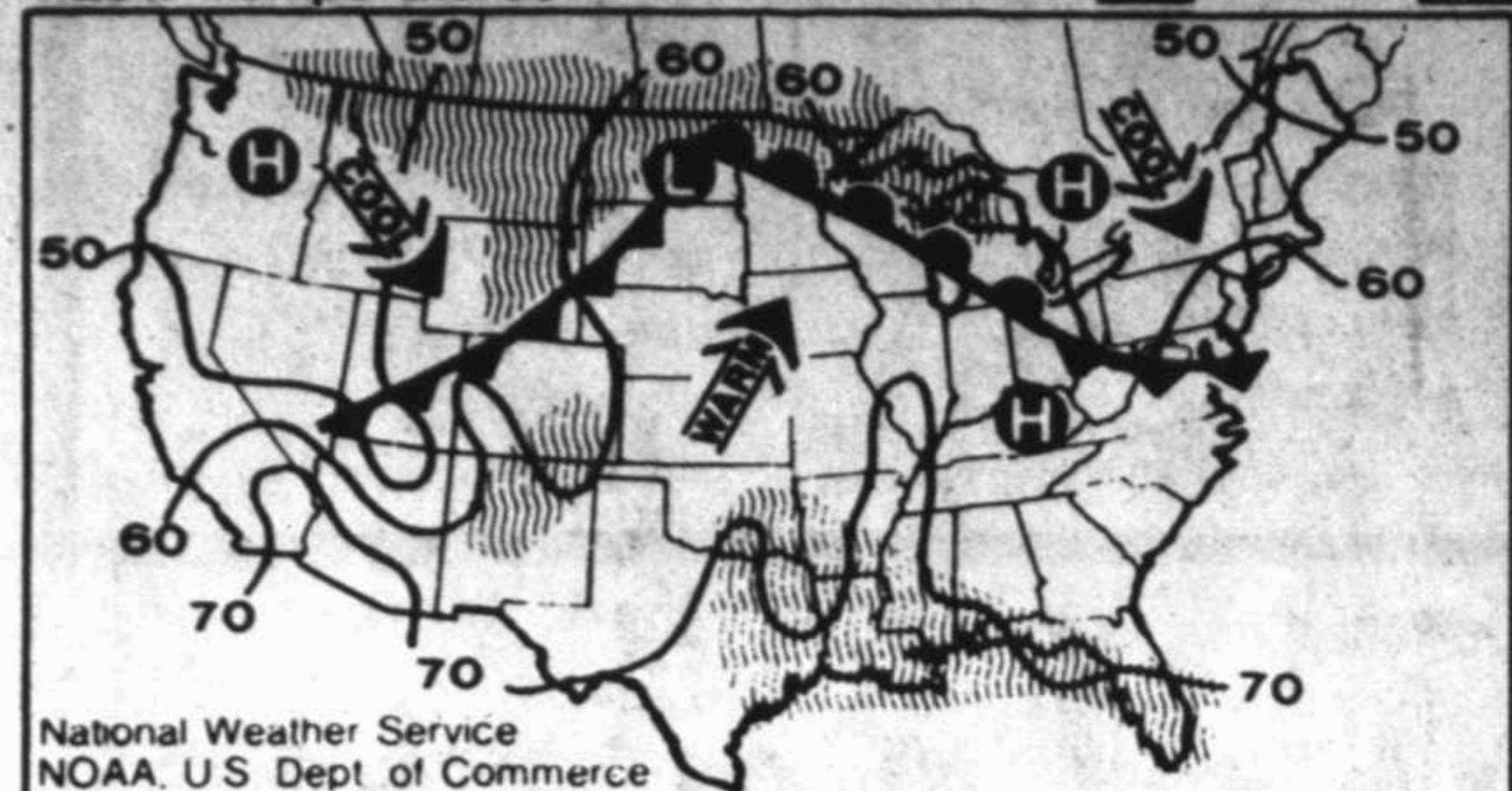
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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 8 a.m. EDT Saturday, June 25
● Low Temperatures



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Fronts: Cold Warm Occluded Stationary
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Flurries

Shows from East Texas to Oklahoma and Florida, from New Mexico to Colorado and from the northern Plains to the upper Great Lakes are forecast through Saturday by the National Weather Service. Most areas are expected to be warm.

Thunderstorms may dampen area

Though the chances are slim, the drought-stricken Midland area may be blessed by isolated thunderstorms late this afternoon or late Saturday afternoon.
But hopes of enough — or any — rainfall to break the drought were diminished by the weatherman's less than one-to-five odds that it will rain. Chances for rain are less than 20 percent, said the weatherman at the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.
The last substantial moisture over the area was in the mid-January snow storms.
For tonight, the weatherman is predicting partly cloudy skies and mild temperatures and a low in the upper 60s. Winds are to be southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph.
Skies are to be partly cloudy Saturday. The peak temperature is to be in the low 90s. Winds are to be southerly at 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday's high temperature was 92 degrees, while the record high for a June 23 is 102 degrees in 1972. The overnight low was 72 degrees. The record low for the date is 60 degrees in 1946.

Midland statistics Weather elsewhere

Table with columns for Forecast, Friday, and Hi Lo Prc. Includes data for National Weather Service Readings, Local Temperatures, Southwest Temperatures, and Texas Temperatures.

Texas temperatures

Table listing temperatures for various Texas cities including Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, and others.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy with warm afternoons and mild nights through Saturday. Isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms mainly over the south-west. Highs 85 Panhandle and mountains to near 100 Big Bend. Lows 62 Panhandle to 72 Big Bend.
North Texas: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mostly in the afternoon and evening, through Saturday. Highs 85 to 92. Lows near 70.
East Texas: Scattered showers and thunderstorms through Saturday. Highs 88 to 90. Lows near 70.
South Texas: Widely scattered thunderstorms, mostly in the afternoon and evening, through Saturday. Showers more numerous along the coast and north. Highs 80s north and along the north with 90s elsewhere. Lows in the 70s.
Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Easterly winds near 10 knots through Saturday. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Winds and seas higher in scattered thunderstorms.
Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Easterly to southeasterly winds near 10 knots through Saturday. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Winds and seas higher in scattered thunderstorms.



An ambassador to the Holy See kisses the hand of Pope John Paul II upon his arrival at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport. The pontiff returned Thursday from an eight-day pilgrimage to Poland.

Papal visit may spur 'revolution'

By BRYAN BRUMLEY Associated Press Writer

WARSAW, Poland — Pope John Paul II's emotional pilgrimage to Poland, climaxed by a last-minute meeting with Solidarity chief Lech Walesa, has given new force to what the Vatican calls a "Christian revolution" in the Communist nation.
Both Communists and Roman Catholics are drawing hope from the papal visit, a pilgrimage the Vatican newspaper "L'Osservatore Romano" said was teaching the pope's countrymen "patience and courage."
The visit, the paper said in a front-page editorial Tuesday, showed the world the "Christian revolution" underway in Poland.
Indeed, Solidarity has been transformed from a trade federation into a popular Catholic lay movement.
The pope's sharp criticism of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski's martial law government may embarrass Polish leaders momentarily, but it probably will not weaken the moderates close to Jaruzelski.
It was the moderates who won out over hardliners allied with Moscow in the debate over whether the pope should be permitted to tour his troubled land.
Government spokesman Jerzy Urban dismissed the pope's session Thursday with Walesa as "inconsequential." But Walesa symbolizes the

Bishops opposed talk with Walesa

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Several Polish bishops reportedly opposed Pope John Paul II's meeting with Lech Walesa because they feared its secrecy would make the Solidarity chief look weak compared to Poland's Communist rulers.
Il Giorno, a conservative daily, said several Polish bishops were opposed to the meeting because they felt its secret atmosphere would make the labor leader look unimportant, especially since John Paul had two sessions with Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, Poland's military ruler, including a nationally televised encounter.
The pope's private audience with Walesa was not a "Go, Walesa," but rather a "Goodbye, Walesa," Il Giorno said.
In Poland today, however, senior government officials said the pope's visit, which ended Thursday, could convince leaders to completely lift martial law as early as next month. But at least one Polish Communist Party source predicted that tight new controls on society would then be put into effect.
Walesa, saying he was wasn't ready to describe his meeting with the pope, cancelled a news conference scheduled for today.
John Paul, tanned and healthy-looking, got back to Rome Thursday night, prayed at the tomb of St. Peter and then spoke to a crowd of faithful who welcomed him home from a rigorous, stirring visit to his countrymen.
"Thanks to God, I was able to make this apostolic visit and return to Rome," the pope said from his apartment window overlooking St. Peter's Square.
He had begun the day in Krakow, Poland, and before finishing his eight-day pilgrimage he flew by helicopter to the mountain resort of Zakopane and met Walesa, leader of the banned independent trade union.
On the pope's first full day back in the Vatican after the eight-day pilgrimage, Italian newspapers were divided about the consequences of the pope's pilgrimage.
"Both the pope and Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski seemed to obtain everything they hoped. Poland is no longer a desert. But we don't know if it is still a powder keg," said La Stampa, a Turin daily.
Italy's leading daily, Corriere Della Sera, said the pope "encouraged the (Polish) people without making them explode."
In sermons at Masses attended by as many as 2 million Poles, John Paul again and again praised Solidarity's struggle for workers' rights and criticized the Communist government's imposition of martial law to try to crush the movement.
The time and location of the visit with Walesa and his family were kept secret until the last minute, and a Vatican statement about it gave no details.
The pope took a two-hour flight from Krakow to Rome.

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"We know that we are the salt of this earth, from which the Holy Father came, and to which he comes, full of joy and wisdom," she told a congregation at Podkowna Lesna near Warsaw shortly before the pope arrived.
"If God is with us, who can be against us?" she asked.
A senior Jaruzelski aide told The Associated Press that the Kremlin, and its allies in Warsaw, didn't want the pope to come. But the tough stand Jaruzelski took at a meeting last month of the Communist Party Central Committee won them over, the aide said.
"Without taking that line, we could not have welcomed the pope as we did," said the aide, who asked not to be identified.
Another government adviser predicted that the papal visit would lead to long-term agreements between the Jaruzelski administration and its opposition, between the Communists and the Catholics.
"In the short run, extremists on both sides will try to use the visit to their advantage," he said, "but in the long run, it will strengthen the center and work for the good of Poland."

Poland's martial law may be lifted

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — High-ranking Polish officials say Pope John Paul II's just concluded pilgrimage could prompt a full lifting of martial law, perhaps as early as July 22, Poland's post-war Independence Day.
Martial law, declared on Dec. 13, 1981, was suspended conditionally last Dec. 31 under legislation which left about 200 factories and plants "militarized" and imposed tight new social controls to prevent a fresh challenge to Communist authorities.
"Martial law may be lifted on July 22," said one Communist Party source. "But in its place the government will impose new laws to enable it to keep things under control."
In the Baltic port of Gdansk, Lech Walesa — leader of the outlawed Solidarity labor union — called off a news conference he had scheduled for this morning to discuss his meeting Thursday with the pontiff.
The pope received Walesa in a private audience hours before he ended his emotional eight-day pilgrimage.
Walesa, who went fishing today, told reporters he discussed "outstanding issues" with the pope, but was not ready to disclose details.
"I need time to think it over, and then I'll be ready to talk to you," Walesa said as he left his apartment this morning.
Asked to evaluate the talks, Walesa said "I'm an optimist but I'm also a realist."
Last December, Polish officials also passed word that martial law would be lifted by the end of 1982, but the government instead conditionally suspended the military crackdown.
Western diplomats cautioned against placing too much credence in speculation about a relaxation, pointing out that Polish authorities have made it clear that lifting martial law will not lead to restitution of Solidarity or negotiations with its leaders.
Poland's military leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, today attended a session of the Sejm, or parliament, devoted to a government report on the papal visit.
Justice Minister Sylwester Zawadzki said that because of

Loeffler denounces 'ridiculous' compromise

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Tom Loeffler, R-Hunt, denounced the \$850 billion budget compromise that was passed by the House Thursday as "the most ridiculous document ever to be brought to us out of conference" before voting against it.
Loeffler, who represents Midland in the 21st Congressional District, voted in alliance with the five other Texas Republican congressmen. Kent Hance, a Democrat from Lubbock, voted for the bill.
Loeffler, in speaking from the floor of the House during consideration of the budget, contended the measure is a sign the country is "returning again to the policies of the past 20 years of high spending and high taxing."
"This budget resolution reflects economic short-sightedness, political gluttony and legislative buffoonery. By voting to increase domestic spending, increase taxes and reduce defense, Congress is acting to revive the vicious inflationary spiral with higher interest rates and greater unemployment," he said.
The budget compromise would produce a \$179 billion deficit, compared to President Reagan's proposed budget that included a \$171 billion shortfall.
In addition, the House was considering placing a maximum on the 10 percent tax cut that was to start next month.
Higher taxes, according to Loeffler, "will do nothing but stifle productivity and take away from the individual the personal and economic incentives which will help create the real and lasting jobs that are so necessary."
The compromise provides only half the increase for the defense budget that Reagan wanted and Loeffler also criticized this move.
"Congress is playing dangerous, irresponsible games with our nation's vital national security. Washington's greed for spending far exceeds the taxpayer's desire and certainly his ability to pay. This resolution confirms that Congress remains our nation's worst economic indicator," he said.

Trouble with jet stalls Shultz' Asian mission in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Two cracked hydraulic pumps in a multi-million-dollar U.S. Air Force jet got Secretary of State George P. Shultz' Asian mission off to a rocky start, leaving him stranded for hours at a military base.
A replacement jet carrying spare parts was sent from Washington so he could take off for Manila, the first stop on a four-nation goodwill mission that is to focus on diplomatic efforts to oust Soviet troops from Afghanistan and Vietnamese forces from Cambodia.
One of the pumps, which control the steering on the giant jet, failed just before a bumpy landing Thursday at Elmendorf Air Force Base, where the airliner was scheduled to refuel. While Shultz went off to try his hand — successfully — at "shooting down" Soviet MiG jets on a simulated U.S. F-15 Eagle jet fighter, mechanics replaced the failed pump with a spare part carried aboard the plane.
But when they started up the engine to test it, a second pump went out and there was no substitute to be found at the base.
Officials estimated the delay caused by the failure would be 15 hours.
The C-137B jet is the same one Shultz flew to the Middle East and to China, and is part of the high-priced fleet kept at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for the use of top officials such as the president and vice president.
The substitute plane sent from Andrews was the aircraft that Shultz' predecessor, Alexander M. Haig Jr., refused to use because it had no windows.
"We shot down five MiGs," Shultz said triumphantly at the computer panel where Air Force officers took him for diversion while the mechanics worked on the plane. But it turned out Shultz would have been the victim of a simulated crash if the instructor had not adjusted the stick shift in time.
Shultz was eager to get on to Manila, where his wife, Helen, who is traveling with him, was a nurse during World War II. Although they have been back since, he told reporters that it "was something of a homecoming" for her.
While waiting, Shultz and his wife were put up at a guest house on the base. The plan was to fly them to the Philippines on whichever jet was airworthy first.
President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines is under increasing pressure from the Roman Catholic Church and other critics of his 18-year rule. But three weeks ago he completed an agreement with the United States for use of military bases and Shultz said he did not think the Manila government was breaking down.
In fact, Shultz said, a sign of democratic strength in the country is the national election scheduled for next May.
"Elections are always a source of renewal, of identification and leadership," Shultz said.

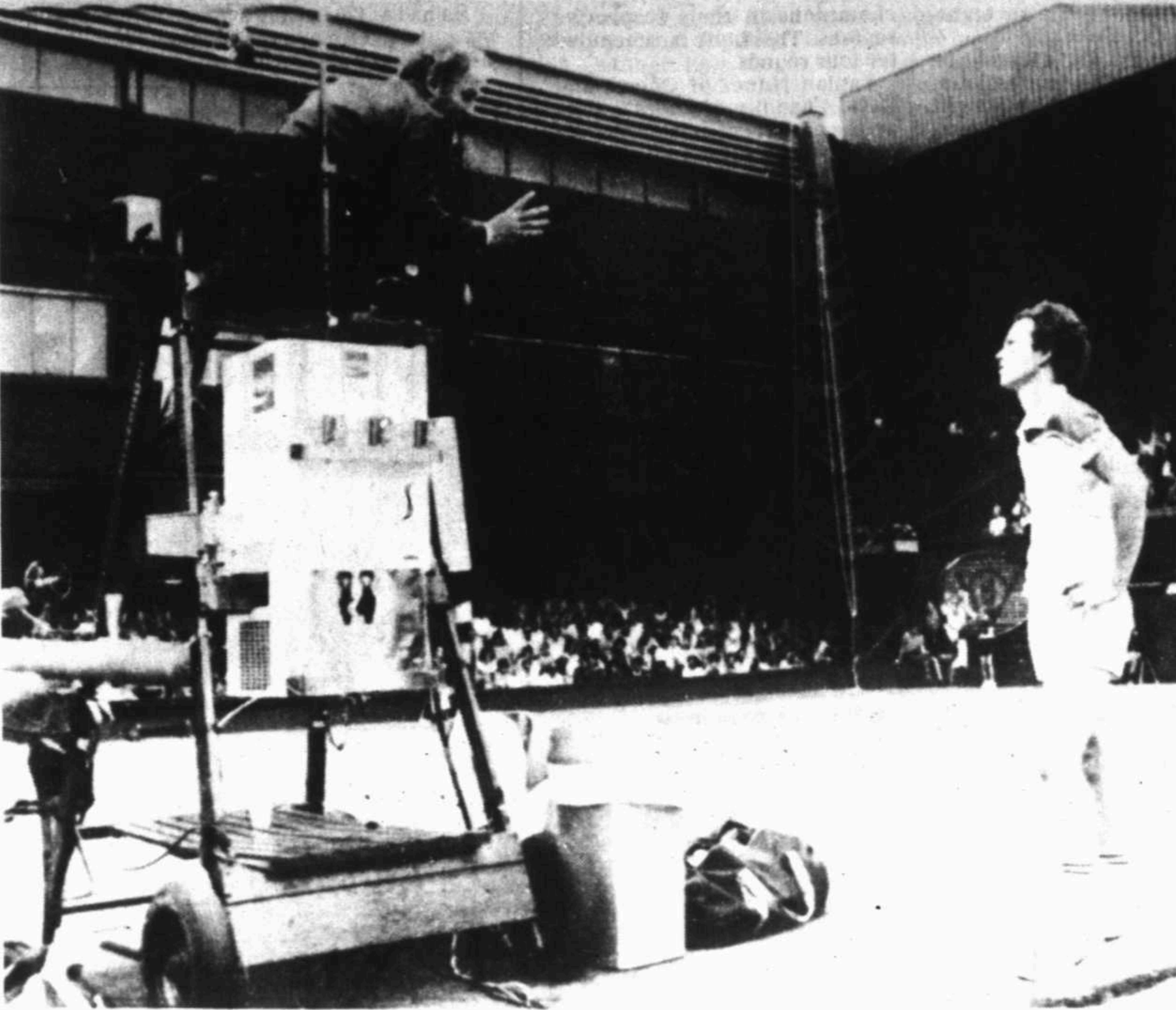
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McEnroe not Wimbledon's only bad boy

Other players following his example



John McEnroe argues with umpire Malcolm Huntington during his men's singles match Thursday. McEnroe easily defeated Rumania's Florin Segarceanu, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — John McEnroe's promise to behave at Wimbledon has begun to crumble, but the fiery New Yorker was not alone in displaying temper.

McEnroe's outbursts Thursday commanded the greatest attention from the officials and the crowd. His troubles began in the ninth game of his opening set against Romania's Florin Segarceanu when he double-faulted — one of 10 he had in the match.

He replaced the divot and smoothed it with his shoe. Umpire Malcolm Huntington waited until McEnroe had completed his task, then announced, "Warning, Mr. McEnroe. Abuse of equipment."

Later, McEnroe requested and got tournament referee Alan Mills and Voivo Grand Prix supervisor Kurt Nielsen to come onto the court after he had been called for his third foul. Following a long argument the match was resumed.

Then, in the third set, after Segarceanu hit a beautiful passing shot, McEnroe hit the ball into the net.

Huntington assessed a penalty point against McEnroe for "abuse of ball." Again Mills and Nielsen walked onto the court.

"If you are going to penalize me on technicalities, I'll walk off," McEnroe threatened. Later he said, "I was serious in what I said, in the sense that if they continue to make unfair decisions I will not continue

in the match. "But it would have to go very far before I could do something like that. I don't want to become a martyr at this stage of my career."

This time, McEnroe emerged the winner. "I rescinded the penalty point because it is my prerogative," Mills said.

McEnroe, fined and reprimanded for his abuse of officials here in 1981 when he won the title, said last week he would turn over a new leaf for this tournament. "No bombs will fall on me," he said.

McEnroe defeated Segarceanu 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3, but said, "I am not playing my best tennis, and I hope to improve. I want to concentrate on playing good tennis, and that's what the crowds come here to see."

Rumblings of discontent also were evident in the match between Australian Mark Edmondson and Vitas Gerulaitis — a match in which Edmondson upset the eighth-seeded American 7-6, 7-5, 7-5. Edmondson was warned for using obscenity when he questioned a call in the third set and, as the match ended, Gerulaitis, ousted for the second year in a row by Edmondson, threw his racket to the ground. It bounced into the crowd as the blond right-hander stormed from the court.

Hank Pfister was given a warning for "racket abuse," had a point deducted for "uttering an audible obscenity" and lost the third set when he was guilty of a time violation during a tiebreaker.

Pfister, the 15th seed, was another upset victim, beaten by Ricardo

Acuna of Chile 3-6, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4. Fritz Buehning demanded, and received, a change of umpires before his match against Pat Cash of Australia even started. Buehning was not around for long, losing 6-3, 6-2.

Life was more peaceful in the women's bracket, where defending champion Martina Navratilova scored a hard-fought 7-6, 6-3 victory over lightly regarded Sherry Acker.

Today, it was to be old times for 10th-seeded Billie Jean King and Rosemary Casals. Once ranked one-two in the world, the two women were scheduled to play a third-round match.

In 1970, King and Casals were the leaders in the women establishing their own tour. Casal was the surprise winner in that first tournament, which was held in Houston, upsetting King in the final.

Besides McEnroe, who is seeded second behind defending champion Jimmy Connors, other seeded men moving into the third round in Thursday's play included No. 3 Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, No. 5 Mats Wilander of Sweden, No. 11 Johan Kriek and No. 15 Bill Scanlon.

In the women's draw, fifth-seeded Pam Shriver, who upset Navratilova in the U.S. Open last year, was herself upset Thursday by Iva Budarova of Czechoslovakia 2-6, 7-6, 6-4.

In the women's draw, Thursday's winners included No. 8 Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, No. 9 Sylvia Hanika of West Germany, No. 12 Virginia Ruzici of Romania, No. 13 Jo Durie of Britain and No. 16 Claudia Kohde of West Germany.

Diablos 'Tower' over Optimist

By TERRY WILLIAMSON Assistant Sports Editor

Life is never easy in the loser's bracket of the American Little League City Championship tournament, but the Tower Diablos are handling the pressure rather well.

Tower belted Eastern Optimist by a 7-2 count at Sparks Park Thursday to earn the right to face the unbeaten Mid-City Angels today at 6 p.m. The Angels can wrap up the city crown today with a win over Tower, but Tower can force a 10 a.m. Saturday championship contest with a victory in the double elimination tournament.

Both Tower and Eastern entered Thursday's survival battle with a loss in the city tournament. Both knew that another loss would end all hopes of gaining the city title.

The Diablos wasted little time in putting the game away as they struck for six runs on five hits in the first inning, including a three-run homer by Mike Pearson. Pearson also connected for four bases in the fourth inning to drive in four of Tower's eight runs. The second baseman was a one-man wrecking crew.

"I've hit 14 homers this year, but this is the first time I've had two in one game," Pearson said after the game.

Tower opened the six-run first with back-to-back doubles by Jerry Deck and Todd Overend for a 1-0 lead and Pearson later followed with his first homer of the day, a blast to the mesquite in left off Eastern starter and loser Ray Soria.

Soria got only one out in nine batters he faced and Nicky Villarreal was called on to finish the inning. Deck scored Craig Linville from third on a foul pop to first.

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Tower's Bryan Henson scored an unearned run off Villarreal in the third and Pearson homered in the fourth off Villarreal to round out the Tower scoring.

Linville went the distance for the Diablos, giving up only two hits in his six innings of work. Eastern scored two unearned runs off Linville in the third. It was in the third when Villarreal ended Linville's no-hit bid with a sharp single to center and later scored on two errors by Tower fielders. Soria scored the other run on a grounder by James Madrid.

The only other hit off Linville came in the fifth when Madrid lined a sharp single to center.

The only other player besides Pearson to get more than one hit in the game was Overend with a double and single.

Tower is now 2-1 in tournament play while Mid City is 2-0. However, today's matchup should be a dandy. Mid City defeated Tower by a 4-1 count Wednesday, but it took eight innings to turn the trick. Mid City's Russell Page hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning against Tower.

Eastern now joins Western and North Central as tournament casualties. It's down to two teams with Mid City needing one victory in two games to win the title while Tower needs two straight wins to capture the crown.

Eastern Optimist 002 000-2 2 4 Tower Diablos 601 10x-8 11 4 Ray Soria, Nicky Villarreal (1) and J.J. Johnson, Joe Herrera (2), Craig Linville and Greg Garrett 2B; Jerry Deck, Todd Overend (T), HR; Mike Pearson 2 (T), W; Linville, L; Soria

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Baseball Today...

1955 — Eighteen-year-old Harmon Killebrew hit the first of his 573 major league home runs, against Billy Hoelt at Griffith Stadium, as his Minnesota Twins lost 18-7 to the Washington Senators.

1962 — Substitute outfielder Jack Reed victimized Phil Revere for his only major league home run to give the New York Yankees a 22-inning, 9-7 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

1968 — Jim Northrup tied a major league record by hitting two grand slam homers in the Detroit Tigers' 14-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Beaumont 'Steels' 6-5 game from Midland

BEAUMONT — The Midland Cubs dropped a 6-5 decision to the Beaumont Gators here Thursday when James Steels hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning off reliever Carlos Gil.

Steels' one-out blast drove in John Kruk and Mike Gillaspie, wiping out a 5-3 Midland lead. Steels also had a double to complement his second round-tripper of the season.

The Cubs had taken the lead in the seventh when Randy LaVigne singled in Bill Hatcher. LaVigne advanced to second on the throw to the plate which allowed him to score when Carlos Lescano followed with another single.

But it wasn't enough as Steels hit the first pitch Gil threw over the centerfield fence.

The statistics were as close as the game as both teams committed three errors and left 10 men on base.

The loss leaves both the Cubs and Gators at 2-2, one game behind division leading El Paso.

Bob Patterson, 5-2, was the winning pitcher for Beaumont. Carlos Gil, 4-6, took the loss for the Cubs.

In other TL games, El Paso edged

San Antonio 7-4 while Tulsa downed Shreveport 5-2.

Arkansas and Jackson were rained out.

El Paso's winning run came in the seventh when Mike Felder hit an RBI single. Felder drove in Stan Davis, who doubled.

Tulsa broke a 1-1 tie in the ninth. The winning pitcher was Daryl Smith, 1-0. Benjie Biggus, 7-3, was tagged with the loss.

Table with columns for team, ab, r, h, bi, and scores for Midland and Beaumont.

Score by innings: 001 101 200-5 9 3 Midland 010 101 003-6 12 3 Beaumont

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Midland ip, ho, r, er, bb, so Price 5.0 8 3 2 1 3 Gil 4.6 3 1 4 3 1 0 Beaumont Leopold 5.2 6 3 1 3 4 Patterson W 5.3 3 1 3 2 2 1 Winning run scored with one out. HR by Leopold (Baker), WP Leopold, T 2, 53, All 1, 467.

NL West race tightens; Angels one up on Rangers

By The Associated Press

The National League West may turn out to be more than a two-team race after all.

The San Diego Padres, who were 13 games out and mired in fifth place just one week ago, saw to that Thursday by completing a four-game sweep of the front-running Los Angeles Dodgers with a 7-5 triumph.

That chopped the Dodgers' lead to four games over the idle Atlanta Braves and eight over the Padres and San Francisco Giants, who are tied for third place.

"This definitely boosts us," said Dave Dravecky, who wasn't at his best in a six-inning stint but nonetheless became the first 11-game winner in the majors as the Padres won their sixth consecutive game. "I don't know what this did to the Dodgers, but I do know we've developed our own momentum. The indications of this series are good."

It marked the third time over the years the Padres have swept a four-game series from the Dodgers, but the first time they've done it in Dodger Stadium, where Los Angeles hadn't been swept in a four-game set since 1976.

Garry Templeton and ex-Dodger Steve Garvey homered and Alan Wiggins drove in three runs to pace the Padres. Ron Roenicke drove in four Los Angeles runs with his first two homers of the season.

His second one, a three-run shot in the fifth inning, gave the Dodgers a 4-3 lead, but Garvey's 11th homer tied the score in the sixth and the Padres went on top to stay in the seventh, scoring three times with the aid of an error by third baseman Pedro Guerrero — the Dodgers' ninth in the series — and a two-run double by Wiggins. Loser Fernando Valenzuela was tagged for all seven runs and nine hits in 6 1-3 innings.

"This is another plateau for us," said Garvey. "This was something special, beating the Dodgers, and now we've got to keep it going in San Francisco."

Asked how much the Padres were

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improved, Dodger Manager Tom Lasorda replied: "They must be improved. They beat us four in a row. They came in here 12 games behind and now they're eight behind. Yeah, I'd say they've improved. And we're not playing up to our capabilities."

Expos 4, Phillies 3 At Montreal, Al Oliver had three hits, including a two-run single in the first inning, as Montreal extended its lead in the NL East to 2½ games over St. Louis. Oliver's single off Charlie Hudson drove in Tim Raines and Brian Little, who singled and walked, respectively, before executing a double steal.

Mets 7, Cardinals 5 At New York, Hubie Brooks drove in four runs, three with a tie-breaking homer that capped a four-run fourth inning. Trailing 4-0 — St. Louis rookie Andy Van Slyke had an RBI single in the first and a two-run homer in the third, his third in four games — the Mets scored three runs in the bottom of the third, started by Brooks' RBI single.

They jumped on reliever Dave Von Ohlen in the fourth after Brian Giles led off with a double. Junior Ortiz tied the score with an BI single, pinch hitter Dave Kingman singled and one out later Brooks slammed his fourth home run of the season. Carlos Diaz worked 1 1-3 innings in relief of starter Ed Lynch for the victory and Doug Sisk, who yielded one unearned run over the final five innings, picked up his sixth save.

Pirates 5, Cubs 2 At Pittsburgh, Larry McWilliams pitched a five-hitter and Tony Pena went 4-for-4 and drove in a run as Pittsburgh equaled its longest winning streak of the season. Keith Moreland's two-run homer gave Chicago a 2-0 lead in the first inning after McWilliams' two-out error. The Pirates snapped a 2-2 tie in the fourth after Jim Morrison singled with two out and stole second. Jason Thompson walked and Brian

Harper and Pena rapped consecutive RBI singles off loser Steve Trout. Marvell Wynne singled to lead off the Pirates' seventh, stole second and scored on Thompson's single.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Indians 5, Red Sox 4 Boston "Friendly" Fenway Park hasn't been so friendly to the Boston Red Sox of late.

The Red Sox, usually tough to beat in their cozy park, have lost 10 of their last 12 games at home and 17 of 24 overall. Tied for first in the American League East as late as June 5, the Red Sox' latest loss dropped them below the 500 mark (33-34) for the first time since April 20.

The Red Sox were victimized this time by Rick Sutcliffe, Andre Thornton and Gorman Thomas. Sutcliffe held Boston to five hits in 7 1-3 innings for his ninth victory in 11 decisions and Thornton and Thomas hit consecutive homers in the first inning.

Angels 7, Royals 2 Ken Forsch pitched a six-hitter and Ellis Valentine and Brian Downing hit home runs to lead California over Kansas City. The victory, only their fourth in the last 11 games, increased the Angels' lead in the AL West to one game over idle Texas and 1½ over the Royals.

Forsch, 7-3, struck out six and walked two and retired 14 straight batters in one stretch until Hal McCrae's two-out single in the seventh. The veteran right-hander was struck on the left arm by Cesar Geronimo's line drive on the final pitch of the fifth inning but returned to the mound in the sixth and struck out the first two batters.

White Sox 8, Twins 6 Rookie Ron Kittle drove in three runs with a two-run homer and a sacrifice fly, and Greg Luzinski hit a solo homer to lead Chicago past Minnesota for the White Sox' fifth straight victory. It marked the longest winning streak of the season for the White Sox as they rolled to their ninth triumph in the last 11 games. The Twins smashed four home



Andre Thornton of Cleveland slides safely past the tag of Red Sox' catcher Rich Gedman.

runs, all off winner Floyd Bannister, 3-8, before reliever Dennis Lamp came on in the sixth to stop the Twins and gain his first save.

Kittle's homer was his 16th and put him in a tie with Jim Rice of Boston for first place in the AL. He also has 50 runs batted in and leads the league in that department.

Blue Jays 5, Mariners 4 Cliff Johnson's tie-breaking RBI single highlighted a two-run eighth inning that lifted Toronto over Seattle.

Johnson singled off Seattle relief ace Bill Caudill to score Rance Mulliniks, who opened the eighth with a double off loser Mike Stanton, 0-1.

Winner Jim Clancy, 6-5, worked seven innings, giving up six hits while striking out four and walking three. Joey McLaughlin picked up his seventh save as the Blue Jays won for the ninth time in the last 12 games and climbed within one game of first-place Baltimore in the AL East.

Rader has everyone believing in Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Doug Rader, who has a reputation as a zany prankster, is an unlikely faith healer.

Yet it is faith, the first-year Texas manager says, that has molded his Rangers into a winner. The Rangers, who lost 96 games last season and were 13½ games behind on June 23 last year. Now, they are four games above .500 and one game out of first place after taking two of three games with the first-place California Angels earlier this week.

"First you have to convert yourself and make yourself believe you can do well. Then you have to make everyone else you're competing against believe it too," said Rader.

Hurler Rick Honeycutt is typical of the new Rangers. With a 5-17 record and a 5.27 earned run average in 1982, many thought his career was finished.

But sometime, somehow during the off-season he re-discovered his sinker ball and now owns a major-league leading 1.45 ERA and a 10-3 mark.

He defeated the Angels Wednesday night 9-1 on five hits and 19 ground-ball outs.

"We came out and by far played heads above the Angels even though they had their injuries," Honeycutt said. Five starters were on the bench Wednesday.

"I think it showed everyone we can play with the big boys," Honeycutt said.

Through June last year, right fielder Larry Parrish was hitting .186 with 24 hits, one homer and two runs batted in. He's currently batting .297 with 58 hits, 12 homers and 32 RBIs.

"I've never seen Parrish swing the bat like this.

Never," said Rader. "I've never seen him hit with such strength.

"He's made some tremendous adjustments from day one of spring training to now."

Then there's centerfielder George Wright, who had 50 RBI last year but already has 38 this year. And Bucky Dent, who struggled at .193 at the plate last year but is now hitting .270. Dent, who has taken a commanding role in tightening the Texas defense, was hitting .311 earlier this month.

But no one has been more responsible for the turnaround than Rader, who played third base for Houston, San Diego and Toronto and managed three years for San Diego's AAA farm club in Hawaii.

There's still a touch of the zaniness, when he's on the top step of the dugout during the national anthem, howling at off-key versions of the national anthem or running around the infield scooping up ground balls during batting practice.

There's the angry Rader, too — throwing his spikes against a clubhouse wall after a tough loss.

And there's the all business Rader — behind the batting cage giving tips to Parrish or taking nine-year Texas starting catcher Jim Sundberg out of the lineup because he is not producing, winning 35 of his first 66 games.

General Manager Joe Klein likes what he sees.

"I see more and more of Doug in this team every day," said Klein. "Doug's a smart guy and we're playing smart baseball. Doug's an aggressive guy and we're playing aggressive baseball."

New Mexico's racetracks facing strike

By Associated Press

One New Mexico horse racetrack owner is charging that trainers and horse owners are irresponsible in threatening to strike over what he calls a dead issue.

The possibility of a strike next month was raised Monday night by Ray Reed, executive secretary of the New Mexico Horsemen's Association.

Reed told The Associated Press the horsemen at the Downs at Santa Fe, Ruidoso Downs and La Mesa Park are prepared to strike if a dispute over who should get the money from uncollected winning tickets for 1981 and 1982 is not settled.

REED CONTENTS the track owners have broken a 1981 agreement to turn over money from uncollected winning tickets to horsemen in exchange for their support of a bill passed by the 1981 Legislature that allows the tracks to withhold a percentage of the money bet each day for capital improvements.

But Ken Newton, owner of the Santa Fe track, said Tuesday. "The agreement they're referring to is a void agreement. It was abrogated a short time after it was signed."

One portion of the agreement called for the uncollected winnings to go to the purse funds at the tracks if the horsemen supported the bill and it was passed unamended by the Legislature, Newton said.

"THE BILL was amended shortly after that agreement was signed," he said. "That's a dead issue. My thoughts are I think it's very irresponsible on their part."

He said the law benefited the tracks by providing money for capital improvements. But he said it also helped the horsemen because the improvements increased business which pushed up the purses.

Reed said petitions circulated at the three racetracks would be sent to the tracks' management this week, and said he hoped "someone will be able to negotiate this thing."

STATE LAW requires the association to provide the tracks with a 15-day notice of a possible strike action, placing the deadline at the second week in July, he said.

Newton and Donald Smith, general manager of Ruidoso Downs and Sunland Park, said Tuesday they had not yet been advised by Reed of the possibility of a strike. La Mesa Park owner J.R. Adams said, "We don't have anything official yet, just rumor."

Adams said, "If something like this happens, it would absolutely ruin racing in northeastern New Mexico."

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Local boxers and full-contact karate fighters will have their chance to display their abilities tonight when they step into the ring at Ector County Coliseum at 8 p.m. for a boxing/karate doubleheader.

From Midland, bantamweight boxer Richard Abila will be seeking his ninth victory against one loss when he takes on Mexico's Octavio Quinones in an eight-round bout.

Also from the Tall City will be the No. 3 ranked Professional Karate Association lightweight fighter taking on Tulsa's Norris Williams for the United States championship.

Odessa's Charles 'Tuffy' Hostetter, the Texas heavyweight cham-

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Raiders sign two

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Pitcher Steve Reddell of Bryan and first baseman Steve Whitley, of Carlsbad, Calif., signed letters of intent Thursday with Texas Tech University.

Reddell was a three-sport athlete in high school and made all-district in each sport at different times in high school.

He was 4-2 with a 0.85 earned run average last season before he broke a foot and became sidelined for the remainder of the season. Reddell still made the all-District 14-5A team after winning both league games he pitched.

He had a .420 batting average before the injury. As a junior he made the Brazos Valley elite squad after posting a 5-2 record with a 1.50 ERA.

Haden gets hole-in-one

Dot Haden scored her first-ever hole-in-one Wednesday on the par-three 110-yard sixth hole at Green Tree Country Club.

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Conoco Inc. hugs friends goodbye

By The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

Conoco Inc. there are friends to hug goodbye.

On June 30, Conoco Inc., the 108-year-old oil company that Du Pont Co. bought in October 1981, will leave Stamford, which served as its headquarters for 11 years. On July 5, the employees will begin work in the refurbished Conoco section of Du Pont's headquarters in Wilmington, Del. One employee called it "the true end of the era of Conoco as a public company."

For some employees, the move will mean opportunity, a chance to move up in a much larger company. But for most, "there's a lot of frustration, a lot of anxiety, a lot of uncertainty," said Nolan Schwartz, director of financial analysis in the coordinating and planning department. "I don't think there's anyone here who's really thrilled with the idea of relocating."

The move also has highlighted the resentments that occur after an acquisition, and some that are unique when companies with very different cultures try to merge their staffs. "It's going to take a while for the two teams to get together and play ball on the same field," said Leslie Ravitz, a Wall Street analyst who follows Du Pont for Salomon Brothers.

When Conoco announced the move last November, 211 people were working in Stamford and an office near Westchester County Airport in New York. In Wilmington, there will be only 178 jobs. Seventeen people have retired since November, 17 were transferred to other Conoco spots or were not involved in moving to Wilmington. Fifty-two chose to stay or were not invited to go.

Charleen Kohut, an administrative assistant, and her husband went to Wilmington, hoping that he could find a job as an electrician. When they discovered he would be forced to take a 25 percent cut in pay, "that was just it," Mrs. Kohut said. In late July, she will begin work as a supervisor of sales training programs for a toy and gift marketer in Fairfield County.

For some 20- or 30-year veterans, who had built Conoco into the nation's 14th largest industrial company by 1980, the prospect of taking orders from Du Pont was unappealing, according to several employees. Many of those people won some financial independence when Du Pont purchased their Conoco stock.

Three senior officials have taken early retirement in the last few months. Andrew McColpin, 54, will rejoin 1 as senior vice president and general counsel. "I don't need to move," he said. "They're nice folks down there and they want me to come. But I'm at a certain point in my life, the kids are grown, and Du Pont paid a whole lot for Conoco's stock." He said he might return to Norwalk politics.

There has been bitterness for some employees. "They acquired Conoco and they don't let you forget it," Schwartz said. "There's a lot of deep resentment over the fact that people here have built the company to where it is, and in the eyes of Du Pont, they're not accorded the respect that I think they ought to be."

By all accounts, Conoco has been generous to its employees, both with those who are moving and those staying behind. For those who move, the company pays for most of their moving expenses. In addition, Wilton, Conn.-based Homequity Inc. will buy the homes of employees who are unable to sell them.

Those staying behind will get two weeks' pay for every year of employment, but not less than 10 weeks severance, and health benefits will be extended. The company also made some of its resources available for job hunting, and the office complex's new tenant, Cadbury Schweppes Inc., promised first consideration to Conoco employees.

WTGS to meet, hear Woodard

Jan N. Woodard, Marathon Oil Company, Midland, will be the featured speaker of the West Texas Geological Society Tuesday. Title of Mr. Woodard's presentation is: "Sub-surface stratigraphy of the Strawn and Canyon groups of West Central Texas, Concho and Menard Counties."

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Midland Center.

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Chicago Tribune Graphic. Source: Morgan Guaranty Trust Co.

Johnston bill being gobbledygooked

By TOD ROBBERSON
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Thursday unanimously consented to have written into legislative language a substitute natural gas deregulation proposal offered by Sen. J. Bennett Johnston (D-La.).

The Johnston substitute, hammered out after two months of committee debate over provisions that included much of those submitted in the Reagan administration's decontrol package, would stretch out during a three-year period the removal of federal price controls that the administration sought to achieve in one year.

Because of opposition to that provision by three Republicans on the committee, Chairman James McClure (R-Idaho) chose voting scheduled for today on that provision. Instead, McClure told the 11 committee members present that they could offer formal amendments to Johnston's proposal, after it is written as a bill, on whatever particular provisions they happen to oppose.

That way, McClure said, the committee could accept or reject major amendments while retaining the basic language of a bill largely acceptable to the committee. As written, the Johnston proposal lacked the necessary votes to pass the Republican-controlled committee, despite its backing by McClure, the Reagan administration and Johnston, the committee's ranking Democrat.

Up to now, McClure said, the committee has engaged in "endless, endless hours of discussion," and he indicated that the committee's consent to write up Johnston's proposal would be a more positive step toward sending a deregulation bill to the Senate floor.

At best, however, the full Senate likely will not receive any deregulation bill for consideration until after Congress' August recess, McClure said, meaning that a Senate vote is not expected before Labor Day.

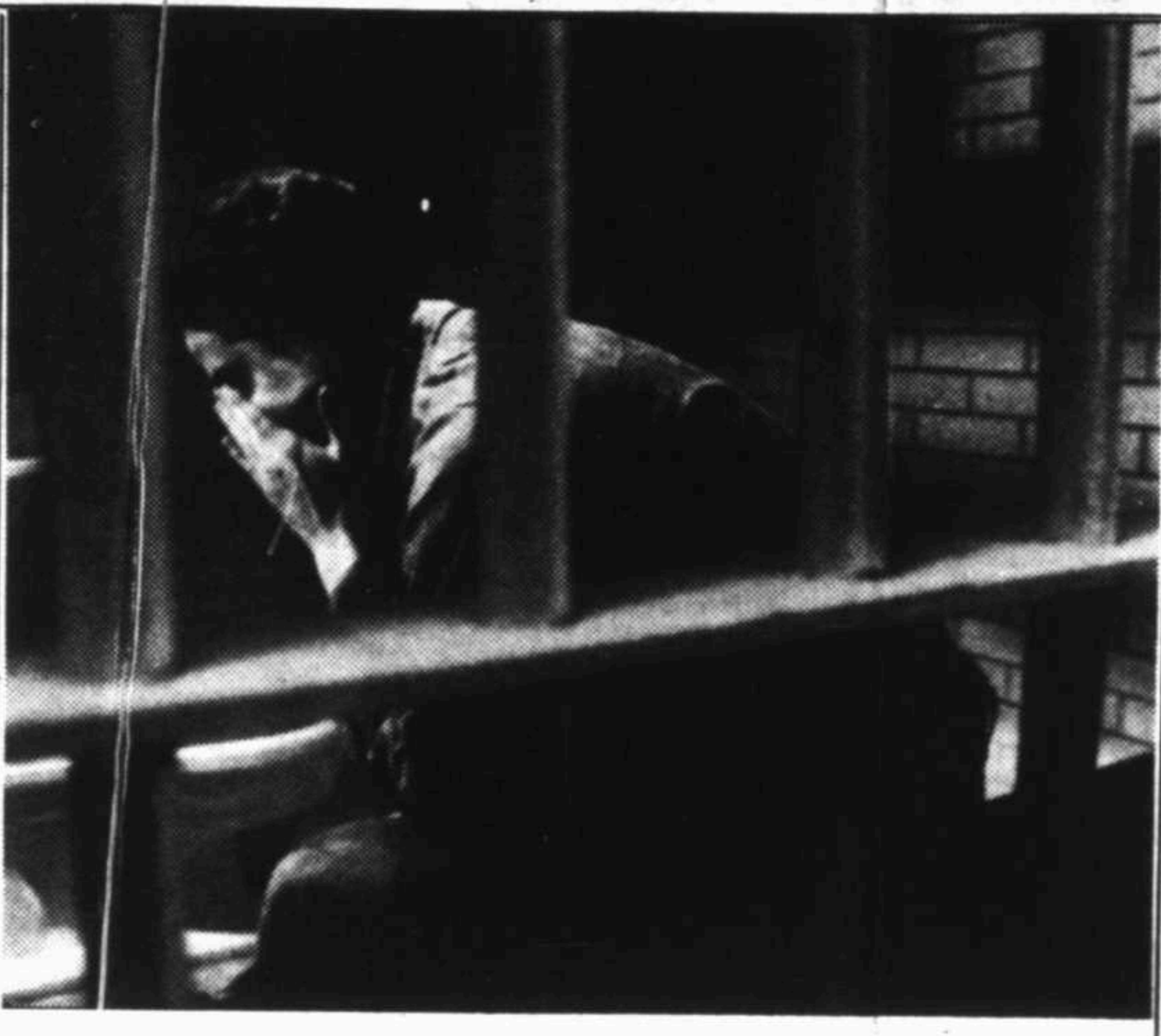
The main opposition to Johnston's proposal centers around a provision to remove over a three-year period federal price controls on "old" gas discovered before 1977. The administration has contended that, although the provision would lead to higher prices for old gas, it would also cause prices for gas discovered after 1977 to drop, bringing the two more closely in line.

The principal opponent of the old gas provision, Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) has contended that major oil companies would be the primary beneficiaries of higher old gas prices because they own the vast majority of old-gas wells. But Metzenbaum's previous attempts to have the provision removed from Johnston's proposal failed by tie votes in the committee.

The committee's decision to write Johnston's proposal as a bill was believed to stem from the fact that no other committee member besides Metzenbaum has a substitute proposal adequately prepared for committee consideration, and Metzenbaum's proposal would have instigated another round of lengthy debate had it been offered before full committee review of Johnston's bill.

Briercroft's grand opening Bum deal

Briercroft Savings Association has announced a grand opening of its second branch office in Midland Saturday. As part of the celebration, Bum Phillips, Head Coach of the New Orleans Saints and spokesman for Briercroft Savings, will be present to sign autographs. The new Briercroft office is located at the Dellwood Plaza Shopping Center, Illinois Avenue and Midkiff Road.



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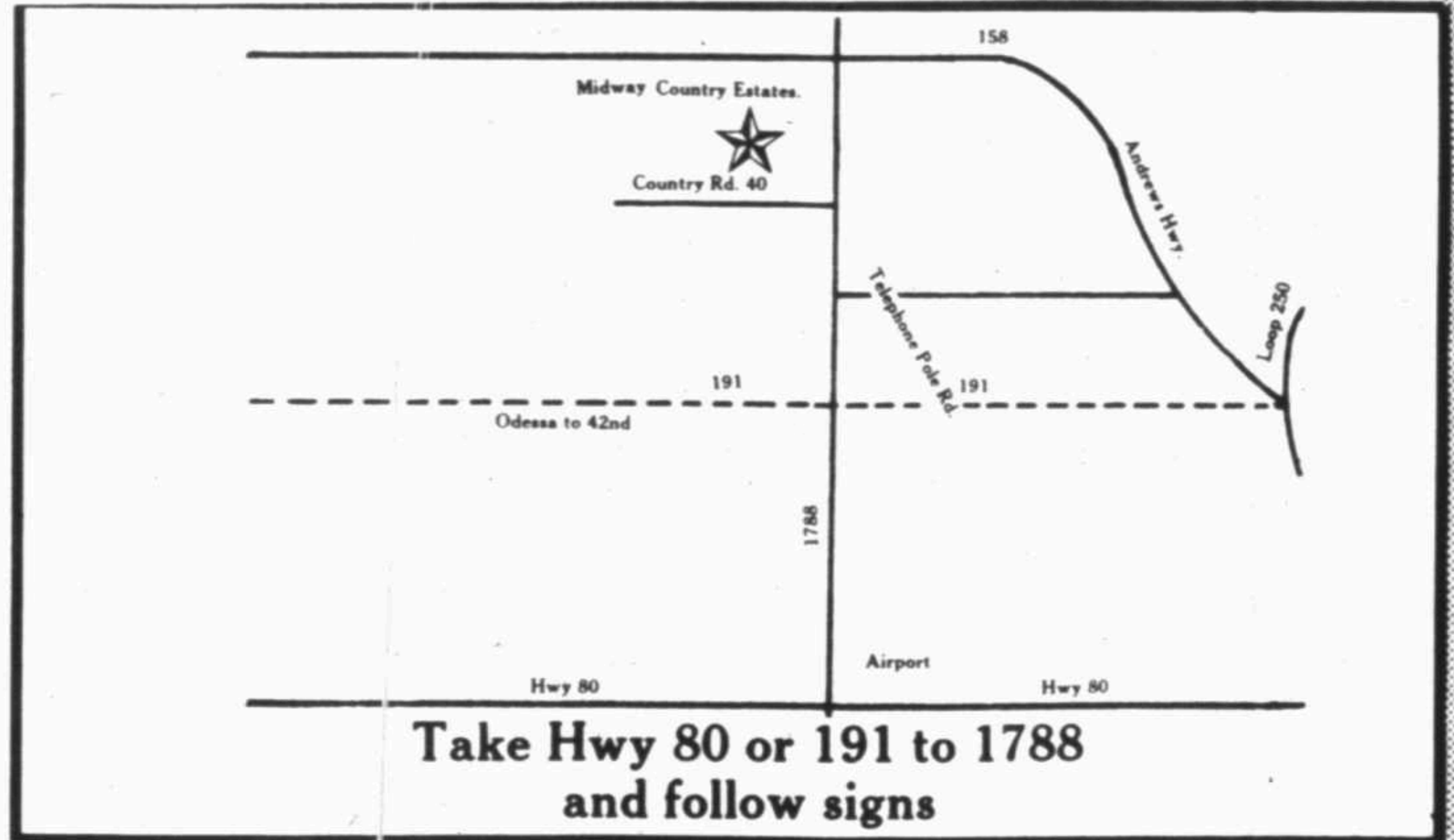
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Waitress sues cosmetics firm for \$2.5 million

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Odessa waitress Lillie Bowling who alleges she became "functionally blind" in her right eye after she "inadvertently" scratched it with a mascara applicator brush will be in federal court next Tuesday trying to win a \$2.5 million judgment against Maybelline Co. and its holding company, Schering-Plough Corp.

The woman, who now claims she is disabled, says in the suit's petition that her eye became infected because the "mascara was contaminated with highly dangerous infectious bacteria or fungi" which got into the cornea of her right eye.

She says she purchased the cosmetic, Maybelline Fresh Lash 24-hour Polymer Mascara, on Aug. 22, 1980, from a Foodway grocery store in Odessa. She applied the mascara and shortly afterward was hospitalized for about two weeks, she claims.

She is seeking \$1 million in actual damages and \$1.5 million in exemplary damages.

Following the mascara scratch, Ms. Bowling says she developed a "severe corneal ulcer." She sought treatment at Midland Memorial Hospital, from Odessa ophthalmologist Dr. John Sheets and later in Michigan hospitals.

Ms. Bowling says the ulcer "progressed to such a state that it was necessary for her to have a corneal transplant." However, according to court records, the corneal transplant was "unsuccessful because she is unable able to wear a contact lens over it, which is necessary to give her any functional use of the eye."

In her complaint, which was prepared by Waco lawyer Tom-Ragland, Ms. Bowling says that Maybelline Co. should have known that Federal Drug Administration's "extensive testing and research" of parabens (methylparaben, butylparaben and propylparaben) used by Maybelline as preservatives in the eyelash-eye-brow cosmetic coloring were "wholly ineffective against staphylococcus epidermitis and pseudomonas aeruginosa."

In response to Ms. Bowling's accusations, Maybelline contends that the woman "solely caused" the accident and that any subsequent injuries resulted from "improper use or misuse of any product."

"Such misuse contributed 99 percent to bring about the accident," Maybelline says.

Plaintiff's witnesses in the jury trial, which is to begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the George Mahon Federal Building, are to include Ms. Bowling, Debbie Gresham, an Odessa office clerk, Helen Brock of Flint, Mich., Ms. Bowling's sister, Dr. Alan Sugar, a Michigan ophthalmologist, and Dr. W.L. Johnston, a Texas A&M University registered professional engineer, who is to testify on the design of the mascara brush.

Among defense witnesses is to be Dr. Kirby Farrington, a microbiologist.

U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton will preside over the case.

In a court document, Ragland says that the contested issues in the case are "practically everything except the identity of the parties, the jurisdiction of the court, and the fact that plaintiff suffered pseudomonas corneal ulcer."



Drive-in grocery

Staff Photo by Cody Bell

When a car crashed into the Colonial store at 5408 Thomason at about 5 p.m. Thursday, assistant store manager Lana Goddard wasn't surprised. Pictured above sweeping shattered glass, Ms. Goddard said she saw the car coming, warned the one customer in the

store and watched as the two teen-agers and a younger boy slammed through the plate glass window. According to Ms. Goddard, the driver said the brakes went out. No one was injured and no estimate on the damage had been made by this morning.

Silence dominates hearing on proposed rate hike

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

The masses had their chance to roar in opposition to a proposed rate hike by Texas Electric Service Co., but it turned out to be a squeak here Thursday evening.

The Public Utilities Commission had scheduled a public hearing in Midland's City Council Chambers on TESCO's 16.1 percent proposed rate increase, which will bring in an additional \$195 million in revenues. This marked the second rate hearing case in which the PUC held public hearings in cities outside its Austin home. The first dealt with General Telephone.

The session from 3 to 6 p.m. was dominated by long periods of silence with no one appearing to voice negative or favorable comments. People in the audience said they had come only to "hear what others had to say."

Phillip Holder served as hearing examiner; Peggy Rosson, PUC commissioner; and Steve Porter, PUC attorney.

THE GROUP of about 25 men scattered throughout the chambers sat mute when the hearing first opened. Finally, Carl Leonard representing the Midland Farmers Co-operative expressed his objections to the proposed hike.

"I know everything's gone up. Seems to us the power costs have gone up higher than other costs. Our power has risen considerably over the past four years, especially since 1979."

Echoing his sentiments was Eugene Jones, a Midland County farmer and member of the Co-op



Staff Photo by Ron Jaap

Farmer Eugene Jones, right, outlines his problems with high energy costs during a hearing Thursday on Texas Electric Service Co.'s proposed 16.1 percent rate hike. Listening are Phil-

lip Holder, left, hearing examiner; and Peggy Rosson, member of the Public Utilities Commission.

board. "This cotton is not bringing us enough money," he said.

Jones uses a 350 horsepower motor on his irrigation system and he illustrated past years rate increases by citing his electricity costs. In 1977, the bill was \$22,000. In 1982, it was \$46,000.

"I'm using about the same kilowatts per year," Jones said. "The kilowatt hours are cheap. It's all these other whammies on there."

Those other "whammies" were addressed later by Jim Gilmore

of Midland, who talked about the rising fuel adjustment cost.

Noting the fuel adjustment cost has gone up again, Gilmore said he tried to conserve energy last month. Two months ago, his bill reflected a use of 1,900 kilowatt hours for a charge of \$83. Last month after cutting back on usage, his bill showed 1,000 kilowatt hours were used. But the bill was \$77.

and my pay is frozen. It's hard to plan a budget with the fuel adjustment cost.

"Any company that has a monopoly needs to be encouraged to economize, to use efficient management. With a monopoly, it's more of a public trust. By passing on the fuel adjustment cost every month (to consumers) there's no incentive for TESCO to conserve," Gilmore said.

Holder told the consumer the

PUC is adding a division to study these fuel adjustment costs and the office will be opened Sept. 1.

Michael Jones objected to TESCO building more generating plants, saying he wasn't opposed to the nuclear plant under construction. He contended there is an excess of energy available for sale, pointing to New Mexico and Canada.

In the refrigerated Council Chambers, Karen King of Odessa pinpointed her problem — air conditioning. "Five years ago in the summer I could afford air conditioning. I thought of it as a necessity. I made less money then. Today I make more money but can't afford air conditioning. It has become a luxury."

MANY OLDER persons on fixed incomes can't afford the proposed \$10 a month increase in their electric bills, said Mary Hinkle of Casa de Amigos. A lot of the senior citizens this agency assists receive \$300 a month or less in Social Security benefits, she said. That is their only source of income.

"A 16 percent increase may not sound like a lot, but it's quite a bit for them," Ms. Hinkle said. An average family's bill for April ran about \$46. The 16 percent hike would mean an additional \$7 on the bill. "On a minimum wage income, that's two more hours per month," she said.

"TESCO is a marvelous company when a family is in a crisis; they're good to work with. But \$7 a month is a lot when you're on a fixed income of \$300 a month."

Midland needs to diversify its economic base from the petro-

leum industry and high electricity costs won't help, said Ed Miller with the Texas Employment Commission here.

"The rate we get for electricity is one item to consider in attracting industry here," said Miller. "Take a good look at where we stand before you grant the final increase."

C. Winston Barclay, western division manager for TESCO, who earlier had voiced his support for the PUC's local hearing, acknowledged during one of the recesses the difficulty senior citizens have in paying higher costs. "And it hurts the farmer, too."

But just as the farmer and senior citizen are paying higher costs for everything, so is TESCO, he said.

"We've tried to be very sensitive to those senior citizens and work something out for them. We've also worked with them as to why their bills are so high and suggested ways to conserve."

Recognizing some consumers can't pay higher bills, Barclay said TESCO has included in its proposal a "limited use structure." It is a device that hooks on an electric meter and allows a specific amount to be used. It would kick off all electricity when too much is being used at once.

This lets the consumer know to cut back on some appliances or lights. But the consumer isn't without power — he will be shown how to turn it back on, said Barclay.

Hearings in which evidence supporting pro and con of the rate hike proposal will start in mid-August, said the hearing examiner.

Midland residents seek refuge from mounting refuse

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer



Staff Photo by Cody Bell

Trash piled high at this site at Holiday Hill Road and Northgate forms an illegal dump. Owners of large open tracts on the outskirts of the city are finding their property the receptacles for illegal dumping.

For five years they had watched the cars rumble slowly down the dirt road and stop. People would get out, unload several piles of trash onto the already rising mound and leave — an illegal act committed out of sight of city authorities.

Eileen and James Piwetz, 5303 Sinclair, grew tired of the household trash, animal carcasses, dead puppies and rusted appliances. It wasn't their property that was the site of the dump, but they live adjacent to it. They called City Hall several times trying to get assistance.

"We called the street department, sanitation, health department and police department," said Mrs. Piwetz in describing the problems of finding some official whose department could handle the problem.

"We probably called someone at City Hall every three months," she said. "We're the kind of people who feel if we keep calling and complaining long enough, something will be done."

When Clean Midland, Inc., was organized a few months ago, Mrs. Piwetz was on the phone to its director, Nancy Sharp, and here they hit the bulls-eye.

Last week, the property was

cleaned up. Livingston Dirt Contractors dug a hole for the smaller trash and covered it, hauled away the large rusting refrigerators and freezers and placed the two old cars on the highway to be hauled off by the city.

The Piwetzes aren't alone in their problem. According to Warren Cloyd, city code enforcement officer, "I know all the hot spots for dumping in Midland."

He finally had traced ownership of that property next to the Piwetzes to Jeff Barber, sent him a notice to clean it up and to post a No Dumping sign.

Other hot spots are at Leisure and Holiday Hill Road, Cuthbert and Bentwood streets, Nobles and Tilden streets, Holiday Hill Road past Northgate Boulevard.

All sites lie within city limits, said Cloyd, and persons dumping trash there are violating a city code. The code is hard to enforce because of the difficulty in catching someone in the act of dumping and, when that fails, to track down the owner.

Compounding the problem is the out-of-town owners of those tracts, Cloyd said, pointing to the Nobles lot as an example.

Although a No Dumping sign was posted, trash continues to appear on the pile. Cloyd said he had picked up

envelopes lying around the area. The name and address was the same on all of them, and Cloyd is considering filing a suit against those people on the basis of circumstantial evidence.

"I don't think someone else would take those people's trash and dump it. If we don't have someone who saw them doing the dumping," filing on circumstantial evidence is the last recourse.

Admitting that one family probably isn't the only one dumping trash in the spot, Cloyd said, "If you can't catch all the bank robbers, it doesn't mean you don't catch one."

The overriding problem of the illegal dumps, in addition to being an eyesore, is the health hazard they generate. "There's some health hazard any time you dump trash on a lot. It's a place for rodents to live and breed. Kids play in it, and it can be more of a safety hazard," said Cloyd.

The first time a complaint is filed on a property owner, it is handled as a misdemeanor, said Cloyd. If filings continue, the fine goes up accordingly. But he feels the fines may not be enough to discourage the property owner of future dumping.

Cloyd is working with Municipal Court to institute a \$200 fine. It would be probated once the site is

cleaned up.

"What we're after is compliance. We don't care if the city makes any money. But the minor fine is so little it's cheaper for the owner to plead guilty and pay the fee rather than put out the cash to have the place cleaned."

Preferably, the city would like to prosecute the people dumping on that land. But they are hard to catch, Cloyd said. "If we have no proof of the violator, the only recourse we have is to file on the property owner."

It's the property owner who is responsible for keeping the lot free of tall weeds. Illegal dumping often occurs on a lot when the weeds get high enough. "People take it as carte blanche to go ahead and dump," he said.

The Piwetzes had started watching all cars going down their road. When one stopped beside the illegal dump and the driver started unloading trash, the Piwetzes would ask the people to pick up the trash.

"The people said they thought they were in the county and could dump there. They have been pretty good about picking up their trash," said Mrs. Piwetz. "What choice do they have? I have their car license number and say I'm going to turn them in."

DEATHS



Rev. Gary R. Haaland

Gary Haaland

Services for the Rev. Gary Ronald Haaland, 41, of 4911 Heather, were to be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Midland Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Opsahl of Memorial Drive Lutheran Church in Houston and the Rev. Charles Meyer of Midland Lutheran Church, officiating.

He was found dead at his home Tuesday.

Haaland was born March 23, 1942. He received his undergraduate training at Luther College and his seminary training at Luther Theological Seminary. He received the Master of Theology degree in Pastoral Psychology from the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, Calif., in 1969. His doctoral

work was in child development and family relations at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. He served as counselor of the Ecumenical Counseling Center of Clear Lake and as Minister of Counseling and Family Life at Memorial Drive Lutheran Church of Houston. He was pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Marble Falls from October 1978 to June 1980. In 1980 he became senior pastor of the Midland Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lori Haaland of Midland; a son, Dustin Haaland of Midland; a daughter, Sharissa Haaland of Midland; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Haaland of Clarkfield, Minn.; and a brother, Sheldon Haaland of Hanley Falls, Minn.

Rad Mitchell

Services for Rad Mitchell, 54, of Midland were to be at 3:30 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ross Payne, pastor of the Cotton Flat Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mitchell died Monday in Denver, Colo.

He was born April 5, 1929, in Woodline. He attended Tarleton State College and entered the Army, spending most of his enlistment in Germany. He moved to Midland in 1956 and was employed by Sandoz Inc. Pharmaceuticals. He married Oneada Robertson on April 1, 1960, in Odessa. Mitchell was a member of the Cotton Flat Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jesse Buchanan of Midland; a daughter, Mrs. Doris Swinney of Odessa; a brother, Jack Mitchell of Fort Worth; two sisters, Mrs. Millie Lou

Pillow of Houston and Mrs. Ruby Bagderley of Cameron; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were to be Roy Webb, John Phillips, Bill Laminack, Carl Crawford, Randy Taylor and Grady Jolly.

Edith Schindler

Services for Edith Leona Schindler, 63, of 3307 Thomas were to be at 11 a.m. today in Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Ross Payne, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday morning in a Midland hospital.

Pallbearers were to be Donald Neujahr, Del Dachling, Dick Campbell, Lynn Foster, Bill Whiteley and David Penick.

Honorary pallbearers were to be Rod Maxson, Bill Braden, Dick Ragan, Arlen Edgar, Joe Boyd, Darrell Albrecht, Walter Schneider, Vick Hollrah, Ted Fitting, A.C. Teinert, Arne Pokky and Dr. Richard Klemppner.

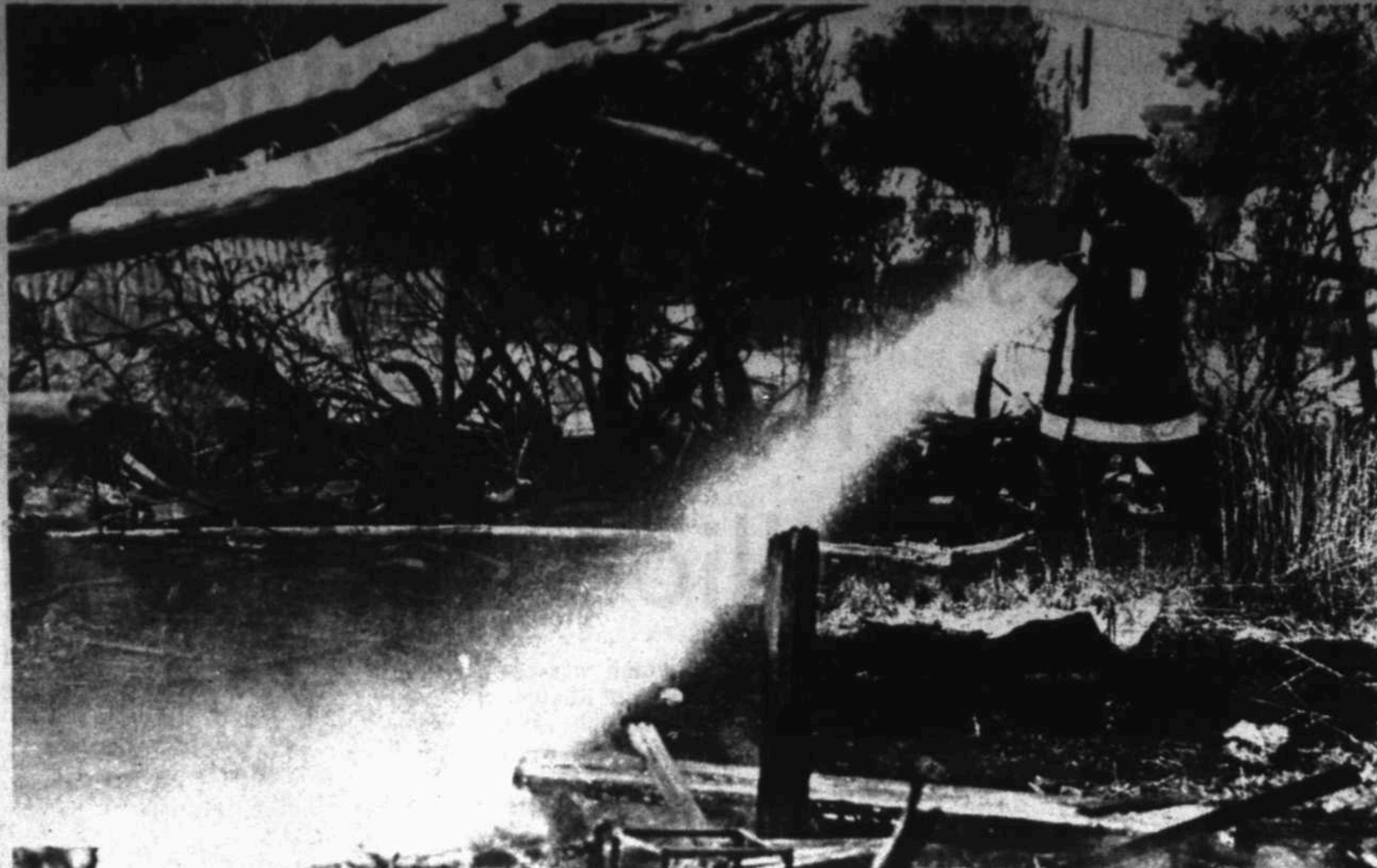
The family requests memorials be directed to Grace Lutheran Church or to a favorite charity.

L.W. Catchings

CRANE — Services for L.W. Catchings, 66, of Crane are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Richard Box Funeral Home Chapel. Burial is to be in the Crane County Cemetery.

He died Thursday in a nursing home here.

Catchings, who had lived in Crane since 1962, was an oilfield pumper. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Summertime fires heat up with hot temperatures during dry months. While Midland firemen were warily eyeing the firework stands, about five were responding to a spreading trash fire at

1710 W. Francis at 4 p.m. Thursday. About 7,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the blaze, which destroyed "trash and junk," according to reports.

Nation's lone state-financed college for deaf wins its battle for survival

By PATRICK DEAREN
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — The cheers may be silent, but nevertheless they are there.

Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, the only state-supported post-secondary school for the hearing impaired in the nation, has won its battle for survival.

The moment of triumph came early this week at the hands of Texas Governor Mark White and legislators, who decided to grant SWCID \$3.9 million to cover operating expenses during the next two years.

Though the assigned budget was light years from the \$11 million originally requested by SWCID manager Howard County Junior College District, few complaints are being voiced around SWCID's campus.

Only weeks before, the very existence of the institute was in serious doubt.

"It's been a long wait," said SWCID vice president Sam Hill. "It means we'll be around another two years, which was questionable sometime in March. It's going to be awfully tight for us. I was up till 2:30 (Thursday) morning working on the budget... We will still be able to maintain the present level of services for students, but it's going to be tight."

Hill credits community support, efforts by legislators Larry Don Shaw, Jay Gibson and John Montford, and information disseminated by news media in Big Spring, Mid-

land and Odessa for the life-saving budget okayed by the state.

"What it amounts to," said Hill, "is we got a lot of help, and we needed all that help too."

Hill said that SWCID officials, although disappointed in amount of the budget, nevertheless have found "reassurance" by the action of the 58th Legislature.

"Even though we did not get the amount of money that we asked for, in light of the statewide money shortage the Legislature was very supportive of us," he said. "That indicates to us that our legislators support the need for a college for deaf Texans. The Legislature should be commended for that."

SWCID officials had hoped to receive enough funds to enter into a physical expansion program, but the minimal budget will prohibit such, said Hill. "We will be able to make some expansions as far as programs, but the way we're going to do that is rob Peter to pay Paul."

He listed the programs targeted for expansion as computer programming, electronics, and dental laboratory technology. "Our objective for the next two years is to come in and offer certificates within those programs," he said. "We're going to fine-tune them."

Another important step gained for SWCID in the 68th legislative session was the realization of it being an entity apart from HCJC District.

"Because of certain language contained in the piece of legislation which established us, the Legislative Budget Board was viewing us as a

regular junior community college," he explained. "We were then restricted in how we could use legislative funds. We could only use it for the eight elements of cost — instruction-related."

Other community colleges operate under the same restriction, but have a local tax base to draw from. "We do not have a local tax base because our students come from all over the state of Texas," noted Hill. "Attorney General Maddox gave us... an opinion on the present law, and stated we are not a regular public junior community college; therefore, we're not bound by those restrictions. Now, we can, because of that, spend legislative appropriations for total operation expenses."

SWCID's fall enrollment will suffer a setback, however, due to out-of-state tuition rates, which reflect the legislature's opinion that Texas taxpayers should not pay for the education of students from other states.

"(Tuition) hasn't been altered at all, and we did not press that because (in) this legislative session our fight was for survival," said Hill. "We went in with three items we wanted addressed and we ended up with two addressed pretty much in our favor... We did not anticipate (legislators) would be receptive to altering that tuition, because they would view it as added income. It's going to affect our enrollment, but the legislature is responsible for Texas, not New Mexico or Oklahoma. As a taxpayer I'd rather have my tax dollars benefit us — not them."

United Way 'Highlights' report

By HALLYE JORDAN
Staff Writer

Although the administrative income budget looks better than end-of-the-year projections, directors of the United Way were told during Thursday's monthly meeting some expense items have run \$8,000 over budget projections.

Using a new format entitled "Highlights," which points out key financial elements of the finance committee's report, Bob Cornelius said, overall, the budget looks good.

"I think we could come out as much as \$100,000 in the black for '83," he said, adding with a laugh, "But I wouldn't stake my life on it." Cornelius pointed out income in the administrative budget, now at \$214,679, is expected to grow past the \$215,479 year-end projection because of increased sponsorships.

"We're hoping to receive more in sponsorship than we had budgeted," Cornelius said. "We're going to come out a little bit on the plus side in revenue."

Administrative budget expenses, however, ran over projected lines.

Professional fees ran up \$645 because of audit costs, Cornelius said. Expenses grew another \$4,000 because the Faskin Foundation grant was smaller than the amount requested.

Also, some \$1,200 in unpaid telephone bills from 1982 must be paid in the 1983 budget and another unbudgeted \$2,000 is projected for computer supplies for the campaign.

The investment portfolio shows \$989,844 invested in certificates of deposits, money market funds and treasury bills as of May 31, while total liabilities show a balance of \$1,213,681. Total fund balances are at \$335,680.

Collections, running at 71.3 percent are 5.48 percent behind the collection rate of the previous year.

"I think that's a general problem and not specific in any one place," Cornelius said. "It's really about the same as it was last month. It didn't get any worse."

In other action, Dan Mendell, of the campaign division, recommended pushing the goal setting process back a month so that each division could provide more input. According to Harold Feldt, although the directors usually set the goal in June and don't meet in July or August, the next meeting, July 27, will be used to set the campaign goal.

Ralph Sellmeyer, of the communication divisions, presented locally filmed United Way advertisements, made possible through Exxon Company U.S.A. The seven spots, featuring local volunteers, will be aired beginning in September.

"I think the value of these is they're local people," Sellmeyer said. "All are not polished professionals. You come across as real people and that's the advantage."

Carol Orem, of the allocations division, presented pre-campaign allocation figures. Final allocations will be determined in December, following final budget reports in the fall.

Detroit mayor declines LULAC invitation

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Detroit Mayor Coleman E. Young has declined an invitation to welcome the annual convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens to his city, a conference where at least four Democratic presidential candidates will speak.

LULAC officials reacted angrily to his decision.

Young said he had "prior commitments" when the Corpus Christi-based Hispanic organization meets in Detroit next week. He did not elaborate.

It would be the first time in 20 years that a convention of the nation's largest Hispanic rights organization had not been welcomed by the mayor of the host city, LULAC officials said.

"It would be the same as if San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros refused to welcome a NAACP con-

vention in his city," said LULAC president Tony Bonilla, a Corpus Christi lawyer.

"I am shocked that the mayor of Detroit would not attend our convention at a time when I have traveled across the country meeting with black leaders to bring about a new coalition of understanding and communication between blacks and Hispanics," Bonilla said.

The black mayor's decision generated sharp criticism from LULAC leaders, some of whom consider it a political affront to their organization and its association with the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Jackson, who directs Operation PUSH, a Chicago-based black movement, has expressed interest in becoming a Democratic presidential candidate, backed by a national Hispanic-black coalition. But he has failed to gain Young's support, who

already has endorsed former Vice President Walter Mondale.

About 4,000 members of the League of United Latin American Citizens are expected to attend the four-day national conference that begins Thursday. LULAC has more than 100,000 members across the United States.

Declared Democratic Presidential candidates who have agreed to address the convention are U.S. Senators Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, Gary Hart of Colorado, Alan Cranston of California and John Glenn of Ohio. Former Florida Gov. Ruben Askew, who is running informally, also is scheduled to speak.

Mondale has been listed on LULAC's speaker's agenda, but could be facing a schedule conflict with the National Education Association's convention in Philadelphia.

Permian Basin's MDA to hold first 126-mile cycling marathon

The Permian Basin's Muscular Dystrophy Association will hold its first "Poker Run" Sunday. The event is a 126-mile cycling marathon beginning at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the Four Seasons Club in Midland and will finish at the Jesse James Longbranch Saloon in Odessa.

The course will be broken up by five check points where each cyclist will pick up a playing card. The winner will be the

biker with the best poker hand.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the top three winners at a party after the event. Door prizes will also be awarded, donated by local merchants including Hilton, Guy W's and Harley-Davidson. Over 100 bikers have entered the race, including representatives from Bikers of America.

For more information, contact Ben Criner at 381-5751 in Odessa.

City to vote on gambling

GALVESTON (AP) — The president of Galveston's Chamber of Commerce has failed in an effort to quash a non-binding referendum which will let citizens vote on legalizing gambling.

City Council members decided in a 4-2 vote Thursday to stick to their June 2 decision to hold the straw poll.

Chamber President Roland Bassett contended the council acted unwisely by agreeing to the vote without obtaining signatures from 10 percent of the registered voters.

Theft of gold watch heads list of thefts, burglaries

The theft of a \$4,000 gold watch, reported at 8 p.m. by Clifton King of 1710 N. A St., headed the list of thefts and burglaries reported to Midland police Thursday.

Becky Wilson, a resident of Villa Trieste Apartments, 4331 W. Dengar, reported the theft of two trees from the front of the complex at about 10:45 p.m. Total value was placed at \$550.

Mike Trotter reported the theft of \$153 from the Koko Lounge, 1811 E. Front at about 7 p.m. According to reports, the money was taken from a cash register.

An air conditioner, valued at \$95, was reported missing by A.L. Kehoe, of 2509 Camarie at about 9 a.m.

Reports indicate the theft took place sometime between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday.

In other action, police investigated the burglary of an automobile and a business. About \$545 in assorted wrenches was reported missing from PED Oil Co., 600 S. Fairgrounds Road at 7:15 a.m. Entry apparently was gained by prying open a south-west door at the business.

Terry Montgomery, of Route 4 Box 9W, reported the burglary of his automobile while it was parked in the east parking lot at Lee High School. A wing window was broken and an equalizer and speakers were reported missing. Total value was placed at \$309.

Pre-registration ends Saturday for one-week program on space

Pre-registration ends Saturday for all future Astronauts, Space Workers and Aerospace Engineers, ages 9 to 17, who wish to enroll in a special one week educational program on space history and technology.

The program will begin Monday, July 18 and end the following Friday, covering the history and technology of space flights, from man's

first orbit around the earth to his reach for the stars.

Pre-registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., today and Saturday in the Midland County Library.

Sponsored by the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the L-5 society, the Cadet education program is part of the National Space Week celebration, July 16-24.

Police investigate armed robbery

ODESSA — Odessa police are investigating an armed robbery which occurred in the parking lot of the Monte Carlo Club, 500 E. Murphy, Thursday night.

Rudy Castillo, no age available, of 1111 Drury Lane, reported he was

confronted by a man who held a gun to his head and demanded money. The suspect, described as black, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing 140 pounds, took \$365 and was last seen wearing a white shirt and black pants running east on Murphy.

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