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Midland farrier Tex Wilson has a passion for horses and getting them shod just right. Wilson, 61, has been shoeing horses since he

was 13 years old. Please see related story and photos, Page 18.

Cold winter may fuel natural gas shortage

DALLAS (AP) — A cold winter could push Americans into an energy crisis because low petroleum prices have depressed natural gas production, Texas energy leaders said.

"We are running the risk of getting what would be an artificial crisis in natural gas," said Tom Cruikshank, president of Halliburton Co. and a member of the Dallas Morning News Energy Board. "The risk is that this temporary crisis will spike prices up, which then runs the risk of bringing in the federal government with regulation — and scaring consumers about availability."

The Texas Railroad Commission estimates the maximum deliverable natural gas fell from 13.8 billion cubic feet daily in the winter of 1983-84 to 12.3 billion cubic feet daily last winter.

"I think we'll see some shortages this winter in natural gas, not only in deliverability but in transportation and storage, and I don't think we've prepared ourselves to take care of the needs," said Kenneth Perry, president of American Petrofina, an integrated oil and gas company.

Energy board members say only unusually mild winters have prevented a shortage in the last few years. But a lengthy cold snap could threaten supplies.

"If we have a demand on the state of Texas the same as we did in the winter of 1983 and 1984, every well in Texas (flowing) wide open today could not produce that volume of gas," Texas Railroad Commission chairman Jim Nugent said.

"Unless we do something to get those (drilling) rigs running, we're going to face a crisis," Nugent said. "When we do, the price is going to accelerate up, and we are going to face the distinct possibility of the federal government stepping in."

The Natural Gas Policy Act, which instituted a complex price regulated system and the Fuel Use Act, which prohibited the construction of industrial plants fueled by gas, are the result of what was thought to be a severe and perhaps permanent shortage of natural gas in the late 1970s.

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Panel predicts little change in oil industry

DALLAS (AP) — A panel of energy experts predicts the November elections and an upcoming OPEC meeting will bring little change to the nation's oil industry, but recent diversification in Texas may cushion another blow to the market.

After months of steady recovery, the state and nation are facing the threats of higher output from Saudi Arabia, which could drive benchmark crude oil prices below last week's trading point of \$12.28 per barrel.

Texans were shown another sign of the state's shaky economy late last week, when the remaining major independent bank holding company, MCorp, asked the government for assistance.

Members of The Dallas Morning News Energy Board said last week, during a semiannual meeting, that the federal government will not feel compelled to protect national oil production until it finds itself in a full-blown energy crisis.

And the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries must recapture its once-hefty share of the international oil market before it will be able to restrain itself in the interest of stable or higher prices.

"For this industry to wait for help from Washington is like leaving the porch light on for Jimmy Hoffa," said Tom Cruikshank, president and chief executive officer of Halliburton Co. "It's just not going to happen."

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Minister apologizes in taped message

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas' second largest Southern Baptist congregation is beginning the healing process after the church's pastor resigned because he had an extramarital affair.

The Rev. Billy Weber, 45, of Prestonwood Baptist Church told church deacons of some "personal improprieties" before announcing publicly that he had had an affair.

The former minister apologized and told church members in a recorded message played at Sunday night's sermon to "Remember me at my best."

"This is a case where Bill Weber failed God," he said. "But God has never and will never fail Bill Weber and his family and his church."

Church officials told The Dallas Morning News the former minister chose to record the brief message earlier in the day rather than to deliver it personally to congregation.

"I want to apologize to you as an individual and as a part of the church for having disappointed you and having failed you," the Rev. Weber said.

"For those of you who asked why this happened to Bill Weber, why did this happen to Prestonwood, I can only say

that Bill Weber is not perfect, as you well know," he added.

The former minister concluded the message by saying, "Please pray especially for me and just trust God to do some things for me during this time of faith and rejuvenation."

"I need not tell you that this is the most traumatic moment in the history of our church," said the Rev. Tim LaHaye, who delivered the Sunday morning sermon at Prestonwood Baptist.

"From this moment on, we can experience the healing of God," LaHaye said. "God is able to overrule in the affairs of man."

Church members echoed the sentiment as they left the services Sunday morning.

"My kind of feeling is that we're here to worship God anyway," Rose Keagy said. "The pastor is only human, and what he says about God is what counts, not his personal life."

"As I heard our pastor say, 'We are a family. We are not a corporation, we are not a business, we are not a club. We're the body of Christ,'" said associate pastor Bill Taylor.

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'Urgent measures' imposed in capital of Yugoslavian republic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Communist authorities today imposed "urgent measures" in the capital of the tense southern republic of Montenegro, where thousands of people demonstrated in defiance of a presidential order.

The state news agency Tanjug, carrying a statement by Montenegro's state presidency, said the "urgent measures are being applied because of a sudden deterioration of the political and security situation and the possibility that it will spread."

Today, thousands of workers and students in the republic's capital of Titograd and two other Montenegrin towns continued to stage rallies and a protest fast. Twelve people were reported arrested.

The statement carried by Tanjug said the unspecified "urgent measures...will be of a restrictive nature,

aimed only against those who are abusing the rightful demands of workers and other citizens."

The language indicated police patrols would be stepped up and firm action taken against provocative public protests. But it suggested authorities would stop short of using restrictions such as curfews, at least for the time being.

Sunday, President Raif Dizdarevic's warned that emergency measures would be imposed if ethnic and economic unrest in Yugoslavia did not cease.

A national economic crisis, fueled by 217 percent inflation, a \$21 billion dollar debt and 15 percent unemployment, has combined with tensions between Serbs and ethnic Albanians to fuel three months of protests and calls for an overhaul in the party hierarchy.

In Kosovo, one of two autonomous provinces in the southern republic of Serbia, the largest of Yugoslavia's six republics, Serbs have rallied against the ethnic Albanian Communist leaders. The mainly Christian Serb demonstrators want more control over the mainly Moslem ethnic Albanian majority in Kosovo.

The statement carried by Tanjug today specifically attacked what it branded nationalist and anti-Communist demands voiced during a Titograd rally that was broken up by club-wielding riot police early on Saturday.

This morning, in the north Montenegrin town of Niksic, several hundred high school and university students rallied in front of a government building, Tanjug said.

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Justices of peace lack formal forensic training, Dettman says

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a two-part series investigating whether there is a need in the Permian Basin for a regional medical examiner system and the specifications met before an autopsy is performed.

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Responsibilities charged to the county's two peace justices include presiding over small claims court, performing marriage ceremonies and having jurisdiction in criminal cases where the fine to be imposed doesn't exceed \$200.

And, by virtue of the county's existing "ex officio" coroner system, the two men are the county's chief medical authorities.

In counties with populations over 500,000 and in smaller ones electing to do so, a medical examiner system exists. The medical examiner is required to be a board certified forensic pathologist and has an office staff consisting of investigators and other pathologists.

Discussed for almost 10 years has been the notion of forming a regional medical examiner's office in the Permian Basin.

The office would take ex officio coroner duties away from the jus-

tices, would likely be built between Midland and Odessa and serve Midland, Ector and surrounding Permian Basin counties.

But until then, Midland County Justices Robert Pine and Keith Jobe or their successors will decide if circumstances surrounding a death warrant an autopsy. Their ruling supersedes that of a law enforcement official's or a dead person's relative, Jobe said.

A justice does not gather forensic medicine experience during a school he must attend after his election, explained County Attorney Mark Dettman.

"They go to a school, but they

don't get into anything" dealing with forensic or jurisdictional medicine, Dettman noted.

Summing up the extent to which a justice is taught the specialized medical field, Dettman observed: "They can tell a dead body."

So far this year, Pine has requested four autopsies, Jobe, 25. Of the 29 done this year, a total of three resulted in homicide rulings.

Pine has ordered 54 inquests or investigations into deaths that may result in the requisition of an autopsy this year; Jobe, 64.

Most persons in the medical or legal community questioned declined comment on the disparity in autopsy

numbers between the two justices.

Pine, who initially declined in his office chair and said, "well I suppose so," when asked if the four autopsies he requested later listed homicide as the cause of death, leans toward potential criminal activity as the chief catalyst in his requesting an autopsy.

He admitted that deaths other than those potentially criminal should be inquested, but maintained that doing an autopsy when the cause of death is seemingly apparent is "far-fetched."

Jobe chalked up the disparity in autopsy numbers to the experience Pine has collected during his numerous years as a justice.

"I'm the one that has to sign the death certificate. I personally feel I have a great responsibility," Jobe explained last week. He will conduct an autopsy or request blood and/or tissue samples if he is not completely sure of a cause of death, he said.

For instance, in 1987, a man died in a Midland County oil field accident while working on a pump jack. It had been raining for some time; the oil field was flooded and sloppy.

On face value it would have appeared the man wearing muddied cowboy boots slipped in between the counterweight and the pumping unit and was crushed.

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Weather

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with the low in the upper 40s. Details, weather map, Page 2A.

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Tense calm settles over Algiers after shootings

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A tense calm prevailed in Algiers today after soldiers supported by army helicopters shot protesters to quell nationwide unrest prompted by high unemployment and spiraling prices.

Doctors and police said about 200 people have been killed in the riots, which began about 10 days ago and led to a military crackdown over the weekend.

The riots are the worst in this North African nation since its independence from France in 1962. Islamic fundamentalists, defying a state of emergency, called for another protest today in Algiers' eastern quarter.

President Chadli Bendjedid prepared to address the nation tonight, and observers said he would probably appeal for calm and address the economic crisis which has led to the violence.

Riots hit the western port city of

Oran to Annaba in the east. Rioting also was reported in a dozen provincial centers, said Interior Minister El Hadi Khediri, appearing on state television over the weekend.

"We have tried in vain to stop the troubles," Khediri said.

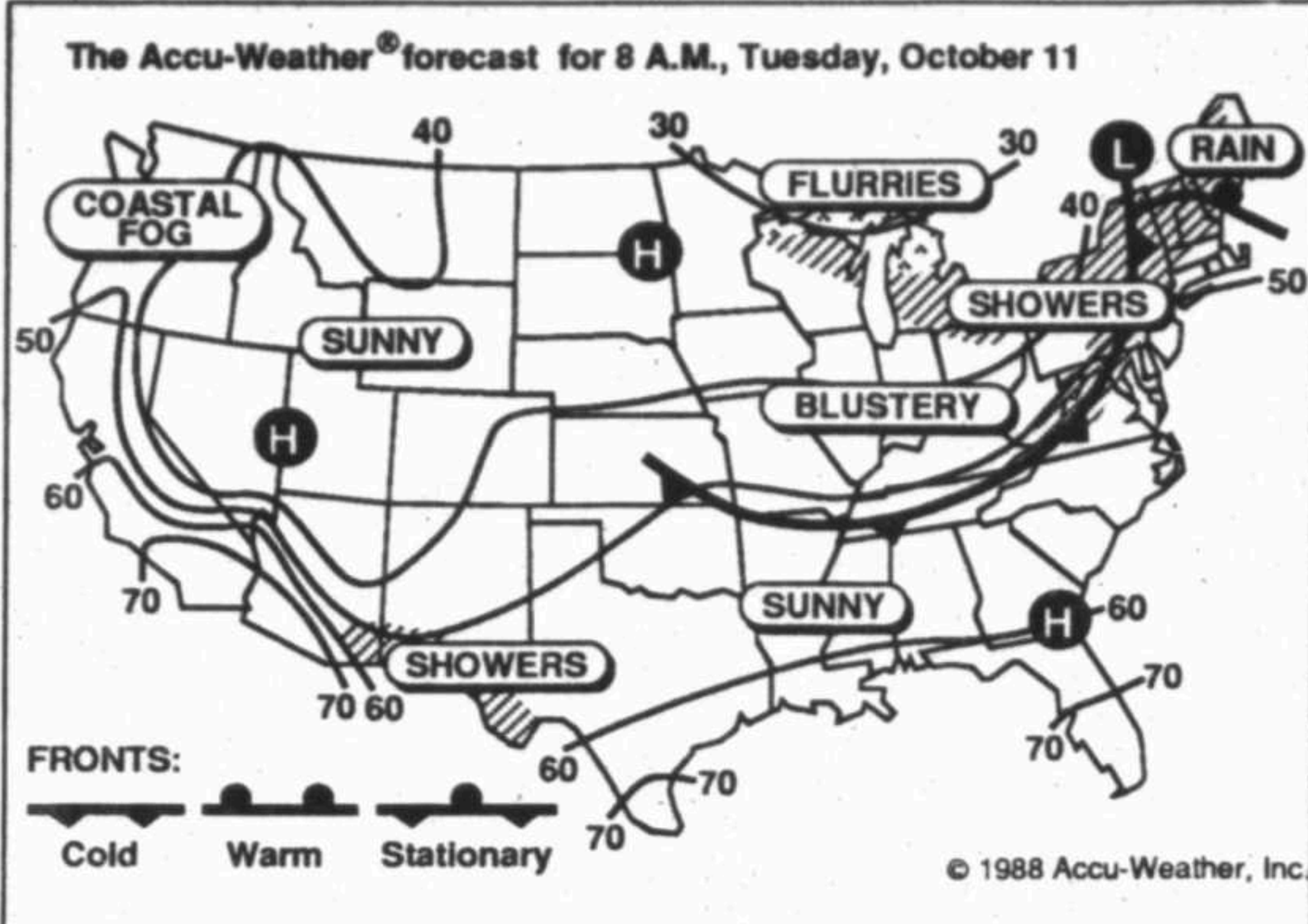
In a challenge to the government, calls went out for Algerians to gather outside mosques following midday prayer today for "strictly peaceful" protest demonstrations in the eastern quarter of the capital.

A similar demonstration called for Sunday was canceled.

Most shops reopened today in downtown Algiers and traffic moved in the streets, though at a rate substantially below normal. Troops and tanks were posted at main intersections and at the harbor, where dockworkers maintained their 3-week-old strike.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Forecast calls for fair skies

From Staff and Wire Reports

Tonight's forecast is calling for fair skies with the low in the upper 40s, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport. Winds will be light and variable.

Tuesday will be fair with the high in the middle 70s, northerly winds 5-15 mph.

Sunday's high of 75 was 17 degrees cooler than the record high of 92 set for that date in 1965. The overnight low of 43 tied the record low of 43 set for this date in 1979.

A weak cold front triggered scattered showers and thunderstorms over the coastal plains and the Lower Rio Grande Valley in South Texas. The front was located today along

a line from near Beaumont westward to near Laredo.

High pressure over Northwest Texas kept skies clear over the rest of the state.

Forecasts called for mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms over the lower coastal plains, the Valley and extreme West Texas through tonight. It will be clear to partly cloudy over the rest of the state through tonight.

Patchy fog is expected Tuesday morning over the Panhandle, North Texas, Southeast Texas and extreme South Texas.

Lows tonight will be mostly in the 50s, ranging from the low 40s in the Panhandle to near 60 in extreme South Texas.

Highs Tuesday will be in the 70s and 80s.

Midland statistics

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High: 75 degrees
Overnight Low: 43 degrees
Sunset today: 7:23 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:49 a.m.
Precipitation: 0 inches
Last 24 hours: 0 inches
This month to date: 17.76 inches
Year to date: 17.76 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Time	Temp	Time	Temp
6 a.m.	48	6 p.m.	68
7 a.m.	48	7 p.m.	68
8 a.m.	52	8 p.m.	64
9 a.m.	61	9 p.m.	62
10 a.m.	68	10 p.m.	60
11 a.m.	72	11 p.m.	58
noon	74	midnight	56
1 p.m.	74	1 a.m.	53
2 p.m.	70	2 a.m.	53
3 p.m.	72	3 a.m.	46
4 p.m.	70	4 a.m.	46
5 p.m.	71	5 a.m.	45
6 p.m.	68	6 a.m.	45

Texas temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Ppn
Alice	88	66	
Amarillo	72	46	
Austin	88	57	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	84	62	
Beville	80	66	
Brownsville	86	66	
Bryan-College Station	86	53	
Childress	86	47	
Corpus Christi	86	67	
Corpus Christi NAS	85	71	
Cotulla	88	63	48
Dalhousie	73	42	
Dallas	72	48	
Dallas NAS	72	48	
Del Rio	85	59	
El Paso	79	60	01
Fort Worth	73	48	
Fort Worth Meacham	70	48	11
Galveston	79	66	
Hondo	88	57	09
Houston Hobby	85	65	123
Houston Intercontinental	88	63	04
Junction	84	44	
Kingsville	86	67	
Laredo	86	66	
Longview	74	48	
Lubbock	72	44	
Lufkin	76	49	
Marfa	78	47	
McAllen	91	67	
Midland-Odessa	75	44	
Mineral Wells	75	44	
Palacios	82	62	01
San Angelo	80	40	
San Antonio	86	56	20
Stephenville	72	44	
Texarkana	73	45	
Victoria	88	63	
Waco	78	51	
Wichita Falls	86	45	
Wink	79	49	

Counties forecasts

Midland, Ector, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Glasscock, Gaines, Andrews, Dawson, Borden, Martin and Howard counties: Tonight, fair, low in upper 40s and high variable wind. Tuesday, mostly fair, high mid-70s with wind north 5 to 15 mph.

Sterling, Coke, Irion and Tom Green: Tonight, fair, low mid-40s with light variable wind. Tuesday, mostly fair, high in upper 70s and wind north 5 to 15 mph.

Man escapes after hiding in freezer

DALLAS (AP) — A restaurant worker who hid in a freezer escaped as two would-be robbers barricaded themselves in a Wyatt's Cafeteria this morning, police said.

Detective Hollis Edwards said Gus Simon, a baker in his 40s, walked out of the cafeteria unharmed after hiding two and a half hours. It was not known how much time he had spent in the freezer. A half-dozen of his co-workers had fled the building minutes after the gunmen entered the cafeteria about 8 a.m., police said.

The gunmen themselves vanished from the cafeteria sometime during the morning. When tactical squad officers entered the building about 10:30 a.m., no one was there, investigators said.

A Wyatt's employee told police the two suspects, in their 20s, were seen crossing the parking lot shortly before 8 a.m. The manager, Clarence Hart, told an employee to lock the kitchen door, but one gunman entered the cafeteria before the door

was latched, police said.

Edwards said Hart told police the other gunman entered through the front door after asking a window washer where to find the manager.

Hart said one man pulled a gun from his waistband and fired two shots, but no one was hit. No customers were in the cafeteria, and all but Simon left as soon as they heard the gunshots, police said.

Clara Luke, head saladmaker, said one of the men left the cafeteria briefly, then returned.

"One of the suspects fled and ran up under a bridge (at the expressway) but later ran back inside," she said.

Police sealed off the area around the South Dallas Interstate 35 access road in front of the cafeteria. Traffic on northbound Interstate 35 was backed up as onlookers watched.

Some of the 15 to 20 tactical officers at the scene had used a long-range bullhorn to try to talk the gunmen into surrendering.

MINISTER

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But neither Weber nor church officials would disclose any details of the relationship.

Weber, founder of the 11,000-member church, met early Saturday with more than 120 Prestonwood deacons and "made a full disclosure to them of some personal improprieties while he was pastor," according to a church statement.

The statement reported Weber "asked their forgiveness and said he was sorry he had enormously disappointed so many people."

At an afternoon news conference, Deacon Newt Hamlin said Weber

had tendered his resignation.

"This is certainly the most difficult decision of my life, but one I believe is in the best interest of the church, its future and its ministry in this community," Weber said in a statement.

"I have offered no excuses for my exercise in bad judgment — for there are none — and have sought forgiveness from the Lord, my family, church and community," Weber said.

When asked to describe the improprieties, Hamlin, chairman of the church's communications committee, said, "He (Weber) had an affair."

ALGERIA

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Clashes between the army and rioters spread late Saturday and early Sunday in Algiers as protesters defied a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew and a ban on demonstrations. Brief volleys of gunfire also were heard early today.

Kouba, on the southern fringes of Algiers, apparently suffered the largest number of dead and injured. Hospital sources reported more than 60 people killed when the army, according to witnesses, fired into a crowd after it repeatedly ignored calls to disperse.

Information compiled from hospital and police sources in various parts of the country indicated about 200 people killed and several hundred injured. It seemed likely the actual death toll was higher.

No official death toll has been issued.

The unrest began about 10 days ago with non-violent strikes demanding higher wages to keep up with inflation.

Algeria's annual unemployment rate is estimated at 40 percent and food prices have risen by at least 40 percent since January. But the government has vowed to stick to an austerity plan prompted in part by the falling price of oil, the nation's main export.



People mill in the streets of Algiers, Algeria, in front of buildings damaged by days of rioting.

RIOTS

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Several thousand striking steel workers rallied at factory management offices.

The news agency said that 12 people were arrested during an overnight rally in Niksic and face charges for disturbing the peace.

The continuing protests defied a warning made by Dizdarevic in a hastily scheduled speech on national television Sunday night.

Dizdarevic, who heads the nine-member collective state presidency which acts as supreme commander of the armed forces, appealed Sunday for calm, promised changes in the communist leadership, and urged the government to undertake effective economic measures.

In his speech, Dizdarevic said recent Serbian nationalist rallies and worker protests "are seriously jeopardizing public order."

"There is a real danger that the actions which are imperiling constitutional order could continue and spread," he said. Dizdarevic promised unspecified measures to combat Yugoslavia's economic problems.

He also said the policy-making Central Committee, which is scheduled to meet Oct. 17, will make changes in the country's leadership. But he did not say who might be replaced.

Bendjedid proclaimed a state of emergency Thursday. Friday, the Military Command ordered soldiers to shoot if demonstrators failed to disperse.

At Mustapha Hospital in Algiers, physicians moved patients out of the hospital to make room for the hundreds of injured demonstrators.

"It's terrible. Beirut. Like Beirut."

The same thing," said a French citizen arriving Sunday in Paris on Air Algiers's only scheduled flight of the day. He was interviewed on French television. He was not identified.

Algiers was mostly calm Sunday as army helicopters armed with rockets flew at low altitudes, apparently to discourage the formation of crowds.

PANEL

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Oil prices have plunged to the lowest level in more than two years, while OPEC has been pumping more than 20.5 million barrels daily into an already glutted market.

Non-OPEC nations also have stepped up output, and the International Energy Agency reported last week that non-communist world production reached an 8-year high of 50.6 million barrels a day in the second quarter.

The lower prices have forced domestic producers to abandon exploration and production plans — allowing national crude oil reserves to decline.

Further declines in oil prices will hurt employment. A study by the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank indicates a loss of 0.33 percent in the state's employment for each \$1 per barrel drop in oil prices.

With a September employment base of about 7.7 million and oil closing last week at \$12.88, a decline to \$10 per barrel oil would mean an additional loss of almost 77,000 jobs in Texas, according to the study.

However, Texas may fare better than when oil prices declined in 1985 because many cities have found other sources of revenue, the Dallas Times Herald reported.

In Houston, fabricated metals companies, petrochemicals and health services are thriving. San Antonio, with its River Walk and Sea World, is strengthening the Alamo City's identity in tourism. El Paso, unruffled by recession, chugs along on the "three Ms": maquiladoras — Mexican-based twin plants for U.S. manufacturers — Mexican trade and the nearby military installations.

Weaker energy companies have disappeared and oil companies are substituting investment in petrochemicals and gasoline for exploration and production.

Still, "low oil prices are not good for Texas," said Tom Plaut, senior economist in the state comptroller's office. Oil and gas operations still make up 15 percent of Texas' output of goods and services, down from 18 percent in 1985.

If oil prices drop too long, it could abort Texas' modest recovery. "Unless we get something in (George) Bush's and (Michael) Dukakis' ears that will attract the attention of the average voter and ratepayer, nothing will happen," said

Merle L. Borchelt, chairman and chief executive officer of Central and Southwest Corp. in Dallas.

Energy has been a minor topic on the campaign trail of the two presidential contenders, the Morning News board members said.

"Forty states in the U.S. are helped by lower energy prices. Ten states are hurt by lower energy prices. Any legitimate consensus that you can develop in the United States has to address the needs of those 40 states, because they have the votes," said Stephen P.A. Brown, senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. "The 10 states that are energy-producing states don't have votes. It's that simple."

Most board members agree its unlikely the oil industry will receive any help from the 13 ministers of OPEC who meet Nov. 21.

"If you look at the history of OPEC in managing the market, it's not been very successful," said Dennis O'Brien, chief economist at Caltex Petroleum.

Meanwhile, Texans are getting used to more modest living. Their personal income grew only 2.8 percent in 1987, compared with 6 percent nationwide. They're going through what James Cochrane, chief economist for Texas Commerce Bancshares in Houston, calls an "adjustment of expectations."

GAS

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Natural gas prices may rise to \$2.25-\$2.50 per thousand cubic feet during the upcoming heating season — levels not seen since 1985. But levels won't fall back to lows seen last spring, Perry and others said. Well-head natural gas prices averaged \$1.71 per thousand cubic feet in 1987.

A solution — and a blessing for Texas, which produces almost a third of the nation's gas and holds a third of its gas reserves — would be to enlarge the market for gas by promoting its use in the energy-

strapped Northeast, according to Texas Railroad Commissioner John Sharp.

The current 330 billion cubic feet delivered annually to the Northeast is only a fraction of the 2.8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas consumed each year in Texas.

In 1987, Texas' share of U.S. natural gas production dropped to 27.8 percent — its lowest level since the Texas Railroad Commission has kept statistics. Meanwhile, U.S. consumption of natural gas has fallen by 22 percent from peak usage in 1972.

EXAMINER

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But because Jobe was curious, he took a blood sample of the victim and found the man's blood-alcohol level was one one-hundredth of one percentage point short of the legal intoxication level.

Jobe's curiosity, however, doesn't outweigh the fiscal responsibility he feels toward Midland County coffers, the source of funding for autopsies not requested privately.

"Remember, autopsies are expensive," Jobe said. An autopsy runs the county about \$650, a pathologist here said.

"You don't want to do them (autopsies) unless they're economically feasible," commented Midland County District Attorney Al Schorke.

One Odessa pathologist, firm in his belief the Permian Basin needs a regional medical examiner's office, was the sole public warrior about the ex officio system, not the finances involved.

Dr. Robert Bright, a staff physician at Women's and Children's Hospital who performs autopsies at Medical Center Hospital, maintains the public doesn't understand it is costlier not to have a regional medical examiner than the alternative.

With a regional medical examiner's system, an autopsy would cost about \$1,200, not the \$650 it costs Midland County currently. The difference would be attributable to costs associated with running the office.

"But if you spend \$1,200 on an autopsy and do a couple hundred a year, once every other year, you'll save \$10 million on a lawsuit and catch one or two people that killed a child but masqueraded it and help

successfully prosecute two or three dozen murders," Bright maintains.

In addition, the Odessa pathologist questions the forensic accuracy of justices of the peace. He frets over what he sees as the potential for members of their profession to have an overriding fascination with the "cops and robbers" facet of the job.

"By not having a medical examiner, we're missing the true causes of death in a lot of cases," Bright said.

From 25 to 50 percent of the death certificates in the Permian Basin bear incorrect causes of death, Bright said, adding, "The ruling is based upon observations they (the justices) are really not trained to make."

"In some rural counties where there is a lack of expertise...a poisoning or strangulation...could go undetected...something that a medical examiner might otherwise pick up," Schorke added.

But it is the public health issues — more so than the "cops and robbers" aspect — that truly should mandate the addition of a regional medical examiner, Bright said.

The Odessa pathologist questions deaths which occur in the workplace — all coincidence or are chemicals or other toxins used by industries contaminating employees?

Are one-car traffic fatalities actually suicides, he ponders? If so, then insurance companies are getting cheated, he said. "You can tell by the kinetics of the way bones fracture if they (the driver who dies in a one-car accident) were asleep or if their foot was firmly imbedded on the accelerator," he added.

Is a hospital's staff pathologist going to acknowledge a patient of an associate physician or his hospital

was negligent in rendering treatment, Bright wonders. "It's a situation of the fox guarding the hen house," Bright maintains.

Conversely, "I've autopsied people right here whose death was initially termed a heart attack but found they choked to death on food," Bright says.

"If you've got a nice \$100,000 life insurance policy, perhaps it would have been a double indemnity (twice the payoff) if the correct cause of death (choking) would have been realized, Bright said.

In response to Bright's charges, Midland surgical pathologist David Shneidman would allow that the more medical personnel a community has overseeing it in this community, "the better."

Shneidman performs most of the autopsies in Midland and claims private autopsies requested by a dead person's family are performed on about five percent of the population that dies in a hospital.

Autopsies are a hospital's "ultimate quality control" mechanism, he said.

He estimates that some 10 percent of the time, autopsies glean "major unexpected findings" about the true cause of death in a person who's recently been released from the hospital.

Shneidman says those autopsies usually uncover the fact a person died from a secondary illness, not from a disease or illness that landed him the hospital admission. In those cases, however, the autopsy might not have been called if the family didn't request it.

According to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, an inquest (preliminary investigation) must be per-

formed for one of seven reasons:

■ A person dies within 24 hours of admission into a hospital, institution or jail;

■ A person is killed, dies an unnatural death or in the absence of witnesses;

■ A body is found and the circumstances of the death are unknown;

■ A death appears suspicious;

■ A person commits suicide or there is suspicion of suicide;

■ A person dies without an attending physician and the health official can't determine a cause of death;

■ A person dies in the presence of an attending physician but neither he nor the health official can determine a cause of death.

An autopsy is not performed, however, unless the medical examiner (or ex officio medical examiner here) believes it "necessary," according to the code.

Midland Police Det. B.G. Johnson adamantly disagreed with Bright's theory that homicides or other conspicuous deaths are innocently glossed over because of a lack of forensic acumen on the part of the justices, a lack of financial commitment from the county or a lack of a regional medical examiner.

"If there's any evidence that something may be wrong, there is an autopsy done," Johnson said. "The only time we don't do one is when we can find there is a history of illness."

"The justices of the peace make the final decision. They usually talk to the investigators and ask if we want one (an autopsy)," Johnson added.

The police veteran added the disparity in autopsy numbers between the two justices could probably be attributed to the "luck of the draw."

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'Red' Chinese staying in America for the 'green'

By JOHN POMFRET

NEW YORK (AP) — In the tumultuous days of China's cultural revolution, Grace King was exiled to the provinces to work on a farm. Today, her income is in the "six figures" and she owns an apartment on Manhattan's fashionable East Side.

Not surprisingly, she has no plans to return to her homeland.

"Going back would close off all our possibilities," Ms. King said. "It would be too much of a sacrifice."

Still, Ms. King remains a citizen of China, one of a growing number of Chinese who have chosen to seek their fortunes in American businesses and at American universities.

Sons and daughters of high-ranking Communist Party members, and even party members themselves, the Chinese came as students, part of Deng Xiaoping's program of modernization.

Some are taking jobs to round out their American education, gaining practical experience that will better enable them to contribute to China's development once they return home. Others have become enamored of the United States and have decided to settle here.

The largest group of all, however, don't know where they will end up, torn as they are between apprecia-

tion of American freedom and ties to their homeland.

Ms. King, 32, arrived in America nine years ago from Beijing. After graduating from Columbia University with a master's degree in business administration in 1984, she took a job with Merrill Lynch as an investment banker.

Ms. King, the daughter of two high-ranking Communist Party members, saw her family ripped apart by the ultra-leftist Cultural Revolution of 1966-1976. Her well-educated parents were purged from the party, lost their jobs and were kicked from their apartment.

As part of Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung's program that forced intellectuals to do physical labor, Ms. King herself was sent to the countryside to farm. During those years, she spent much of her spare time in political meetings, hearing harangues against the capitalism and imperialism of China's then-enemy No. 1, the United States.

But then came a rapprochement between the United States and China, and educational opportunities in America. Ms. King jumped at her chance.

"I'm really happy that I came," she said in a recent interview. "It gave me a chance to see a different world."

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Like many of her countrymen who've decided to stay, Ms. King says she's here for her career.

"In China, advancement still doesn't depend so much on talent and results," she said. "There are other things, like your attitude, and your political ideology. I can't tolerate that."

Leo Orleans, a China scholar at the Library of Congress who is writing a book on Chinese students in the United States, estimates that at least 22,000 of the 62,000 who have come here as students since 1979 have decided to stay.

That fact, he believes, prompted Beijing to consider slashing drastically the number of Chinese students allowed in the United States. Official Chinese documents seen in New York in March indicated that China has debated cutting the number from around 18,000 in 1987 to 600. But those plans, it appears, have not been put into place.

Jerome Cohen, an expert on the Chinese legal system and modernization drive, sees the mainland Chinese generation in America as crucial to the country's modernization — regardless of whether they return.

"These people will help their country no matter where they are," he said. "It's difficult for a Westerner to understand the depths of their patriotism."

In addition, he said, "it's vital that the Chinese have people who know the practice as well as the theory" — and that is not only true in business.

Hu Qing, a 27-year-old postdoctoral fellow in physics at the University of California, Berkeley, says the kind of experience he's getting would be unattainable in China.

"Experimental physics requires a lot of equipment and supplies, and China just doesn't have the resources," said Hu. "Certainly if I go back I will disappear from the world

of academia."

Ms. King and Hu say that even if they did return, China, a poor country with 1 billion people, wouldn't be able to use their skills.

Liu Ting's father, former Chinese Premier Liu Shaoqi, was the main target of the Cultural Revolution and died imprisoned and alone in a hospital in western China in 1969.

Ms. Liu, 36, came to this country

eight years ago and in 1984 became the first woman since Communist China was founded in 1949 to graduate from Harvard Business School.

"The Chinese leaders say they want us to give our lives to help the country grow," said Ms. Liu, 36, who works for Rockefeller Associates. "But haven't we given enough? I can see compromising to help one's country, but never sacrifice."

Shanghai tries to clean its foulest waterway

By JIM ABRAMS

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Suzhou is the name of a nearby city of gardens known for its beauty; it also is the name of a creek in Shanghai known for its ugliness.

Suzhou Creek, whose waters once abounded in clams and crabs and were prized by ancient winemakers, today is Shanghai's most glaring symbol of a pollution problem that endangers the health of its 12 million citizens.

Officials fear the creek's pollution and stench also could scare off foreigners willing to invest in the rebirth of Shanghai as a leading center of industry and commerce.

But the government has begun to act.

Construction began in August of a \$432-million pipeline project to divert the raw sewage now discharged into Suzhou Creek and flowing into the Huangpu River, Shanghai's main waterway.

Qiu Xinyan, chief engineer of the Pollution Control Division in the city's Environmental Protection Bureau, said the system will transport the garbage into the Yangtze River Estuary north of China's largest city.

"I was a little worried at first about shifting pollution from the Suzhou to the Yangtze," Qiu said in an interview, but stressed that the sewage will be treated and won't affect water quality in the Yangtze.

Shanghai last year completed a \$162-million project to move treatment stations for the city's drinking water into less contaminated waters further up the Huangpu River.

Raw garbage still flows into water used for drinking and more money must be spent in the future to move water stations upstream. But there has been an improvement over the recent past, when every glass of drinking water was one-third chlorinated sewage.

During the Song Dynasty (960-1279), winemakers used water from the Suzhou, then called the Wusong, for high-quality wine. But by the 1920s, with Shanghai fast rising as the commercial and industrial center of China, the river was already badly polluted, its fish and crabs dying off.

Today the 77-mile river snakes through industrial, working-class neighborhoods of Shanghai, finally dumping the refuse of textile and chemical factories into the Huangpu along the city's famed waterfront Bund.

In contrast to the deathlike dun of its surface, the Suzhou churns with activity. Hundreds of flatboats ply the waters, loading clothing and shoes, some bound for overseas markets, and unloading televisions and other consumer goods.

The fumes from old trucks compete with the odors wafting from the river. Suzhou Creek is only the most pungent example of Shanghai's water pollution problems, regarded as the worst in China.

Zhang Mingyao of the city Environmental Protection Research Institute said Shanghai's 10,000 factories every day dump 5 million tons of largely untreated sewage into branches of the Huangpu.

City environmentalists even keep tabs of the "stink factor" on the Huangpu, and last year the river registered 150 foul-smelling days.

More seriously, scientists believe Shanghai's high rates of stomach, liver and esophageal cancer are linked to poor water quality. In the first half of this year 30 people died and 300,000 were sickened from a major outbreak of hepatitis in the city caused by contaminated clams.

The experts acknowledge that the pollution problem in Shanghai became worse after the Communist takeover in 1949 and has become even more serious with China's economic takeoff in the 1980s.

The State Environmental Protection Bureau has estimated that more than 29,000 miles of China's waterways have been contaminated by industrial pollution. Although environmental protection laws have been enacted, the state lacks both the money for pollution controls and the will to slow the pace of the nation's modernization drive.

Estimates are that Shanghai, already reeling from the costs of rebuilding its antiquated industries and woefully inadequate infrastructure, will need \$4 billion by the turn of the century to reach national standards on water and air pollution.

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The city now fines factories that exceed limits on the density of the garbage they discharge, although it does not regulate the amount of sewage released. It will also charge fees for use of the new Suzhou pipeline and others planned to be built by the year 2000, the Pollution Control Division's Qiu said.

Qiu added the new pipeline will handle only 40 percent of the sewage now discharged into the Suzhou.

But he said the city plans to eliminate the smell by the year 2000 and hopes that one day fish will return to the Suzhou.

The project is important to Shanghai, he said, because foreigners who see and smell Suzhou Creek may be reluctant to invest in the city's development.

Cleaning up the creek, he said, "will be helpful for the image of Shanghai."



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Dr. Dale Lonsford and his African gray parrot, Sylva, show off at the Association of Avian Veterinarians meeting held in Houston last week. Sylva

won her master's heart by learning to say "Gig 'em Aggies" because Lonsford is a graduate of Texas A&M University.

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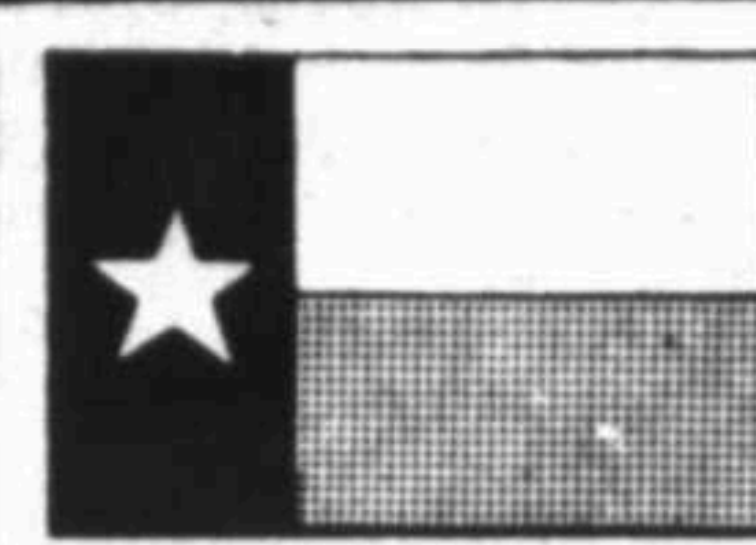
Greenhouse effect could be disastrous to Gulf Coast

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Gulf coast could suffer significant flooding and disastrous hurricane strikes if the greenhouse effect causes global warming and a rise in sea level, experts say.

The Texas coast is particularly vulnerable to rising seas for a number of reasons, largely related to its flatness and location in the path that hurricanes take, said Stephen Leatherman, director of the University of Maryland's Laboratory for Coastal Research and chairman of the Climate Institute.

"Essentially, the Texas coast is one of the most vulnerable," said Leatherman, a coastal geologist and a leading authority on sea level rise. "The only other coast more vulnerable is Louisiana, because of its land subsidence problems."

Warmer ocean waters resulting from higher air temperatures are likely to produce hurricanes that are stronger and more numerous, Leatherman said. "On top of that, as the sea heats up, the area where tropical storms originate will move northward and closer to Texas," he said. The greenhouse effect is the term used to describe the warming of the Earth's atmosphere by the accumu-



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lation of carbon dioxide and other air pollutants.

One widely expected impact is rising seas, as water expands and melting occurs in polar regions. However, scientists say specific coastal changes from rising seas hinge on many variables, such as the amount of greenhouse gases that man continues to pump into the atmosphere.

Leatherman says some sea level rise is inevitable because of the lag between past and present emissions of those pollutants and the greenhouse warming they will produce. "The direction is set, although we don't know how far the sea will rise," he said. "The point is, it's going to go up. If there's anything hot-wired to temperature increase, it's sea level."

Leatherman's study covered the northern third of Galveston Island,

the top of Bolivar Peninsula and a mainland area encompassing Texas City, La Marque and San Leon. Projected consequences of higher seas included:

— With a sea level rise of 7.8 feet by 2075, flooding now associated with a 100-year storm would occur at 10-year frequency with catastrophic damage.

— By 2075, a rise of three feet would place 94 percent of the study area in the 100-year floodplain, and a 7.8-foot rise would increase that to almost 98 percent. About 60 percent of the area is now considered susceptible to a 100-year flood.

— The 15-year floodplain, which now covers a fourth of the area, would grow to a third of the area with a three-foot rise in sea level. Half the area, including as much as four-fifths of Galveston.

Dukakis campaign sees momentum shift; Bush says boasting untrue

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Democratic officials spent the past several weeks watching in dismay as GOP presidential nominee George Bush pounded Michael Dukakis on gun control, crime and the Pledge of Allegiance. But now, reveling in vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen's debate performance and citing a backlash against Bush's campaign,

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Democrats say the Lone Star state once again is up for grabs.

But the Bush camp says that boast is wishful thinking born out of desperation. Republicans say the Dukakis-Bentsen ticket is running

aground in Texas, forcing a major decision on the Democrats: whether to go full bore in Texas or scale back and concentrate on California.

"They're making decisions about taking some of the money that they were going to spend in Texas and putting it in other states," Bush campaign spokesman Mark Sanders said late last week.

Democratic national party chairman Paul Kirk even concedes that Dukakis' state campaign suffered a "rope-a-dope" phase and was too timid in combating Bush's charges. But other Democrats say they have no intention of reducing efforts in Texas.

"That's the kind of rumor that comes from Republican campaign

managers who must have been snorting something (Panama strongman Manuel) Noriega sent them," said Ed Martin, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party.

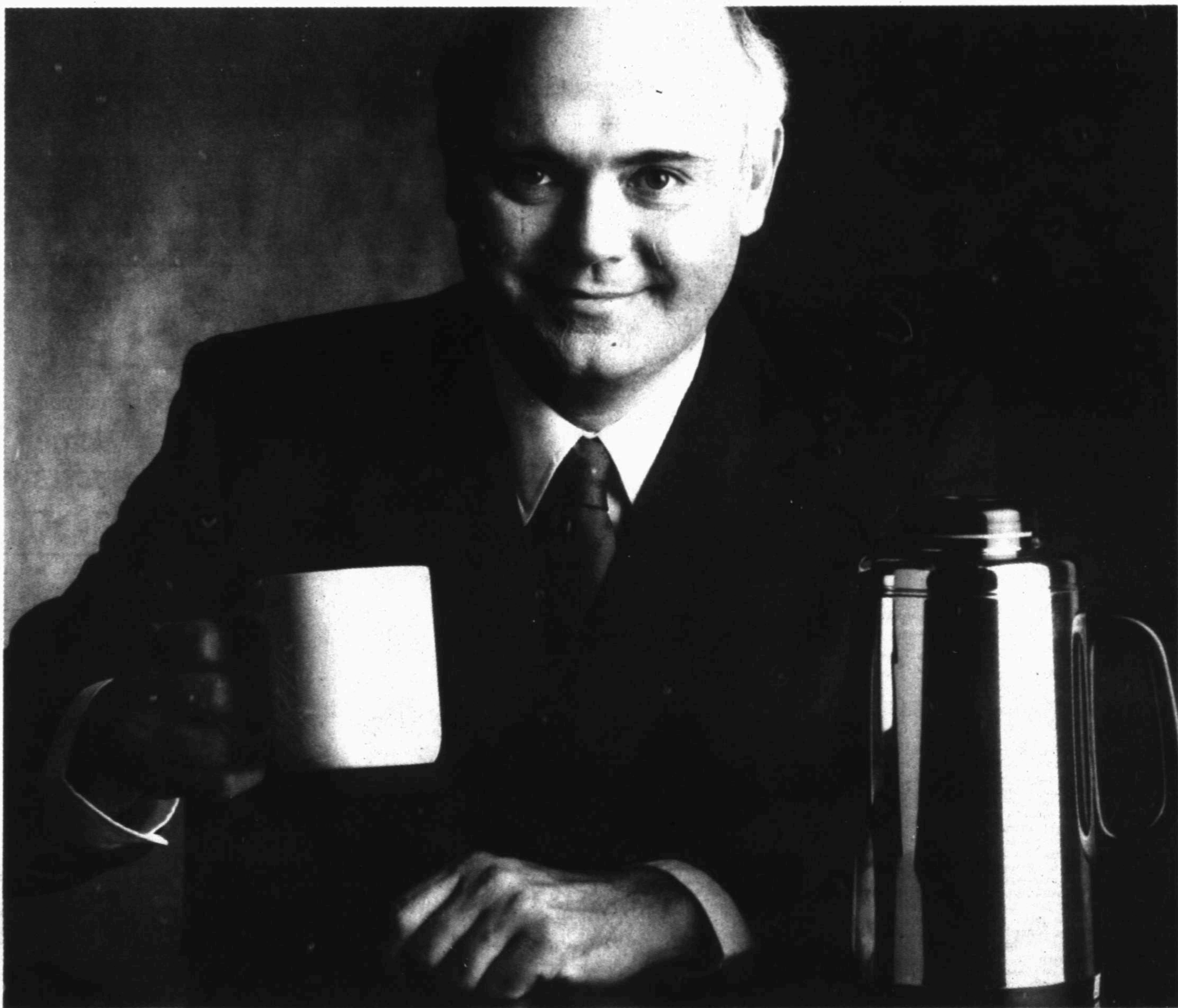
Dukakis campaigned in the state Thursday while Texans were blitzed with new campaign commercials rebutting a GOP attack on his crime stance. Bush says Dukakis is soft on

crime, citing a Massachusetts prison furlough program that initially made first-degree murderers eligible for weekend passes.

The new Dukakis ads reverse the attack.

The new ads also criticize Texas Republican Gov. Bill Clements for trying to ease prison crowding by releasing dangerous inmates early.

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Students buy idea that tuition, quality linked

NEW YORK (AP) — A poll has found that the "Chivas Regal Syndrome," the belief that high tuition means superior education, is widespread among young people, but that nearly half said tuition costs block many from college.

A survey of student attitudes marking National Higher Education Week, which began Sunday, found 38 percent agreed that "the higher the tuition costs of a college, the better the quality of education a student will receive."

Among pre-college-age students, the figures were higher: 53 percent of 13-15 year-olds felt that way; 41 percent of 16 and 17-year-olds surveyed agreed. But among current college students and recent graduates, 27 percent agreed.

College officials have lately dubbed that belief the "Chivas Regal Syndrome," after the premium Scotch whisky, as an explanation for why Ivy League and other expensive colleges continue to attract so many applicants. Students and parents seem ready to pay almost any price for what they believe is a quality education.

The poll was commissioned by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and conducted Aug. 24 to Sept. 7 by the Gallup Organization. It was based on telephone interviews of persons ages 13-21 and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 points.

Asked what they thought was the major reason more students do not go to college, 48 percent said they thought the reason was that college is too expensive and they can't afford it.

Fifty-nine percent of high school juniors and seniors polled said they or someone in their families had saved for college education. The rest said they hadn't or didn't know.

Asked what they'd do if they couldn't afford the college they wanted, 37 percent said they'd try to get loans, 32 percent would look for part-time jobs, 14 percent said they would select another college, and 2 percent said they would not attend college. The rest weren't sure.

Other findings: — 54 percent of America's high school juniors and seniors said they expect to graduate from college; 8 percent plan to graduate from high school but go no further. The remainder said they plan to attend vocational or trade school, or go to college but not long enough to graduate.

— 67 percent said that in selecting a college, availability of particular courses and curriculum was "extremely important"; 44 percent cited the school's academic reputation, 45 percent cited college expenses were a crucial factor.

Only 20 percent cited social life or athletic reputation as "extremely important."

Low-key battles rage over anti-abortion bills

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — While anti-abortion activists assaulted clinics during last week's "siege of Atlanta," a lower-key though no less intense battle raged in Michigan over a ballot measure aimed at outlawing tax-financed abortions for the poor.

The referendum in Michigan, one of three states with abortion-related questions on November's ballot, is being closely watched because so much money is being spent — more than \$3 million budgeted by both sides.

Abortion foes here have passed out Lifesavers candies in hopes of mobilizing the like-minded without offending anyone else.

The pro-choice side is considered the underdog, out-financed and out-organized by the anti-abortion forces.

"Michigan is certainly the bellwether state — there's no question about it," said Dr. John Willke, president of National Right to Life. "But I'm not going to predict any of this. I don't know who's going to win."

In Arkansas, where officials say no state funds are used to pay for abortions, voters nonetheless are being asked to enshrine the no-abortion spending policy in the state Constitution and to declare "the policy of the state of Arkansas is to protect the life of every unborn child from conception until birth."

Jerry Cox, executive director of the Unborn Child Amendment Committee, said a victory at the polls would put Arkansas in position to outlaw all abortions if the U.S. Supreme Court ever modifies Roe vs. Wade, the landmark 1973 decision legalizing abortion.

In Colorado, pro-choice forces are trying to repeal a constitutional amendment similar to Arkansas'. Since 1984, Medicaid abortion spending has been prohibited except in

extreme situations.

Campaign officials estimate total spending on the ballot question could reach \$1 million.

"The current prohibition against public funding is extreme, it's unfair and it's expensive," said Ed Zorensky of Colorado Taxpayers for Choice. According to the state Office of Budget and Planning, it would cost four times as much in welfare costs to force unwilling women to bear unwanted children and support them on welfare than to provide public funding for abortion.

Pro-choice activists there believe they lost the 1984 campaign because the ballot wording confused voters.

"Colorado is a very strong pro-choice state. If we get the message out I think we'll win," Zorensky said. The campaign is hottest in Michigan, where attention has centered on the impact of the Committee to End Tax-Funded Abortions' "not with my money you don't" advertisements.

"I worry about the tremendous amount of resources the other side is putting into misleading media," said Debra Ness, who tracks the state ballot campaigns for the National Abortion Rights Action League. "Unless we have the resources to counter those messages it's not a fair test of the question of choice."

The message from the Committee to End Tax-Funded Abortions deliberately is not about choice.

Its commercials, put together by the agency handling George Bush's presidential campaign advertising, feature well-dressed people talking in a nice restaurant about how they're going to vote.

The ads make a distinction between the issue of abortion and the issue on the ballot.

"The way that it's framed is very, very clever," Ness said. "Money buys sophistication."

Ex-official's indictment unwraps sex scandal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A former top city official's indictment for allegedly patronizing a bordello with girls as young as age 14 pulled the covers from liaisons between wealthy, powerful men and young, drug-taking runaways.

Roger Boas, a 67-year-old car dealer prominent in local politics for nearly 30 years, was one of 14 people indicted a week ago today.

He is accused of visiting the bordello during a 2½-year period that included part of his decade-long tenure as the city's chief administrative officer and his unsuccessful mayoral campaign.

The bordello, in a nondescript, two-story building in a mixed residential-commercial neighborhood, housed part of a prostitution ring that served customers in three states, and earned \$20,000 a week, authorities said.

The grand jury indictment, issued after a 16-month investigation, contains 86 criminal counts against defendants including a city police officer and a locally prominent jeweler. Eight of those charged were alleged patrons of the flourishing sex-for-pay operation. The others were charged with various counts of pimping and pandering.

Authorities reportedly learned of the ring in May 1987 through an anonymous tip. When authorities failed to follow up, the tipster tried again two months later, accusing police of failing to investigate because officers were among the patrons.

Vice officers put the building under surveillance in September. Five months later, the operation was shut down.

Although up to eight officers were under investigation by the prosecutor's office, police officials have consistently denied allegations that policemen were protecting the operation.

A grand jury began hearing evidence in the case in June, including testimony from several girls who worked at the bordello, said John Carbone Jr., assistant district attorney in charge of special prosecutions. Some defense attorneys complain their clients are being victimized by an investigation targeted to get Boas.

District Attorney Arlo Smith denied that.

"I don't care who's involved," said Smith. "If we don't prosecute the case, I think it would be a scandal for the city... Just because you've been a prominent candidate doesn't give you immunity from your own behavior."

Boas, who has been married 30 years, has four children and won the Silver and Bronze stars in World War II, has been identified by five underage prostitutes as the regular client they knew as "George," authorities said. He faces 19 counts of unlawful sex with a minor stemming from visits between November 1985 and last May.

Boas, released on \$5,000 bail last week after surrendering, said he would address the charges "in the proper manner."



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Don't buckle to terrorists' ploy

Some people in the Mideast who still think they can practice foreign policy with terrorism recently freed a single hostage in Lebanon, in the hope of gaining some sort of leverage. It is hard to tell just what nation — Iran or Syria? — engineered this ploy. It is certain that the leverage desired would be over the United States, if this nation were inclined to respond with any reciprocal favor.

But the answer to the hostage-holders should be nothing doing, try again. This should be the United States' reply both in public and in any secret communications to the Islamic extremist kidnappers, who still hold nine Americans in Lebanon. There should be no talk, indeed no thought, of any sort of deal by this country for the freeing of any hostage.

All of us surely are glad for the release of Mithileshwar Singh by the terror group that had held him for 20 months, the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine. At age 60, Singh, who has resident alien status in the United States, has diabetes and hypertension and it's good that he is relieved of the stresses of imprisonment. We must hope that others will follow him to freedom shortly.

But obviously his release, welcome as it was, amounted to his use in a game of tension and temptation that his captors were playing with the United States. They should know better, after

the Reagan administration's embarrassment over its attempt to trade arms to Iran for hostages, than to think that Washington will swap anything for a prisoner. Once burned, as in that ill-conceived caper, this nation is presumed to embrace the correct notion that to give the slightest ransom merely whets the appetites of terrorists, prompting them to take more hostages in the hope of prying out more concessions.

Release all the others and then we will decide whether to listen to what you have to say. That should be the message from Washington to these and the other kidnapper groups in Lebanon, who hold 17 foreign hostages in all. These groups are influenced by Iran, which wants various favors from the West, and also, to some extent, by Syria, which perhaps wishes to have Washington look the other way while it refashions what is left of Lebanon to its own benefit. Those kidnappers are ensconced within the Syrian army's ring of control in Lebanon. Damascus' ability to wring a few favors from them, while leaving no tracks, has not been established with certainty, but is suspected by some observers.

In any event, Washington should be careful not to arouse any hope in the Damascus government that it might elicit any gains by helping with hostage retrieval. The way to make kidnapping wither is to sit tight and pay nothing, difficult as that may be.

Another View:

No time to waver

The recent release by pro-Iranian extremists in Lebanon of Mithileshwar Singh, an Indian citizen with permanent-resident status in the United States, suggests that Tehran may be ready to free other captives.

If that is the case, it may be because the Reagan administration has discreetly held out the possibility of resuming normal relations with Iran once the hostage issue is resolved.

Iran may now recognize that the hostages are a major impediment to improved relations with the West, particularly the United States. Better ties with Washington are essential to Tehran's effort to recover from its eight-year war with Iraq. Without expanded trade and access to American technology, Iran will find it exceedingly difficult to rebuild its crippled oil industry and other elements of its tattered economy.

Tehran also may have concluded that it is far better to deal now with Ronald Reagan than to await the arrival of the next administration. Both George Bush and Michael Dukakis have adopted hard-line positions flatly ruling out concessions to hostage takers. The president, on the other hand, has maintained a degree of ambiguity, perhaps out of a fervent desire to win the hostages' release before he leaves office.

At this point, however, there is little reason to believe Mr.

Singh's freedom was purchased in a secret deal between Washington and Tehran. On the contrary, his release is better explained by the Reagan administration's public refusal to bargain with his captors.

It is possible that Beirut's Islamic militants granted Mr. Singh's freedom as a tease to lure the Americans into paying a price for the release of other hostages.

Only last July, the speaker of Iran's parliament, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, hinted that Tehran would help arrange release of the American captives in Lebanon if the Reagan administration would free Iranian claims frozen in this country. He was referring to \$10.8 billion in U.S.-manufactured military equipment paid for by Iran but never delivered because of the 1979 seizure of the American embassy and 52 diplomatic personnel.

For political as well as policy reasons, the Reagan administration must avoid even the appearance of a quid pro quo involving the hostages. Any such dealings would not only harm Mr. Bush's presidential prospects but also undermine the strong anti-terrorist stance which the United States has fostered in the wake of the Iran-Contra affair.

But, for now at least, Mr. Reagan's studied ambiguity appears to have produced results.

— The San Diego Union

JACK ANDERSON

Former Dukakis allies feel betrayed

BOSTON — Gov. Michael Dukakis has styled himself as a man of integrity, full of political courage and a committed environmentalist. But there are



Jack Anderson

three prominent men in Massachusetts, all former Dukakis boosters, who say he is none of the above.

The men are former Boston Celtics star Dave Cowens, journalist Harvey Robbins and college professor Robert L. Keighton. Together they spearheaded a seven-year battle to save a historic farm in Massachusetts, with Dukakis cheering them along the way.

But the trio told us they saw the real Dukakis reveal himself as a man who abused their friendship, betrayed their cause and broke every promise he made to them.

At issue was the scenic and historic 55-acre Prowse Farm at the foot of the Great Blue Hill near Boston. It was from the Doty Tavern on this spot that Paul Revere took the famed Suffolk Resolves to the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia. The Resolves were the inspiration for the Declaration of Independence.

Martha Peabody Prowse acquired

the farm as a wedding gift in the 1920s but left no provision for its preservation when she died in 1975. Cowens, Robbins and Keighton formed Friends of the Prowse Farm in 1976 and began working to block any development.

In 1977, Codex Corp., a subsidiary of Motorola, bought the farm and announced plans to build its world headquarters there. The state lost the first round of a court battle to take the farm by eminent domain.

Dukakis suffered a humiliating defeat to Democrat Ed King in his bid for a second term as governor in 1978. When he ran again four years later, Dukakis asked the Friends of Prowse Farm for help. In return he pledged to preserve the farm.

Cowens, a legend in Boston, appeared in Dukakis television ads. Prowse Farm activists put in hundreds of hours electioneering. Meanwhile, they were spending tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees to keep Codex from developing the property until Dukakis could get in office and save the farm.

Robbins began to smell a rat when Dukakis called him in late August 1980 asking him not to mail letters saying he supported Prowse Farm preservation. "I thought we were going to try to keep the controversy out of the public domain," Dukakis said. He added that Gov. King would only use it to prove that Dukakis was against growth and business.

"I don't want to start an uproar on this baby," Robbins recalls Dukakis saying. "There's no reason in the world why you can't make it clear to

all the folks you've been working with that they've got a friend in Dukakis, but I don't want any letters out there."

Dukakis won the election, and the Friends asked him to make good on his pledge. But now he asked the Friends, at their own expense, to do the state's work — find the legal authority for the state to take the farm through a civil suit.

A year went by, the Friends were broke and getting nowhere and Codex started building a steel structure on the farm. It was time for Cowens to buttonhole Dukakis. He met with the governor in his office and said Dukakis told him, "I promise I'll take the farm if I have the authority — steel or no steel."

Cowens says today, "I'll tell you one thing, Mike Dukakis wasn't the man I thought he was when I endorsed him for governor. He was either incompetent, cold and calculating, deceptive or a coward. It looks more and more like a combination of them all."

When the Supreme Court of Massachusetts sided with the Friends in 1984 and declared the state had the right to take Prowse Farm by eminent domain, Dukakis had to get off the fence. He told the Friends he would have to think about it. This was the first major indication in seven years that Dukakis might back down to business interests. Dukakis never ordered the state to take the farm, and Codex built its headquarters.

Cowens, Robbins and Keighton weren't finished. They wrote a 110-

page volume on their perspective of the man who would be president. It is called "Betrayal: Michael Dukakis and the Battle to Save Prowse Farm." The slim volume was never widely circulated.

HAITIAN CONNECTION — The drug running Medellin Cartel of Colombia may be stirring some of the chaos in Haiti, according to State Department sources. The cartel reportedly sought to overthrow top military leader Gen. Henri Namphy and replace him with Col. Jean-Claude Paul. Then a cabal of non-commissioned officers headed off the cartel and ousted the weakening Namphy. The cartel reportedly has provided Paul with a multi-million-dollar slush fund that he is using to buy support.

MINI-EDITORIAL — Well-intentioned police in Oregon broke down the door of a Portland woman's home expecting to find a methamphetamine lab. Instead, they found cat urine, which smells like a methamphetamine lab. Cat urine is unpleasant, but not illegal. So there were apologies all around. There is no truth to the rumor that the Portland police are negotiating a contract to do kitty litter commercials.

Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta are columnists for United Feature Syndicate.

WHOM TO WRITE

Following is a list of the names and addresses of various state and federal officials Midlanders may wish to contact from time-to-time:

PRESIDENT: Ronald Reagan (R), The President, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

SENATORS: Lloyd Bentsen (D) and Phil Gramm (R), Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

REPRESENTATIVE: Lamar Smith (R), District 21, 509 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; or 201 W. Wall, Suite 104, Midland, Texas 79701.

GOVERNOR: Bill Clements (R), State Capitol Building, Austin, Texas 78701.

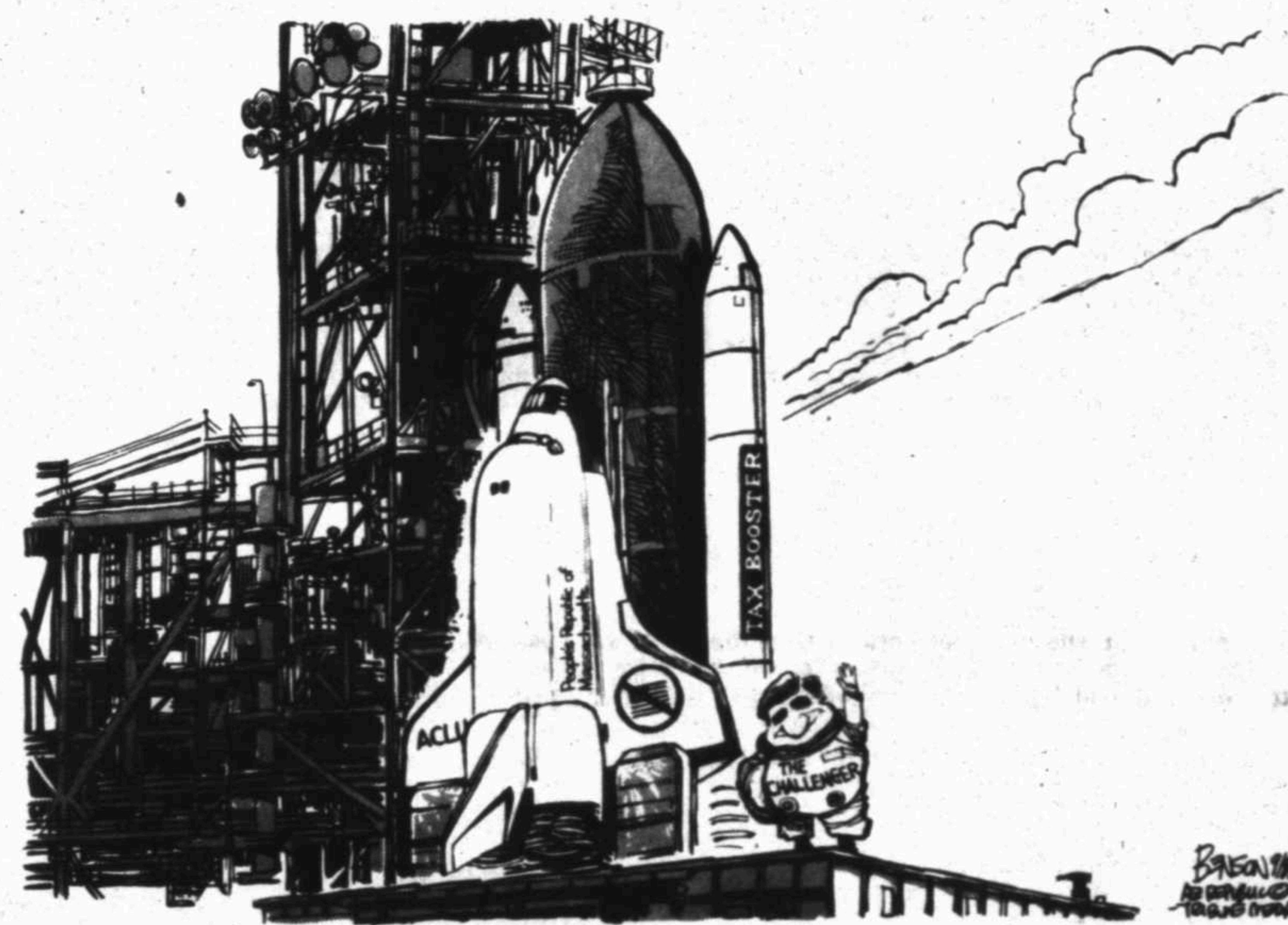
STATE SENATOR: Bill Sims (D), District 25, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Also P.O. Box 2290, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

BIBLE VERSE

Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Jas. 5:8

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. I John 5:3

But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life. Rom. 6:22



CHARLEY REESE

Women and military service don't mix well

I will say what military officers cannot say without having their careers destroyed by spineless civilian politicians, catering to the current fad of feminism. There



Charley Reese

are too many women in the armed forces, and too many of them are pregnant.

According to an article in a recent issue of "Amphibious Warfare Review," about 10 percent of the U.S. Armed Forces are women. The article, written by Rebecca Patterson Kmet, herself a former naval officer, further states:

"Supplementing the volunteer forces with a male draft, if necessary, is preferable to staffing the armed forces with 220,000 women, 7 to 10 percent of whom are pregnant at any given time. Over the course of

a year, up to 17 percent are pregnant. Among Navy women assigned to ships, the pregnancy rate soars an additional 11 percent."

Women are not suitable for combat.

Those nations that have the most experience, the Soviet Union and Israel, do not use women in combat positions and have nowhere near as high a percentage of women in their own forces. Historically, the role of women in the service has been to free men for combat.

When women become pregnant, somebody else has to do their work for them, further weakening the services. At one time, women who became pregnant were discharged, but feminists and their cowardly-civilian cohorts in Washington put a stop to that.

In the Navy alone, 10 percent of the females are classified as having dependents with no spouse.

While technically Congress has so far resisted the feminists by forbidding women in combat roles, they are so jammed into close-support positions that their involvement in combat will be inevitable. Combat is stressful enough without mixing the

sexes.

Furthermore, the single biggest deterrent to retention in the service is spouse discontent, and mixing sexes definitely increases this problem as it attempts to retain male officers and enlisted personnel. Military life is hard enough on the family without adding this stress.

What we have done, of course, is allow feminist ideology to override common sense. In the name of equality, we admit women to the service academies but of course have to set up different standards for them because most cannot meet the standards set for males.

The armed forces have only one purpose. That is to fight. If they are not fighting, they are training to fight. They are not a social service organization. They are not vocational schools. Day and night, the services work toward that point in the future when they will do what they exist to do, which is to destroy property and kill people.

Women are not suited by nature to that environment. Less than 1 percent of women veterans complete a 20-year career. Even Margaret Mead, the anthropologist, noted that "war-

ring is a male occupation." There is a certain level of aggressiveness, even brutality, necessary to maintain an effective fighting force that is at odds with a woman's nature. Foul language or crude talk about sex is not a substitute for this aggressiveness; that's only a female version of macho hot air.

There's something strange when noting obvious differences in upper body strength, psychology and hormonal makeup is viewed as sexist. That's as stupid as saying that a bird is inferior to an elephant because it doesn't have a trunk. Every living creature is suited by its nature to some things and unsuited for others. These differences have nothing to do with inferior or superior judgments.

Congress should limit women in the armed forces to no more than 2 percent and it should require those women who become pregnant to be honorably discharged. The armed forces have enough to do with too few resources as it is to be saddled with the task of baby-sitting.

Charley Reese is a columnist for King Features Syndicate.

LEWIS GRIZZARD

It's time to play 'in yo' face, Ivan' again!

The fact that our men's Olympic basketball team was beaten by the Communies from the Soviet Union should be unsettling to all of us who consider ourselves flag-waving, allegiance-pledging Americans.



Grizzard

Did you see the unfairness in that game? Our team was made up of young student athletes from places like Kansas and Georgia, and we sent them up against a team of grown men from the Soviet Union, a few of whom were of such

size Big Foot couldn't have guarded them.

Basketball is our game, remember? It was invented in the United States when a guy named Naismith nailed a peach basket to a gymnast's balcony and suggested people attempt to throw a ball into it from the floor below.

At first, people scoffed at Naismith's new game because of the time factor involved. It took hours to complete a game because each time someone scored a basket, they had to call Arnold, the custodian, to go get the ladder to climb up and get the ball out of the basket so the game could continue.

"Hey, Naismith," people scoffed, "basketball is the stupidest game I've ever seen."

But after months of attempting to refine the game, Naismith figured out just what basketball needed.

"It needs a hole in the bottom of the basket!" he exclaimed to Arnold, who was probably more excited than anybody else since he no longer would have to get the ladder and retrieve the ball out of the basket each time somebody scored.

Soon after the hole was introduced, basketball became quite a popular sport.

Gradually, it even caught on in other parts of the world and became an Olympic sport even more popular than archery and synchronized swimming.

Still, the United States dominated Olympic basketball because, while the rest of the world was trying to figure out how to inflate one, we were already into such advances as fast breaks, full-court presses, and short skirts on cheerleaders.

But the rest of the world — or the Soviets, at least — finally caught up

and passed us in the Olympic game with the thrashing they put upon the young Americans the other evening.

So, how do we get back in charge of Olympic basketball?

Seal the hole in the basket again? No. Instead of sending boys to play Olympic hoops we need to send men. We don't send amateurs, we send our professionals. We send Magic and Isiah, and Dominique and Patrick and we do a few in-yo-face dunkeroos, and we get Larry Bird to can a few from midcourt and it's light-up-a-cigar time again for American basketball.

If we don't do something by the next time the Olympics roll around, the Soviets might be beating us at another Olympic sport we have dominated — stealing cement statues from hotel bars.

Lewis Grizzard is a columnist for Cowles Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Oct. 10, the 284th day of 1988. There are 82 days left in the year. This is Columbus Day in the United States and Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

Today's highlight in history:

On Oct. 10, 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion and resigned his office.

On this date:

In 1813, composer Giuseppe Verdi was born in Le Roncole, Italy.

In 1945, the U.S. Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Md.

In 1886, the tuxedo dinner jacket made its American debut at the autumn ball in Tuxedo Park, N.Y.

In 1911, revolutionaries under Sun Yat-sen overthrew China's Manchu dynasty.

In 1913, the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans commingled in the Panama Canal after U.S. engi-

neers blew up the Gamboa Dam.

In 1935, the American opera "Porgy and Bess," with music by George Gershwin and libretto by DuBose Heyward and Ira Gershwin, opened on Broadway.

In 1938, Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower apologized to the finance minister of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah, after the official was refused service in a Dover, Del., restaurant.

In 1964, the 18th Summer Olympic Games opened in Tokyo.

Five years ago: The Israeli Knesset voted 80-to-53 to endorse Yitzhak Shamir as prime minister, succeeding Menachem Begin. A funeral mass was held in New York for Cardinal Terence Cooke, who died Oct. 6 at age 62.

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Western citizens more likely to be crime victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — People living in the West were the most likely to have been crime victims last year while residents of the Northeast were the least likely to have been victimized, the government says.

Nationally, crime levels in the United States rose 1.8 percent in 1987, ending a five-year decline, the Bureau of Justice Statistics reported Sunday.

The number of criminal victimizations rose some 613,000 in 1987 to more than 34.7 million, with increases compared to 1986 in the amount of both personal and household crime.

Even with the increase over 1986, there were 16 percent fewer crimes last year than in 1981, the peak year for crime with 41.5 million criminal victimizations, said Joseph Bessette, the bureau's acting director.

In 1986, the number of crimes hit the lowest level in the 15-year history of the government's national crime survey, 34.1 million.

Last year, the number of personal crimes rose nearly 250,000 or 1.4 percent from 1986 to just over 19 million, with increases in all four categories of rape, robbery, assault and theft.

The amount of household crime rose by nearly 360,000 or 2.3 percent to 15.7 million, with increases in burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

Reagan administration officials have tried to depict declines as a result of sterner law enforcement and a more cooperative public. Some academic experts analyzing the data have stressed that the size of the most crime-prone age group, those in their middle to late teens, has grown smaller in the 1980s.

The numbers of personal crimes per 1,000 people last year were 125 in the West, 101 in the Midwest, 91 in the South and 71 in the Northeast. The household crime figures per 1,000 residents were 223 in the West, 166 in the Midwest, 179 in the South and 116 in the Northeast.

The West was the only region to show an increase in the personal crime rate last year compared to 1986, up 8.6 percent. In the South the rate fell by 4.8 percent, while the Northeast and Midwest showed no significant change.

NATION IN BRIEF

Inspection shows no damage to O-rings

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Inspection has turned up no damage to the O-rings on the solid fuel rockets that helped boost the shuttle Discovery into orbit Sept. 28, NASA reported today.

A faulty joint that allowed gas and flames to burn through O-ring seals led to the explosion of the shuttle Challenger and the loss of its seven crew members on Jan. 28, 1986.

Discovery's flight was the first since the accident, and its two solid fuel rockets burned out as planned after two minutes and parachuted into the Atlantic Ocean, where they were recovered and brought to a hangar here for inspection.

Ed Medal, a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., said the left booster's three segments were taken apart Sunday and the right rocket was being taken apart today.

"There is no evidence of any gas pressure on any of the O-rings, including the new 'capture feature' O-ring," Medal said. "They really look good."

There are three joints in each of the 148-foot-tall rockets. Each joint has three rubbery O-rings.

On the Challenger, the joints each had two O-rings. In redesigning the rocket, engineers at the Marshall center and at Morton Thiokol, the manufacturer, added a third O-ring as part of a metal lip, called a capture feature, intended to prevent joint movement under pressure of ignition.

EPA cites Disney World

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Walt Disney World theme park could face thousands of dollars in fines for polluting a creek with its sewage treatment, Environmental Protection Agency officials said.

"They've had violations ongoing for quite some time," said Peter McGarry, who heads the EPA's water management compliance unit for Florida. "Fines" certainly are a possibility.

For years, treated wastewater dumped by Disney into Reedy Creek often has carried more phosphorus than allowed by EPA, and sometimes

there hasn't been enough oxygen, McGarry said. The creek flows into Lake Russell about 10 miles south of Kissimmee.

But since Disney started using a new artificial wetlands system this summer to help clean its wastewater, levels of phosphorus and nitrogen have doubled or tripled those allowed by EPA. "That's the worst problem," McGarry said.

Disney's sewage plant now dumps an average of 5 million gallons of treated effluent daily into Reedy Creek, said Tom Moses, director of Disney's Reedy Creek Improvement District.

EPA evacuates residents

NITRO, W.Va. (AP) — A rusting cylinder of poison has been destroyed, and the 3,500 residents who were cleared out are home. But officials say more evacuations can be expected if new hazards are found at an abandoned chemical plant.

Residents within 1,000 yards of the plant were told to leave their homes Sunday while the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency blew up a tank of what it thought was hydrogen cyanide.

As little as 50 milligrams of the chemical, or less than one-sixth the weight of the average aspirin tablet, can kill.

The evacuations took two hours, 2 1/2 hours less than expected.

More than 3,400 drums and barrels — most unidentified, rusting or both — were left behind in this Kanawha River town of 9,000 when Artel Chemical Co. couldn't pay its workers and a federal judge ordered the site closed in June.

Victim clings to car's roof

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A man clung to the roof of a car as it traveled seven miles on a highway after striking his parked car, leading to the arrest of a hit-and-run driver, police said.

Michael Fitzgerald, 20, said he was trying to prevent the car's driver from leaving the scene of an accident.

"I bought the car two months ago, and now it's wrecked and the guy was getting away," he said.

Police said the driver, Brian Schneider, 18, was charged with drunken driving.

This small community northwest of Green Bay.

"We will meet with all of the youngsters in small groups," Principal James Brawner said. "We will have people available to help grieving students... as long as needed."

Besides the five victims, a fifth-grader from the school was a passenger in the car driven by her brother and was hospitalized with injuries.

Neighboring school districts and service centers in Green Bay offered their counseling staffs to help Pulaske, a rural community of about 1,900, deal with the tragedy. Parents volunteered their help as well.



Hollywood celebrities, from left, Morgan Fairchild, John Ratzenberger, Joanna Kerns, Robert Walden and LeVar Burton applaud the words of

fellow entertainer John Larroquette during a Saturday Democratic voter registration rally at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Bush, Dukakis tune strategy, prepare for second debate

Associated Press

George Bush and Michael Dukakis focused on strategy and studied for their second presidential debate as state polls across the nation indicated that the Republican nominee is solidifying his lead over the Democratic challenger.

The vice president spent several hours at his Washington, D.C., home Sunday morning preparing for the debate before traveling to Illinois where he marched in a Slavic parade and vowed never to forget the Soviet presence in Eastern Europe.

Dukakis was closeted for about six hours with a dozen advisers at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston where they discussed strategy for the confrontation scheduled for Thursday in Los Angeles.

The Democratic nominee was speaking at a Long Island high school today before marching with New York Gov. Mario Cuomo in the Columbus Day parade in New York City.

Bush was addressing a Knights of Columbus meeting in Trenton, N.J., where aides said he would discuss crime and the rights of victims. The GOP nominee's running mate, Dan Quayle, was campaigning in Detroit and Farmington Hills, Mich., in addition to Akron and Toledo, Ohio.

Democratic vice presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen was tending to Senate duties in Washington.

Statewide polls in Kansas, Ohio, New Mexico and Missouri showed Bush leading Dukakis, while a survey of voters in 15 Southern and border states found the Republican nominee holding a 12-point regional advantage over his Democratic rival.

The poll of 2,102 registered voters, conducted last week by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, showed Bush leading Dukakis 49-37 percent with 12 percent of those surveyed undecided.

The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus two percentage points.

Bush led in every state, including Florida, where he held a 26-point advantage, and Texas, where despite the presence of Lone Star state Sen. Lloyd Bentsen on the Democratic ticket, the GOP nominee enjoys a 14-point lead.

Both are high-stakes Electoral College states. Florida has 21 electoral votes; Texas is the third biggest prize with 29.

The survey also included Alabama, Delaware, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, Arkansas and North Carolina.

With his support strong in the South, Bush turned his attention Sunday to the Midwest and the crucial state of Illinois, which has 24 electoral votes.

The vice president and his wife, Barbara, rode in an old-fashioned

fire truck along a two-mile parade route between Cicero and Berwin, in the annual Houbly Day parade, a Czechoslovakian celebration of bountiful mushroom crops.

"This is the day we celebrate family, we celebrate faith and we celebrate freedom," Bush said in brief remarks before the parade began. "And none of us will ever forget there is not freedom in Eastern Europe, and I have pledged, as president, to never forget that."

Earlier, Bush prepared for the nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate scheduled for Thursday in the Pauley Pavilion on the University of California at Los Angeles campus.

The date had depended on the length of the American League baseball playoffs, but that series ended Sunday when the Oakland A's completed a sweep of the Boston Red Sox.

If, however, rainouts extend the National League series, the debate date could change, Dukakis spokesman Mark Gearan said Sunday.

The Bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates, which assumed sponsorship of the debate after the League of Women Voters withdrew, said Friday that the confrontation would follow the format of the candidates' first meeting in which Bush and Dukakis responded to questions from a panel of four reporters.

Punishment may have saved girl's life

PULASKI, Wis. (AP) — A scolding may have saved 12-year-old Emily Litt's life because five classmates she would have been with were struck and killed by a speeding car that jumped a curb.

Emily's mother, Pixie, said her daughter was at the home of 13-year-old Jessica McKeefry when Mrs. Litt ordered her daughter home because "she called her brother something like a fathead."

The other girls were "just going outside as I was leaving," Emily said.

When she got home, her mother told her she was grounded and would have to spend the rest of Friday evening with her family. But she

allowed Emily to return Jessica's bicycle, and "I got there five seconds after the car hit that tree," Emily said.

The car had already struck and killed Jessica and four other friends by the time it hit the tree and stopped.

"I feel guilty that she was not there — that I was one of the lucky parents," Mrs. Litt said Sunday. "I feel terrible for those families."

Officials mustered parents and counselors to help grieving students as they returned to Glenbrook Elementary School today for the first time since the accident that stunned

Pentagon redirects effort to keep enlistees from dropping out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon officials long predicted that if too many high school graduates enlisted in the all-volunteer Armed Forces, fewer men and women would drop out before completing their service. At

least that's what the numbers predicted.

They were surprised to find that starting in 1979, although the number of recruits with high school degrees was up, more of them were dropping out, according to RAND Corp. and Pentagon analysts.

So it was back to the drawing board, as Defense Department officials tried to figure out what went wrong, said Steven Sellman, director of accession policy in the Pentagon's personnel policy office.

And now, after reviewing thousands of cases and crunching tens of thousands of numbers, Sellman and his colleagues think they have the answers.

It all began with a pay raise in the early 1980s that had the desired result of attracting more people into the Armed Forces. But it also had an unwanted effect once they arrived.

"In 1980, the number of recruits went up. Trainers in the boot camps thought, 'there are a lot of people queuing up, wanting to get in,' so sensitivity was low" to the problems of enlistees, said Sellman.

"In the 1980s, there was not the

same kind of sensitivity to people as in the 1970s, when recruitment was low" and boot camp trainers were willing to counsel recruits who were having problems, he said.

The word went out to the boot camps to lighten up. And the dropout rate dropped.

The Pentagon wants to keep well-educated recruits because training, processing and replacing each dropout costs \$18,000.

"So, reducing the dropout rate even by 1 percent can mean big bucks," Sellman said in an interview. Pentagon officials also want to assure a steady flow of well-educated recruits to handle the increasingly sophisticated weaponry of the high-technology battlefield.

A RAND report, written by Richard Buddin, found that from the be-

ginning of fiscal 1980 through the end of 1983, "the percentage of high-quality (recruits) rose from 28 percent to 49 percent for men and from 33 percent to 66 percent for women, but the six-month attrition rate also rose 0.9 and 1.5 percentage points for men and women."

For the Army, RAND found, the six-month attrition rate for men rose from 6.6 percent in fiscal 1979 to 10.9 percent in fiscal 1985.

After new policies were introduced, providing greater counseling for troubled recruits, the attrition rates went back down, to 7.2 percent. Attrition rates for "high-quality" recruits vary from base to base, with the highest levels consistently at Fort Jackson, next to Columbia, S.C., and the lowest at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Texas, and Fort McClellan,

near Anniston, Ala.

Despite the improvements, said Sellman, "we are still dabbling with the recruitment profile." That includes asking RAND to review the records of thousands of recruits to determine why they dropped out.

At the same time, Sellman and his associates are working on a long questionnaire they hope will give them a better handle on the kinds of people likely to fulfill their service

contracts.

The questions ask potential recruits about such issues as previous work, trouble with authorities, drug or alcohol use, problems in high school, grades, and the types of courses taken.

"People in academic programs tend to have a little more stick-to-it-ness than people who followed a vocational program," said Sellman.

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El Salvador's 'hard life' even harder for its poor

By DOUGLAS GRANT MINE

APOPA, El Salvador (AP) — Cruz Ayala Marroquin has spent his working life for the past quarter century standing knee deep in the Las Canas river shoveling sand onto the bank. He is an "arenero," a sand-digger, and ekes out a meager existence supplying sand for construction sites in San Salvador, the capital 10 miles to the south.

Manuel de Jesus spends his time pulling an iron-wheeled wagon loaded with 800 pounds of bananas from the eastern bus terminal to San Salvador's central market.

Neither has anything to show for his work except the sinewy muscle of his arms and back. What they earn with their toil is not so much a living as another day's survival.

The hard life is harder for the poor in El Salvador.

Though there is no official parameter such as a "poverty line," it is clear that the great majority of El Salvador's 5.5 million people are poor.

The U.S. Agency for International Development says 27 percent of children under 5 are malnourished. Infant mortality is 91 per 1,000 live births, the highest rate in Central America.

Half the population lacks safe drinking water, and the leading cause of death is intestinal infection, according to the Ministry of Health. Only four out of 10 people can read and write.

"With this you make enough to eat, that's it," says the grizzled Ayala, 55, pausing to lean on his shovel. He and his wife reared seven children in a two-room adobe house. Three of the six boys became sand-diggers.

Ayala rises every day, including Sunday, at 3 a.m. so as to be at the river by 4. The first trucks arrive at dawn, by which time Ayala has shoveled a ton of sand.

On a good day he'll dig three or four one-ton truckloads and make 15 to 20 colones (\$3 to \$4). With that his wife will buy rice, beans, tortillas, perhaps a few eggs and some cheese — enough for the couple and their one remaining dependent child.

"You can't save a colon," he says. "The few cents you set aside go up in smoke with an illness, something like that."

He says he feels strong and plans on working at least five more years. He'll depend on help from his sons when he can no longer work.

Ramon Aristedes Najarro, who digs about 50 yards downriver from Ayala, is 48 years old and feels his strength draining. He doesn't even want to think about how he'll get by when his back gives out.

"I'll just have to find something else. Selling newspapers, or maybe I'll have to beg."

At the San Salvador's central market, Manuel de Jesus takes a break with three other "carretoneros" or cart-pullers, seated on their sturdy



AP Laserphoto

Cruz Ayala Marroquin shovels sand from the bed of Las Canas River outside Apopa, El Salvador. Like other hard-working Salvadoran poor, he has nothing but muscle to show from a lifetime of labor.

wagons. A sweet, slightly nauseating odor wafts across the narrow street from a pile of rotten or mashed bananas.

A middle-aged woman searches through the pile for still edible fruit. The cart-pullers, like the sand-diggers, make about \$3 on an average day. De Jesus, 28, and Granadeno Perez, 29, sleep in a nearby flophouse that charges \$2 a night for a piece of cardboard on the floor and water for bathing. That leaves them a dollar for food — and for booze.

"Sometimes we go without eating to buy guaro," says Perez, already in a semi-stupor from the cane liquor by 10 a.m. All four cart-pullers readily admitted they try to maintain a constant alcoholic haze.

Several times a day they come up with the five colones to buy a half-liter of Muneco, the cheapest guaro. "It's very hard, this life," said de

Jesus. "There's no future in it. It damages your body. The only thing you're left with are the knocks." He motioned to Perez's bandaged hand, sprained from the strain of hauling.

Asked his feelings about leftist guerrillas who say they are fighting for the poor, Ayala said: "I understand nothing of politics. But some say they (the guerrillas) would make this another Nicaragua. I don't want that."

None of the sand-diggers or cart-pullers interviewed could read and none has ever voted. Democracy, which returned to El Salvador in 1982 after decades of military rule, means little to them.

"Democracy has done nothing," says Najarro. "It hasn't created jobs. You look out for yourself and get by as best you can."

"I doubt the country can progress," says Ayala. "I don't have faith."

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With shoe in hand and nails in teeth, at left, Midland horseshoer Tex Wilson is ready to take on another horse. In photo above, Wilson shows how handy he with a rasp as he smooths out a shoeing job.

Hoofin' it



Wilson, above, trims a horse hoof. The tools of Wilson's old-line trade, in photo, at right, are readily at hand when he shoes. Wilson, at far right, surely nails on a horseshoe.

GOLDSMITH — Tex Wilson is the horse's friend. "I'm just an old ranch-hand, cowboy and horseshoer, because I've done it all — just about," he said. Wilson is a farrier. He shoes horses for a living.

The friendly horseshoer travels across the West Texas plains and escarpments in his old "beat-up and worn-out" buckskin-toned Chevrolet pickup truck with the tools and wares of his trade — anvil, hammer, hoof knives and nippers, rasps, nail pullers, nail clinchers, nails and horseshoes.

His job is to make ranch working and pleasure riding more comfortable for horse and rider.

Before he fits a horse with steel shoes, Wilson seeks the trust and confidence of the horse — steed, stallion, gelding or mare. Once he and the horse are squared away, he will start cleaning, nipping, clipping and rasping the hooves for a perfect shoe fit.

"If you don't trust a horse, how is he going to learn to trust

you?" asked Wilson who, at 61, has been shoeing horses since he was 13.

Wilson was shoeing before he cowboied and rodeod. "It's got to be a mutual thing. I try to get along with these horses. I do trust them," he said.

"If you're nervous or scared, the horse will pick up on it, and it will transfer to him," he said. "If he's hyper, he'll climb the wall — go into orbit and get you in trouble in a second. If you're afraid of a horse, he's subject to kicking, butting, pawing you or bucking you off or what-not."

However, not all horses are that nervous or high-strung. And Wilson usually gets his shoeing done without flak.

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Text and Photos
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DEATHS

Mildred Chambers

Services for Mildred Chambers of Midland were to be at 1 p.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located at Gateway and Crestgate streets in Midland, with Bishop Newell Rigtrup officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Riverview Cemetery in Green River, Wyo., under the direction of Smith Mortuary of Green River.

Mrs. Chambers died Saturday at a Lubbock hospital.

She was born Feb. 4, 1927, in Staten Island, N.Y. She was reared in New York and New Jersey, where she was educated. She was a licensed beautician.

She married Leonard Chambers on Feb. 26, 1966, in Philadelphia, Pa. They lived in Yuma, Ariz., from 1966-77. They moved to Midland 4 1/2 years ago from Loveland, Colo. She was a foster parent. She was the author of several books on family histories, some of which were entered in the Library of Congress. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where she served as a primary teacher and Sunday School teacher, as well as being active in the women's organization.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Peter Cheesley of Sierra Vista, Calif., John Cheesley of Rock Springs, Wyo., and Christopher Cheesley of Rawlins, Wyo.; two daughters, Judy Hynes of Houma, La., and Nancy Cheesley of Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, Charles Aldrich of West Palm, Fla.; one sister, Betty Colucci of Hopewell Junction, N.Y.; and eight grandchildren.

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John Dillard Lively

FORT WORTH — John Dillard Lively, 83, of Fort Worth died Saturday at a Fort Worth hospital.

Services were to be at 11 a.m. today at Harveson and Cole Funeral Home of Fort Worth, with Dr. Charles Sanders officiating. Burial was to follow at Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth.

He was born in Weches in 1904. He was a purchasing agent for Gulf Oil for 39 years, retiring in 1962. He had been a resident of Fort Worth since 1921. He was a member of University Christian Church, Hemphill Heights Masonic Lodge No. 1164 AF&AM for 59 years, was past president of Purchasing Agents Association of Fort Worth and was past treasurer of the Petroleum Club of Fort Worth.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances Lively; one son, John R. Lively of Midland; one sister, Pearl Welch of Lufkin; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Museum of the Southwest or a favorite charity.

Charles A. Loach

Services for Charles A. Loach of Midland will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Ellis Chapel with Rev. Bob Porterfield, pastor of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church, officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. Bill Penland, pastor of Wilshire Park Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He died Sunday at his home.

Loach was born June 24, 1902, in Finley, Ohio. He was reared in Illinois, Oklahoma and Texas. He worked in the oil fields of Oklahoma and Texas as a driller. He had worked for Sid Richardson, Santa Fe Drilling Co., and Ohio Oil Co., retiring in 1962. He married Jessie Adams in Weatherford on July 16, 1945. They moved to Midland in 1948.

He was a Baptist, a member of the Kermit Masonic Lodge #1258, a 53-year member of the Scottish Rite, and a 32-degree Mason and a 50-year member of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Sue Pieper of Fort Worth; two sisters, Mrs. Lucille McKnight and Margaret Loach, both of Abilene; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Valentin Reyes Jr.

Services for Valentin Reyes, Jr., of Midland were to be at 9:30 a.m. today at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Ellis Funeral Home was to be in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include four sons, Silvestre Lujan of Lubbock, and Genaro Lujan, Jamie Lujan and Israel Lujan, all of Midland; six daughters, Ubedia Cano, Ofelia Barerra, Olga Villa, Elia Herrera and Yolanda Lujan, all of Midland, and Trinie Gonzales of Stanton; four sisters, Nieves Molinar and Pilar Valenzuela, both of Presidio, Rosa Lujan of Mexico and Elisa Gomez of Pecos; two brothers, Ramon Lujan of Pecos and Manuel Lujan of Mexico; 31 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

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One killed, 10 injured in weekend accidents

From Staff Reports

Two unrelated downtown weekend traffic accidents resulted in the death of an 18-year-old Midlander and injuries to 10 other people.

Two of those injured were listed in satisfactory condition today in Midland Memorial Hospital. The others injured were treated at the hospital and released.

Franco Hernandez, 33, of 806 S. J St. in Midland, suffered second-degree burns after a butane bottle overturned in the back of the 1978 GMC Custom van he was driving ignited and exploded, as he was driving north on Big Spring Street in downtown Midland.

Hernandez jumped from the mov-

ing fiery van, which struck a wall of the Independence Plaza Building at Big Spring Street and Illinois Avenue, according to reports from the Midland Police and Midland Fire Departments.

The mishap occurred about 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

In Friday night's pickup-sedan collision in which 18-year-old Valentin Reyes Jr. of 1108 N. Tilden St. was killed, nine Midlanders were injured.

Reyes was a passenger in a 1981 Ford Ranger F-150 pickup truck which was being driven by James Edward Carrasco, 18, of 403 E. Oak Ave. Carrasco subsequently was charged with disobeying a red traffic light in the west-bound lane of

Illinois Avenue at its intersection with Big Spring Street and with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

He was bonded out of Midland County Jail on Saturday afternoon. Whether or not "additionally charges" will be filed against Carrasco will depend on the outcome of an investigation by the Midland Police Department's Reconstruction Team, according to Police Cpl. Jim White.

Of the 10 occupants in the car and pickup truck, only one, the 30-year-old driver of the sedan, was wearing a seat belt when the two vehicles crashed, according to the police report.

The car's driver, Sharon Kay Zarate, 45, of 4511 Anetta Drive, was listed in satisfactory condition today in

Midland Memorial Hospital. She had been in critical condition.

Others injured were treated at the hospital and released. Those in the 1981 Pontiac Bonneville four-door sedan were, according to reports, Mrs. Zarate; her two daughters, Christina Louise Zarate, 12, and Julia Irene Zarate, 13, both of 4511 Anetta Drive; Mrs. Zarate's nephew, Manuel Zarate Jr., 13, of 1008 S. Jefferson St.; Joey Zekie Gonzalez, 13, of 1505 S. Dallas St.; and Kimberly Navarrete, 13, of 3411 Sycamore Ave.

Passengers in the pickup truck, driven by Carrasco, were Reyes; Karen JeAnne Manley, 17, of No. 5 Tattenham Corner, and Robert Benjamin Ingle, 18, of 3815 W. Kansas Ave.

HORSE

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"ORDINARILY, YOU rasp that foot perfectly flat, shape the shoe to fit the foot, then you nail the shoe on," Wilson said. "It's a lot of physical work, but you've got to know what you are doing."

"You've got to hold that foot up, and you've got to know how to make the horse hold up part of his weight. You've got to be a pretty strong old boy," he said. "They can put a bunch of weight on you in a hurry. Some of them horses don't mind throwing all of their weight on you."

Wilson respects horses. "I love them — always have," he said. "They are real intelligent in my book," he said. "I've seen horses I thought were smarter than some people. I'm not kidding. If you can find a horse that can out-think and out-smart you, how can you call him dumb?" he asked.

While he was chasing wild horses on the California-Oregon border in the late 1940s, Wilson reflected on a spirited horse he sought but never caught.

"He out-smarted me every time I tried to catch him," he said. "He was smarter than I was, and I couldn't get him off of that home range," where the horse knew every creek, spring and trail, Wilson said. "I would have loved to have caught him. But I never would have killed him. I think somebody finally shot him."

Wilson has wrangled with some wild horses. "I have shod some rank doodles — wild and mean," Wilson said. "They had sooner kill you than look at you. This is true. Some had just as soon stomp you in the ground or bite an arm off."

Rounding up wild horses was just a passing fancy. But from his years of shoeing, Wilson has battle scars. "I've got nail scars from the top of my head to my ankles," said Wilson. "I've been dinged up by (kicking) horses a bunch of times. My toenails have just been stomped off of my feet. That feels real good when it quits hurting."

OCCASIONALLY, HE will get a "knot-head" of a horse to shoe. "He was a good saddle-horse to ride," Wilson recalled of a horse, named Easy, owned by Midland rancher Frank Cowden Jr.

"But he was a bugger to shoe. You never knew when he was going to have one of them falling-down fits," Wilson said. "If you've had shod him a hundred times a year, he still would have a falling-down fit."

"A lot of good sensitive cow-horses have peculiarities," Cowden said. "And he (Easy) didn't want you fooling with his feet."

Another was a stallion cow-horse

called Rooster. "He was an ornery bugger to shoe," Wilson said.

"He really was," agreed Cowden. "Some horses act real radical if you're mad at them, and some will settle down," Wilson said. "If one kicks you, and you turn around and knock the fire out of him, he'll straighten up and act decent. And another, you better not. He'll go into orbit."

Other horses are inclined to be gentle. "Their disposition is just like people. If you don't make them mind, they'll try to get away with anything," Wilson said.

Wilson regularly shoes horses for Midland-Odessa area ranchers and horse fanciers who stable horses for those leisurely pleasure-riding outings.

Wilson fares well at his trade. Evidence of that is his season-after-season return to ranches and corrals to re-shoe horses.

Year after year, he shoes Frank Cowden Jr.'s stock-working horses. Cowden, who has shod a few horses in his time, appreciates Wilson's work just as Wilson cottons to Cowden's bent as a rancher.

"HE'S A GOOD with a rope and all of that stuff," the horseshoer said of the rancher, as he was shoeing a stable of Cowden's horses on the Cowden M-Bar Ranch north of Goldsmith. "He (Cowden) shod his own horses for a long time."

That's right, said Cowden. "It's hard work if you don't do it regular," the rancher said. "It was hard work for me. But if you do it regular like Tex does, everything just falls in place. If you don't do it regular, it's hard on your back," he said.

Wilson was shoeing a couple of palominos named Leo and Sugar Buck; a sorrel called Ole Man; a bay tabbled Paps, and a brown horse called Lucky Joe. The one he didn't shoe — the one with iron-tough hooves — was a dun, Six Bits.

The Cowden horses were familiar with Wilson and trusted him. "He don't mind," Wilson said of a palomino.

Cowden, whose forefathers have been ranching in West Texas since the late 1800s, said that most horses need shoes.

"It's a necessity, but it's a luxury to ride one that's shod," he said. "But what's 100 percent necessity and zilch luxury is rain."

"The main thing you need in the ranch business is rain," said Cowden. "If you run into a drought, you're in trouble. We've got more grass than cattle now, and that's unusual for us."

And what's usual for Wilson is shoeing horses most anytime and most anyplace.

"I'VE SHOD HORSES when it was 20 degrees below zero in Northern California," Wilson said, "and God knows where I'd wear a beat-up felt hat that looked like it had been worn for five centuries and boots that looked just as bad and patched-up jeans. I just wear old junkers to try to get by in that bad weather."

He shoes year-round. "It don't make no difference how cold it is. If they call, I go."

As a rule, a horse is shod about once every two months. "It just depends on the individual horse — how they wear their shoes," he said.

And doing it right is as important as fitting a person with the right fit of shoe for walking, running or working.

"It's like a race horse. If you don't shoe them right, they can hurt themselves permanently," Wilson said. "I try to fit the shoe to do the best work without hurting him, because if you're feet hurt, you can't do your work."

It's the same for horses on the race track, on the range, in the arena, on the pasture and on the trail.

"If his feet hurt, he can't do the job you want him to do," Wilson said. "I can shape these shoes to fit him regardless of what shape his feet are in."

WILSON RECALLED shoeing 10 horses whose hooves were "so tough, they would wear a rasp (heavy-duty file) out."

After 47 years of shoeing, Wilson admits to "slowing down a little but not too much. I've got to pay the bills and buy more shoes and nails," he said.

His father cowboied "around about every side of Midland" before the late 1930s when the family moved to Arkansas, where his father bought 350 acres of land for \$1 an acre from the Federal Land Bank.

But the family "got so poor" on that Arkansas farm that his father, Martin Wilson, returned West Texas in 1942 to work on the old Midland Army Air Field to "earn money to send home," Wilson recalled.

"Daddy couldn't stand that Arkansas farm," he said. "We had plenty to eat but no money."

Even so, it was in Arkansas in his youth when Tex Wilson learned the first thing about shoeing horses.

"We got so poor," he said, "we couldn't take our horses to the blacksmith's shop to have them shod. We had a two-horse spread. And my mother said for me to shoe the horses."

But I said, "Mama, I don't know how."

That was no fit excuse. "She said, 'Son, you're not going to how.'"

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learn any younger."

Wilson was 13, weighed 75 pounds, and was "just a little-bitty boy" then. The first horse he shod was a gentle draft horse named Rolo. The horse weighed 1,800 pounds and stood 17 hands tall. "He was strictly a big old work horse," Wilson recalled. "But I didn't have any tools. All I had was an old pocketknife, a regular carpenter's hammer, and a piece of rail iron for an anvil."

He made do.

"I HAD TO keep the horses shod, because I had to have a horse to work the (rocky) farm," Wilson said. "He was a gentle old horse, but he was one of them horses that didn't have much sense. You had to stay on the driving lines all of the time to get him to stay in the furrow, or he'd wander around like a goose."

His first shoeing job was "half decent. I just didn't know anything about shoeing a horse. Only I had seen the blacksmith shoe horses, you know, and I knew how he did it. I knew pretty well what to do."

After he got the hang of shoeing, he started hiring out.

"They paid me \$2 a horse," he said, back in the times when day-wages were \$1.50 a day. "I thought I was flying" at \$4 a day when he shod two horses.

Today, he's charging about \$28 to shoe a horse with new shoes, \$25 for a re-set and \$14 for trimming.

Wilson works hard at his trade, which he carried out deftly.

"That's part of being an artist," Frank Harwell, foreman of the Cowden M-Bar Ranch, said of the horseshoer. "He makes it look so easy."

Not all

Food for thought gives mind power

By JACK WILLIAMS
Copley News Service

Through the wonders of science, we can now identify food for thought. We can distinguish an honest-to-protein power lunch from a brain-drain breakfast. We can dine for mood and mind.

You want to enhance performance? Dissipate stress? Avert the proverbial afternoon slump?

OK. Think of food for the brain, not for the stomach.

Judith Wurtman, Ph.D., a research scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, did.

Since 1976, she has been conducting research at MIT on the connection between food and the brain. Her conclusions — enumerated in the book "Managing Your Mind and Mood Through Food" (Harper & Row) — might make us all more productive and less prone to muddled minds.

Wurtman isn't out to revolutionize our eating style, mind you. She would just like to have us know that our traditional meal patterns may be compromising our mental acuity, and she would like to provide a tool for those occasions when we need to be most alert.

A high-carbohydrate lunch, for example, can promote relaxation — maybe even a tendency to nod off in the afternoon. Stick to protein, she suggests. It will increase the amount of tyrosine in the brain, which promotes alertness, motivation and energy.

To feel calmer and less stressed, opt for sweets and starches, she suggests. They'll enable the brain to produce serotonin, which promotes relaxation. Complex carbohydrates — including starches such as breads, potatoes, rice and oatmeal — tend to produce a more focused state of mind if consumed alone and without protein.

AND THEN, she says, there are the neutral foods that have a negligible effect on your state of mind: vitamin-rich, low-calorie, green, leafy vegetables. Fruits also are remiss in triggering a mind/mood response.

The only culprits in the scenario, it seems, are alcohol and fat. Both tend to dull our mental responses, said Wurtman.

Because fat delays digestion, it diverts blood to the stomach and intestines and away from the brain. Although it does not induce chemical changes in the brain in the manner of proteins and carbohydrates, it can influence mind, mood and performance in negative ways, Wurtman suggests.

Such conclusions have been drawn from carefully controlled experiments at MIT, the National Institutes of Health and other research studies, said Wurtman.

To understand the food/mind concept you must recognize that certain



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chemicals, or neurotransmitters, are produced by the brain from foods we eat, said Wurtman.

The alertness chemicals are dopamine and norepinephrine. Tests with humans indicate that when the brain is producing these chemicals, there is a tendency to think more quickly, react more rapidly to stimuli and feel more attentive, motivated and mentally energetic.

Tyrosine, an amino acid, is the principal ingredient in dopamine and norepinephrine. The more protein you eat, the more tyrosine will reach your brain — even if you eat carbohydrates with the protein.

Another amino acid, tryptophan, produces the calming chemical serotonin found in carbohydrates. However, when the carbohydrates are eaten with protein, the supply of tryptophan to the brain can be blocked, said Wurtman.

THUS FOR the calming effect, stick to carbohydrates without protein. They're best consumed, suggests Wurtman, at the end of the day when you want to turn your mind off and prepare for a sound sleep. The later in the day, the greater the mind-food connection, said Wurtman. It has to do with your internal clock.

Lunch, suggests Wurtman, is the critical meal because it generally is consumed at a time when the upward surge of morning energy begins to diminish. So a power lunch really is a protein lunch, giving free rein to those alertness chemicals. But don't splurge on a 6-ounce steak or prime rib; a little bit goes a long way.

"The proper amounts have been carefully established," said Wurtman. "For a lean person, 30 grams of carbohydrate, or 1 ounce, can induce the changes; for heavier persons, a little more."

To maintain high-level alertness after the noon meal, research sug-

gests that lunch should include between 3 and 5 ounces of meat, poultry, seafood or fish. Other alternatives are low-fat yogurt or cottage cheese (3 ounces), 2 ounces of low-fat cheese or two eggs.

As a coordinator of health seminars and scientific conferences, Wurtman has carried on a crusade to change the traditional banquet lunches that tend to induce lethargy.

At a conference last year in Washington, D.C., she had the menu changed from creamy soups, veal with cream sauce, quiche and heavily buttered vegetables to bouillabaisse and poached salmon — with fruit for dessert. Mineral water was substituted for wine.

"Since the conference was on brain function and there were some very contented people there," she said, "we wanted to keep them as alert as possible. People were on a mental roll. No one fell asleep. It was wonderful."

BRAN MUFFINS and yogurt were provided for snacks at coffee breaks instead of sweet rolls, and the portions of salmon were limited to 5 ounces.

Wurtman follows a similar regimen when she must continue working after dinner. Or when she's called upon to address a dinner banquet.

"Late last spring," she said, "I was working 15 hours a day on a 100-page document. I ate more protein than usual, and I found myself craving it. Sardines and chicken, for example. At odd times."

Before her evening talks, Wurtman might have half a sandwich and 8 ounces of yogurt before arriving at the banquet. She'll avoid the banquet meal, then relax with oatmeal and honey, or maybe a corn muffin with jelly (remember, they promote sleep-inducing serotonin) upon returning home.

"It's a sacrifice not to eat the car-

bonylates before my talk," she acknowledged. "But people may ask unexpected questions; I have to be fast on my feet."

"I changed my style of eating when I found that I tended not to pay attention if I had work to do after supper."

If protein and carbohydrates are combined in a meal, the calming effects of the latter can be neutralized, research indicates, by eating protein first. This way, the manufacture of serotonin is blocked.

Wurtman suggests having a protein appetizer (a shrimp cocktail, perhaps) or a meat- or chicken-based soup before a largely carbohydrate meal to maintain the mental edge.

ANOTHER PIECE in the mind/food puzzle is caffeine. Extensive tests have shown that moderate amounts in the morning result in quicker thinking and reacting, greater alertness and accuracy and extended attention spans, said Wurtman.

She suggests drinking one or two cups in the morning soon after getting out of bed and using it as a pick-me-up in the afternoon.

For some people, she acknowledges, caffeine may be disagreeable, causing stomach upset and trembling.

Her recommendations, she said, are for the majority of people who are able to tolerate two or three cups of coffee per day without such side effects as jangled nerves or stomach upset "yet sensitive enough to caffeine to benefit from its mind-and-mood-managing properties."

For most people, the regular consumption of about 350 milligrams per day causes physical dependence, and withdrawal symptoms can result when intake is interrupted, according to Brian Morgan of the Institute for Human Nutrition at Columbia University. (A weak brew contains about 40 milligrams per cup; the average cup contains about 100 milligrams.)

Wurtman considers caffeine and carbohydrates a "perfect afternoon combination." Why?

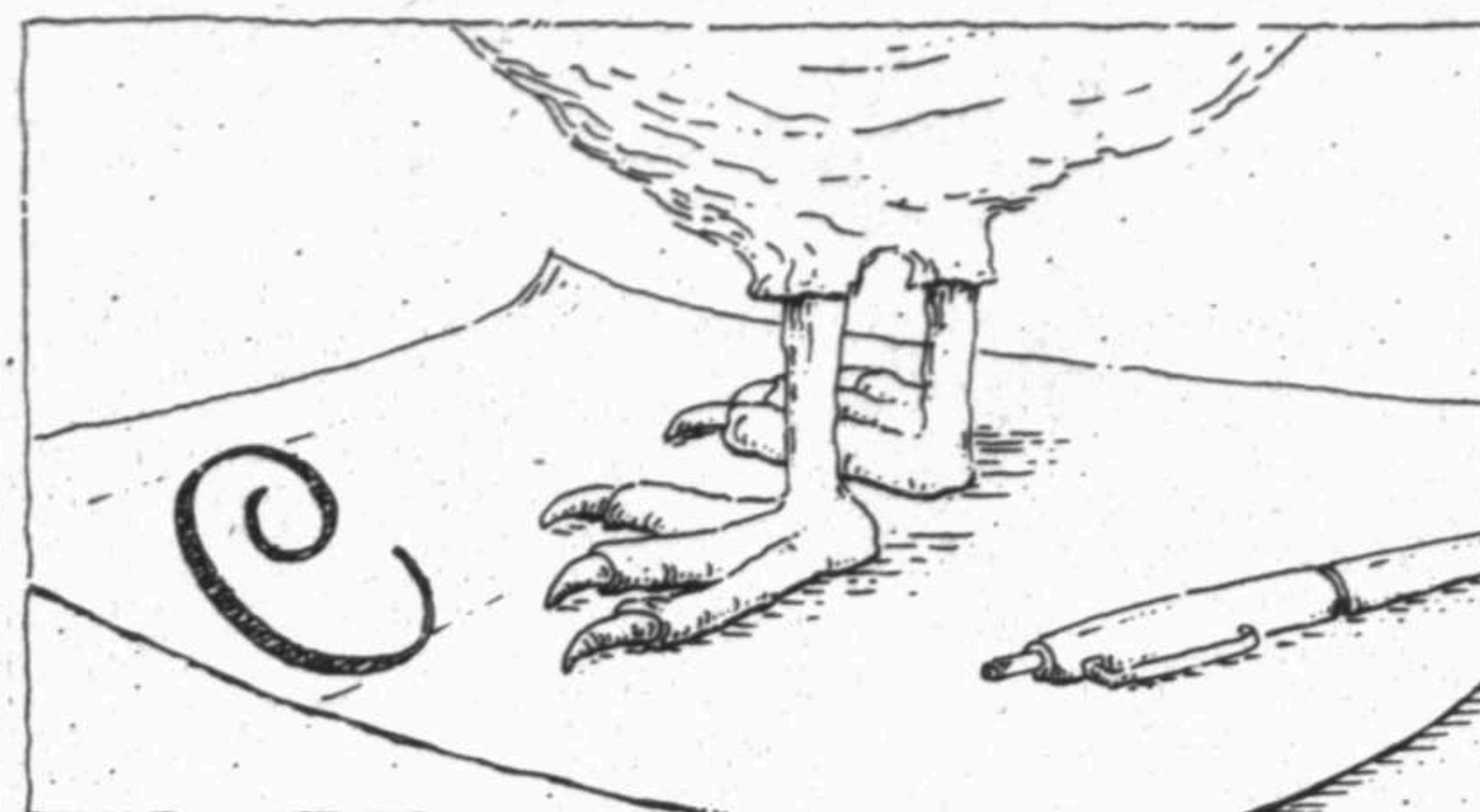
"They work synergistically to pull you out of the typical afternoon slump."

An ounce or two of carbohydrate stimulates the brain to produce serotonin, which keeps you calm and enables you to focus on the task at hand. The caffeine, on the other hand, enhances mental energy.

But can't it also have a precipitous effect on blood sugar?

WURTMAN SAYS her research indicates that "normal people" respond predictably to foods irrespective of changes in blood sugar. The exceptions: those who are hypoglycemic or prone to wild fluctuations in energy because of erratic blood sugar.

If you're hypoglycemic, she suggests getting a doctor's OK before following any of her suggestions.



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'Hen scratch' handwriting nothing to cackle about

By JOHN BOGERT
Copley News Service

Charles Lehman is more than a decade older than I am, but we have a few things in common: teachers, fountain pens and an early childhood handwriting course that turned us into animals.

That's animal in the sense that if I were to write you a letter, you would call me on the phone and ask me, "What wrote this thing, a chicken?" My handwriting is that bad.

Lehman's isn't. In fact, he overcame his early training so well that a large Los Angeles-area pen manufacturer flew him in from his home in suburban Portland, Ore., to serve as director of the National Coalition to Stamp Out Chicken Scratching.

Chicken scratching is what the pen-maker, the Scripto Corp., calls what most Americans are putting down on paper today. Furthermore, and despite this funny come-on, they say there is nothing funny about the time, money and maybe even lives lost to poorly written and illegible prescriptions, plans and phone messages.

Lehman is here to help correct that, inasmuch as one man — a curriculum director for Tigard (Ore.) public schools and a professional calligrapher — can correct a problem that has been brewing since World War II.

"The war took the teachers and brought all handwriting traditions and research to an end," said the gentle-voiced, 51-year-old craftsman whose calligraphy has been exhibited in galleries throughout the Northwest. "Like me, you were a victim. For two years you were taught to draw geometric circles and straight lines with a fountain pen. Then you were told to forget them and were introduced to the writing form called commercial cursive."

"You were taught two models, both of them lame, and you stuck with them until around seventh grade, when you said 'to hell with this' and did whatever it took to get by."

Lehman calls it a kind of illiteracy, something my editors would agree with, I'm sure.

"People come to me like I'm the father confessor asking for help. They are ashamed of their handwriting."

Luckily, said Lehman, handwriting is a craft.

At his end, where there is lots of room to wax eloquent, a craft has its own criterion of excellence.

As a final act of learning, he said, a craftsman must reach out and share with others.

So he shares with school children and with adult groups teaching that a good and steady hand can be had at any age through the mastery of five words: slope, spacing, size, shape and speed.

In short, our letters need to be like little men in uniform marching across the page. And, he said, it wouldn't hurt to slow down by using a fountain pen.

You might also take a calligraphy course or read his book, "Handwriting Models for Schools," and the Beacon Writing Series, which are both available from Alcuin Press, P.O. Box 19431, Portland, Ore. 97219.

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"There are counselors who promise that for a fee of \$500, they'll find \$5,000 in financial aid," he says. "Then they tell you about the Guaranteed Student Loan program, the Supplemental Higher Education Loan Financing program, and the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students program. But the financial aid officer at the school your child is interested in will tell you about all these resources too — at no cost to the family."

IQ tests unfair to many babies

Associated Press

Infants must have a lot on their minds, what with learning to walk, talk and generally grow up. Now a new worry looms: disappointing their parents by flunking an IQ test. The tests are used on babies who seem to be developing more slowly than expected.

The problem is, most of these tests do not measure present ability or predict future ability, says researcher Dr. Michael Lewis in Better Homes and Gardens magazine. That's because they measure IQ indirectly, testing the child's motor skills, things like coordination and manipulation of objects. Experts once thought early motor development foreshadowed later intellectual ability. But new studies cast serious doubt on that notion.

Lewis, chief of the Division of Child Development at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, worries that some kids are getting a bum rap because of the tests. Children with cerebral palsy, for instance, do not do well on the tests because of their poor motor coordination, although they frequently are of normal intelligence.

If you are worried about your child's development, Lewis says there are IQ tests that can more accurately measure an infant's intellectual abilities. Although more difficult to administer, these tests can pinpoint children who need special education. Call the child development department at a nearby college for help in finding qualified testing facilities.

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By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY:

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Abby, your column is powerful. Will you please use it to get this very important message to the public? I am enclosing a copy of the newsletter for your perusal. — RALPH NADER

DEAR RALPH: I'll try. I read your newsletter. It's excellent. Readers: For a copy of Ralph Nader's Drinking Water Newsletter, write to: P.O. Box 19367, Washington, D.C. 20036. Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (25 cents) and a check or money order for \$1 to cover the cost of printing and mailing. This is a non-profit venture.

DEAR ABBY: To remind someone to buy you a gift is ridiculous. Re-

member, "A gift unfreely given is no gift at all."

Women, give your husbands the freedom not to buy a gift on all those special days. That in itself is a wonderful gift, which will come back to you in love and appreciation and generosity.

Abby, have you heard, "A woman who is not interested in diamonds is herself a gem"? Sign me ... WISE WICHITA WOMAN

DEAR W.W. WOMAN: No, but I have read: "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." (Proverbs 31:10)

A lack of interest in diamonds makes not a woman a "gem." Net-

her does an interest in diamonds diminish a woman's worth.

DEAR ABBY: You were asked, "Why do so many public speakers (who should know better) insist on speaking longer than the time they are allotted?"

I was reminded of an incident that took place 20 years ago.

A local minister who had been invited to be the guest speaker at our Rotary Club asked the club president, Robert Proctor, how long he should speak.

Mr. Proctor replied: "You may speak as long as you wish, but everybody leaves here in 40 minutes." — SID ROSEN, BRANDON, VT.

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Abigail Van Buren is a columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.

Bravery not automatic

By FRANCES UPCHURCH
New York Times News Service

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — You've seen the movies: An old house, a dark night, a mysterious noise. The woman, usually an attractive blonde, gets out of bed, ties a filmy peignoir around her, lights a candle and goes forth to investigate.

"Fool!" you hiss. "Get back in bed! Don't leave that room!"

When I was a teen-ager, that was always my reaction.

Not for any amount of money would I check out things that went bump in the night.

Forget that I wasn't an attractive blonde and that I would have had to crawl across a sister to get out of bed. Forget that long flannel nightgowns rarely have matching peignoirs and that we had electric lights.

The principle was the same.

Only on Alfred Hitchcock's direction and for a bunch of money would I have glided down dark halls and into damp basements to check on a banging shutter or any other assortment of squeaks and rattles, moans and groans. And I might not have done it then.

My motto: What you don't know can't hurt you. And if you don't see it, you can't know it, etc.

Today, however, I find myself in a different role: The mommy. The superhuman mommy.

Mommies are brave; they can never be scared.

Mommies know the origins of strange noises: "It's the house settling" or "It's the ice maker" or "The furnace just came on."

Mommies are always willing to open closet doors, and check for monsters.

Mommies aren't afraid to go out to the utility room after dark to get ice cream from the freezer.

Mommies pshaw at the idea of ghosts and goblins, creepies and crawlies.

Mommies have explanations for everything.

Whoa! Wait a minute!

Where did we get the idea that just because a person makes the transition from teen-ager to adult that a late night showing of "Dracula" will no longer have effect?

Does giving birth breed courage?

Not necessarily.

I have to admit that I stayed up one whole night because I was into the good part of "The Shining" — the book was much, much scarier than the movie — and I was afraid to close my eyes.

But after watching a videotape of "Boogeyman."

But I find myself caught in a bind shared by many others: We can't admit to silly fears because that might threaten our children's security.

What child would run to Mom for reassurance if Mom couldn't sleep without a night light?

What child would find comfort in his mother's arms during a thunderstorm if his mother were cowering too?

Mothers have to develop bravery, or at least bravado, and nobody tells us that.

Yes, there are classes in parent skills — how to potty train your child, how to prepare your child for kindergarten, how to recognize a gifted and talented or a delayed child, how to use teachable moments — but where do you go to learn to be brave?

Do all mommies say "Nonsense!" to monsters under the bed, and mean it? I doubt it.

Since life appears to be the school — there is no Mommy 101 — here is what I have observed:

A mommy who turns off a television show, saying, "I don't want you to watch this; you'll have bad dreams," may be afraid she'll have bad dreams herself.

A mommy who says, "Go back and cut off the light — you know the last person out of the room is supposed to cut off the light," may not want to go into the room, much less leave it dark, herself.

A mommy who says, "It's nothing — go back to sleep," doesn't want to get out of bed to see what that nothing might be. (Remember: What you don't know can't hurt you. And if you don't see it, you can't know it, etc.)

But kids are pretty trusting. They believe that grownups — that includes mommies — aren't afraid of anything.

And they love it when Mommy allows them to crawl into bed with her on a dark and stormy night. They don't have to know that Mommy probably gets more comfort from them than they do from her.

After all, mommies realize that there really are things that go bump in the night and that some of them can't readily be dismissed as harmless; they just don't admit it ... out loud ... in front of their children.

Come to think of it, that's pretty brave. Yeah.

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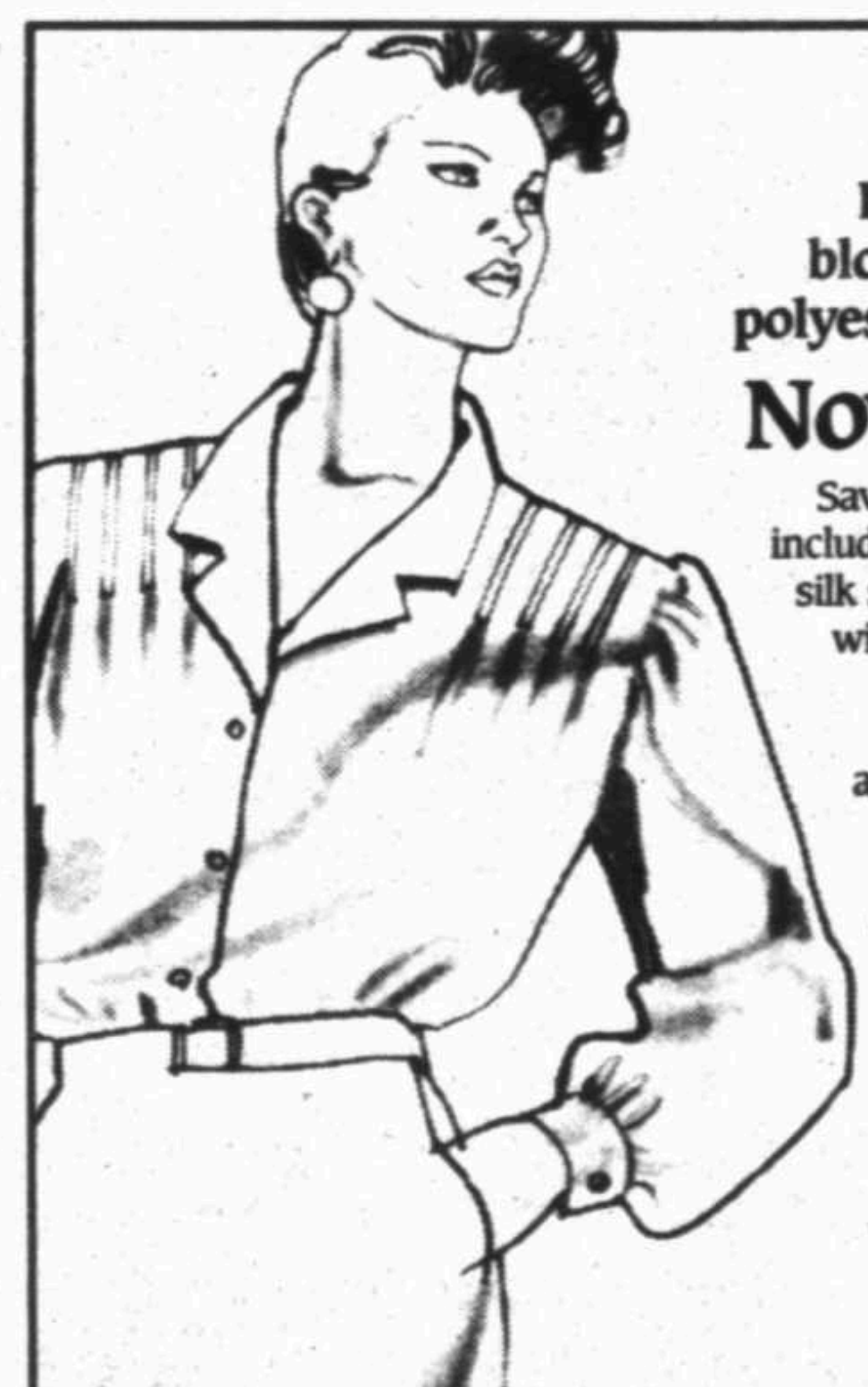
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In rural Alabama, one doctor 'delivered the future'

Death leaves counties, like counterparts in South and West, barren of obstetrical care

By LISA LEVITT RYCKMAN
AP National Writer

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — The work of Dr. Robert Xavier Williams Jr. fills every playground, every classroom and every mother's arms for miles around.

Pick any woman and child on any street in Macon or Bullock counties in rural east-central Alabama, and chances are that woman was Williams' patient, and that child was brought into the world by his hands.

In big cities, expectant mothers shop for doctors or midwives and hospitals compete for maternity business. But in rural America, par-

ticularly the South and the West, such choices are increasingly rare. Women often must travel for an hour or more for a doctor's care and a hospital delivery room.

FOR 15 YEARS, Robert Xavier Williams Jr. chose to do what fewer and fewer doctors are willing to do: he delivered babies and cared for women in a piece of America where the need was acute, the population poor and the facilities desperately limited.

He delivered the future here, and his sudden death July 13 at the age of 53 turned that future darker and more uncertain for a generation of

babies and their parents.

"They want to know 'What do we do now?'" Annie Thomas, Williams' office nurse, said of his legion of patients, at least 100 of whom are pregnant. "I just inform them we don't have a doctor in the office to see them. And the saddest part of all, we don't even have a referring physician to send them to."

IN MACON COUNTY, where Williams lived, there is not even a hospital since John A. Andrew Community Hospital closed in 1987. Williams kept his office there, the only doctor in a mostly empty building with an overgrown lawn. But every day at

dawn, he drove along 25 miles of narrow highway to Bullock County Hospital to do his rounds.

After morning rounds, Williams often performed surgery, then drove back to Tuskegee for office hours six days a week. With the office and the three county clinics where he consulted, he might see 1,500 patients a month and deliver an average of two babies a day.

At night, Williams unwound by reading medical journals. He talked about retiring to a life of travel and golf, but no one who knew him took him seriously.

"He just worked, worked, worked," Nurse Thomas said. "He

wouldn't take time out to take a break or a rest or eat a decent lunch. I think he cared more about his patients than he did himself. I really do."

Williams' patients, many already suffering the effects of poor nutrition, high blood pressure or other conditions exacerbated by poverty, needed extra care: 90 percent were high-risk, requiring special attention and sometimes frequent hospitalization throughout their pregnancies.

Their risk status went hand-in-hand with their economic status: those with the greatest need often were the least able to pay. Most of them were uninsured or underin-

sured and could not afford a ride to his office, much less an obstetrician's bill.

"Try to pay me something, if it's not but a dollar a month," he'd tell his patients, and they never were afraid to come to him, no matter how little they had in their pocketbooks. Those who weren't within walking distance were often ferried to appointments by Williams' son, Bobby, who started working in his father's office while in 7th grade.

THE WHOLE FAMILY helped. Wife Rita worked as office manager; Bobby and daughters Sherri, Rita and Catherine ran errands and took patients' blood pressure and weight. Behind their comfortable split-level house lay another part of Williams' life they all shared, 10 acres of land where they kept horses, cows and chickens and grew vegetables.

Williams, raised by his farmer grandfather, arrived at Tennessee State University with every intention of returning to the land. Instead, he met and married Rita, took the medical aptitude tests as a lark and did well enough to be admitted to Meharry Medical College in Nashville. Later, he joined the Air Force, serving at bases in Grand Forks, N.D., and Blytheville, Ark., where he became the first black hospital commander.

His career was filled with honors, but he never spoke of them. All his patients knew was that he saved their lives and he saved their babies.

In the nine months he worked at Bullock County hospital, its infant mortality rate dropped from 26 deaths per 1,000 — among the nation's highest — to 5.1 deaths, half the national average.

"If it wasn't for him, I would be dead," said Pinkie Thornton, whose last three children, and three grandchildren, were delivered by Williams. Her most recent pregnancy was ectopic, a potentially life-threatening condition in which the embryo develops outside the uterus. In rare instances, the pregnancy goes to term; that is what happened to Thornton, whose daughter, Tari, is now 5.

WHEN THE OPERATION was over, Williams called in six doctors, she recalled. "He was laughing and smiling. He was kind of happy, because he thought he was going to lose me or something. Every last one of the hospital staff members came in, even the cooks out of the kitchen. I woke up and said, 'What are y'all doing up here?'"

"He said, 'Ms. Thornton, you are going down in history.'"

It was not just the fact that Williams was there to do what had to be done, his patients say. It was the way he did it.

"When I had my daughter, I had a very hard time," Gennell Dix said. "I stayed in labor, hard labor, for 26 hours. When it was over, I woke up looking for Dr. Williams. You know how a little child says, when Mommy or Daddy comes in, it makes it all better? That's the way it was with him. He came in, full of joy, and a lot of times, he embraced his patients."

Bullock County stopped offering obstetrical services with Williams' death and stopped searching for a replacement on Sept. 15. The task proved impossible, said Don Priori, who heads the hospital board.

Every year, 12 percent of OB-GYNs stop delivering babies. Those who continue rarely choose to work in small towns with big problems. Twenty-nine of Alabama's 67 counties have no OB-GYN.

THE HOSPITAL LOOKED for help to a federal program, the National Health Service Corps, which gives scholarships to medical students who agree to serve in needy areas. Under the Reagan administration, however, the program's scholarship budget has gone from \$60 million in 1978 to \$2 million this year, and the number of scholarships is down from more than 3,000 to just 40.

Bullock County, which couldn't afford to wait even two months, was told to wait another year. The job of finding a replacement was complicated by the fact that Williams literally did the work of two.

"He was on call virtually 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Duane Brookhart, Bullock County Hospital administrator. "When an obstetrician looks at the types of need that exist, they're going to say, 'I need some back-up. I need some days off.' I think that made it twice as difficult."

In the week before his death, Williams delivered 10 babies, including two by Caesarean section. The last was a 7-pound, 11-ounce boy named Aaron. His own son, now a third-year medical student at his father's alma mater, spent the summer working with him, including the last 24 hours.

"On Tuesday, he had a delivery, a D and C, and a C-section. Then he did his rounds in surgery. We went to the office, and then he stayed at the hospital until 9 p.m.," Bobby said.

Williams drove home, and Bobby stayed overnight in the hospital's on-call room. His father awakened him at 6 the next morning to do rounds before the elder Williams performed a hysterectomy.

"I was in surgery with him," Bobby said. "He said, 'I'm dizzy.' He slumped forward. They started cardiac resuscitation."

"That was one of the worst feelings I have ever had in my life," he said. "I felt helpless."

ANOTHER DOCTOR, Judy Jehle, was flown in by emergency helicopter from a Montgomery hospital to complete the surgery. Jehle had recently cut obstetrics out of her own practice because of the long hours.

At the funeral, more than 1,000 people crowded into the church. Many more went to the funeral home, their children in tow.

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Boston University takes on task of school reform

EDITOR'S NOTE: Can a private university save a failing urban school district? Boston University has offered to try to do just that for Chelsea, Mass., perhaps that state's worst school system, within a decade. The proposal has raised hopes in this immigrant-rich city, but some question the wisdom of surrendering control of public schools to a private institution.

By LEE MITGANG
AP Education Writer

CHELSEA, Mass. — Like the four other schools in this most troubled district in Massachusetts, Burke Elementary is awaiting its messiah. If the savior arrives this fall, it won't be a moment too soon.

Children in this overcrowded, 107-year-old, red brick and wood school eat at their desks. There is no cafeteria. The playground is unsafe because slate slides off the roof. The wooden stairs are a blatant fire hazard. What passes for an auditorium contains what passes for a library and what passes for a speech therapy room.

Test scores, graduation rates and teacher salaries all rank among the worst in the state. This impoverished district on Boston Harbor that mixes Hispanic and Southeast Asian immigrants with working-class whites spends just \$2,600 per pupil. That's about \$1,600 less than the national average and only \$200 more than Arkansas, the lowest spending state.

Fifty-nine percent of the district's 3,300 schoolchildren come from families where English is a second language, if spoken at all, says Superintendent Frank Herlihy.

Chelsea hasn't built a new school since 1923, and buildings like Burke are completely inadequate in 1988.

FIVE MILES AWAY, John Silber, sharp-tongued president of Boston University, says he can change all that — and gain prestige for his school in the bargain. He has offered to manage the Chelsea school district

for 10 years and transform it into a model for urban school renewal.

If Silber has his way, his university would administer and finance a sort of Marshall Plan for Chelsea schools. Mothers and pregnant teens would be counseled on nutrition and child rearing. Curricula would be revamped. New schools would be built, old ones renovated. Learning plans would be tailored to individual students. There would be after-school programs for all ages.

If Silber achieves even a fraction of this, it would be a national first: a private university governing a public school system, a full-scale social experiment aimed at transforming the fortunes of an entire downtrodden community from birth to old age.

"I don't think it's extraneous to the life of a university to be caught serving the community," Silber said in an interview. "We'll be making good on a lot of palaver, a lot of talk that comes out of Washington. Actions continue to speak louder than words."

MANY IN CHELSEA are thrilled at the prospect of a helping hand. But others, especially teachers, are bitter and mistrustful because, they say, university officials only recently saw fit to include them in discussions.

Still others question whether it's right for a city to grant control of its schools to a private body, no matter how well-intentioned.

"I don't think the school committee should turn over its authority to any private institution. Isn't that what democracy is about?" said Elizabeth McBride, a member of the Chelsea school committee.

In other words, big questions remain before the BU-Chelsea contract is a done deal. Where is the money coming from for BU's grandiose reform plan? Who would ultimately be

in charge?

"Concretely and specifically, nothing has been settled. There is no contract between Chelsea and BU," said Paul Devlin, head of the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers.

It began three years ago when 30-year veteran school committeeman Andrew P. Quigley independently approached Silber with the idea of managing Chelsea's schools. The university agreed to produce a comprehensive audit of the schools and develop a plan to revive the system.

THE DISTRICT'S biggest problem has always been money, but 1980's statewide tax-limiting Proposition 2½ hit Chelsea hard. Funds for supplies were cut in half, and music, art, physical education and counseling staff were laid off.

Said Ed Greenberg, a 73-year-old retiree and civic leader who recently attended his 55th Chelsea High School reunion: "The community just doesn't have the money or the expertise to turn the schools around. This has been going on for 30 years now. Things are bad. Things are bad."

In a 231-page proposal issued last summer, BU offered a messianic vision of Chelsea schools 10 years from now, with BU at the helm:

■ Chelsea schools would boast "Family Learning Centers" addressing the education, health and nutrition needs of parents and children alike, from birth to adulthood.

■ Curricula from kindergarten through 12th grade would be overhauled the first year, and teachers would design individual learning plans for students.

■ Community service would be a graduation requirement. Working with the city health department, students, parents and city leaders would end Chelsea's drug problems.

■ Teacher pay, currently lowest in the state at \$18,000-to-\$30,000, would

be made competitive, with incentive pay and added responsibilities for the best teachers.

BY THE FIFTH YEAR, BU projects a 20 percent improvement in third-grade reading, writing and math test scores. The dropout rate will be down to 10 percent from the current 15 percent. The elementary schools will be freshly renovated, a new high school ready for students.

Currently, the BU-Chelsea relationship is defined by a set of resolutions adopted by the school committee July 26, in essence an agreement committing both sides to work in good faith toward a final contract.

The key difference between the town and the university lies in who would run the schools. The plan the university submitted in June proposed setting up a five-member management committee with BU holding a 3-2 majority. The Chelsea school committee countered with a proposal that the management team consist of the existing seven-member school committee and three BU representatives.

Peter R. Greer, who this summer became dean of BU's school of education, proposed a compromise Sept. 21, giving the Chelsea school committee power to override BU's management decisions with a two-thirds vote. He also suggested an advisory council be set up with parents, teachers and townspeople passing along concerns to the university managers.

If Chelsea endorses that plan, the Legislature must still approve a transfer of power from the community to the university; chances are considered good.

Beyond those uncertainties is a residue of resentment among some school committeemen and classroom teachers who contend that, until very recently, the university had dealt with them high-handedly.

"When the BU people first came in

here, it felt like a grand jury, with rapid-fire questions," said Richard Denning, principal of Prattville School, another of Chelsea's antiquated elementary schools. "BU is going to find that it's more difficult than it appears. From my point of view, we need help, but not a takeover."

"The only time I've seen BU people was a 15-second walk through my classroom," said Christine Siewko, a veteran first-grade teacher at Burke. "I feel if they're going to do a decent job there, they are going to need teacher input."

"BU is biting off more than it realizes," said Phyllis Nazzaro, the lead teacher of special education at Chelsea High School. "We have PTA meetings and only four or five parents show up. We know the problems."

Even Greer, who won high marks as school superintendent in Portland, Maine, in 1979-86 and served as a federal undersecretary of education for two years before joining BU, acknowledges the university could have better explained its plans.

GREER HAS PROMISED to involve teachers and parents more in discussions, and both sides say he's

already soothed some of the hurt feelings.

Still, these questions remain: ■ Where is the money coming from?

Silber says he's confident he can get the Legislature and private foundations to donate the \$50 million he estimates is needed to build new schools and renovate existing ones, and an additional \$2 million or so a year to raise salaries and meet other operating costs of the plan.

"When John Silber walks into the Ford Foundation, we know they are going to listen," Quigley said.

So far, said Greer, the university has gotten a commitment only from Papa Gino's pizza chain to supply free pies for good students, and \$10,000 from a Minneapolis firm to help refine the district's computer network.

■ Who would be in charge? Greer, despite his proposal to give the school committee power to override university decisions, makes it clear the university expects the upper hand.

"BU shouldn't be asked to put its reputation and resources on the line and not have a certain authority," he said.

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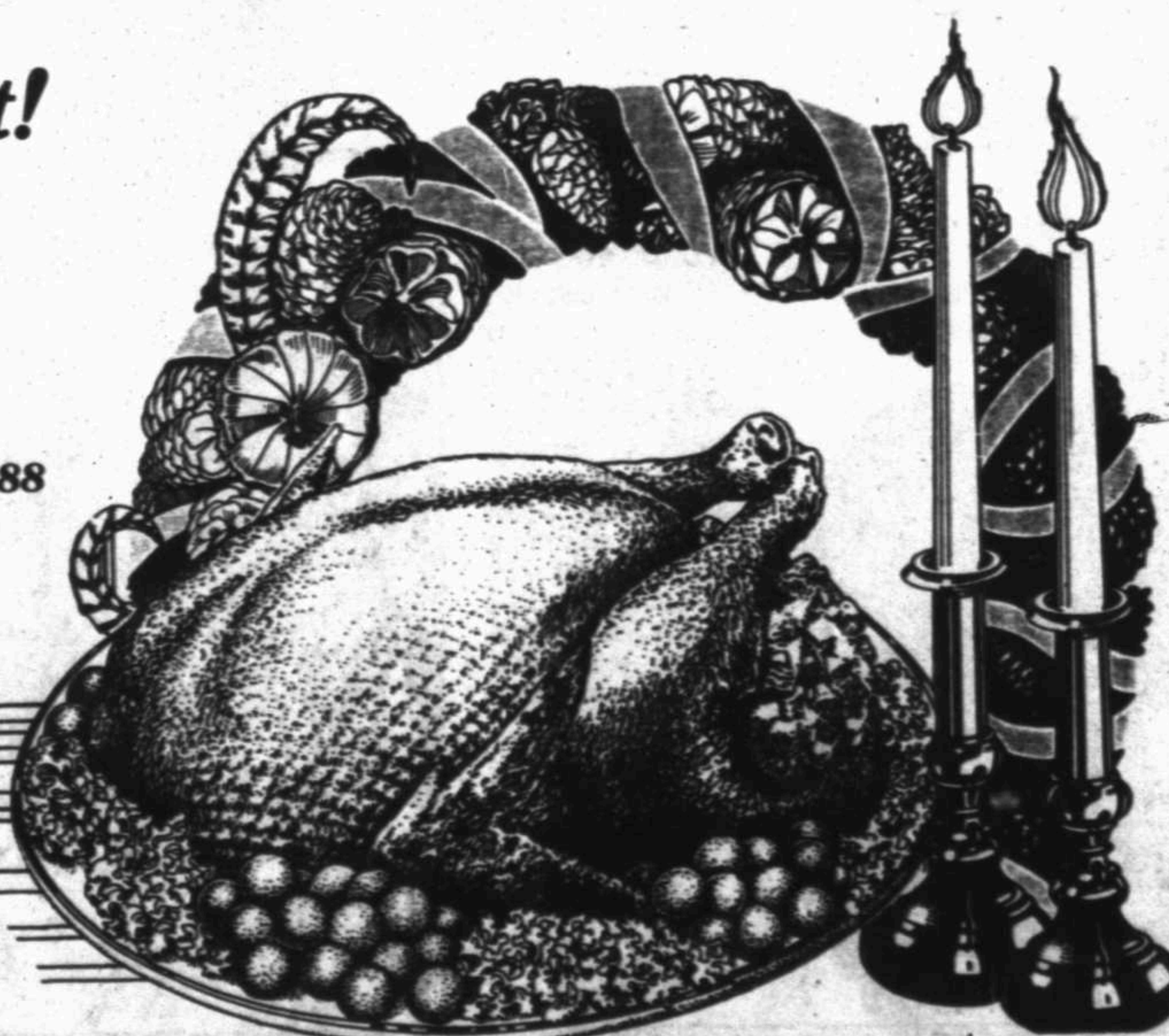
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Miami	3	2	0	.600	96	96	Skins	3	3	0	.500
Patriots	2	4	0	.333	78	148	Eagles	2	3	0	.400
Cowboys	1	5	0	.167	99	125	Dallas	2	4	0	.333
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Bengals	6	0	0	1.000	171	107	Chicago	5	1	0	.833
Houston	4	2	0	.667	110	136	Vikings	4	2	0	.667
Browns	3	3	0	.500	82	92	Tampa	2	4	0	.333
Steelers	1	5	0	.167	116	158	Detroit	1	5	0	.167
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Seattle	4	2	0	.667	112	109	Packers	1	5	0	.167
Danvers	3	3	0	.500	110	87	Rams	5	1	0	.833
Raiders	2	4	0	.333	141	189	Saints	5	1	0	.833
San Diego	2	4	0	.333	74	122	49ers	4	2	0	.667
Chiefs	1	4	1	.250	79	98	Atlanta	1	5	0	.167

Sunday's Games
Chicago 24, Detroit 7
Buffalo 34, Indianapolis 23
Houston 7, Kansas City 6
Rams 35, Atlanta 0
Green Bay 48, New England 3
Cincinnati 38, York Jets 19
Seattle 16, Cleveland 10
Minnesota 14, Tampa Bay 13
Washington 35, Dallas 17
Phoenix 31, Pittsburgh 14
Denver 16, San Francisco 13, OT
Miami 24, Raiders 14
New Orleans 23, San Diego 17
Monday's Game
Giants at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

It looks ugly, but Oilers win, 7-6

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Coach Jerry Glanville said the game was not beautiful.

Oiler defensive end Ray Childress even joined several players in calling it ugly. But Houston's 7-6 defeat of Kansas City Sunday was a form of justice for Oiler third string quarterback Brent Pease.

Booted by his own fans when he threw three interceptions, Pease rolled four yards for a touchdown on a naked reverse.

Pease, rarely used this season, was thrust into the game in the first quarter when starter Cody Carlson, himself subbing for injured Warren Moon, suffered a broken thumb.

Pease's first seven passes were incomplete and two were intercepted by Lloyd Burruss and Jayice Pearson.

He later yielded a third interception to Deron Cherry, the league leader with five thefts.

"I assess my performance today as very low, a C-minus or D-plus," Pease said. "I made some good reads but I threw the ball badly. I need a week of work with the first team."

The Oilers had to overcome their own mistakes to improve their record to 4-2. They committed 12 penalties, two of which wiped out touchdowns, for 121 yards.

"It was ugly if you look at the overall game but it was great from a defensive standpoint," said Childress, who had 2½ of Houston's five sacks.

"A 7-6 game isn't going to excite many offense-minded people. But we played well and pressured (Steve) DeBerg."

The Chiefs, 1-4-1, moved to field goals of 28 and 51 yards by Nick Lowery behind three consecutive pass completions in each drive by DeBerg for a 6-0 halftime lead.

"We had a lot of mad people in the locker room at the half," Oiler line-backer John Grimsley said. "It was a challenge to stop them in the second half but we handled it."

DeBerg completed 15 of 30 passes for 163 yards but he got only 60 yards in the second half as the Oiler defense stiffened.

The Chiefs had one last chance when they got the ball with 2:26 to play but despite a personal foul

against Houston's William Fuller, the drive ended at the Chiefs 39.

"I really thought we were going to take the ball and go down and score and win the ball game," DeBerg said. "Everyone on the team thought the same thing."

The Oilers got the ball back and ran out the clock.

Mike Rozier gained 141 yards on 27 carries as the Oilers finally got their rushing attack going against the Chiefs, ranked last in the NFL against the run.

"I'm tired of saying it is frustrating," DeBerg said. "We've got to put this game behind us and go on. There are a lot of games we should have won that we didn't."

Three of Kansas City's four losses have been by a combined five points. They were beaten by Seattle 31-10.

"We have a lot of corrections to make but I just feel that we aren't that far away," Kansas City Coach Frank Glanz said. "We need to win on the road and we need to win some close games."

The Chiefs were penalized nine times for 90 yards. The most critical

penalty was a 25-yard pass interference call against cornerback Sidney Johnson.

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First Quarter
KC—FG Lowery 28, 13:26

Second Quarter
KC—FG Lowery 51, 8:13

Third Quarter
Houston—Pease 4 run (Zendejas kick), 12:16

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Kansas City: Heard 7-48, Saxton 2-9, Palmer 7-8, Moriarty 2-2, Houston, Rozier 27-141, Highsmith 6-38, Pinkett 9-23, Carlson 1-3, Pease 3-1.

PASSING—Kansas City: DeBerg 15-30-2-163, Houston: Pease 3-14-3-26, Carlson 1-20-8.

RECEIVING—Kansas City: Carlson 3-54, Roberts 3-21, Henry 2-28, Paige 2-21, Palmer 2-6, Saxton 1-15, Heard 1-11, Hayes 1-7, Houston, Highsmith 1-6, Williams 1-9, Rozier 1-8, Hill 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Houston: Zendejas 37, 50.

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Bryant pumps new life into 'skins offense

Miami keeps AP No. 1

Associated Press

Miami, UCLA, Southern Cal and Notre Dame are the top four teams in this week's Associated Press college football poll and several of them have to play each other.

The first test comes this week when Miami visits Notre Dame. Southern Cal visits UCLA on Nov. 19 and the following week Notre Dame visits Southern Cal.

Miami was idle over the weekend and held onto first place for the sixth week in a row.

Top Twenty Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season record through games of Oct. 8, total points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami, FL (52)	4-0-0	1,115	1
2. UCLA (1)	5-0-0	1,051	2
3. Southern Cal (3)	5-0-0	1,012	3
4. Notre Dame	5-0-0	932	4
5. Florida State	5-1-0	817	5
6. West Virginia	5-0-0	811	7
7. Nebraska	5-1-0	747	9
8. South Carolina	6-0-0	704	8
9. Oklahoma	4-1-0	683	10
10. Oklahoma Stat	4-0-0	589	13
11. Clemson	4-1-0	564	11
12. Auburn	4-1-0	538	4
13. Georgia	5-1-0	482	15
14. Wyoming	6-0-0	323	16
15. Michigan	3-2-0	298	17
16. Washington	4-1-0	257	19
17. Arkansas	5-0-0	228	20
18. Indiana	4-0-1	147	—
19. LSU	3-2-0	130	—
20. Florida	5-1-0	77	14

Other receiving votes: Alabama 61, Duke 38, Oregon 38, Washington St. 38, Syracuse 26, Penn St. 25, Brigham Young 19, Western Michigan 17, Ball St. 9, Texas A&M 8, Hawaii 3, Colorado 2, Southern Mississippi 1.



Washington's Mark Rypien finds himself in the clutches of Dallas' Ed Jones.

Dodgers rally to beat NY Mets

By JOSEPH DURSO
NYTimes News Service

NEW YORK — The Los Angeles Dodgers put their pine-tar problems behind them Sunday night, outlasted the Mets in a struggle that raged for four and a half hours, finally nailed them in the 12th inning on a home run by Kirk Gibson and tied the playoff for the National League pennant at two games apiece.

It was a night of lost chances for the Mets, who built a 4-2 lead after successive home runs by Darryl Strawberry and Kevin McReynolds and who still led by two runs with three outs to go in the ninth inning and Dwight Gooden pitching.

But no, Mike Scioscia tagged Gooden for a two-run home run and they were headed for a long night.

It ended at 12:53 a.m. (EDT) after Gibson, who had just one single in 16 times at bat, cleared the fence in right-center off Roger McDowell.

But there was more. The Mets staged one of their melodramatic rallies when they loaded the bases with one out in the home half of the 12th.

But Jesse Orosco, the sixth Los Angeles pitcher, retired Darryl Strawberry on an infield pop fly. And Orel Hersher, who had already started two games in five days, including a seven-inning outing Saturday, came out of the bullpen as the seventh Dodger pitcher and retired Kevin McReynolds on a fly to short center. And the Dodgers survived, 5-4.

Besides the fact that they were tied again, it all meant one thing to the teams: They would have to return to Shea Stadium and start Game 5 within 12 hours.

It starts at 12:08 Monday afternoon, and then the playoff will head for Los Angeles one more time.

"We were on the edge of extinction," Gibson said. "It's not very good being down, three games to one, to the Mets. And Gooden was almost unhittable. I was getting worse each time up. But when I came up in the 12th, I figured it was about time. I was long overdue."

"It was a strange game," Davey Johnson, the Mets' manager, said later, in a towering understatement.

"Doc was breezing. Then another leadoff walk. But the last person you'd expect to hit a home run there was Scioscia. I figured it was Doc's game."

Before the game, Manager Tommy Lasorda of the Dodgers, one of baseball's ranking optimists and evangelists, did his best to turn a negative into a positive.

He denounced the three-day suspension of his ace relief pitcher, Jay Howell, as an "unjust" act that could injure his Dodgers. But he added, with feeling:

"I didn't go to church today with a smile on my face. I didn't even eat good today. But watch our guys tonight. They'll be out there fighting and scrapping and firing."

But even with the added drama of the Dodgers and their pine-tar cause, the game could hardly have been expected to surpass Saturday's contest, which lasted 3 hours 44 minutes in the cold and the rain. Saturday's game was spiced with bizarre events, pratfalls in the slippery turf, two walks with the bases loaded and a five-run rally by the Mets in the eighth inning shortly after Howell was banished.

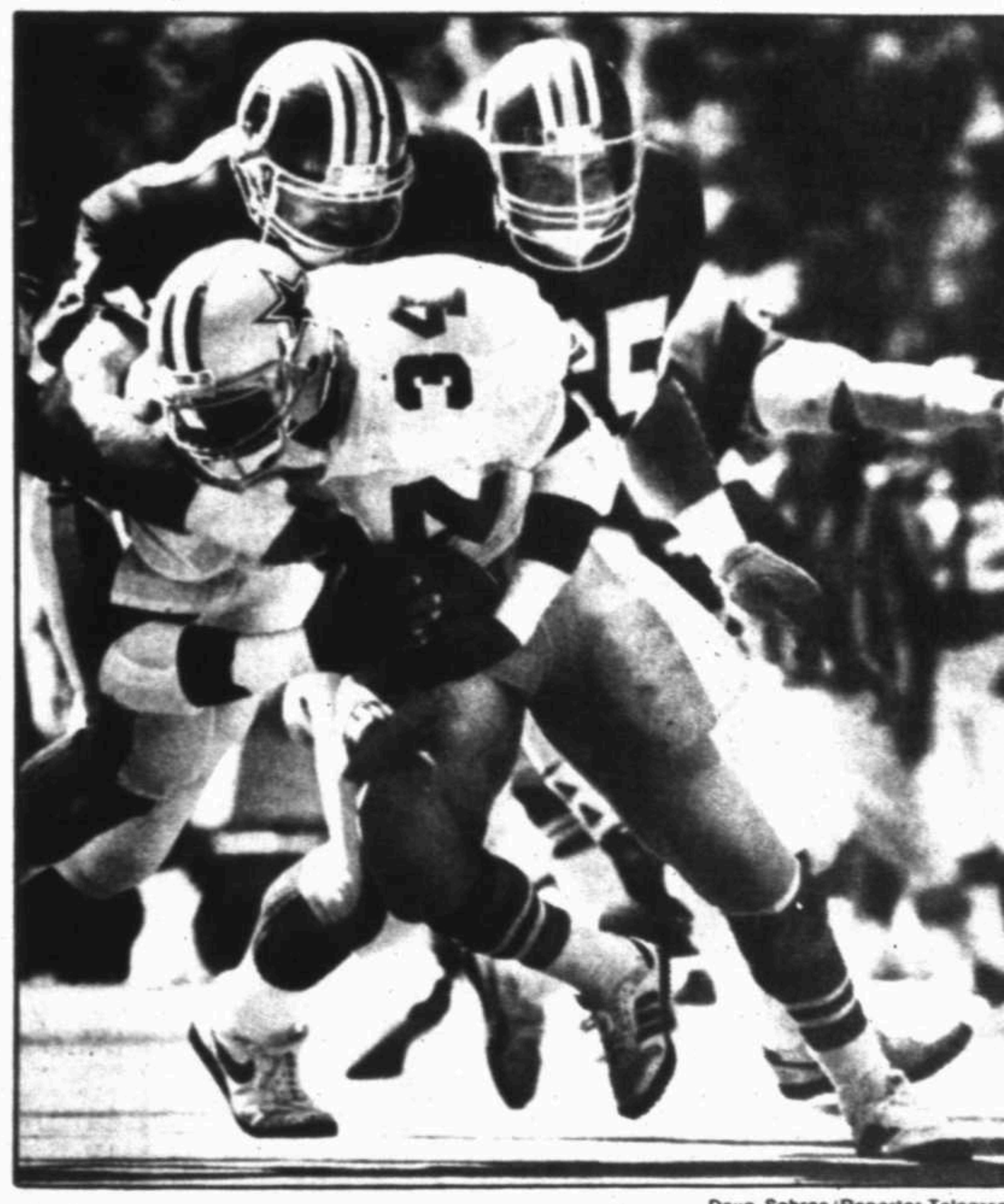
This time, as though charging to the tune of Lasorda's bugle, the Dodgers began the evening with a burst of two runs off Gooden the first time they went to bat.

Steve Sax opened the game by tapping a chip shot toward third base and beat it out for a single when Gregg Jefferies had no play.

Then Sax flashed his running game, which produced 42 stolen bases this season. He stole second and waited there while Gooden was walking Mickey Hatcher, and then they moved to second and third while Tim Lincecum was throwing out Kirk Gibson on his grounder to the right side.

The next batter was John Shelby, who had one single in 10 times at bat so far in the playoff. He lined a single to right field, both runs crossed and the Mets trailed by two before they even went to bat.

Home-run leader Jose Canseco put the A's ahead with a homer, 21-game



Dallas' Herschel Walker (34) is stopped by Washington's Markus Koch and Dave Butz in Sunday's NFL game at Texas Stadium.

Oakland sweeps Boston to win ALCS

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Unsung heroes had played strong supporting roles, but Oakland's season-long stars dominated a familiar script the day the Athletics won their first American League pennant since 1974.

The A's success story was painfully familiar Sunday to the Boston Red Sox. The 4-1 victory was Oakland's fourth straight in the best-of-seven AL playoffs and the 10th home win in a row over Boston for the team odds-makers snubbed at the start of the series.

Home-run leader Jose Canseco put the A's ahead with a homer, 21-game

winner Dave Stewart allowed four hits in seven innings and major-league save leader Dennis Eckersley blanked Boston for the fourth game in a row.

Canseco offered an inside tip for prognosticators outside the A's champagne-drenched clubhouse.

"We'll be the team to beat (in the World Series) — the team with the better record, the team with the better balance," he said.

The A's slugger, who hit .313 for the series with three home runs, four runs batted in and one stolen base, has a good record on predictions in 1988. Last April, he correctly

anticipated that he would be the first player in history to hit 40 homers and steal 40 bases.

His line shot into the right-field bleachers in the first inning was his fifth homer in just 26 at-bats against Boston starter Bruce Hurst, a two-time loser in the playoffs. His homer also tied the AL playoffs record set by Kansas City's George Brett in 1985.

Stewart got into his usual early jam. But just as he had in Game 1, he escaped, fanning Dwight Evans with the bases loaded to end the first and retiring 11 consecutive batters.

To Stewart's mind, the series

sweep brought sweet vindication for both the pitcher who was considered washed up two years ago and a team only recently accorded much respect.

"People can see we honestly deserved to win 104 games," said Stewart, already tabbed by Manager Tony La Russa to start Saturday night's World Series opener in New York or Los Angeles.

Manager Joe Morgan of the Red Sox agreed.

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TV Sports...

FOOTBALL—Giants-Eagles, 8 p.m., ABC.

Quotebook...

Alice Roosevelt Longworth had a motto at parties, "If you can't say anything good about someone, sit right down here by me."

"The fans in New York appreciate the game. It's exactly the opposite of how the fans are in Kansas City." — David Cone, who received a standing ovation from Mets fans after winning his 20th.

Did You Know?...

Elvin Hayes, then playing for the University of Houston, scored a record 358 points in NCAA post-season basketball tournaments in 1966-67-68.

Trivia Teaser...

Monday's Question-Who was the first Cy Young winner in 1956?

Sunday's Answer-The Dodgers' Tommy Davis knocked in 153 runs in 1962, the last National League to surpass 150 RBI.

TED BATTLES Series is for game's best teams

Even someone who admittedly rooted for the Boston Red Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers had to concede that Oakland and New York are the best teams.

The A's and Mets proved it over the season, but ran the risk of seeing a year of sweat and toil wiped out in one brief seven game series.

The Mets and A's are unquestionably the class of the majors and they deserve each other in baseball's ultimate series...

The A's have it made. The Mets, well, maybe the Dodgers can still pull it out...



Battles

DODGER relief pitcher Jay Howell's ejection from Saturday's game, for the alleged use of pine tar to doctor the ball and cause his breaking pitches to make more moves than a ticklish belly dancer, smacked of an old fashioned western lynching.

When Manager Tommy Lasorda went out to confer with the umpires, he should have been asking if "Anybody read this kid his rights? And doesn't he get one phone call?"

Bart Giamatti slung a noose over the nearest limb and executed sentence right on the spot.

Considering the rainy, mud splattered playing conditions Saturday, incriminating smudge marks could have been found on any of the pitchers.

Can you imagine what Steroid sprinter Ben Johnson would have done with the assertion by Met Manager Dave Johnson that he knew Howell's glove had pine tar on it before he asked that it be checked.

"Sure, he did," Ben would have said, "he had it planted there."

Howell made any possible defense academic by admitting his guilt. Meanwhile, Keith Hernandez, Mets first baseman who has an appreciation of the traditions of the past, thought the whole thing was stupid, not worth the trouble.

"They've been doctoring balls since the way back in the early 1900s. It's part of the game..."

BACK in 1980, the University of North Carolina came into Lubbock for an early season game against Texas Tech.

With Lawrence Taylor and Famous Amos Lawrence, touted as an All-America running back, it probably was the best Tar Heel team since the days of Choo Choo Justice.

It was obvious early that the Tar Heels were promoting the wrong back for All-America, yet, even so, Tech had UNC beaten late, 6-3. The suspensions about the skills of the back was substantiated before it was over.

In the fourth quarter, the "other" back took a swing pass out of the backfield and raced 60 or 70 yards through the Raiders for the game-winning touchdown.

Sunday, he showed up at Texas Stadium in Irving and before the day was out, like Tech, the Dallas Cowboys wished they had never heard of Kelvin Bryant...or at least had had the foresight to sign him out of the USFL when he was available...

TIMMY Smith and now Mark Rypien...where do the Redskins dig these people up? Give Rypien another game or two and Doug Williams may not get his job back...

Larry Gatlin's Southwest Classic in Abilene next year goes from PGA to Seniors format because the PGA boosted its minimum purse a couple of \$100,000. The former Odessa High quarterback, now a C&W superstar, takes the change in stride, "It's just a matter of whether the tank is half full or half empty. We're just going from blond-haired flat bellies to gray haired fat bellies..." Of course, Gatlin is famous for being the quarterback of the last Bronco team to beat Odessa Permian, 25 years ago...

Steve Pelleur's playing field judgment has been a well-publicized source of concern for the Dallas Cowboys, but almost as disturbing is the way wide receivers have been turning Cowboy defensive back Ron Francis into a pretzel...

Notre Dame-Miami Saturday not only could carry No. 1 overtones, but could go a long way toward determining which bowl might wind up with a national championship showdown. And, with no conference ties, the Fiesta is in an enviable position, freedom to go after the top two teams available...

(Ted Battles is sports editor of the MRT)

OILERS

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It gave the Oilers a first down at the Chiefs' six-yard line prior to Pease's game-winner.

Moon, who suffered a shoulder injury in the second game of the season, has started to throw passes but may not be ready to return for Sunday's divisional showdown at Pittsburgh.

Carlson's status remained undetermined.

Lone Star Conf.

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AP Laserphoto

Oakland relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley lets out a victorious cheer after his fourth playoff save clinched a World Series berth for the A's.

OAKLAND

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"We lost to the best team in this league," said Morgan, whose team roared back from fourth place at the All-Star break to win by a game over Detroit. "There's no doubt about it."

"I haven't pitched this much all year," said Eckersley, who notched a club-record 45 saves in the regular season. "I'm just glad we had a three-run lead — and that we're not playing tomorrow."

And what of Boston? Red Sox fans are trying to figure out what happened to a team that won its first 12 games under Morgan in July but staggered in autumn, losing 10 of its final 11 games.

Boston center fielder Ellis Burks suggested that the A's may have been "a little hungrier than us."

The games were close, but the final numbers added up to total domination by the Athletics: a 20-11 advantage in runs, a .299 batting average and a 2.00 earned-run average against what had been the best hitting team in baseball.

"That's a darned good team," said AL batting champion Boggs. "They can do it all."

McGwire was even more effusive in his praise.

"This," he said proudly, "is an awesome ballclub."

Broncos beat 49ers

Associated Press

It was the elements — "the referees, Mother Nature and the wind," according to San Francisco tailback Roger Craig — that gave the Denver Broncos a 16-13 overtime victory over the 49ers on Rick Karius' 22-yard field goal.

"It was as bad as I've ever seen," Denver coach Dan Reeves said. "The wind was a tremendous factor."

Rams 33, Falcons 6
Jim Everett passed for three touchdowns and Greg Bell ran for 155 yards and scored once for Los Angeles, 5-1. The Rams scored on five of six first-half possessions, failing only when Everett had a pass intercepted at the goal line.

Seahawks 16, Browns 10
Curt Warner ran for a touchdown and Norm Johnson kicked three field goals for Seattle, 4-2. Cleveland lost Mike Pagan, its third starting quarterback this season, with a separated shoulder.

Cardinals 31, Steelers 14
Neil Lomax threw for 291 yards and three touchdowns as Phoenix, 4-2, defeated Pittsburgh for the first time in 19 years. Pittsburgh suffered its fifth straight loss after winning the season opener.

Saints 23, Chargers 17
Bobby Hebert threw for two touchdowns and Morten Andersen kicked three field goals to give New Orleans, 5-1, its victory over San Diego, 2-4. The Saints haven't lost since the season opener.

Bills 34, Colts 23
Jim Kelly's three touchdown passes, including two to Andre Reed, helped the Bills, 5-1, rebound from a 17-point deficit to down Indianapolis, 1-5.

Purtzer captures Gatlin in playoff

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — The Gatlin Brothers Southwest Golf Classic died with a bang, not a whimper. Make that a big bang. A \$400,000 bang.

Tom Purtzer won the finale Sunday, but it took an 8-under-par 64, an eagle at the 72nd hole and a sudden death playoff to do it.

Purtzer, a 36-year-old player from LaQuinta, Calif., washed away a mounting backlog of self doubts with a par on the first playoff hole that shot down Texan Mark Brooks and secured Purtzer's third PGA victory in 13 years on the tour.

"We all have doubts," said Purtzer, whose last triumph came four years ago in the Phoenix Open.

As he prepared to hit his first shot Sunday, his caddy told him: "Don't hold nothing back."

He didn't.

Purtzer reeled off three quick birdies, took the lead briefly with an outgoing 31 and knocked in a 25-foot eagle putt at the 18th green to put the finishing flourish on a 19-under-par total of 269.

And then along came Brooks, 27, a former University of Texas ace from Fort Worth who had held or shared the lead from Day One but had failed to keep pace in Sunday's torrid windup.

He needed an eagle for a 67 that would tie and carry the tournament into a playoff.

He knocked his second shot to within 55 feet of the hole on the 562-yard 18th and it all came down to one putt.

His luck ran out on the par-4 15th, the first playoff hole, when he three-putted from 45 feet for the bogey that cost him the title.

Purtzer two-putted from 25 feet for his winning par.

ABILENE — \$400,000 Gatlin Brothers Southwest Golf Classic, played at the par 36-36-72, 7,180-yard Fairway Oaks Country Club Course (x-denotes amateur, x-two playoff):
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dropping the season-opener against San Francisco.

Dolphins 24, Raiders 14
Liffort Hobley's 19-yard return with a fumble for Miami's second score in an 11-second span of the second quarter helped the Dolphins, 3-2, defeat the error-prone Raiders, 2-4.

Vikings 14, Buccaneers 13
Anthony Carter scored one touch down and set up another as Minnesota, 4-2, rallied to edge underdog Tampa Bay, 2-4.

Bengals 36, Jets 19
Three first-half touchdowns passed by Boomer Esiason ensured Cincinnati of remaining the NFL's only unbeaten team after six weeks, matching the Bengals' best start in the team's history.

Packers 45, Patriots 3
Brent Fullwood ran for three second-half touchdowns and Green Bay intercepted five passes as the Packers won their first game of the season. Green Bay, 1-5, scored two touchdowns in the final five minutes of the second quarter for a 17-3 half time lead and Fullwood finished with a career-high 118 yards on 14 carries.

Bears 24, Lions 7
Jim McMahon completed eight of 11 passes for 78 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown to Dennis McKinon, before leaving the game with a slight concussion as Chicago defeated Detroit.

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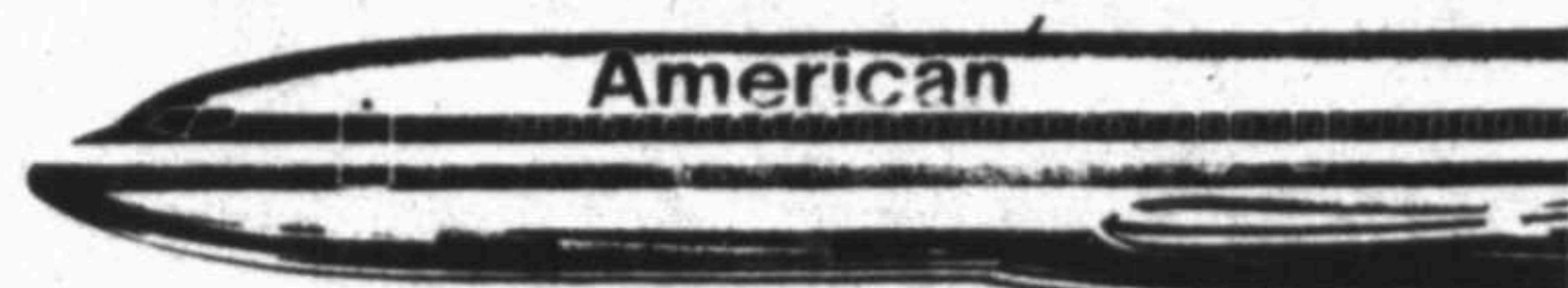
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Each Monday we'll publish our expert selections. We must receive your ballot no later than Friday, noon to be eligible for that week's contest. Winners will be announced the following week.

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Our Expert Picks For This Week...

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| 1. ☒ Arkansas | ☐ Texas |
| 2. ☐ Baylor | ☒ Texas A&M |
| 3. ☒ Texas Tech | ☐ Rice |
| 4. ☐ TCU | ☒ Brigham Young |
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| 6. ☐ Washington | ☒ USC |
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TIEBREAKER GAMES:

Game 1: Oklahoma-Kansas St. — Combined Score.
Game 2: N. Carolina St.-N. Carolina — Combined Score.
Entries sent by mail should be mailed early in the week to ensure delivery by the contest deadline.

Ballot for games on October 15

Deadline for this ballot is 5 p.m., Friday, October 14. Mark your choice for winners with "X". (Selections must be complete for all twenty games.)

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Dodger pitcher Jay Howell, who pleaded guilty to using pine tar on his glove, was suspended for three days, National League president A. Bartlett Giamatti, Howell was ejected in the eighth inning of Saturday's NL playoff game against the New York Mets for having the substance on his glove.

The suspension began Sunday and will continue through Tuesday. It means that Howell would be available only for Wednesday's seventh and final game of the playoffs, if the series goes that long.

Former Jackson Mets (Texas League) Manager Tucker Ashford provided the tip that nailed LA relief pitcher Jay Howell for illegally using pine tar in his glove. "I was watching the Dodgers-Mets game in my living room

with my wife and four friends on Tuesday night," Ashford said Saturday from his home at Memphis, Tenn. "I could clearly see pine tar on Howell's glove and cap. I know about those things, because I played with Gaylord Perry at San Diego. It was very obvious when Howell threw about five straight curveballs to Howard Johnson. The pine tar itself doesn't make the ball do tricks. It's used to give the pitcher a better grip, which gives him a better rotation. It's cheating."

Coach Merle Masonholder credited the confidence factor for helping Carroll play top-ranked Augustana tough enough for the victory that ended the Vikings' 70-game regular-season winning streak. "We played them this tough last year at Augustana. We had two big penalties that took us out of the game,"

Masonholder said, referring to last year's 27-13 loss.

Bill Nolan's touchdown on a 1-yard run with 5:30 to play carried Carroll to the 24-21 victory. Augustana, 3-1, went into the weekend as the top-ranked team in the NCAA Division III poll. The Vikings won the NCAA Division III championship for four seasons before losing to Dayton in semifinals last season. They had won their previous 61 CCIW games dating back to the middle of the 1980 season.

Patti Rizzo battled strong winds en route to a 1-over-par 73-208 Sunday and captured the Takara women's tournament in Hinocho, Japan, by three strokes. It was the third victory in Japan this year for Rizzo, to go with three triumphs on the U.S. LPGA tour.

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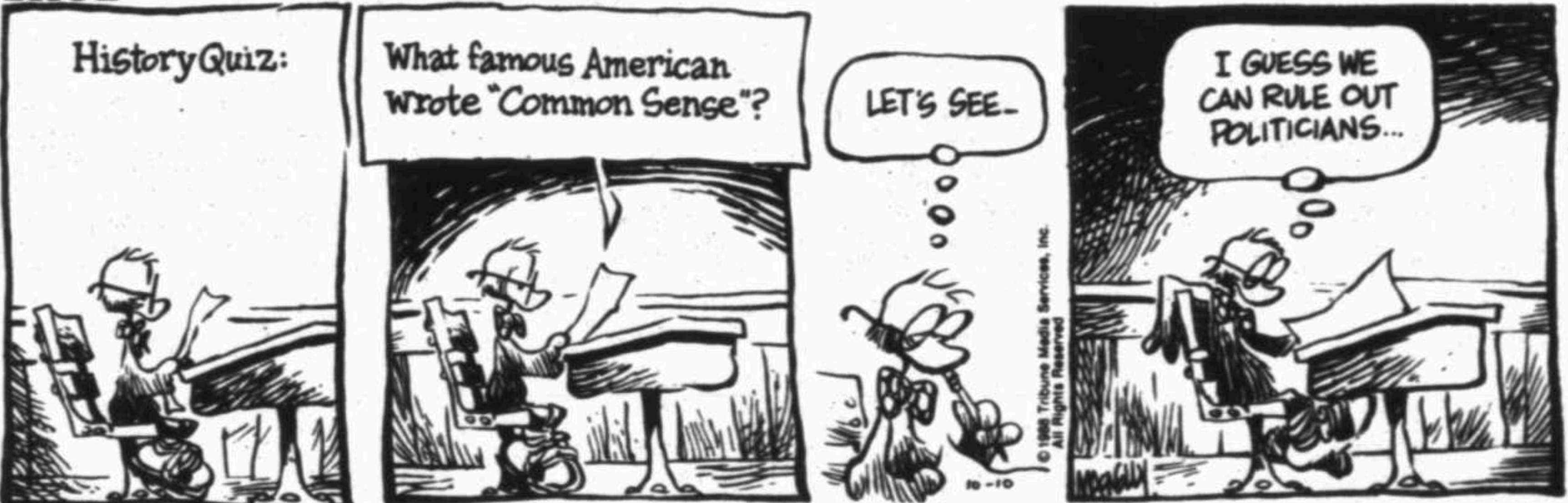
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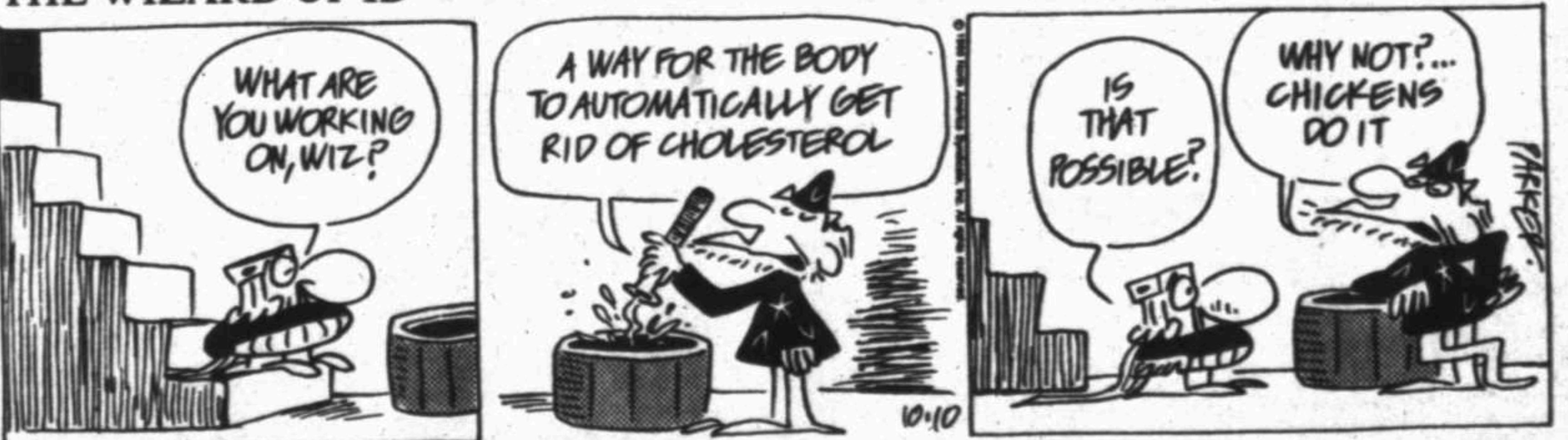
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:

There will be several major decisions that only you can make. Do not abdicate this responsibility. Your self-confidence grows along with your bankroll. Your social life accelerates. Community service and politics attract your interest. Take the plunge! Paying close attention to detail, especially in March, can turn things around for you financially. Your ability to keep a secret will be instrumental in advancing your cause on many fronts.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: journalist Joseph Alsop, choreographer Jerome Robbins, cosmetics king Charles Revson, Eleanor Roosevelt, Air Force Gen. Nathan Twining, singer Dotie West.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do everything you can to make an agreement work and you will benefit financially. Urge everyone you come into contact with today to cooperate. Pursue what seems to be a budding romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A whole new world is about to open to you. Your contacts and special talents are responsible. At times today you will be happy for no

particular reason. Extra cash is available.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your attitude toward a family member could be wrong. Look at all your options before making a job decision. You are in the driver's seat when it comes to making a financial deal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your intuition helps make you a good money manager. Your investments do better than most. Your devotion to your family is repaid by their support. A love relationship grows stronger and stronger.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You finish ahead of schedule. Pitch in and help an associate. The IOUs you earn now will help propel your career later on. Romance is definitely in the air.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Act on those long-dreamed-about plans. Keeping others informed of your intentions prevents confusion. Hard work moves you nearer to your goals. You need to let someone know how much you care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mixed signals from an employer cause confusion. Take steps to straighten out the situation. A stock market tip from a friend bears careful investigation. A friendship turns

into true love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Leave nothing to luck in your career or financial dealings. Keep yourself on course when others try to sidetrack you. An invitation could provide a pleasant diversion tonight. Return home early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Letting problems slide sounds tempting but could bring real problems later on. Do not assume people will do what they promise. Check up on them once in a while.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A good day to launch new plans or make a fresh start. Mate is your strongest ally. Listen when others give you financial advice. A friend makes a startling revelation. Do not overreact!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Trust your best hunches when dealing with finances and friends. Take decisive action on a flash of inspiration. Admitting past mistakes will put a relationship back on track. Speak from the heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Paying close attention to details will pay off in the near future. Influential people appreciate your diligence and patience. Praise is forthcoming but so are more tangible rewards.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AJ107532 ♥7 ♦85 ♣K63

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?
A.—Since you have every reason to expect to take six tricks with spades as trumps, this is the time to preempt. Jump to three spades to tell partner you have a reasonable seven-card spade suit and not much in the way of defense.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠J9532 ♥83 ♦Q7 ♣10653

Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What action do you take?
A.—At no trump, your hand will produce few, if any, tricks for partner. At spades, however, you are bound to single in at least a couple of tricks with your long trumps. The hand will certainly play better at the suit contract, so bid two spades.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠83 ♥AJ92 ♦QJ63 ♣K85

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Dbl Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—There is a standard way to show a good hand after partner's opening bid has been doubled by your right-hand opponent. Redouble. That neither confirms nor denies support for partner's suit—the subsequent auction will clarify your intentions.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AK7652 ♥7 ♦A83 ♣Q102

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Dbl Rdbl 2 ♥ ?

What action do you take?
A.—Partner's redouble asks you to allow him to make the next call—he might want to double for penalties. You disregard that in only two cases: 1) Where you have a weak, distributional hand unsuitable for defending an opposing contract; or 2) where you have a powerful hand and you fear that a low-level penalty double won't compensate for a missed game or, possibly, slam. Neither condition applies here. Pass.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠J542 ♥Q63 ♦982 ♣542

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ Dbl Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—You can't pass for penalties, and neither your hand nor your stopper in spades is good enough for you to bid one no trump—that would show some 7-9 points. Partner has asked you to bid your longest suit, so with three three-card suits make the cheapest bid available—two clubs.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠Q83 ♥Q6 ♦KQ62 ♣AQ92

Partner opens the bidding with three spades. What action do you take?
A.—At this vulnerability, partner's preempt promises six tricks. While your hand might produce four tricks if things go well, it might not even yield three if the cards lie badly. Pass.

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Texas bank woes may not be over

DALLAS (AP) — MCorp's federal bailout request last week signaled a continued financial nosedive for the state that analysts say may not be resolved until the end of 1990.

"It took us a dozen years to get in this shape and it will take a dozen years to get out," said Bill Carden, a Waco-based banking consultant.

Dallas-based MCorp, Texas' second-largest bank holding company, is trying to arrange its own reorganization with \$400 million in new private funds. Many industry experts say the new owners are likely to be from out of state, following a trend that began two years ago.

In late 1986, Texans controlled the 10 largest bank holding companies in the state with more than \$115 billion in assets. Now only one — the \$3 billion Cullen-Frost Bankers Inc. of San Antonio — has not merged with out-of-state banks or asked for federal assistance.

"This marks the end of an era in Texas banking," Carden said. "Texas is now like it was in the years immediately following the Civil War. Then, we were a capital-deficient state and we had to drive our cattle and cotton north to sell. Now, we

FDIC expects record failures

HONOLULU (AP) — U.S. commercial bank failures are expected to decline by about 25 percent in 1989 after reaching record levels this year, the head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. says.

FDIC Chairman L. William Seidman told a news conference at the American Bankers Association's annual convention Sunday that by the end of 1988 as many as 250 banks will have failed or needed federal assistance to stay afloat.

Last year a record 184 FDIC-insured institutions failed and 19 received federal assistance. Reserves at the end of 1987 totaled \$18.3 billion.

But Seidman said the FDIC remained in good shape and is expected to have reserves of between \$15 billion and \$16 billion at the end of the year despite the mammoth bailout of First Republic Bank Corp. and a recent call for help by MCorp, both in Dallas.

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Seidman

drive our banks north to sell." But some analysts say the out-of-state money will help revitalize the industry.

"Over the next 12 to 18 months, this is going to be one of the most competitive markets in the country."

That's going to benefit the customer," said Ron Steinhart, former vice chairman of First Republic Bank and now chairman and chief executive of Deposit Guaranty Bank in Dallas.

"I don't think Texans care any-

more who the shareholders in their banks are," said Gary Jacobs, president of Laredo National Bank, one of the largest independent banks in the state. "The depositors and borrowers just want stability."

The collapse of the state's financial system, which began with the plunge of oil prices and accelerated with the fall in real estate values, has been more severe than even during the Great Depression.

In 1987, there were a record 50 bank failures in the state. Ninety-eight banks have failed so far in 1988, including 40 that were subsidiaries of First Republic Bank, the state's largest bank holding company.

In July, First Republic Bank Corp. was sold to CNB Corp. of North Carolina after posting \$2.3 billion in losses during the first six months of 1988.

"I know of no similar circumstances where there have been such massive failures of financial institutions," said Roy Herberger, dean of Southern Methodist University's business school.

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World senses 'deja vu' with falling oil prices

By BARNABY J. FEDER
New York Times News Service

As the price for crude oil slid below \$10 a barrel in the spot market last week and OPEC officials warned that it could sink to \$5, an uneasy sense of déjà vu pervaded the world.

The sharp decline stirred memories of the price plunge that occurred in 1986, sending economic shock waves through oil-producing regions, including the American Southwest.

In both cases, prices fell after disagreements between Saudi Arabia and other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries on oil production and pricing led to an oil glut. This time around, though, economists doubt that the impact of the decline will be so dramatic even if prices reach new lows.

To start with, there is less room to fall this time. In 1986, spot oil prices dropped by more than two-thirds, from around \$24 a barrel to a low of nearly \$8. This time, prices for the Arab crude oils were about \$12.40 a barrel before they began their slide. They hovered just above \$9 on Friday.

Many experts believe that OPEC's members would reach a new production allocation agreement long before oil reached \$5 a barrel, the level at which it becomes uneconomical for much of OPEC's production to continue.

Even if such an agreement were not forthcoming, many experts say, the governments of the United

States and other higher-cost producers would intervene to prop up prices to prevent their domestic oil companies from being wiped out by competition from the Persian Gulf fields.

Moreover, the expectation that producers or politicians would act to raise prices would probably lead businesses to buy increasing amounts of oil as prices fell. The increased demand would raise prices.

"The effects ought to be milder this time because the size of the drop has to be smaller," said Samuel Nakagawa, a Wall Street economist.

In 1986, the immediate negative impact on oil-producing regions caused the gross national product of the United States to fall in the second quarter and rise at an annual rate of just 1 percent in the third quarter.

In the longer run, though, the savings — which amounted to about \$200 million a day in 1986 — took 2.5 percent off the Consumer Price Index, 12 percent off electricity prices, 6 percent off the cost of such petroleum-based products as synthetic rubber and plastics and stimulated a boom in consumer spending, estimates DRI-McGraw Hill Inc., an economics consulting firm in Lexington, Mass.

Lower inflation also contributed to a rally in bonds and stocks, while adding 1 percent to the Gross National Product in 1987 and 2 percent this year, said Roger Brinner, DRI's chief domestic economist.

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AP Laserphoto

Betty James, the 70-year-old president of James Industries, holds a couple of Slinkies, the toy she and her husband developed.

Slinky inventor's life not all fun and games

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Children around the world have played with springy Slinkies for 43 years, but the 70-year-old woman who helped invent the wire toy says it hasn't been all fun and games.

Betty James, president of James Industries Inc., says her late husband, Richard James, a mechanical engineer and naval architect, came up with the idea of the toy in 1943 while aboard a ship. He saw a torsion spring fall from a table and bounce.

Mrs. James took control of the business in 1960, when her husband lost interest and left the family to join what she called a religious cult in Bolivia. He died there in 1974.

"To this day," she said, "I don't know what a torsion spring is."

James Industries is a spartan, no-nonsense firm that turns out Slinkies by the millions in this small central

Pennsylvania town. It employs 120 people who manufacture, package, sell and ship Slinkies from a single building.

A grandmother of 10, Mrs. James says she's basically a doting mother devoted to her six adult children and their families. According to her oldest son, she's also a demanding and assertive boss.

"She expects a lot out of you. She expects you to produce. And, so you do produce," said Richard James II, 46. He is Slinky sales manager and the only one of three sons and three daughters to join the family business.

Mrs. James, who is known as "Big Betty," is not too big to take telephone messages for her staff and do many other tasks.

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Tenneco sale could gross \$7.3 billion

HOUSTON (AP) — Tenneco Inc. announced today it has entered into definitive contracts with several buyers for the sale of almost all of its oil and gas businesses and expects the transactions to gross more than \$7.3 billion.

The buyers include Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens' Mesa Limited Partnership, which announced today it had entered an agreement to buy Tenneco's oil and gas production in its mid-continent division for \$715 million in cash.

In addition, Seagull Energy Corp. announced today it had signed letters of intent to buy the outstanding capital stock of an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Tenneco for \$16.4 million.

Negotiations are continuing for certain minor portions, but Tenneco said it expects total gross proceeds from the sales to exceed the \$7.3 billion mark, according to a statement released this morning.

Tenneco, the nation's 10th largest oil company, had previously said it expects all of the transactions to be closed by the end of the year. The company announced in May that it was getting out of the petroleum exploration and production business, which represents about 20 percent of its assets.

When Tenneco made the announcement, it said proceeds would be used to help pay its hefty \$8.5 billion debt. Analysts have estimated that the sale could fetch between \$5 billion and \$7 billion.

Although the Houston-based company did not disclose any details about the agreements, it said more information would be released Tuesday following a board meeting.

ing growth this year, as measured by the gross national product, of 4 percent. If realized, that would be the best since 1984.

However, economic growth will slow to 2.5 percent next year and to below 2 percent in 1990, the panel predicted. They've been making a similar prediction for two years now.

Citicorp Chairman John S. Reed, who delivers the council's economic report, said that once again the group's consultants "suggest that next year things will begin to slow down a little bit."

Even another year of unexpected growth would only "put off for another year the expected slowdown," he said.

But if the economists undershoot again, the implications could be grim.

The Federal Reserve Board has been pushing up interest rates in an attempt to fight inflation by curbing growth.

If the Fed doesn't see the "soft lan-

d" it desires, it may force rates still higher, precipitating an actual contraction of the economy, a recession, instead of just sluggishness.

So, when Reed was asked how he could describe a prediction of a slowdown as optimistic, he replied, "There is nothing called a recession in this forecast."

The area of the economy expected to slow the most, according to the economic panel, is consumer demand and the executives are tailoring their plans to that expectation.

Smith predicted a "rationalization of capacity" in the auto industry over the next few years, meaning outdated plants will be closed and, perhaps, jobs lost.

Philip M. Hawley, chairman of Carter Hawley Hale Stores Inc., a department store chain, said retailers are expecting only "reasonably moderate growth" in holiday sales.

If growth in consumer spending was more vigorous, as it was in 1982-85, that would have "long-range im-

plications for the economy that were not good," including higher imports at a time when the United States is trying to shrink its trade deficit.

In between rounds of golf and sets of tennis at the Homestead, a posh resort in the mountains of western Virginia, the executives met behind closed doors to hear from politicians and experts on two subjects: education and the federal budget deficit. The news was not good.

Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, said only 15 to 20 percent of the nation's children are receiving an adequate education.

Yet, according to Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and a former U.S. commissioner of education in the Carter administration, neither of the presidential candidates has put forward a coherent education program.

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BUSINESS GLANCE

MARKETS

Oil futures back above \$13

From Staff and Wire Reports

Oil futures prices climbed above \$13 for the first time in nearly a week this morning. By midmorning, the November contract for West Texas Intermediate on the New York Mercantile Exchange had risen to \$13.15, the highest level since last Monday.

The upward trend is a continuation from Friday, when the near-month contract settled higher in what analysts called a technical rally inspired by the expiration of November options and efforts to square trading positions before the weekend.

On NYMEX, the November WTI contract rose 28 cents to settle at \$12.94 a barrel Friday.

Prices moved erratically in a narrow range during the day, said William Byers of the oil futures research department at Bear, Stearns & Co.

But he said short-covering, in which traders who have sold borrowed contracts buy contracts to square their positions, drove prices higher.

Richard Redoglia, vice president at Merrill Lynch Energy Futures, said there was also some buying connected with the expiration of November options.

"The pressure on the market is still there. Overproduction is still there," he said.

Earlier last week, crude oil prices tumbled to their lowest

CRUDE OIL

SPOT MARKET

W.T. INTERMEDIATE

■ Mid-morning Quote \$13.15
■ Friday's Close \$12.95
■ Previous Close \$12.65
■ One Year Ago \$19.70

W.T. SOUR

■ Friday's Close \$11.52
■ Previous Close \$11.22
■ One Year Ago \$18.78

SOURCE: NYMEX

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■ Last Week \$13.00
■ Previous Week \$14.00
■ One Year Ago \$18.50

level in two years as Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, threatened to produce more than its quota if other members of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries continued to pump beyond their quotas.

The Saudis have indicated they want to punish other OPEC members for overproducing and driving down the price of oil.

Dollar down in thin holiday trading

LONDON (AP) — The dollar was lower today in Europe, where trading was thinned by holidays in Japan and the United States. Gold prices rose. Foreign currency dealers in Frankfurt, West Germany, said the dollar was still under pressure from Friday's release of U.S. unemployment figures.

The market was open in the United States, despite the Columbus Day holiday.

Japan's financial markets were closed for Physical Fitness Day, a national holiday. In London, the dollar was quoted at 132.45 yen.

Other dollar rates in London at midmorning, compared with late Friday:

—1.8565 West German marks, down from 1.8608

—1.5755 Swiss francs, down from 1.5795

—6.3260 French francs, down from 6.3420

—2.0915 Dutch guilders, down from 2.0888

—1.363.75 Italian lire, down from 1.367.50

—1.2077 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2116

In London, one British pound cost \$1.7075, almost one cent more than late Friday's \$1.6985.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$404.20 dollars a troy ounce, up from \$403.05 bid late Friday. At midmorning today, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$405.25.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$406.15, up from the \$404.25 bid late Friday. Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose \$3.28 to close at a bid of \$409.34. Silver was quoted in London at a bid price of \$6.34 a troy ounce, slightly higher than Friday's \$6.33.

Stocks stop just short of year's high

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices rose sharply Friday to some of their highest levels since last year's crash, inspired by news of smaller-than-expected employment growth last month.

The pace of trading picked up as the market climbed.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks jumped 42.32 points to 2,150.07, falling just short of the 1988 closing high of 2,158.61 it reached on July 5.

For the week, the average rose 37.34 points.

Some other, broader measures of market trends surpassed their July peaks — for example, the New York Stock Exchange's composite index of all its listed common stocks, which was up 2.88 at 158.81.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines by nearly 3 to 1 in nationwide trading of New York Stock Exchange-listed stocks, with 1,140 up, 399 down and 420 unchanged.

Volume on the floor of the Big Board came to 216.35 million shares, against 153.57 million in the previous session. Nationwide, consolidated volume in NYSE-listed issues, including trades in those stocks on regional exchanges and in the over-the-counter market, totaled 248.31 million shares.

As measured by Wilshire Associates' index of more than 5,000 actively traded stocks, the market increased \$44.26 billion, or 1.63 percent, in value.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Consumer debt growth sped up in August

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans took out consumer credit at an annual rate of 10.1 percent in August, up substantially from the July borrowing pace, the government reported.

The Federal Reserve said Friday that consumers took out \$5.44 billion more in credit than they paid off in August, as auto loans and credit card debt grew more rapidly.

Consumer debt had risen \$3.62 billion in July, a 6.7 percent annual rate, as the pace of borrowing slowed momentarily following several months of rapid gains.

Irving Bank directors approve merger

NEW YORK (AP) — Irving Bank Corp.'s board of directors approved a management-backed \$1.48 billion merger with hostile suitor Bank of New York Co., ending one of the nation's longest and most bitter takeover battles.

The merger approved Friday will nearly double Bank of New York's size, vaulting it close to the top 10 of the nation's largest banking companies. The two had a combined \$47.8 billion in assets as of June 30.

The board vote came two days after Irving Chairman Joseph A. Rice announced he would abandon his year-long resistance to the proposed acquisition and drop all pending lawsuits and anti-takeover defenses aimed at stopping Bank of New York.

Phelan defends artificial market restraints

NEW YORK (AP) — The head of the New York Stock Exchange said last October's crash was caused by internal technical market problems and not economic changes, and he defended trading halts to avoid another meltdown.

In an interview Friday with reporters, John Phelan conceded that the "circuit breakers" proposal for coordinated trading halts with other exchanges is an artificial restraint on the free-trading system, which he dislikes in theory.

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Sematech expected to make U.S. competitive

AUSTIN (AP) — In recent years, the United States semiconductor industry's ability to compete has been challenged by Japan, which has been gaining market share since 1980 as the U.S. has lost ground.

The federal government a week ago approved \$100 million in financing for Sematech, an Austin-based government-industry consortium that hopes to turn that challenge around.

Next month, Sematech dedicates its 300,000-square-foot facility in southeast Austin. By Thanksgiving, the building's state-of-the-art clean room and simulated production lines should be equipped and ready for trial runs.

While the Japanese have supported government-industry partnerships for more than 10 years, Sematech marks the first time American electronics companies have joined, backed by the government, to advance the industry. Fourteen industry competitors are involved in the Sematech consortium.

The government's matching share

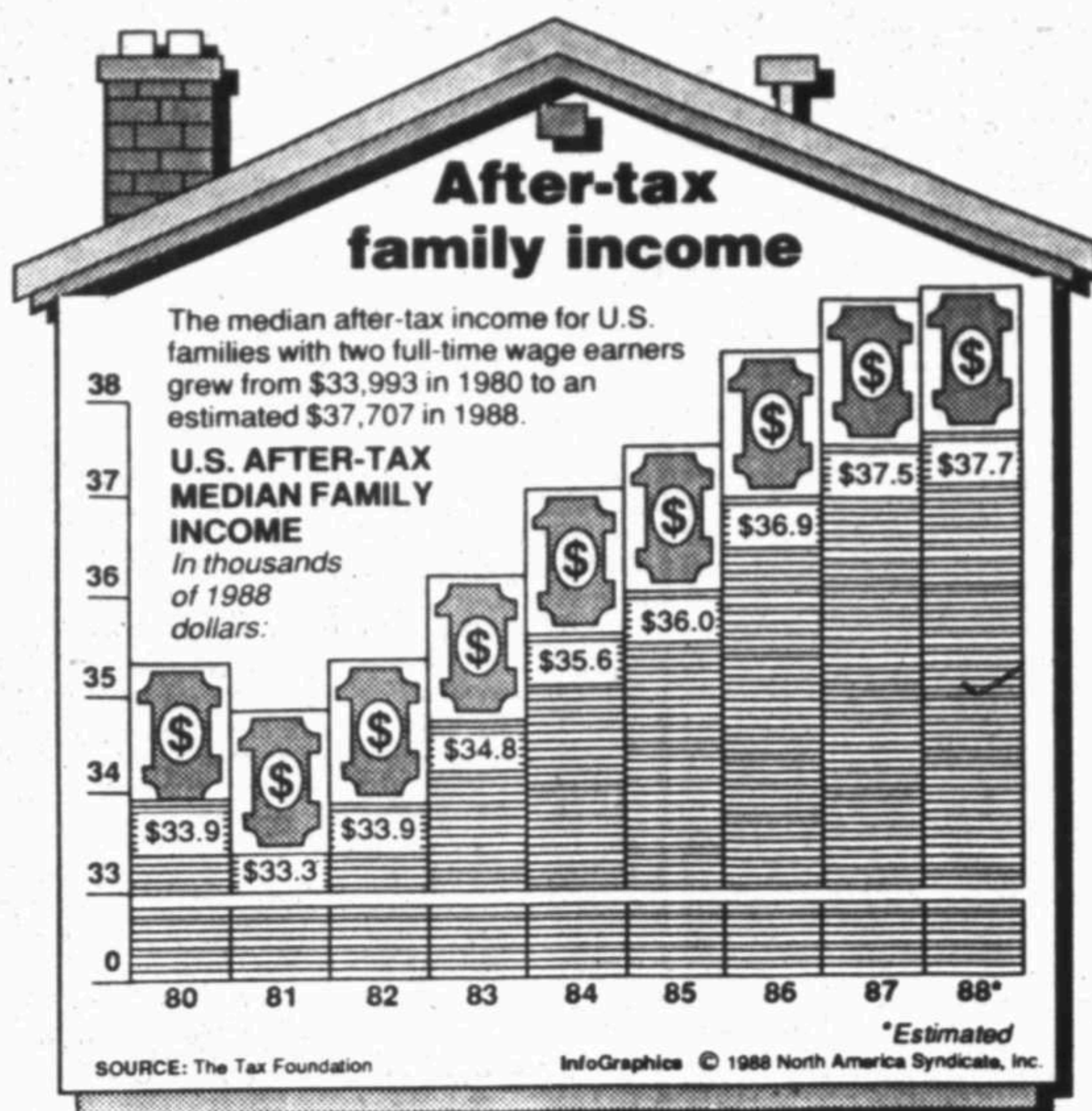
of Sematech's \$250 million annual budget is considered crucial as the consortium tries to recapture leadership in semiconductor manufacturing.

Sematech was launched by the directors of the Semiconductor Industry Association in May 1987. Last December, the federal government appropriated a \$100 million in start-up funds for the project for fiscal 1988.

What lies ahead is an unprecedented cooperative effort between 14 companies — competitors in their field — that, if successful, will lead the electronics industry into the 21st century and establish Texas as a center for technological innovation.

With the new year, Sematech should begin working on the "real stuff," as the consortium's new chairman, Robert Noyce, puts it.

Sematech plans to start processing semiconductor wafers in the first quarter, but Noyce's "real stuff" is not a product, but knowledge.



FDIC

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"Right now the '89 outlook looks better to us. It (the failure rate) could go down as much as 25 percent," Seidman said. "But I must caution you I made that same prediction a year ago."

Seidman said the problem-bank list is slowly declining. The farm and energy belts in the Southwest, particularly Texas, were the biggest trouble spots, according to FDIC spokesman Alan J. Whitney. Among the biggest bailouts was First Republic Bank Corp., the largest bank in Texas. It had \$28.6 billion in assets when the FDIC seized all 40 of its subsidiary banks earlier this year before agreeing to sell them to NCNB Corp. of Charlotte, N.C.

And last week, MCorp, the second-largest bank in Texas with assets of about \$20.1 billion, said it probably would need federal assistance to survive. The bank said it expected to post the biggest loss in its history, about \$525 million, in the third quarter that ended Sept. 30.

Seidman said it was too soon to tell how much assistance, if any, might be needed for MCorp. "We just received their application on Saturday," he said. "It's premature to have any opinion."

Still, Seidman said, "a number of substantial institutions ... are interested" in a possible investment in MCorp.

Also Sunday, Seidman and Comptroller of the Currency Robert Clarke reiterated their opposition to a possible merger of the FDIC, which insures deposits of about 14,000 banks and savings institutions, and the troubled Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., which insures 3,200 savings and loans. Both organizations cover deposits of up to \$100,000.

Seidman and Clarke did agree it was likely to be considered by Congress and the new president.

The FDIC hopes to complete a study that began about eight months ago on possible solutions for the thrift crisis, Seidman said. The cost of liquidating or rescuing the nearly 800 problem thrifts nationwide has ranged from \$45 billion to \$100 billion, and many experts are predicting that taxpayers eventually will have to foot the bill.

Many investor complaints unsolved year later WOES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investors staggered by last year's stock market crash still are trying to sort through their finances, unable to get complaints against their brokers resolved, state securities regulators say.

Two out of three small investors who experienced problems during the stock market crash have not been able to get a resolution of their complaints, according to the findings of a survey released Sunday.

The North American Securities Administrators Administration said its survey also showed that 82 percent of investors now have less confidence in securities markets and one out of every seven investors has left

the market entirely.

"A lot of people with unresolved complaints don't know where to go for help," said John Baldwin, the new president of the association, which represents state regulatory offices. "Our survey shows that these burned investors are not rushing back into the arms of Wall Street."

Of those still in the market, 29 percent said they had substantially less money invested now and two-thirds said they had changed or were planning to change brokerage firms.

Baldwin, director of the Utah Securities Division, said it was important for investors to know what help was available to get complaints resolved. He called it particularly dis-

turbing that 40 percent of investors who had incomes of \$30,000 a year or less had taken no action to resolve their complaints, suggesting a lack of sophistication among these investors about how to proceed.

Baldwin said a good place to seek help is the securities regulatory bureau in the state where the investor lives. Baldwin said state regulators often are able to get results simply by getting the brokerage firm and the investor together to discuss the problem.

He said taking the case through arbitration or filing a court suit are also options, although time-consuming. The survey found that of the cases which had gone to court, 90

percent were still pending while 87 percent of the arbitration cases were unresolved.

The association, which released the survey results at its convention in Santa Fe, N.M., said the typical respondent was a male, aged 55 or older, with a gross income of around \$30,000, who had lost between \$1,000 and \$5,000 in the stock market crash. Half of the respondents to the survey complained that their brokers executed trades late or got them wrong during the hectic period surrounding the Oct. 19 crash.

The next most common gripes were that brokers had misled investors or put them in unsuitable investments.

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Analysts say MCorp, with \$20 billion in assets, could need as much as \$1 billion in assistance from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

"What this proves is that even the best and brightest of our bankers have been caught up in the real estate debacle," said Forrest Smith, former president of the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

"What we must hope that this is the last of the major banks to succumb," Smith said. "If true, then perhaps this is the nadir in Dallas' economic life. We can now only go up."

The spiral began in December 1986 when Houston-based Texas Commerce Bancshares Inc. was acquired

by Chemical New York Corp. In May 1987, Allied Bancshares Inc. of Houston was sold to First Interstate.

In July 1987, the FDIC assisted BancTexas Group Inc. of Dallas with a \$150 million deal aided by a \$50 million match by a European merchant bank. In September that year, Chicago banker A. Robert Abboud rescued First City Bancorporation of Houston with a deal bolstered by a \$1.5 billion federal aid package.

In July this year, Minneapolis banker Carl Pohlad agreed to put up \$200 million to the FDIC's \$475 million to save Texas American Bancshares Inc. of Fort Worth and National Bancshares Corp. of San Antonio — a deal which he is now renegotiating.

SLINKY

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"When we first moved into this building, I used to clean the toilets, too," she said.

She's been involved in every aspect of production and promotion. Slinky was put on the market in 1945, after the Jameses spent two years experimenting with various types of steel.

After receiving a patent, they demonstrated the toys at a Gimbel's department store in Philadelphia. "They gave us the end of a counter so we could show how it walked," Mrs. James recalled.

"I was so scared that no one would buy them, I called a friend and asked her to come along. I thought we would each buy one if nobody else did," she said.

She needn't have worried. After a quick demonstration, the first 400 Slinkies sold out in 90 minutes at a dollar each.

"I was so taken aback when I saw

this crowd of people — and everyone was waving dollar bills."

Each night, Mrs. James took the day's production home from the manufacturer and wrapped the Slinkies by hand with yellow paper.

Richard James, meanwhile, came up with other inventions, but none were successful.

"He was a dreamer," she said. "He developed a refrigerator that would dispense soft drinks, but we took it out because we were drinking so many soft drinks we were getting fat. He also wanted to work on an amphibious car."

When her husband left, Mrs. James struggled to keep the business alive to feed herself and her children.

"To me, my family is the most precious thing in life. ... I always wanted a family because I was an only child," she said. "You do what you have to do for them. I did what I had to do."

The first Slinky plant was in Phila-

delphia's Germantown section. Mrs. James moved to Hollidaysburg, 180 miles away, 23 years ago because she had family and friends in the area who could help care for her children.

The family moved a year and a half before the company's move was complete, and Mrs. James commuted to Philadelphia each week. She drove to Philadelphia on Sunday evenings, returning home on Thursdays.

"It was hard to see her crying because she had to leave the six of us," her son Richard said.

Today, James Industries sells millions of Slinkies around the world. Mrs. James, who with her children owns all company stock, declined to release the number of units sold annually or annual sales figures. Slinkies usually retail for less than \$2.

The company produces other toys, including building blocks, plastic rings, games and pin wheels. "But Slinky outsells them all," Mrs. James said.

"It's simple. It's a universal toy. It's a toy that doesn't need any explanation. It has intrinsic play value," her son said. "There are very few other toys like that."

James Industries began producing brightly colored plastic Slinkies in 1979, to appeal to younger children, especially infants.

Mrs. James and her son gasp at the thought of updating the television commercial jingle that declares "Slinky, Slinky ... Everyone loves a Slinky." The song was written in 1963.

"We'll just stick to something that's good," she said.

SLOWDOWN

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There's been "a strange silence," he said.

Robert S. Strauss, co-chairman of a high-level government commission working on a budget deficit reduction plan for the next president, said he is of "reasonably good cheer" about the prospects of proposing a "constructive and worthwhile" solution.

But Strauss and his fellow co-chairman, former Reagan administration Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, said their recommenda-

tion would fail without the support of the next president.

Republican candidate George Bush has already said he will ignore the recommendation if it includes a tax increase. Democrat Michael Dukakis' chief revenue-raising proposal is more efficient tax collection. Neither candidate has proposed substantial spending cuts.

"Without support from the White House ... Congress isn't going to fall on its sword to please our commission," Lewis said. "There's got to be a joint effort here."

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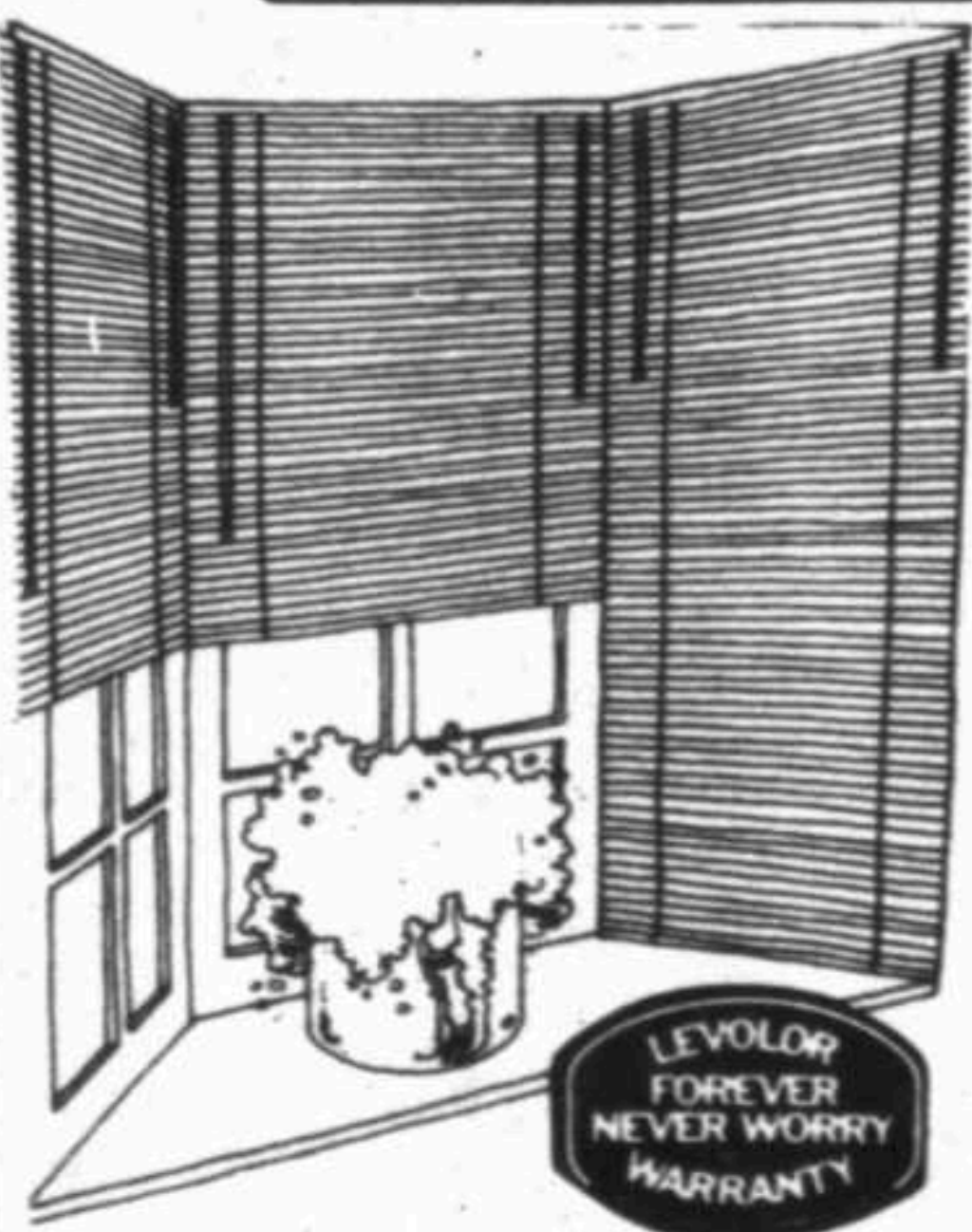
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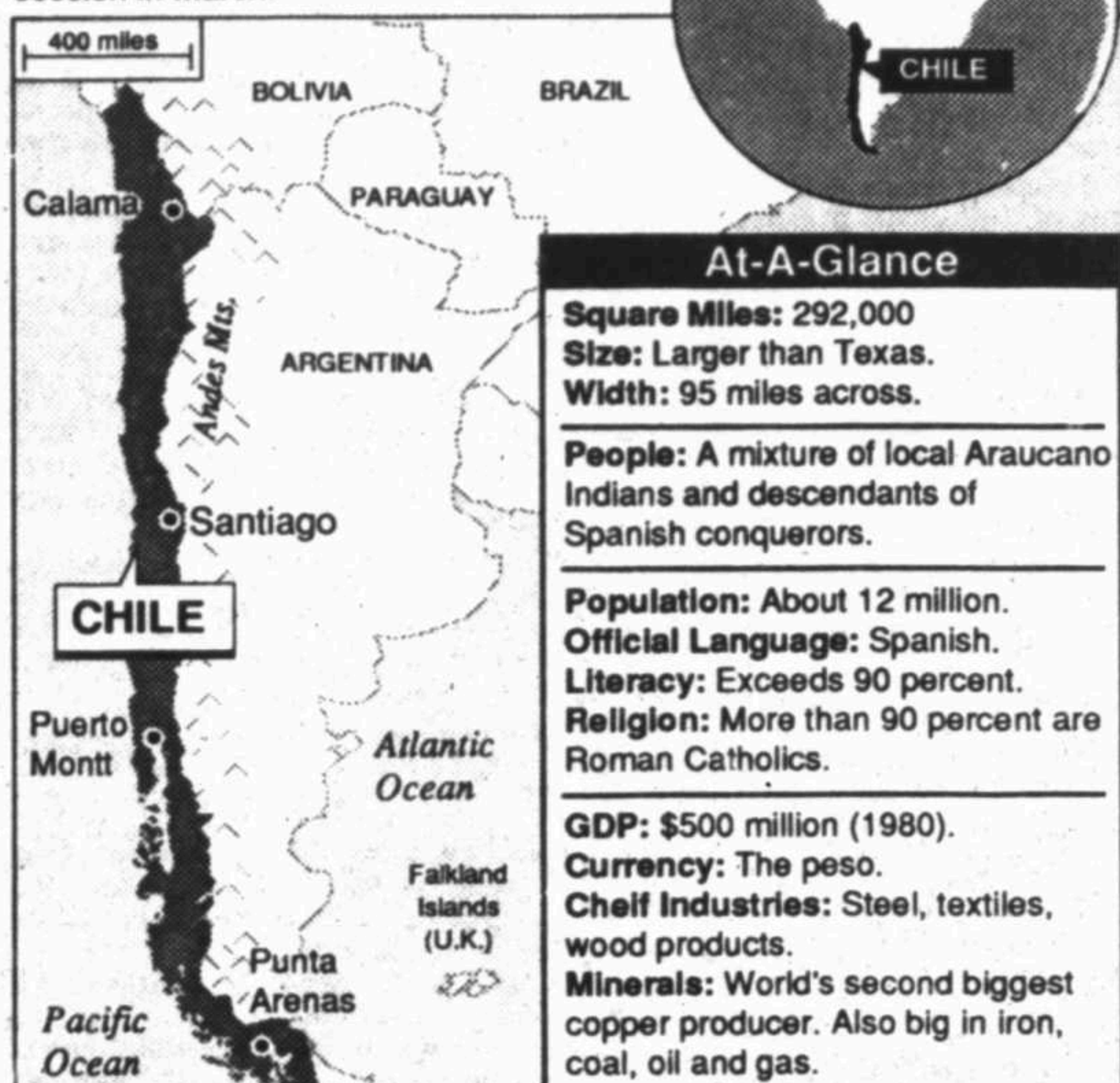
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CHILE

Pres. Augusto Pinochet's government plans to hold a referendum on Oct. 5 to decide if the 72-year-old general will begin a new 8-year session in March.



At-A-Glance

Square Miles: 292,000
Size: Larger than Texas.
Width: 95 miles across.
People: A mixture of local Araucano Indians and descendants of Spanish conquerors.
Population: About 12 million.
Official Language: Spanish.
Literacy: Exceeds 90 percent.
Religion: More than 90 percent are Roman Catholics.
GDP: \$500 million (1980).
Currency: The peso.
Chief Industries: Steel, textiles, wood products.
Minerals: World's second biggest copper producer. Also big in iron, coal, oil and gas.

History: Became a stable democracy in 1810. On Sept. 11, 1973 a military junta led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet ousted leftist government of Pres. Salvador Allende, a strict Marxist who died in takeover. Pinochet's 15 years as president have been marked by military rule.

AP/Tina Glavner

Pinochet rejects demands for his resignation

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — President Augusto Pinochet acknowledged defeat in a referendum on extending his rule but again rejected opposition demands for his resignation and vowed to stay in power for another 18 months.

A key opposition leader, meanwhile, was quoted Sunday as calling for talks with the military government on the nation's political future. In a surprise television appearance from his country home at Bucalemu, Gen. Pinochet said Sunday, "I acknowledge the opposition's victory, but I am not going to change what the constitution says. March 11, 1990, is going to be the day that the government is handed over."

"The situation is very simple," he said. "We fulfilled the constitution that was set up...so now that the opposition has triumphed, why should we change?"

The comments of the 72-year-old commander-in-chief of Chile's armed forces came during a three-minute TV newscast. Pinochet was dressed in a short-sleeved blue shirt. He appeared relaxed and spoke clearly and firmly.

Nearly 7 million Chileans went to the polls Wednesday to vote on the armed forces' proposal that Pinochet remain president until 1997. Pinochet, who ousted elected Marxist President Salvador Allende in a 1973 coup that left Allende dead, lost by about 800,000 votes or a margin of more than 11 percent.

The vote was carried out under a 1980 constitution. That document also calls for elections for president and congress to be held in December 1989, with the winners taking office

in March.

Opposition leaders have pressed Pinochet's military government to move up the date of elections and make other constitutional changes.

Their proposals include eliminating a constitutional ban on Marxist groups, and allowing the entire Senate — not just two-thirds — to be elected rather than appointed. Opposition leaders also want to streamline the process by which future constitutional changes can be made.

"We will formally call on those holding power now to talk to reach an agreement," opposition spokesman Patricio Aylwin said in an interview published Sunday in the newspaper La Epoca. "We will take the initiative by making a proposal and call to the armed forces."

Aylwin is spokesman for the 16-party coalition that urged Chileans to vote "no" in the referendum.

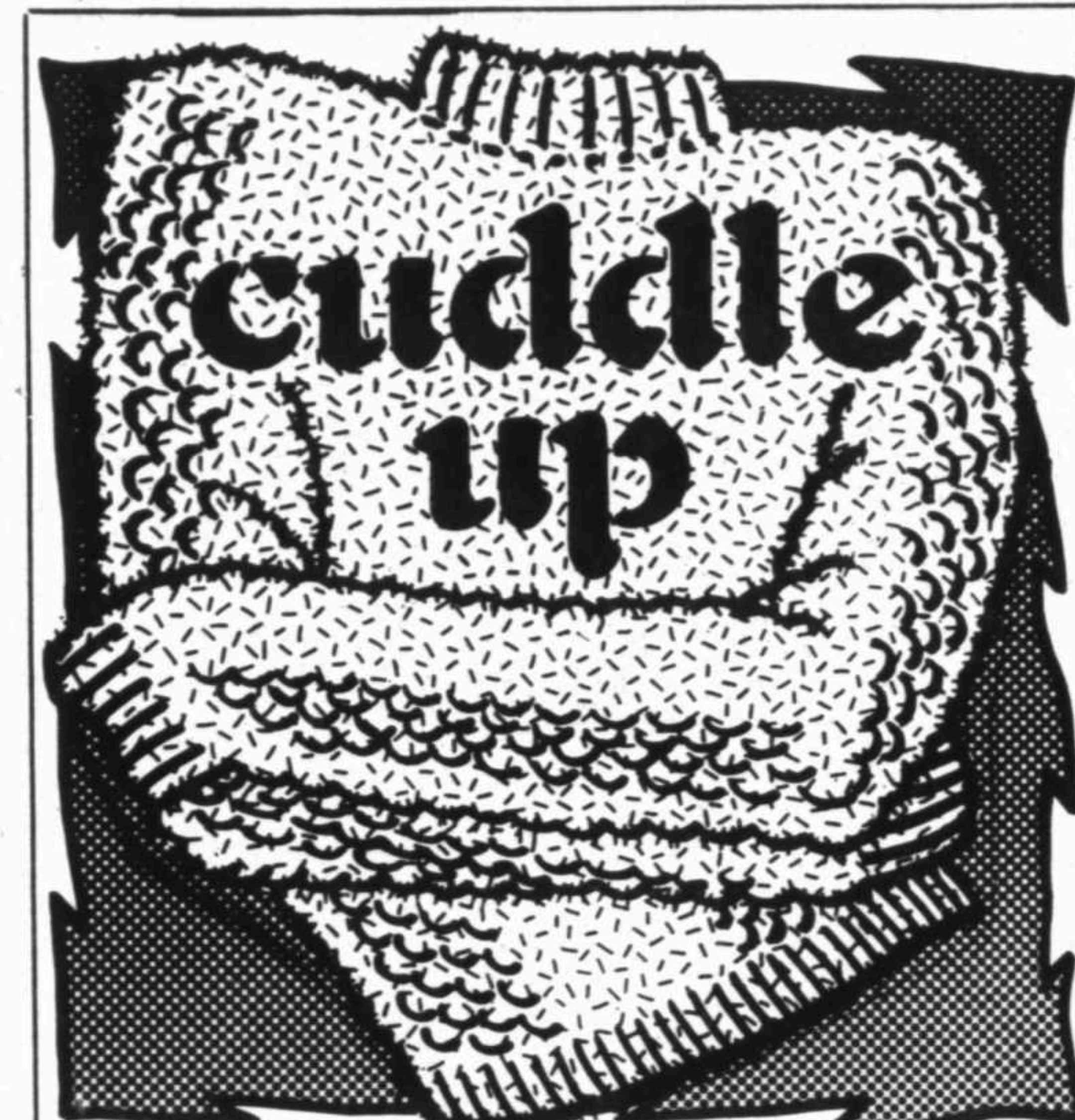
A 4-man military junta acts as the legislature of this South America country, which has been ruled by freely elected, democratic governments for most of its 178-year history as an independent nation.

The junta is empowered to change the constitution, but Pinochet said in a speech broadcast nationwide the night after the referendum that he had no intention of doing so.

Ricardo Lagos, a prominent, moderate Socialist, acknowledged that negotiations, if they take place, would take time. "The people are mature enough to understand that 15 years of dictatorship don't end in 15 hours."



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44 villagers dead in Sri Lanka massacre

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Tamil rebels fighting for an independent homeland hacked and shot to death at least 44 sleeping villagers, including women and children, in northern Sri Lanka, officials said today.

The attack, the worst in the past year, occurred on the eve of the first anniversary of the arrival of Indian troops to Sri Lanka.

Businesses closed on other parts of the island to protest the govern-

ment's peace overtures to the insurgents. The government imposed a 24-hour curfew, beginning at 6 a.m. and closed schools in many districts.

A military official in Colombo said about 75 Tamil rebels attacked the village of Ulukulama, about 150 miles northeast of the capital, on Sunday night and killed 44 people, including 13 women and 18 children.

At least four people were seriously injured and 11 homes were set on

fire during the attack on the sleeping villagers, said the official, who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

The official said the victims were either fatally shot or hacked to death with knives and swords. All were members of the majority Sinhalese community.

The massacre occurred on Army Day, honoring the Sri Lankan soldiers involved in a drive against the

insurgents in April 1987 on the northern Jaffna peninsula.

It was the worst burst of violence on the island in the past year. On Oct. 10, 1987, Indian peacekeeping troops launched operations against the rebels after at least 200 Sinhalese were killed in weeklong violence.

"The killings occurred late Sunday night. Many villagers fled their homes," the military official said.

Troops kill three more Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops shot to death three Palestinians and swept through the occupied territories in search of suspects during a general strike marking the anniversary of 10 months of rebellion.

Also Sunday, underground Palestinian leaders called for world intervention to stop what they called Israeli repression in the territories.

Troops shot and killed two Palestinians in the West Bank on Sunday during widespread searches for suspected agitators, the military reported. In the Gaza Strip, a border security guard killed a man who attacked him with a knife.

The army said eight other protesters were wounded Sunday, but Arab hospital officials put the number at 23. The day's violence increased the casualty toll of the last three days to nine dead and more than 70 wounded.

The uprising has taken the lives of 294 Palestinians since it began in December. Six Israelis have also been killed. The revolt has become the leading issue in the campaign for Israeli national elections on Nov. 1.

The uprising against Israel's rule of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East War, entered its 11th month Sunday. A general strike marking the anniversary closed stores and paralyzed public transportation.

A military spokesman said the army changed tactics by going on the offensive Sunday and entered West Bank towns and villages to search for suspects and arrest them.

"We took initiated action in over 30 villages with the goal of acting on days, such as strike days and anniversaries," said the spokesman on condition of anonymity.

Soldiers forced residents to white-wash illegal anti-Israeli slogans off walls and clear road barriers. Protesters have used the barriers during their clashes with police.

In the West Bank village of Yatta, a mob attacked troops with rocks, and the soldiers opened fire, the spokesman said.

Two residents were shot, he said. Army helicopters evacuated them, but they died while receiving medical treatment.

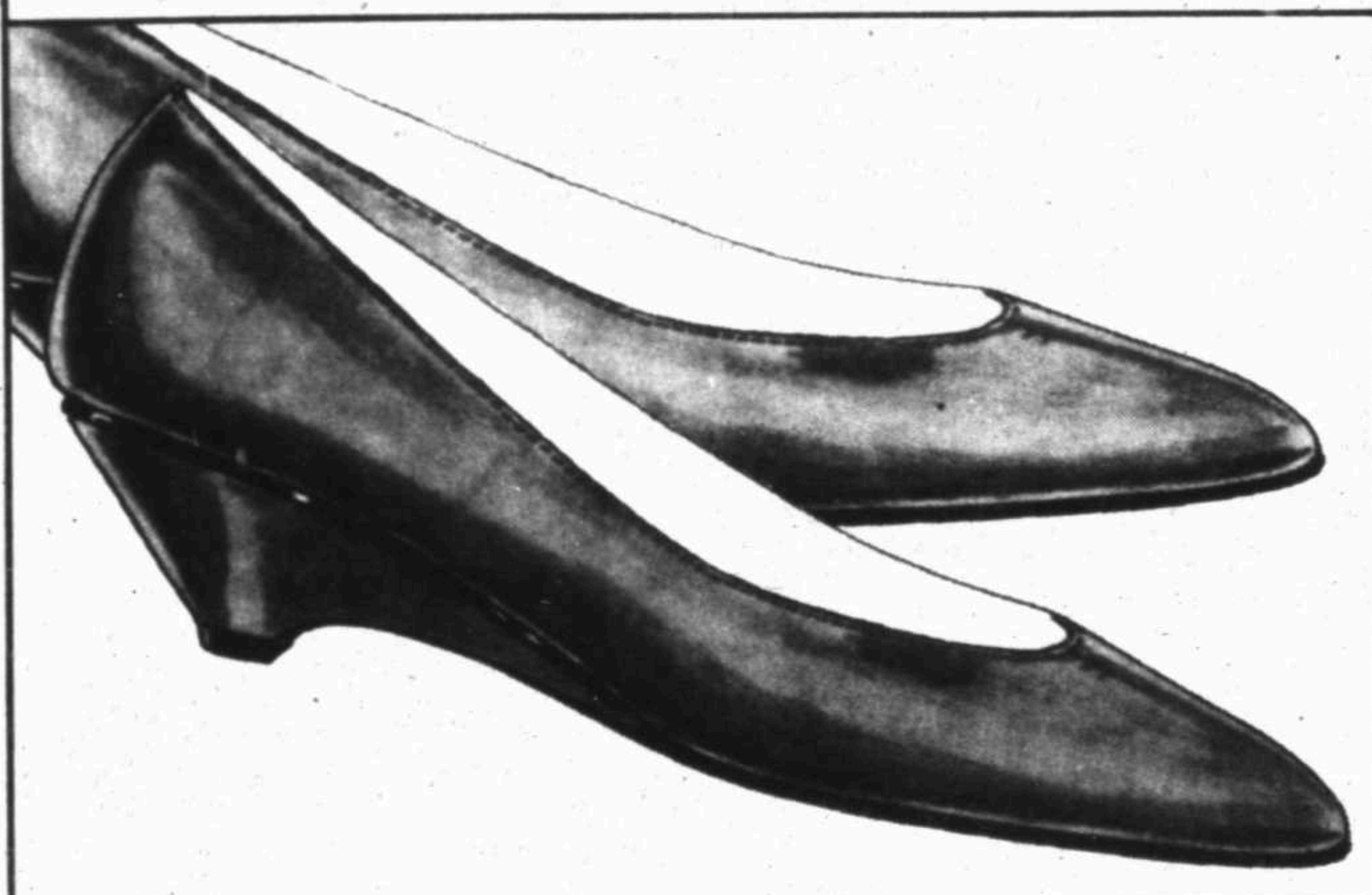
One was wanted by security forces, the spokesman said, but he would not give the man's name or what he was suspected of.

In Gaza, a 20-year-old resident was shot and killed by a civilian security guard he tried to knife at a border crossing, a military spokesman said. The victim, a university student in Egypt, had just returned to Rafah aboard an Egyptian bus with about 10 passengers, and the guard was questioning him, the spokesman said.

Palestinian sources identified the victim as Osama Ahmed Abu Dahl, of Rafah.

A second man was wounded, and Arab sources identified him as 33-year-old Ibrahim Hamdan Abu Fogo, of Rafah. He was in good condition at Beersheba's Soroka Hospital.

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U.S. asks to probe missing people cases

LONDON (AP) — The United States wants Britain to let Pentagon specialists review the cases of several British defense workers who have died under mysterious circumstances, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Citing an unidentified American source, the Sunday Times said some of the workers were involved in British projects related to "Star Wars," the space-based weapons defense system being developed in the United States.

"It's irrefutable that they were working on projects applicable to Star Wars," the source was quoted as saying.

Though the newspaper said the U.S. Defense Department is officially "not commenting" on the deaths, one spokesman was quoted as saying the case had reached "the point where we can't ignore it anymore."

The Pentagon will also request its British counterpart, the Ministry of Defense, to launch a comprehensive inquiry, the newspaper said.

Hostage en route to U.S.

WIESBADEN, West Germany (AP) — A hostage recently freed by his Moslem extremist kidnappers in Lebanon left Sunday for the United States after medical checks and a debriefing at a U.S. military hospital, an official said.

"Dr. Mithileshwar Singh left today for the United States," said Lt. Tom Gilroy, a press spokesman for the U.S. Air Force Station in Wiesbaden. Gilroy said he was not allowed to reveal the flight schedule or destination.

Hospital officials last week said the India-born Singh, freed Oct. 3, planned to travel to Colorado, but did not specify where. Before he left for Beirut in 1983, Singh taught business economics in Grand Junction, Colo., at the now-defunct Western Colorado University.

During Singh's stay at the air station's hospital, he said he did not want to speak to reporters. On Thursday, a source close to the de-

briefing team said Singh was worried about how his kidnappers may react to his public statements.

King's head reconstructed

LONDON (AP) — British experts have used a 2,684-year-old skull to reconstruct the head of King Midas, who according to legend turned everything he touched into gold, the Sunday Times reported.

Dr. John Prag, an archaeologist at the Manchester Museum, and Richard Neave, an illustrator in the department of medicine at Manchester University, used the latest knowledge about distribution of skin tissue on bone to produce the plaster and clay head, the newspaper said.

Midas ruled Phrygia in what is now central Turkey from 738 B.C. until 696 B.C. and was considered the most important member of the Phrygian dynasty.

38 killed in bus accident

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A bus skidded off a mountain road in the eastern state of Assam and fell into a river on Sunday, killing at least 38 people and injuring 16, the United News of India reported.

The news agency, which did not say how many people were aboard the bus, said the driver lost control of the vehicle after it was passed by a car.

The accident occurred 20 miles north of Guwahati, the state's largest city.

Premier gives resignation

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Czechoslovak Premier Lubomir Strougal, who headed the federal government for more than 18 years, and Slovak Premier Peter Colotka resigned today, the state news agency CTK reported.

The announcement was made by Communist Party chief Milos Jakes at a plenary session of the party's Central Committee.

He said the resignations were accepted.

Strougal, believed to be the long-serving premier in Europe, replaced Oldrich Cernik in January 1970.

Iran-Iraq peace talks strand POWs

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — The stalled Iran-Iraq peace talks have left tens of thousands of prisoners of the Iran-Iraq war languishing in camps, waiting for freedom that may be months, even years, away.

Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran, who heads his country's delegation at the talks, said in a recent Tehran radio interview monitored in Nicosia: "We're trying to get an exchange of POWs arranged as quickly as possible."

But United Nations officials said the issue has still had not been discussed at the month-old peace talks when they went into their stall.

When a prisoner exchange does come off, however, it will be the biggest organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross since the Geneva Convention of 1949.

The Red Cross has registered 50,182 prisoners held by Iran and 19,284 by Iraq. But U.N. officials and diplomats in Baghdad and Tehran believe Iran holds 60,000 to 70,000 prisoners and Iraq 30,000 to 50,000.

The POWs include hundreds of Iranian boy soldiers, many of whom

have been held since the early days of the 8-year-old war and have grown up in captivity.

The Soviet Union held thousands of Germans after World War II. The last 9,000 were only released in 1955 after the Soviets and West Germans agreed to establishing diplomatic relations.

Iran has freed a handful of disabled Iraqis since a cease-fire took effect Aug. 20.

But Iraq has freed none and has even added to its tally by seizing more than 700 Iraqis in September in what Tehran claims was a major cease-fire violation.

U.N. observers have confirmed the Iraqis were captured, but so far have not been able to secure their release.

Iraq's information minister, Latif Nayef Jassim, said his countrymen "are opening their arms wide to welcome home" the POWs held by Iran.

But some diplomats fear that both sides will try to use the prisoners as bargaining chips in the peace talks that bogged down, almost as soon as they began, over sovereignty of the

Shatt Al-Arab waterway and troop withdrawals.

The POWs appear to have become pawns in the propaganda war between Iran and Iraq that has swelled since the peace talks began Aug. 25 in Geneva.

Iraq, stung by international condemnation for its alleged use of outlawed chemical weapons against Kurdish rebels, has intensified accusations that the Iraqis have tortured, killed and brainwashed Iraqi POWs. Iran has made similar charges.

Jassim recently accused the Iraqis of "inhuman practices...starting with mass executions and ending with psychological torture."

The official Iraqi News Agency quoted him as saying in a statement: "The savagery of Iran's rulers and their mad practices against Iraqi POWs has caused the death of a large number of them."

Thirty disabled Iraqi POWs released by Iran in early September recently told a Baghdad news conference that their Iranian guards systematically torture prisoners and

pressure them to switch allegiances. Like most Iraqis, many Iraqis are Shiite Moslems.

Christians among the Iraqi POWs were singled out and subjected to extreme mistreatment and pressure to convert to Islam by their Shiite guards, the ex-POWs said.

"When I told them I was a Christian, they asked me to convert to Islam before they would give me any medical help," said Wa'd Aziz Na'mou, who told reporters he was captured in January 1987, after he was wounded in the eyes during an Iranian offensive.

"I refused and they left me without treatment. I lost both eyes. Many of the Christian soldiers were forced to convert to Islam under psychological pressure and torture."

The prisoner's account could not be independently confirmed with other sources or raised with Iranian officials because of limited access. Western news organizations have with Tehran.

Many Iraqis were also hesitant about being exchanged, the report said.

Government changes strategy in fight against rebels

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Soviet-style government is changing its tactics against Moslem guerrillas in the battle for power as Moscow's army withdraws.

The government, dominated by a Communist Party that has been trying to portray itself as the real defender of the Moslem faith, is campaigning for international pressure to halt American and Pakistani support for the guerrillas.

Both the Soviet Union and the Afghan government have been maneuvering for a negotiated settlement, rather than a military showdown, although Moscow continues to arm the Kabul government.

The guerrillas have also achieved some changes, such as the ability to move weapons faster from Pakistan to the hills outside Kabul. But they still lack the coordination for a significant new strategy.

However, some Western diplomats

believe the fierce Afghan winter poses less of an obstacle to the guerrillas' ability to mount attacks on Kabul than in the past.

The withdrawal of about 50,000 Soviet soldiers this summer gave the guerrillas greater control of roads and highways, especially those leading from their supply bases in Pakistan to Kabul. This means they are no longer restricted to taking circuitous routes through mountains where winter snows often block the passes.

The remaining Soviet soldiers, estimated at 50,000 to 55,000, are to withdraw by Feb. 15 under an accord signed in Geneva last April.

The rebel's "supply situation has improved vastly," a Western diplomat said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "A few years ago they depended on camels, donkeys and horses. Now they're depending on Mercedes-Benz trucks."

But the real test will be whether the rebels can mount a serious enough siege of Kabul to curtail the city's fuel and food supplies this winter.

Already, sugar has virtually disappeared from the markets in Kabul in the last week after key highways leading to the capital were closed by the guerrillas.

Residents also report a shortage of flour for bread, an Afghan staple, and say the prices of basic foodstuffs have risen by 20 percent or more in the last two months.

The April 14 Geneva agreement that provided for the Soviet withdrawal was signed by the United States, the Soviet Union, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Both Afghanistan and the Soviet Union have increasingly targeted Pakistan as a violator of the accord in an effort to pressure Pakistan to force the guerrillas to negotiate. In

addition, the death of Pakistan's President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq in August deprived the guerrillas of their most ardent supporter.

So far, the rebels don't appear willing to negotiate.

Foreign diplomats estimate the Soviets now have 35,000 men defending Kabul and an additional 20,000 or more deployed outside the capital.

Washington has predicted the Afghan government and its armed forces will collapse after the Soviets complete their withdrawal.

The morale of the 40,000-man Afghan army is considered low, but the army is not the backbone of the government's military strength.

Its real clout, as one well-regarded Western analyst pointed out, rests with three other forces that have a total of at least 100,000 men who are highly motivated and equipped with heavy armor, field guns and aircraft.

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