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Please, mister, take me home

Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Twelve-year-old Leonard Couto of 2611 Golf Course Road pleads with a fireman to take him home instead of to the hospital after he suf-

fered minor injuries when his bicycle collided with a car Sunday afternoon. The accident occurred in the 1000 block of Ward Street about 4:45 p.m.

Gulf refinery remains shut down

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — Four people are charged in a \$15 million extortion plot against a Gulf Oil Chemicals Co. refinery and a reported deadline for payment expired without the threatened explosion, but the plant remains shut down.

"We wouldn't even consider that (resuming normal operations) until we feel it is safe to," Gulf spokesman Barry Smyth said Sunday, adding that the company was waiting for a go-ahead from the FBI.

The slow process of shutting down the Cedar Bayou plant 30 miles east of Houston was completed Thursday morning. Five bombs found at the plant were neutralized that day, including one that exploded harmlessly while being deactivated, officials said.

Authorities continued searching for more bombs Sunday, five days after receiving an extortion letter threatening to blow up the plant. The Baytown Sun has quoted a source as saying the letter said 10 bombs were hidden in the plant and would be detonated unless

the money was turned over by midday Sunday.

ALL FOUR people charged in the extortion plot are from Durango, Colo. Bond for John Marvin McBride, 46, and Jill Renee Bird, 36, was set at \$1 million each. The pair was arrested Sunday in Durango on warrants charging them with violating the federal extortion statute, the FBI said.

U.S. Magistrate David West scheduled a preliminary hearing for the two at 3 p.m. Friday in Durango. McBride was free on \$25,000 bond in connection with another extortion case in Riverside, Calif., La Plata County sheriff's officials said.

The other two — Theodore Duane McKinney, 45, and Michael Allen Worth, 34 — were arrested in Arizona Friday night and are being held on \$1 million bond in Phoenix. A preliminary hearing is set for them for 3 p.m. Friday in Phoenix.

The owner of a Durango coin shop, Larry Rasmussen, said Worth has a

partner named John McBride in a gun shop and private investigation business operated for the last three years one flight above Rasmussen's coin shop. Rasmussen said Worth is known as an excellent gunsmith. Durango police say McBride is a private investigator.

Sheriff's officers said McBride allegedly approached a Palm Springs, Calif., couple in an attempt to collect on a debt owed by their son to a Durango businessman. He is alleged to have represented himself as a Durango policeman and threatened to arrest the son unless the couple paid him \$2,000.

MCBRIDE WAS arrested in Durango Aug. 13 in that case and returned to Riverside Aug. 27, where he was charged with grand theft, extortion and impersonating a police officer. He is scheduled to appear in Riverside Municipal Court Oct. 15 on those charges, officials said.

McBride, a former reserve police officer in Ignacio southeast of Durango, failed to turn in his con-

cealed weapon permit when requested to do so earlier this year, said Ignacio town marshal Ernest Rivas.

Ms. Bird said Sunday she has lived in Durango for three years, is unemployed, and takes classes at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

Some articles were confiscated during the searches of three homes and a business in the Durango area, but FBI spokesmen said the items seized did not relate to explosives. Agency officials declined to say whether more arrests were planned.

Gulf officials said the company was checking on whether any of the four people arrested had ever worked for Gulf.

In an affidavit presented in federal court in Phoenix, the FBI says that McKinney and Worth were arrested at a Chevron gas station in Apache Junction, Ariz., while the two were on the phone with Gulf security official Bob Quintana.

Gun ownership law scares off crooks

KENNESAW, Ga. (AP) — A 6-month-old law requiring gun ownership by residents of this "controversial but safe" suburb is scaring off the crooks, the mayor says.

Crime is down, the legal skirmishes have stopped and people are finding better things to talk about in the six months since the law requiring each household to own a gun and ammunition was passed March 15, town officials say.

"Everybody's just going about their business," Kennesaw Police Chief Robert Ruble said.

Even the American Civil Liberties Union is satisfied, because exemptions are allowed for conscientious objectors.

The town of 5,400 people made news when it passed the ordinance, which

came in response to a handgun ban passed in Morton Grove, Ill. The law took effect June 1.

Kennesaw has had no armed robberies this year, compared with seven in 1981, Ruble said. It had two home burglaries between March 15 and Sept. 1, compared to 42 in the same period last year, he said.

"We attribute this to the deterrent effect of the gun law," said Mayor Darvin Purdy, an outspoken supporter of the law. "We tried to figure any other variables that have changed since then, and we found none."

Passage of the law was followed by exchanges of legal firepower. The ACLU shot back with a lawsuit that both parties eventually agreed to dismiss.

Before the matter went to court, the

law was fine-tuned to exempt anyone with a "conscientious objection" to it, explained Gene Guerrero, director of the ACLU of Georgia.

"Our concern was coercion against an individual who didn't want to have a gun in their home," Guerrero said. "That's over with. The law was changed to do what we sought all along...people in Kennesaw know that they don't have to have a gun if they don't want to."

The gun law carries no enforcement provisions of its own, but as a misdemeanor under the city code, could bring violators a fine of up to \$200 and 60 days in jail.

Richard Butler, a Kennesaw TV repairman, challenged the law, but U.S. District Judge Owen Forrester scrapped the suit when both sides agreed Butler had conscientious objec-

tions to having a gun in his house — and so was exempt.

Another suit to kill the ordinance would be pointless, Guerrero said.

"You have to have a reason for being in court, and that's difficult to do if there is no real danger at all for anyone being prosecuted under the ordinance," he said.

The law was a boon to souvenir sellers in Kennesaw, which is near the site of the Civil War's Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and has a small tourist trade.

One shop owner, Dent "Wildman" Myers, took to packing a .357-caliber Magnum on his left hip and a .44-caliber "Son of Sam Special" on his right. Over his cash register was a sign: "All shoplifters will be shot regardless of race, creed, religion or national origin."

Hijackers seek U.S. asylum

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Four hijackers seeking asylum in the United States left for an unspecified destination today aboard an Iranian military transport after freeing more than 70 hostages during a stop at the Persian Gulf port of Dubai.

The Gulf News Agency said the Hercules C-130 made a refueling stop in the Sharjah airport in the United Arab Emirates in the early afternoon after leaving Dubai hours earlier.

The military aircraft was hijacked over the Persian Gulf Sunday night and landed in Dubai, also in the United Arab Emirates, after its pilot reported he was low on fuel.

Emirates Defense Minister Mohammed Bin Rashid and Sharjah

Police Director Col. Abdallah Serry negotiated for three and a half hours with the hijackers at the Sharjah airport and reached an agreement to allow the plane to leave Sharjah "with all persons aboard," the agency said. It did not elaborate.

According to the agency, three men and one woman hijacked the plane and are seeking asylum in the United States. Earlier, police in Dubai had said there were only two hijackers.

It was not immediately clear how many people were aboard.

The agency said 76 passengers on the military aircraft had been allowed to disembark at Dubai. Earlier reports from Dubai put the number of freed passengers at 79.

Four die in balloon explosion

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Passengers in a hot-air balloon were about to "applaud a good landing" when the craft suddenly exploded in flames and shot skyward, and four people aboard plummeted to their deaths. Five others were injured.

"Jump, it's going to blow!" Thomas Speer, 43, said he shouted to his fellow passengers an instant before the blast Sunday during the 11th annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

The five people injured included pilot Joe Gonzales of Albuquerque, who was hurled from the gondola when the fire caused one of the propane tanks aboard to erupt in sizzling flames.

Gonzales was bringing the balloon, called the El Globo Grande, gently to Earth at 9:30 a.m. when leaking propane vapors apparently ignited the wicker gondola.

The balloon, which was carrying nine people, exploded, and four passengers jumped out at or near ground level, witnesses said. The balloon, free of the weight, shot skyward, and four others jumped or fell to their deaths from heights of up to 200 feet.

"I turned around to applaud a good landing," said Speer, 43, of Lakewood, Colo. "When I did, I heard a hissing sound and saw vapors escaping very rapidly. I recognized what was going to happen..."

Speer and two other survivors leaped from the gondola as it caught fire on the ground and Speer's wife, Ann, jumped into his arms as the suddenly lightened balloon shot into the air.

After Speer saw that his wife was safe, he looked skyward, where the blazing balloon already had climbed to more than 150 feet.

"At that point, a gentleman jumped," Speer said. "He just jumped. He wasn't on fire. He wasn't thrown from the gondola... When I saw him land, I knew he wasn't alive. I could hear it when he hit. He hit and bounced."

The man was identified as Dick Wirth of London, a balloonist who wrote a book on his craft and was president of Thunder Balloons Ltd.

The El Globo Grande was one of 200 balloons launched as part of the nine-day festival that attracted 450 balloonists.

J.W. Nimmo of Albuquerque, part of the balloon's ground crew, said the fire spread too quickly for everyone to escape. "The whole basket around the propane tanks was engulfed in fire," he said.

As the balloon rose, one woman clung by one hand to its flaming gondola.

"You can't imagine what it was like to be running across that field and seeing that girl hanging from the gondola," Nimmo said. "We were screaming for her to jump before it was too late."

He estimated the balloon rose 50 feet before the woman lost her grip and fell. Immediately, one of the propane tanks exploded and tossed Gonzales over the side, he said.

The others who were killed were identified as Christina Robinson, also of London, and Nick Brainard and his wife, Pamela. Police said the Brainards were believed to have moved to Albuquerque recently. Ages of the dead were not available.

Mrs. Speer was hospitalized with a crushed vertebra and C. Vincent Short, no hometown available, was hospitalized with neck and back injuries. Their conditions were not available.

Task force has several leads

CHICAGO (AP) — A task force has two dozen suspects and several "very substantial" leads in its hunt for a "random murderer" who killed seven people by placing cyanide in Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules, authorities say.

The leads include the discovery of Tylenol bottles and capsules in a suburban motel parking lot on Tuesday, one day before the deaths began. The two Kane County sheriff's deputies who found the capsules strewn on the ground got sick the next day with symptoms that one specialist said could have been caused by cyanide.

Evidence from the parking lot was being tested.

Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner said at a news conference Sunday night that among the task force's suspects are "malcontents...and weirdos who don't act right or did something extremely out of the ordinary."

"We're trying to understand what kind of person could do these things," said Fahner, the chief of a local, state and federal task force with more than 100 investigators looking into the string of deaths. "It is an act of a random murderer who filled the capsules with cyanide and then placed them in the stores," he said.

THE ATTORNEY general declined to reveal any other leads.

All of the deaths occurred between Wednesday and Friday in Chicago or its suburbs among people who had taken Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules

the nation's best-selling pain reliever. Autopsies revealed the deaths were caused by cyanide poisoning.

The cyanide-spiked capsules probably were placed in the stores Tuesday, Fahner said, apparently on the front of the shelves to ensure they would sell

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quickly, he said.

Investigators already have interviewed and cleared many suspects and now believe someone acting alone obtained bottles of Extra-Strength Tylenol, filled the capsules with cyanide at home and then "salted" store shelves with the deadly poison, Fahner said.

The task force is receiving a steady flow of tips, he said, but, "there's no way of knowing if any of these tips or these leads could break the case."

Investigators were beginning to comb personnel files today of people who might have had access to the capsules, Fahner said. He did not elaborate.

It was disclosed Sunday that Kane County sheriff's deputies found 24 bottles of Tylenol in a motel parking lot about 15 miles north of Winfield, where Mary Reiner, one of the victims, purchased her cyanide-laced medication.

EXTRA-STRENGTH Tylenol was not linked to the cyanide deaths until Thursday, two days after the find, so the deputies had no reason to keep the capsules.

Cars strike three times

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Late Saturday a speeding car struck a telephone pole next to Stan and Laura Moore's duplex. A few hours later, a car smashed into a tree across the street. On Sunday night, a car plowed into their living room while they were watching television.

"Both accidents made a lot of screaming and banging, we didn't think much of it until we saw the car come through the wall. Then it was sheer panic."

The Moores were not hurt, but the unidentified driver was taken to the hospital with undetermined injuries.

Stan Moore said he and his wife had just finished dinner and were sitting on a couch. "We were pushed about 12 feet across the room," he said. "We were lucky. The dinner table was obliterated. If we had been sitting at it, I wouldn't be here right now."

INSIDE TODAY

Shield against crime

Lt. Bryan Cook is one of the Sheriff's Department investigators heading up a crime prevention program in which rural community residents learn how to shield themselves from burglaries and thefts.

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Weather

Partly cloudy Tuesday with a 20 percent chance of rain. Details on Page 2A.

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DEATHS

Elmer K. Sisson

ANDREWS — Services for Elmer Kenneth "Ken" Sisson, 74, of Andrews, were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Andrews Church of Christ with Dwight Whitsett, minister, officiating. Burial was to be in Andrews Cemetery, directed by Singleton Funeral Home.

Sisson died Friday at Oak Creek Lake in Coke County.

He was born Jan. 25, 1908, in Coahoma. He was a carpenter, veteran of World War II and a member of Andrews Church of Christ. He had resided in Andrews for three years, moving there from Alaska.

Survivors include a son, Don Sisson of Odessa; a daughter, Mary Beth Martinez of Shreveport, La.; a sister, Mar-

gie Honey of Andrews; and a grandchild.

Brianna J. Mullins

BIG SPRING — Graveside services for Brianna Jean Mullins, infant, of Big Spring, were to be at 10 a.m. today in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Will M. Dunn Sr.

BIG SPRING — Services for Will Mathis Dunn Sr., 69, of Big Spring, were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church with burial in Fairmount Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Governors give press high marks for coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The country's governors have filled out report cards on the reporters who cover their state governments, and they gave the press corps pretty high marks.

Of the 35 governors willing to give a letter grade to their local reporters, two gave out A grades, 19 gave Bs and 13 awarded Cs. There was only one D, and nobody flunked.

Most of the governors answering a survey conducted by the National Governors' Association said their own primary source of news was newspapers, and a influencing state government than broadcast.

The survey was conducted by George Weidner, now chief of staff for Michigan Gov. William G. Mirra, and published in the next issue of the Governor's Report, a 40-question survey although questions.

In another of the rating categories, 21 governors rated the media in their capital city as good or very good, covering them as fair, five said adequate and five said poor.

When asked to give rating in specific categories of fairness of coverage, most governors said "good."

Newspapers were named by 28 governors as state government. Five said newspapers, radio and television, two said newspapers and television, two said radio and television, three said newspapers, eight said all three.

But when the question was which had most influence on the state government, the broadcasters moved up. Ten said television, six said newspapers, three said radio.

The survey also found that the size of state government was a factor. Twelve states reported state government. The lowest state reported six.

The governors also said the size of the press corps responding to that question noted an increase. Two reported a decline.

Problems with coverage cited by the governors included the lack of experience on the part of the reporters. Sixteen governors noted cynicism on the part of the press.

In some of the specific categories, 35 governors rated the press fairly good to excellent on objectivity and fairness. None used the mediocre or poor choices to excellent on accuracy, seven fair, three adequate, four rated the press fairly good to excellent on understanding, four adequate, three mediocre and one poor.



Ng Quoc Viet, an Amerasian 11-year-old boy is greeted by news people and well-wishers shortly after his arrival Sunday afternoon completing his journey from Vietnam.

Parents of ill boy to see him today

DALLAS (AP) — The parents of a 10-year-old Amerasian boy who became ill and was forced to delay a flight here to join them said they looked forward to a belated reunion today.

Bob and Dang Reighard of Garland waited for about an hour Sunday at Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport before Delta Airlines officials informed them that their son, Michael, 10, had been hospitalized for observation and tests in Los Angeles.

The boy, who knows only a little English, was exhausted and had not eaten well, a family spokesman said.

"He's okay," Bob Reighard said at the airport. "He's getting a checkup."

Reighard and his South Vietnamese wife hurriedly left the airport after they were told their son would not be on the flight that arrived at 9:01 p.m. Sunday.

A Delta supervisor said doctors "did not want him to be on the flight all night long. Rather than keep him up all night long, he will fly to Dallas in the morning." Michael Reighard and 10 other Amerasian children left Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, for Thailand, and then on to the United States.

Doctors said that Michael Reighard was not seriously ill.

The Amerasian children were released from Vietnam Thursday through the combined efforts of eight U.S. volunteer agencies.

Reighard, who had waited to see his son ever since he was forced to abandon him during the American withdrawal of Vietnam, left the airport with his arm around his wife, declining to answer most reporters' questions.

With the Reighards at the airport was another son, 8-year-old Brian.

Shelly Katz, a family spokesman, said Michael Reighard stayed in the hospital on doctors' orders.

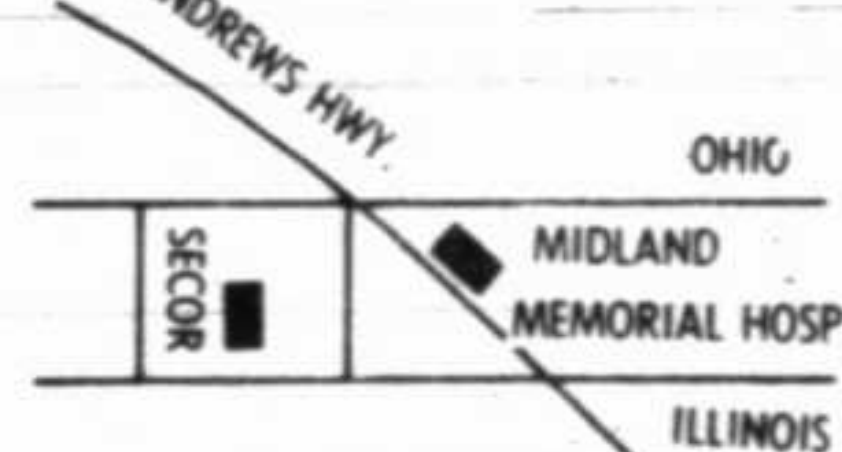
"He hadn't been eating. He hadn't been drinking. He hadn't been sleeping," said Katz. "He was dizzy. As a precautionary measure, they decided to take him to a hospital in Los Angeles for a checkup. They wanted to see if his problems were psychological or something else," he said.

"As a result, he missed the plane in Los Angeles," Katz said. "It became a question whether to keep him up all night on the flight."

Other Amerasian children were destined for Georgia, California, Arizona, Washington and Washington, D.C.

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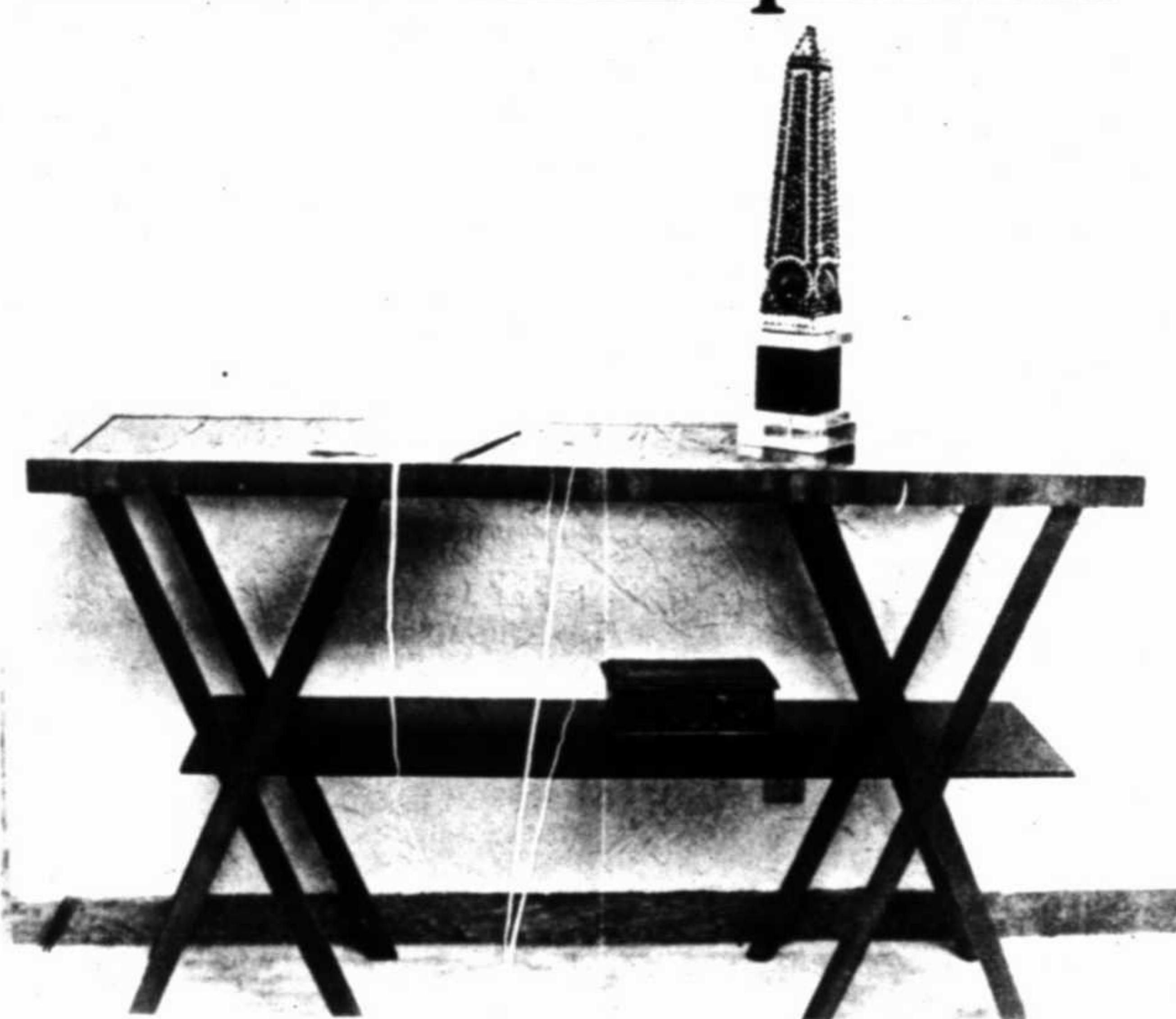
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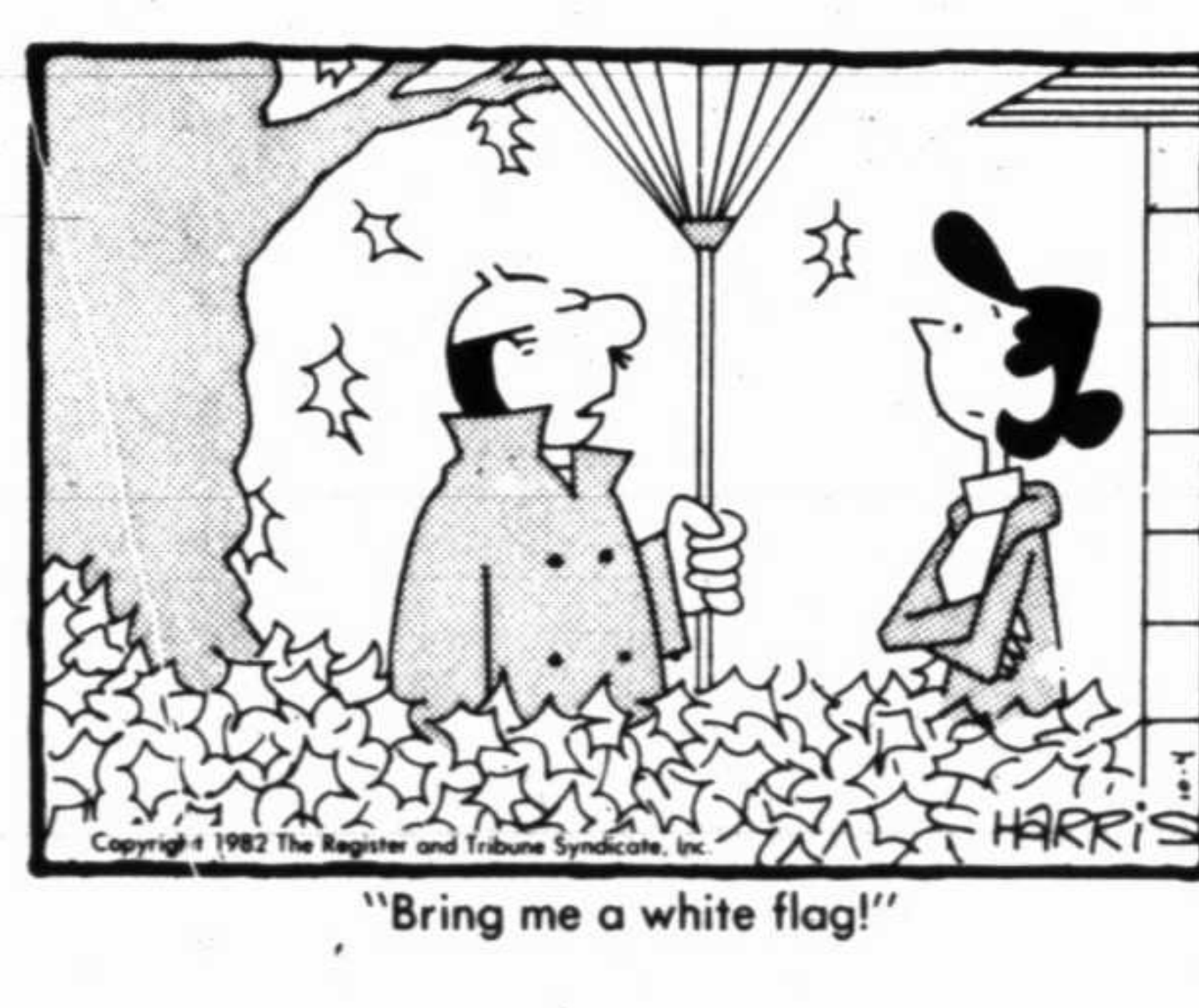
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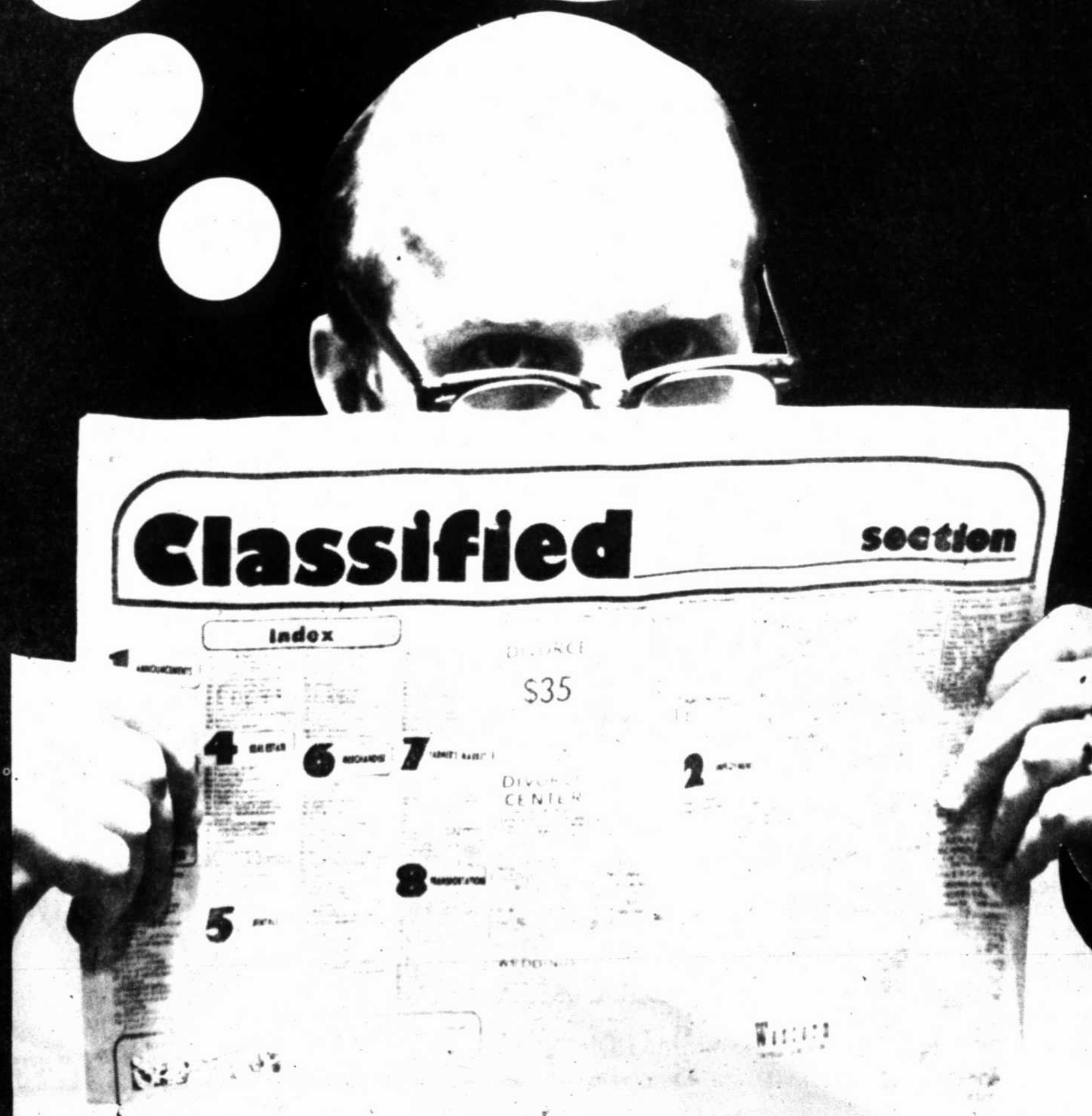
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INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Putting steady savings into IRAs wise investment

By BILL DOYLE

Q. My wife and I are in our middle 20s and are both employed, with combined salaries of around \$25,000. We have \$2,000 in a savings account, \$1,500 in a bank savings certificate and put \$50 into Series EE, U.S. Savings Bonds, each month. We also have some stock — 100 shares of an electric utility and 26 shares of a big oil company.

Do you think we have put too large a chunk of our savings into the unstable stock market? And, should the money we are putting into EE bonds be going into an individual retirement account?

A. No, I don't think you have too much in stocks. Yes, your steady savings should definitely be going into an IRA, rather than EE bonds.

With your larger stock holding being in a utility, you have a relatively conservative investment. The oil stock has to be counted as being a bit more on the risk side, but not so much so that you have any fears of great loss. You can afford the relatively small risk you have taken on in the stock market.

Assuming you bought those stocks before the market started its run-up in mid-August, you should be ahead in your investments. And, despite the inevitable ups and downs of the market, those two stocks, like other investments in solid companies, should continue to be rewarding.

But you're missing a bet, by not opening IRAs. Because both of you are employed, you can each have an IRA and put away up to \$2,000 a year, sheltered from income tax. Do it.

IRAs are much better deals than U.S. Savings Bonds. The EE bonds now being sold are scheduled to mature in eight years. When that happens, you'll have to pay federal income tax on the accrued EE bond interest. The U.S. Treasury has made no promise about granting "extended maturities" on EE bonds.



Doyle

Q. Rather than open an IRA, I have been buying stocks for retirement purposes. My reasoning is I don't want my investments to be locked up, in case of an emergency. I can sell the stocks, if the need arises. Do you agree with this reasoning?

A. Not for one minute. You have to face up to the fact that an IRA is just too good a tax deal to let get away. An IRA saves tax dollars, immediately, and — for most people — in the future.

You pay no federal income tax on the money you put into an IRA or on what it earns in interest or dividends until you start withdrawals. Then, you pay income tax on the money you take out.

If you make withdrawals before you reach age 59½ or are disabled, you pay a 10 percent penalty tax in addition to regular income tax. But, if your IRA has been earning high interest or dividends for six or seven years, you'll still come out ahead.

And, if the "emergency" that forces you to withdraw money from an IRA is being out of work, you'll be in a low bracket and the tax on what you take out of the IRA won't be too severe.

Q. When retirees ask advice on investments that pay good interest and are safe, so as preserving capital, you usually suggest U.S. Treasury bills and notes or savings certificates from banks and savings and loan associations.

I have quite a number of bonds issued by big corporations, all rated AAA. I purchased them thinking they are safe enough to satisfy any retiree. What is your opinion of such bonds?

A. The triple A rating means there is little or no doubt about the ability of the corporations issuing those bonds to meet interest payments and pay off the bonds at face value upon maturity. For steady income, you have nothing to worry about.

But, because bond prices move in the opposite direction of interest rates, long-term bonds are not right for people who might have to sell the bonds. Lots of retired folks found this out, during recent years. When interest rates went way up, bond prices went way down.

That situation reversed itself a couple of months ago. But some people are stuck with low-interest-paying bonds that are still trading in the marketplace well below the prices at which they were purchased.

Q. I am a 72-year-old widow in the 35 percent income tax bracket. I have \$125,000 from the sale of property and the redemption of savings certificates I want to put into an easily liquidated, tax-free investment. I would like to avoid brokerage fees and fluctuation in principal. I am in poor health and the \$125,000 represents a large portion of the estate I plan to leave to my son. What would you advise?

A. Take a look at tax-free money market mutual funds. Funds of that type invest in short-term municipal obligations and pass along tax-free income. Like most money funds, they are "no-load," meaning there is no commission charge. And, like all money funds, the values of their shares normally remain constant.

The fly in the ointment is that the yields on tax-free money funds are a good deal lower than the yields on taxable money funds. That makes tax-free money funds unsuitable for people who aren't in high income tax brackets. But, because of your tax bracket, they could be right for you.

Doyle welcomes written questions, but he will be able to provide answers only through his column. Address questions to Bill Doyle, King Features, c/o The Reporter-Telegram, Midland, Texas 79702.

Children become aware of money early in life

By LOUISE COOK

The lessons your children learn about money when they are young can make the difference between their economic success and failure when they're grown up.

There is more to teaching youngsters about financial management, however, than handing out a weekly allowance and trying to convince the kids not to spend it all at once.

Consumer economists at Citibank, one of the nation's biggest commercial banks, say children become aware of money very early in life and they recommend taking advantage of the awareness. Here are some of the experts' suggestions:

Start the educational process on shopping trips with pre-schoolers. Give your son or daughter some change and let him or her pay for purchases like crayons or small toys. You can help build an understanding of the use of money.

Children are ready to begin making their own decisions about spending as soon as they can understand numbers and know what they mean. Does the youngster want to buy one item for 50 cents or two for 25 cents each? Explain the alternatives and make it clear that once the money is used up, the child will have to wait for further purchases.

By the time your child is in the first grade, he or she probably is ready for an allowance. Keep a record of actual spending for a week or two. Include fixed weekly needs — carfare, lunches, etc. — and add a small amount for "extras." These "extras" give the children the chance to learn about managing money instead of simply spending it. As children get older, increase the amount for discretionary spending, adding responsibilities at the same time.

You may be tempted to use an allowance as a disciplinary measure — cutting or eliminating payment when a child misbehaves or fails to do assigned chores. Such a step, however, can defeat the purpose of an allowance. If you are trying to teach your child to budget and spend wisely, he or she

must know that the money will arrive on a regular, fixed basis; just like adults, children will have difficulty planning their finances if their incomes are uncertain.

Review the amount of your child's allowance periodically, keeping the youngster's age and responsibilities in mind, along with inflation and your own budget. If you cannot afford to raise an allowance — even if a raise seems justified — sit down with the youngster and explain the situation honestly. Don't try to hide overall family financial problems from the children, make them partners in the struggle to balance the budget.

Encourage children to save, but don't expect too much too soon. Very young children don't think in terms of the future; they are not ready to absorb the concept of giving up something today in order to gain something else tomorrow. When your youngsters are ready to save, help them set realistic goals. If the item is too expensive, children will get discouraged and will be less likely to be willing to try to save in the future.

Studying is subject

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Students study to learn, but at the University of Rochester they also learn to study.

"We teach students a number of techniques to improve their concentration and to fight pre-exam panic," says Sheldon D. Malett, director of counseling and psychological services.

TODAY'S ANSWER

MOLIE ASIDE EAST
IRON NAVAL XENO
SLAY THROB TOUR
TENEBRAE ORANGE
LEER TWIN
SPION ADOPTION
HAPPEN MOON DRU
EPEC IGLOO PAIR
AER EGAL MYTHOS
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farm-ranch roundup

Farm management seminar to be held

BIG SPRING — A Farm Management Workshop for farmers and ranchers will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Howard College here in the Horace Greeley Building, Room 202.

Titled "Planning for Profit: The Key to Survival in the '80s," the seminar is being co-sponsored by Texas A&M University and New Mexico State University at Las Cruces, N.M.

The agenda includes: role and functions of management; marginal analysis and economic principles; cost concepts and economics; enterprise and partial budgeting; whole-farm planning and budgeting, and cash flow budgeting.

Fee is \$80 and interested persons must pre-register by noon Monday. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Don Richardson, Howard County extension agent, at 915-267-6671.

Midland County to honor 4-H achievers

The annual Midland County 4-H Achievement Banquet, which will be keyed to the theme "4-H — Pathways to the Future," will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 1701 N. Main St. in Midland.

Members of 4-H who have demonstrated excellence in their projects and other areas of 4-H will be recognized in the banquet.

Special recognition will be given to Charlie Green, the retired Midland County agricultural agent.

Highlight of the banquet will be the announcement of the 1982 Gold Star Awards recipients. Last year's winners of the award, which is the highest 4-H award given at the county level were Kim Watson, Kelin Jones and Karen Green.

National 4-H Week begins today

COLLEGE STATION — Encouraging 4-H members to become responsible, productive citizens is the purpose of "Pathways to the Future," which is theme of National 4-H Week, which begins today.

"During National 4-H Week, nearly five million 4-H members across the nation will rededicate their heads to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service and their health to better living," said Cindy Mann, Midland County extension agent.

In Texas, some 140,000 youths are members of this educational organization, which has about 19,000 junior, teen-age and adult volunteer leaders.

The most popular projects among Midland's 4-H'ers last year were food and nutrition, electricity, safety, clothing and horses.

"In the past five years, the top 10 projects have been about the same, though they frequently change positions," Ms. Mann said. "4-H members learn far more than specific skills with projects such as food-nutrition, animal science, forestry or gardening," she said. "They also learn to keep accurate records, make oral presentations and develop life-long management, consumer and communications skills."

Youths from age 9 to 19 may participate in 4-H through organized clubs, special interest groups, nutrition education programs, television series, short-term activities and camping.

Ranchers can learn how to use mesquite

LUBBOCK — Ranchers who want to rid their rangeland of mesquite and make money at the same time may learn how in a Mesquite Utilization Symposium at The Museum of Texas Tech University Oct. 29 and 30.

"This symposium culminates five years of Texas Tech research specifically on uses for mesquite," according to Dr. Robert C. Albin, associate dean of the Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences. "In no way do we advocate growing mesquite for beneficial use. Rather, the symposium will show ways to defray the costs of cleanup and control of mesquite."

Registration for the symposium will begin at 7:45 a.m. Oct. 29. Cost of participating in the symposium is \$30 and includes meals.

Fruit growers to meet at College Station

COLLEGE STATION — Fruit growers, including the old-hands and the neophytes, may attend the 30th annual Texas Fruit Growers Conference Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at College Station.

The conference will include a special short course for new fruit growers; will deal with planning and developing a complete orchard management program. The next two days of the course will feature in-depth discussions growing apples, peaches, grapes and blackberries. Included in the discussions: be budgeting and other financial aspects of a commercial orchard.

U.S.S.R. must have U.S. grain America needs Soviet market

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union's increasing need to import agricultural products and America's need to export more is creating an economic link between the two superpowers that could ease international tensions, a state released Friday said.

"The United States and the Soviet Union need each other," the Worldwatch Institute, a private research organization, said in a study on U.S.-Soviet agricultural relations.

The Kremlin needs America's food supply and Washington needs the Soviet market, it said.

"The food connection between the two superpowers will not automatically usher in a new period of East-West cooperation and peace," the study noted. "But if wisely used, it could become the cornerstone on which build a better relationship."

The centralized governmental system of the Soviet Union has turned a nation that was once the principle source of wheat for all of Europe into a country that now imports more grain than any other in history, the study said.

At the same time, the United States, which exports more grain than other nations combined, is facing year after year of record harvests that have sent farm prices plunging and filled storage facilities to the point of being full.

As a result, the Soviets must have the grain and the only major supplier the United States, said Lester Brown, author of the Worldwatch study.

"Massive imports may be economically draining as well as politically embarrassing, but in practical terms the Soviet government has little choice," the study said.

The fact that America needs the Soviet Union almost as much, the study said, is "particularly true now, when the productive capacity of U.S. farmlands continues to climb while growth in grain markets outside the Soviet Union has slowed because of a sluggish economy worldwide."

Brown said the failure of Soviet agriculture to meet the food needs of the nation "is too pervasive to blame on weather, as Soviet officials are inclined to do."

"Just as production declines cut across almost every segment of Soviet agriculture, the shortcomings involve virtually every agricultural input and every phase of agricultural management," he said.

Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev's announcement in May of a major program that includes the infusion of new capital will probably do little to solve the Soviet food problems and could aggravate them by adding layers of bureaucracy to the already overburdened system, he said.

Brown said the plan falls well short of the real structural changes needed to reduce Soviet food deficits, but he also pointed out that making structural changes would likely threaten the traditional authority of the central government and the Communist Party.

Soviet Union at last returns to market for U.S. grain, buys 750,000 metric tons

WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of inactivity, the Soviet Union has finally re-entered the U.S. grain market, purchasing 750,000 metric tons of corn.

Agriculture Secretary John Block, in announcing the new Soviet grain purchase last week, also said that the U.S. will offer to sell the Kremlin at least 23 million metric tons of grain during the year that began Oct. 1.

The latest Soviet grain purchase is the first since mid-March and the first under the seventh year of the long-term grain trade agreement between the two super powers. Some officials

have blamed the lack of Soviet purchase activity on the R administration's ban on sale of gas equipment to the Soviet Union construction of the natural gas pipeline between Siberia and Western Europe. Block said the corn should have been sold sometime before December said rapid movement through ports would make room in U.S. storage facilities for the new crop farmers are harvesting now. "We're pleased to see they're back in the market, and certainly hoping for large purchases in the weeks months ahead," Block said.

Candidates use forum for politics

WINNIE, Texas (AP) — Two candidates for Texas agricultural commissioner squared off briefly at a farmers' forum here Saturday and used the occasion for some political name-calling.

Before about 40 rice and soybean farmers in a South Texas farming area strapped by poor weather and a bad economy, Republican Fred Thornberry accused Democrat Jim Hightower of "radicalism" akin to land reforms advocated by Central American revolutionaries.

Hightower, for his part, labled Thornberry's charges "lies."

Thornberry, a College Station poultry expert, suggested Hightower's call for "agrarian reform" is really a move to expropriate privately held lands.

"Agrarian reform is a reform of politics" for the agriculture industry, Hightower said. "I'm an agrarian reformer in the Sam Rayburn tradition, the Jim Hogg tradition, the Jimmy Allred tradition."

Thornberry also accused Hightower of planning to turn the state agriculture department "into a training ground for political radicals."

Hightower said he might make "about 50 or 60 changes in a department with 600 people," but that "there's going to be no wholesale sweep through the department."

The two candidates faced each other only briefly at the forum because Hightower refused to appear with Thornberry.

The forum first was billed as a debate between the two candidates. But David Jenkins, a Winnie-Stowell area farmer and an organizer of the event, said the two candidates could not agree on time restrictions.

Without a debate, one of the candidates threatened to cancel his appearance rather than appear together with his competitor, Jenkins said.



About two dozen farmers and their families drove their tractors to the Capitol in Austin Saturday to dramatize economic conditions they say have reached a crisis level throughout Texas. The tractorcade ended on the Capitol

steps with speeches by Democratic agriculture commissioner candidate Jim Hightower, Rep. Dan Kubiak of Rockdale, labor union officials and consumer advocates.

Dryness leads to grazing decline, crop deterioration

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The dry weather pattern continued over Texas the past week, much to the chagrin of Texas farmers and ranchers.

Grazing conditions continued to deteriorate and late season crop prospects continued to decline due to the extended dry weather, said Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University System.

Ranchers have been culling herds heavily with the decline in grazing, sending old and open cows as well as young calves and lambs to market. Many have been

vesting continued in eastern and southwestern sections.

Sugar beet harvesting was about to start in the High Plains, and some early grapefruit were being picked in the Rio Grande valley, said Carpenter.

Reports from district extension directors showed these conditions.

PANHANDLE: Corn harvesting, both for grain and silage, remain active. Early grain sorghum and cotton are maturing. Baling of a good hay crop continues. Carrots are being harvested in Deaf Smith County, where the sugar beet harvest is about to start. A little wheat is still being seeded.

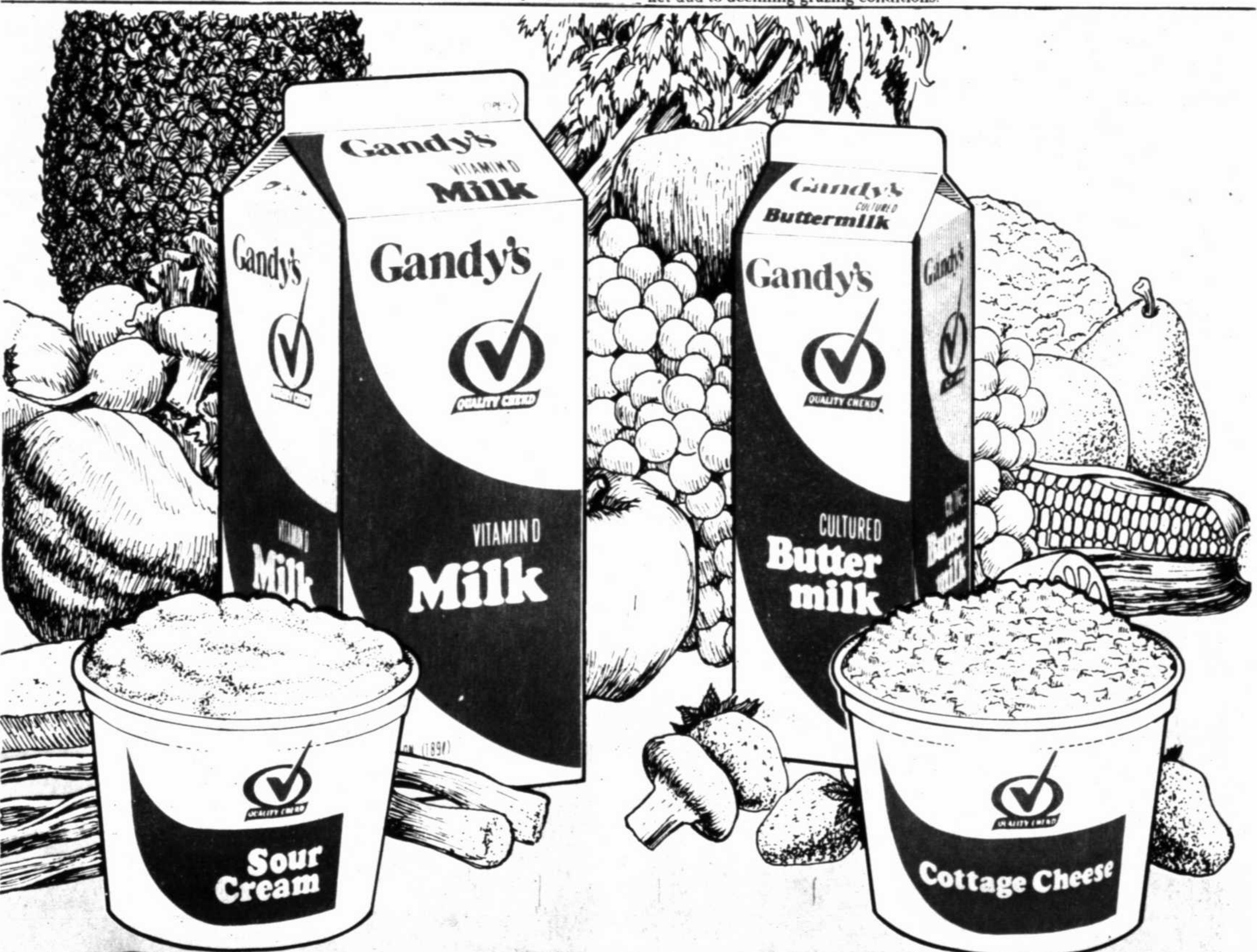
SOUTH PLAINS: Most crops continue to make good progress. Corn harvesting remains active and early grain sorghum, sunflowers and soybeans are being harvested. Sugar beet harvesting is about to start. Wheat seeding is almost complete, with stocker cattle moving into the area in anticipation of wheat grazing.

ROLLING PLAINS: Early cotton is opening rapidly. Grain sorghum harvesting continues in southern counties, with fair to good yields. Alfalfa is being irrigated for a fifth cutting in Fisher County. Farmers are seeding small grains following recent rains; however, more rain is needed to get the crops off to a good start.

NORTH CENTRAL: Cotton harvesting is active and peanuts are about ready to be harvested. Most farmers are still waiting on rain before planting wheat and oats. Fall vegetables and pastures also need rain. Cattle feeding continues to increase due to poor grazing conditions.

NORTHEAST: The cotton harvest is under way, with only fair yield prospects. Wheat seeding is active, with about 25 percent of the acreage planted. Final hay cuttings are in progress. Sweet potato harvesting remains in full swing. Most cattle are in good condition but marketings are increasing as stockmen are culling herds.

FAR WEST: Farmers are harvesting grain sorghum and are getting ready for the cotton harvest. Many cattle and some lambs are being shipped to market due to declining grazing conditions.



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