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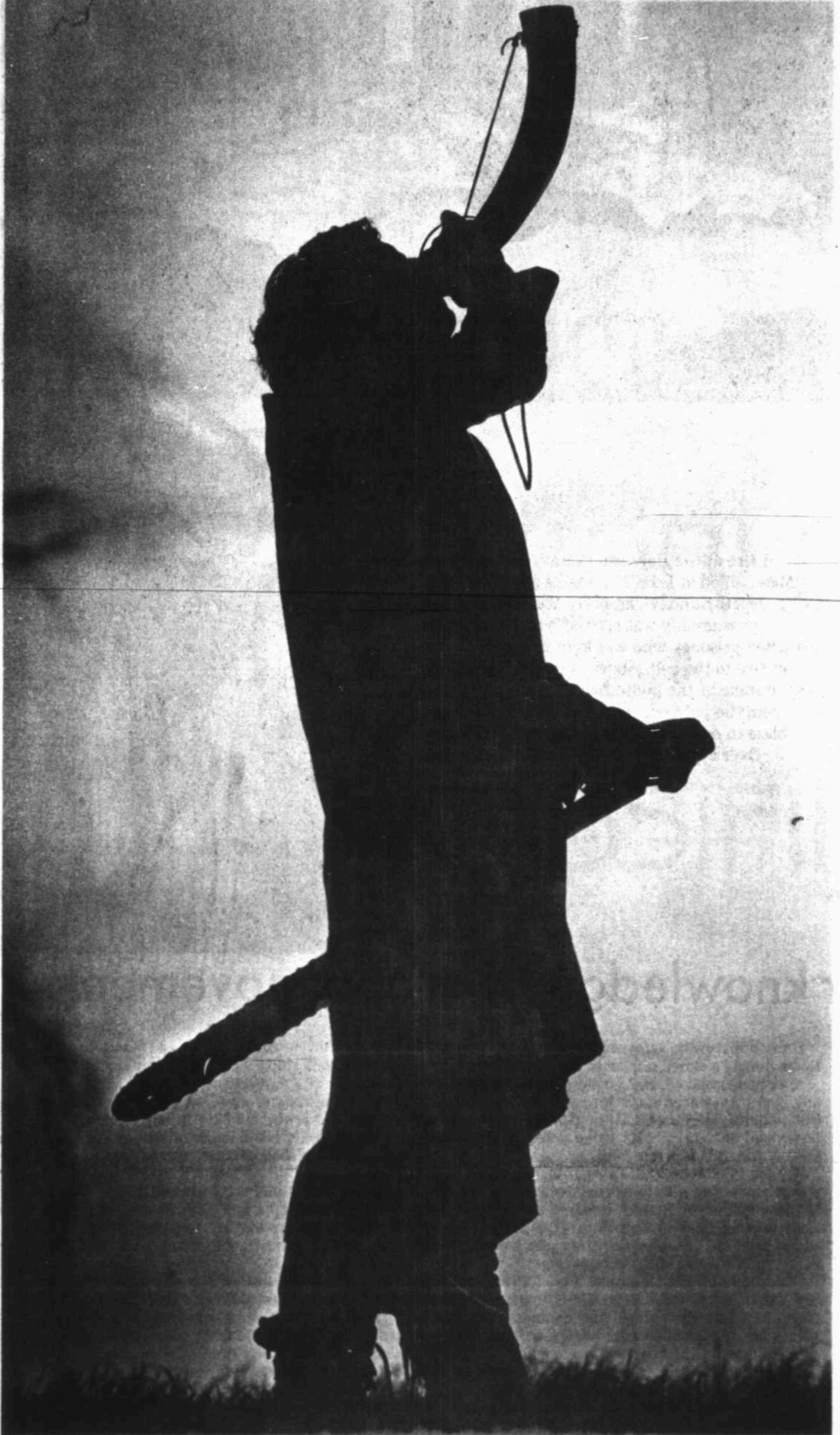
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Let the joust begin

With a trumpet blast, a Society for Creative Anachronism warrior calls members to meeting at Wadley-Barron Park Sunday. SCA is an international, non-profit educational organization dedicated to recreating Medieval customs and costumes. See story and photos, Page 1C.

Congress will probably confront same troubles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The political atmosphere may be less tumultuous when the incoming 98th Congress begins work on a new budget, but legislators returning to Capitol Hill next year are likely to find the problems they confronted in this election year have only worsened.

And, as with this year, President Reagan's position will be critical to the progress of the House and Senate agreeing to a spending blueprint for the federal government.

It took five months of bitter struggling this year among Democrats, Republicans and the White House before a budget plan was adopted and Congress could get on with its revenue and appropriations work.

Next year, Congress still will be confronted by record deficits, high unemployment and a deteriorating Social Security system, all of which put tremendous pressure on the budget.

Even some administration officials now concede the deficit could approach \$200 billion in 1984. The Treasury is estimating a 1983 deficit of \$115 billion. But private and congressional economists say the 1983 and 1984 shortfalls could be even larger.

In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, the government recorded a \$149.7 billion deficit, dwarfing the previous record for red ink of \$86.4 billion set in 1976.

Legislators generally agree that in 1981 and again this year, Congress made the "easy" budget cuts.

They also agree that the deficit reduction measures left are narrow and politically distasteful.

- Reducing the rate of growth in the military budget.
- Reducing the rate of growth in government benefit programs that are indexed — tied to the rate of inflation — including Social Security.
- Raise revenues through increased taxes.

The day after the elections, Reagan pledged to work with the new Congress "in a bipartisan fashion to solve the major problems that still have to be solved."

But, he added, "We will not compromise on principle — on what

we absolutely believe is essential to the (nation's economic) recovery."

"The big unknown factor is what attitude the administration has," said House Budget Committee Chairman James R. Jones, D-Okla.

Reagan said during the fall campaign that it would take a "palace coup" to get him to agree to another tax increase, as he did this year when Congress passed a \$98 billion package of tax increases.

The president also has opposed reductions in the Pentagon budget.

Democrats, meanwhile, have prospered by portraying Republicans as bent on dismantling Social Security and gutting government welfare programs; thus Democrats are not likely to meekly give up on those issues or appear to be alone in pushing for Social Security changes.

"You're not going to get Democrats to put any kind of controls on indexed spending if the administration doesn't put the military and tax proposals on the table," Jones said. If those are ruled off limits "then you face the prospect of stalemate again."

Meanwhile, with the elections over, Democrats again are mentioning elimination or modification of the third year of the personal income tax rate cut Congress passed last year as a means of shrinking deficits.

"If you've got deficits approaching \$200 billion and \$60 billion to \$70 billion can be reduced by not having to go to the market place to borrow to pay for an additional tax cut, yes, it's a prime target," Jones said.

The key to how much progress is made on reducing deficits may be whether agreement can be reached on reducing Pentagon spending.

"If you stub your toe on the first one — the one that's in some respects the easiest thing to do — and that is to reduce the rate of growth in the military, then what are you going to do on taxes, what are you going to do on Social Security?" said a House Democratic aide.

Rigors of visit appear to be taking papal toll

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Puffy eyes, a shuffling gait and a faltering voice indicate that the grueling, 10-day tour of Spain is taking a heavy toll on the health of Pope John Paul II.

Visibly fatigued, the 62-year-old pontiff is in the ninth day of the first visit to Spain by a reigning pope. Today's itinerary took him to Valencia, the 15th of 16 cities on his tour.

By the time he leaves Spain, the pope will have traveled 4,470 miles — to nearly every corner of the Roman Catholic country. He will have delivered 50 speeches, climbed the stairs of 68-foot altars, castles, churches and cathedrals and stood for countless hours in bullet-proof "popemobiles," smiling and blessing crowds.

On Sunday, the pope had puffy eyes, a swelling on his forehead that church officials declined to explain, and a slow, shuffling gait. He frequently closed his eyes to rest during the five ceremonies he attended in the northeastern cities of Montserrat and Barcelona.

His voice often broke during his speeches.

Dr. Francisco Villadel, a member of the international team of physicians called to examine the pope after he was shot May 13, 1981, met his patient again Sunday when John Paul visited the sick at San Paolo Hospital.

"I would say the pontiff looks rather weary and needs a full rest," Villadel told The Associated Press. "He has been pushing himself."

After an average of five hours' sleep in the previous eight nights, the pope seemed more fatigued Sunday than on any other day of the Spanish visit, which ends Tuesday.

He rose an hour early — 5 a.m. — at the archbishop's house in

Zaragoza and took a motorcade through chilly, rain-soaked streets to a helicopter.

Foul weather forced the chopper to land in Barcelona, instead of at the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat, after a bumpy, two-hour flight.

But the pope insisted on visiting the Shrine of the Black Madonna at Montserrat and took an 80-minute car trip over twisting mountain roads to reach it.

After being drenched by a steady downpour at the shrine, John Paul was driven back to Barcelona, where he visited in quick succession a hospital, a surrealistic half-finished church and the Barcelona Cathedral.

He skipped his doctor-ordered nap, ate lunch at 3 p.m., then addressed workers while standing beneath a windswept canopy near the spray of a bubbling fountain.

John Paul then celebrated Mass for 120,000 worshippers in Nou Camp soccer stadium before flying back to Madrid for a 10 p.m. dinner.

Today's schedule included an extra helicopter ride over an area ravaged by floods a month ago.

He has been accompanied by the director of Vatican health services, Dr. Renato Buzzonetti, who always travels with John Paul.

The Spanish government has a backup team of three doctors on call at each stop and arranged for an ambulance with an attending doctor in every motorcade. Medical specialists stand by at major hospital emergency rooms.

Iran claims victory, warns other nations

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Claiming a fresh victory in its war with Iraq, Iran turned its sights on Saudi Arabia and warned Baghdad's chief financial backer against attempting an oil war with Iran's revolutionary government.

Saudi Arabia, the largest exporter in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries cartel, has threatened that when OPEC meets next month, it will slash its prices to undercut Iranian oil sales.

"This threat is like (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein's threat — it is a complete bluff," Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi told foreign reporters Sunday.

The news conference, at the Oil Ministry headquarters in Tehran, came hours after Iran announced its troops had punched six miles into Iraqi territory Saturday night in the second reported cross-border thrust in three months.

"I don't think Saudi Arabia is going to do the same thing Saddam (Hussein) has done," Gharazi said.

But he added, "The conflict with the Saudi regime will not end. The Saudi government should be more careful."

Saudi Arabia claims Iran is undermining OPEC's efforts to sop up the world oil glut. The Saudis also are clearly nervous about Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's efforts to export his militant Islamic revolution to the conservative Arab nations of the Persian Gulf.

In an effort to contain the revolutionary fervor of Persian Moslem Iran, the Saudis and several other Arab Moslem nations have loaned billions of dollars to Iraq's war effort. Nonetheless, Iraq has suffered sharp reverses on the battlefield.



Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin testifies before the three-member commission investigating the September massacre of Palestinians in Beirut refugee camps.

Begin testifies on massacre

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin testified today he did not know in advance his defense minister sent Lebanese Christian militiamen into two Beirut refugee camps and never envisioned they would massacre Palestinians.

But in a 47-minute appearance before a three-man Israeli commission probing the September killings, Begin also testified he feared Israel's Lebanese Christian allies would seek revenge on Beirut Moslems following the assassination of President-elect Bashir Gemayel.

Begin's testimony supported Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's earlier statement that he decided to send Israel's Christian allies into the camps to hunt Palestin-

ian guerrillas. Begin said he learned of Sharon's decision at a Cabinet meeting on the day the bloodbath began, Thursday, Sept. 16.

Sharon had testified he acted under a Cabinet decision to give the Christians greater involvement in the Lebanese operation, which began when Israel invaded Lebanon June 6 to rout the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But the commission was puzzled about why, if fear of vengeance existed, Begin's government approved sending Israel's Lebanese Christian allies into the

Hospitals' bed battle continues

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

Two Midland hospitals will begin a two-week-long battle at the state health agency in Austin Tuesday to acquire additional beds in the Permian Basin.

The opponents — Midland Memorial Hospital and American Medical Corporation — will attempt to convince the Texas Health Facilities Commission's hearing officer, Gordon Hardin, that only one hospital should be granted the additional beds.

The public hearing will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and resume Nov. 15 through 19 at the THFC offices, 1600 W. 38th St., Austin. A decision is not expected to be made until mid-January 1983.

MMH has submitted a certificate of need application for a \$15 million, 77-bed expansion, while AMC's application calls for a \$17.9 million, 110-bed full service hospital.

If the THFC considers the local health systems agency's Sept. 20 recommendation on the proposed projects, MMH will have an edge on AMC.

While the Permian Basin Health Systems Agency Area 12 gave a favorable recommendation to MMH, it gave an unfavorable recommendation to AMC.

It is a law that no health institution can make any kind of addition or buy equipment exceeding \$600,000 without a certificate of need application. This avoids duplication of services or, in other words, it keeps hospitals from springing up across the street from each other.

AMC has envisioned a full-service hospital, called Doctors Hospital Permian Basin Inc., to replace Midland's 60-bed Parkview Hospital.

Parkview Administrator Dick Liley, who also would be the administrator for the proposed facility, will join AMC's attorney, Ace Pickens, in Austin for the hearing.

MMH President Ray Branson, accompanied by the hospital's attorney, Kevin Reed, also will attend the hearing.

Parkview will present its case first.

Liley said AMC's attorney will propose that both

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- **IN THE NATION:** Little Jamie Fiske, the 11-month-old girl who received a life-saving liver transplant, continues her steady recovery today. —Page 4A
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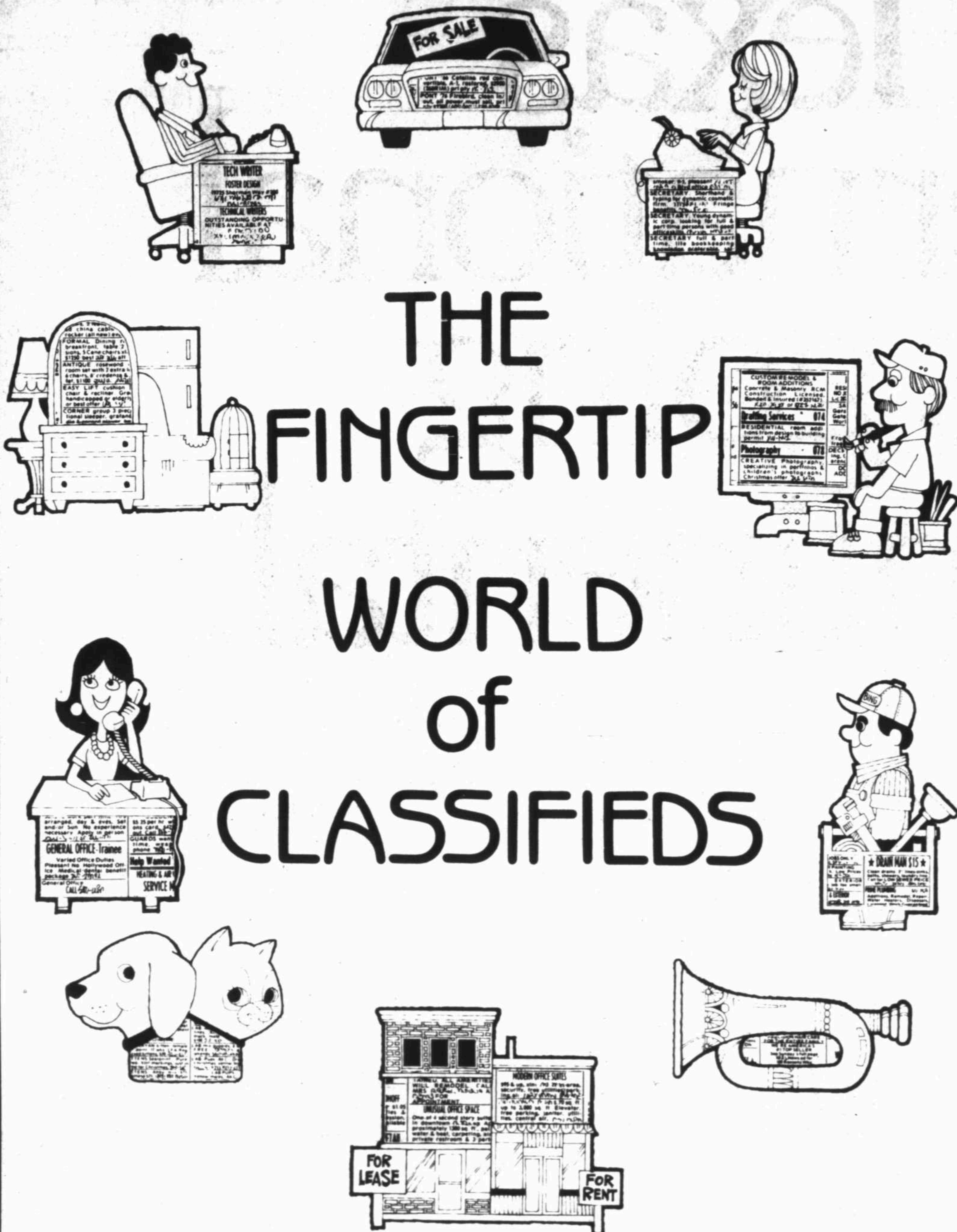
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Wall Street investors put Humpty-Dumpty together

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK — All the king's soldiers and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty-Dumpty together again, but that's probably because they weren't stock market investors.

How it happened remains one of the intricate riddles among the fraternity of stock market analysts, but it does indeed seem that on Wall Street they have reassembled a scrambled egg into a whole one again. A golden one, at that.

Since Aug. 12, the Wilshire Associate's Equity index shows, more than \$400 billion has been added to the market value of 5,000 stocks, more than \$50 billion of it on one day alone, Wednesday, Nov. 3.

How long the Humpty-Dumpty world lasts is another matter, because a great number of people and institutions clearly would be interested in taking some of their gains, and that could cause the market to lose its balance.

Offsetting that possibility, however, is the near-panic of some portfolio managers and short sellers who watched the egg being put together again and refused to believe what they saw. Now their fortunes and jobs are at stake.

A short seller is one who gambles on the market falling and being able to pick up shares at bargain levels. To do this, however, he borrows shares and hopes to replace them in the future by buying at lower prices. If prices rise, however, you can see how much trouble he can get into.

Some portfolio managers are in just as much trouble. These are the fellows who decide what stocks should be owned by the big institutions — the bank-administered trusts, the mutual and pension funds, the insurance companies and the like. They win and lose their jobs on the basis of performance. And for many of them, their performance is poor. They didn't think it would happen.

Portfolio managers almost always are under pressure to invest, simply because, as in the case of pensions funds, they may have so much money coming in the back door they must shovel it out the front. They must get it invested.

When the rally began in August, many weren't quick enough. They had 20 percent or more of their assets in cash, and they didn't believe interest rates would fall. But interest rates did fall, and when they do, stocks often rise.

Stepping down from the institutional heights to the world of the ordinary person, two major questions present themselves: 1. Will the egg collapse into an omelet? 2. Will the enthusiasm spread to the rest of the economy?

The answer to the first question is an emphatic "nobody knows." And if you think the "experts" know then you might consider asking them how much of their assets were invested in stocks when the rally began.

The answer to the second question is suggested by the stock market's behavior. If the economy doesn't improve it would mean a rising market was built on a weak base, one that might crumble and pitch the egg to disaster.

There is a very strong suggestion, however, that the same factor that seems to be supporting a higher market — that is, less inflation and lower interest rates — could spur activity in the entire economy, cars and houses included.

Consider, for example, what lower interest rates mean to somebody seeking to buy a house.

Figures from the National Association of Home Builders indicate that after a 20 percent down payment, a \$500 monthly mortgage at 16 percent would allow ownership of a \$46,500 house. At 12 percent a buyer could handle a house valued at \$60,800. And at 9 percent, a \$77,600 house.

Figures like that conceivably could put together even the shattered housing industry. Maybe even the automotive industry. And perhaps then all the other industries that depend upon them.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Stockholders on hold until AT&T files formal plan

By BILL DOYLE

Q. I have read the newspaper stories about the planned breakup of the Bell Telephone system. American Telephone & Telegraph Co. will no longer own its 22 telephone operating companies. Those 22 companies will be grouped into seven holding companies and stock in those holding companies will be distributed to AT&T stockholders.

That latest story I read said AT&T will set up a clearing house that will make it easier for present AT&T stockholders to trade their stocks after the company is broken up.

I own 15 shares of AT&T. Will I have a chance to decide which of the seven holding company stocks I want to own? Can you provide some clarification of this confusing situation? Or, will I have to wait for further information from AT&T?

A. You'll most likely be able to choose which of the holding company stocks you want to receive. At this point, neither I nor anyone else can tell you exactly how the clearing house will work. You and the more than three million other AT&T stockholders will have to wait until the company makes an announcement.

AT&T is scheduled to file its formal plan with the U.S. Justice Department and the federal court overseeing the breakup this month. Shortly after that, detailed information should be mailed to stockholders. Until then the telephone company's not talking.

It's considered unlikely you'll end up owning 15 shares of AT&T and 15 shares of each of the holding companies that will be "spun off" in the divestiture. You will continue to own your present 15 AT&T shares and be entitled to receive a proportionate number of shares of each of the new holding companies.

The clearing house will give you the opportunity to swap full and fractional



Doyle

shares and decide which holding company stocks you want to own. But, details are still to be announced.

Q. A friend of mine wants to bet that AT&T won't be able to pay dividends to its stockholders after it divests itself of its 22 telephone operating companies. His reasoning is that AT&T will lose 70 percent of its assets. Can this be true?

A. Take the bet. It's true AT&T will spin off 70 percent of its assets and will, therefore, have lower earnings. So, after the divestiture becomes effective on Jan. 1, 1984, it's expected the dividend on AT&T stock will be lower than the present \$5.40 annual rate.

But, in giving up its telephone operating companies, AT&T is divesting itself of its least profitable business. AT&T will keep its long distance service, its Western Electric manufacturing arm and its Bell Labs research unit and will move into other profitable unregulated businesses. There's little doubt that AT&T stock will continue to pay dividends.

Also, AT&T's present stockholders will receive stocks of seven regional holding companies into which the 22 telephone operating companies will be grouped. The holding company stocks are expected to pay dividends.

Q. Together with my husband's pension and both our Social Security incomes, we manage nicely. We own our home and have a \$10,000 savings certificate. We also own about 600 shares of AT&T stock and are in the dividend reinvestment program to buy additional stocks.

Is it wise to have so much in stock? The market is so erratic. And, we worry about the breakup of AT&T.

A. So far, it's been very wise for you. And, if you hold what you have and continue to reinvest your dividends, you should do well in the future. If you ever need extra income, you can pull out of the dividend reinvestment program and take your dividends by check every three months.

But, if you really worry about the ups and downs of the stock market, you shouldn't own any stock at all — not even a blue chip such as AT&T. Some people are constitutionally unsuited for the risk that goes with owning stocks.

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.

TODAY'S ANSWER

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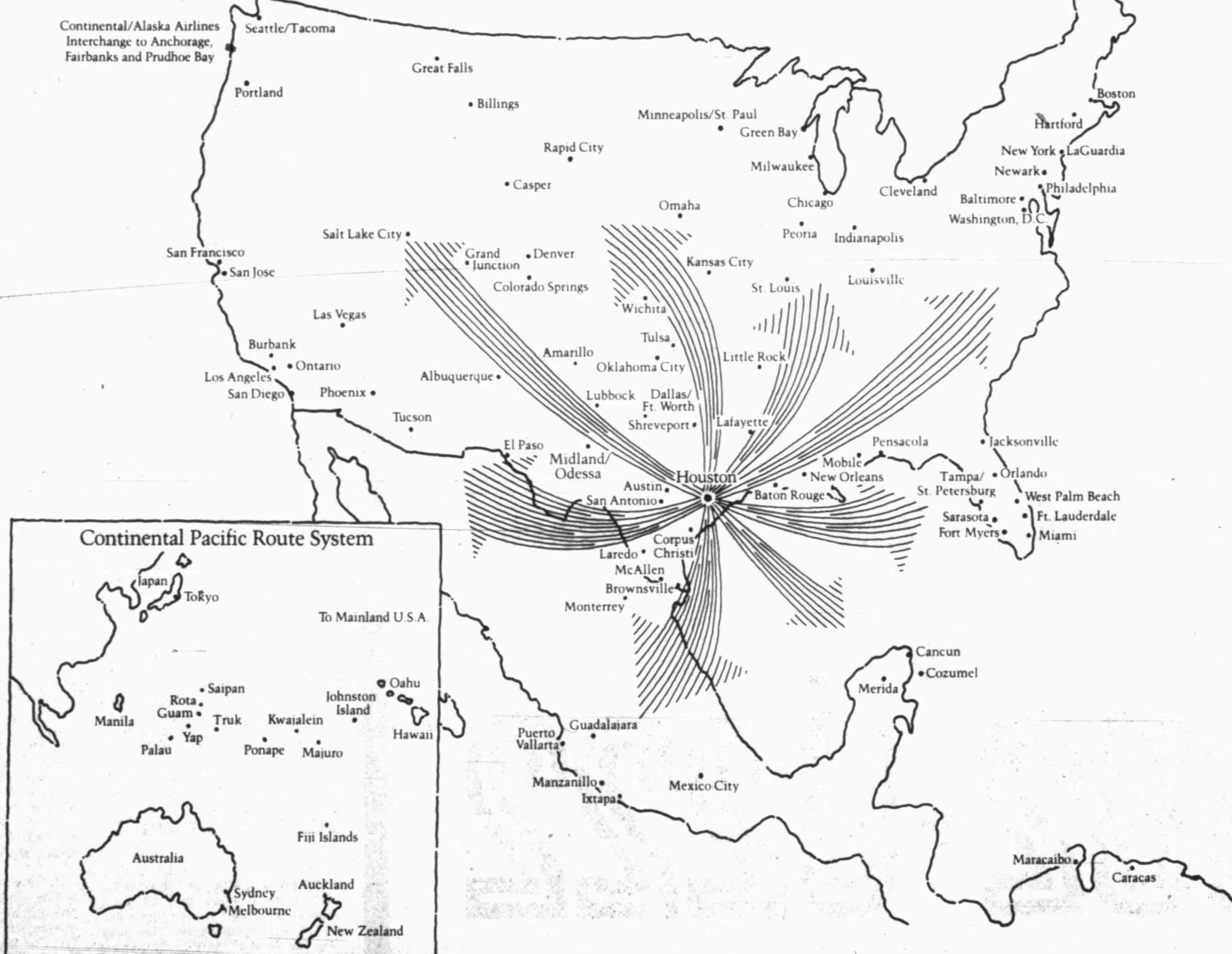
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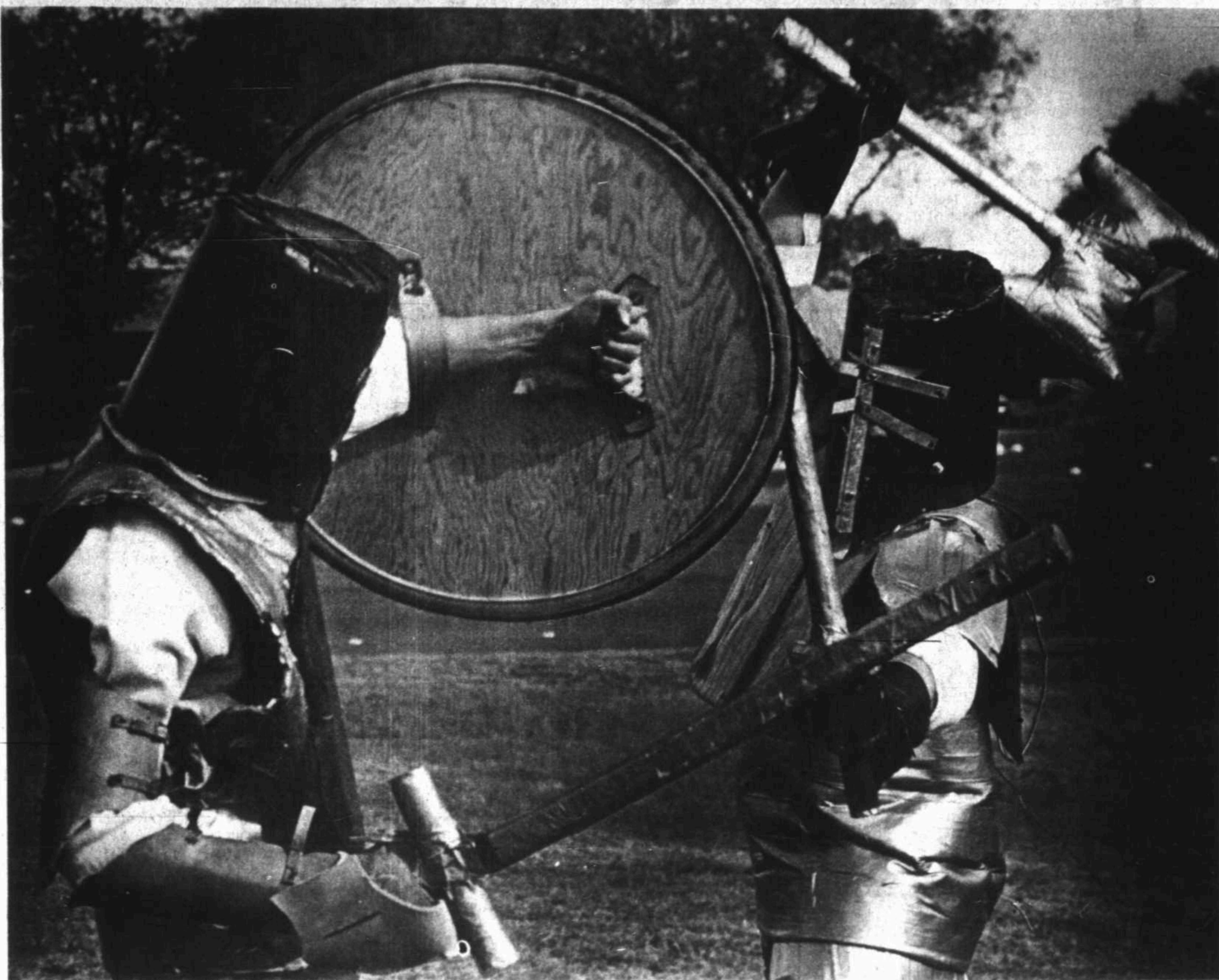
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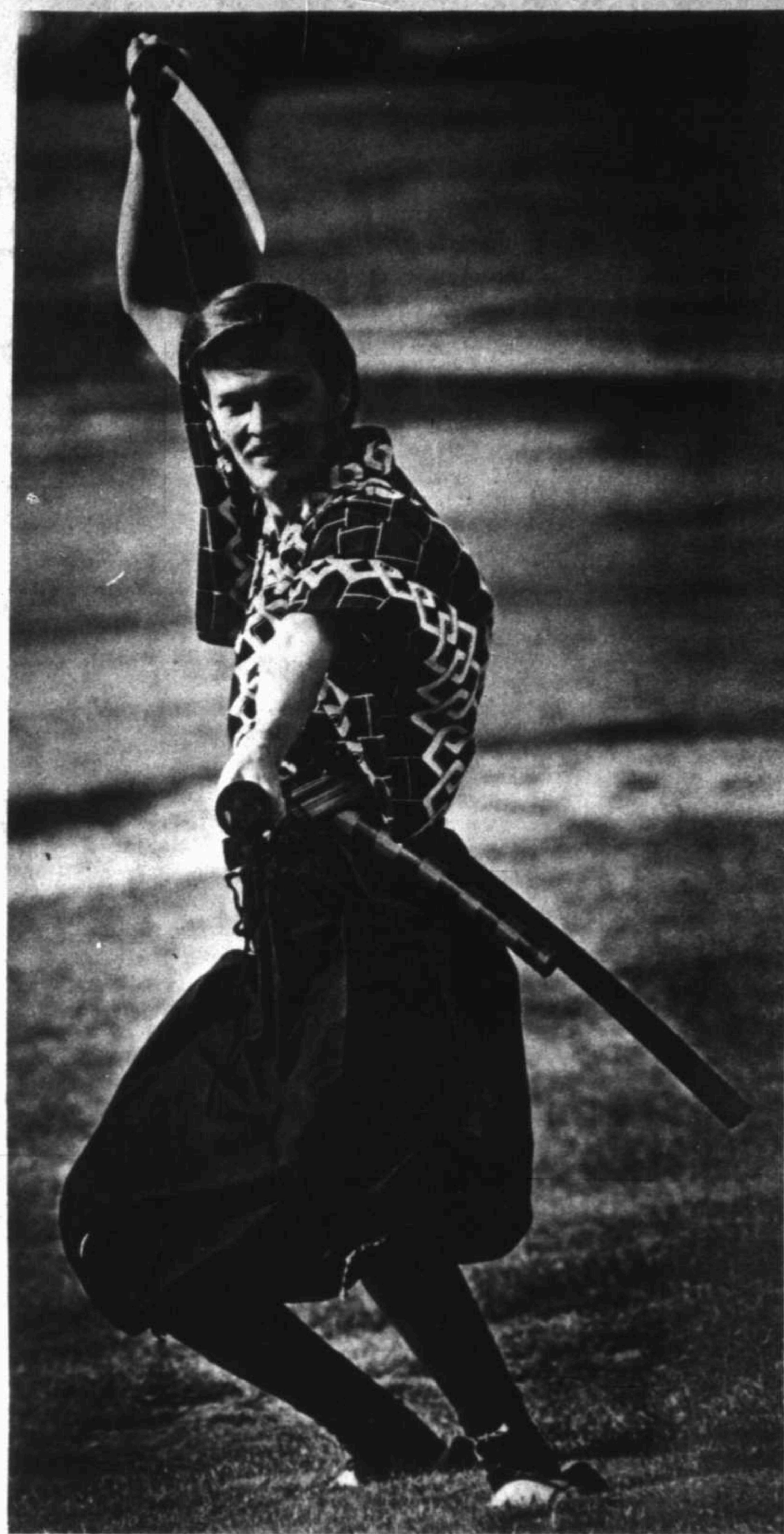


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Two fighters, members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, above, "lay on" during practice at Wadley-Barron Park Sunday.

David Nesmith of Odessa, right, a Samurai warrior, wields the tools of his SCA persona.



Fredic Kamphfer (Carl Knappe of Midland), a Teutonic crusader, brandishes his authentic, Medieval sword.

Escape from the mundane

For some, nostalgia means flipping on the television set to find a greasy-haired character in white socks and a leather jacket, one arm akimbo and a thumb jerked skyward.

Others need only rummage through a dusty trunk to shake memories from an old straw hat and a racoon coat.

But for members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, who long wistfully for history's Middle Ages, no such memories exist. Instead, they take pleasure from the past by re-creating a time when lords fought valiantly for their ladies and a man's honor was as staunch as his broadsword.

Occasionally described as the world's longest-running costume party, SCA has blossomed from a May 1, 1966, backyard get-together in Berkeley, Calif., into an international organization numbering more than 5,000 members.

Sunday afternoon, on the sun-speckled shores of Wadley-Barron Lake, loyal subjects of the Permian Basin's SCA branch — the incipient Shire of Tir nam Dubh Loch — gathered for a hearty round of fighter, dance and theater practice.

LADIES IN 11th century gowns mingled with warriors in clinking chain mail armor. An occasional herald cry, "Hear ye, me lords and ladies..." could be heard above the bustle.

Surveying the scene from a comfortable perch was Tamhas MacPharlain of Argyle, the shire's seneschal, or leader. In the "mundane" world, a term members use to describe the world outside of SCA events, MacPharlain is

known as Jack Haley of Odessa, second-ranking security official at Odessa's Medical Center Hospital.

Having been a SCA member for a few years, MacPharlain claimed the land from Monahans to Big Spring early this year and took command of the fledgling Permian Basin shire.

He said the shire's name, derived from the region's rich oil reserves, becomes "Land of the Black Lake" when translated from Medieval Scottish into "mundane" English. Only half in jest, MacPharlain said the shire is now researching "The Legend of the Loch Dubh Monster," more commonly known as the oil-patch pump jack.

UPON JOINING SCA, members research and claim an imaginary Middle Age "persona," including a name, ancestry, hobbies and skills. Included in the local shire, for example, are a jester, a seamstress, a Samurai warrior, an artist, a calligrapher, armor craftsmen, some Vikings and several would-be knights, known generally as fighters.

MacPharlain said the shire is eager to enlarge its membership, and will be conducting several events and demonstrations in the near future. An arts and science exhibition and Faoldach Feast will be held Dec. 4 in Odessa.

Members may participate in many SCA events each year, ranging from shire feasts and practices to kingdom-wide crown tournaments, where the

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Lords and ladies of the Shire of Tir nam Dubh Loch, the Land of the Black Lake, practice a Medieval dance.



Text by Vince Giorgi

Photos by Paul Gilbert



Edain and William Liwyd (Brenda Floyd and her 9-year-old son, William) take a break from practice for a bit of cheese and sausage repast.

Society escapes mundane world into medieval times

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winner of a hand-to-hand combat tournament is named king — or queen. A crown tournament for the Kingdom of Ansteorra (Texas and Oklahoma) will commence Nov. 13 in Dallas.

SCA bills itself as a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to researching and re-creating Medieval customs, combat and courtesy. MacPharlain, a 12th century Scot of Viking descent, said SCA is all that, and loads of fun as well.

"IT'S A WAY of just living your fantasy," he said. "There's a lot of people that want to be a knight in shining armor. There's a lot of ladies that have been waiting for a knight in shining armor."

Carl Knappe, who assumes the persona of Fredrick Kampfer, a Tuetic crusader, and is one of a handful of Midlanders in the shire, said a SCA event can be a flight to fantasy. "Just for that short time, you think, 'Hey, I've escaped from,'" as SCA says, "the mundane world," he said.

Tom Floyd, an Odessan, acts as the shire's Knight Marshal, the chief referee for hand-to-hand combat, when he assumes his persona as Owain Liwyd. His wife, Brenda (Edain Liwyd), sews many of the costumes worn by inhabitants of the shire. Their two sons, 9-year-old William (William Liwyd) and 4-year-old Arthur (Earendil Liwyd), scurried about Sunday, staying safely beyond the reach of swinging swords as two helmeted fighters battled with ratan weapons.

A compressor mechanic in the "mundane," Liwyd said he's long been interested in history and war games. Once he's attained the proper mix of skills — including fighting, chess, dancing and general knowledge of matters Medieval — required for knighthood, Liwyd said his sons will become his squires and begin their training for knighthood — a high honor in SCA's "Known World."

"IT'S JUST A nice way to spend a Sunday," said Liwyd. "One of the few days I'm off, ever, is Sunday, I look forward to it." "It's something we can do together, the whole family," said his wife, Edain, who holds down two, "mundane" jobs. "Just getting away from the humdrum world of today. We have a lot of fun, everyone here is nice. It's just exciting, and I really do like it."

"When I was a little girl, I always dressed up. I can dress up now being a big girl, and not think anything about it," she said, chuckling. "It's kind of a release from the 'mundane' world. You can be what you've always wanted to be."

Several members said one of SCA's most appealing traits is its seeming ability to attract people of high honor and abundant good humor.

"I'm in it personally for the fighting, the honor and the trust you can have in these other people," said Samuel de Noce, 20-year-old Sam Galindo of Odessa.

MacPharlain recalled one tournament when a merchant was confronted by a lord who wished to make a purchase, but had apparently left his coin pouch in another tunic back in a distant shire. Nonetheless, the merchant gave the man the item in question, trusting that payment would be quickly forthcoming. According to MacPharlain, the merchant was not disappointed.

Because, he explained, SCA members not only attempt to re-create the Middle Ages as they were, but also "as they should have been."

Prosecutors winding up case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Testimony resumed today as prosecutors began winding up their case in the trial of three people charged in the 1979 killing of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr.

The trial begins its fifth week of testimony in the trial of Charles V. Harrelson, Jo Ann Starr Harrelson and Elizabeth Chagra. The trial opened with jury selection on Sept. 28 and jurors may not begin deliberations until after Thanksgiving.

Defense attorneys have indicated that their list of witnesses to be called may run to more than 200.

Through Friday, the government had called 74 witnesses and introduced nearly 80 exhibits in 19 days of testimony. The exhibits included a scale

model of the San Antonio townhouse complex where Wood was slain May 29, 1979.

Prosecutors have not yet called John Lee Spinelli, who occupied a cell adjoining Harrelson's in the Harris County Jail in late 1980.

Defense attorneys call Spinelli a "walking bug," in reference to Spinelli's testimony during a pre-trial hearing that he became a government agent in late 1980 and tape-recorded Harrelson's conversations at the jail.

Government lawyers are expected to try to introduce some of the tapes into evidence. Spinelli remains incarcerated at an undisclosed location.

Voting against arms race like voting against mothers

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WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a hard combination to beat: a dedicated team of campaigners with a salable slogan for a ballot proposition that urged an end to the nuclear arms race but didn't compel anybody to do anything.

With that and some big Democratic names behind it, the nuclear weapons freeze was endorsed by the voters in eight of the nine states that had it on midterm election ballots.

The administration tried to get them defeated, then decided after the elections that they weren't all that bad after all.

Voting against the nuclear arms race is about like voting on motherhood. The complexities of foreign and defense policy don't stand a chance against the sloganeering.

Not even opponents of the freeze, President Reagan foremost among them, have anything good to say about the arms spiral. They agree that a weapons freeze would be welcome, once there is an arms reduction agreement with the Soviet Union that doesn't leave the United States on the short end of the weapons balance.

That is no small caveat; it took seven years to negotiate the arms limitation agreement Reagan finds unacceptable. Talks on the arms reduction pact he seeks began during the summer with no hint of progress.

Under the political circumstances, the wonder of it is that the freeze referendum lost in one state, Arizona, on Tuesday, not that it carried in California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Michigan, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island and Montana. Twenty-six of the 29 cities that voted on the freeze approved it.

Reagan has said he wants a freeze, too, but that to impose one immediately would leave the United States at a dangerous disadvantage to the Soviet Union. What he wants first is an agreement leading to reduction of Soviet nuclear stockpiles.

The White House is concerned that Moscow will read nuclear weapons freeze votes, and freeze sentiment in Congress, as evidence that the administration is going against the tide, and that Soviet negotiators therefore will be more intractable in arms talks.

Maybe they will be, although the referendum, like any resolution Congress produces, were expressions of opinion and not binding.

Ironically, the unsuccessful administration quest for votes against the freeze may add to the impact of their approval. There was another tactic available: if you can't beat them, pretend that you've joined you. That's about the way the State Department played it two months ago, when Wisconsin became the first state to urge a nuclear freeze by popular vote.

The State Department issued a statement in advance, endorsing the objective of the freeze, and noting that arms reduction talks were under way at the president's behest. It said the Wisconsin ballot question was ambiguous and "unclear as to whether a moratorium should precede or follow actual arms reductions."

Although the midterm election freeze proposals varied, the Wisconsin wording was typical of the measures that were approved. In Massachusetts, for example, voters were asked whether they wanted the state to tell Washington that they want "to have the government of the United States work vigorously to negotiate a mutual nuclear weapons moratorium and reduction, with appropriate verification, with the Soviet Union and other nations."

That was almost identical to the Wisconsin wording the administration found tolerable if not desirable.

But during the fall campaign, the administration attacked the freeze issue head-on, in part because of policy, in part because of politics. Democratic leaders

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and candidates, among them Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, who won re-election, and Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California, who lost a Senate bid, made the freeze part of their own campaign.

Administration Republicans drew the line. Campaigning in Columbus, Ohio, Reagan said the freeze movement was inspired "by some who want the weakening of America and so are manipulating many sincere and honest people." He said later that he "did not have any Americans in mind."

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger called a news conference four days before the election and said a weapons freeze would heighten the danger of war. "The truth of the matter is that a nuclear freeze would weaken the deterrent forces we rely on to prevent war," he said.

The State Department deployed assorted officials to speak against the freeze, in 220 appearances during 77 trips to 30 states during the first phase of the fall campaign. A spokesman, Robert M. Smalley, called that "a modest effort to respond to the public's interest in this question."

After the votes were counted, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the eight-state outcome reflected voter concern "and a desire to achieve progress on arms control." He said that was welcome, and added that Reagan "would like to see a freeze, too, but only after major reductions to equal, verifiable levels have been achieved."

The administration could have saved a lot of time and official travel by taking that position in the first place. It also could have taken some of the sting out of freeze votes that were all but inevitable.

Wright advocates putting stop to tax-cut program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., says the Reagan administration's three-year personal income tax reduction will survive the newly-elected Congress, but House Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas says he supports eliminating the third year cut.

Kemp, a long-time advocate of sup-

ply-side economics predicted on CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday that most new members of Congress will oppose a rollback of the 10 percent tax cut scheduled for 1983.

In last week's election, the Democrats increased their majority by 26 seats, but Kemp said he believed Americans voted to "get this country

moving again."

The economy will not be stimulated by canceling the third-year tax cut, he said.

He predicted President Reagan would veto any "tinkering," and cited the example of eliminating the tax break for those with annual incomes over \$50,000.

In a separate interview, however, Wright said the tax-cut program favors the rich and should be stopped now.

"It isn't working," said Wright, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press."

He said last week's election has put Democrats "in a far better position to influence policy" and eliminate the tax cut.

Wright called for a "resurgence" of

the spirit of cooperation that existed between the White House and Congress during the Eisenhower administration.

Citing Federal Reserve Board policy changes as the basis of declining interest rates, Kemp predicted supporters of a "quick fix" will change their views as the rates decline further.

Democrats "standing in the sidelines booning" have offered no alternatives for revitalizing the economy, he said.

Wright said the lame-duck session after Thanksgiving probably would "accomplish relatively little" unless there is a bipartisan effort to get people off the unemployment rolls. "Then we could do some grand things."

Local bands rated superior

ODESSA — Bands from Midland's two high schools and one of three junior highs received superior ratings during the University Interscholastic League marching contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa Saturday.

Also, the Robert E. Lee High School band, along with Permian High School band, were chosen as the two outstanding bands from the district and will compete in the State Marching Contest at Memorial Stadium in Austin next Monday and Tuesday.

LHS, Midland High School and San Jacinto Junior High School bands all received "1" ratings during Saturday's competition. Other bands participating from Midland were Lee Freshman High School, Midland Freshman High School, Alamo Junior High School and Goddard Junior High School, all of which received "2" ratings.

Saturday's marching contest precedes a UIL sight-reading and a concert competition which take place in the spring. Bands which receive "1" ratings in all three contests are designated UIL Sweepstakes Bands.

DEATHS

Hollis F. Wills Sr.

SAN ANGELO — Services for Hollis F. Wills Sr., 77, of San Angelo, father of Harold Wills of Midland, were to be at 3:30 p.m. today in Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo with Dr. Byron Orand, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was to be in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Wills died Saturday morning in a Houston hospital.

He was born Feb. 5, 1905, in Aquilla. He was a salesman for Martin-Glover for more than 50 years. He married Grace Rowan Aug. 16, 1924, in San Angelo. He was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church and was also a deacon. He served two terms on the San Angelo School Board.

Bank credits Houston man's account with \$1 billion

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Commerce Bank gave generously to E.M. Chelette; they made him a billionaire. The 64-year-old newspaper employee had taken a check for \$1,039.52 to his bank's drive-in window. But later he found that the receipt credited him with \$1,039,521,039.52.

Chelette, who works in the composing room of the Houston Post, didn't waste time. He called the bank Saturday and told them about his instantaneous elevation to the ranks of the ultra-rich.

Chelette said he figured the bank would have caught the error sooner or

later anyway, "because they just don't take billion-dollar deposits to the drive-in window."

He said he noticed the mistake when he started to enter the figure in his checkbook.

Richard Garcia, head teller at the branch where Chelette banks, said the bank would be more than happy to lower the amount of the deposit.

"Obviously, we have to take back the deposit slip. We'll give him another one if he will come in," Garcia said.

Asked what he would do if he actually had a billion dollars, Chelette said: "There's no telling. It's hard to even imagine that kind of money."

Wilford W. Lay

BIG SPRING — Services for Wilford W. Lay, 65, of Coahoma were to be at 2 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Burial was to be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Lay died Friday night in a Big Spring hospital.

He had been a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma.

Procter & Gamble being sued

DALLAS (AP) — Twenty-two families are suing Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. for a total of \$19.8 million for injuries they say were caused by a cloud of sulfuric acid that was spewed into their neighborhood.

The south Dallas residents say they suffered upper respiratory damage, nausea, gagging, breathing difficulty and burning eyes and throats when a Procter & Gamble plant released the cloud in November 1980.

Some said their symptoms worsened in the following weeks. The residents say company officials promised Procter & Gamble would pay their medical bills.

Lawyer Shirley Levin, who represents the families, says the company did not take care of the bills. Each of the lawsuits seeks up to \$900,000 in damages.

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