

COMING SUNDAY



Waiting

Most businesses that are renowned for keeping people waiting in long lines soon lose customers. But not the U.S. Postal Service as it grapples with Midland's growth and a federal money freeze. Read about the interim solutions in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram.



Painting

Thirty original oil paintings by Norman Rockwell will be on display as part of the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America's art sale and benefit open to the public March 12-13 at Chaparral Center. Read Sunday about Rockwell and his art.



Climbing

In Tibet, it is known as Goddess Mother of the Land, this 29,028-ft. bighemoth called Everest for which an American expedition leaves Wednesday. In an exclusive interview in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram, leader Lou Whittaker discusses the chances for success.

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Fanning them along

Like many other Midland College basketball fans, Eleanor Maxey worried, cheered, fretted and finally celebrated as the Chaparrals rallied

in the second half to defeat Clarendon College, 72-63, in their opening game of the Region V National Junior College Athletic Association

tourney Thursday night in Big Spring. The Chaps meet Frank Phillips College today at 9 p.m. See story and photos, Page 1C.

More flight specials offered

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Bargain days return this weekend as three local airlines offer limited specials on flights. Meanwhile, travel agencies were gearing up Thursday for the expected onslaught of customers by stocking up on food and pain killers.

Shortly afterward, American Air-

lines fought back by not only meeting the offer but going "one" better — knocking off the extra dollar for the second ticket. Theirs is strictly a "two-for-one" sale.

And Texas International already had

planned its "bus fare" rates between

Midland and 10 cities with the drawing

card that it would give away 100 free

round-trip tickets on Sunday.

Each airline is playing the competi-

tion game by its own set of rules.

Sam Coats, Braniff vice president of

domestic and international affairs,

explained customers can purchase one

full-fare round trip ticket and then buy

a second round trip ticket of equal or less value for \$1. The stipulation here is that these tickets must apply to travel between March 15 and April 30. Travel applies to all Braniff cities in the continental U.S.

AMERICAN AIRLINES follows similar

rules, limiting the travel only to

cities where Braniff also serves. In

Texas that means Midland-Odessa,

Amarillo, Austin, Houston, San Antonio,

Corpus Christi, Harlingen and Lub-

bock. In Oklahoma it applies to Okla-

homa City and Tulsa.

Al Becker, spokesman with Ameri-

can Airlines, explained that airline will hold the bargain purchase times from 12:01 a.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Saturday. Braniff, meanwhile, is limiting the purchase time to between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. both days.

For both airlines, once these tickets

are purchased they are non-refundable

and non-transferable. Travel is limited

to between March 15 and April 30. "At

the time of purchase, you designate the

route and name of the person to whom

the ticket goes. You can change the

(See AIRLINES, Page 2A)

Outside control of Salvadoran leftists feared

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. is insisting that the capture of a Nicaraguan guerrilla is further proof of his contention that the insurgency in El Salvador is directed and controlled from Nicaragua and Cuba.

Despite that assertion Thursday, Haig found himself on the defensive before a congressional subcommittee that demanded more evidence to support his charges.

Haig expressed dismay that his word was not enough, but promised to provide more evidence to counter mounting congressional skepticism. Initially, he said he hoped to make the information available Friday, but State Department officials later said it probably would not be ready until next week.

Meanwhile, a Nicaraguan official said in Washington that his government is the target of a CIA-directed plot that includes attacks by counter-revolutionaries from across the border in Honduras.

Jaime Wheelock, minister of agriculture for the Sandinista government, said it's the same kind of destabilization plan that toppled the leftist government of Salvador Allende in Chile in 1973. However, he acknowledged at a news conference that he lacked concrete proof.

Proof also was a problem for Haig, who told a foreign operations subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, that Nicaragua and Cuba were directing the fighting against the Salvadoran government.

"Today, for the first time, a Nicaraguan military man was captured in Salvador, having been sent there by the FSLN to participate in the direction, which is so evident of this guerrilla operation, from Nicaragua," Haig said.

The FSLN is an acronym for the leftist Sandinista Front for National Liberation, which holds power in Nicaragua.

Haig later told reporters the Nicaraguan was a "guerrilla" rather than a member of the Nicaraguan military. "He was a guerrilla; he was working with the Salvadoran rebels, and he admitted it. He was sent there by the Nicaraguan government to assist in the revolution."

The United States has had about 50 military advisers helping the government in El Salvador since last spring. There hadn't previously been any specific accusations, publicly at least, that the Nicaraguans had sent advisers to the rebel side.

Haig said "unchallengeable" evidence was presented in private to the House Intelligence Committee on Thursday regarding "the full scope of Nicaraguan involvement in El Salvador and Cuban involvement in the command and control of the operations in El Salvador today."

But some of Haig's charges before the appropriations subcommittee were greeted with skepticism by its chairman, Rep. Clarence Long, D-Md., and other members of the committee.

Watt to appear on Wednesday

James Watt, secretary of the interior, will be appearing in Midland Wednesday, not on Thursday as first reported.

The fund-raising event at The Midland Hilton is being sponsored by the Republican Party of Texas.

Terry Glaser with the state party's office in Austin explained that whenever a cabinet officer comes into Texas, the Republican Party is notified that he is available for speaking engagements.

"We said we'd love to have him come to Midland. We haven't had an opportunity to come in and do something in Midland for a long time," Glaser said.

About 150 are expected to attend the \$100 per person dinner. An invitation-only reception will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. The dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

A news conference has been tentatively slated for 4:15 p.m. that day in the conference room at Midland Regional Air Terminal.

Tickets to the dinner may be obtained by writing: Republican Party of Texas, 1011 Congress Ave., Suite 520, Austin, Texas 78701. Further information may be obtained by telephoning 512-477-9821.

Braniff's chances for survival 'better than 50-50'

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Braniff has "better than a 50-50 chance" of surviving, the company's president says after hundreds of employees gave him an emotional welcome home from a trip aimed at preventing the ailing airline from sinking farther.

"How can you lose with a great group like this?" asked president Howard Putnam, greeted Thursday night by enthusiastic employees at Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport after a trip to Washington.

Putnam asked the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington Thursday to approve a plan guaranteeing that other airlines would fly Braniff customers with reservations if Braniff goes out of business. CAB members indicated the panel would approve the proposal in a vote today.

The guarantee was sought so travelers would not switch to other airlines out of fear Braniff might collapse before their flight and thereby leave them without a needed reservation. Putnam says some travelers have asked whether their tickets would be honored if the airline folded.

In another move designed to increase its business, Braniff said Thursday it was offering another two-for-one ticket deal, this time for round-trip flights that terminate or originate in one of the Oklahoma or Texas cities it serves except for Dallas-Fort Worth.

The two-for-one sale lasts only today and Saturday, and the tickets will be good only from March 15 to April 30. American Airlines is also offering the two-for-one deal for roundtrip flights from Texas or Oklahoma to any of its 60 mainland U.S. destinations.

Braniff, heavy with debt and short on cash, lost \$160.1 million last year. Asked Thursday night about Braniff's chances of turning around that situation, "I'd say we've still got better than a 50-50 chance."

Jack Quaintance, Braniff's concourse manager, said about 700 to 800 employees greeted Putnam as he arrived at the airport Thursday night. Some of the workers brought banners.

"We're behind you, Mr. Putnam," read one sign.

"It (the reception) was a really positive, emotional situation for the man. I think he was overwhelmed," Quaintance said, adding that the employees "wanted to let Putnam know they wanted to help out."

"There were a lot of tears shed when he came off the plane and started talking to people," Quaintance said.

Braniff spokesman Sam Coats said Putnam was "quite moved by the... spontaneous outpouring of support from Braniff employees."

"When you've got people who show up that way, and say, basically, 'Hell no we won't give up, and don't you, either,' that's a pretty valuable asset."



Braniff Airlines employees welcome Howard Putnam, the firm's president, as he arrives at Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport Thursday following a meet-

ing in Washington. Putnam met officials of the Civil Aeronautics Board on a default protection agreement.

Business failures speed up 55 percent

By The Associated Press

A private credit agency says 3,524 businesses failed during the first two months of this year, a figure 55 percent higher than the same period a year ago.

The failures, partly reflected in a high jobless rate, are linked to a recession which has slowed sales and boosted interest rates, officials say.

The Labor Department was scheduled today to report the nation's unemployment rate for February. The January unemployment rate was 8.5 percent.

The nation's automakers reported Thursday the number of employees laid off without a recall date was virtually unchanged at 249,710 this week, while temporary layoffs fell to 16,225

from last week's 51,525.

Dun & Bradstreet Corp. reported the number of business failures slowed to 459 in the week ended Feb. 25 from 505 the previous week and 529 two weeks earlier. The toll of 529 businesses in the week ended Feb. 11, was the highest since 1939, as far back as the company's weekly records go.

But the latest weekly total of business failures was still 94 percent above the 236 failures in the comparable week last year. In the first eight weeks of 1981, 2,269 business failures were recorded.

"The high interest rates, the unacceptable levels of current unemployment, the lost output... the financial strains, the rising bankruptcies in the economy, the huge budget deficit that we are dealing with — none of these

things are pleasant facts of life," budget director David Stockman said in a Washington speech to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

"They are all temporary and not permanent. They are all part of the cure (for ending inflation), not the problem. They are all a prelude to the recovery, not evidence that the policies should be changed in some fundamental way," Stockman said.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker told the Senate Appropriations Committee there is "no question" inflation is being brought under control. But he repeated his warnings that unless federal budget deficits are controlled an expected economic recovery could be aborted.

Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, rose 8.9 percent in

1981 compared with a rise of 12.4 percent in 1980 and a 13.3 percent rise in 1979. In January, the CPI rose at an annual rate of 3.5 percent.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., urged businessmen to back efforts to reduce the budget deficits proposed the Reagan administration. He spoke at a Boca Raton, Fla., meeting of the Futures Industry Association. The liberal Americans for Democratic Action urged Congress to scuttle Reaganomics in favor of a return to Depression-era public employment programs, and government controls on wages, prices and credit.

Meanwhile, in the fourth-heaviest trading day ever on the New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 7.61 points Thursday to close at 807.55.

INSIDE TODAY

One last look

A worker at the Fremont, Calif., General Motors plant inspects the last car as it rolls off the assembly line Thursday. The closure idles more than 2,100 workers and is one of seven GM closures nationwide this year.

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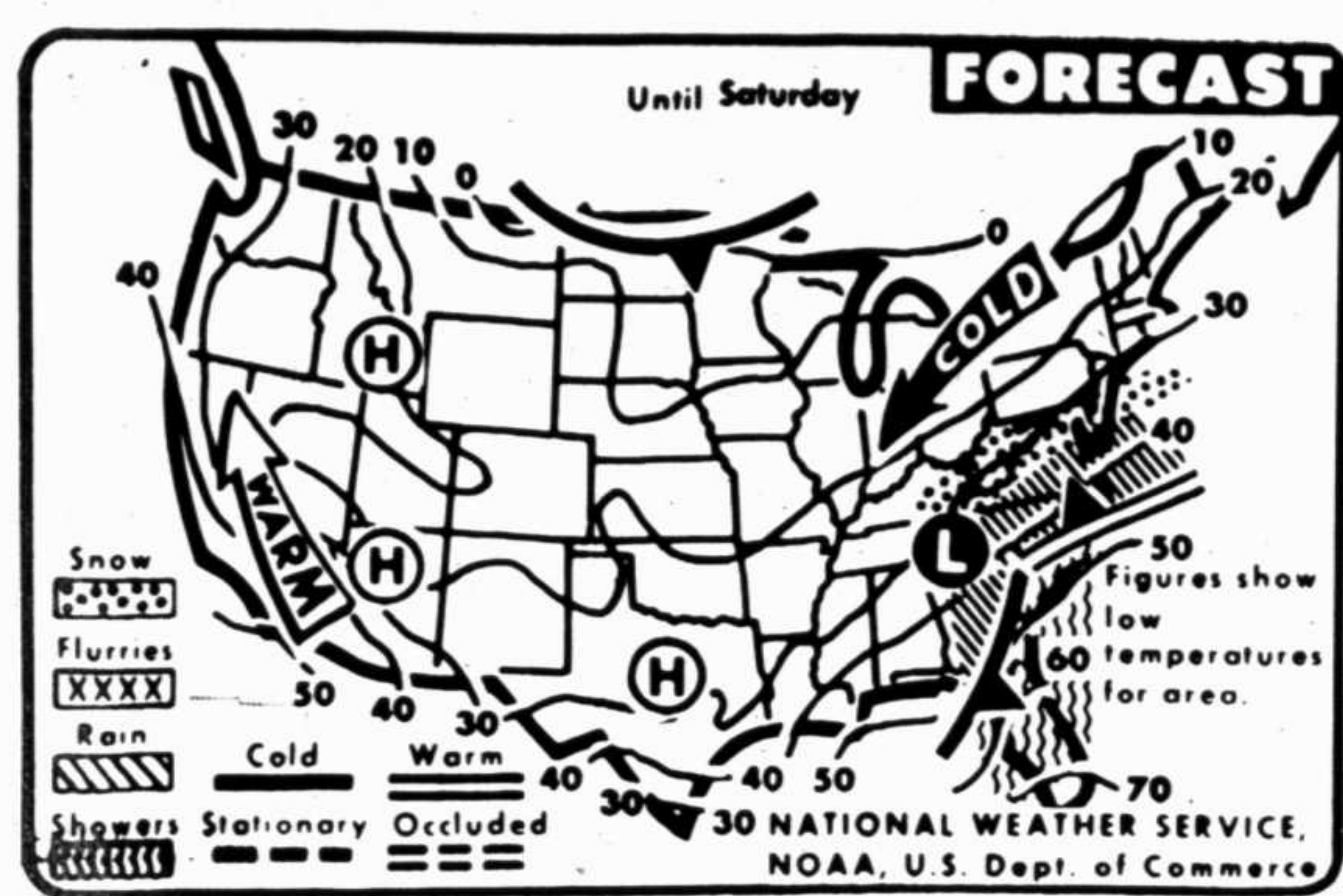
Weather

Chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



The National Weather Service predicts rain and snow in the northern part of the nation.

Midland statistics

WEATHER FORECAST

Chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight, ending Saturday. Colder tonight with low in mid-30s. High Saturday mid-50s. Winds northerly at 5-10 mph tonight, increasing to 10-15 mph Saturday. Probability of precipitation 30 percent tonight and 20 percent Saturday.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High 71 degrees

Overnight Low 32 degrees

Sunrise today 7:11 a.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 7:11 a.m.

Precipitation 0.00 inches

Last 24 hours 0.00 inches

This month to date 0.58 inches

1981 to date 0.58 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

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Cowboys plead for right to carry arms

By CHARLES RICHARDS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three Texas cowboys, one of whom brought his saddle with a bullet in it, appeared before a congressional subcommittee and won support for their pleas that they be allowed to carry sidearms in their daily patrols of the Rio Grande.

Tom Deats, 33, of Carrizo Springs, Ed Bowers, 39, of Rio Grande City, and Mark Smith, 24, of Del Rio, pleaded Thursday for passage of legislation recently introduced by Rep. Abraham Kazen, a democrat from Laredo.

The 900-mile stretch of the Rio Grande they patrol, looking for stray cattle that might be carrying ticks, puts the inspectors into frequent contact with armed smugglers, rustlers and illegal aliens, they said.

"Especially at night, the Rio Grande is a major crossing point for the smuggling of illicit narcotics into the United States and, of course, a busy intersection on the illegal alien trail between the two countries," Kazen told the subcommittee on department operations, research and foreign agriculture.

"They are unarmed in an isolated world where drug and contraband smugglers play a high stakes game," Kazen testified.

THE CATTLE tick has been eradicated in the United States, but still thrives in isolated areas of Mexico, Kazen said. The inspectors are needed, because Texas and a dozen other states would face losses of millions of dollars if the tick infested their cattle, Kazen added.

Many of the inspectors already carry firearms, for their own protection, Kazen said.

"I'm afraid, with all the smuggling going on, that one of these fellows some day is going to be forced to fire his firearm, and he will be prosecuted because he doesn't have the legal authority to carry firearms," he added.

The USDA has 94 men who patrol the river from Del Rio to the Gulf of Mexico. Most of them have been shot at, they said — one of them less than two weeks ago.

A USDA official testified in support of the request, and subcommittee chairman George Brown, D-Calif., told the men "you have made a very convincing case for this legislation. I promise you the committee will give prompt attention to taking action on this bill."

Dr. Harry Mussman, administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said it would cost from \$300 to \$400 per weapon — or a total of up to \$36,000 — to provide each of the inspectors with firearms. Training also would be necessary, he said.

IF THE TOTAL cost were \$200,000, that would be small compared to the loss of an inspector's life, said Rep. William Wampler, R-Va., the ranking Republican on the subcommittee.

"These tick inspectors patrol the river border alone, on horseback, and are exposed to the ever-present smuggling, cattle rustling and movements of illegal aliens. Violent criminal activities occur in the areas they patrol," Mussman said.

Deats is president and Bowers the vice president of Local 3106 of the American Federation of Government Employees, representing inspectors in the tick eradication program.

Bowers said the inspectors know how to use guns and would be happy just to have the authority to carry the ones they already own.

"We need the bill to make it clear we actually have the authority to carry the weapons, at no cost to the taxpayers," Bowers said.

Brown interrupted.

"I'm getting the picture here that virtually all of your inspectors are already carrying firearms. It appears the problem is one of making this legal instead of all of a sudden given you firearms. Is my perception correct?"

"YOU'RE PRETTY sharp, Mr. Chairman. You got it," Deats said, to laughter in the hearing room.

Deats added, "It's not a matter of putting out a bunch of money on training or a bunch of malarkey. We can handle that. We were all raised on firearms and are familiar with it."

Wampler said he favors the request, but sees no reason the inspectors should have to furnish their own guns. Other federal officials are supplied guns and ammunition and they should be too, he said.

The inspectors' responsibility is to inspect stray livestock — or any cattle or horses being smuggled into Texas — to make sure that ticks, which multiply rapidly, do not get into Texas and infest it and other southern states, Kazen said.

Smith testified he was riding along the Rio Grande about five miles from Del Rio less than two weeks ago when someone fired at him from only yards away.

He dumped his saddle on the table in front of the subcommittee. The saddle-horn had a bullet in it.

"I HEARD a shot, my horse jumped, and I left the premises in a hurry. I didn't realize until later, when I got to my pickup, that a bullet had hit my saddle," Smith said.

The trajectory of the bullet was such that it would have hit him in the chest; had the saddlehorn not been in the line of flight, he said.

When he and other officials returned later, they found innertubes in the Rio Grande that indicated about eight people had crossed from Mexico into the United States, he said.

"I wasn't actually any threat at all to these aliens, but they shot at me because they thought I was," Smith said.

Smith's uncle, also a tick inspector, was killed in a line camp in August 1976. That slaying is still unsolved, the tick inspectors said.

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DR. NEIL SOLOMON



Breast cancer rarely found in children of either sex

Dear Dr. Solomon: Is it possible for a teen-ager to have breast cancer? — Gail, Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Gail: Breast cancer in teen-agers is rare, but it does occur. According to a report presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Family Physicians, there have been 74 cases of breast carcinoma reported in the pediatric literature. Thirty-six cases involved teen-agers, and 38 involved children as young as three years of age. In addition, three of the total of 74 patients were boys.

Dear Dr. Solomon: When I went on the pill, my gynecologist warned me that it would increase my chances of having a heart attack. If I stop the pill, does it mean that my chances go back to what they were before I started? — Gail, N.Y.

Dear Gail: There are some indications that the risk of myocardial infarction in women who took oral contraceptives may continue for as long as 10 years after they stop. Dr. Dennis Stone and his colleagues at the Boston University School of Medicine studied more than 500 women who had had a heart attack, and more than 2,000 controls. They conclude that those currently using oral contraceptives had a 3.5 times greater risk of a heart attack than the nonusers; and, they add, the increased risk may last for as long as 10 years.

This does not mean that women using oral contraceptives should stop. The pill has both risks and benefits, and one must be weighed against the other. Moreover, bear in mind that the overall risk for a myocardial infarction is relatively small. The overall incidence is about 30 per 100,000 women per year for older women, and from five to 10 per 10,000 women per year for younger women.

Dear Dr. Solomon: You've written before about elderly people being prone to fractures, but I seem to hear about it happening more with women than with men. Is that just my imagination? Also, can anything be done to protect against these fractures? — Mildred, Albany, N.Y.

Dear Mildred: Osteoporosis (bone loss) is more common among women because they achieve a lower peak bone mass as young adults than men. In addition,

whites achieve a lower bone mass than blacks. Therefore, osteoporosis is most common among white women and least common among black men.

Dr. B. Lawrence Riggs, professor of medicine at the Mayo Medical School, Rochester, Minnesota, says that the two most effective forms of treatment for osteoporosis are supplementary calcium and, for women, estrogen administration. However, high doses of estrogen may increase the risk of cancer of the uterus.

In relation to diet, a high intake of meat seems to influence the incidence of osteoporosis. Various studies have demonstrated a relationship between protein intake from animal products and bone loss. Similarly, alcohol and tobacco may tend to increase bone loss, while physical activity apparently provides some protection against it.

(If you have a medical question, write to Neil Solomon, M.D., 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Md. 21206. Dr. Solomon cannot give personal replies but will answer as many questions as possible in his column.)

New cancer treatment achieves first remission

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors experimenting with pure doses of natural disease-fighting proteins called monoclonal antibodies have used the new therapy for the first time to rid a patient of cancer.

Despite their initial success, the researchers caution they will have to test the therapy on other cancer victims before they are sure how effective it is.

This treatment is among the first uses of monoclonal antibodies in humans since British researchers discovered seven years ago that pure antibodies could be produced in animals.

The researchers said the treatment was "remarkably effective" in halting a form of cancer called B-cell lymphoma in a 67-year-old man with an

advanced case of the disease.

"The improvement of this patient's lymphoma with monoclonal antibody administration is a single observation that must be confirmed in other patients before we can draw any conclusions about the effectiveness of this technique," Dr. Ronald Levy, who directed the research, said in a statement.

The research was conducted at Stanford University and published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The therapy uses large batches of antibodies — the disease-fighting proteins produced by white blood cells — to attack a single enemy molecule.

To produce monoclonal antibodies, researchers

fuse antibody-producing cells called lymphocytes with cancer cells. The resulting cells, called hybridomas, retain the ability to make antibodies.

The hybridomas can produce unlimited amounts of specific antibodies.

The Stanford doctors used the new treatment as a last resort. The patient had failed to respond to standard chemotherapy and interferon, another experimental treatment.

With monoclonal antibodies, his cancer disappeared after eight doses of antibody over four weeks.

First his fever and nighttime bouts of sweating ceased. Then his enlarged lymph nodes gradually became smaller.

Finally, his liver and spleen returned to normal, and tumors on his scalp went away. The patient has remained free of disease for the past nine months.

The doctors emphasized that chemistry involved in this treatment is very

time-consuming. Monoclonal antibodies must be custom-made to fit each patient's cancer, and the process takes six months.

"The requirement for antibody tailored to each patient puts serious constraints on this approach," they wrote.

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R.L. Clarke

Services for R.L. "Bob" Clarke, 67, of 501 W. Scharbauer Drive, were Thursday at Trinity Presbyterian Church with John Danhof officiating, assisted by the Rev. Marvin C. Bledsoe of the Oak Cliff Methodist Church of Dallas. Burial was to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Clarke died Monday night at his home. Pallbearers were to be James L. Gordon, Cliff Nutter, Chester Kilgore, Bob Stringer, Mike Kline and Frank Constant.

William D. Barnes

William D. "Bill" Barnes, 58, of 1610 W. Pine Ave., died suddenly early Wednesday in a Midland hospital.

Memorial services will be announced later. Arrangements are being handled by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Barnes was born Aug. 30, 1923, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He grew up there and in Houston. He served in the Army during World War II and was the first man from Colorado Springs to enlist in the paratroopers. After his discharge, Barnes attended school at Portales, N.M., and was graduated from Colorado Springs College in Colorado with a degree in geology. He moved to Midland in 1950, then to Amarillo in 1955 and back to Midland in 1959. At the time of his death, Barnes was a founding partner of Bandera Energy Company.

Barnes was a member of American Association of Petroleum Geologists and SIPES.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; a son, Wm. C.C. "Courtney" Barnes of Midland; a daughter, Peggy Garrett of

Steamboat Springs, Colo.; two brothers, Henry C. Barnes and Maurice F. Barnes, both of Colorado Springs; and a grandchild.

Jerome Matejek

Jerome "Jerry" Matejek, 55, of 1101 N. Garfield St., died Wednesday afternoon in a Midland hospital.

Rosary was recited Thursday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Father Cliff Blackburn officiating. Mass was to be at 10 a.m. today at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park, directed by Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born May 3, 1926, in Hallettsville, where he grew up. He entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in the Air Corps at Midland Air Base. After his discharge, he remained in Midland and was a restaurant employee until 1950 when he purchased Crawford Coffee Shop. He was married to Lois Wyatt in 1950 in Midland and became owner of King Bee Drive-In, which he operated the past 21 years. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Joe Matejek Jr. and Robert Matejek, both of Midland; two daughters, Sandie Matejek and Brenda Matejek Yerian, both of Midland; four brothers, Frank Matejek of Wymer, and Louis Matejek, Amel Matejek and Anton Matejek, all of Houston; and two sisters.

Frank R. Lovering

Frank R. Lovering, 79, died Tuesday in a Midland nursing home.

Services were to be at 10 a.m. today at Resthaven Memorial Park with graveside Masonic rites, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 25, 1902, in Harlowtown, Mont., and grew up in Wyoming and the Dakotas. He moved to Midland in 1947 and lived alternately here and a number of places in West Texas and New Mexico, returning to Midland in 1952. He had worked for Shell Oil Company for 40 years, retiring in 1972. He served as a lieutenant colonel in World War II and was a graduate of Cal Tech with an engineering degree. He was a member of El Maida Shrine Temple in El Paso and Masonic Lodge No. 38 in Jefferson. He was operations manager for Shell in the Midland area when he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; a son, Charles B. Lovering of Sumner Key, Fla.; a daughter, Leora Malucelli of Reno, Nev.; a sister, Mrs. F.C. Henne of Bishop, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

'Dark horse' will head Joint Chiefs

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calling him "a soldier's soldier," President Reagan has plucked Gen. John W. Vessey Jr. from obscurity as the Army's second-in-command and named him the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Reagan's choice, which he announced Thursday during a California holiday, surprised just about everyone at the Pentagon.

It was a particular jolt to the Navy, which had hoped its chief, Adm. Thomas Hayward, would be elevated to the nation's highest military post, because the Navy figures pre-eminently in administration build-up plans and strategy.

Vessey ranks as one of the darkest horses in memory in the sweepstakes for the JSC chairmanship.

Never before has a vice chief of staff vaulted so high in one leap. He is the first officer in nearly 25 years to be chosen as chairman without first having served as chief of his service.

Vessey also is the first Army general to be named head of the JSC without having graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

The nomination is subject to Senate confirmation, but that probably will be nothing more than a formality.

Vessey will replace Air Force Gen. David C. Jones, who is retiring as head of the JSC in June.

Vessey, who will be 60 next June 29, has a reputation for what one officer called his "closeness to troops," as well as for a wide-ranging knowledge of strategy.

Born in Minneapolis, Minn., Vessey was a young National Guardsman

before World War II and was mustered into active service before Pearl Harbor. After fighting across North Africa and into Italy, he won a battlefield commission as an artillery second lieutenant on the Anzio beachhead in May 1944.

IN CONTRAST TO some senior officers whose rise has come through technical and managerial expertise, Vessey's career has been identified with troop command as well as with key plans and operations assignments.

He wears the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest award for bravery, as well as the Purple Heart and other medals won in battle.

Vessey doesn't fit the typical mold in a number of ways. For example, he learned to fly a helicopter as a student pilot at the Army's chopper schools when he was nearing age 50.

Among officers and enlisted men who have served with him, Vessey is spoken of as "crusty" and "cantankerous," as well as in admiring terms.

He reportedly irritated then-President Carter in the late 1970s when, as commander of U.S. troops in South

Korea, he publicly opposed Carter's plan to pull all U.S. ground troops from that Asian peninsula. "If I had my way, I would not withdraw," Vessey told the Senate Armed Services Committee in March 1978.

another defused the same day, Feb. 24, at police headquarters in Tehran were the work of the leftist Mujahadeen Khalq guerrilla group, the main opposition in Iran.

The agency gave no other details of the reported plots. Khomeini's regime has blamed the Mujahadeen for killing more than 1,000 of its supporters since June 1981.

It said the attempt was led by a former army general of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi who infiltrated Iran from Turkey.

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Terrorist 'Carlos' pushes for extremists' release

By GREG MACARTHUR
Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — The elusive international terrorist known as "Carlos" has threatened "personally to attack the French government" unless it releases two suspected extremists arrested in Paris last month, the Interior Ministry said today.

A ministry spokesman said the threat came in a half-page letter in Spanish delivered to the French Embassy in The Hague on Wednesday. The letter was signed "Carlos" and included two thumbprints verified by French police as belonging to the terrorist, the spokesman said.

It was the first real indication in more than seven years that the 32-year-old terrorist — born in Venezuela as Illich Ramirez Sanchez and also known as "The Jackal" — was alive.

Government sources said Carlos had set a one-month deadline for freeing the two suspects.

The Interior Ministry spokesman said the letter demanded the release of Bruno Breguet, 32, of Minusio, Switzerland, and Magdalena Kaupp, 34, of Ulm, West Germany, who were arrested Feb. 16 as they fled from an underground parking lot near the Champs Elysees.

Police said their car, carrying phony license plates, was loaded with 44 pounds of explosives, dozens of small propane gas canisters and two tear gas grenades. Police said the explosives were not rigged as a bomb.

The spokesman said the letter demanded that Breguet and Kaupp be given a plane "to fly to a destination of their choice," or Carlos would carry out unspecified reprisals against the French government.

The French news agency Agence France Presse said the letter also carried a specific threat against Interior Minister Gaston Defferre, but the spokesman could not confirm that report. Government spokesmen in France are never identified by name.

Police said Breguet and Kaupp, who were identi-

fied as "members of my organization" in the letter, were carrying \$2,000 when arrested, and that Breguet was armed with a 9mm automatic pistol, which misfired when he shot at police who initially suspected the pair of being robbers.

Both were charged with attempted murder, falsification of identity papers and possession of illegal explosives and firearms. They have remained silent since their arrest, police said.

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Soviets seem interested in Mubarak

By BERNARD D. KAPLAN
Hearst Feature Service

PARIS — For the first time since he came to power last year, Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak is being wooed by Moscow.

The Russians appear to think there is a growing possibility of establishing profitable relations with post-Sadat Egypt, even if regaining their once overbearing influence is excluded.

A propaganda campaign in the Soviet press tossing bouquets in Mubarak's direction, where only brickbats flew before, has coincided with uneasiness in Israel and the U.S. that the Egyptian leader may be planning to shift course in the Middle East.

A senior editorialist in Izvestia, the official Soviet government newspaper, recently praised Mubarak as "trying to move out of the shadow of (the late President Anwar) Sadat...Egypt today is attempting to formulate a foreign policy that is more balanced and more independent..."

The Soviet writer added that the Egyptian chief of state had his work cut out for him because "once the Americans get (a nation) in their grip, they do not let go easily."

What was seen as an even more direct bid toward Cairo came from Leonid Zamyatin, chief of the Central Committee's international information department, who often serves as Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's personal spokesman.

Two weeks ago on Soviet TV he said that "it seems irrefutable that the Egy-

tian president and the new government are seeking to break out of their isolation in the Arab world...The changes which are occurring in Egypt have led to a change of attitude among the forces of opposition there..."

Moscow's seductive winks at Mubarak are, for the moment, judged to be little more than that by Middle East observers. Nonetheless, they are considered significant. When he succeeded the slain Sadat last October, his reputation as a visceral anti-communist was regarded by the Russians as a bar to better relations almost as effective as if Sadat still were alive.

In the following months, Soviet officials remained wary, adopting at best a non-committal tone toward him. Their caution stemmed from several factors — doubt that he would stray from the main pro-Western strategy laid down by his predecessor, hope that his regime would prove transitory and, not the least, a desire to avoid offending their new ally and Egypt's hostile neighbor, Col. Muammar Khadafy of Libya.

Their viewpoint seems to have changed on all three counts. Their latest propaganda line suggests a belief that Mubarak has determined to modify Sadat's diplomacy for a variety of internal and external reasons. He also now seems to be as well-entrenched as a Mideast politician can be.

There are signs that Moscow feels its support for the Syrians, Libyans and other Arab extremists is reaping declining dividends. The Russians may believe that, henceforth, the most lush opportunities for political exploitation lie among the moderates. Getting together with Mubarak would give a campaign in that direction a hefty boost.

'Laser cowboy' had good idea

By DON BRANNING
Hearst Feature Service

LOS ANGELES — The critics who once called him a "laser cowboy" intended the sobriquet as a put-down.

But Dr. Richard Dwyer has become a sharpshooter with his trusty medical laser, saving the lives of people bleeding to death from stomach ulcers and other gastrointestinal lesions.

"I trained myself in the laser and began using it because I was tired of losing patients who were too sick for surgery," recalled Dwyer, a clinician at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Dwyer's use of lasers to halt gastro-intestinal hemorrhaging is just one of many new medical uses being found for laser technology.

Dr. Garrett Lee, a University of California-Davis cardiologist who learned laser technology from Dwyer, recently announced his own research showing that lasers can destroy the fatal fat and plaque deposits which build up in the arteries of people suffering from arteriosclerosis.

The intense beam of energy in a laser is also being used to find and destroy tumors located in delicate parts of the body where conventional surgery would not warrant the risk. It has saved the sight of hundreds of thousands of people suffering from detached retinas by "welding" the retina to the back of the eyeball.

The beam also is being used to clear the blocked Fallopian tubes of women, so they can bear children, and for ear surgery demanding incisions so small that scalpels could not do the delicate work. From the skin, the laser can remove tattoos, "strawberry marks" and "port wine stains" without scarring or risk of infection.

There is hope the laser one day may also be a weapon against cancer. It is already being used in research work to split cells.

Working with a YAG laser — the deepest-penetrating of the three laser types most often used in medicine — Dwyer has stopped bleeding in more than 160 patients suffering from ulcers and other lesions of the gastrointestinal tract, and from esophagus varices, the most dangerous of such lesions.

When patients suffering from gastrointestinal and esophageal hemorrhaging are brought into emergency rooms spewing up bright blood, their lives are often measured in minutes.

In conventional surgery, they are washed internally with an iced saline solution, and an endoscope tube looks for the hemorrhaging blood vessel in an ulcer crater. Patients then are opened up surgically and the hemorrhaging blood vessels are stitched or clamped.

But many are already critically ill and face dangers from the trauma of emergency surgery. Their blood pressure is dropping rapidly, and the deep anesthesia required for the surgery reduces the pressure still further. Between 10 and 30 percent die almost immediately.

Dwyer's technique is aimed at avoiding some of the dangers. He uses the same initial procedure as do emergency surgeons. But then, instead of opening the patient up, Dwyer uses the endoscope tube to sight the ruptured blood vessel and shoots a powerful laser beam at the rupture through a slim, flexible fiber optic tube.

The 177-degree temperature of the laser, fired at the gushing wound, cauterizes the blood vessel and stops the bleeding. What Dwyer has done is diagnose the hemorrhage and locate and stop it with the same procedure. He says he has performed the technique in 20 minutes to 4 1/2 hours. Standard surgery, with so much more peril for the patient, takes 1 1/2 to 5 hours.

Dwyer points out that the mortality rate for bleeding-ulcer patients who have their surgery done on an elective rather than an emergency basis is only 5 percent.

Dwyer and his associates also use the laser to vaporize — literally send up in smoke and steam — obstructive tumors in cancer patients who are too ill to risk conventional surgery. The laser cauterizes at 177 degrees, but at 212 degrees and up — above the boiling point — it can destroy tumors. Dwyer's team also has had success with the laser in reducing keloids, thick scars on the skin, in 100 cases.

Artificial hip glue subject of concern

By WARREN E. LEARY
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Artificial hips have become a highly successful way to relieve pain and restore mobility in older people with arthritis, but the devices and the glue attaching them to the body need greater durability, says an expert panel.

The National Institutes of Health group said that 90 percent of the devices remain functional 10 years after surgery. But the 10 percent failure rate probably will increase in the near future, it added.

A growing percentage

of the thousands of older Americans with artificial hip joints must have the devices surgically replaced, and only 60 percent get satisfactory results after the second operation, the panel said.

Better devices and ways to attach them to bone are needed to make the first implant last longer, and doctors should consider using other treatments first to increase the time the implant is likely to remain useful, said the group.

The metal and plastic devices consist of an artificial socket affixed to the hip and a pivoting ball joint that fits the socket. The ball, in turn, is attached to a long blade-like structure that secures it to the thigh bone.

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