

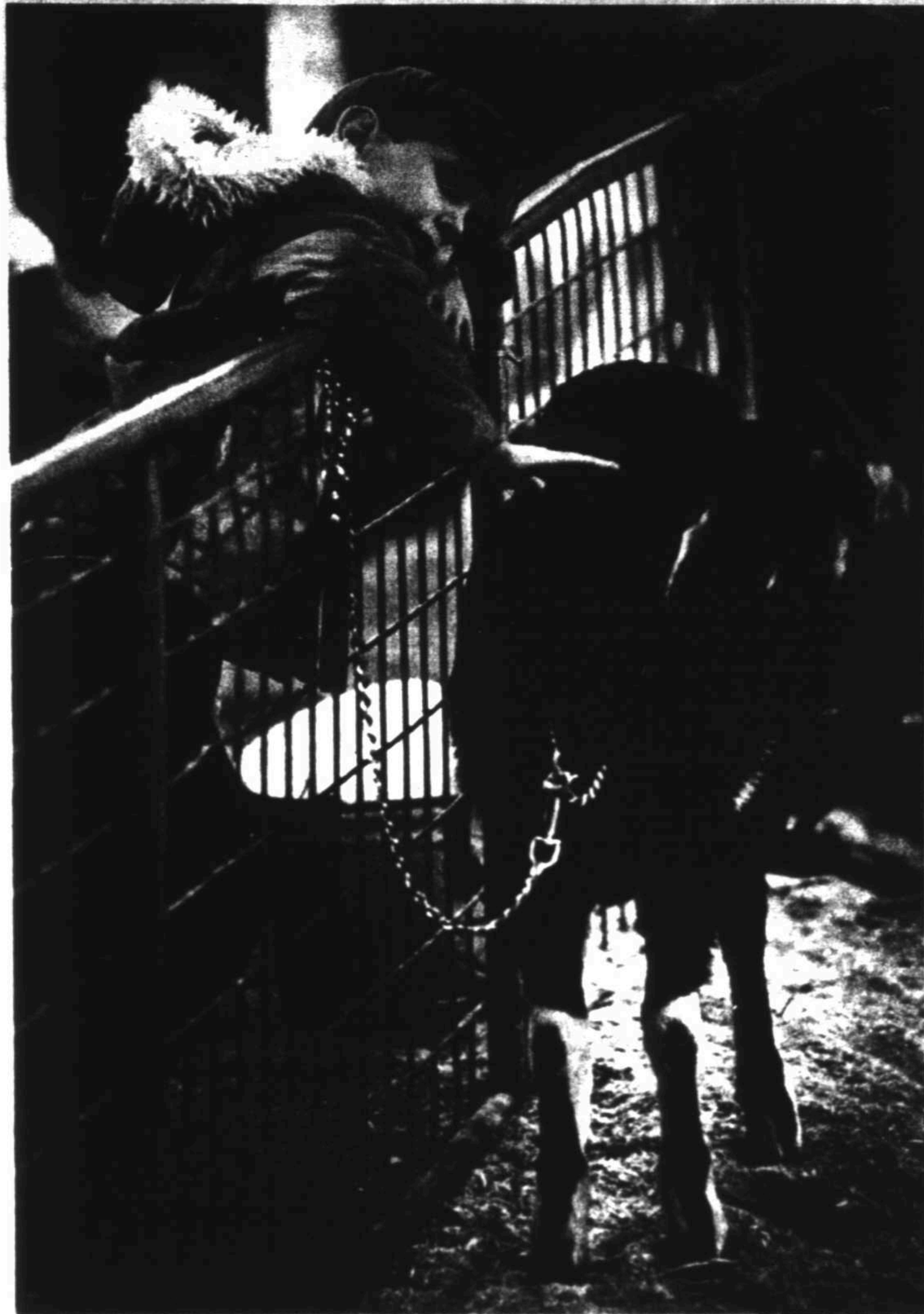
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Kids and pets

Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Mark Adams may be dreaming about the day when he can have his own goat as he pats one of the animals entered in Sunday's goat-judging at the Midland County Livestock Show. The show, featuring animals exhibited by youths from

Future Farmers of America and 4-H Clubs, was to continue today at the Midland County Exhibit Building with judging of lambs, swine and steers.

Assistant attache slain near Paris apartment

PARIS (AP) — An assistant U.S. military attache, Lt. Col. Charles Robert Ray, 43, was shot and killed outside his Paris apartment this morning, authorities said.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Sue Pittman said Ray's slaying "is confirmed" but she gave no further details. Police said Ray left his house in civilian clothes, crossed the street and walked in front of the Italian Consulate toward his car on the Boulevard Emile Augier in the French capital's fashionable 16th district.

The attacker came from the opposite direction, shot Ray once in the head, and fled on foot, police said.

Police Commissioner Marcel Leclerc told reporters at the scene that Ray died instantly.

The U.S. Embassy said Ray, married and the father of two teenage children, had been a U.S. Army attache since mid-1980.

The Rev. Keith Ramey, a Roman Catholic priest who described himself as "the best of friends" with the Ray family, said Ray's distraught wife, Sharon, called him at 5 a.m. EST in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he was vacationing.

"She was just hysterical. She kept sobbing and saying she couldn't believe what was happening. I'm wondering if I shouldn't hop on a flight to Paris right away," Ramey said. He said Ray had visited him recently in Washington, D.C., where the family belonged to Ramey's former parish.

Ramey identified the couple's children as Julie, 17, and Mark, 15.

"I know one of the reasons they wanted to go to Europe was to

provide their children with the exposure to a different culture," Ramey said.

Last Nov. 12, an unidentified gunman emptied a semi-automatic pistol at U.S. Charge d'Affaires Christian Chapman as he walked to his car from his Paris apartment. Chapman ducked behind the car and escaped unharmed. The attacker was never found.

Police sources said there was very little evidence to help trace Ray's killer, but they noted the similarity with the attack on Chapman, also by a lone gunman with a similar weapon.

Authorities were questioning at least one witness who reported hearing a shot and then seeing a man run away.

The new U.S. ambassador to France, Evan Griffith Galbraith, issued a statement saying he was "revolted by the news of Col. Ray's cold-blooded murder. Just think what these cowards have done to his family."

"Col. Ray was a soldier who served his country in peace and war. We carry on as he would have carried on. His friends and colleagues will guard and honor his sense of dedication and his memory. We weep for those he left behind," Galbraith said.

President Francois Mitterrand, in an official telegram to Galbraith, expressed his sorrow and said he was asking the government to take all possible steps to try to solve the killing.

The attack came only a few hours before Galbraith and Mitterrand were scheduled to lunch together at the Elysee Palace. The subject of the security of Embassy personnel was expected to be discussed. An Embassy spokesman said the meeting would still take place as scheduled.

Polish primate again appeals for end of martial law regime

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — In his third public attack on the martial law regime, Poland's Roman Catholic primate accused it of making more arrests and appealed again for negotiations to end the crisis.

"Brothers of the broken nation," Archbishop Jozef Glemp cried in a sermon Sunday in St. Andrew's Church in Warsaw, "get together, for we have to defend ourselves by ourselves, because no one is going to help us!"

"But to do this we need a climate of cooperation, and for that we need dialogue. The authorities should try to win people."

In its press review today, the official PAP news agency quoted the daily newspaper Rzeczpospolita as saying cooperation between the church and the state "is of basic importance."

It said the church's "important social role" is "largely connected with action toward normalization of social moods, and cooperation in creating a climate in which the common and even the most difficult problems will be solved through persuasion, mutual understanding and accord."

The article said the state "is still striving to assure all citizens of the freedom of conscience and faith."

"The basis for state-church cooperation is a common concern for the destiny of the Polish nation and the desire to resolve the pres-

ent situation. This concern is stronger than the differences separating the state and the church.... Thus, martial law has not stopped discussion of national accord between the Poles. The Roman Catholic Church and the other churches can play an important role in achieving that accord."

Glemp, renewing his earlier offer to mediate between the government and the independent labor union Solidarity, recalled a monument to workers shot during the 1970 food price riots in the Baltic city of Elblag, a large rock broken in two with a cross joining the halves.

"Today, we still have before our eyes this broken stone," Glemp said. "We still can get together. The church wants to be in the middle — just like this cross connecting the broken parts."

But he said there "are still more and more people being arrested, and so many internees are waiting to be released. The circle of broken people or those being broken is spreading."

He also renewed his condemnation of forced loyalty oaths renouncing Solidarity which the government requires members of the union to sign to keep their jobs.

Many people who cannot sign the document in good conscience are being fired, he said, while others who sign do so against their true beliefs. Coercing people to sign the oaths only increases "the circle of those hostile toward the authorities," he warned.

Those united by AA's mission unite in Midland

By PATRICK DEAREN
Staff Writer

They came together under one roof in Midland Saturday night, several hundred persons united not by a common compulsion for alcohol but by their rescue from it.

They were members of Alcoholics Anonymous at their 12th annual Midland Mid-Winter Conference at the Midland Hilton, sharing with each other their innermost fears, their battles against life and the bottle, and the new hope that now indwells them by the "grace of God." A sense of belong-

ing and oneness with fellow members was strong, finding expression from the very start in congregational recitation of the Serenity Prayer.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change," they prayed, "courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

IT WAS OBVIOUS that for many, the courage to overcome addiction to alcohol had been discovered, granted them by a power even greater than obsessive desires for just one more

drink, and another one after that.

A man with snowy hair that receded at the temples rose before the faces of anonymity. "My name's Ted," he said, his gravelly voice filled with warmth.

"Hi, Ted!" six hundred persons shouted, then settled into their seats to listen, learn, identify with his trials and new birth.

"My life, starting out, was unmanageable as I remember it from the very beginning," he told them. "I didn't feel like you and I look. You could see me walking down the street and swear it

was me because it looked like me. But it wasn't me, because you couldn't see the fear and resistance and loneliness and despair that was me....

"I NEVER HAD any plans for living, any purposes to live by when I was growing up...and I tried to adopt your set of rules, but it didn't work. I'd go to one of these churches and they'd have these guys standing up here saying things like, 'they're gonna haul your butt up in front of this wide screen and they're gonna flash up all the despic-

able things you've ever done.' And I didn't feel too good and I rebelled against religion."

The words were sincere, blunt, realistic, and sometimes laced with bitter-sweet humor, and there seemed not an inattentive person in the audience.

"The best way I can sum up my life before I got to AA," continued Ted, whose words were filled with an assured intelligence, "was, 'I almost made it.' I didn't know God wanted my life to be free and happy."

But he added, he had his own way of

becoming joyous — through the bottle. "When I drank a lot, I became happy and joyous and free. But any drug that gives you freedom —" he paused, reflecting on his words, shook his head — "The illusion of freedom, has a great power. Without it, I was nothing."

ITS HOLD ON him, he said, was a tragedy, because he could not admit to himself that it was stronger than he. "There was no need for (people) to be concerned about my drinking, because

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Nothing lukewarm about wicked winter weather

By The Associated Press

Winter blew viciously hot and cold as warm chinook winds gusting to 137 mph tore apart homes in Colorado, while a 10th day of a record-setting freeze wearied emergency crews in the East and Midwest and raised the death toll to 267.

Power outages forced Ohio residents to head for emergency shelters, homes near Superior, Wis., were without heat when fuel oil congealed in outdoor tanks, and water supplies were threa-

tened in Kingston, Tenn., when intake pipes froze. Highways were slippery throughout the Midwest.

Milwaukee posted its coldest reading ever Sunday with a 26 below zero mark Sunday. In Buffalo, N.Y., it was minus 15, also the coldest January reading ever. Pittsburgh's wind-chill index plunged to 60 below.

New York City's temperature dropped to minus 1 early today, with high winds making it feel as if it were 40 below.

Firefighters watched an ice jam near

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., today, fearing it might cause a flood that would sweep toxic chemicals from a destroyed dye factory into the Hudson River.

Seventeen people were injured and several homes demolished in Boulder, Colo., on Sunday when chinook winds raised the temperature 20 degrees in half an hour, ripping roofs off houses and blowing out windows, doors and walls.

Dave Peterson of Hyperion Aviation at Boulder Municipal Airport estimated

20 small planes were destroyed at a cost of \$4 million.

"Planes were pulled out of their tie-downs, took off and landed by themselves," said Peterson. "Several planes flew over me and it was lucky no one got killed."

Streets were littered with foot-thick power poles, snapped like twigs by the chinooks, which were triggered by air rushing from a high-pressure center in the mountains to fill a low-pressure trough over the western Great Plains.

Don Morgan, who planned to spend

the night with friends, said the wind stripped the roof from his home and dumped debris on his sleeping 14-year-old daughter.

"She was screaming and I had to run in and pull the ceiling off of her," Morgan said. "My son was sleeping on his stomach and said he thought the covers got awfully heavy all of a sudden."

Boulder City Manager Robert West-dyke said he would ask for state disaster assistance, but Gov. Robert Lamm's emergency fund has dwindled to \$40,000 after weeks of severe weather.

Off-duty officer comes to rescue

By BILL MODISSETT
Staff Writer

An off-duty Midland police officer collared an 18-year-old man after a high speed chase Saturday afternoon.

Police authorities said Officer Jim Reynolds and his wife happened onto the incident at 3:44 p.m. at the 7-Eleven convenience store at 800 S. Midkiff Road.

Arriving there in his personal patrol car, Reynolds was informed by a 29-year-old Midland woman and other witnesses that a man had just left the scene in the woman's vehicle. Information from the woman and witnesses indicated the woman and her infant child were sitting outside the store when the man approached her and exhibited what appeared to be a straight-razor.

The man reportedly ordered the woman to move over, but she refused to do so and, instead, stepped out of the vehicle with her child in her arms. The man then reportedly tried unsuccessfully to get the woman back into the car, and, unable to do so, swung the razor at her and the

child, according to police.

The man then climbed into the woman's car and drove away.

Moments later Reynolds and his wife arrived and were informed of the incident by the woman and other witnesses. Leaving his wife at the convenience store, Reynolds began pursuit of the woman's vehicle in his patrol car. But the man driving that vehicle refused to stop for Reynolds and, instead, accelerated.

Reynolds chased the speeding vehicle for a short distance until it failed to negotiate a corner and struck a tree. The officer apprehended the man, who was uninjured, authorities said.

Charges against the man were expected to be filed later today.

Police officials praised Reynolds for his actions and said the Saturday arrest adds to the already lengthy list of suspects apprehended by off-duty officers utilizing the city's personal car program.

Sightseers actions, neglect blamed for collapse of Brazilian footbridge

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Horseplay, overloading and neglect were blamed today for the collapse of a suspended footbridge over one of the Sete Quedas Falls that plunged at least 40 sightseers to their death in the churning waters of the Parana River 30 feet below.

Most of the people on the narrow suspension bridge were swept away by the swift current, but seven managed to grab onto the bridge cables or rocks near the water's edge and were rescued, said army Sgt. Cello Kempa, head of one of the first rescue teams to arrive Sunday at the scene of the tragedy on the Brazil-Paraguay border about 700 miles west of Rio de Janeiro.

All of those on the bridge were

believed to have been Brazilians.

"There were people fooling around, making the bridge sway. The cables broke right in the middle of the bridge and people started falling into the torrent," Kempa said in a telephone interview.

He said there were about 50 people on the bridge, and their weight may have caused the cables to snap.

"But the maintenance of the bridge was not good," he added. "That must have had some influence in the breaking of the cables."

A woman interviewed on a television newscast said she saw "some people saving themselves, others screaming, others tumbling over and over in the current."

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INVESTOR'S GUIDE

This stock broker gave sound investment advice

By BILL DOYLE

Q. My husband and I know next to nothing about the stock market. He lets me do the family investing. A broker talked me into putting \$20,000 into common stocks of American Telephone & Telegraph, Commonwealth Edison and Oklahoma Gas & Electric. He made it sound as if these would be very wise long-term investments and said we should reinvest all dividends. But recently I have been reading that stock prices will take a serious dive in 1982.

My husband is retired on Social Security and a small pension. I would like to work another four years. Besides the stocks, we have smaller amounts in bonds, an individual retirement account and a tax-deferred annuity. At our ages, is it wise to stay in the stock market and "ride the waves" as long-term investors? Or should we sell the stocks and put that money in something "safe?"

A. Let's start off by saying that that broker picked fine stocks for people in your age brackets and financial positions. He also gave you excellent advice about reinvesting dividends. This column receives a fair number of letters griping about brokers, so it's only right to note that there are lots of good ones.

The things you read about a stock market plunge may or may not happen. No one can predict, for sure, short-term swings in stock prices. If anyone had that ability, he or she wouldn't have to work for a living. Take every prediction about where stock prices are heading in the near future with a very large dose of salt.

But suppose the market does take a dip. So what! You own stocks in three solid companies. Dividends on those stocks have been increased in the past and, most likely, will be increased in the future. They're the kind of investments to hold for your retirement years. When you need extra income, stop reinvesting and start taking your dividends by check.



Doyle

Q. I have 300 shares of stock in a company for which I worked for 40 years. I know it is a good company. Sales, earnings and dividends have risen steadily. The dividend is now \$1.72 per share a year — about two and a half times what it was 10 years ago. The stock is currently around \$39, making my current yield 4.4 percent.

My wife and I are retired and have total income of about \$25,000 a year. Our home is paid for. Should I sell the 300 shares of stock and put the proceeds into an insured savings certificate at a bank?

A. In your shoes, I wouldn't. Even though savings certificates are now paying interest some three times what you are currently getting in dividends, I'd keep the stock as a hedge against inflation. If the dividends on that stock increase in the future, as they have in the past, you'll be better off leaving things as they are.

By selling the stock and putting the money in a certificate, you would increase your annual income by better than \$800 a year. With income of \$25,000 annually, you're not exactly strapped for retirement living. It's doubtful an \$800 increase would increase your living style. To my mind it would be far better to think long-term and enjoy future dividend increases from that stock.

Q. I now own 3,000 shares of stock that pays dividends of \$1.20 a share annually. The stock is now at \$10 and never seems to go any higher. I'll retire next month. My wife and I will need all the income we can get. Would we be better off selling the stock and going into money market mutual funds or savings certificates?

A. A \$10 stock paying \$1.20 a year in dividends has a current yield of 12 percent. You can get more than that from money market mutual funds or either 182-day or 30-month savings certificates. Not a great deal more — but more, nevertheless.

If you'll need more immediate income, the answer is simple. Make the switch. But if the stock has a past record and future prospects of increasing its dividends, I'd be inclined to hold on to it.

Doyle welcomes written questions, but he will be able to provide answers only through the column.

BUSINESS MIRROR

Housing issue separates haves from havenots

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — The haves and the havenots are always fighting, and for a good old American reason: The haves want to keep what they've won, and the havenots just as eagerly want to win what they haven't.

All in all, it has been a decent battle so long as the economy was expanding and making room for more people.

Under such conditions, the two didn't need to fight. The havenots, that is, could get theirs without having to grab it from the haves. The haves, secure in their property, could act magnanimously to newcomers.

IN A shrinking economy, however, the mood changes. The haves hold dear to what they have lest it be taken from them, which may be the very thing the havenots have in mind. The haves are marked; they are the enemy.

You can see it happening in housing, which used to be the all-American pastime — the buying, expanding, tending of it. It was the inspiration for hard work, the fulfillment of dreams, the symbol of accomplishment. If you had a house you felt you were a have. You felt you belonged.

Houses now cost about 3.5 times the median household income, a rise in price that produces a two-faced result that adds up to conflict. It makes

the haves smile over their success; it makes the havenots frown because it shuts them out of the great American dream and pastime.

The haves are mostly older, the havenots younger, which makes the problem even worse. Check who are the leaders of rent control drives, who are the authors of proposals to deny homeowners the right to deduct interest costs from income taxes, and who leads the fight for getting tax breaks for renters and you'll find a lot of people under age 35.

PERFECTLY understandable behavior, because the very factors (inflation especially) that have made homeowners rich are the factors that make it all but impossible for many young families to own homes of their own.

Understandable, but not necessarily charitable, reasonable or wise.

A now familiar, if not hoary proposal, for example, would limit or take away the income tax deductibility of interest paid on home mortgages. That deductibility is generally sizable, because of growth in the size of mortgages and because of the high level of interest rates charged.

Mortgage interest and property tax deductions, one advocate argues, add up to \$39 billion in "foregone" federal revenues. Deductibility doesn't work anyway, he argues, because first-time buyers,

for whom it was meant as an incentive, aren't able to buy. Besides, the higher the tax bracket, the greater the benefit or, if you choose, the subsidy.

SO, HE says, take it away or reduce it, without apparently considering some of the consequences, to wit:

— If interest deductions are denied those who borrow money on homes is it to be taken away from those who borrow to buy cars, clothes, toys and whatever else people use credit for? Why single out housing?

— Is it also to be denied to industry?

— How can property-tax deductions be called foregone revenues unless the principle of double taxation is upheld?

— How many new homes would the denial of deductibility provide? How many households would find their housing problems reduced thereby?

— Is this the time to punish housing, now stuck up to its eaves in the slough of depression, unable to provide one million new homes a year when the potential demand is said to be about 2.5 times that?

When you look into housing you see a great deal of injustice, and it comes not only from government policy.

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DEATHS

Dewey Williams

STANTON — Dewey Cathy Williams, 58, of Stanton died early today in a Big Spring hospital after a short illness.

Services are pending at Gilbreath Funeral Home here. She was born March 12, 1923, at Putnam.

She moved from there to Stanton in 1950. She was married to Wesley W. Williams Sr. Jan. 18, 1950 at Abilene. He died Jan. 31, 1963. Mrs. Williams was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Bea Herring of Stanton; a daughter-in-law, Vondell Williams of Stanton; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Abducted father calls singer son to say he's OK

ZARAGOZA, Spain (AP) — The father of pop singer Julio Iglesias telephoned his son in the United States to let him know he was safe after police dynamited their way into a hideout where he had been held by terrorists for 19 days.

Anti-terrorist police rescued the 36-year-old obstetrician and arrested his four captors early Sunday in the small northeastern village of Trasmor, about 90 miles from Zaragoza.

In Miami, Fla., a secretary for popular 36-year-old Spanish singer Julio Iglesias said the doctor telephoned his son Sunday.

"He called from his home in Madrid. They talked about 10 minutes. But all we know is Julio's father is free; he's fine," the secretary said.

Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo and Interior Minister Juan Jose Roson also telephoned the singer to tell him his father had been rescued unharmed.

Another son, Miami physician Dr. Carlos Iglesias, said his father told him he was kidnapped from his Madrid clinic at gunpoint Dec. 29 by two men who threatened to kill him "unless you cooperate."

He said his father was drugged for the next 36 hours.

Carlos told reporters his father was asleep when police burst in to rescue him. "I heard a noise, then two more, all within five seconds, and suddenly a policeman opened the door and said I was free," he quoted his father as saying. "I couldn't believe it."

Carlos said his father would fly to Miami on Wednesday to see Julio.

Police said a specially trained anti-terrorist squad surprised the kidnappers as they slept at 3 a.m., blasting down the door of the two-story rented house and using smoke grenades to camouflage their entry.

They confiscated small arms, ammunition and explosives and arrested three men and a woman, who were transferred under heavy guard to Madrid, police said.

The younger Iglesias recently hit the top of England's hit parade with his rendition of Cole Porter's "Begin the Beguine."

Neither he nor his father are involved in politics.

A family spokesman said Iglesias paid no ransom, but declined to confirm reports the abductors had demanded \$2 million.

The Interior Minister said police found the hideout 24 hours before the rescue after questioning nine separatist suspects detained in northern Spain.

Roson identified the kidnappers as members of the political-military wing of the Basque separatist organization ETA, blamed for more than 40 kidnappings since 1970. Five ETA kidnap victims have been killed and police were still searching for another, German-born industrialist Josef Lipperheide.

Lipperheide, 76, was abducted Jan. 5 from his home near Bilbao by kidnappers who told his family they belonged to ETA's radical military wing. The Lipperheide family said it has received no ransom demand.

ETA is a Basque-language acronym standing for "Basque Land and Liberty." Its military wing advocates immediate independence for Spain's northern Basque provinces to create a Marxist state.

Soviet official says martial law didn't come from Russia

NEW YORK (AP) — A Soviet Communist Party leader says imposition of martial law in Poland was not an operation of the Soviet Union, despite claims by the American government.

Georgi Arbatov, a member of the central committee of the Soviet Union's Communist Party and director of the USA Institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, also said Sunday that the American government has become so haphazard with imposition of economic sanctions against his country that it may damage trade relationships.

"This has become almost a mode of behavior for the United States," he said on a taped CBS-TV "Face the Nation" program broadcast Sunday.

"Sanctions have been imposed for what we did, another time for what our allies did, the next time maybe it will be because Mt. (St.) Helens has erupted or there was an earthquake somewhere."

"It makes us think twice now whether Americans are partners with whom we should trade," Arbatov said.

He said martial law in Poland was inevitable because that country was heading toward civil war and "full, complete economic breakdown."

"It wasn't a coup d'etat," he noted. "Martial law was introduced by the legitimate government of Poland."

Despite the claims of some in the American government, "the Soviet Union was not involved in imposition of martial law in Poland... (Secretary of State Alexander M.) Haig and a lot of others tell a lot of nonsense all the year round," Arbatov said.

He said United States "is encouraging people who are against compromise, against any settlement."

"It's not the business of the United States to tell the Poles what they should do, just as it's not the business of Poland to tell the United States what it should do with air traffic controllers" or in any other internal situation, he said.

Soviet sources say collapse killed 10

MOSCOW (AP) — The roof of a precision machine tool factory here collapsed during a blizzard earlier this month and 10 workmen were killed, Soviet sources said today. Some of the victims died of exposure while trapped in the rubble, they said.

A factory spokesman, the Moscow mayor's office, police and fire officials all denied knowledge of the accident, which the sources said occurred Jan. 8.

Western reporters who visited the Ordzhonikidze Machine Tool Plant site today saw the rubble from the collapsed roof and front and side walls, which had been about 70 feet high.

Government blames strafing on suspected cargo

By RUBEN G. ALABASTRO
Associated Press Writer

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The government today admitted Philippine air force planes strafed a Japanese tanker off Mindanao Island. It claimed the attack was mounted because the ship ignored orders to stop and was suspected of carrying arms and anti-government guerrillas.

Breaking a three-day silence on Friday's shooting, Foreign Minister Carlos P. Romulo said in a statement that the strafing was carried out as "a legitimate exercise of our right to protect our national security and territorial integrity."

Mindanao Island is the battlefield in a nine-year-old Moslem separatist rebellion against the Philippines government.

Romulo claimed the 5,307-ton chemical tanker Hegg ignored challenges and warning shots from a Philippine naval vessel and instituted evasive maneuvers, prompting air force planes to attack some 10 hours after the first warning.

The Hegg's captain, Hideo Takakuwa, said unmarked propeller-driven fighters fired more than 100 shots at the ship, carrying a volatile cargo of methanol, about 40 miles east of Mindanao, punching seven holes in its hull above the waterline.

One of the crewmen, a South Korean cook, was

seriously wounded in the shooting, the captain said. He was reported in "fair condition" Sunday.

The vessel was not disabled and was continuing on its way to Pusan, South Korea.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Deputy Foreign Minister Manuel Collantes officially informed Japanese Ambassador Hideo Tanaka of the Philippine side of the incident during a meeting at the ministry today. Earlier, the Japanese Embassy had asked the ministry for information about the incident.

There was no immediate Japanese comment on the report.

Takakuwa said the Hegg was flying Japanese flags at the time of the attack. But Romulo disputed this, saying the tanker was not flying any flag when it was first challenged by Philippine navy ships.

Romulo said the incident could have been avoided if the skipper of the tanker "had stopped his vessel when instructed to do so by Philippine navy units at first, then by Philippine air force elements later."

Romulo said the military had received earlier intelligence reports that a cargo vessel would attempt to land "terrorists and assorted war materials" at the remote southern island of Sarangani, off Mindanao.

Authorities "were therefore closely monitoring sea traffic in the area," Romulo said.

He said the Hegg was fired on because it was suspected of carrying terrorists and some \$10 million

worth of arms and explosives.

Romulo said a Philippine navy ship initially ordered the Hegg to stop by flashing signal lights at dawn Friday while the tanker was sailing 12 miles off the coast of Davao del Sur, within Philippine territorial limits.

Instead of stopping, Romulo said, the vessel increased speed and initiated evasive maneuvers, forcing the navy vessel to fire warning shots across the bow.

Romulo said the Hegg further increased speed until Philippine aircraft had to be called in to intercept it. He said air force planes flew low over the Hegg, signaling it to stop, but the challenge was ignored.

Further warning shots were fired across the bow with still no response from the vessel until the planes were forced to fire low caliber weapons at the vessel's hull "with the sole purpose of disabling it," Romulo said.

"Under the rules of international law, it is obvious that the Japanese vessel was at fault," Romulo insisted.

In Zamboanga City, Maj. Gen. Delfin C. Castro, chief of the Philippines' Southern Command, said today that he ordered the air force fighters to fire on the Hegg "in the interest of the security of the state and I am ready to answer for it."

Castro told a news conference the tanker was not identified until later that day.

Navy says divers unaware of oxygen lack

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The five divers who drowned in a chamber aboard the submarine U.S.S. Grayback had no warning that the tank was not filling with oxygen as it should have when the water drained out, a U.S. Navy spokesman said today.

"It can happen very, very suddenly," said Navy spokesman Fred Leeder, at the Subic Bay Navy Base, 50 miles northeast of Manila, where the incident early Sunday is being investigated.

He said there was no warning bell or other device to signal a lack of oxygen in the chamber.

The men had followed proper procedure in taking off their diving equipment when it should have been safe to do so, Leeder said.

"It was routine. They had all been through it several times before," he said, adding they were unable to get their gear back on before the lack of oxygen knocked them out.

Four enlisted men and an officer slipped under the water remaining in the chamber and drowned, Leeder said.

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