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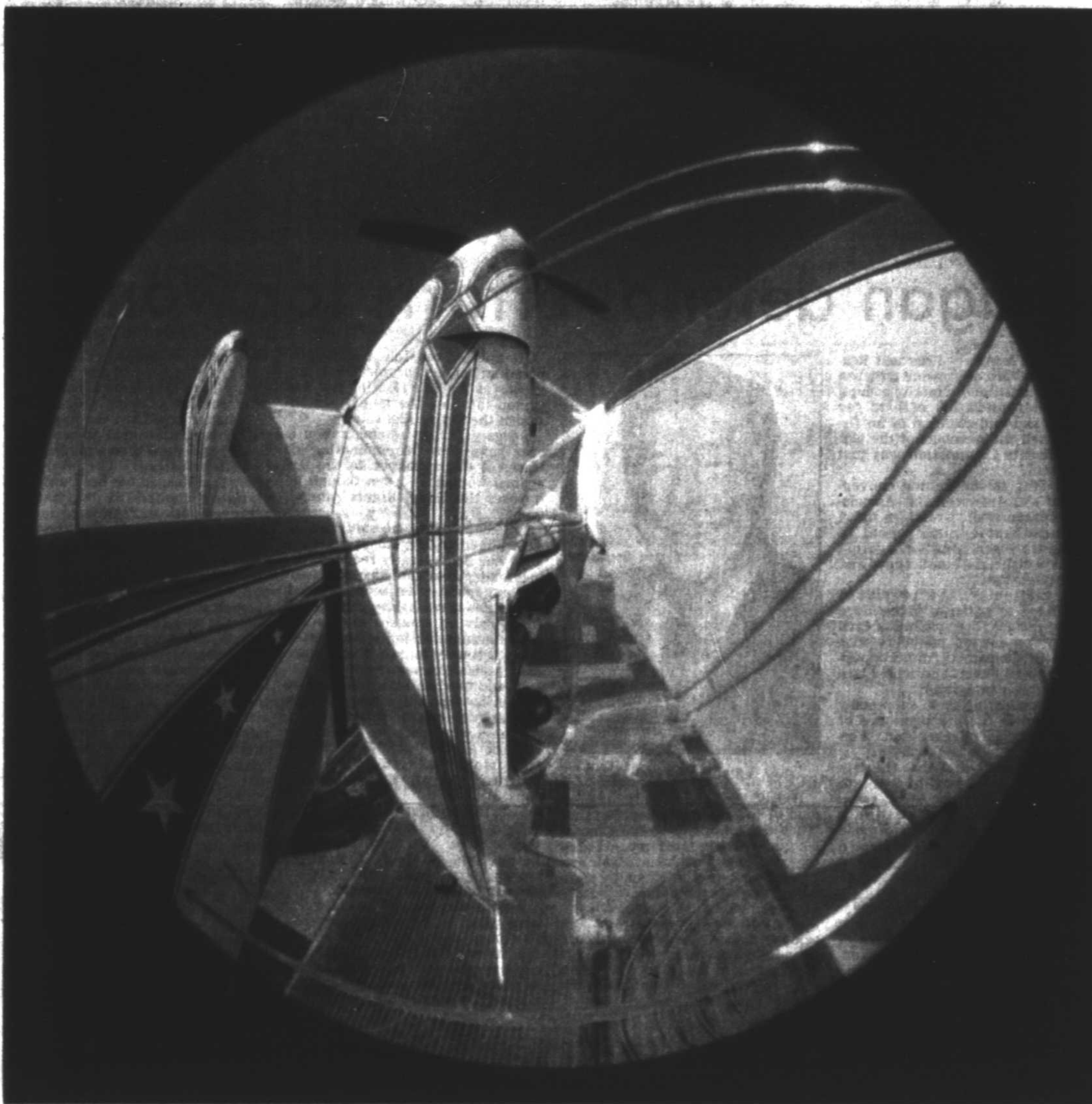
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Up in the wild blue yonder

Aerobatic pilot Gene Beggs takes his Pitts Special S-1T through a hammer-head stall between the blue sky and West Texas farm land.

He flies for perfection and with a quiet passion. See the story on Page 1C to see what makes Beggs fly.

Governors endorse plan for education

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PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The nation's governors, responding to what they perceive as a public clamor for excellence in education, have endorsed a "beyond the basics" program that would upgrade academic standards and reward outstanding teachers.

The National Governors Association gave unanimous approval Sunday to a policy statement calling on each state to develop a plan for education and economic growth.

Gov. Richard A. Snelling of Vermont said today's concern goes beyond the shock of Sputnik, when the Soviet launching of the first space satellite a quarter century ago raised doubts about the quality of American education.

This time, said Snelling, there is "no alarming single event" to trigger the concern. Instead, he said, "it was deduced to be an important item on the agenda of America."

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. of North Carolina, the outgoing chairman of the task force that drew up the policy statement, called on his colleagues to consider the vital role of education in maintaining America's world leadership in technology and economics.

"Education can't be one of our top 10 priorities. For America to be number one, education must be number one in America," said Hunt.

The governors advocated a strengthening of the public school curriculum in order to "make the academic experience more intense and more productive."

They also called on states and school districts to "express a new and higher regard for teachers" by providing honors and financial incentives for outstanding performance.

Reminding governors that they will play a key role in shaping the future of American education, Education Secretary T.H. Bell urged their support of a "master teacher" program that would give public schools an academic rank system similar to those at colleges and universities.

"The master teacher ought to be

to elementary and secondary education what the full professor is to higher education," said Bell.

The education secretary said local school boards were to blame for the decline in educational standards because they failed to set adequate requirements for the schools.

Before adopting their policy statement, more than a half dozen governors briefed their colleagues on various measures taken to improve education in their respective states.

Gov. Bob Graham cited a strengthening in "the academic rigor" of Florida's school system, a program that was augmented by such incentives as \$5,000 annual bonuses to those designated as "master teachers."

Gov. Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey said his state was demanding proficiency in advanced skills — not just "the bare minimum" — as a requirement to high school graduation.

Vermont's efforts to provide intensified instruction in the earliest elementary grades were outlined by Snelling, who said the program was embraced by dozens of communities despite the Legislature's refusal to provide financing.

The priority given to education during the governors' 75th summer meeting came as governors and guest speakers emphasized the relationship between good schools and economic growth.

Former International Business Machines Corp. Chairman Frank Cary said business' involvement in education was becoming a necessity that goes beyond good corporate citizenship.

"Other nations around the world are giving a higher priority to the education of the new generation than we are," said Cary, linking educational excellence to America's economic well-being.

The statement adopted by the governors also equated improvements in education with national survival.

Victim of cerebral palsy reaches out with poetry

INSTITUTE, W.Va. (AP) — Shirley Klein is a poetic soul who finds herself locked into a body that she can't control.

Born with cerebral palsy, a central nervous system affliction, the dark-haired Beckley native has never known a day when she wasn't wracked by spasms. As a result, most people quickly look away when they see her approaching in her wheelchair, arms flailing and tongue sometimes sticking out.

The image is one she hates but is powerless to change. "It's so frustrating," she said in an interview. "People do seldom look beyond the disability and that

makes it almost impossible to communicate."

That daily frustration, combined with a deep-seated need to reach out, led her to poetry.

"I wrote my first poem when I was 10," she said, seated beside her typewriter in her office at the West Virginia Vocational Rehabilitation Center. "As long as I can remember, I've wanted to change the world, change attitudes for the better."

Her first book of poems, "Of Bitter Choice," was published this spring with the help of a grant from the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia. In the forward, Ms. Klein discusses the choice that gave the book

its title.

"It had been a difficult birth," she wrote. "The doctor had to use forceps. I lay like a piece of meat on the table as the doctor looked at my father with a wordless question: my father nodded yes. And, thus, I was consigned to life, a life challenged by cerebral palsy."

"In my work," she concludes, "I write of the unseen self behind the wheelchair, the unsure step, the wet chin, the awkward movement and the garbled speech. In so doing, I strive to speak for others who face the same hostile world I do, thereby confronting that world with a real-

ity that will no longer be ignored or denied."

She said she published her book for disabled people everywhere, to let them know she understands their pain and loneliness and "to help other people better understand what's inside us."

In one of her poems, titled "To A Special Boy," she writes: "Robbie, we all drag wagons behind us."

Big, red, empty wagons
Waiting for someone to fill them.
With some hope, dreams, love.
We pass by different-colored houses.
The door opens, we offer a smile

As the door closes again
And we pass on to the next house

Up the endless hill.
They tell me at the top
In an ever-open doorway
Patient, understanding eyes
Watch for us.

First, though, we must pass up the endless hill
Because along the way
There might be other wagons we can fill

With a bright leaf, a white flower
or a song.
Ms. Klein works full time as an information representative for the West Virginia Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. She writes her

news releases and composes poetry with the help of a specially equipped typewriter that contains an automatic correction unit.

She sells her book from her home in Nitro, which she shares with a live-in nurse companion, for \$3 including postage.

"I write the poems sporadically," she said, "and especially when I'm frustrated. I can take the physical aspect of my disability, but it's the psychological aspect that's the most painful. What I mean is that it's OK that people can't understand me, but when they don't even try to know me, for who I really am, that's when it really hurts."

Bank reopens under name Mid-Cities National



Metro Bank opened today at Midland Regional Air Terminal under new ownership and a new name, Mid-Cities National Bank. The new bank

was approved by federal authorities Sunday. Metro Bank failed last week when Texas banking officials declared it insolvent.

Mid-Cities National Bank opened this morning at Midland Regional Air Terminal in place of Metro Bank, which closed Friday under a bad loan burden of almost \$7 million.

Former Metro Bank customers automatically became customers of the new bank, which received its charter Sunday around 4 p.m.

Mid-Cities' five principal organizers, all businessmen from the Texas Panhandle, agreed to pay the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation \$350,000 for a purchase premium. They assume all the old deposits and certain other liabilities of Metro Bank, according to an FDIC spokesman.

Metro Bank had \$30.9 million in deposits in 2,400 accounts as of June 30 and listed total loans of \$26.7 million.

The bank was declared insolvent

Friday when State Banking Commissioner Robert E. Stewart said its non-performing loans exceeded the bank's equity capital. The bank immediately was turned over to the FDIC, which spent the weekend going over the bank's records and contacting potential buyers for the institution.

The five organizers of the new national bank are Edgar G. Blair of Borger, who will serve as chairman of the new board; David M. Warren Jr. and Billy D. Riley, both of Borger; and Jerry R. Powell and Roy L. Ryan, both of Lubbock.

Blair, a multi-millionaire, owns Blair Oil Company and has interests in several other companies. Warren is junior vice chairman and chief executive officer of Panhandle Bank & Trust Company in Borger. Riley is a businessman there.

Powell and Ryan are in the banking industry in the Panhandle.

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Weather

Sunny and hot through Tuesday. Fair tonight with a low in the low 70s. Details on Page 2A.

Service

Delivery	982-8811
Want Ads	982-8822
Other Calls	982-8811

WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 8 a.m. EDT
Tuesday, August 2
Low Temperatures



National Weather Service
NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Fronts: Cold Warm Occluded Stationary
AP Laserphoto Map

The National Weather Service forecasts showers for Tuesday for most of the East Coast, for the Gulf Coast, for the Dakotas and parts of Nebraska, California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado.

Few drops of rain fell Sunday

Although rain was not in the forecast Sunday, Mother Nature squeezed out a few drops, closing out July with a trace for the total monthly rainfall and 2.36 inches for the year.

But in Odessa, fire stations reported from one-tenth to one-half inches of moisture, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

Sunday's 92-degree reading at 3 p.m. plummeted to 77 by 4 p.m. when rain clouds began moving into Midland. The 15-minute shower left a trace of rain on the Midland area, and temperatures pushed back up near 90 by 6 p.m.

The forecast through Tuesday is expected to be sunny and hot with no other rain in sight. Tonight should be fair with the low in the low 70s, rising to the upper 90s on Tuesday. Winds should travel southerly 5-15 mph.

Sunday's high of 94 fell short of the record 105-degree reading set in 1944, and the overnight low of 69 was warmer than the record low of 56 set in 1936.

Midland statistics

FORECAST
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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's High 94 degrees
Overnight Low 69 degrees
Sunrise today 6:40 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow 7:05 a.m.
Precipitation: Last 24 hours Trace inches
This month to date 0.00 inches
1983 to date 2.36 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	noon	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 a.m.
Albany	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Albuquerque	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Anchorage	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Ashville	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Atlanta	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Baltimore	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Birmingham	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Bismarck	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Boston	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Buffalo	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Burlington	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Casper	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Charleston, S.C.	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Charleston, W.V.	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Charlotte, N.C.	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Chester	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Chicago	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Cincinnati	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Cleveland	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Columbus, S.C.	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Columbus, Ohio	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Dayton	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Denver	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Des Moines	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Detroit	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Duluth	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Fairbanks	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Fargo	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Flagstaff	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Great Falls	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Hartford	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Helena	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Honolulu	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Indianapolis	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Jackson, Miss.	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Jacksonville	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Juneau	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Kansas City	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Las Vegas	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Little Rock	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Los Angeles	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Louisville	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Memphis	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Miami	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Minneapolis	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Mobile, Ala.	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Nashville	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
New Orleans	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
New York	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Norfolk	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
North Platte	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Oakland	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Oklahoma City	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Omaha	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Orlando	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Philadelphia	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Phoenix	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Pittsburgh	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Portland, Me.	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Portland, Ore.	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Providence	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Raleigh	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Rapid City	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Rego	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Richmond	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Salt Lake	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
San Diego	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
San Francisco	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Seattle	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Shreveport	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Sioux Falls	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
St. Louis	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
St. Pete-Tampa	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
St. Paul	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Spokane	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Syracuse	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Tampa	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Tucson	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Tulsa	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Washington	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89
Wichita	73	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	89

Texas temperatures

City	Lo	Hi	Pop.
Abilene	91	99	0.04
Alice	96	73	0.04
Amesbury	92	64	0.00
Austin	97	78	0.00
Beaumont/Pt. Art	92	78	0.00
Brownsville	92	74	0.00
Childress	100	70	0.00
College Station	95	72	0.00
Corpus Christi	92	75	0.00
Del Rio	90	63	0.00
Dallas	99	79	0.00
Del Rio	98	75	0.00
El Paso	99	73	0.00
Fort Worth	90	77	0.00
Galveston	91	82	0.00
Houston	93	73	0.01
Lubbock	96	69	0.00
Lubbock	98	64	0.00
Lufkin	98	71	0.00
Marfa	98	60	0.00
McAllen	97	75	0.00
Midland	94	69	0.00
Palacios	90	75	0.00
San Angelo	92	67	0.00
San Antonio	96	72	0.00
Saxatiana	94	73	0.00
Victoria	92	74	0.19
Waco	100	72	0.00
Wichita Falls	91	73	0.00
Wink	92	68	0.02

Texas area forecast

West Texas: Partly cloudy with isolated scattered thunderstorms clearing by late tonight. Fair to partly cloudy Tuesday. Highs 82 to 95, except near 100 Big Bend valleys. Low 65 mountains and Pecos handle to 75 south. Highs Tuesday 95 north to 98 south with near 100 Big Bend valleys.

Border states forecasts

Louisiana: Cloudy to partly cloudy with widely scattered daytime thunderstorms through Tuesday. Highs 86 south to 95 north. Low 70 to 75. Highs Tuesday in the 90s.

Bank reopens under new name

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The FDIC facilitated the transaction by advancing \$17.3 million to the assuming bank group, because the deposit liabilities the five men assumed exceeded the bank's assets (loans, building and fixtures). FDIC attorney Ralph Frable said Sunday.

The FDIC itself purchased certain assets from Metro Bank, most notably all non-performing loans. The government agency will begin to collect those loans, Frable said.

The FDIC is funded by insurance premiums paid by banks which are FDIC members; it does not receive funds appropriated by Congress, he added.

Frable said the FDIC contacted a large number of bidders Friday afternoon when Metro Bank was closed by a majority vote of its directors. Five bids received were under active consideration during the weekend.

Mid-Cities' bid of \$850,000 was the highest, Frable said.

The advantage of finding new ownership for the bank so soon is that the FDIC does not have to issue checks to depositors with money insured up to the \$100,000 limit. Former Metro Bank customers automatically became customers of the new bank, Frable said.

A Veterans of Foreign Wars group in nearby Ovid plans a counter-protest today, but will limit its numbers at the sheriff's request, said Carlos Young, a past post commander.

"We fought for them when they were being brought up and now

they're turning against us," Young said. "They're not going to gain anything by harassing the people around here."

By late Sunday, an estimated 1,200 women had arrived to join about 150 others who have spent the summer at what they call a peace camp near the arsenal in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York.

Women began showing up in large numbers Thursday, and a 15-mile march Saturday from Seneca Falls to the depot resulted in a clash between about 300 flag-waving Waterloo residents who blocked their path by jamming a bridge, chanting, "Commies go home."

Although 65 people, two of them townspeople, were arrested after a flurry of scuffling, no injuries were reported, officials said.

Fifty of the women refused to give police their names and elected to stay in jail without paying bail on charges of disorderly conduct, Ms. McKenna said.

Three others posted bail Sunday morning and the rest were held in a school because there wasn't room at the Seneca County Jail in Waterloo.

Thirteen women sitting outside the school late Sunday in support of their confined colleagues were surrounded and "pushed and jabbed" by a crowd of about 100 people as

deputies watched, Ms. McKenna said.

Three trailer trucks pulled up to the school and a crowd gathered, she said. The women "sensed danger" and tried to leave. That's when the crowd began to abuse them, she said.

Seneca County Sheriff Kenneth Greer declared a countywide state of emergency Saturday. One-hundred officers from three nearby counties have arrived to assist, chief deputy Dale Arcangel said today.

The army has 650 military police and 50 doctors, helicopter pilots and other personnel stationed inside the 18-mile fence.

Many of the women plan to peacefully break the law to get their anti-nuclear message across, she said.

Sri Lanka death toll reaches 200

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The death toll from eight days of ethnic riots has climbed past 200 nationwide, the government said as it prepared to lift a 24-hour curfew in the capital today long enough for residents to buy food.

The bloody clashes between majority Sinhalese and minority Tamils prompted Pope John Paul II to plead Sunday for "a spirit of comprehension and tolerance." In India, pro-Tamil politicians proposed that United Nations peacekeeping troops be sent to Sri Lanka.

The rioting subsided over the weekend, but sporadic outbreaks persisted and there were "a few deaths...caused by violence at the hands of civilians," said Douglas Liyanage, secretary in the Ministry of State.

Authorities said the curfew in Colombo, the capital, would be lifted temporarily today to allow people to shop for food.

Liyanage told reporters there had been 179 killings "of civilians by civilians" across the country from July 25 through July 29. As for civilians killed by soldiers, Liyanage said he had no figures "beyond the 15 shot for looting and arson on Friday."

He also did not include the killing in northern Jaffna of 13 soldiers by Tamil extremists seeking an independent state — an act that triggered the rioting across this tiny island off India's southern tip.

More than 500 people, including scores of prominent leftists, have been arrested.

The Sinhalese are Buddhists and make up about 70 percent of the population of 15 million, while the Tamils, who make up about 20 per-

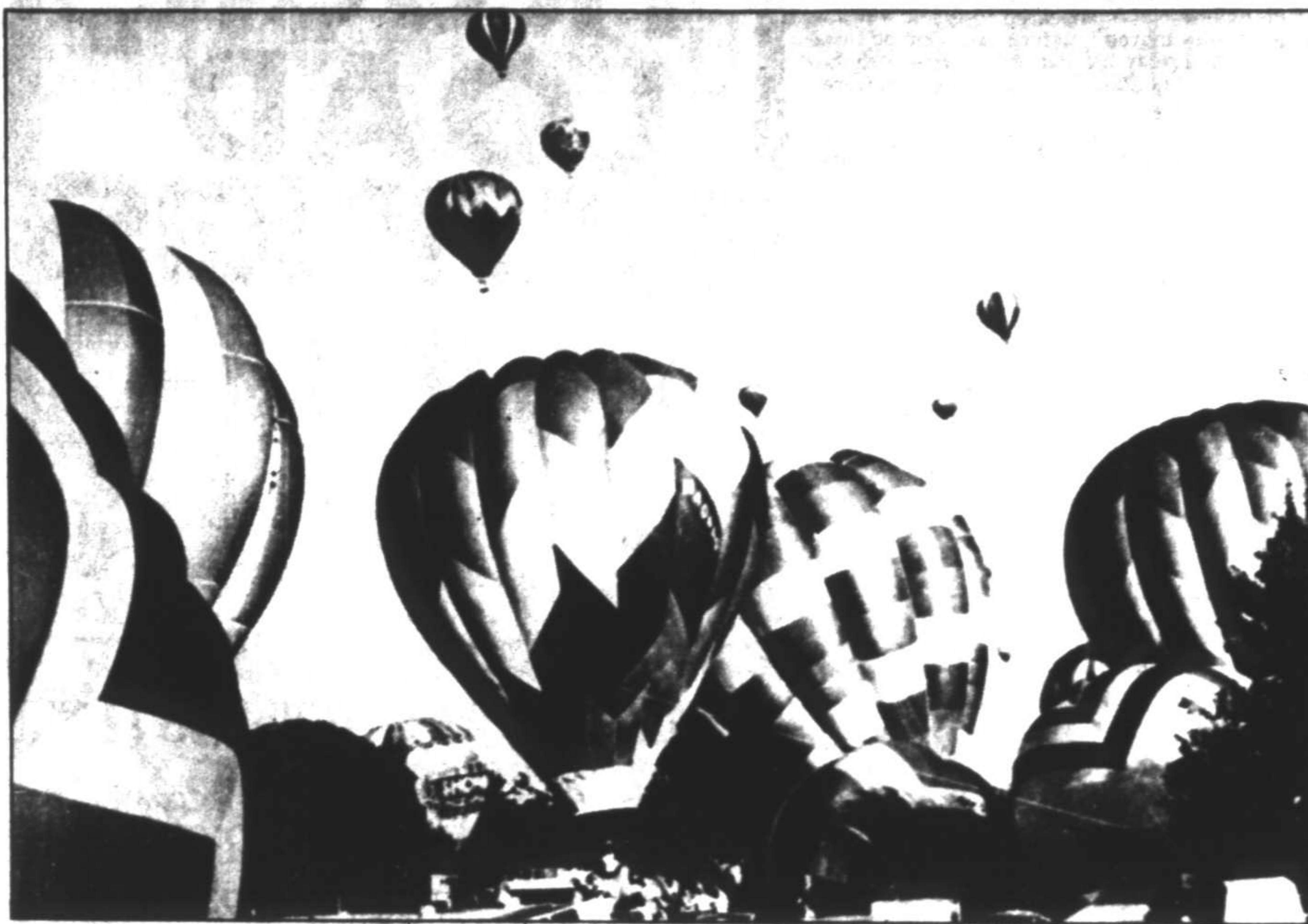


AP Laserphoto

Residents of the small town of Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka, which is 15 miles south of the capital of Colombo, form long lines at a government store to purchase basic household items. Shortages of food is just one of the problems facing this country following a week of racial riots.

cent, are Hindus. Both are of Indian origin.

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Just a few of the more than two hundred balloons participating in the National Hot Air Balloon Championships are seen here in what is known as a mass ascent, in which all crews attempt to inflate and launch their balloons simultaneously. This is the thirteenth year that balloonists from all over the U.S. have gathered in Indianola, Iowa for the event.

Kirkpatrick: Chances of negotiating peace in Central America 'alive'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations says indications of flexibility by Nicaragua and Cuba signal some cause for hope that peace can be negotiated in Central America.

Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick, interviewed Sunday on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," said there were signs that Nicaragua was increasingly willing to end its support for guerrilla movements in neighboring countries.

She also described as "progress" a recent statement by Cuban President Fidel Castro that he was willing to go along with a regional decision to bar arms shipments and require withdrawal of foreign military advisers from Central America.

She said the chances of negotiating peace in Central America are "very much alive" and that talks aimed at a

regional settlement "give us a good deal of hope." She said the "very much supports that process" sponsored by the Contadora group of Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama. She urged patience, saying that a negotiated settlement will take time.

Foreign ministers of those countries and five Central American states — Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Costa Rica — ended three days of discussions in Panama City on Saturday without agreeing on specific steps to keep the regional conflict from escalating.

Meanwhile, House Republican leader Robert Michel of Illinois said he favors holding the number of U.S. military advisers in El Salvador at 55.

nation in brief

Ex-driver tries to set record

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A 240-pound former truck driver has set forth in a 9-foot sailboat hoping to set a record for the smallest vessel to be sailed around the world by one person.

Bill Dunlop once held the record for an east-bound crossing of the Atlantic in the smallest non-motorized boat.

His boat, Wind's Will, has been modified since last year when he made that voyage, sailing from Portland to Falmouth, England, in 76 days. Because waves claimed his radio equipment before, he took special care to secure the equipment this trip.

Dunlop, 41, of Mechanic Falls, hopes to establish 11 world records.

Cuban exile killed in shootout

MIAMI (AP) — A Cuban exile killed in a shootout with police after holding up a house and wounding four people, one fatally, was the son of a former Cuban education minister, authorities say.

Jose Braulio Aleman, 50, who had a history of

mental problems, was killed by police Sunday as they rushed the trim, white one-story house in the Little Havana section. "He opened fire at the officers who returned fire," said police spokesman Juan Santos.

After officers entered the house, they reported finding the body of Maria Candarez, 69, who had been shot in the head. The other shooting victims were reported in stable condition at a hospital.

'Ban based on insufficient data'

CHICAGO (AP) — A new study suggests that a military ban instituted during the mid-1950s on using people with sickle-cell anemia traits as pilots or divers may have been based on insufficient data.

The ban, lifted in January 1981, mostly affected black personnel.

Dr. Leonard Johnson Jr., associate dean of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, said Sunday that researchers monitored more than 50 pilot recruits with the sickle-cell trait for two years and none had any problems with rigorous training or conditions imposed on aviation candidates.

Holiday comes late for troubled town

TIMES BEACH, Mo. (AP) — Gifts, a perspiring Santa Claus and the presence of 700 former neighbors made it a merry Christmas in July for one-time residents of this little town whose holidays last year were washed out.

"This is a reunion, it really is," said Brenda Wieda, one of the celebrants at Sunday's gathering near Times Beach, where freak December floods and the discovery of dioxin all but canceled last Christmas for residents driven from their homes.

The Yule party, held in sweltering 90-degree weather in a park about five miles from the town, was the first occasion many of the former residents had to see each other since they evacuated in December on the advice of federal officials.

Only about a dozen of the 800 families who once lived in Times Beach remain in the town 25

miles southwest of St. Louis, which has no postal service, water or trash collection. The rest have been placed in temporary housing as the federal government buys up the town.

"People who used to live in the town are scattered all over now," said Ms. Wieda.

Environmental Protection Agency tests have shown levels of dioxin at Times Beach as high as 300 parts per billion parts of soil. The national Centers for Disease Control have said that levels higher than 1 part per billion represent a potential health risk where there may be frequent human exposure.

Gerald Johnson, a 51-year-old chemical plant foreman who with his wife and three children has remained in Times Beach, stayed home during Sunday's party and says he doesn't intend to leave the town.

Governors, White House at odds

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The nation's governors are locking horns with the White House over economic recovery. Vice President George Bush says it's here. The governors say they're still waiting.

The National Governors Association meeting opened Sunday with Vice Bush bluntly rejecting the governors' economic ideas, and the governors saying they have friends in Congress and hope to make President Reagan change his mind.

The leadoff speaker today was Alan Greenspan, once chief economic adviser to former President Ford. He was perhaps the best known of many economists at the conference.

"This session has more economists and more private sector representation than we have ever had," Gov. Scott Matheson of Utah, association chairman, said. "That shows our concern with the national economic situation and our role therein."

The concern quickly took form and motion Sunday as Matheson said economic recovery isn't reaching most states, while Bush declared "a surging economic recovery is under way."

Bush said the administration is determined to block tax increases, while Matheson said the economy won't heal without them because bloated federal deficits would choke recovery.

The vice president also used the conference to deliver a major defense of the administration's Central American policy, saying it had become the victim of a "propaganda war."

Bush said Reagan's movement of three naval battle groups and 4,000 to 5,000 U.S. ground troops to Central America for maneuvers was an effort to create "a security shield" for democracy.

"We are not sending U.S. troops into combat in Central America," Bush said.

The administration won one round, however, when the governors unanimously endorsed Reagan's call for merit pay for teachers. Although they used the less controversial term "career ladders," Matheson conceded it was just another name for the same thing.

Bush said when the administration took office in 1981, "we faced the most serious economic crisis since the Great Depression" and "the United States was well on its way to economic disaster."

"Today," Bush claimed, "less than two years after we began to set these policies in place, a surging economic recovery is well under way."

Javits hospitalized

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former U.S. Sen. Jacob Javits was reported resting comfortably today at Good Samaritan Hospital, where he was hospitalized to take part in research to find a treatment for Lou Gehrig's disease.

The 79-year-old Javits was "in good condition, stable, resting well," said a nursing supervisor early today who would identify herself only as Mrs. Ho.

The former senator admitted himself to the hospital late Friday at the recommendation of W. King Engle, director of the Neuro-Muscular Center at the University of Southern California.

Anonymous gifts puzzle mayors

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — It could be a practical joke or a donation to a worthy cause. But no one's been able to figure out who has been mailing anonymous \$2 contributions to Maryland mayors.

The Maryland Municipal League has been trying to trace the unknown donor without success, league spokeswoman Hinda Berson said recently.

So far, mayors from 25 Maryland towns have received the money which always arrives as two \$1 bills in an envelope with a Baltimore postmark and no return address, Ms. Berson said.

"It's an interesting thing," she said. "They're (the sender) not even bribing them. Who has \$100 to spare to do this kind of thing? It's mysterious." Mayors learned how widespread the gifts were when they began comparing notes at the municipal league convention in Ocean City, Md. last month.

Easton, Centerville, Denton, Cambridge, Salisbury and Fruitland are among the towns which have received the mystery money.

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Guyanese citizens deported

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — About 270 Guyanese citizens have been deported from neighboring Suriname in a government crackdown on illegal foreign residents, according to press reports received here from Paramaribo.

The reports Sunday said many of the deportees have been transported to Springlands, a town on the border between the two countries on South America's northeast coast.

An estimated 40,000 Guyanese citizens reside and work in Suriname, which has a population of about 350,000.

Bottles of champagne explode

PEKING (AP) — The popping of "champagne" from one Peking winery has not been a cause for rejoicing — whole bottles have been exploding regularly before the customers have a chance to open them, the Peking Evening News reports.

A letter from a Peking customer complained that his bottle of sparkling wine blew up half an hour after he brought it home, and "luckily the children weren't nearby," the newspaper said in its Sunday edition.

A letter from the east China city of Nanking said a bottle brought from Peking exploded while

the family was watching television in the next room, and left dozens of scars in the wall.

One Peking store reported that more than 100 bottles in a recent shipment from the Changkong Winery had exploded, the paper said. A reporter went to the winery said he was told the problem apparently was with bottles being reused.

Black nations to ban journalists

KADOMA, Zimbabwe (AP) — Six black nations in southern Africa tentatively have decided to ban foreign journalists based in white-ruled South Africa from reporting in their countries.

A communique passed by the information ministers of the six countries said the action was taken to stop South African propaganda.

The countries represented at a two-day conference here were Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Pilot unharmed after memorial

OLIVER, British Columbia (AP) — The pilot escaped injury when a vintage plane flipped over while landing after a memorial fly-by service for three warplane pilots killed in an accident the previous day, officials said.

Sunday's mishap was the third crash in three

days at the gathering of World War II planes. About 100 members of the Western War Birds from the northwestern United States and Canada met at Oliver, 12 miles north of the U.S. border.

In Saturday's crash, witnesses said two Harvard single-engine planes appeared to touch wings in flight as they moved into formation, killing three people. On Friday a Stearman biplane struck a utility pole, but the two people inside suffered only minor cuts.

Truck crashes claims 18 lives

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — A truck was involved in two accidents four days apart that killed 18 people, the South African Press Association reported today.

The news agency said five people were killed Wednesday when their car collided with the truck on a coastal road near Atlantis, a community 25 miles north of Cape Town. The truck driver was not injured and left the wrecked truck by a curve in the road, intending to have it towed away later.

A bus carrying 70 picnickers slammed into the truck late Saturday, killing 13 passengers and injuring 57, the news agency said. The 13 dead were trapped inside the bus after it rolled onto its roof and caught fire.

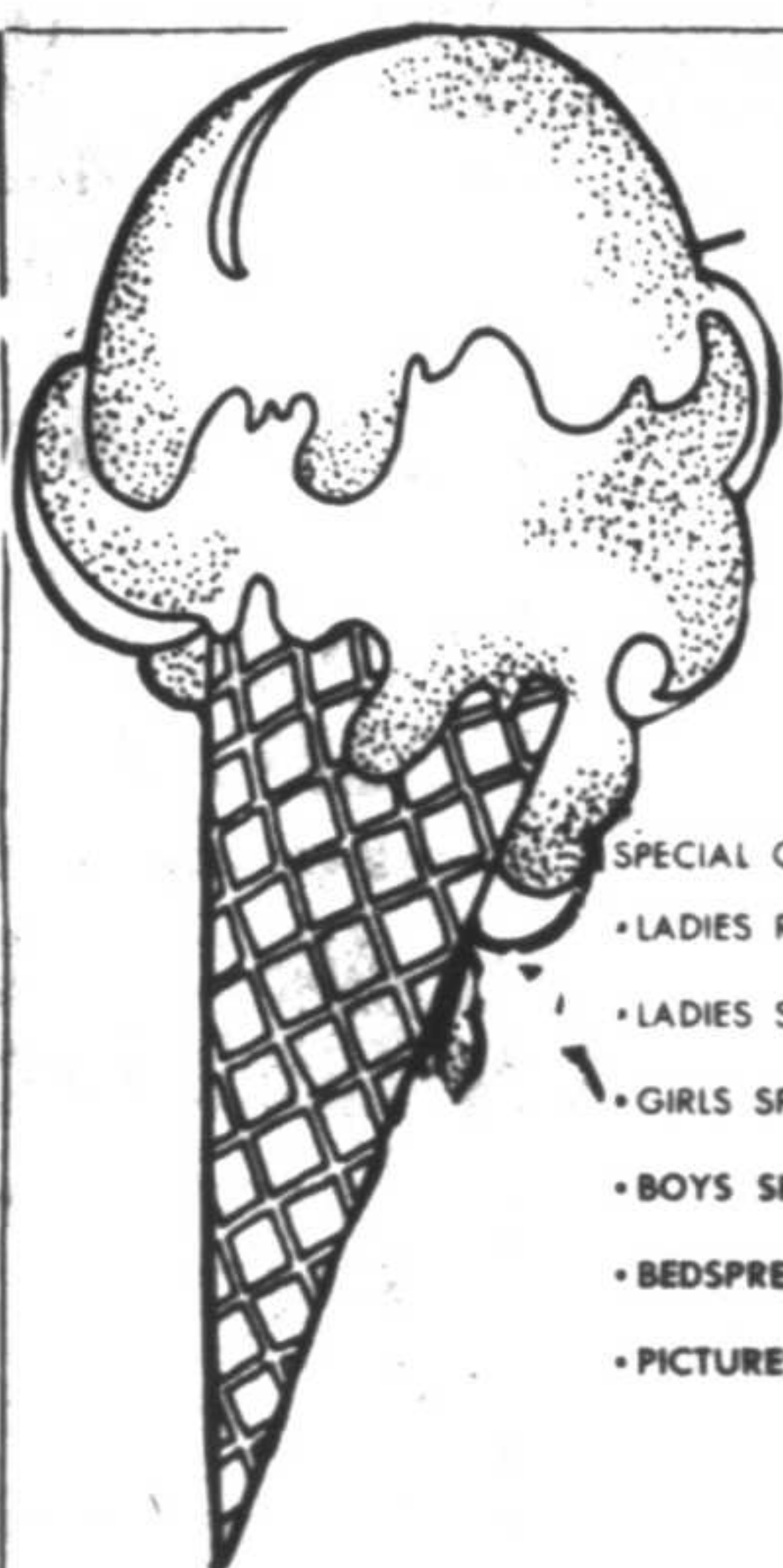
Tar washes onto shore

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Large patches of tar from the giant, war-caused Iranian oil slick have washed onto Bahrain's west coast, and officials said today they have mobilized a task force to clean up the beaches.

Khaled Fakhro, head of a committee assigned to combat the seven-month-old Persian Gulf slick, said Bahrain was prepared to manufacture inflatable booms and other barriers to deflect the slick away from the island nation's coasts.

He said experts also were working on means of channelling the tar into designated locations before disposing it, possibly by burying it in sand.

Fakhro said the main body of the slick had not been sighted near Bahrain or Saudi Arabia.



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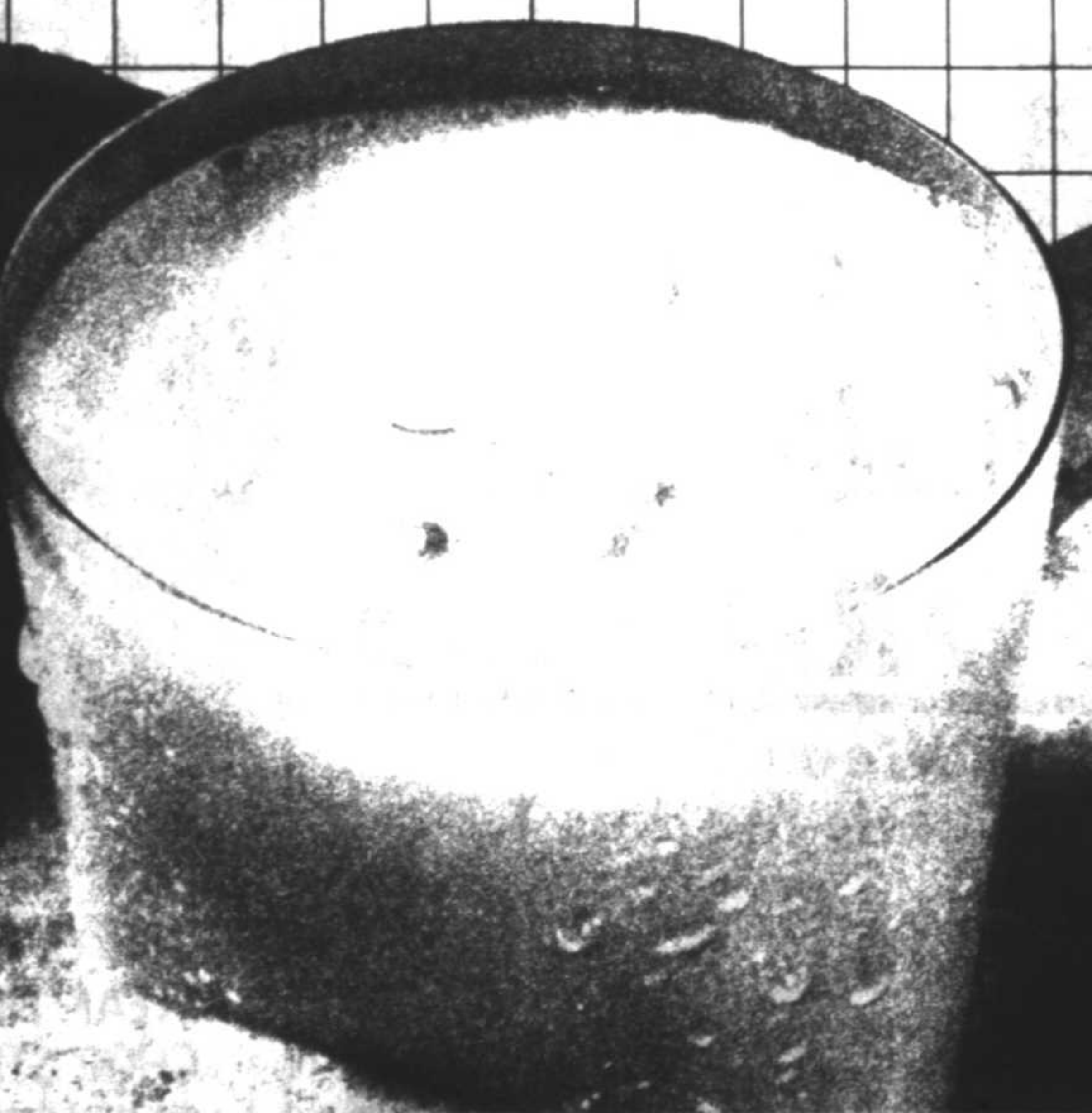
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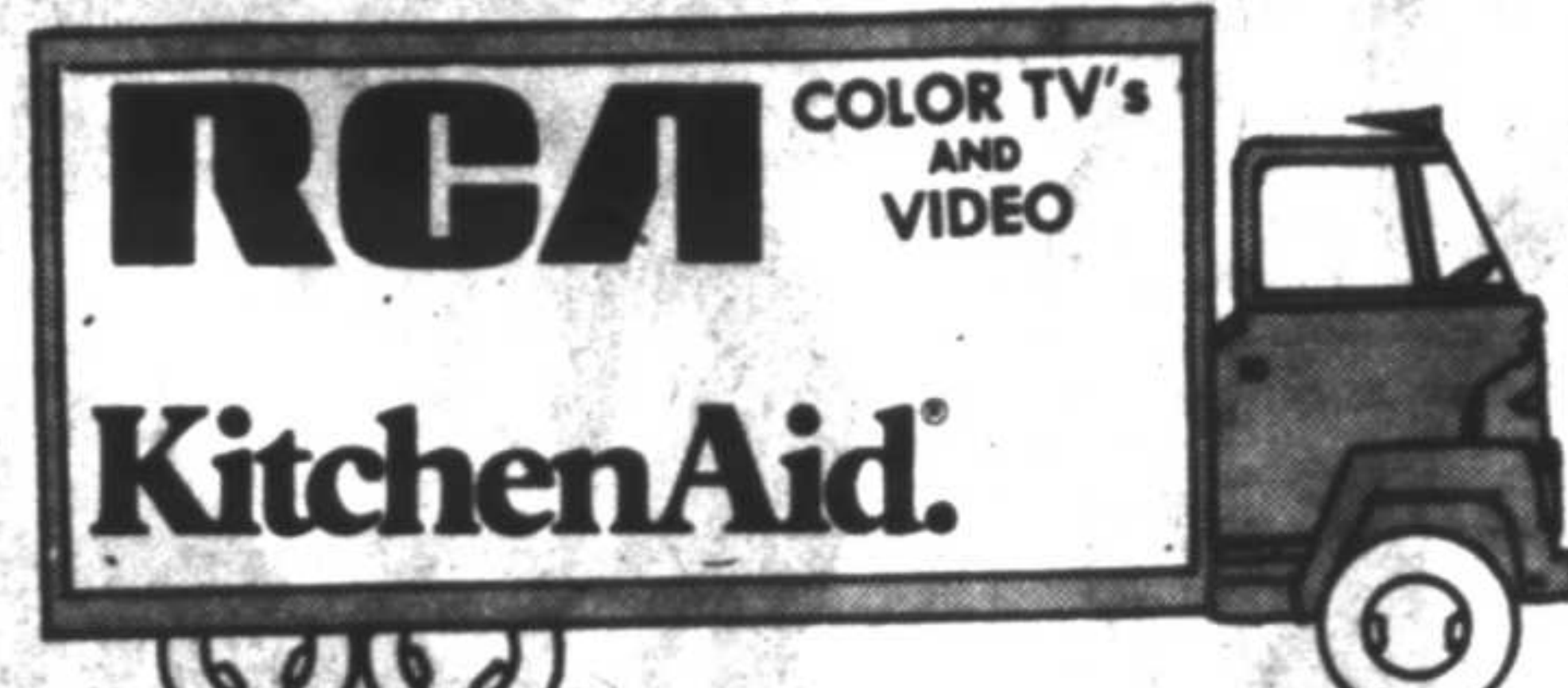


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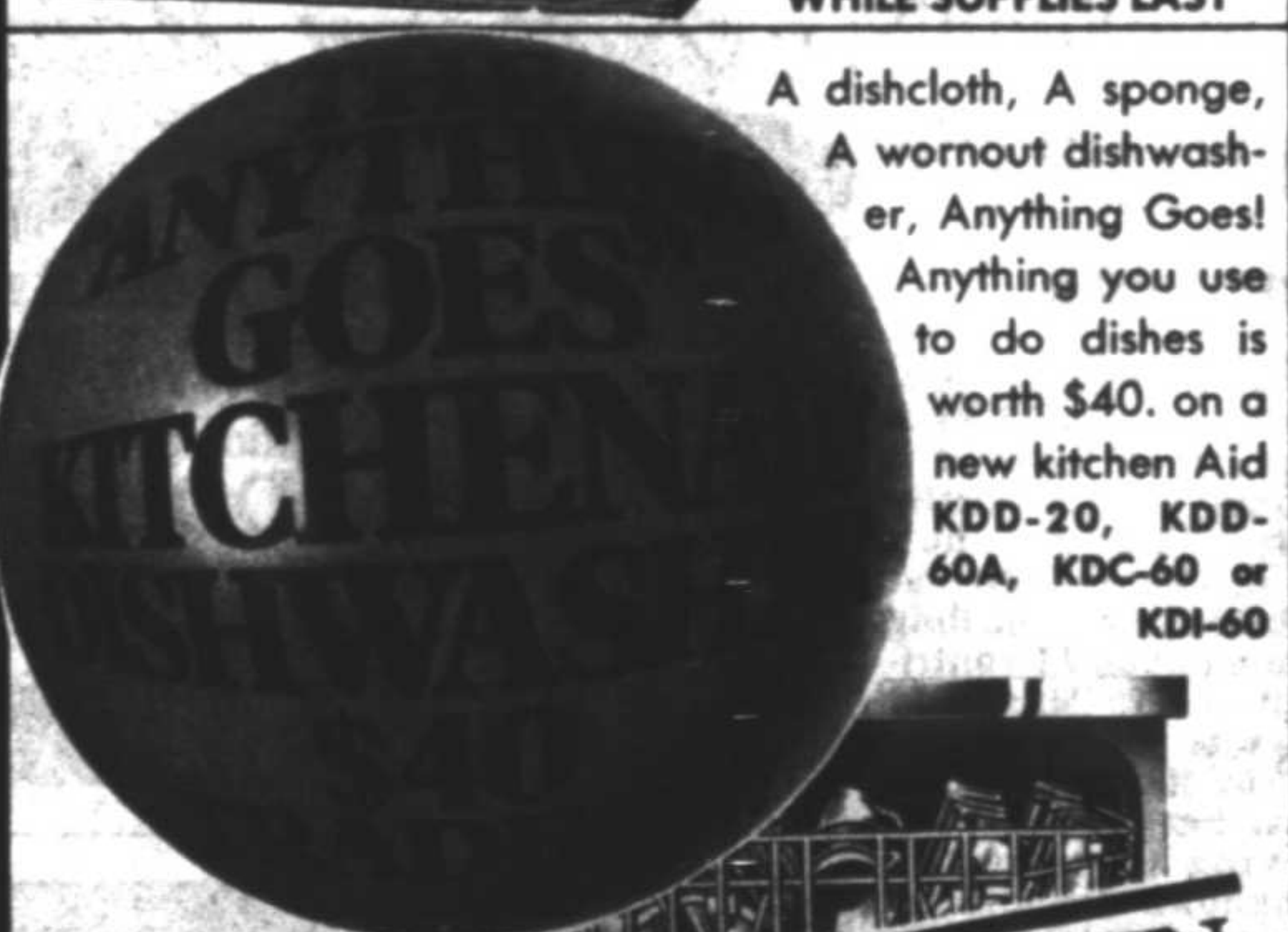


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Pierce hurls first pro shutout against Cubs

Arkansas Claims series 4-1 over Midland with 8-0 win

By TERRY WILLIAMSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Arkansas pitcher Walt Pierce hurled his first nine inning professional shutout at the Midland Cubs Sunday night, winning by an 8-0 count and adding to the current woes of the Cubs.

Pierce allowed only four hits in the game and allowed only one Midland batter to reach as far as second base. He struck out only three of the Cubs, but walked only two.

The Arkansas defense pulled off a double play behind Pierce and catcher Mark Salas twice threw out Trey Brooks trying to steal. But Pierce is the first to admit that the biggest help came from a stiff breeze blowing in from centerfield, the first time that has happened at

Cubs Stadium in the last 10 days.

"The wind really did help. I think a couple of the shots the Cubs had would have gone out on any other night," Pierce said, who picked up his seventh win of the year against five losses. "Actually, I've had better stuff, but this was the best results. The wind held up some balls and all the others that were hit hard was at somebody."

Brooks got two of the four hits off Pierce, but was thrown out stealing both times as Cub manager Tommy Harmon tried to make something happen to his team which has won only six times in the last 25 games.

Carlos Lezcano doubled in the eighth inning, deep to left center, and was the only Bruin to get as far as second base. But the blast was with two outs and Pierce KOed Don

Hyman on strikes to end the brief threat. The only other hit came in the sixth when Rick Baker bounced a single over third, but was thrown out trying to stretch the hit into a double. The Cubs left only two runners on base.

"This is the first time in pro ball that I've had a nine inning shutout," Pierce said. "I got a seven inning shutout last year and Terry Clark and I combined for a seven inning shutout against Jackson this year. I went 6½ innings in that one."

MIKE ANICICH, in the throes of a bad slump, almost ruined Pierce's shutout bid twice. Anicich flew out to the wall in left twice, but Pierce's biggest help — Old Man Wind — saved him.

The Cubs' Joe Housey, 0-2, took

the loss as the Travelers scored all they needed in the first when Gotay Mills singled, stole second and scored on Rod Booker's single to left. But Housey still had his best outing in three starts. He gave up only three hits and one run through the first six innings before he gave up two, two-out runs in the seventh and an unearned run in the eighth.

Ray Soff came on in relief in the eighth and gave up four runs in the ninth for the final count. Booker drove in three runs and Barry Saylor two for the Travs.

CUB PRINTS: The Cubs have been shutout four times this year at Cubs Stadium. Midland ended the home stand with a 3-7 record against two Eastern Division clubs. Shortstop Jeff Rutledge, just up from Class A Salinas, played his first game for the

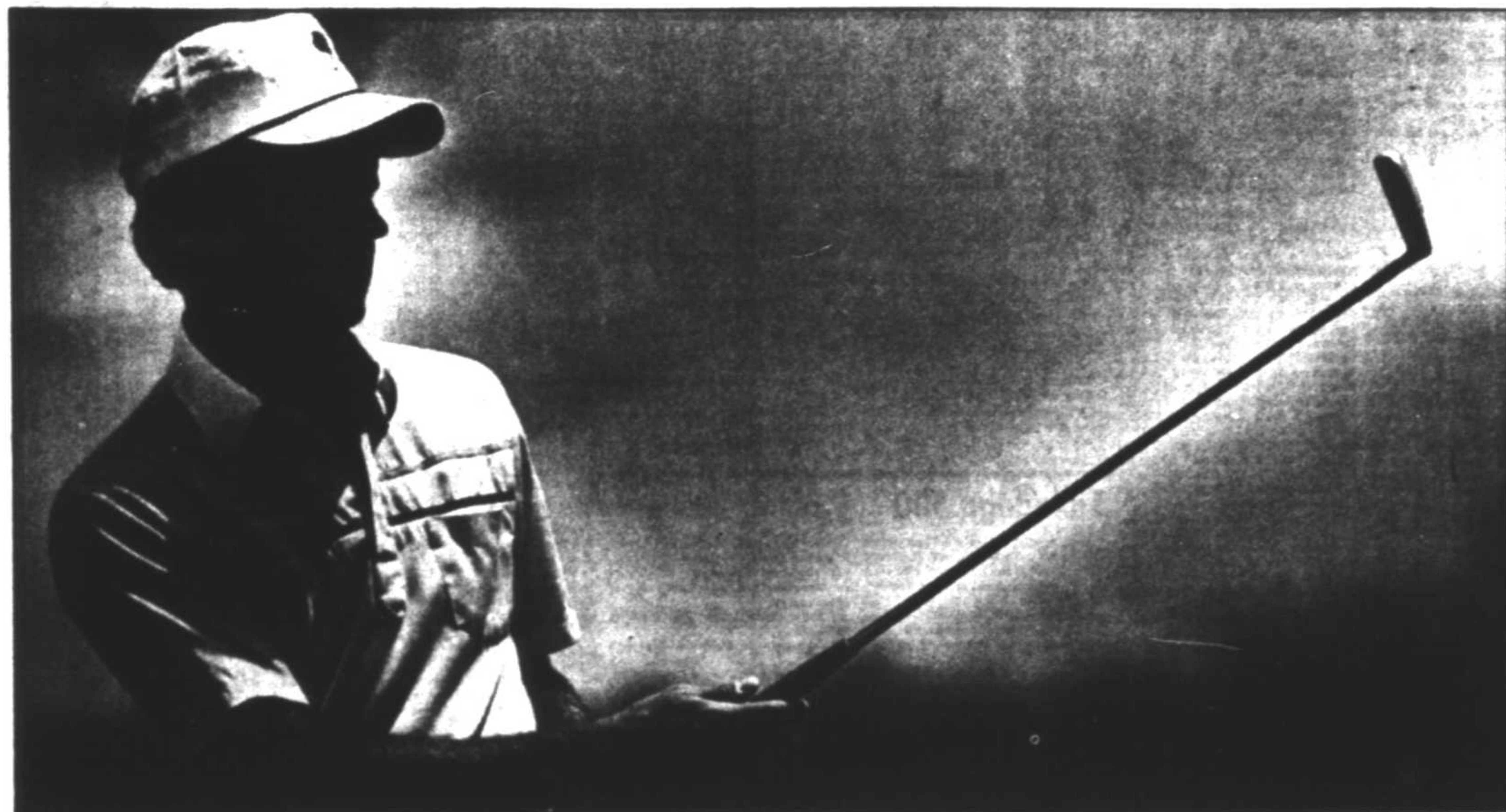
Cubs. He was hitless in three official trips, but made the defensive gem of the game in the sixth when he ranged far to his left, dived for the ball and then turned the magic catch into a double play. The Cubs used three shortstops in five games against Arkansas and it didn't hurt defensively as Midland turned 13 double plays against the Travs, including three Sunday. The Cubs travel to El Paso Tuesday for a five-game set and return to Cubs Stadium Sunday night against Beaumont to start another 10-game homestand. Next Sunday the Hollywood Cover Girls will play a 6:30 p.m. softball game prior to the Cubs' contest. Cub GM Bill Schammel is accepting bids with the highest bidder getting to manage the Cover Girls. The charity bids are for the

benefit of the Big Brothers/Little Sisters program.

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Booker	4	0	2	3	Rutledge	4	0	0	0
Salas	4	0	1	1	Hatcher	4	0	0	0
Ayer	4	0	0	0	Lombardi	4	0	0	0
Coyne	4	0	2	1	Brooks	4	0	1	0
Holmes	3	1	0	0	Anicich	4	0	0	0
Reynolds	3	2	0	0	Lezcano	4	0	1	0
Saylor	4	1	2	2	Hyman	4	0	0	0
Thomas	4	1	2	0	Hill	3	0	0	0
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Baker rallies from five down to win City Golf title



Jay Workman watches a putt during this weekend's City Golf Tournament at Hogan Park. Workman tied for 11th.

By BRUCE CASTLEBERRY
Sports Writer

Bill Baker overcame a five-stroke deficit Sunday to edge Grant Spencer and claim the Midland City Golf tournament on the second hole of a sudden death playoff in the championship flight at Hogan Park.

Baker's win gives him his second title in his last two tries, but he last won the tourney in 1974.

For second place Spencer, it was the second time in the past two years that a solid effort netted only a bridesmaid's role.

SPENCER SHOT a 67 in opening round play, while Baker recorded a 71. Spencer, at one point, apparently had things in hand, but ran in to trouble on the 12th hole. He hit his drive into the left rough, then hit a tree coming out and his ball went into the water. The ensuing double bogey trimmed his once-sizeable lead.

"When he had me five strokes down," said Baker, "I was thinking of maybe second place. Then everything fell into place. He just didn't close the door."

"I just got pretty lucky," "Bill played a dynamite round," said Spencer. "When you play good and get beat by someone who plays better, you have nothing to be ashamed of. That's

the way a tourney should be. It was good competition."

Baker needed a 20-foot putt for a birdie on 18 to force the sudden death playoff.

"That hole he bogeyed put me back into it," Baker said. "I was real proud I won this. He's a fine player."

A brief rain storm that hit the area did not interfere with play.

Baker, who claimed a first prize of \$172.80 in merchandise from the Hogan golf shop, says he may be investing in a new pair of shoes soon.

Here are the results from the City Golf Tournament:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: Baker 71-67 138	
Spencer 67 71 138 (Baker wins on second play off hole)	
Ernie Swart, 70-71 141; Hubbard 72-75 147; Deloy 73-74 147; Castillo 73-74 147; Wampler 72-76 148; Bergeron 69-80 149; Walker 72-78 150; Miller 71-79 150; Valdez 75-76 151; Workman 74-77 151; Young 75-76 151; Ramey 75-76 151; Marberger 75-78 153; M. Hayward 73-81 154	
PRESIDENTS FLIGHT: Steve Hammett 72; Richard Mims, Lee Opperman 74; Roberts, Lloyd 76; Thompson 77; Johnson, Montanez, Childers 78; Word, Pyle, Schmidt 79; R. Hayward 80; Foster 82; Gibb, Scott 83	
FOUR FLIGHT: Noel Sikas 74-71 145; Don Hogue 76-72 148; Blakey Coffman 75-76 150; Schu-bert 75-78 153; Butler 76-76 154; Langford 76 84-82; Elmhouse 80-77 157; Hudgins 78-85 163; Miley 82-85 167	
SECOND FLIGHT: Frank Flournoy 79-81 160; Charlie Jackson 80-77 157; Darryl Helme 82-82 164; Cunningham, Porter 165; Dougherty, Fashner, Benfield, Wright 166; Weatherall 168; Wells 172	
THIRD FLIGHT: R. Luttrell 185; Coleman 170; Reed 170; Massey, Sullivan 171; Anderson 173; S. Luttrell 175; Felt 181; Benson 181; Nelson 206	

Robinson, Kell, Marichal, Alston make it to Fame

By WILL GRIMSLEY
AP Special Correspondent

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y. (AP) — Induction into baseball's Hall of Fame was pure euphoria for Brooks Robinson, and the great third baseman of the Baltimore Orioles could not help wearing his emotions on his sleeve.

But a somber mood surfaced later when Robinson and two fellow honorees — George Kell and former San Francisco Giants pitcher Juan Marichal — enlarged on their heady experience at a press conference.

A fourth inductee, Walter Alston, manager of the Dodgers for 23 years, was unable to attend because of a recent heart attack.

"Now that I'm in the Hall of Fame, I feel I am the luckiest man in the world," Robinson said. "But I can't help thinking about all those deserving people who haven't made it."

The commissioner (Bowie Kuhn) pointed out that in all of baseball history, only 146 players have gained the Hall of Fame. I had doubts that I would ever make it. I had begun to think of baseball as offensive oriented.

"Now that George and I (both third basemen) are in, I am getting positive vibes that defense is getting

more appreciation. Maybe we will help open the door for Luis Aparicio, whom I think certainly should be in, as well as players such as Phil Rizzuto and Peeewe Reese."

RIZZUTO AND Reese, shortstop rivals in those dramatic New York Yankee-Brooklyn Dodger World Series of the late 1940s and 1950s, having failed to receive sufficient votes in the regular balloting of baseball writers, become eligible next year for consideration by the Veterans Committee.

Aparicio has long had strong support but failed to gain the necessary votes.

Kell, who himself was picked by the Veterans Committee, agreed with Robinson.

"I had to wait a long time," he said, "but it was worth the wait. I am sure Aparicio, Reese, Rizzuto and other great defensive players will get recognition."

"When I look at a ball player, I have one criteria: Is he a winner?"

Robinson, Kell, Marichal and Alston were joined by two media veterans — Sports Editor Si Burick of the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News and broadcaster Jack Brickhouse of Chicago's TV station WGN, who received the Ford Frick Award.

THERE IS an interesting corollary in the careers of Robinson and Kell, although of two different eras. Both are natives of Arkansas, played the same position, were teammates briefly and landed in the Hall of Fame on the same hazy Sunday afternoon as 12,000 wild baseball fans besieged this normally placid village of 2,500 at the foothills of the Catskills.

Robinson said that as a kid, growing up in Little Rock, he followed the brilliant batting and fielding career of Kell, then starring for the Detroit Tigers.

"George was from Swifton," Robinson said. "I kept up with box-scores of all Arkansas players. Bill Dickey lived on my paper route. I always gave his paper an extra zip."

"In my rookie year with the Orioles in 1957, George, finishing out his career, was playing third base. I had never met him before. When they put me on third, George moved over to first."

Kell said that his friend, Hoot Evers, gave him advance warning of the new kid coming up in the Oriole organization.

"Some people thought he wouldn't hit well enough," Kell added, "but (manager) Paul Richards predicted he'd be a fine hitter. He was the

toughest out I've ever seen."

Robinson called Kell a great influence, adding, "He never once said, 'Do this, do that.'"

FORTY BUS loads of Baltimore fans, all wearing black and orange baseball caps, swinging banners and screaming at the tops of their lungs, turned Cooperstown into a madcap street carnival Sunday.

Their unbridled enthusiasm was challenged only by that of a huge

outpouring of Latins, largely youngsters, hailing Marichal, who followed Roberto Clemente as only the second Latin American to gain the Hall of Fame.

The high-kicking former Giant right-hander said the reception almost matched that given him earlier in the year when he returned home from New York after being elected.

"Half the town came out — 3,000 or 4,000 people," he said. "And that

was just the airport."

Robinson was overwhelmed by the support of Oriole fans.

"I feel strongly about the Baltimore fans," he said. "I sort of came with the franchise. Now that Yaz (Boston's Carl Yastrzemski) is retiring, you won't see players staying that long with one club any more."

"Not that it's bad. Free agency gives everybody a chance to win. You can't close your mind to it."

Studley's new system isn't easy

HOUSTON (AP) — Chuck Studley's defensive coaching prowess helped the San Francisco 49ers win a Super Bowl title but he still had to convince his new charges, the Houston Oilers defense, that his complicated system works.

"The first day I talked to them we put in four coverages and they are used to getting one," said Studley, named Oiler defensive coordinator in January. "I had bed check that night and I went to (linebacker Gregg) Bingham's room and he said 'Coach this is really complex.' He's right, it is. But it's only as complex as I think it needs to be."

Slowly, the idea light turned on. "Bingham came up to me two days later and said, 'It's beginning to come through,'" Studley said.

Now Studley sees the new system beginning to spread throughout the team.

"I think, not only is it coming through, but they like it," Studley said.

"They are beginning to understand and they can see the merit to it."

Studley's biggest problem now will be getting the complicated new set of line charges and secondary coverages installed in time to help

turn around the Oiler defense this season.

THE OILERS had the worst defense in the NFL last season, yielding 382 yards per game and intercepting only three passes all season.

"I told them that we have got to pack at least three years of work into one year," Studley said.

Therefore, learning skills become important for both rookies and veterans, Studley said.

"We have a lot of great mental ability here but whenever we put in a new coverage they slow down a step," Studley said.

Harrah helps Corrales get first victory

By The Associated Press

Toby Harrah went 5-for-5 and drove in three runs with a bases-loaded, tie-breaking double that powered Cleveland to a 16-11 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays Sunday in Pat Corrales' first game as the Indians' manager.

Corrales, who was fired two weeks ago as manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, replaced Mike Ferraro, who was dismissed Sunday as the Indians' skipper.

With the score tied 7-7, the Indians moved in front on Harrah's three-run double in the fifth against reliever Jim Acker, 2-1.

The Indians added two more runs in the sixth with the help of Julio Franco's RBI triple, then Bake McBride's run-scoring single in the seventh produced Cleveland's 13th run.

Toronto third baseman Rance Mulliniks had tied the game 7-7 in the bottom of the fourth with a solo home run, his fifth of the season, off winner Juan Eichelberger, 4-10.

In other American League games, Mike Boddicker tossed a four-hitter and Eddie Murray hit a home run as the Baltimore Orioles extended their winning streak to five games with a 6-0 victory over the Texas Rangers,

who have lost six in a row and are 5-19 since the All-Star game.

Don Baylor's grand slam homer, the eighth of his career, highlighted a six-run 11th inning that gave the New York Yankees a wild 12-6 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Cecil Cooper's run-scoring double knocked in the go-ahead run as the Milwaukee Brewers scored four runs in the ninth inning to beat the Boston Red Sox 7-5.

Mike Brown drove in two runs with a triple and a double to lead the California Angels to a 4-0 victory over the Oakland A's behind Geoff Zahn's seven-hitter.

Seattle pinch-hitter Manny Castillo ripped a two-out, run-scoring double in the ninth inning to give the Mariners a 3-2 win over the Minnesota Twins.

U.L. Washington drove in three runs with a single and a homer as the Kansas City Royals beat the Detroit Tigers 7-5 in the second game to gain a split of their double-header. Alan Trammell hit a three-run double in the second inning to lead the Tigers to an 8-6 victory in the first game.

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Houston Astro Alan Ashby is called out at Sunday at the Astrodome. Cincinnati the plate after trying to score from second catcher Dann Bilardello stretches to make on a hit by Bill Doran in the seventh inning the tag.

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"Their fast break was just better than ours, that's all. They just blew us out of the gym." — San Francisco shortstop Johnnie LeMaster, referring to the nine bases the St. Louis Cardinals stole in a game against the Giants.

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1906 — Harry McIntire of the Brooklyn Dodgers pitched 10 2/3 innings of no-hit ball but lost 1-0 to Pittsburgh in the 13th inning.

1972 — Nate Colbert drove in 13 runs with five home runs and two singles as the San Diego Padres swept a doubleheader 9-0 and 11-7 from the Atlanta Braves.

1976 — Larry McWilliams and Gene Garber of Milwaukee combined to stop Pete Rose's National League record hitting streak at 44 consecutive games. Cincinnati's Rose, who went 0-for-4, ended the game by swinging at a third strike from Garber, who wrapped up the Braves' 10-4 victory.

Did You Know?...

One of the exhibits at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, is a program of the 1955 All-Star game between collegians and pros in Chicago. The program has a picture of former president Gerald Ford, then a center for Michigan.

Mid-morning market report

BUSINESS MIRROR

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Business activity may lose momentum

By CHET CURRIER
AP Business WriterDiamonds
not best
investment

Diamonds may be a girl's best friend, but they're not always a consumer's best investment.

The Federal Trade Commission says thousands of people invest in diamonds and other gemstones each year, "lured by promises of immediate profits, with little or no risk." But it warns that the "promises can be misleading" and says amateur buyers can easily lose money.

The agency says anyone who wants to invest in the precious stones must first learn about the different grades, their market value and their potential for appreciation.

"The difference in the grade of gemstone (including size, color, clarity and cut) can make the difference between a good and bad investment," says the FTC.

ONCE you become familiar with the grades of stones available, you should compare the stones you are being offered with others on the market and find out what they are being sold for. Don't let yourself be pressured by someone who urges you to buy immediately or warns that an offer is good for a brief period only. Take the time to investigate the market. A good stone can be a bad investment if you pay more than you should.

Find out how prices have fluctuated in recent years for the specific grades of stones you are considering. Beware of vague or exaggerated promises like, "Diamonds have appreciated 300 percent in the last five years." The claim may refer to stones of a different grade.

If you get an unsolicited phone call or mail offer from a gemstone seller, contact state and local consumer protection offices, the postal inspector or the Better Business Bureau to find out about the firm. No matter who you deal with, get all the terms of the sale in writing, including information about return privileges or resale arrangements.

WHEN YOU buy a gemstone, you probably will get a certificate describing its characteristics. The certificates generally are provided by laboratories established specifically to perform this kind of service. But the FTC says the certificate simply reflects the opinion of the lab doing the grading; other labs may have other opinions. Check the reputation of the lab before you buy. If your stone is accompanied by a certificate from a lab with a poor reputation you may have trouble selling it.

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NEW YORK (AP) — After a surge in the spring and early summer, many economists suspect that business activity will soon lose some of its momentum.

But, they hasten to add, the kind of slowdown in economic growth they envision could prove to be an overall plus rather than a problem. They argue that, at a less feverish pace, the recovery from the recession stands a much better chance of continuing for a period of years rather than months.

"A very high growth rate would not permit very long with-out causing higher inflation and increases in interest rates," says Ben Laden, chief economist at the investment management firm of T. Rowe Price Associates.

"In fact, if the pace of recovery were considered to be too fast, the Federal Reserve and the administration might take steps to slow it down."

The way economists S. Jay Levy and David Levy see it, other forces are already at work to cool things off. "Industrial production's rise, rapid so far in 1983, will soon begin to moderate," the father-son team of forecasters maintains. "Retail sales will be strong through Christmas, sluggish in the first half of next year."

The Levys argue that weak demand for U.S. exports will act as a brake on economic growth in this country.

"A major reason for the worsening trade picture is the excessive value of the dollar relative to foreign currencies," they say. "The high price of the dollar makes imported products bargains in the United States and American goods expensive abroad."

At the same time, they maintain, some of the most important stimulants to economic activity lately have lost their former force — among them the housing industry's revival, deficit spending by the federal government, and inventory-building

by increasingly confident businesses.

A drop in mortgage interest rates from about 16 percent to about 13 percent touched off a spurt in housing activity. But since then mortgage rates have stopped falling and backed up a bit again.

The swelling of the federal deficit to about \$200 billion this year has raised many justified concerns, the Levys say, but it has also provided some strong short-term impetus to the recovery. They believe the deficit is likely to narrow somewhat in the government fiscal year beginning in October, thereby reducing its stimulative effects.

The economy got another short-term boost in the second quarter of this year as businesses switched from drawing down existing inventories to building up their stocks of goods. To accomplish this shift of gears requires a rapid increase in production.

Such a changeover is "an important event that occurs only once during each business cycle," the Levys said. "This change having been made, the economy needs to look elsewhere for a further stimulus to business activity."

Evans Economics, a Washington-based forecasting firm, estimates that the inventory buildup slowed to almost zero in June. "Accumulation will be quite modest during the summer months," it said, "so that the gains in industrial production will be much smaller."

The firm expects measures of economic activity for July, which are due to be published over the next few weeks, to "surprise many by posting much more moderate gains than were recorded during the second quarter."

The hoped-for outcome of slower growth would be an easing of the recent pressures that have pushed interest rates higher. In this script, only when government and business policymakers are much less confident about prospects for the recovery than they are now can interest rates fall enough to get that recovery moving ahead strongly again.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE



Doyle

Risks involved in metals market

By BILL DOYLE

Q. What are the pros and cons of investing in the precious metals market? I have read much about the advantages, but never see anything about the downside risk. Brokers and bankers I have spoken to seem to ignore the metals markets and can't give valid arguments against such investments. I need an unbiased opinion of this market.

A. It's difficult to get a truly unbiased opinion on that subject. That's because most people who have experience in that market are either hot for it or dead against it. There's little middle ground.

The "pro" side is that you can make a bundle in precious metals — gold, silver, platinum and palladium — if the price of the metal you buy goes up. The "con" side is just the opposite. You can lose your shirt.

Just look at the price of gold. After skyrocketing to \$850 a troy ounce in January, 1980, it plunged below \$300 in June, 1982 and recovered to almost \$500 within six weeks — before going into another slide. Since then, it's been bouncing up and down and, as I write this, is hovering around \$400. Where it's headed in the future is anybody's guess.

There are many ways to play the precious metals market. You can buy coins, bullion bars or small wafers, invest in stocks of U.S., Canadian or South African mining companies, or buy such things as warehouse receipts or certificates.

Proponents contend that, over the years, the value of precious metals has been the "perfect hedge against inflation." That claim doesn't sit well with people who bought at much higher prices than we're seeing these days.

Unless you buy mining stocks, which pay dividends, precious metals are not investments. They are speculations, because they produce no income. There's nothing wrong with speculation for people who can afford to run big risks, but most people can't and are wise to stay away from the metals market.

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Grocery bills rose by more than half a percent last month, according to an Associated Press marketbasket survey which shows the totals were boosted by higher prices for hot dogs and butter.

The price of a pound of all-beef frankfurters went up during July in nine of 13 cities surveyed — more than any other item. Butter prices increased in seven cities.

The AP marketbasket covers 14 food and non-food items, selected at random. Prices of all items were checked at one supermarket in each of 13 cities on March 1, 1973 and have been rechecked on or about the start of each succeeding month. No attempt is made to weight the survey results according to what percentage of a family's actual food budget each item represents. Nor are the figures adjusted for seasonal variations.

THE LATEST NUMBERS included both good and bad news for consumers. Despite July's increase, the marketbasket totals show an overall decline for the first seven months of 1983, thanks to price drops earlier in the year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture expects only modest increases in food prices this year. Bad weather during the winter and spring caused some rises, particularly for fruit and vegetables, but the USDA says the problems should be over.

The heat in the Midwest has caused concern over the wheat and corn crops, but analysts say existing grain supplies are large enough to prevent a boost in retail food prices, even if commodity prices rise temporarily.

The latest AP survey showed that the marketbasket went up at the checklist store in eight cities, rising an average of 2.3 percent, and went down in five cities, dropping an average of 2.1 percent. Overall, there was an average increase of six-tenths of 1 percent in the marketbasket bills during July.

PRICES DECLINED in January, March and May. Comparing prices today with those at the start of the year, the AP found the marketbasket total was up at the checklist store in five cities and down in eight. Overall, there was an average drop of seven-tenths of 1 percent in the marketbasket bills during the first seven months of the year.

Consumers who shopped carefully found some bargains during July. The price of eggs, for example, decreased at the checklist store in eight of the cities surveyed; chopped chuck was down in seven cities; and pork chops decreased in six cities.

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Gold prices fell by more than seven dollars an ounce in what dealers described as "very thin and very nervous trading."

Currency dealers said the dollar moved on from Friday's sharply

upward trend as interest rate expectations were reinforced by the increasing U.S. money supply. Higher interest rates make dollar-denominated investments more attractive.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar rose sharply to finish 243.10 yen, compared with 241.50 on Friday. Dealers said Japanese and Southeast Asian banks bought dollars heavily.

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Part of 16,000 swimmers take cool dip in Tokyo's mammoth Korakuen pool Sunday morning as they turned out to seek a relief from the summer heat. Pool officials expected more than 30,000 swimmers to come Sunday.

Soviets warn West Germany

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union marked the eighth anniversary of the Helsinki final accord today by warning West Germany that its planned deployment of U.S. nuclear missiles threatens its ties with eastern Europe.

"The military danger for West Germany will increase many times," the Communist Party daily Pravda said in a front-page editorial. "It will have to look at East Germany through a thick fence of

missiles."

The editorial echoed warnings by Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov when West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl visited Moscow last month.

The United States plans deployment of Pershing 2 missiles in Germany, and cruise missiles in Germany and other NATO countries starting in December if U.S.-Soviet arms control talks in Geneva fail to produce an agreement by then.

Solidarity leader returns after one month

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa returned to work today after a month's vacation that nearly cost him his shipyard job.

Walesa told The Associated Press on Sunday that Solidarity's underground coordinating committee may soon issue a communique about plans for the outlawed union's third anniversary. Today, however, he declined comment on Solidarity as he returned to his electrician's job at the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk.

Walesa risked losing his job a month ago when he took an unauthorized two-week vacation. But after talks with shipyard officials, he was told he would not be fired. He was then given two more weeks' leave.

Regarding the union's anniversary, Walesa had said, "Solidarity always has celebrated the 31st of August." He helped form the union during strikes at the shipyard in 1980.

Last year Solidarity proclaimed two weeks of "visible demonstrations" that ended in nationwide protests on August 31.

Solidarity's clandestine five-man "temporary coordinating committee" has been silent since the lifting of martial law and declaration of a partial amnesty July 22.

But Walesa, in a telephone interview from Gdansk, said he expected the committee to issue a communique on the anniversary "within the next few days."

About 1,000 people have been covered so far by the amnesty, which offers to not prosecute fugitive Solidarity members who turn themselves in by Oct. 31 and pledge to abide by the law.

Envoy to discuss troop withdrawal

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — President Reagan's new Middle East envoy, Robert C. McFarlane, opened talks today on the deadlocked Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal agreement but Syria vowed to keep its forces pitted against Israeli units in Lebanon.

McFarlane met at the presidential palace with Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem and President Amin Gemayel's national security adviser, Wadi Haddad, the state radio reported.

The radio said McFarlane would meet later with Gemayel and Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan in a fresh effort to break the stalemate over foreign troop withdrawals.

Gen. John Vessey, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, met with Gemayel on Sunday night, and was scheduled to confer with Lebanese commanders today. The Beirut newspaper An Nahar said Vessey was discussing ways of strengthening Lebanon's army.

Syrian President Hafez Assad marked his country's Army Day today by vowing to keep his 50,000 troops in Lebanon until the Israeli army pulls out unconditionally.

"As long as the Israeli invasion of Lebanon continues, our armed forces will stay to confront the usurpers over Lebanese soil as part of the wider confrontation of the Arab-Israeli conflict," Assad said.

It was Army Day in Lebanon, too, and the top commander, Gen. Ibrahim Tannous, said in the order of the day to his 32,000 soldiers and officers he was confident they would extend government control beyond Beirut to the rest of Lebanon.

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Chad: Libyan jets attacked outpost

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP) — Chad says Libyan war planes have attacked the northern oasis town of Faya-Largeau and is pleading for French, U.S. and other countries to provide air support.

Libya denied raiding the key outpost, which Chad said its army recaptured from Libyan-backed rebels after a five-hour battle Saturday.

Chadian officials claimed that Soviet-built MiG-23s of the Libyan air force struck Faya-Largeau three times Sunday. Foreign Minister Idriss Miskine said Libyan planes also attacked twice during Saturday's fighting, and one jet was downed.

Battlefield reports could not be confirmed independently because journalists were not permitted to travel to the front.

However, U.S. State Department press officer Sue Pittman in Washington read an official statement which said, "Libya is using Soviet-built fighter bombers and reportedly helicopter gunships to conduct these raids."

"The Libyan bombing inside Chad constitutes a further flagrant and unprovoked outside intervention in the internal affairs of Chad and represents a dangerous escalation of the situation. The United States condemns this open aggression by Libyan armed forces," she said.

"Libya should cease its bombing raids immediately and should withdraw its military forces from Chad."

During a rally in N'Djamena, govern-

ment spokesmen called on all "friendly countries."

Idriss said he delivered such a request to Claude Soubeste, France's ambassador in the Chadian capital of N'Djamena.

The French Foreign Ministry in Paris had no immediate reaction. France has a treaty with its former colony to provide military protection from outside attack, and has supplied weapons to the army led by President Hissene Habre.

However, France has turned down all requests to have its troops engage in the conflict. Chad's former president, Goukouni Oueddei, launched the rebel offensive in late June.

The United States recently agreed to supply Chad with military vehicles and other equipment, but not with combat weapons.

The official Libyan news agency JANA said "a spokesman for the Foreign Liaison Bureau today categorically denied the involvement of the Libyan Arab forces in the current fighting between the forces of the unified legitimate government and the forces of renegade Hissene Habre in northern Chad."

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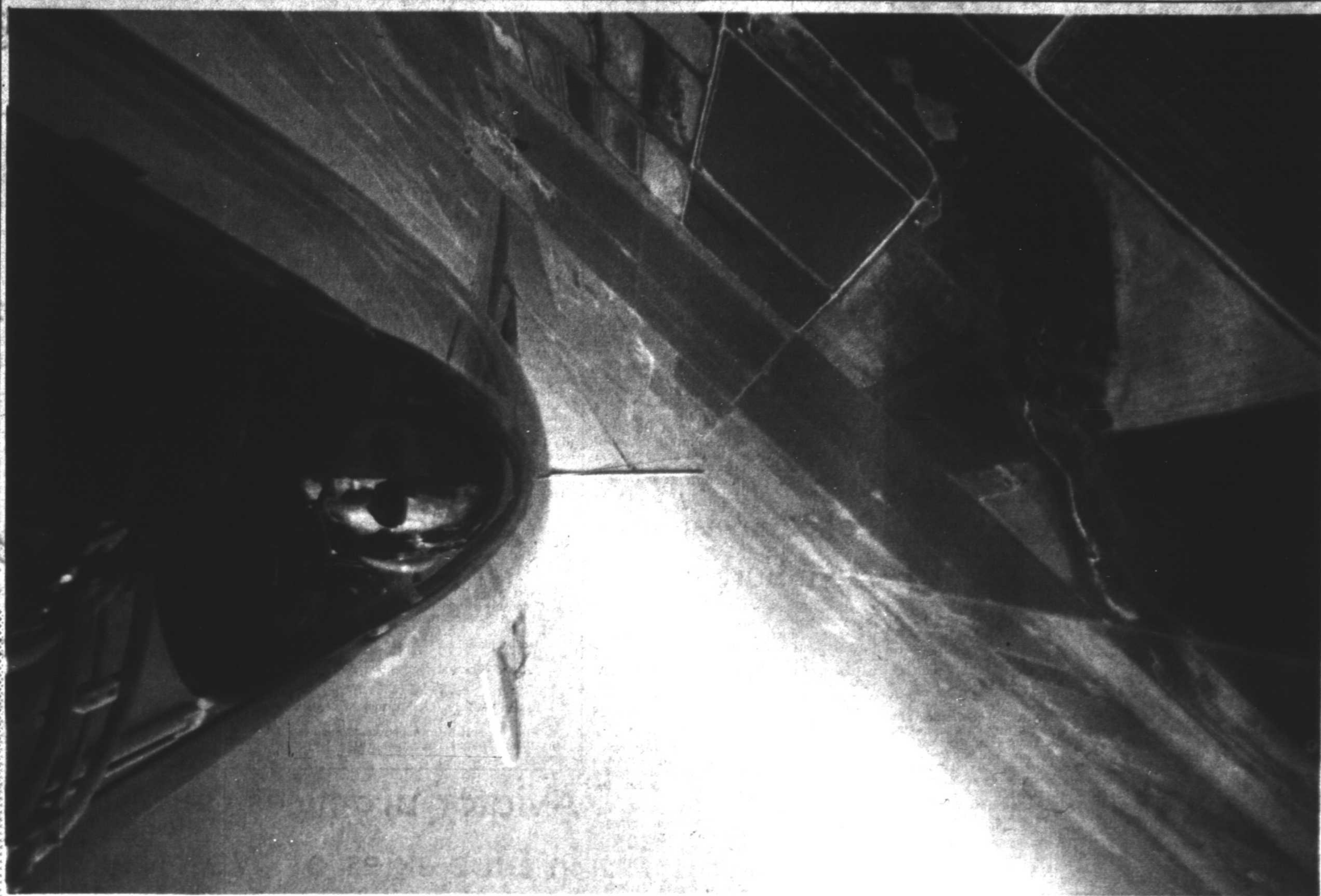
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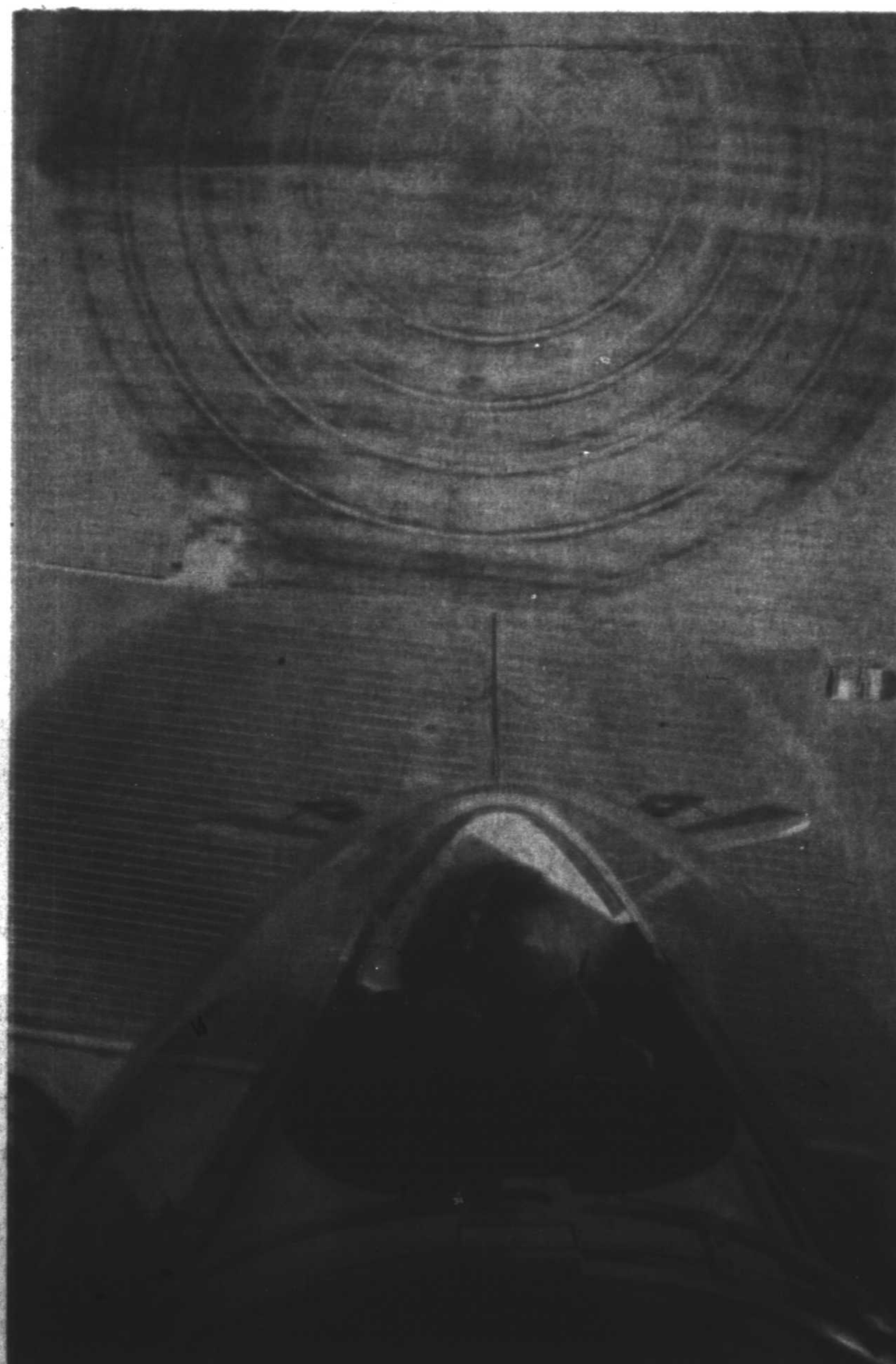
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Gene Beggs rolls his biplane in an aerobatic demonstration.



Airborne aerobatics

It is only when we become conscious of our part in life, however modest, that we shall be happy. Only then will we be able to live in peace and die in peace, for only this lends meaning to life and death.

— Antoine de Saint Exupery
French aviator-writer

The aviator spoke with the quiet confidence of a seasoned, peerless flier.

"Tighten the seat belt as tight as you can get it," said Gene Beggs, as he was readying his two-place Pitts Special biplane for an afternoon spin. "You literally become part of the airplane."

He climbed into the cockpit and tightly belted and harnessed himself in until he, indeed, was as much a part of the airplane as the airfoil. He made contact, turned over the 200-horsepower engine in his high-performance aerobatic aircraft. The propeller's

slipstream ruffled up the air. The machine rolled forward.

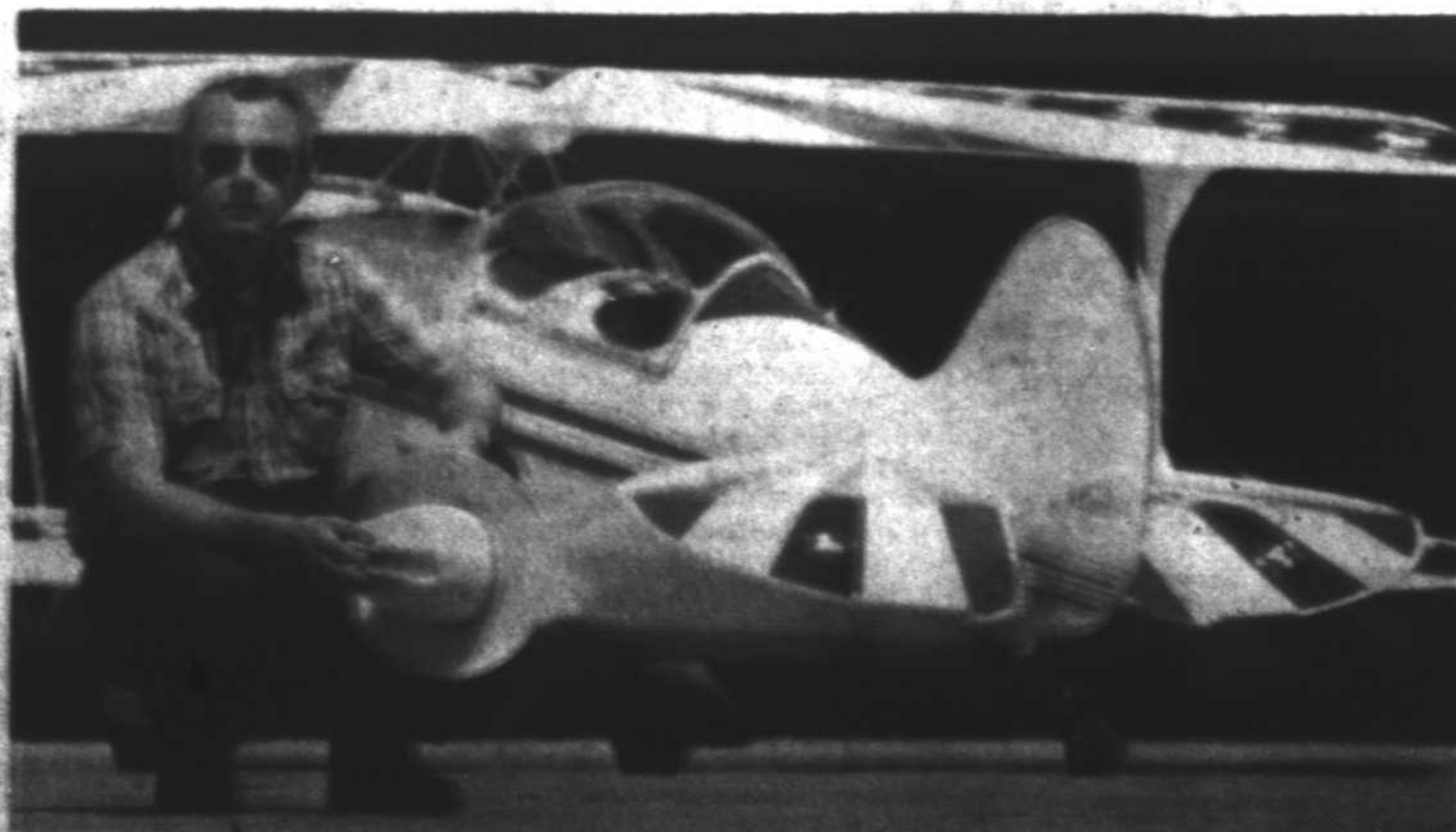
He made three-point "S" turns in taxiing to the runway at Midland Regional Airport. He zigzagged, so he could see where he was going in the tail-dragger.

At the runway's threshold, Beggs revved up the engine, again checked the flight controls, magnetos, fuel and oil pressure. He increased the throttle, as he released the brakes, breezed down the runway and soared into the blue West Texas sky.

"This (Pitts) has more performance than most pilots need," a fellow pilot, Jimmy McKelvain, had said while admiring the biplane.

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Aerobatics is the ultimate form of flying, says Gene Beggs, whose passion is flying most anyway but straight and level.

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well as being "one of the most exciting airplanes in the world to fly."



This tree is the home of some of the approximately 25,000 cattle egrets, small white herons, which have set up housekeeping on the edge of Avinger, Texas. Since last April the 600 residents of this Northeast Texas town have been trying to find a solution to their egret problem.

Air surrounding egrets definitely not 'delicate'

AVINGER, Texas (AP) — William Shakespeare wrote of birds, "The guests of summer, where they most breed and haunt, I have observed the air is delicate." The Bard had not been to Avinger.

A special breed of waterfowl has descended on this Northeast Texas town where birds now outnumber humans 40 to one. Since last April, 25,000 cattle egrets, small white herons, have taken over two acres on Avinger's edge and built a rookery "to breed and haunt." They're making an awful mess.

"These birds stink, they're noisy and they pose a threat to community health," said Marvin Parvino, mayor of this town of 600.

Parvino has learned the law protects birds, but who, he asks, is there to protect Avinger from the birds.

"If you want to know what I think, I think the government cares more about these birds than people," he said.

Egrets and almost all non-game birds are sheltered by two international treaties, as well as federal and state laws. James Foster, a game warden in nearby Linden, said the egrets are protected because they are migratory.

Federal and state authorities contacted by the mayor knew the law: the birds go where they please and those harassing birds get fined. But no one knew why the egrets picked Avinger to nest or how long they planned to stay.

The only consolation, officials said, is that Avinger's not alone. Waco, Mexia, Fort Worth and other Texas towns have all sought help from authorities in dealing with the birds.

"The Fish and Wildlife (agency) is aware of the problem," Interior Department spokesman Doug Baldwin said Sunday in Washington.

Big Lake man remains in hospital

A 26-year-old Big Lake man was listed in satisfactory condition at Midland Memorial Hospital this morning following an automobile accident which occurred on the south service road of Interstate 20 near Loop 250 about 9 p.m. Saturday.

"Our scientists will be working with state and local officials in seeking non-lethal means of discouraging the birds from remaining there."

Such measures might include loud noises, imitating egret distress cries and scarecrows, he said.

Not knowing how long they'll have the messy guests, some Avinger residents fear the worst.

"The government says the birds will go to Mexico sometime this fall," said Gladys Smith, whose house is next to the rookery. "But what I want to know is, how do they know when they're in Mexico? Maybe they think they're in Mexico now."

State health officials admit disease is possible any place wild animals gather, but they say no serious illness attributable to egrets has been confirmed. They haven't talked to Mrs. Smith.

Since June she has suffered from a respiratory infection she blames on the birds. Many of her neighbors have taken flight, afraid the birds will make them sick, but Smith says she's too old to move.

Experts from Cass County's health department, Texas Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, a state representative and congressmen have seen the site, but none seemed alarmed at the possible threat the birds pose to public health. Parvino said. He believes anyone who visits the rookery and doesn't think the site breeds disease is feather-brained.

It's easy to see why. The rookery is ankle-deep in bird droppings, eggs fall from the trees like leaves and shrubbery is coated in rotting yolks. Dead baby birds litter the ground. Fine feathers fill the air and the stench of ammonia hangs over the woods like a cloud.

No suspects arrested in death

BIG SPRING — No suspects had been arrested by early this morning in connection with the Saturday stabbing death of Manuel "Nino" Lopez, 27, of Big Spring.

Responding to a disturbance call at 1517-B Wood St. at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, police officers found Lopez dead in the front yard.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Municipal Judge Melvin Darratt of Big Spring.

Police detectives reportedly are seeking three suspects.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Don and Jack Thorpe, both of Big Spring; two daughters, Mrs. Wes (Dolores) Dossie Pearce of Big Spring, and Mrs. Doug (Norma Jean) Aston of Buchanan Dam; three brothers, Rev. Curtis Thorpe and W.R. Thorpe, both of Odessa, and Samuel Thorpe of Kermit; three sisters, Evelyn Lytle of Austin, Fae Ingram of Sugarland and Mary Spencer of Hayward, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services for E.B. Thorpe Sr., 77, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Valley-Pickie Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Phillip McClendon officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

He died Sunday in a Big Spring hospital.

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Refugee's killer still unknown

DALLAS (AP) — A Cambodian refugee who died of head injuries inflicted by a bat-wielding man may have been killed by the same man who has attacked other refugees from the Southeast Asian nation, police say.

An Pech, 47, who once fought as a second lieutenant in the Cambodian army, died Friday, eight days after his skull was fractured as he sat eating dinner on the front yard of his apartment building.

Police say they have no leads in Pech's death, the second random killing of a Cambodian in Dallas in a year, but believe the attack might have been done by a man who has gone after other Cambodians in the neighborhood.

Since the July 21 attack on Pech, six of the 10 Cambodian families in Pech's apartment building have moved.

"No one is sure why this is happening," said a friend of Pech's, who asked that his name not be used.

"The police do not know what to tell us. What do the police do? We wonder. Many people already have moved to California instead of Dallas. It is better there," the friend said.

An estimated 15,000 Southeast Asian refugees live in Dallas, most of them Vietnamese. Cambodians began arriving in large numbers in 1979; last year, 300 to 400 settled here.

Pech had been in the United States since 1974 when his government sent him to the University of Texas at Austin. After communists took control of Cambodia less than a year later, he moved to San Antonio and settled in Dallas in 1976.

Pech came home from his job at a printing company the evening of the attack and decided to eat outdoors, according to his wife, Da Ny.

Then, as she watched through an open window, a man approached Pech and struck him with a baseball bat.

Police investigate local burglaries

Midland police are investigating the burglary of a residence in which almost \$2,000 worth of jewelry, a camera and radio were taken late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

Alice Whitehead of 1305 N. Colorado reported the burglary of her residence at 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Entry apparently was gained through a south bedroom window. Jewelry worth \$1,000, a radio valued at \$600 and a 35mm camera brought the loss to a total of \$1,775.

Also reported early Sunday morning was the burglary of a residence occupied by Albert Kelly, Route 2 Box 142-B. Kelly reported about \$60 in currency, two shotguns, a rifle and two gold necklaces were taken. Reported at 2:35 a.m., the loss was valued at \$1,564.

The Fish Market, No. 31 Plaza Center, was burglarized sometime between 11:50 p.m. Saturday and 3 a.m. Sunday, according to police reports. With the owner out of town, police were unable to determine if anything was missing. A security guard had checked the building at 10 p.m. and a policeman checked it at 11:50 p.m. Saturday. Entry apparently was gained by breaking a sliding glass door on the south.

A television set, shotgun, jewelry and a pocket knife, valued at a total of \$1,210, were reported missing by Victor Cano of 601 S. I St. According to police reports, Cano's residence apparently was entered by prying open a north bedroom window. The burglary took place between 8 p.m. and 11:43 p.m. Sunday.

William L. Card Jr. of 2812 Frontier reported \$1,156 worth of items missing from his home at 6:50 p.m. Sunday. The burglary took place between 7 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Sunday. About \$25 worth of change, jewelry, video games and tapes, and a television remote control box were taken.

Astroworld death ruled accidental

HOUSTON (AP) — The death of a 22-year-old Astroworld employee in the crash of a rollercoaster has been ruled accidental, the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office said.

Frank Wamble of Deer Park died of a broken neck after the car he was on in the Texas Cyclone rollercoaster crashed through a barrier and fell 14 feet to the ground, medical investigators said Sunday.

Wamble died at the scene shortly before midnight Friday and three other employees were injured and taken to Hermann Hospital.

Tim Carrizol, 17, and Randall Klovenski, 19, were released from Hermann hospital Saturday after they were treated for a broken collarbone and a head wound, respectively.

Johnny Westbrook, 18, was in good condition at the hospital Sunday after being treated for a dislocated shoulder, family members said.

Lamar Parker, Astroworld general manager, said Saturday the accident was caused by employees "violent, blatant violation of our procedures."

The accident occurred when 15 employees were preparing to test-ride the rollercoaster. Two ride supervisors gave the "clear to dispatch" signal, but the track had not been returned from the "load" position to the "run" position, said park spokeswoman Sarah Hampton Smith.

Teen-ager fights cerebral palsy and wins

FORT WORTH (AP) — In elementary school, Kim Davis endured taunts from classmates who called her clumsy and "a flunker." Later came leg surgery and arm surgery and therapy and the frustration that goes with fighting a condition with no known cure.

"In P.E., I was always the last one when we'd run the 600," she says. "I don't have many good memories from elementary school and junior high. When people said things I hurt. But by the 10th grade, I could run up and down the stairs. From the 10th grade on, those are the best years, I've had. Now, the only time I really notice it is at school."

"It" is cerebral palsy, a condition that in Davis' case is congenital. "It" is damage to the left hemisphere of the brain that translates into limited control over her right arm and leg.

And "it" belies what Miss Davis is today: a bright 18-year-old Arlington High School senior-to-be with hazel eyes and chestnut hair. A confident woman who talks about prospective boyfriends and plans for college and a career. An athlete.

And when the 1983 National Cerebral Palsy games opened Saturday, she carried the ritual torch to open the six-day event at Amon Carter Stadium on the Texas Christian University campus.

She also is competing in the shot put, the discus, the 100-yard dash and the 800-yard relay. She is, she says, within three inches of the world CP record for the shot put and within about three feet of the world mark for the discus.

Champion looks inside himself while perfecting aerobatics

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Gene Beggs is a competitor who looks into himself and not at the other fliers when he strives for perfection in aerobatics.

"When you get right down to it," he said, "there's nobody out there to hurt you, help you or hinder you, or put you under pressure but you."

Beggs, a national aerobatic champion and a member of the five-pilot United States World Aerobatic Team, will be competing for the world championship in aerobatics in July 1984 in Hungary.

In reaching his goal, the aviator, who is based at Midland Regional Airport, has won a score of championships and laurels in international Aerobatic Club-sanctioned contests. His winnings include:

UNLIMITED

—First place in unlimited IAC regional competition: Rocky Mountain Aerobatics, Longmont, Colo., 1981; Copperstate Aerobatics, Phoenix, Ariz., 1982 and 1983; Lone Star Aerobatics, McKinney, Texas, 1983.

—Second in regional IAC unlimited competition: Lone Star Aerobatics, 1980 and 1982.

—Second in IAC unlimited aerobatics, Fond du Lac, Wisc., 1982.

—Third in U.S. National Aerobatic Championship competition at Sherman, Texas, 1982. This placing put Beggs on the U.S. World Aerobatic Team. "I hope this year I win No. 1" in the national championship competition in Arizona in October.

—Third in unlimited in the Kansas City Aerobatics, 1980. "This was my first year of unlimited competition."

ADVANCED

—First place in advanced IAC competition: Rocky Mountain, 1979; IAC at Fond du Lac, 1979; U.S. National Aerobatic champion, 1979.

INTERMEDIATE

—First place in U.S. National Aerobatic Championship competition, 1978.

—First in Copperstate Aerobatic competition, 1978.

—Second place in IAC competition at Fond du Lac, 1978.

—Third in Lone Star competition, 1978.

SPORTSMAN

—Second place in U.S. National Aerobatics, 1978.

—Third place at IAC competition at Fond du Lac, 1976. "That was the first trophy I ever won."

Aviator practices aerobatics in blue skies of West Texas

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Beggs was airborne and at home in the air in his favorite flying machine.

He is happy aloft.

"The Pitts Special is one of the most exciting airplanes in the world to fly," said the unassuming, reticent aviator. "It's unlimited. It won't check out (break up) as soon as you will." Though vulnerable on the ground, "In the air, it's virtually indestructible from air loads."

TO BEGGS, FLYING is an art. "Aerobatics is the ultimate form of flying," the top-flight flier said. "It enables you to express yourself and to experience freedom in ways others do in gymnastics, dancing, figure-skating, writing poetry, painting. Aerobatics is my way of expressing myself...It's my way of showing what my mind has learned to do with the airplane. It's a form of aerial ballet."

At 5,000 feet over the West Texas plains, Beggs put the flashy red-white-and-blue painted aircraft through a series of maneuvers, including loops, rolls and inverted flying.

He spends more hours flying upside down, sideways, inside, outside, up and down than most pilots do straight and level.

His penchant is aerial ballet. Beggs, at 39, is a national champion bound for world aerobatic flying honors. He is one of five members of the United States World Aerobatic Team, which will compete in the World Aerobatic championships in Hungary in July 1984.

Beggs has won championship contests sanctioned by the International Aerobatic Club (IAC) since the mid-1970s. He earned those laurels in his single-engine Pitts, which is stressed for nine positive Gs and nine negative Gs. With its symmetrical wings, the Pitts "will fly just as well inverted as it will right-side-up."

Beggs' earlier IAC championships were in his 180-horsepower hand-made Pitts S-1S, which also won him the Wright Brothers trophy for the best Pitts in the United States in 1981. His latter-day championships were in another single-seater, his more powerful Pitts Special S-1T. He uses the two-place Pitts for instructing in aerobatics, which he recommends for any safety-conscious flier.

BEGGS, WHOSE students hail from Texas to

In addition, Beggs won the Keith Allan Memorial Trophy for best four-minute free-style flight in 1982.

In the world championship, Beggs will be flying through 19 compulsory maneuvers, two free-style maneuvers and one "unknown" maneuver.

"That one we are not permitted to practice," Beggs said. "We fly off the sequence card."

In readying for the championship, Beggs flies and practices daily, keeps physically fit by exercise, and tries not to get too tired.

"That's the way you keep from getting tense — by practicing. I don't get nervous, but I will get to the point I won't socialize with anybody I have to compete against." Such fraternization may "blow your concentration," he said.

"It's OK to be the nice guy," Beggs reasoned. "But you can talk yourself out of it (the championship). You should never be concerned about anyone else's accomplishments. You can't better yourself by thinking about the others."

Still, Beggs allowed, "I have learned a tremendous amount from the other competitors."

In the 1984 World Championships, the U.S. team will be vying against the best aerobatic fliers from the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, West Germany, Italy, France, Australia, England, Spain, Canada and Switzerland.

The Americans and their aerobatics planes will be flown to Europe in a Lufthansa-German Airlines Boeing 747.

On the United States team are:

—Leo Loudenslager, 39, of Sussex, N.J. "He's the man I've got to beat," said Beggs. Loudenslager, an American Airlines captain, has won the national championships seven times. He flies a mid-wing Laser 200.

—Henry Haigh, 58, a retired industrialist from Howell, Mich. Haigh has won the national championship once. He flies the SuperStar monoplane.

—Gene Beggs, 39, of Odessa. Beggs, a flying instructor, flies the Pitts and is the newcomer on the team.

—Gene Soucy, 35, of the Dallas area. Soucy, an airline pilot, is a three-time winner of the national aerobatics. He flies the biwing Christen Eagle.

—Tom Collier, 39, of Atlanta, Ga. Collier, a Delta Airlines captain, flies a Pitts.

Beggs is comfortable in his spiffy biplane.

"The Pitts has literally dominated the sport of aerobatics since it came out in 1947," he said. "I set out a long time ago in my aviation career to reach the top. At times, I sense utter frustration and at other times I experience sheer ecstasy when I've won..."

Canada, offers three basic courses:

—Basic aerobatics: Spins, loops, rolls.

—Intermediate aerobatics: Spins, loops, rolls, hammerhead stalls, Immelmann turns, snap rolls and four-point hesitation rolls.

—Advance aerobatics: Outside maneuvers, loops, rolls and spins, inverted spins, snap rolls.

Why put an airplane through stressful exercises?

"Aerobatics is a lot of fun," said Beggs, who has logged more than 14,000 hours as pilot-in-command in his 15 years of flying. Aerobatic training makes for a safer, more proficient flier who will know how to react in emergency situations.

"It's also a good safety course." The pilot learns the three axes of control — pitch, roll and yaw. "He will learn how to enter and recover from spins."

Though aerobatic flying is not a requirement for gaining a pilot's license, Beggs said a pilot who knows the basics of aerobatics would be a safer pilot.

THE PILOT of a light aircraft caught up in the wake turbulence of a larger aircraft suddenly could find himself confused and disoriented and the airplane stalled out and spinning. The pilot and airplane could be earthbound and doomed.

"Those things are just like a tornado," he said, "and hang around 10 minutes" after the larger aircraft, such as a jet airliner or a corporate jet, has moved on.

"It can abruptly roll the airplane."

How does the plane and pilot recover?

"The reaction of most inexperienced pilots without any aerobatic background would be, if rolled upside down, to pull back on the control stick." Such an action might, if the airplane already is low, put the aircraft and pilot permanently into the ground.

"Just about any airplane will spin," said Beggs.

"All you have to do is stall it out, and if the pilot doesn't know what's happening, he'll very likely spin."

"About every airplane will come out of a spin if you release the controls."

For pilots not interested in pursuing aerobatic excellence, a basic course in aerobatic flying is flying insurance.

"It just adds a lot to a pilot's confidence, capability and safety."

The CP Games, at this point, are more of a grassroots project in terms of funding — Miller Lite nationally, and the Junior League of Fort Worth locally.

The national games are sponsored jointly by the Fort Worth Parks and Recreation Department and United Cerebral Palsy of Tarrant County.

The logistics are not simple with an event that involves more than 2,150 people, including coaches, officials and "team care volunteers."

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