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Former inmate suing sheriff, commissioners

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Sheriff Dallas Smith, who recommended a stockade to alleviate the Midland County jail's illegal overcrowded condition, and the county commissioners, who thrice approved and thrice rejected stockade sites, are principals in a civil-rights lawsuit filed by a former county jail inmate, Ben Hogan.

In a seven-point complaint centered around "cruel and unusual punishment" and filed in federal court in Midland, Hogan is complaining of the overcrowded jails, cold showers, hairs in his food, and, among other gripes, of the sheriff's ban on coffee drinking and cigarette smoking in the jail.

Hogan, about 30, was owner-manager of Hogan Advertising Co. at 4500 W. Illinois Ave. in Midland, and currently is serving a five-year prison sentence in the Texas Department of Corrections after he had pleaded guilty to theft by check of property on Feb. 24, 1981. He had pleaded guilty to writing a check on an insufficient bank account for \$1,116.16 for a Mamiya camera, 80mm. lens and prism-finder from Photogenesis, now Lone Star Camera. In a plea-bargaining agreement, another charge — passing a forged check of \$2,534 on Sept. 3, 1981 — against Hogan was dismissed.

request for coffee, Hogan said a jailer told him "that it was against the sheriff's rules to drink coffee in the county jail."

—No hot water in showers. On Feb. 10, Hogan says, he was "forced to take showers in water well below the body temperature." A jail captain informed him, Hogan says, that the water "boilers were out" and that "they" could not afford to repair them.

—No space for inside-outside recreation. After inquiring about recreational or gymnastic facilities for jail prisoners, Hogan said a deputy told him that "there was weights for the trustees but not for other inmates."

—Unsanitary and unhealthy food preparation. On Feb. 3, Hogan says, he "found several large human hairs mixed in with his potatoes." When officer was asked if the trustees wore hats or hair nets or if the trustees had been checked by the health department, he (Hogan) was told that they did not have to be checked or wear hats.

—Inadequate health care. On Jan. 27, Hogan says he informed a jailer that he had a negative response to a tuberculosis chest X-ray, and "after requesting to see a doctor about his ulcers," Hogan says he "had to wait over two weeks to see the doctor."

Hogan also is complaining that he was refused access to the county's law library and therefore was denied "access to the courts." A sheriff's sergeant informed him, Hogan says, that "there was no law library for inmates."

AFTER PLEADING guilty and being sentenced by 142nd State District Court Judge Pat Baskin, Hogan was taken to the TDC's Eastham Unit at Lovelady in East Texas.

Smith, who opted not to comment on the suit, on Monday said that the jail count was up to 93. "Anytime we get to 85, we're overcrowded," he said.

Smith, who noted that the "jail is not certified anymore" by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, said that his proposed stockade would have corrected that illegal status.

"Oh, yes, we would have been certified," he said adding that "I've done all I can do, it's the (county) commission-

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End of the road

Residents of Grand Prairie, Texas, examine the over-turned truck that had been driven by a man officials say is responsible for killing six persons in a Monday morning shooting spree. John F. Parish, the suspect, was killed in a gun battle with police.

Man guns down six co-workers

By CHARLES C. HILL

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — John Parish was upset about his pay and had been labeled a troublemaker at work, but Police Chief David Kunkle still wonders why the truck driver shot six people to death in a rampage of terror at three places he worked.

"I don't know what causes someone like Parish to do what he did," Kunkle said Monday. "I don't think we'll ever know."

Five other people were injured before Parish, 46, ended his half-hour spree of violence by smashing a stolen 18-wheel truck into a police car and shooting it out with police. He was killed in a hail of gunfire as seven or eight bullets found their mark.

The Dallas man, an employee for the

past two years at a trucking company called WTS Enterprises, fired his first shots about 8 a.m. at the operations warehouse of a WTS subsidiary, Western Transportation Systems. He shot and killed three men, including his boss, Eddie Eugene Ulrich, police said.

He then stole a bobtail truck and drove down the street to WTS headquarters in the same industrial park. There he shot three more people, wounding a receptionist and an operations manager and killing an executive secretary, police said.

Parish next drove to another industrial park about four miles away and fatally shot two supervisors and wounded one at Jewel-T Discount Grocery Distribution Center, about two blocks from the police station in this suburb west of Dallas, Kunkle said.

Jewel-T officials previously had used Parish as a driver but told WTS he was a troublemaker and asked that he not be assigned to Jewel-T jobs, Kunkle said.

After the shooting at Jewel-T, Parish went to the parking lot and commandeered a truck from a driver who suffered a broken foot while fleeing. While firing at police in pursuit, Parish led police on a chase that stopped 1 1/2 miles away at a trucking terminal when he drove the stolen 18-wheeler head-on into a parked police car, knocking down a stop sign and utility pole as the truck overturned and slid, smashing into the terminal.

Officer Alan Patton, who was firing at Parish from behind his patrol car, was knocked 50 to 100 feet and his car was thrown 20 feet, Kunkle said.

Parish crawled from the cab of the wrecked truck and into the truck terminal through a hole ripped into the building by the crash and kept firing at police, who responded with a hail of bullets that brought a close to the violence at 8:27 a.m., authorities said.

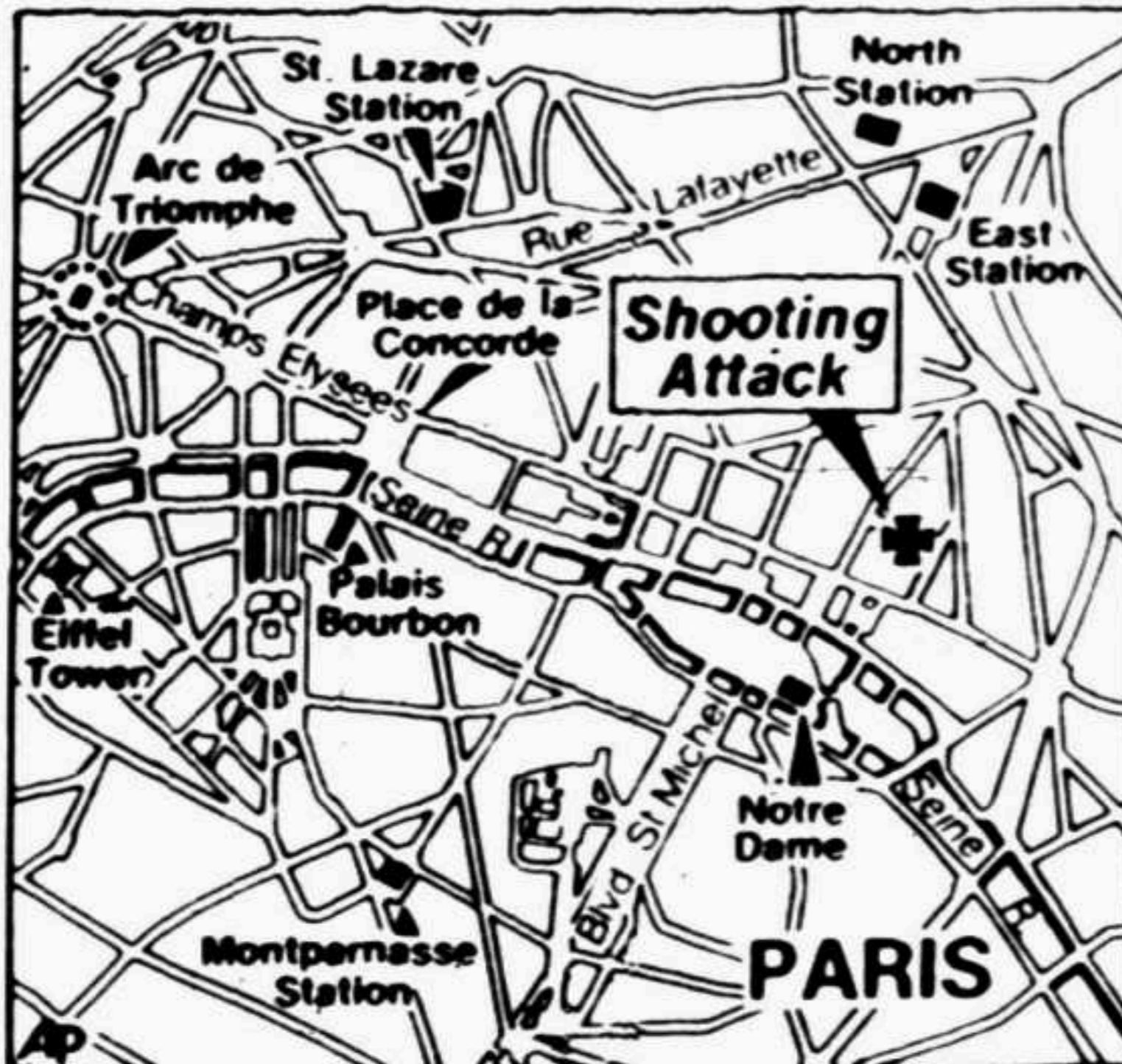
"It was like a Wild West show," said Wayne Standefor, who owns Wayne's Custom Automotive across the street.

Kunkle said Parish was armed with a shortened 30-caliber carbine rifle, a 25-caliber automatic pistol, and a .38-caliber revolver. He had used all of them — the carbine and the .38 at the first, the carbine at the second and the .38 at the third, the police chief said. He said the 25-caliber pistol had been fired once, though he didn't know where, and the carbine had been fired about 28 times.

HOGAN, WHO WAS thwarted in his attempt to file a class-action suit, is seeking \$40,000 to compensate for his suffering during the 18 days he was in the Midland County Jail last January and February. The jail takes up the fifth and top floors of the downtown courthouse.

Hogan is alleging infringements of his civil rights by:

- Overcrowded conditions of the jail. Hogan says "someone was sleeping on the floor in this cell" and that the "person on the floor had to be stepped over in order to go to the restroom." Hogan said a sheriff's deputy told him that the cramped jail quarters "couldn't be helped because the jail held only 88 prisoners, and there were 115 in jail now."
- No smoking. "No smoking was a rule of the sheriff's to curb fires," he says in the suit.
- No coffee. In response to his



French Jews may be urged to defend selves

PARIS (AP) — Two Americans were among the six people killed in the terrorist attack in the Jewish quarter of Paris, officials said today. Israel's prime minister said he will urge young French Jews to defend their community if the French government does not.

Menachem Begin told his Cabinet in Jerusalem: "If the French authorities will not prevent the neo-Nazi manifestation of the murder of Jews just because they are Jews, I will not hesitate, as a Jew, to call upon the youth of our people living in France to actively defend the lives of Jews and their human dignity."

Pope John Paul II, meanwhile, sent a telegram to the archbishop of Paris expressing his revulsion at the terrorist attack. "Learning with deep pain of the terrorist attack on Rue des Rosiers, I convey my feelings of a horror and indignation," the pope told Archbishop Jean-Marie Lustiger.

The attack Monday on the city's most famous Jewish restau-

rant left six people, including the Americans, dead and 22 others wounded, officials said.

The terrorist shooting spree in Paris heightened fears of a new upsurge of anti-Semitism in Western Europe as a result of Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

American tourist Ann van Zanten, 31, of Evanston, Ill., was killed and her husband David, 37, a professor at Northwestern University, suffered minor shrapnel wounds, police said. A woman aged about 50 was also killed, but has not been positively identified.

A U.S. Embassy spokeswoman confirmed two Americans had been killed but said the identity of the second victim could not be released pending permission from the family.

Another American tourist, Eva Shure, 65, from Illinois, was also wounded and hospitalized, police said. Her hometown was not available.

Jewish leaders said the attack on Jo Goldenberg's restaurant, was the bloodiest anti-Semitic outbreak in France since World War II. They scheduled a demonstration Wednesday to protest international terrorism.

It was the fourth anti-Jewish attack in Paris in eight days but the first to cause deaths or injuries.

Evidences of anti-Semitism also have surfaced in Italy, West Germany, Austria and Switzerland since Israeli troops invaded Lebanon June 6 to crush the Palestine Liberation Organization's military organization there.

"Jews to the ovens!" Italians shouted as they marched past a synagogue in Rome during a strike demonstration June 25.

"All Jews Forbidden To Enter," read a sign last week in a grocery window in Terni, north of Rome. The grocer told police he was showing his "solidarity with the heroic Palestinian people."

Israel 'approves in principle' U.S.-made evacuation plans

By The Associated Press

Israel today "approved in principle" U.S. plans to evacuate the PLO from west Beirut but demanded changes in the blueprint and sent its warplanes on rapid divebombing sorties of Yasser Arafat's stronghold.

The air assaults began at 2 p.m. (8 a.m. EDT) at the rate of almost one bombing sortie a minute, drawing barrages of anti-aircraft fire from Pales-

tine Liberation Organization batteries.

The Bourj el-Barajneh Palestinian refugee camp and its approaches on Beirut's southern edge took the brunt of the first air strikes, Lebanon's state and privately owned radios said.

Jets later divebombed the Fakhani neighborhood that houses Arafat's command headquarters as well as the nearby Chatilla refugee camp, the Bir Hassan residential neighborhood along the coast and the main traffic circle on

the highway to the airport.

Associated Press correspondent Earleen F. Tatro, watching from the rooftop of the AP's west Beirut office, saw 11 planes attacking in 23 minutes, shrouding the Fakhani neighborhood in a haze of smoke.

The air assaults, the second in two days, shattered a six-hour lull that prevailed after nightlong exchanges of intermittent artillery fire between Israeli and PLO forces on Beirut's

southern and eastern outskirts.

Israel has insisted since it invaded Lebanon June 6 to crush the guerrillas that it would increase military pressure at the same time it negotiates for a PLO withdrawal.

The Israeli position on a PLO pullout was announced in Jerusalem by Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor, who said his government was demanding as a precondition that it be given "speedily" a list of all the Arab countries to which

the guerrillas would retreat.

It also insisted that the number of departing guerrillas be equal to the number of guerrillas that Israel believes are now in Beirut, Meridor said.

Israel estimates the number of guerrillas in Beirut at more than 7,100.

"The serious problem that comes above all else now is finding the accepting countries and the exact numbers that each will accept, so that the

total of terrorists departing, according to lists to be issued, will be the number of guerrillas now in Beirut," Meridor said.

Sources close to the negotiations have said Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Sudan are willing to accept some of the guerrillas, and that Egypt may take in a number as well. The latest plan was worked out by U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib in Beirut and delivered to Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Silent Samaritan saves life of accident victim

ODESSA — A passing woman motorist is credited with saving the life of an Odessa man who lost his left arm in an Ector County traffic accident about 3:30 p.m. Monday.

Arthur Farrell, 24, was in stable condition at Medical Center Hospital this morning after his southbound 1980 Chevrolet pickup truck crossed the center line of FM-181, about 10 miles north of Texas 302, and was sideswiped by a northbound 18-wheeler driven by David Freeman of Hobbs, N.M., according to the Department of Public Safety.

Farrell's arm, which apparently was out the window at the time, was severed. A woman motorist reportedly stopped and applied ice and a tourniquet until emergency crews arrived. She then left the scene without identifying herself.

A passenger in Farrell's pickup, 19-year-old Rick Tucker, also of Odessa, was released following treatment for facial and head lacerations. Freeman was not injured.

President courting support for his three-year tax plan

Hearst Feature Service

WASHINGTON — Hoping to quell a Republican revolt over his \$98.5 billion tax increase, President Reagan Monday launched a personal campaign for support, claiming that most of the revenues come from closed loopholes and improved collection procedures.

The president met at the White House with 12 to 15 GOP House members to begin shoring up their support for the three-year tax plan, which even White House Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes admitted was "reluctantly" embraced by Reagan after huge budget deficit projections.

The president, who will follow up with sessions involving other members of Congress, also intends to make public appeals for support. Aides indicated, however, that there were no plans at this point for a televised address to the nation.

Reagan and his strategists intend to hammer away at such themes as closing language in tax laws which allow taxpayers, particularly corporations, to escape from using certain deductions.

"The president did not talk about it in terms of a political plus or liability," said Rep. Silvio Conte of New York, who attended Monday's initial session.

"He spoke in terms of saving the country, rather than in terms of saving your own hide," Conte said.

Several Republicans who have been balking at the tax plan are upset because they were elected on campaign pledges to cut taxes.

INSIDE TODAY

Slip-sliding away

Sliding down the slopes of Monahans Sandhills State Park is 7-year-old Carol Brachetta of Sunshine Daycare Center in Monahans. The 3,840-acre park, located just off Interstate 20 six miles east of Monahans, is a popular place for field trips.

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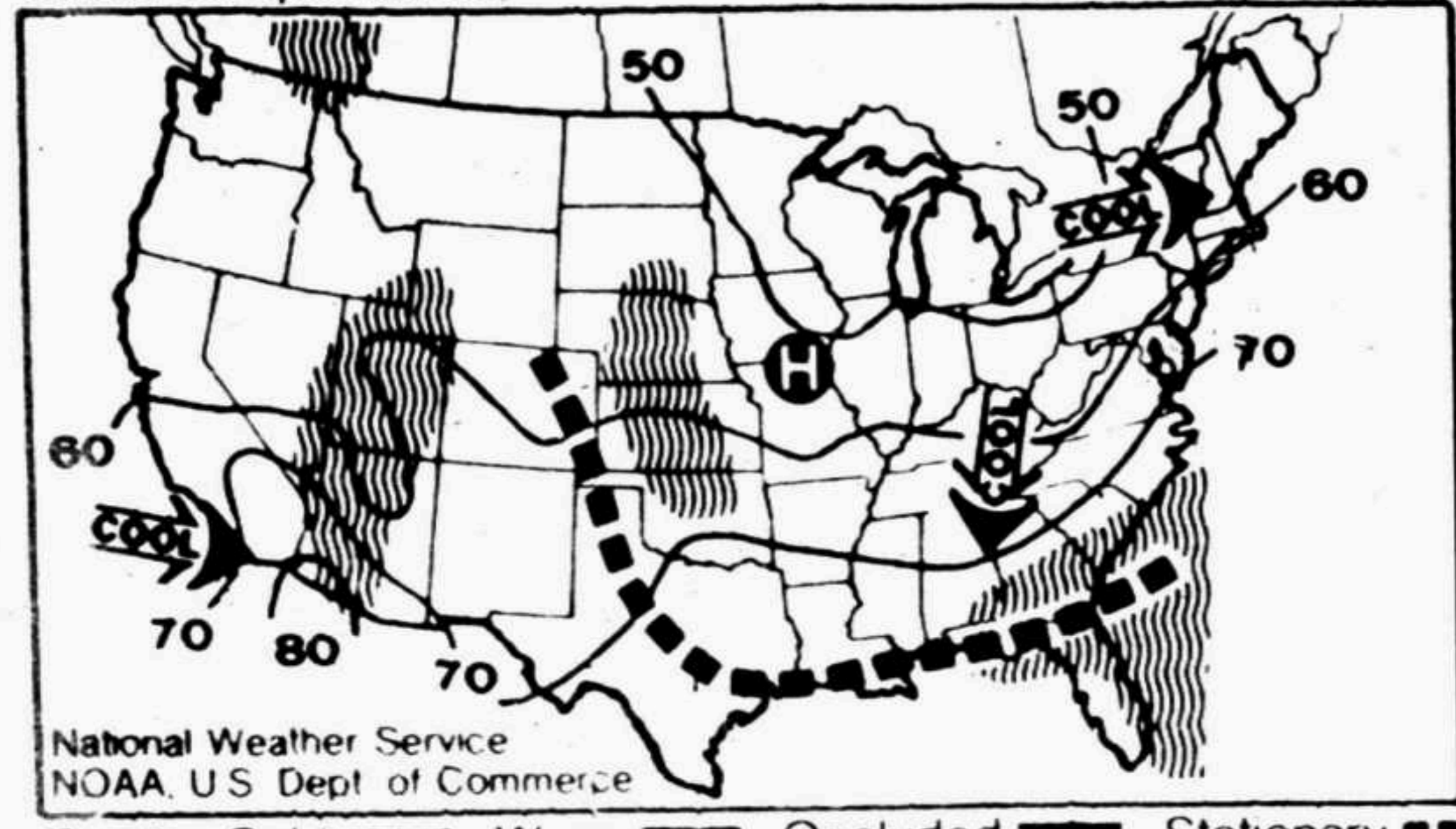
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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 8 a.m. EDT Wednesday, August 11 Low Temperatures



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

The National Weather Service forecasts showers for Wednesday in the Southwest, eastern Plains and Southeast. Temperatures will be cooler for most of the East.

Midland statistics

Table with weather forecast and statistics for Midland, including temperature ranges and precipitation.

Texas temperatures

Table listing temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, and Houston.

Extended forecasts

Thursday through Saturday... West Texas... North Texas... South Texas...

BIRTHS

- List of births at Midland Memorial Hospital, including names of parents and children.

Some West Texans eligible for Home Energy Assistance

Some West Texans who suffer from a double dose of meager income and hefty summer cooling bills may be eligible for some assistance through the federally-funded Home Energy Assistance program.

Former jail inmate files suit

ers' problem at this point." THE SHERIFF repeatedly has said that it's the Commissioners' Court responsibility to provide confinement facilities for inmates and that it's his job to operate them.



Shelly Shelton Melton, a 26 year-old Midlander, sits at her dining room table with an assortment of jigsaw puzzles. Mrs. Melton, who calls herself a "jigsaw junkie," is the only Texan among 150 contestants scheduled to compete in the first National Jigsaw Puzzle Championship, to be held in Athens, Ohio, August 21 and 22.

Midland woman puts it all together

From wire reports When it comes to jigsaws, Shelly Shelton Melton isn't puzzled. This is one woman who can put it all together, and this month she gets a chance to prove it.

Governors lose on gas

AFTON, Okla. (AP) — Gov. George Nigh and the governors of Texas and Louisiana — the nation's largest natural gas-producing states — lost a last-ditch effort to prevent an aptly-natural gas policy statement from being presented to the nation's governors.

Millions idle in accounts, says hopeful

More than \$7 million of state money is sitting idle in numerous bank accounts because of a state policy, and treasurer candidate Ann Richards wants to change that so the money would draw interest.



Ann Richards

this background would be beneficial in the post as state treasurer. In her campaign, she is advocating clearly-stated, published policies to "guarantee the fair distribution of both demand and interest-bearing deposits throughout the state."

Media ask Angelo about campaign

The press conference Monday morning had been called by Ernest Angelo Jr. to announce that U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp of New York would be coming to Midland in September for a campaign rally for Angelo. But the main interest shown by the media was in how Angelo's campaign was going against Democrat Bill Sims of San Angelo for the 25th District state senatorial seat.



"We need to take a hard look at spending, and there are legitimate problems with teachers and the pay scale. But if we don't stop the growth in state spending, we'll be in a bad situation." — Ernest Angelo Jr.

Crime ranks as another prime concern of the 25th District residents, according to Angelo, and especially after the John Hinckley case in which he successfully used the insanity plea after shooting President Reagan. "I would like to correct those loopholes," said Angelo.

Authorities find woman's body

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities found the body of a young woman in a shallow grave and say the discovery may lead to eight more such graves containing the bodies of young women.

Mall employee reports cash theft

In complaints to city police Monday, an employee of the Dellwood Card Shop in Dellwood Mall told officers \$305.56 in cash and checks was taken from a car parked in the 100 block of South Main Street early Monday morning.

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Hermit of Hill County charged with three murders

HILLSBORO, Texas (AP) — For the past three years, Delbert Pool and Burton Merrill have been friends. Often they would get together at Merrill's shack along the Nolan River to run troutlines, drink beer and holler at each other.

Pool, 70, might reminisce about the house, saloon and dance hall he built beside Lake Whitney with his own hands more than 20 years ago. Merrill, 52, would want to talk some about his days as a hot-shot rodeo rider.

Today, Merrill is in the Hill County Jail in Hillsboro, charged with three counts of murder after sheriff's deputies dug three skeletons and parts of a fourth out of an abandoned well near Merrill's campsite.

The sheriff said it seems likely the victims were some of Merrill's drinking buddies.

"The idea scares me to death," Pool said Monday after Merrill was jailed on \$150,000 bond — \$50,000 on each count. "I couldn't picture him killing anybody."

"He was sitting right here — right where you're sitting now — four days ago," Pool told a reporter. "We were drinking a beer together. Burton Merrill has always been a friend to me. He helped me shingle my roof. He never acted like he wanted to come up against me."

A second man, picked up by Cleburne police, was questioned in connection with the case but Sheriff Brent Button said it is not likely he will be charged.

Merrill was well known around Hill and Johnson counties. Button said everybody considered him a harmless eccentric — a "character" — until his arrest late Saturday.

"He's got a mattress," said Peace Justice R.F. "Skinner" Wallace, who set Merrill's bond Monday, "and in the summer he'll just lay it under a tree by the river and stay there. In the winter, he goes back up to his 'chicken house.' That's what people up there call it, anyway. He was known as a real mountain man."

Pool said Merrill had lived like a hermit for many years, camping out in the rough brush country near Lake Whitney, northwest of the tiny town of Blum.

"Money is no factor to him. It's just not important," Pool said. "If he had money he would just spend it on beer and snuff, and then he'd be broke again. He'd shoot his food — rabbits, squirrels, quail. He could live off of that and fish. He was a hermit."

Merrill looked the part at Monday's arraignment. His forearms were caked with dirt, his gray-flecked beard was untrimmed, his thick black hair was uncombed and his old clothes were worn and dingy. He told Wallace he could not afford a lawyer and wanted the court to appoint one to represent him.

But Pool, Wallace and Button say there was a time when Merrill cut quite a figure.

"They tell me he used to be one of the handsomest

men in the state of Texas," the sheriff said. "He was always neatly dressed and clean-cut," said the friend.

"He married the daughter of a district judge up in Johnson County," said the peace justice. "They were real young — I don't even think she was out of high school."

"I understand he was one of the best rodeo riders around this part of the country when he was a younger man," said Button.

When Merrill's rodeo-riding days ended, he tried his hand at running a butcher shop and worked steadily as a blacksmith for a time, according to Wallace.

But he ran afoul of the law about 10 years ago, said Button, and was sent to the Texas Department of Corrections for a theft conviction.

"He stole a saddle and some tack," the sheriff said, and that is when Merrill's life began to unravel.

"He was married — had five children — but they got divorced," said Pool.

Textbook committee to hear NOW

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Teachers chosen to hear thousands of pages of objections to new textbooks get the other side of the spectrum today as the National Organization for Women presents its views in contrast to the conservatives who spoke Monday.

Norma Gabler and her representatives protested 21 health, civics, geography and home economics books they said do not uphold "traditional values" at Monday's opening session of the textbook adoption hearings.

After testimony is completed, the 15-member Textbook Selection Committee will put together a suggested list of textbooks that, when approved by the state commissioner of education, can be used as a shopping list by Texas public schools for up to eight years.

The Texas hearings are of particular importance to publishers because the volume of books involved can affect national marketing plans.

Mrs. Gabler, a Longview housewife who, with her husband Mel, has become a national figure in textbook adoption battles, hit heavily at treatment of drugs in health books and complained that many group discussion questions are an "invasion of privacy."

Her group also protested texts that referred to changes in the earth "millions of years ago," saying such passages accept evolution as fact, not theory, and complained about books that spent more time discussing communist China than nationalist China.

One book "spent more time on Dracula than Taiwan," Mrs. Gabler complained to the committee.

Committee members' questions indicated skepticism of the Gablers.

Asked one committee member, "Do you consider your idea of what is fair and impartial the same as the majority of Texas taxpayers?"

Two Midlanders testify in sex-killer's trial

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Two Midland men told a jury here how they thwarted an attempt by convicted sex-killer Brett "Panama Red" Pensinger to kidnap a second little girl.

Testimony of Steve McKandlies and Randy Ray Reid came Monday in the penalty phase of Pensinger's trial for the sex-mutilation murder of 5-month-old Michele Melander of Parker, Ariz., whose body was found in a dump last summer along the California-Arizona border. Pensinger, 20, was convicted last week of Michele's murder, and now the jury must decide whether to sentence him to death or to life in prison.

McKandlies and Reid testified they chased Pensinger after being told he had taken 9-year-old Angela Holdridge from her mother in a Midland bar six days after Michele's body was found.

McKandlies said he and Reid forced Pensinger's

truck off the road, ending a high-speed chase.

"Steve went to Angela. Angela said Pensinger said he was going to make love to her," Reid testified.

Under cross-examination by defense attorney Donald Feld, the 245-pound Reid testified he severely beat Pensinger, jamming his head in the car door at one point.

"I sat on him and beat him with my fists," Reid said.

While driving Pensinger back to the bar from which he had taken Angela, Reid punched Pensinger again and accused him of being a pervert.

"He started to cry and said, 'Yes I am a pervert,'" Reid testified.

Charges were never filed against Pensinger in the Midland incident and information about it was introduced during the trial.

Inmate scheduled for death

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Attorney Douglas Tinker says he will file an appeal to keep Henry M. Porter, a Fort Worth man convicted of killing a policeman, from being executed by lethal injection this week.

Porter would become the first inmate executed in Texas in 18 years and the first to die by lethal injection in the state. The method was approved by the state Legislature in 1977.

Porter, 40, was twice convicted and sentenced to death in the 1975 shooting of Fort Worth policeman Henry Paul Milloux. An appeal of the second conviction was carried to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Tinker said Monday he planned to file another appeal with the U.S. District Court in Corpus Christi.

Milloux was shot fatally in a gun battle on a Fort Worth street after he stopped a car fitting the description of a vehicle used a short time before in an armed robbery. The driver of the car escaped, but was wounded.

Porter, a relative of the car's owner, was arrested a few days later in San Antonio. Police said he had been shot through the side and had treated the wound himself with adhesive bandages.

Porter was tried and convicted in Fort Worth, but a state appeals court remanded the case for retrial. The trial was moved to Corpus Christi on a change of venue and Porter was convicted in the South Texas city.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL HOLD THE ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING ON AUGUST 20, 1982 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE GREENWOOD BOARD ROOM.

Johnny S. Montoya d/b/a Circle 5 is making Application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine Only Package Store Permit at the address of 1117 Andrews Hwy, Midland, Midland County, Texas

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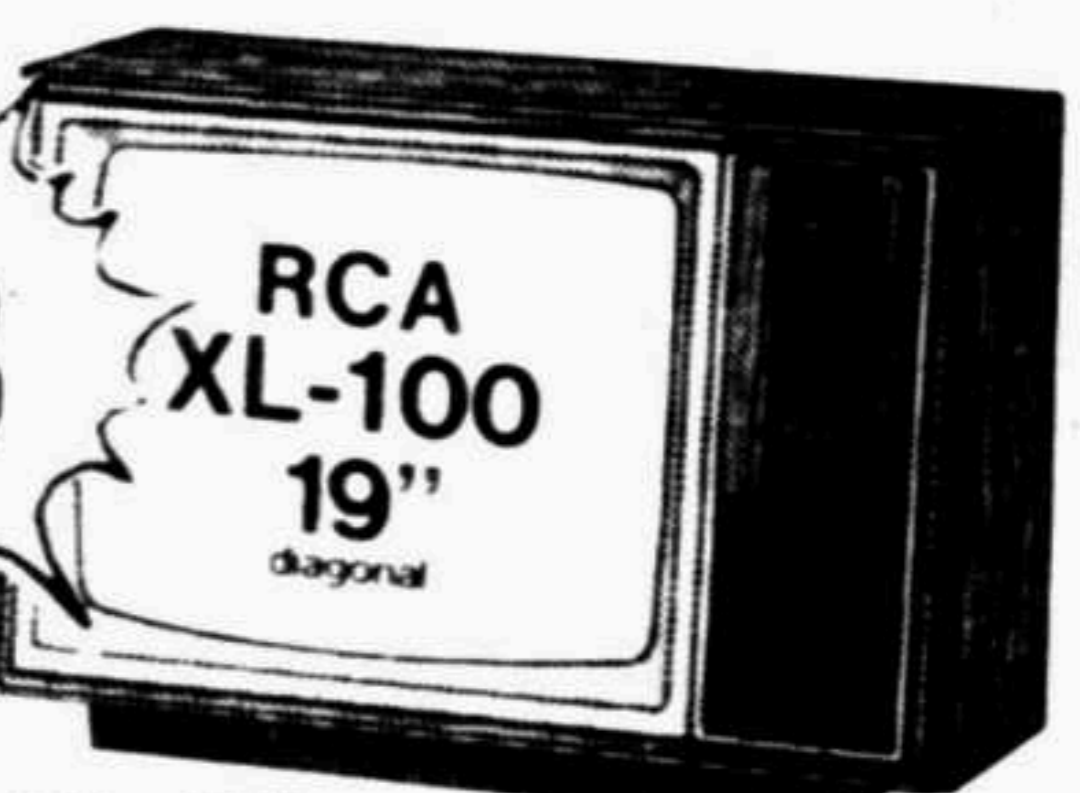
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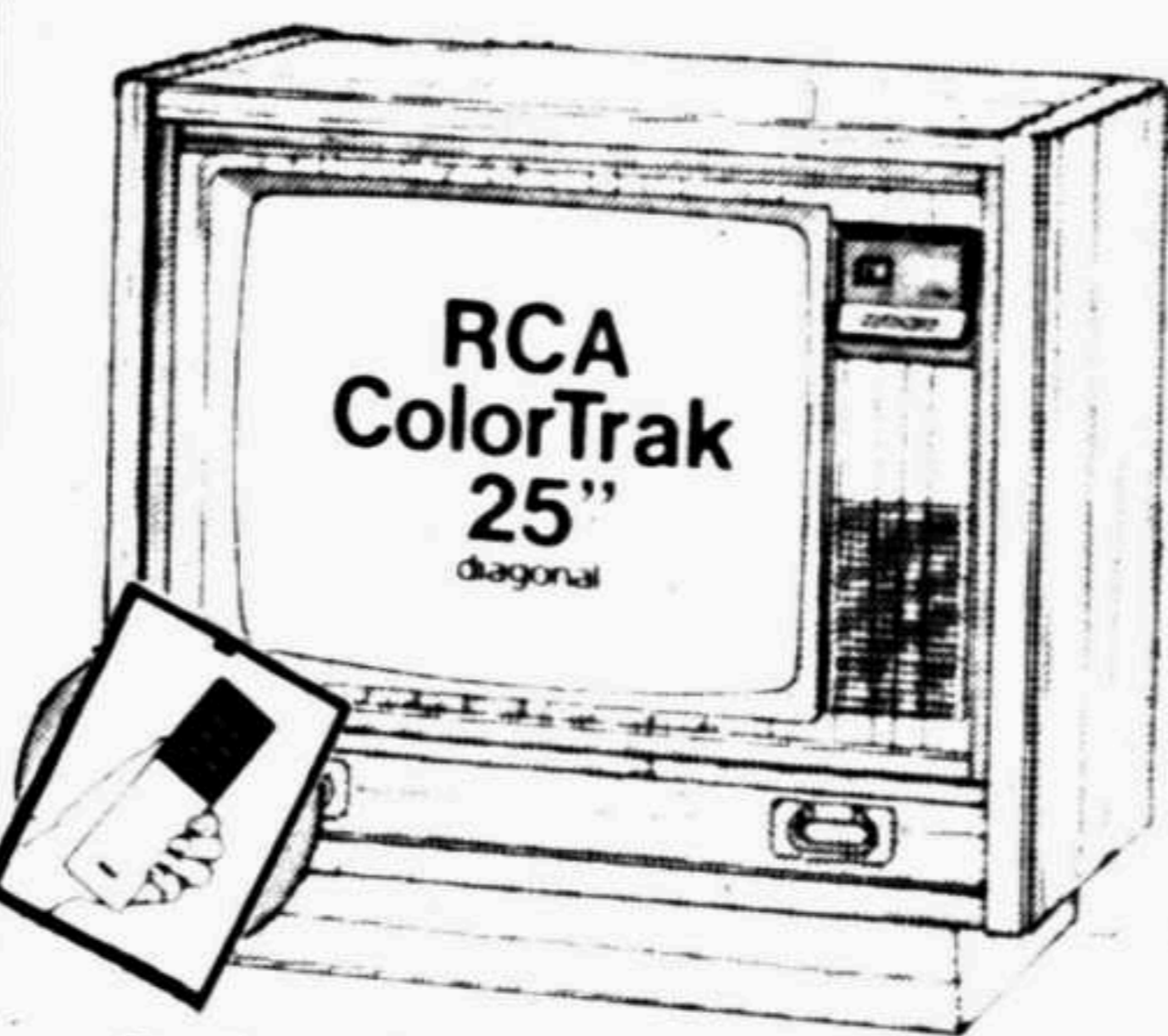


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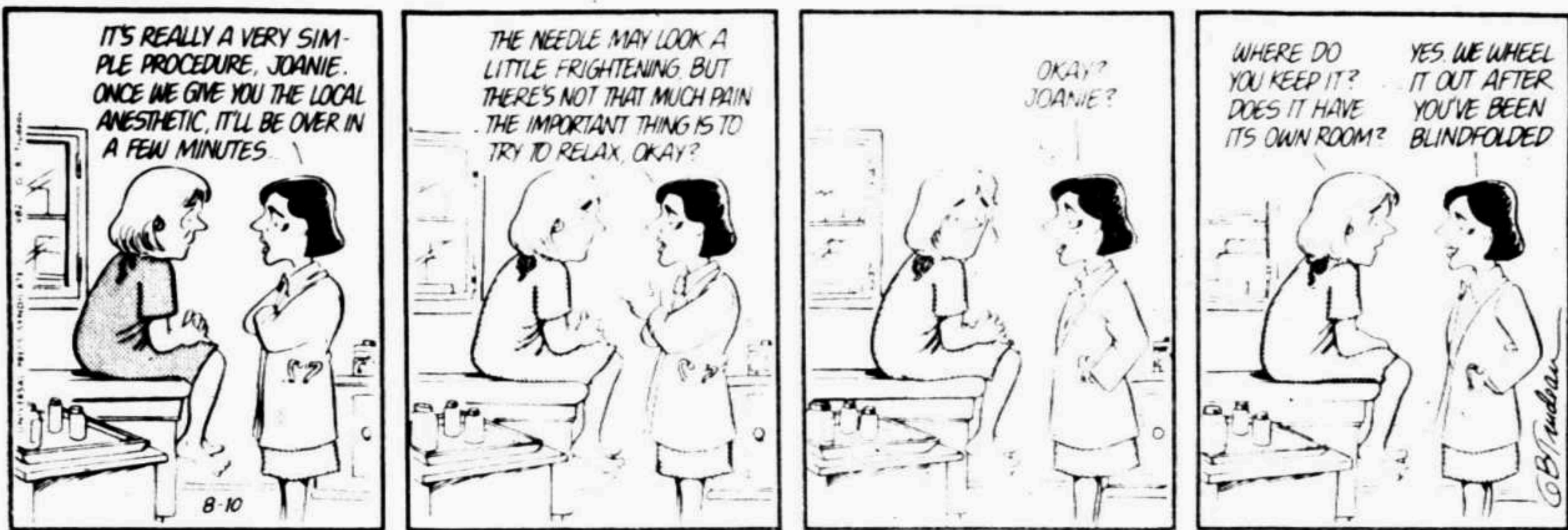
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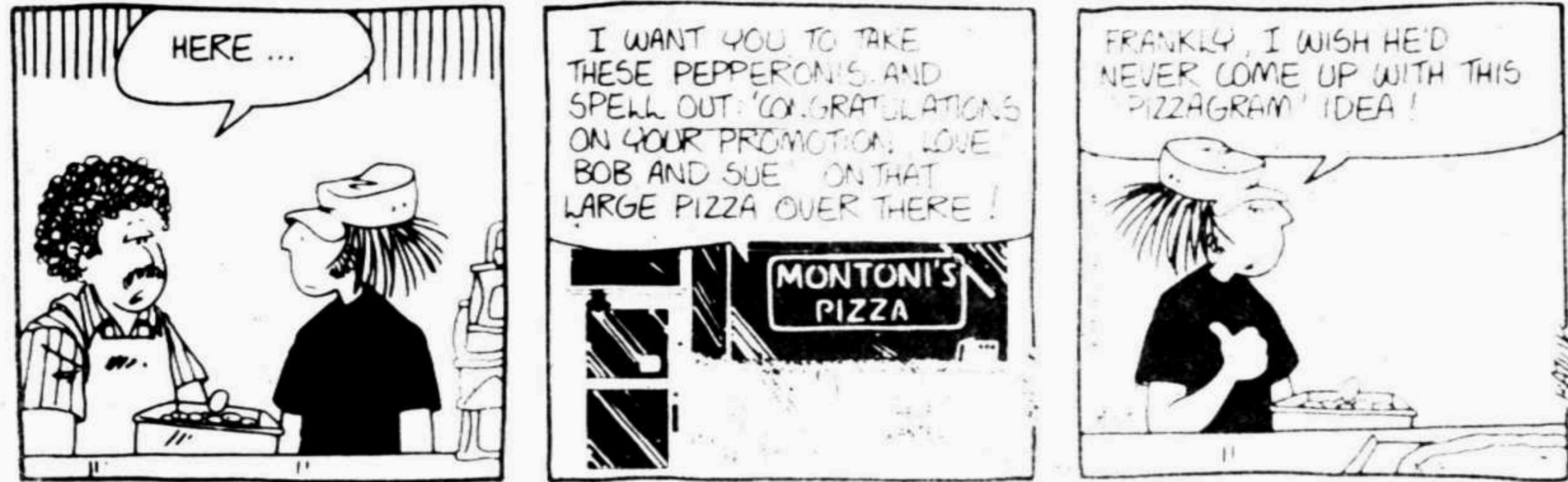
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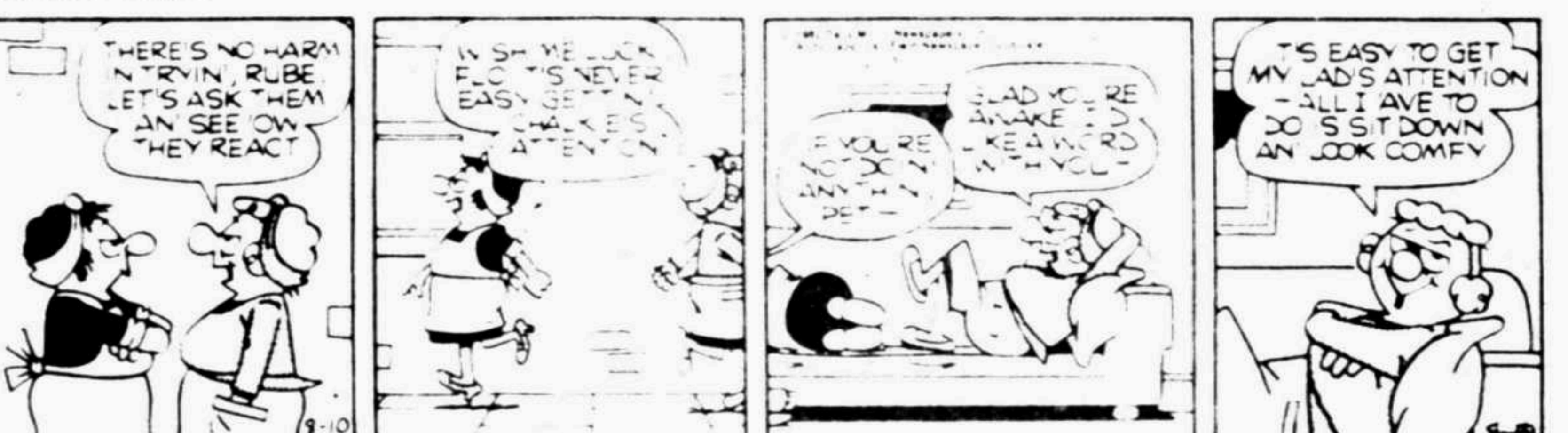
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Diana Rodriguez

A funeral mass for Diana Patino Rodriguez, 23, of 2112 City View Road, was to be held at 9 a.m. today at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with burial following in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of the Thomas Funeral Home. A rosary was recited at the funeral home Monday night.

Mrs. Rodriguez died in a Midland traffic accident Friday night. She was born June 23, 1959, in Stanton and resided in Midland for most of her life.

Survivors include her husband, Al Rodriguez of Midland, two sons, Danny Ray and Able P. Patino Jr., also of Mid-

land, her stepfather, A.V. Najera of Midland; two brothers, Stephen P. and Agapito Najera, of Midland; and four sisters, Margie, Anita, and Teresa Najera, and Gloria Patino, all of Midland.

Earl G. Mathis

BIG SPRING — Services for Earl G. Mathis, 79, of Austin and formerly of Big Spring, were held Aug. 1 at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Austin. Burial was in Austin Memorial Park.

Mathis died July 29 in Austin.

He was a former resident of San Angelo and Sterling City.

Maxine Williamson

BIG SPRING — Services for Maxine Williamson, 62, of Big Spring will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Nalley-Pickie Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Seminole Cemetery in Seminole.

Mrs. Williamson died Monday morning in a Big Spring hospital.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Christian Church. She had lived in Big Spring since 1964.

Fred E. Jacobs

HOUSTON — Services for Fred E. Jacobs, 79, of Houston, father of Janet D. Kalil of Midland, were held at the

Sage Road Chapel of the George H. Lewis and Sons Funeral Home in Houston with Dr. James S. Riley officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Garden of Memories in Houston.

Jacobs died Wednesday. A longtime resident of Houston, Jacobs was a member of the Second Baptist Church of Houston. Other survivors include his wife, a son and four granddaughters.

Nonie Ezell

Services for Nonie Ezell, 76, of 3107 Kessler, were Monday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Ray Harris of Odessa officiating. Burial was to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ezell died Tuesday in Houston.

Pallbearers were to be Fred Jones, George Brickey, John Hendrix, Danny Pruitt, Michael Pruitt and Kenneth Pruitt.

Mrs. J. Flanigan

Services for Mrs. James M. (Prue) Flanigan of Houston will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Glass Chapel of the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Charles Lutrick pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Flanigan of Houston.

Mrs. Maurice Amis

Graveside services for Mrs. Maurice B. (Violet) Amis, 1101 Gulf, were to be at 10 a.m. today at Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. F. Ray Riddle Jr., minister of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Services are under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Amis died Monday in a Midland hospital.

She was born, raised and attended schools in Meridian, Miss. She married Maurice B. Amis in 1921 in Meridian before moving to Baton Rouge, La., shortly thereafter. Her husband was employed by Exxon there until his death on Nov. 5, 1969. Mrs. Amis moved to Midland in August 1981. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. William C. (Violet) Blanks of Midland, two sisters, Mrs. Julius Elshburg of Montgomery, Ala. and Mrs. Russell Connelly of Meridian, Miss., four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to the Midland Association for Retarded Citizens, 2701 N. A.

Kollman Dorbritz

Graveside services for Kollman D. "Kollie" Dorbritz, 57, of 205 Canyon, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Dorbritz died Sunday morning at a Midland nursing home after a lengthy illness.

He was born Jan. 12, 1925, in Fort Worth. He was raised in Houston, entered the service in 1942 and served in the European Theatre. After being discharged, he returned to Houston and later moved to Midland in 1949. He was employed by Modern Floor Co. for approximately 15 years. He was later employed by Sherwin Williams Paint Co.

He married Virginia Black on July 10, 1964, in Midland. He was a member of the Methodist church and a member of the American Legion Post 19.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Kollman Dorbritz, Jr., of Marshall and Larry McGary of Midland; three daughters, Mrs. E.D. Smith of Houston, Mrs. Adele Dorbritz and Mrs. Diana Dorbritz both of Irving, his mother, Mrs. Elsie Willard of Columbus; two sisters, Mrs. Gwyn Brown of Houston and Mrs. Vallie Goodwin of Austin; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

James M. Moore

Services for James M. Moore, 91, 210 N. Marshall St., will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Mount Rose Baptist Church. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Jackson Funeral Home.

Moore died Friday in a Big Spring hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born Jan. 12, 1891, in Texarkana, Ark. He moved to Midland in the

late 1920s. He was a retired barber and a World War I veteran.

Survivors include three nephews, J.W. Moore of Oakland, Calif., Timothy Moore and James E. Moore, both of Los Angeles; and three nieces, Birdie Moore and Catherine Bradley, both of Los Angeles, and Bessie L. Moore of Oakland.

Ernesto Sandate

A funeral Mass for Ernesto Sandate, 75, of 1105 E. Walnut Lane, was to be at 4 p.m. today at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Rosary was recited at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home Monday night.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Sandate died Sunday morning in a Midland hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born Feb. 26, 1907, in Terlingua and moved to Midland in 1940. He married Concepcion Hernandez, who preceded him in death in 1948. He later married Rosa Aguirre. She died in 1968. He was an 18-year employee of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and had been in failing health for the past year.

Survivors include two sons, Antonio Sandate of Midland and Jesus Sandate of Odessa; five daughters, Lucille Macis of Hereford, Guadalupe Revelez of Dallas, Valentina Sandate of Midland, Dominga Reyes of Las Vegas, Nev., and Josephina Salazar of Big Spring; 44 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren.

Coppola maintains desire for death

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Convicted murderer Frank J. Coppola says he wants to die in Virginia's electric chair tonight because "I have to be true to myself. That's one thing I'd like to leave with my kids."

On Monday, Coppola — who had shaved his head except for a long, reddish moustache tipped with gray that drooped below his chin — told U.S. District Judge D. Dorth Warriner, "I want to be executed, and my sincere wish is that it be carried out tomorrow (Tuesday) night."

Warriner, who visited the condemned man in a holding cell, refused to postpone the execution, saying Coppola was "rational and perceptive" enough to decide his own fate.

But the attorneys who lost their postponement request scheduled a second appeal today before the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. They represent J. Gray Lawrence, one of the two lawyers Coppola fired in May when he decided to accept the death sentence and forgo further appeals.

Three things could prevent the execution: a stay from the 4th Circuit or a higher court; a reprieve from Gov. Charles S. Robb, which is unexpected; or a change of heart from Coppola.

He is scheduled to die at 11 p.m. in an electric chair that hasn't been used for 20 years. He would be the fifth person executed in the nation since the U.S. Supreme Court revived the death penalty in 1976.

In deference to Coppola's wish for privacy, Warriner refused to bring him into open court Monday. He spoke with Coppola in a private holding cell in the courthouse with the lawyers and a news reporter designated by Warriner in attendance.

"I don't fear death. My human dignity has suffered. No one could be more

objective about what I am doing than me," Coppola was quoted as telling Warriner through the barred cell door.

Robb, at the National Governor's Association meeting in Afton, Okla., said Monday night he was continuing his review of the case but has "not yet found anything that would cause me to intervene."

Coppola, 38, a former policeman and Roman Catholic seminarian, was convicted in the beating death of Muriel Hatchell of Newport News in a robbery in 1978. He has insisted on his innocence through appeals that included two reprieves by the U.S. Supreme Court.

But in May he asked that an execution date be set. He said he would rather die than continue living in prison. He said he wanted to spare his family further agony and asked to be executed in the summer, when his two teenage sons wouldn't be in school.

"I believe Mr. Coppola wishes to reserve unto himself what dignity he has," said Thomas Cox, the lawyer appointed to represent Coppola when the execution date was set.

Warriner ruled Coppola was competent to decide to die when he rejected Lawrence's request for a stay. "No person should be permitted to make a decision between life and death when he is insane," Warriner said. "Just as a person should be permitted to make that decision when he is sane."

Lawrence's lawyers argued Monday that Coppola could not have made his decision "voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently" because of the "brutal and dehumanizing conditions" of death row. They said tests by state doctors were not as thorough as required by court rulings. But Warriner said he was satisfied with the medical and psychiatric report accepted by a state circuit court.

Doctors planning Hinckley's treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trial over, the diagnosis done, doctors at St. Elizabeths Hospital will now work out a treatment program for John W. Hinckley Jr., who still "thinks daily about killing Jodie Foster."

Hospital spokesman Wayne Pines said Hinckley and a team of professionals will jointly work out the right mix of group and individual therapy, the proper dosage of medication — anti-depressives — and the activities in which he can participate.

Hinckley was sent to the federally financed facility on June 21 after a jury found him innocent by reason of insanity on charges of shooting President Reagan and three other men.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker ordered Hinckley committed to the facility indefinitely, meaning he will undergo treatment until now, he has been evaluated.

Parker, accepting the report of St. Elizabeths' doctors, found that Hinckley is "at the present time and will in the reasonable future be dangerous to himself or others."

Hinckley, wearing a pinstrip shirt, no sport coat and dark trousers without a belt, appeared in Parker's courtroom for the first time since his acquittal.

In a firm voice, he told Parker he was waiving his right to a hearing on his release. Discussing the doctors' evaluation of his current mental state, Hinckley said, "I don't necessarily agree with their opinion."

The law allows Hinckley to petition the court every six months to free him, and he must ask permission any time wants to leave the hospital grounds, even for a few hours.

The St. Elizabeths report called Hinckley "an unpredictably dangerous person." Doctors said Hinckley suffers from four major personality disorders and major depression, which they said is in "partial remission."

"Presently, he thinks daily about killing Jodie Foster," the actress with whom he carried on a one-sided love affair and who he tried to impress by shooting the president, the report said.



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Soviet newspaper frankly reports men's crime spree

By MARC ROSENWASSER

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet court called it a story of indifference, incompetence and cowardice — of men who failed to defend women who were being raped, of citizens who aided criminals and of police bungling.

Two Soviet men were sentenced last week to death and a third to prison for 15 years for robbing six stores, committing a series of assaults, raping two women, torturing and robbing an old woman of her funeral money and murdering a man.

The Communist Party Central Committee newspaper *Sovietskaya Rossiya* (Soviet Russia) told of their month-long spree of violence in an article that was unusually detailed for a crime report in the Soviet media.

The article by Deputy Prosecutor M. Gusev and reporter I. Pyrkh included rare public criticism of the police. It also reported a "drunkard" agreed to sell the criminals' stolen goods in exchange for vodka, and a taxi driver took them where they wanted to go in exchange for money.

Gusev and Pyrkh gave this account:

V. Yefremov, a 29-year-old who had just finished his second prison term,

went to work in a mine, tired of the labor, robbed an apartment and returned to Orel, his hometown 180 miles south of Moscow.

There he befriended E. Maslenkin, and the two committed several robberies, attacked a militiaman and stole his identification card. Then they moved to Kharkov, in the Ukraine 400 miles southwest of Moscow, where they posed as police and robbed two more apartments, including that of the old woman whose savings for her burial they stole.

A short time later, they hooked up with 20-year-old A. Valuyev in the nearby city of Kaluga, used him in two more thefts and obtained a sawed-off rifle from another ex-convict in the city of Bryansk, 210 miles southwest of Moscow.

After several more robberies of stores and individuals, the trio boarded a crowded bus for Tula. The driver reported that Yefremov approached

him holding the rifle and warned him: "Don't turn around. Don't stop or honk your horn. I have enough bullets for everyone."

Maslenkin ordered the passengers to "get your money ready."

"Your gold also," said Yefremov.

The men robbed the passengers, beating those who resisted. Yefremov raped two women in the back of the bus while Valuyev helped hold them down and Maslenkin held the gun on the driver. The male passengers sat "frozen by fear."

The trio eventually left the bus, hid out overnight and reached Tula on another bus in the morning. Their victims had given the police a description of them, but the police did not act on the information and took more than three weeks to put out the alarm for them.

Meanwhile, the three men went to Moscow, then returned south to Bryansk.

Israel regrets harassing Americans

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel is apologizing to the United States for three incidents in which an American military liaison team in Lebanon was harassed by Israeli forces, including an F-16 jet fighter.

The State and Defense departments said Monday the United States lodged strong protests with the Israeli government and has received assurances there will be no further actions of this kind.

Israel expressed regret over the weekend incidents and disclaimed any intention of causing harm, an official statement said.

According to administration sources, the harassment was directed against American personnel engaged in making preparations for the possible deployment of U.S. peacekeeping units which would monitor the withdrawal of Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said an Israeli F-16 jet fighter repeatedly and closely buzzed two U.S. helicopters. In addition, an Israeli gunboat aimed a machine gun at American helicopters and, subsequently, Israeli soldiers interfered when the American team landed at Jouneh, north of Beirut.

Officials described the incidents Saturday and Sunday as "very serious" even though no shots were fired and none of the American military personnel was harmed.

Apologies have been received from the government of Israel and we have been assured that there will be no further actions of this kind," said a statement from the State Department.

A spokesman at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, Benjamin Abileah, said, "There were problems of communication and coordination of flights in the area. The problem has been solved."

In addition to the protest lodged with Israel, the United States also expressed concern to the Syrian

government over what it regarded as inadequate security protection during a protest Monday at the U.S. Embassy in Damascus.

Aside from the American embassy, several hundred demonstrators reportedly representing Palestinian trade unions also attacked the embassies of Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

State Department officials said no Syrian security personnel were dispatched to the U.S. Embassy during the hour-long demonstration even though the presidential palace in Damascus is located just a short distance away. The demonstration was called to protest the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

In the political atmosphere of Damascus, "It is not likely that the demonstration did not have the acquiescence of the Syrian government," said one official, who asked not to be identified. He added, however, that at no time did the State Department fear that the protest would lead to a Tehran-style hostage-taking.

Following complaints to the Syrian Foreign Ministry, embassy officials received assurances there would be no repeat of the incident, the official said.

The account of the State Department official appeared to contradict that of a U.S. diplomat in Damascus, who said Syrian police chased the demonstrators away using riot equipment.

State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said the demonstrators penetrated the embassy compound but that attempts to enter the chancery building were unsuccessful. He said some windows were broken but that there were no injuries to American officials.

Despite the weekend reports of Israeli harassment of an American military team, Israeli military officials have been providing U.S. officers with information about the performance of American and Soviet weapons and about tactics used in the fighting in Lebanon.

Andrew risked self, paper says

LONDON (AP) — Prince Andrew piloted his Sea King helicopter with 15 British soldiers on board to a safe landing on rough terrain only three or four feet from an Argentine minefield during the battle for the Falkland Islands, the Daily Mail reported today.

The London newspaper said the 22-year-old son of Queen Elizabeth II landed on a narrow, rough road while he was ferrying troops to the Sapper Hill base shortly before the Argentine surrender June 14.

The newspaper quoted John Roberts, a soldier in the Welsh Guards: "He must have known the risk he was running. He could have been only three or four feet from the nearest mine when he landed."

The Falklands terrain is largely bog, and helicopter landings are difficult. The Argentines, who invaded the British island colony in the South Atlantic April 2, buried thousands of mines around Port Stanley, the capital, and other areas, and the fields remain a major hazard to British forces working to return the islands to a peacetime economy.

The prince, a Royal Navy helicopter co-pilot, sailed for the Falklands with the British task force following the Argentine invasion and still is in the islands 250 miles east of the tip of South America.

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Certificate interests down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Starting today, banks and savings and loan associations may pay as much as 11.357 percent on \$10,000-minimum six-month money market certificates, down from last week's 11.614 percent.

Also today, S&Ls may pay as much as 10.025 percent and commercial banks as much as 9.775 percent interest on \$7,500-minimum three-month certificates, up from last week's 9.633 percent and 9.383 percent.

The yields were set Monday when the Treasury Department auctioned \$5.5 billion in six-month bills and \$5.5 billion in three-month bills.

The six-month bills were sold at an average discount rate of 10.94 percent, up from the 10.671 percent last Monday, and the three-month bills went for an average rate of 10.025 percent, up from 9.633 percent.

Monday's yields, a measure of the cost of government borrowing from the public, were the highest since the July 26 levels of 11.378 percent for six-month bills and 10.559 percent for three-month bills.

Installation debt at \$1.3 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Showing a bit more caution in expanding their debt than in May, U.S. consumers took on \$1.35 billion more in installment debt than they paid off in June, a new government report indicated.

The figures showed no sign of any spending boom that might help push the national economy out of its year-long slump.

However, the May and June increases in spending on credit, though far below levels that would be typical for a robust economy, were still well above the levels recorded last winter when the economy was in steep recession.

The Federal Reserve Board said Monday that consumers took on \$29.74 billion in new installment debt in June, up 1.8 percent from May, while paying off \$28.39 billion, up 2.1 percent.

The figures cover short- and medium-term credit agreements. They do not include home loans or other long-term arrangements.

Dollar surges to record high

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar's surge to record highs against several currencies in European trading puts extra cash in the pockets of American tourists but increases financial headaches for European governments already battling an economic slump.

The stronger dollar will increase Europeans' oil and gasoline import bills which must be paid in dollars. Foreign governments or companies holding debts denominated in dollars must come up with more local currency to them off.

The cost of imports direct from the U.S. at the height of the tourist season in Europe, sparking hopes in the industry that Americans visiting the Continent will spend more on the now cheaper souvenirs, hotels and restaurants.

"As the dollar goes screaming up against everything, it makes it very cheap for Americans," said Richard O'Brien, chief economist for the American Express International Banking Corp. in London.

"I don't feel that this late in the season, it will affect where people go," he said. "But they might spend more just because they feel wealthier."

Furniture chain in banking

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — In an unusual move, the federal government awarded its first commercial bank charter to a non-financial institution — a retail furniture chain, the government announced.

Western Family Bank, being set up by McMahan's Furniture Co., will open its first branch by the end of the year in Carlsbad, the company said.

Richard A. McMahan, president of the company, said the depositors probably would be "primarily our customers who have been doing business here for the past 80 years. Our customers make their purchases on conditional sales contracts and they frequently come into the store on a monthly basis to make payments."

Leonora Cross, a spokeswoman for the controller of the currency, said Monday the approval for the McMahan application was the first ever for a non-financial company. The controller of the currency regulates commercial banking.

McMahan said his company applied for a bank charter last February and approval was given for three branch offices, in Carlsbad, Colton and Fresno.

Mexico our new Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexico has supplanted Saudi Arabia as the largest supplier of foreign oil to the United States in recent months, but an Energy Department spokesman said this is probably more a result of price than of any long-term trend.

Trade figures from the Census Bureau, disclosed Monday, show a shift in imports occurred in May and continued in June, with more oil coming from Mexico than from the traditional big supplier among nations belonging to OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

In May, U.S. imports of crude oil from Mexico totaled 22.3 million barrels, while those from the Saudis were 12.2 million barrels. For June the figures were Mexico 27.4 million barrels and Saudi Arabia 21 million barrels.

Jay Vivari, an Energy Department spokesman, said Saudi Arabia's refusal to lower the price of its Arabian light from \$34 per barrel was the main factor in the shift. The latest Energy Department figures show Mexico charging \$32.50 for a barrel of its light crude.

Steel production falls slightly

NEW YORK (AP) — Steel production fell to 1.257 million tons in the week ended Aug. 6, a decrease of 0.7 percent from the previous week's 1.248 million tons, the American Iron and Steel Institute reported.

The industry's production, released Monday, amounted to 42.6 percent of capacity during the week, compared with 42.3 percent in the previous week.

Estimated figures for the year to date showed production at 49.472 million net tons, a decrease of 36 percent from the 77.284 million net tons in the previous year.

Production so far this year used 53.6 percent of capacity, compared with 83.4 percent a year earlier.

Recovery may not lower jobless rate

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Even if the economy expands strongly, it might be more difficult than in prior recoveries to lower the jobless rate.

That discouraging assessment, shared by many economists and even by some government labor analysts, is contrary to the White House position that its policies will lead to long-term reductions in unemployment.

The doubts arise for a variety of reasons, the most important of which appear to be automation, foreign competition, and a widespread recognition by employers that they must share their operating costs.

The difficulties might also be compounded by a recovery that seems likely to be weak, even when measured by administration forecasts, which private sector economists generally regard as overly optimistic.

In July, the employment situation worsened. With the jobless rate rising to 9.8 percent of the civilian work force, analysts had to search back to the tailend of the Great Depression to

find comparisons.

About 10.8 million individuals sought but failed to find jobs in July. Another 1.5 million were said to have stopped looking for work, and 5.5 million more were working part-time in the absence of full-time jobs.

In previous recoveries since World War II, the gross national product expanded sharply in the first few months of recovery, sometimes at a 10 percent annual rate. Optimistic White House forecasts are half that.

Commerce Department analysts already have predicted that even when the automobile industry recovers, employment might be at lower levels than before the recession, and that part of the reason might be automation.

Robert Dederick, Commerce Department assistant secretary for economic affairs, told a Senate subcommittee in January he expects the industry to have 200,000 fewer workers in the mid-1980s than in late 1978.

He blamed the situation on slower growth in the demand for cars, increased use of foreign-built parts, the

switch to smaller cars and increased automation. Carmakers are depending heavily on the latter factor to reduce overall costs and remain competitive with imports.

The 200,000 figure used by Dederick almost coincides with the number of hourly workers on indefinite layoff from the five major automakers. Last week, 213,921 workers were listed in that category.

Most economists agree that future productivity gains in manufacturing will rely heavily on greater use of automation, including robots, a situation that at least temporarily could mean fewer jobs.

Robert Theobald, economist, futurist and adviser to corporations and municipal groups, says promises of more jobs are short-sighted and bound to fail, since they are based on outdated economic patterns.

He reasons that noninflationary economic expansion, such as President Reagan seeks, demands the use of automation. To promise jobs too, he says, is a contradiction and a promise that cannot be fulfilled.

Instead, he argues, the prosperous

economy of the future should be anticipated now by studying the "refiguring" of work patterns to include job-sharing. While maintaining a high level of production, he says, robots will free people for more education and recreation.

While the first impact of automation already is being felt, according to Theobald, other observers are keeping their focus attuned to more prosaic factors, such as the apparently greater willingness to fire.

Because of the recession, and repeated assertions by economists and others that American industry is suffocated by its own bureaucracy, almost every large company today has examined its job structure.

The result is the elimination of many thousands of white-collar jobs, the consolidation of divisions under trimmed-down management, and the elimination of the least profitable operations in large companies.

The fact that once strong American industries are beset by foreign competition, especially steel and including textiles, shoes and consumer electronics, adds to concerns about reducing unemployment.

Whether the Reagan team, or any other, can contend with these multiple challenges is hard to say. What can be said is that the job of creating jobs might be tougher in the future than over the past 20 years.

Rotan predicting more bankruptcies

HOUSTON (AP) — A brokerage firm specializing in the securities of oil and gas companies is predicting increased bankruptcies among energy companies because of slow recovery of drilling and drilling-related activity.

A Rotan Mosle report said there would be no dramatic resurgence in drilling activity this year and warned "the frequency of bankruptcies is likely to increase."

The report also said the decline in the number of active drilling rigs will

bottom out this month and gradually increase during the final four months of the year.

Hughes Tool Co., which compiles a weekly count of active oil and gas drilling rigs, reported that the total dropped to 2,656 last week, down 15 from the previous week and 1,450 below the total during the boom of 1981.

The drilling decline was blamed on weak demand for oil, anemic prices caused by the sluggish international

economy, disappointment with the results of the 1981 domestic drilling spree, and a shortage of capital from investors.

Recovery, said the Rotan Mosle report, "may be very gradual unless there is a sudden upheaval in the Middle East."

Some drilling contractors have been charging rates at below cost "in order to keep their fleets operating at the highest possible levels," the report said.

DOE hits Sohio for \$15 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department says the Standard Oil Co. (Ohio) has agreed to pay \$15 million to settle allegations of overpricing crude oil and refined petroleum products over a 7½-year period.

Sohio did not admit to the violations but said it agreed to the consent order to avoid a lengthy, expensive legal battle.

Under the agreement announced Monday, Sohio will pay \$5 million to the federal government and \$10 million will be distributed to the governments of 19 states and the District of Columbia.

The distribution is to be proportional to the amount of business Sohio does in the various states.

Ohio, where Sohio is headquartered, will get largest state share, \$4.4 million. Pennsylvania is next with \$1.4 million.

It will be up to state officials to decide what to do with the money.

Energy Department spokeswoman Susanne H. Howard said Sohio was accused of exceeding price controls set by the agency's Economic Regulatory Administration. Neither the department nor Sohio would give details.

This is the second such settlement. A similar \$25 million settlement was reached last fall between the department and Chevron.

UAW may hit Chrysler with one-day strikes

DETROIT (AP) — United Auto Workers president Douglas A. Fraser says the union might resort to one-day strikes at selected Chrysler Corp. plants if there is no agreement on a new contract by Sept. 14.

"We would have no inhibitions," Fraser said Monday. "There would be no contract and we could do it with impunity. It would be a way to bring the issue to a head without endangering the company."

Contract talks have been under way since July 20, but there has been little apparent progress. The current pact, covering some 43,200 U.S. hourly workers plus another 40,000 on indefinite layoff, expires Sept. 14.

Fraser said he does not favor extending the contract. He also said he doubts a settlement will be reached before Chrysler's directors meet Sept. 2.

"I think you should extend the deadline only for a couple of reasons — when the problems involved are so complicated that you need more time, or when you're so close that you just need a bit more time to complete a settlement," he said.

Chrysler is seeking to hold the line on its total hourly labor costs. The union is demanding an

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