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Divisions threaten War Powers proposal

Insurgents, peacekeepers exchanging shellfire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Democrat-dominated committees of the House are on a collision course over U.S. policy in Lebanon, one threatening to cut off funds for Marines in Beirut and the other ready to extend their stay by 18 months.

Taking the House leadership by surprise, the Appropriations Committee voted Wednesday to choke off money for the Marines on Dec. 1 unless President Reagan has accepted a 90-day War Powers Act limit on his power to keep troops on a battlefield without congressional approval.

The 20-16 party line vote came as members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee predicted easy approval by that panel today of a compromise 18-month authorization agreed to by Reagan and most congressional leaders, including Democratic House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.

The 1973 War Powers Act entrusts the Foreign Affairs Committee with such authorization measures and calls for speedy action both in committee and on the floor. Leaders have said a floor vote may come next week.

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — U.S. warships shelled Syrian-backed insurgents in Lebanon's central mountains today and the rebels struck back. A rocket ignited the main ammunition dump of Italian peacekeepers and three French soldiers were wounded by a grenade.

The Lebanese army, meanwhile, said it repulsed a new attack by insurgents on the strategic town of Souk el-Gharb. The army said 25 rebels were killed and seven of their armored vehicles destroyed.

The state radio quoted a Lebanese army communique as saying

gunmen tossed a grenade at a French military truck as it crossed a road between the Moslem and Christian sectors of Beirut.

The communique said the truck was set afire and three French soldiers were taken to a hospital with serious burns.

The U.S. and British contingents of the 5,400-man peacekeeping force said they were untouched by the bombardment.

The state radio said a salvo of Soviet-made rockets struck a position of the French peacekeeping

force in west Beirut's Kaskas neighborhood, causing an undetermined number of casualties.

Italian spokesman Capt. Corrado Cantatori said the Italian compound near Palestinian refugee camps came under rocket fire. He said at least two rockets struck an ammunition dump close to the Christian neighborhood of Hazmieh.

"We lost almost all our stores," Cantatori said. But he said no Italians were injured.

The latest American naval barrage was unleashed about 3 a.m.

to silence mountaintop Druse batteries that had rained shells overnight around the presidential palace, the Defense Ministry and the nearby U.S. ambassador's residence east of Beirut, the state radio reported.

U.S. Embassy spokesman John Stewart said shells "fell close but not in the compound" at the ambassador's residence. Unlike the previous night, he said, there was no evacuation of the residence.

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mittee has just acted to more or less take it on itself to invoke the War Powers Act of its own volition?" Wright asked.

Rep. Clarence Long D-Md., author of the appropriations committee proposal, responded, "If we don't stand up to our constitutional responsibility to declare war, we don't deserve to be elected."

The 18-month compromise is scheduled to come up in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Friday after today's expected approval by the House panel. Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr. R-Tenn., said floor debate, limited to three days, will begin Monday. House action would follow.

In the House Foreign Relations Committee, Rep. Jim Leach of Iowa, a Republican who has often been at odds with the Reagan administration, said, "I think the committee will support the resolution very strongly with a few dissenting votes."

John Seager, press secretary to Rep. Peter Kostmayer D-Pa., said Kostmayer would introduce an amendment reducing the 18-month term to nine months.

Loeffler, Alexander push drought aid amendment

From Staff and Wire Reports

WASHINGTON — Tired of getting a "no" from the secretary of agriculture on drought aid, two congressmen pushed a bipartisan amendment through the House Appropriations Committee Wednesday that would force John Block into giving feed subsidies or grain.

Labeled the Chief Deputy Whip Amendment, the committee approved on voice vote to add it to the Continuing Resolution, which must be passed by Sept. 30 to keep various government agencies in operation.

The bill is sponsored by U.S. Reps. Tom Loeffler, R-Texas, and Bill Alexander, D-Arkansas, each chief deputy whip for his respective party.

Block has two choices: He can either pay half the cost of emer-

gency livestock feed to keep farm animals alive or release 75 million bushels of federally-owned reserve feed grain from the Commodity Credit Corporation to ranchers whose livestock are dying because of scorched pastures and drought-devastated field crops.

According to Alan Kranowitz, administrative aide to Loeffler, "there's a fair amount of this grain in Plainview" which has been stored since President Carter imposed a grain embargo on the Soviet Union.

TO DATE, Block has approved loans to be made available through the Farmers Home Administration and the Small Business Administration. But that now applies only to ranchers. Farmers must wait to assess their crop loss. The Appropriations Committee's action came even while Block was refusing such

aid before the Agriculture Committee.

By being attached to the country's budget Continuing Resolution, Kranowitz said, the aid would be available to all 28 states hit by the drought and included under the disaster. The negative point is that it doesn't help all those states, each one having a different need.

Alexander's drought problems are different in Arkansas, with the primary one being how to feed poultry. West Texas problems are cattle and sheep, noted Kranowitz.

He acknowledged "there is still a fair amount of legislative process" for the bill to go through before it could become law. It must be passed also in the Senate before going to President Reagan for his signature.

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Landmark's remodeling questioned

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Preservationists are upset about remodeling plans aimed at modernizing parts of San Antonio's City Hall, a historical landmark that dates back to 1889.

Part of the renovation includes the destruction of a number of original walls and the removal of old tile on the building's third floor, which is being expanded to house the city's legal department.

Larry DeMartino, a member of the Fine Arts Commission, complained that the remodeling plans were not brought before his group or the city's Historic Review Board.

"In the brief discussions I've had, it was just to be remodeling to accommodate more people, not

knocking out original walls," he said.

A spokesman for the San Antonio Conservation Society also expressed concern over the extent of the renovations.

Permits for interior demolition, air conditioning improvements and reroofing were issued, but City Hall officials are not required to seek permission for interior changes — despite the building's status as a landmark, said building inspections director Gene Camargo.

The interior work does not affect the outer appearance of the historic structure, he said.

John Miller, project coordinator for the modernization work, said Tuesday that he did not know why the interior tile surfacing was

removed. That decision, he said, was made by the architects.

The third-floor renovation work should be completed within a month, Miller said.

Crews then will tackle improvements at the City Hall annex across the street and, next year, will begin work on the landmark building's second floor, he said.

The San Antonio City Council approved the remodeling efforts, but did not review the details of the work to be done.

Cith Hall was significantly altered in 1927, when its original dome was removed to allow construction of a fourth floor. Other interior modifications were carried out in the 1950s, late 1960s and in 1976-77, Miller said.

With typewriter, paralyzed man becomes 'artistic type'

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — With a lively imagination and two shaky hands that will barely obey, Paul Smith creates visions of horse-drawn carts and Spanish galleons — a world far from the small room he shares in a nursing home.

Born 62 years ago Wednesday with spastic paralysis, Smith is a creative soul trapped in a body that has done its best to thwart his talent.

But patience and sheer determination have allowed him to turn his ideas into works of art, using plain white paper and an old manual typewriter in an unusual art form called "typewriter painting."

Smith's brushes are nine symbols on the rickety Royal and his paints are a box full of colored ribbons he

can, with effort, change himself.

Every stroke — and it takes thousands to make a single picture — requires Smith to grab one trembling hand with the other and guide it to the keyboard. He uses his thumb to smear colors, create shadows and soften the harsh lines of the typewritten characters.

"Sometimes I goof and then I have to correct it," he told a recent visitor, his mouth straining to form words that can be understood.

It takes two or three months to complete a single picture, he said. It's a painstaking process, but Smith welcomes the challenge.

"I've got time. I've got nothing but time," he said. "Time doesn't mean nothing to me."

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Sea search

Flying a CH-46 helicopter near an American vessel assisting in the search for wrecked of KAL Flight 007 is U.S. Navy Lt. Tim Trainer.

The search continues just outside Russian territorial waters near Moneron Island, north of Japan.

U.S. searchers optimistic about finding 'black box'

By CARL MANNING
Associated Press Writer

The commander of the U.S. search fleet voiced optimism today about finding the crucial flight recorders of Korean Air Lines Flight 007, which a Soviet official says was downed by "trigger happy" pilots who mistook it for a military spy plane.

In Tokyo, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said both U.S. and Japanese officials have been invited by the Soviet Union to Sakhalin Island next week to receive "objects and documents" retrieved from the airliner.

And off Moneron Island, north of Japan, U.S. and Soviet vessels searched five miles apart for the flight recorders — which could explain why the South Korean airliner was in Soviet airspace over Sakhalin when Soviet warplanes shot it down Sept. 1 with 289 people aboard.

The Foreign Ministry said U.S. and Japanese officials would go to Sakhalin on Monday to receive items found by Soviet search vessels. The Soviets have not said what they have found and have refused to allow other ships to get close to their operations.

Ministry spokesman Wasuke Miyake said Soviet authorities told Japan six people would be allowed to land at Nevelsk, a port on Sakhalin's southwest coast, to claim the items.

Rear Adm. William A. Cockell Jr. said there were "reasonable prospects for localizing some parts of the aircraft," adding U.S. search ships "hope to have enough contacts with the pinger...to get a location and follow that up with other equipment."

Cockell spoke to reporters aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Sterett, flagship of the U.S. search operation, exactly three weeks after the airliner crashed into the Sea of Japan off Sakhalin.

The "pinger" is a high frequency signal from the recorders designed to help searchers in locating them. Normally, the pinging device operates up to 30 days before the batteries die.

Capt. Charles L. MacLin, supervisor of the operation, said finding the recorders is "like trying to locate a pencil in the desert at night from an altitude of 1,000 feet."

On Wednesday, the Soviet official, Viktor Linnik, said the pilots would not have shot down the Boeing 747 if they had known it was a commercial flight. It was the first Soviet admission of error in its downing of the aircraft by heat-seeking missiles.

"Of course it was a mistake in the sense that the pilots took this plane for a reconnaissance plane," Linnik said in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Linnik, one of nine Soviet delegates attending an Edinburgh University conference on East-West relations, said the Soviet pilots "never thought it was a civilian plane. If they did, the decision would have been totally different. I am absolutely certain of that."

He said a U.S. Air Force reconnaissance plane was operating over the north Pacific at the same time the airliner was flying over Kamchatka peninsula, site of top-secret Soviet military bases.

"The fact was that the U.S. reconnaissance planes were flying over the area all the time," he said. "They were about to monitor the would be tests of the Soviet intercontinental missiles. And the tension that the (Soviet) pilots in the area are telling about is so intense, is so high, that I was not surprised they reacted in this trigger-happy manner."

U.S. and South Korean officials have repeatedly denied the KAL airliner was involved in any type of spy mission. U.S. officials have said the Soviets should have distinguished the KAL aircraft from the reconnaissance plane, a military version of the Boeing 707 which is about half the size of the 747.

Today, six U.S. ships using helicopters, undersea detectors and underwater radar searched for the plane's flight recorders in 2,200-foot international waters northwest of Moreron, west of Sakhalin, U.S. and Japanese officials said.

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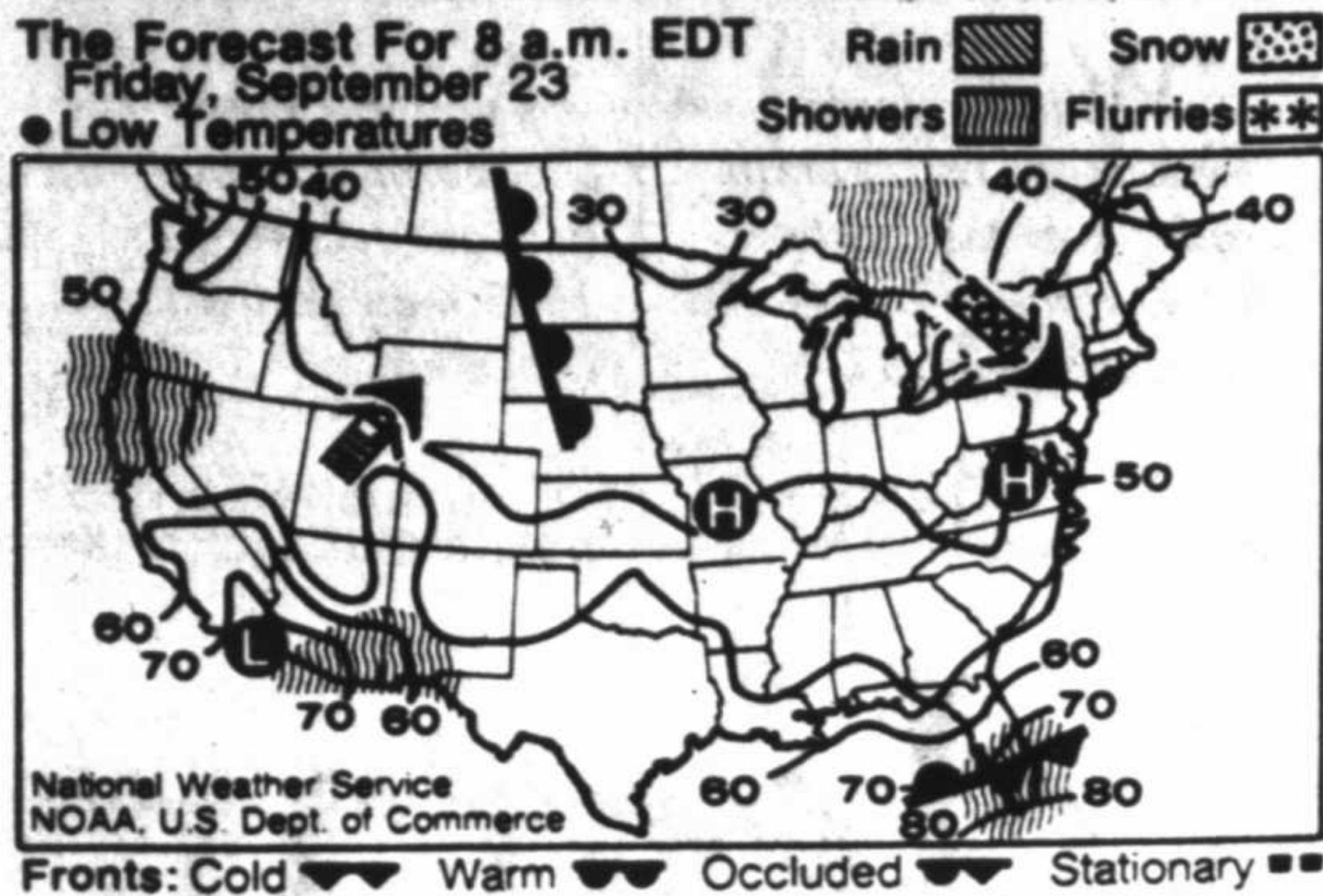
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Partly cloudy Friday with a high in the mid-90s. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Cooler weather for most of the nation is forecast through Friday by the National Weather Service. Mild weather is expected for the Southwest, with showers predicted for the Southwest, northern California and southern Arizona.

Local warming trend expected

Summer has sneaked back into the Permian Basin with the cool temperatures earlier this week expected to soar back up to simmering heights by the week's end.

According to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport, tonight will be fair with a low in the middle 50s while Friday is expected to be partly cloudy with a high in the middle 80s.

Tonight's southeasterly winds at 5-10 mph will shift southerly at 10-20 mph Friday.

Wednesday's pleasant high of 72 was 28 degrees cooler than 1977's record high of 100. The overnight low of 50 was four degrees warmer than 1972's chilly low of 46.

Midland statistics

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Yesterday's High	72 degrees
Oversight Low	50 degrees
Sunrise today	7:46 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow	7:37 a.m.
Precipitation	none
Last 24 hours	3.9 inches
This month to date	3.18 inches
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LOCAL TEMPERATURES	
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Despite spastic paralysis, man creates artwork with typewriter

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Since he began pecking out pictures 46 years ago, Smith has created nearly 200 typewriter paintings. Over 160 of them are on display at the Douglas County Coastal Visitor's Center south of Winchester Bay, on Oregon's Pacific coast.

They include landscapes, still lifes and careful reproductions of major works of art. Smith favors his portraits, which include likenesses of modern presidents, Princess Grace and Pope John Paul II. The pope rewarded his efforts with two autographed photographs of himself, Smith said proudly.

What success Smith has had in cir-

culating his artwork has come largely through the help of his best friend and volunteer publicist, John Cermak.

Cermak met Smith 13 years ago while visiting his own mother in the Rose Haven Nursing Home, where Smith lives.

"It amazed me, just like it does everyone, that anyone — let alone someone with his problems — could do this beautiful work. And we struck up a friendship," Cermak said.

On Sundays, Cermak's family takes Smith to church and for occasional drives in the country. Smith ventures into town himself on an oversized tricycle he owns.

Pilot pulls plane out of plunge

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Passengers shrieked and the pilot screamed "Get him off me!" when a passenger cut off fuel to one engine on a commuter plane carrying 17 people, sending the craft into a 700-foot nosedive before it was brought under control.

As a passenger and the co-pilot grappled with the man, the pilot pulled the twin-engine Swearingen Metro 2 out of its dive only 200 to 300 feet above the ground, witnesses said Wednesday.

"My first thought was just to try and grab him...and when I did, I pulled him back and I confess to hitting several times," said John Henderson, the Boston University law professor held the man on the floor until the plane landed safely Wednesday evening at Hancock International Airport.

None of the 15 passengers or two crew members aboard Empire Airlines Flight 841 en route from Washington to Montreal were injured in the incident, which lasted less than two minutes, authorities said.

Charged with four counts of attempted murder and held without bail pending arraignment today was Christopher Bradshaw, 27, of suburban Baldwinville, said Syracuse police spokesman Rod Carr.

One witness speculated Bradshaw was trying to commit suicide, but police said they knew of no motive.

As the 19-seat plane approached the Syracuse airport at 1000 feet,



Police lead Christopher Bradshaw toward a terminal building at a Syracuse, N.Y., airport Wednesday after removing him from a commuter airplane he is accused of sabotaging.

Bradshaw suddenly arose and bolted toward the pilot, Carr said.

Bradshaw went through an open curtain into the cockpit, reached between Flight Capt. J.B. Whitehead and First Officer Marshall Banks and pulled back a red-capped throttle, instantly cutting off the fuel flow to the airplane's left engine, Carr added.

After the man flipped the switch,

the pilot screamed "Get him off me, get him off me," said David Stanton, a cameraman for WIXT-TV in Syracuse.

Other passengers shrieked as the plane plummeted, said Stanton.

"The plane pitched to the right and we were literally nosediving. We were just going straight down," said WIXT newsman Jeff Scheidecker, returning with Stanton from

a White House news conference.

"I, like many people on the plane, thought we were going to crash. I looked out the window at one point and saw the trees and ground and they were coming up very fast," Scheidecker said.

"There was a great deal of confusion and screaming. One passenger (Henderson) lunged toward the cockpit and grabbed the guy who was in there and pulled him back into the passenger compartment," he said, giving Whitehead the chance to regain the controls and land.

Henderson said in a copyright interview with Scheidecker that he wasn't watching what was going on in the cockpit.

"Thank God they had enough presence of mind to bring it back from wherever it was going because it did seem to me...that we were headed down and that I had enough presence of mind, you know, to know that was not where we wanted to go," Henderson added.

Henderson and Banks held Bradshaw to the floor while Whitehead landed the plane.

Stanton surmised that Bradshaw was trying to commit suicide. However, police had no theory about the motive.

Telephone messages left for airline officials at Empire's Utica office were not returned today.

Police said passengers bound for Montreal were transferred to a different flight and sent on their way after the incident.

U.S. nearing end of commitment?

By R. GREGORY NOKES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration may be near the limit of its military commitment in Lebanon, especially if government forces are defeated at Souk el-Gharb, well-placed State Department officials say.

These officials, who insisted on anonymity, say naval bombardments from U.S. gunships were decisive in turning back a major assault on the town by the Muslim Druse militia and its supporters that threatened to overwhelm Lebanese army defend-

ers earlier in the week.

"It was very hairy," said one official. "We bailed them out, but we would prefer not to bail them out."

More naval shelling is likely if the battle for the town continues, and U.S. warplanes may go into action on the side of government forces, officials say. The battleship New Jersey is headed for the Lebanese coast and could become involved.

From the comments of U.S. officials, it is clear that protecting American members of the international peacekeeping force is a lesser motivation for U.S. involvement in the fighting than helping prevent a crippling defeat from being inflicted on the Lebanese army.

The feeling is widespread, however, that the Lebanese army has performed better than expected at Souk el-Gharb, a matter of some pride here since Americans had a major hand in training the army during the past year. But it is weary from battle, and the continuing assaults on the town are taking their toll.

One official acknowledged that if Souk el-Gharb is overrun, "it would probably spell the collapse of the Lebanese army as a protective force and probably spell the fall of the Gemayel government."

But direct involvement in combat

Lebanese army claims repulsion of new raid on strategic town

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Nearly five hours later, the capital was shaken by thunderous blasts, and local radio stations said the city's Christian sector was under renewed bombardment from Druse positions in the Syrian-controlled Upper Metn mountains.

The Civil Defense Corps broadcast appeals for people to stay indoors as shells and rockets slammed into the Christian neighborhoods of Ashrafiyeh, Ein el-Rummaneh, Museum and Tayyouneh. Several fires were reported.

A Lebanese army communique said its embattled garrison of the U.S.-trained 8th Brigade repulsed another onslaught by Druse and Palestinian guerrillas on Souk el-Gharb before dawn.

The U.S. destroyers John Rodgers and Arthur Radford sent shells whizzing over Beirut toward the mountains during the night — the second consecutive night that U.S. warships opened fire to try to halt artillery attacks on the suburbs.

A Western military source said about 300 rockets hit the suburbs but there were no reports of the president's or ambassador's residence being hit.

By American Marines is being ruled out. "We are kind of at the limit of what we will do militarily unless there is a dramatic change," he said. "If (President Amin) Gemayel and the army can't pull off their own survival with a little help from their friends, we can't do it for them."

If Gemayel can't survive, U.S. officials don't think anyone who has a better chance of governing would succeed him, and they envision that Washington might arrange a speedy withdrawal for the Marines who are in Lebanon as part of the multinational peacekeeping force.

Compromise doesn't look like bargain

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the Democratic presidential contenders, compromise legislation authorizing Marines to stay in Lebanon for another 18 months doesn't look like much of a bargain.

The 18-month authorization is "sort of a blank check," Ohio Sen. John Glenn said Wednesday as he questioned Secretary of State George P. Shultz at a Senate Foreign Relations Committee meeting.

"I don't want to pull the Marines out," Glenn said later. "I'll probably support something for a shorter time period."

But he declared that the United States "is on a very slippery slope" in Lebanon, and said the Reagan administration has clearly expanded the role of the Marines since they were sent to the Beirut area a year ago as part of a multinational peace-

keeping force.

For Glenn, his seat on the Foreign Relations Committee gave him a chance to combine his role as senator and presidential contender.

With a camera crew filming the scene for possible use in a campaign commercial, he read a statement and asked Shultz whether Reagan's policy would lead U.S. forces into armed conflict with the Syrians and

how many more troops would be required "before we achieve 'success' in our mission."

"Are we, after a year of military involvement in Lebanon, closer to, or farther from a real solution to the problem?" he asked.

One other Democratic senator seeking the nomination wants the Marines out by late fall.

"They never should have gone," Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina said earlier this month. "I said so at the time."

Hollings said, "It is a dangerous predicament. They are being killed. I don't think we ought to cut and run under fire. What should be done is we ought to set a deadline, Nov. 1 or Dec. 1, and say we made our commitment."

Another contender, former South Dakota Sen. George McGovern, has not yet taken a position on the legislation. But an aide said he favors "having the Marines extricated as soon as possible."

So far only one Democratic contender for the 1984 presidential nomination, former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew, has endorsed the 18-month legislation and that was a qualified endorsement.

Askew said that if he were in Con-

gress he would vote for the bill only if the president were "more forthcoming in stating the objectives of our continued presence...and in explaining the purpose of escalating our military activities there."

Otherwise Askew said, "I would vote against it."

Two Democratic contenders who will have a chance to vote on the bill, Sen. Alan Cranston of California and Gary Hart of Colorado have not yet taken a position. Both men have called for invoking the War Powers Act, as the legislation does.

The bill is endorsed by President Reagan, Senate Republican Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., and House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., and is expected to be voted on in the Senate next week.

The 18-month authorization gives the Marines permission to stay in Lebanon through the 1984 presidential election. But aides to both Cranston and Hart said that didn't mean Reagan's Lebanon policy would be off limits to campaign criticism even if the bill passed.

"I would so say if those are the ground rules (the legislation)," said Murray Flander, a Cranston aide. "That may be what the administration is hoping for, but I don't think

that is realistic."

The seventh Democratic presidential hopeful, former Vice President Walter Mondale, has not yet taken a position on the 18-month proposal, although he too, has called for invoking the War Powers Act.

The legislation was passed over President Nixon's veto in 1973 to give Congress a greater say in decisions to send American troops into combat situations.

Morning cool around state

By The Associated Press

Unseasonably cool weather greeted Texans again today as a ridge of high pressure remained centered across the state.

The combination of mostly clear skies, light northerly winds and an influx of cold Canadian air pushed pre-dawn temperatures to record lows across many areas — including 49 at Dallas Fort Worth, 43 at Waco, 50 at Austin, 48 at San Antonio and 50 at Houston.

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Pipeline firm, homeowner sue Appraisal District

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

A San Antonio pipeline company and a Midland homeowner have filed suits in Midland's 238th State District Court in charging that the Midland County Appraisal District's valuation of their properties exceeds the fair market values from almost 100 percent to 300 percent.

In refiling an old suit, Valero Transmission Co. of San Antonio says Chief Appraiser Roland Wilkinson appraised its pipelines running through Midland County at \$3,385,000. After protesting the 1983 valuation before the district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB), the valuation was set at \$3,101,460.

Valero says the gas lines are worth \$1,581,640 on the fair market but had rendered their value at \$1,595,160.

"The chief appraiser and the ARB appraised the property in an amount that exceeded its market value by more than 96 percent and exceeded the value rendered by Valero by more than 94 percent," says Valero.

The transmission company claims the property was appraised "une-

qually in comparison to the level of appraisals" of other property in the district.

"The Texas Constitution and the (Texas Property Tax) Code imposed a duty upon the chief appraiser and the ARB to appraise the property at its market value," says Valero, which claims Wilkinson and the ARB, chaired by Jack Mogle, disregarded those constitutional and statutory mandates.

Valero is asking the court to "fix" market and appraised values on the property at not more than \$1,581,640.

In the other suit, Midlander Joe G. Roper says the appraisal district valued his under-construction main residence in northwest Midland County, barn and other structures on a 10-acre site at \$462,000 in 1983. A year earlier, it was valued at \$161,820, he says. Roper is claiming the 300 percent increase is unfair although some construction had been done on the residence in 1982.

The property was in a "state of suspended construction" and remodeling from Aug. 1, 1982 to Aug. 1, 1983.

"The work done during the seven

months of 1982 when a contractor was intermittently working on the project was no more than 10 percent of the total work required for completion of construction," says Roper. As a result of the construction delay, the property by Jan. 1 had progressed to 60 percent completion, "which is considerably below the 80 percent completion" used in the appraisal district's valuation of his property in January 1983.

Roper says his main residence contains 4,700 square feet and not the 5,417 square footage claimed by the appraisal district. Further, he says the residence is "not new construction but is essentially a remodeling of an older structure."

The property's fair market value is "speculative," he says, since a buyer "would bear the undetermined cost of completion...before the main residence would be a habitable structure."

Roper recommended the court order a \$177,000 valuation on the property.

His 1983 county, school, college and hospital taxes on the property totaled \$5,217.37, according to court records.



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Goal trotting

A multiple flash exposure of the Brockington brothers — Mac and Paul — creates three basketballs in the light of a full moon at Sparks Park Wednesday night.

Mosbacher seeking senate seat

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

He's never been elected to an office, but Rob Mosbacher, 32, of Houston is seeking the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate on the premise he is the only candidate with Senate experience.

Mosbacher, who has worked behind the scenes in Republican politics for several years, including six as an aide to U.S. Sen. Howard Baker, explained his candidacy during a news conference Wednesday afternoon at the Midland Hilton.

He will be in the primary with Ron Paul of Lake Jackson and Phil Gramm of College Station, who will announce his candidacy today. Gramm will hold a news conference at 10:15 a.m. Friday at Midland Regional Airport. The Senate seat has been held the past 21 years by John Tower, also a Republican, who announced recently he wouldn't seek re-election.

In outlining his platform, Mosbacher said he believes President Reagan has "put the country on the right road by reducing the cost of government spending" and by rebuilding national defense.

The attorney-businessman has been on Reagan's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives to put the idea into action. "We've identified creative ways to address social and economic problems in this state," he said.

He cited an example in Houston where the Harris County Medical Society put together medical help for persons who had been unemployed for a long time and no longer had health insurance. Of 4,500 physician members, 1,000 are participating in the program, treating these people at no cost.

Also on his list of private initiative successes is Midland's Christmas in April program where local persons and businesses volunteer time and money to repair houses of low-



Rob Mosbacher

income elderly and/or handicapped people. Such efforts can be duplicated across the country, he contended.

"This country has a lot of generosity and it became dormant over the last generation or two" when people began to depend on the government for help, Mosbacher said.

"If we want to continue economic recovery, we must reduce the role of government," he said, adding that it doesn't mean saying there are no longer problems. Instead, those problems should be turned back to the local private initiative project.

Mosbacher supports a strong national defense, but he wants to address wastes in the military budget. He would like a seat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, saying "it's critical to this country and to this state."

Tower, he noted, has been on that committee.

Looking at the state's problems

with immigration and the influx of Mexican nationals into Texas, Mosbacher said he doesn't agree with one government proposal requiring employers to verify a person's nationality before hiring him. Instead of the Border Patrol being reduced, as it has been, Mosbacher said it should be increased.

As president of RAM Drilling Company, Mosbacher acknowledged financial problems many energy firms are experiencing and advocated decontrol of natural gas.

Women and Hispanics need to be brought into the party, and Mosbacher said he feels he can do this easier than Gramm, whom he described as having a more conservative philosophy than he.

Mosbacher plans to do this not by creating special interest programs, he said, but by showing these people are needed in the party. He is aiming for support from the 25-40 age group.

The primary isn't until May 1984, and Mosbacher expects to spend almost \$2 million to get the Republican nomination. His strongest opponent is Gramm, he said, agreeing the congressman has a stronger name identification statewide. And there is a possibility of a runoff with Gramm.

The Democrats, Mosbacher contended, haven't come up with a candidate to excite the crowds, except in West Texas. Kent Hance, who represents the 21st Congressional District that once included Midland, has elicited the strongest reaction in West Texas Democrats of all the candidates, including Bob Krueger.

Mosbacher's finance chairman is his father, who was national finance chairman for Gerald Ford's presidential campaign in 1976, George Bush's presidential campaign in 1980 and then the Reagan-Bush campaign.



Staff Photo by Ron Jacob

This billboard near the intersection of West U.S. Highway 80 and the old Bankhead Highway promotes an upcoming six-week drive for volunteers needed by Clean Midland in its efforts to improve the city's appearance.

Clean Midland needs volunteers

By RICHARD ORR
Staff Writer

Clean Midland is looking for volunteers interested in improving the city's appearance, according to Nancy Sharp, the organization's director.

"Our primary effort is directed toward the overall reduction of litter, not just periodic cleanups," she said.

The volunteer drive is an ongoing effort, she noted, but next week will mark a special six-week recruitment effort.

Volunteers are needed to staff the organization's five committees, which she refers to as "the working arms of Clean Midland."

For instance, the civic committee works with various civic organizations on projects to keep parks and streets clean and to improve the appearance of yards and alleys.

"We want to educate people on what individuals can do to improve the appearance of Midland. We need to change the attitudes and habits people have, instead of just cleaning up all the time."

A second facet of the drive is to gain financial independence for Clean Midland, which currently is supported jointly by city and Chamber of Commerce money.

Students can join for as little as \$1, while others can participate financially with contributions ranging from \$5 for individual member-

ships to \$250 or more as a benefactor.

Clean Midland officially began last February when it was certified as a member of Keep America Beautiful Inc., a network of more than 300 communities nationwide that are trying to reduce litter in their area.

Last May, Clean Midland spearheaded a citywide cleanup of large appliances, and on Oct. 8 the Midland Lions Club will participate in cleaning up special areas such as railroad rights of way and Scharbauer Draw. Volunteers are also needed for that effort, according to Ms. Sharp.

"We're taking a systematic approach to the litter problem," she added.

Grand jury indicts three persons

A federal grand jury in Midland on Wednesday indicted two Odessans and a Midlander for embezzlement, forgery and possession of stolen mail.

Indicted were:

—Georgejean Norman, 30, of Odessa, who was charged by indictment on two counts of embezzling U.S. Postal Service blank money orders on Aug. 24, 1982. Maximum penalty for each offense is a five-

year prison sentence and a \$5,000 fine.

—Richard Allen Womack, 24, of Odessa who was indicted for forging the endorsement "Kevin D. Allison" on a \$1,633 U.S. Treasury check in July 1982 and for possessing a letter which was stolen from the U.S. mails. Maximum punishment for the forgery offense is a 10-year prison sentence and a \$1,000 fine. Possessing stolen mail is punishable by a five-year prison sentence and a \$2,000 fine.

—Janette Rivers, also known as Frances Jenette Rivers, Frances Jenette Shelton and Mrs. Charles Rivers, 29, of Midland. She was indicted for forging the endorsement "Espinola Taylor" on a \$570.06 U.S. Treasury check and for possessing stolen mail addressed to Espinola V. Taylor of 510 S. Calhoun St. Maximum penalty for forgery is a 10-year prison sentence and a \$1,000 fine. Possessing stolen mail is punishable by a five-year sentence and a \$2,000 fine.

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cracks and chasms.

Football. What learned soul would take the time to watch 22 armored and helmeted guys line up on a green field and play with an egg-shaped ball covered with pigskin?

Millions of folks do, and thousands write and talk about it for a living. Some people know what they're watching and somehow make sense out of the huddling, grunting, ball chasing, hitting, tripping, tackling, ball slamming and rump patting.

You can sort of sense the fun of throwing a ball into a crowd and seeing if your man can catch it. But

what's the fun of knocking somebody for a loop or being the one knocked down and out?

It must be the pay or the girls; maybe the gals like to see their guys in the arena. It's an unholy war. Otherwise, it surely would take a masochist to suffer through the pawing. Maybe the after-the-game glory is worth the agony. Only the athletes know or maybe they don't. Anyway, the sports writers speculate.

Computers. As the computers get more and more ingrained in people's lives, maybe the computer mystic will die out. The computer is fast

on the multiplication tables and has vast retention — often mislabeled as "memory." The computer has no more memory than does your filing cabinet. It just stores stuff and other data you might put into it. It's no panacea.

Computers, football and rock music have much in common. They're hybrids of business and entertainment. And those who care to try to make sense out of any of them can hack away.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram

DEATHS

Ralph Myers Jr.

Services for Ralph Myers Jr., 62, of 302 Thornridge, will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Ellis Funeral Home chapel with David Wallace, minister of North A and Tennessee Church of Christ officiating, with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Myers died Monday afternoon in a Midland hospital.

He was born Dec. 19, 1920, in Ponca City, Okla., where he grew up. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1940, and served in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II. After his discharge in 1946, he was associated with Sun Oil Pipeline Company in Kilgore for three years before moving to Delhi, La., for 15 years. He moved to Midland in 1969 and became an independent landman, working with El Paso Gas for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Myers of Midland; a son, Michael Myers of San Antonio; three daughters, Donna Gehner of Washington, Belva Grossweiler of Corpus Christi, and Melanie Young of Lubbock; his mother, Esse Myers of Bellevue, Wash.; a brother, Donald Myers of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Marcelle Wright of Bellevue, Wash.; and eight grandchildren.

Theo McCray

BIG SPRING — Graveside services for Theo McCray, 77, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Trinity

Memorial Park, directed by Nalley-Pickel Funeral Home of Big Spring. Ms. McCray died Tuesday morning in a Big Spring hospital.

She was a resident of Big Spring for 30 years and a retired nurse's aide. She was a Baptist.

J.S. Bearden

BIG SPRING — Services for J.S. Bearden, 65, of Ackerly, were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Nalley-Pickel Rosewood Chapel here with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Bearden died Wednesday morning in a Big Spring hospital.

He was a resident of the Ackerly area since 1934 and was a retired operator for Getty Oil. He was a Methodist.

Haskell Autry

BIG SPRING — Services for Haskell L. Autry, 68, of Sand Springs, will be at 4 p.m. Friday in the Nalley-Pickel Rosewood Chapel here with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Autry was killed Wednesday morning in an automobile accident 7.5 miles west of Big Spring in Howard County.

A resident of Howard County for 47 years, he was a field supervisor for Allstate Vacuum and Tank Co., and was a Baptist.

Insurance executive flees two abductors

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An insurance executive kidnapped and robbed by two knife-wielding men managed to escape when the pair made one too many stops for beer, authorities said.

Stanley Pisano, 64, said he was abducted by two drunken, shabbily dressed men who confronted him in the parking lot of the Brackenridge Park golf course.

The men held a knife to his throat during a two-hour drive through South Texas, but Pisano said he escaped when they made one of their periodic stops for beer and the driver relaxed and reached to get a can from his friend.

The two men were arrested in Atascosa County after Pisano bolted from the car and they crawled under an abandoned frame house to hide, Sheriff Tommy Williams said.

"They kept telling me they were going to kill me if I tried anything," Pisano said Wednesday. "They were desperate and mean-looking."

Pisano, vice president of the local branch of Alexander and Alexander, said one of the men had first approached him about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and asked for a ride.

"I immediately smelled booze when he came up to the car," he said.

Pisano said the man stumbled away when he was refused a ride, but returned seconds later and

thrust a paring knife to his throat.

The man's friend jumped into the back seat and held a knife to Pisano's throat when the executive was forced to move into the passenger's seat, he said.

The pair took about \$50 from Pisano's wallet, but refused to let him go, saying he could identify them, authorities said.

"There was no doubt in my mind they were going to kill me," he said. "I thought I'd had it. I knew that I had to get out of that car or I was going to be killed."

Pisano said he bolted from the car near Campbellton, about 50 miles south of San Antonio, when the man in the back seat passed a newly purchased beer to the driver.

The men then crawled under a nearby house, which was surrounded within minutes by at least 15 officers from several law enforcement agencies.

One man surrendered, but the other had to be yanked out from under the house by his heels, Williams said.

Robert Price, 41, of San Bernardino, Calif., and Pedro Martinez, 25, of Dallas both were charged with aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping.

They remained in the Atascosa County jail late Wednesday in lieu of \$50,000 bond each set by Peace Justice N.E. Roane.

BIRTHS

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

September 19, 1983
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Richard Schleeter, 509 Howard, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Martinez, 1512 S. Terrell, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Philip Knoeller, 2502 Bellechase, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Segulja, 1502 Cascade Court, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Javier Nino,

421 E. Magnolia, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gordon Merrill, 4400 Pasadena, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ray Lary, 4700-B Dentcrest, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lee Wortman, Route 4 Box 5-P-5, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Conrad Price, 2613 Midland Drive No. 2003, girl.
September 20, 1983
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Earl Floyd, 4715 W. Wadley Apt. 406, boy.

Man gets life for killing

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas (AP) — Calvin Loyd Padgett has been sentenced to life in prison for the fatal shooting of a Pizza Hut employee in this East Texas community 16 months ago.

The jury that convicted him Tuesday for the murder of Howard Leroy McClafflin, 25, decided during seven hours of deliberations Wednesday against death by injection for Padgett.

District Attorney Charles Mac Cobb said he was pleased about the conviction, but "disappointed that the jury was not able to agree that he was a continual threat" to society and should be sentenced to die.

Padgett also is charged with capital murder in the deaths of George Dwain Landrum, 42, and Shirley O'Bier Thompson, 24.

Defense attorney Jerry Birdwell announced plans to appeal.

"The conviction is wrong. I think

he is innocent," Birdwell said.

"I think all the evidence clearly showed — from his past criminal record and the facts of the case and the opinion of the psychiatrist — that he is extremely dangerous and will be a continual threat," Cobb said.

However, Cobb declined to say if he would try Padgett on the remaining capital murder charges.

The bodies were found in or near a walk-in cooler at the rear of the restaurant. All had been shot, and Landrum had also been hit in the head with a hammer, authorities said.

"Something that disturbs me is that I observed a lot of sympathy for the defendant's mother and sister, much more than has ever been expressed for the family of the victims," Cobb said.

Several people congratulated Padgett's mother and sister after the sentence was read.

Tax hike, teachers get top attention

AUSTIN (AP) — Incompetent teachers and possible new taxes to help fund teacher pay raises are getting top attention from the Select Committee on Public Education.

"Everywhere I go I ask how many teachers are incompetent," said H. Ross Perot, Dallas multimillionaire who is chairman of the blue-ribbon committee, "and I get answers all the way from 10 to 30 percent. Probably an average of about 20 percent."

"If you just take 10 percent of 170,000 teachers, I see no reason whatever to give those 17,000 a raise," he said Wednesday at a meeting of the committee.

"We are not defending incompetent teachers," said Becky Brooks, president-elect of the Texas State Teachers Association. "We are defending the right of due process for them."

"Every other profession I know has some standard system to purge their rolls of the incompetent," said Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, chairman of the Senate Education Committee and a member of Perot's group. "Why don't teachers do that?"

Camella Walker, a Houston teacher, had some other recommendations for the committee.

"Let the teachers teach," she said emphatically. She urged doing away with such interruptions as public address announcements from the principal about collecting money for charity. She

also said teachers should not have to sweep out classrooms and empty wastebaskets.

Joe Kelly Butler of Houston, chairman of the State Board of Education, another member of the select committee, said, "If we have to find fault (for incompetent teachers) I think it is the fault of the entire educational community. We should find a way to retrain them and return them to competency — not just fire them and forget them."

The teachers group presented recommendations for a 24 percent increase in teachers' salaries, plus other improvements in public schools that would cost a total of \$3 billion.

James Butler, TSTA executive secretary, called for "broad base taxes" to raise new revenues, such as another cent on the state sales tax, doubling the five-cent state gasoline tax, and a series of luxury, or "sin," taxes as recommended by Gov. Mark White.

Dr. Eli Douglas, superintendent of schools at Garland, and president of the Texas Association of School Administrators, urged teacher pay hikes with a beginning-level salary of \$20,000 for "competent teachers."

Douglas said the administrators would support a one-cent increase in the state sales tax, a five-cent increase in state tax on gasoline and "taxes from other revenue that might be deemed appropriate."

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The first arrest of the evening was fast and easy. He was a lean, bony transient sleeping on a bench in Travis Park.

Foot Patrolman Chris Vieyra leaned over and smelled the man's breath for alcohol. He frisked the suspect, then nodded to his partner.

Sherry Caruso snapped on the handcuffs and yanked the man to a sitting position.

"Why are you taking me in?" the transient asked, blinking his eyes in confusion. The two officers told him he was being booked for public intoxication and reassured him it would be only for the night.

IT WAS A SIMPLE arrest. No muss, no fuss.

But they're not all like that. Especially on hot summer nights when tempers flare and violence lurks behind the next call.

Those are the nights that separate the men from the boys — and the male officers from their female counterparts.

Those are the nights when grizzled officers say privately that a "broad with a badge" is worthless.

"BEING ARRESTED by a woman is like being sent to your room by your mama," a veteran patrolman grumbled.

Such remarks are not merely locker-room "machismo." Despite official lip service about the effectiveness of policewomen and their growing role in the department, many male officers fear a woman at their back in a tight situation is worse than no back-up at all.

"Sometimes a soft touch can help control a guy, but I'd rather see someone 6-foot-3 and 200 pounds standing behind me," said one young patrolman.

"Sometimes there is a need to go ahead and get physical," he said. "Women have a tendency to delay doing that and a call can be blown out of proportion because they didn't act in a physical way."

PATROLMAN GERI Garcia, a soft-spoken mother of two, came up against such attitudes when she graduated from the police academy in October.

She readily acknowledges that most female officers are physically smaller than their male counterparts. But sometimes the "machismo" of a male officer only serves to inflame a confrontation, she said.

"The majority of us are not the



San Antonio police officers Chris Vieyra and Sherry Caruso arrest a man for public intoxication. Ms. Caruso and fellow policewomen face

come criticism from male law enforcement officers who privately say that a "broad with a badge is worthless."

same size and strength as men, so you have to use more tact," she said.

"If a guy needs to go to jail, he goes to jail. There's a big difference between going in there and screaming back and being part of the problem, or resolving it in another way."

The more chauvinistic officers claim women are spared more physical confrontations simply because of their sex.

"A MAN IS LESS likely to jump on a woman just because she's a woman," a young patrolman said. "There's no honor in it."

Women have come a long way in the San Antonio Police Department since World War II, when the first "powder puff squad" was activated to control prostitutes at Fort Sam Houston.

Today, the feminine influence can be felt almost everywhere. But statistics indicate it still is a minor influence, at best.

Women constitute less than 4 per-

cent of the entire department. Of 1,116 officers, only 40 are women.

DESPITE THE FIGURES, there is a general consensus among the rank-and-file that women are here to stay. Most agree women are needed vitally in such areas as the juvenile division and sex crimes.

For Mrs. Garcia, like other women in the department, becoming a police officer was not a carefully plotted plan she nurtured from childhood.

Nor was it the pay, the hours or life on the streets that attracted her. "It's some kind of fever you catch that stays with you," she said.

MALE OFFICERS concede the sensitivity that female officers bring to the job is an asset when dealing with the traumatized rape victim or an abused child.

But it is that same quality that also is criticized in the male-dominated world of the San Antonio Police

Department. Deputy Chief Marion Talbert, one of the high-ranking officers, is well-known for his outspoken views on female officers.

Women share the pay, but not the danger, Talbert contends.

WOMEN ARE FINE when it comes to "writing reports or handling children," but in a barroom brawl situation, they can't deal with it, he said.

"It's my opinion that they're not earning their equal pay," he said. "I haven't seen any of them that could handle the rough, physical aspects of the job."

"When they get to be a significant portion of the force, you're going to get in trouble," he said.

Mahalia Ritchey, one of the department's two female detectives, began mulling over the idea of becoming a police officer when her father, a robbery detective, informed her the department was accepting applications from women.

Prosecutor not to be disciplined for comment

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — U.S. District Judge John V. Singleton of Houston has decided against disciplining Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Berg for a comment in court that drew an official rebuke from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In his order released Wednesday, Singleton said criticism of Berg's performance in previous cases has been justified. But Singleton added that Berg did not intend to strike a "foul blow" in the recent brouhaha. Berg has been rebuked four times

in as many years, including the recent flap for asking "an offensive question" during a trial.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans criticized Berg for asking a defendant a question that implied he was guilty of a crime for which he was not on trial.

But in a Sept. 8 hearing on the latest rebuke, every witness who testified, including several lawyers and five federal judges who submitted letters, argued against punishing Berg.

Hospital releases three rescued fishermen

BAY CITY, Texas (AP) — Three fishermen rescued after their boat sank in the Gulf of Mexico have been released from a hospital and a fourth, who spent 46 hours in the water, has greatly improved, a hospital spokesman said.

Ned Cameron of Bay City, who staggered ashore Monday after nearly two days and nights in the water, was in satisfactory condition in the Matagorda General Hospital today.

His friends, all of whom were rescued Sunday, the day after the accident, were released Monday, a spokesman for the Brazosport Community Hospital in Freeport said.

Those men were John Ward,

53, of Houston; Jerome Kovar, 59, of Bay City, and Ed Waligura, 38, of Sugar Land.

The four men were fishing 30 miles offshore from Freeport Saturday night when Ward's boat, the Crackerjack, capsized and sank.

The men became separated when Cameron and Waligura attempted to swim to a shrimp boat 300 yards from where Crackerjack sank.

Cameron made it to the shrimp boat, but was unable to climb aboard or to attract the attention of crewmen on board.

Waligura was rescued by the Coast Guard on Sunday, and Kovar and Ward were rescued by fishing boats Sunday morning.

Ex-official indicted for indecency

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — The former director of the Catholic Youth Organization of San Antonio archdiocese has been indicted on two counts of sexual indecency with a child.

A Comal County grand jury on Wednesday returned the indictments against Duncan Cameron Whitney, 46.

The charges stemmed from an investigation into reports of an alleged fondling incident on Aug. 4 involving two brothers, officials said.

Whitney had long served as executive director of the CYO. He had worked in the youth department of the archdiocese for 20 years before his arrest here last week.

Whitney surrendered last Thursday after being named in an arrest warrant charging him with indecency with a child.

Comal County officials said they began an investigation based on an account a 12-year-old San Antonio boy gave his parents.

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