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NTSB: Pilot 'violated procedure'

By RICHARD ORR
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The pilot of the plane that crashed into the Warwick Apartments last Friday afternoon violated standard flight procedures by taking off with the wind at his tail, according to federal investigators who also say he may not have used all the runway available to him.

T. W. Finch, chief of the Fort Worth field office of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Wednesday that pilot Alex Sheets took off from runway 25 at Midland Air Park on a flight path approximately 20 degrees to the left of due west.

The twin-engine Beechcraft Baron banked sharply seconds later, glanced off the roof of Building 6 at the north side complex, cartwheeled into an adjacent parking lot and exploded.

The building and seven parked vehicles were destroyed. Sheets, three passengers aboard the plane and one apartment resident were severely burned.

WINDS AT THE time were in almost the same direction as the flight path. This was indicated by clouds of smoke that rose hundreds of feet into the air and was confirmed Wednesday by a spokesman for the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport. "The wind was out of the east at 9 mph at the time of the crash," said the spokesman.

The NTSB investigator said it "isn't recommended" that planes take off with a tailwind and that as yet unverified witness accounts of the crash indicate Sheets also took off from an intersection of the runway, not from the end of it.

Air Park is an "uncontrolled," city-owned airport "that does not have a tower to guide or advise pilots."

Witnesses told investigators the plane, which had gained about 50 feet of altitude before coming down, seemed to develop engine trouble and Sheets has reportedly told doctors his port engine failed on takeoff.

Losing one engine of a twin-engine plane on takeoff causes the craft to "torque," or turn, in the direction of the lost engine and there is also a slight tendency for the plane to be forced downward, according to Finch.

HOWEVER, UNDER ideal weight and weather conditions, and assuming no pilot error, the plane should have

gained enough altitude so the pilot can correct for the engine problem and land safely, he added.

Sheriff Dallas Smith, a pilot and part-owner of a World War II P-51 fighter hangared at Air Park, said taking off into the wind gives planes more lift and reduces the distance needed for takeoff. Planes also normally land into the wind, which, among other things, stabilizes their descent.

Thus, a pilot who takes off "against the flow of traffic" not only needs more runway to become airborne, but also risks colliding with incoming flights, Smith added.

Not wanting to second-guess Sheets, Smith emphasized that he didn't see the crash and hadn't seen the reports yet. "But," he added, "it is generally accepted practice to take off into the wind. I don't take off with a tailwind because I was taught not to."

THE ENGINES of the plane, which is owned by the Louisiana Department of Corrections, are in the process of being analyzed for mechanical failure, and it may take up to four months to ascertain the exact cause of the fiery crash, according to federal investigators.

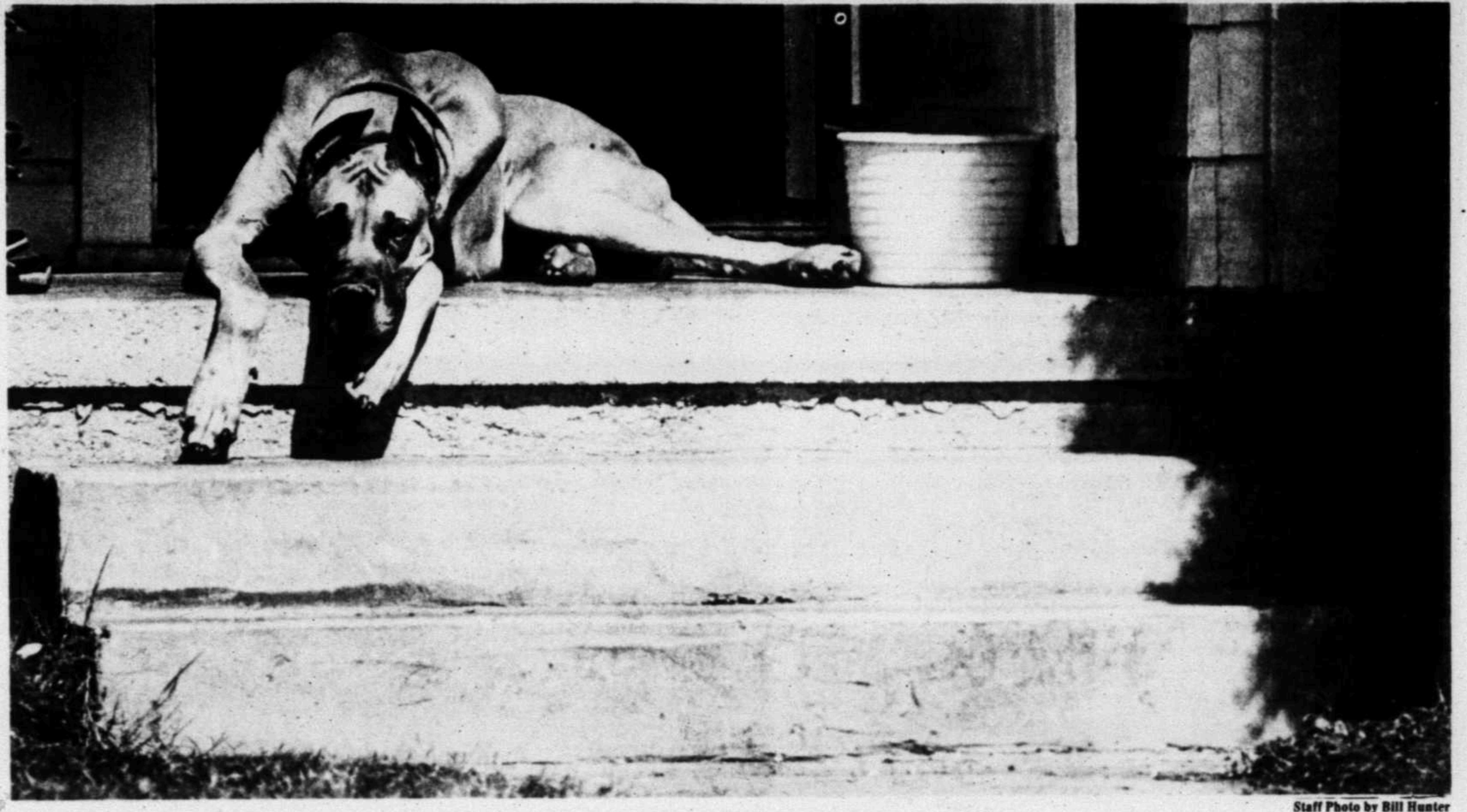
Prison spokesman Mike Martin said Wednesday he had not been notified by the NTSB that the plane had taken off with a tailwind and he declined comment. He remained convinced, however, that a letter criticizing Sheets' competence as a pilot was a case of "sour grapes."

Martin used that term in a news conference earlier this week to refute allegations made in a letter written by former Corrections Department pilot Donald Murray, who was recently "laid off" due to budgetary problems, according to Martin.

Murray released the letter, which he wrote to aviation officials in July, after learning of the Warwick crash. The letter cited eight reasons why he thought Sheets was unable to handle his job, including one flight that Sheets allegedly took with "flaps extended" and another flight he made with a defective battery.

"BUT MR. MURRAY knew prior to writing the letter that he was losing his job," Martin said at the press conference. "This is all sour grapes. He listed these incidents as going back to Octo-

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Staff Photo by Bill Hunter

It's a dog's life, isn't it?

The summertime temperatures which have stuck with Midlanders through the beginning of fall have been pretty doggone hot. And, according to one Great Dane, it's about time for some cooler weather. Maximilian, owned by Terry Teate of 2506 Elizabeth, recently was caught with a

mournful expression as he dozed in the sun. But, if the weatherman's prediction of a slight chance of rain holds true, Maximilian's dog day afternoons might turn into ones raining, what else, cats and dogs.

Several die in Luxembourg crash

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — A Soviet airliner skidded off a runway at Luxembourg's airport, sideswiped a water tower and exploded into flames, and the government said today that five people were killed and 72 injured.

Initial reports put the death toll at 53. That was revised to 12 and later a police spokesman said the number was no higher than 10. The latest toll was given by Roger Sietzen, president of Luxembourg's national airline, Luxair.

Sietzen, speaking for the Luxembourg government, said all five dead in Wednesday's crash at Findel Airport were Luxembourg nationals.

He said the injuries to the other 72 people "vary considerably."

He said the Aeroflot Ilyushin-62 airliner — en route to Lima, Peru, from Moscow with 66 passengers and a crew of 11 — skidded off the runway after it made a normal approach at the Luxembourg airport.

"Immediately after the landing the aircraft drifted toward the right of the landing strip and came to a standstill in a small woods," he said.

The aircraft, which had sideswiped a water tower, burst into flames but most of the passengers and the entire crew escaped, he said.

Neither Sietzen nor any other government official would speculate on what made the plane shoot off the runway or comment on police reports that one of the engines malfunctioned.

Transportation Minister Joseph Barthel also denied a report published in a local newspaper that the crew members were lax in assisting the injured.



"To the contrary, I would say," Barthel said.

The pilot told investigators he lost control when he tried to reverse engines in a standard braking procedure. One engine may have failed to reverse, sending the plane into a sharp turn, investigators speculated.

Also among the survivors was a diplomatic courier, whose documents were turned over to Soviet Embassy officials at the scene, said Luxembourg Police Chief Jean-Pierre Wagner.

Officials said the passengers were from several

countries but a precise breakdown was not immediately available. A police spokesman said casualty tolls were revised as searchers combed woody ravines beside Findel Airport for victims of the disaster, the first major air crash in Luxembourg's history.

Witnesses said the plane suddenly veered to the right, sideswiped a water tower, shot into the woods and caught fire, forcing passengers and crew to flee for their lives as explosions shattered the flaming, blackened fuselage.

"We heard an extremely loud engine noise that lasted for a few seconds," said a man who lives next to Findel Airport. "Then there was silence. After the plane crashed there were continuing explosions for about 20 minutes as it burned."

Many of the victims suffered severe burns and were taken to a burn center in Metz, France, 37 miles south. Others were taken to five hospitals in the city.

A group of survivors, including some crew members, took refuge in a nearby farmhouse, witnesses said. Rescue workers brought powerful lights to the scene and called out for survivors in several different languages, including Russian.

About 15 people were to have disembarked during the stopover, officials said. An Aeroflot spokesman in Lima said the other scheduled stops were Shannon, Ireland, Havana, Cuba, and Kingston, Jamaica.

After hitting the water tower, the plane shot over a small pond and plunged into some woods, felling trees for about 100 yards before it halted at the end of a small valley, television reports said.

More than 'one way' of looking at it?

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Midland City Council's U-turn and backtracking action on Tuesday that changed the one-way designation on Cuthbert Avenue between Garfield and Ward streets has brought charges of "highly irregular" from one resident as the band of citizens plans its next strategy to do battle.

Yet the action taken, which Councilman Tom Sloan had alluded to as being recommended by the city's traffic engineer, may not have been the full story.

In November 1979, the council designated that segment of Cuthbert for one-way westbound traffic after residents complained of high speed traffic, trash and speeding cars crashing into parked vehicles or homes.

"On Tuesday, the council changed

that westbound traffic — in spite of having no complaints from the residents who lived there — to eastbound.

Cited as one reason for the switch is that Councilman Jesse Hatfield contended he had lost business at his Stadium Sports Center, east of Garfield, when traffic had been going westbound.

After the residents had lodged their protests to the change and left when the decision had been made, the council opened up the matter later for reconsideration and decided to draw up an ordinance turning it back into a two-way street.

"Oh, that's horrible," proclaimed Martha Gould of 2303 W. Cuthbert Ave. She had spent most of Wednesday thinking the traffic would be switched to eastbound until she was informed with a telephone call.

"WE HAD A SERIES of accidents here in the past" when it was two-way. "We residents left the council meeting because we thought the item had been concluded. Therefore, I think it's highly irregular to reopen the matter when these citizens who live between Ward and Garfield on Cuthbert, weren't there."

"It does not follow a true legislative process," she added.

Mrs. Paul Smyres, upon hearing that Cuthbert will be two-way, first said she probably will have to leave her home of 20 years at 2313 W. Cuthbert.

"Oh dear, I wish I'd left here a long time ago," she remarked. "We fought for so long for it to be one-way. It was marvelous to us. I would like to move now. When football is on Friday nights, it's very bad for us here. We can't get out."

But she and others recapitulated and by this morning Mrs. Smyres said the group "is gathering and we're going to fight it."

The idea to reconsider that item came from Tom Sloan toward the end of the council meeting. After an executive session, Sloan moved that it be reconsidered, and it was seconded by Councilman Gordon Marcum.

AT THAT POINT, Sloan rattled off the list of changes that included making Cuthbert two-way with no left turns allowed off Cuthbert onto Garfield, making the light at that intersection demand responsive with twice as much time given to traffic on Garfield, putting four-way stop signs at Lanham and Cuthbert and removing all Stop

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Tracking a 'terrorist'

Self-described "political terrorist" Ronald Floyd White, wanted in three kidnappings, was arrested after police cars bumped him off the road at the end of a 100-mph chase.

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House panel seeks to make dogfighting a felony

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas is becoming the "dogfighting capital" of the nation because its law is too lax, one legislator said before his committee voted to make dogfighting a felony and dogfight-watching illegal as well.

The House Committee on State Affairs unanimously decided Wednesday to ask the Legislature to enact the tougher law when it convenes in January.

"We're becoming the dogfighting capital because other states are cracking down," said Rep. Milton Fox, R-Houston. "This is not just some local good of boys fighting dogs. This is a national activity designed to make money and some other very unsavory activities go along with it."

San Antonio Rep. Paul Elizondo said that at his subcommittee's hearings this summer, law enforcement officials

testified they had better luck prosecuting dogfighters under gambling laws than under the state's anti-dogfighting statute.

The Legislature considered raising penalties for dogfighting and cockfighting during its last session, but the measure failed because of pressure from supporters of birdfighting.

The maximum current penalty for staging a dogfight is a year in jail and a

\$2,000 fine. The next stage in severity would be a third-degree felony, carrying a penalty of two to 10 years in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Spectating at a dogfight, not now illegal, would become a misdemeanor under the committee's recommendation.

Committee members also agreed to

warn the Legislature against inadvertently making legitimate dog-breeding and training activities illegal. Rep. Milton Fox, R-Houston, said he had received several calls from constituents concerned that they might "automatically be felons by raising pit terriers."

Pit bulldogs are the most common type of dogs used in illegal fighting.

Lebanon's president ceremoniously declares Beirut a 'united city'

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — President Amin Gemayel today proclaimed this war-torn Lebanese capital a united city and officially reopened Beirut's airport as the first commercial jetliner landed in nearly four months.

"I am very happy to announce today that Beirut has again become the capital of all Lebanon," Gemayel, a Lebanese Christian, said at the tomb of the unknown soldier at the mid-city museum, near the Green Line that

divides Beirut into Christian east and Moslem west.

Participating in the ceremony were 130 U.S. Marines plus French and Italian soldiers making up the peacekeeping force that was deployed as Israeli troops withdrew.

"There is no more an east Beirut and a west Beirut. As of today, the whole capital will be reunited and this is not a only a symbol of the reunification

but...a reunification of the heart," Gemayel said.

The last attempt to unify Beirut was in November 1976, when Syrian peacekeeping forces entered the city to smother the Christian-Moslem civil war. That try collapsed under the pressure of renewed fighting.

The Lebanese state radio said a Trans-Mediterranean Airlines jet arrived at the airport at midmorning followed by a Middle East Airlines jet,

in what was regarded as a symbolic return to normal at the long-closed airport.

About 300 Lebanese applauded and cheered as the red and white MEA jet landed. The pilot flew a Lebanese flag from the cockpit window. Tearful relatives, who had not seen Lebanon since the June 6 Israeli invasion to rout the PLO from west Beirut, embraced their kin and wept.

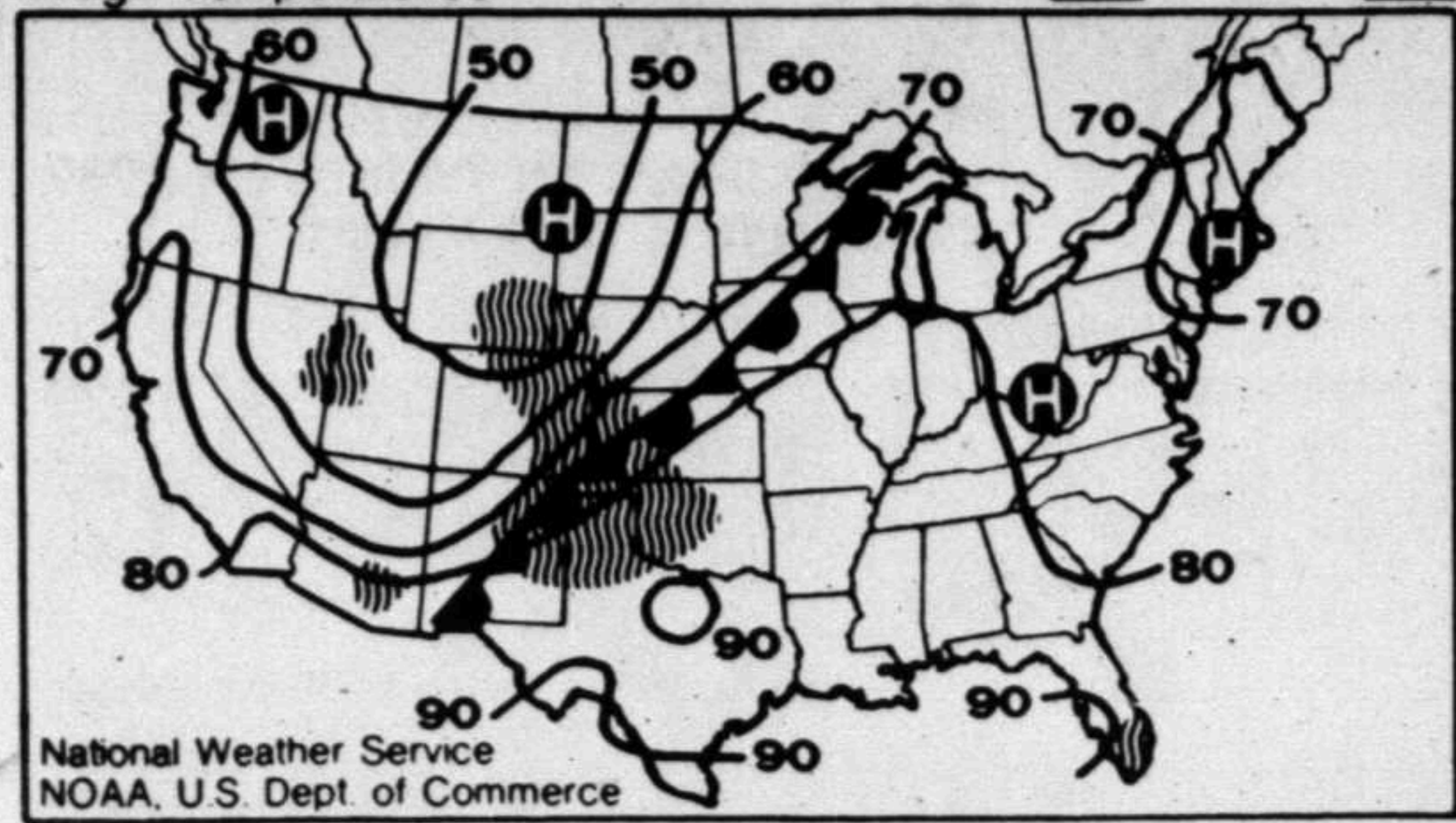
"It's good to be back, but it's very

depressed," said Hania Osman, whose plane circled the city several times. Gemayel was showered by rice and rosewater as he drove from east Beirut to the airport in the Moslem west to greet the first planes.

Earlier, flak-jacketed Marines swept the capital's coast for mines to prepare an amphibious landing of armor and the last contingents of the multinational peacekeeping force later.

WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 8 p.m. EDT
Thursday, September 30
● High Temperatures



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

Shows are predicted tonight for areas of Wyoming, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado and for the southern part of Florida, according to the National Weather Service.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms tonight and Friday with a low tonight in the mid-60s and southerly winds at 10 to 15 mph. Friday's high should be in the mid-80s with southerly winds at 10 to 15 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Table with 2 columns: Time and Reading. Includes Yesterday's High (86 degrees), Overnight Low (66 degrees), and various precipitation and temperature readings.

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Lists cities like Abilene, Amarillo, and El Paso with their respective high and low temperatures.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Cloudy with scattered thunderstorms through Friday. Highs 70s north and mountains to 80s south. Lows 50s north and mountains to 60s south.

North Texas: Partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms west and fair skies east through Friday. Highs 80 to 85. Lows 67 to 72.

South Texas: Partly cloudy and warm through Friday. A chance of showers northwest. Highs 80 to 95. Lows in the 70s.

Texas temperatures

Table with 2 columns: City and Temperature. Lists various Texas cities and their current and forecast temperatures.

Border states forecasts

Louisiana: Mostly fair through Friday. Highs 85 to 90. Lows 62 to 68.

Arkansas: Mostly fair with warm days and cool nights through Friday. Increasing cloudiness west on Friday. Highs 85 to 90. Lows 55 to 60.

Oklahoma: Mostly cloudy through Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly west and north. Locally heavy rainfall possible in the west Friday. Cooler most sections Friday. Highs 75 to 85. Lows mostly in the 60s.

New Mexico: Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms spreading northward through Friday. Chance of heavy rains central and northeast tonight and Friday and showers ending south on Friday. Highs 60s mountains and 70s to lower 80s lower elevations. Lows tonight 40s to 50s. Highs 60s mountains and 50s and 60s elsewhere.

Weather no month change indicator

Does anybody really know what month it is? Midlanders watching the weather for some sign of a change in the month may be puzzled, since September's end and October's beginning will be virtually indistinguishable according to the National Weather Service forecast.

A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms is predicted for tonight and Friday, with winds southerly at 10 to 15 mph both tonight and Friday. Tonight's low should drop to the mid-60s and Friday's high should reach the mid-80s.

Wednesday's high was a brisk 86 degrees when compared with the record high 102 set in 1977. Conversely, the overnight low of 68 was warm when judged against the record low 42 set in 1936.

A trace of measurable precipitation Wednesday was not enough to nudge monthly and yearly rainfall totals past 1.43 and 11.62 inches.

Sunset tonight comes at 7:35 p.m.; sunrise Friday is at 7:42 a.m.

Sheriff dies after exchanging himself for four held hostage

BROOKHAVEN, Miss. (AP) — A county sheriff who exchanged himself for a woman and three children being held hostage was shot to death by his captor, authorities said. The assailant was then killed by officers at the scene.

Franklin County Sheriff James Posey, 37, was slain Wednesday afternoon as he sat in a deputy's car next to Derald V. Coghlan, 25, of Brookhaven, said Highway Patrol Chief Donald Butler.

Coghlan had taken the captives after an attempted robbery, officials said. He agreed to swap the sheriff for the hostages, who were not harmed, after being stopped at a roadblock outside Brookhaven, about 45 miles south of Jackson.

"While they were in the car, Coghlan had a gun and he fired at least one shot into Sheriff Posey's chest," said patrol spokesman Edd Jussely. Posey slumped out of the car and officers opened fire, killing Coghlan.

The hostages were identified by the Highway Patrol as Eve Welch, 41, her son, Charles, 14, and daughter Maria, 17, all of McCall Creek, and an infant, Larry Hawley, whom the family was babysitting.

District Attorney Don Lampton said Coghlan had been awaiting trial for manslaughter in a 1981 shooting.

Money reported missing from office

An employee of the Hacienda Apartments, 220 1/2 Gist, told officers someone took \$270 in cash from an unlocked desk drawer in the office sometime between 4 and 5 p.m. Wednesday. Police said there was no sign of forced entry to the office.

Fire blamed on a malfunctioning water heater extensively damaged a storeroom in a home owned by Anita Merriman at 3219 Roosevelt about 2:20 p.m. Wednesday. Seven fire department units responded to the call and firemen used 250 gallons of water extinguishing the blaze, which also caused smoke damage to the rest of the house.

NTSB investigation reveals pilot 'violated procedure'

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ber of 1981, but he never notified his superiors and we didn't find out anything until after he wrote the letter."

Murray was laid off earlier this month and could not be reached for comment.

Martin also said at the press conference that Sheets had an "unauthorized passenger aboard" and that he might

Odessa store robbed

ODESSA — Zeb's Convenience Store at 503 S. Grant was held up Wednesday night, according to a clerk who told police a man came in about 9 p.m., got a can of beer out of the cooler, placed it on the counter, then pulled a silver pistol and demanded the money.

The clerk complied and the man fled on foot. He was described as Mexican, about 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighing 135 pounds and dressed in a long-sleeved shirt and khaki pants.

face disciplinary action when he recovers from his injuries. That passenger was 41-year-old Ken Hornsby, a personal friend of Sheets who may have served as an unofficial co-pilot on the flight, a prison spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The plane was transporting two prisoners back to Louisiana from California and Nevada when it made a refueling stop at Air Park. The prisoners were flown to hospitals in Louisiana Wednesday morning. They were listed in satisfactory condition.

Sheets and Hornsby, both of Baton Rouge, remain in critical condition at Lubbock General Hospital. The apartment resident, 21-year-old Randy Sellers of Midland, was in serious condition at Lubbock General.

The manager of the complex, Beth Ann Broughton, said Wednesday that no damage estimate had been compiled yet, adding: "We're trying to get things back to a normal workday and are looking forward to it."



Incumbent U.S. Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., R-Conn., right, answers questions during a televised debate with his opponent, U.S. Rep. Toby Moffett, D-Conn., last week. The Sept. 21 debate was the first in a series of six scheduled in Connecticut's Senate campaigns.

Weiker making voters' choices tough

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — "Lowell Weiker has been very good to us. There's a strong feeling that you don't kick your friends in the teeth."

Therein lies the major roadblock to Democratic Rep. Toby Moffett's campaign to knock Republican Weiker out of the U.S. Senate seat he has held for 12 years.

Groups like the National Organization for Women and AFL-CIO — which might be expected to line up behind the liberal congressman — are reluctant to turn on Weiker.

THE MAVERICK Republican has made his choice even harder in recent weeks and months by taking a lead role in scuttling anti-abortion and school prayer legislation in the Senate and waging a long if unsuccessful fight against an anti-busing bill.

The recent remark about not wanting to kick Weiker in the teeth came from Joan Dineen, the NOW treasurer in Connecticut, in response to what she views as pressure from the group's national leaders in Washington to support Moffett.

But two of the 18 Connecticut chapters of NOW — both in Fairfield County, where Weiker got his start in politics — held out for neutrality. Unable to meet its requirement of unanimous support for Moffett from all the chapters, NOW is internally fractured and officially sitting out the election.

NOW's Connecticut political action committee chairman, Jill Gorman, protested a \$1,000 contribution made by the national office to Moffett's campaign last year. "We told the national office we would appreciate it if they didn't contribute any more," she said.

Weiker — like Moffett — is a stronger backer of the drive for an Equal Rights Amendment.

Trying to counter Weiker's image as a liberal on social issues, Moffett trots out statistics showing that he has better ratings than Weiker from a variety of liberal groups which score members of Congress on their votes.

BUT HE'S finding that statistics don't tell the whole story

Weiker, 51-year-old heir to the Squibb pharmaceutical fortune, was a freshman in the Senate when he vaulted to attention as one of the earliest attackers of President Nixon during Senate Watergate Committee hearings.

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in determining the allegiances of liberal groups that traditionally back Democrats.

Incumbency carries clout.

For example, Weiker has managed to stymie Moffett's quest for a formal endorsement from organized labor even though the national AFL-CIO gives Moffett an 89 percent favorable career voting record rating to 65 percent for Weiker.

The state AFL-CIO shrugged off the rating and refused to endorse the 38-year-old Moffett. The four-term congressman was denied the two-thirds vote needed for the endorsement after some delegates pointed out that Weiker, who serves on the Senate Labor Committee, has been a moderately good backer of labor causes.

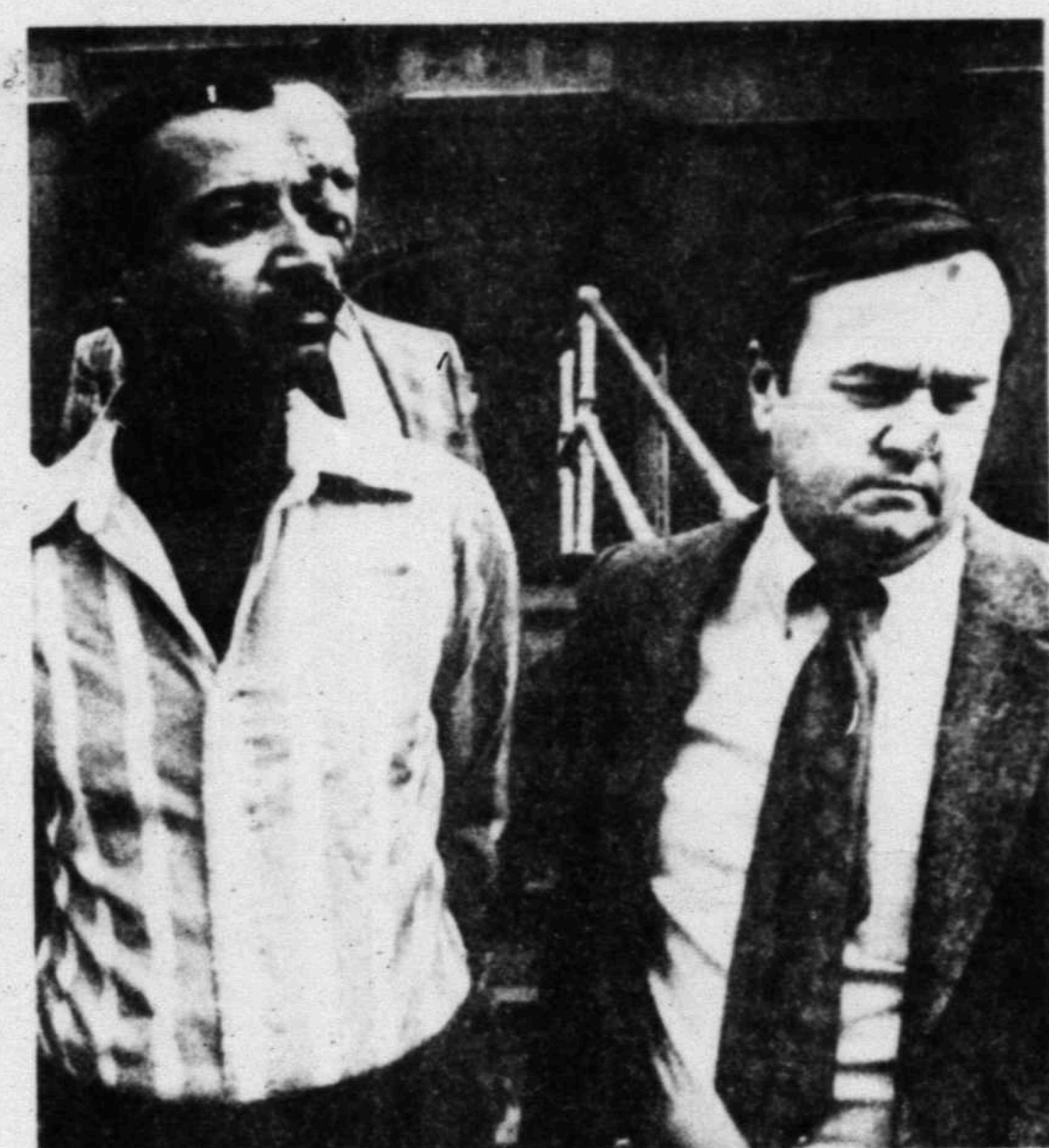
"It's too close to call and some of these union people don't want to be on the wrong side if Weiker goes back on that committee in January," said Jeff Leichtman, the Moffett campaign's political director.

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George Banks, the ex-prison guard charged with Saturday's shooting spree which left 13 dead in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., walks to his arraignment on eight counts of murder and other charges Wednesday. Banks will be held without bail pending his hearings on the charges.

Prison guard will be held without bail pending hearings

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — George Banks, the prison guard charged in the shooting deaths of 13 people, will be held without bail until his preliminary hearings next week.

Banks, tapping his foot nervously as he sat at a table in the Luzerne County Courthouse during an arraignment Wednesday, was charged with eight more counts of murder.

The 40-year-old Banks was charged with five counts of murder Saturday. The eight additional charges were delayed by paperwork, said Luzerne County District Attorney Robert Gillespie.

Banks answered briefly and nodded when questioned by the court as to whether he understood the charges against him.

The dead were seven children, five of them his own, and six adults, including four women who had borne his children outside marriage.

After the 11-minute arraignment, Banks was led under tight security across the street to jail cell where he is being held in seclusion without bail. He is being watched around the clock to prevent him from committing suicide.

"Our position is, right now, this is a capital case and bail should not be set," Gillespie said. "A capital case is one where a death penalty may be imposed."

Besides the eight counts of murder, Banks also is charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault and recklessly endangering another person in connection with the wounding of a bystander.

Luzerne County officials also accused Banks of stealing a car at gunpoint during Saturday's shooting spree, and he was charged with robbery and theft.

His next court date will be Oct. 6 for a preliminary hearing before Justice Joseph Verespy on the first five murder counts.

A preliminary hearing is set Oct. 8 before Magistrate John Bednarz on the eight additional murder counts and the shooting of bystander James Olsen.

Magistrate Bernard Hendzrak will hear the charges in connection with the alleged car theft. No date was scheduled.

Two named in unsuccessful murder try

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A father and son, passing notes during prison visits, tried to use a kilogram of cocaine and \$25,000 to arrange the murder of a federal judge and four other people who helped break a drug ring, the FBI says.

In an affidavit filed Wednesday in federal court, the FBI identified the conspirators in the alleged assassination scheme — which did not succeed — as convicted drug trafficker Robert Gomez-Soto, 57, and his son, Peter Gomez, 24.

The intended victims included U.S. District Court Judge Robert Aguilar, who sentenced Gomez-Soto, a drug importer, to 20 years in prison, the FBI said.

Another intended victim was Stephen Green, Gomez-Soto's son-in-law, the FBI said. Green was the convicted "Nob Hill connection" who testified against Gomez-Soto at his trial last May in exchange for reduction of Green's own 20-year sentence in a separate drug case.

Gomez, of Los Altos, awaited arraignment today before a federal magistrate in San Diego. He was arrested Wednesday in Encinitas, a beachfront community 28 miles north of San Diego.

Gomez had been waiting for the arrival of the cash and 22 pounds of cocaine from Colombia, where Luis Enrique "Kiki" Otoy-Toban was to have supplied the drug, FBI Special Agent John W. Zent Jr. said in the affidavit.

Gomez-Soto, who is appealing his drug conviction while in prison, was arraigned Wednesday in San Francisco on the same charges his son faces: conspiracy to murder, conspiracy to murder federal officers and employees and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

George T. Davis, an attorney for the father and the son, claimed the charges were "a ploy to get extradition proceedings against Kiki Otoy-Toban."

Davis said federal investigators have unsuccessfully tried to extradite Otoy-Toban from Colombia on drug charges and hope to change their luck if they bring murder conspiracy charges. Otoy-Toban's wife, Linda, is Gomez-Soto's daughter.

The other intended victims were Assistant U.S. Attorney William Farmer, who prosecuted Gomez-Soto; Drug Enforcement Administration agent Lowrey Leong, who headed the DEA investigation of the drug ring; and federal witness Bobby Sharp, the FBI said.

"I am relieved to learn that the plot to kill me has been unsuccessful," Farmer said.

If convicted, the men could be fined \$5,000 and sentenced to five years in prison, said Norman Zigrossi, FBI special agent in charge in San Diego.

Is one-way maneuver 'irregular?'

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signed on Storey Street with the exception of a four-way stop at Kansas and Lanham.

If this ordinance is passed at the next meeting and becomes effective Nov. 1, Sloan said he wanted to leave the new process in "at least through Christmas."

Van Cook, the traffic engineer who has been in his position with the city of Midland since May, said he had been told there was a problem at the intersection of Garfield and Cuthbert and to find a solution.

He studied the intersection and came up with several recommendations that were listed in a memo to his supervisor, Public Works Director Fred Baker.

That apparently was passed on to the City Council. At a previous meeting, Sloan had said the council should follow what the new traffic engineer recommended.

But, noted Cook, what the council did Tuesday was only half of what he recommended.

"I was not really confident in what the problem was there," Cook reported. "I tried to make that point at the first of the memo."

"I have not been able to identify a specific problem with the operation of the one-way section. It apparently had been functioning well in terms of movement of traffic."

BUT HE DID uncover a problem with the traffic light at Garfield and Cuthbert, recommending the council spend \$12,000 to purchase a new one, which the council approved.

However, Cook said in his memo that if Cuthbert were to be made two-way, he suggested the traffic light at that intersection be removed. The traffic count on Garfield far exceeds that on Cuthbert and the light impedes traffic movement, he explained.

"Garfield already is a major street. Cuthbert is a residential street," he said, noting that traffic signals don't always solve problems but can sometimes create them. "It attracts people to the signal; they think it's safer to cross Garfield at Cuthbert."

By eliminating the signal, traffic flows easier on Garfield and reduces the amount of vehicles on Cuthbert. In Cook's reasoning, if vehicles on Cuthbert can't cross Garfield, they'll find another easier route.

The four-way stop approved for Lanham and Cuthbert concerns Cook, who said studies show that stop signs cause traffic to go faster to make up for lost time. "It's harder on the car and causes more noise pollution."

He added that a report from the Institute of Transportation Engineers shows that stop signs cause an excess consumption of energy.

Noting that his job is concerned primarily with movement of traffic, Cook said "I still firmly believe we should identify what the problem is — if it's to get people over to businesses or if it's to deter traffic flow on Cuthbert. It's important to be able to identify what the problem is and then we can apply the solutions accordingly."

"I had not heard any complaints about Cuthbert, except from the council," he said.

Utah's rains turn to snow

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Cooling temperatures turned rain to snow in Utah today, giving the waterlogged state relief from five days of flooding that forced hundreds to flee their homes and caused an estimated \$20 million in damage.

The National Weather Service reported snow dusted the state's mountains through the night. More than 2 1/2 feet of snow was reported in some mountain areas.

On Wednesday, flood control crews began tackling the chore of cleaning up Salt Lake County, mopping up mud and debris from five straight days of rainstorms.

Working in a drizzle most the day, crews concentrated on rebuilding washed out roadways and pumping water from basements, some still holding up to 2 feet of water.

But today, Wednesday night's rains turned to snow in Cedar City, at an elevation of about 5,200 feet. About 2 inches was expected to fall on the southwestern Utah community, said Salt Lake meteorologist Dean Jackman.

Cool air also moved through Salt Lake City, and 3 inches of snow fell in the Heber City area west of Salt Lake City on Wednesday.

Correction

The subdivision in northeast Midland that has been referred to in recent Midland Reporter-Telegram stories concerning the asphalt plant as Kniffen Estates actually is Skyview Addition. The name had been changed recently.

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Tougher drunken driving laws Congressional goal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is moving rapidly to complete action on legislation designed to encourage states to toughen their laws against drunken driving, which is a leading cause of highway deaths.

The bill was passed by the House on a voice vote Wednesday and sent to the Senate, which passed similar legislation earlier this year.

The House version would establish a three-year, \$125 million grant program for states that move to combat drunken driving.

In order to get the bill to the White House for President Reagan's signature before Congress recesses Friday, Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., chief sponsor of the Senate measure, said the Senate would adopt the House version.

"The cornerstone of this legislation is really very simple: to make our drunk driving laws an effective deterrent by ensuring that penalties will be swiftly and surely meted-out — without exception — in all cases," said Pell.

"It is the certainty of the sanction, rather than the severity of it, that is the key to an effective deterrent; indeed, if punishment is too severe, judges and prosecutors will refuse to invoke it," he said.

Under the legislation, states would be eligible for highway safety grants by satisfying four basic criteria.

The measure includes an automatic 90-day license suspension on first offense and a one-year license suspension for any repeat offense; a mandatory 48-hour jail sentence or 10 days of community service for a second offense within a five-year period; the establishment of 0.10 percent level of alcohol in the bloodstream as "per se" evidence of intoxication; and increased enforcement of a state's drunken driving laws.

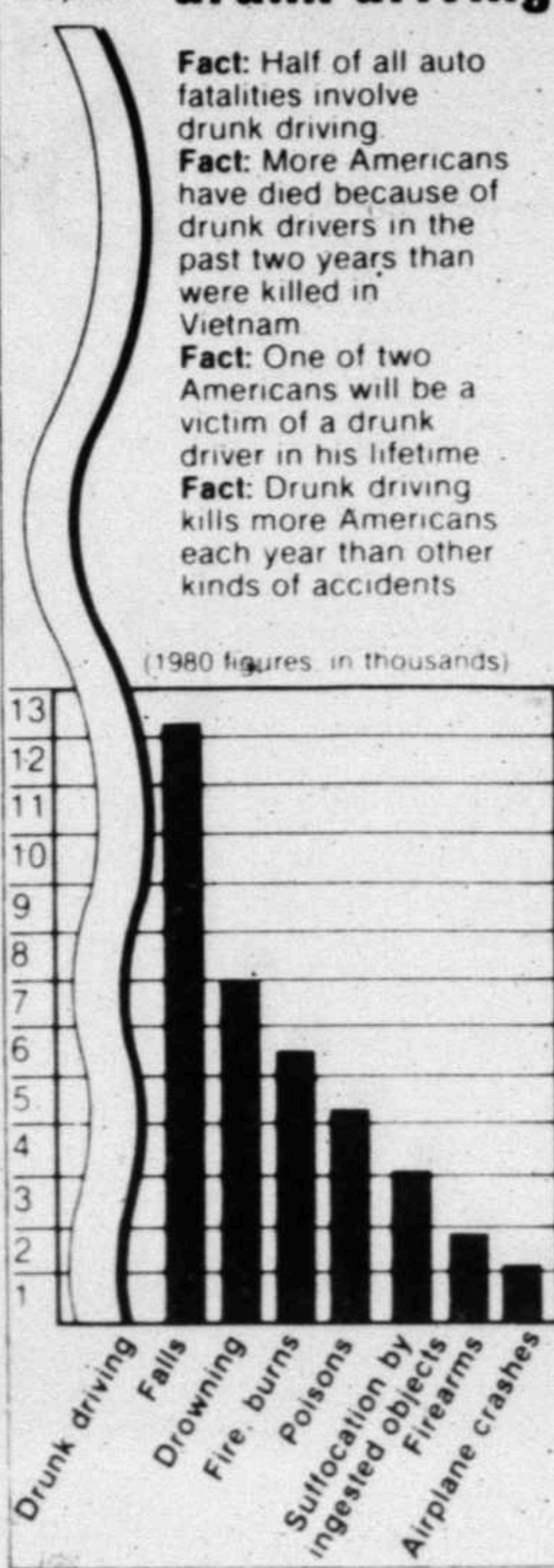
A House aide said only two states, Iowa and West Virginia, now could meet the four basic criteria necessary to receive the federal funds. However, he said, Delaware is near reaching the criteria.

Eight other states would have to change their administrative practices to make sure a drunken driver gets his license suspended. Those states are Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, Utah and Washington.

Pell and the House sponsors, Reps. James J. Howard, D-N.J., and Michael D. Barnes, D-Md., said the legislation is necessary because drunken driving is responsible for at least half of the 50,000 highway deaths each year and for 125,000 permanent injuries annually.

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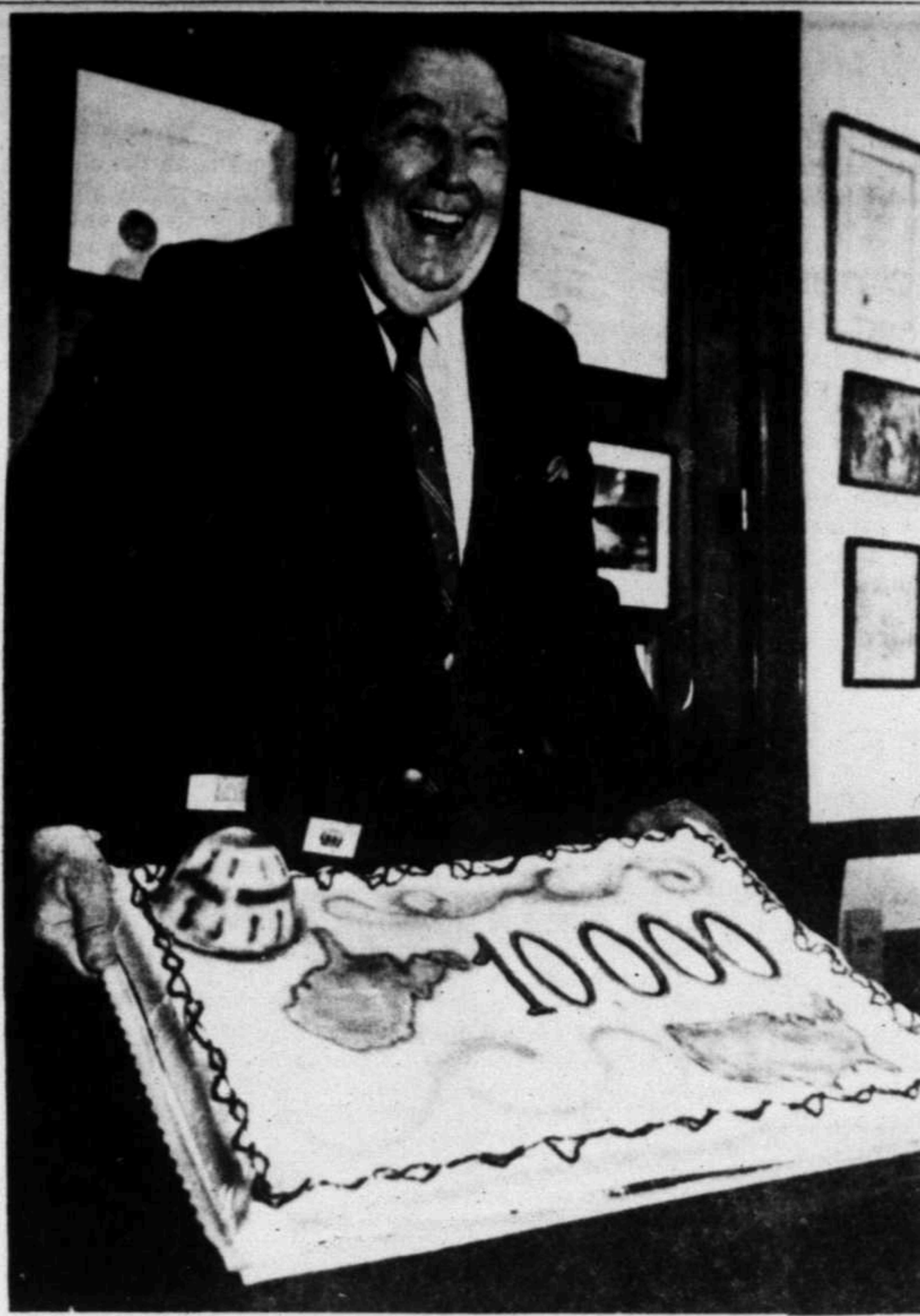
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Pell also said that drunken driving causes an estimated \$17 billion annually in medical, rehabilitation, and insurance costs; lost income and lost tax revenues; property damage; and police and emergency services.

"Our nation's number one highway safety problem is drunk driving, and our legislation will establish a strong national deterrent to reduce the senseless and tragic loss of life caused by drunk drivers," said Pell.



Sen. Jennings Randolph, D-W. Va., was presented a cake Wednesday to celebrate the 10,000th roll call of his 38-year congressional career. The 80-year-old West Virginian served seven terms in the House before moving to the Senate in 1958. His first roll call vote, in favor of the election of Henry T. Rainey of Illinois as House speaker, was recorded March 9, 1933. Wednesday Randolph voted to table an amendment to a continuing resolution.

Computer firm takes Medicaid service case to appeals court

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Attorneys for a California computer company have gone to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to try and prevent cancellation of the firm's \$23 million contract to process Tennessee's Medicaid claims.

Computer Sciences Corp., of El Segundo, Calif., appealed to the Cincinnati court on Wednesday after U.S. District Judge John T. Nixon denied the company's request for a preliminary injunction to stop the termination of the contract at midnight tonight.

Nixon made his ruling Monday and refused Tuesday to reconsider his decision. CSC, which won the five-year contract to handle Medicaid claims for Tennessee beginning Jan. 1, 1982, argues that ending the contract would irreparably harm the company's reputation and that the pact was canceled illegally.

State officials canceled the contract on grounds that CSC failed to live up to the agreement. On Friday, the state plans to turn the job of processing claims over to Electronic Data Systems Federal of Dallas. EDSF formerly had the contract to process Tennessee Medicaid claims, but was underbid by CSC for the current contract.

Meanwhile, Attorney General William Leech and other officials were considering going to Chancery Court to try to force CSC to provide essential computer tapes and files to EDSF.

Chauffeur users receive latest Golden Fleece

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government officials who travel by chauffeur-driven cars are being "coddled and pampered" at a cost to taxpayers of \$34 million a year, Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., charged today.

"Only a handful of federal officials are specifically given the authority under law to enjoy home-to-work chauffeuring," Proxmire said. "But my survey of federal agencies demonstrates that the lack of legal authority has not stopped scores of federal officials from hopping into the backseat."

Proxmire, a physical fitness advocate who runs to work every day, awarded his "Golden Fleece" for September to the 190 federal officials who use chauffeur-driven cars. The award is intended to single out wasteful government spending.

The list is headed by President Reagan. But Proxmire noted that the president is specifically entitled by law to use of a chauffeur at all times.

But he said the law limits use of chauffeured cars for most others to official business. That shouldn't include going back and forth to work, Proxmire asserted. "At an annual average cost of \$32,000 for this personal convenience, the American taxpayers are being billed enough to provide these bureaucrats with over 5,000 roundtrip rides in a taxicab from Capitol Hill to Georgetown each and every year," he said.

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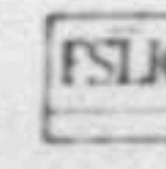
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County clerk candidate aces primary

EUREKA, Nev. (AP) — The ace of spades defeated the seven of hearts as a winner was declared in the Democratic primary for Eureka County clerk.

Charlotte Crutchley drew the ace Wednesday to take the party nomination over opponent Dorothy Moyle as the two candidates settled their election tie according to county law — by lot.



Mrs. Crutchley was originally declared the winner by one vote in the Sept. 14 primary.



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Gilbert M. Martinez

A Mass for Gilbert M. Martinez, 38, of 301 Cowden Ave., was to be said at 3 p.m. today at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Russell Nickerson officiating. Burial was to follow at the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

He died early Tuesday at his home following a lengthy illness.

Martinez was born Aug. 16, 1944, in Big Spring. He grew up in Midland and attended school here. He married Linda Reyes in August of 1964. He was employed by the Midland Independent School District. He was a member of

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Gilbert Martinez Jr., Joe Martinez and Frank Martinez, all of Midland; a daughter, Lydia Martinez of Midland; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Martinez; two brothers, Silberio M. Martinez of Midland and Jose Martinez of St. Paul, Minn.; and three sisters, Maria M. Covarrubias, Corina M. Hernandez and Olga M. Reyes, all of Midland.

Pallbearers were to be Andy Covarrubias, Miguel C. Reyes, Luis Reyes, Julian Reyes, Cruz Reyes Jr., and Mickey Hernandez.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Gilbert Martinez

Memorial Fund in care of the First National Bank or to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79702.

James Lowe

Services for James "Jimmy" Lowe, 78, of rural Lamesa and formerly of Midland, were to be at 1 p.m. today at Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Jerry Berry, associate minister of Kelview Heights Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday in a Midland hospital, following a lengthy illness.

Lowe was born Oct. 27, 1903, in Kansas. He began working in the oil fields in 1927 at Schleicher County and continued in the oil business until his retirement in 1970. He was an assistant production superintendent for Lowe Drilling Company. He moved to Midland in 1952 from Lamesa. In April of 1982, he moved back to Lamesa. Lowe was a member of the Kelview Heights Baptist Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge of El Dorado.

Survivors include a son, James Harold Lowe of Shreveport, La.; a daughter, Peggy Barron of Lamesa; three sisters, Ruth Manley, Alice Hamilton and Ruby Lacy, all of California; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Midland man to be retried in theft

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

A 29-year-old Midland man who "enjoyed the finer things in life" may have another chance at "the high life" after the Texas Court of Appeals reversed his conviction of theft of scotch and other liquor by check in 1981.

The defendant, Rickie Charles Harris, was ordered to be re-tried in the case. He was found guilty by jury in Midland's 142nd State District Court of writing two "hot" checks of \$132.79 and \$73.19 on Jan. 19 and Jan. 20, 1981, at B&B Liquor Store in Midland, was sentenced to 15 years in prison and was fined \$7,500.

Harris was indicted for thieving, by personalized checks, "two half gallons of Chivas Regal scotch whisky and other merchandise" on Jan. 19 and "one half-gallon of Chivas Regal and other merchandise" the next day.

But in a 2-1 vote by the appellate court in El Paso, the conviction was reversed and a new trial was ordered primarily on the grounds that the indictment was not specific enough. In addition to the three half-gallon bottles of scotch specified in the indictment, the indictment only cited "and other merchandise, the exact name and number and kind of which is unknown to the grand jury."

In reversing the judgment of the trial court and ordering a new trial, the appellate court said the grand jury should have inquired into the "other merchandise" and specifically named it.

The state had combined the two checks, which were written on Harris' closed checking account at The Midland National Bank, in order to make the thefts a felony — theft of more than \$200.

In the majority opinion by Associate Justice Charles R. Schulte, "The State failed to sustain its burden of showing the grand jury exercised reasonable diligence in its attempt to discover the nature of the items taken on January 20."

The appellate court held that the state failed to identify to the grand jury the "other merchandise" which Harris allegedly bought in addition to the three half-gallons of scotch whisky, which Justice Schulte noted were worth \$33 each.

Richard Scott, the B&B Liquor Store clerk, had testified in the trial that Harris "took two bottles of scotch and some other stuff" on Jan. 19, and took a half-gallon bottle of vodka and an assortment of drink mixes on Jan. 20."

Schulte said in his majority opinion.

The indictment only named the three half-gallon bottles of the scotch whisky and did not specify the "other merchandise."

"No evidence shows the grand jury attempted to inquire about the nature of this other merchandise," Schulte wrote, "and no explanation for the jury's failure to call Scott as a witness was offered."

In his dissenting opinion, Chief Justice Stephen F. Preslar wrote that he viewed the "other merchandise" phrase in the indictment as "immaterial" when "the proof (at trial) showed that some of the other merchandise was vodka."

Jim Rex, an assistant district attorney who was a co-prosecutor in the Harris trial, said that Harris either would be tried again on the B&B Liquor Store case or on another hot-check case.

Harris was convicted of theft by check in 1978 after he had pleaded guilty to writing checks of \$50, \$25, \$100 and \$100 in March 1978 to M-System supermarket and was sentenced by Judge Perry D. Pickett to three years in prison. Judge Pickett, who then was judge of the 142nd State District Court for Midland County, has retired from the bench and has been succeeded by Judge Pat Baskin, who presided over the 1981 Harris trial.

After Harris' conviction by jury last year, the office of District Attorney Vern Martin had moved for dismissal of another theft-by-check case against Harris. Checks, dated Jan. 23, 1981, were written on the same bank account as were the checks in 1978 and on Jan. 19 and 20 to B&B Liquor Store.

In the dismissed indictment, Harris was accused of writing checks for \$177.42 and \$42 in purchasing designer blue jeans and vests, sports shirts and jackets from Jeans West.

In another dismissed case against him, Harris was charged with writing a hot check for \$291.67 in purchasing a television set, a pillow case, two towels and two blankets from Montgomery Ward & Co. department store.

In yet another case, he was cleared of forging a \$191 check on the account of Roto Drilling Co. in 1980.

Harris was defended by Rusty Wall in the B&B Liquor Store case.

"He (Harris) just enjoyed the finer things in life," prosecutor Rex had said at the 1981 trial, "and his (hot-check writing) was the only way he had of getting them." Co-prosecutor Rob Sutphen had said that Harris was "living the high life" as long he could.

Four-nation satellite system locates missing people

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Soviet satellite high over the Canadian wilderness detected an emergency radio beacon from a crashed plane, triggering a search operation that rescued three injured people who might otherwise have died.

The Sept. 10 rescue was the first payoff from a four-nation program to develop space systems to locate aircraft and ships missing or in distress. The Russians and Americans are building the satellites, while France and Canada are contributing ground stations and electronic equipment for the U.S. payload.

The Soviet spacecraft, COSPAS 1, was launched June 30 as the first element in the network. The first American search and rescue gear is to be fired into orbit on Feb. 15, riding piggyback on a weather satellite.

Officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration discussed the Canadian rescue operation and the

operation of the system at a briefing Wednesday at the nearby Goddard Space Flight Center, which manages the international effort.

Displaying a chart of squiggly lines — a readout from COSPAS 1 — Bernie Trudell, mission manager at Goddard, pointed to a curved signal line and said: "There is a piece of data that changed the fate of three lives."

THE TRACE OF the curve pinpointed the location of the emergency beacon from the downed plane. The satellite signal was relayed to a tracking station in Ottawa, which transmitted the information to the Air Station Search and Rescue Terminal in Trenton, Ontario.

Within hours, a Buffalo search aircraft was over the spot in a "remote mountainous area of British Columbia. It sighted the wreckage of the small Cessna 172 among 50-foot trees.

One of the survivors, Gary Van

Amelvoort, later told the Toronto Star: "We did a helluva lot of praying up there. We had some mirrors, and we flashed them to try to attract the attention of the pilot of the Buffalo. We had a fire going and we threw everything we could on it to create smoke.

"Finally, when we saw those guys parachuting down to us, it was just too much," he said. "They took a great chance. They could have been killed. It was very rugged country."

The Canadian team's report on the rescue concluded: "The survivors would probably have gone into shock and the pilot may not have survived beyond three or four days without medical attention." All recovered from their injuries.

A Canadian Armed Forces official speculated that the reason the satellite

— and not an earlier search plane — got the signal is that it was high enough to avoid natural interference in the 7,000-foot mountains.

TRUDELL SAID the Americans and Canadians began working on the joint project in 1976 as a means of saving lives and reducing the cost of search operations. The idea: Equip satellites with devices that can receive and send signals from the emergency transmitters that are required by law to be carried by private American and Canadian ships and planes.

France joined the project in 1977 and the Soviet Union in 1978.

Under the agreement, the Soviets will orbit two satellites and the United States will launch three, with three more anticipated.

Rankin homecoming celebration slated

RANKIN — A reunion and homecoming celebration for former Rankin High School students and Rankin residents will be sponsored this weekend by the Ex-Students Association and Rankin Merchants.

Events get under way with the homecoming football game at 7:30 p.m. Friday, followed by a social at the Country Club.

A flea market will be held, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the swimming pool park. At 3 p.m. a meeting will be held at the new middle school to recognize the classes of 1931, 1932,

1961 and 1962. The biennial meeting of the Ex-Students Association also will be held Saturday afternoon, followed by a tour of the new school facilities.

The Lions Club will sponsor a barbecue at 5 p.m. Saturday at the swimming pool park. Tickets can be obtained from any Lions Club member or at the gate.

From 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday a "golden oldies" dance will be held at the park building. Persons 18 and under need to be accompanied by parents or guardians. Men should wear dress shirts and slacks and women dresses or nice pants suits.

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Commerce releases batch of bad economic news

By ROBERT FURLOW
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's main gauge of future economic health turned down in August, and initial claims for unemployment benefits soared to a record level in mid-September, officials reported today in a new batch of bad economic news.

The decline of 0.9 percent in the Commerce Department's Index of Leading Economic Indicators followed four monthly gains, which had built hopes of recovery from the lingering recession.

The 703,000 initial claims for state jobless benefits for the week ending Sept. 18 — as reported by the Labor Department — seemed to indicate that things weren't improving much in September.

Commerce's report also said a separate measure of current conditions indicated the economy hit the lowest point of the recession last month.

Officials had said last week the leading indicators index probably had dipped in August, so today's news was not a shock. But it still was bound to be read as a discouraging economic sign.

The index is designed to forecast future trends in the economy.

Today's report said five of the 10 leading indicators showed worse performance in August than in July.

They included a decline in the average workweek, an increase in initial claims for unemployment benefits, a drop in factory orders for consumer goods, a big decline in building permits for future construction and a drop in prices for sensitive crude materials.

Five indicators rose, but not enough to balance the big drops in the five that fell.

Those rising included delivery performance and increases in orders for new plants and equipment, stock prices, total liquid assets and the money supply.

Today's Labor Department report on initial unemployment claims showed that that important component of the leading indicators index had continued deteriorating in September. Initial claims had averaged 597,000 in August.

Labor officials said the Sept. 18 figure was the highest since they began keeping track of the numbers in the present seasonally adjusted form in 1967.

The Commerce report also included the Index of Coincident Indicators — a current-conditions gauge that showed the economy was still declining in August, 13 months into the recession.

The coincident indicators dropped 0.6 percent in August to 132 percent of the 1967 base of 100, dipping below the July level of 132.8, which had been the recession's low point. The leading indicators index fell to 128.6 percent of the base but remained above the 125.1 percent March low point.

President Reagan himself made it a point in his Tuesday night news conference to try to take the edge off today's expected bad news.

"We think August has been kind of in the doldrums and it may show a dip," he said of the index. "But that'll be a glitch," he added.

In a speech Wednesday, he said the pattern leading to recovery was firmly established although "there may be an occasional blip."

While they haven't dismissed it is a mere "glitch," economists inside and outside the government agree that one month's change of direction in the leading indicators should not be read as a trend.

The economy seemed to revive a bit in July, but then apparently declined again last month, leading many private economists to sum things up with the same phrase: that the economy was "bumping along the bottom" of the recession, neither falling rapidly nor recovering.

For example, industrial production was down for the 11th month in the

past 13 after rising in July; retail sales followed a 1.2 percent July increase with a 0.9 percent August decline despite hopes that the mid-summer tax-rate cut would encourage spending; housing starts were down 16 percent after rising nearly twice that much in July, and unemployment stayed at 9.8 percent, the highest level in 41 years.

Inflation and interest rates are down from last year, as the president and other officials frequently note. But those declines have accompanied the decline in the economy rather than stopping it.

"We still have a long way to go," Reagan also said Tuesday night, a statement that would receive wider agreement than his talk of an indicators glitch.

Still, he said, "We're heading toward a good recovery."

Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan took much the same tack on Wednesday when he told reporters that he expected the national economy to grow at an annual rate of 3 percent to 4 per-

cent in the October-December quarter, after adjusting for inflation.

That would probably be an improvement over the still-unfinished third quarter. But it would also be only about half the 7 percent to 8 percent annual growth rate that has typically followed past recessions.

According to Commerce figures, the economy — as measured by inflation-adjusted gross national product — rose at an annual rate of 2.1 percent in the April-June period after declining at rates of 5.3 percent and 5.1 percent in the previous two quarters.

Commerce's "flash" projection for the current quarter — computed long before final figures are in — estimated growth at a very modest 1.5 percent annual rate.

On the subject of unemployment, Regan told the reporters that things would get better but that it would probably take three to five years for the economy to reach "full employment," which he defined as a jobless rate of 6 percent to 6.5 percent.

Bankers say they were concerned about Penn Square

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several bankers who dealt with Penn Square Bank say they were concerned about poor documentation on some loans, but they still did business with the failed Oklahoma bank.

The bankers, testifying before a House Banking Committee hearing Wednesday, said officials at Penn Square, on occasion, failed to supply adequate records to back up loans it sold to larger banks.

The comptroller of the currency shut down the shopping center bank on July 5.

Savings and loan and credit union officials are scheduled to testify today at the hearings. About 160 credit unions and S&Ls were caught with more than \$100 million in the bank above the \$100,000 insurance coverage provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

When Penn Square failed, several large banks, including Continental Illinois in Chicago, Seattle-First and Chase

Manhattan, held \$2 billion worth of oil and gas loans originated by Penn Square. Continental alone had \$1.1 billion worth of the loans.

Richard Jaehning, Seattle-First's president, told the panel Wednesday that he made a trip to Oklahoma City to discuss the documentation problem with Penn Square.

He said Penn Square chairman Bill Jennings and president Eldon Beller reassured him that "documentation was improving."

But Seattle-First still sent another bank official, Arland Hatfield, to make a further check, Jaehning said.

Jaehning also told the panel he wished the comptroller's office, which had been examining Penn Square and had warned it about certain deficiencies, had alerted Seattle-First to Penn Square's "serious inadequacies in the lending, credit and documentation policies of that institution."

Jaehning did say that Seattle-First stopped buying loans from Penn

Square early this year because of concern about its concentration of loans from the Oklahoma bank.

John Lytle, who was ousted from his post as a Continental vice president as a result of Penn Square, said documentation and reporting problems developed in 1981.

He said Penn Square failed to supply adequate records to back up the loans that the Chicago bank had bought from it. But he said the bank eventually took action to correct the problem and did provide the needed papers.

Texans speak out for steel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas congressmen have written President Reagan that an East Texas steel mill's troubles were caused by the unfair trade practices of European countries who subsidize their own plants.

Sens. John Tower and Lloyd Bentsen signed the letter, along with all but two of Texas' 24 congressmen, which was initiated by Democratic Reps. Sam Hall of Marshall and Ralph Hall of Rockwall.

"The intent of this letter is to show the president that his administration must exert every possible influence on foreign trading partners to stop unfair trade practices that can virtually shut down productive industries like Lone Star Steel," Sam Hall said.

About 4,000 employees of Lone Star Steel were laid off last month. The company makes pipes and other tubular products for oilfield use.

"I have always been a supporter of the free and open marketplace, but I will not close my eyes to the damage

done by foreign subsidies which put Americans out of work," Ralph Hall said.

Sam Hall said he hand-delivered the letter Monday to Reagan's chief of staff, James A. Baker.

The congressmen said equipment used for energy exploration, development and delivery should be produced in this nation. They complained that while domestic shipments were falling by 31 percent in the first six months of 1982, imports of tubular goods from other countries increased by 51 percent.

The letter said unfair competition "has taken the form of tremendous subsidies to foreign countries by their respective governments."

"It is not a question of free trade. It is the reality of uneven and unfair trade," the congressmen wrote. "We ask that this administration give its highest priority to impressing upon our trading partners that these practices will no longer be tolerated."

Lone Star Gas settles for half a price hike

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lone Star Gas Co. has agreed to accept less than half of what it had sought from its natural gas customers, with one company officer saying the firm did not want to get tied up in a long hearing.

Lone Star filed a request with the Railroad Commission for an additional \$90 million in gas revenue, but cut that figure to \$42.9 million after negotiations with customer representatives.

The company serves 536 cities and has more than

11 million bill-paying customers.

"Lone Star and the cities recognize the importance of time and want to avoid long regulatory processes," company vice president Douglas Williams said Wednesday.

The proposed settlement — signed by representatives of Lone Star, Dallas and the Texas Municipal League — would increase Lone Star's total revenue by 8.63 percent.

The settlement still must be approved by the

commission, which will act on the advice of hearing examiner Michael George, who took testimony Wednesday.

George said his concern was whether the proposed settlement "is in the public interest."

The settlement would raise residential customers' monthly charges by 6.6 percent, and Williams said this was substantially less than the inflation rate since Lone Star's last rate increase nearly three years ago. Commercial

customers' bills would increase by 7.1 percent.

Company figures showed a residential customer using 6,000 cubic feet of gas a month would pay \$1.92 more a month, and a commercial customer using 37,000 cubic feet of gas would pay an extra \$12 a month.

Austin lawyer Don Butler, representing the Municipal League, said the cities' major concession was to drop its opposition to Lone Star's request to pass on to customers 100 percent of its

gas cost increases. Lone Star now passes on 95 percent of those costs.

W.F. Weidler, director of gas purchases and sales, told George the pass-through "has nothing to do with the price of gas. We have to pay what the competition is willing to pay."

"In the last six months we've seen a softening of the market. It's more of a buyer's market," Weidler said. By comparison, he said the previous year or two had been a "regular dog fight" to obtain gas.

Forecasters see different economic futures

By The Associated Press

Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan predicts the economy will bounce back from recession this fall with the fastest rate of growth in nearly two years, but some private economists say they see few signs of this recovery.

In comments to a group of reporters on Wednesday, Regan said he expects the economy to grow at an annual rate of 3 percent to 4 percent in the October-December quarter, after adjusting for inflation. That is lower than his earlier forecasts and would be only half the 7 percent to 8 percent annual growth rate that has followed past recessions.

Regan also said it would

probably take three to five years for the economy to reach "full employment," which he defined as a jobless rate of 6 percent to 6.5 percent.

But Arthur Levitt Jr., chairman of the American Stock Exchange and head of a group of high-growth corporations, said in a bleaker forecast Wednesday, "I don't think the economic recovery will get under way until early 1983."

"I don't think we will have a meaningful recovery until interest rates get down to single-digit levels" and the government makes significant progress in cutting future budget deficits through spending cuts," Levitt

said.

Investors seemed to share Levitt's gloomier outlook, as the stock and bond markets slumped Wednesday while interest rates rose moderately.

As the nation awaits recovery, businesses continue to fail.

Dun & Bradstreet Corp., a private credit-information service, reported that failures last week totaled 579, a decline from the week before but a 89 percent rise from the comparable week last year.

Rowena Wyant, a Dun & Bradstreet economist, said the dropoff in the week ended last Thursday was due mainly to a decline in failures of retailing, construction and service companies.

The previous week's total of 657 failures was the second-highest of the year, surpassed only by the 696 recorded for the last week of August.

In other economic news Wednesday:

—Pollster Louis Harris told Congress most Americans are so fed up with what they view as a complex and inequitable federal income tax that they are willing to trade most deductions for a simple system.

—Congressional Republicans said that with another record harvest keeping market prices at depressed levels, the Agriculture Department is thinking about reviving a decade-old plan to purchase grain on the open

market. Spokesmen for about two dozen GOP Farm Belt House and Senate members said they would urge Agriculture Secretary John Block to implement such a program.

—Congressional negotiators agreed on major banking legislation that would provide a big aid package for weak savings and loan associations. The measure, which must clear both houses of Congress, would let savings and loan associations operate more like commercial banks, phase out the interest rate advantages that S&Ls enjoy over banks and require creation of a new high-paying money market account.

Individuals play big role in tax-exempt market

By CHET CURRIER
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — With income-tax rates in the process of being cut by almost 25 percent, it might seem logical that individual investors' enthusiasm for tax-exempt investments would wane.

But just the reverse has happened, according to government and industry statistics. Over the last couple of years, individuals have played an increasing role in the tax-exempt securities market.

And observers believe this year's tax bill could give that trend some extra impetus in the future. It provides for 10 percent withholding on most taxable investments, beginning next summer — and experts say savers put off by that requirement may well turn to

tax-exempt investments instead.

The evidence to date: Assets of mutual funds investing in short-term securities of state and local governments, which are exempt from federal income taxes, surpassed the \$10 billion mark in September. According to data compiled by Donoghue's Money Fund Report of Holliston, Mass., about 60 percent of that money is in funds available to the general public.

At the same time, the investment firm of First Albany Corp. says, Federal Reserve reports show that the largest buyers of tax-free municipal bonds over the past two years have been "households" rather than banks or insurance companies.

Years ago, municipal bonds were considered almost the exclusive province of financial institutions and the wealthy few

in the highest tax brackets. But lately inflation, fluctuations in bond prices and changes in the tax laws have combined to change that image.

Inflation pushed more and more people into relatively high tax brackets. At the same time, yields on municipal bonds grew more and more attractive in comparison with taxable bonds issued by corporations and the federal government.

Since last fall, municipals have offered yields ranging from 80 to 90 percent of the payouts available on taxable bonds. So even people with moderate incomes began to find that they could come out better after taxes with municipals.

When interest rates declined, pushing prices of municipal bonds higher, investors reaped an added benefit. The Wiesenberger Investment

Companies Service reports that mutual funds investing in municipal bonds averaged a 13.5 percent rise in net asset value over the 12 months ended Aug. 31, against a 2.6 percent gain for the fund industry overall.

Where there is the potential for that kind of reward, there obviously is risk as well. Should interest rates turn upward again, prices of long-term municipal bonds would decline.

And personal-finance experts note that for absolute safety, taxable Treasury securities still rank No. 1.

The reductions in income-tax rates enacted in 1981 — 5 percent last October, 10 percent last summer, and another 10 percent at mid-1983 — have some mitigating effects on the appeal of tax-free investments.

Furthermore, the

recent rally in the municipal market has lowered tax-free yields considerably. In late September, money funds investing in short-term municipal securities were yielding a little more than 6 percent, against an average of 7.8 percent for the last 12 months.

According to the Bond Buyer, a newspaper that covers the municipal market, the average yield on an index of 20 long-term general-obligation revenue bonds has fallen from 13.44 percent in January to 10.58 percent as of Sept. 23.

Nevertheless, argues First Albany, when prevailing yields of tax-exempt bonds are considered against the backdrop of an inflation rate running at about 5 to 6 percent, they still provide "a strong incentive for individuals to invest in municipals."

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INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Taxes on IRA not paid until withdrawal

By BILL DOYLE

Q. You say anyone who can afford to open an individual retirement account and doesn't do so is just making unnecessary gifts of tax dollars to Uncle Sam.

A. That's possible, but unlikely.

To begin with, the vast majority of people have lower income after retirement than they did during their working years. When their income is reduced, of course, they are in lower tax brackets.

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Bobcats corner wounded Rebels in Must game

By TERRY WILLIAMSON
Assistant Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — The Midland Lee Rebels, licking its wounds from a 10-7 upset loss to Odessa High to open the District 4-5A season last Friday, must get mentally well in a hurry here this Friday against the No. 4 state-ranked San Angelo Bobcats.

With San Angelo and Odessa Permian the two favored teams to win the district playoff berths this year, the Lee Rebels find themselves in a crucial position. They nearly have to win here Friday to keep real playoff hopes burning. And it won't be easy, but Lee coach Spike Dykes is optimistic about his "No Name" unit rising to the occasion.

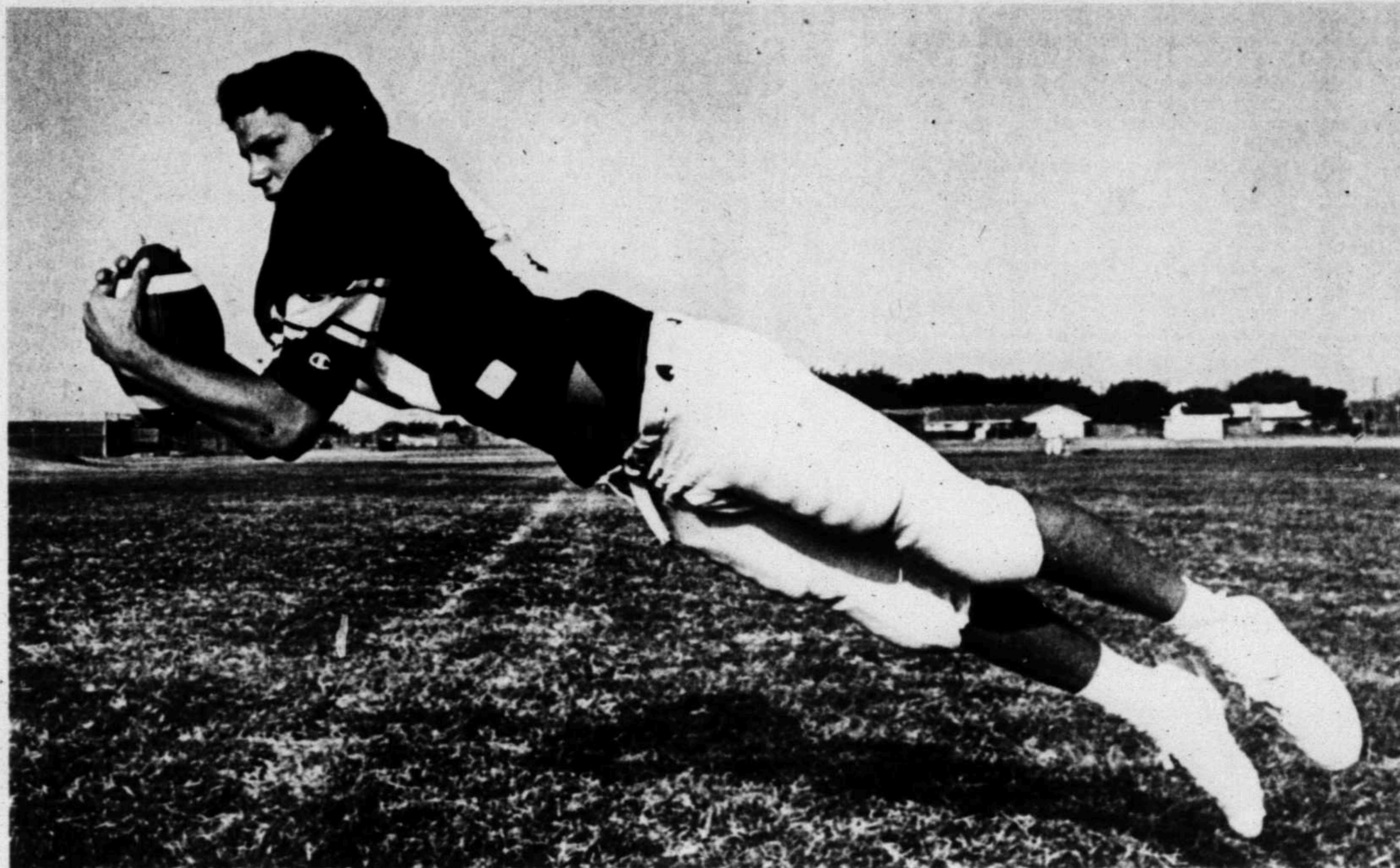
"OUR BACKS are to the wall," Dykes notes. "We've got to win here to have a chance at winning the district championship. That was our goal at the beginning of the year and that is still our goal."

"Our kids are enthused about playing one of the ranked teams in the state and I think they are ready to give a great effort. We will have to play one of our best games, or we won't have a chance."

San Angelo is 4-0 on the year, but is coming off a narrow 21-14 win over Abilene Cooper, a game they were fortunate to win. The Bobcats won it on a 90-yard kick-off return and Cooper had a TD called back on the last play of the game for lining up offside. San Angelo had only seven first downs in the game.

"We've managed to survive so far," says Bobcat coach Jimmie Keeling. "We are in the crucial part of our schedule. There is no doubt about that. You have to say Lee is a major contender in this district and Cooper is a tough team. We have Odessa Permian next week, but we can only think about Lee at this point."

"Lee has such great speed that they scare you to death. Their



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Midland Lee tight end Mike Barton has caught six passes for 95 yards this year, including two for touchdowns. Lee needs a big night from him Friday when the Rebels take on No. 4 state ranked San Angelo in the key District 4-5A game of the week.

loss to Odessa High doesn't take away from this game at all because Lee can beat anyone it takes the field against and we know it."

DYKES IS at a loss in efforts to explain what happened last week against Odessa High. "There is nothing you can really put your finger on. We had some break-

downs along the way and there are some coaching decisions I would like to have back, but the kids played hard. We just lost and we have to put that behind us now."

And in a hurry. San Angelo features what can be an awesome offensive unit with two of the top six rushers in the league so far, including sophomore running

back Bevins Hoffman, who has rushed for 383 yards to rank third in the district while becoming the talk of the league. There is also veteran tailback Trey Wright, who ranks sixth in rushing with 280 yards with lightning speed.

Lee's "No Name" attack is led by halfback Clarence Smith, who has 191 yards to rank eighth, but Lee uses a lot of people in the

skill positions, which has fostered the "No Name" nickname. Quarterback Paul Cox has gained 172 yards this year to follow Smith and he has done it with limited playing time.

LEE HAS used as many as five quarterbacks in a game. Mike Mercurio is the leading passer, completing nine of 14 passes for

137 yards and three TDs. The main receiver has been Luther Johnson, who has caught seven passes for 126 yards, and tight end Mike Barton, six for 95 yards and two TDs.

The San Angelo passing game has not been awesome behind quarterback Jeff Schkade, who has completed only eight of 29 aerials for 153 yards.

Dykes figures that San Angelo may be well on its way to one of the 4-5A playoff berths if they can win two of their first three district games, and the Bobcats have one win under their belts. "If we beat San Angelo, there is no telling how this district is going to turn out. Cooper may be the best team of the lot and they are 1-3. They are going to beat someone and Abilene High can beat anyone. Permian still has its schedule ahead of them. There is no telling what might happen," Dykes said.

The loss to Odessa High might not ruin the Rebels if they can beat the real contenders, but they must start here Friday night.

Midland Lee Offense
Quarterback: Mike Mercurio, 190 Sr. or Paul Cox, 180 Sr. Fullback: Leonard Freeman, 175 Sr. Halfbacks: Darrell Frenzel, 180 Sr., Charles Smith, 150 Sr. Split End: Luther Johnson, 150 Sr. Tight End: Mike Barton, 175 Sr. Tackles: Tracy Sherman, 190 Jr., John Denton, 190 Sr. Guards: Anthony Adams, 200 Sr., Eric Cooper, 200 Sr. Center: Kerry Robertson, 190 Sr.

San Angelo Offense
Quarterback: Jeff Schkade, 161 Sr. Running Back: Bevins Hoffman, 170 Soph. Tailback: Trey Wright, 190 Sr. Flanker: David Washington, 167 Sr. Split End: Jimmy Spers, 150 Sr. Tight End: Bill Coburn, 182 Jr. Tackles: Johnny Walker, 221 Jr., Eric Hess, 240 Sr. Guards: Neff Butkovich, 170 Jr., Henry Green, 215 Sr. Center: Lawrence Williamson, 167 Jr.

Midland Lee Defense
Ends: Scott Ackroyd, 190 Sr., John Denton, 190 Sr. Tackles: Eric Cooper, 200 Sr., Daniel Magallanes, 200 Sr. Linebackers: Reggie Ellis, 150 Jr., Leonard Freeman, 175 Sr., Isaac Garsett, 190 Jr. Cornerbacks: Kevin Taylor, 175 Sr., Lenny Long, 150 Sr. Safety: Luther Johnson, 150 Sr., Greg Woodberry, 175 Sr.

San Angelo Defense
Ends: David Hicks, 162 Sr., Jeff Butkovich, 170 Jr. Tackles: Joe Villarreal, 191 Sr., Albert Rodriguez, 198 Jr. Linebackers: David Washington, 167 Sr., Henry Green, 215 Sr., Scott Carter, 176 Sr. Cornerbacks: Mark McCrea, 144 Sr., Trey Wright, 160 Sr. Safety: Greg Thomas, 130 Jr., Steve Flores, 154 Sr.

Unbeatens collide When Crane meets McCamey

By CHAD PUERLING
Sports Writer

It will be a classic confrontation of the irresistible force meeting the immovable object when the McCamey Badgers host the Golden Cranes Friday night.

McCamey, a class AA school, has averaged 23 points per outing this season while Crane has yielded but one touchdown in four games. In a 29-28 losing effort against class AAA Ozona last week the Badgers rushed for more than 300 yards and tacked on an additional 148 yards in the air.

Crane on the other hand held Van Horn to 121 yards in total offense and surrendered its' first touchdown of the season in a 24-6 win.

It will be the first time Crane has faced a triple option team this year which is one reason coach Ricky White expects a tight ball game.

"It'll be a hard fought contest," he said, "and I expect a close, awfully close game."

IN 1981, White's first year at Crane, it was a disaster as the Golden Cranes had a worse than tarnished 0-10 season. But the 4-0 record so far this season doesn't seem to surprise White as much as it does most people.

"I think the main reason for the turnaround has been our kids' work habits," he said. "They work harder than anyone, and that has made the difference."

A portion of the reason for the shift of the zero column can be attributed to White's system being in place and understood by all his players and coaches. The Golden Cranes keep it simple running out of the

formation and using a 4-3 defense. "We base our offense around our tailback Gilbert Ramirez," White said, "and he has been good for us." White also said each team has an edge over the other in this contest. "McCamey's got the speed and we've got the size."

MCCAMEY HEAD mentor, Larry Nabors, agrees that the Cranes outweigh his Badgers, and he said it's not just in the line.

"We've scouted most of their games and they have a big club, lineman and backs," he said.

Despite the yardage of Ramirez, Nabors fears the exploits of quarterback Eugene Morris the most.

"That quarterback can run and pass," Nabors said. "He's the most dangerous person in their backfield."

Morris is a transfer from Odessa Ector where the 5-foot-10, 140-pounder started at quarterback for the Eagles.

Regarding the Cranes defense, Nabors looks at it just like any other.

"I'm not too sure what to expect. We'll just have to execute our offense and take what they give us," he said.

THE TRIPLE option offense employed by the Badgers involves a intricate blocking scheme and relies heavily on the players to make necessary changes.

"We (the coaches) help a little but we don't do much during the game," he said. "Our people on the field pick up the adjustments."

Besides being a contest between two fine football teams, the game should give district fans a preview of the anticipated clash between the only two undefeated teams in district 6-AAA, Crane and Ozona.

Most 6-AAA teams will be on the road in this, the final week before district play, as Ozona travels to Eldorado, Ballinger invades Menard and Coahoma journeys to Denver City. Colorado City will host Clyde and Sonora will welcome the Mason Punchers.

IN DISTRICT 8-AA it's Stanton at Seagraves, Reagan County at Alpine, Wall at Hamlin, Miles host Roby and Eldorado entertains Ozona.

After a week off, district 2-AAAA teams begin their district race with Lakeview (3-0) at Monahans (1-2), Andrews (1-2) at Pecos (2-1), Lamesa (1-2) at Snyder (0-3) and newly-ranked (10th by Associated Press) Sweetwater (3-0) will host Fort Stockton (2-1).

District 7-A got a jump on the rest of the area districts, opening last week. Sterling City and Bronte, both 1-0, will square off in Bronte, while last week's other winners, No. 5 ranked Eden and Garden City, will travel to Irion County and Water Valley respectively. Someone will win their first district game of '82 when Robert Lee host Greenwood.

The new season begins in district 6-A as Balmorhea (0-2) travels to Wink (3-0), Rankin (2-1) host Buena Vista (2-1), Fort Davis (0-3) invades Sanderson (1-0-1) and Iraan (2-1) entertains Grandfalls (1-2).

NFL Strike Update

By The Associated Press
Day 9
Games Lost: 14

PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS: The talks will resume Thursday at 1 p.m. (EDT) in Washington.

CHANCES FOR SETTLEMENT: Almost impossible that an agreement could be reached in time to salvage this weekend's 14-game schedule, in view of Commissioner Pete Rozelle's statement over the weekend that a settlement would have to be reached by Thursday in order to do so.

DIFFERENCES: Management says it would guarantee the \$1.6 billion it has offered the players if the players agree to drop their demand for a wage scale and keep the present system of individual negotiations. The players said they would not.



Phillies' manager Pat Corrales gets heave-ho from umpire Dutch Rennett after protesting too vigorously over a decision on a ball trapped by outfielder George Yukovich.

Dodgers left for dead

By Associated Press

The Los Angeles Dodgers have been virtually left for dead in the National League West by the hit-and-run Atlanta Braves.

"I think we have to feel good now, like we're in the driver's seat," said Terry Harper after leading the surging Braves to a 4-3, 12-inning victory over the Dodgers Wednesday night. "We're playing good baseball now, and when we're playing well, we can beat anyone."

The victory, Atlanta's sixth straight, put the Braves two games up in the NL West race with only four games to go. In losing for the eighth straight time, the Dodgers dropped into a second-place tie with the San Francisco Giants, who beat the Houston Astros 6-1. Harper, reflecting on a long losing streak that cost the Braves a hefty lead earlier in the season, empathized with the Dodgers.

"I'm sure they're doing the same thing we were, just going out there and trying to win each game," he said. "They're not snakebitten, these things just happen."

Added Braves Manager Joe Torre, "I sure understand what they're going through. But I'm glad it's them and not us. We had ours in July, when we had time to recover. They still have time, too. But I hope we won't let that happen."

In order for the defending world champion Dodgers to make a comeback, they'll have to play near-perfect baseball the rest of the way — and hope the Braves don't.

Harper, who homered earlier, singled home the tie-breaking run in the 12th for the Braves and Jerry Roster's base hit brought in the eventual game-winner.

Reliever Gene Garber, 8-10, who gave up the Dodgers' final run in the bottom of the inning on a double-play ball, was the winner.

Giants 6, Astros 1
Home runs by Jeff Leonard and Chili Davis powered

San Francisco over Houston. Leonard hit his eighth homer after a leadoff single by Reggie Smith in the second inning, accounting for the game's first runs. Davis led off the fifth with a homer, his 19th, off Joe Niekro, 16-12, giving the Giants a 3-1 lead and all the runs they needed.

Pirates 7, Cardinals 3

Jason Thompson's two-run double sparked a four-run first inning that carried Pittsburgh over St. Louis. Thompson's two runs batted in gave him 101 for the season and made him the first Pirate to hit 100 RBI since Dave Parker drove in 107 in 1978.

Phillies 4, Expos 0

Steve Carlton pitched his sixth shutout of the season and 18th complete game as Philadelphia beat Montreal. The left-hander allowed only Joel Youngblood's single with two out in the fifth inning and Tim Lincecum's leadoff single in the ninth.

Carlton, 22-11, struck out three to boost his league-leading total to 273. The 37-year-old would be the oldest pitcher to lead the NL in strikeouts. Dazy Vance fanned 200 to lead the league at the same age for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1928.

Cubs 4, Mets 1

Bill Buckner cracked four hits, including a two-run homer, as Chicago beat New York and snapped the Mets' four-game winning streak. Mike Proly, 5-3, got the victory in his first start for Chicago, beating the Mets for the fourth time this season with relief help from Lee Smith, who gained his 16th save.

Padres 3, Reds 2

Terry Kennedy's two-run single in the 10th led San Diego over Cincinnati. Trailing 2-1, the Padres loaded the bases on singles by Broderick Perkins and Alan Wiggins and a walk to George Hinshaw. Brad Lesley, 0-2, struck out pinch-hitter Rick Lancellotti, but Kennedy followed with his game-winning hit that gave him 97 RBI for the year.

TV, Radio Sports...

BASEBALL—Braves-Dodgers, 9:35 p.m., TBS.
BOXING—Robin Blake-Carlos Santana, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

Sports today...

FOOTBALL—San Angelo at Midland Lee, 7 p.m.
San Angelo Sophs at Midland Lee, 5 p.m.
Midland JV at Big Spring, 7 p.m.

Baseball Today...

Thursday, Sept. 30
On this date in 1951:

Brooklyn second baseman Jackie Robinson saved the game with a diving stab of Eddie Waitkus' bases-loaded line drive, then won it in the 14th inning with a home run as the Dodgers nipped the Philadelphia Phillies 9-8 at Shibe Park. Combined with the New York Giants' 3-2 victory at Boston, it enabled the Dodgers and Giants to finish in a first-place tie (at 96-58) in the National League, setting up a best-of-three playoff between the two bitter rivals.

On this date in 1934:

Carl Hubbell hurled a seven-hitter in the rain and mud at the Polo Grounds to lead the New York Giants to a 6-1 victory over the New York Yankees in the World Series opener.

On this date in 1934:
St. Louis' Dizzy Dean became the first National League pitcher to chalk up 30 victories since 1917, making No. 30 a 9-0 whitewash of Cincinnati that clinched the NL flag for the Cardinals.



Willie Wilson dances on third after two-run single that helped foil Angels' pennant clincher...3C.

The Quotebook...

"I guess when you've got a 310 lifetime average, this has to be considered, an off year. It's taken me a long time to adjust to hitting second — my whole philosophy has always been to be aggressive, but I've taken so many pitches this year. I think I've lost some of my aggressiveness." — Pete Rose, of the Philadelphia Phillies, hitting just .273.

Measles worry Baylor fans Outbreak strikes campus

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor University officials have urged students attending the Bears' football game this weekend to receive measles inoculations in hopes of stopping the spread of a campus outbreak.

More than 4,000 Baylor students already have been inoculated on campus against red measles, symptoms of which have been diagnosed in about 70 students, health officials said Wednesday.

More inoculations will continue at Baylor again today.

"They admitted six more that showed the symptoms, and more are appearing hourly," a Baylor spokesman said Wednesday. "So they're now saying 80 is a good estimate. But they're looking at the possibility of it rising to 100."

A Baylor freshman apparently contracted the disease during the summer while in Honduras.

A makeshift vaccination clinic also is being set up on the University of Houston campus for students who will attend Saturday's Cougars-Bears game.

"We're trying to get the word out to the Houston area or anyone that might come to the game, to have them check their records and get inoculated before they come to Waco," the spokesman said.

Dr. Tom Betz, an epidemiologist with the Texas Department of Health in Austin said, "This is the greatest concentration of red measles anywhere in the United States right now."

"This is a highly contagious disease that will find all susceptibles in a population, so anybody that is susceptible needs to get inoculated," Betz said.

Most parents of college students are at an age where they should not be susceptible to measles, he said.

Betz said college students should be vaccinated if their measles inoculations were before 1968. Those vaccinated before they were a year old should also receive new shots, he said.

Only the student who returned from Honduras has been confirmed by laboratory tests as having the disease.



Boston Red Sox outfielder Rick Miller watches action while protecting himself from light drizzle in American League game.

NCAA fight could 60 schools rankings

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — As many as 60 schools could face eviction from the top division of the NCAA in what promises to be a bitter floor fight at the group's January convention.

NCAA President James Frank confirmed Wednesday that new rules are being drafted to toughen the entrance requirements for non-football playing members of Division I.

THE RESULT could be that as schools are forced into Division II, it would force some smaller conferences to surrender their automatic invitation to the NCAA basketball tournament. Conferences which might be affected include the West Coast Athletic Conference, the East Coast Conference, the Midwestern Cities Conference, the Trans-America Conference, and the East Coast Athletic Conference.

What Frank called a "working paper" on the legislation was unveiled this week to a meeting in Kansas City of school presidents and chief executive officers.

"I can tell you from the amount of debate that was in that room, that there will be very heated debate at the convention," Frank said.

Having a conference champion or post-season tournament champion automatically invited to the NCAA Tournament brings a minimum of more than \$100,000 to the conference members.

"There will be a real fight," said Cecil Coleman, commissioner of the Midwestern Cities Conference. "We will not take this lying down. We will fight this to the bitter end."

THERE HAS been nearly a 20-percent increase in Division I membership in recent years. In many instances, schools with relatively small programs have jumped from Division III all the way to Division I by joining a Division I conference.

The Basketball tournament, which expands next

Reader disputes figures

The readers always write:

K.P. Walker questions figures offered in a chart last week comparing career rewards of pro football, baseball, basketball and hockey athletes, their average salary, career earnings, length of career.

Briefly, it showed the pro football player (\$95,000 salary, \$400,000 career earnings, 4.2 years longevity), pro baseball (\$240,000-\$1,560,000, 6.5), pro basketball (\$215,000, \$800,000, 4 years), hockey (\$120,000, \$600,000, 5 years).

K.P.'s observation: "Your comments on football strike and averages is in error in that you have failed to show the number of games played. Football is way ahead—16 games, \$5,937.50 per game; baseball, 151 games (ed note: seasons are now 162 games), 1,589.40; basketball, 151 games (ed note: oops, that's high \$1,423.04 per game. You should show the total exposure."

The comments are interesting, but in the case of the chart, we believe the figures were meant to stand on their own, information with which the fan could do with what he wished, as Mr. Walker did.

The per game figures shows the pro football players are the best paid of all athletes. Still, it doesn't tell the entire story. Pro footballers spend a week in preparation. Preparation in baseball and basketball, after pre-season, is in the almost daily games, which do not take the same physical toll as football.

THE TIME each athlete spends in his sport is comparable. Baseball begins with spring training in March and ends, barring playoffs, at the start of October. Basketball goes from September to early April. Football starts in July and ends in December.

The crowds are another factor that could enter into salary considerations. Football outdraws all others per game, but does it outdraw a week of baseball? At the season's end, baseball's longer schedule shows up in overall attendance. Basketball players, on the basis of attendance, are the most over paid of all...but the number of players on a squad is smaller than football, baseball or hockey, hence the seemingly irrational salary ratio.

Football has the advantage of one-game, one-trip a week. Travel and odd hour schedules exact a dreadful

toll on baseball, basketball and hockey players...but does it equal the physical pounding a football player takes?

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Sports, where the arguments stirred up are sometimes more fun than the games...especially, at the moment, in the case of pro football...

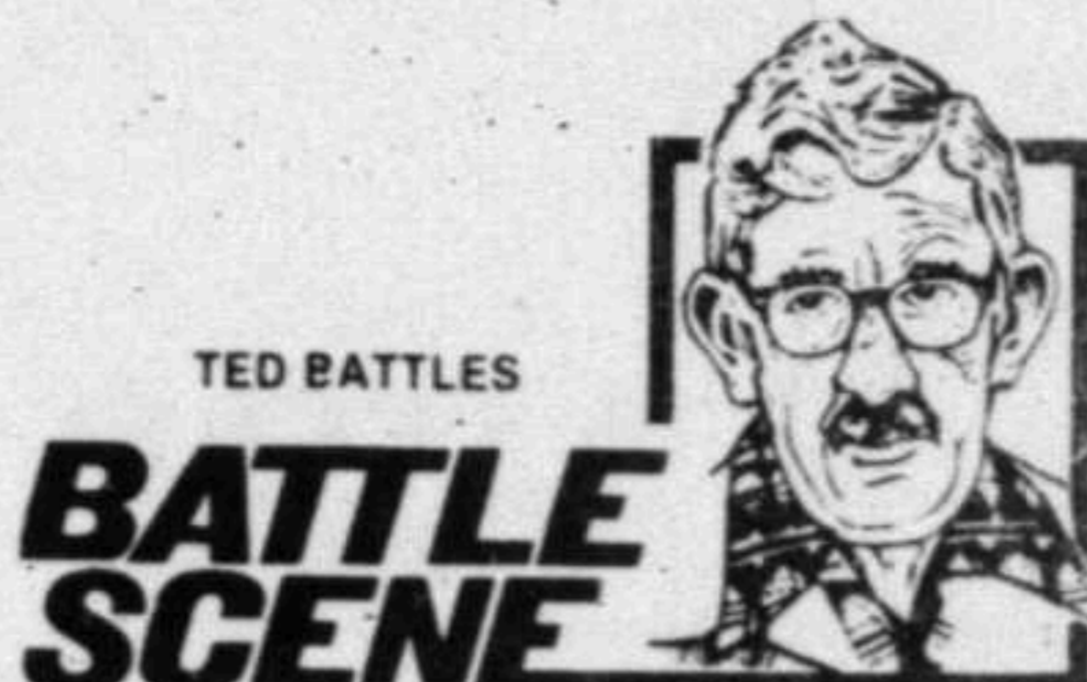
FROM PHYLLIS Speight, whose son Paul attends Oklahoma State University, plays in the offensive line on the Cowboys' football team and was subject of a feature article, depicting the hectic existence of the scholarship athlete trying to keep up with his sport and graduate in four years.

"Thought you might like to know we had many, many calls on this article. Most commented on the 'different approach' text. Well, OSU's won/lost record is not impressive at this point. (Good grief, What happened?) One bright spot is Ernest Anderson, NCAA rushing leader to date. He gives a lot of credit to his offensive line, where Paul Edmond is starting at right guard. Hopefully, the W/L will improve as they start conference play..."

NO LETTERS, but the R-T sports department was for some reason, the recipient of an inordinate number of calls inquiring as to the outcome of the Slippery Rock-Catawba game last Saturday. Don't panic, Slippery Rock won 17-13.

The score was never carried on the AP wire.

That frequently happens with the small school game-of-the-week. One year, it wasn't bad enough that we had two west coast teams, Occidental and Redlands, on the Forecast board, but they were playing a night game. In desperation, the president of Redlands had to be contacted for the score.



TED BATTLES
BATTLE SCENE

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Juan LaPorte named top boxer

By The Associated Press
GENERAL

GREENVILLE, Texas — Monty Stratton, whose attempt to make a comeback in professional baseball after losing a leg made him the subject of a major motion picture, died today of cancer. He was 70. Stratton pitched for the Chicago White Sox, but his career was shortened when he lost his leg in a hunting accident in 1938. His comeback attempt in pro ball inspired a 1948 movie, "The Stratton Story," that starred James Stewart and June Allyson.

BOXING

NEW YORK — Brooklyn's Juan LaPorte was named Boxer of the Month for September by the Boxing Writers Association of America. LaPorte captured the vacant WBC featherweight championship with an 11th round knockout over Mario Miranda of Columbia, on Sept. 15 at Madison Square Garden. The fight followed the August death of Champion Salvador Sanchez.

TENNIS

HONOLULU — Matt Mitchell upset defending cham-

pion Hank Pfister 6-4, 6-0 in the opening round of the \$100,000 Wailea Pro Tennis Classic. Meanwhile, top-seeded Eliot Telcher ousted Australian David Carter 7-6, 6-1. Brad Gilbert defeated Joao Soares 6-7, 6-4, 7-5; Tom Cain beat Leo Palin 6-1, 6-4. Jeff Borwiak defeated Martin Davs 6-3, 6-4. Butch Walts beat Kack Kruger 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. Andy Andrews topped Eddie Edwards 7-6, 6-4. Vince Van Patten downed Rocky Royer, 6-3, 6-2, and Tony Giammalva upset fifth-seeded Van Wintsky 6-3, 6-3.

HORSE RACING

Need A Quarter, \$8.60, beat A Bright Idea by three lengths to win the \$16,000 feature at Louisiana Downs... Jordana's Count, \$3.40, coasted to a three-length victory over Ro Bar in the \$8,000 Sky Light Purse at Bowie... Easy Rocking, \$19, romped to a 1 1/2-length victory over With Flying Colors in the \$8,100 featured race at Finger Lakes Race Track... Let The Boy Sing, \$17, beat Justamar by one length to win the \$11,000 Mr. Prospector Purse at Arlington Park... What's Dat, \$12.40, beat Papa Riccio by a length to win the \$84,700 Cowdin Stakes at Belmont Park.

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