

City fire chief's fate uncertain following DWI charge

BY JEFF LANGLEY
Senior Staff Writer

Pampa Fire Chief Paul Russell Jones, 54, has been placed on vacation leave following his arrest last week on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Jones' fate as the head of Pampa's 40-man, three-station fire department is uncertain because of his drunk-driving arrest on Friday, according to the city administration.

The fire chief was on duty and in uniform when he was arrested in the parking lot of the Pizza Hut, 855 W. Kingsmill, according to Acting City Manager Allyn Moore and witnesses to the incident.

"In all honesty, we have asked him to seek professional help. We have not made a final decision on what course of action to take," Moore said.

The administrator said he met with the fire chief on Monday and ordered that he take vacation time.

When the vacation time runs out, the fire chief may be asked to take off on accrued sick leave, Moore said.

Assistant Fire Chief J.D. Ray will head up the department in Jones' absence, he said.

Jones said he doesn't remember what happened. "I don't know. I honestly don't know...I don't even remember being arrested," he said. "I'm an alcoholic."

"I had no intention of taking a drink. I took one, and one led to another...Why I ever stopped to take a drink, I don't know," Jones said.

The fire chief said he joined the local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous on Monday and intends to lick his admitted alcoholism.

"I'm going to get my life straightened out. A lot of good people are willing to help...I'm going to give up that dang drinking and get my life in order...I'm going to turn my life over to God," Jones said. "I

realize I need help."

Moore said the chief was appointed to the fire department's top job by the city commission. Any decision affecting the chief's job will likely be made by the elected officials, Moore said. He said the commission intends to discuss the situation in an executive session Tuesday.

The acting city manager said that on the day of his arrest, the fire chief was supposed to have driven to Amarillo to deliver some items to a fire academy but apparently "got sidetracked."

"He didn't remember where he had been," Moore said.

Jones' reported encounter with the Carson County Attorney on Texas 152 near Skellytown led to his arrest.

County Attorney Ed Hinshaw, of Panhandle, said he was driving west on the highway about 4 p.m. Friday when he topped a hill. He said a swerving,

eastbound pickup truck veered toward him in the county attorney's lane. Hinshaw told The Pampa News he spun off the road to avoid a collision with the brown Dodge Ram pickup.

The county attorney said he whipped his car around and followed the wayward driver. Hinshaw said the vehicle continued swerving from lane to lane and on and off the road. He said the pickup was "turning arcs." He said he radioed Carson County authorities and asked for officers to stop the driver.

It wasn't long before the pickup came "within inches" of hitting a bus carrying the Canadian Wildcat football team, Hinshaw said.

"He crossed clear over the double line into their lane," he said.

Hinshaw said the pickup driver careened back into

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Hecklers hit Reagan campaign

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
Associated Press Writer

President Reagan, after facing the worst heckling of his campaign, is defending a 24-year-old letter he wrote criticizing John F. Kennedy, while challenger Walter Mondale concedes the Carter-Mondale administration didn't do enough for the embattled steel industry and asks for another chance.

Reagan ignored the one-year anniversary Tuesday of the terrorist bombing that killed 241 American servicemen in Beirut, but he was remembering today another anniversary, the U.S. rescue-invasion of Grenada.

"One year ago, we liberated Grenada from Communist thugs that had taken that country over in a coup," Reagan said Tuesday in Seattle. "Do you know that my opponent called what we did a violation of international law that erodes our moral authority to criticize the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan?"

The president was flying back to Washington following a rally in Columbus, Ohio, ending a four-day campaign swing, and speaking to students who were brought home from Grenada by the military operation one year ago. Nineteen U.S. servicemen died in that operation.

Mondale, meanwhile, was campaigning again today in the Midwest, looking for farm votes in Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Michigan.

Mondale on Tuesday dusted off a 24-year-old letter penned by "Ronnie Reagan" to then-Vice President Richard Nixon in the summer of 1960 in which Reagan compared the campaign proposals of John F. Kennedy to "big brother" government of Karl Marx and Adolf Hitler.

The letter was obtained from a National Archives branch in California.

The White House confirmed the letter was genuine, and Reagan said in Columbus: "Read it. You'll see there's nothing wrong with it."

For Mondale, the letter was a



Police seize president's heckler

rejoinder to weeks of hearing the Republican president invoke a pantheon of late Democratic heroes, including Kennedy. He has accused Reagan of "political grave robbing" and said Reagan associates himself with "any Democrat who is dead."

"Any adult who tries to compare Jack Kennedy with the ideas of Karl Marx and Adolf Hitler is not going to improve with age," said Mondale. "That is the truth. Mr. Reagan will have to live with the truth."

Mondale's Midwestern swing was aimed at winning back Democrats who have shown an inclination to back Reagan.

In economically depressed Youngstown, Ohio, Mondale said the local steel industry "suffered terribly under this administration and far too much under our administration, and I

will admit it."

Mondale, who served as Jimmy Carter's vice president, said, "Let's forget about the past. Let's admit that none of us have done what is needed for this region. The question is who will be better for this region, me or Reagan."

Reagan was repeatedly interrupted in Portland and spoke over the protests of a smaller band of demonstrators in Seattle. Several of the hecklers were forcibly evicted from the audience, one a man who blew a whistle and shouted "Get out of Central America." For Reagan, who hasn't been bothered much by hecklers lately, it was the most disruptive incident of his re-election campaign, aides said.

When someone shouted, "Warmonger," Reagan dismissed it with: "I may just let Mondale raise his taxes."

Social Security increase assured

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Social Security checks that go to 36.1 million Americans will rise 3.5 percent in January, the government said today. The average retiree will get an extra \$15 a month; the average elderly couple \$26.

It is the second consecutive year benefits will rise by 3.5 percent — the smallest since Social Security payments were linked to inflation in 1975.

But when benefits go up, so does the maximum amount of earnings that Social Security taxes, and the government also announced today that the ceiling will be raised in 1985 from \$37,800 to \$39,600.

Coupled with a previously scheduled increase in the Social Security tax rate from 6.7 percent to 7.05 percent, that means those workers face an increase of \$259.20 in the new maximum tax of \$2,791.80 in 1985. Their employers will see their taxes rise by \$145.80 at the top.

The raises became official with the Labor Department's release of its Consumer Price Index for September. The rise in Social Security benefits will match the inflation rate from the third quarter of 1983 to the third quarter of this year.

Paying the extra benefits to the almost one in six Americans who receive the monthly checks — retired or disabled workers and their relatives — will cost Social Security's trust funds \$6.1 billion in the year ahead.

Welfare checks for almost 4 million aged, blind or disabled poor people in the Supplemental Security Income program will go up by the same percentage at year's end, at a cost of \$205 million.

Social Security spokesman James M. Brown said benefits will go up in January by:

—\$15 a month to \$449 for the average retired worker living alone.

—\$26 a month to \$776 for the average elderly couple.

—\$25 a month to \$728 for someone entitled to the maximum who retires this year at age 65.

—\$33 a month to \$988 for a mother with two children.

—\$14 a month to \$415 for an elderly widow.

—\$16 a month to \$473 for a disabled worker.

—\$30 a month to \$893 for a disabled worker and family.

The maximum SSI payment will rise by \$11 for an individual to \$325 and by \$16 for a couple to \$488. However, many also get Social Security and could wind up with lower SSI benefits, because the welfare checks are reduced when their other income goes up.

Also, by law, Social Security rounds all benefit increases down to the nearest dollar, so most

people wind up with slightly less than the full percentage increase.

Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler called the announcement "good news for Social Security beneficiaries." She announced these other changes that will take effect Jan. 1:

—The maximum amount those ages 65-69 can earn without losing benefits will rise from \$6,960 to \$7,320.

—The maximum amount those under 65 can earn without penalty will go from \$5,160 to \$5,400. Those who earn more lose \$1 in benefits for each \$2 earned above those ceilings. There is no limit on earnings for those 70 or older.

Rising gasoline prices push consumers' costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices rose a moderate 0.4 percent in September as gasoline prices rose at their steepest clip in 16 months but food prices dipped slightly, the government said today.

The new report showed a stark reversal in the summer-long trend of cheaper gasoline but rising food prices.

With only three months left in the year, consumer prices were rising at an annual rate of just 4.2 percent, close to the 3.8 percent posted for all of last year.

The government will use today's price report to rejigger income tax brackets to ensure that taxpayers aren't pushed into a higher bracket merely because their wages kept pace with inflation.

That "indexing" adjustment will be the first since Congress adopted its across-the-board tax cut program in 1981.

The adjustment, also based on the pace of inflation over the last year, will translate into an extra \$1 a week in take-home pay for a typical \$25,000-a-year, one-earner couple with two children and \$15 a week for a \$250,000 family,

according to calculations by the AP.

As for prices themselves, the Labor Department said September gasoline costs rose 1.1 percent, the sharpest gain since May 1983. The new increase followed three months of falling prices.

Even with last month's sharp advance, however, gasoline prices are 14.5 percent below their peak of March 1981. Analysts said they expect the September gain to be temporary.

As for food, the department said the 0.1 percent overall drop was in large part the result of declines in prices for beef, eggs and pork. Prices had risen over the summer and were up 0.6 percent in August alone.

Overall, the prospects for moderate inflation in the October-December period have led many analysts to predict that prices for all of 1984 will rise just 4 percent.

Edward Yardeni, chief economist at Prudential-Bache Securities Inc., said the weakness in energy prices should restrain inflation in 1985.

State Demo chairman says he's optimistic about carrying Texas

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

The chairman of the Texas Democratic Party is optimistic that Democratic candidates will come out on top in the state in the upcoming general elections.

Bob Slagle of Sherman visited Pampa this morning on his latest swing through state counties campaigning for the Democratic slate.

Despite President Reagan's lead in the polls, Slagle said chances for the Mondale-Ferraro ticket carrying Texas look "very good."

Having visited east, central and south Texas, Slagle has been in the West Texas area for the past two days. He said volunteers have been very active manning telephone banks in contacting precincts and making voter identification checks in preparation for Election Day on Nov. 6.

Slagle said the party is running a 30 percent volunteer ratio for election activities, which shows "the intensity factor is very strong." In addition, he said, "We're running above the numbers we feel like we need to run in Democratic areas in order to win this state."

He thinks there is "an excellent

chance" for getting out the Democrat vote in the state because of the high intensity level. "I really feel good about it," he added.

One of the strengths Slagle sees for the Mondale-Ferraro presidential team is the high number of royalty owners in the state, about 700,000 of them, with 500,000 of them drawing less than \$200 a month in royalty checks.

"Ronald Reagan ran all over this state four years ago promising he was going to repeal the windfall profits tax. He cut taxes \$134 billion dollars, but he didn't do one thing about repealing the windfall profits tax," Slagle claimed.

"He should keep his promise," he said. "A lot of them are really sore about it, and they feel offended."

Not only did Reagan not sponsor a bill to repeal the tax, but when a federal court threw the tax out because Alaskan oil was treated differently, "he had the Justice Department rush, not walk, but run to the nearest Court of Appeals" to get an order to keep it in effect, Slagle stated.

"So he protected" the windfall profits tax, he said.

Slagle said rural Texans, especially farmers and ranchers, have not fared well under the

Reagan administration.

Fifty-three percent of farmers and ranchers "are technically in default" on Farm and Home Administration loans. "Thousands of our farmers have actually been put out of business," he noted.

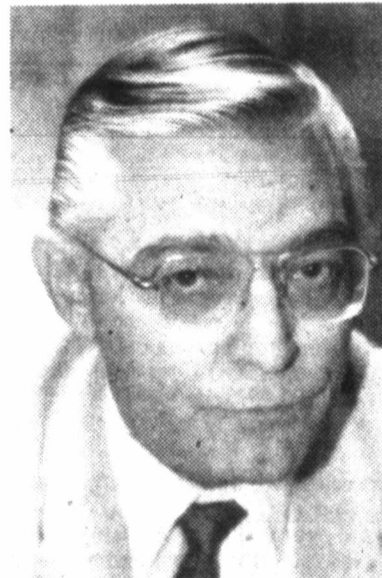
For 13 straight years, farm exports went up, but the last two years farm exports have gone down.

"Our problem is the overvalued dollar which has to do with our terrible federal deficit," Slagle said. This problem has created a trade deficit resulting in "about a 25 percent surtax" on American export goods, he claimed.

Since one out of three acres planted in Texas is planted for exports, "it's really hurt our export for our farmers," he said. Such situations have caused economic problems in a number of counties in the state, he said.

The large deficit is also a concern for many Texans, Slagle said. "We Texans are used to a balanced budget." If a budget deficit is going to be run, "it doesn't need to be six percent of the Gross National Product," he said.

Even former President Gerald Ford, who had the largest budget deficits before Reagan, never had the deficit above 3 1/2 percent of the



BOB SLAGLE...Demo boss visits Pampa

GNP, Slagle said. "It wasn't something that was chilling," like Reagan's deficits, he added.

Reagan's policies, despite recent appearances indicating a strong economy, will adversely affect the recovery through the large deficit, high interest rates and the government's borrowing of money "unless something is done dramatically about it."

Slagle said the Democratic U.S. Senator candidate Lloyd Doggett is going to win solidly. "I think we're going to carry Texas for Mondale

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Accused general put on 'temporary leave'

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Gen. Fabian C. Ver, chief of the Philippines' armed forces and a close friend of President Ferdinand E. Marcos, went on "temporary leave" today after a fact-finding board accused him of complicity in the assassination of Benigno Aquino.

The government news agency quoted a "saddened" Marcos as announcing Ver's departure shortly after the majority report by four of the five board members named Ver among 25 military men and one civilian who allegedly plotted the murder of Aquino.

The opposition leader was shot in the head while under military escort at Manila's main airport as he returned home on Aug. 21, 1983, from voluntary exile in the United States.

The assassination has served as a rallying point for opposition to Marcos' nearly 20 years of authoritarian rule, and has led to a year of anti-government demonstrations against Marcos' U.S.-allied regime.

The four board members said they were "satisfied that the evidence proves the complicity" of Ver.

The government announcement said Ver, in a letter to Marcos,

proclaimed his innocence and asked to be relieved until the "trial at the Sandiganbayan (a special civilian court) is finished."

Marcos said in a statement that he sent the findings of the four board members to judicial authorities for prosecution — in the same way he had handled the dissenting report of board chairwoman Corazon Agrava on Tuesday. Mrs. Agrava's report concluded Ver was not involved and accused air force Gen. Luther Custodio and six soldiers of plotting the murder.

Neither report accused Marcos of involvement in the killing — and this led to charges by Aquino's widow and opposition figures of a cover-up.

The majority report accused Ver and Custodio, Maj. Gen. Prospero Olivas, the Manila police commander who also stepped down today, two colonels, three captains, 17 other soldiers, and a civilian linked to the disappearance of the wife of the man the government says killed Aquino.

Ver has been the military officer closest to Marcos since the president's election in 1965, when Ver was a captain in charge of his security. They were born in the same town.

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White goes to Washington to testify on voter drive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gov. Mark White was scheduled to testify today before a congressional subcommittee investigating complaints about use of state employees in voter registration drives.

The hearing before the Government Operations Subcommittee on Manpower and Housing was called because Donald Devine, the head of the government's Office of Personnel Management, wrote to the governors of Texas, New York and Ohio last month, warning them that state employees are not to be used "for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election."

Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste had called Devine's letter a "thinly veiled threat that federal funds for Ohio would be cut off" if the state did not drop the voter registration program.

White has maintained that Texas state employees only help people fill out voter registration forms that are available in state office buildings. Republican Party officials had charged that prospective voters were being "coerced" into registering.

"Texas" voter registration is non-partisan, that is, a voter does not declare a party preference.

Officials from New York and Ohio were also slated to appear. Voter registration is non-partisan

in Ohio. In New York, prospective voters are given the option of enrolling in a political party when they register.

White was also hoping to spend time today meeting with Secretary of Interior William Clark on a method of splitting offshore oil revenues, but Clark declined.

Seven coastal states and the federal government are trying to work out a formula for splitting revenue from shared offshore oil leases. Congress decided in 1978 that the revenues should be shared but did not say how.

The revenues have gathered in an escrow fund which is now over \$5 billion.



CAVE-IN—A roof of a theater caved in Tuesday in West Houston at the Memorial City Mall. Construction crews were in the process of renovating the theater to construct more stores

for the mall. Weather was not a factor in the roof cave-in. Two workers received minor injuries. (AP Laserphoto)

Land commissioner says federal law threatens veterans' programs

AUSTIN (AP) — A state Democratic official says Republicans slipped in federal tax provisions that threaten Texas' unique loan programs for veterans to buy land and housing.

"By placing an ever-tightening vise on eligibility, the Reagan administration has chosen to eliminate more than one million Texas veterans from the housing program," said Land Commissioner Garry Mauro.

Mauro said Tuesday the Tax Reform Act of 1984 "not only excludes our older veterans from World War II and Korea, but it also excludes our most recent veterans such as those who served in Grenada, Beirut and in the space program."

Mauro also told a news conference Congress had voted to halt by 1990 state loans to Texas veterans to buy land.

However, Mauro said Rep. J.J. "Jake" Pickle, D-Texas, and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, "are committed to working hard... and I feel real comfortable we'll be able" to avoid shutting down the land program.

That program, which loans up to \$20,000 to veterans to buy a minimum of 10 acres, was established in 1949, and more than 85,000 veterans have borrowed money to buy land.

Mauro said since February 1983, more than 10,000 loans totaling a "little over" \$200 million have been made to veterans to help buy homes. The housing program, he said, "has created over 20,000 new jobs in Texas and over \$1 billion in economic activity."

The land and housing programs are based on the state loaning money from the sale of tax-exempt bonds, and Mauro said the new federal law prohibits the state from selling such bonds.

"We in Texas made the decision that we would not have a bonus program (for veterans), that we would have a self-sufficient, self-financing program for Texas veterans, and because we are the only state in the nation that is doing that, we are being penalized," the commissioner said.

The Texas Veterans Land Board last week accepted a bid from an investment syndicate headed by Citicorp Capital Markets Group of New York to underwrite an additional \$250 million in bonds for veterans housing.

The net interest cost of the general obligation bond issue, the largest in Texas history, is 9.13 percent, and a veteran would have to pay 9.97 percent for a housing loan of up to \$20,000.

Mauro said, however, the Tax Reform Act prevents him from loaning any of the new bond money to veterans who left the service before 1955 or entered service after 1977.

"We could use non-tax exempt bonds but then the rate would go from 9.97 to probably 14 or 15... and then, of course, that's not attractive," Mauro said.

He said Texas got "got caught up" in a federal move to halt the abuse of tax-exempt bonds. "We got caught in the shotgun approach — we need a rifle," he said.

"The problem we have is that we had thought we had resolved our

eligibility problems in the (congressional) conference committee, and, quite frankly, what happened — as you know the Republicans now control the Senate, and the Republican staff members are the ones who changed the eligibility," said Mauro.

Asked if everyone just "woke up" one day and the provision was in the law, Mauro replied:

"It's worse than that. When I called Congressman Pickle and told him two weeks after... the bill had been passed, he didn't even realize they had changed the eligibilities. I'm telling you, the staff snuck it in. I don't think the Congress ever intended to do this."

Day care center probe continues

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Workers at three La Petite Academy day-care centers are under investigation by state officials for alleged sexual abuses of children who attend the centers, officials said.

On Tuesday, the Texas Department of Human Resources announced that five workers at an Arlington day-care facility are under investigation for alleged sexual abuse of 15 children at the center in the past several months.

Some parents of children interviewed Monday and Tuesday told caseworkers that their children were photographed in

different poses, some of them apparently nude, the Dallas Morning News reported today.

State officials refused to confirm or deny the reports that some of the children had been photographed.

A three-year-old girl told investigators that one of the women who worked at the center took a live frog after a fondling session and squeezed it until blood came from the frog's mouth, the girl's mother said.

"This is what will happen to you if you tell anyone," the girl's mother quoted her daughter as saying.

Officials said that on Monday they interviewed 20 children who attend the center and they implicated the fifth worker, T.L. Dallas Morning News reported today. Four workers have been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation, but it is not known whether the fifth has been suspended.

State officials said Tuesday they began investigating a complaint of sexual abuse at a La Petite Academy in Fort Worth after the family of a 3-year-old girl filed a sexual assault complaint against the day-care center, the newspaper reported.

Rate suggestions to be aired

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Insurance will hear arguments today on conflicting recommendations for auto insurance rates for 1985.

The board's staff has recommended a 3.8 percent decrease in premiums while the industry wants an increase of 5.5 percent.

The 1985 rates will be effective Feb. 1.

Last Feb. 1, the board raised the statewide average rate by 3.7 percent, an increase of \$88 million.

If the staff recommendation is accepted, there would be decreases in area rates ranging from \$94 a year in the Laredo area for an

average family car to a \$2 decrease in the Lubbock area.

The only increases recommended by the staff were for \$28 a year for Kaufman County and a \$2 increase for Waller.

The staff report showed that Texas insurance companies reported substantial increased costs in writing bodily injury and uninsured motorists, but made a profit on fire, theft, comprehensive and collision policies.

The industry recommendation would range from decreases of \$49 in Webb County and \$48 in Liberty to a \$68 increase in Kaufman County.



Off beat
By
Dee Dee Laramore

Bertha will have operation

I'm happy to report that "Bertha" the little girl I wrote about in last week's column who badly needed a \$15,000 operation is going to be taken care of.

But in the interest of truth, I must say my column had nothing to do with it.

Pampa's public nurse, Marge Holland, was about three jumps ahead of me.

She has gotten funding for Bertha's operation through the Texas Crippled Children's Foundation at no cost to Bertha's family. It is to be performed at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo during the Christmas holidays as long as Bertha is well enough to undergo the ordeal, Mrs. Holland, R.N. said.

I can't describe how wonderful it was to receive the deluge of caring and support that came to me following the printing of the column about Bertha. Beginning at about 6 p.m. last Wednesday and for the next week people continued to call or stop me wherever I went. They offered support, encouragement and numerous ways to help Bertha. Believe me, there are people in Pampa who care.

I discovered several people in Pampa have received major operations for their children, or when they themselves were children, through the Texas Crippled Children's Foundation. If some needy child you know needs an operation that the expenses might be covered by the foundation — the address is 1100 W. 49th, Austin, 78756 and the telephone number is (512) 465-2666.

Another agency that has helped approximately 125 patients from Gray County alone is the Scottish Rite and Shrine crippled children's hospitals and burn centers.

V.E. "Skeet" Wagner was the first to call, offering to help Bertha through the Scottish Rite Crippled Childrens Hospital. He and Gene Gates have aided so many children in this area through this program sponsored by the Masonic Lodges throughout the state and country. There are 18 orthopedic hospitals and three burn centers in the United States sponsored by these fine organizations. All offer extensive medical care at no cost to the patient's family.

Wagner said he would be happy to try to help any children in Gray County who might qualify for operations at the crippled children's hospital.

The Shriners Burn Center is often overlooked when a child is badly burned. Wagner stressed the importance of notifying him, Gene Gates, or any other local Mason, immediately when a child is burned so that the child can be transferred to the burn center which provides first rate burn care while helping keep an already shocked family from having to worry about sky-high medical costs as well.

Thank you, all of you who really cared whether Bertha lived or died, because that's what this operation meant when you got down to it.

And remember, Bertha is not the only child in Pampa or this area who has serious needs — medical, physical and emotional — that are not being met. Don't just breathe a sigh of relief that Bertha is being helped and let it go at that. Remember there are others.

Laramore is lifestyles editor of The Pampa News.

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| Cash and balances due from depository institutions | 5,074,000 |
| Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin | 20,740,000 |
| Securities | 3,075,000 |
| Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell | 52,347,000 |
| Loans and lease financing receivables: | |
| Loans and leases, net of unearned income | 482,000 |
| LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses | 51,865,000 |
| Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve | 1,613,000 |
| Premises and fixed assets | 30,000 |
| Other real estate owned | 1,739,000 |
| Other assets | 84,136,000 |
| Total assets | |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Deposits: | |
| In domestic offices | 74,662,000 |
| Noninterest-bearing | 17,827,000 |
| Interest-bearing | 56,835,000 |
| Other liabilities | 1,581,000 |
| Total liabilities | 76,243,000 |
| EQUITY CAPITAL | |
| Common stock | 600,000 |
| Surplus | 3,400,000 |
| Undivided profits and capital reserves | 3,893,000 |
| Total equity capital | 7,893,000 |
| Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock and equity capital | 84,136,000 |

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Opinion

Who reflects JFK's beliefs?

If the John F. Kennedy of 1962 had appeared at the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco this summer, he probably would have been shunned aside along with today's prominent conservatives within the party.

After all, the rhetoric of JFK, a Democrat and America's 35th president, was much too harsh for a party that is today committed to reducing "tensions" with the Soviet Union. Remember Kennedy's words in his inaugural address of Jan. 20, 1961:

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

Such ringing words would have been out of place at the San Francisco gathering.

Just as out-of-step would have been his view of higher taxes and deficits. Presidential candidate Walter Mondale, in his acceptance speech before the convention, specifically proposed \$85 billion in fresh taxes to trim federal budget deficits. Imagine the cool reception from the San Francisco delegates if Kennedy had said the following, as he did before the Economic Club of New York on Dec. 14, 1962:

"Our true choice is not between tax reduction, on the one hand, and the avoidance of large federal deficits on the other. It is increasingly clear that, no matter what party is in power, as long as our national security needs keep rising, an economy hampered by restrictive tax rates will never produce enough revenue to balance the budget—just as it will never produce enough jobs or enough profits. In short, it is a paradoxical truth that tax rates are too high today and tax revenues are too low—and the soundest way to raise revenues in the long run is to cut tax rates now."

Democrat and Republican leaders this fall have been debating about who has rightful claim to quote JFK. You be the judge.

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William Murchison

'Grasshoppers' at work

When next the Flat Earth Society meets it should invite into its fold the growing number of ideologues who fix public utility rates across the country. These are folk with a capacity for believing all sorts of improbable things - such as that stripping utility companies of cash will make them work all the harder to produce energy.

A current Texas brouhaha is a case in point. Texas Utilities Electric Co. of Dallas had wanted a rate hike of \$304 million. This was partly to keep on expanding conventional supplies, partly to finish its nearly completed Comanche Peak nuclear plant.

Texas Utilities (TU) testified that, with an anticipated 210,000 new customers for 1983 and 1984, a lot of work needed doing. Indeed, said the company, 210,000 is just about the number of customers the nuclear plant, if it starts up next summer, will initially be serving.

A state Public Utility Commission examiner, squinting suspiciously at the company's request, said \$7 million was about all TU needed or deserved. The following week the commission said that, if anything the examiner had been overgenerous: What Texas Utilities really needed was a \$10-million rate CUT.

On goes the saga of the new, "pro-consumer" Public Utility Commission vs. the people who supply Texas' energy. Wholly controlled by appointees of Democratic Governor Mark White, the PUC imagines itself to be staying off the

rapacious advances of the big city utilities. What it needs to do, instead of standing up to posture, is sit down to read Aesop's wonderful fable about the grasshopper and the ants.

Remember how the ants worked day in and day out to lay in food for the coming winter? Remember how the grasshopper squandered every passing moment in fun and frivolity? Remember who went hungry that winter? Hint: It wasn't the ants.

The grasshoppers of the PUC seem to think their duty lies with giving consumers maximum short-term relief, never mind the long run.

Thus, for instance, the examiners object to ratepayers' paying any more of the cost of the nuclear plant. Let TU's stockholders do that, the examiners say.

It's an interesting theory. It skirts in the first place the fact that TU wouldn't be building the plant at all were it not for the need to supply the ratepayers with ample, affordable power far into the future.

Likewise the theory skirts TU's need to raise funds in the capital market so as to serve customers new and old. If the market perceives the PU as unsympathetic to TU's aspirations, it will raise TU's cost of borrowing. As it happens, the market already is doing just that. Since the new, revamped PUC started taking after the utilities, TU's bond rating has dropped from AAA to AA. Now, with a rate cut ordered, TU expects a further fall to A. What this does, of course, is raise

the company's borrowing costs, hence the overall cost of providing power.

TU's expenses, then, are growing, even as its ability to recover those expenses is declining.

If TU had a record of greed and pillage that might be one thing. In fact, it's been recognized historically as one of the country's best - run utilities. Its residential bills, per 1,000 kilowatt hours, are 25 - to 50 - percent cheaper than Chicago's, Boston's, San Diego's and New York's; for that matter, they are 10 - percent cheaper than Houston's.

It's ludicrous for the PUC grasshoppers to suggest that consumers benefit by short - run savings, if the result of those "savings" is to drive up future prices.

A study of six utilities by Harvard University's Peter Navarro for the Department of Energy showed that because rates were suppressed, ratepayers would by the year 2000 pay 10 - to 30 - percent more than they would have otherwise.

"Besides paying higher rates," says Navarro, in a new book, *The Policy Game*, "consumers would have much less reliable service. Indeed, for some rate - suppressed utilities, available capacity to keep the lights on shrank to levels that virtually ensured brownouts and blackouts by the late 1990s."

Ah, yes, it's wonderful being a grasshopper. At least until the first chill winds of winter start to blow.



Legacy

In this feature, we excerpt material that has appeared on Freedom Newspapers editorial pages in previous years, whether from the editorials or the column written for many years by Freedom founder R.C. Hoiles.

It seems our trouble is that people do not recognize the difference between what is legal—man-made laws — and what is universal, ethical, moral and just.

The Great Teacher said that one cannot serve two masters. When the individual begins to try to serve the state and universal natural laws, he runs into trouble. Our trouble comes from man-made laws attempting to make immoral acts moral. It simply cannot be done.

If we could only learn that there is a universal single standard of right, we could change the trend from collectivism and socialism to respecting private property and individual responsibility.

A growing threat to America

BY GEORGE ROCHE

Herbert Spencer once noted that on any given day you could read two stories in the newspapers about the failure of government programs - and three more about pleas for new government programs to do even more for us.

That was more than 100 years ago, in England, but the point rings truer than ever today. The only difference is that now we see more stories about a certain kind of failure, one that seems mindless and mean. Such a story might read like this:

"The Occupational Safety and Health Administration today ordered the University of Illinois to tear down the handrails alongside walkways on campus, and to install new handrails exactly 42 inches high. According to OSHA, the old handrails are several inches too low to comply with regulations."

THE STORY HAPPENS to be true. When we read it, we know at once: here is the federal bureaucracy at work. It may even give us a chuckle - who else but a bureaucrat would be so boneheaded as to insist that handrails must be exactly 42 inches high, and not one inch higher or lower?

It is not so funny when you learn that Illinois taxpayers had to pay more than \$500,000 to change those handrails. If it weren't for a petty bureaucratic rule, the money would have been used to hire 15 full professors, or build a dormitory wing, or add 30,000 volumes to the school library. It is precisely this sort of perverse and hurtful waste that increasingly marks the failure of government actions today. The problem is bureaucracy, and bureaucracy has become a national epidemic.

The federal bureaucracy has more than tripled in size in the last 10 years. It is 10 times as large and powerful as it was at the beginning of the Kennedy - Johnson years, just over 20 years ago. It has swollen a thousandfold in power in the last half century.

"Bureaucracy," in the abstract, is hardly a new concern.

If the problem were no more than a few harmless bumbling in dusty federal offices, we would have little to worry about. However, a bureaucratic machine so swollen and powerful that it can hold sway over every citizen is indeed a new - and ominous - development.

It is in the nature of bureaucracy to work "by the book," reducing every aspect of our lives to suffocating rules and lifeless averages. Rule - book methods are the only way. State power can be organized. There is little room for intelligent decisions and flexibility.

THE BUREAUCRATIC STATE, says William F. Rickenbacker, is "...the very opponent and negation of human freedom and individuality. Men strive to excel, the State seeks after averages. Men covet novelty, the State extrapolates from yesterday. Men love to chaffer person to person, the State is a rule book. Men yearn to be free, the State is the sum of liberties lost."

Much of the malaise America has suffered in

recent years can be traced directly to the use of bureaucratic power where it does not belong. Economic growth has been slowed by a snarl of red tape and rules. Schools deteriorate in exact proportion to the growth of educational bureaucracy. The poor, the aged, the disadvantaged, the hurt and handicapped, all supposedly the beneficiaries of government aid, become its victims, caught in an endless web of rules and frustrations.

Not counting military spending, the current cost of federal bureaucracy is around \$3,000 for every person in America. Little babies, people in nursing homes, everyone. Does the average U.S. family budget allow \$60 per person per week for feeding federal bureaucrats? Can you afford it?

What is it buying?

-Federal bureaucrats drew up specifications for a mousetrap. The specs ran 700 pages long and weighed 3.3 pounds.

-The famous Abominable Snowman, also known as Bigfoot, Yeti or Sasquatch, is on the federal endangered species list, in case somebody ever discovers one.

-The National Endowment for the Arts financed a film that repeatedly showed a dog being shot to death.

-The National Institute for Mental Health granted a professor \$97,000 to study what he called the "social and behavioral relationships" in a Peruvian brothel.

-The Federal Voting Rights Act specifies that areas that have a significant minority who speak a language other than English must be given ballots in the other language. Federal bureaucrats, on behalf of the Lumbee Indians, ordered three counties of North Carolina to print ballots in Lumbee. There is no Lumbee language, there was once, but the Lumbees abandoned it.

-Every year the Defense Department buys 48,000

heavy - duty leather holsters for .45 caliber pistols. It has not gotten any new .45 pistols since 1945.

-Federal bureaucrats poured 76 million barrels of oil into a cave to create a "Strategic Petroleum Reserve," only to learn that they had forgotten to install pumps to get it out again.

-The Food and Drug Administration issued an urgent warning to the public not to eat those heart - shaped boxes Valentine candies come in.

INSTEAD OF "SOLVING" social problems, government has created new and far greater ones. Its ideas and programs go forward on their own momentum despite being repeatedly discredited by practical experience. Its cost enervates the most productive economy the world has ever seen. The bureaucracy is different than any other enterprise:

Bureaucratic influence is based on its own rules and regulations, rather than on sensible economic principles. The supreme duty of every bureau is to follow rules.

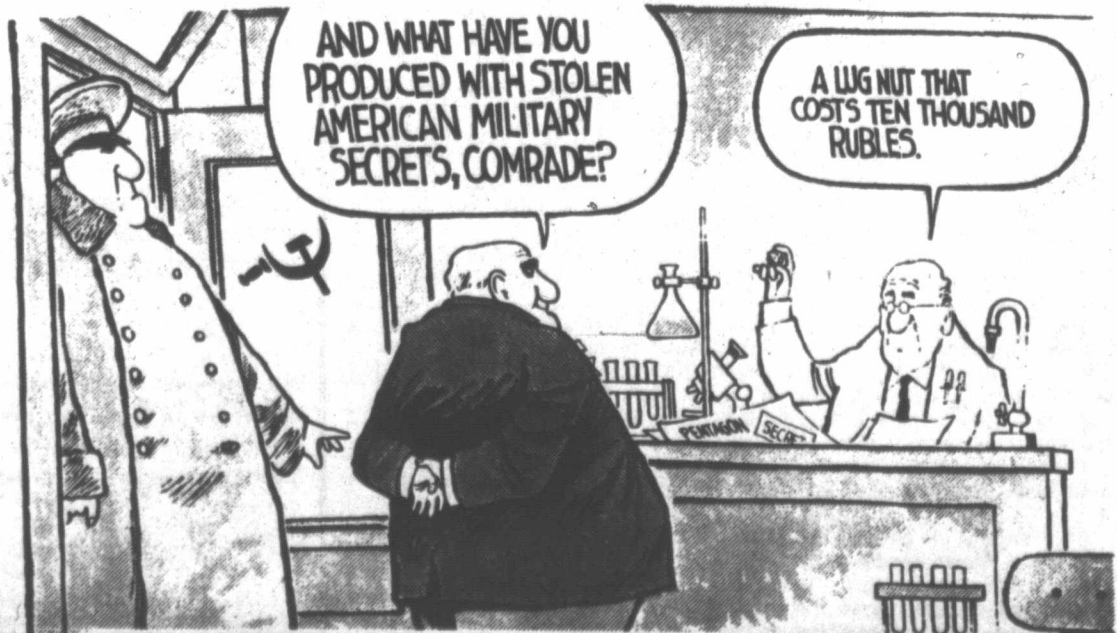
Bureaucratic actions are imposed by force or threat of force, rather than based on freely - chosen decisions.

Bureaucratic actions cost the taxpayer directly; they do not produce or create, but merely take.

We, too, could face the fate that has marked every Old World state, every civilization before us: a progressive weakening of society by State exactions, leading to degeneracy, collapse and death.

No people before us who have chosen to put their faith in the State have escaped this doom. Nor shall we unless the size and power of the federal government are reduced.

Roche is president of Hillsdale College in Michigan and author of "America by the Throat," from which this is adapted.





THE QUEEN—Kristina Kay Smith, a sophomore at Pasadena City College, smiles as she stands outside the Tournament House in Pasadena, Calif., Tuesday after being crowned the 67th Rose Queen. (AP Laserphoto)

Gramm changes mind on negative campaigning

By The Associated Press
U.S. Senate candidate Phil Gramm — upset over opponent Lloyd Doggett recording and then releasing the transcript of a telephone conversation — has withdrawn an earlier proposal to end negative campaigning.

And while the two major party candidates were talking about the 1984 election, officials from two "third parties" were looking to make life easier for their future candidates by relaxing ballot laws.

Gramm, a Republican congressman from College Station, was on a call-in talk show at KVCT-TV Tuesday evening when Doggett called the studio to talk to him.

The call never made it on the air, but Doggett told Gramm he had canceled all advertisements or commercials referring to Gramm and asked if Gramm was doing the same.

Gramm said Doggett, a Democratic state senator from Austin, made the offer on the condition that the two debate a third time.

Doggett spokesman Bill Collier said Doggett called Gramm to find out whether Gramm intended to honor his proposal to pull down negative advertising.

"After Lloyd asked him a couple of times, Gramm said he had not pulled down his negative ads... and that he is not going to pull down his negative ads and he is not going to meet Sen. Doggett in a factual discussion of the charges and countercharges that have been made in the last couple of weeks," Collier said.

Gramm flew to Austin after his Victoria stop to meet with his campaign staff to "process setting up a meeting" between the two camps on the potential clean-campaign agreement.

But late Tuesday after finding out that Doggett recorded the conversation between the two and

then released the transcript, Gramm said he withdrew his proposal.

He said he learned about 10:15 p.m. that Doggett "surreptitiously taped our telephone conversation without notifying me that the telephone conversation was being taped and that (he has) released it to the media."

Gramm said that that action "abused" his courtesy and was "another act of bad faith and unethical behavior."

He said because of Doggett's action it would be "impossible at this point to have any meaningful negotiations" for a positive campaign.

Gramm released a letter he had sent Doggett, in which he said:

"Although your call did not get through on the program, I extended you the courtesy of taking your call after the program ended. I had hoped we would have a meaningful discussion which would clear the way for setting the ground rules for a totally positive campaign."

Doggett's campaign manager, James Carville, said a meeting on the clean-campaign issue would be redundant to other efforts that have failed to produce a third debate. "We've done everything we already can," Carville said.

Doggett spokesman Collier said, "His letter is the same old stuff. Lloyd's accepted a dozen debates in the last few weeks that Phil Gramm didn't."

"He is acting like it's Lloyd's fault we can't take the high road in the campaign. It was his (Gramm's) idea," Collier said.

Meanwhile, in Austin Tuesday, officials from the Socialist and Citizens' parties complained that they can't campaign for their party candidates because of state elections laws.

The two parties have proposed a reduction in the number of petition signatures needed to get on the

ballot. The law requires signatures amounting to at least 1 percent of the total votes in the previous gubernatorial election. The proposal would drop the requirement to 0.2 percent.

The presidential ballot in Texas this year lists only President Reagan, Democratic challenger Walter Mondale and independent Lyndon LaRouche.

"Unless third parties can get candidates on the ballot, there is little discussion of thorny issues that so need public airing," said Bob Russell of Austin, a Citizens' Party candidate for Railroad Commission in 1982.

"We call now for a lowering of

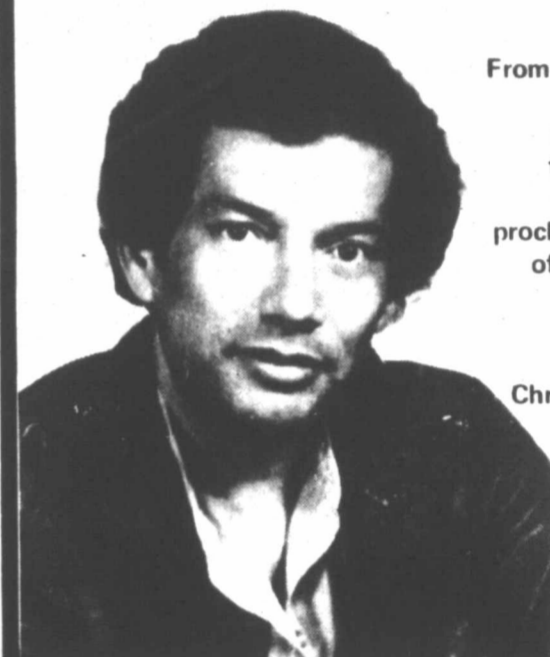
the barriers and the freeing of a stifled political voice," he said.

Rob Coldiron of Austin, a Citizens' Party official, said of the two major parties, "The closer the election comes, the more they try to sound like each other."

The Tuesday news conference at the Capitol featured a man identified as the ghost of Sam Ealy Johnson, grandfather of President Lyndon Johnson and a Peoples Party candidate.

"Third parties were taken seriously then, sometimes even fourth parties," he said of Texas politics around the turn of the century.

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Grand jurors not impartial, motion charges

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Attorneys for a state senator charged with perjury, promotion of prostitution and wholesaling pornography say half the members of a grand jury that indicted their client may have been biased.

A motion filed by attorneys for state Sen. Carl Parker on Monday suggests six grand jurors had ties to the Port Arthur Independent School District, which was involved in a case in which Parker testified.

The motion filed in State District Judge Larry Gist's court adds that school officials were upset by the settlement paid to Bernard Fleener, 57.

Fleener, formerly assistant superintendent of the district, was indicted on an official misconduct charge during a grand jury investigation of school district travel funds in 1980.

Parker defended Fleener, who pleaded no contest to an official misconduct charge and served a

year of probation. Fleener is now supervisor of curriculum of the Kirbyville Independent School District.

Tom Hanna, Parker's attorney, told the Beaumont Enterprise, "State law provides for a challenge by attorneys of grand jurors for possible bias. We contend that Parker has that right after the grand jury investigation."

Hanna said if the court had known there was potential for bias, it could have selected other grand jury members.

"We are not saying any wrongdoing has occurred, not at all," Hanna said. "We are giving the state a chance to consider presenting the evidence to another grand jury and if there is a case, that grand jury will indict. If not, there will be no indictment."

Gist said he will consider setting a date to hear the motion next Monday, the day Parker is scheduled to be arraigned.

Fleener won a \$750,000 award

from a federal jury in February after suing the district, several school trustees and the foreman of the grand jury that indicted him. Fleener claimed he was the victim of a conspiracy to get rid of him. Parker was a witness for Fleener.

U.S. District Judge Joe Fisher set aside the award after Fleener and the district's insurance company reached a settlement.

The grand jury that indicted Parker included Mary Jean George, a 50-year-old school board member and Jim Weeks, 41, the principal of a Port Arthur Elementary School.

The wife of grand jury foreman Robert Londow, 61, is also a Port Arthur school principal. Grand juror Frank Edmonson, 56, is a

retired employee of the school district, the motion claims. Ted Primeaux, 53, is a close friend of former school board President Bob Shaw, one of the defendants in Fleener's lawsuit, the motion says.

The filing also contends grand juror John Thurston, 36, is a machinist for the same Texaco refinery department as Larry Stefflin, another defendant in the Fleener lawsuit. But Thurston said about 220 other people work in his department and that he and Stefflin hardly know each other.

"In my opinion, everybody there just voted their convictions," Londow said. "I know I did."

Hearing set for 60-day death reprieve

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Board of Pardons and Paroles has scheduled an emergency hearing Thursday on a request to hold up for 60 days the execution of Thomas Barefoot, who is sentenced to die before sunrise Oct. 30 in the slaying of a Central Texas police officer.

Late last month State District Judge William Black of Belton set the execution date for Barefoot, his fifth since he was sentenced to die for the August 1978 shooting death of Harker Heights police officer

Carl Levin.

Barefoot, a former oilfield roughneck from New Iberia, La., came within 12 hours of execution in January 1983 before the U.S. Supreme Court ordered that he be spared while justices decided how to handle last-minute appeals for Death Row inmates.

Three inmates in Texas — Charlie Brooks, James Autry and Ronald O'Bryan — have been executed in the past two years by lethal injection.

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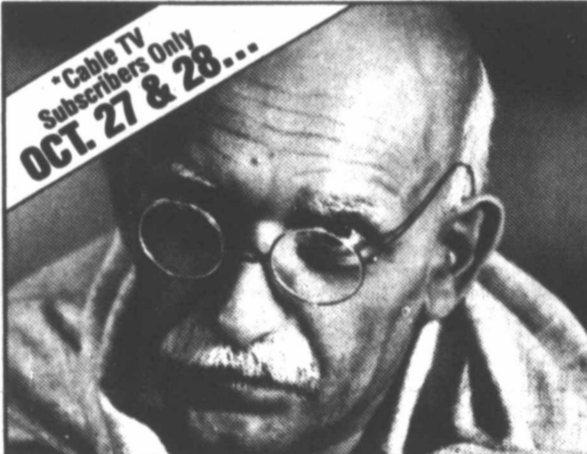
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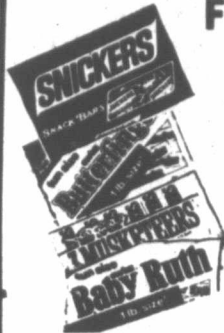
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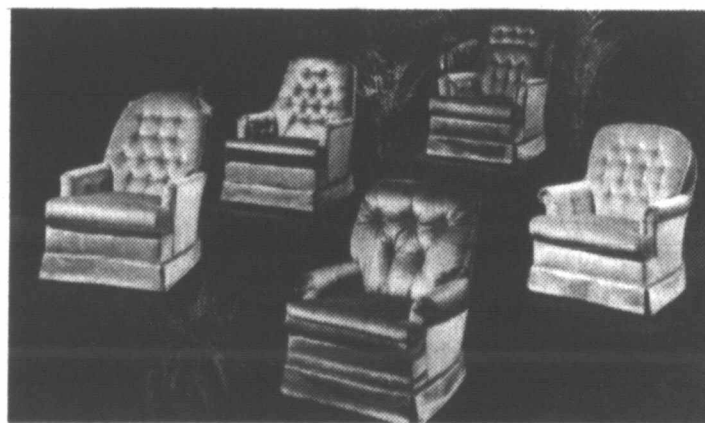
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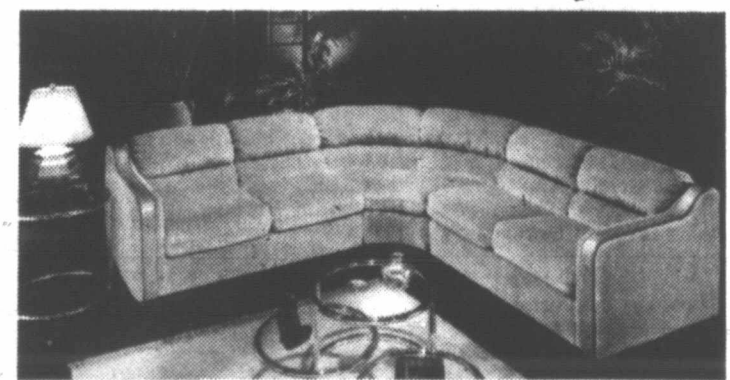


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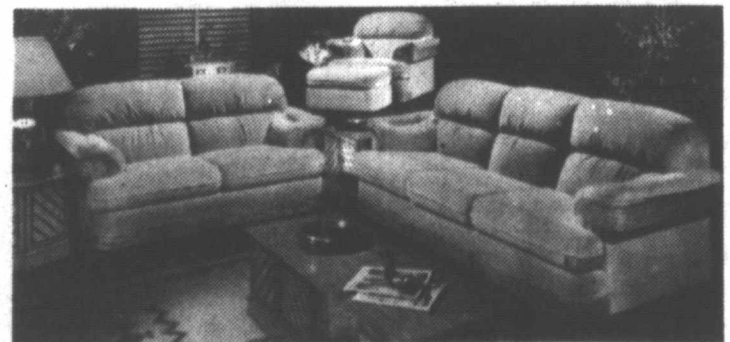
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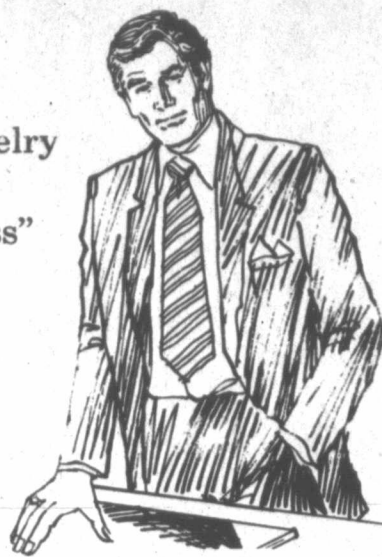
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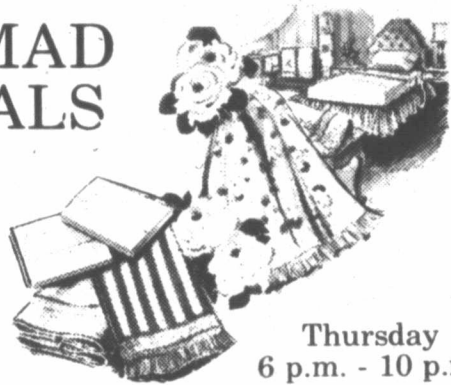
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Threat of more rain hangs over flooded Louisiana area

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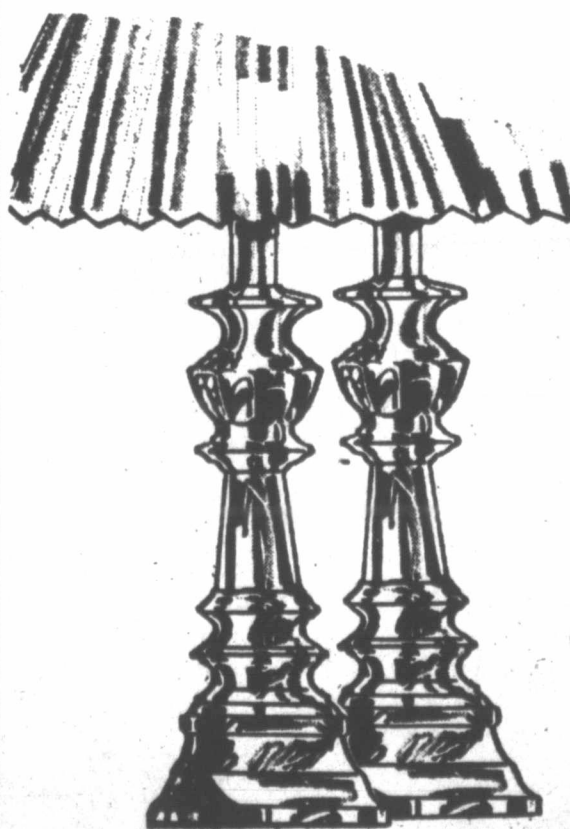
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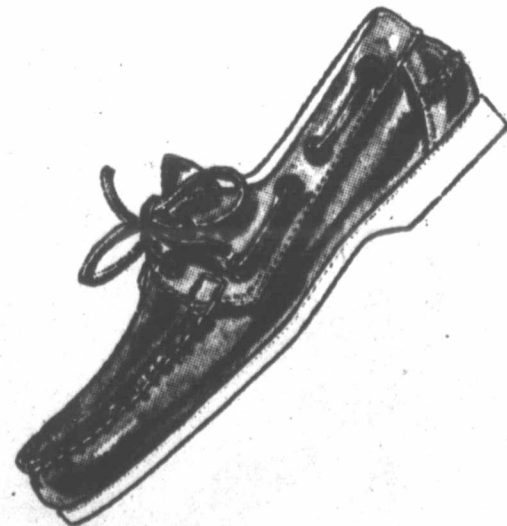
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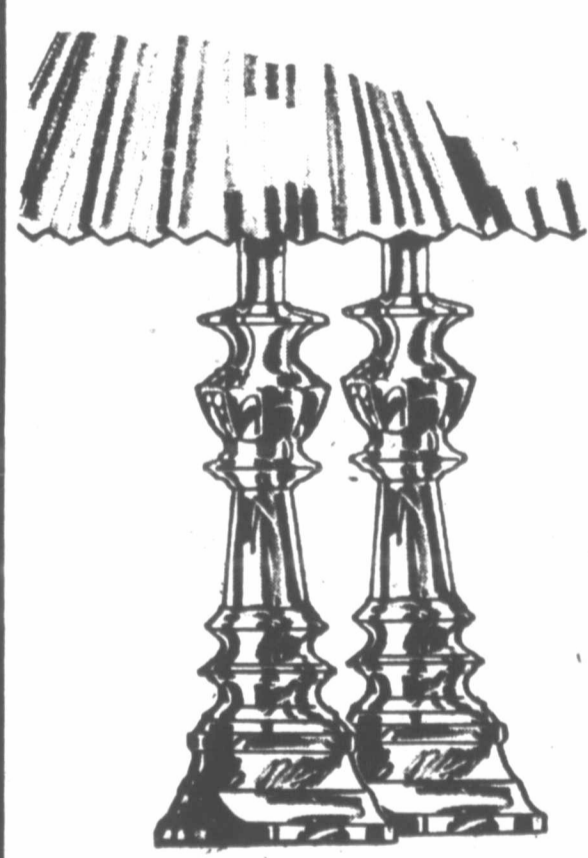
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Architect wants to construct a supertall building

EDITOR'S NOTE — Why do they climb Mount Everest? Because it's there. Why do they build ever higher buildings? Because they're higher. Something in the soul of humanity craves for superlatives, in steel and concrete as much as in running a marathon. And maybe that's why architects are stretching... and stretching.

By RICK HAMPSON
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Imagine life atop a building twice as high as the Empire State Building, with more office space than the Sears Tower, more hotel rooms than the Waldorf-Astoria and more apartments than a Park Avenue co-op.

Such a 210-story building stands today in downtown Chicago — in the form of a model in the office of architect Harry Weese.

"I wouldn't live in a building like that; 17 stories is my limit," he says. "But sooner or later somebody's going to build one, and I'd love to do it."

Although 27 of the world's 100 tallest buildings have been constructed since 1980, and 49 in the last 10 years, it has been a decade since the 1,454-foot, 110-story Sears Tower in Chicago

replaced New York's World Trade Center as the world's tallest building.

But now Weese's proposal is one of several for the next assault on the American skyline — the "supertall" building.

Structural engineer Vincent DeSimone is preparing plans for a 150-story office, condominium, and hotel tower in lower Manhattan. New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority ordered a study for a 130-story building near the southwest corner of Central Park.

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, architect of the Sears Tower, has blueprints for several buildings over 100 stories. And the architectural firm of Emery Roth & Sons, moved by "the spirit of experimentation and adventure," drew up plans for a 500-story tower in Houston.

Although builders have no doubt that such behemoths could be constructed, many question whether they should be.

"Technically, you can do anything. You can go to the moon," says Eugene Kohn, a New York architect. "But do you want to?"

To answer that question, a

developer must assess risks ranging from interest rates to building costs to the future market for space.

Bruce Graham, who designed the Sears Tower, estimates that during the five to six years needed to erect a 160-story building, interest costs might top \$1 billion. And during that time the market for office, hotel or apartment space could collapse.

Even if the market stays strong, the skyscraper might create a space glut of its own. It took six years to rent the World Trade Center's 10 million square feet.

Although a supertall building may not make economic sense, a dozen architects and engineers questioned said that sooner or later a confluence of technology and ego would produce one.

The building's basic structure would be determined by its need to stand up to wind forces, which could create vibrations that would destroy a tall building. A supertall building must have a superwide base, because the cost of making the tower stiff enough to resist wind drift becomes prohibitive as the ratio of height to base goes over

7-to-1. Supertall buildings would probably be tapered, twisted or circular to disperse wind forces. Some, like several Skidmore, Owings designs, would have holes for wind to pass through. Others might be stabilized by computerized systems that could sense a strong wind and use steel cables to "lean" the building minutely into it.

Erecting such a building may be easier than creating a comfortable, efficient environment for as many as 100,000 residents, workers and visitors. "We are not talking about a building," says Rolf Jensen, a fire safety consultant. "We're talking about a city."

The building's shadow and wind currents could create a frigid desert at its base, and its pedestrian and vehicular traffic could jam sidewalks and streets.

Elevators, which made the skyscraper possible, seem to lack the speed and the maneuverability to carry it much higher.

Transportation expert William Lewis says "we're looking for a rapid transit system that's

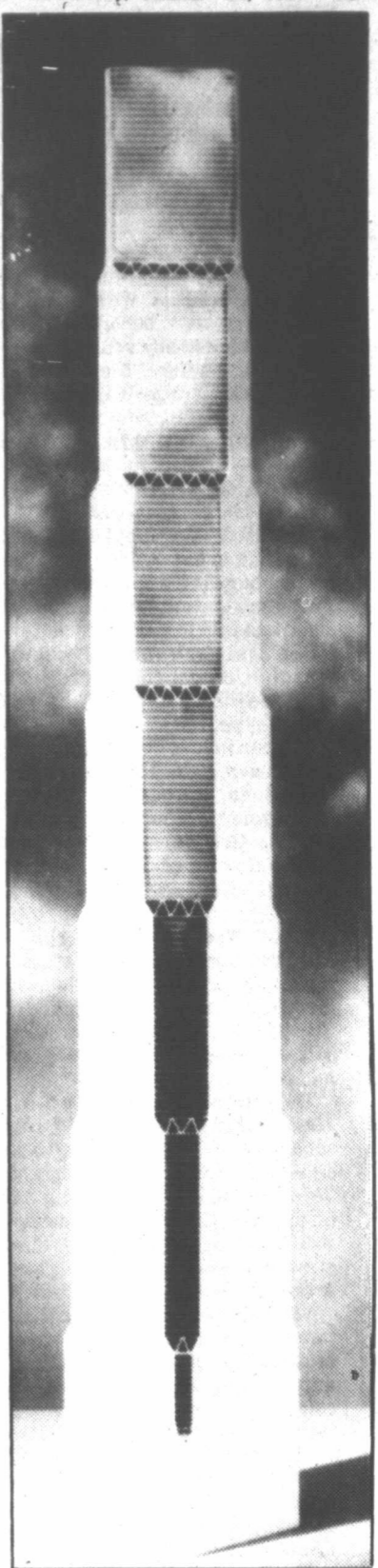
vertical," an elevator that would operate like a commuter train, running express through lower stories and then shifting without unloading passengers to a local track to make stops on upper floors.

Building codes alone can't adequately protect the public from mistakes in the design and construction of such a huge structure, according to William LeMessurier, a structural engineer in Cambridge, Mass.

Meanwhile, despite some opposition, tall buildings continue to pop up across this country.

Sixteen American cities boast at least one building among the world's 100 tallest. One reason for the high-rise boom is the high cost of land downtown. Another is civic pride. But the biggest is individual ego.

"Our clients are incredibly competitive," DeSimone says. "They are incredibly creative. They are incredibly egotistical. And ego is what's going to drive the next building 20 stories higher and (the next) another 20 stories higher than that."



SKYBREAKER—Model of proposed 210-story tower designed in a bid for the "supertall" skyscraper. Presently the record is held by the 110-story Sears Tower in Chicago. (AP Newsfeatures Photo)

How game is played alarms the traditionalists

EDITOR'S NOTE — Very few Americans have ever tried to fathom the mysteries of cricket. But to Britons, their interminable cricket matches are more than a sport — they are part of the social fabric. So when the sport begins to unravel a little, as has been happening, cries of anguish are heard in the land.

By MARCUS ELIA SON
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — A languid summer day at Lord's Cricket Ground. A flick of the wrist and the satisfying click of leather-bound bat against willow-wood bat. The cricket match, as solidly and venerably English as Buckingham Palace and tea with scones.

But wait! What's this? Is that batsman wearing a helmet? And is that bowler trying to knock his head off and what has got into the crowd that they are jeering and howling, up to their ankles in empty beer cans?

It's simply not cricket, the purists grumble. The game, they

say, has become violent, commercialized, competitive, politicized and, blasphemous of blasphemies — baseballish.

Worse yet, England's cricketers have endured a summer of humiliation at the hands of the ex-colonies. "Oh dear," wailed the Times of London after one particularly abject English performance against lowly Sri Lanka.

In Australia, the West Indies, the Indian subcontinent and southern Africa, cricket is one of the most lasting legacies of the British Empire, and victory over England can do much to expunge a colonial inferiority complex.

But for the rest of the world, a cricket match is one of those English eccentricities, a sort of Monty Python joke that drags on for days, rendered funny but its sheer tedium, governed by an impenetrable code of rules and all too often ending in a rain-soaked draw.

It speaks a mumbo-jumbo

uniquely its own: fielders stand at fine leg, silly midoff or deep square leg. Bowlers bowl yorkers, googlies and leg-breaks. Batsmen reply with square cuts and leg glances. Bowling a maiden over is not a term for sexual conquest but for getting through an "over" — a six-ball set — without the batsman scoring.

The basic object is for 11 batsmen to take turns hitting the ball in such a way as to end up with more points — called runs — than the other side. Those who seek further explanations may end up sorry they asked.

The West Indians, today regarded as the world's best cricketers, hammered England with an unprecedented clean sweep of five internationals this summer. Sri Lanka, only recently admitted to international cricket, followed by pulverizing England's bowling and holding it to a draw against all predictions.

English cricket, warned the Daily Telegraph in an editorial, could be likened to the Russian royal family on the eve of the 1917 revolution. It needed "a hard man in charge... who is in the business of winning."

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Researchers attack the honeybee mite

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department's research muscle is being toned up to help save the honeybee industry from a tiny parasitic mite that invaded the United States for the first time last summer.

Terry B. Kinney Jr., administrator of the department's Agricultural Research Service, says that some of the agency's top bee specialists are working on the project.

"Swift action is critical," Kinney said Monday. "No country ever eradicated an infestation of the mite once it became established."
 The mite — Carapis woodi — was

first discovered in the United States last July in a bee colony in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas near the Mexican border.

In later surveys, mites were found at five other Texas locations and in bee colonies in Nebraska, South Dakota, New York, Florida and Louisiana. State and federal quarantines were placed on movements of bees from the sites.

The tiny parasite is the only mite known to live and breed in the air tubes or respiratory system of an insect. It is only about one twenty-eighth of an inch in diameter.

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Texas monument planned for Washington's biographer

By LEX JENKINS
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Perhaps the father of our country couldn't tell a lie, but chances are his biographer did.

As the first American president's first biographer, Mason Locke Weems is credited with being the first to relate the cherry tree anecdote that many schoolchildren learn even before they discover what made George Washington so special.

Contemporary historians say Weems — "Parson Weems" — to followers of American history — fibbed a bit in his Life of Washington biographies to give America a great national hero. The biographies first appeared in 1800.

Whether the parson stretched the historical fabric a tad, the better to fit a larger-than-life figure, Weems' descendants are more interested in another aspect of the author's life.

While he is certainly less well-known than the president he helped to immortalize, Weems once owned a couple of houses in Virginia that earned him a small niche of his own in American history after the Revolutionary War.

Sands Weems IV of Arlington and his family plan to build a replica of Parson Weems' home located in Prince William County, Va., where George and Martha are said to have spent a honeymoon night.

The replica, which will be built in West Columbia, about 60 miles southwest of Houston, will be as similar as possible to the original, Weems said, including the original's fortresslike masonry walls, dungeon, sloping floors, skewed windows and, if it can be arranged, resident apparitions.

Several members of the Weems family, like Weems IV distant relatives of the parson's, live in and around West Columbia, and relatives will live in the house when it is finished, Weems said.

"It's just a monster of a project. Easily the largest project I've ever dealt with," said Weems, a 26-year-old graphics specialist with Champlin Petroleum Co.

This from a man who once stood on the skid of a flying helicopter to get better photographs of a dam he was surveying as part of a government project.

Weems, who graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a bachelor's degree in architecture, estimated that the project will cost \$1 million.

Weems is providing the architectural skills. His father, Sands Weems III, and uncle, Alex Weems, are "the money guys."

Sands Weems III, retired from the Army, was professor of military science and a rifle coach at UTA from 1970 to 1978.

The family became interested in the project after learning that Parson Weems had owned the Virginia home, which had fallen into disrepair by World War II.

The house, now owned by Bill and Ann Flory, who bought it in 1948, had been uninhabited for 20 years and had no doors or windows.

"When the Florys went to see the house with an agent, they were told to carry flashlights and sticks because the house was infested with snakes," Sands Weems IV said.

When the Florys moved in, "there was so much dirt on the floors it took them two years to discover there was a wood floor," Weems said. "The grounds were so overgrown, the Florys didn't know at first there was an outhouse only 35 feet away."

Since then, the Florys have reconstructed the 2½-story, 14-room colonial house as closely as possible to its original state, Weems said. They also added

Most New York youths use alcohol

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — An estimated 83 percent of junior high and senior high school students in the state have used alcohol and 13 percent have attended classes under the influence of alcohol, a survey concludes.

The survey released Monday by the state Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse found that 40 percent of 12-year-olds drink occasionally and that 2 percent drink at least once a week and consume 5-12 drinks on each occasion.

The survey also found that 88 percent of 18-year-olds drink at times and that 28 percent are heavy drinkers.

The study also estimated that 53 percent of the state's 1.5 million secondary school students were drunk in the past year, with 10 percent getting drunk at least once a week. It found that 11 percent of junior high and high school students consider themselves "hooked" on alcohol.

In addition, 10 percent of the students surveyed said they had driven a car after having a "good bit to drink."

The estimates of alcohol use among secondary school students were derived from a 1983 survey of 27,335 students said to be representative of all the state's secondary school students.

The legal purchase age for alcohol is 19 in the state.

indoor plumbing and electricity, the only concessions to modern times.

Weems visited the home in September to study its design. He was assisted by John Roberts, also a UTA architecture graduate and former classmate-rival of Weems. "We fought over projects in school," Weems said.

Besides the sloping floors — "You can skateboard downhill in the upstairs bedrooms" — this "monster" project includes replicating 42-inch-thick outside stone walls, foot-and-a-half-inch-thick interior walls and eight fireplaces.

"There's enough brick in the two

main fireplaces at the ends of the house to brick up an entire modern house," Weems said.

It also includes a dungeon room, complete with original iron rings on the walls. The dungeon once served as a colonial-era holding cell for prisoners who were to be transferred to Williamsburg.

One feature of the original house Weems isn't sure he can duplicate — and isn't sure he wants to duplicate — is the spirit of the house.

The ghost kind? "There have been reports of apparitions at the top of stairs and in doorways at night," Weems said. "The Florys said they've

never seen them, but they've had several visitors who've said they've seen something."

He recalled a legend about a boy who claimed to have seen 11 ghostly white faces in the upstairs windows. Weems said local townspeople have explained the "sighting." The ground floor once served as quarters for livestock — including white-faced sheep.

Nevertheless, Weems described the house as "very spooky. It's dark inside, even in the daytime, and you can smell musty old wood everywhere."

While in Virginia, Weems met three of the parson's direct descendants — Mason Locke

Weems V, VI and VII. But he found stories about the old parson and his relationship with George Washington most interesting.

"Weems may have made up those stories about George Washington chopping down the cherry tree and tossing a silver dollar across the Potomac River," Weems said. "But (Washington) was really a good friend of Parson Weems and stayed at his house many times, I understand."

In his biographies, the parson may not have let the facts stand in the way of telling a good story about his friend the president, said Glenn Linden, a history professor at Southern Methodist University

in Dallas. "The new nation needed a hero. What Parson Weems does is to manufacture a hero," Linden said. "I think Washington's real life would have made him an authentic hero, frankly."

Weems said he plans to visit the Virginia home again to concentrate on the project's many architectural details. Working on the project a few hours each night, Weems said he couldn't venture a guess about when the house would be finished.

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Church and state are linked throughout American history

EDITOR'S NOTE — Should religion and politics mix? That question has been raised with a vengeance in the current presidential campaign. Whatever one's reaction, American history is one long precedent of linkage between church and state, often in conflict.

By **SID MOODY**
AP Newsfeatures Writer
Church and state are the odd couple of American history. Separated, yes. Divorced, never. Scarcely a year has gone by since America was founded without pulpit and podium raising their voices over something the one feels is none of the other's business. Churches and their pastors have

gotten political about witchcraft, slavery, child labor, abortion, whiskey, rights of labor, rights of women, rights of movie producers, Sunday mail, rights of duellists, poverty, immigration, education, sex and whether your family tree has an ape perched in its branches.

The state has arm-wrestled with churches over bigamy, blood transfusions, tax exemptions, censorship, rights of sidewalk preachers to play phonographs and rights of bingo players, to name but several.

The infusion of religion in the 1984 presidential campaign is only the most recent chapter, not a new book.

Thomas Jefferson's religion, or

lack of it, was a campaign issue in 1800. The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, an anti-Semitic Catholic and pioneer of the electronic church, organized a political party during the Depression. Religion was at issue in James G. Blaine's presidential campaign in 1884, Al Smith's in 1928 and John Kennedy's in 1960.

"Religion in America takes no direct part in the government of society," wrote the Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville after his tour of the states in the 1830s, "but it must be regarded as the first of their political institutions ... (There) is no country in the world in which the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the

souls of men."

This was true from the very outset when refugees from religious orthodoxy in Old England set up their own versions in the New. Scarcely had the Pilgrims planted their first corn when they exiled Thomas Morton for his ribald ways, which included smuggling with the natives and dancing around a May pole.

By the eve of the American Revolution nine of the 13 colonies had established state religions. But the grip of conformity had gradually been loosening as colonists spread inland and ties to a mother church weakened. To keep any one church from dominating the others in the halls of

government, a belief in separation of the state from all churches took root.

Many of the Founding Fathers, who met to draft the Constitution in 1787, were deists, children of the Age of Reason.

"Although America was still largely a nation of believers in 1787, many of the believers, and almost all of them in high places, were thoroughly tolerant of the beliefs of others," wrote Clinton Rossiter, the historian.

But if the faith of our Fathers did not always have its foot in the door, it always had a toe e door, it aor two.

The Northwest Ordinance of 1787, which opened up what was

then the West, declared: "Religion, morality and education being necessary for good government..."

Massachusetts found religion necessary enough that it levied taxes to support the Congregational Church until 1833.

By then church and state were embroiled in a new battleground: slavery. The Civil War was fought in the pulpits of the nation long before it reached the battlefield. As early as 1835 two-thirds of the members of the New England Anti-Slavery Society were clergymen.

Religious bigotry in the form of anti-Catholicism took on political overtones in the mid-19th century. By 1855 the anti-Catholic, anti-immigrant Know Nothing Party — "know nothing" was the password to secret meetings — counted 43 members in the House of Representatives and five in the Senate.

In the aftermath of the Civil War there were two trends in religion that were to mark the secular history of the nation.

The frontiersmen of the early 1800s, separated by time and distance from the dry orthodoxies of the historical Colonial churches, developed new and often flamboyant denominations. Pioneer life was simple and non-intellectual, and so were the churches it spawned.

But America was growing and growing increasingly complex. Gradually the nation urbanized and industrialized. It moved on, leaving the sects behind to cling to their simple faiths on the former frontier.

The rest of the nation was entering what Mark Twain called with heavy irony the Gilded Age. It was a time of greed, corruption, and exploitation.

By the turn of the century the stench was so rife the mainline churches began speaking out in what became known as "the social gospel." Pastors attacked industrial abuses such as child labor, exhausting hours, primitive work conditions. They championed the right of workers to organize.

Church missions moved into the slums, and the mainline churches were influential in ending the 12-hour work day after a steel strike in 1919, and in bringing about the enactment of Prohibition in 1919.

By the time World War II ended, many denominations had opened offices in Washington, where they lobbied on everything from the income tax to divorce to international trade to low-cost housing.

Religion has played a major role in shaping the laws of the land through court cases. In 1878 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the Mormon practice of polygamy, saying the First Amendment did not forbid laws against actions subversive of good order. A believer in human sacrifice could not argue he was immune from laws against homicide, the court reasoned.

In 1930 the Supreme Court pronounced that Americans "are a Christian people." By 1952 it would only go so far as to say: "We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being."

Religion played a decisive role in the 1884 presidential election. When a clergyman supporting Republican James G. Blaine in pivotal New York called the Democrats the party of "rum, Romanism and rebellion," he lost Blaine the election to Grover Cleveland.

Al Smith's Catholicism helped defeat him in 1928. John Kennedy's became moot, more or less, in 1960, particularly after his famous speech in Houston:

"Whatever issue may come before me as President — on birth control, divorce, censorship, gambling or any other subject — I will make my decision in accordance with what my conscience tells me to be the national interest and without regard to outside religious pressures or dictates."

That same decade, of course, saw the Rev. Martin Luther King in the forefront of the civil rights movement, and the Catholic Berrigan brothers, both priests, in the heat of Vietnam war protests. In 1962 the Supreme Court banned state-sponsored prayer in public schools and a decade later legalized abortion.

The odd couple of church and state was in for another family feud. If the state was going to confront moral issues, the moralists would confront the state.

The "sleeping giant" of fundamentalism awoke as politicians of the New Right saw a religious-political alliance to repel perceived threats to home and country. If Ronald Reagan's politics take on religious overtones, it is because his religious allies have taken on political overtones.

What this means for the odd couple cannot be foreseen. You may think the ideal relationship was best outlined by Rabbi Stephen Wise in his autobiography:

"Religion is a vision or ideal of life. Politics is a method or modus vivendi. To say the minister should not go into politics is to imply that ideal and reality are twain and alien."

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Austin on Tap dance group



Dear Abby

Boyfriend wants girlfriend not to look like a boyfriend

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am 17 years old and so is my girlfriend. This summer she got her hair cut real short and started combing it like a boy. I didn't like it and told her so.

Last weekend I took her to a movie, and she wore a man's shirt and tie, a man's type jacket and trousers, and even a pair of wing-tip shoes. I felt embarrassed to be seen with her and refused to hold hands with her because I was afraid people would think we were a couple of homosexuals.

She got mad and said I was a real square. She said she was being fashionable—that the mannish look for women is "in." Is this true?

Am I weird to want my girlfriend to look like a girl?

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DEAR BOB: You aren't weird—the fashion designers are. Your girlfriend has the right to dress the way she wants to dress. And you have the right to refuse to be seen in public with someone whose appearance you find embarrassing.

First the bad news: The mannish look for women is "in." Now for the good news: A lot of women aren't buying it.

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DEAR ABBY: "Safe and Secure," who ignored a male driver who was trying to get her attention when they both stopped at a red light, could also be paranoid. The stranger might have been trying to alert her to a faulty taillight, a hanging muffler or perhaps a belt hanging out her door.

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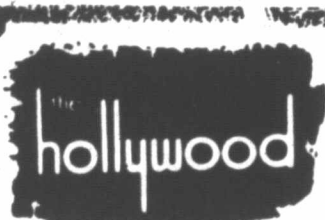
The Austin On Tap professional tap dance company is to perform in Pampa, Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. in M.K. Brown Auditorium. Sponsored by the Pampa Civic Ballet, the performance offers an evening of dance in everything from tennis shoes to cowboy boots—with taps, of course.

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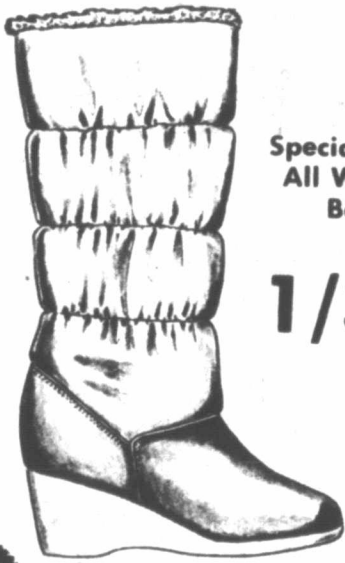
Choreographer Debbie Bray, daughter of Mrs. Thelma Bray of Pampa, uses jokes cracked during actual rehearsals to poke fun at the way dancers work together.

Bray was formerly an instructor at West Texas State University. She has also developed a unique total fitness workout that has earned her the title of Texas Aerobics Consultant for the Texas State Teacher's Association.

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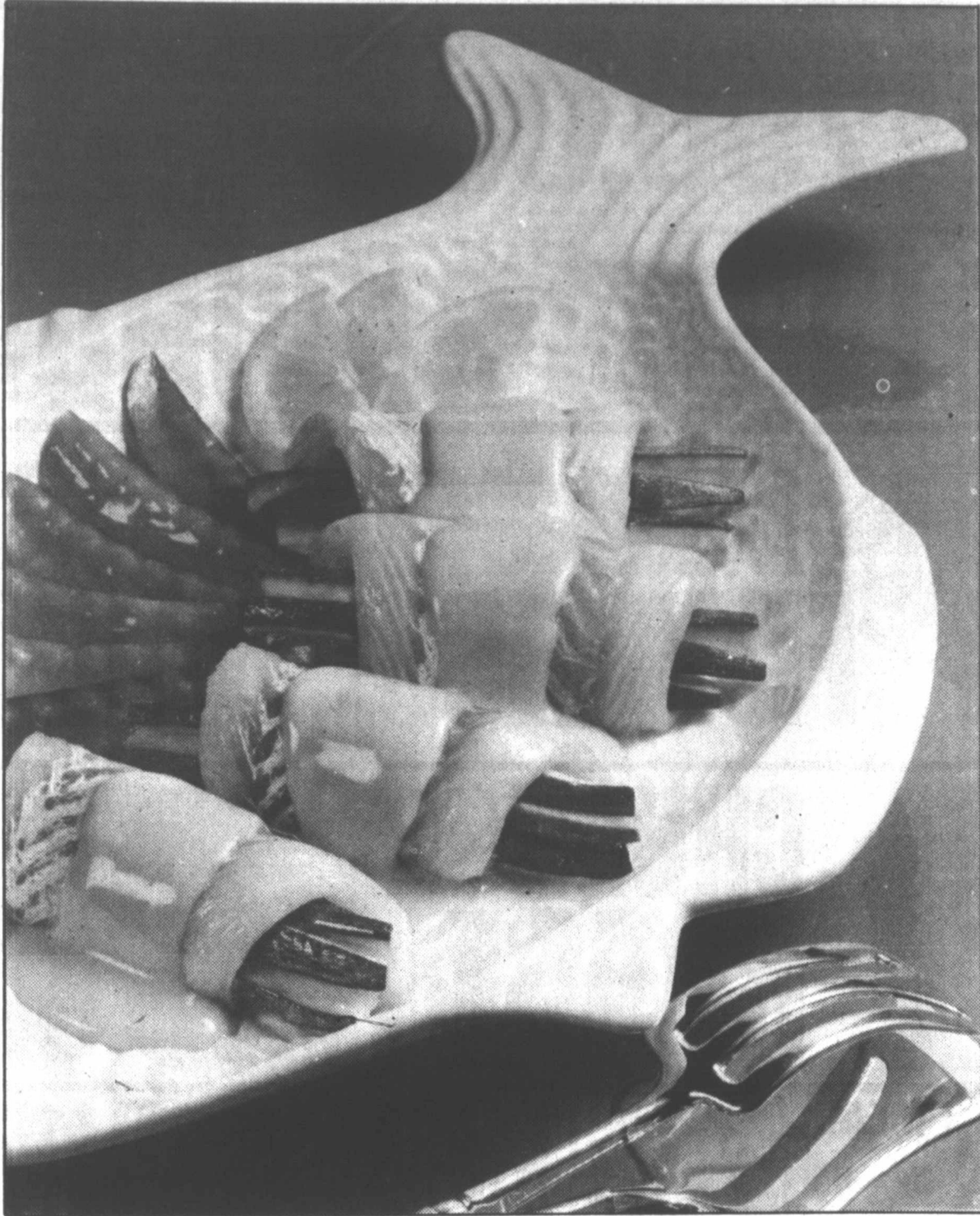
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Sauces add zest to fish

Consumers all across America no longer need "fish" through their supermarket frozen food case for the "catch of the day." Chances are excellent that most can select from a good variety of fresh fish and seafood. Though many species are available, most fish - fresh or frozen - can be prepared using a few basic methods: poaching, broiling, sauteing and baking.

Our Seafood Rollups - stuffed with zucchini and served with a cheesy - dill sauce - and our marjoram flavored Saucy Fish Florentine, for example, can both be prepared using any firm - fleshed white meat fillets such as scrod or whitefish.

Both baked entrees are served with a variation of the same lemony - light flavor, rich tasting cheesy sauce easily made with pasteurized process cheese spread. It's melted with milk and seasonings over low heat. Egg thickens the mixture ever so slightly and lemon juice adds that sophisticated light tang.

Use the Classic Golden Sauce (1/4

pound of cheese spread melted with 1/4 cup milk), to add new zest to frozen pre - baked, breaded fish fillets, fish sticks and fish cakes.

SEAFOOD ROLL-UPS
1 zucchini, cut into sticks
2 T. margarine, melted
4 (3x1/4-inch) fish fillets, about one pound
1/2 lb. cheese spread, cubed
1/4 c. milk
1/4 t. dill weed
1 egg, beaten
2 t. lemon juice

Saute zucchini in one tablespoon margarine until crisp tender. Place 1/4 of zucchini on narrow end of each fillet. Roll up, starting from narrow end; secure with wooden picks. Place fish, seam side down, in baking dish; drizzle with remaining margarine. Bake at 350 degrees, 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork. Remove wooden picks before serving.

Combine process cheese spread, milk and dill weed in saucepan; stir over low heat until smooth. Stir small amount of hot mixture into egg; return to hot mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, over low heat until thickened. Stir in juice.

Serve with fish. Makes four servings.

SAUCY FISH FLORENTINE
1 lb. fish fillets
2 T. margarine, melted
Lemon juice
1/2 lb. cheese spread, cubed
1/4 c. milk
1/4 t. dried marjoram leaves, crushed
1 egg, beaten
2 t. lemon juice
1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen chopped spinach, cooked, well drained
1 c. hot cooked rice

Place fish in baking dish; drizzle with margarine. Bake at 425 degrees, 15 to 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork. Sprinkle with lemon juice.

Combine cheese spread, milk and marjoram in saucepan; stir over low heat until smooth. Stir small amount of hot mixture into egg; return to hot mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, over low heat until thickened. Stir in juice. Combine 2-3rds cup sauce, spinach and rice; mix well. Cover serving platter with spinach mixture; top with fish and remaining sauce. Makes four servings.



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By **GAYLA MALONEY**
TDA Marketing Representative
October - crisp, cool days, gold and red leaves falling from the trees, and pumpkins carved into jack - o' - lanterns. All of these things are exclusive to our 10th month of the year. Little ghost and goblins complaining of tummy aches from too much trick or treat candy is another frequent occurrence during October. For this reason and because of the concern to protect little trick or treaters from receiving tainted candy, many parents are using the option of at home parties to celebrate Halloween.

These at home parties can be very enjoyable for children if they are well planned. So children will not feel like they are "missing out" by not going trick or treating, it is a good idea to let them dress up in their costumes. Well planned games and activities are another important element. Perhaps the most important detail is planning the treats or refreshments.

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Place butterscotch pieces and peanut butter in a large glass bowl. Microwave on high for three minutes, stirring once. Add vanilla and blend until smooth. Pour cornflakes into bowl, mixing well. Drop by teaspoonful onto waxed paper. Refrigerate and serve chilled. Makes five dozen.

PUMPKIN COOKIES

1 c. butter
1 c. sugar
1 c. cooked pumpkin
1 egg
1 t. vanilla
2 c. all purpose flour, sifted
1 t. double-acting baking powder
1/2 t. baking soda
1/4 t. salt
1 t. cinnamon
1 t. allspice
1 c. pecans, chopped
1 c. raisins

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Cream butter and sugar. Add pumpkin, egg, and vanilla and mix well. Sift dry ingredients together and add to creamed mixture. Stir in pecans and raisins. Drop cookies onto greased cookie sheet and bake 15 minutes.

PEANUTTY BANANA BOBS

4 bananas
3/4 c. semisweet chocolate pieces
2 T. shortening
1 c. finely chopped peanuts
Peel bananas and cut crosswise into four pieces. Insert wooden stick in each piece. Place on baking



sheet and set in freezer until bananas are firm (about two hours). Melt chocolate in top of double boiler with shortening, stirring occasionally. Dip bananas in chocolate mixture and then roll in chopped peanuts. Place fruit on waxed paper - covered baking sheet and freeze until firm. When firm, wrap individually in foil and return to freezer. Remove just prior to serving. Makes 16 bobs.

HONEY-BUTTER POPCORN BALLS

1-3rd c. honey
1/4 c. light molasses
1/2 c. light corn syrup
1/2 c. butter
2-3rd c. sugar
1 qt. popped popcorn
1 c. chopped pecans

Cook honey, molasses, syrup, butter and sugar slowly until mixture reaches soft crack stage (260 degrees F. on candy thermometer). Stir occasionally while cooking and do not overcook. Remove from heat. Pour over popped corn and pecans. Allow to cool slightly. Butter fingers and form mixture into balls. Cool on buttered dish. Makes about 11 balls.

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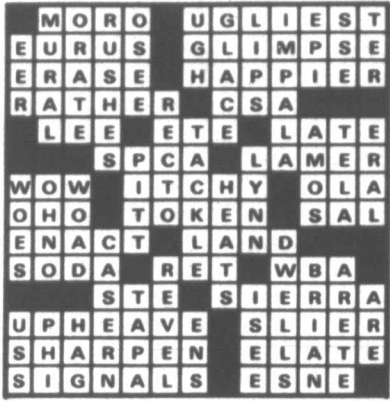
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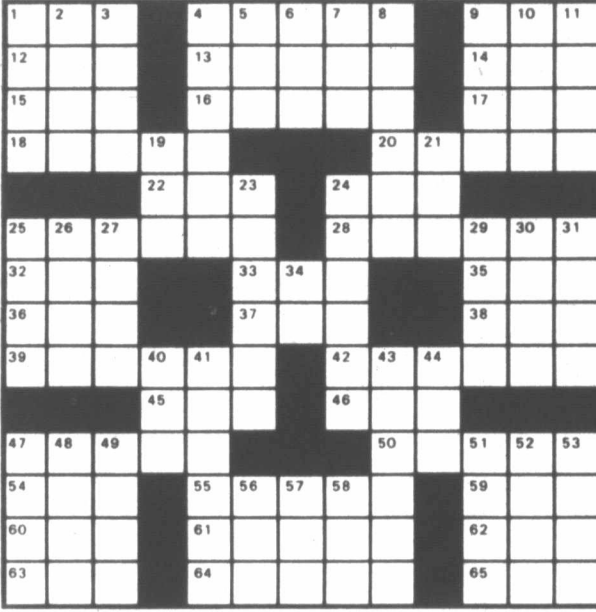
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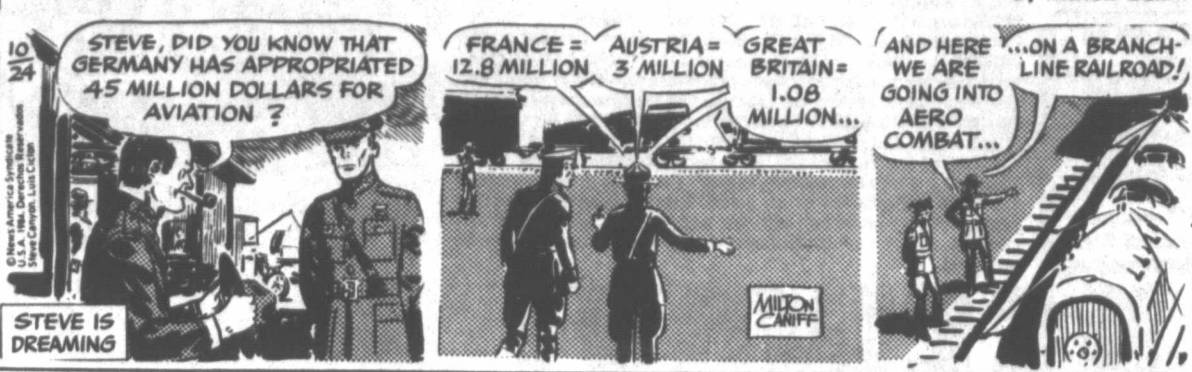


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- 51 Feudal estate
- 52 Eight (comb. form)
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- 57 Beast of burden
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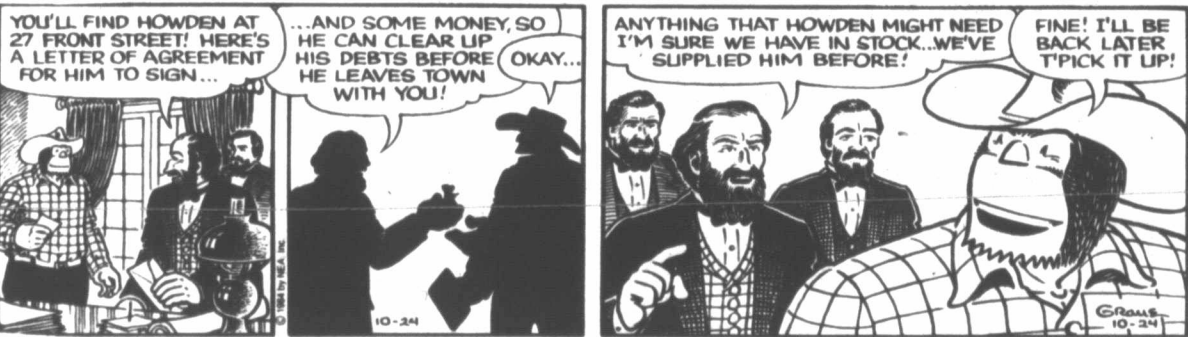
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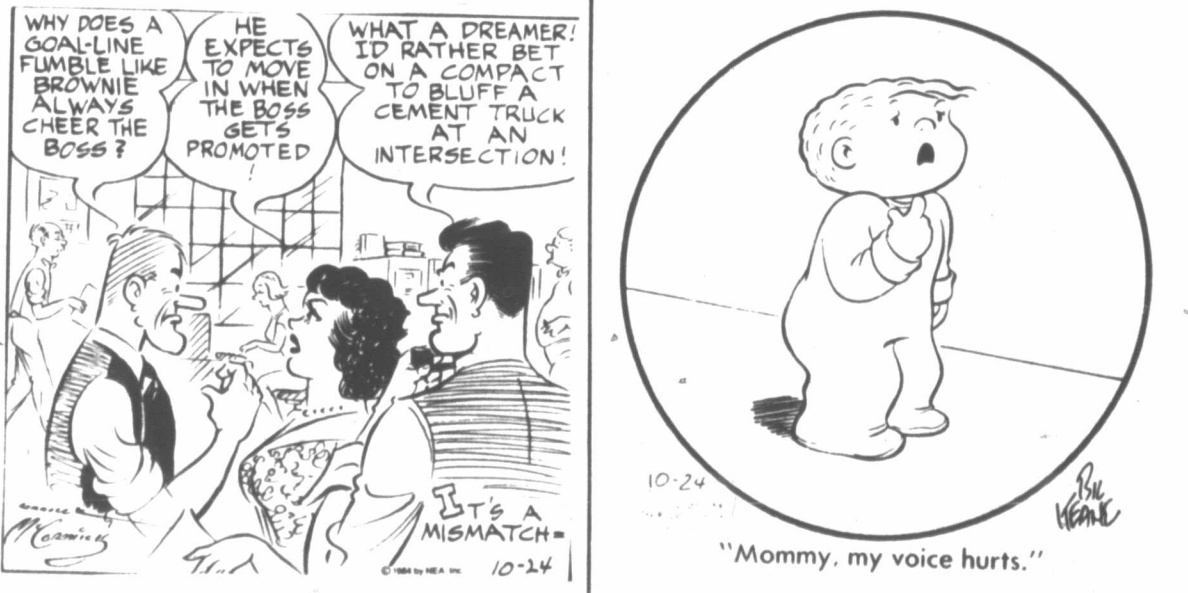


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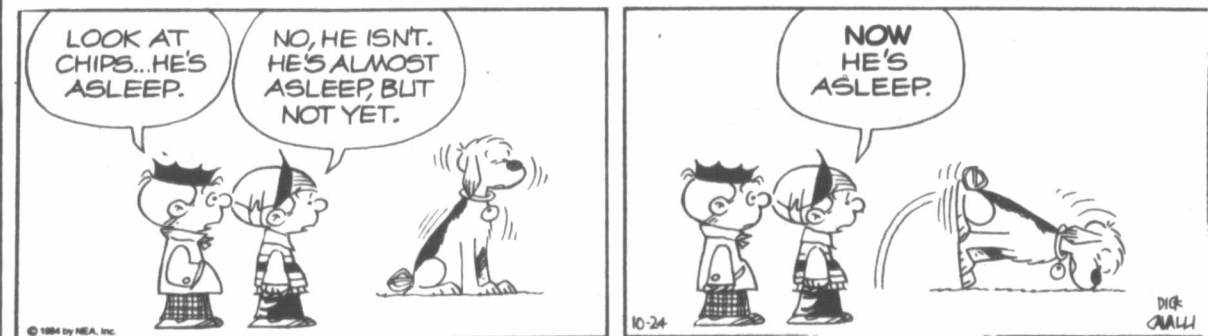
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MORNING AT FAMINE CAMP—Smoke from campfires rises in the air in the early morning at a famine relief camp center in Koroem, northern Ethiopia, recently. About 100,000

people have gathered in the camp to receive emergency food supplies. They sleep huddled in rags during the cold nights in hopes of a grain handout in the morning. (AP Laserphoto)

Corn inventory shows drop

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Agriculture Department figures show that the U.S. corn inventory going into this fall's harvest was the smallest in eight years, reflecting the 1983 drought and government acreage cutbacks.

But a new bumper crop now being harvested is expected to rebuild part of the depleted stockpile, causing the old-crop carryover to rise again a year from now.

As of Oct. 1, the beginning of the new corn marketing year, an estimated 722.3 million bushels of old-crop grain were on hand, down 77 percent from the record high of 3.12 billion bushels a year ago.

According to USDA records, that was the smallest Oct. 1 corn carryover since 1976, when the inventory was 400 million bushels.

The Oct. 1 inventory, shown Tuesday in a quarterly grain report, was 66 million bushels less than had been projected by USDA on Oct. 12. At that time, the old-crop carryover was expected to be about 788 million bushels.

Based on the new Oct. 1 stocks of corn, the department will issue new projections for the entire

1984-85 marketing year, including a look at what the corn carryover may be next Sept. 30. Those new figures will be issued on Wednesday.

Currently, based on the previous Oct. 1 projection, the corn carryover on Sept. 30, 1985, is expected to be slightly more than 1.1 billion bushels, the increase reflecting this fall's larger crop — 7.5 billion bushels against the 1983 harvest of 4.17 billion bushels. That projection was announced on Oct. 12.

When Agriculture Secretary John R. Block announced the government's 1985 feed grain program on Sept. 14, the corn carryover at the end of the 1984-85 season was projected at less than 1.02 billion bushels.

The 1985 feed grain program requires farmers to idle 10 percent of their base acreage in order to qualify for federal price support benefits on the crop. If the Sept. 30, 1985, corn carryover had been projected at more than 1.1 billion bushels, Block would have been required by law to add a further acreage cutback of at least 5 percent, for which farmers would have received cash "diversion" payments.

As it was, however, the projected carryover was less than the 1.1 billion bushels specified by Congress, although the Oct. 12 projection exceeded the specified trigger for a paid diversion for corn.

Block has been under pressure from some Midwest members of Congress and commodity officials to add the paid diversion as a sweetener to the 1985 program. However, budget-conscious people within USDA and elsewhere in the administration have advised against it.

Farmers began signing up in next year's crop programs, including feed grain, on Oct. 15. Enrollment will continue through March 1.

The grain inventory report also showed Oct. 1 stocks of old-crop sorghum at 250 million bushels, down 38 percent from 400.2 million a year earlier.

Other grains included: Oats, 474.2 million bushels, down 6 percent from 505.2 million; barley, 583.5 million bushels, up 13 percent from 515.5 million; wheat, 2.72 billion bushels, down 8 percent from 2.96 billion; and soybeans, 174.8 million bushels, down 49 percent from 344.6 million.

Mattox aide says militia plan illegal

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The state attorney general's office says an ex-Green Beret trying to form a private armed militia is in violation of state law.

"What we're saying is that they're going to have trouble if they go through with this," Elna Christopher, spokeswoman for Attorney General Jim Mattox, told The Dallas Morning News Tuesday.

Robert Holloway, former commander of the disbanded 105th Texas State Guard Battalion who was relieved of his command in March, said the militia will be "capable of assuming any role, to include combat in defense of state or country."

Holloway, 36, an ex-Green Beret, said the National State Defense Force Association will be ready to

be activated if the governor calls upon them for help during a war or other disaster.

State leaders told the newspaper that it was Holloway's refusal to return to the standard State Guard plain green uniforms — instead of continuing to use camouflage fatigues — that led to his removal this spring.

When the unit continued to train under Holloway, State Guard officials ordered it disbanded, saying the unit had become too independent of the state organization.

In September, Ret. Brig. Gen. Thomas N. Fuller, who was the State Guard's deputy commander, said the 105th was "just too gung-ho."

David Cottom, a spokesman for the Texas State Guard, said

Holloway's new organization is no longer under the control of the state.

"This is totally a civilian venture," Cottom said. "Once he was dislodged, they're on their own."

Ms. Christopher said she didn't know what action the state would take, saying only that "we're studying the matter."

Holloway's attorney, Steven Swander said, "Obviously, if this is illegal, they won't do it. These are conservative men who want to serve their country. If I may say it, they're patriots."

"I see no harm or illegality in going out and training in the country, with unloaded guns, on private property."

Mondale hits Reagan on Kennedy letter

QUINCY, Ill. (AP) — Walter F. Mondale says a 1960 letter President Reagan wrote about John F. Kennedy shows what he really thinks of the Democratic president whose name Reagan often invokes in campaign speeches.

"The fact of it is that Ronald Reagan is trying to tell the American people that he was close to Jack Kennedy and his ideas," Mondale said Tuesday while disclosing the letter in which Reagan compares some of Kennedy's 1960 campaign proposals to ideas espoused by Karl Marx and Adolf Hitler.

"He did everything he could to defeat Jack Kennedy and elect Richard Nixon," Mondale said, citing the letter retrieved from government archives.

In the letter, handwritten to Nixon during the election campaign of 1960 and signed "Ronnie Reagan," the future president wrote this about part of Kennedy's campaign proposals:

"Under the touselled boyish haircut it is still old Karl Marx — first launched a century ago.

"There is nothing new in the idea of a Govt. being Big Brother to us all. Hitler called his 'state socialism' and way before him it

was 'benevolent monarchy.'"

The president often invokes Kennedy's name in his effort to convert wavering Democrats to his own candidacy. White House spokesman Larry Speakes confirmed that Reagan wrote the letter, but said he "was pleasantly surprised to find a difference between Kennedy the candidate and Kennedy the president."

Speakes also said Reagan was surprised by Kennedy's toughness during the Cuban missile crisis and by Kennedy's economic program.

Reagan "is in the wrong calling, he should have been a creative writer," Mondale added.

Many women ask to adopt frozen orphan embryos

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — More than 90 women, many of them Americans, have asked to be implanted with two frozen "orphan" embryos that state lawmakers voted not to destroy, officials said today.

The upper house of the Victoria state Parliament passed a special amendment Tuesday night to allow the adoption and implantation of the embryos, which are frozen in liquid nitrogen at Queen Victoria Medical Center.

Dozens of women have volunteered to adopt and carry the embryos if they can be successfully thawed.

"The vast majority are from the United States," medical center spokeswoman Netta Darling said. "Some of them have said these are American children and we don't like you having our children."

State officials said last month they would probably accept the

recommendation of a scholarly committee to the destroy the embryos. The statement drew a storm of protest from right-to-life groups in Australia, the United States and elsewhere, and prompted Tuesday's vote by the legislature.

Margaret Tighe, president of the Right-to-Life Organization of Victoria, said state politicians bowed to a concerted campaign to save the embryos.

"We kept on putting the pressure on the politicians. At least the embryos will get a chance to live — but it's a very slim chance," she said.

The embryos were left in legal limbo after Mario and Elsa Rios were killed in a plane crash last year in Chile. The wealthy Los Angeles couple had been trying to have a test-tube baby at the pioneering Melbourne center.

State Attorney General Jim Kennan said the upper house

tagged the special amendment on to a law governing test-tube baby programs in Victoria. The amendment means the embryos can be put up for adoption and every effort made to implant them in a surrogate mother, he said.

"It didn't seem unreasonable to allow them to be adopted," he told The Associated Press. "I'm quite happy with it."

Kennan said that if the embryos are adopted and survive it would be unlikely that the new parents would have any claim on the Rios' estate, valued at more than \$1 million. The new parents would not be told identities of the embryos, and any children would be considered solely the offspring of the couple who adopted them.

But Kennan said scientists were pessimistic about the chances of the embryos surviving the thaw. The embryos were frozen at a time when the technique was not perfected, he explained.



ROCKING AT THE GARDEN—Rock star Elton John plays "Tiny Dancer" to the crowd at his "Breaking Hearts" tour, begun in August, will bring John first of four nights Tuesday at New York's Madison Square Garden. The tour will visit 48 cities. (AP Laserphoto)

Doctor says there's no doubt baby was injected with a blood-thinner

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — An expert in the study of children's blood says there is no doubt four-week-old Rolando Santos was given a massive dose of heparin about the time former nurse Gene Jones reported he was bleeding profusely.

Dr. William Hathaway, professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado school of medicine, said Tuesday he reviewed the medical files of the Santos baby.

The baby's blood, he said, "unquestionably" was contaminated with heparin that day.

The testimony came in the injury to a child trial of Ms. Jones, 34. The former licensed vocational nurse is accused of giving the Santos child an overdose of heparin, a blood-thinner that can cause excessive bleeding.

The alleged offense occurred Jan. 9, 1982, in the pediatric intensive care unit at Medical Center Hospital. The infant had been hospitalized there for treatment of pneumonia.

Hathaway, who works in a laboratory that studies blood disorders, estimated the baby had 15,886 units of heparin in his

bloodstream. A normal, safe dosage, he said, would be 125 units.

He also said the massive dose of heparin likely would totally metabolize in about five hours.

"Is there any way 15,886 units of heparin could be in Rolando Santos' body unless it was injected into his body?" prosecutor Nick Rothe asked.

"No, it would have to be injected because it can't be absorbed orally," Hathaway responded.

According to nursing notes made by Ms. Jones, the baby started bleeding about 4 p.m. Hathaway estimated "heparin must have been given around that time."

Hathaway's conclusion that the infant had been given a massive dose of heparin was confirmed by Dr. Murray Pollack, a pediatric intensive care specialist from Washington, D.C.

"The lab data show conclusively that he received heparin," Pollack testified.

The doctor said the use of protamine sulfate, an antidote for heparin, to stop the bleeding is a clear indicator the infant had heparin in his bloodstream.

Dr. Kenneth Copeland, the attending physician when the baby started bleeding heavily Jan. 9, testified earlier he administered a

massive dosage of protamine sulfate to the Santos child. He testified the bleeding stopped almost immediately.

He also testified he ordered doses to stop administering even small doses of the drug to the baby. Testimony indicated heparin had been used to keep an arterial line from scabbing over.

Pollack, who reviewed the baby's medical records during his entire hospital stay, recalled the infant suffered cardiac arrests twice and once lost 10 percent of his body weight through a loss of fluids.

"The peculiar thing was that most of the life-threatening episodes occurred while she (Ms. Jones) was on duty and that they were described in her handwriting," Pollack said, referring to the nurse's notes.

The baby recovered after a doctor ordered him moved to a general pediatric floor.

Ms. Jones could get 99 years if she is convicted in the trial, being heard by Judge Pat Priest in a non-jury proceeding.

She already is serving 99 years for the murder of a Kerrville baby with an injection of a muscle relaxant.



CAREFUL—American novelist William Styron had this expression when an aide tied the insignia of commander of the French order of arts and letters around his neck while French cultural affairs minister Jack Lang, right,

congratulated him at a reception at the ministry in Paris Tuesday night. Styron wrote "Sophie's Choice" and "The Confessions of Nate Turner," among other novels. (AP Laserphoto)



HELP!!!—The pavement at a busy intersection in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. bubbled and caved in recently when a water main broke, nearly swallowing a Cadillac but causing no injuries.

Cliff Gridley of Sunnys Towing takes the partially submerged Cadillac out of fear as Sgt. Lew Hartman lends a hand. (AP Laserphoto)

Animal collector keeps a private preserve in Southeast Texas

By JERRY LYNAS
Beaumont Enterprise
BEAUMONT, Texas (AP)— The llama walked up to the golf cart, stared at the visitor and put its nose almost against the camera lens. The visitor's camera seemed as curious to the llama as the animal was to him.

The beautiful creature is one of many at home in a 40-acre, private preserve on the northern edge of Beaumont, near Pine Island Bayou.

Not all the exotic animals are friendly.

"Boss Bird," an African ostrich that stands eight feet tall when holding his head up, can be dangerous if provoked, warns owner Elmo Mouton.

Some of the animals could hurt a visitor, so Mouton's preserve must remain private, he says.

Since 1978, Mouton has built a collection of animals that include the ostrich, several emus and rheas, herds of deer and antelope, swans, ducks and turkeys.

Mouton started his collection with sika and axis deer from the YO Ranch at Mountain Home. The herd of axis deer grew from two does and a buck to 34 head.

"West Texas is too far to go to see a deer, so I brought some of them here," he says.

"The fun is watching nature. I like to see the animals grow, see the changes that take place. I've always liked animals."

Mouton's wife, Lucille, also enjoys having the animals around. The Mouton home is located in the preserve.

Mouton bought the land in 1968 from Dr. Dale C. Hager and moved a plastics business there. He sold his interest but works as a buyer for the new owner.

Mouton expanded his collection

of animals by attending auctions twice a year in Kerrville and Cape Girardeau, Mo.

As the animals multiply, Mouton sells them to other animal fanciers. A female llama is worth 10 times as much as a male, he says. A female will bring \$5,000 to \$6,000, a male only \$500.

Emus look like small ostriches and are natives of Australia. They stand 5 to 6 feet tall. The rhea is a South American bird, roughly the same size as an emu. None of the three birds can fly, however, the ostrich can run as fast as 40 mph.

One of two 600-foot radio towers Mouton operates is located on his animal preserve. One worker found out quickly how Boss Bird got his name.

When the ostrich decided to see what the worker was doing one day, the man tried to shoo him

away. Instead of leaving, the ostrich charged the man, who took refuge in his pickup truck until Boss Bird decided to leave.

Equality of the sexes marks the ostrich, emu and rhea bird families.

"The female birds lay the eggs, but the male has to sit on the eggs to hatch them and look after the baby birds," Mouton says.

Boss Bird won't have the honor of hatching out eggs or looking after little ones. Mouton doesn't plan to buy a female ostrich because it could create a danger.

"If there was a female around and anyone went near it, the male would go after them," he says.

The ostrich may show off his strange mating dance for a visitor, squatting on the ground and gyrating his long neck.

New merchant bank is formed

DALLAS (AP) — Elvis Mason, the former chairman of InterFirst Corp., has joined forces with a group of prominent private investors to create the first merchant banking firm in the Southwest.

Mason, 51, announced the formation of Mason Best Co. on Monday and said it would have offices in Houston and Dallas.

"We have a good opportunity in this marketplace," Mason said. "In America, merchant banking is assuming an increasingly prominent role."

Merchant banking, which originated in Europe centuries ago, has been gaining momentum among Wall Street investment banking firms.

"Merchant banking allows the firm to frequently — more times than not — be a principal in the transaction rather than simply collecting a fee," Mason said.

Mason resigned from InterFirst, the nation's 15th largest bank with assets of \$20.6 billion, in January. He has kept a relatively low-profile as he put together this new financial institution, which Mason said will include partner Randy Best.

Best, 41, is a private investor and financier in Houston. Mason Best is also backed by an investor group

that includes Dallas developer Trammell Crow, prominent Democrat Robert Strauss, as well as top executives of major U.S. corporations, Mason said.

Although Mason is no longer a top officer of InterFirst, he continues to draw a \$400,000 salary as a management consultant to the company.

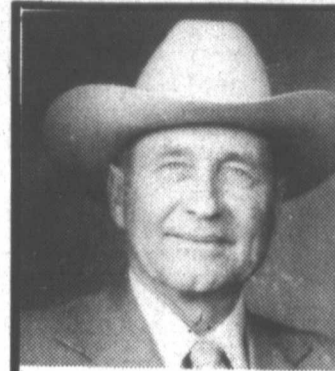
He resigned following an InterFirst announcement that its losses during the third quarter of 1983 had been revised upward to a record \$249 million. The revision

was made under pressure from federal banking regulators.

The bank's financial problems were mainly the culprit of bad energy loans.

Merchant banks specialize in providing funds to bankroll a variety of business ventures, usually private firms. The investments often include mergers and acquisitions.

The difference with commercial banks is that the funds provided by merchant banks usually don't take the form of tradition loans.



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