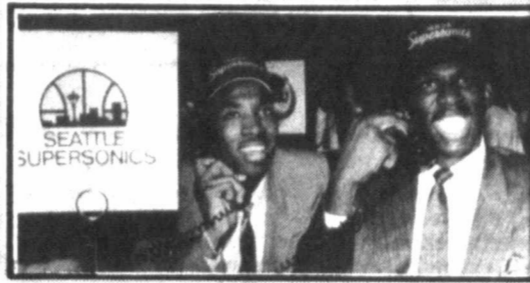


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Branscum appeals jury's murder decision

By PAUL PINKHAM
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AMARILLO — A man convicted in March of killing his wife nearly 23 years ago has appealed the Pampa jury's decision, claiming it violates his right to a speedy trial.

John Mann of Amarillo, attorney for Albert Branscum, 56, has filed the 28-page appeal before the 7th Court of Appeals. Assistant District Attorney Harold Comer has until about July 10 to respond.

Comer said Monday that the appeal came as no surprise. Mann has vowed to fight Branscum's conviction "all the way to Washington, D.C."

Branscum, now of Konawa, Okla., has remained free pending appeal since a 223rd District jury sentenced him to five years in prison in early March, more than 22 years after Branscum killed his estranged wife, Glenna Faye, with three gunshots at his house at 1242 S. Farley Street.

After shooting his wife, Branscum fired two bullets into his own head in a suicide attempt that kept him hospitalized for months and left him crippled.

Although he was indicted two months after the October 1964 killing, the case never came to trial because authorities at the time — among them Gray County

Sheriff Rufe Jordan and District Attorney Bill Waters — claimed Branscum's suicide attempt had left him mentally incompetent to stand trial.

The original case was dismissed in 1972 by 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhany for lack of prosecution by the state, after Sheriff Jordan told authorities that Branscum was a "mental vegetable" in Oklahoma.

But the case was re-opened last year after Mrs. Branscum's brother asked about it and investigators found that Branscum had been quietly operating a small salvage yard in Konawa since 1970, two years before the sheriff called him a "vegetable."

Branscum was re-indicted for murder last September.

Without mentioning Jordan, Waters or District Attorney Guy Hardin by name, Mann last week asked the appeals court to dismiss the case because of the state's "gross negligence" in not prosecuting the case earlier.

Waters served as district attorney through 1968, when Hardin took over. By then, the seemingly forgotten case was more than four years old.

Hardin has testified that he had no knowledge of the case when Judge McIlhany brought it to his attention in 1972. Waters has refused to comment on the case.

"His (Branscum's) initial court appearance came

some 14 years after the first indictment had been dismissed because of raw neglect on the part of the state ...," Mann wrote in the appeal. "A delay of this magnitude can hardly be called mere negligence, but more appropriately arises to the degree of gross negligence."

Mann noted that Branscum never hid from Gray County authorities in order to avoid prosecution.

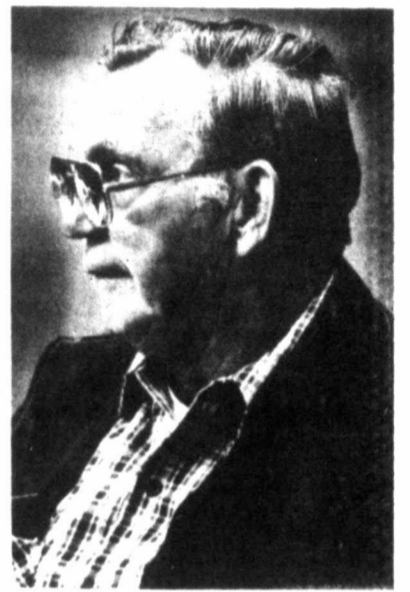
The hired defense lawyer also said the lengthy delay hurt Branscum's case because medical records had disappeared and memories had dimmed. He cited testimony from two doctors, who said an insanity defense would be impossible 22 years after the fact.

Prosecutor Comer said the appeals court will be required to balance several factors, not just the length of the delay, before deciding whether to grant the appeal. He said the factors include whether Branscum has been hurt by the delay.

"We'll argue that neither his personal or professional lives were interfered with," Comer said.

Comer said he expects the appeal to be a recap of Branscum's previous three motions to dismiss the case on speedy trial grounds. All previous motions were denied by District Judge Don Cain.

Once Comer responds to the appeal, the court will schedule oral arguments. Comer said the appeals court generally takes about six months to reach a decision.



Branscum

Congress won't stop gulf plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three House Democratic leaders say they don't expect Congress to block President Reagan's plan to protect Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Persian Gulf.

"As far as any congressional action goes, I don't see it," said Rep. Dante Fascell, D-Fla., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "The policy has been announced and the die is cast, and I don't think Congress can do anything now."

"We're going into our normal mode in these things, which is holding hearings and debating, but I have to believe nothing concrete will happen in terms of blocking the policy," he said Monday.

Congress has several options, Fascell noted, including requesting a delay in the start of the program, trying to cut off money for it or passing a resolution of displeasure.

House Majority Leader Tom Foley, D-Wash., said "there's not very much" Congress can do to halt Reagan's program of protecting 11 Kuwaiti tankers that will be carrying the American flag.

Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, agreed, adding in a speech prepared for delivery today that "the administration didn't really think through this reflagging policy before adopting it."

Because Kuwait is an Iraqi ally in the 6½-year-old Iran-Iraq war, Reagan's plan has raised fears in Congress that the United States might be drawn into the war in the oil-rich region. Those fears increased after an Iraqi missile attack on May 17 killed 37 seaman aboard the Navy frigate USS Stark.

In other developments: ■ State Department officials formally announced approval by Saudi Arabia of expanded air surveillance of the 600-mile-long gulf. The Saudis will use some of their five U.S.-made AWACS radar planes to patrol the southern half of the gulf. Meanwhile, U.S. AWACS planes will cover the northern half of the region.

The planes will be looking for planes or ships that could attack Navy vessels or the reflagged Kuwaiti tankers. Each of the planes will be flown by joint U.S.-Saudi crews.

■ State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said the United States is holding "informal consultations" with the other four members of the United Nations Security Council about whether to impose an arms embargo against Iran and Iraq.



Jenny Jo Jean Hobson, left, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobson, gets her Kid Pony Show entry number from Topper. The girl entered in barrels and flags for the Monday performance.

Drag out the hats and boots; rodeo entries are under way

Amateur cowboys and cowgirls and young 'uns have started making their entries as plans are completed for the 41st Annual Top o' Texas Rodeo and the Kid Pony Show.

Entries opened Monday at the Rodeo Office in the Pampa Community Building and will continue until 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, for men and women entering the rodeo. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays for those wanting to pay their entry fees.

Kids may register by noon of the day they perform. Schedules for events and respective age groups may be picked up at the rodeo headquarters.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association sanctioned rodeo

is set for Thursday through Saturday, July 9-11, with performances at 8 p.m. daily. The Kid Pony Show for youngsters through age 15 will be held Monday through Wednesday, July 6-8, with performances beginning daily at 7 p.m.

In a change being made this year, amateurs may enter the rodeo events if they live within a 60-mile radius of Pampa. In past years, amateur entrants were limited to Gray County residents.

Replacing the Double Muggin' event for amateur teams will be a Ranch Branding team event, noted Rodeo Office secretary Kathy Topper. "This amateur event is a fast-moving and exciting contest between four-member teams," she said.

Rules and applications for the Ranch Branding contest may be picked up from the Rodeo Office. Entry fee will be \$40 per team, along with a \$10 stock charge. Entry fees will be split 40, 30, 20 and 10 percent among the top teams.

Entries for PRCA and Girls Rodeo Association members in the Top o' Texas Rodeo will be taken at the rodeo office at the Community Building, opening at 2 p.m. July 1 and closing at 4 p.m. MDT July 2.

Elk City, Okla., native Bennie Beutler will again produce the rodeo, while former Oklahoma senator Clem McSpadden will return for another year behind the microphone during the events in the rodeo arena in Recreation

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Lefors council OKs morgue negotiations

By PAUL PINKHAM
Senior Staff Writer

LEFORS — Building a county morgue is not necessarily a life-and-death matter, but, just the same, city officials would like to lay the issue to rest one way or another.

Monday, city council members agreed to get the ball rolling by placing it in Gray County's court. The council authorized volunteer Fire Chief Eddie Joe Roberts to meet with county commissioners July 1 to discuss a proposal to build a county morgue in Lefors.

Mayor J. W. Franks told Roberts to negotiate with the county and come back with a proposal the council can vote on at its July 13 meeting. Councilwoman Kim Holden said she plans to attend the July 1 county meeting with Roberts.

"There's still a lot of ifs," Franks said.

Chief Roberts and county commissioners have been discussing the possibility of constructing a morgue in Lefors since the county signed an autopsy contract

with Amarillo forensic pathologist Ralph Erdmann. Roberts says the facility — a small metal building with a walk-in cooler unit — can be constructed for about \$5,250.

Under Roberts' initial proposal, the morgue would be used exclusively by Erdmann and be maintained by members of the fire department, which would charge the county \$250 each time the facility was used and \$200 each time a Lefors ambulance was used to transport a body to the facility. The county would loan the department \$5,000 to construct the facility and would receive free use of the building until the \$5,000 is paid back.

Roberts said following Monday's meeting that officials also are exploring the possibility of letting surrounding counties pay to use the facility. Currently, Gray and surrounding counties must transport bodies to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo whenever a forensic autopsy is required.

City Attorney Mark Buzzard
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Rural hospital care debates continuing

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

CANADIAN — A rural hospital is not necessarily a poor hospital, an official with the Texas Medical Foundation declared.

Charles R. Cain, chairman of the TMF quality assurance committee, said in a telephone interview that he does not see "any pattern of poor quality care coming from small communities."

Cain's observation came on the heels of a press conference last Friday at which he defended the peer review process which the TMF uses to check doctors' eligibility to treat Medicare patients.

The monitoring agency has recommended 22 Texas physicians for sanctions, which would either fine doctors or bar them from Medicare funding for up to five years.

The TMF held the press conference in response to a growing call for due process in the peer review system and to allegations that rural doctors are not being treated fairly by the TMF Peer Review Organization.

Doctors in Canadian have threatened to pull their Medicare patients from Hemphill County Hospital if the TMF does not "get off the rural hospitals' backs" and if there is no progress toward sanction reform. They also want

a threatened sanction against one of their own — Dr. Teddy Darocha — lifted.

Cain did not address allegations that the TMF is picking on rural hospitals in his Friday press conference.

"The question at hand is not the availability of sophisticated equipment at the local hospital," Cain said. "The issue is basic medical knowledge and the physician's ability to apply that knowledge."

"Texas is basically a rural state, if you look at the total number of hospitals in Texas," Cain said.

He added that while there are no noticeable patterns of "poor quality" in rural hospitals, small towns do have certain problems that need to be addressed.

"The experiences from PROs nationwide have shown that a physician in an isolated area is not exposed to the mainstream of medicine. It is harder to keep up with the developments," he claimed.

He added that with the hectic schedule and the time demands on a rural doctor, "the practice pattern becomes rigid and fixed. And this pattern of care may be sufficient by community standards but definitely not by state standards," he said.

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Senate committee OKs state spending bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A 1988-89 spending proposal gained Senate committee approval on the first day of the Legislature's budget-writing special session. "I think we'll move it out (of the Senate) tomorrow," Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said Monday.

The \$38.2 billion plan won 11-0 approval from the Senate Finance Committee 2½ hours after the special session began.

On the House side, meanwhile, Speaker Gib Lewis said lawmakers would try to override a gubernatorial tax veto if necessary.

"If that happens, sure, we'll have to look at it at that point and try to do it," Speaker Gib Lewis said.

Lewis said he hoped to avoid a confrontation with Gov. Bill Clements, who in the past vowed to veto any tax increase larger than \$2.9 billion.

The speaker said he thinks the eventual 1988-89 budget that wins passage will total about \$38 billion, which would require a tax hike of \$5.8 billion to \$6 billion.

"We hope to give the governor a bill, a sensible bill, that he will not veto," Lewis said.

If he does veto it, Lewis said, "It's a question of whether or not you have the votes to (override). We don't know at this point."

Although Texas governors often make a speech to open special sessions

that they call, Clements did not appear before lawmakers Monday.

Lewis said Clements has been invited to speak if he wished. "That's up to him," Lewis said.

Clements' office issued a six-paragraph written statement in which the governor urged a "spirit of cooperation" and made no mention of any veto threat.

"I am as convinced as ever that what is in Texas' best interest is to hold the line on spending and give our economy a chance to recover," he said.

Comptroller Bob Bullock did address a joint House-Senate session and officially gave lawmakers the bad news.

Besides leaving 1987 with a \$1 billion deficit, they face a \$5.5 billion shortfall over the next two years unless spending is cut or revenues raised, Bullock said.

"The last time you invited me to speak, you asked me to talk about money. I said at the time that I could make the shortest talk in legislative history: You didn't have any. Today, I would say you have even less," Bullock said.

He warned lawmakers not to depend on an oil price increase to bail them out.

"Oil would have to go to \$40 to \$50 a barrel immediately, and stay there a full year, just to make up the \$1 billion

1987 deficit," he said.

Lewis said he was studying a budget plan and ways to pay for it.

"If it's left up to me, I think it (the budget) will call for additional spending in education, in prisons, in some of our social programs. It'll call for more taxes, increasing the sales tax, maybe expanding the base," Lewis said.

"Some of them have a tax on professional services. Some do not. Some would increase current taxes on various items," he said.

Lewis said his latest plan would reduce the increases sought by some state agencies but not cut spending on needed programs.

Mistrial may end Davis mansion shooting saga

FORT WORTH (AP) — A deadlocked civil jury may have ended the 11-year legal saga of millionaire Cullen Davis, but the jury foreman said it "tears me apart" that Davis may have gotten away with killing two people.

"The evidence showed Cullen Davis killed those people," jury foreman Kenneth Pool said Monday after a state judge reluctantly declared a mistrial in a \$16.5 million wrongful death case against Davis.

The vote was 8-4 in favor of the plaintiffs, who included a survivor of an August 1976 shooting spree that left two dead and two critically wounded at the remote \$6 million Davis mansion atop a hill in southwest Fort Worth.

Brushing away tears and speaking in a voice trembling with anger at those who voted against the plaintiffs, juror Pool said:

"I couldn't believe that they wouldn't look at the evidence...It really does tear me apart that he was able to get away with this."

Pool later confronted defense attorney Steve Sumner, praised him for a "good job" and added that "We believe he did it, and you know he did it."

"I don't want to get into that," replied Sumner.

Davis was acquitted of capital murder in 1977. He faces a September trial of a suit by the estate of shooting victim Stan Farr, but Monday's outcome left the status of that case and any other legal action against Davis in doubt.

"They'll never get this good a shot again," Sumner said.

Davis, 53, a born-again Christian, hugged his wife, praised his attorney, embraced his cheering, Bible-toting supporters and told reporters he was glad it was all over.

"I want to give the Lord Jesus Christ all the credit for what happened in this trial," he said.

"That's good," retorted his ex-wife Priscilla, "because that's who he's going to have to answer to."

The platinum blonde Mrs. Davis, 45, and her second husband, Jack Wilborn, 66, were plaintiffs in the consolidated wrongful death suits. They sought \$10 million in punitive damages alone for the slaying of their daughter Andrea, 12.

"It hurts," said Wilborn, who was undecided about pursuing further civil action against Davis.

Mrs. Davis, echoing the words of her attorney, said the hung jury was the final chapter in her ongoing legal battle with Davis.

"But very obviously, I don't feel like justice has been done," she said.

It was an anti-climactic but emotionally charged windup up to a month-long trial in which the jury never got past the first of 13 "special issues" it was asked to resolve.

First and foremost was whether Davis was the man dressed in black and wearing a crude black wig who killed his young stepdaughter and wounded Priscilla that sultry summer night 11 years ago.

Priscilla's boyfriend, Farr, 30, was killed at the scene and a young mansion visitor, Bubba Gavrel, now 33, was critically wounded.

Beverly Bass, 29, Gavrel's date that night and now his wife, was the only survivor to escape the carnage unharmed.

All identified Davis as the assailant.

"I do want to say I did see Cullen murder Stan," Mrs. Davis said moments after the mistrial. "I saw him shoot me. I know Bev saw him shoot Bubba. They were all shot with the same gun that killed Andrea."

"I will go to my grave knowing that Cullen Davis killed my child."

State District Court Judge Claude Williams declared the mistrial after and unusual final appeal from attorneys failed to break the prolonged jury deadlock.



Authorities investigate helicopter crash site.

Military helicopter crash kills 10 reserve officers

FORT HOOD (AP) — Officials at Fort Hood say an annual two-week training exercise will go on, despite the deaths of 10 Army reservists in a helicopter crash.

A low-flying helicopter participating in massive Texas National Guard and Army Reserve maneuvers crashed near the base's western boundary Monday, killing everyone aboard.

"The training will continue as scheduled," Army spokesman Capt. Mike Monnett said. "This is tragic and unfortunate, but it won't affect training."

About 13,000 Texas National Guard 49th Armored Division members and 5,000 soldiers of Army reserve support units from 20 states have been participating in the combat-readiness exercise called "Starburst '87" since June 13. It continues through this weekend.

The part-time soldiers, who meet for light training at least once a month, are using more than 75 of the Guard's helicopters and 600 of its tanks and armored personnel carriers in one of its largest-ever maneuvers.

Guard officials said the crash of the UH-1 Huey helicopter was the deadliest in recent memory to befall the Texas National Guard.

Four of the victims, all crew members, were from the 353rd Engineer Group in Oklahoma City and the other six, who were passengers in the helicopter, were from the 489th Engineer Battalion based in Little Rock, Ark., said Maj. William Coleman, spokesman for the Guard's 49th Armored Division.

Army authorities were withholding the names of the victims pending notification of relatives.

A second helicopter on the scene whisked away one of the victims to Darnall Army Community Hospital on the Army base, but he died about an hour after the 9:45 a.m. crash, military officials said.

Army officials say the helicopter was on an orientation flight and was slightly above tree-top level when it went down in a flat, grassy area surrounded by rocky slopes and trees.

The chopper apparently erupted in flames on impact, leaving a tangle of charred metal that hampered investigators' efforts to remove the bodies. The last victim was removed almost four hours after the crash.

Monnett had no official explanation for the accident and said Army investigators could take as long as several months to complete a report.

Mattox plans to review SMU report for possible wrongdoing

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox says he will investigate a report about Southern Methodist University's football scandal to determine if Gov. Bill Clements and others violated civil or criminal laws.

Mattox, who is charged with monitoring charitable trusts to ensure they are administered responsibly, also said Monday he will review the report by a Methodist bishops' committee to determine whether to file a civil lawsuit against Clements and other former members of SMU's Board of Governors.

The decision to examine the SMU pay-for-play scheme was prompted by requests from Rep. Eddie Cavazos, D-Corpus Christi, SMU alumni and lawmakers who are considering filing articles of impeachment against Clements, Mattox said.

"I am going to honor the request of Rep. Cavazos and the other individuals that have contacted me, and I will review the law and the facts to determine what kind of application they might have to this case," Mattox told the Dallas Times Herald.

Mattox also said he will meet with representatives of the bishops' committee to determine if they have information not revealed in the report.

Clements' only reaction was, "I think that's great."

The bishops' committee issued a 48-page report after a three-month investigation detailing how Clements, as then-chairman of SMU's Board of Governors, orchestrated the continuation of illegal payments to SMU football players while the school was on probation for similar activities.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association

suspended SMU's football program for the 1987 season and placed other severe sanctions against the Southwest Conference school.

It was the most severe punishment ever handed a member school by the NCAA.

The committee said that then Clements and three other board members attempted to cover up the governor's role in the scandal as he sought and won the state's highest elected office.

The attorney general acknowledged that he has no authority in criminal matters, but said any criminal violations he might find will be referred to lawmakers and Dallas County District Attorney John Vance.

"The responsibility for carrying out criminal investigations is in the hands of the district attorney," Mattox said.

He refused to say what criminal statutes could apply.

"We will also review the actions of the trustees to determine whether or not a civil action must be filed either by the state of Texas or by the current Board of Trustees against the former members of the Board of Governors," said Mattox.

Spurgeon Dunnam III, a spokesman for the bishops' committee, advised of Mattox's intentions, said the Methodist bishops would oppose any legal action based on their report.

"Even if there are grounds for lawsuits, they would only prolong the agony that needs to be put behind SMU so the university can move forward," Dunnam said.

Joint panel would review justices

AUSTIN (AP) — A resolution is planned that would create a legislative committee to review recent disciplinary actions against two Texas Supreme Court justices, says Sen. Frank Tejeda, D-San Antonio.

Tejeda said Monday his resolution could be viewed as a "preliminary move toward impeachment. It's a preliminary move to see if there is probable cause to go forward after that."

Tejeda, as chairman of the House Judicial Affairs Committee, started an investigation in 1986 following allegations that Justices William Kilgarlin and C.L. Ray had improper contacts about pending cases with lawyers outside the courtroom and not in the presence of all parties involved.

On June 9, The State Commission on Judicial

Conduct issued a public reprimand of Ray, citing seven instances of improper conduct. It issued a public admonishment of Kilgarlin — a less severe rebuke than a reprimand — on two points.

Kilgarlin called the commission findings about him "a crock of manure" and "outrageous." He immediately announced his bid for re-election next year.

Ray said in a written statement he had done nothing wrong.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hill said last week the disciplinary actions had weakened public confidence in the court but he would not call for the two justices' resignations.

Man says Clarence Brandley's attorneys 'fed' him information

CONROE (AP) — A man who gave a videotaped statement in connection with the death of a high school girl said his statement was what defense attorneys told him to say.

Edward Payne, 60, allegedly has linked his son-in-law, Gary Acreman, to information defense lawyers representing death row inmate Clarence Brandley say is crucial to their case. But Payne said he will not tell them what they expect to hear when he gives a deposition this week.

Brandley, 35, was convicted of the Aug. 23, 1980, death of Cheryl Ferguson, a Bellville high school student who was on a volleyball trip to Conroe High School when she was killed.

Payne recently said he was not certain about several details he gave in a videotaped statement April 16.

"All I did was say what they told me to say," Payne said.

Brandley was one of two janitors who found the body in a storage loft in the school auditorium. The case has generated a lot of controversy with some claiming that Brandley was railroaded and the verdict was racially motivated.

Acreman also was a janitor at the school.

In the videotaped statement, Payne said Acreman wanted to go back to school and get the slain girl's clothes from a dumpster. But Payne said his definitive answer was far from a certainty in his own mind.

"I don't know if it was Saturday, Sunday, or Monday," he said of the date of the slaying, which was on a Saturday. "He (Acreman) wanted to go back up there probably Sunday or Monday."

Acreman has said he did not learn of the murder until he read the newspaper Sunday morning.

"He might've read about it in the paper Sunday or Monday and told me about it," Payne said.

Payne also said he will recant his April statement that Acreman told him former janitor James Dexter Robinson was at school the day of the murder.

"They fed me that," Payne said. "I said, 'I can't remember what was said.'"

Acreman and Robinson have denied any involvement in Miss Ferguson's death.

Defense attorney Don Brown denied feeding any information to Payne.

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Opinion

Symbolic gesture?

Suppose your local variety or drugstore overstocked Christmas cards, wrapping paper and ribbons for the holiday season and found itself with an unsold backlog on Dec. 26. Would you consider it a heinous crime if the manager put the overstock on sale at 50 percent off? Should government force the merchant to charge the full retail price?

That is close to what happened over the last few years to Japanese semiconductor manufacturers. While the U.S. industry between 1981 and 1984 mastered the ability to produce a relatively few custom chips for increasingly sophisticated applications, the Japanese concentrated on mass production. When the market on mass-produced chips weakened, Japanese firms found themselves with an inflexible capacity to produce memory chips and a huge unsold inventory. Not surprisingly, they began selling them for less than they hoped to get.

One result was that Japanese chip makers were, in effect, subsidizing U.S. computer and electronic manufacturers, but the U.S. government decided to call this situation "dumping." Remember that our government's definition of "dumping" is so much broader than the one internationally recognized that MIT economics professor Lester Thurow believes that if the whole world accepted the U.S. definition, "17 out of the 20 largest U.S. industrial firms could be found guilty of dumping in foreign markets." But never mind fairness.

Our politicians were in the mood last summer for a little old-fashioned election-time Japan-bashing. The administration, pointing in mock alarm at even more aggressive protectionists in Congress, arm-twisted the Japanese into signing an agreement to end the "dumping," establishing an OPEC-like cartel to keep prices high. To fulfill its terms, the Japanese government would have to exercise stifling, dictatorial control over private firms. It tried, but came up short, so the United States decided to shoot itself in the foot by imposing retaliatory tariffs of 100 percent on some items a couple of months ago.

That's the background we need to put into perspective on President Reagan's decision to ease back those sanctions by 17 percent at the opening of the economic summit in Italy. In retrospect, the Japanese probably shouldn't have signed the agreement last summer, but they were trying to be cooperative. The smart thing is to get rid of the tariffs and repeal the cartel agreement immediately. The effect of the "anti-dumping" agreement and other trade restrictions is, as author George Gilder put it recently, "to retard the diffusion of computer technology in the U.S., slow the development of America's world-leading software and systems expertise, reduce the market for U.S. microprocessors, and shift the entire industry increasingly to Japan." How can this be? Consider that an agreement requiring Japanese chip makers to charge higher prices for chips exported to the United States makes most U.S. computer firms pay twice as much for memory components as their Japanese counterparts, many of whom make them in-house. Will that make U.S. firms more competitive?

The administration's modest action was a symbolic gesture signifying that while we reserve the prerogative to impose political priorities on the marketplace, we really don't want an out-and-out trade war. That's nice, but those with a sincere concern for U.S. competitiveness in the computer age should push for immediate repeal of last summer's ill-advised micro-chip agreement.

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James J. Kilpatrick

Du Pont expresses ideas

MIDDLEBURG, Va. - Pierre Samuel du Pont IV, "Pete" to his friends, turned up in this pre-Revolutionary village the other day. His campaign fund had just topped the \$2 million mark, and he hoped to raise another big chunk from his friends in the hunt country.

He will need every dime he can get. In pursuing the Republican presidential nomination, du Pont is embarked upon the toughest steeplechase of his political life. He has to get past a couple of hurdles named George Bush and Bob Dole. He has to overcome the handicap of a name that is universally familiar but politically unknown.

His biggest obstacle is the kind of recklessness identified with riders who break records or break legs, one or the other. The gentleman has ideas, and he has no caution about expressing them.

For example, du Pont wants to do something drastic about Social Security. He wants to preserve full benefits for those workers already in the system, but he wants to create an alternative plan for young people just entering the work force. He proposes individual retirement accounts, to be financed by mandatory contributions from both employers and employees.

The plan makes good sense. It makes such very good sense that members of Congress are scared to death of it. The thought of such an alternative strikes terror into political hearts. No committee of the House or Senate will even conduct hearings on the idea. Yet here is du Pont pushing the concept anyhow.

Du Pont looks at farm subsidies amounting to \$26 billion a year and says, This has to stop. Lots of people say the program has to stop. The cost is monstrous and the results are nil.

Du Pont proposes to phase out the payments over a 5-year period. The corn grower who gets a subsidy of \$10,000 this year would get only \$8,000 next year, \$6,000 the following year, and so forth. Where is he trying to sell this plan? In Iowa, that's where.

He looks at public welfare. Over the past 10 years, as he said in his announcement speech, the present system has poured \$300 billion into grants to families with dependent children, but "today more of our citizens live in poverty than 10 years ago."

He would mount a comprehensive program to train recipients for jobs, but if some persons still can't find work in private industry, he would put them to work for the government at 90 percent of minimum wage. At the very least, welfare mothers could manage day-care centers. One way or another, he would tie welfare to workfare.

What would du Pont do about federal deficits? He would not raise federal taxes; he would not permit reinflation; and he would stop adding to it. Like Ronald Reagan, he would ask Congress to get rid of non-essential programs. Getting a rein on deficiency payments to farmers would have a high priority.

As a successful governor of Delaware (1977-1985), he believes in the old-fashioned values of federalism. "I would push as many decisions as possible back to the states and localities." At the

same time, for programs that are truly national in character, he would use "leverage" to compel state governments to fall in line. "If Congress is providing the money, Congress has a right to say what the states must do to get it."

Du Pont is not much on constitutional amendments. He would like an amendment to provide presidents a line-item veto on appropriations bills. As governor, he used his veto sparingly, but he found the threat of such a veto often was effective. Otherwise, his inclination is to leave the Constitution alone.

At 52, Pete du Pont feels he has the experience — as a businessman, as a lawyer, as governor, and as a two-term member of the House of Representatives — that qualifies him for the White House.

He stands 6 feet 2; he weighs in at a trim 185 pounds. He finds he thinks best and works best early in the day. He hasn't smoked since he tried a few cigarettes as a teen-ager. He drinks straight blended whiskey in winter, gin and tonic in summer. Nothing against cats, but he's a dog man.

In recent weeks, along with a few spy thrillers, he's read Paul Johnson's *Modern Times* and Winston Churchill's *Wilderness Years*. He plays tennis, though not well, and likes ice hockey. Married; one grown daughter, three grown sons. Net worth: about \$6 million.

Can du Pont make it to glory at the Republican convention next year? At present the bookies would place him on the low end of long odds, but he has a good track record. Don't count him out.

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FEDERAL CRIME PANEL'S NOMINEE FOR FBI HEAD



Lewis Grizzard

Wall around the Russians

President Reagan was standing at the Berlin Wall recently when he said, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

On that wall are wreaths in remembrance of people who tried to get over it and were killed as a result of their attempts to embrace the sweet arms of freedom.

A couple of years ago, I spent two weeks in the Soviet Union. I thought that experience would enlighten me as to what it is like to be locked out of the rest of the world.

In some ways, it did. The only news I could get had been tampered with by the government. Guards went through my luggage and took away a football media guide I was carrying as reading material. They thought it had to do with politics, and I wasn't allowed to bring it into the country.

I couldn't get into my hotel unless I showed a guard my pass. Citizens of the Soviet Union are not allowed inside hotels where tourists are staying.

I was warned not to smile when my picture

was taken for my visa. I asked why not.

"The Soviets," I was told, "are suspicious of smiles."

But all that gave me only a brief hint of life behind a wall, a barbed wire fence, a curtain of iron.

All the time I was in the Soviet Union, I knew I would be leaving soon.

Those millions of other poor souls would have to stay.

Something I tried to get answered during those two weeks is why there aren't more protests by Soviet citizens against the tyranny of the government.

Americans wouldn't stand for such a thing, of course. We would march, riot and die to remove our shackles. We have done it many times before.

I did manage to come away with a few reasons why people of the Soviet Union continue to take whatever the government wants to dish out for them.

★ The Soviet people are patriotic. For centuries

they have had to guard against invasions of countless hordes and armies. There remain the markings of German shells on buildings in Leningrad where the Soviets held on against the Nazi siege in World War II.

★ There is a legacy of oneness and safety in numbers that binds the Soviet masses.

★ The Soviet people don't compare their lives to others who live in freedom because they know little of what else is beyond their guarded boundaries, and the government wants to keep it that way. How are you going to keep 'em down on the farm, etc.?

We constantly tell ourselves how precious our freedom is, but most of us still take it for granted, and I am as guilty as any.

But there is this one thing:

I can tell you when the Lufthansa flight from Moscow to Frankfurt lifted its wheels off Soviet turf, the group of Americans with whom I was travelling broke out into a spontaneous cheer. Some even cried.

Forest Service wields ax against trees

By ROBERT WALTERS

BEDFORD, Ind. (NEA) — The beech, maple, oak and hickory trees that flourish in the Hoosier National Forest provide a verdant canopy for the surprisingly diverse animal and plant population that also thrives in southern Indiana.

Plaster Creek meanders through the pristine area that people only occasionally visit. Claw marks on the sandstone cliffs suggest the presence of bobcats.

Suddenly, that undisturbed setting gives way to an ugly scar — a massive clear-cut area where lumberjacks operating chain saws, skidders and bulldozers have destroyed and hauled away every single tree.

It shouldn't be that way. The coun-

try's 155 national forests and the U.S. Forest Service were established by the federal government specifically to prevent repetition of the timber industry's wanton devastation during the 19th century.

More recently, the National Forest Management Act of 1976 re-emphasized the Forest Service's conservation mission and mandated balanced planning and management of the country's 191 million acres of national forests.

But the Forest Service's plan to clear-cut almost the entire Hoosier National Forest during the next 80 to 120 years is only one example of its systematic violation of the intent of the 1976 law. Among the other cases cited by the Sierra Club and other conservation groups:

• In Virginia's George Washington National Forest, the Forest Service proposes to double the rate of logging and triple the rate of road construction, destroying both valuable hardwood stands and wildlife habitat.

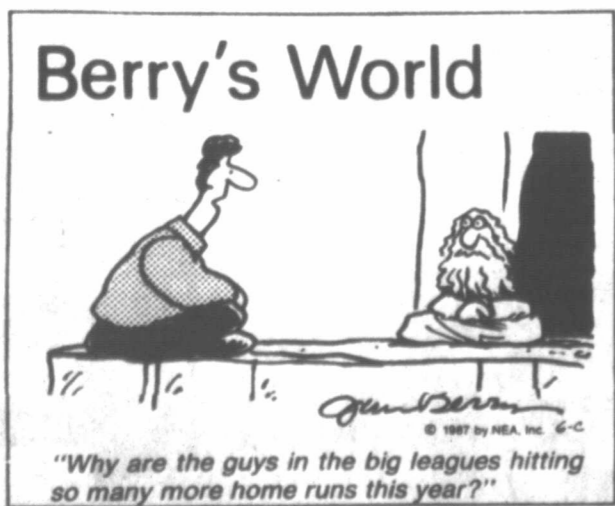
• In Montana's Lewis and Clark National Forest, the Forest Service wants to allow oil and gas drilling in an area that is home to four endangered species — grizzly bears, gray wolves, peregrine falcons and bald eagles.

• In California's Shasta-Trinity National Forest, the Forest Service is calling for elimination of half of the old-growth timber — an unwarranted move that will require construction or rebuilding of 1,200 miles of roads. The Forest Service long has been notorious for emphasizing timber

harvesting (as well as mineral, oil and gas extraction) at the expense of encouraging recreational opportunities and protecting watersheds, wildlife and fisheries.

The 1976 law was supposed to remedy that by requiring the Forest Service to prepare a comprehensive, scientific 50-year management plan for each national forest.

Most of those plans have been drafted — and virtually all have been formally challenged by individuals and organizations who argue that the Forest Service is abusing the statute to justify wanton logging at rates 60 to 70 percent higher than recent harvest levels.



Berry's World

"Why are the guys in the big leagues hitting so many more home runs this year?"

Nation

High court rules on hypnosis-aided testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hypnosis, identified as often with nightclub acts with scientific study, may be getting its day in court.

The Supreme Court is giving the practice of hypnosis more credibility with a new ruling that states may not prohibit all testimony by criminal defendants whose memories are helped by hypnosis.

The ruling was welcomed by Paul Kinkade, president of the International Society for Investigative and Forensic Hypnosis. He said the decision is "a victory but perhaps a limited one for using hypnosis as a law-enforcement tool."

At least one critic of hypnosis, entertainer T.M. Kreskin, sees a darker side to the ruling.

"There is no real evidence that hypnosis enables a person to remember better," he said. "I am offering \$100,000 to anyone who can prove a hypnotic

trance exists."

Kreskin said the court ruling could be a boon to the unscrupulous because "people can be trained to fool a jury" by pretending to be under hypnosis.

The court, in its first statement on the legitimacy of hypnosis, overturned by a 5-4 vote Monday an Arkansas law prohibiting all hypnosis-aided testimony.

"Wholesale inadmissibility of a defendant's testimony is an arbitrary restriction on the right to testify in the absence of clear evidence by the state repudiating the validity of all posthypnosis recollections," Justice Harry A. Blackmun said for the court.

The court set aside Vicki Lorene Rock's manslaughter conviction in the 1983 shooting of her husband in Benton County, Ark. She likely will receive a new trial.

Mrs. Rock was sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined \$10,000 after she was

found guilty of killing her husband, Frank Rock.

According to court documents in the case, Mrs. Rock initially was unable to recall important details about the shooting incident.

Her trial lawyer arranged to have Mrs. Rock placed under hypnosis by a licensed psychologist in Fayetteville. She then was able to recall that the gun went off by accident as she and her husband struggled during a quarrel.

The judge who presided over Mrs. Rock's trial invoked a state law—later upheld by the Arkansas Supreme Court—in refusing to let her tell jurors about anything she remembered as a result of being hypnotized. Her testimony was limited to those statements made immediately prior to hypnosis.

Blackmun said, "We are not now prepared to endorse without qualifications the use of hypnosis as an investigative

tool. Arkansas, however, has not justified the exclusion of all of a defendant's testimony."

He suggested the use of recollections produced under hypnosis "may be reliable in an individual case."

The decision dealt only with hypnosis-aided testimony of defendants and not other witnesses. But the court's reasoning could force lower courts to reconsider allowing broader use of such refreshed testimony in criminal trials.

In other action Monday, the court:

- Ruled 6-3 in a Nevada case that states may not impose automatic death penalties for prison inmates who commit murder while serving life sentences without possibility of parole.
- Barred challenges to jury verdicts based on allegations that jurors were taking drugs or drinking alcohol during the trial.

In a 5-4 decision of a Florida case, the court said such jury conduct is no more an "outside influence" on deliberations "than a virus, poorly prepared food or a lack of sleep."

- Reinstated, by a 5-4 vote, the death sentence of John Harvey Adamson for the 1976 murder of Arizona newspaper reporter Don Bolles. The justices said Adamson, initially given a 20-year prison sentence, properly was sentenced to death for breaking a plea-bargain agreement to testify against others allegedly involved in the killing.
- Set the stage for an important employment-discrimination ruling next year by agreeing to hear the appeal of a Texas woman who says she was denied promotions because she is black. At issue is how some employees must try to prove their bosses are guilty of illegal bias.

Hearings resume with tentative agreement on North testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — The congressional Iran-Contra panels are nearing an agreement with Lt. Col. Oliver L. North's lawyers that will set the ground rules for the former White House aide's testimony, the Senate committee chairman said today.

The committees, resuming public hearings today after a two-week recess, are moving to ratify terms for an expected appearance next month by North, the key witness in the drama. Senate committee chairman Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, said the full committees will be presented with a proposed agreement setting those terms.

Inouye said there is no guarantee that the proposed agreement will be accepted in its entirety, but there is now "no question" in his mind that North will testify.

Inouye and his House counterpart, Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., were interviewed on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" program.

Hamilton said one of the key questions yet to be resolved in the hearings is "who authorized Col. North to do what he did" in arranging arms sales to Iran and directing secret aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Former National Security Adviser Gen. Brent Scowcroft said today that he believes President Reagan "supported everything possible to help the Contras, but that doesn't mean he was involved in the day-to-day deliberations."

"The fundamental question... is how this country behaves in a constitutional confrontation, where the president has one policy he deeply believes in and the Congress has another," Scowcroft said on NBC-TV's "Today" show.

For their first hearing since Fawn Hall testified June 9, the Senate and House committees summoned Glenn Robinette, a former CIA officer involved in the installation of security equipment at North's home.

Committee investigators are expected to ask Robinette who arranged for the installation, and whether any of the funds came from Swiss bank accounts used to divert profits from the secret Iranian arms sales to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. Also likely to testify today are Noel Koch, former

deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs and Dr. Henry H. Gaffney, director of plans for the Defense Security Assistance Agency.

The two committees also arranged to meet in closed session during a nontime break to ratify a plan worked out by committee leaders on Monday in consultation with North's attorneys.

The tentative understanding appeared to end a weeklong stalemate over conditions for the former National Security Council aide's appearance under a grant of limited immunity.

Failure by the two sides to complete an agreement on terms for North's appearance could lead to a contempt proceeding against the Marine officer. Several other witnesses have testified after receiving limited grants of immunity.

Sources speaking on condition of anonymity said North would drop his refusal to submit to private questioning, and would be interrogated in public for a maximum of 30 hours, possibly beginning July 7. That would mean North would answer questions before his former boss, ex-National Security Adviser John M. Poindexter.

In addition, North will turn over to investigators certain documents, including notebooks in which he recorded his activities in the Iran-Contra matter, according to sources.

In exchange, one source said, the committees will provide North with documents the committees have received previously that relate to his activities, and will refrain from calling him back to testify after his initial appearance, barring a major development.

One source said committee leaders offered North attorney Brendan Sullivan their understanding of conditions for North's testimony, but added that Congress would not be bound by any restrictions.

The committees will take a one-week break for the July 4 recess following this week's testimony, and then come back for at least a month of four-week public hearings beginning July 7.

Poindexter is expected to testify next month under a grant of limited immunity.



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Isn't fun when you fly through busy airports and keeping track of luggage is one of the chores which takes the personal touch as these travelers show at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Passengers cope with delays on the first day of summer

EDITOR'S NOTE — Associated Press staffers in 17 cities visited airports on the first full day of summer, talking to passengers about their experiences in the vacation travel season. Here is a report.

By The Associated Press

Bad weather hit New York, Philadelphia and Washington. Controllers restricted air traffic into Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

On the first full day of summer, travelers found that the timetable didn't necessarily apply. Hundreds reached their destinations Monday with fresh tales of delays.

"It's been a real hassle in the last couple of months," said Kathy Casey, a shoe company executive whose flight from Pittsburgh to Dallas-Forth Worth airport was two hours late Monday.

"Air traffic, waiting for a gate, sitting on runways waiting to leave. It just doesn't make sense."

Fog, rain and lightning kept Rep. Peter Rodino, D-N.J., cooling his heels for 30 minutes at Newark International Airport, making him late for a briefing on the Iran-Contra hearings. "I imagine my staff will take notes," said Rodino, who was catching up on reading in Continental Airlines' VIP lounge.

"On the flight down here, there were two separate delays due to pilot indication of heavy air traffic and not enough air traffic controllers. That's from the pilot. That's what he told us," said Robert DiMarco, 28 of Rochester, N.Y., who was arriving in Miami.

It's a busy time. The Air Transport Association, which represents the big carriers, estimated there were 18,000 scheduled flights Monday, carrying perhaps 1.2 million people — up from 1.1 million passengers last June.

Planes are more crowded, with airlines selling 63.7 percent of their seats in May, compared with 58.7 percent a year earlier; and passengers are crankier, filing 34 percent more complaints with the Department of Transportation in May than in April.

In May, Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole wrote to 36 airlines warning of fines and other action if they didn't start making their passengers happier.

Some passengers have simply lowered their expectations.

"You plan for the worst," said business traveler A.C. Tupker of Toronto, who arrived at New York's LaGuardia Airport about 2½ hours late because of the weather and a mechanical problem.

Tupker said the attitude of airlines seemed to be, "If you're 20 minutes late, who cares?"

Air traffic was delayed for a time Monday by bad weather in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and Atlanta, said Fred Farrar, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman in Washington.

Consumer prices increase slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) — A slowdown in energy prices partially offset sharply higher food costs to produce a 0.3 percent increase in consumer prices in May, the smallest increase this year, the government reported today.

The increase in the Labor Department's consumer price index, equivalent to an annual rate of inflation of 4.0 percent, followed increases of 0.4 percent in each of the preceding three months.

So far this year, inflation has been running at an annual rate of 5.6 percent.

The May increase was the smallest monthly rise since a 0.2 percent increase last December.

The report appeared to underscore contentions of economists that inflation would not increase sharply through the rest of the year despite a large decline in the value of the dollar.

The dollar in recent weeks has begun to stabilize

on foreign exchange markets. Economic growth throughout the industrial world is sluggish, keeping demand for goods down.

Food prices led the May price increases, up 0.6 percent after a 0.3 percent rise in April. Grocery store prices registered their biggest increase since last August, 0.9 percent, mainly due to a 3.1 percent increase in the price of beef, which offset a 0.3 percent decline in poultry prices.

Gasoline prices, still rebounding from last year's fall in world energy prices, were 0.4 percent higher at the pump in May, following a 0.7 percent rise in April. The gasoline price increase was the smallest so far this year.

While the inflation posted so far this year is a far cry from the double-digit price increases of the late 1970s, it is easily dwarfing last year's near-record 1.1 percent performance.

Government's own documents scuttled contractor fraud case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even though the federal fraud case against General Dynamics Corp. unraveled after crucial evidence was discovered in government files, the Justice Department says it doesn't owe an apology to a man who lost his job over the case.

Assistant Attorney General William Weld, head of the Justice Department's criminal division, said Monday the government's theory of the case was flawed, adding that the government "is standing up and saying we were wrong."

But Weld declined to apologize to James Beggs, the former administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration who lost his government job after being indicted for his earlier role as a General Dynamics executive.

At a news conference, Weld said he would "trust to the fairness of public opinion" to recognize that "no blemish should attach" to Beggs' reputation from the now-dismissed indictment.

Citing insufficient evidence, the department on Friday dropped the December 1985 indictment against the company and four executives, including Beggs. He headed General Dynamics' Pomona, Calif., division when prototypes of the problem-plagued Sgt. York anti-aircraft gun were under development in the late 1970s.

Following the indictment, General Dynamics filed a request to retrieve any additional documents in government files that involved the case.

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Chun to meet with opposition Wednesday

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Chun Doo-hwan and opposition leaders agreed today to meet at the presidential palace to discuss ways of ending the anti-government protests that have swept the country.

But up to 20,000 radical students gathered at Yonsei University today to coordinate their efforts to oust the Chun government.

The government announced that Chun would meet with Kim Young-sam, leader of the main opposition Reunification Democratic Party, at the Blue House in Seoul on Wednesday. In his first comments on the two weeks of poli-

tical turmoil, Chun said the clashes had to end.

"All problems should be solved through dialogue within the framework of law and order," Chun said during a ceremony on the west coast for two new nuclear power plants. "The continuing violent demonstrations and commotion are very worrisome."

In a dramatic turnabout, Chun agreed Monday to meet with the opposition in an effort to halt the nationwide protests that erupted June 10 when opposition groups launched a drive to oust the president.

Kim Young-sam said earlier that he

wanted Chun to meet several conditions before their meeting. They included the release of scores of arrested protesters, the lifting of house arrest for dissident Kim Dae-jung and a resumption of debate on constitutional revisions.

Chun called off parliamentary debate on constitutional reforms on April 13, saying he wanted to preserve national stability. He said talks would not resume until after the 1988 Seoul Olympics, and his successor would be chosen later this year under the electoral college system, which critics say favors the government.

The decision sparked a national out-

cry which intensified when Chun's Democratic Justice Party endorsed his hand-picked presidential candidate, Roh Tae-woo, on June 10.

The Chosun Ilbo newspaper said today Chun was prepared to renew the debate on constitutional reform, a key demand of protesters.

Officials said today that Chun would also meet separately with Lee Man-sup, head of the Korea National Party, and Lee Min-woo, leader of the New Korea Democratic Party, both minor opposition groups.

At Yonsei, the students made plans

for a "peace march" Friday and said they would try to march on the presidential palace.

"Down with the military dictatorship" and "Yankee go home," the students chanted as they paraded around the campus. But the students did not go outside the campus where hundreds of riot police with armored cars were waiting.

The students repeatedly denounced the United States, which they contend has helped keep Chun in power. Students burned effigies of Chun and Roh wrapped in an American flag.

Advertising in China



China, which hosts a major advertising conference this week, has shown mixed feelings toward western-style sales promotions. This Sony billboard in the heart of Beijing, apparently too effective in conveying a capitalist message, came down last year. A Beijing father and his son, ice cream cone in hand, paused before it at the time.

Employers call new law a 'nightmare'

AUSTIN (AP) — Ramon Galindo, an Austin tailor, says the new immigration law may force him to open a business on the other side of the Mexican border.

"There are no citizens who want to work in tailoring," said Galindo, who lost half of his 12 ACE Custom Tailors employees with passage of the new law prohibiting hiring illegal aliens. He said he has been unable to replace the six workers.

"I've been thinking about setting up shop on the other side of the border and taking clothing there by bus and having it done and sent back," Galindo said.

While the immigration law may force Galindo to take drastic action, its impact on some other employers has been limited to added paperwork.

"It's a paperwork nightmare," said Ben Meador of Houston, president of a national chain of job placement firms and past president of the Texas Association of Personnel Consultants.

Meador says his firms are complying with the law, but he finds that some small employers who contract with him are not informed on it.

The law, which went into effect June 1 but will not be enforced until July 1, requires employers for the first time to verify the identity and eligibility of all newly hired employees.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service delayed enforcement for one month to allow employers more time to prepare for the law.

To inform employers, the INS plans to mail out nearly 9 million handbooks to employers. Each handbook will include two employment eligibility forms, called I-9 forms, that can be duplicated on copying machines, and 17 pages of instructions on how the law works.

Since the mailing has not started, some employers are relying on business associations and other sources for information.

"We got our forms from our congressman," said Don Warner, a manager for Evins Personnel Consultants in Austin. "We've still not heard from the immigration department."

Warner said the process of screening illegal aliens from new hires has not caused major problems, although applicants often have to make return visits to bring additional documents.

"Everyone has a driver's license but not many carry their Social Security card, birth certificate or passport," Warner said.

Beginning June 29, the Texas Employment Commission will begin filling out I-9 forms for job applicants seeking referrals from the state employment agency.

"We are doing it as a service to the employers of Texas," said Martin Aguirre, director of programs for the employment commission's Austin region.

Some Texas employers doubt that legal residents will rush to fill the tough, low-paying jobs that traditionally have been held by illegal aliens.

"They can get a lot of money from unemployment and welfare, so why should they work for \$3.60 to \$4 an hour when it's sweat work?" asked Rudy Cisneros, owner of Cisco's Restaurant.

Cisneros, an Austin restaurant owner for 38 years, said if he cannot find dishwashers he will simply buy more cups and dishes and wash them himself when the restaurant closes.

Otwell calls Human Services public nuisance

AUSTIN (AP) — A minister running for governor says the Legislature should abolish the Department of Human Services, which he called a public nuisance.

Pastor O.N. Otwell also said he was disappointed in Gov. Bill Clements, the Republican elected in November, presumably because Clements had failed to help Otwell fight state regulation of child-care facilities.

Approximately 25 supporters, half of them children carrying placards, listened to Otwell, of the Community Baptist Church in Fort Worth, at a Monday rally on the Capitol steps.

Otwell fan afoul of the law last year when he refused to close his unlicensed church home for boys. He was found in contempt of court but Attorney General Jim Mattox

agreed to drop the case when the preacher said he would close the illegal home.

In April a release from Otwell's church announced Otwell as the first 1990 gubernatorial candidate. Otwell said he would run as an independent.

A sign at the rally supported his candidacy. Others said "The Department of Human Services Cannot Raise Our Children," and "Balance the Budget."

Negotiators work for solution to the Bell Helicopter strike

FORT WORTH (AP) — Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. officials have resumed bargaining with the company's two striking unions as the strike windened to include about half of Bell's workforce in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Meetings were held Monday between officials of United Auto Workers Local 317, which represents about 900 clerical and office workers, and Local 218, which represents about 3,100 production and maintenance workers and Bell negotiators.

The clerical and office workers joined the other union members in the strike early Monday after the production workers had been on the picket lines for about two weeks.

Bell officials say the company is continuing to produce equip-

ment and spare parts either by outside businesses or employees who are still working.

But a union official said he doubts that the company can continue to weather two strikes at the same time.

"Regardless of what they say, most of their production activity has ceased," said Harold Shelton, second vice president of Local 218. "For all practical purposes, production has been shut down."

Although it is known that the main issue concerns payment of annual wage and cost-of-living increases, a union official declined to give specifics of the negotiations.

J.J. Birchard, president of Local 218, said union and company officials "don't want to negotiate in the press."

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Police official says Cross suggested a possible suspect

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin police official says James C. Cross Jr. suggested in 1965 that a "possible wife-beater" and alcoholic who lived in his Austin apartment complex may have had something to do with the strangulation of two University of Texas sorority sisters.

Cross confessed two days later to killing the women and stacking their bodies in his apartment closet before going on a date. After the date, he hid the bodies in a field north of Austin.

Cross, now 44, is being retried for the July 18, 1965, slaying of Susan Rigsby, Rigsby and Shirley Stark, 21-year-old Chi Omega sorority sisters, were killed by Cross after they stopped at his apartment to change clothes, Cross said in his 1965 confession.

Cross was tried in 1966 for Rigsby's slaying, convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison. That conviction was overturned in January by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Cross, who has spent nearly half his life in the Texas Department of Corrections, obtained three college degrees and has

been described as a model prisoner.

The retrial began last week in state District Judge Mace Thurman's court.

George Phifer, no assistant chief of the Austin Police Department, testified Monday that he spoke to Cross for the first time Aug. 4, 1965.

Phifer, then a police lieutenant in charge of the homicide detail, testified that Cross' name came up as a person the women had called the day they disappeared, but he was not a suspect.

The police official said that Cross came to the police station to be fingerprinted and then suggested that a "possible wife-beater" and alcoholic who lived in Cross' apartment complex might have been responsible for the womens' disappearance.

When Phifer shook hands with Cross, he said he noted that Cross' hand was wet and clammy, as if he was nervous.

David Botsford, one of Cross' lawyers, suggested to Phifer that the defendant's hands may have been wet because he had just washed it after being fingerprinted.

Safeway closing five more stores

HOUSTON (AP) — Five Safeway supermarkets will close this week, bringing to 20 the number of stores closed in the Houston division, Safeway Stores Inc. officials said.

The five supermarkets being closed Friday — three in Houston, one in Beaumont and another in Humble — have a total of 310 employees, said Pamela Morris, a public relations manager for Safeway's Houston division.

All full-time workers and part-time workers with two years experience will be allowed to transfer to other stores, she said.

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From flunked screen test to great dancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fred Astaire, who flunked his first screen test but became the debonair dancer who could even make a hat rack seem graceful, will forever be the symbol of class and style, Ginger Rogers said after his death.

Astaire, who died Monday at age 88, danced million of moviegoers away from reality as he swirled Miss Rogers in elegant penthouses, high above Depression-era streets; glided romantically with Cyd Charisse in a misty park; and, in "Royal Wedding," twirled around a bachelor pad with a hat rack.

It all worked, and those who knew him said everything about Astaire seemed to be choreographed for perfection.

"His talent is one that is going to live forever and I think the centuries that come on, the youngsters will find, they'll look to him for class, style and charm, because he epitomized it," Miss Rogers said Monday night on ABC News' "Nightline."

"He brought extraordinary intellect, craft, poetry, spontaneity and musicality to his choreography and dancing, which remain a standard for us all and has come to represent

the quintessential essence of the American theatrical style," said ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov.

Astaire, who had suffered from pneumonia, died at Century City Hospital.

"I just got in bed with him and put my arms around him and he died in my arms, and that's the way he wanted it," said his wife, the former jockey Robyn Smith, whom he married in 1980.

She said he asked her to share his last moments with the fans of his dozens of hit movie musicals. Burial will be private, but a public memorial service will be arranged.

"There hasn't been such a talent as his," songwriter Irving Berlin said tearfully by telephone Monday from his New York home. "He was an international star ... the purest talent I have ever worked with."

Fellow song-and-dance man Gene Kelly said: "Although we have lost one of the greatest dancers who ever lived, Fred Astaire will always be immortal and an inspiration to all dancers who come after us."

For "Top Hat" in 1935, Astaire and Miss Rogers danced to such Berlin confections as "Cheek to Cheek," "Isn't It a Lovely Day"

and "Top Hat, White Tie and Tails."

"Everything he did was with grace and elegance: The way he moved, the way he spoke, the way he dressed," said Gregory Peck, who co-starred with Astaire in Astaire's dramatic role as a doomed scientist in "On The Beach."

Born Frederick Austerlitz, the son of an Omaha, Neb., beer salesman felt uncomfortable with praise, and said all his achievement came from hard work and rehearsal. He disliked formal wear, and lived a private life.

He was untrained as a singer, but introduced numerous hits. Berlin once said he'd rather have Astaire take his songs to the screen than anyone else.

Astaire's top-hat-and-tails style dominated the Hollywood musical genre beginning in the 1930s, when he starred in a series of 11 song-and-dance films with Miss Rogers, beginning with "Flying Down To Rio" in 1933.

The pair captivated Depression-era audiences, and the magic continued with Astaire's later partners, including Miss Charisse, Rita Hayworth, Judy Garland and Audrey Hepburn.



Astaire on toes with Vera-Ellen.

Art museum acquires masterpiece

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Kimbell Art Museum has acquired one of the last paintings by the 15th century painter Andrea Mantegna, said museum director Edmund P. Pillsbury.

The painting, "Holy Family with Saint Elizabeth and Saint John The Baptist," was to go on public view for the first time today at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. It will be placed on permanent exhibit in Fort Worth in September, museum officials said Monday.

The museum did not reveal the purchase price, but art experts placed the value at between \$5.5 million and \$6 million.

"Mantegna was arguably the greatest painter of the early Renaissance in Italy and had a profound impact upon contemporary and later painters, particularly in Venice and North Italy," said William B. Jordan, the Kimbell's deputy director. "We are fortunate and privileged to add one of his most beautiful compositions to our growing collection of European old masters."

Museum spokeswoman Wendy Gottlieb said, the work was among the most important ever acquired by the museum.

The painting, which dates from the late 1480s or 1490s, was discovered in 1985 in a private collection in Marseilles, France, where it had been since the last century.

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HE IS GOING OUT OF THE CITY AT DAWN TO TILL THE FIELDS...
...DISGUISED AS ONE OF THE BLACK-VEILED WORKING WOMEN!
AS QUEEN OF THE BLACK WIDOWS, I RIDE THE ROYAL COACH! ...
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ABSOLUTELY
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HOW MANY BEERS HAVE I HAD, JOHN?
THREE... WHY?
THE WIFE WANTS ME HOME BY SEVEN

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OPERA TRYOUTS TODAY
THAT'S WHAT I CALL ENDING YOUR CAREER ON A HIGH NOTE

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I WONDER IF MARVIN'S GOING TO BE RIGHT OR LEFT-HANDED?
HE SEEMS TO FAVOR HIS RIGHT
THAT'S BECAUSE IT TASTES BETTER

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"Look! He's teaching the baby birds how to fly!"

KIT N' CARLYLE By Larry Wright

WOW YOU'RE RIGHT, CARLYLE! THIS IS FUN!

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THE SMELL OF BLOOD SOON BRINGS A REACTION FROM THE OTHER SHARKS AND MANY OF THE WETBACKS LOSE CONTROL OF THEIR MOUNTS!

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DID YOU KNOW THAT SHARKS CAN'T SLEEP?
THEY HAVE TO KEEP MOVING OR THEY'LL DROWN.
MY LITTLE OLLIE HAS THE SAME PROBLEM.
I DON'T THINK I WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE ABOUT HIM.

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BRING ME A NICE MEDIUM-FARE STRIP STEAK AND A GOOD TOSSED SALAD.
CHECK.
WHAT'S THE CHOICE OF DRESSINGS?
BLUE CHEESE.
YEAH... AND WHAT'S MY CHOICE?
TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

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DON'T FORGET, SWEETS, WE GOT A DATE AT TWO FER A RIDE IN MY CANOE!
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NO PROBLEM... I'LL BACK UP...
AAUGH!
I'VE READ THAT MOST ACCIDENTS HAPPEN RIGHT AT HOME... AND PROBABLY AT SUPPER TIME

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Sports Scene

1987 NBA draft hard to figure out

Questionable quality among top draft picks

By **BILL BARNARD**
AP Basketball Writer

The basketball Class of 1987 will be a hard one to grade.

David Robinson, the unquestioned star of the college crop, is more than two years away from stepping from a Navy uniform into an NBA one.

And the other players drafted Monday are of such questionable quality that a projected third-round selection became the No. 5 pick with a strong showing in try-out camps and 5-foot-3 Tyrone Bogues was the 12th player taken.

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," Marty Blake, the NBA's chief scout, said. "In two years, you will say this is a good draft."

In two years, after his Naval commitment is completed, the 7-foot-1 Robinson will be either a signee of the San Antonio Spurs, who took him No. 1 Monday, or the NBA could be facing a free-agent chase reminiscent of baseball's signing frenzies in the early 1980s.

"We feel very comfortable we can do it or we wouldn't have drafted him," Spurs President Angelo Drossos said. "As far as signing him to a contract we will pay him whatever it takes."

"I'm trying to keep an open mind about it," Robinson said of his selection by the Spurs. "I hope to go down to San Antonio and look around, get to know the organization, and see the people in charge. I don't want to make any decisions right away."

In the meantime, the Spurs will bide their time and try to win enough games and draw enough fans to stay afloat.

With Robinson in limbo, it appears that the Chicago Bulls, with 3,000-point scorer Michael Jordan and little else last season, helped themselves more than any other team.

The Bulls added Scottie Pippen of Central Arkansas, a 6-7 forward who so impressed scouts in postseason camps that he was made the No. 5 pick; 6-10 Horace Grant of Clemson and 38-year-old

center Artis Gilmore on draft day.

Pippen was selected by Seattle, who traded his signing rights to Chicago for the rights to 6-11 center Olden Polynice, a second-round pick in 1988 or 1989 and the option to trade first-round picks in 1988 or 1989. Gilmore was acquired from San Antonio for another second-round pick in 1988.

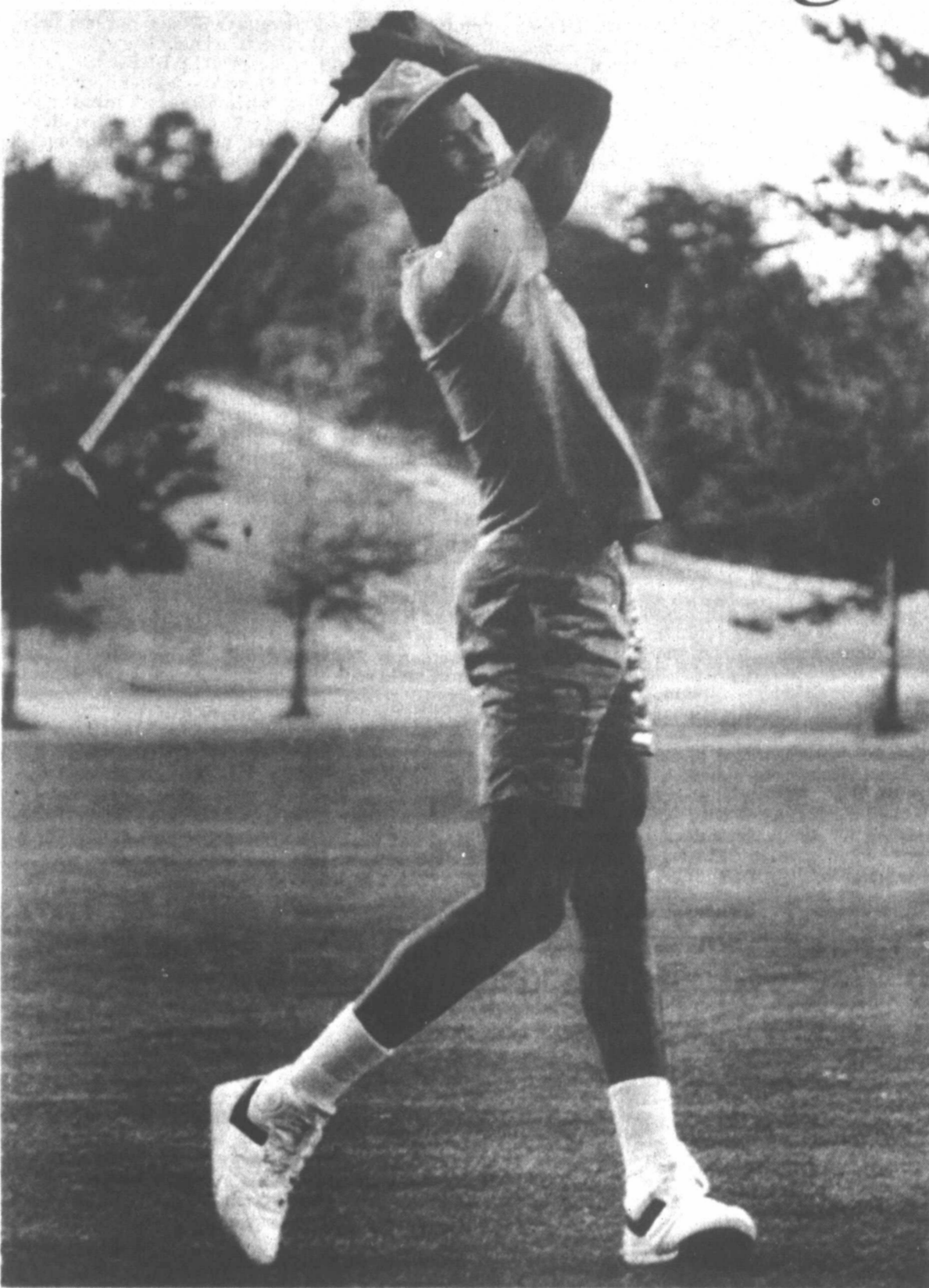
Bogues, like Pippen, improved his draft position during postseason camps and all-star games. As the No. 12 pick by Washington, he will join 7-7 Manute Bol on the Bullets, giving them the tallest and the shortest players in the league.

Phoenix followed San Antonio's pick of Robinson with 6-9 Armon Gilliam of Nevada-Las Vegas. Then came a run of four guards in the next five picks.

New Jersey grabbed 6-5 Dennis Hopson, the Los Angeles Clippers took 6-7 Reggie Williams of Georgetown, Seattle selected Pippen (who is listed as a forward but could play some guard), Sacramento picked 6-3 Kenny Smith of North Carolina and Cleveland drafted 6-1 Kevin Johnson of California.

Two more guards, 6-7 Reggie Miller of UCLA and Bogues, were taken 11th and 12th after Polynice was drafted by Chicago, 6-9 forward Derrick McKey of Alabama by Seattle and Grant by Chicago.

The rest of the first-round selections were 6-10 forward Joe Wolf of North Carolina by the Clippers, 6-10 forward Tellis Frank of Western Kentucky by Golden State, 6-10 Jose Ortiz of Oregon State by Utah, 7-0 Chris Welp of Washington by Philadelphia, 6-4 Ronnie Murphy of Jacksonville by Portland, 6-3 Mark Jackson of St. John's by New York, 6-8 Ken Norman of Illinois by the Clippers, 6-4 Jim Farmer of Alabama by Dallas, 6-9 Dallas Comegys of DePaul by Atlanta, 6-7 Reggie Lewis of Northeastern by Boston and 6-10 Greg Anderson of Houston by San Antonio.



Spurs' top draft pick David Robinson tries a new game.

Rockets choose ex-Aggie

HOUSTON (AP) — Doug Lee left Texas after a two-year tour with the Texas Aggies.

Now he's back in the state as the second-round draft choice of the Houston Rockets following Monday's NBA draft.

"I enjoyed my stay in Texas and made a lot of friends down there," said Lee, who grew up in basketball-oriented, Washington, Ill. "The intensity level for basketball coming out of high school up here was down a little there (at A&M)."

"I just wanted to get back to that type of ball."

Lee averaged 10.4 points last season for the Boilermakers but Houston Coach Bill Fitch said the 6-foot-6 Lee's strength was his outside shooting.

"You've got to understand that I was a role player in college, I did what the coach asked me to do," Lee said. "He wanted more rebounding than shooting. But long range shooting has always been my strength."

The 215-pounder was the 35th player chosen in the draft and the first pick for the Rockets, who traded their first pick to the Los Angeles Clippers for Cedric Maxwell last season.

Houston guards Mitchell Wiggins and Lewis Lloyd were banned from the NBA for drug use last season, leaving a void at the position.

"Because of the Wiggins and Lloyd situation, I knew they needed guards," Lee said. "They've got great players."

Lee averaged 9.3 as a junior for Purdue.

Houston Coach Bill Fitch said he liked Lee's strength as an outside shooter, a quality the Rockets lacked last season.

"A lot of people say not many make it in the second round, but you just have to be taken by the right club," Fitch said. "He's certainly come to the right club because we need help at guard."

Cougars' Anderson receives birthday present

By **MICHAEL A. LUTZ**
AP Sports Writer

Greg Anderson got a fitting present on his 23rd birthday.

The University of Houston forward became the 23rd player selected in the NBA draft when he was picked by the San Antonio Spurs in the first round Monday.

"(Monday) was my birthday and I thought something good was going to happen and it did," said Anderson, who finished his UH career as the school's No. 3 all-time rebounder behind Elvin Hayes and Akeem Olajuwon. "My dream has always been to play in the NBA. I'm real excited."

Anderson was the second pick in the first round for the Spurs, who made Navy's David Robinson

the first pick in the draft.

Anderson, 6-foot-10, 230, improved steadily from his freshman year as a gangly 190-pounder, who played in the shadow of Akeem Olajuwon during the Cougars' Phi Slama Jama glory years.

But by his junior year, Anderson had grown into a rebounding force. He averaged 19.2 points and 12.9 rebounds per game, his best year as a colle-

gian, and finished second in the nation in rebounding.

Anderson is still improving, Houston Coach Pat Foster said.

"He'll continue to improve physically for about four or five more years but in two or three years you're going to see a player who can hold his own with the best in the game."

NY Life wins Babe Ruth title

Brandon Knutson threw a two-hitter and Tim Davis drilled a two-run homer as New York Life slipped by First National Bank 3-1 Monday night to capture the Babe Ruth (13-15) regular-season title.

The two teams were tied for first after the regular season ended, forcing a playoff game to decide the championship.

New York Life finished with an 11-1 record while the Bankers were 10-2.

Knutson and First National's Mike Cagle were locked in a 1-1 pitching duel until the sixth inning when Davis unloaded his home run. Davis' blast, which sailed over the light poles, knocked in Quincy Williams, who was on base with a double.

The New Yorkers took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on Paul Brown's RBI single, but the Bankers bounced right back to knot the score in the bottom of the first when James Bybee singled, stole second and third, and came home on a passed ball. That score stood up until the sixth as both teams played solid defense behind the strong pitching of Cagle and Knutson. Only two errors were committed in the game.

Knutson struck out a dozen batters while walk-

ing three in going the distance. Cagle struck out five, walked five and allowed five hits.

Quincy Williams had two hits in three trips to the plate for New York while Brown and Aaron Black each had singles.

Bybee and Tyson Beck had the only hits for the Bankers.

Wayne Barkley managed the New York Life team while Tim Connor and Steve Seely served as coaches.

In Babe Ruth Senior 16-18 action, Pampa swept Dumas, 3-0 and 4-3 in a Sunday doubleheader at Optimist Park.

Troy Owens was Pampa's leading hitter in the opener, going two for three with a home run.

Winning pitcher was Bret Mitchell, who allowed only two hits while striking out eight and walking two.

Glen Preut was the winning pitcher in the second game while Grant Gamblin picked up the save. Preut struck out three, walked one and yielded three hits. Gamblin struck out six, gave up two hits and didn't walk a batter.

Gamblin also hit a two-run homer while Shawn Frye went two for three at the plate.

Rotary pitcher hurls no-hitter

Jason Brantley pitched a no-hitter Monday night as Rotary defeated Citizens 13-1 in American Bambino League action.

Brantley walked only four batters and struck out nine in the four inning contest that was called due to the ten-run rule.

Aside from his performance on the mound,

Brantley also contributed at the plate with a double, single and four RBI. Garrett Scribner's double drove in another two runs for Rotary. Dave Davis also had a single and drove in one run.

Matt Garvin, in taking the loss for Citizens, gave up three hits, issued four walks and struck out none.



Citizens' third sacker Tim Attocknie waits for a throw.

Dream comes true for 45-year old Lefors coach

By **JIMMY PATTERSON**
Sports Writer

For 45-year-old Johnny Crim, life's philosophy is that it's never too late to achieve your dreams.

A 1960 graduate of Sidney High School, the new Lefors football coach graduated from Tarleton State University in 1985, completing his degree work in physical education.

"Coaching is just something I have always wanted to do since I graduated from high school," Crim said.

Crim's six-man football coaching career began in 1985 at Iradale. His first year at the school, the team finished with a 4-6 record. His second year

they improved upon that mark, finishing 10-2.

That 10-2 mark meant the end of mediocrity at Iradale, a school system that hadn't had a winning season since 1976.

Crim credits "a good bunch of kids" for the turn around in the record.

"We had 21 boys in the whole school," Crim said. "Nineteen of them played, the other two were managers."

Crim said the reasons, in part, for his moving to Lefors was money and facilities. "It was time to move," he said. "So far, I like it."

Hired by the school system in May, Crim and his wife Zanetta have been in Lefors for a little over a

week and have already noticed a difference in Iradale and Lefors.

"The people here are much friendlier," he said. "And everybody lives in town. Down there, everybody lived on farms in the country."

Two a-day workouts for the football team begin Aug. 10. Crim said he has a philosophy that balances the importance of defense and offense, stressing neither but emphasizing both.

"The score doesn't mean anything as long as I get more points than they do," Crim said. "I'll try my best to win, but they're winners if they just go out and do their job."

Some people who live in Lefors may think the football squad is lacking in proper facilities. But, to

Crim, Pirates Stadium must look like the Astro-dome after coaching at Iradale.

"At the homecoming game we didn't even have a clock. Normally, we took the basketball clock out there and hooked 'er up, but, since it was an inside clock we couldn't use it in the rain."

Crim, who has been around six-man football for 27 years, but only began coaching two years ago, has a daughter, Karla, who is a math teacher in DeLeon, Tex., and a son, William, who is a freshman at Tarleton State.

Before coaching, Crim worked in various jobs including Texas Instruments and Mormon Manufacturing.

Paraplegics learn to sail, scuba dive

LEAGUE CITY (AP) — The only reason you might see Kenneth Carden in a wheelchair is that he's going somewhere he can't get to by sailboat.

And that goes for his six sailing students, too. They're all paraplegics.

The students, hailing from as far away as Dallas or as near as Port Bolivar, completed sailing classes here last week and plan to sail and scuba dive in the Virgin Islands in November.

But not before they've gone on several more sailing trips in Texas waterways and recruited several more crews of sailors.

Leaning against the boat railing with his hand on the tiller, Carden looks as confident as any person who has been sailing just about all his life. It's just that the Dallas-based attorney does it without the use of his legs.

He leans up to a student while steering the boat between channel markers and asks, "Now we're coming up on this power boat — which one of us has the right of way?"

Student Bruce Scott pauses and says, "They do."

"Why?"

"Because we're coming up on them."

Carden leans back and smiles. "You're right."

Conversations aboard the boat are frequently interrupted with such questions, because Carden's sailboat is a constant classroom.

The classes were inspired by an island-hopping trip Carden and several of his paraplegic friends took last year in the Caribbean Ocean.

Carden suggested another trip this year, this time with scuba gear and more boats, and one of the men who accompanied Carden on the previous trip made a very good point: Carden was the only one who knew how to sail.

Some had sailing experience before the various accidents that broke their spinal cords and put them in wheelchairs. Others had never sailed in their lives, but they're all qualified sailors now.

Gary Sackett of Sackett's Sailing Service here donated the use of company sailboats normally rented to customers, as well as use of the business offices. Add Carden's sailing experience and six energetic students, and the sailing school was off the ground. It was such a success that Carden plans to conduct another one in Dallas in July.

Sailing without the use of one's legs presents its share of problems, but Carden and his students have learned to overcome or compensate for them. They use a tiller extension, which is a metal bar that hooks onto the tiller and allows the students to steer the boat and still be able to lean over enough to see where they're going.

They learn to scoot along the dock and board the boat after leaving their wheelchairs on shore, and they get around on the boat with the use of their arms. And, they help each other.

Accomplishing the varied tasks that go into getting a sailboat ready to go out, putting up and taking down the sails and just getting around takes a little more time than the people Carden and his crew call the ABs, or able-bodied folks. But their satisfaction in their accomplishments seems to be greater, too.

"Let's get a boatload of gimps and go for a race," Carden says, smiling. And he never hears no for an answer.

Carden and his students are members of an organization called POINT, or Paraplegics on Independent Nature Trips. Seven paraplegics formed the group in 1979 in Dallas to allow wheelchair-bound people with a love for the outdoors to enjoy it. POINT members have gone kayaking, canoeing, whitewater rafting and camping. In 1982, they climbed Mount Guadalupe, the highest peak in Texas. They also conduct scuba classes, but this is the first time they've included sailing in their activities. The sailing class begins in a lake near Dallas, then students sail in salt water. The grand finale and third part of their sailing class will be in the Virgin Islands.

"People think you can't do anything yourself just because you're a paraplegic. If there's anything I hate, it's the term, 'confined to a wheelchair,'" says Scott, who knew nothing about sailing before he took the class.

He's designing a poster for POINT, he says, that will include a line of wheelchairs along a dock and a boatload of sailors shoving off.

"And underneath the picture," he says, "I'm going to have 'Wheelchairs — you can leave home without them.'"

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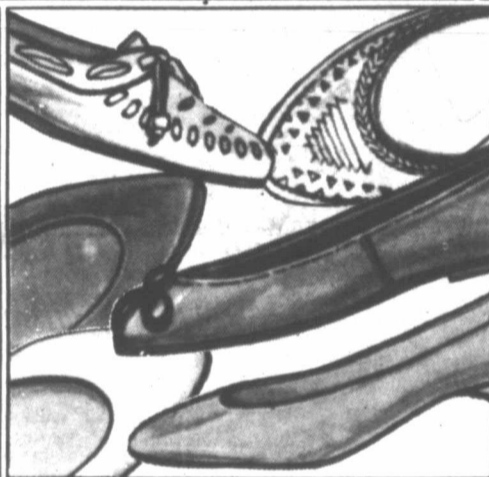
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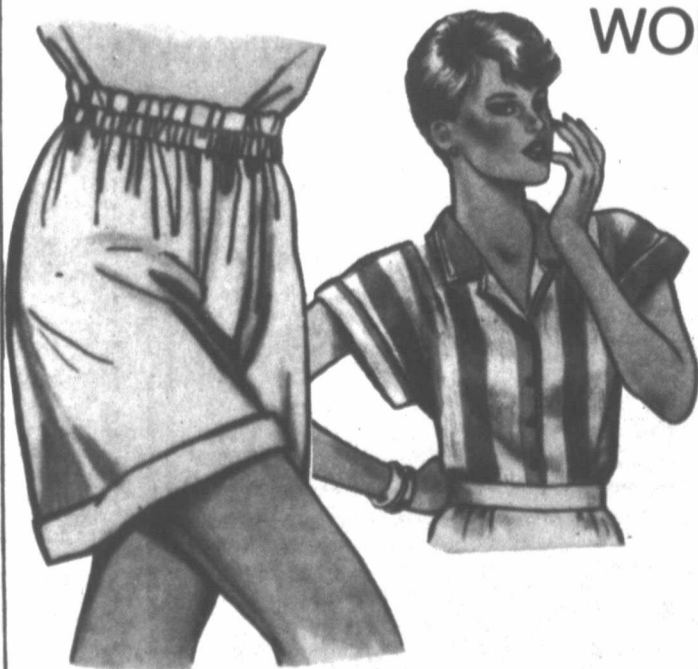
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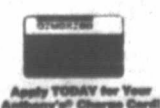
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