

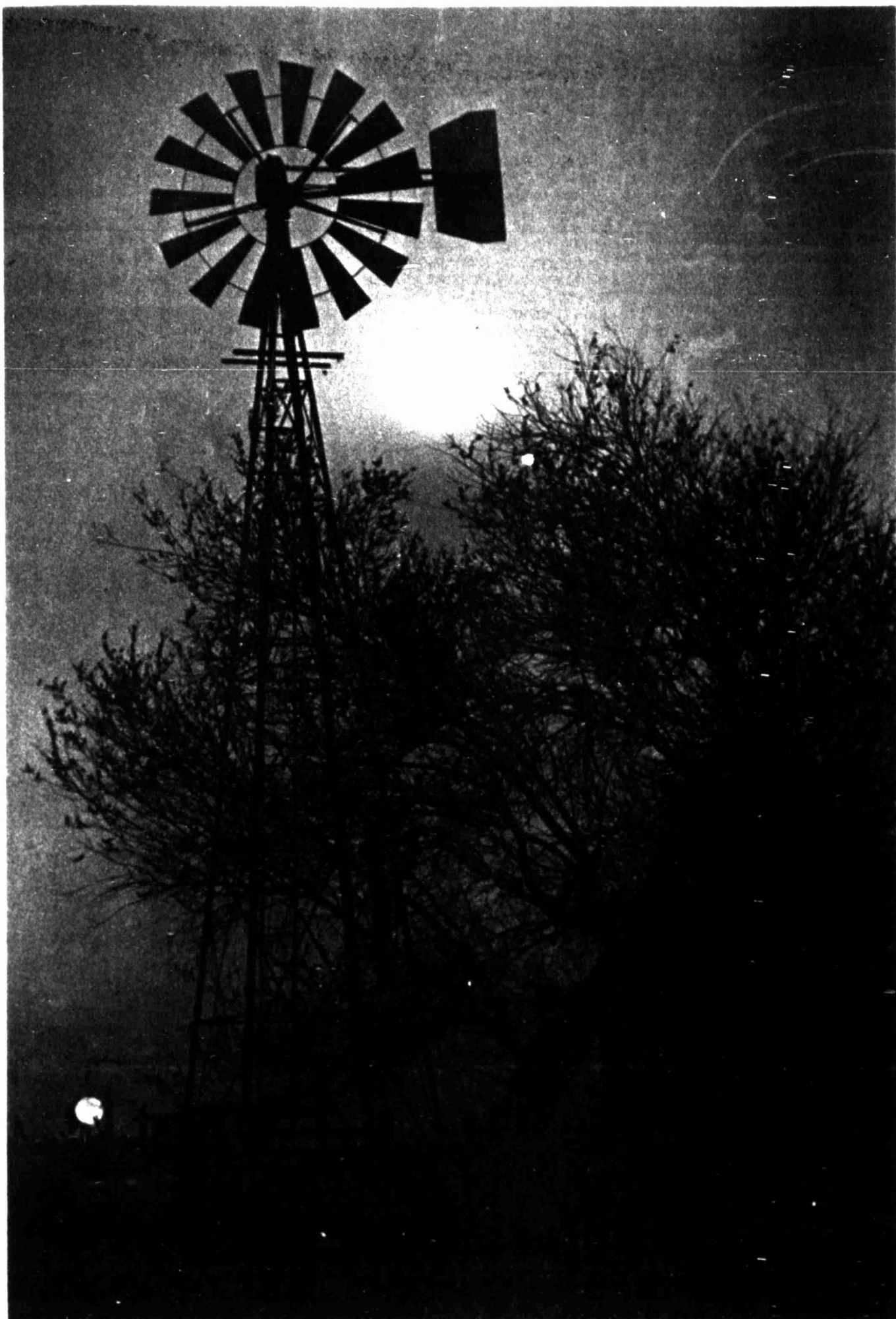
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THE WINDMILL ONCE AGAIN proves attractive to the camera as a variation on a West Texas theme. This time the moon instead of the sun

caught photographer Bruce Partain's eye Thursday night. The small disc in the lower left is a water tank, not a UFO. (Staff Photo)

## Subcommittee preparing to renew battle for presidential primary

By SUSAN STOLER

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — After lying dormant since its defeat in the 1977 Texas Legislature, the proposal for a 1980 presidential primary is being dusted off for another round.

A House subcommittee appointed to study the matter expects to present a draft proposal to the 1979 Legislature only nine months away.

Republican voters will be asked whether they favor the concept in the May 6 primary.

Texans had their first experience with a presidential preference primary in 1976. The one-time machinery geared up after supporters of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's short-lived presidential campaign pushed a bill through the 1975 Legislature.

Bentsen lost to Jimmy Carter more than 2-to-1 and dropped out.

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## Miners vote to end 109-day coal strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Striking coal miners approved a new contract Friday, ending a 109-day walkout and making it possible for idle mines to reopen as early as Monday.

Unofficial vote returns compiled by the Associated Press showed miners approving the vote by a 58 percent to 42 percent margin. With 512 of the more than 700 locals reporting, the unofficial AP tally showed 46,123 in favor of the pact and 33,599 opposed.

United Mine Workers President Arnold Miller had said earlier that miners could be back on the job as early as Monday if the contract was ratified.

Despite the approval and Miller's optimism that miners would quickly return to work, a roadblock remained. The UMW is negotiating a separate contract with the Association of Bituminous Coal Contractors covering about 10,000 construction miners. At least some UMW miners could be expected to honor a picket line by those union members.

The strike had provided a severe test for the Carter administration. Two earlier contracts had been rejected by the union and, as coal stockpiles shrank and unemployment increased, the administration came under increasing pressure to end the walkout.

President Carter eventually invoked the Taft-Hartley Act, obtaining

a temporary restraining order that barred the miners from staying off the job. But the miners, as they had in the past, ignored the court order and only a third negotiating effort — this time with government officials excluded — succeeded in writing a contract that won miners' support.

UMW officials in Washington refused to release official tabulations of the coal field vote, saying they wanted to minimize the possibility that early returns favoring the agreement might prompt contract opponents to turn out in greater numbers.

Willard A. Esselstyn, secretary-treasurer of the union, said only that the vote was "nip-and-tuck." He said the union would not give out any vote totals until UMW officers had decided that a trend had developed.

Before balloting began, UMW President Arnold Miller had said, "I ain't making predictions" on the outcome of the vote.

Other union officials said cautiously they thought the contract would pass, if only because miners are strapped financially after a 109-day strike.

"They're disturbed about the contract. But they've been out an awful long time and you figure you'll get another crack (at the companies) in three years," said Val Scarton, president of District 2 in Pennsylvania.

"And then again you never know. They're so unpredictable," Scarton added.

UMW spokesman Paul Fortney said it might be Saturday before enough votes have been counted to officially determine the outcome. Miners had until midnight to vote.

About 160,000 miners in nearly 800 union locals are eligible to vote on the contract with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association.

Even if the miners approve the contract, it would not automatically mean a reopening of strike-bound mines. The UMW is negotiating with the Association of Bituminous Contractors on a separate contract to cover an estimated 10,000 construction miners.

One source close to the talks said no agreement appeared possible until next week at the earliest.

A contract dispute with the contractors association three years ago delayed the end of a coal strike by nearly a week and at least some miners can be expected to honor a picket line by construction miners this year as well.

Meanwhile, top Carter administration officials reportedly decided to postpone a decision on what to do if the contract is rejected.

One administration official said the administration probably would not seek a Taft-Hartley Act back-to-work order if the miners continue their strike, however. A federal judge has scheduled a hearing for Tuesday on an earlier request for such an order.

Another source said the choice was between "benign neglect and Taft-Hartley."

The administration has been counting on warmer weather and increased shipments of non-union coal to combat the effects of reduced UMW production.

The Labor Department said there were about 23,400 strike-related factory layoffs last week, the same as the previous week.

The contract miners voted on Friday was the third one negotiated between the union and the BCOA.

The union's bargaining council rejected the first and defiant miners angrily voted down the second earlier this month.

But renewed negotiations produced industry concessions in several key areas, though they did not give the union everything it sought.

The proposal calls for increasing miners' wages by \$2.40 an hour over three years. Miners now receive an average of \$7.80 an hour.

The contract would require miners to pay up to \$200 a year for drug and doctor expenses that have been fully covered in the past, but not hospitalization costs.

## Vance indicates Israeli policy blocking peace

By OSWALD JOHNSTON

WASHINGTON — The Carter administration has not "given up hope" on a Middle East peace settlement, secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance said Friday. But he made clear his belief that it is up to Israel to moderate its policies if progress is to be made.

In the first sustained public comment on the near-crisis in U.S.-Israel relations after Prime Minister Menachem Begin's talks here, Vance rejected as "totally false" press reports inspired by Israeli government circles to the effect that the Carter administration was seeking Begin's political downfall.

At the same time, Vance left little doubt at a news conference that he believes Begin's policies are the chief obstacle to progress.

President Carter put forward a series of "exploratory ideas" during his talks with Begin regarding possible security arrangements which would make possible a phased Israeli withdrawal from occupied West Bank and Gaza territories, Vance said. The secretary of state then added a half-warning: "I am sure that the prime minister and the Israeli government will reflect on these."

In fact, according to officials close to the talks, Begin rejected virtually every suggestion Carter and the American negotiators offered: phased withdrawal in the West Bank, a long-term arms supply commitment from the United States, international guarantees.

"We discussed the possibilities in some detail," one official said. "But it seemed not to make much impression."

Vance was careful to spell out his view that Begin's refusal to consider West Bank withdrawal in return for peace with Israel's neighbors is the most serious obstacle. He also expressed concern about Begin's equally inflexible view that Israeli settlements in occupied Arab land are there by right and must not be removed.

The 1967 United Nations Resolution 242, stipulating territorial withdrawal in exchange for peace, is "absolutely fundamental," Vance said. "It is the basis for the negotiations which have taken place up to now, and if there cannot be a resolution of the interpretation of 242, then I think there are substantial obstacles ahead," he said.

In answer to questions, Vance also addressed two other issues on which the United States and Israel have been at odds:

--He rejected the Israeli claim that

a proposed sale of 60 F-16 interceptors to Saudi Arabia would threaten Israel's security. Rather, he asserted with more firmness than any administration official had mustered previously, that the Saudis had declared an intention not to station the planes at Tabuk.

He acknowledged that the State Department's legal section is studying whether Israeli use of U.S. weapons in its retaliatory strike last week against southern Lebanon may have violated the terms of the 1952 mutual defense assistance pact with Israel, which limits use of such arms to internal security and legitimate self defense.



LAST MINUTE preparations for Easter, as every 5-year-old knows, include the dipping of dozens of eggs into bright-colored dyes. Christy Silness, the daughter of Don and Mary Ann Silness of Springfield, Ohio, joins in the task late Friday. Young Christy is a patient at Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. (AP Laser-photo)



# Choosing home alarms confusing

By LOUISE COOK

A growing number of Americans are buying home burglar alarms and the increased interest in protection has brought an increased — and sometimes confusing — array of safety devices.

One of the first things to remember, according to the National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, is that "there is no such thing as an absolutely burglar-proof system and you should

not believe any salesman who tells you he has one."

What a burglar alarm CAN do is detect and maybe frighten the average thief; it also can make you feel more secure.

Costs for alarm systems vary widely; government experts say you can expect to spend anywhere from several hundred dollars to more than a thousand dollars. Monthly service fees range from \$10 to \$50 and up. Read the contract carefully. Never

sign an agreement which does not itemize the equipment to be installed. Beware of claims for a "lifetime" guarantee. "No reliable firm would offer one," says the national association. Also beware of promises by salesmen who say installing an alarm system will lower insurance premiums; the claim may be true, but you will have to check your own insurance agent to be sure.

There are two kinds of alarm systems — local and remote. Local systems set off a bell, siren or buzzer right on your property.

Remote systems send a signal, silently, to alarm company headquarters. The company tells police and sends personnel to respond. Some remote systems have an automatic dialer which sends a prerecorded message over telephone lines to anyone you choose. Do not direct the message to police without prior approval.

The success (or failure) of an alarm may depend on the sensor — the part of the unit which detects the presence of an intruder and sends a signal to the control unit which, in turn, sets off

the alarm.

Here is a guide to four basic types of sensors:

—Magnetic contacts. Electromechanical devices consisting of a magnet in one sealed enclosure and a switch in another. They are attached to doors, windows and other openings and are wired to a control box. When the contact is broken, the signal is sent to the control.

—Pressure mats. Designed to protect specific areas — in front of the television set, for example. A flat switch which is hidden under carpeting is triggered by the pressure of a footstep.

—Photoelectric beams. Project an infrared light beam between two points; anything interrupting the beam will trigger an alarm.

—Ultrasonic motion detectors. Fill the area with sound waves too high for most humans to hear. The alarm is triggered whenever there is movement in the protected area. Animals may be bothered by the high sound and you should test the system with your pet present.



Ron Howard, an Anaheim, Calif., truckdriver credited with saving the lives of two young girls and their mother, is escorted from the hospital by a friend, Debbie Hughes. (AP Laserphoto)

## Courageous driver wants to return to his truck

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Ron Harding saw two little girls in the car hurtling toward him on the icy turnpike, he swerved his truck off the road to avoid hitting them. The accident cost him both legs — but

trucking partner, Judy, who injured three vertebrae in the wreck north of Kokomo, Ind., on Jan. 16.

Harding, who left Orthopedic Hospital in Los Angeles Friday to return to his home in suburban Anaheim, will go back to work for Global Van Lines — initially as a dispatcher. He said he'll be fitted for artificial legs in three months and begin therapy to learn to walk again.

"Four months from now I'll be walking," he said, adding: "I wouldn't start driving until I was perfectly sure the new legs were exactly the way they were supposed to be."

Harding was driving for Global, carrying a load of computers, when the car driven by Sara Hunter, 26, of Peru, Ind., crossed the center divider while she was taking daughters Patricia, 5, and Jennifer, 3, to a doctor.

When Harding saw the car, he turned his steering wheel hard to the right, causing the truck to hop a ditch, tear across a field, and finally flipped over. He jumped out of the truck as it fell and lost his legs when the trailer dragged across them.

The car also left the road and ultimately hit the truck, but the impact was far less than if it had been a head-on collision.

## Do-it-yourself divorce firm blasts bar suit

HOUSTON (AP) — The head of a do-it-yourself divorce service says a suit against his organization by the State Bar of Texas is designed to protect lawyers' incomes and not the public.

Van Vibber, president of Divorce Services of America, said the California-based firm which does the clerical and paperwork for persons seeking uncontested divorces, has no objection to being regulated by a state.

"But we do object to being forced out of business by what is in reality a high-priced featherbedding professional union," Vibber said at a Houston news conference Friday.

The state bar has filed suit in 189th state district court against Divorce Services of Texas claiming the firm cannot legally offer its services because it is a lay operation. A hearing is scheduled March 30.

Divorce Services of Texas, which has handled about 125 divorces a month during the year it has been operating in the state, uses a Houston mailing address and operates a telephone consulting service from a toll-free California number.

For \$95 DST will do the paperwork for a person seeking an uncontested divorce in which there are no questions about property. Individuals must file their own divorce papers in appropriate county offices and pay filing fees. They must also appear before the divorce court judge. Vibber said DST is trying to work out a system by which his organization would also do the filing.

Gerald Burleson, an attorney representing DST, said Texas lawyers generally charge from \$350 to \$500 for an uncontested divorce.

Someone seeking a divorce through DST has to obtain a waiver from the other party indicating the divorce is uncontested. Or DST can have a

citation served on that person if he is a Texas resident. If the citation is not answered after 30 days, a divorce by default results.

Vibber said there has been initial adverse reaction by lawyers to his firm in California, Florida and Colorado — the other three states it serves.

"But we have been able to work something out amicably in all cases," he said. "In Texas, however, it seems the state bar simply wants to drive us out of business."

Vibber said DST is more than willing to tell customers to consult a lawyer if there are any questions of child custody and property settlement.

"We'd like to be able to hire an attorney to get into these other areas," Vibber said. "But bar rules do not permit lawyers to work for lay people and serve the public."

## Hill schedules third hearing

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Attorney General John Hill, who is seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the May 6 primary, has called a third public hearing into the nursing home industry in Texas for March 31 in San Antonio.

Hill will conduct the hearing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a downtown hotel.

He said the hearings are part of efforts by his Nursing Home Task Force to obtain information about nursing home care within Texas and to determine if there are violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

Previous hearings have been held in Dallas and Houston.

## New Hampshire's flags fly high, court decides

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire's flags were hoisted more or less as usual Friday, but Gov. Meldrim Thomson sent his lawyers scurrying from the U.S. Supreme Court to Boston in a bid for permission to fly them at half-staff as a commemoration of Good Friday.

The nation's highest court ruled 5-4 Friday morning that Thomson could not lower the flags as a religious commemoration of the death of Jesus Christ until the court studied whether that would violate constitutional separation of church and state. Such a study likely would have taken weeks and made the issue moot for this year.

So Thomson sent his lawyers to Boston to ask U.S. District Judge Walter Skinner to allow the flags to be lowered in a secular tribute to Good Friday. Lawyers for the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union went along to present opposing briefs.

Thomson said if a favorable ruling came too late to have the state and

federal flags — about 100 in all — lowered on Friday, then he would lower them Saturday.

Some of the flags at New Hampshire state office buildings were lowered briefly Friday morning by custodians carrying out orders that were in effect Thursday night. But Thomson had them raised again Friday morning when the full Supreme Court took up the controversy.

Thomson has issued proclamations the past two years that ordered flags at half-staff, but the NHCLU challenged the governor this year, saying the religious nature of the proclamation violated the constitution.

Friday's jet-hopping court appearances capped a week of legal battles which included a ruling Wednesday by Skinner that Thomson could not lower the flags unless he was willing to make the proclamation nonreligious.

## Closing of cotton office protested by merchants

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Cotton merchants here fear that closing down the federal cotton sampling office in Galveston would jeopardize the future of the nation's leading cotton export port.

The proposal to move the office to Memphis, Tenn., comes from the head of the Department of Agriculture's cotton division, Jesse Moore, who feels such a move would save the government money.

Cotton for export or the New York futures market is graded on quality and staple length by two federal inspectors here. Certificates issued to brokers and their bankers for a fee guarantee buyers will receive the quality cotton they purchased.

Galveston Cotton Exchange head Louis Oliver said cotton dealers in Houston and Galveston can now get

one-day grading service but moving the office to Memphis could require up to two weeks and might result in losses or mixups of samples.

"The move would disrupt the smooth-running operation the port has built up over the years," Oliver said. "Traditionally where the USDA has closed offices, the ports have lost their cotton."

Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Texas and C.S. Devoy, director of the Galveston municipal wharves, have joined Oliver in protesting the proposed move.

At one time Galveston handled up to 35 percent of American cotton exports but there has been an increase in overland shipments from West Texas to the West Coast for export to the Far East.



GETTING Easter greetings from the "Big Bunny" himself is 4-year-old Tom Appolonia, a patient in the pediatrics unit of Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y. The bunny's recent tour was sponsored by a local shopping mall. (AP Laserphoto)

## Referendum on betting blocked by injunction

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State District Judge Jim Dear has temporarily removed a referendum on horse race betting from the May 6 Democratic Party primary ballot.

Dear issued a temporary restraining order and set a hearing for next Thursday on a request for an injunction that would block the referendum unless it were restored by a higher court.

The State Democratic Executive Committee voted March 13 to put the non-binding referendum on the ballot after racing supporters presented petitions containing more than 96,000 signatures.

A similar referendum has been placed on the Republican primary ballot by the GOP executive committee. By law a referendum must be placed on the Democratic ballot if more than 74,000 signatures are presented, according to Susan Allen, chairman of the SDEC's legal affairs sub-

committee.

But SDEC member Harold Hammett of Fort Hammett was joined in the suit by Carol Kolst of block the referendum Austin.

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Participants in the annual sunrise Easter service sponsored by Midland Association of Churches will include Dr. O A McBrayer, right, and the Rev. William K. Hedrick, center. Discussing the event with them is Russell Withrow, treasurer of the Midland Association of Churches. (Staff Photo)



Making plans for the sunrise Easter service scheduled for 6 a.m. Sunday in Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 301 E. Shandon Ave., are, from left, the Rev. Vance McDonald, the Rev. A. W. Washington and the Rev. Johnny A. Mitchell. All will participate in the service, sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Midland. (Staff Photo)

## Easter celebrations to begin at sunrise

Sunrise Easter services will be held in Midland Sunday to initiate the city's joyous celebrations of Christ's triumphant resurrection. The events will include the annual sunrise service sponsored by the Midland Association of Churches, a service sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Midland, and a service at Grace Lutheran Church.

The Midland Association of Churches event is scheduled for 6:45 a.m. in Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway. The service sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will begin at 6 a.m. in Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 301 E. Shandon Ave. Grace Lutheran's service will begin at 6:45 a.m. on the south lawn of the church at 3000 W. Golf Course Road. All will be open to the public.

Dr. O. A. McBrayer, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon at the Association of Churches service. His sermon is titled "Surprised With Life."

Others to participate in the event include Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor of Midland's First Baptist Church; the Rev. John Long, minister of Memorial Christian Church, and the Rev. William K. Hedrick, minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Special music in the service will be presented by the Memorial Christian

Church choir, directed by Sharon Pope.

The Rev. Johnny A. Mitchell, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, will bring the message at the 6 a.m. service sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. His sermon is titled "Joy in the Morning," with text from Psalms 30:5.

The Rev. H. F. Doyle, pastor of the host church, Mount Calvary Baptist

### RELIGION

Church, and the Rev. V. T. Herron will preside at the service. Other ministers participating in the event will include the Rev. A. W. Washington, who will bring the scripture lesson, and the Rev. Vance McDonald, who will offer the prayer. Members of a community choir will provide special music.

Highlighting the sunrise event at Grace Lutheran Church will be special music by the junior and adult choirs of the congregation, and a sermon entitled "They Didn't Find What They Were Looking for, Thank God," by the Rev. Donald V. Hafemann, pastor. The sermon has text from Matthew. A second Easter morning service at Grace Lutheran will begin at 10:30 inside the church.

## The cross: instrument of death, symbol of life

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
AP Religion Writer

To some, it might seem an odd symbol. It's a rack of torture, an instrument of pain, shame and death. Yet the cross is the chief emblem of Christians, and to them, the sign of hopeful realism.

Their attention focused on it Friday as they meditated on its meaning.

In churches across the land, believers gathered to reflect on Christ's hours of dying on the cross and its implications about our existence.

"The cross is folly to those who are perishing," writes the missionary apostle Paul, but it is "the power of God and the wisdom of God."

It says, most obviously, that rough and brutal agonies rend our world, that there is hurt and tragedy even for the best of lives, that good is trampled, the innocent abused.

It's a hard reality, etched in the daily headlines of wars, refugees, sickness, hunger, disasters and death, and some call it all a madhouse, an absurd jungle, giving up on it, hunting escape in distractions, "spacing" out.

But curiously, the Christian stance embraces this tangled life as basically gracious despite its travail, and finds hope in it, even in its harshest of injustices, in the cross itself.

"It says that God is suffering with us," the Rev. John Shea comments in the U.S. Catholic, published in Chicago. "He is on the cross. Our suffering is not alone and somehow it will be brought to new life in ways we

don't know yet."

That's why the day commemorating the crucifixion is called "Good Friday." To believers, it says that God himself, as mirrored in our dimension in Christ, suffers the anguish of this somehow disordered, human-run world, cherishing it, even though it kills him.

But why the atrocities? Why, the old question goes, does God allow the horrors, the unfairness, the evil?

It's a tough question, with many answers attempted, primarily that mankind was given the dignity of free will, to choose well or wrongly, and that he often does the latter to baleful effect.

In many ways also, the suffering chastens and educates against the blunders, ignorance and flawed acts and attitudes.

"Suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope and hope does not disappoint us," Paul writes.

Finally, however, theologians say that many of the imbalances and afflictions of life remain unexplainable. As the voice out of the whirlwind told the protesting Job, it's not his business, but God's.

Yet the cross says he is "with people in their pain," Shea observes. "It's very hopeful. But it's not the type of hope that ignores the tragedy and pain. It's not Pollyanna." It says "that God is sacrificial love."

That's the theological crux of it: he bears the brunt of it, somewhat like a parent dying to save a drowning child who in ignorance or defiance has strayed beyond his depth.

## China's religious leaders appear

By LINDA MATHEWS  
The Los Angeles Times

HONG KONG — Roman Catholic and Protestant clergymen who dropped from sight a decade ago during the antireligious fury of China's Cultural Revolution reappeared in Peking recently as delegates to a convention which was called to demonstrate broad-based support for the country's new leaders.

The People's Daily, official organ of the Chinese Communist Party, listed 16 religious leaders among the 1,988 delegates to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a body supposedly representative of the entire Chinese population, including the non-Communist elements.

The conference, an advisory body formed in 1949, met in Peking along with the National People's Congress, China's rubberstamp parliament.

Among the church leaders who surfaced for the first time since the late 1960s were Msgr. Ignatius Pu

Shu-Shih, former archbishop of Hanyang and the most recent chairman of the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association, and Liu Liang-mo, a leader of the All-China Conference of Protestant Churches.

The Panchen Lama, once considered a god-king and the second-ranking spiritual leader of Buddhist Tibet, also emerged from 14 years of public oblivion. He declared his allegiance to the Communist Party and added, "I never thought that someone like me, once guilty of crimes against the people, could attend such a solemn meeting."

The reappearance of the church leaders, which was heavily publicized in the Chinese media, in no way signifies a religious revival in China, according to analysts here.

Instead, the deference now being paid once-reviled churchmen is being interpreted as another indication of the Peking leadership's desire to restore at least the appearance of normalcy after a decade of turmoil, and to mount a "united front" for the ambitious modernization drive enunciated by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

The Chinese may also hope that renewed tolerance of organized religion will win them friends in their relentless propaganda wars against their arch-enemies, Taiwan and the Soviet Union.

"Religious freedom isn't a high priority in Peking," said one diplomat here. "But the leadership is savvy enough to realize that many of the foreigners they're courting, especially in the Third World, are practicing Christians, Buddhists and Moslems who are disturbed by stories they've heard of religious repression inside China."

Those stories reached their peak during the Cultural Revolution when teen-aged Red Guards launched attacks on churchmen under the pretext of destroying all vestiges of pre-1949 society. The Red guards ransacked churches, whitewashed the traditionally gold walls of Buddhist temples and forced thousands of holy men into labor camps for "re-education." Religious services were suspended.

The conversion of church property to secular uses, a process begun soon after the Communist takeover, also accelerated in the late 1960s. Several dozen Buddhist monasteries have since been restored, but less than a year ago visitors to Shanghai saw several Catholic churches that were still operating as factories, the heavy machinery visible behind stained glass windows.

Buddhism, which once claimed more adherents in China than anywhere else on earth, seems to have recovered more quickly from the Cultural Revolution than other faiths. Chao Pu-chu, chairman of the Buddhist Association of China, started turning up at diplomatic receptions in 1972. The next year a Japanese delegation was permitted to tour seven monasteries and talk with monks. Chao was also identified last week as a member of the consultive

conference. But Buddhism, like other faiths, remains strictly subordinate to the Communist Party. A Japanese delegation, for example, was told that the Chinese Buddhist Association was charged with uniting Buddhists to study Mao Tse-tung's thought and with contributing to "socialist construction."

The Panchen Lama, in an interview carried last week over Hsinhua, the official Chinese news agency, also suggested that Buddhism is expected to play a secular role. "The only correct path for me is to accept wholeheartedly the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, take the socialist road and work hard to serve the people," said Panchen Erdem Chujel-Geltseng.

The official attitude toward the monasteries seems to be that they should be valued for their cultural rather than their religious significance. As Hsinhua said in October, in reporting the restoration of the famous Wutai Mountain Temple in Shanxi province, "These buildings and relics are monuments to the wisdom and creative talent of the Chinese working people as well as China's cultural heritage."

There is some question about the amount of religious activity inside the monasteries, though they are often packed with visitors. Holmes Welch, an American religion historian and expert on Buddhism, observed: "Where there are monks, they seem to have no religious contact with the population. So far as the average Chinese is concerned, monasteries have simply become historic monuments situated in public parks."

China's 1975 constitution pointedly guarantees its citizens "freedom to believe in religion and freedom not to believe in religion and to propagate atheism." So to all but a handful of Chinese, atheism seems the safer course. "Any overt religious activity or attitude exposes (a Chinese) to the risk of being accused of 'feudal thinking,'" Welch has written.

That could change, of course, but the foreigners who worship at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and at the Rice Market Street Church, the only Christian churches in Peking that regularly conduct Sunday services, far outnumber the Chinese participants. At one Christmas Mass, a journalist counted 270 foreigners and only 30 Chinese, mostly elderly women who congregated in the back pews.

The priests at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral are not authorized by the Vatican to celebrate the Mass. China's Catholic Church, organized as the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association, broke with Rome in 1957 after bishops were consecrated in China without Vatican confirmation.

## Final crusade plans under way

LUBBOCK — Final planning is under way for the Morris Cerullo Spiritual Life Crusade scheduled in Lubbock next month.

The crusade will be an outreach to residents of the entire West Texas area, regardless of denominational affiliation, said the Rev. David C. McNeely, pastor of Lubbock's University Avenue Assembly of God and general chairman of the crusade.

The evangelistic emphasis will begin April 17 and continue through April 19 in Lubbock's new Memorial Civic Center. Famed evangelist Morris Cerullo is known for his charismatic healing ministry and for his national "Helpline" series on TV. He will come to Lubbock from a series of highly successful campaigns abroad, including those in Chile and the republic of Ghana, Africa. He also has conducted recent crusades in this country in Louisville, Ky., El Paso, Charlotte, N. C., Atlanta, Ga., and Anaheim, Calif.

## Revival to begin with Sunday rites

Travis Baptist Church, 1000 E. Gist Ave., will hold a spring revival next week.

Cecil M. Roach of Cleveland, Tex., will be the evangelist. The revival will begin Sunday and continue through April 2. Sunday services will begin at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. while weekday services are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. All will be open to the public, said the Rev. Roy Roach, host pastor.

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At their home on Long Island, Berndt and Melany Wuersig study negatives made off the coast of Argentina. Behind them are photos of some of the porpoises the Wuersigs have identified by fin markings. (Newsday Photo by Jim Nightingale)

# Photographic studies may help science solve porpoise mystery

By EARL LANE  
Newsday

NEW YORK — Scientist and layman alike have long been fascinated by the behavior of porpoises, but most of what we know about these intriguing mammals has come from studies of them in captivity. The problem of tracking and identifying dozens or even hundreds of porpoises at a time in open seas has made natural studies very difficult.

There are some places, however, where porpoises come close enough to shore for land-based observation. These coastal porpoises tend to remain in one area rather than migrate hundreds of miles each year like their ocean-going cousins.

SO SCIENTISTS have been attempting detailed studies of coastal porpoises. The problems, even close to shore, are considerable. The porpoises spend most of their time under water, surfacing only briefly to breathe. To keep track of the movements of individual porpoises, there have been efforts to tag, brand or attach radio transmitters to the animals. But such studies, of their nature, tend to disturb the normal behavior of the creatures.

One method, however, promises new hope for natural studies of coastal porpoises. Berndt Wuersig, a marine scientist at the State University of New York, has used a technique for "fingerprinting" individual porpoises by photographing and studying the nicks and scratches in their dorsal fins.

WUERSIG AND HIS WIFE, Melany, spent 21 months taking more than 20,000 photos of bottlenosed porpoises swimming in Golfo San Jose, a small-mouthed bay on the Argentine coast. From the photos, taken from a base camp atop a small cliff, Wuersig has been able to precisely identify 53 members of a porpoise group. This ability to identify individual porpoises may help scientists to learn more about the kinship patterns of porpoises, which are believed to have a highly organized social system.

The Wuersigs found that the bottlenosed porpoises they were studying tended to travel in small subgroups of about 15 members each. The subgroups appeared to cooperate in searching the shallow waters near shore for fish, Wuersig said recently.

Within those small groups, there appeared to be a core of about five animals that usually stayed together over extended periods of time. "This is purely conjecture, but it appears that they may form more stable family units than has been thought," Wuersig said.

MUCH HAS BEEN SAID about the intelligence of the porpoise. But rather than trying to impute human-like qualities to porpoises, many scientists — Wuersig included — prefer to study the animals on their own terms. Their efforts are analogous to those of other scientists who have painstakingly observed chimpanzees and gorillas in their natural habitats.

(What use is then made of these careful observations remains a highly controversial issue. Is it possible to draw any "lessons" about innate human behavior from the study of animal societies? Ethologists such as Nobel laureate Konrad Lorenz and sociobiologists such as Harvard's E. O. Wilson would answer "yes." But many scientists are unconvinced. It may be possible to draw interesting analogies between human and animal behaviors, these scientists say, but we cannot assume those actions to be determined by traits shared by humans and beasts alike.)

REGARDING PORPOISES, scientists would like particularly to find out how the animals relate to each other. "There is an almost infinite richness to their behavior," Wuersig said. Scientists have noticed that porpoises in captivity invent games, manipulate objects and use tools. For example, one researcher noticed two porpoises playing with a ball in their swimming tank. One would push a ball onto a water jet and let it be thrust outward into the tank. The other would chase it, then toss the ball onto the water jet for the first porpoise to chase.

"That suggests that porpoises interact with one another in inventive ways," Wuersig said. "Or perhaps they were using the ball as means for learning to handle fish. Or maybe they were just bored and looking for something to do. We must be careful not to attribute too much to their behaviors." Still, a chance to study porpoises more closely in the wild may shed light on traits which seem, in captivity, to be only curiosities.

THE WORK IN ARGENTINA was done with the cooperation of Roger Payne, a noted research zoologist who has been studying the behavior of the right whale. Wuersig, who is completing his doctoral work at the State University of New York, joined Payne as a research assistant. In addition to helping Payne with his whale studies, Wuersig was able to pursue his own interest in porpoises. "I've always had a child's fascination with the creatures of the sea," Wuersig said. Melany Wuersig, whose academic degree is in Spanish, became caught up in her husband's research and assisted in all aspects of the work. When a paper describing the research appeared in the journal Science, it bore both their names.

The photo method involves painstaking work. After the Wuersigs returned from Argentina, they spent 9 months analyzing the photos, picking out distinctive dorsal fin markings and searching for patterns of recurrence in the photos. In the field, the Wuersigs had kept notebooks recording the movements of porpoise groups. They also had jotted down descriptions of dorsal fins and drew sketches as an aid to eventually sorting out the mass of photos.

"The sketches were a help," Wuersig said. "But we found that only the camera was able to really capture all of the detail" needed to accurately distinguish one dorsal fin from another.

THE WUERSIGS DEVELOPED short, descriptive names for individual porpoises such as "Low Square Notch," referring to the type of gash on the animal's dorsal fin. And they came up with a gallery of "mug

shots" showing dorsal fins from the porpoises that were unequivocally identified. The differences in markings and coloration are subtle, but Wuersig is able to thumb through photos of his porpoises picking out favorites such as "Fuzzy," "Round Notch," and "Large Flag" with relative ease.

Interestingly, the species of porpoise studied (the South Atlantic bottlenose, Tursiops truncatus) is marked by a good deal of aggressive behavior. While it is usual to think of porpoises as docile, fun-loving creatures, studies of bottlenoses in captivity have shown a good deal of scratching and biting behavior, particularly among the males. "They have a tough life, and within their social system they do try to test one another," Wuersig said. Such fighting is actually a blessing when it comes to identifying photos of the animals. The trailing edge of the bottlenosed porpoise's dorsal fin is very thin and is readily damaged. Since the tissue apparently does not regenerate, permanent nicks and scars are seen on almost all of the animals.

THE USE OF PHOTOS to identify sea animals has been a relatively recent development, although Wuersig said even the ancient Romans told of being able to identify porpoises by their fin markings. Roger Payne has been photographing the bonnet patterns on the heads of right whales as a means to systematically identifying them. Other researchers have been collecting photos of the tails of great whales, also in an effort to find distinctive markings on individual animals.

The hope is to compare photos of whales taken at widely separated locales in an effort to spot particular whales and trace their movements. The work by the Wuersigs and others suggests that such photo analysis is feasible. Although the Wuersigs found no evidence for seasonal migration among the coastal porpoises that they studied, several individuals were spotted — and positively identified — as far as 250 miles down the coast from their home bay.

In addition to photographing the coastal porpoises, the Wuersigs also worked with another species of porpoise found further out from shore in the Argentine bay. That animal, called the dusky porpoise (Lagenorhynchus obscurus), is smaller and more frisky than the coastal bottlenosed porpoises. The dusky is about 5 feet long, compared to an average length of about 12 feet for the bottlenoses. The dusky is noted for its leaping, acrobatic behavior.

THE WUERSIGS CAPTURED dusky porpoises and attached radio transmitters to them. The porpoises were then tracked for 66 days, and data were gathered on their movements and diving patterns. Wuersig found that they traveled in small, relatively stable groups of from six to 15 animals. Occasionally, they came together in groups as large as 300 for feeding purposes.

## BRIDGE

### Find suit first, then show strength

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

When you're responding to one notrump you can use the Stayman Convention with a very strong hand. After your partner has answered your question you can show your full strength.

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North-South vulnerable

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♠	A 9 6 3		
♥	A 10 7 2		
♦	K 7		
♣	A J 9		
<b>WEST</b>			
♠	7 2		
♥	Q 6 3		
♦	Q J 10 4		
♣	8 6 5 2		
<b>EAST</b>			
♠	Q J 10 8 4		
♥	9 5		
♦	8 6 3		
♣	7 4 3		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	K 5		
♥	K J 8 4		
♦	A 9 5 2		
♣	K Q 10		

South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2♣ Pass  
2♥ Pass 6♥ All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ Q

North has 16 points in high cards and can count one point extra for the doubleton if there is a trump fit in

spades of hearts. There is no need for North to show his full strength at once. He bids two clubs, the Stayman Convention, asking South to bid a major suit of four or more cards.

South obediently bids his four-card major. And then North jumps all the way to six hearts. The fit has been found, and North knows that the combined count is 33 to 35 points. This should be enough for a grand slam.

**MUST NOT FINESSE**  
South easily makes his slam if he remembers not to finesse. South draws two rounds of trumps with the ace and king. Then he must ruff two diamonds in dummy before trying to do anything about the last trump.

South might be in trouble if he finessed and lost to the queen of trumps. The one thing he cannot afford to lose and have a third round of trumps returned. Then dummy would not have enough trumps to take care of South's two diamond losers.

**DAILY QUESTION**  
Partner deals and bids one heart, and the next player passes. You hold: S-72-H-Q63-D-QJ104-C-8652. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Bid two hearts. This weak response promises trump support and about 6 to 10 points, counting high cards and distribution.

## Stripping forests builds erosion trouble in Nepal

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — The continuing destruction of Nepal's forest lands could transform the scenic Himalayan kingdom into a barren moonscape in less than 20 years, Nepalese and foreign experts warn.

Wide-scale deforestation, causing a critical loss of topsoil through erosion, has presented one of the world's poorest and least developed countries with an environmental crisis as grave as those facing industrialized nations, they said.

Nepal's hills, once thick with teak, sal and simmel trees, are being denuded to meet an evergrowing demand for farmland and firewood, the major source of energy here. Since the late 1950s, some 4.5 million acres of forest have been cleared.

"If the Nepalese continue on the present path, they will use up all their forests within the next two decades," predicted Mervin E. Stevens, a U.S. Forest Service official temporarily assigned to manage a United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization project here.

In an interview, Prime Minister Kirta Nidhi Bista called deforestation one of Nepal's gravest domestic problems.

"We are very alarmed," he told The Associated Press. "But I think it can be controlled."

### Second Polka Festival set

HUNTER, N.Y. (AP) — More than 70 bands are expected to take part in the second National Polka Festival to be held here Aug. 18 through 27.

The nine-day event will also feature dancing groups, working craftsmen, puppets, import shops and ethnic foods.

Bista said King of 2.6 percent. By the year 2000, it is expected to reach 24 million.

The government wants to help the landless and save the forests," said one Nepalese official. "But it can't do both."

Aside from encroachment by farmers, the forests are also being decimated by persons in search of wood for fuel and leaves to feed Nepal's livestock, some 14 million head. Lopping or cutting of trees kills thousands of leaves every year.

Stevens of the U.S. Forest Service said firewood supplies Nepal with 87 percent of its energy needs. He predicted 7 million tons of wood would go up in smoke this year and one million tons more each year thereafter.

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# Sadler declares Texas railroads welching on agreements with state

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Jerry Sadler says Texas railroads are not living up to the agreements made with the state when the railroads first came to Texas in the 1880s.

"The state of Texas gave the railroads a minimum of 16 sections of land for every mile of track built in Texas," Sadler, 70, a Democratic candidate for the unexpired term on the Texas Railroad Commission, said in a statement today. "Millions of acres of land was given to the railroad companies under such agreements and the lands in many cases later were transferred to holding companies in New York."

"Today these same railroad companies are digging up their tracks and discontinuing the service they agreed to furnish the citizens of this state. The railroads should live up to their agreement and furnish service to our state or return the land to the people of Texas."

Sadler also said that numerous recent rail cargo derailments "could be stopped overnight by proper

inspection and enforcement of authority long vested in the Texas Railroad Commission and other regulatory bodies."

He said, if elected, one of his first duties as commissioner would be to enlist the railroad brotherhoods in seeing that safety regulations are enforced.



A worker rethreads a halted cellophane machine in a Fredericksburg, Va., plant where equipment, as in other cellophane plants around the country, will stop for good soon. (Washington Post Photo)

## Cellophane vanishing fast

The Washington Post

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. — Cellophane, a technological marvel half a century ago when it revolutionized packaging, is disappearing, the victim of newer materials and higher energy costs.

And as the product — which helped keep bread, meat, cigarettes and Cole Porter's lyrics fresh — becomes invisible as well as transparent, the factories that make it are dying off.

In Old Hickory, Tenn.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Marcus Hook, Pa.; and Richmond, Va. — more recently in Fredericksburg, Va., the football field-length rollers have stopped whirling on nearly endless ribbons of wrapping.

But millions of Americans who have grown up calling anything clear wrapping material "cellophane" may never notice the change. Cheaper, petroleum-based products look like and do the same thing as their older, wood-based rival. A cigarette wrapper still crinkles in the hand, but it is likely to be "oriented polypropylene," not cellophane.

Here in this historic town on the fall line of the Rappahannock River, production will be halted by the end of March.

The closing of the plant, owned by the giant FMC Corp., was described by Charles Wingard, 54-year-old maintenance foreman with 33 years at the plant, as "just like a death in the family. It won't hit us for a couple of weeks. I suspected it was coming but I didn't really expect it."

For the Fredericksburg area, the loss of its largest employer will be "a hard blow, but not a knockout punch," said

Arthur A. Olson, director of economic development for the Rappahannock Area Development Commission.

"I would estimate that by the end of 1978 we would have equalled the number of jobs that were lost," said Olson, whose job is to recruit industry for the area. General Motors will soon open a plant with 500 jobs and several other industries are close to deciding on locating here, he said.

There is also the possibility of a new industry moving onto the FMC site, described by Olson as "the most attractive location in the entire Southeast United States." Several major corporations already have looked at the facility, which has its own water, sewer and power plants, rail line and barge dock, he said.

"Cellophane" was named by a Swiss chemist, Jacques Edwin Brandenberger, who designed the first machine which could produce a thin transparent film from wood fiber.

The E.I. duPont de Nemours & Co. obtained the U.S. rights to the process and opened the first plant here in 1924. There were no machines capable of mass wrapping around consumer goods, so it was at first limited to use on luxury goods.

Porter noted that touch of class in song: "You're the top! You're Napoleon brandy. You're the purple light of a summer night in Spain; You're the National Gallery. You're Garbo's salary. You're cellophane..."

But by the time production peaked at 440 million tons in 1960, \$7 million and 1978 was going to be worse, he said.

of wood pulp — had come on the market.

One plastic film, called PVC, took over the wrapper market for fresh meat, dropping that cellophane use from 60 million pounds per year in 1970 to 6 million in 1977. Polyethylene took bread and cake, and bakery use of cellophane fell from 120 million pounds to 32 million pounds in that same period.

The latest plastic, oriented polypropylene or OPP, took over the wrapping function in the tobacco industry and, worst of all for the cellophane industry, can do anything cellophane can do.

While demand for cellophane was dropping by 28 percent between 1974 and 1977, its price was going up by 70 percent due to rising energy costs. And the cost of OPP, already 30 to 40 percent cheaper, rises only half as fast as cellophane with crude oil increases, because cellophane production uses more oil.

The only protection for cellophane is a lack of production capacity for OPP, according to FMC officials. Another OPP plant will start operating this year, cutting out demand for another 75 million pounds of cellophane and may force the closure of one of the four remaining U.S. cellophane plants, they say.

Zachariah C. Dameron Jr., the plant manager at Fredericksburg, said, "We made exhaustive attempts to reduce the production cost of cellophane by upgrading the plant and were partially successful." But demand slid more rapidly than expected. Fourth quarter losses were at an annual rate of \$7 million and 1978 was going to be worse, he said.

The decision to close came after "long, serious and agonizing deliberation," Dameron said.

"The circumstances were entirely beyond our control here. The closing of this plant is in no way a reflection on the people working in it," said Dameron, a native Virginian and graduate of Virginia Military Institute. He, too, described the end as "like a death in the family."

The plant, which opened in 1930 as the Sylvania Industrial Corp., is credited by older townspeople with saving the Fredericksburg region's economy in the Great Depression.

According to Lemuel W. Houston, city postmaster for 26 years and now president of the Chamber of Commerce, "We never had a depression here. That plant expanded as other places closed."

The plant quickly became the largest employer here. By 1960, it was employing about 3,400 people. Cellophane — and tourism at the nearby Civil War battlefields — were the big industries here.

It was a stable work force, making a good wage for the employees who generally were happy with their treat-

ment and benefits. There has never been a strike at the plant.

Workers grew old in the plant and retired. The employees' average age is 48 and the average length of service is 21 years.

Fortunately for Fredericksburg, as cellophane production declined and the work force gradually was cut back to 1,200, the region's economy became more diversified. It is now the fastest growing area in the state, creating both an economic and psychological cushion to the blow of the closing.

The shutdown announcement on Feb. 13 was a shock but not a surprise. There is none of the bitterness that would surround a plant moving out to avoid unions or forced out by cheaper foreign competition. The plant died, but there is only history to blame.

"I feel like we'll have a 12- to 18-month dip, but the economy of Fredericksburg is sound and will remain sound," said Stuart H. Payne Sr., president of the National Bank of Fredericksburg.

"The hardship here will be individual," he said. "The individuals include men like John Treble, a 60-year old pipe insulator with more than 30 years at the plant."

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Edited by CLAY R. FOLLAN

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4 5 6

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Complete the chuckle quoted by filling in the missing word you develop from step No. 3 below.

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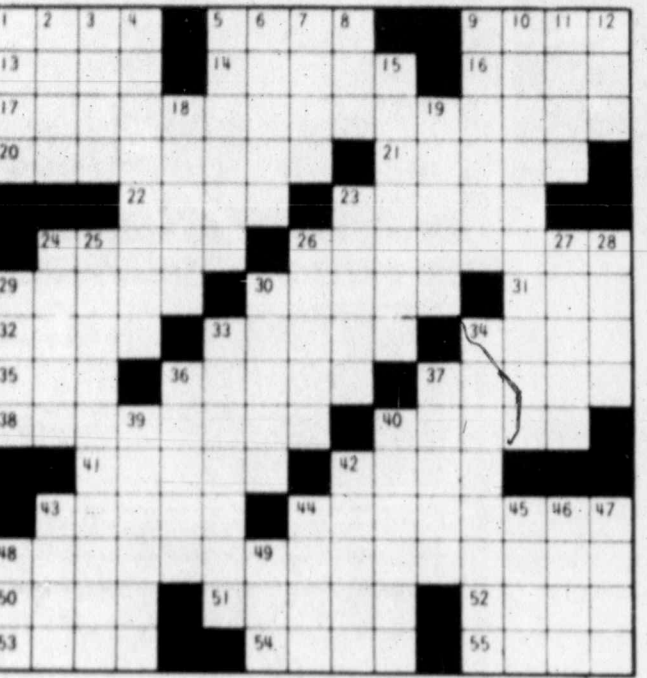
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- ACROSS
- 1 Shiny mineral
- 5 Run before the wind
- 9 Uneven
- 13 First word of the Aeneid
- 14 Eleazar's father
- 16 Alaskan cape
- 17 Le Carré opus: Phrase
- 20 Missing person, of a sort
- 21 London landmark
- 22 Sounds of surprise
- 23 Less tanned
- 24 Snug harbors
- 26 Phaeton
- 29 Flutter
- 30 Stocking
- 31 Baton Rouge campus, for short
- 32 River rising in Silesia
- 33 Coin of Iraq
- 34 Old-time weapon
- 35 Timetable abbr.
- 36 Evergreen
- 37 Legal tender in Toledo
- 38 Disembarks, modern style
- 40 Best
- 41 Branch: Lat. abbr.
- 42 Grammarian's abbr.
- 43 Baked
- 44 Song of praise
- 45 Delicacy, to some: Phrase
- 50 Not exposed to the wind
- 51 Factotum
- 52 Standard of quantity
- 53 Make tidy, old style
- 54 — quid (being thus): Lat.
- 55 Misplace
- DOWN
- 1 Camara's cousin
- 2 Arith. homework item
- 3 Biblical prophet
- 4 — the coals
- 5 World famous coffee port
- 6 Baskets of a sort
- 7 Plead with
- 8 U.S. currency
- 9 Reply
- 10 First grade, perhaps
- 11 Bradley
- 12 By
- 15 Swimmer
- 18 "What does he see —?"
- 19 Lawmaker
- 23 Kind of bear
- 24 Skeleton organization
- 25 Too too dear
- 26 Talking birds
- 27 Scene of a British social event
- 28 Regrets
- 29 Blue dye
- 30 Broods of pheasants
- 33 Stripped
- 34 Clement
- 36 Beast of burden
- 37 Places sentries
- 39 Frolicked
- 40 Get by tricky: Colloq.
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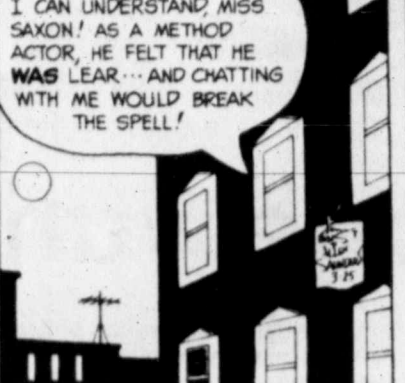
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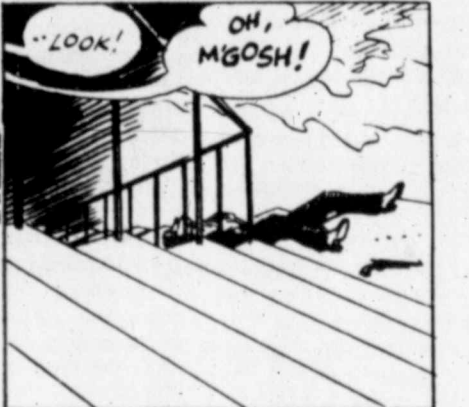
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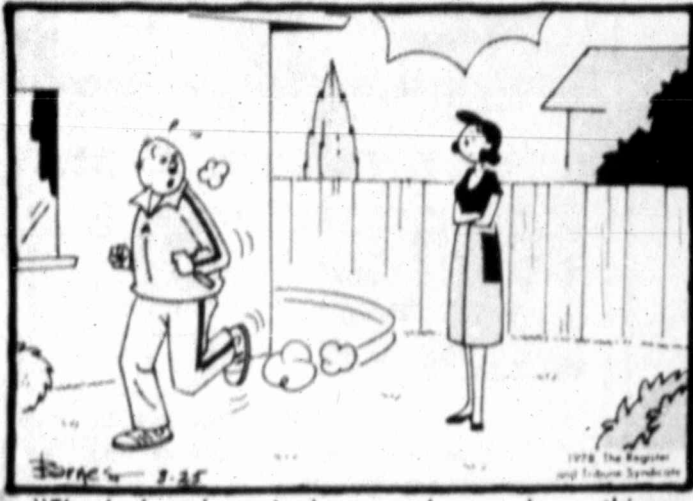
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# ANDY CAPP



# SHOE



# DICK TRACY



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# HEATHCLIFF



# MARMADUKE





# Fishermen brave cold, ice

By SETH MYDANS

**KHABAROVSK, U.S.S.R. (AP)** — Ivan Petrov is an old man with one love and one ambition. He loves to sit on the frozen Amur River and fish through a hole in the ice, and he wants to live to be 100.

Although he rarely catches any fish, he believes his pastime will help him realize his ambition. Petrov, who is now 70, is one of a dozen regulars who gather at this bend of the Amur, and one of thousands throughout the Soviet Union who spend the bitterest days of the winter hunched over fishing holes, sipping hot tea and dangling the two-pronged hooks of the ice fisherman.

No day is too cold for Petrov and his friends in this far-east Siberian city where winter temperatures drop to 50 degrees below zero. It is the cold wind, blowing up the river from China, that is their enemy, and against it the fishermen here build little roofless igloos that form their outdoor winter homes.

A decade ago Petrov retired from his job as a schoolteacher, and since then, he said, his goal in life has been "to live to be 100."

Asked about his strategy for living so long, Petrov simply held up the wooden fishing

handles from which he dangles lines through holes on either side of him.

Each morning, Petrov walks from his home in downtown Khabarovsk to his igloo on the river, chops away the ice that has formed in his holes overnight, and baits his hooks with slices of a small fish he carries frozen in his coat pocket. Then, sitting on a small sled with his felt-booted feet straight out in front of him, he begins gently twitching his lines, which

dangle down to just below the 2-foot-thick ice. Depending on the weather, he and his friends stay from two to six hours a day, rarely catching more than a fish or two.

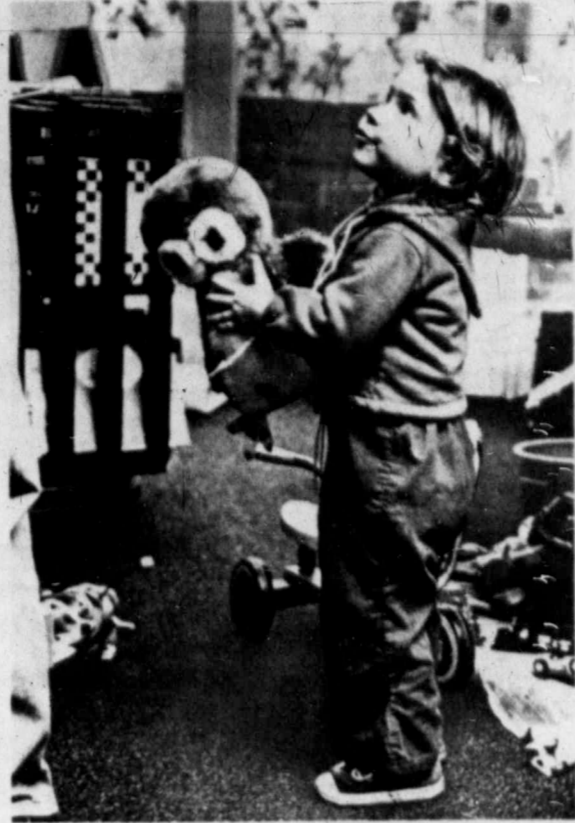
"The river is getting fished out," Petrov said. "There's dirty water coming from the city." To him, the dirty water symbolizes the unwelcome effects of the spreading Soviet settlements throughout Siberia.

"I was born near

Moscow and was sent here to the far east to teach when I finished the institute," Petrov said. "I liked the nature, and I liked its virginity, and I stayed."

In the summer he goes out into the Siberian forests to hunt or gather wild berries and mushrooms, but these days, he said, he must go farther and farther to find virgin nature.

The completion of a major new rail line near Khabarovsk will bring further damage to the wild nature of Siberia, he said.



It's not easy being 3½ years old and trying to decide which used doll to buy, as Caroline Brown of Chico, Calif., shows at left. And even when you make a decision, you might pause

for a worried moment to wonder if you did the right thing, as does Lena Humbert, 22 months, of Berkeley, Calif. in right picture. (Los Angeles Times Photos)

## Toy Go Round brings newest shopping idea to California

The Los Angeles Times

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Helena Conant of Oakland, Calif., stopped by the toy store here the other day to pick up a check for some of her children's toys and bring in a tricycle her youngest had outgrown.

At first glance, bringing toys to the toy store may seem about as sensible as carrying coals to Newcastle, but people in this city have made the Toy Go Round one of the more successful of the many innovations tried in Berkeley in recent years.

The Toy Go Round recycles toys. Youngsters, parents, grandparents, toy collectors and schools bring in used toys. They and store owners Andora Freeman and Joy Ernst agree on a sales price. Then, when the toy is sold, the store and the old toy owner split the revenue.

Mrs. Freeman said she got the idea for the store three years ago when her teen-age son "wanted to buy records, tapes and sports equipment. He had all these toys and wished there was some way he could sell them."

Her two sons have not yet brought any toys in for the store to sell, but nearly 400 other children, adults

and schools have. The tiny (320 square feet) store at the top of a flight of red brick stairs in the prosperous Solano Ave. business district is jammed full of toys and books.

Liisa Falcke was ecstatic both about the two like-named Nancy Drew mysteries she found for her eldest daughter and the price, just \$1 each.

"I tried to get these at the library," Mrs. Falcke said, "but they were always checked out. And in other stores they sell new for about \$3 each."

The homemade wooden shelves at the Toy Go Round are stacked with 17 different kinds of wooden blocks, including alphabet blocks, big kindergarten blocks, bags of different geometric-shaped blocks, blocks on strings, varnished cylinders with notched ends and cubes with holes to stick them in, Lincoln Logs and even American bricks, the long forgotten wooden predecessors to the popular Leggos. The Toy Go Round has Leggos, too.

And for those who cannot find what they want, the store has a request list with scores of items written down on the back of old computer cards kept in a counter drawer.

"We were just in a toy store up the street that had much more expensive items, mostly because you were paying for the packaging," said Wendy Brown of Chico, Calif., who came in to buy solid, wooden toys at cheap prices for her daughter and the baby she is expecting.

"I enjoy spending my money here," Mrs. Brown said. "The feeling here is different. They're friendlier and you don't feel like they're trying to squeeze you for every dollar you have."

Sometimes the store takes toys needing minor repairs and then takes the cost of fixing the toy off the sales price before dividing the revenue with the seller.

Mrs. Ernst said she and Mrs. Freeman invested \$500 each and a lot of time in the store. It makes what Mrs. Freeman said "is not enough money to live on, but makes a nice supplement to our families' incomes."

When the shop opens, at noon, five days a week there is an immediate rush of business, mostly mothers with small children.

"Then it slows off during nap time and picks up again around 3 o'clock when kids start getting up from naps and getting home from school," Mrs. Ernst said.

The store sells a few items the women make at home, such as ersatz Playdough and colored sidewalk chalk made from casting plaster, tempera and detergent that washes away in the rain.

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Family crisis hits two Kentucky players

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kentucky and Notre Dame face the same problem today in the semifinals of the NCAA basketball tournament: cutting off their opponents' running games.

mother. "Right now we don't know when Scott can rejoin us," said Hall. He said services for the young man's father, Horace Courts, were scheduled Saturday.

sas Coach Eddie Sutton as his Razorbacks prepared to meet towering Kentucky at the Checkerdome. "I've always believed that size is overrated. I think our speed will create problems for their defense."

Games at Bulgaria last summer. "you can play against anybody. Kentucky's size doesn't scare me."

LIKE KENTUCKY, Notre Dame is a team that prefers to set up and work the ball in close. Like Arkansas, Duke is a team that relies mostly on quickness, although the Blue Devils do have a 6-11 muscleman of their own in sophomore Mike Gminski.

destroyed Villanova with a lightning-quick fast break. Notre Dame hopes to stop the Duke break by dominating the rebounding.



O. J. Simpson, center, star running back of the Buffalo Bills, talks with newsmen after learning Friday that he has been traded to the San Francisco 49ers. Simpson brings with him the fattest contract in the NFL. (AP Laserphoto)

Jubilant Juice traded to San Francisco 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A jubilant O. J. Simpson was traded Friday from the Buffalo Bills to the San Francisco 49ers and said he was ecstatic at the opportunity to play in the city where he was born.

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BEFORE THE trade was finalized, Simpson took a physical to make sure the knee he injured last season was technically sound. He said he passed the test with no problems, adding all he had to do was strengthen the knee.

Larry Laceywell quits Sooners

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Larry Laceywell, defensive coordinator and assistant head football coach at the University of Oklahoma, resigned Friday to enter private business, the school announced.

THE 49ERS gave up five draft choices over the next three years, but General Manager Joe Thomas would not be more specific, other than to say the team would keep this year's top pick.

Simpson, a nine-year NFL veteran who needs 2,129 yards to become the league's all-time leading rusher, brings with him the fattest contract in league history. He is currently being paid \$733,000 annually, plus performance bonuses.

Five locked in Heritage duel

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — PGA champion Lanny Wadkins, who said he has decided to "quit reminiscing and start playing," fired a solid, four-under-par 67 and moved into a five-way tie for the second-round lead Friday in the \$225,000 Heritage Golf Classic.

day. "Probably the best round I've played this year," Burns said. Barber, the tour's 47-year-old "Mr. X," had a 67 despite some erratic work with the driver that sent him scurrying to the practice tee, and the quiet, little Nelson and Irwin, twice a winner of this invitational event, had 68s.

putter who enjoyed such phenomenal success last season, and Jim Simons followed at 139. Simons shot a 48 and Lietzke a 70.

better, and described his effort this day as a "pretty solid round," he said his game was not yet "hard-rock solid. I'd like to feel a little bit better about hitting the ball."

UCLA has a 26-3 record, while Maryland is 27-3. The Terps beat the Bruins 92-88 at College Park, Md., earlier this season, but UCLA is the favorite tonight by virtue of a 20-game winning streak and 32 consecutive victories at Pauley.

A BRILLIANT college halfback, he shattered 13 Southern Cal records in his two years there. He gained 3,423 yards on 674 carries and set an NCAA rushing record of 1,709 yards in his senior year.

Finley's sale of A's appears grounded

DENVER (AP) — The complex back-and-forth, on-again, off-again maneuvering aimed at bringing the Oakland A's major league baseball team to Denver appeared to be grounded again Friday with the announcement that Charles O. Finley had withdrawn his offer to sell the team.

and Denver oilman Marvin Davis apparently were off again Friday when Davis' attorney said Finley had withdrawn his offer to sell the team to Davis.

"I think the reason I've got off to such a slow start this year is that I've spent too much time reminiscing about that month last year," he said. "Now it's time to get down to playing again."

Unser hoping for better things

to postpone it. The Ontario people weren't exactly crazy about rescheduling it for Easter Sunday, even though ABC will televise the race nationally beginning at 3:30 p.m. (CST). But they didn't have much of a choice.

Aggies pummel hapless Owls

College Station, Texas (AP) — Buster Turner, Robert Verde, Gary Bryant and Tim Feickert keyed a five-run third inning Friday to lead Texas A&M to an 8-3 Southwest Conference baseball victory over Rice.

TRACK TALK: Mario Andretti, who did not race at Phoenix last week, will run Sunday. Al Unser's older brother Bobby holds the speed record at Ontario. He hit 201.965 mph during the 1972 qualifying for the 500.

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The stumbling block again was \$1 million, almost a third of the \$3.25 million the Oakland Coliseum management is demanding from Finley to get out of the remaining 10 years of his lease.

Finley has volunteered to pay \$1 million and insists that the San Francisco Giants come up with a like amount just to get the A's out of the Bay Area.

Al Unser calls them the "new car blues" and the 37-year-old driver for Jim Hall's Chaparral-Lola racing team hopes he won't be singing them again Easter Sunday at the Ontario (Calif.) Motor Speedway, where weather permitting, the Datsun Twin 200 will be run.

National Weather Service did indicate a 30 percent chance of showers on Easter Sunday.

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A Giants spokesman on Friday denied that the team was planning to come up with the money to keep alive the deal. Stu Smith said Giants co-owner Bob Lurie was "trying to pursue the sale, to get things off dead center." However, Smith said, "He did say the Giants are not going to come up with the million dollars that Finley is asking."

Finley was not available for comment on Friday.

"It's just something we've gotta work out," Unser said after a disappointing 10th place finish in the USAC opener in Phoenix last Saturday. "And the only way to get the bugs out of a new car is to race it a few times."

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Lurie reportedly was meeting with co-owner Bud Herseth in Phoenix, Ariz., on Friday, leading to rumors that they were considering a contribution to the \$1 million needed to keep the sale alive.

On Thursday Finley said flatly that he would not pay \$2 million of the \$3.25 million demanded by the coliseum management.

The "bugs" Unser was referring to in the team's new Cosworth V-8 powered Lola are the same ones Hall focused on earlier in the week. "The car just didn't handle real well and we weren't getting the type of acceleration we should have out of the turns," the two-time Indy winner explained.

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Other American League major league owners had offered to pay \$1 million if Finley would pay \$2 million. Finley argued that the Giants organization should pay \$1 million because they would benefit from the move, or that other major league owners should come up with more than \$1 million.

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But Sunday is another day and another race. The DT 200 was originally scheduled for March 5, but torrential rains in the Southern California area where the Ontario track is located, forced race officials

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## Husband-wife team back from year in Antarctica

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — John and Donna Mitchell Oliver are back from a full year in Antarctica — the first husband-wife team ever to spend a winter at a government research station on the frozen continent.

"I think we're going to see a lot more women working down there soon," said Mrs. Oliver, a 29-year-old laboratory technician at Scripps Institution of Oceanography where her husband is a graduate student in biological oceanography.

The only woman among 87 men at McMurdo Base, she helped her 31-year-old husband collect animal types and studied the effects of winter isolation on 43 of the men.

"The companionship makes the winter a lot more bearable," Oliver said in an interview after their return. But he said selection of government explorers "should be based solely on an individual's work qualifications and personality — without regard to sex."

Mrs. Oliver, returned with 800 pages of notes and 43 taped interviews.

The American explorers, she said, "suffer from lower motivation levels and a sort of dullness which is hard to describe." But generally, said Mrs. Oliver, "I saw no serious psychological problems develop among the men."

Dr. Edward P. Todd, director of the National Science Foundation's division of polar problems, praised the Olivers in a statement from Washington as "a new breed of biological problem solvers."



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## Merged meat plants become industry giant

By PAUL STEVENS

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — What began as a "natural marriage" of two competing meat processing firms less than four years ago has blossomed into a beef industry giant that expects to reach the billion-dollar sales mark in 1978.

"It turned out every bit as well as I hoped it would," said David La Fleur, president of MBPXL Corp., formed by the merger of Missouri Beef Packers Inc. and Kansas Beef Industries Inc.

La Fleur heads a company that has increased its sales from \$727 million at its formation to \$986.5 million during the past fiscal year. Net earnings dropped 22 percent last year, to \$3.79 million, because of what La Fleur termed "very, very bad" slaughter margins and a large supply of red meat on the market.

But the mood at the Wichita-based company is upbeat after a bounce-back first quarter of \$273 million in sales, up 23 percent from the first quarter of fiscal 1977, and \$1.9 million in earnings, up 121 percent.

"I thought there'd be a leveling out in what we do in slaughtering and cutting," La Fleur said, "but now I don't believe that way."

The optimistic mood is reflected in the opening in May of a fabrication facility, where carcasses are broken down, at Friona, Tex., and construction to begin soon on a \$16 million slaughtering plant in Dodge City, Kan.

MBPXL — the "MBP" stands for Missouri Beef Packers and the "XL" for its Excel Brand of beef — was formed in 1974 by two companies that found they needed one another's strong points.

Missouri Beef Packers of Rock Port, Mo., was strong in slaughtering and had tapped prime cattle feeding operations in the Texas Panhandle by establishing plants at Friona and Plainview, Tex. Kansas Beef Industries of Wichita specialized in fabrica-

tion, taking carcasses of cattle and breaking them down into various cuts.

"Both companies saw the trend was toward integration," said Curtis Jones, an MBPXL vice president and its treasurer, "so it was a natural marriage of the two."

The company name is foreign to most grocery shoppers and restaurant goers who buy and eat the beef it slaughters and fabricates.

The firm deals chiefly with wholesalers, grocery chains, restaurant suppliers and carcass processors. MBPXL recently signed a three-year contract to supply beef to Keystone Foods Corp., the largest supplier of hamburger to the McDonald's restaurant chain.

MBPXL's only consumer-identifiable product is corned beef marketed by Morton Meats of Omaha, but sales by that firm constitute less than 1 percent of MBPXL's total sales.

Boxed beef is seen by company leaders as holding big potential in the industry. More and more grocery chains and restaurant suppliers are turning to it rather than processing carcasses themselves, they say.

Jones notes that considerable transportation savings can be realized by shipping 450-pound boxes of beef instead of a 700-pound carcass. sanitation and shelf life are improved and customers can order various cuts of beef in proportions.

Boxed beef, which comprises almost 60 percent of MBPXL's sales, is produced at plants in Wichita, Rock Port and Plainview, where slaughtering operations also are located. It will be made at Friona, now a slaughtering plant, in two months.

MBPXL looks to feedlots for the animals it purchases, a chief reason why it plans to open a slaughter facility in the cattle-rich area surrounding Dodge City.

After the cattle are fed in the lots to a weight of 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, they

are taken to slaughter facilities. Carcasses are then fabricated or sold, and the meat is shipped by truck to customers.

A 1,000-pound animal produces, on the average, two sides of beef weighing 620 pounds, 70 pounds of tallow sold to make soap and other uses, 48 pounds of hide and 48 pounds of variety meats such as tongue, liver and heart.

About 25 percent of its sales are by providing carcasses to other firms that fabricate and process meat. And 10 percent of business is in variety meats that have a large market overseas.

Attempting to get the most return from the 1½ million cattle it slaughters each year, MBPXL processes hides at all four of its plants. Other byproducts are insulin derived from an animal's pancreas and

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