

Reagan defends defense policy

By The Associated Press

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. — President Reagan came to a Marine Corps boot camp Wednesday, fighting to save his military buildup from the budget ax and daring defense spending critics to "tell it to the Marines."

In another of a series of trips emphasizing America's military readiness, Reagan demanded that Congress approve his proposal to spend \$320 billion on defense in fiscal 1987, beginning Oct. 1.

"Sometimes I'd like to take some of those people in Washington who are always trying to cut defense spending and bring them here to Parris Island," said Reagan, the first president to visit Parris Island since Franklin D. Roosevelt traveled here in 1943.

Reagan said that "if we ever must send our young servicemen in harm's way, then it's our moral duty to give them absolutely the best equipment and support that America can muster. I promise that I will fight as hard as I know how to make sure you get the support you deserve."

The president's remark was greeted with enthusiastic hoots from some 3,700 Marine recruits seated on the ground and wearing camouflage fatigues.

Reagan looked on as the recruits traversed obstacles known as the monkey bridge and slide-for-life. They were to have navigated a third of the 12 obstacles on the course, known as the A frame, but officials said this was canceled because the rain made it unsafe.

The president also watched as the recruits clad in yellow T-shirts and

fatigue pants with jackets wrapped around their waists climbed over arrangements of logs, ropes and cables.

Two of them fell about 12 feet into a pond as the president watched. Reagan looked stricken as the first of the Marines hit the water, but the drill instructor dismissed the recruit curtly, barking, "It's all over, boy." The recruits shouted loudly and imitated the barking of dogs as they went through the exercises.

After viewing the obstacle course, Reagan spoke to a crowd estimated at close to 8,000, including drill instructors, Marine officers and other Marines in addition to the 3,700 recruits.

Although he came to South Carolina to appeal for public support of his military buildup, Reagan's battle is being waged in Washington with members of Congress. The Senate has

voted to cut his \$320 billion budget request to \$301 billion and the House has approved an even more austere \$285 billion. The two houses have yet to begin meeting in conference to work out a compromise budget resolution.

While Reagan was making his pitch, Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, was on the Senate floor during preliminary debate on a tax-overhaul bill outlining the need for higher taxes to pay for the Pentagon spending that Reagan wants.

Domenici repeatedly has pressed Reagan to drop his prohibition on tax increases to help pay for military spending. Domenici said it will be impossible to meet the president's Pentagon spending request and the deficit targets of a new budget-balancing law without additional revenues.

NEWS BRIEFS

Ronald Pelton spy trial goes to jury

BALTIMORE (AP) — The spy trial of former National Security Agency employee Ronald W. Pelton went to the jury Wednesday after prosecutors argued that he still would be peddling U.S. defense secrets to the Soviets if the FBI had not caught him last fall.

After receiving final instructions on the five-count espionage and conspiracy indictment from U.S. District Judge Herbert F. Murray, the jurors asked to hear FBI recordings of phone conversations Pelton allegedly had with the Soviet Embassy in 1980.

During final arguments, Assistant U.S. Attorney John Douglass pointed to the American flag and told jurors "my client is this nation. I'm here to tell you that man is not going to walk into this courtroom and trash the interests of that client the way he trashed top secret, sensitive defense projects for five years before he got caught."

Two die, 17 hurt in Michigan bus crash

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — An outing intended to keep high school seniors safe on graduation night went awry Wednesday when a busload of students slammed into a speeding car, killing two people and injuring 17 others, police said.

The bus was carrying 34 Northview High School students and two chaperones taking part in all-night graduation festivities at various locations in Grand Rapids, said police Lt. Victor Gillis.

"I didn't have a chance to touch my brakes," said bus driver Robert Robinson, 54, of Grand Rapids.

Gillis said the bus had slowed for a flashing yellow light and struck the car as the smaller vehicle drove through a flashing red light.

One killed in Sikh Golden Temple riot

AMRITSAR, India (AP) — About 200 Sikh extremists rampaged through the Golden Temple complex Wednesday after a "Martyrs' Day" rally, killing one volunteer guard with a sword-thrust in the back and wounding seven.

The Sikhs, armed with swords, knives, iron bars and bamboo staves, charged into the area immediately around the temple, the sect's holiest shrine. They were led by the widow of a man who assassinated Indira Gandhi.

The militants beat the newly recruited volunteer guards and screamed, "Long Live Khalistan!" — the name for the separate homeland Sikh extremists demand in Punjab state.

The slain guard collapsed in front of about a dozen journalists with a gaping sword wound in his back, and his blood spilled onto the white marble walkway around the temple. Police said he was Avtar Singh, a 45-year-old former soldier.

Soviets locate additional contamination

MOSCOW — Workers cleaning up after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster found "dirty spots" of radiation outside the established evacuation zone and more people had to be moved out, Pravda reported Wednesday.

The Communist Party daily did not give exact locations of the contaminated areas in southern Byelorussia, just north of the stricken Ukrainian power plant, or say how many people were removed.

Soviet officials have said previously that all areas were safe except for an 18-mile zone around the plant that was evacuated within a week of the April 26 explosion and fire in Chernobyl's No. 4 reactor.

Texas prisons mark record inmate totals

By The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — Texas Department of Correction officials report a record growth in the number of inmates admitted to the prison system so far this year.

TDC officials said Tuesday that a 16 percent increase in admissions occurred between January and May this year as compared to the same five-month period last year.

Prison statistics show the TDC took in 12,812 inmates in the first five months this year, up from 10,781 inmates admitted in the same period last year.

Prison spokesman Charles Brown said admissions totaled 9,607 during the first five months of 1983 and 9,683 during that period in 1984.

State criminal justice officials said the record increase in admissions could

result from a growing Texas population, tougher attitudes by judges and juries and better police work.

Ron Champion, executive director of the state Criminal Justice Policy Council, said he would be "shooting in the dark" to pinpoint precise factors behind the growth in admissions.

The nation's second-largest prison system is under federal court orders to reduce the population in existing prisons.

Parole board officials said 11,466 prisoners have been released this year and that 7,913 were freed during the same period last year. About half of those were released because they had served the entire portion of their sentence required by law.

The prison population hovered at about 94 percent of its legal capacity, soaring to as high as 94.8 percent this spring. If the system reaches 95 percent capacity, state law and court orders require the early release of inmates.

Waste won't threaten Houston water, officials say

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hazardous wastes found on land designated for a water plant will not threaten the project's ability to produce clean drinking water because the substances will be removed before construction begins, officials say.

The cleanup, estimated to cost bet-

ween \$1 million and \$2 million, will be completed before work begins on the \$73 million initial segment of the Southeast Water Purification Plant, said city Public Works Director Jon Vanden Bosch.

No treatment systems or buildings and just one enclosed water line will be in the areas where wastes were found, he said. Some of the industrial wastes discovered were hazardous,

others were not, according to Vanden Bosch.

An engineering consulting firm making soil tests for design work on the water plant discovered the wastes in February.

The wastes were scattered over less than five acres of the 392-acre site north of Ellington Field. They were found on two tracts purchased separately in 1983 and 1984 from two

industrial waste haulers, Vanden Bosch said.

The worst contamination is in an area about 100 square feet where chlorinated cleaning solvents, apparently dumped, have soaked about 4 feet into the ground, Vanden Bosch said.

The Texas Water Commission has tentatively approved a cleanup plan submitted by the city May 15, he said.

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Senate tax reform plan has far-reaching impact

Bill would reduce top rate to lowest in 50 years

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WASHINGTON — The tax revision plan approved by the Senate Finance Committee would have a far-reaching impact on the everyday financial affairs of individuals, from the way people save for retirement and their children's college education to the amount they borrow to finance a car.

For individuals, the implications of the tax plan stretch far beyond the average 6.2 percent tax cut they are projected to receive.

The reduction in the top individual tax rate from 50 percent to 27 percent — its lowest level in more than half a century — and the elimination of dozens of tax benefits would reduce the role taxes play in the daily financial decisions of Americans. In addition, it would remove some of the layers of complexity from the tax code that long has frustrated millions of taxpayers.

"There's a lot of cleaning up of the tax code in the committee plan," said Joseph Perchman, a tax policy expert and a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "It will be a simpler system for most individuals."

The Senate Finance Committee plan would provide just two rate brackets of 15 and 27 percent. About 80 percent of taxpayers would be subject to the 15 percent rate. The committee estimates that a typical family of four with income of more than \$42,000 would move into the 27 percent bracket.

The number of taxpayers who itemize deductions would drop to 25 to 30 percent under the Finance Committee's plan, from 38 percent now, according to the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation.

Individuals also would find that the proposed changes would sharply alter the investment landscape and would drastically reduce the opportunities to shelter income from taxes.

For example, if the committee plan were enacted as is, the advantages of the immensely popular Individual Retirement Account would be sharply curtailed for most taxpayers. Tax shelter investments in ventures ranging from commercial office buildings to railroad boxcars would also be dealt a crippling blow.

Tax-exempt municipal bonds no longer would be as appealing under a system of lower overall tax rates, while interest earned on bank accounts, money market funds, bonds and other fixed income investments would be more lightly taxed.

Meanwhile, the after-tax return of such investments as stocks, gold, silver, art and rare stamps would be reduced by the proposed elimination of capital gains tax treatment. Such gains would be taxed like wages at rates of up to 27 percent, instead of the maximum 20 percent rate now.

The real cost of financing a home would increase for both existing and new owners. Although the deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes on first and se-

cond homes would be fully retained, the tax savings would be reduced because of the lower rates. For example, a house with mortgage and tax payments amounting to \$1,000 a month now effectively costs a couple in the present 50 percent tax bracket \$500 a month out of pocket — the other \$500 is tax savings. But in the 27 percent bracket, the after-tax carrying would be \$730 — or \$230 more.

The cost of financing everything from cars to a child's college education also would become more expensive. Except for home mortgages, interest expenses would be deductible only to the extent that the taxpayer has income from investments, such as stock dividends. For example, if an individual earned \$1,000 in interest income from a bank account and paid \$5,000 in credit card finance charges and interest on college and car loans, only \$1,000 of the interest could be deducted.

On average, most individuals would pay lower taxes under the plan, with the biggest reduction going to the poorest Americans. About six million low-income families are expected to be taken off the tax rolls as a result of the sharp increase in the personal exemption, standard deduction and earned income credit. By the committee's estimates, a family of four could earn up to \$13,000 without owing any federal income tax.

In other income groups, according to congressional estimates, the average tax cuts would amount to 8 percent for those earning \$20,000 to \$30,000; 5 percent for those in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 income class, and 6.5 percent for people in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 group. In the upper-income groups, the tax cut would range from 3.7 percent for those earning between \$50,000 and \$75,000 to 4.7 percent for families with income above \$200,000.

By contrast, the tax plan passed by the House of Representatives would provide a tax cut averaging about 9 percent for individuals.

Although the tax rates in the House plan run up to 38 percent, the tax cuts under the Senate committee's plan are smaller because more tax benefits are curtailed. The Senate version would repeal the deduction for state and local sales taxes, the charitable deduction for people who do not itemize and miscellaneous itemized deductions such as union dues. It would allow a medical deduction only for expenses that exceeded 10 percent of adjusted gross income, instead of 5 percent now.

In addition, the plan would also eliminate the \$2,000 deduction for Individual Retirement Account contributions made by taxpayers who are covered by other pension plans.

By one industry estimate, only about 8 million of the 28 million households with IRA's would still be eligible to claim an IRA deduction.

For those covered by a private pension plan, the only remaining tax advantage of an IRA would be that interest earned on past and future contributions would not be subject to tax until withdrawal.

How the proposals compare to current law

	Current law for 1986	House bill	Senate Finance Committee bill
Individual Tax Rates	14 rate brackets from 11% to 50%	Four rate brackets: 15%, 25%, 35%, 35%	Two rate brackets: 15%, 27%
Exemptions Self, spouse, dependents	\$1,080	\$1,500 for those who itemize deductions; \$2,000 for non-itemizers	For all but wealthiest taxpayers, \$1,900 in 1987 and \$2,000 in 1988
Standard Deductions Single returns Joint returns Heads of households	\$2,480 \$3,670 \$2,480	\$2,950 \$4,800 \$4,200	\$3,000 \$5,000 \$4,400
Indexing for Inflation Adjusting tax-rate brackets, personal exemptions and standard deductions for inflation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Personal Deductions Mortgage interest Other personal interest Medical expenses Charitable contributions State and local income taxes Other state and local taxes Two-earner deduction Miscellaneous itemized deductions (such as union dues)	Fully deductible Deductible Deductible above 5% of adjusted gross income Deductible Deductible Deductible Yes Deductible	Deductible for first and second homes Limited to \$20,000 over investment income Deductible above 5% of adjusted gross income Fully deductible for itemizers; non-itemizers allowed deduction for contributions over \$100 Deductible Deductible No Lumped together with employee business expenses and deductible only above 1% of adjusted gross income	Deductible for first and second homes Deductible only up to the amount of investment income Deductible above 10% of adjusted gross income Deductible only for itemizers Property taxes deductible, but sales taxes not deductible No Repealed
Other Individual Items Earned income credit Child care credit Unemployment compensation Workers' compensation Entertainment expenses Business meals and travel expenses Income shifting to children through trusts	Yes Yes Taxed if adjusted gross income more than \$12,000 (\$18,000 if married) Not taxed Deductible Deductible Permitted	Increased and indexed Yes Taxed Not taxed 80% deductible 80% limit on business meals; no limit on business travel expenses Curtailed	Increased Yes Taxed Not taxed 80% deductible 80% limit on business meals; no limit on business travel expenses Curtailed
Retirement Individual Retirement Accounts Corporate pensions 401(K) plans Social Security	\$2,000 tax-deferred contribution permitted each year Tax deferred Annual tax-deferred contribution up to \$30,000 Generally not taxed	\$2,000 tax-deferred contribution permitted each year; contribution must be reduced by amount of 401(K) contribution Tax deferred Annual tax-deferred contribution limited to \$7,000 Generally not taxed	Deduction repealed for individuals covered by other pension plans; however, income earned in account from existing and future contributions will continue to be tax-deferred Tax deferred Annual tax-deferred contribution limited to \$5,000 Generally not taxed
Fringe Benefits Health insurance Group life and legal insurance	Excluded from taxable income Excluded from taxable income	Excluded from taxable income Excluded from taxable income	Excluded from taxable income Excluded from taxable income
Capital and Business Taxes Corporate tax rates Dividend relief Depreciation Investment Tax Credit Capital gains Interest income/expense	Graduated up to 46% \$100/\$200 exclusion Accelerated Cost Recovery System, allowing fast write-offs 8% to 10% 60% excluded from taxation Fully taxable/deductible	Graduated up to 36% Exclusion repealed, 10% dividend-paid deduction Partly indexed with investment incentives Repealed 42% excluded from taxation for individuals Fully taxable/deductible	Graduated up to 33% Exclusion repealed Accelerated Cost Recovery System, with faster write-offs except for real estate Repealed Taxed as ordinary income for corporations Fully taxable/deductible

Source: House of Representatives, Senate Finance Committee

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Schedule could make teachers more available

The new four-day work week could prove to be beneficial to Texas Tech students, according to Len Ainsworth, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Faculty and department office hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

"Since offices will be open earlier in the day and later in the evening, it might be easier for students to get hold of faculty members," Ainsworth said.

"The four-day week allows time for more individual study and preparation. Students will have more time on weekends to enjoy various activities. There have been a few fish caught in Buffalo Lake."

Ainsworth said the only major problem about the short week is the fact that long assignments — term papers and research projects — will ascend upon students faster than during the normal summer term.

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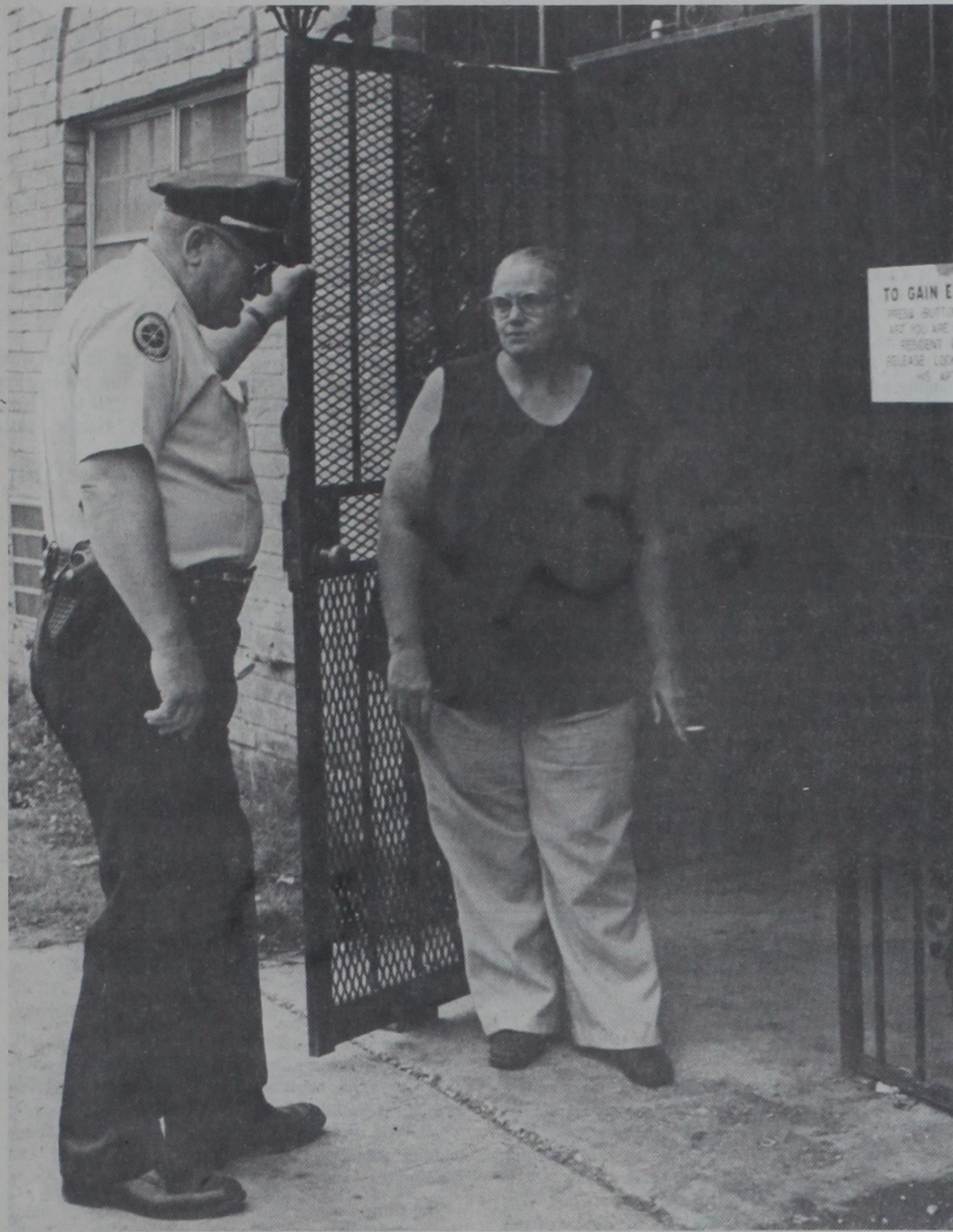
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Foot patrolmen develop rapport with residents



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Lubbock foot patrol officer V.E. "Patt" Patterson shares a moment with Overton resident

Betty Vasek. Patterson said a rapport with residents helps him do his job.

Prostitutes, burglars and other criminals have plagued the Overton area for years, and residents say they have had enough.

A group of residents called for more police protection, and the Lubbock Police Department answered the call by assigning five foot patrol officers to the area.

The foot patrols, which began June 1, were sanctioned by the city council in response to an outcry by Overton residents requesting that the city take more responsibility for bringing down the crime rate in the area. The neighborhood, characterized by low-rent housing, is comprised mainly of Tech students, minorities and senior citizens.

Police officers who patrol the neighborhood, which encompasses a square mile between Fourth Street, University Avenue, 19th Street and Avenue Q, cite overcrowding as a major factor in the high amount of criminal activity in the area.

"We're increasing patrols in that area of the city that has more problems," said Col. Ray Huffman.

"The crime rate is higher there because there is a larger concentration of people," he said. "We feel like foot patrol is a more adequate response to the problem."

Two officers have begun patrolling the Overton area during the day and two officers patrol at night since the foot patrol detail began. V.E. "Patt" Patterson and Cpl. Jerry Bourmes patrol separately from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Officers Marsh Blackmore and Travis Sanders patrol together between 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. Cpl. John Tucker, a K-9 officer, will patrol during the other officers' days off.

Patterson, or simply "Officer Patt," as he is known on his beat, says foot patrol is the best way to fight street crime in a heavily populated area such as Overton.

"When you get a high population concentration, it seems walking does the best job of policing," he said.

"The primary reason is that the people get to know you personally and they help you take care of your job. One man walking can do the work of 20 in a car because the residents and merchants help.

"The unlawful element learns that every eye that sees you and every ear that hears you might tell the law what you did."

Merchants who have become familiar with Patterson during his patrols near University Avenue support the idea of foot patrol, and in some instances they have helped apprehend criminals.

One merchant apprehended a man who had been trespassing repeatedly and called for Patterson. Subsequent investigation showed that the man was wanted in connection with several thefts on the Tech campus.

"All I had to do was place him under arrest," Patterson said. "I just picked him up and took him to jail."

"They sat him down and held him until I got there. He might as well have just walked into the police station."

Familiarity, communication and cooperation between residents and the police are key elements in curbing the crime rate, Patterson said.

Story by Craig Elliott
Photo by Candy Mathers

"If you don't know the people, they won't help you," he said. "There should be an iron-clad connection between the officer and his constituents."

"If you can't call the officer who walks your beat by his first name, you don't have one."

Rene Acosta, manager of University Blood/Plasma, said, "Just the presence of an officer like Patt keeps things a lot quieter. He knows who should be where and what they should be doing."

Other merchants along Patterson's beat agreed that visibility and access is important in preventing crime.

"The visual effect of a foot patrolman is a strong deterrent to crime," said Rose Marie VanScoy, manager of University Plaza, an off-campus residence hall. "I think it's a great deterrent because the response is immediate if we request assistance for anything."

"It helps because people see him and hear him talking with us on a first-name basis," said Sarah Gragson of Color Me Tan. "They know he's around a lot."

Deeper into Overton, where foot patrols have just begun, the mood in the streets and alleys is more tentative. People walking on the streets spot an officer and walk the other way.

One small girl in an alley near Ninth Avenue and Avenue V saw Patterson's uniform and quickly walked away as she looked over her shoulder.

"It's sad when that happens," Patterson said of the young girl's reaction. "They shouldn't be afraid of the police, but it shows that something needs to be done."

Despite the wary mood of some of the residents, others expressed their appreciation during Patterson's frequent conversations with people on the street.

"I'm glad to see you around here," one woman said. "I don't have to be terrified to come out of the house now."

Patterson predicted that once residents in central Overton become familiar with the patrolmen, crime will decrease in the area.

"It's a matter of getting on a personal basis with the citizens," he said. "When a person knows the officer personally, he's more cooperative and doesn't mind helping or asking for help."

"You have to establish a grapevine. As soon as you get your grapevine planted and growing good, the beat calms right down. I expect the problems to iron out in a hurry because we've got enough men on it to clean it up."

Some residents say they already have noticed a difference in the northern area of Overton, where prostitutes have become common, although Patterson has patrolled the area for only about three weeks. The additional foot patrol officers began walking their beats Sunday.

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Celtics wouldn't mind winning series at Summit

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Boston Celtics said Wednesday that winning the NBA title at the Houston Summit would be just as good, if not better, than winning it at Boston Garden.

"Even though we think it would take an All-Star team to beat us in Boston, it's a great feeling winning on the opposing team's home court," Celtics forward Larry Bird said. "On the road, all the fans are against you, and it's satisfying to win that way."

The Celtics, leading the best-of-7 championship series 3-1, can capture their 16th NBA title tonight with another victory over the Rockets at the Summit. A Houston win would

send the series back to Boston for Game 6 and, if necessary, a seventh game.

"Last year, Los Angeles won on our court and we just sat there stunned," said Bird, who hit a decisive three-point basket with 2:26 left that lifted the Celtics to a 106-103 victory in Tuesday night's fourth game. "We couldn't believe that anyone could do that to us in Boston Garden."

Kevin McHale, who scored 19 points on Tuesday, said he would prefer winning in Houston to clinching the series in Boston.

"If you can win on the road, you can do things as a team to celebrate," McHale said. "At home, you just want to get out of the Garden alive."

"I don't think anyone on the Celtics



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the series in front of home fans is overshadowed by a desire to start having some time off.

"I'm ready to go on vacation," Parish said. "We can see the light, but it won't be an easy job. Not many teams have beaten Houston in its own building."

McHale said that a team that is behind 3-1 in the championship series might find it doubly hard to come back, possibly because more national attention is focused on the finals.

"Teams that are down have the danger of losing the team concept," McHale said. "A guy with eight points might take some shots he wouldn't ordinarily take because he's afraid that if he doesn't score 20, he'll get blamed for the loss."

will have the attitude that if we lose Thursday, it's OK. We want to take care of business and the business at hand is winning the championship. We want to play the fifth game like it's 2-2."

"We want to win as quickly as possible," Boston guard Dennis

Johnson said. "I know the fans want to be a part of it, but it's only nine or 10 hours until we get to go home and see the fans."

"Wherever we get the win is good enough for me," Boston Coach K.C. Jones said. "The Rockets are not going to lay down. They're not going to

quit. This series is not over. We have to have the same intensity because we know they will be more intense. We have to match that because we want to win it here."

Celtics center Robert Parish said the NBA season is so long that any desire a player might have had to win

Police bolster security forces after riots rock World Cup

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Fears that future celebrations over victories by Mexico in the World Cup soccer tournament could cause rioting have forced police to reinforce security after the festivities turned violent early Wednesday morning.

Mexico beat Belgium 2-1 in its debut in the 1986 world championships on Tuesday. The victory was followed by partying in the streets throughout the capital city as an

estimated 100,000 people danced, sang, waved flags and chanted "Me-xi-co, Me-xi-co." Not even a steady rain could dampen the celebrations.

But then they turned violent.

About 200 people were injured and 50 of them hospitalized after things got rowdy in the early morning hours, said a spokesman for the city police department, who asked not to be identified. There were no deaths reported.

Unseeded Swede upsets Becker in Open

By The Associated Press

PARIS — Unseeded Mikael Pernfors of Sweden, a two-time NCAA tennis champion at Georgia, continued his amazing run through the French Open tennis championships Wednesday, upsetting third-seeded Boris Becker to move into the semifinals.

Pernfors dominated the 18-year-old Wimbledon champion 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 to set up a match with No. 8 seed Henri Leconte of France.

Leconte, also playing at the top of

his game, crushed Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 and received a standing ovation from the delighted crowd of Frenchmen.

Pernfors and Leconte will meet in one men's semifinal on Friday, with the other pitting top-seeded Ivan Lendl of France against Johan Kriek, who is attempting to become the first American since 1955 to capture the world's most prestigious clay court tournament.

The women's semifinals today will send top-ranked Martina Navratilova against No. 6 Helena Sukova of

Czechoslovakia, while defending champion and No. 2 seed Chris Evert Lloyd will meet No. 5 Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia.

The women's final will be played on Saturday and the men's title match on Sunday.

Pernfors was given no chance of reaching the semifinals when this two-week tournament began. Then, in the second round, he stunned No. 5 Stefan Edberg of Sweden. In the fourth round, he ousted No. 11 Martin Jaite of Argentina.

But Becker, the redhaired West

German "wunderkind" whose booming serve carried him to the Wimbledon title last year, began Wednesday's match as if it would be a quick three-set victory.

"I started perfectly," he said. "I couldn't miss a ball for 20 minutes."

The match, though, took 2¼ hours to complete, and after that first set, it was Pernfors, not Becker, who stamped his personality on the outcome.

"In the second set, I should have made the (service) break at 2-2, love-40," Becker said.

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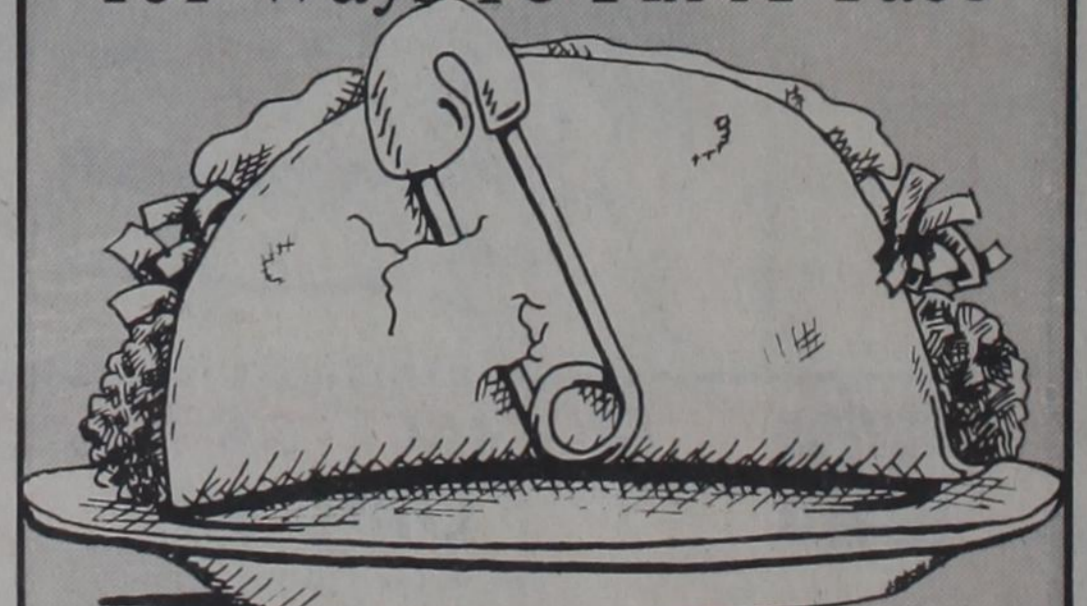


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