

S&L bailout may take more than \$50 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$50 billion savings and loan bailout signed by President Bush this month probably isn't large enough, federal regulators are indicating after a look at new figures on the industry's health. The nation's 2,934 S&Ls lost \$3.7 billion in the April-June quarter, up from \$3.5 billion in

the first three months of the year, the Office of Thrift Supervision said Tuesday. It was the biggest loss since the record \$4.1 billion loss in the second quarter of 1988. The latest discouraging report came just two weeks after President Bush signed legislation authorizing \$50 billion to close or sell failed institutions over the

next 26 months. During the six months leading up to the bill's approval, administration officials repeatedly said they believed \$50 billion would be adequate, although they couldn't guarantee it. Now, regulators' statements indicate that private analysts probably are right in predicting the administration will have to come back to Congress for more money. David C. Cooke, executive director of the Resolution Trust Corp., the new agency charged

with the cleanup, said Tuesday the \$50 billion won't cover much more than 500 failed S&Ls. The agency now has 264 insolvent S&Ls in its control after closing seven this month. "If it gets up to 500, it will probably be awfully tight. I can tell you that," Cooke told reporters at a luncheon. "Our best hope is ... (it will be) a little more than 400." Meanwhile, James R. Barth, chief economist of the Office of Thrift Supervision, which regulates the industry, said at a

news conference that he expects "upwards of 600" failed S&Ls will eventually be transferred from his jurisdiction to Cooke's agency. Barth said 401 institutions already were insolvent at the end of June, up from 394 three months earlier. He estimated another 1,200 S&Ls don't meet stricter standards in the bill requiring institutions to have more capital as a buffer between losses and the S&L insurance fund. Many of (see BAILOUT, page 9)

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Ask Us

Q—What is the present address of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in New York City?

A—The address of the main office is YWCA, 726 Broadway, 5th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10002-4311

Local

Cancelled

The Eastridge Drive Neighborhood Watch, scheduled Thursday, has been cancelled. The next meeting will be Sept. 21.

Union Center

Evangelist Martin Stephens and wife Eileen will speak at Union Community Center on Friday, Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the service.

Registration

Ira ISD will register all 6th-12th graders new to the district on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 24-25. New students are encouraged to register on one of those days. All other students will register on Monday, Aug. 28, which is the first day of the fall term.

Hermleigh ISD

Hermleigh ISD will hold its annual budget hearing on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

The school also will host a get acquainted reception at 7:30 p.m. on the football field Thursday. This will be immediately following the practice sessions of the football and drill teams.

Johnson fund

The Golden K Kiwanis Club has established an account at West Texas State Bank to help defray medical costs for Olin Johnson.

Johnson, 87, was involved in an accident on the north side of the square recently and is in the intensive care unit at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Awareness

The Scurry County Council on Alcoholism extends an invitation to a public awareness meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Charter Plains Outreach Center at 4200 College Ave.

The forum will consist of a number of speakers from the Scurry County area who will present the needs of their various groups.

For additional information, contact Belva LaRoux at 573-1141.

Fluvanna vols

The Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department will stage an ice cream supper and bake sale on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. in the community center.

A live band will perform. Everyone is welcome.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 96 degrees; low, 69 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 69 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989, 9.42 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of mainly evening thunderstorms. Low in the upper 60s. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of mainly afternoon thunderstorms. High in the mid 90s. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

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Local man testifies in own defense

A 40-year-old Snyder man testified in his own defense Wednesday that he was provoked to strike a city policeman during the early morning hours of last May 20 because officers were handling his son too roughly during a public intoxication arrest.

On trial for aggravated assault on a policeman, Catarino R. "Cat" Guerrero of 2700 Ave. J told a nine-woman, three-man jury in 132nd District Court that he had gone outside about 1 a.m. with a two-by-four board because a neighborhood man was chasing his son, Jimmy, with a club.

Guerrero said he was walking his son, who lived on the same block, home when police arrived and his son started running. Jimmy L. Guerrero, on five years' probation for a June 16, 1986, burglary of a building, was caught by officers in an alley off the 2900 Block of Ave. I, his father said.

Accused of hitting officer Chip Mitchell in the head with his fist, the defendant said the incident developed because he was hit in the head with a flashlight as he attempted to get officers to quit pushing his son's face into the ground.

Jimmy Guerrero's probation was subsequently revoked and he was sent to the Texas Department of Corrections to serve a five-year sentence because of the PI arrest that night and because he had slapped a woman on April 8, had stolen a toolbox from a Snyder man on Nov. 23, 1988, and had "scuffled" with police Sgt. Kevin Fritz during a June 24, 1988, incident, according to court records.

Catarino Guerrero, an employee of Jack's Roadboring & Pipeline Construction, testified during the second day of his trial after Mitchell and other officers testified Tuesday.

Officers were expected to testify in rebuttal following Guerrero's testimony Wednesday.

Aggravated assault on a police officer is a third-degree felony, which carries a punishment of two or 10 years' imprisonment.

The case is being prosecuted by District Attorney Ernie B. Armstrong and his assistant, Dana Cooley. Guerrero is being defended by attorney Pat Barber of Colorado City.

Booths now being reserved for county fair, flea market

Booths are now being reserved for the Scurry County Fair and Flea Market, scheduled Sept. 21-23 at Scurry County Coliseum.

Reservations may be made through the chamber of commerce on a space-available basis. Rental fees for commercial exhibits and booths must be paid for when reservations are made.

Booth space inside the coliseum is available in three sizes. Single booths, eight foot by eight foot, are \$75; double booths, 8 x 16 are \$150; and triple booths, 8 x 24, are \$225. These commercial booths will be allowed to sell non-food products. No used clothing items may be sold.

Also available inside the coliseum will be commercial booths for display only and booths for non-profit organizations in Scurry County.

Booths for non-profit organizations will be allowed to sell and deliver non-edible products. Rates are \$40 for a single booth,



FROM THE SOUTHERN REGION — TDC Southern Region Director Mike Moore, front, was accompanied to Snyder this week by staff members, from left in back, Larry Johns, Margo Green, Mary Ann Murphy, Wes Mayo and Doyle Thompson. (SDN Staff Photo)

West Texas background considered in selection of Daniel unit inmates

Texas Department of Corrections regional director Mike Moore of Angleton and his five-member staff have recently been choosing inmates from among the almost 40,000 in the TDC system for the Price Daniel Unit, working here Monday and Tuesday as two more busloads and another 100 inmates arrived.

The main criterion has been a West Texas background, primarily to allow relatives better access, they said, although numerous other factors are being considered, including their qualifications to serve time in a minimum or medium-security unit.

Margo Green, director of

classification and treatment for the 12 units in Moore's Southern Region, said the inmates' "best interest is considered at all times," with some West Texas

Hijackers arrested

PARIS (AP) — An Air France plane with 115 people aboard was commandeered today after it took off from Paris, but the hijackers were arrested shortly after the plane landed in Algeria, the airline said.

An Air France spokeswoman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the hijacking ended at 3:25 p.m. (10:25 a.m. EDT), barely an hour after the plane landed in Algiers. She said the 102 passengers and 13

members of the crew were unharmed. The official Algerian news agency, APS, quoted an unidentified source as saying the hijacker or hijackers had demanded that an international conference on the war in Lebanon be convened.

The Air France spokeswoman said she could not confirm the reported demand, specify the number of hijackers or give details of how the hijacking was ended.

The trade to be offered here is furniture-making.

Others who accompanied Moore to Snyder were Larry Johns, who works in security, operations and transportation; Doyle Thompson, who supervises the disposition of grievances and complaints; Mary Ann Murphy, Moore's administrative assistant; and Wes Mayo, who works in the area of compliance with federal court orders.

With another two TDC transfer buses scheduled to arrive Wednesday, the inmate population was expected to reach 305, almost a third of the final total of 950.

Moore said a diagnostic center will probably not be established at the maximum-security unit being constructed at Amarillo (see INMATES, page 9)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Men often behave like men—strong and childish."

Work on the prison project, highway proposals and the legislature has required numerous trips to Austin during the past few years.

You can always recognize delegations from West Texas. At least half of 'em wear cowboy hats and all of 'em jaywalk.

We first noticed it on a trip with M.L. Duke, Jack Smartt and Miller Robinson. Even the presence of a preacher didn't stop the law breaking. Miller said it was a clear case of the color-blind leading the color-blind.

When the commissioners court appeared before the highway commission, we again noticed total disregard for the heavy Austin traffic.

Commissioner Duaine Davis had an explanation. "We're all from the country." Davis is from Ennis Creek, C. D. Gray is from Ira, Ted Billingsley is from Dunn and Tommy Pate claims Union.

We learned there are certain advantages to being from the country, and Davis further explained that's the reason that county commissioners

wear those white, western hats.

He said the Austin city-slickers immediately recognize somebody from the country if they wear a western hat. "The drivers watch out for you, even if you jaywalk."

When Jack Smartt learns about this, he starts making all the garage sales to look for a hat.

We're told that Austin police cheerfully issue tickets for jaywalking, but they're not as diligent as the police in Milwaukee.

Last year, Milwaukee police gave more than 3,000 citations for jaywalkers and the fine is \$37. Locals get a ticket and a frown, but out-of-towners are hauled in and must post a bond.

They mean business in Milwaukee. Frisking is not unusual. One man was made to spread-eagle, was searched and taken to the station in a paddy wagon with the siren screaming. One woman complains that she was strip-searched by a police matron after she was nabbed for crossing against a light.

That's serious. We just hope Scurry County folks never have to do business in Milwaukee.

Sea turtles...

Conservationists will appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservationists who fear thousands of endangered sea turtles will drown in shrimpers' nets unless the Gulf Coast fishermen are required to use turtle excluder devices are taking their case to a federal appeals court.

A U.S. District Court judge on Tuesday denied the National Wildlife Federation's request that shrimpers be required to use the devices, known as TEDs. Wildlife Federation attorney Robert Irvin said he would appeal the decision by U.S. District Court Judge Stanley Harris to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

"We are disappointed," Irvin said. "We're confident we're right on the facts and the law and that's why we're going to the Court of Appeals."

Five conservation groups, meanwhile, filed suit Monday against Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher, alleging his actions on behalf of shrimpers have virtually assured the drowning of thousands of threatened and endangered sea turtles.

The lawsuit claims Mosbacher acted unlawfully when he suspended regulations that require shrimpers to use TEDs, which prevent sea turtles from becoming ensnared in their nets and drowning.

The lawsuit also seeks to force Mosbacher to resume enforcement of the suspended regulations on TEDs.

Mosbacher suspended TED regulations after shrimpers, angry about having to use devices they claim reduce their catch by as much as one-third, blockaded shipping channels along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Under a court order to protect endangered sea turtles in a separate lawsuit by the Wildlife Federation, Mosbacher then ordered shrimpers who don't use TEDs to limit their trawling times to 105 minutes at prescribed intervals.

Michael J. Bean, an attorney for the Environmental Defense

Fund, said there has been "no sign" that Gulf Coast shrimpers are complying with the limited trawl times.

Although Mosbacher was led to believe shrimpers would comply with the restricted tow times by their organizations and congressmen, "all the evidence available suggests the secretary was tricked. They (shrimpers) don't want the federal government telling them they have an obligation to protect sea turtles," Bean said.

Commerce spokesman Brian Gorman said the agency is

waiting "for the courts to make a judgment about the appropriateness of our course of action" but declined to comment further because the matter is in litigation.

The Coast Guard, which enforces the regulations, has found an increased willingness to comply, said Lt. Pat Philbin, a spokesman in the agency's New Orleans office.

"We have not seen a dramatic improvement in compliance, but we are seeing a shift," Philbin said. "At the beginning, we were seeing absolutely no compliance with the regulations. Now we're starting to see the shrimpers pulling their nets out of the water, at least during the prohibited trawl periods."

But of the 58 vessels boarded by the Coast Guard since the interim regulations took effect Aug. 8, 57 were found in violation of the law, Philbin said Tuesday.

According to the lawsuit, Mosbacher's decision suspending the TEDs regulations "and replacing them with ineffective, inadequate interim regulations is causing irreparable harm to plaintiffs and their members by depriving them of the opportunity to study, observe, photograph and otherwise use and enjoy living sea turtles on their nesting beaches and in coastal waters."

Dear Abby



Any Child's Birth Deserves Our Love and Best Wishes

By Abigail Van Buren

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Abby is off on a two-week vacation, but she left behind some of her favorite letters taken from her best-selling book, "The Best of Dear Abby.")

DEAR ABBY: Please tell me what to do when a friend has had an abnormal child (a Mongoloid).

I certainly can't send a card or gift of "congratulations" to someone who has had such a tragedy. Would a message of "sympathy" be more in order? Or should something like this be acknowledged at all?

OKLAHOMAN

DEAR OKLAHOMAN: A child, normal or otherwise, is a child to his mother. Don't differentiate. Send a little gift with your love and best wishes.

DEAR ABBY: You once said, "There are no cold women — only clumsy men." How right you were.

I am a man in my middle 50s. I'm short, balding and slightly overweight, but I have been with plenty of women, and I have yet to find one that's frigid.

I am not saying this to brag, but once I make love to a woman I can't get rid of her. A woman needs to hear that she's desirable, lovable and terrific. It's not so much what I do, it's what I say. A woman needs to hear that she's needed, wanted and loved. If a woman is "frigid," it's because the man is selfish, impatient and doesn't know how to turn her on.

DOING ALL RIGHT

DEAR DOING: You are living proof of what I have long contended. Words are a powerful aphrodisiac. If a woman hears the right things from her lover, he's got it (and her) made.

DEAR ABBY: My husband hates to spend money! I cut my own hair and make my own clothes, and I have to account for every nickel I spend. Meanwhile he has a stack of savings bonds put away that would choke a cow. How do I get some money out of him before we are both called to our final judgment? He says

he's saving for a rainy day. FORTY YEARS HITCHED

DEAR HITCHED: Tell him it's raining!

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a terminal illness. The doctor said they don't know how long he'll last. Would it be proper for me to wear a large black picture hat with a wide brim and a black sheer veil over it for his funeral? My friend says veils are worn only with small hats, but I am a large woman and don't look good in small hats. Also, could I wear a black tailored gabardine suit with a green and blue flowered blouse? Or must I wear all black? If I wear all black, would it be all right to wear one large piece of costume jewelry? And if I wore black hose and black gloves, would people think I was overdoing it?

PREPARING AHEAD

DEAR PREPARING: Don't go overboard on getting an outfit together — he might live!

DEAR ABBY: I wanted to call up my postmaster and tell him a thing or two because I knew he ate my pension check, but I couldn't find his telephone number in the book. I called information, and that's when I found out he had an unlisted number! That really made me mad, so since I knew where he lived, I drove to his house and told his wife off.

Abby, as a taxpayer, I would like to know why a public servant like a postmaster would have an unlisted telephone number?

TAXPAYER

DEAR TAXPAYER: It is probably to protect him from people who "know" he ate their pension checks.

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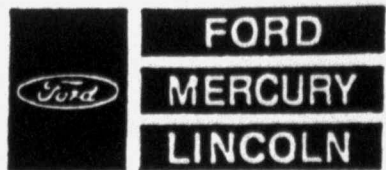
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Joint ventures will not only be found today, they might also contain very unique types of benefits. Work on arrangements that have these types of potential.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Proponents for a cause you favor will rally behind your banner today. You may even gain an ally you'd least expect to go along with your way of thinking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though this is likely to be an enjoyable day in general, it will still have some responsibilities attached. Be sure they aren't overlooked or neglected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your reserve of strong qualities will come into play today in situations where you feel challenged. It is not likely you'll finish in second place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are presently in a profitable, favorable trend where your business interests are concerned. Be constantly on the alert, because opportunities could develop rather suddenly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is a good day to negotiate special agreements or unique types of deals. Arrangements of this nature should work out to the satisfaction of both parties involved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Testy career developments can be turned around to your advantage today if you use your ingenuity and resourcefulness. Be bold and positive instead of timid and negative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Lady Luck tends to favor you today in competitive involvements as well as those that have elements of chance. However, she will expect you to think and act like a winner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If the status quo is not to your liking, you do not have to accept conditions as they are. Take control of your life and begin making changes you feel are more desirable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your greatest asset today is your ability to accurately judge good ideas from bad ones. This enviable skill will be put to use in several instances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It looks like you might be luckier than usual today in financial or commercial areas. If you have a chance to add to your resources, go for it.

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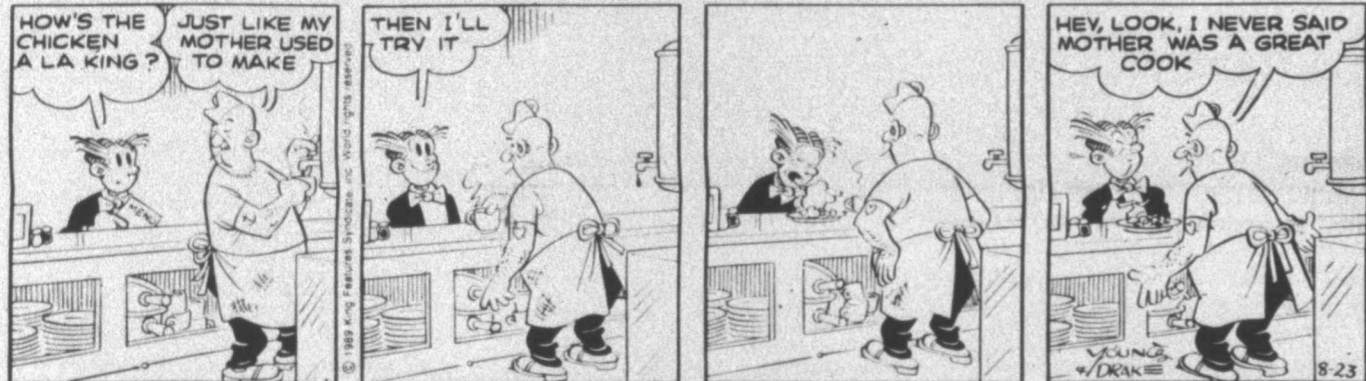
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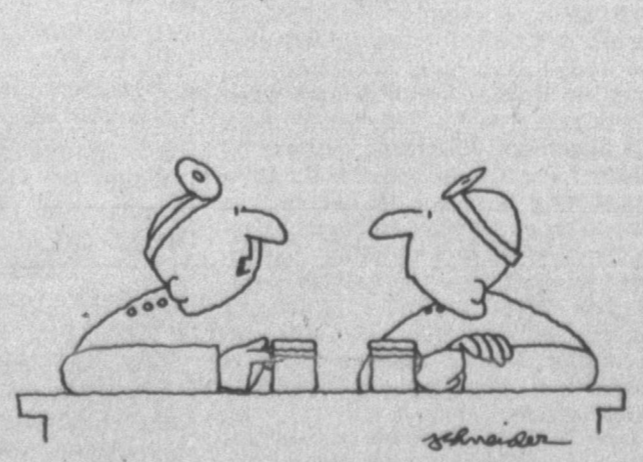
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By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a procedure I can follow to keep wax from forming in my ears? The wax keeps my hearing aid from performing properly, and it's quite annoying.

DEAR READER: The cells of the ear canal produce wax that probably acts to protect the ear from foreign objects, such as insects. Ordinarily, small pieces of wax migrate to the outer portion of the canal and are washed away, thereby avoiding a buildup. A hearing aid, by plugging the ear canal, prevents this. Also, the device tends to push wax deeper into the canal. Eventually, a wax deposit may form; this can interfere with hearing.

Obviously, the wax has to be removed or your loss of hearing will worsen.

Because the wax probably lies deep in the ear canal, it should be professionally removed by either an ear specialist or a family doctor.

To prevent further wax accumulation, I suggest the following:

- Clean your hearing aid regularly and remove the wax that adheres to it.

- Avoid trying to remove ear wax with cotton swabs. The swabs tend to push the wax in deeper inside the ear canal and can accentuate the problem. Also, it's easy to injure the eardrum by introducing objects, even soft swabs, into the ear canal.

- Try using hydrogen peroxide to clean your ears periodically. Empty about a third of a capful of the liquid into the ear canal, wait until it stops fizzing, then wash the residue away. The effervescent peroxide often bubbles wax particles out of the ear.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes ringing in the ears? My specialist tells me to listen to the radio all day, and I don't feel this is much of a solution.

DEAR READER: Ringing in the ears (tinnitus) has many causes, including nerve damage (from chronic exposure to loud sounds), infection, circulatory problems, tumors and wax deposits. Many people develop tinnitus for no apparent reason as they age. Unless the cause of tinnitus is identified and treated, patients may have to "learn to live with" the condition.

Before relegating you to that category, however, I think you should have an ear evaluation by a specialist. This may include a hearing test (audiogram) to make sure that the acoustic nerves are functioning properly. For example, tinnitus from nerve damage is often associated with difficulty hearing certain sound frequencies. This can be an important consideration in the diagnosis, because it is an untreatable condition.

Most people with tinnitus become accustomed to the high-pitched ringing or hissing in the ears; they learn to disregard it. On occasion, masking noise, such as a radio, may be distracting enough to lessen the annoyance. However, I would not recommend this until potentially treatable causes of tinnitus are ruled out.

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D. Vreeland said dead of heart attack

NEW YORK (AP) — Diana Vreeland, a flamboyant trendsetter on both sides of the Atlantic, lived with drama and imagination at the place where fashion, art and publishing meet.

Vreeland was in her 80s when she died of a heart attack Tuesday.

"The only real elegance is in the mind," Vreeland once said. "If you've got that, the rest really follows from it."

Her originality helped launch the careers of designer Oscar de la Renta and model Lauren Hutton, among other people and trends.

"She was and remains the only genius fashion editor," photographer Richard Avedon said.

Vreeland was fashion editor of Harper's Bazaar magazine from 1939-62. She joined Vogue in 1962 and presided over the fashion world there as editor in chief until 1971.

In the turbulent 60s, the industry watched her every move and repeated her legendary witticisms, such as, "The bikini is the most important thing since the atom bomb."

After running a lingerie shop in London for a few years, Vreeland moved to New York in 1936 and began writing her "Why Don't You..." column for Harper's Bazaar, in which she posed questions to Depression-era America such as, "Why don't you put all your dogs in bright yellow collars and leads like all the dogs in Paris?"

Woman says...

Killing husband was self-preservation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Proclaiming she no longer feels guilty about shooting her husband to death, 62-year-old Marianne Biesenbach says she is content with the 10 years' probated sentence she received for the killing.

"There's still a spot in my heart that wanted to hear a judge pound a gavel and say, 'Not guilty,'" Ms. Biesenbach said Tuesday. "It just wasn't worth it, to

be a Joan of Arc for a cause."

But she is still working on behalf of battered women's rights, and Ms. Biesenbach said if her case had gone to trial, "an army" of others who have been in similar abusive situations would have accompanied her to court.

A state district judge in San Antonio on Monday ordered Ms. Biesenbach to serve 10 years' probation after she pleaded no contest to involuntary

manslaughter.

Her prominent defense attorney, Richard "Racehorse" Haynes, a friend from high school, negotiated the plea.

State District Judge Pat Priest accepted Haynes' request that Ms. Biesenbach receive deferred adjudication, meaning if probation requirements are met, there will be no record of guilt.

Ms. Biesenbach initially faced a murder complaint in the death

of her second husband, 59-year-old Max Biesenbach. As the couple drove home from dinner on March 5, 1988, her husband threatened to slice her throat from ear to ear with a butcher knife, she said.

Ms. Biesenbach said she had hidden a .357-caliber Magnum revolver in their van, where she had been sleeping occasionally to escape his rage. She said she used that gun to shoot him. He was

wounded three times in the chest. Haynes said a trial could have lasted two weeks and would have been expensive and thrust Ms. Biesenbach into the public eye.

In a telephone interview from her Kerrville home, Ms. Biesenbach's voice cracked with emotion as she described the 12 years of marriage to her second husband that led to a ruptured eardrum, a separated shoulder and a broken leg.

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