

Bradley, last five-star general, dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Gen. Omar Bradley, the last of the nation's great World War II commanders and the last of its five-star generals, has died at the age of 88.

Bradley, a lanky, bespectacled Missourian who commanded U.S. invasion forces on D-Day at Normandy and was the first to chair the Joint Chiefs of Staff, suffered a heart attack Wednesday while attending a dinner at the 21 Club here and was pronounced dead shortly afterward at a hospital.

During his 69 years of active duty, the longest service of anyone in U.S. history, he commanded the largest force in U.S. history — 1.3 million men in World War II — and never lost a fight.

But, he once told a congressional committee, "as far as I am concerned, war itself is immoral."

Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. called Bradley "a great patriot, a peerless military leader and an individual dedicated to the cause of peace in the world."

"With his passing, the army and our nation have lost one of the most devoted and selfless men to ever wear the military uniform," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. E.C. Meyer.

The Pentagon said Bradley would be buried in Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington, D.C.

Bradley, who had come to New York from his Fort Bliss, Texas, home for the dinner of the local chapter of the Association of the United

States Army, collapsed in an elevator of the 21 Club, said Bruce Snyder, a club official. Accompanied by his wife, Kitty, and three aides, he was rushed in a private car to the emergency room of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, where doctors tried

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for 20 minutes to revive him. He was pronounced dead at 7:35 p.m.

A hospital spokesman said doctors listed the cause of death as "cardiac arrest." A Pentagon statement initially said Bradley died of a stroke, but officials later confirmed he had died of cardiac arrest.

Bradley was one of only five men to wear the five stars of a general of the army, a rank created during World War II and held by Gens. Dwight Eisenhower, H.H. Arnold, Douglas MacArthur and George C. Marshall. Eisenhower's death in 1969 left only Bradley still wearing the five stars.

The rank permitted the general to remain on active duty for life, but also to pursue outside interests. Bradley served for 15 years as chairman of the board of the Bulova Watch Co. after leaving the Joint Chiefs post in 1958. He remained honorary board chairman of the company until his death.

A native of Clark, Mo., son of a school teacher who named him for a local newspaper publisher and a local doctor, Bradley was graduated from

the U.S. Military Academy in 1915 along with Eisenhower.

He never made it outside the United States during World War I and thought his military career ruined.

But after attending the Command and General Staff school in 1929 and the Army War College in 1934, he commanded the 2nd Corps in the Northern Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns during 1943, and headed the 1st Army in the Normandy campaign the following year.

He got his million-man army as commander of the 12th Army Group, originally composed of the 1st, 3rd and 9th Armies with the 15th Army added later.



Gen. Omar Bradley

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First flight of space shuttle shaping up

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts John Young and Bob Crippen paid a pre-dawn visit to launch pad 39A today, inspected the shuttle Columbia and said they are eager to fly the revolutionary spaceship on Friday.

"The forecast is 100 percent good" for liftoff at 6:50 a.m. EST, according to a top space agency official.

The astronauts stopped by the pad at 5 a.m., shortly after a large service structure had been rolled away, leaving Columbia bathed in floodlights,

perched on its historic launch site, glistening with promise.

Young and Crippen told the launch crew they are "ready to go" and then climbed aboard executive jets modified to handle like the Columbia to practice emergency landings at a nearby 15,000-foot runway. They would use the strip Friday only if their engines quit early and they can't get into orbit.

The countdown, on time, went into a planned 11 hour 50 minute hold at 4:30 a.m., providing rest time for the

launch crews.

Weather conditions, which earlier in the week had been threatening, continued to improve. Today was sunny and calm, and U.S. Air Force

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weather officers predicted more of the same for Friday.

John Yardley, head of the space shuttle program for the National Aer-

onautics and Space Administration, asked early today about the chances of an on-time Friday launch, said: "They're looking just super. The forecast is 100 percent good."

Young and Crippen were to review flight preparations with launch officials later in the day and then retire in late afternoon. They have a 2:05 a.m. wakeup call on Friday.

"We look forward to the flight," Young said on arrival here Thursday. He then joined Crippen for an hour's aerial acrobatics, flying loop-the-loop

aerobatic maneuvers to improve their proficiency for the orbital mission.

On launch pad 39-A, from which Apollo 11 left Earth for man's first walk on the moon, work crews were preparing to load, starting late tonight, more than 500,000 gallons of volatile liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen fuels to drive the shuttle's three main engines.

This nation's future in space — scientifically, commercially and militarily — is riding on Friday's mission.

man-in-space program. For six years, no American has launched into space, and the Soviets have sent 43 cosmonauts into orbit.

It is strictly a test flight, with Young and Crippen slated to exercise all of Columbia's complex parts — its flight controls, cargo doors, engines, computers, fuel and life support systems, and its ability to land back on a runway like an airliner.

They are to orbit the Earth 36 times in 54½ hours.



With construction hands, it's in the cards

Border Patrolmen Al Garcia, left, and Jim Stone of the Big Spring station check IDs of

suspected *mojados* at a Midland construction site. Although the three laborers are Mexican

nationals, they exhibit legal resident alien cards and are allowed to continue work.

For Hispanics, it's often a 'skin game'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Many Americans of Mexican descent feel discriminated against as they get caught in the pursuit game between the Border Patrol and illegal aliens. This is the fifth of a six-part series.

By PATRICK DEAREN
Staff Writer

Oralia Corrales of the Midland Mexican-American Advisory Committee likes to tell a story.

A group of brown-skinned persons is working in a field in the United States. Many of them are illegal aliens, although one — a young man hardly more than a boy — is a legal citizen. The swollen sun suddenly reflects from the chrome of a green Border Patrol unit as it slides to a halt in a storm of dust, and dozens of terrified *mojados* begin to flee.

Seeing his fellow workers and friends stumbling madly across terraced rows and hearing their cries, the young man begins to run too. He runs until his brow is like water, until his heart slams into his ribcage like the thud of a horse's hooves and his side begins to ache. When he finally stops, lungs heaving, to bend

over with hands on knees, the others turn to him with strange expressions.

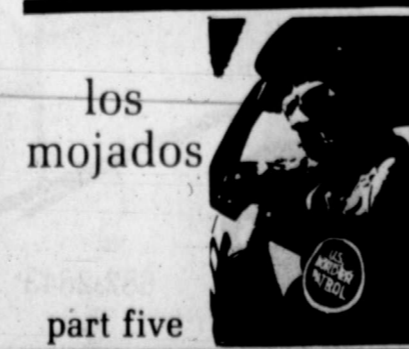
"What are you doing running?" they ask him. "We're *mojados* and have to flee *la Migra*, but you don't have to run from anybody — you're an American."

"IT'S A TRUE story," says Mrs. Corrales. "It took that to make him realize he was a United States citizen and didn't have to be afraid."

And like that young man, many Americans of Mexican descent feel caught up in the pursuit game between the U.S. Border Patrol and illegal aliens, for brown-skinned persons are not easily identified as citizens at first glance and sometimes feel discriminated against because of it. For example, if Border Patrolmen, under authority recently re-granted them, approach a downtown construction site, it is the person with brown skin — and not the Anglo-American — who is required to verify he is a legal worker.

"I just can't even realize the pressure these people are up against daily having to prove their citizenship," says Mrs. Corrales. "Our people are put in an embarrassing situation because they are constantly harassed to prove they're American citizens. There is no way to tell which place they are from, whether Mexico or the United States, just by looking."

THE SITUATION has made Mexican-American activist Ruben Sandoval of San Antonio red with anger. "I'm very concerned that a bunch of goons will swoop down on a residential area or a given business and make on-the-spot arrests of anyone whom they determine, again on-the-spot, to be, quote 'alien-looking,' " he snaps. "And in that category they seldom differentiate between Americans of Mexican descent and Mexican nationals. And that's where the prob-



los *mojados* part five

lem lies, because Americans of Mexican descent are entitled to protection under the Fourth Amendment." A Mexican-American man in Midland who wished to be known only as "Seeky" says he has experienced just that kind of harassment. While driving near the Texas-Mexico Border, he was pulled over at a routine Border Patrol checkpoint station. A young agent approached him,

he recalls, and asked if he spoke English.

"Sure I do," he remembers saying.

"Where were you born?" he was asked.

"Arizona."

"When?"

"April 10, 1927."

"You got any papers?"

"I don't have to carry any papers — I'm an American. I might have some kind of identification in the car pocket though."

SEEKY SAYS he obtained his armed services honorable discharge and presented it to the agent.

"Where's your passport?" he was asked.

"I don't need a passport — there's my discharge from the United States Army right there."

Seeky says the Border Patrolman looked at him with narrowed eyes. "That's not any good," he recalls the agent as telling him. "I can shoot you for that."

Seeky says he thought he was going to be taken into custody, but fortunately a more experienced Border Patrolman walked up, calmly accepted the discharge papers as proof of citizenship and allowed him to drive away.

SOME MEXICAN-AMERICANS are not so lucky. If Border Patrol agents are unable to ascertain the validity of their citizenship claims, they

may be detained until such time as they can.

"We don't talk to many people who aren't illegal aliens," claims Border Patrolman Charles Hensley of Big Spring. "I don't see it as infringing on anybody's rights...but there's always five or 10 or so that resent authority of any kind."

Roger Robles, who represented the Mexican-American Advisory Committee on Education, feels to single out brown-skinned persons in the search for illegal aliens is unjust.

"In this particular instance they're looking specifically for Mexican aliens, but are they going to do this here for...aliens from other countries, like Canada?" he asks rhetorically, noting that Anglo-Americans are not forced to prove their citizenship in this region. "(The Border Patrol) must search for all aliens, not just Mexican-Americans."

Robles says a very sensitive situation arises when "they just start coming in looking for Mexican-Americans."

DUE TO EDUCATIONAL limitations and monetary considerations, many Mexican-Americans take jobs in businesses that are liable to — and increasingly subjected to — imposed raids by the Border Patrol. "I'd say 50 percent of our Mexican-American labor market is work-

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Reagan ordered to 'take it easy'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, free from an evening fever for the first time in five days, is under doctors' orders to work no more than a couple of hours a day when he returns to the White House.

His return now is expected between Friday and Monday.

The White House press office, which has cut its formal bulletins on the president's health to one a day, said this morning the president "had no fever last night when he went to bed or this morning" after he awoke about 6.

Reagan's temperature was "essentially normal" during the day Wednesday — an indication he was still running some fever.

The president's temperature first rose above normal last Friday and, though sometimes normal, had been above normal every evening. Until today, the White House bulletins never used the word "fever" and spokesmen declined to reveal the exact reading of the thermometer, using only such terms as a "moderately" above-normal temperature.

The president spent a "restful" night, the White House said.

Reagan's left lung, punctured by a bullet in an assassination attempt 10 days ago, was described Wednesday as "pristine," with clotted blood and damaged tissue now "barely perceptible" in X-rays.

While the chief spokesman at George Washington University Hospital and White House aides indicated the president would be released soon, no firm date was set.

Hospital spokesman Dr. Dennis

O'Leary, describing Reagan as a model patient, said the president has not asked to be discharged yet and is "not chomping at the bit." But he added: "He probably would like to get out of here."

Reagan could be ready to go home as early as Friday but no later than Monday, O'Leary said, assuming continued improvement and no surprises.

O'Leary said that while there has been no sign of infection, the president was still receiving two forms of antibiotics — penicillin and tobramycin — and probably would remain

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hospitalized until he is off the medication. Running "a lot" of fever also would delay his release, O'Leary said.

Reagan is no longer receiving oxygen, as he has on occasion, and Dr. Benjamin Aaron, the president's surgeon, described the wound as "pristine...clean as it could be," O'Leary said.

Once Reagan does go home, O'Leary said, the president's staff will "stay away from loading him up with routine things. In terms of mental work, he can do as much as is necessary."

But, the doctor said, "he will not be chopping wood next week. Instead, he will start out by putting in a couple of hours of work each day, moving up to half a day, three-quarter work days and then full days."

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Man 'calls up' long lost ring

Former owner of house, ring pleased

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Twenty-five years ago, Robert H. "Bob" Pine lost a Masonic gold ring to the grave...or so he thought.

His wife had given him the gold band, adorned with a diamond solitaire, on his 41st birthday on June 27 back in 1956.

Not long afterward, he lost the ring and his pet dog and, naturally enough, pined.

"I buried a dog back there (in the backyard), and I was afraid I had lost it (the ring) in the grave," said Pine, who now is wearing the ring for the first time in 25 years. "But I wasn't going to dig the dog up."

The grave was never opened. The dog, Gretchen, the street-brave dachshund, presumably is still at rest; her bones were not to be disturbed after her home-plot burial.

She was mortally injured in street traffic near the Pines' two-story English-style red brick house at 1406 W. Indiana Ave. in late summer or early fall of the year Pine received the gift. A veterinarian, Dr. Stephen Shannon, vainly tried to save the dying Gretchen.

The ring was loose on Pine's wedding finger when he first wore the golden band; it's still loose 25 years later.

"I thought he lost it on the golf course," speculated Mrs. Pine.

Now, however, she thinks her husband, the judge, might be right.

Just recently, the new owners of the old Pine house discovered a gold ring while leveling out a corner backyard area, which holds the root remains of an old tree and Gretchen's bones.

There, Max Edgar spied a shining ring amid his "shoveling and raking" to smooth over the area in landscaping the yard. He and his wife Virginia are the second owners of the old sturdy house since the Pines sold the residence in the late 1970s and moved into an apartment.

Man evaluated

TOWSON, Md. (AP)—A 21-year-old man was being evaluated at a medical center today after allegedly holding his estranged wife hostage for more than 10 hours — allegedly the second such incident involving the couple in three weeks, officials said.

No one was injured and no charges were filed in Wednesday's standoff at a shopping center health spa.



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

There's more to this ring than the gold in it and the diamond on it. Peace Justice Robert H. "Bob" Pine, left, lost the Masonic ring 25 years ago in his backyard. And just recently, Max Edgar, right, uncovered it.

And the first person Edgar telephoned about the golden find was Pine, a former office-supply owner who now is a Midland County justice of the peace.

"He (Pine) described it right to a 'T' and almost fell over," said Edgar, who seemed about as delighted to turn the ring over to its rightful owner as Pine was to receive it. "It's a beautiful thing," Edgar, a petroleum engineer, said.

Pine was pleased.

"There's a few honest people in the world, aren't there?" allowed Pine. Pine thanked Edgar more than once.

"I appreciate your finding my ring for me," said the judge.

"Well, I'm glad," said the finder who chose not to keep.

"I missed it," said the judge.

"It's a beautiful thing," said Edgar.

Pine again expressed his gratitude.

"He (Edgar) is a real nice man," Pine said in his typically low-key manner. "Of course, I got my ring back, but that wasn't the thing. He was a gentleman."

Pine said the ring was and is his prized piece of jewelry.

"I've got two or three rings, but that's the one I like the most. My wife gave it to me."

Over the years, Pine became increasingly certain that he had lost the ring while burying Gretchen.

"I was sure that's where (in or about the grave) the ring was lost."

But he hadn't the inclination to open the grave and look and feel around.

But his office secretary, Geraldine Bowers, speculated that were she in a similar situation, she would have dared to dig.

"Dog or no dog," Ms. Bowers said, "if I thought I had lost a beautiful ring, I'd do it (open the grave). I might have waited awhile."

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General Bradley's death mourned across Texas

By STEVE BREWER
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Texas congressmen, local officials and Army officers who knew Gen. Omar Bradley mourned Wednesday after learning of the general's death in New York at the age of 88.

"The last of our great World War II commanders has crossed the river to join a distinguished company," said Sen. John Tower, R-Texas. "His countrymen and free men everywhere will reflect on his monumental service and mourn his passing."

Gen. Chester Ward, commanding general of the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, described Bradley as "one of the most impressive individuals I've ever had the opportunity to know."

Ward, who has been one of Bradley's physicians since he took over at Beaumont eight months ago, said the general was generally in good health for a person his age despite the series of strokes that had wracked his body.

"Everything considered, he was in pretty good shape," Ward said. "He was a superb patient. He was cooperative and had an understanding of what's going on and was appreciative."

Ward said Bradley enjoyed entertaining listeners with tales of his war adventures.

"But he didn't tell what we call 'war stories,'" Ward said. "He was much more of a historian. There was no bravado, no exaggeration. He certainly had some interesting situations to recount."

"He had an ability to communicate with a wide range of people, particularly young people," he added. "You know, a lot of old people have trouble talking with people who are in their 20s. But we were at one function recently and there was a bunch of them gathered around him mesmerized."

"He was the epitome of a great soldier," Ward said. "He probably was one of the greatest logisticians in military history."

Tower, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, and U.S. Rep. Richard White, D-El Paso, all issued statements praising Bradley and expressing their sympathy to his family.

White called Bradley "a friend to the foot soldier, and more parochially, a friend to El Paso."

Bradley and his wife Kitty moved to El Paso in November 1977 from their Beverly Hills, Calif., home. El Pasoans treated Bradley as a local celebrity, honoring him frequently for a career that spanned more than half a century.

El Paso Mayor Tom Westfall said the city had given Bradley "almost every honor the city has, but I am sure we will have a complete day of mourning. It has been a great, great honor for El Paso to have been the home for this great soldier."

For some, the memories of Bradley were from earlier years.

Paul Griego of nearby Las Cruces, N.M., was wounded and taken to a Paris hospital while a master sergeant in World War II. His memory of Bradley was of the general presenting him with a Silver Star and the Purple Heart, telling him, "You're a good soldier."

Brig. Gen. Willie Scott, adjutant general of the Texas National Guard, also met Bradley in Europe during World War II.

"He was a soldier's general," Scott said. "He was a great symbol ... the last of our great World War II generals."

For others, the memories were more recent and more personal.

Richard Knowles, former assistant chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Bradley "was the type of person who would always remember your name."



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Gen. Omar Bradley, who led a million U.S. soldiers in World War II, died Wednesday in a New York hospital. He was 88.

He was so comfortable to be with."

"He was very active not only in the military sense but throughout the community of El Paso and the world," said retired Lt. Gen. R.L. Shoemaker of El Paso. "He was crippled by a series of strokes, but he never gave up."

Bradley was an avid worker throughout his long career and spent several hours each day in his sand-colored office at nearby Fort Bliss.

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DALLAS (AP) — Attorneys for H. Ross Perot's Electronic Data Systems have asked a federal judge for a summary judgment on their contention that part of the agreement made with Iran to free 52 U.S. hostages early this year should be set aside.

U.S. District Judge Robert Porter is expected to make his decision Friday. Attorneys for EDS asked Porter for a ruling invalidating that part of the hostage agreement limiting damage suits against Iran.

In May of 1980 EDS won a \$19 million judgment against the Social Security Organization of Iran, the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Iran and the Iranian government. A hearing on Iran's appeal of that decision is scheduled for April 20 before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

After the hostages were freed in January, EDS asked the courts to let the \$19 million judgement be fina-

lized, despite a provision in the hostage agreement forbidding such suits.

That agreement further provided for transfer of all Iranian deposits in U.S. banks within six months. Half the funds will go to Iran and the other half — up to \$1 billion — will be placed in a security account to pay claims decided by a proposed Iranian-U.S. tribunal.

The government contends the hostage agreement and the executive orders signed by then president Jimmy Carter which implemented it are valid. But EDS argues the agreement is unconstitutional and does not apply to its case against Iran because the judgment came before Nov. 14, 1979, when Carter froze Iranian assets in the U.S.

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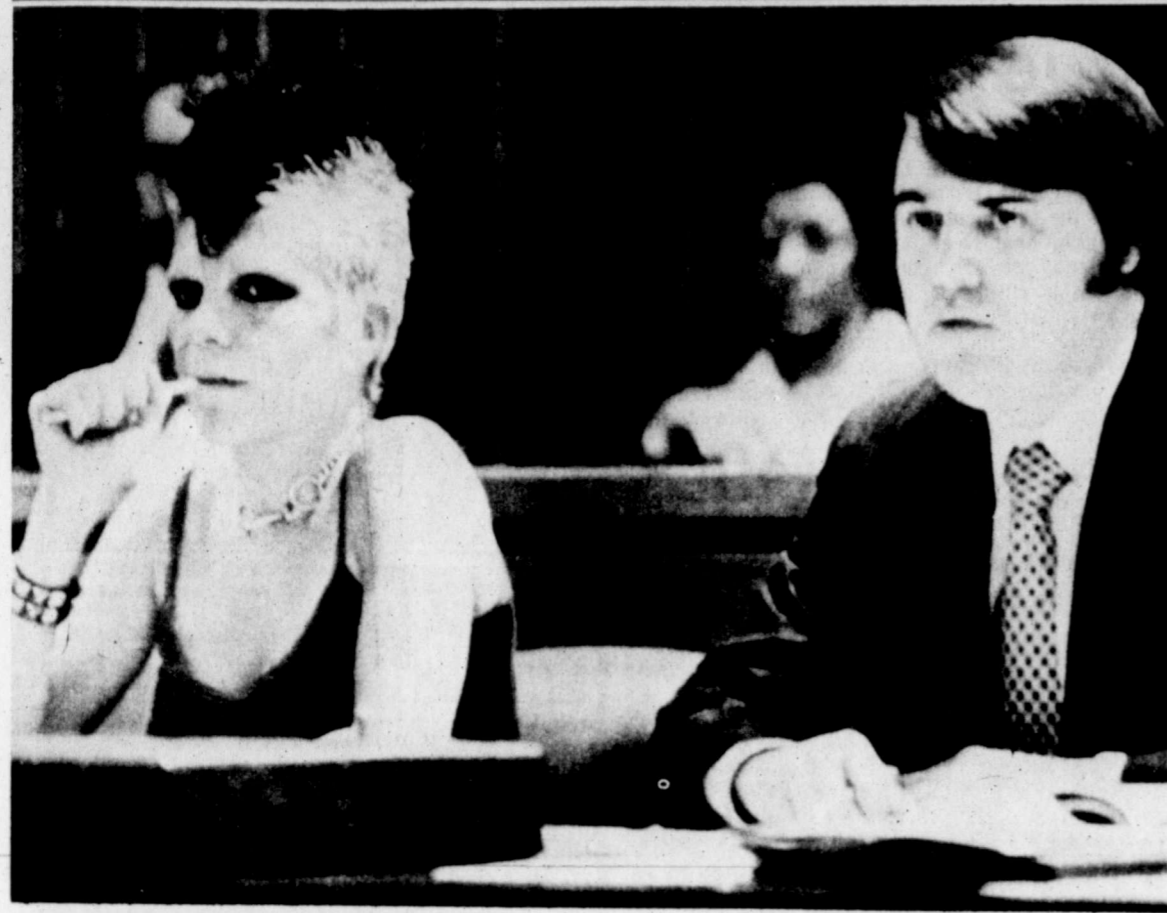
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"Punk" rock singer Wendy O. Williams, left, nervously chews a pencil as she listens to testimony during the first day of her obscenity trial in Cleveland. The jury ear-

lier saw a tape of her performance where she allegedly performed nude except for a covering of shaving cream. At her right is one of her attorneys, Tim Marshall.

Attorneys battle over surprise witness

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) — Austin psychiatrist Richard Coons sat perplexed on the witness stand, trying to make sense of a one hour and 20 minute hypothetical question posed by attorney J.C. "Zeke" Zbranek.

Meanwhile, attorneys carried on a battle of clichés over Coons' right to testify as a surprise witness in a child custody suit filed by Jean Daniel Murph, who is seeking custody of two children born to Vickie Daniel and the late Price Daniel Jr.,

the one-time Texas Speaker of the House.

"It's not only unusual, but it looks to me very much like a desperate, last-ditch attempt effort to gild the lily and put frosting on the cornbread," said Richard "Racehorse" Haynes, attorney for Mrs. Daniel.

"That's beans for his cornbread," Zbranek shot back. "You could hardly expect him to say it was a death blow (to Haynes' case)."

Coons, who has never examined any of the

principals in the child custody case, took the witness stand Wednesday to answer a hypothetical situation posed about Mrs. Daniel, who is charged with murder in the Jan. 19 shooting death of her husband.

Haynes was on his feet immediately, objecting that he was unaware that Coons would testify and therefore was unable to prepare his cross-examination.

After Family District Judge Sam S. Emison Jr. overruled Haynes' lengthy objection,

Zbranek then took one hour and 20 minutes to review Mrs. Daniel's personal history, details of the night Daniel died, allegations made against Daniel by his wife and problems Mrs. Daniel had in her first marriage.

Zbranek then asked Coons to offer an opinion concerning Mrs. Daniel. The doctor asked for five minutes to review the information. He then asked for another 15 minutes, then said he could not make a statement until he reviewed all the trial

transcripts. Haynes still was irked after the day's session. "We were bound by a court order to give a list of our witnesses," Haynes said. "Now, all of a sudden, here we have someone not on the list."

Zbranek denied there was any such agreement to list all witnesses scheduled to testify.

Prior to Coons' appearance, Mrs. Murph said she was afraid of being alone with her sister-in-law.

Obscenity trial in jury's hands

CLEVELAND (AP) — A jury of five men and three women was going to court today to determine whether punk-rock singer Wendy O. Williams violated Ohio's obscenity laws in allegedly appearing on stage wearing only pants and shaving cream.

The jury, which deliberated for about an hour Wednesday, asked to view again today a TV station's tape of Miss Williams' Jan. 21 performance, in which prosecutors allege she simulated sexual activity.

"To me, it's a First Amendment case," said the 31-year-old lead singer of The Plasmatics, who appeared in court wearing skin-tight red pants, stiletto-heeled boots and a link chain around her neck. "I think what's going on here is obscene."

Miss Williams, whose black and blond hair was cut in a Mohawk style, said she has never appeared on stage nude.

The charge, a first-degree misdemeanor, was filed

after eight undercover policemen watched The Plasmatics perform in the Agora night club Jan. 21. A videotape of the show made by a WKYC-TV cameraman was shown jurors Wednesday.

Defense lawyer Patrick D'Angelo said the singer was exercising her rights of freedom of speech and expression and did nothing that can't be seen on TV or in commercial films.

"I really can't believe why we are here today," D'Angelo said. "Maybe the performance doesn't conform with your taste or my taste, but it's not a criminal act."

Patrolman Ron Bero of the city's vice squad testified he saw Miss Williams wearing only shaving cream above her waist and that the cream later evaporated. He said she simulated sex acts with a microphone.

"You draw the line, folks. It's your town," prosecutor Patrick Roche said in closing arguments.

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Japanese on deck in case of major league strike

By PETER J. BOYER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The happy, rejuvenating sights and sounds of baseball return to the airwaves this week. But for the second straight year, fans face the prospect of having the game pulled out from under them just as baseball is finding its summer rhythm.

If a Memorial Day war does erupt between the millionaires who own the game and the affluents who play it, NBC intends

to implement a back-up plan devised for last season's threatened strike, offering amateur, minor league and Japanese baseball where "Game of the Week" is supposed to be.

"We'll give the people baseball," said NBC Sports spokesman Mike Cohen.

A commendable humanitarian gesture.

NBC already has contract rights to at least one game of the College World Series, which the network will broadcast on May 29 if there is a

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lected World Series. If the strike continues, NBC will seek to work deals with Japanese baseball and minor league baseball. Sponsors have told NBC they will go along with the plan for awhile, but they'll pull out if the ersatz baseball doesn't draw an audience.

In which case, NBC will quickly withdraw from the humanitarian business.

ESPN, the cable sports network, plans to feed the baseball addiction whether or not there is a major league strike. ESPN intends to broadcast several of the College World Series play-offs in late May, and then will televise amateur

baseball on the Babe Ruth, American Legion and even Little League levels through the summer.

If avarice does not cancel big-league baseball, if the game's wealthies call off their war, NBC and ABC will get on with their holy mission as planned.

Dick Enberg, overshadowed only by Vin Scully at the art of voicing baseball, will call six-to-10 Saturday games for NBC this season. The network's two regular broadcast squads will be composed of Joe Garagiola and Tony Kubek in one booth, with the colorful, if not notably articulate, former umpire Ron Luciano teaming with Merle Harmon for the regional telecasts.

NBC will televise the All-Star game and two other prime time games this season. This is the year that NBC gets the post-season playoffs, with ABC broadcasting the World Series.

And there is wonderful news from ABC.

That network's "Monday Night Baseball," which was cut to a shameful five games last year, has been doubled this season. "Monday Night Baseball" was cut down last year largely because the other two networks, most notably CBS, had been using the night to beef up its weaker series during the summer.

ABC fulfilled its obligation to baseball — for which, in return, it gets the ratings-productive post season games — by televising Sunday afternoon games during the pennant stretch.

Either baseball wasn't satisfied with that arrangement or ABC has been seized by a fit of noblesse oblige, but the network intends to broadcast not only the Monday night games but eight Sunday afternoon pennant stretch games as well.

Don Drysdale, whose

ABC contract was not renewed, is calling games for the California Angels and he hasn't yet been replaced at ABC. His successor will work the main game with either Al Michaels or Keith Jackson, with Bob Uecker working the alternate game.

And this for last.

Howard Cosell, who seems neither interested in nor especially expert at baseball, may not set up his pontification concession at the ball parks for ABC this summer. It's not that ABC doesn't want him, the network insists, Howard just may be too busy with other things.

Denver oilman signs Fox merger

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Denver oilman Marvin Davis, who wasn't able to buy his way into the newspaper business or professional baseball, has purchased a major Hollywood film and television studio by signing an \$800 million merger agreement with 20th Century-Fox Film Corp., the studio announced.

The agreement to merge Fox with a company controlled primarily by the Davis family, signed Monday in New York only 12 days after Davis abruptly withdrew the same offer, gives Davis, 55, a diversified entertainment conglomerate long considered a prime takeover target.

Part of the appeal of the film company, which had 1980 earnings of \$54.6 million or \$4.89 a share, down slightly from its 1979 results of \$57.3 million or \$5.19 a share, is that it derives one-third of its income from non-film-related enterprises.

Fox owns Coca-Cola Bottling Midwest, Aspen Skiing, the Pebble Beach Corp., which has extensive real estate holdings in northern California, and 102 movie houses in Australia and New Zealand. Fox lists its assets as \$759 million, but some analysts say it is worth far more than that.

In the merger, Fox shareholders would receive \$60 for each of Fox's 10.5 million common shares and \$80 for

each share of preferred stock — an estimated value of \$680 million.

They also would get one share of Fox's United Television subsidiary, valued at about \$10 a share, for each share of Fox common, and one and one-third shares of UTV for each share of Fox preferred — an additional \$115 million.

"Everyone is pleased that this was signed today," said Fox spokesman Phil Myers on Monday. He noted that the agreement requires a two-thirds favorable vote by Fox shareholders at a scheduled June meeting. "I would expect that they will vote for this."

Fox's major stockholder, Chris-Craft Industries, had said it favored the merger.

The 6-foot-3, 300-pound Davis said he backed out last month due to "the inability of the parties to reach satisfactory agreement." Davis had failed in multimillion-dollar attempts to buy the Denver Post and the Oakland A's baseball club.

Davis had indicated previously that he would retain the present Fox management, headed by Chairman-Chief Executive Officer Dennis C. Stanfill. Myers said he foresaw no change in management.

Fox stock closed Monday at \$62.75, up 1/2 on a volume of 127,000 shares.

Midlander to solo with TCU Concert Choral

FORT WORTH — Mary Katherine Warren of Midland will be a soprano soloist in the TCU Concert Choral recital Monday which will conclude the 40th annual Fine Arts Festival.

Miss Warren, a Midland High graduate, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Warren. She is a senior religion major at TCU.

Miss Warren will be a soloist for a new composition, "Mass for Unaccompanied Voices, Op. 7," by Michael Bedford, a TCU graduate and former Fulbright Scholar who teaches part-time at TCU and is associate choirmaster at University Christian Church.

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Today's opening stock market report

Stock market gains

BUSINESS MIRROR Interest rates stir interesting debate

By JOHN CUNIFF AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — American Telephone & Telegraph shares held the spotlight as the stock market eked out a small gain Wednesday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had fallen more than 14 points in the two previous sessions, managed a .54 gain to 993.43.

The daily tally on the New York Stock Exchange showed about four gainers for every three losers that lost ground.

The Dow Jones industrial average would have sustained its third straight loss but for the showing of AT&T, which rose 1 1/2 to 53 1/4 and led the active list on turnover of more than 1.4 million shares as of the 4 p.m. close in New York.

In recent testimony to a Senate committee, made public this week, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger argued that the government should consider dropping its antitrust case against the giant company.

In Tuesday's session AT&T was the volume leader, rising 1 1/2 after regulators granted the company a 12.75 percent return on interstate and foreign communications.

Wednesday marked the third consecutive day in which the stock moved by a point or more.

Earnings reports for the first quarter began trickling in during the day, and some stocks responded to individual corporate figures. General Electric, which posted an increase of about 5 percent, rose 3/4 to 65 1/4.

Robertshaw Controls, which came in with lower quarterly profits, dropped 1 1/2 to 22.

Big Board volume totaled 48 million shares, up from 44.5 million Tuesday.

A good example of the unpredictability of economic matters is offered by the latest opinions about interest rates. Take your pick: They're going to rise or they're going to fall.

The split seems to be somewhere near middle, and those on either side are convinced that the direction over the next few months will be in their favor. They advise you to make plans accordingly.

They are deadly serious, these forecasters, and they have spent many millions of dollars and hours of effort on research, on supplying data to the econometric models, and on writing learned papers.

Their conclusions are offered in bales of stock advisories, \$250-a-year investment letters, Congressional testimony, seminars, columns, academic papers, broker recommendations, and warnings or promises from various parties with a vested interest in one direction or the other.

But it seems that no amount of effort, or theories, econometric models, electronic computers, "inside" information, hope or direct revelation can produce a consensus on where interest rates are going.

What these things do prove, and quite conclusively, is that the future of interest rates is unpredictable, and that given the same data two humans almost certainly will arrive at different conclusions.

And when forecasts are based on different data and assumptions, the conclusions can range all over the universe in the same manner as conclusions reached with absolutely no research at all.

For millions of people, one of the most meaningful rates these days is that for home mortgages. With rates stuck at about 15.5 percent, according to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, homebuyers are waiting for declines before committing themselves, homebuilders are cutting back starts, and homeowners are biding their time before selling.

In other words, the whole industry is sluggish, looking to the future for better times. That, of course, makes forecasting the direction of interest rates more than a mere pastime. The eyes of millions examine those forecasts, and then try to base their future action on them.

Alas, if you believe the people who lend, such as the U.S. League of Savings Associations, or the people who help sell, such as the National Association of Realtors, you'll expect rates to fall to 13 percent.

New York Exchange

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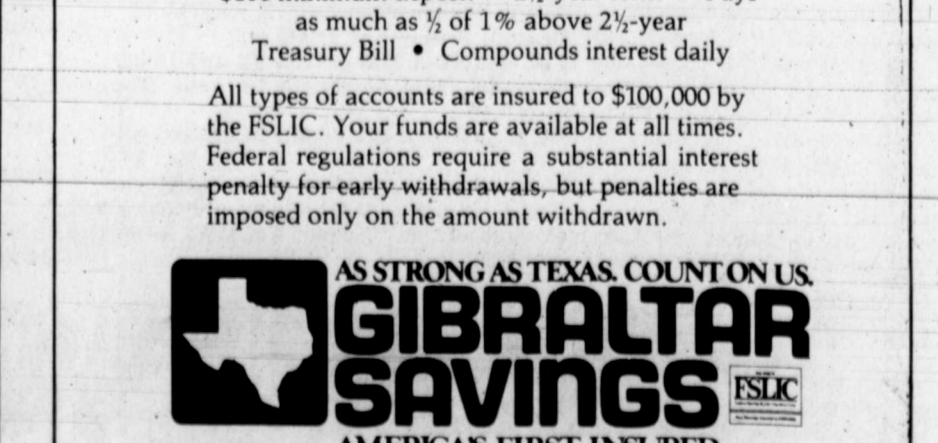
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