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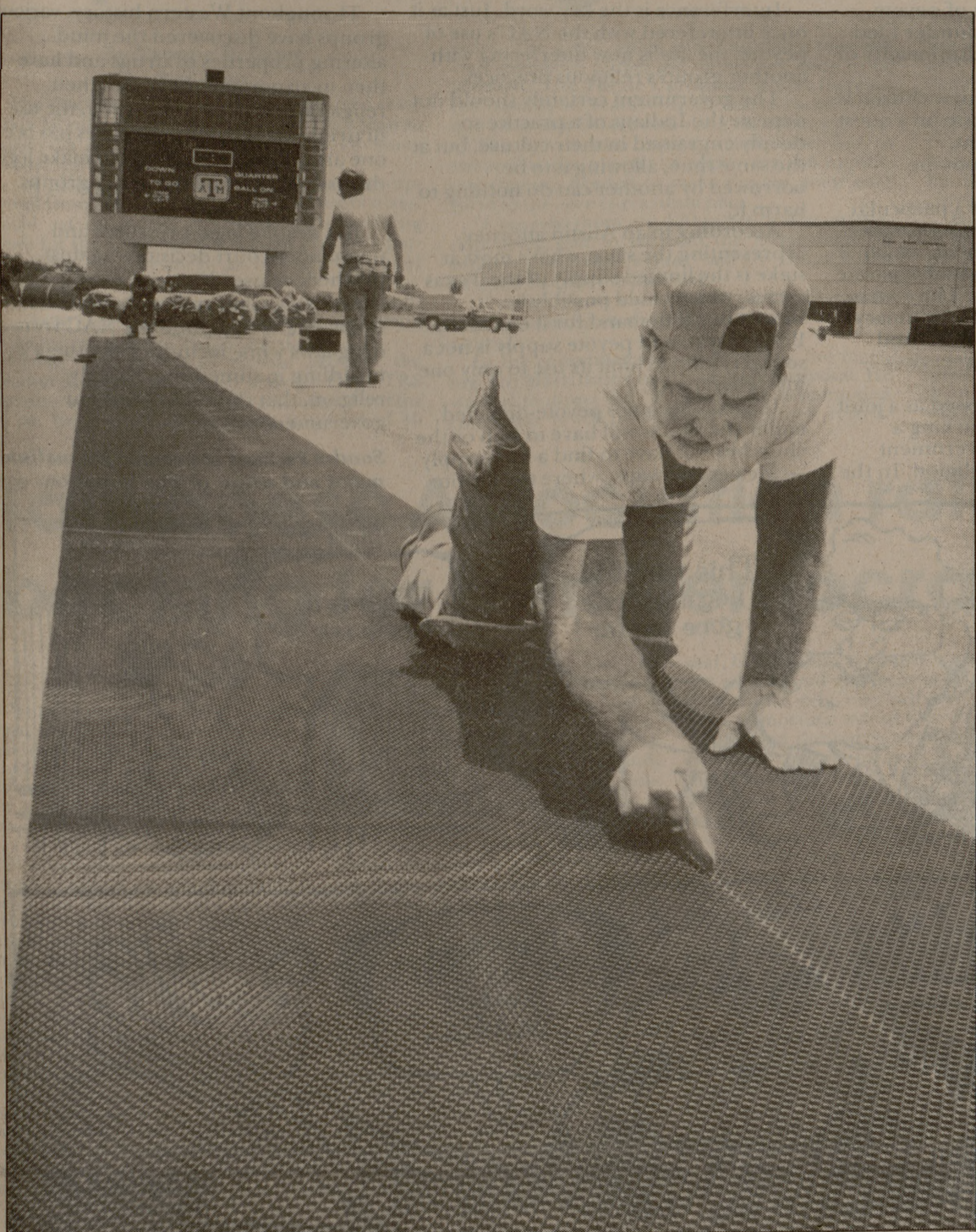


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Making The Cut

Ernest Moseley, a carpenter of 26 years, is cutting material to go around the perimeter of Kyle Field's new surface. Moseley and four other carpenters

were called in from Temple to help put down the new turf. Moseley says the process should be complete in 14 days.

North gives testimony amid praise, criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a day of praise and tongue-lashing Monday, Lt. Col. Oliver North was ordered back for a sixth day of testimony before the congressional Iran-Contra committees, to be followed by a rebuttal appearance by his former boss, Robert McFarlane.

McFarlane, President Reagan's former national security adviser, intends to challenge statements made by North in at least three areas where the former White House aide said he had authority from superiors, said Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., chairman of the House Iran-Contra committee.

He said those areas were: alteration of documents, the Contra resupply program and solicitation of foreign countries for aid for the Nicaraguan rebels.

"In all three instances, it's a question of authority," Hamilton said. "I think there is a flat contradiction as to those points. He is coming in because he wants to directly dispute and contradict the testimony of Colonel North on those several items."

North spent most of Monday listening to praise and occasional condemnation for his actions, with one committee member declaring "there's going to be one lot of hell raised" if North is prosecuted but another worrying about adopting values "of a totalitarian government."

North's worst tongue-lashing came from Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Texas, who recited a litany of activities mentioned in North's testimony the past five days and said: "Democracy cannot survive that kind of abuse."

"I do not believe in adopting . . . the philosophies and values of a totalitarian society," North said. "I honestly believed we carried out those activities within the constraints of law."

The activities, as he had outlined them last week, were putting profits from secret arms sales to Iran to use for arming the Nicaraguan rebels and for other secret projects.

Brooks tried to question North about what the congressman called "a plan to suspend the Constitution" but was stopped by Sen. Daniel Inouye, chairman of the Senate committee.

North appeared to balk at an-

North supporters launch effort for presidential bid

HARKER HEIGHTS (AP) — Supporters of Lt. Col. Oliver North have launched efforts in Texas and three other states to draft him for president, according to a woman who said she has been besieged by calls that he run for the office.

Groups in Texas, Illinois and New Mexico are waiting for North's approval before they launch a full-scale campaign, said Jan Meidinger, assistant vice president and branch manager of a mortgage company in Kill-

deer. A retired Kansas utility employee on Monday also announced formation of the "Oliver North for President Clubs of America," claiming the Marine lieutenant colonel would win a presidential election if it were held now.

Robert Allen Peck, a former Kansas City Power & Light Co. worker and a World War II veteran, filed incorporation papers in the Kansas secretary of state's office for what he hopes will become a national organization.

Meidinger said North became a

hero in the eyes of many because of his nationally televised testimony before a congressional committee investigating the shipment of U.S. arms to Iran and the diversion of profits to Contra rebels fighting the Nicaraguan government.

The earliest effort began on Wednesday with a call to North's office by Robert K. Arundale II, chairman of the North for President Committee in Illinois, the day after North's first day of testimony, Meidinger said.

The work is partly to express support for North's position in the Contra affair and "it's also a very legitimate request for his running for president," Meidinger told the *Temple Daily Telegram* from her Harker Heights home.

"I don't think our options are all that good, as far as candidates," she said. "Oliver North is as good a choice as anyone we have out there."

Meidinger said she has been inundated with telephone calls from people expressing their support for North immediately after hearing of the campaign.

swearing and Inouye issued his ruling, saying "I believe that question touches on a highly sensitive and classified area so may I request that you not touch upon that, sir."

There will be one other witness on Tuesday, a White House custodian of documents, before Rear Adm. John Poindexter — who succeeded McFarlane as national security adviser — will appear.

As the hearings entered their ninth week on Capitol Hill, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said that Reagan never was briefed on the possible diversion of arms sales profits for the Contras or any other covert operation.

Fitzwater's statement was in response to an assertion Sunday by Inouye that Poindexter in 1986 had

initiated a memo indicating he had briefed Reagan about such use.

During most of the day, some committee members treated North gingerly, even deferentially, while some expressed strong opposition to many of the aspects of the affair.

"I begin to feel right now that we the people, in order to form a more perfect union, Col. North, have instead adopted the values, at least temporarily, of a totalitarian government, in an effort . . . to encourage and enhance democracy," said Rep. Dante Fascell, D-Fla.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said he could not condone the failure to inform Congress of secret operations. But he then said, "I don't want you prosecuted. I don't think many people in America do. And I think there's going to be one lot of hell raised if you are."

Iranian gunboats attack French freighter in Persian Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Two Iranian gunboats pounded a French freighter with rocket and machine-gun fire for 20 minutes before dawn Monday in the Persian Gulf. Iraq said later that its warplanes raided a nearby Iranian island.

No casualties were reported in the freighter attack off Saudi Arabia.

Capt. Max Gangneur of the 24,540-ton container ship *Ville d'Anvers* told the Associated Press by radio that fire from the Iranian vessels raked the crew's quarters at

2:25 a.m. while most of the 19 French sailors were sleeping.

The French government issued a statement in the afternoon saying its charge d'affaires at the French Embassy in Tehran, Iran, had been instructed to demand an explanation for the attack from Iranian authorities. The statement called the incident a "serious affair."

"It's a miracle we suffered no casualties," said Gangneur, 49. He said the freighter's

hull and engine room were badly damaged and its electricity supply was cut off.

The *Ville d'Anvers* was hit about 100 miles south of Kuwait's al-Shuaiba port, where it had unloaded cargo. Iran began last September to concentrate its gulf attacks on ships owned by or serving the emirate, which supports Iraq in the nearly 7-year-old war.

Gangneur's ship was headed for Dubai, but changed course for the repair facilities of Bahrain after the attack.

The vessel was hit about 40 miles off Farsiyah, which is midway between Iran and Saudi Arabia. It is one of several Iranian islands on which the fanatical Revolutionary Guards base their gunboats.

Iraq said within hours of the attack that its jets bombed oil installations on Farsiyah, inflicting "devastating blows."

A military communique broadcast on Baghdad radio said Iraqi fighter-bombers also scored direct hits on a "a large mari-

time target," the Iraqi phrase for a tanker, in the gulf off Iran.

Iraq said its naval air defenses shot down an Iraqi jet over the southern gulf at 10 a.m. Iraq's official news agency quoted a military spokesman as denying any aircraft losses.

Because of increased Iranian attacks on Kuwaiti shipping, the United States is registering 11 of the emirate's tankers so they can fly the American flag and be given U.S. Navy protection.

Legislative leaders call agreement near on spending decisions for state

Subcommittee begins hearings on \$6 billion tax increase

AUSTIN (AP) — A Senate subcommittee began hearings Monday on a \$6 billion tax increase, while legislative leaders said they believed agreement was near on spending issues.

"I'm very hopeful of concluding this business in this special session, which ends July 21, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said after a meeting with House Speaker Gib Lewis and Gov. Bill Clements.

"I think we're making progress, much more than people think we're making," Lewis said. "And we're almost there" on spending, he said, although he said there are "a lot of problems" with the Senate's tax plan.

Over the weekend, the House-Senate conference committee, negotiating a 1988-89 state budget, agreed on \$38.6 billion spending total.

To pay for it, the Senate's tax policy subcommittee heard testimony on a \$6 billion tax increase that would raise the sales tax from 5/4 to 6 percent, expand it to motor vehicle repairs, interstate long distance phone calls and computer software.

The plan would increase a variety of fees, including driver's li-

cence, auto registration and professional licenses.

The proposal also would change the franchise tax formula to include corporate profits; have businesses prepay part of their 1990 corporate franchise tax; charge businesses for

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sales tax permits; raise the motor vehicle sales-rental tax; increase the tax on cigarettes and tobacco products; increase the hotel occupancy tax and place a surtax on the insurance premium tax companies now pay, as well as administrative insurance services.

The House earlier approved a \$5.2 billion tax hike that would have extended the state sales tax to sales of insurance policies. But the Senate bill doesn't include such a levy, and senators said the idea was dead in that chamber.

The tax subcommittee's chairman, Sen. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, said he hoped his bill

could reach the full Senate for debate on Tuesday.

But Lewis said he saw problems with both the structure and the size of the Senate tax plan.

Asked about the \$6 billion total,

the House leader said, "That's way more than it should be."

In addition, Lewis said, "There's problems on some of the motor vehicle inspection fees, drivers license fees (and) I have not figured out what they're trying to do with this business franchise profits deal."

At the Senate tax hearing, State Comptroller Bob Bullock said he believed the higher tax rates would find more favor with the public than a new levy.

"I think, frankly, Texans would be more satisfied with increased rates . . . than they would (with) a new type of tax at this point," Bullock said.

The comptroller also said senators were flirting with a kind of

Officials tell swimmers to stay close to shore after 2 shark attacks

PORT ARANSAS (AP) — Swimmers were warned not to venture into waters deeper than two feet Monday following two shark attacks over the weekend.

In separate incidents Sunday, a 16-year-old girl and a 32-year-old woman were attacked in the water, within one-half mile of each other, off Mustang Island.

On Monday, city officials held an emergency meeting and passed a resolution warning swimmers and advising them of safety measures that are being instituted, Mayor Dale Bietendorf said.

In the first incident, Brenda King, 16, of Rockport, was floating in the waves in chest-deep water, when something bumped into her.

"I finally realized there was something sinking its teeth in me," King said. "I could feel something sharp and painful going into my foot."

King was taken to AMI-Coastal Bend Hospital in Aransas Pass, where she was treated and released for puncture and bite wounds on the right foot.

Later, at about 7:30 p.m. Sun-

day, Kitt Viau, 32, of Port Aransas was injured more seriously.

"I was out there jumping waves and it came up from behind and grabbed my foot," Viau said. "It started shaking its head again and again like a mad dog does with a rag."

"Actually, I thought, 'This is it. I'm a goner,' so I started beating it in the head."

After two friends helped pull her away from the shark, it left, she said.

She was in stable condition at the hospital Monday after treatment for a five-inch laceration on the left foot, nursing services supervisor Nedra Wright said.

An advisory tells all swimmers to stay in water less than two feet deep because both attacks took place in about four feet of water.

City officials said they have lifeguards at five locations inside the city limits including the county park, and urged swimmers to swim near the lifeguards.

"Swimmers must understand that sharks are native to these waters, and any time you are swimming, there are sharks present," officials said. "We see no great cause for alarm, and will monitor the situation closely."