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Baseball in Bologna

The United States baseball team, coached by Texas A&M's Tom Chandler, are 4-0 in the XXV World Amateur Baseball Championship Tournament in Italy. See the story on page 13.

Nixon won't attend dinner for Teague

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Obviously, Richard Nixon and Leon Jaworski aren't the best of friends. Yet they might have met again if Nixon had accepted Texas A&M University's invitation to a dinner honoring retiring congressman Olin E. Teague.

Jaworski is master of ceremonies of the Sept. 16 dinner at Texas A&M.

Nixon has not replied to the University, but an administrative official said he did not believe Teague that he would not be attending.

Steve Pringle, assistant to the president's office at Texas A&M, said that neither Nixon nor other prominent national figures who were invited actually.

"The main thing I wanted to do was put together a book of letters of appreciation to present Mr. Teague," Pringle said. "I don't want to present Mr. Teague," Pringle said.

A copy of the invitation sent to President Carter said "letters of appreciation and gratitude are to be bound and presented to Mr. Teague at the dinner."

Teague's Washington office sent Texas A&M a "friends list" consisting of a box of about 2,500 addressed envelopes. Invitations were mailed in these, and 1,000 more to a "university contingent" including former students and guests at President Miller's inauguration ceremonies, Pringle said.

Nixon's name was not one of the 2,500 sent by Teague's office to the University, but they have been and still are friends, Pringle said, despite Watergate.

"There's been a lot of discussion about inviting Mr. Nixon, like it was a very well thought out process," Pringle said. "But Nixon was not singled out to receive an invitation. We invited all the chief executive officers still alive who served with Mr. Teague."

The University also invited President Carter, former President Gerald Ford, and former first lady Ladybird Johnson.

Carter and Ford will not attend but will send letters for the book. Ladybird will be out of the country, but will send a letter, Pringle said.

He explained that Jaworski was invited to be master of ceremonies of the dinner long before the guest invitations were sent.

"After we realized the possibility of having both Mr. Nixon and Mr. Jaworski present, we discussed these things with Mr. Teague at length," Pringle said. "He said that would have been an opportunity to look forward and let bygones be bygones and make America a better place to live."

Carter death threat found by motel maid

United Press International

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — A motel maid told police she found a death threat against President Carter scrawled on a mirror Monday and that the man in the room pistol-whipped her and fled, authorities said Tuesday.

The Secret Service said it was looking for a man whose description was given by the maid.

President Carter is scheduled to board his plane at the Idaho Falls airport Wednesday for the flight back to Washington.

Kathe Wagoner, a maid at the Idaho Falls Ramada Inn, said she went into the bathroom of a guest's room Monday to clean up.

She said the first thing she saw was the scrawled message on the mirror saying, "The President will die Thursday." In the lower right corner there was a picture of

Jaworski has been doing anything but letting bygones be bygones.

"Nixon's treatment of Watergate in his book constitutes a masterpiece of evasion, self-serving declarations, distortion of facts and erroneous conclusions," Jaworski said in an interview that appeared Sunday in Parade Magazine.

Jaworski refused to buy a copy of Nixon's memoirs "because I knew the man is incapable of admitting guilt and telling the complete truth and I am in no way going to contribute to his royalties. He's already living high off the hog with a pension and benefits at taxpayer's expense," the article said.

Carter with an "X" across his face.

She said she laid her keys down and went into the bedroom portion of the room where she saw the man with a pistol. She quoted him as saying, "You shouldn't have come in here."

She said he then hit her on the head with the pistol, knocking her unconscious. The man was described as being dressed in a tailored suit and wearing a flashy necktie. He had an Eastern accent, the maid said.

Ms. Wagoner was not seriously injured. Secret Service agents and hotel employees refused to disclose the name of the person registered in the room.

Carter, vacationing in Wyoming Tuesday, will be in Washington Thursday preparing for a meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.



Heave!

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Workers strain against a heavy-duty jack to lift one of the temporary barracks buildings on Ireland Street. Four of the buildings will be jacked up and moved about 100 feet east of their present

location, soon to be the site of the new Academic Agency Building. The J. R. Neatherlin Co., of Houston, which employs these workers, will move the first of those buildings today.

Governors call Carter decision 'severe blow'

United Press International

BOSTON — Farm state governors unhappy with President Carter's decision increasing the amount of foreign beef in the U.S. market Tuesday convinced their colleagues to toughen their criticism of his action.

The National Governors Association on a voice vote unanimously adopted a proposal calling Carter's decision "a severe blow" to the cattle industry.

On Monday, a milder resolution was approved by the group's Agriculture Committee, but it was redrafted overnight because farm state governors, led by Republican Robert Bennett of Kansas, thought it was too mild.

Carter recently decided to allow 200 million additional pounds of foreign beef into the United States in what he said was an effort to lower consumer meat prices. Cattlemen said the move robbed them of a chance to make back some of the money they have lost in recent years.

The governor's resolution said, "We share the president's concern about consumer prices and about controlling inflation. We believe, however, that the increase in beef imports will do little to lower food prices for consumers — as shown by the fact that prices at the meat counter have not dropped. The increase in import quotas, in fact, could very well have the opposite effect, lowering livestock numbers and raising the price of meat in the future."

Gov. J. James Exon, D-Neb., who heads the agriculture panel, told the closing session of the conference, "Never are we going to have success in agriculture if

we have government control of agriculture. Allow the free market system to work."

Bennett, whose staff drew up the tougher statement, said during an interview farm state governors felt Carter decided to increase beef imports "to make the American people think he was concerned about the cost of living."

He said he felt Carter decided to use farmers and cattlemen as a "whipping boy" in order to increase his popularity with other groups.

Bennett said the original proposal had been "badly watered down" by staff members who drafted the language. He wouldn't say who came up with the "unac-

ceptable" language, but speculated it was done by aides trying to reach a common ground they thought was acceptable to all sides.

"In this event they watered it down to such a point that it might as well not be passed," he said.

Bennett said some officials had said Carter's recent statement he would not raise the import limit further was good enough, but he felt the stronger NGA position was needed.

"Some feel that is enough, but I don't think there's any harm by saying we don't support use of farmers and cattlemen as political pawns," Bennett said.

Gunman kills editor

United Press International

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A gunman shot and killed prominent Argentine editor and former politician Horacio Agulla late Monday night, police sources said Tuesday.

The sources said the attacker got out of a taxi, stuck a gun into Agulla's car and fired several point-blank shots.

Agulla, the 49-year-old editor of *Confirma* magazine, died immediately, they said. The police sources said they were trying to determine if the assassination was carried out by terrorists or common criminals.

They said Agulla was parking in front of the home of friends when a taxi pulled in front of his car and another vehicle pulled

in back, blocking any possible path of escape.

The killer then got out of the taxi, walked up to the editor's car, calmly stuck a gun through a window and fired several shots.

He then jumped back in the taxi which along with the other car sped off, the sources said.

Agulla, married and the father of three children, began a long political career in Cordoba, 440 miles northwest of Buenos Aires.

He was a provincial representative and a federal supervisor of Santa Cruz province and later took part in the creation of the Popular Federalist Confederation Party in 1971.

New accounting rules force oil, gas disclosures

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission Tuesday unanimously approved new accounting rules that would force the nation's petroleum companies to disclose to the government and investors all gas and oil reserves.

"This industry has not been very forthcoming in its reporting" of reserves, SEC Chairman Harold Williams told a news conference.

Williams said the new disclosures will allow government officials and the investing public to make judgments on oil and gas reserves using a uniform data base.

It will take about three years to put into place the new accounting procedures, Williams said.

Currently, the oil and gas industry uses two sets of books to keep track of their reserves — one for the public and the second for internal purposes and financial interests.

The first showed proven or "known" reserves and successful exploration operations while the alternative method showed exploration, dry holes and forecast the potential of reserves not classified as "known."

"Historically," said an SEC staff report, "neither method was standardized and numerous variations of each method have been developed. This diversity in financial accounting practices has been a matter of controversy for many years."

The SEC was directed by the 1975 Energy Policy and Conservation Act to come up with a uniform accounting method that would allow for an accurate measure of oil and gas reserves.

The new rules were adopted after the commission and its staff heard 97 witnesses during 12 days of public hearings in Washington and Houston.

Civil rights suit names judges

United Press International

HOUSTON — Civil rights lawyers have filed a federal court suit accusing Harris County Criminal District Court judges of improperly pressuring defendants into pleading guilty.

The American Civil Liberties Union suit filed Monday named Judges Shelly Hancock and Neil McKay as representative local judges and charged they "deny free lawyers to needy defendants if the defendants are free on bond."

Hancock denied the charges, saying he occasionally granted free court-appointed legal counsel to defendants free on bond. He cited a pregnant woman on welfare as

an example. McKay could not be reached for comment.

"In general, if a man is out on bond, he is not entitled to a court-appointed attorney," Hancock said, calling the charges of improper pressure "not true."

The suit said some county judges, in effect, force defendants to choose between remaining free on bond or insisting on a court-appointed lawyer, a privilege normally reserved for persons with no financial resources.

"Many criminal defendants plead solely because the court will not appoint counsel and they are unable to retain an attorney with private resources," the suit said.

Over \$14 million in cocaine seized

United Press International

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Customs officials said Tuesday they have arrested a Tennessee woman arriving at San Juan's international airport from South America with the largest single hand-carried shipment of cocaine in memory.

Efrain Picon Jr., acting director of the U.S. Customs Service at Isla Verde airport, identified the suspect as Betty J. Inman, 38, of Nashville. Picon said Miss Inman was arrested last Friday as she arrived in Puerto Rico on a regular flight from Caracas, Venezuela. He added a routine check of her suitcases revealed 47 pounds of cocaine, valued by the Customs Service at \$14.3 million.

Picon said customs agents at the airport couldn't remember ever confiscating such a large quantity of cocaine from a single passenger.

He said Miss Inman was turned over to Drug Enforcement Agency personnel and taken before U.S. Magistrate Juan Perez Gimenez, who set bail on the drug charge at \$1 million. She was jailed when she could not raise the bail.

It was learned, meanwhile, that customs personnel kept Miss Inman's arrest secret and held up the announcement for four days while they tried to set a trap for the persons to whom the drugs were supposed to be delivered. Apparently, the attempt failed.

Blood test detects marijuana

United Press International

CHICAGO — When Illinois traffic officers stop reckless drivers with glassy eyes, strange smiles and wisps of smoke in their cars, officials may be able to prove they were

driving under the influence of marijuana.

Given an ounce of blood, the Illinois Department of Public Health could tell the officials the story.

The department is offering a test

that can detect marijuana in the bloodstream, something never before offered for police use, a department official said Monday.

The test, which detects the presence of marijuana's active chemical, delta-9-tetra hydrocannabinol, or THC, was developed at the IDPH's toxicology lab in Chicago, said Dr. John Spikes, chief toxicologist for the department.

It will enable police and coroners to determine whether a person was under the influence of marijuana at the time the blood sample was taken, Spikes said.

"The test is open to any law enforcement agency in Illinois, on a service basis," he said. "They are welcome to send in a (blood) sample."

Other labs around the country are using similar techniques, but only on a research basis.

Previous detection methods were able to determine only if a person had used marijuana sometime in the past, Spikes said. But the new technique, which took about a year to develop, tests the blood for the time the sample is taken.

Toxicologists use organic solvents to extract THC and a few other chemicals from the blood sample.

The extract is then dried, added to ethyl alcohol, and run through a gas chromatograph to separate the THC from the other substances.

The suspected THC is then bombarded with an ionic beam in a mass spectrometer, and scientists can compare the way the bombarded chemical breaks up under the beam with the way THC is known to disintegrate, Spikes said. If they are alike, the test is positive.

"It's a good, strong test," he said. Dr. Paul Q. Peterson, department director, said legal guidelines regulating search and detection procedures — similar to guidelines for alcohol detection — are needed for the new test.

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the right of police to have blood samples withdrawn from persons under proper conditions.

Spikes said his lab is now working on a test that could determine not only if — but to what extent — a person was under the influence of the drug at the time the blood sample was taken.

That test could become necessary if laws are passed establishing "acceptable" limits of marijuana levels in the blood for drivers or others, such as those laws used now for alcohol levels, Spikes said.

