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Fighting expensive ordeal Couple recovering from severe tornado injuries

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DALLAS — The first motorists who drove by the mangled bodies of Ronald and Mona Brake thought the young couple had been killed by the massive tornado that swept through Wichita Falls, Texas.

Although badly hurt, the two survived the April 10 tornado that killed 45 and they now are on a long, painful and expensive road to recovery.

They're getting lots of help, though, as they convalesce at Medical City from a storm that was so powerful it ripped the diamond out of Mona's wedding band and left a ball of mud in its place.

For one thing, Mona, 21, now has a new ring that was bought to celebrate their fourth anniversary with help from a \$1,000 contribution from the Dallas Cowboys. She shows off the diamond with a proud sparkle of her wide blue eyes, sitting in a wheelchair beside her 23-year-old husband's hospital bed. Her left leg had to be amputated above the knee and her right foot was torn off at the ankle during the storm.

Ronald uses even tones in talking about the storm that led to his lying in a hospital bed with his left leg suspended by a chain over a porcelain basin.

"The tornado sucked the diamond out of her first ring," Ronald said. "In place of the diamond the twister left a hunk of mud. They had to cut off the band at the hospital because her hands were swollen so bad."

But the ring Ronald had given his high school sweetheart at their wedding was the least of their losses in an ordeal that left them crawling to a curb for help after the storm passed.

Ronald had a ruptured spleen, massive damage to his left leg, fractures of his left arm and deep

cuts on his forehead. Mona had already lost her right foot, and the wounds to her left leg would result in its amputation above the knee.

"Two cars passed us, then this man passed us and backed up to pick us up," said Mona. "We found out later the two who passed us thought we were dead and just leaning together on the curb."

They had been caught in the tornado's path because Mona decided to brave the day's bad weather and stop by a local shopping mall.

"She picked me up at work," Ronald said. "She had this cake decorating class at the mall. I saw the tornado in the mid-60s, you could see that one coming, but this day it was overcast and we almost drove on top of it."

"If we'd gone on home, we'd have missed it."

When Ronald was unable to maneuver around the huge twister and the couple could see it already lifting the roof from the nearby Sike's Mall, they decided to seek shelter outside their car.

"We lay down and took hold of the tree," she says quietly. "He lay down on my back to shelter me."

The injuries they suffered led to many operations and high medical bills. "I've had more surgery than Ronald — about 25 operations," said Mona. "My insurance paid for my surgery at the end of last month and it came to \$57,000 so far."

Ronald estimates outstanding medical bills total as high as \$80,000.

But the couple's plight has drawn contributions and aid from friends, as well as people they never met. Ronald's employer, G.H. Foster Co., rented an aircraft to fly the couple from Wichita Falls to Dallas and about \$25,000 has been contributed to special accounts.

Carter promised energy plan Oct. 1

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WASHINGTON — Democratic congressional leaders told President Carter Tuesday it is virtually impossible for his sweeping energy package to clear the House and Senate before the lawmakers' month-long August recess.

House assistant Democratic leader John Brademas of Indiana said Sen. Russell Long, D-La., told Carter at a breakfast meeting that Congress would send him an energy package by Oct. 1 "that he would be pleased to sign."

Asked about Senate action by the recess, however, Brademas said: "Not possible."

Brademas said Carter expressed his appreciation to Long for his com-

mitment to have a bill on his desk before Congress goes home for the year.

The House is scheduled to begin its vacation Aug. 3 and the Senate on Aug. 4, although Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd indicated earlier the Senate might wait another week to leave if major progress can be made on energy and other legislation.

Brademas said the House "almost certainly" will pass by Aug. 3 two Energy Department authorization bills and legislation giving the president standby gasoline rationing. It already has passed a windfall profits tax and legislation to promote the development of synthetic fuels.

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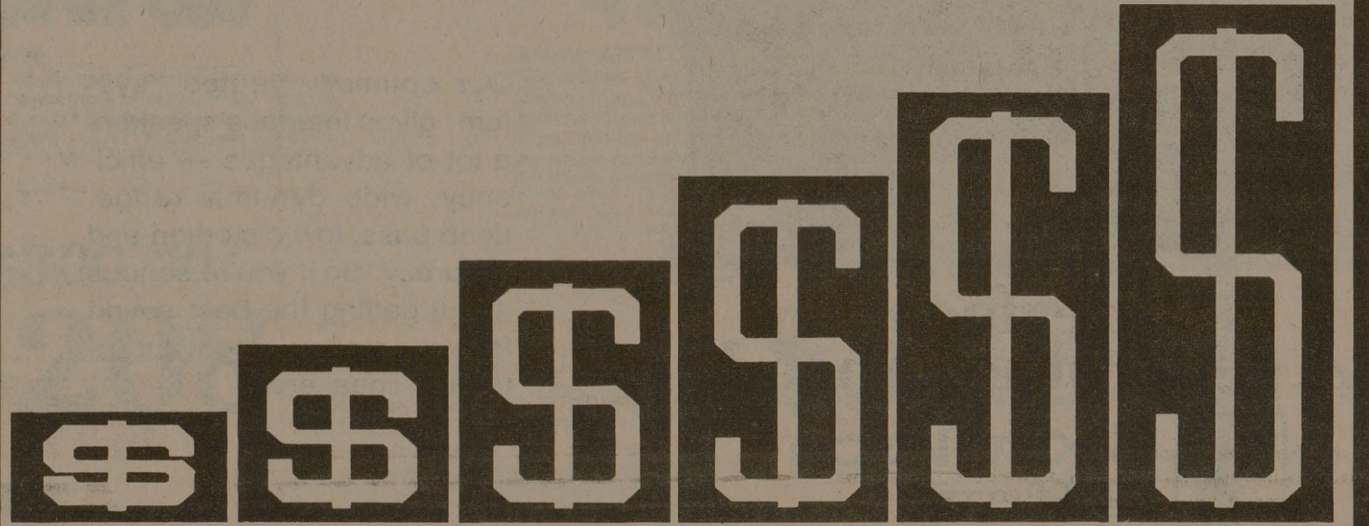


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GM disagrees with UAW contract benefit proposals

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DETROIT — Auto industry contract talks, just into their second week, flared again at General Motors Corp., with company officials calling a wide-ranging union proposal on benefits "unbelievable" in light of inflation.

The United Auto Workers Union, representing 750,000 U.S. auto workers, touched off the latest storm Monday by presenting large-scale demands for improvements in pensions, health care and other fringe benefits.

"We're overwhelmed with the presentation they handed us today," GM chief negotiator George B. Morris said after hearing the demands. "It's just beyond any expectation that we could reasonably have."

"I think the scope of the union demands is unbelievable in light of the nation's concerns about inflation," he said. "I would say this risks anything they've ever asked for

in past negotiations."

In response, UAW President Douglas Fraser dismissed Morris' reaction as an early negotiating posture.

"I would not expect George Morris on the second day of negotiations to say 'The UAW has presented us some demands and we accept them,'" Fraser said.

None of the demands contained specific cost figures, and many of them have been sought by the union for more than a decade.

Chief among them are pension increases tied to the cost of living, updates for retired workers who took early retirements and have existed on a lower pension scale, greatly extended medical coverage and prepaid legal services.

Contracts for auto workers at GM, the Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. expire Sept. 14. Industry officials have made it clear they believe most retired auto workers have almost kept abreast of inflation and cost-of-living features for them are out of the question.

The industry also said it would bargain hard for reduced health care payments, perhaps including shared costs with individual workers — a solution rejected out of hand by the union.

The union has presented several important non-economic demands, including some related to the first angry flareup in the talks at GM. Analysts believe GM will be the union's strike target this year in the economically critical talks.

The non-economic demands included absolute transfer rights allowing workers to go to new plants instead of simple preferential hiring, and a bid for automatic union recognition at some new manufacturing facilities.

By winning the right of transfer, the union would be able to place a core of its members in new plants located in areas of traditional anti-union feeling.

The UAW has charged that GM is

pursuing a "Southern strategy" of locating plants in the allegedly anti-union South.

Charges of company interference in a UAW election at a new GM assembly plant in Oklahoma City — vigorously denied by the company — got negotiations started on the wrong foot last week.

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