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Income tax deadline today

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WASHINGTON — Today marks the deadline for filing federal income tax returns. And while Uncle Sam has paid out a penny in refunds so far, he should do better by the taxpayers who waited until the last minute to file.

People who owe money generally file later, said IRS spokesman Larry Batdorf. By April 4, roughly two in every three American taxpayers had filed their returns. The overwhelming majority of them received refunds. Thanks largely to inflation, those refunds were averaging \$590.53 up \$100 from a year ago.

Of the 93 million or so Americans who are expected to file returns, about 2 percent — or roughly 1.8 million taxpayers — have been audited. Those who make more than \$100 a year have the greatest chance.

Although today is the filing deadline, taxpayers can receive a 60-day extension simply for the asking, an official said, by filing out a 4868 form and mailing one copy of the IRS before midnight tonight. The taxpayer should send in a second copy of the extension form with his completed tax return before June 16.

Mailer wins Pulitzer for 'Executioner'

United Press International
NEW YORK — Norman Mailer, who wrote a controversial "true life novel" about a convicted killer with a death wish, and Boston Globe columnist who writes about personal problems won 1980 Pulitzer prizes. In all, the Globe took three Pulitzers.

Gannett Co. Inc. won the Public Service award, the Philadelphia Inquirer won its 10th Pulitzer in six years and the spot news photography award went to United Press International.

The UPI photograph showed a firing squad in Sananda, Iran, executing Kurdish rebels and two former police officers of the deposed shah. The photographer's name is withheld for his own safety.

Mailer won the fiction prize — his second — for "The Executioner's Song," a

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novel based on the last months of executed killer Gary Gilmore. His first was in 1969, "The Armies of the Night."

Mailer, 57, who lives in Brooklyn, said he was happy about the award, although somewhat bothered by the controversy over the technique he used.

It is called a "true life novel" on the title page, though the material for the book was taken from many documentary sources on the killer.

Mailer said he would have added an explanation to the book if he had known how much controversy it would cause when he and his publisher, Little Brown and Co., published the work as fiction.

"I care about the book, and when there is controversy over something you care about, you'd rather the controversy be about its central merits and not something you consider a side issue," he said.

The Globe's awards in the special local reporting, commentary and criticism categories marked the second time a newspaper has won three Pulitzers in the same year. The New York Times accomplished the feat in 1978.

The Pulitzer Committee cited Gannett for its series on financial contributions to the Pauline Fathers.

The staff of the Philadelphia Inquirer won the distinguished general-local reporting for the newspaper's coverage of the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island.

Other prizes were awarded to:

- Bette Swenson Orsini and Charles Stafford of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times for national reporting for their investigation of the Church of Scientology.
- Madeleine Blais of the Miami Herald for feature writing — stories about families and individual achievements that have appeared in the newspaper's Tropic magazine.

- Joel Brinkley and Jay Mather of the Louisville Courier-Journal for international journalism for their reporting and photography on Cambodia.

- Robert L. Bartley of the Wall Street Journal for distinguished editorial writing.
- Don Wright of the Miami News for excellence in editorial cartooning.

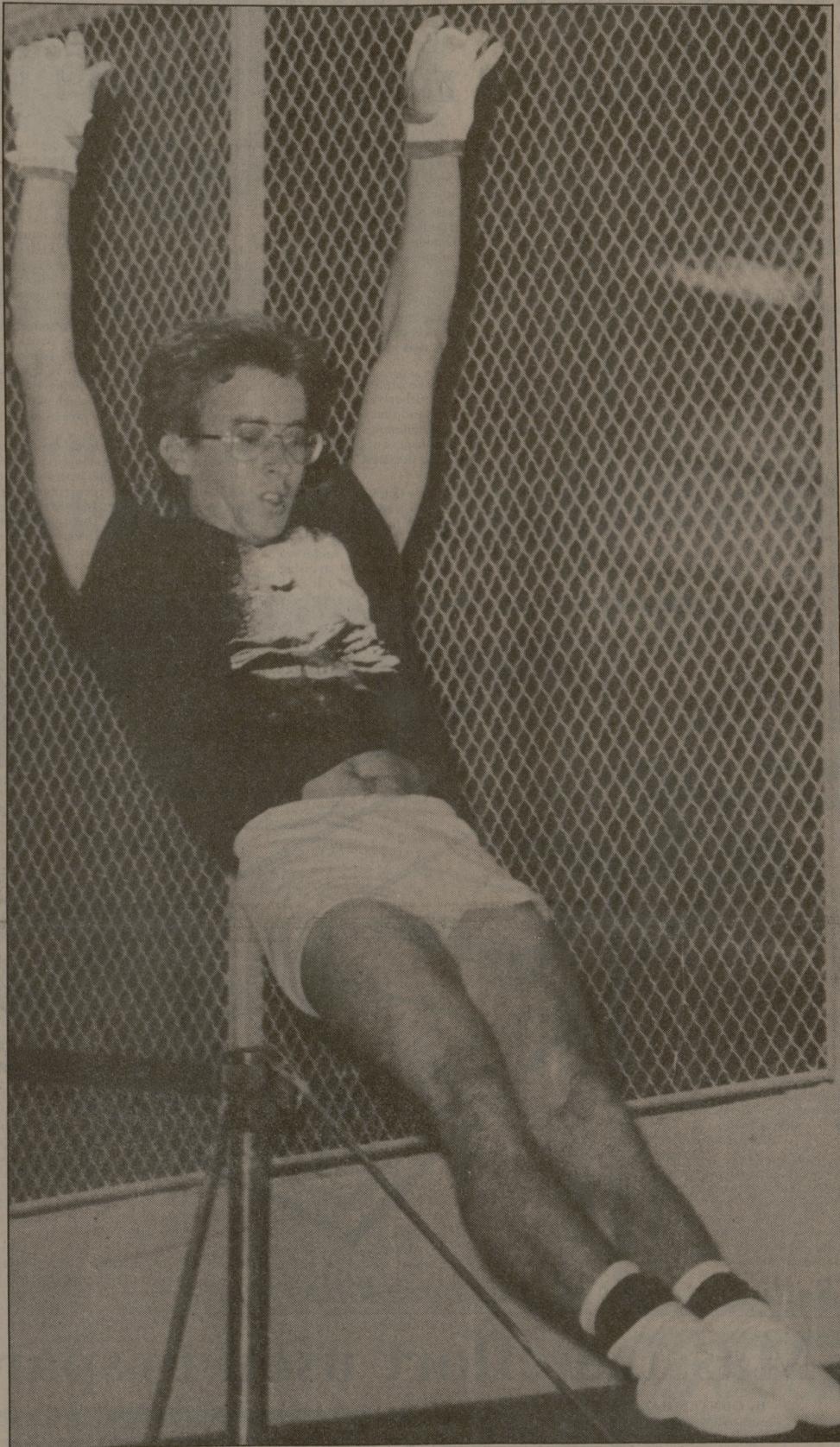
- Erwin H. Hagler of the Dallas Times Herald for feature photography for a series on the western cowboy.

- Lanford Wilson for drama for his romantic comedy, "Talley's Folly."

- Leon F. Litwack for history for his book, "Been in the Storm So Long: The Aftermath of Slavery."

- Edmund Morris for biography for his work, "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt."
- Donald Justice for poetry for his "Selected Poems."

- Douglas R. Hofstadter for non-fiction for his work, "Godel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid," a book of mathematical philosophy.



What goes up ...

Pat Callihan, co-captain for the Texas A&M men's gymnastics team, dismounts after a routine on the high bar. Callihan and other team members will exhibit their talents during a program in the Memorial Student Center lounge at noon on Saturday.

Texas A&M currently is ranked second in the conference in men's gymnastics.

Photo by Jane North

'Kramer' wins 5 Oscars; Hoffman takes best actor

United Press International
HOLLYWOOD — "Kramer vs. Kramer" — a film of a man, a woman and their small son rebuilding a web of love broken by divorce — swept the Academy Awards Monday night, taking five Oscars including best picture of 1979, best actor for Dustin Hoffman and best supporting actress for Meryl Streep.

Sally Field won the best actress award for her portrayal of a spunky Southern mill worker, trying to manage her family and a struggling labor union, in "Norma Rae."

Veteran performer Melvyn Douglas, 79, who made his first movie 49 years ago, won the supporting actor award for his performance as a dying presidential crony in "Being There."

"Well, the soap opera won," commented Hoffman — winning for the first time, after four nominations going back to "The Graduate" in 1967.

He was honored for his portrayal of a loving father in "Kramer," which also took the statuette for best screenplay taken from another medium and best direction.

Streep, a swiftly rising star, won for her portrait of an independent woman deter-

mined to both build a life outside of marriage and reclaim her small son.

"They said this couldn't be done," said Field, who was long held back by her old image as TV's "flying nun."

Douglas, best known as a suave, sophisticated leading man of the 1930s, was not present to collect his second Oscar. He had been nominated three times, and won the supporting actor Oscar in 1963 in "Hud."

Robert Benton won the director's award for "Kramer," and then followed up with a second Oscar for the film's script, as the best screenplay adapted from another medium.

"Kramer," a box office smash, was the expected winner for best picture.

The chief competition came from "All That Jazz," Bob Fosse's musical based on his own flirtations with women and death, which came in second in the Oscar sweepstakes, with four awards — best adapted score, art direction, costume design and film editing.

"Apocalypse Now" — Francis Ford Coppola's lavish vision of the Vietnam War — a circus of death, drugs and rock 'n' roll —

collected two, best sound and best cinematography to Vittorio Storaro.

The best original song Oscar went to "It Goes Like It Goes," from "Norma Rae," by Norman Gimbel and David Shire.

The best original screenplay award went to Steve Tesich, who came to the United States as a teen-ager and drew on his youth in Bloomington, Ind., for "Breaking Away," the tale of four non-college youths growing up in a university town.

The best foreign language film award went to West Germany's "Tin Drum," from the novel by Gunter Grass.

Hoffman, his voice breaking, presented a special award to Sir Alec Guinness for Guinness' career advancing the art of screen acting, which drew a standing ovation from the crowd.

Guinness became the only performer to be honored with such an award after winning an Oscar on his own. He strode on stage to the strains of the march from "The Bridge on the River Kwai," for which he won the best actor award in 1957.

The visual effects Oscar went to "Alien," the story of a monstrous extra-terrestrial taking over a spaceship.

Israelis hope for solution

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin says he hopes to use his meetings with President Carter beginning today to quicken the pace of the stalled negotiations on Palestinian autonomy.

The critical discussions about the future of the Arabs living in the occupied territories are targeted to end in less than six weeks and Begin said he wants to speed up the talks.

The Israeli leader, however, is said to be against the proposal agreed to by Carter and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat that the meetings be shifted from the Middle East to Washington.

"We shall do our best to bring about an acceleration of the pace of the negotiations and creating the possibility of fulfillment of the second part of the Camp David agreement," Begin said on arrival in the United States Monday.

The autonomy plan deals with the future government for the 1.1 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

Under the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty signed last year, the autonomy talks are to be completed by May 26. "This is a goal,"

Begin said about the date. "We must try to fulfill it."

He also pledged to try to reach agreement with Carter on ways to speed up the discussions but "in any case we will always be prepared to continue negotiations to reach agreement."

Begin meets the president twice today and will be the guest of honor at a White House dinner tonight. His schedule closely follows that of Sadat who met with Carter last week.

The Israeli leader also plans a series of congressional meetings before returning to Israel Thursday.

Israel's Cabinet gave Begin wide-ranging authority to discuss all proposals in the talks with Carter, but sources said rather than moving the autonomy negotiations to Washington, Begin favors alternating meetings in Cairo, Jerusalem and Washington.

On the question of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, another issue sure to be discussed, Begin indicated before leaving Israel that he will refuse to consider a temporary freeze on settlements to ease tensions during the weeks left for the autonomy talks.

Burt Lance trial goes to jury soon

United Press International
ATLANTA — Bert Lance is "delighted" his bank fraud case will probably go to the jury by Wednesday afternoon in the trial's 14th week.

Before deliberations begin, attorneys for both sides must give their closing arguments and U.S. District Judge Charles A. Moyer Jr. must give the six-man, six-woman panel instructions on the law.

The defense for Lance and his three co-defendants, now charged with only 19 of the original 33 counts, rested Monday afternoon.

"I'm delighted it's over," Lance said as he left the courtroom. "I'm just glad it didn't take us long to refute 13 weeks' of government testimony."

Lance's defense took only 2½ days. He spent more than a day on the stand himself, fielding questions and denying he broke any laws. He told of his rise for government reorganization.

His testimony was bolstered by the plaudits of some heavyweight character witnesses, including: Lillian Carter, Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., and Tom Cousins,

Atlanta real estate magnate and owner of the Atlanta Flames hockey team.

The court threw out another charge against Lance co-defendant Thomas Mitchell Monday, narrowing the list of counts from the original 33 outlined in the indictment to 19.

Of the remaining counts, Lance is charged with 10 counts of misapplication of bank funds, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and/or \$5,000 fine on each count, and two counts of making false statements to banks, which carries a maximum of two years in prison and/or \$5,000 on each count.

Mitchell faces four counts of making false statements to banks relating to written receipts for stocks he removed from the Calhoun First National Bank, which Lance once headed, where they secured Lance loans.

Six counts remain against co-defendant Richard T. Carr, including four misapplication counts and two false statements to banks, and four counts remain against H. Jackson Mullins, including three misapplications and one false statement.

Court deals blow to Texas Amtrak

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has dealt what could be a death blow to three Amtrak trains discontinued in last year's reorganization of the country's rail passenger service.

The court rejected an appeal by Minnesota seeking to revive the Chicago-Houston Lone Star, the Chicago-Seattle North Coast Hiawatha and the Chicago-Miami Floridian.

In November, the court turned down an appeal from Kansas asking temporary renewal of service on the trains, which served dozens of cities in the Midwest and South.

Among them were Dallas, Houston, Birmingham, Louisville, Nashville, Montgomery, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Minneapolis and Chicago.

Amtrak said it would have lost \$200,000 a day operating the trains.

Kansas, Minnesota and Nashville initially brought suit to keep the trains moving, arguing that dropping them would cause irreparable harm to communities they served.

The three routes originally were scheduled to be shut down on Oct. 1 as part of Amtrak's reorganization plan. But U.S. District Judge Frank Theis of Wichita, Kan., issued a temporary order barring

their termination.

Minnesota renewed the appeal in the Supreme Court, arguing the U.S. transportation secretary should have considered the impact on communities before drawing up a plan for shutting down service.

When Amtrak decided in August 1979 to discontinue six passenger trains, several states asked that service continue until the secretary complied with the National Environmental Policy Act which requires an assessment of the impact of major federal actions.

This ordered the trains to continue temporarily, but following Congress' passage of the Amtrak Reorganization Act, he dissolved his order.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed, holding Congress' passage of the 1979 act had settled the issue.

Minnesota Attorney General Warren Spannaus told the Supreme Court that since the 1979 reorganization act did not repeal the environmental policy act, train service should be renewed until the secretary complied with the environmental act's procedural requirements.

Opposing review, the federal government maintained the environmental act's requirements apply only to agency — not congressional — actions.

Castro stalls Cuban airlift

United Press International
Cuban President Fidel Castro has charged some Cubans holed up in the Peruvian Embassy have no right to leave, stalling the airlift of the Cubans from Havana. In Washington, President Carter accused Castro of obstructing the exodus.

Bad weather off Florida Monday forced Cuban exiles in Miami to abandon plans to sail a mercy fleet of small

boats with relief supplies to their estimated 10,800 countrymen crammed into the tiny Peruvian Embassy compound.

Carter announced the United States would offer exile to 3,500 of the Cubans and called on Europe and Latin America to ease a "humanitarian crisis" by opening doors to the rest of the people inside the embassy.