

Judge said to be partial

# Woods case controversial

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SAN ANTONIO — Federal Judge William Sessions refused Tuesday to disqualify himself from the murder trial of a federal judge, who was his personal friend, and denied a change of location in the publicized case.

"As a general matter," said the judge in a statement released Tuesday, "allegations going to the background and the associations of a judge rather than the judge's appraisal of a party personally, are insufficient to warrant disqualification."

In addition, he wrote in the 18-page order: "After consideration of the evidence, the court believes that the circumstances recited by defendants would not cause a reasonable person to harbor any doubt about this court's impartiality on account of personal extrajudicial bias."

The pre-trial hearings, which ended Saturday, noted that Sessions often had lunch and attended many social events with Federal Judge John Wood, slain three years ago in a contract killing.

Lawyers for the five defendants, including El Paso convicted drug kingpin Jimmy Chagra, requested Sessions disqualify himself and move the trial from San Antonio, where it received heavy news attention.

"While the publicity has been of high intensity from time to time," Sessions wrote, "it has not been of such a highly inflammatory character as to establish such prejudice that it may be said with certainty that defendants could not obtain a fair trial by a fair

and impartial jury drawn from the San Antonio division.

"The evidence presented (in the hearings) was not enough to show a reasonable person was biased in case."

Sessions said he may change his ruling when jury selection begins in the trial Sept. 28.

Chagra, his wife, Elizabeth, and his lawyer-brother, Joe, and convicted hit-man Charles Harrelson and his wife, Jo Ann, face various charges in the slaying.

# SMU Iranians holding strike

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — The government wants to deport nearly a third of the group of Iranians who Tuesday marked their third week on a sugar-water hunger strike following their arrest in an armed clash.

Federal immigration officials said computer checks revealed that 10 of 33 Iranians did not hold valid visas and must show cause why they should remain in this country.

Another 15 cases will be heard this week by a federal grand jury on charges they failed to carry alien identification cards, a misdemeanor. They were arrested at a July 31 melee at Southern Methodist University in which four anti-Khomeini protestors were hospitalized from knife wounds and beatings.

The remaining Iranians posted \$75 bond over the weekend on the misdemeanor charge and were released. One of them has since disappeared, authorities said.

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# Texas ranch-hands to compete in non-rodeo events in meet

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WICHITA FALLS — Cowboys from 13 of Texas' top ranches will gather this weekend in an event that tests the traditional skills of a ranch hand and measures a few capabilities not found on the rodeo circuit — like cow milking and cooking.

The second annual Texas Ranch Roundup in Wichita Falls opens a two-day run Friday and the winning team will be declared the best all-around ranch in the state.

The event netted \$27,000 for charities in north and west

Texas last year and coordinator Mike McAfee said the figure could top \$50,000 this weekend. More than 15,000 people are expected to attend.

The annual roundup is the rancher's answer to the professional rodeo, and although two of the events are found on the pro cowboy circuit, most would make a rodeo star blush.

"These events are indigenous to the way these people operate their ranches," McAfee said.

"There are two events — the saddle bronc riding and team roping — that you find in the

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, but the rest are geared to how they work in everyday life.

"These are the guys who haul the hay and build fences."

Events at the ranch roundup include wild cow milking, team roping, team penning, team branding and others. There also is a cooking competition that pits the best chefs from each ranch against each other.

There is a saddle bronc competition, but McAfee said it worked in reverse of the way

professional cowboys ride their mounts.

"The professional cowboys want the horse to buck. They wear spurs and kick the horse to make it kick higher," he said. "They don't wear spurs in our competition. They want to gentle the horse. On the ranch they want the horse to be a cow pony. They don't want it to buck, they want to break it."

Last year the roundup was won by the Lewis Ranches in Clarendon, Texas and a team from the ranch will be back to defend its title.

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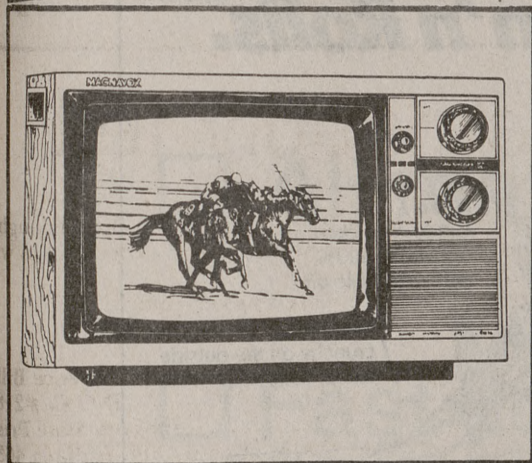
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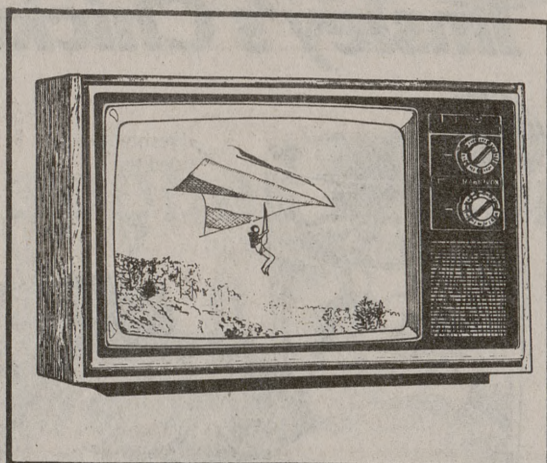
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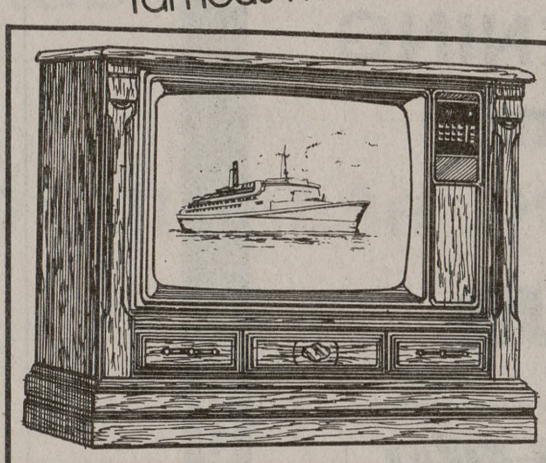
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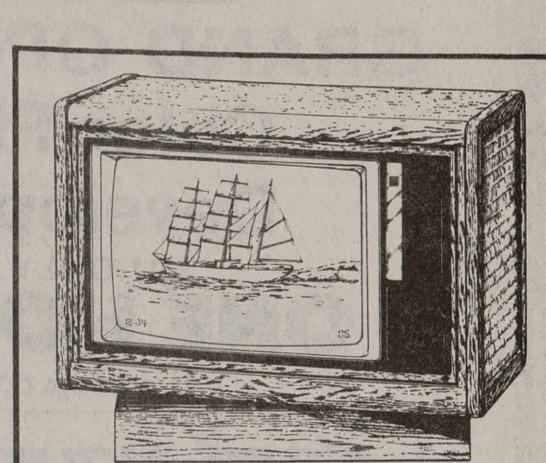
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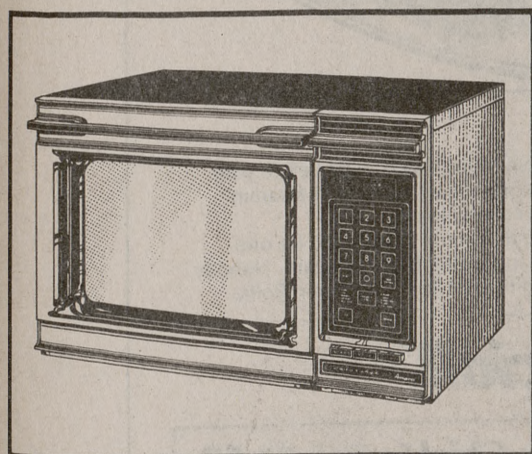
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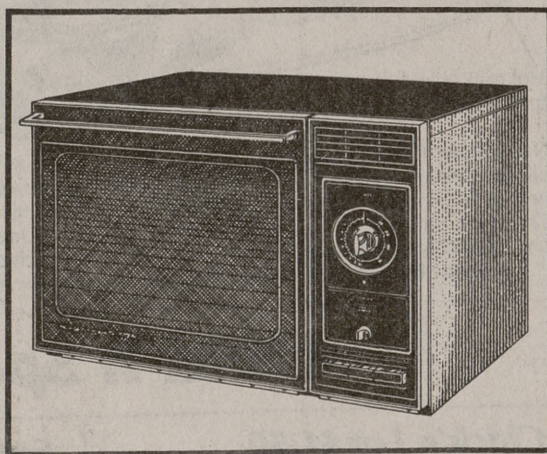
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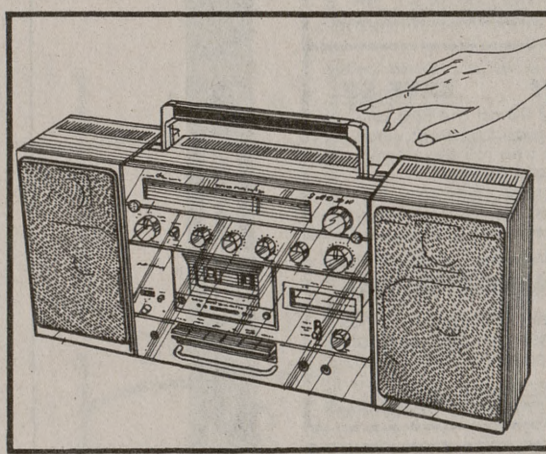
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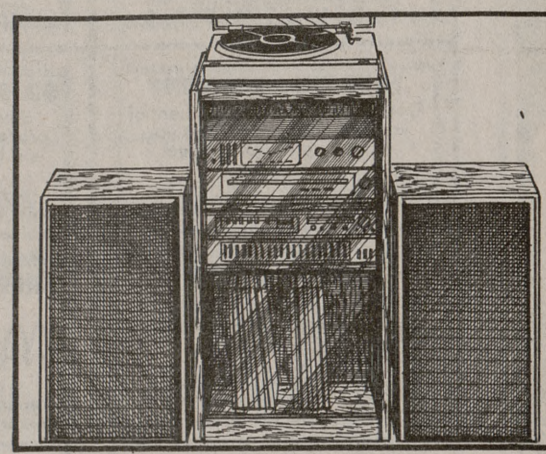
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