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Labor Day features parades, speeches

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Thousands of workers coast along the coast today as they bid farewell to summer and celebrated the 100th anniversary of Labor Day with rallies, speeches and parades.

Labor federations in Chicago and Indianapolis prepared to stage Labor Day parades for the first time in 30 and 40 years respectively. More than 100,000 people were expected to participate in the Indianapolis extravaganza.

The Chicago parade down Michigan Avenue was to feature hard-hat workers scaling 10-foot power towers and tradesmen plastering walls as they drifted by crowds on floats.

In Venice, Calif., organizers were pulling together last-minute details of the Mr. and Mrs. Muscle Beach physique contest.

Some weekend celebrations started early and got out of hand.

Nine law enforcement officers were injured, eight police vehicles

damaged and 26 people arrested in a rock-throwing melee in Kansas City, Mo., that broke out during an "All Night Blast" at a local drive-in movie theater early Sunday.

Jackson County reserve officers separated two fighting patrons during the midnight-to-dawn show only to have a larger brawl break out, police said. The crowd began hurling bricks, rocks and beer bottles and cans. The blast was cut short when police turned out the lights.

Thousands of sci-fi fans converged on Chicago for the 40th World Science Fiction Convention—dubbed *Chicon IV*—to talk fantasy, watch movies and listen to their favorite authors and view artistic contributions from more than 200 science fiction and fantasy artists.

The convention was graced by an affectionate robot who waddled through the aisles saying, "Gimme a squeeze, baby," his head revolving whenever anyone touched him.

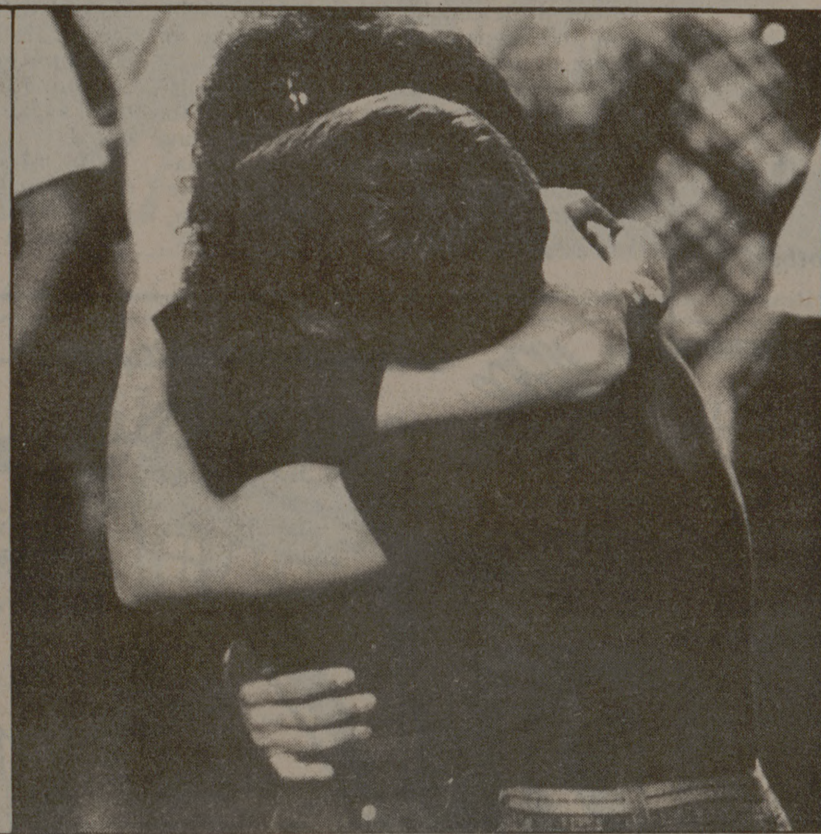
The Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum played host to thousands of frisbee fanatics who filled the air with their discs as an estimated 23,000 flingers and fans gathered from across the country for the annual frisbee festival.

Judy Horowitz of Forest Hills, N.Y., 21, women's two-time overall frisbee-throwing champion said, "When a ball has dreams, it dreams it's a frisbee."

However, in a more serious demonstration, in Homestead, Pa.,

nearly 100 residents turned out to protest the lack of jobs for steelworkers in the area. Eleven steelmaking furnaces once operated there, but nearly all of them are idle now and more than half of the 10,000 steelworkers employed are gone.

A memorial service, held Saturday, commemorated the 90th anniversary of the 1892 strike at the Carnegie Steel plant in Homestead, where 10 steelworkers died in a battle with Pinkerton security guards.



staff photo by Peter Rocha

The thrill, the celebration and the realization

Sophomores Christi Ottea and Mike Brown cheer the team on and then take part in the traditional touchdown

celebration. The touchdown, however, was called back due to a motion penalty on the play. Ottea, from

Bryan, is in general studies. Brown is a management major from Bay City.

US Festival ends low-key rock music weekend

United Press International
SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.
— A souvenir salesman was robbed of \$25,000, but police said the rock fans who attended the three-day US Festival concert-computer show were generally well-behaved. Officials said it may take a month to clean up the grounds where about 100,000 people gathered Sunday under an intense Southern California sun for the final day, which had the lowest turnout of the weekend.

The mostly young crowd, who fought 106-degree heat by dousing and spraying them-

selves with water, peaked Saturday with 230,000 fans flooding the Glen Helen Regional Park, 60 miles east of Los Angeles. About 130,000 people turned out for the first day, Friday.

"The crowd has been super," Sheriff's Department Capt. Don Meyers said Sunday. "A crowd like this could be nasty and give us a lot of trouble, but they have been super."

An armed man kidnapped a concessionaire in a campground and robbed him at gunpoint of \$25,000 in T-shirt sales receipts, sheriff's officers said.

Mark Miller of Winterland Production told investigators the gunman climbed into his car at the campground and forced him to drive 10 miles to Fontana, where, he said, the robber knocked him unconscious and stole his money.

Heat, dust, mud from melting ice and litter were the most troublesome problems. Officials estimated it would take a full month to clean up the trash in the park.

Concert organizers refused to disclose how many one-day and three-day tickets were sold, making it impossible to determine how

many individuals attended or the event's gross.

Stephen Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Computer, who paid \$12.5 million to organize the concert-technology fair, refused to disclose whether he broke even or profited, but said Sunday, "It looks like we're going to be successful there, unexpectedly."

After riding around the dusty grounds in a limousine, Wozniak, 32, said he was happy with the event and noted that huge rock concerts usually are associated with a theme.

"Altamont was death, Woodstock was disas-

ter. Fortunately, the US Festival is technology, a feeling of working together in the '80s," he said.

Crime and violence at the festival were minimal.

The Sheriff's Department reported 36 people had been arrested since the start of the concert, mostly for drugs and petty theft. Several people also were arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, and burglary. There was one reported rape.

Bike theft major campus problem

by Kelley Smith

Battalion Reporter

Last year, 294 bicycles were stolen on the Texas A&M University campus, costing the bike owners \$43,204, University Police Detective John Phillips said.

The value of the stolen bikes accounted for one-third the value of all thefts reported from the private sector of the campus, which makes bicycle theft a major problem on campus, Phillips said.

Although students can't prevent bike theft, Phillips urged them to register their bicycles at the campus police station, where the serial number and description are recorded.

"While registration is not really a deterrent to theft, it does help in recovery," he said.

Forty bicycles were recovered last year, 90 percent of which were registered with the police, Phillips said.

Phillips said many times people will report a theft but are unable to remember the serial number for positive identification.

Having a registration sticker on a bike is also an aid to police when they look for stolen bikes. If a policeman sees someone who does not look like a student on a Texas A&M registered bike, it gives the officer reason to check the bike, he said.

If the Bryan or College Station police find the bicycle and see a

Texas A&M sticker, they can call the University to find the owner. Without a sticker, Phillips said, the bicycle just sits in their warehouse.

Since 1980, 7,263 bikes have been registered with the campus police. Phillips estimated this is only about 60 percent of the bikes on campus.

With the average cost of a bike at about \$210, Phillips said it is well worth the effort to protect it. To help prevent theft, Phillips said students should lock the bike to something other than itself whenever it is left unattended.

He advised students to leave bicycles in a well-lit area and never to attempt to hide a bike without locking it. A thief can find it anywhere, he said.

Although a bicycle may be locked, there still is a chance it may be stolen, he said. Sometimes locks are cut to get a bicycle.

Hans Schneider, manager of Cycles Etc., said in order to prevent a lock from being cut, a student might want to purchase a special one. The Kryptonite Co. markets a lock they claim cannot be cut.

The lock has been on the market for about five years and is guaranteed against being cut. The company will pay \$350 if a person can prove the lock on their bicycle was cut. The broken lock must be shown as proof, Schneider said.

Enrollment drop predicted

Educational costs increasing

United Press International
WASHINGTON — School enrollment from kindergarten to graduate school this fall will be down 500,000 students nationwide from last year, but the cost of education will rise by \$15 billion, federal officials said Saturday.

Education Department Secretary Terrel Bell said a department statistical profile projects total enrollment of 57.3 million, down from 57.8 million in the fall of 1981. Most of the drop will be at the high school level.

College and university enrollment is expected to climb by 128,000, Bell said.

The report also projected total spending on education, both public and private, will hit \$215 billion during the school year, up from \$200 billion for 1981.

"More than 3.3 million persons will be employed as classroom teachers, and an additional 300,000 will be working as superintendents, principals, supervisors and other instructional staff members," Bell said. "Thus education in the fall of 1982 will be the primary activity of nearly 61 million Americans."

The largest enrollment drop this fall, about 400,000 to 13.9 million, is projected in the ranks of high school

students, whose numbers peaked in the fall of 1976.

Enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is expected to continue to drop through most of the decade as the size of the 14-to 17-year-old population continues to shrink, the study said.

At the elementary school level, kindergarten through grade 8, enrollment is expected to fall from 31.1 million to 30.9 million.

Decreases have occurred in elementary enrollment since 1969, reflecting declines in the number of children ages 5 through 13. That trend is expected to reverse in mid-decade, with modest annual increases

projected over the rest of the decade.

In higher education institutions, enrollment hit an all-time high of 12.4 million last year and this year is expected to rise to about 12.5 million.

The size of the college-age population, 18-to 24-year-olds, peaked in 1981 and will be declining through the 80s, and the study said college enrollment appears to be nearing its peak.

Mexican economy worsens with layoff of thousands

United Press International
MEXICO CITY — Mexico's largest labor group said recent layoffs by a large construction firm and a U.S. automaker have left 10,000 workers jobless, a sign of Mexico's worsening economic situation.

Sunday the government news agency Notimex reported Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) spokesman Jose Guadalupe Casas said General Motors plans to shut down its assembly plant in Ramos Arizpe, Coahuila for two months, laying off 1,200 auto workers.

Casas also said the U.S. owned subsidiary

has laid off 1,500 workers at its assembly plant in Mexico City and was considering cutting another 800 employees from the payroll.

The spokesman said ICA, one of Latin America's largest construction firms, has laid off 7,500 construction workers, executives and engineers, while cutting personnel involved in construction projects in Central America.

The Finance Ministry announced Sunday that the World Bank gave a \$470 million loan to Mexico to finance the development of the capital goods sector and two agriculture pro-

jects. The loan agreement was signed at the International Monetary Fund meeting in Toronto, Canada, the Finance Ministry said.

Mexicans have seen their economic growth drop from eight percent in 1981 to a monthly rate of zero in past months, as the government has cut its rapid expansion.

Mexico also owes foreign banks an estimated \$80 billion. Unemployed workers, who receive no steady unemployment insurance, will also face skyrocketing prices, climbing at an annual rate of over 70 percent.

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Today's Forecast: Same as usual. Very slight chance of afternoon showers. High in the high 90s, low in the mid-70s.