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staff photo by Guy Hood

Scott Sherwin, a junior industrial headstand act. Spring fever seems to polishes up on his travelling

## Unemployment reaches high

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — Depressed oil prices, Mexico's economic troubles and former Gov. Bill Clements were blamed Friday for Texas' record high of 8.8 percent unemployment in February.

The Texas Employment Commission said another 39,000 Texans lost their jobs in February.

Gov. Mark White accused Clements of failing to react to warning signs in 1982 and refusing to take action that could have headed off such an increase in 1983.

"I regret that these signals that were available last year were ignored by my predecessor as a certain amount of economic

momentum in that direction is hard to reverse," said White.

TEC labor market specialist Diane Dobbie said the number of jobless workers reached more than 645,000.

The 8.8 percent figure compared to a seasonally adjusted figure of 8.2 percent and an actual figure of 8.5 percent in January. For the second consecutive month, it was the highest rate since TEC began keeping records 13 years ago.

Dobbie said the increase in February could be blamed on Christmas season layoffs, but she said the recession — especially in the hardhit oil and gas industry — is responsible for the general high level of unemployment in Texas.

## Red Adair buys champion steer

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — Oil well firefighter Red Adair plunked down a record price of \$140,000 for the Grand Champion Steer of the 1983 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

Clifton Smith, the 18-year-old owner of the 1,225-pound Chianina steer named Black Velvet, said he had mixed feelings about selling his prized animal but intended to use the money to pay for his education.

Adair said his interest in the bull was strictly economical.

"It will not only help the boy, but it will prove to everybody that we're not as poor as some people think we are down here," Adair said.

Adair said he was prepared to

pay more than the \$140,000 — if he had to.

"We came to buy. I was willing to pay whatever it would take to get it," Adair said.

Smith, the son of a Rio Grande Valley cotton and grain farmer, said the steer is out of the herd belonging to David Shane of Fostoria, Ohio.

The reserve champion steer — named Desire — also was a Chianina. The 1,260-pound No. 2 steer was exhibited by James Henson, 16, a 4-H member from Abilene. It sold for a record price of \$83,000.

In other events, the Grand Champion pen of broiler chickens sold for a record price of \$61,000 and the Grand Champion turkey for \$40,000.

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## Union leader blasts Reagan

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — The head of a million-member public employees union called President Reagan the "Babe Ruth of all deficits" Saturday and vowed to raise labor's largest political campaign to defeat him.

"The public sector workers have sacrificed enough, and we want a decent wage," said Joe McEntee, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

"Our candidate will be the one who takes the oath of office in two years, and our candidate will be the one who shakes hands with Ronald Reagan and sends him back on his horse to California," said McEntee.

"We as an institution have had enough of politicians who look upon government as something bad," he said. "We have a mandate to change the system. Reagan is against public em-

ployees whether you are a state or city employee or a former air traffic controller."

McEntee said a single defense department cost overrun on a missile system would provide enough money to completely fund a nutrition program for women and infants.

"But Reagan wouldn't even give up that money. That's the kind of problem we face," he said.

The million-member organization is the third largest in the AFL-CIO.

## Official predicts cure for all cancer by 1990

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — The chairman of the President's Cancer Panel predicting "a cure for all cancers" by the end of this decade, "at cancer researchers themselves are less optimistic."

Dr. Armand Hammer, chairman of Occidental Petroleum Corp., opened a meeting of the five-member panel Friday in a speech on progress in the fight against cancer.

"Because of the progress made in the last few years, I am of the opinion that we already have a cure for some cancers, and I predict a cure for all cancers by the end of this decade," Hammer said.

Dr. Robert Hickey, executive president of M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, praised Dr. Hammer's "enthusiasm," but said "those of us in the trenches" were not so optimistic about solving all of 200 types of cancer.

"I think this is a laudatory ambition," Hickey said. "I think that we will be able to control other cancers and many cancers, but I don't think all of them."

Hammer cited the promise shown by monoclonal antibodies in recent tests against cancer. He said he visited the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia to see Dr. Kilarly Koprowski's work.

"I saw the records of three pa-

tients who had metastatic rectal and colon cancer in an advanced stage," Hammer said. "All forms of treatment, including chemotherapy, had failed to arrest the disease."

"After an injection of mouse antibodies, all signs of the cancer had disappeared, and the patients have shown no return of the cancer in various periods up to 14 months," he said.

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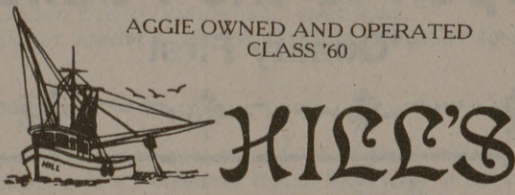
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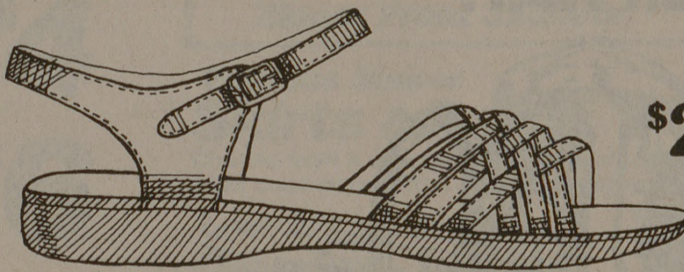
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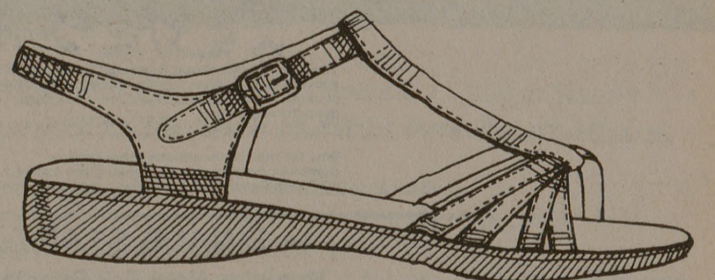
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