

Public helps flower lady

Widow to get care

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FORT LAUDERDALE — Fannie Viccica, prevented by police from selling flowers on Mother's Day to raise money to pay for cancer radiation treatments, will get the medical care she needs after all — free of charge.

The 63-year-old widow was selling flowers at a cemetery when police ordered her to pack up and go home because she had no occupational license.

Viccica was peddling the flowers to make enough money

to pay for postmastectomy medical care. She lives on \$295 a month from Social Security and said her \$500 in Medicaid benefits ran out earlier this year after 25 radiation treatments.

When word of her plight spread Monday, more than 100 residents in Dade and Broward counties phoned police and newspaper offices offering to donate money to help defray her medical costs. Even police officers offered donations for her care.

"It's very nice," Viccica said.

"It makes me feel that at least somebody really cares."

Viccica also was notified Monday by the Broward branch of the American Cancer Society that she can receive free medical care at Broward General Hospital.

Broward General offers free or income-adjusted care to residents who don't have insurance or can prove they can't afford treatment, Adele Stones, a clinical social worker at the hospital said.

Researcher says ringing ears forecast quakes

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LOS ALTOS, Calif. — Last Monday's big Coalinga quake did not come as a surprise to a group of about a dozen Californians who seem to be able to predict them.

The day before the tremor, Mark Waterman called the Time Research Institute to report hearing a "low moaning" in his right ear and skull.

people Adams has found who get headaches or hear a ringing-noise in their ears as early as three days before earthquakes.

She believes the sensations are caused by atmospheric changes and are one of several signals that could be used to warn authorities that a quake is imminent.

Waterman is the most accurate of the group, she said, with quakes following eight out of 10 of his reports.

"I had ringing in my ears for two or three years but never connected it with earthquakes until I heard about a Portland, Ore., woman who got headaches before each Mount St. Helens eruption," he said.

LULAC to fight migrant school bill

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WASHINGTON — A Hispanic group fighting a cutback in educational funding to migrant children says the reason a study showed little disruption in their lifestyles may be that many children are left with other relatives in order to complete the school year.

Waterman, 26, a housepainter from Pleasanton, is one of 24

A report released Monday by the General Accounting Office said 40 percent of the children it studied did not actually miss any school because of their parents' migration to follow farm or fishing industry jobs.

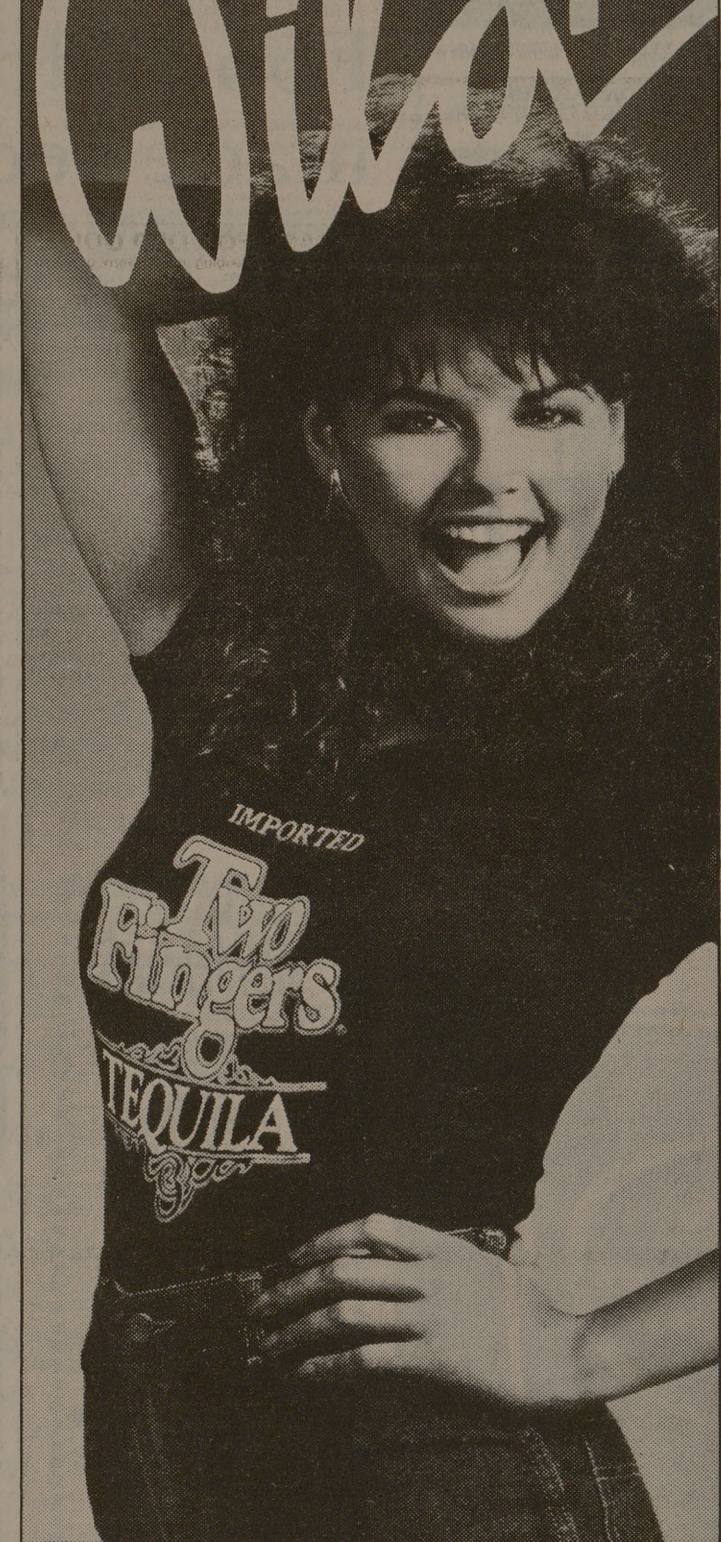
"These students migrated exclusively during the summer months, over holidays or before initial school enrollment," the GAO said. "Another 3.6 percent of GAO's sample missed fewer than 10 days of school due to migration in any of the years reviewed."

ceived \$67 million, California had \$61.3 million and Florida received \$19.2 million in migrant education funding.

The study also indicated 60 percent of the students in the random survey of six school districts in Texas, California and Florida — the states receiving 55 percent of the migrant education funding — were enrolled in only one school district during the study period, which averaged 4.3 years per student.

Congress is currently considering action to try to block Secretary of Education Terrel Bell from severely narrowing eligibility for the \$266 million program currently serving more than a half-million children of migrant workers.

Bell wants to define migrant children as only those whose education was disrupted because of a move from one school district to another within the past 12 months.



The League of United Latin American Citizens, the nation's oldest and largest Hispanic organization, is fighting Bell's plan.

"Our feeling on this is there are parents who are trying, by leaving their children with relatives and friends, to leave their children there until the end of the school year so the education will not be disrupted," said LULAC spokeswoman Jill Kincaid.

"This kind of proposal almost encourages a parent to take a kid out of one school district and put him in another to get the aid," she said. "It's bad for education and the continuity of curriculum."

Kincaid said although education officials testified that the 234,000 students who would be eliminated under the reclassification would be served under other educational programs for disadvantaged children, LULAC fears severe cutbacks there would mean migrant children would not be served.

Congress enacted the program 18 years ago to provide funding for such programs as language development or handicapped education. It also provides special help for five years after a student is no longer considered migrant.

The study included a random sample of 811 migrant education students in the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Robstown and Austin independent school districts in Texas; Palm Beach County School District in Florida; and the Fresno and Pajaro Valley unified school districts in California.

The latest figures show that for fiscal year 1982, Texas re-

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