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No water shortages anticipated in B-CS

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Water. It's used for drinking, washing clothes, washing cars and watering lawns. Quite often, water is taken for granted until it isn't there to use.

In 71 Texas cities, water is no longer taken for granted. Dry weather has made it necessary to put water restrictions into effect in cities throughout central Texas including San Antonio, Austin and Corpus Christi.

Several cities have imposed mandatory restrictions such as prohibiting all car washing and lawn watering, Jack Stearman, hydrologist with Department of Water Resources, said.

Corpus Christi Lake has only a one year supply of water left. Cities and towns drawing water from the lake must reduce their water usage 30 percent, Stearman said.

While Corpus Christi residents are cutting their water usage, Bryan and College Station residents are enjoying such luxuries as washing their cars and watering their lawns.

"We are having no problem meet-

ing the demand," Bennie Luedke, College Station water and service supervisor, said. In fact, the single day water usage record of 8.5 million gallons was broken and is now 9.6 million gallons, he said.

Bryan and College Station pump water from the Edwards Aquifer. Luedke that College Station can get water while other cities also using the same aquifer cannot get water because of new water pumping facilities, used by Bryan-College Station.

The new facilities were installed after the area experienced a water shortage three years ago, he said.

Although it depends on the drought's continuation, Luedke said he does not see College Station having any water problems.

When water conservation becomes necessary, conservation programs begin with educating consumers, Stearman said. Then, voluntary water conservation is put into effect and finally mandatory conservation is enforced. Fines for breaking mandatory codes are usually about \$200.

The drought really began in

March, Bob Riggio, head of weather and climate at the Department of Water Resources, said. Precipitation was below normal during April and May, which are usually the wettest months of the years.

According to the state climatologist's office, 15.78 inches of rain fell during the first six months of the year, down from the average of 19.74.

The outlook does not look much better for the next 90 days, Riggio said.

The light rains that fell earlier this week did little to ease the drought. Thursday's rains in Bryan and College Station only measured 0.01 inches at Easterwood Airport and 0.23 inches at KBTX-TV station. Austin and Houston didn't get any rain.

Riggio said the interesting thing about the drought is that it is affecting all areas: agriculture, (reservoirs) and municipalities.

More than 35 counties have requested assistance from the Department of Agriculture based on 1984 crop predictions.

Games ready to begin

United Press International

LOS ANGELES — Olympic head Peter Ueberroth said Thursday the Summer Games are a celebration of athletes and athletics, and nobody is out to embarrass the Soviet Union and its boycotting friends.

But all the president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee did was heighten the mystery of who will light the Olympic flame during Saturday's opening ceremonies.

Despite the politicking leading up to the Games, a rare serenity has descended on Los Angeles only a day before their official opening.

Problems exist, but they are of rel-

atively minor import, like a broken basketball floor.

"The focus," Ueberroth told a news conference, "is going where it belongs. The focus of these Games is going to the athletes."

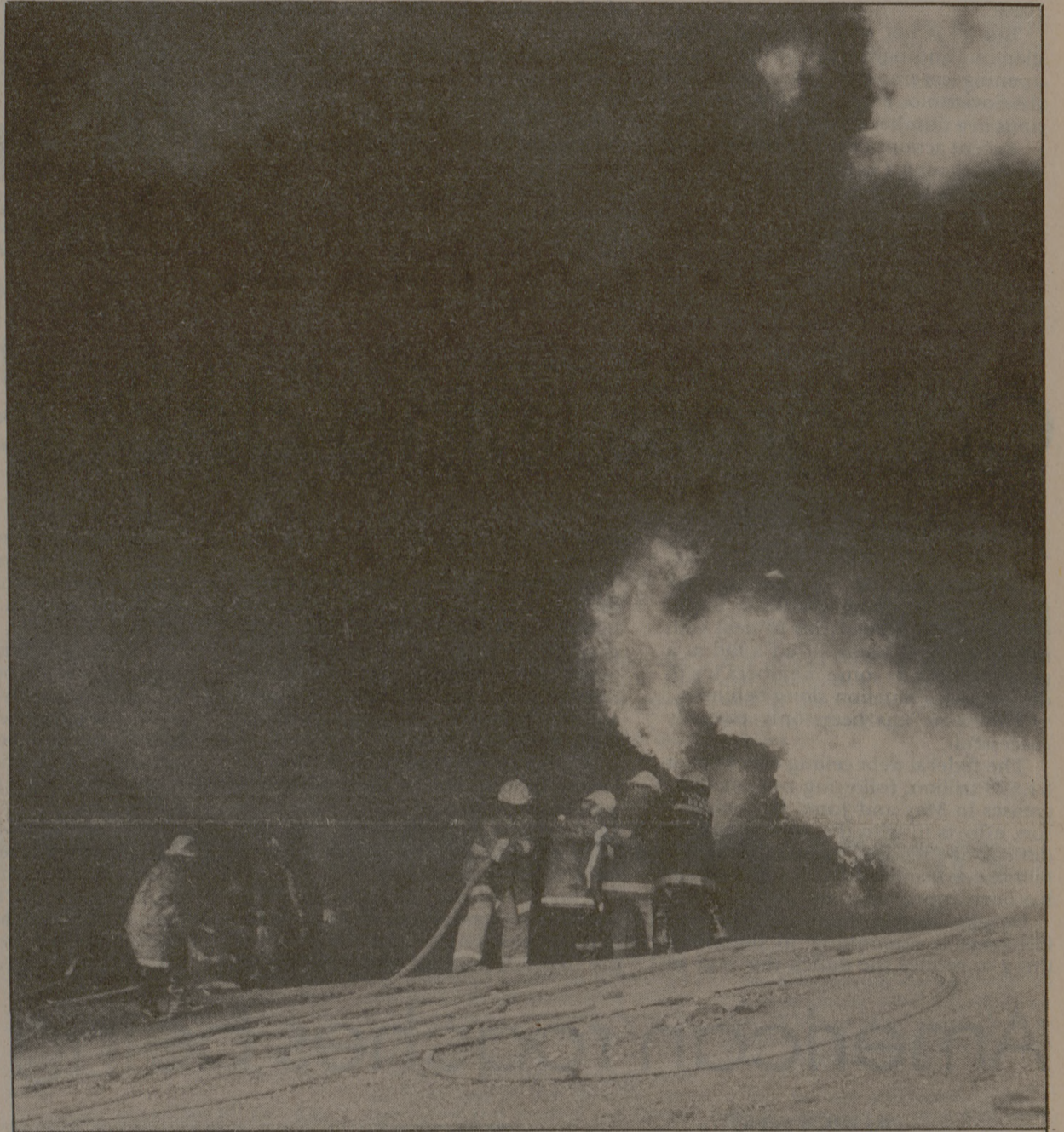
The biggest guessing game concerned who will carry the torch up the Los Angeles Coliseum steps to light the Olympic flame that will burn throughout the two-week athletic extravaganza.

Speculation that it would be Nadia Comaneci, the famed Romanian gymnast, was fanned when she attended Ueberroth's news conference.

But both were close-mouthed.

"I would be very honored but I have not heard anything of the sort and Mr. Ueberroth has the final word on it," said the young Romanian, who charmed the world as a 14-year-old by winning three gold medals in gymnastics in the 1976 Olympics.

Never has the honor of lighting the flame gone to someone not living in the host country, and it was suggested the choice of Comaneci would embarrass the Soviets and their fellow boycotters. Romania and Yugoslavia defied Moscow



Fire!

Photo by Connie Hutterer

Firefighters training at the Brayton Fireman Training Field battle a practice blaze which was caught by the winds and rolled over their heads Thursday afternoon. Some fire-

fighters suffered burns on their faces and feet from the 500-degree heat. The fire was brought under control in a few minutes, and no one was seriously injured.

Immigration bill's troubles reveal Hispanics' force

United Press International

As Congressional support for the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration reform bill erodes, Hispanic leaders Thursday hailed their lobbying efforts as a new American political force to be dealt with in the future.

Passage of the controversial bill is in doubt. President Reagan said he would not accept the House version of the bill, which was passed in May by only five votes, and support ap-

peared to be eroding in the Senate as well.

William Velasquez, director of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, said Hispanics successfully showed representatives of both parties the "depth of their feeling" in opposing the bill they claimed would lead to racial discrimination.

"It was without question a breakthrough," he said. "We're going to

start seeing Hispanics making their observations about U.S. public policy questions. It earned a lot of respect from the political pros."

Tony Bonilla, former national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, hailed the bill's demise as a major victory for Hispanics.

"It represents the arrival of a political force to be reckoned with hereafter," he said.

"I think that the efforts of the Hispanic leadership at the Democratic National Convention made Simpson-Mazzoli the focal point and ... many Democratic members of the Congress (took) note just how serious the Hispanics were about getting this bill defeated."

Bonilla said the commitment by Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale had a positive impact on the party leadership.

"If the bill had passed, it would have opened the doors to discrimination against Hispanics, resulted in human rights violations and encouraged a climate for revolution in Mexico."

John Abriel, deputy district director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Antonio, said he was not surprised that the bill was in trouble.

"It's common knowledge (that) in

election years Congress is reluctant to address controversial issues," he said.

Abriel said the House version of the bill became a "hodgepodge of amendments" and was not as well thought out as the Senate version.

"It had something in it for everyone to hate," he said. "If it was passed as proposed by the House, it would prove not to be advisable because it was watered down a lot."

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Law officers hone abilities

By SARAH OATES
Staff Writer

"We have to redirect Texas law enforcement to provide a service," says Pat Dalager, a Texas A&M law enforcement expert. "Law enforcement officials have four responsibilities: to prevent crime, protect life, protect property and apprehend criminals."

The Law Enforcement and Security Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service offers an extensive selection of courses to help law enforcement officials improve their abilities to do just that.

For example, one course offered by the division teaches officers how to handle domestic violence. Dalager, who is head of the division, said that contrary to popular belief, police officers run the greatest risk of being assaulted when investigating reports of domestic violence, such as a fight between a husband and wife.

Also, Dalager said, domestic violence is the most common type of violence officers in Bryan and College Station must handle. Specialized

training is necessary to prepare officers to handle these delicate and sometimes dangerous situations.

"Crisis communication skills are extremely important," Dalager said. "The situation must be handled then and there to stop it."

All local police officers are required by law to attend the basic certification course taught by the Division. But the Bryan, College Station and Texas A&M University Police Departments have also sponsored officers to attend specialized violence reduction classes such as police baton training and confrontation and street survival.

Calling them "the best in the country," Dalager said the division's violence reduction classes are in the greatest demand among local law enforcement officials.

These courses are designed to hone an officer's ability to immediately react in a violent situation, as well as to control overreactions such as panicking and shooting.

This year the classes were attended by 2,500 officers from seven federal agencies, such as the Secret

Service and The U.S. Marshall Service. Dalager said officers representing such diverse countries as Bolivia, Korea and Indonesia have attended the class. He said a group of Canadian Mounted Police will participate in the course next month.

Chief Charles Phelps, of the Bryan Police Department, said that he thinks the specialized training is necessary, especially the training in confrontation and street survival.

"We've reduced the number of assaults on officers through training," he said.

The Department's training budget has been cut back until October, but Phelps said that it will resume paying for specialized training as soon as possible.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic for the University Police Department, said 30 University Police officers attended the baton training class last February.

"We routinely send our men to these classes," he said.

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Campus intersection to close

The intersection of Spence and Ross streets on the Texas A&M University campus will be closed to traffic beginning next week at the entrance to Parking Area 14.

The intersection will be closed while the new chemistry building is built.

Bill Scott, project director for the chemistry building construction, said the intersection probably will be closed Monday. Work on the building is expected to take about two years and the intersection will remain closed throughout the project.

North-South traffic on Spence must detour to Bizzell Street in front of the System Administration Building.

Entrances to Parking Areas 13 and 14 will not be affected by the closing, but a portion of Lot 14 will be lost to a construction staging area.