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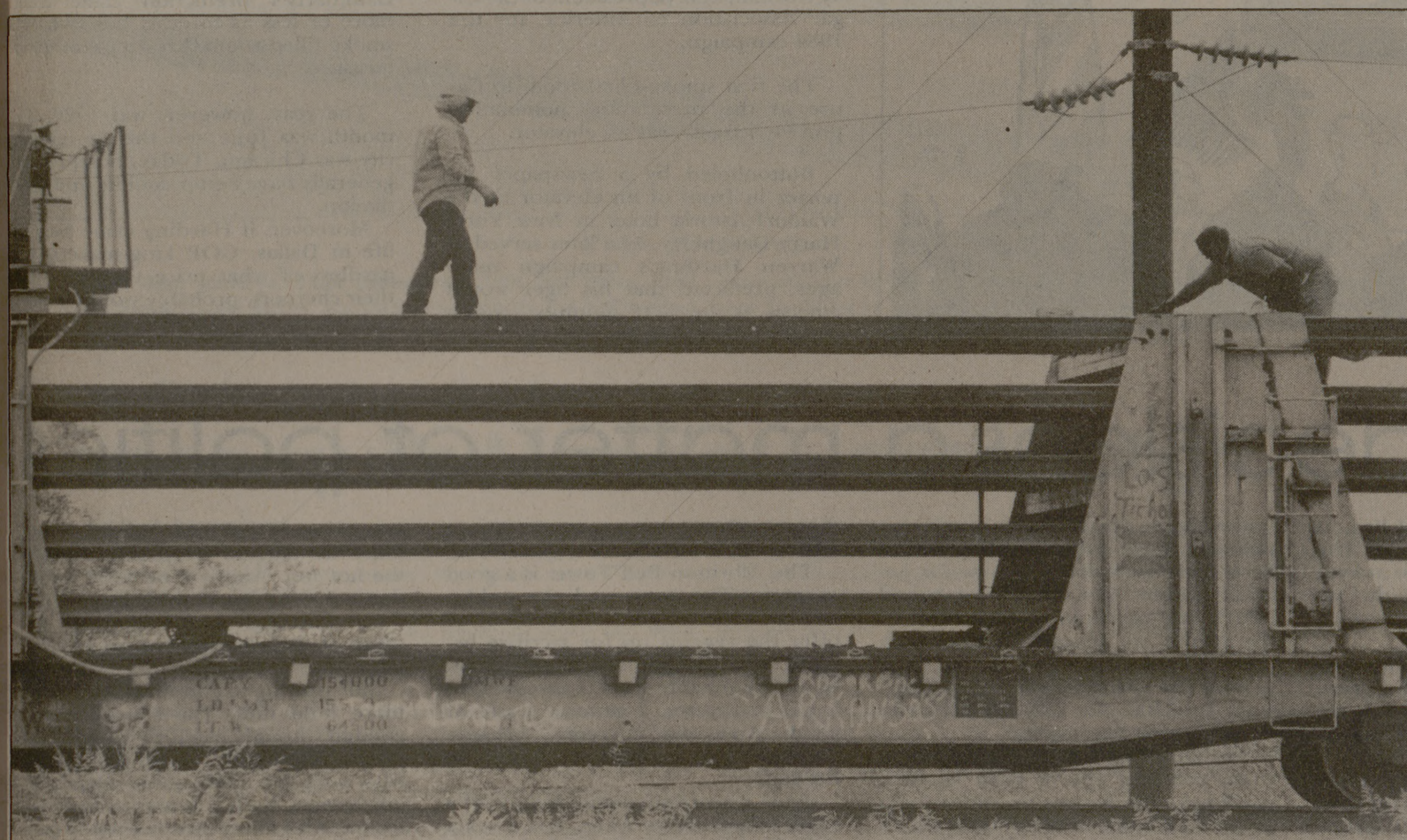
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Riding the rails

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Workers secure railroad rails onto a car Thursday afternoon alongside Welborn Road. The old rails on the car were replaced by new ones that are longer and welded together

rather than jointed for a smoother and safer ride. Rails were replaced from near Navasota to the intersection of Welborn and Villa Maria Road.

## Oil spill spreads; may hit Galveston

United Press International

PORT ARTHUR — A 16-mile oil slick hovering in the Gulf Thursday threatened the upper Texas coast with a multi-million dollar clean-up job over 100 miles of beaches, officials said.

Jerry Galt, an oceanographer with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said it did not appear the 1.3 million-gallon spill would beach Thursday but should threaten the Galveston area by this evening.

"We don't see any impact at all (Thursday)," Galt said. "By (this) evening it's going to threaten an area around the north jetty (in Galveston)."

"We've seen no onshore tendencies since this morning. We've gotten a break from the weather," he said.

He said the oil, spilled Monday from the British tanker Alvenus that went aground southeast of Port Arthur, could eventually spread across 100 miles of Texas beaches.

"Oil doesn't drive up on the beach and park like a truck. It bounces along. The initial hit will be small, then it will grow," he said.

The oil, spread in a Y shape across 16 miles with a width of about 500 yards, was described by a Coast Guard spokesman as "nearly as thick as peanut butter."

It moved as close as 4 miles from the Texas coast at High Island but then was blown back to 8 to 9 miles off the coast. Officials said the delay

gave them more time to prepare for the landfall.

Coast Guard Capt. Tim McKinna said officials already have a list of all available equipment and contractors that can be used in the cleanup. He said crews were prepared to begin operations in the middle of the night.

"We firmly hope to have people on the beaches so that when the oil arrives we can deal with it," he said. "We fully plan to be there when the oil gets there."

Tractors and front loaders will be used to scoop the oil from the beach as it hits, he said.

Dr. Roy Hann, head of the oil spill technical assistance team at Texas A&M, said if the spill does not go ashore at on the Bolivar Peninsula, it could hit the jetties at Galveston within 24 hours.

"It's going to be nasty to clean up," Hann said. "It's going to be a black, tarry oil. A little bit of sediment mixed with it is going to make it denser. If not gotten off quickly it will get buried and appear as tar."

"If it hits the rocks (on the jetties), people will have to scrub it off by hand," he said.

Jack Bushong, director of the Galveston Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the economic impact of an oil spill on the island's beaches could be up to \$3 million a day for the tourism industry.

"It depends on the degree and how quickly we could clean it up," he said.

## Mondale pleads for 'campaign for the people'

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO — Walter Mondale, wrapping up his first major campaign swing in this majority Hispanic city, threw away his text Thursday and made a passionate speech appealing for a people's campaign.

The Democratic presidential nominee was introduced by Mayor Henry Cisneros, one of the eight

candidates he interviewed for vice president before choosing Geraldine Ferraro.

"This is a special man," Cisneros told a cheering crowd of 6,000 people who gathered outside El Mercado, a Mexican-style marketplace in the heart of San Antonio.

As Mondale began reading his prepared text, a wind started blowing the speech away and the former vice president turned behind him

and said, "Take this thing; I don't need notes to speak. I know what I want to say."

With that he launched into an impassioned plea for support of the first major party presidential ticket that includes a woman.

"It's not what we do for women, it's what women can do for this country if we stop discriminating," Mondale said in an evocation of John Kennedy's inaugural

address. The crowd answered Mondale with a rousing cheer as he said that the country needed a campaign for "the people instead of by the advertising agencies."

The appearance in San Antonio completed the 24-hour, three-city swing that also included a rally of 10,000 people in Austin and a visit to a technical training class at a junior college in Houston.

After the San Antonio appear-

ance, Mondale and Ferraro flew to Minneapolis where Ferraro planned to meet with Mondale before flying to New York for a weekend at her summer home on Fire Island.

Earlier in Houston, Mondale blasted President Reagan for cutting programs for the handicapped as he and Ferraro talked about high technology education at a computer drafting class.

The students in the classroom at

Houston Community College Technical Center included blacks, whites, foreign students, women and one man in a wheelchair.

"Every dollar we spend for physical rehabilitation returns \$5," Mondale told them.

"I will never understand why this administration is slashing away at these programs" for the handicapped, he said.

## Job offers up for Aggies

University News Service

Average starting salaries for spring graduates of Texas A&M University are slightly above the national averages in several fields, placement officials report. Officials also said Texas A&M graduates are receiving more job offers this spring than a year ago.

"I think we're on a definite upsurge for both fall and spring in recruiting activity, numbers of interviews and numbers of job offers," says Placement Director Louis Van Pelt.

Van Pelt said he feels the increase in hiring is a reflection of

the economy's upswing.

Figures from salary surveys compiled through June show petroleum engineers at the bachelor's degree level with an average yearly salary of \$30,744 — the highest among spring Texas A&M graduates.

The average national salary for top-ranking petroleum engineering graduates this spring was \$30,306.

Texas A&M graduates are also earning more than the national average in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and accounting.

## Stocks climb in record trading

United Press International

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average soared 31 points on a record 172 million shares Thursday in one of the biggest rallies in Wall Street's 192-year history amid investors' hopes for lower interest rates.

Brokers said a long-awaited summer rally is underway and that the second-leg of the bull market, which began two years ago, might have started judging by buying panic among megabuck institutional investors.

Wall Street, heartened by Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker's statement last week that he hasn't

tightened credit, apparently is convinced interest rates have leveled off and the economy will slow to a more sustainable pace.

The Dow Jones average's 31.47 gain to 1,166.08 was the largest since it soared 36.43 on Nov. 30, 1982. The gain puts the closely watched average at the highest level since it finished at 1,167.19 on May 10.

Technical analysts said buying accelerated as the Dow smashed through the 1,140 level that had been a stumbling block for months. The Dow has risen 79.51 since hitting a 17-month low on July 24.

The New York Stock Exchange

index climbed from 2.19 to 90.77 and the price of an average share increased 74 cents. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index surged 3.91 to 157.99. Advances led declines 1,457 to 255 among the 1,982 issues traded at 3 p.m.

The Big Board volume of 172,830,000 shares, up from 127,520,000 Wednesday, was heaviest on record, easily surpassing the previous mark of 155,990,000 traded Jan. 5.

"This is the beginning of the summer rally and possibly the second leg of the bull market," said Chester Pado of AC Securities, Los Angeles.

"A lot of cash had built up in institutional accounts and they were ready."

"This rally was simply that wonderful thing called a buying panic," said Anthony Tabell of Delafield, Harvey & Tabell, Princeton, N.J. "A lot of people are going to say this is like August of 1982 but we're not going to have anything like that."

"Investors are impressed by the fact that the bond market has rallied in the face of the \$16.75 billion Treasury refunding and that sparked this rally," said Peter Furniss of Shearson Lehman-American Express.

## Officers have variety of roles

# Stress a fact of life for police

By SARAH OATES  
Staff Writer

Some people find it difficult to cope with stress, a fact attested to by the glut of self-help books on the subject. But stress is a fact of life. Even getting out of bed in the morning can cause stress.

Stress is defined as a physiological reaction to a stimulus — a bodily reaction to anything that happens in the environment. Stress itself doesn't change. It's the degree of stress a person experiences, coupled with that person's receptivity to it that can create problems.

Not all stress is bad, and whether stress is a problem largely depends on the individual. Researchers have learned that some people are more susceptible to stress, and some professions are much more stressful

than others.

Law enforcement is a unique profession in terms of stress, says a Texas A&M University professor of educational psychology.

"Name me any other profession that has the immediate, unexpected possibility of stressful situations," said Dr. Walter Stenning, Police officers are faced daily with more stress situations than people in other professions, he said.

"A police officer has to be so many things," Stenning said. "He may have to be a priest, a psychologist, a doctor or a mediator."

He said that the demand to play different roles can cause an officer to expect too much of himself. Many officers feel they aren't doing a good job when they aren't able to adopt these different roles. This can lead to poor "job self-esteem."

But there are a multitude of other contributing factors to the stress experienced by law enforcement officials. Stenning said one of these is the job's low success rate.

For example, statistics on crime in Texas compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 1982 show that there is only a 22 percent clearance rate on crimes in this state, meaning that only 22 out of 100 crimes are solved.

"I can't think of another field with as low a success rate," Stenning said.

Other factors include trying to live up to a "superhuman" public image of a police officer, frequently switching shifts without allowing the body time to adjust and communicating poorly with one's spouse.

Stress management instructor Bill McCoy, who works for the Law Enforcement and Security Training Di-

vision of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, said that many officers don't realize that they are under stress until they have reached an "exhaustion stage," during which they aren't physically able to cope any longer. This is the stage in which most people become more susceptible to illness.

A 1982 National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health poll of 2,600 officers concerning work-related illness showed a high incidence of various diseases reported by officers.

For example, 69.4 percent reported that they suffered from high blood pressure that became worse after they took the job.

The divorce and alcoholism rates among police officers also are very

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## In Today's Battalion

### State

•A community theater in Arlington Thursday canceled the last performances of its all-male "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" at the request of playwright Edward Albee. See story page 5.

### National

•Postmaster General William Bolger Thursday warned the nation's 600,000 unionized postal workers that he will fire them if they go on an illegal strike against the U.S. Postal Service. See story page 8.

### World

•The hijacking ordeal of 46 hostages on an Air France jetliner ended in Tehran Thursday when their captors surrendered. See story page 3.