

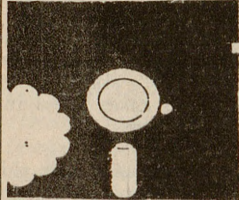
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Texas S&Ls report loss of \$1.6 billion in second quarter

DALLAS (AP) — The state's 281 federally insured thrifts posted \$1.6 billion in losses for the second quarter, but 85 of them managed to stay in the black, officials said.

As a group, the profitable Texas savings and loans institutions had a net income of \$43 million between April and June, according to a report issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

But \$1.7 billion was lost by the state's 196 other thrifts, and the losses make it apparent that Texas is at the source of the industry's most precarious financial predicament since the 1982 recession, officials said Monday.

The heavy losses from Texas savings and loans dragged down earnings results for the entire industry, the FHLBB report said.

Board economist James Barth said Monday, "The losses in the second quarter incurred by the industry were reflected almost entirely in what happened in the state of Texas."

The bank board reported Friday that the thrift industry nationwide suffered \$1.6 billion in losses between April and June, the biggest surge of red ink in at least four years.

Many regions of the country have reported profitable results in the first half of the year, but Texas thrifts tipped the balance into the red during the second quarter.

Most of the second-quarter loss by Texas savings and loans was reflected in a \$1.1 billion addition to loan-loss reserves by unprofitable Texas thrifts — a \$500 million increase from the loan-loss reserves recorded in the first quarter.

In the first quarter of 1987, the U.S. industry recorded \$100 million in net income.

"As everybody knows, (Texas thrifts) faced economic troubles in recent years and they're trying to deal with them in a presumably prudent manner," Barth said.

AMA: AIDS war calls for stiffer penalties to halt drug dealers

AUSTIN (AP) — The battle against the spread of AIDS should include stiffer sentences for drug dealers, the president of the American Medical Association said Tuesday.

Dr. William S. Hotchkiss, a surgeon from Chesapeake, Va., said about 15 percent of current AIDS patients contracted the deadly disease through the illegal use of intravenous drugs.

Experts believe the sharing of contaminated needles is among the ways that acquired immune deficiency syndrome is spread.

"I think that all of us are going to have to consider very seriously cracking down a whole lot harder on drug dealers," Hotchkiss said at a news conference. "The United States is not as tough on drug dealers as many other countries. They sure are responsible for spreading a lot of this disease."

He said a stepped-up war on drugs might be the only way to protect drug abusers from AIDS, which destroys the body's ability to fight infection.

"It's an important part of the fight against the spread of AIDS," Hotchkiss said. "It's not the most important part. A lot of the drug users are totally uneducated. They don't read anything. They are hard to teach anything."

"That is in contrast to the usual homosexual, most of whom are college graduates, productive people and have a job," he said.

Intravenous drug users are part of the link that has brought AIDS from the homosexual community to heterosexuals, Hotchkiss said.

"I think if they pick up these people for selling drugs to users and really give them a stiff sentence," Hotchkiss said, "... they will sit there in prison and they'll start thinking seriously, 'I don't know whether I want to spend eight or 10 years (in prison) just not to tell where I got it or who my main supplier is.'"

"I think we can lead up the ladder and get to the root suppliers. They're the ones you don't get to, and they're the ones that have got to be caught and stopped and punished and put away for 40 years if we're ever going to get anywhere. We're not getting those people now," Hotchkiss said.

U.S. authorities hold man accused in Mexico murder

EAGLE PASS (AP) — A Mexican accused in the shooting and burning death of a man in Mexico was in the custody of U.S. immigration officials, who said Tuesday they plan to prosecute him for alleged violations of U.S. laws before turning him over to Mexican authorities.

Abel Jaimes, 40, of Tejupilco, Mexico, is believed to have been smuggling Mexican citizens into the country for 25 years and brought hundreds of undocumented workers into Texas, authorities said.

Jaimes, who was living in a house in Round Rock, was arrested in Austin Friday by members of the Austin police's Hispanic Crimes Unit, he said.

Austin law officers had been watching for Jaimes for three weeks after federal police in Mexico said he was wanted in connection with a slaying committed June 30.

In that killing, the victim was taken to a field south of Mexico City, shot at point-blank range and his body set on fire, police said.

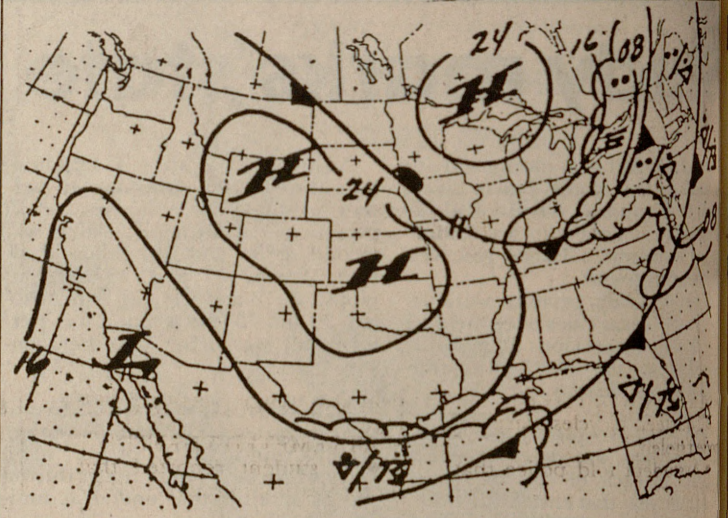
Late Monday, officers from the Immigration and Naturalization Service took Jaimes to the Border Patrol station in Eagle Pass.

What's up

- Wednesday**
- WRITING OUTREACH:** Suzanne McMeans will discuss "The Art of Description: How to Show, not Tell" at 6:30 p.m. in 110 Blocker.
 - GREEN EARTH SOCIETY:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.
 - STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder.
 - OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 102 Zachry.
 - PI SIGMA EPSILON:** will have a pledge meeting at 6 p.m. in 114 Blocker.
 - EUROPE CLUB:** will meet at 9:30 p.m. at The Flying Tomato.
 - AGGIE TOASTMASTERS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.
 - AGGIE ENGINEER MAGAZINE:** will work on the magazine at noon in 204 Zachry.
 - DEER PARK HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 704 A-B Rudder.
 - ALVIN HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. at The Flying Tomato.
 - AGGIE TOASTERS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 105B Zachry.
 - CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will discuss prayer at 9 p.m. in the Corp Quadrangle lounge B and hold a liturgy at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center, 103 Nagle St. in College Station.
 - BAPTIST STUDENT UNION:** will have Bible study at noon at the Baptist Student Center.
 - SIGMA IOTA EPSILON:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Blocker.
 - FOUNTAIN FORUM:** Mason Hogan will speak at 11 a.m. at Rudder Fountain.
 - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES:** will meet at 8 p.m. in the Letterman's Lounge.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days before desired publication date.

Weather Watch



- Key:**
- ⚡ = Lightning
 - ☁ = Fog
 - ⚡☁ = Thunderstorms
 - ☔ = Rain
 - ❄ = Snow
 - ☂ = Drizzle
 - ⚠ = Ice Pellets
 - ☔☁ = Rain Shower
 - ❄☁ = Freezing Rain

Valid: Noon today
Sunset Today: 7:11 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday: 7:18 a.m.

Map Discussion: High pressure will dominate much of the United States with fair and mild weather. Cool temperatures with light rain will continue from the eastern Great Lakes through New England.

Forecast:
 Today, tonight and tomorrow: Expect fair to partly cloudy skies, cool to mild temperatures with a high in the upper 70s and a low Thursday morning of 57 degrees. Winds will be from the northeast.

Weather Fact: Heat transfer: The transfer or exchange of heat by radiation, conduction or convection in a fluid such as the atmosphere, and/or between the fluid and its surroundings. These three processes occur simultaneously in the atmosphere, and it is often difficult to assess the contributions of their various effects.

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