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American workers get reprieve

KUWAIT (AP) — Two American oil field workers flew from Kuwait on Tuesday after they were reprieved from a 40-month prison term for violating Kuwaiti quor laws, according to sources in the Persian Gulf state.

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An oil industry consultant involved in the case said Vice President George Bush helped get the two Americans out of the Kuwaiti prison by persuading Kuwaiti leaders to ask the Emir to pardon the two men. Liquor is outlawed

in the Islamic state. The two Americans, S.L. "Sam" Gilley, 52, of Kilgore, Texas, and Dean Gillette, 47, of Daniel, Wy., are oil well engineers employed by international oil well

servicing company Anadrill Schlumberger. Company officials said the two men left for London where their next moves would then be considered.

Frank Simmons, managing di-rector of Universial Oilfield Services, Ltd. of Daventry, England, said he was involved in efforts to get the two men released since

He said the two men were sentenced to five years in prison on charges of selling home-made whiskey and that the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait had concluded they did not receive a fair trial but had been unable to secure their

Barton discusses ATV controversy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Joe Barton says lobbying may have backfired on the manufacturers of all-terrain vehicles who are fighting legislation that would make them give refunds for the "inherently unsafe" three-wheel

Barton says a "slipshod" letterwriting campaign to Congress reveals "really how desperate the ATV makers are and to what lengths they'd go to defeat my

Barton's staff said the Ennis Republican received about two dozen letters with identical messages. But when the congressman's office contacted some of the senders to respond, six knew nothing about the mailgrams or did not remember authorizing the use of their names.

Dukakis attacks Reagan's speech

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) -Michael Dukakis on Tuesday returned President Reagan's "facts are stubborn things" line in a counterattack which blamed the administration for rising interest rates, budget and trade deficits and several foreign policy deba-

"Iran-Contra, Noriega, Beirut; facts are stubborn things," Dukakis told reporters a day after Reagan used the same refrain to list his accomplishments in an address at the Republican National Convention in New Orleans.

This is a nation that eight years ago was the largest creditor nation in the world," Dukakis said

shortly after the administration released figures showing a sharp increase in the U.S. trade deficit.

"Today we are the largest debtor nation in the world," Dukakis said. "That's the consequence of eight years of borrowing and spending and borrowing and spending. Facts are stubborn things and these are the facts we are going to be debating . . . It will be Mr. (George) Bush who will have to respond to those facts."

The Massachusetts governor wrapping up a visit to central Massachusetts, said he expected the vice president to cut into his lead in the polls because of the

Shortage of offshore workers develops

WASHINGTON (AP) — A shortage of offshore oil workers has developed in parts of the Gulf of Mexico, and the problem could become severe if drilling in-

creases, industry spokesmen said.
Zapata Gulf Marine had to mothball a few of its 98 supply vessls working in the Gulf because of a lack of sailors and martime engineers, Zapata spokesman Barney White said Monday.

"We're really having a manpower crunch," he said. "Last month we had three boats that we ouldn't work because we didn't

Zapata's recruiters have been working to locate maritime per-

sonner, wime said. The company has maintained enough workers for its six Gulf rigs by recalling former employees who had worked on the two dozen rigs it operated in the Gulf several years ago, he said.

Most offshore drilling companies have enough roustabouts, tool pushers, drillers and roughnecks, said Ed McGhee of the International Association of Drilling Contractors. But if drilling were to increase sharply, the need for labor would be great, he said. Ocean Oil Weekly Report re-

ported Monday that some offshore companies could double their work load if they could find enough skilled workers.

Reactions vary over selection of Sen. Quayle

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — George Bush's choice of Dan Quayle, a relatively unknown Midwestern senator, as his running mate pleased conservatives and surprised other Republi-

"I was kind of stunned," said Sen. William Cohen of Maine, who had been backing Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas for the No. 2 spot on the GOP ticket.

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"He doesn't have the stature of a Dole . . . or the following of Jack Kemp," Cohen said, adding that Bush may have been looking "to do something bold and different and surprise all the pundits and the ex-

Kemp, a New York congressman whom Bush phoned to tell he was not going to be the running mate, called the two men "a very strong ticket for the Republican Party."

"I told the vice president I'm going to look forward to campaigning for a Bush-Quayle ticket in 1988," Kemp said. "I told him, 'Mr. Vice President, I want you to know

style who could appeal to younger

"This may really put some spark and life into a campaign that has been described as uninspiring," Co-

"It's risky," said Rep. Robert Dor-nan, R-Calif., an outspoken conser-vative who called Quayle "terrific on the issues" but a "total unknown." Massachusetts Republican Chair-

man Ray Shamie, who praised Quayle, confessed that he did not even know what state he came from. But Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad

said the 41-year-old Quayle's obscurity can be overcome. Nationally nobody knew who Lloyd Bentsen was until he got tapped for the Democratic ticket, so

what difference does that make?' Branstad asked. Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis' campaign was restrained in its

"This does not affect our campaign strategy in any way," said campaign spokesman Mark Gearan in Fitchburg, Mass.

"The Democrats nominated a ticket led by a man of strength and steadiness who chose a vice presidential nominee who has been a my support is unconditional."

Quayle is a 41-year-old senator described by his colleagues as conservative with an aggressive debating

deader in the Senate, someone clearly well equipped to succeed him," Kirk said. "It appears the Republicans did neither."

Quayle's background explains Bush's choice

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Sen. of the Huntington Herald-Press. Dan Quayle says comparisons to He attended DePaul University, Robert Redford are a "stigma" he which many of his relatives ataims to be taken seriously.

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George Bush announced Tuesday before a cheering crowd on the Mississippi riverfront that he had chosen Indiana's junior senator as his running mate. Quayle stepped up and told Bush: "Let's go get 'em."

little of the national spotlight and has yet to attain the level of peer respect enjoyed by his senior colleague, Sen. Richard Lugar.

Quayle, 41, acknowledges that he was not exactly a household word when news came that he was a hot vice presidential prospect.

Born in Indianapolis, J. Danforth

must bear. But beyond the golden good looks, the man tapped for the No. 2 spot on the Republican ticket of choice and waited tables at a soroity house for \$40 a month. As for the family fortune, Quayle says he didn't see much of that: "My grandfather didn't believe in inherited

Quayle met his wife, Marilyn, at law school, and they were married 10 weeks after their first date. "Everything clicked perfectly," said Mrs. Quayle, also a lawyer.

An ardent conservative in his second Senate term, Quayle has seen the Huntington Herald-Press from 1974 to 1976, when he was elected to the House. Five months into his second term, Quayle announced he would challenge veteran incumbent Democrat Sen. Birch Bayh.

Quayle defeated Bayh with 54 percent of the vote, and easily won re-election in 1986. When he first ar-Quayle is a member of a prominent rived in the Senate, he was dismissed publishing family, the Pulliams. His by many as a blow-dried golden boy. grandfather was Eugene C. Pulliam, But Quayle set to work to erase that publisher of the Indianapolis Star image, and carved out a niche for and News, the Arizona Republic and himself on the Armed Services Comthe *Phoenix Gazette*. Quayle's father, James C. Quayle, is publisher ters involving the NATO alliance.

Economic survey shows loss of optimism

NEW YORK (AP) - With each month, evince grows that mass psychology is playing as mportant a role in the economy's performance more traditional factors, such as interest rates

Perhaps the clearest manifestation shows up in e widespread belief that the expansion cannot be sustained much longer, simply because it is almost 69 months old and is "due" to expire.

The factor shows up in the latest quarterly ecomic survey by the National Federation of Inependent Business, which found that smallsiness optimism lost ground, mainly because wer companies expect continued growth.

"The longer the recovery goes, the larger the reportion of economic agents becomes which eves that the expansion cannot be sustained," id Professor William C. Dunkelberg, who reguly interprets the findings.

Apparently many believe that the law of gravapplies to economic statistics as well as

apples," said Dunkelberg, dean of the graduate business school at Temple University.

He noted that companies have become "decidedly less optimistic about future expansion each July, with 60 percent expecting growth in 1983

compared to 16 percent in 1988."

Nevertheless, he declares in a report released "There is no sign that the economy is poised to enter a recession.'

Reviewing detailed responses from 1,834 companies, Dunkelberg noted that the decline in the survey's small-business optimism index resulted as much from disbelief about the likelihood of further growth as from strong negative views.

In some parts of the country, he said, 'busi-

nesses just figure it can't get any better, so no im-

The survey's small-business optimism index fell to 100.5, seasonally adjusted, its lowest reading since the fourth quarter of 1986, when it registered 99.5.

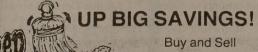
from responses in 10 business categories, including expected business conditions, changes in earnings, and plans to hire - has anticipated conditions six months away.

Reviewing these categories, Dunkelberg said imbalances that precede recession, such as rapid inflation, unusually strong inventory buildup, overly rapid capacity expansion, labor shortages and rising wages, weren't present.

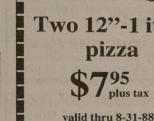
Some of the wage stability he attributed to an internationalization of labor markets, explaining that "rising costs and wages in the United States simply provide windows of opportunity for im-

Moreover, he continued, "bottlenecks that historically produced rising prices are now alleviated by imports, which dramatically moderate price pressures. Worldwide, there are few if any identifiable capacity problems.



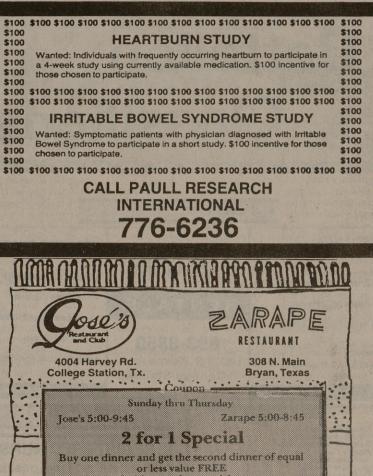


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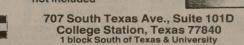
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