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(Advocate Photo)

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The accident reportedly happened as Pitman was standing in between two cars connecting air hoses. He was knocked to the ground and run over by a wheel of one of the cars when additional cars were knocked against those where Pitman was working. The accident occurred shortly before noon.

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U.S. Urges Bloodshed Be Halted

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PANAMA (AP) — Charging merciless aggression, Panama broke diplomatic relations Friday with the United States and announced it was scrapping the 61-year-old canal treaty after U.S.-Panamanian armed clashes that killed 20 persons and wounded hundreds in two days.

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Local Group Gains Control Of Power Cat Boat Concern

Power Cat Boat Corp., maker of the catamaran called safest and most maneuverable pleasure boat afloat, became a Victoria operation exclusively on Jan. 1 with beginning of production of the 1964 models at the Foster Field base.

The announcement came Friday from Ray Leger, designer of the award-winning boat as well as president and general manager of the corporation.

Victoria interests have acquired 83 per cent of the stock of the firm, organized five years ago in California. Temporary officers have been named to serve during a reorganization in which the firm will be re-incorporated under Texas law as Power Cat of Texas.

Permanent officers and directors will be named in the near future, spokesmen said. Officers will be announced when the

permanent boat is formed. "Power Cat is the only finished product that is turned out in Victoria and marketed nationally," Leger said, adding that the company is shooting for a \$1 million production schedule in 1964, about double the 1963 production.

A Canadian outfit has been licensed as Power Cat of Canada, with John Booth of Edmonton, Alberta, as president and other international franchisees are being negotiated. In addition, past sales have been made to all branches of the armed forces and the company currently holds a contract to develop boats for the Kings County (Seattle) sheriff's office in Washington.

Goldwater Urges Missiles Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Barry Goldwater asked Friday for a full-scale Senate probe of what he called a dependability gap in America's long-range missiles.

Refusing to back down on his statement that "our intercontinental missiles are not dependable," the Arizona Republican pressed a controversy that could develop the bitterness the missile gap controversy created in the 1960 election campaign.

"If I am proven wrong I will be very pleased and happy to admit it," he said, "but if there is a lack of dependability I do not believe the American people should be lulled into a false feeling of security by numbers and statistics."

Goldwater, asserting he probably would "catch hell" for doing so, raised the issue at a news conference in Portsmouth, N.H. Thursday while campaigning for the GOP presidential nomination.

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Its new 17-foot Fun Boat, for instance, is the world drag record holder. Using two 100-HP outboard motors this model set a record of 91.03 miles per hour over a quarter mile course from a standing start.

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Town Talk

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Winner of this primary runoff will be the Democratic nominee. The general election race against a Republican has been a mere formality in Louisiana since reconstruction days.

Issues range from an alleged toupee for Morrison's thinning (which to implications that McKeithen—who hammered on the race issue—was a "bater."

Politicians fear that the label "bater" packs political dynamite since Kennedy was murdered by a sniper in Dallas.

The assassination happened just as Louisiana's 10-man first Democratic primary was reaching full cry. The campaign was stopped dead in its tracks for days and lost its dominant "anti-Kennedy" character.

Morrison, making his third straight bid for governor, lopped the field of 10 with a 142,000 vote margin over McKeithen, the No. 2 man.

All of the candidates were segregationists, of one degree or other.

In the runoff campaign, McKeithen took a page from each of two preceding campaigns in which Morrison was beaten.

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It was reported Friday that only two remaining easements need to be obtained.

The site is being engineered by the city. Work on the project will start about the middle of the year.

The city of Yoakum will receive a grant of approximately \$50,000 from the federal government for the project. This amount will be matched by the city in the form of land purchase and work done on the site.

Included in the project is a 60 x 3,400-foot paved runway, paved access road, paved apron, and fencing. The airport will be lighted for night flying.

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Today's Chuckle

You can get a lot of firsthand knowledge from a second-hand car.

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American spend an estimated \$7.5 billion annually for tobacco products—and federal and state governments pick up \$3.2 billion in tobacco taxes.

The blue-ribbon committee—selected for its lack of bias on the controversial subject—includes three cigarette smokers, two cigar smokers and five non-smokers.

The group is expected by many to come up with an indictment of smoking at least approaching in vigor those health groups and researchers and even by the U.S. Public Health Service.

The report will contain recommendations for government action. A second study, possibly by another committee, is slated to be made later to make recommendations.

Long-Awaited Report Due On Tobacco Study Today

WASHINGTON (AP)—Saturday is the day when a federal scientific panel will issue its long-awaited report—after 14 months of study—on "the nature and magnitude of the possible health hazard of tobacco smoking."

Although the findings have been one of the best-kept government secrets outside of military security, the committee is expected to indict smoking, especially heavy cigarette smoking, as a contributory cause of a variety of ills—including lung cancer, heart disease and some respiratory maladies.

But there already is evidence that even after the report is made public, the long-standing controversy concerning alleged links between smoking and health will continue.

The report will be made public at 12 noon Saturday after a 24-hour locked-door study of the 171,000-word document by newsmen and a news conference on it.

When U.S. Surgeon General Luther L. Terry called for the study—upon White House orders—he said he expected the report would be "the most comprehensive ever to be produced on the subject of smoking and health."

New Cool Front Nears Panhandle

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South winds took over in Texas Friday and slowly warmed the chilled state.

The trend was due for a short life, however, because another Pacific cool front was approaching the Panhandle where snow flurries were possible early Saturday.

The Weather Bureau said the cooler air would spread southeastward over Texas Saturday, increasing cloudiness.

Fair skies were the rule over the northern half of the state, clouds prevailed in the south.

Temperatures two to eight degrees below normal were forecast for Texas through Wednesday. The whole state needed it, was about a quarter inch of rain or snow about Wednesday in North-Central and Northeast Texas.

BID APPROVED

Advocate Austin Bureau

AUSTIN—Provided there are no objections from the standpoint of navigation, the old fishing pier on Lavaca Bay at the west end of the abandoned causeway between Port Lavaca and Point Comfort will soon be rebuilt and readied for public use.

The Galveston engineer district of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued public notice that the State Parks and Wildlife Department wants to rebuild the pier. Any protests, for reasons concerning navigation, must be made to the district engineer by Jan. 16. Interested parties may inspect plans for the proposed construction in Room 715 of the Santa Fe Building in Galveston Monday through Friday, or at the Corps of Engineers resident office in Corpus Christi.

The pier, once popular with coastal fishermen, has been out of operation since it was demolished by Hurricane Carla in 1961. The Texas Legislature appropriated up to \$49,500 for rehabilitation of the pier and called on the old Game and Fish Commission, now the Parks and Wildlife Department, to handle the job.

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J. Weldon Watson, Parks and Wildlife executive director, said the department had approved a bid of \$37,600 by Mercer Construction Co., Edna, for the work. The Mercer bid was lowest of eight submitted on Dec. 31. The high bid was \$213,900. The contract, if approved by the Board of Control, calls for completion of the work in 75 working days. The starting date is still indefinite pending approval by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Plans call for reconstructing the pier using salvaged caps, stringers and deck placed on existing piling. The ramp will be eight feet wide and 126 feet long, extending northwest from the end of the pier. The ramp will slope down from the end of the pier, which will be 12 feet above the average low tide, to an elevation of two feet above average low tide at the end.

The pier will be supervised and maintained by the Parks and Wildlife Department, which has only one other public fishing pier of this type in operation on the Texas coast—at Rockport, Watson said.

Victorian Given AFL-CIO Post

AUSTIN (AP)—Hank Brown, president of the Texas AFL-CIO, announced Friday appointment of H. G. Tate of Corpus Christi and Victoria as the labor group's education and research director.

Tate, 43, has held various offices in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' local in South Texas.