

Statewide water plan nearing final approval

AUSTIN (AP) — The state House planned a final vote today on a water package that one member fears could send East Texas water to West Texas.

Rep. Smith Gilley, D-Greenville, said Tuesday the "ulterior motive" of backers of the \$800 million water plan is to build East Texas lakes to catch water to ship west.

It was just the kind of talk that Speaker Gib Lewis didn't want to hear. Statewide water plans proposed in past years have died at the ballot box, victimized in part by East Texans' fears that they'd lose their water.

"We hope those rumors don't get

started," Lewis said. "We made every precaution in the bill where it would not send out any alarm ..."

The House on Tuesday gave 134-11 approval to a proposed constitutional amendment allowing the state to sell \$800 million in bonds to pay the water program. It includes \$200 million for flood control projects, \$200 million for water quality projects, \$200 million for reservoirs and \$200 million for other use.

If approved by the Senate, the amendment will be on the November general election ballot.

Tentative approval was given by the House Tuesday for legislation

that would implement the plan.

The votes came quickly and with relatively little debate.

Gilley asked bill sponsors whether the package includes water transfers. Rep. Chip Staniswalis, R-Amarillo, said it did not, but Gilley was not convinced.

"We know in our part of the state of Texas that one of the ulterior motives is to move water, not just to catch water for the heck of it, but to move water from one area of the state to another," Gilley told a reporter.

Lewis said the package he put together with Gov. Mark White and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby does not

include water transfers.

"That's always been one of the problems we had in the past, the misperception people had that we are going to transport water from one part of the state to the next," said Lewis. "That is nowhere in this bill, that is not the intent of this bill by any means."

After voicing his concerns on the floor, Gilley said, "One thing they are trying to accomplish is to make water much more available. In doing so I have a fear this will mean there will be numerous lakes built in Northeast Texas to cover up some of the richest farmland in the United States."

"It will displace homeowners and it will ultimately mean water will be transported from Northeast Texas and East Texas to other portions of the state," Gilley said.

Lewis praised the package as a "well-balanced bill." He said House members moved quickly on it as a result of "maybe a year-and-a-half of hearings across the state of Texas, a great deal of work by the (House Natural Resources) committee and a great deal of knowledge shared by members of the House."

House members probably will get another shot at the topic. The complicated legislation probably

will wind up in a House-Senate conference committee. A Senate committee planned a hearing today on its more expensive plan — \$1 billion.

Sponsor Tom Craddick, R-Midland, was asked only a few questions on the proposed amendment. Rep. Ed Watson, D-Pasadena, asked whether it is wise to put the proposal to voters this November when the only major elections are for Houston city posts.

Craddick said "the sooner the better." He is hopeful that voters across the state will remember the 1984 summer drought.

IRS admits it gives bad advice

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service admits to having made mistakes in some of the 53 million taxpayer questions it answered last year but puts part of the blame on a complex tax system.

"If ever a law cried out for reform, this is it," IRS Assistant Commissioner Stanley Goldberg told reporters Tuesday. "I don't think either man or beast can master this," he added, pointing to a 10-inch-high stack of volumes required to explain the changes Congress made only in 1984.

Meantime, he conceded, some of the 3,000 part-time and full-time employees who answer questions by telephone or at IRS walk-in offices are going to make mistakes.

"They are doing a very difficult job," Goldberg said. "Unfortunately, it is impossible to do it perfectly."

A taxpayer who relies on erroneous IRS advice in filling out a tax return is subject to the same interest and penalties as if the wrong answer had been provided by a private accountant.

Goldberg admitted to being defensive about a Wall Street Journal survey that asked fairly routine questions of IRS offices and received some incorrect answers. Seventeen offices and four questions were involved in the survey, and the Journal said no single question was answered correctly by all five offices to which it was put. On two questions, four of five responses were correct.

The IRS is "dismayed and not a little embarrassed" with such results, Goldberg said. "We don't like to see it but we know it happens."

One of the Journal questions asked five IRS offices about a credit for owners of diesel cars, which was enacted in 1984. The one-time credit is available for owners of certain diesel-powered cars and light trucks of 1979 or later vintage.

The newspaper said agents in Richmond, Denver, Indianapolis and Milwaukee had the right answer. The Boston office said incorrectly that the credit was available only for business vehicles.

"We try to hire the brightest people we can find" to answer the telephones during the peak tax season, Goldberg said, adding that the part-time people receive the same training as do full-time employees.

"We particularly train them that, when you don't know the answer, for Lord's sake ... please don't guess. Refer it to a more qualified person," Goldberg added. He said employees are told "you get no demerits for saying, 'I'll have to find out.'"

Second, he said, the "assistants" are trained not to give snap answers. "You've got to know all the circumstances surrounding the question," Goldberg said. "After having done all those things, we continue to make errors. Unfortunately, we probably will continue...."



BEER BUST—Thousands of cans of beer law strewn across the transition lane of the eastbound Ventura Freeway to southbound

Golden State Freeway in California Tuesday after the trailer of a beer truck overturned during the early afternoon. (AP Laserphoto)

Elevator purchase okayed for courthouse in Miami

MIAMI — After approving a bid for an elevator for the courthouse, Roberts County Commissioners Monday decided to look for someone to install it.

At their regular monthly meeting, the commissioners court approved a bid of \$30,800 from Dover Elevator Co. of Midland for an elevator which will go from the library in the courthouse basement, through the tax appraiser's office and end at what is now a woman's restroom on the third floor.

The elevator is being installed to comply with federal regulations guaranteeing access for handicapped people.

With the purchase of the elevator secured, commissioners decided to let bids on the labor

"The bids we let Monday will be for the general construction of the elevator shaft and the wheelchair ramp to the basement," explained Commissioner Don Morrison.

Having an elevator shaft running through the room could pose an inconvenience for the crowded two-room library located in the basement. When the commissioners first discussed the location of the elevator in December, commissioners and the librarian agreed to simply rearrange the bookshelves. There was also discussion of moving part of the library to a room across the hall.

Another possibility commissioners were expected to discuss Monday would have been to build an addition to the Roberts County Museum to move the

library there. Commissioners tabled discussion of the library.

Commissioners were also to have discussed renovation of the Miami swimming pool to comply with federal handicapped regulations, but tabled that until architect Pat Tunnell of Amarillo, who designed the elevator, needs to first look at the pool to see what needs to be done.

Precinct 3 commissioner Don Morrison was appointed county representative to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Commissioners also agreed to enclose an 18 by 50 foot area adjacent to the county 4-H project center. The county is sharing responsibility for the project center with the Miami school district.

Bangs bingos—momentarily

BANGS, Texas (AP) — Town leaders here didn't even get a chance to dream about what they would do with the \$15,794 check sent them by State Comptroller Bob Bullock's office as the community's share of the state's bingo tax for the 2½-month period from Nov. 8 to Jan. 28.

Before they knew they had the check, the comptroller's office was already on the phone, telling them there had been a mistake, and would they please send the check back.

According to a computer printout, Beaumont, population 118,000, was to receive \$8,000 in bingo tax revenue; Arlington, population 160,000, was to get \$15,026; and Bangs, population 1,700, was to get \$15,794 — or about \$9 per resident.

Bangs Mayor Tommy Levisay said the comptroller's office sent the \$15,000 check to the city by mistake. The check should have been made out for about \$150, he said.

"I wish it were true," Levisay told the Abilene Reporter-News. "We could have used the check."

But Levisay said emphatically, "we don't play nearly that much bingo."

When someone from the comptroller's office

called last week, at first city secretary Carol Agan couldn't find the check.

"We (the city council and mayor) only meet once a month," Levisay said. "I came in and looked in my mailbox, and there it was. The girl from the comptroller's office told our city secretary, 'You have saved my job.'"

Levisay said the city sent the check back and will receive a smaller one soon.

The only place in town that holds bingo games is the American Legion Hall, Levisay said.

Bingo is allowed in Texas only for charitable purposes. The state taxes the proceeds of the game at 2 percent of gross receipts. It sends the revenues back to the counties and communities where the games are played.

Statewide, Bullock sent checks totaling \$822,800 to the 68 counties and 96 cities that have a tax on legalized bingo, which has been allowed in Texas since 1981.

As of last week, 1,390 non-profit organizations were licensed to have bingo games, and more than \$400 million has been spent playing bingo since the game was legalized, Bullock said.

Icahn raises Phillips offer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street analysts say they are becoming more skeptical about financier Carl Icahn's attempt to acquire Phillips Petroleum Co., the nation's eighth largest oil company.

On Tuesday, Icahn unveiled his third plan in eight days for buying the company, although he has yet to begin an offer. As in the past announcements, Icahn's latest bid was highly conditional.

In his latest plan, Icahn said he is prepared to offer \$60 a share in cash to buy 70 million shares of the company's stock, which would be enough to increase his stake in Phillips to just over 50 percent. If that \$4.2 billion offer succeeds, Icahn said he then would acquire the remaining 77.1 million shares for securities with a value of \$50 a share.

The two-step \$8.06 billion takeover offer is conditioned on arranging financing, a defusing of Phillips' new "poison pill" takeover defense and shareholder rejection at a special meeting next week of Phillips' own restructuring plan.

"This is the third offer this guy (Icahn) has come up with. It's fraught with 'ifs' and 'subject tos' and maybe its wearing thin" on investors, said Warren Shimmerlik, an oil industry analyst at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. in New York. "It doesn't look like a meaningful additional value to shareholders."

In heavy trading Tuesday, Phillips stock finishing unchanged at \$50 a share.

"In the absence of having a good-sized corporate partner, I wonder if it's do-able," said Rosario Ilacqua, an oil industry analyst for the New York securities firm L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin. No such partner for Icahn

has yet emerged.

Phillips said Icahn's offer "is not substantially different from the previous ones that were rejected."

In a related development, Phillips' directors' said the company's president, C.J. Silas, had been elected to succeed Chairman William Douce, who earlier had announced plans to retire this spring. Directors named Glenn Cox, an executive vice president and chief financial officer, to succeed Silas as president of the company, headquartered in Bartlesville, Okla.

Icahn already owns 7.5 million shares of Phillips stock, or 4.85 percent of the outstanding shares.

A week ago, he announced an offer of \$55 a share, evenly divided between cash and securities, for the remaining stock.

On Friday he said he would offer \$57 a share for about 39 million shares, enough to give him 30 percent of the company's stock.

In that tactic, Phillips sought to make a hostile takeover prohibitively expensive, or poisonous. The plan would require any suitor acquiring at least 30 percent of the stock to buy the remaining shares for \$62 a share in cash.

To get around that, Icahn said he would seek the election of his own proposed slate of directors of the company and have them redeem any shareholders' rights related to the poison pill before buying any additional shares.

Phillips' own restructuring plan, subject to shareholder approval next week, would require the company to repurchase 38 percent of its stock for securities valued at \$60 a share, sell a controlling interest to its employees and sell about \$2 billion in assets.

Sarpalius' obscenity bill draws questions

AUSTIN (AP) — The outline of community standards applied to obscenity was questioned under a bill's proposal to narrow the "community's" boundaries during a Senate committee hearing.

The Senate Criminal Justice Committee on Tuesday heard testimony on a bill introduced by Sen. Bill Sarpalius, D-Canyon, in which the community standards, which are now on a statewide basis, would be narrowed to a county level.

Potter County Judge Richard Danbold said it is difficult to try a person on obscenity charges in his county because of evidence brought in by defense attorneys.

"Jurors shouldn't be subjected to other standards," Danbold said. A person being tried in Amarillo on obscenity charges may be viewed as obscenity there but not when evidence from other parts of the state are brought in, Danbold said.

Sarpalius said the bill would prohibit such evidence from other parts of the state from being introduced to jurors.

The standards are used in accordance with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that said "community standards" should apply to questions of obscenity.

Sen. Ted Lyon, D-Mesquite, questioned whether the state would

have 254 different standards if the bill was enacted into law.

But Susan Hoeler, attorney from Dallas, said there would not be that many different standards because jurors have to comply with the Texas statute on obscenity.

The statute includes provisions that juries must review the community standards and that a list of obscene acts must be shown. Ms. Hoeler said the state would be following the federal standards, which give the states the authority to set the boundaries of a community.

"This bill allows the people in the county to define the decency of their county," Ms. Hoeler said. "Texas is very diverse so the rational is applicable."

Karol Phelan, representing the Independent Magazine Wholesalers Association of the South, said the bill would "put a burden on publishers and distributors of magazines."

Ms. Phelan said with the different standards, magazine publishers and distributors may be committing a crime without knowing it.

Committee members left the bill pending for a week to review court cases of other states where community standards are based on counties.

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Off beat

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Side effects are terrifying

The recent showing of ABC's "20-20" program on side effects from the DPT immunizations terrified me. If I had seen that program before my children had had their immunizations I would have seriously considered not allowing the shots.

Seeing a little boy dragging his paralyzed legs across the floor and picture after picture of dead babies whose deaths were from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, but which some people believed were related to DPT shots horrified me.

It brought back memories of my own children after their DPT shots. Angel did well after her shot with only a slight fever and some swelling, but Davy's reaction to the shot really frightened me. He slept and slept afterwards, so long in fact, that I finally went and woke him up. He was limp and pale and listless and I was scared silly. I just held him and held him, making him stay awake and within a few hours he was pretty much normal.

What I am presenting to you today came mostly from sources, the "20-20" program and from an article in "American Baby" magazine. Both I think are biased, one against DPT immunization and one for DPT immunization. However, perhaps between the two, we as parents, will be able to decide what is best for our children and do as Jeanette Gikas, Pampa public health nurse, advises — take responsibility for our own health. Don't be afraid to ask questions of our doctors or tell them when there is a medical problem that might affect whether or not our children should have the immunizations.

I suspect, although the "20-20" program did not say so, that much of the information their report was based on was supplied to them by lawyers representing the people who are suing the drug companies because of the alleged effects of the vaccine on their children.

Knowing how many such stories work, I believe the people involved in the suits contacted "20-20" with the purpose of bringing publicity to their legal cases and swaying the public opinion.

This does not mean that these people don't have a valid point. I just feel that perhaps the danger was not fairly represented. The vaccines present a danger, but diphtheria, whooping cough (pertussis) and tetanus present a terrible danger to infants and young children, as well.

According to "Whooping Cough, The Vaccine Controversy," an article by Jean Caldwell in the January 1985 issue of American Baby, in 1932, before the DPT vaccine, one of every 12 children died of diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus or measles before they were five years old.

Today only one child in 650 dies before age five and these deaths are caused primarily by birth defects, premature birth and accidents, Caldwell says.

Again, like the 20-20 program, Caldwell's article is not totally unbiased. She is definitely in favor of immunizing infants and young children.

Vincent Fuginiti, MD, past chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases, testified before a Senate committee that children with whooping cough "cough unmercifully, choking in the process and gasping for air. They often vomit and become acutely undernourished and dehydrated. They may destroy parts of their lungs and brain from hemorrhage, lack of oxygen, or both."

Both "20-20" and Caldwell tell of the beginnings of the controversy about the DPT vaccine.

It began in 1974 with an article in "Archives of Disease in Childhood," a medical periodical. The article told of a small number of children who had had neurological problems following their DPT immunization. The author's felt that 1-3rd of the children had had reason not to be immunized — they had a history of seizures, they were sick on the day they received their shots, or they had had a serious reaction to a previous immunization. The article suggested that doctors pay stricter attention to the children who had problems such as these.

Dr. Stewart, MD, a physician and professor of public health from Glasgow, Scotland, who was widely quoted in the "20-20" program, contributed to the controversy when he claimed the whooping cough was "uncommon" and that the DPT vaccine was not necessary. He was repeatedly challenged by the British medical community, Caldwell says in her article, but the public was still frightened enough to drop immunization for from 95 percent of the babies to 30 percent.

Eighteen months after the controversy first began a British government study showed that on the first 1,000 children between ages two months and 3 years with brain dysfunction the neurological illness had nothing to do with immunization. The report concluded that serious neurological reactions after pertussis immunization was one in every 110,000 doses and that two out of three children who had a serious reaction did not have any evidence of residual damage a year later. The chances of lasting damage were 3.2 in a million.

On the other hand, the British medical journal "The Lancet" pointed out that in the 1977-79 epidemic (a result of the scare caused by Dr. Stewart's statements) there had been 28 deaths and 102,500 cases of whooping cough. In addition, 5,000 children had been hospitalized and of these, 200 had pneumonia and 83 convulsions. In another epidemic that began in 1982, 80,000 cases of whooping cough were reported in England and Scotland, resulting in 13 deaths.

This article quoted above was brought to my attention by Jeanette Gikas, a public health nurse here, who said the public health office here has had a number of calls about the DPT immunization following the "20-20" program.

"All I can think about is that poor young mother sitting with her little baby in the rocking chair and thinking, 'I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't,'" Gikas said.

According to the Monthly Summary of Reportable Diseases, sent out each month by the Texas Preventable Diseases Association, 95 cases of pertussis was reported in Texas in 1983. In 1984 the amount of reported cases had dropped to 49.

Jerry DeSha, immunization program manager for the Texas Department of Health Region 1, said that in his 14 years of employment with the department of health, his office has never received a report of an adverse reaction to the DPT vaccine. Although private physicians are not required to report adverse reaction to his office, all the public health offices in his region are required to, DeSha said.

DeSha suggests that anyone having questions about giving a DPT vaccine to their children should contact their physician.

Gikas says that the Pampa department of health office welcomes any questions from the public concerning the vaccine. Their number is 665-0746.

A free immunization clinic is planned at the department of health office, Hughes Building, for Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Parents are asked to bring previous record of their child's immunization at that time.

Laramore is lifestyle editor of The Pampa News.

Veterans' housing, prison plan OK'd

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate has voted to extend the popular veterans' housing program and to allow Texas to transfer prisoners, such as those threatened by other inmates, out of state.

Sen. Lindon Williams' proposed constitutional amendment would raise the limit on bonds for the veterans' program from \$500 million to \$1 billion.

Williams, D-Houston, said the program, which allows eligible Texas veterans to borrow \$20,000 at less than 10 percent interest for the purchase of a home, would run out of money by November if the bond limit is not increased.

He said his proposed amendment would extend the housing program to military personnel on active duty.

The measure was sent to the House on a 30-0 vote Tuesday. If it is approved by the House, it will go on the November statewide election ballot.

Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, sponsored a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow the state to transfer prison inmates out of Texas.

Farabee said more than 40 states now have similar authority, and the Texas Department of Corrections requested the measure. He said prisoners could be transferred for medical reasons, so they would be closer to home, or to rid a prison of a troublemaker.

Another example, he said, "would be a state witness who might be in danger in a given setting."

Farabee's proposal, approved 31-0, also would go to the voters in November. His bill implementing the amendment was sent to the House on voice vote.

Senators also approved and sent to the House a bill that would set up a two-tiered program for judicial retirement, with future judges included under a less generous benefit formula than current judges.

The judicial retirement bill is a money-saver, according to its sponsor, Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan. The fiscal note says it would cost the state \$500,000 the first two years, \$1.9 million the following two years and so forth.

"If we do nothing," Caperton said, the state

would be paying out \$200 million a biennium for the retirement system starting in the year 2010.

The current plan allows a judge to retire at any age with 20 years of service, and the proposed plan would raise the service requirement to 25 years. It was approved on voice vote.

Senators also approved and sent to the House bills that would:

- Require life insurance, health and accident companies to diversify investments.

- Allow the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to spend state funds on 25,000-acre Franklin Mountains State Park in El Paso County, which was created in 1979. A fiscal note estimated the probable cost to the state at nearly \$203,000 for 1986-87.

- Authorize Harris County to establish a department of county park police.

- Authorize the state licensing exam for architects to be given at places other than Austin.

- Lift bidding requirements for city libraries on books, papers and other library materials.

Bomb scare was harmless suitcase

BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) — Officials evacuated homes, sent 80 federal employees home early and barricaded two streets over a possible bomb scare that turned out to be only a harmless suitcase.

The bizarre incident followed an apparently unrelated bomb scare earlier Tuesday at an automobile dealership — the latest in a rash of false bomb threats plaguing the West Texas city in recent months.

Police said a custodian at the federal building complex found an unclaimed suitcase about 2:30 p.m. outside the U.S. Post Office's west entrance, the Lubbock Avalanche Journal reported.

The suitcase's relatively heavy weight led officials to believe it contained a bomb.

About 80 employees in the federal building were sent home early, and city police barricaded two city blocks.

An explosives operation team from Fort Hood arrived about 6 p.m. to examine the suitcase, and X-rays revealed what they believed might be a bomb.

Police began evacuating residents near the downtown building.

Rather than risk trying to open the suitcase, the explosives team used a small charge to force the suitcase, officials said.

The owner of the suitcase was being sought late Tuesday by police.



ANTI-IRANIAN PROTEST — Fadyeh Ghadamipour leads the way, as a group of anti-Khomeini protesters march through a downtown Dallas park Tuesday afternoon. The group was marching on the sixth anniversary of the revolution in Iran. (AP Laserphoto)

Campaign debts confront rookie Congressmen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Going into 1985, Texas' seven new members of Congress have reported debts of at least \$28,000 remaining from their 1984 election bids.

Several of them indicated plans for fundraisers to try to pay off the debts, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The reports of Republican Reps. Mac Sweeney of Wharton, Beau Boulter of Amarillo, Joe Barton of Ennis, Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, Larry Combest of Lubbock, Richard Arney of Denton, and Democrat Albert Bustamante of San Antonio were submitted to the clerk of the House.

Sweeney, who unseated Rep. William Patman, D-Ganado, owed \$122,969 on Dec. 31. That included \$102,000 in loans, \$15,000 of which was past due to Texas Commerce Bank of Houston on Jan. 2.

In an interview Tuesday, Sweeney told the Chronicle that his campaign committee has restructured the Texas Commerce loan, as well as a \$40,000 loan from Wharton Bank and Trust that originally was due Jan. 30. The Texas Commerce due date has been extended to April 2 and the

Wharton loan has been extended to April 30, Sweeney said.

Sweeney said he hopes to raise enough money to retire those loans on time but added that no fund-raiser had been scheduled as of Tuesday.

He also owes \$26,000 to Victoria Bank & Trust by Feb. 28, but said that loan would be repaid by Saturday.

The year-end report shows that Sweeney pent almost \$600,000 to unseat Patman spent roughly half that amount on his campaign.

Boulter listed debts of \$91,765 with about \$600 in cash on hand on Dec. 31. Boulter had no outstanding loans at year's end. He did, however, owe about \$25,000 to Southern Political Consulting Inc. of Houston and about \$14,000 to Sandler-Innocenzi, a media consulting firm based in Washington. Boulter owed \$11,000 to Howard-Gossett Printing & Stationery Co. of Houston.

Kevin Burnette, an aide to Boulter, said the congressman is preparing a letter to solicit contributions and plans to hold a reception in Amarillo on Feb. 25 to raise additional funds.

Between the mail solicitation and

the reception, Boulter hopes to slice his debt to \$10,000. Burnette said Boulter intends to selectively accept contributions from political action com mittees to eliminate any remaining debt next month.

Bustamante reported he was \$90,732 in debt and had about \$3,500 in cash on hand on Dec. 31.

Bustamante has enlisted the help of Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., to attract potential contributors to a luncheon April 8 in San Antonio. Gephardt is co-sponsor of a tax revision bill with Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., and is to speak at the luncheon.

That evening, Bustamante hopes the presence of Rep. Bill Alexander, D-Ark., an assistant

Democratic leader of the House, at a cocktail party in San Antonio will help draw more contributions. Bustamante said he wants to pay off all his campaign's debt by May 5.

Barton, who spent about \$470,000 to win the 6th district seat, including most of Montgomery County north of Houston, listed debts of \$62,690, including \$61,821 owed to Karl Rove & Co., a direct mail and political consulting firm in Austin. Barton had about \$22,000 cash on hand on Dec. 31.

Glen Griffin, a Barton aide, said the congressman raised about \$17,000 in January to reduce the debt to roughly \$45,000 last week.

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Jury selection begins in Mattox bribery charge trial

AUSTIN (AP) — Jury selection was scheduled today in the commercial bribery trial of Attorney General Jim Mattox, which is expected to last at least three weeks.

The first state witness will be heard Friday with an unusual Saturday session a possibility.

State District Judge Mace Thurman selected a panel of 92 possible jurors Monday with one of the qualifications being that each could serve at least three weeks if they were among the 12 selected for the trial.

"I'd like to have a jury made up of working people," Mattox told reporters after pleading innocent at the opening of the trial Monday. "I just want people that will be fair."

The trial was in recess Tuesday and will be in recess Thursday.

Mattox says it will be "a long, complicated trial" that may cost Texas taxpayers as much as \$500,000.

Mattox was indicted in September 1983 on charges that he threatened to put the Houston law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski out of the municipal bond business unless one of its partners, Tom McDade, dropped efforts to question Mattox's sister in connection with the lawsuit involving the state, South Texas rancher Clinton Manges and Mobil Oil.

Fulbright & Jaworski represented Mobil in the case, which was settled last year. McDade will be the first state witness presented Friday. Mattox said he planned to take the witness stand later.

Roy Minton, Mattox's top attorney, said an agreement was made Monday with Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle and

his assistants on a defense request to examine the partnership agreement between Fulbright & Jaworski and the Dallas bond firm of Dumas, Huguenin, Boothman & Morrow, which handled most of the bonds involved. Later the law firm bought out the bond firm. Details of the agreement were sealed by the court, Minton said.

Commercial bribery is a third-degree felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Mattox said state law provides that if he is finally convicted of the charge he could not run for re-election. However, he would not have to resign until the final appeal was exhausted, which might take several years.

Mattox said he turned down an offer from the district attorney's office about a year ago for a reduced sentence, probably just a fine, if he would plead guilty.



SLOPPY CONDITIONS—Two pedestrians brave a driving snow Tuesday night as a driver clears his windshield on Michigan Avenue in Detroit. Snow fell on Michigan for the second day in a row, making sloppy outdoor conditions. (AP Laserphoto)

Eastern third of country pummeled for the third day

By The Associated Press
A "gigantic storm" battered the eastern third of the nation today after belting the Appalachians with nearly two feet of snow, piling 10-foot drifts in Michigan, closing schools and leaving 70,000 utility customers powerless from the Great Lakes to the rain-drenched Northeast.

"I haven't seen anything like it since 1942. Everything's just at a standstill," said Agatha McAfee, a restaurant owner in Murphy, N.C., where 18 inches of snow fell and streets were littered with broken tree limbs and downed power lines.

Schools were closed from Michigan to Georgia and from Illinois to Maryland. In Nashville,

Tenn., it was the 13th time this year classes have been canceled because of snow.

Storm warnings or travelers' advisories were posted today from the Ohio Valley to the Atlantic Coast. By early today nearly an inch of rain had fallen in New Hampshire; both New Jersey and New York received an inch Tuesday.

"It could be the biggest storm of the winter," said Bob Thompson of the National Weather Service station at Akron-Canton Regional Airport in Ohio. Bad weather has been blamed for 33 deaths since Saturday.

By early today 10 inches of snow had fallen at Charleston and 15

inches at Logan in West Virginia, and 20 inches was on the ground along the border of Virginia and Kentucky. Eighteen inches of snow with gusty winds at Cedar, Mich., created 10-foot drifts.

"It's a gigantic storm, it really is, and it's going to be around a while ... into Friday, easy," said forecaster Marty Kaufman of the National Weather Service office at Ann Arbor, Mich. In Ohio, 4 inches of snow was reported at Cincinnati, 6 at Sandusky, 3 at Columbus and 1 at Toledo.

The storm dumped snow from the Great Lakes into the deep South on Tuesday, then crept up the Appalachians and into New England, pushing rain ahead of it.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department, in its annual review of international human rights problems, says Soviet-bloc nations have "the most serious" rights violations, while "real progress" is being made in Latin America and the Caribbean.

And although the report praised the rights records in most democratic countries, the situation in Uganda, one of Africa's few parliamentary democracies, was described as "grave," with tens of thousands reported killed as a result of insurgent terrorism and government counter-measures.

Other countries singled out for unusually harsh appraisals were Albania, where conditions were said to be "exceptionally bad," with "extremely harsh prison conditions," and North Korea, described as "one of the most highly regimented and controlled" nations in the world.

Among anti-communist countries found to have rights problems, the report said there was a "general deterioration" in Chile following the imposition of a state of siege in November. The measures taken by the government included the internal exiling of 257

persons without trial and severe restrictions on political activity. The report also noted, however, that leftist terrorists were responsible for an undisclosed number of murders and hundreds of bombings last year.

Other pro-Western countries where human rights performance was said to have improved last year included the Philippines, South Korea and El Salvador.

The 1,453-page report, which is mandated by Congress and has been issued annually since the late 1970s, covers conditions in 164 countries through the end of 1984 and, in some cases, early 1985.

Asserting that objectivity was an important goal of the department's annual review, the report said that "while the Soviet Union presents the most serious long-term human rights problem, we cannot let it falsely appear that this is our only human rights concern."

According to the report, "Soviet performance in the realm of human rights fails to meet accepted international standards. The regime's common response to efforts to exercise freedom of expression is to incarcerate those concerned in prisons, labor camps

or psychiatric hospitals." Vietnam, a close Soviet ally, maintains "pervasive" surveillance and control over its citizenry, while the pro-Hanoi "puppet government" in neighboring Cambodia is responsible for "executions, forced labor, denial of legal process, forced relocations and arbitrary arrests."

Wrongful death suit returned to state court

WACO, Texas (AP) — A wrongful death lawsuit stemming from a May 1982 airplane crash that claimed the lives of seven men has been returned to a state court by U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith.

The case was transferred to Waco's U.S. District Court on Dec. 19 on a motion from Beech Aircraft Corp. attorney Richard Caldwell of Houston.

But on Tuesday, after hearing brief arguments from attorneys on three sides of the case, Smith remanded the case to its original jurisdiction — Judge Derwood Johnson's 74th State District Court.

The complex, multimillion-dollar lawsuit, which featured scores of attorneys, four defendants and more than 20 plaintiffs, ended in a mistrial Dec. 6 when jurors could not reach a verdict after 28 hours of

deliberation. The trial, which was moved to the Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library and Museum to accommodate the number of parties and airplane parts used as exhibits, took about 11 weeks to complete.

The families of the seven men killed in the crash are seeking about \$80 million in damages from Beech third-party defendants.

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ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST—A strong wind whips and destroys the umbrella of John Hackett of Lexington, Ky., while he waits for a bus Tuesday afternoon. Hackett had been using the umbrella as a shield, but the wind caught it when he raised his head to signal a bus. Parts of Kentucky received up to 11 inches of snow during the severe weather. (AP Laserphoto)

Pinochet dismisses his most powerful civilian aide

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — After 18 months of uneasy collaboration, President Augusto Pinochet has dismissed his most powerful civilian aide in a Cabinet shift that underscored the authoritarian course of his military regime.

The opposition Democratic Alliance, a center-left coalition, declared the Cabinet change "confirms our conviction that there is no willingness in the government to move toward democracy."

Interior Minister Sergio Onofre Jarpa, 63, the chief Cabinet official, left the government Tuesday after Pinochet ignored his advice to end state-of-siege prohibitions on opposition news media and political activity.

Finance Minister Luis Escobar, 55, a protégé of Jarpa who had led Chile's depressed economy to a recovery last year, also lost his job after warning privately that Pinochet's crackdown on dissent might discourage new foreign

lending to Chile.

Pinochet announced the changes on nationwide television. The 69-year-old army commander said the state of siege he decreed Nov. 6 and renewed 10 days ago had given "the majority of citizens a return to tranquility" after months of political unrest.

Pinochet swore in Ricardo Garcia, 54, a former bank president and law professor who is little known in political circles, as interior minister. Hernan Buchi, 35, a University of Chicago-trained economist, moved from superintendent of banks to head the finance ministry.

The 14 other Cabinet officials, who resigned Monday to give Pinochet freedom to reorganize his government, retained their posts.

Pinochet ousted Salvador Allende's elected Marxist-led government in 1973 and has vowed to rule Chile until 1989 or longer.

Jarpa, the most prominent civilian to serve him, declared his

loyalty to Pinochet while often being cast as the builder of a center-right movement to ease the president from power with armed forces backing.

The president summoned Jarpa, a conservative former senator, to head the Cabinet in August 1983 to defuse the first large demonstrations for an end to military rule, then gradually moved to undercut him.

Jarpa allowed some press freedom, let thousands of political exiles come home and opened talks with the Democratic Alliance aimed at defining a course toward civilian rule.

But the talks broke down when Pinochet refused to consider such further reforms as congressional elections before 1989. Jarpa had backed such changes. As the Democratic Alliance joined the Marxist left in demonstrations last year, Jarpa was forced to back tougher measures to stay in the government.

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Recent discoveries show cancer can be beaten

EDITOR'S NOTE: Today begins a four-part series on "Cancer: The GOOD News," containing the latest information on cancer care, early detection and recent research developments. This series was written by Mary Jane Schier, university editor at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute at Houston, formerly The Houston Post's award-winning medical writer. The remaining parts of the series will run on the next three Sundays.

Cancer dates to the days of the dinosaurs.

Yet only during the past decade have scientists made the discoveries that demonstrate this dreaded disease can be conquered.

No longer does curing cancer equate to an elusive, seemingly impossible dream. Achievements are reported with regularity as researchers patiently pry cancer's secrets out of the complex components within a single living cell.

Cure rates have greatly improved for such cancers as childhood leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, melanoma and bone cancer, which were usually fatal just 20 years ago. Today, these types, along with testicular, cervical and thyroid cancers, are largely curable.

The one big cloud marring the overall outlook involves cancers caused by smoking — and that's an estimated 30 percent of all malignant diseases.

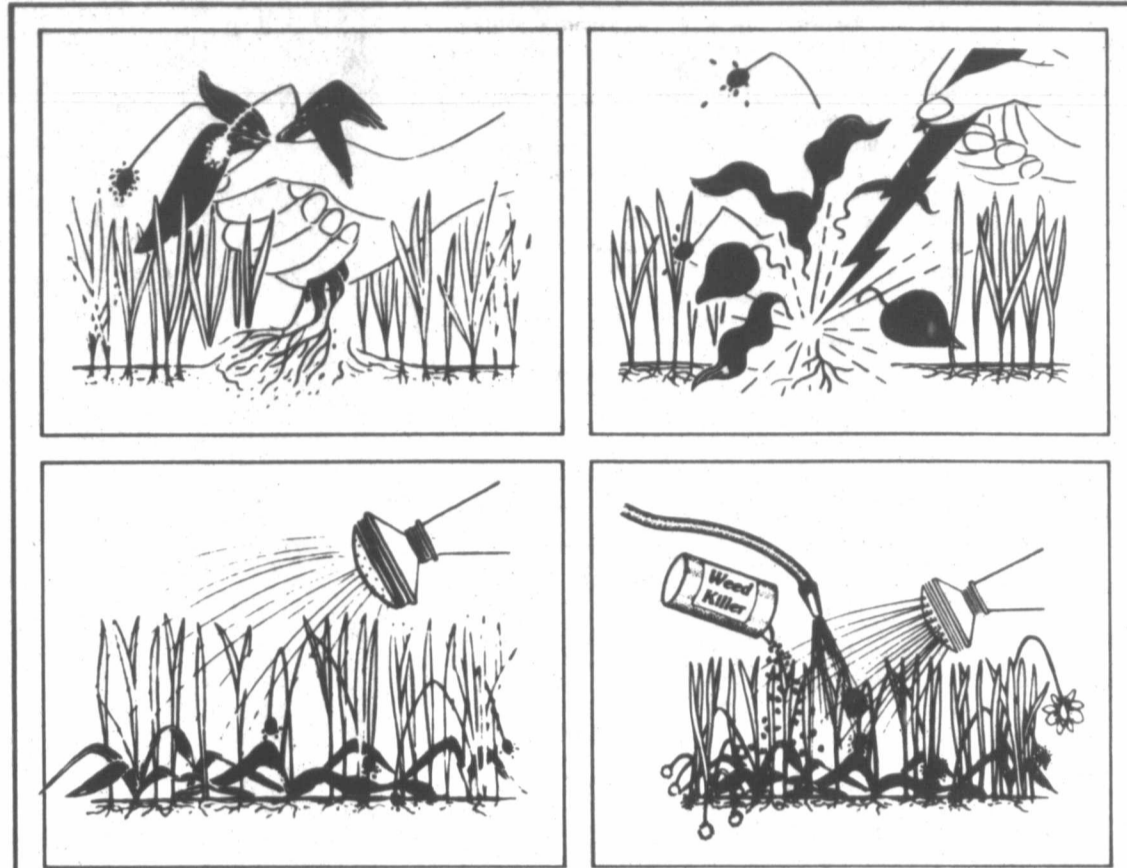
Smoking-linked lung cancer remains the chief cancer killer of American men and women combined, but tobacco products also contribute to at least six other kinds of cancer along with a variety of other diseases.

Cancer is this country's second major medical killer. Almost one million people will learn they have cancer this year. Estimates are that one in every four Americans will be affected by cancer during their lives. Stated another way, cancer will touch about three out of every four families.

"With the exception of lung cancer, which is mainly preventable, there is a lot of appropriate optimism about current cancer therapy and some of the newer treatment techniques on the immediate horizon," says Dr. Irwin H. Krakoff, head of the division of medicine at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute at Houston.

"We must be realistic in our anticipations, however. Because cancer is more than 100 different diseases, it is highly unlikely we will find a single cure for all types," he says.

Surgery remains the cornerstone of initial treatment for most tumors that have not spread beyond the point of origin. Many operations are combined with radiation therapy and drugs, and sometimes all three types of treatment are used. Newer



Treating cancer is like weeding a garden. Through surgery, some tumors are cut out like the weed at top left. Radiation therapy is similar to lightning striking at top right, while drugs can be used against cancers that have spread as shown at bottom left. Combined therapies for metastatic cancers might be illustrated as the multiple methods for getting rid of weeds which have invaded the whole flower bed at bottom right.

techniques that depend on biologic agents to boost individuals' cancer-fighting abilities and such selective procedures as bone marrow transplants also are helping extend survival for many patients.

The current trend among cancer surgeons is toward less-radical operations, particularly for saving limbs, sparing breasts and preserving vital functions of the head and neck area. More conservative surgical procedures are not for all patients, but may be possible when tumors are relatively small and localized.

The approach to treating osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer most common among teenagers, has altered dramatically in the last few years so that now amputating an arm or leg can be avoided in many cases. Aggressive chemotherapy, usually containing high doses of three potent drugs, sometimes is sufficient to cure these cancers. In other cases, the drug-reduced bone tumors are removed and an artificial metal bone takes the place of the diseased one.

In early breast cancer, limited surgery to take out small tumors is being combined with follow-up radiation in many cases and producing treatment results equal to the more common radical operations. For those women with more extensive disease, reconstructive breast surgery can

be offered to many after mastectomies, thereby enhancing functional and emotional recovery.

Even for advanced oral cavity cancers, refined surgical techniques in concert with radiation and chemotherapy can spare some vital tissues, and newer artificial face parts are available to improve patients' appearances.

As many as 1/2 of all cancer patients in some centers get radiation therapy, the majority on an outpatient basis. High energy cobalt units are the mainstay of many radiotherapy programs.

No place has progress been more spectacular than against cancers that strike children, including childhood leukemia and lymphoma, and rarer tumors of the

eyes and kidneys. Increasingly successful combination chemotherapy for many childhood cancers has paved the way for curing more malignancies in adults, too.

"We are steadily improving our cure rate for childhood leukemia — now more than 60 percent in some places — through better classification and target therapy. Understanding that there are seven or eight different classes of leukemia in children and planning treatments tailored to each sub-set and age group can mean a big difference in the outcomes," explains Dr. Jan van Eys, head of M.D. Anderson's division of pediatrics.

Dr. van Eys is especially excited about progress in treating brain

cancers, which account for one in three childhood malignancies, and he wants to clear up "that awful misconception that nothing can be done for these patients." Intense chemotherapy, radiation for some older children and highly selective surgery mean about 40 percent of childhood brain cancers can be cured today.

Two-year-old Nicole Wilson is just one active example of why he is encouraged by the steady improvements.

"We learned she had a brain tumor just before her first birthday," recalls Nicole's mother, Tammy Wilson. "We were devastated. She's our only child, and we'd been through so much... Nicole was born with a serious congenital heart defect. We could have lost her then, only she had corrective surgery at seven weeks and seemed to be fine until..."

Mrs. Wilson said she and her husband, Joe, who live in the Aldine area near Houston, were advised there probably was nothing to do for Nicole's brain tumor. But after the child was referred to M.D. Anderson, a team of specialists devised a treatment plan that included using a new type

of surgical laser to remove the large tumor. Nicole has been taking combination chemotherapy for several months now and has a favorable prognosis for cure.

The overall survival rate for all cancer patients across the age spectrum has risen to the point where many health experts contend cancer now is among the most curable of all chronic diseases. Yet physicians and scientists stress they could do so much better if more people worked at preventing cancer.

The major message about malignant diseases, they say, is not the advances in biotechnology and molecular biology, although these have enormous potential for eventually eradicating cancer as a human health threat.

Now, the all-important aim is to motivate every person to take preventative actions that will make the difference in determining their individual cancer destinies.

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Local Red Cross meets quota

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

The people of Pampa and Gray County have once again gone above and beyond what was necessary to meet a need.

Joyce Roberts, director of the Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC), reports that through local donations Gray County has "more than" met the quota asked for in the American Red Cross's African Famine Relief campaign.

The first ARC overall report shows that \$8.5 millions has been raised as of Jan. 18. Of this total, \$7.2 million was raised by area chapters like Gray County and \$1.3 million was sent directly to headquarters. Most of the money — \$5.1 million, the report says, came from the general public.

As in any large-scale relief operation, such as the one in Ethiopia or Angola, people often ask, "How can we be sure that the donations or supplies actually reach the affected people?" In the January 1985 edition of "BULLETIN," a monthly newsletter published by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the question is addressed.

Each item is documented so that it can be traced from the source to its delivery, the article says.

The essential bridge between the donors and the delegates in the field is the Relief Division in Geneva. If a donor government or organization wants to supply goods for relief purposes they are first asked to conform to the "Handbook for Donors," a guidebook which covers a whole range of relief goods, their nature, packing and shipment. What is most important, the book stresses, is that the goods be what is needed at the scene of the disaster.

Once the relief supplies arrive, the article says, one or more delegates must see that the goods are safely received, that they clear customs, etc., and then send the goods on to an ICRC warehouse for storage or directly to the scene of operations. A careful accounting of goods received and distributed is supposed to be kept at all times.

The smallest quantities are to be strictly controlled throughout each phase of the journey, until they reach the victims. An acknowledgement of each distribution is kept whether by signature from the person or

organization supplied or a cancelled ration card, for example. Here is a concrete example of how it works:

An organization donated 15,935 bags of wheat flour which received the ICRC reference of ETH 0090, destined for Ethiopia. This flour was first ordered by the Relief Division on Dec. 20, 1983, and arrived in stock in Ethiopia via Massawa on May 1, 1984.

The first 138 flour bags were distributed to 674 needy people in Warab, Tigre', on Jan 12, and they continued to be used for displaced and needy people in Tigre' and Eritrea until the last 67 bags were distributed to 491 people at Mekele on Aug. 31, 1984. Two pages of computer print-out record in detail the places of distribution and the number of people assisted, the article states.

Another example: Two Volvo trucks were donated to the ICRC by the Swedish Red Cross, and earmarked for Ethiopia, number ETH 0107. They were ordered on May 1, 1984, arrived at Massawa on

Aug. 26, and were attached to the Asmara ICRC depot for service in the north zone of Ethiopia.

Finally, 7,143 sacks of beans were bought in Ethiopia on May 1, 1984. On May 2, the first 10 sacks were distributed to 205 prisoners of war in Harar. Finally, on Oct. 11, one sack was given to 68 displaced persons in Lalibela, Wollo, and the remaining eight sacks to prisoners of war in Harar on the same day.

Thus, the article says, throughout its passage through ICRC channels, a donated item can be traced from the moment it is offered to, or bought by, the ICRC until the final distribution to the victims. The ICRC supervises all the logistical stages, and files written reports, which are available to the donors.

Although the Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross has met the quota requested of it by its parent organization, Roberts said, donations are still being accepted to help fulfill the tremendous need for feeding the African Famine victims.



VERRRRRY INTERESTING — Jennifer Johnson, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Johnson of Pampa, finds Lissa Turcotte's costume quite interesting while she waits for the judging during the Petite Miss Top O' Texas pageant. Turcotte is a member of the MG Dancers who performed in the Miss Top O' Texas pageant Saturday evening. (Staff photo by Cathy Spaulding)

During February, the Daughters of the American Revolution recall the famous leader of Washington's Cavalry whose sobriquet was "Light Horse Harry." Henry Lee served with distinction under Washington. He served in the Virginia House of Delegates and was later elected Governor of that state. He delivered the address on the death of Washington which contained the famous phrase: "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his Countrymen."

'Blithe Spirit' auditions open

How do you assure an evening of fun when the featured event is a seance? By beginning the evening with a deep discussion of the attributes of the deceased lady of the house, of course!

Charles and his second wife, Ruth, do just that as Noel Coward's comedy "Blithe Spirit" opens. From manic maids to trance-happy mediums, this three-act comedy should provide a smashing end to ACT I's second season.

Seven characters make up the cast, five women and two men, with major and shorter roles for both.

Open auditions will be conducted in the Hughes Building Penthouse, sixth floor of the main building,

Feb. 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to audition and anyone wishing to assist with costumes, props, sets, special effects ("Blithe Spirit" offers some fun opportunities for these) or any other off-stage capacity is also encouraged to attend the auditions.

If you wish to participate in any area and cannot attend the auditions call Rochelle Lacy at 669-2009 after 4 p.m. or Gus Shaver at 665-6470 after 6 p.m., or Jim Guest at 665-6434 days.

"Blithe Spirit" is to be presented near the end of April with exact production dates to be announced at the auditions.

La Leche League provides support for breastfeeding

La Leche League of Pampa has been helping area mothers in breastfeeding and early child care for 6 1/2 years and has participated in La Leche League Second Founding by several successful fund raising projects.

These include a discovery toy party, a booth at the Christmas fair at the mall, and the sale of items during the Festival of Trees. These funds were raised to help insure

continuing support for all those mothers interested in breastfeeding.

La Leche League of Pampa meets monthly to discuss the practical as well as psychological benefits of breastfeeding and to offer mother-to-mother support and encouragement. For further information, call 665-6127 or 665-6774.



Dear Abby

Cabbage Patch craziness produces some sauerkraut

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I couldn't agree more with "Ashamed American Mother," who refuses to buy into the Cabbage Patch craziness. I feel exactly as she does.

Cabbage Patch Kids have become the new status symbol for American youngsters. I am dumbstruck by the number of otherwise intelligent, sensible adults buying into this mania and fostering a frenetic need in their children to possess—what? A cuddly baby doll? Certainly there are cuddly baby dolls galore that cost far less than \$50 to \$100, do not require putting one's name on a six-month waiting list, and can be dressed, cuddled and loved. But owning a Cabbage Patch Kid is the newest form of snobbery.

When my daughter's peers are older and into drugs, I want her to be able to think for herself and say "No," despite what everyone else is doing.

I may be considered a "mean mommy" by some, but I refuse to follow along like one more sheep to the cabbage patch. My daughter, in fact, is rather proud of the fact that she doesn't own one.

SANE AMERICAN MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: You will be pleased to know that the Cabbage Patch Kids had the stuffings beat out of them insofar as my readers were concerned. The mail ran 300-to-1 against them.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is getting married soon. We are addressing the wedding invitations, but here's the question: She and her fiance don't need any household items—all they really need is money. Would it be OK to write something like that on the invitations? And how should it be worded?

NO NAME, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: It is never OK to ask for money instead of wedding gifts. Should the bride and groom be asked if they

prefer money rather than a gift, then, and only then, would it be proper to indicate that money is preferred.

DEAR ABBY: I've been married for nearly two years to a man I went with for about a year. I thought we had a great marriage until I found some photos and love notes in his briefcase. These items were from a woman he works with. Abby, please believe me, I wasn't snooping; he had gone to bed and I was looking for some postage stamps.

I was thunderstruck! We have associated with this woman and her husband since we started going together, but I never suspected there was anything between her and my husband.

My husband claims that the affair lasted for only a short time and it was over long before I found the items. He begged me not to talk with her about this, as it would make his life miserable at work, and jobs are scarce.

After the initial shock subsided, I forgave him and agreed not to bring it up again. Now I'm wondering if I would feel better knowing more about what happened, when, and for how long. Or would it be better to just try to put it out of my mind? (It's not easy. Just because I don't talk about it doesn't mean I don't think about it.)

THE HONEYMOON IS OVER

DEAR OVER: You were deeply wounded, and wounds won't heal until they have been properly cleansed. Family counseling for both of you is my recommendation. If he won't go, go without him. You need to learn how to forget as well as forgive.

(Problems? What's bugging you? Unload on Abby, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

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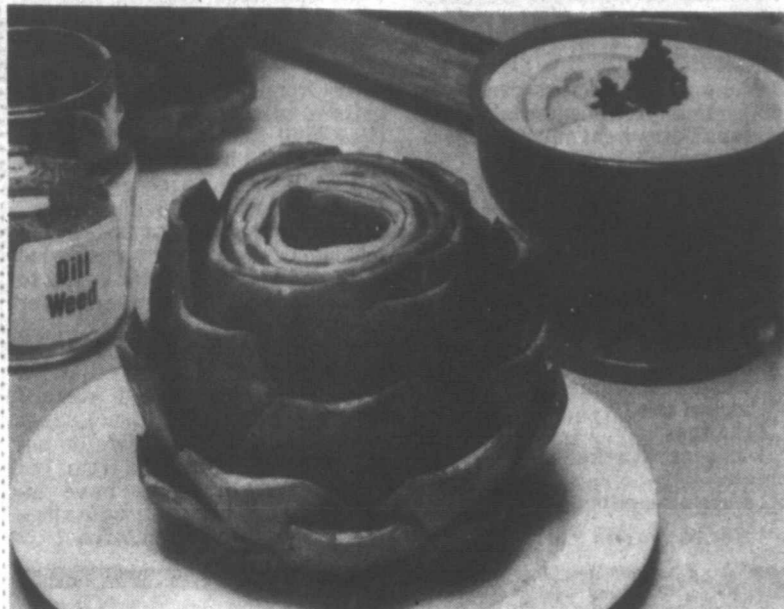
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Solve the artichoke mystery

By Aileen Claire
NEA Food Editor

Often we see foods in a supermarket or at a roadside stand that we are tempted to buy but don't because we aren't sure how to prepare or eat them!

After many centuries, the artichoke still falls into this category. Artichokes are favorites for a shortened season in North Africa and Europe. California provides them in varying sizes throughout the year, depending upon the season.

I like to eat them after boiling them in water to which I add lime or lemon juice, and perhaps a dash of olive oil. This is to maintain their natural flavor and hold down the calories.

Here is a basic method for cooking the globe or leafy artichoke, which you eat by pulling off each leaf and pulling the "flesh" end through your teeth. Then, scoop out the center thistle or choke to savor the heart or bottom of the artichoke.

BASIC DIRECTIONS FOR COOKING ARTICHOKE

To prepare artichokes: Wash artichokes. Cut off stems at base with sharp knife and remove small bottom leaves. If desired, trim tips of leaves and cut off about 1 inch from top of artichokes.

Stand artichokes upright in deep saucepan large enough to hold snugly. Add 1/4 teaspoon salt for each artichoke (optional) and 2 to 3 inches boil-

ing water. Add 1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Cover and boil gently 30 to 45 minutes or until base can be pierced easily with fork. (Add a little more boiling water if needed.)

Gently spread leaves and remove choke (thistle portion) from center of artichokes with metal spoon. Turn artichokes upside-down to drain.

ARTICHOKE AND DILL COTTAGE CHEESE DIP

- 1 cup creamed cottage cheese
- Milk
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon dried dill weed, crushed
- 1 Dash pepper
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- Lemon slice, parsley for garnish

4 to 6 medium artichokes prepared by Basic Directions

In electric blender, puree cottage cheese with 1 tablespoon milk until smooth. Transfer to small bowl and add mayonnaise, dill weed, pepper and lemon juice. Cover and chill at least 2 hours.

Just before serving, thin sauce by stirring in 2 or 3 tablespoons milk, and, if desired, garnish with lemon slice and parsley. Serve with hot or chilled artichokes. This kitchen-tested recipe makes about 1 1/4 cups dip.

By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor
Even though every day thousands and thousands of hamburgers are gobbled up in fast-food shops and restaurants, new home recipes for them are decidedly on the wane.

Cookbooks devoted to making hamburgers and other ground-meat dishes started appearing in the 1950s, flourished in the 1960s and continued being published in the 1970s. During the 1980s, to my knowledge, only one cookbook on the subject appeared, and that was a reprint of a 1960 publication.

Aware of this, a friend of mine who dotes on hamburgers and is a fine cook, invented a 1985 hamburger recipe. It's a delicious combination of beef, a creamy cheese mixture, tomatoes and the sweet Spanish onion that will be in season until the end of March. If you try her recipe, I hope you enjoy it as much as did the tasters at my house.

OPENFACE CREAMY ONION BURGERS

- 2 ripe medium tomatoes
- Spanish onion
- 3-ounce package cream cheese, at room temperature
- 2 ounces blue cheese, crumbled
- 1-3rd cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 pound ground beef
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 slices rye bread

Trim top and bottom from each tomato; cut each into 4 slices.

Trim top of onion; cut off a few 1/4-inch thick slices, peel slices and separate into rings. (Wrap remaining onion in saran and store in vegetable crisper for some other use.)

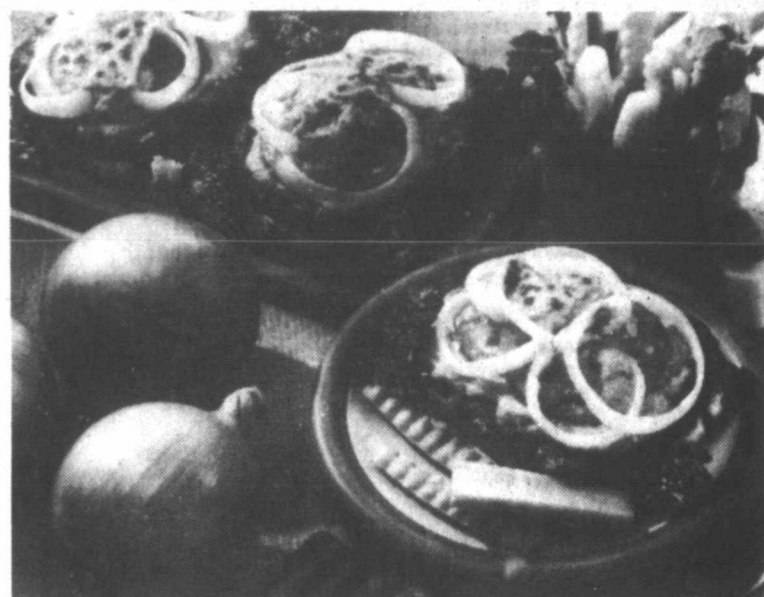
In a small bowl beat together cream cheese, blue cheese, mayonnaise and Worcestershire sauce.

Shape beef into thin patties large enough to cover bread slices; broil burgers to desired doneness; sprinkle with salt and pepper; keep warm.

Lightly toast bread on one side in the broiler or in an oven-toaster;

place broiled beef patties on untoasted side; spread half the cheese mixture over them. Top with tomato slices and onion rings.

Spoon remaining cheese mixture over top. Broil until bubbly. Serve at once.
Makes 4 servings.



EXTRA-SPECIAL HAMBURGER — A combination of beef, a creamy cheese mixture, tomato slices and sweet Spanish rings.

Girl Scouts to take cookie orders Friday

Time again for Girl Scout cookies! Pampa and area Girl Scouts are preparing to begin their annual cookie sale, the Girl Scouts' main fund raiser.

The Girl Scouts will begin taking orders Friday and continue to take orders through March 4. The cookies will be delivered between March 29 and April 19. This is the only time of year the cookies are available. The cookies are supposed to freeze well and the new packages are tamper resistant.

For more information about Girl Scout cookies and placing orders, call the Girl Scout office, Pampa City Hall, 669-6862.

Once you've ordered all those cookies, take time to try some of the recipes using them from the Girl Scout recipe pamphlet called "Great Recipes Using Girl Scout Recipes." Here's a few examples:

CELESTIAL CAKE
(Made with Little Brownie Samoas)

- 1 box white cake mix
 - 5 egg whites
 - 1 stick butter
 - 3/4 c. self-rising flour
 - 1 1/2 c. milk
- Filling:
1 (8 oz.) can flaked coconut
2 c. chopped Samoas
1/2 c. caramel topping

Frosting:

- chocolate frosting.
- WINTER BARS
(Made with Pecan Praline Juliettes)
- 1 1/2 c. butter
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1 1/2 c. flaked coconut
- 1 1/2 c. chopped pecans

crumbs. Cover bottom of 13x9 inch baking dish with whole cookies and spread coconut mixture over cookies. Cover with whole cookies.

Soften remaining butter in a bowl. Add the cream, vanilla and powdered sugar and beat until fluffy. Spread over cookies and sprinkle with remaining pecans. Refrigerate overnight and cut into bars. Cookies may be frozen.

MINTY MOON PIES
(Made with Thin Mints)
1 box Thin Mint cookies
1 jar of marshmallow creme
Take a Thin Mint cookie, spread marshmallow creme on the bottom. Put another Thin Mint cookie on top.

CHUNKWICH
(Made with Chocolate Chunks)
What is a Chunkwich? It's two crunchy Chocolate Chunk cookies with vanilla or chocolate ice cream in the middle, rolled in chocolate chips.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time

1 (16 oz.) can chocolate frosting
In a large bowl, combine white cake mix with flour, egg whites, milk and butter. Mix on low speed or electric mixer, about three minutes.

For filling: Combine coconut, Samoas and caramel. Alternate a layer of cake batter and filling (about two times). Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for 55 minutes. Frost cooled cake with

1 c. crushed Pecan Praline Juliettes
Whole cookies
.6 T. light cream
1 t. vanilla
2 c. powdered sugar

Melt one cup butter in a saucepan and stir in the sugar, egg and milk. Bring to a boil over low heat, stirring constantly, then remove from heat. Stir in the coconut, one cup pecans and cookie

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A dash of salt preserves one family's culinary history

By GERALDINE SATTERWHITE
Abilene Reporter-News
ABILENE, Texas (AP) — The idea of a Rucker family cookbook has been tossed about for several years, and nobody is exactly sure who thought of it first.

It may have been born when one of the sons of Joseph Herman Sr. and Mary Ophelia Fuller Rucker came to grips with the fact that one day he would have to leave the country home just north of the State School where at mealtime the table was piled high with the foods he took for granted even during the Great Depression — fresh or home-canned fruits and vegetables; chicken fried in home-rendered lard; milk, cream, butter and buttermilk from the family dairy and the good things made from them.

1957. The family operated the dairy until the early 1960s, and Melba, who married in 1963, was the last to leave home. Mrs. Rucker continued to live in her home until she fell and broke a hip in 1965, then lived with the children. But her home was kept intact for special family occasions, like Mother's Day and Christmas, until her death in 1972.

The Boozers bought the home in 1974. Remodeling included addition of central heat and air conditioning and a fireplace, removal of some old chimneys, modernization of the kitchen, insulation and other weather-proofing, and an exterior facelift that included some brickwork by Van Booser. Weathered wood from barns, a wind-break fence and sheds was incorporated into diagonal paneling on a dining room wall and wainscoting around the den and

kitchen.

"We couldn't think of anybody else living there," said Melba. "We wanted it still in the family."

In addition to the book title, Wanza Grantier did in calligraphy the grace her grandfather said before each family meal and the cover pages for each of the book's 13 recipe categories.

On page 299 there's a family roster including children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses.

The book is family-oriented throughout. Mary O. Fuller Rucker's recipe for Turkey and Dressing, Rucker Style, submitted by Alice Allen, is written in narrative style and includes everything a Rucker needs to know about the traditional holiday treat.

Roberta Josephine Cox Edwards' every-summer-day-fried-chicken-for-dinner recipe

takes a step-by-step approach from 1. "Look all the likely candidates for slaughter over carefully," and 2. "Point out the biggest one to your dog and say, 'sic 'em.'" to 21. "Pour gravy into a big bowl. Be sure some grease is still swimming around the top of the gravy. It's more fattening that way." some steps— No. 14, for example, are judgment calls. "Just before the grease bursts into flames, drop the floured chicken pieces into the grease."

Notes at the end of several recipes tell family stories.

Note: (Under Lucille Rucker Chessmore's Chocolate Pie) "I obtained this recipe when in high school, and it is the one used at home on Saturdays to make pies for Sundays. I doubled it to make 2 pies, often substituting cocoa mixed with the sugar for the chocolate. Scalded milk was used in place of the water. Many

Saturdays I made 2 chocolate pies and 2 lemon pies to have enough for the meal on Sundays. We never knew how many people we would have (family, friends, preacher, etc.) L.R.C."

Many of the recipes cannot be authentically duplicated since the Rucker Dairy went out of business. An example:

RUCKER'S BOILED CUSTARD

Mary O. Fuller Rucker
Submitted by Alice Rucker Allen

1 qt. Rucker's whole milk
1 c. sugar
1-3 c. cornstarch (Lucille Rucker Chessmore recommends only 2 T.)
Pinch of salt
4 to 5 eggs
1-2 pint Rucker's whipping cream
Lemon or vanilla flavoring
"Scald milk. Mix sugar,

cornstarch and salt in top of double boiler. Add milk and cook over hot water until thick, allowing time for cornstarch to cook. Separate eggs and beat yolks. Add some hot mixture to yolks (this prevents yolks from curdling), then add yolks to mixture in double boiler. Cook until thick and cool slowly. Chill overnight in refrigerator. Beat egg whites and sweeten to taste. Fold into custard. Whip cream. Sweeten and flavor to taste, then fold into custard. Flavor custard to taste and chill. It is now ready to serve. Can sprinkle nutmeg over the top when serving. Makes 3 qts.

"Note: This recipe is mama's as she submitted it to a cookbook years ago. This boiled custard recipe has been in the Rucker family for many years. We do not know just where it came from, but we do know that we have all enjoyed it at Christmas time since we were young children. A.R.A."

Maybe the idea could be credited to a daughter of the late couple who, when she started to date, began to pay a lot more attention to how her mother put those delicious foods together.

"Mama was a good cook," Melba Rucker Booser says, "but she didn't particularly enjoy cooking. I guess it was because she had to do much of it to do."

At any rate, "The Rucker Family Cookbook" is now a reality, compiled by the oldest daughter, Alice Rucker Allen, with cover design by her husband, Howard, and calligraphy by her daughter, Wanza Allen Grantier. There are contributions by families of each of the nine Rucker children — Joe Herman Rucker of Fresno, Calif.; Alice Allen of Austin; Lucille Chessmore of Fort Worth; Ruth Hickok of Houston; Juanita Marshall of Midland; Morris Rucker of Houston; Lloyd Rucker of Celina and Harold Rucker of Richardson — and Mrs. Booser, who lives with her husband, Van, in the old Rucker home in Abilene.

It's hard, family members say, to tell who's prouder of the book — the children or grandchildren. Because Mary Ophelia Rucker didn't always cook by a recipe, many of the family favorites included in the book and credited to her have been worked out through trial and error by daughters and daughters-in-law. The 500 recipes on almost 300 pages include modern-day favorites of Ruckers and contributions by cousins and other relatives who got interested during plans for the book at extended-family reunions held every two years.

Mrs. Allen set a recipe deadline at family meeting time two years ago, but it had to be extended. At last summer's reunion she had copies for proofreading and she spent most of last year working on the book.

"We owe her a debt of gratitude for her consistent work," Melba said. "She did all the typing, she and her family read proof, and she did all the footwork for printing."

The cover design by Howard Allen was a surprise to the rest of the family. Working from old pictures, Allen, a registered architect, depicted the house as it was when young Ruckers worked their dairy farm chores around classes at Abilene schools and McMurry College.

"Everybody worked," Melba said, "and that enabled us eventually to get college educations." All are graduates of Abilene High and McMurry.

Both Joseph Herman Rucker and Mary Ophelia Fuller came to Taylor County with their parents when they were very young, he to Caps and she to the Iberis community and Tuscola area. They met and were married May 30, 1915.

They farmed first, then went into the dairy business in the 1930s. They moved to the small farm where the children grew up in January of 1936, leased additional adjoining land and grew feed for the cows on their farm at Hamby. They bottled and delivered their Grade A raw milk to residences in the area and small neighborhood grocery stores.

J.H. Rucker was commissioner of Taylor County Precinct 1, which included Abilene, when he died in

Wright not fond of judges' switch

AUSTIN (AP) — The decision by three Dallas County Democratic judges to switch to the Republican Party doesn't sit well with U.S. House Majority Leader Jim Wright.

"I don't think I would have much respect for a person who signed on to play with one team, then in the middle of the game ran over and put on the jersey of the other team," Wright said Monday.

"I think people have to be honest about where they are. ... I don't quit my church or other things in which I believe just because it loses once or twice."

Wright's remarks came in response to questions about last week's party switch by Judges Tom Thorpe, Mike Schwillie and Don Koons, who bolted to the Republicans in a much-publicized appearance with Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

Republican officials have indicated that other Democrats may jump ship, too, in the wake of the GOP's sweeping victories in the 1984 elections.

But Wright said the Democratic Party is in good shape, and offered some advice to those who may be thinking of a GOP conversion.

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Decaying, historic mill town has a rebirth

EDITOR'S NOTE — At the outset of the industrial revolution, Lowell, Mass., a city of 95,000 residents 30 miles north of Boston, gained international renown as its mills turned out thousands of bolts of cloth a day. In later years it became a symbol of urban decay. Now the tide has turned again, thanks to what is known as the Lowell Plan.

By **SUZANNE SPRING**
Associated Press Writer
LOWELL, Mass. (AP) — City Manager Joe Tully has a story he likes to tell about his hometown. It's a simple way of conveying what he would gladly spend hours explaining with maps, graphs and reports.

It's about the rebirth of Lowell, America's first great textile manufacturing city that had decayed into a lackluster town of

idle mills, silent streets and anxious people. Now the city is flourishing again.

Tully recalls that he wound up in a coffee shop in Philadelphia last year with several friends. "So we got to talking with some people in the coffee shop there, and the guy said, 'Where are you from?' and I said, 'Lowell,' and the guy said, 'Lowell?' I read about that all the time in the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times. Boy, Lowell is really something. That's a great city you come from."

Twelve years ago Lowell had a 15 percent unemployment rate, the 11th worst in the country. With 107 empty buildings, the downtown looked as if it was holding a massive going-out-of-business sale. Residents, especially high school graduates, were leaving the city in

droves. The city's Merrimack River was gray and murky with the 10th worst pollution problem in the country.

Lowell was also depressed emotionally, as its people grew weary of hearing their city cited as an example of urban failure.

Today, Lowell boasts a 2.8 percent unemployment rate, the lowest in the state and the fifth lowest in the nation. Property owners pay a lower tax rate than they did in 1969. The number of building permits issued has surged to put Lowell among the top in the nation in percentage increase.

In 1984 alone, private companies invested close to \$200 million in Lowell and the government spent \$61 million. A new \$40 million national park attracted 500,000 visitors. There were 27,523 inches of help-wanted ads in the local

newspaper. Lowell was named as a finalist in the National Municipal League's annual All-America City contest, to be awarded in the spring.

And within two years, salmon will swim in the clear waters of the Merrimack.

Lowell, a city of 95,000 residents located in the once-lush Merrimack Valley 30 miles north of Boston, first gained international renown at the outset of the industrial revolution, when its mills churned out thousands of bolts of cloth a day.

Rows and rows of brick mill buildings along a labyrinth of canals beckoned job-seeking farmers' daughters from across New England, and then immigrants from every corner of the world.

In its heyday, Lowell was

considered the "city of the future."

But its success was cut short by labor battles and strikes — the mill workers argued they were underpaid for their six-day work weeks — and new technology that made Lowell's manufacturing machinery obsolete.

By the mid-1930s, most manufacturers had moved their businesses to the South where non-union labor was cheap, and Lowell began a decline that would last 40 years.

Today, cynics assert that two words explain what saved Lowell: An Wang.

Wang, a billionaire industrialist and owner of Wang Laboratories, settled his burgeoning computer company in Lowell in the mid-1970s, throwing money and jobs into the suffering local economy.

Lowell's comeback began in earnest in a darkened restaurant six years ago when Tully and former Sen. Paul Tsongas, a Lowell native, met for dinner.

After hours of conversation, Tully and Tsongas emerged with an ambitious program that called for massive federal aid and the help of almost every major power broker in the state.

The plan outlined an economic revitalization based on the initial investment of one large company.

Wang agreed to play that role. In return, the city made it easy for the company to expand by rushing through federal low-interest loan applications, moving roads, granting tax breaks and approving zoning ordinances.

Wang's growth led to the employment of thousands of workers — the company has 14,000 local residents on its payroll today — and sparked a building spurt that created hundreds of other jobs and bolstered numerous allied industries.

With the Wang family, Tsongas and city officials serving as emissaries, more and more companies decided to settle in Lowell, more jobs were created, more buildings were needed, more shops opened, and the revitalization was on its way.

But it would have never survived its early years without the so-called Lowell Plan, a pool of seed money created by city bankers to fund development.

The Lowell Plan, designed something like an investment and loan institution, was started with donations by the city's bankers. It provided low-interest loans to businesses that wanted to invest and build in Lowell. Their loan payments were returned to the Lowell Plan to fund additional developments.

It was not always easy to draw new investors into the Lowell fold, and Tsongas concedes that sometimes a little strong-arming was necessary. He remembers that the developers now building a \$22 million hotel downtown originally wanted to put the project on the city's outskirts, near the highway.

"They gave us a lobster lunch and when we were finished they said, 'Well, why don't you go ahead and make your presentation why it should be downtown, but before you do, you should know that we have eight criteria for locating hotels and downtown Lowell meets none of them.'"

"So we did our thing," Tsongas says with a smile, "and then we came back and got a letter signed by Wang and all other corporate people in the area. It said, 'We would be delighted to have you come to our community and we look forward to your building the hotel, we just won't use it.'"

"So they pledged to boycott the hotel. So that was the ninth criterion," he concludes. "So we could force those economics."

Tank is used as town's billboard

EXETER, Calif. (AP) — People who want to promote a play or congratulate someone in Exeter paint a message on "The Tank."

It's not unusual for residents of other cities to advertise personal messages on billboards. In Exeter, "The Tank" serves the same purpose for just the cost of paint and brushes.

The storage tank owned by citrus growers Dorsey and Nancy Atkinson sits alongside State Route 65 near the northern entrance to the central California community 150 miles north of Los Angeles.

The 50-year-old Atkinson recalls that "The Tank" was there when he was in high school, but painting messages on it only became popular when their sons, Kirk and Dave, were involved in junior high and high school sports in the late 1970s. Messages about water polo or football began blossoming on the sides of the circular concrete structure.

Since then, the town's 6,000 residents have been allowed to put messages of their own on "The Tank" as long as they keep them clean. The one time off-color graffiti cropped up, Atkinson found the culprit and made him paint over it.

Political endorsements and slogans aren't allowed either, despite numerous requests in years past. Such requests aren't made much anymore because everyone in Exeter seems to know the unwritten, unofficial rules now, the Atkinsons say.

One rule is to deposit any trash accumulated during the paint job in a barrel hidden in back of "The Tank."

During 1984, "The Tank" promoted the local high school's drama, plus numerous congratulatory messages for birthdays, weddings and graduations, or love notes that the writer didn't mind airing in public. A message painted during the holiday season cautioned people not to drink and drive.

Gary Dunn, managing editor of the weekly Exeter Sun newspaper, called the messages "a thermometer of the community" and planned to run a full page of pictures of 1984 messages in the paper.

"We've had lots of fun from the tank," Mrs. Atkinson said. "It's not abused, and that's what makes it so enjoyable."

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ANOTHER HOTEL FIRE—Thick smoke billows during a fire which gutted the Regent of Manila Hotel early Wednesday. At least 24 people were killed and several others injured in the fire. It was the sixth fire to hit a hotel in the Philippines since October. (AP Laserphoto)

24 killed in hotel blaze; Americans included

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Fire raced through a luxury bayside hotel today, killing at least 24 people including a cook who leaped from the seventh floor, a U.S. Internal Revenue Service agent and two other Americans, authorities said.

Some of the 300 guests ran screaming from the 11-story Regent of Manila hotel in suburban Pasay when the fire began shortly after midnight, witnesses said.

It was the sixth hotel fire in the Philippines in four months. Police blamed three of the previous fires, which killed a total of 40 people, on arsonists, possibly Communist guerrillas.

More than 14 hours after the blaze began, fire burned in some parts of the building. Firemen, arriving in more than two dozen trucks, pumped water from the hotel swimming pool to help fight the flames.

Elevator shafts and air conditioning ducts sucked up the

smoke like chimneys and spewed it into hallways and rooms, forcing firemen to retreat again and again in their struggle to recover bodies and search for survivors.

Later, firemen leaned out of windows on the upper stories, lowering bodies as crowds gathered to watch.

Many of the dead were foreigners, including at least three Americans, authorities said.

Policeman Enrico Palomar said one of the victims carried a Filipino drivers' license with the name Lewis Carroll Rowney, 62, with an address at the U.S. Subic Bay Base.

A group of guests who work for the IRS said one of their party had been killed and identified him as Edward Carroll, an agent based in Tokyo.

The U.S. Embassy declined to identify any American dead until relatives had been notified.

"I was screaming. I tried to block the smoke with wet towels

and then went running down the hall," said Ann Douglas of Washington and one of 14 IRS officials attending a weeklong meeting at the hotel.

"It was the smoke that was most deadly," said Col. Rolando Siquijor, area police chief.

Fire officials said it could take several days to determine the cause of the Regent fire.

"I heard people yelling in the hallway, but after a while there was no more sound," said Arthur Allegar, 45, who lay sprawled on an overhang for two hours after smashing through his window to escape the thick smoke.

Firemen finally poked a ladder through the smoke after hearing the screams of women on an nearby building who had spotted Allegar.

The body of one victim hung from a seventh floor window for several hours. Smoke poured out of nearly every window as late as dawn and cast a haze over much of

the city. Guests estimated three-fourths of the hotel's 464 rooms were occupied.

E.A. Gilbert, 56, of Boston, said his wife woke him up after smelling smoke. He said there was no alarm, no telephone and no light when the couple stumbled out into the hallway where a guest with a flashlight guided them to the stairwell.

One of the survivors was Paul Quinn Judge, a Christian Science Monitor correspondent who escaped the fire barefoot with only a bag full of notebooks.

A suspect with alleged ties to Communist rebels escaped last week from police who were holding him for trial in an October fire that killed 23 people, including eight Americans, at the Pines Hotel in the mountain resort city of Baguio.

Some of the dead in the Pines fire were U.S. veterans of World War II and their wives who had come to the Philippines for a reunion.

Opposition leader says vote is 'victory for democracy'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Opposition leader Kim Dae-jung, who returned home from two years of self-exile less than a week ago, today called his new party's surprising gains in the National Assembly elections a "great victory for democratic forces."

Faced with the challenge to its authority, the ruling party of President Chun Doo-hwan said it will work with its opponents but declared stability in South Korea will be maintained.

Tuesday's National Assembly balloting saw the hastily formed New Korea Democratic Party emerge as the country's second strongest party, exceeding even its own expectations.

The outcome was likely to inject a fresh note into legislative proceedings that have largely been dormant during the past four years.

The new opposition party, which calls Chun a military dictator, is backed by South Korea's two leading dissidents — Kim Dae-jung, who returned from self-exile in the United States last Friday, and Kim Young-sam. Both have been barred from political activities since 1980.

With final results in at mid-afternoon today for the 92 two-seat districts, Korean media networks and headquarters of various parties gave the government's Democratic Justice Party 87 seats and the New Korea Democratic Party 50.

The rest of the seats were split among the old minority and splinter parties and independents.

With 92 seats in the 276-member, single-house assembly divided on a proportional basis, the ruling party should get another 61 seats to

ensure its sizable margin, while the new opposition party should gain 18 more.

Before the voting, opposition figures had predicted the new party would get 20-35 seats.

The election campaign had drawn large, enthusiastic crowds and the voter turnout was tentatively put at a record 84.2 percent of the country's 24 million eligible voters. The last election was held in 1981.

There were no reports of major disturbances or election irregularities.

While ultimate power rests with the president in South Korea and Chun's term does not expire until 1988, the election was seen as the first test of popular support for the government since Chun rose to power following the assassination of President Park Chung-hee in

October 1979. In a statement on the election, Kim Dae-jung said the voting results were a "great victory of the democratic forces."

"It is great pleasure to me if my return to the homeland this time has helped in any way the victory of the democratic forces," he said.

Although he came back only four days before the elections and has been confined to his home, his return was made known at political rallies and by word-of-mouth. It received only brief mention in the government-guided media here.

Kim Young-sam said in a separate statement that the voting was the "people's test of the military dictatorship." He declared the government now "must deeply reflect and take clear-cut steps for democratization to the satisfaction of the people."

Houston convention center approved

HOUSTON (AP) — The long-awaited George R. Brown Convention Center proposed on the east side of downtown Houston has won unanimous approval from the Houston City Council.

The ceremonial ground-breaking for the \$104.4 million contract, which will contain 500,000 square feet, is tentatively scheduled March 1, with Vice President George Bush in attendance.

Blount Bros. Corp. of

Montgomery, Ala., is expected to begin work in about 30 days.

Mayor Kathy Whitmire said Tuesday's unanimous vote was "an important milestone" in the convention center project.

The contract gives the firm 30 months to complete the project, which would mean the city will take custody of the building in August 1987 — about four months before the first convention is booked.



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Service station owner sticks to old-fashioned full service

By VIVIENNE HEINES
The Brazosport Facts
WEST COLUMBIA, Texas (AP) — Joe W. Meaders has the prettiest gas pumps in town.

They stand round-shouldered in front of his tiny gas station in the middle of town, bright-red metal soldiers, sturdy and quaint reminders of days past.

Not for him those cold, impersonal steel-and-chrome computers at other gas stations. Meaders' gas pumps suggest a genial atmosphere. So does he.

I met Meaders on a Friday, when I was headed home after an interview in Angleton and remembered a co-worker mentioning my right-rear tire was low. I drove into West Columbia looking for an air pump or, even better, a full-service gas station.

I almost had given up hope of finding either in these days of self-serve everything. Then I sighted Meaders' modest, red-and-white gas station.

I pulled in and Meaders came out to greet me, smiling. He is a small man with graying hair covered by a brown felt cap, and he wears silver-rimmed glasses.

Meaders put some gas in my tank and assured me that I did indeed have a slow leak in my tire. Unfortunately, it was approaching 5 p.m. and he was about to close the station. He told me to come back first thing in the morning at 7:30 a.m. and he'd fix it.

"How much?" I asked.

"Five dollars," he answered. He asked me my name, how long I'd lived in town and then bid me goodbye.

Well, the price sounded right to me, so I returned to the gas station bright and early the next morning.

He was in a talkative mood as he settled in to work on my car.

"This is the main way I make my money," he said, indicating the tire. "Fixing tires."

I explained that I had to wait while he worked because I didn't have any other way home and I lived across town, off FM 522.

He nodded. "I know some people that live out there," he said. "The name is Koddous."

He said that the Koddouses kept a bunch of pets out on their place. They had a peccary that they used to bring into town and walk around on a leash.

A peccary, Meaders said, is a small wild pig, sort of like a miniature javelina.

"How do you spell that?" I asked.

Meaders got up and went into the station. He returned with a weathered Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary and started thumbing through it.

"There it is," he said, pointing out the definition of the word.

There was even a tiny picture of a peccary next to the definition. The dictionary said peccaries are found from Paraguay to Texas.

From there we moved on to javelinas he told me about how the old-timers called them Tush-hogs, a phrase also used to refer to a real tough guy.

"We call him a Tush-hog," Meaders said.

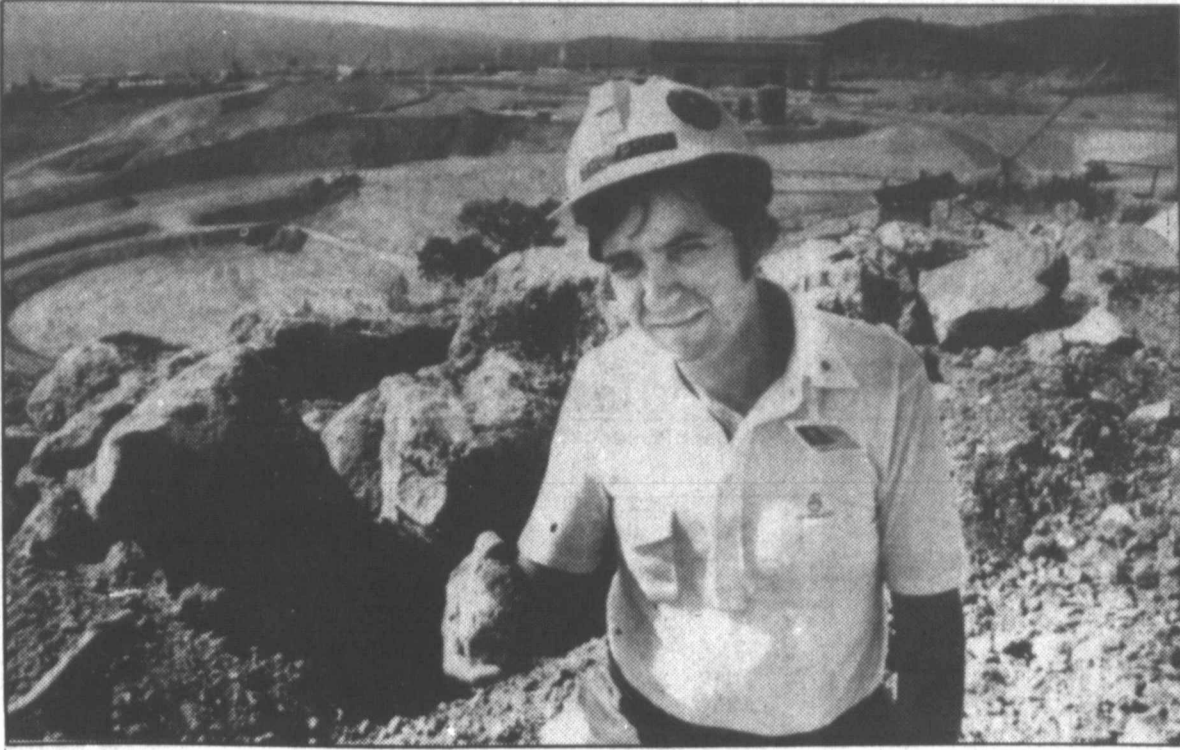
I wondered how old Meaders was.

"My dad used to say if a man tells his age, he's either bragging or complaining so I'm not doing either one," he replied to my query.

"How long have you been here?" I asked.

"I moved here in 1952 and I've been in this spot here for 26 years," he said.

He pointed to his car, parked nearby. "See my license plate?" he asked. It was an Oklahoma plate that read ADA-OK.



ANOTHER GOLD RUSH SEEN—Jack E. Thompson, resident manager of Homestake Mining Company in the Blue Ridge Hills of Northern California, holds up a piece of ore that contains microscopic pieces of gold that Homestake plans to extract. The firm estimates it will cost \$300 to produce each ounce of gold and has spent about \$270 million to get the mine started. (AP Laserphoto)

Mining company sees another Northern California gold rush

By STEPHEN J. SIMURDA
Associated Press Writer
LOWER LAKE, Calif. (AP) — A mining company is gambling that millions of ounces of gold are buried in the lush Blue Ridge Hills. It's spending \$270 million to get to the ore, reviving memories of California's gold rush.

The gamble, for Homestake Mining Co. of San Francisco, centers on the price of gold.

Richard W. Stumbo Jr., Homestake's chief financial officer, estimates it will cost \$300 to produce each ounce of gold at the new mine. That's the level gold prices have been hovering at recently.

"If you thought gold was going to sit at \$200 to \$220, you'd have to close it," Stumbo said. But Homestake's financial man doesn't think that will happen.

"A fair price for gold in today's dollars is closer to \$400," Stumbo said.

Although the Homestake mine will scar the land for decades, opposition from environmentalists has been muted.

Those who oppose the plan are a vocal but distinct minority. The jobs and taxes the facility will generate make most people eager to bring the gold rush back to California.

On Feb. 5, Homestake began extracting the first quartz-laden gold ore from a huge hole in the ground. Microscopic gold dust is being extracted from the ore by a complex and costly process far removed from the pick-and-shovel method used by the state's early miners. Homestake expects to turn out its first gold bar in early March.

Over the next 25 years or so, Homestake plans to extract about 3 million ounces of gold from the pit, carving it eventually to one mile long, a third of a mile wide, and 450 feet deep. A reservoir created by the diversion of a stream sits a few hundred feet from the pit and will supply the 960 gallons of fresh water needed each minute for the operation.

Five miles away is the plant that will produce the gold and a pond that will collect the project's waste, which will include some of the large amounts of cyanide used in removing the gold from the rock.

The idea doesn't please many farmers whose land surrounds the 8,000 acres owned by Homestake. Their opposition, plus the complexity of planning such a project, delayed the mine's groundbreaking until last August, four years Homestake discovered gold at the site.

But many environmentalists,

including the local chapter of the Sierra Club, say Homestake has tried hard to meet their concerns about the mine's safety.

Homestake's attempt to recapture the gold rush did not come cheap. The company estimated it has spent \$245 million on the new mine, dubbed the McLaughlin Project, and will add another \$25 million or so this year.

Homestake begins its operation at a time of declining gold prices that are eroding Homestake's revenues and profits.

Sales for the first nine months of 1984 were \$248 million, down from \$255.4 million during the same period of 1983. Profits took a bigger slide, dropping to \$27 million, or 55 cents a share, for the first nine months of 1984, compared with \$46.9 million, or 93 cents a share, the year before.

A good portion of the money spent on the McLaughlin mine has gone to gather environmental data or design the state-of-the-art processing plant.

"I don't know too many projects that have been gone over as much as this one," said Jack E. Thompson, resident general manager at McLaughlin.

The mine sits at the junction of Napa, Lake and Yolo counties, about 80 miles north of San Francisco. Virtually no opposition was heard in either Napa or Lake, where the greatest employment and tax benefits will be felt.

But the farmers in Yolo County put up a fight. In 11 days, they collected 3,500 signatures on a petition asking supervisors to block the mine, although they failed to get enough to put the question on the county ballot.

Many environmentalists have mostly good things to say about Homestake's McLaughlin Project.

Ada Merhoff, of the Yolo-Solano chapter of the Sierra Club, noted that her group does not oppose mining. After two engineers she hired said that Homestake's environmental impact report for the project was "the best they had ever seen," she had little opposition.

Joe Callizo, president of the Napa Valley chapter of the California Native Plant Society, said Homestake changed the mine's layout to help save half of the 60 species of endangered plants that grow on or near the site.

While Callizo said the scar from the mine will probably be visible for 75 or 100 years, he said he thinks the mine is worth it.

"There's positive and negative. You have to weigh things out," Callizo said. "Gold is valuable. Jobs are valuable."

In Lake County, where unemployment runs at 18 percent or higher in the winter months, jobs are particularly valuable.

Since the only year-round road into the mine is in Lake County, John Graham, the county's senior planner, said at least half of the 275 permanent jobs created by the mine will come from his county.

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 - Retirement plan (abbr.)
 - Author Fleming
 - Evil deed
 - Egg (Fr.)
 - Conceive of
 - European mountain district
 - Footlike part
 - Period of historical time
 - Chemical suffix
 - French river
 - Wrath
 - Eight (comb. form)
 - Actress Claire
 - Help
 - Public hall
 - Attu's neighbor
 - Ox harnesses
 - Chinese fruit
 - Praised
 - Noun suffix
 - Appendix
 - Pop's wife
 - Sole
 - Marriage vow (2 wds.)
 - Labor group (abbr.)
 - Public vehicle
 - Household gods
 - Disagreeable sight
 - Cry of pain
 - Celtic sea deity
 - Steel
 - Company (Fr., abbr.)
 - Compass point
 - Netherlands commune
- DOWN**
- Roman
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 - Japanese currency
 - Shows scorn
 - Greek letter

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42 Normandy invasion day (comp. wd.)
43 Form of architecture
45 Western hemisphere organization (abbr.)
47 Phrase of understanding (2 wds.)
48 Wax (Lat.)
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52 Aye
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54 Uncle (Scot.)

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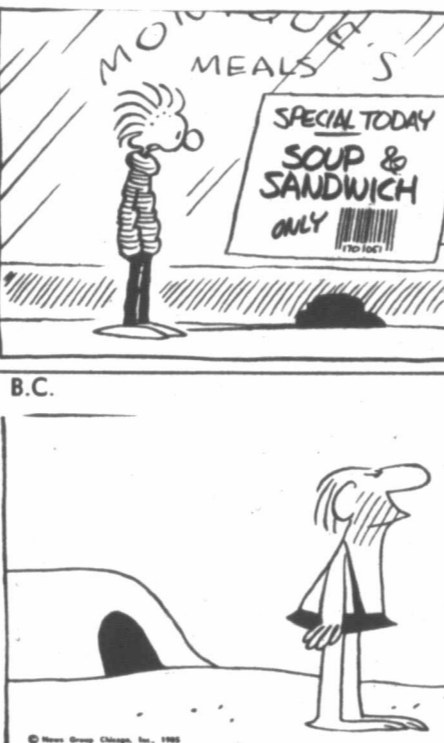
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Astro-Graph

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Feb. 14, 1985

This coming year you will experience new opportunities to build stability both in material and social affairs. Luck will attend you in both areas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make today a special day for you and the one you love. Plan something pleasant and different that will provide each with enjoyable memories. Major changes are in store for Aquarians in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not be fearful of challenging situations today. You have the necessary reserve to draw upon to overcome opposition and obstacles.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though you may not be aware: If it, you will be closely observed and admired today. You'll make this favorable impression by just being yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're destined to be a winner today in situations where you are strongly motivated to achieve. Be single-minded and keep your eyes focused on the trophy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The secret to success today is to treat others as you would like to be treated yourself. Don't cut any corners, even if you have the chance to do so.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not settle for things as they are today, you have the wherewithal to improve outmoded products or systems. Use your ingenuity to bring about change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be an astute observer today and watch how someone you admire handles a delicate problem. Later you may find a need to use his techniques.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You won't be content today unless you use your time in some productive, worthy manner. Being of service to others offers definite fulfillment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even if you have to appoint yourself to the post of social chairman today, do so. You're better at organizing something fun than your friends are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Others will be inspired to do things today that are materially beneficial for you. This will be their way of repaying favors you did for them in the past.

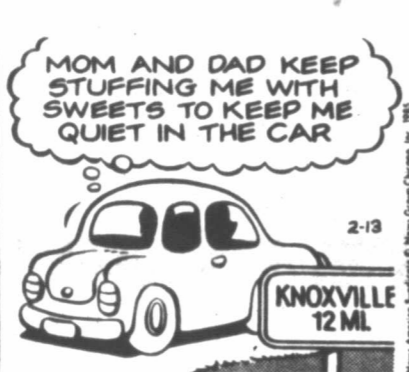
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You could be extremely fortunate today in situations that you personally direct. Instead of delegating duties to others, maintain total control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In business dealings today, let the other guy make the opening move. Bide your time until he has played all of his aces, and then trump him.

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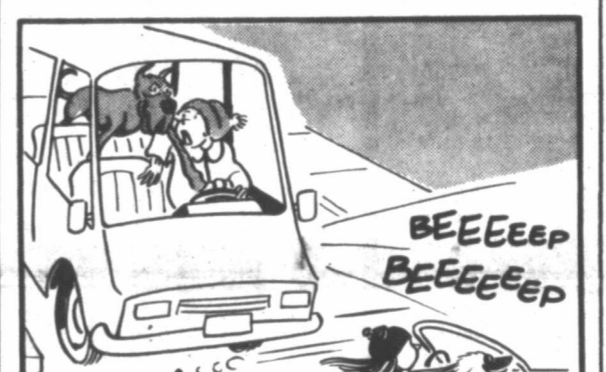
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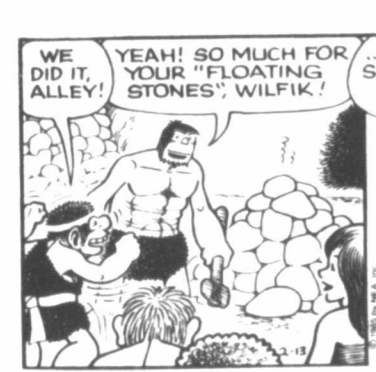


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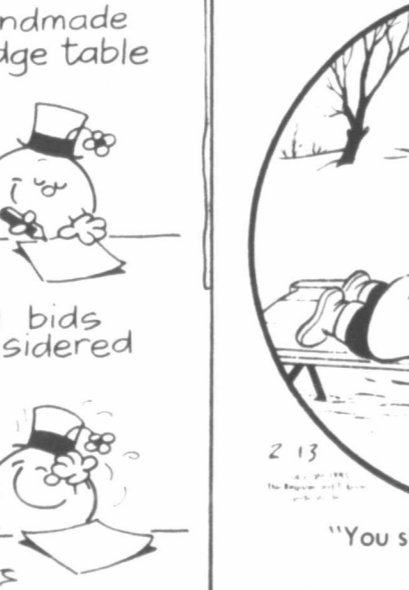
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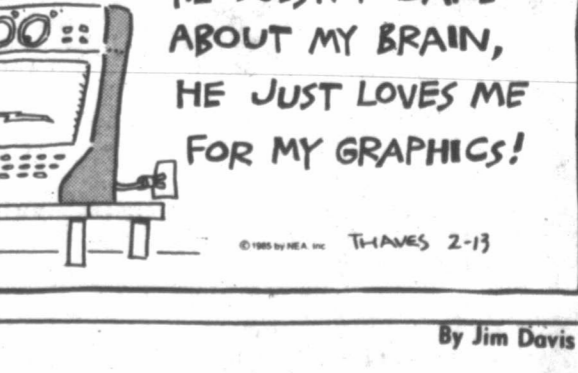
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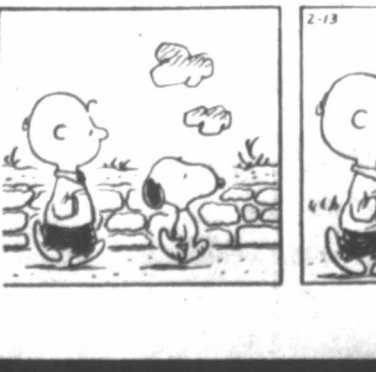
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KITE FLYING FESTIVAL—A member of the French team prepares a kite for flying at the annual Singapore International Kite Flying Festival recently. For two days hundreds of kites flew in view of thousands of spectators in Singapore. (AP Laserphoto)

Researcher says cold water may mean cool homes during summer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A newly developed chilling system that uses winter temperatures to keep hospitals and apartments cool in summer could compete with the costs of electrical cooling methods, a Texas A&M University researcher says.

"We learned it can be done and that costs would be competitive with electricity now. If natural gas increases in price, this process could be comparable with it, too," Dr. Donald L. Reddell, professor of agricultural engineering, said Monday.

Reddell and professors R.R. Davison and William B. Harris in 1979 began studying the system, which uses water pumped from an underground aquifer. The water is then cooled in a special pond above ground during winter and carried back beneath the ground for storage.

In summer, the cool water is withdrawn and used for air conditioning.

Cities in the Texas Panhandle — such as Lubbock or Amarillo —

would have more chilled water than they need, while Dallas or Fort Worth probably could produce just enough for a long, hot summer, Reddell said.

"For cooling purposes, one obviously needs cold weather to make the system work," Reddell said. "We in College Station are

just about as far south as I'd want to try it. San Antonio, for instance, just doesn't have enough cold days."

"When cold water is injected into the aquifer, it will not move very far from the well during the few months until summer," he said.

Pace is slow in isolated Oregon town

By DICK COCKLE
The Oregonian
HALFWAY, Ore. (AP) — This Northeast Oregon town is the state's forgotten stepchild.

The mountain-ringed, teacup-shaped Pine Valley where Halfway sits is butted hard against the southern slopes of the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Halfway receives no commercial radio signals from anywhere in Oregon. And what meager TV reception the town gets originates in Idaho, says Terry L. Vaughan, 39, owner of the Halfway Market.

"We get Oregon news that's almost a day late, sports news that's two days late," he says. "We can tell you who the governor of Idaho is, who's running the Senate in Idaho. It's hard to come up with the name of our governor."

An avid basketball fan and Corvallis native, Vaughan has sometimes parked atop a mountain ridge seven miles from downtown Halfway in hopes of picking up a Portland Trail Blazers game on his truck's radio.

The town's location has made for a meteorological oddity: Halfway is in a natural "snow catch," with average winter snow depths ranging between 3½ and 5 feet, depending on who's telling the story. When fenceposts are no longer visible in Halfway, the ground is sometimes barren just three or four miles to the southwest.

cutting firewood. They ward off cabin fever in winter by almost fanatic support of the local high school football, basketball and volleyball teams. They play pinocle at the Grange and bingo at the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion halls on Friday and Saturday nights. Many women make quilts.

"Shoveling snow is another great pastime. We had about 5 feet last year," says Vaughan.

"We're slower-paced," he adds. "Immediately to us is when we have the time. It may be two, three days, a week. Our clock functions a little bit differently than in the big cities."

"In Halfway, you never hear a siren, and you never stop for a traffic light. There are no traffic lights," says Gentry. "You don't lock your doors, except during hunting season. I don't think I've had my keys out of the car in two years."

Halfway has gone downhill since he was a small child growing up here, says Gentry's father, Vernon Gentry. He can remember when the town had three barbershops.

"Now there ain't a one. You can't get a haircut," he grieves.

Vernon Gentry could be cast by Hollywood as a classic busted-up ex-ropo cowboy. He traveled the country as a rodeo bull and bronc

rider for 30 years. He's missing part of the thumb and little finger on his left hand from bull-riding accidents and has had more bones broken than he can remember.

In all his wandering, he's always called Halfway home. He remembers a gunfight and a lot of dance hall brawls, but overall, it's always been a pretty tolerant town, he says.

"We used to play marbles right on Main Street and the cars couldn't get by because there were too many kids flippin' marbles," he recalls of his childhood here.

Of course, those were serious marble games, he adds. "We was playin' for keeps."

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The town, population 375, became even more isolated in mid-September, when a series of rockslides buried Oregon Highway 86. The only tie that bound Halfway to the rest of Oregon was a primitive 18-mile detour road along the southern fringe of the Eagle Cap Wilderness.

Most heavy trucking, including the movement of logs bound for the region's sawmills, ceased over the detour. Its steep switchbacks, 4,100-foot elevation, and 8 percent and 10 percent grades made the road too dangerous for simultaneous use by trucks and cars.

In October, Gov. Vic Atiyeh declared a "state of emergency disaster" for Baker County's east end after the state Highway Division closed Oregon Highway 86 indefinitely. A new bypass road around the slide opened in late December.

Halfway serves as a shopping hub for 1,000 to 1,500 people, most of them ranchers, loggers, U.S. Forest Service employees and schoolteachers, says Vaughan. He often knows which ranchers are in town by glancing out the front window of his store to see whose cow dog is running on the street. The population is small enough for him to know everybody and his dog.

Most Pine Valley residents have to be jacks of all trades to make a living. Vaughan operates a ranch and works part time as a substitute schoolteacher in addition to running his market.

Rudy Gentry agrees Halfway is no place for economic specialization.

"I work five or six jobs a year," he says. "I log, feed cows, cook in a restaurant, break horses. I've even tended bar in here. If you need your car washed, I'll go out and wash it real quick."

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SPORTS SCENE

SWC recruiting

Horned Frogs ahead in blue chip signings

Texas Christian, which shocked the Southwest Conference with an 8-3 turnaround record in 1984, continued its resurgence under Coach Jim Wacker today by signing five of the state's blue chip football players to scholarship agreements.

The state's No. 1 blue chipper,

Bay City's Hart Lee Dykes, eliminated the Texas Aggies and kept three other schools, Illinois, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State guessing as to which school he would choose.

Bay City Coach Ron Mills watched proudly as three other members of his 1984 team signed

scholarship agreements but said that Dykes would wait at least until 5 p.m. today before making a decision.

"I think he may still be a little confused but I think he's going to go ahead and do something today," Mills said.

Meanwhile, the Horned Frogs

followed through on signing a major share of the state's top 14 blue chip players, almost as many as the rest of the SWC schools combined.

The Horned Frogs, who have never signed more than three blue chippers in one year, led all other Southwest Conference schools in

commitments prior to today's first official day of signings.

Wacker followed through early today by signing Jasper wide receiver Reggie Davis, Huffman running back Greg Moore, Houston Madison quarterback Ronald Jiles, Fort Worth Eastern Hills defensive tackle Mitchell Benson and

Madison wide receiver Jarrod Delaney, all Texas blue chippers.

Delaney was the final blue chipper to come into the Horned Frog fold, making his decision late Tuesday.

"Jiles and I have been hooking up since the seventh grade," Delaney said.

Pampa downs Dumas, but fail in playoff race

DUMAS — Pampa held off a stubborn Dumas team to claim a 55-49 win Tuesday night in District 14-A action.

However, Pampa needed help from Levelland last night to stay in the playoff race and didn't get it. Lubbock Dunbar bombed Levelland, 60-39, to clinch second place. Pampa takes third place, making it the first time the Harvesters have failed to advance to the playoffs in Garland Nichols' six years as head coach.

Dumas played must better than

its 0-11 district record indicated, staying close until the final three minutes when the Harvesters hit six consecutive foul shots, four by John Tarpley, to put the game away.

Pampa never trailed, but Dumas knotted the score five times in the first half and had tied things at 27-all at halftime.

Pampa ran off eight straight points in the third quarter and Dumas couldn't quite catch up again, even though the Demons crept as close as four points.

Pete Davis led Pampa in scoring with 18 points, while Rodney Young and Donovan Lewis added 10 points each. Richard Rogers chipped in eight points, Mike Lynn, five, and Tarpley, four.

Pampa is now 7-4 in league play and 19-9 overall.

Dumas, 3-20 and 0-12, had 18 points from Rodney Rush. David Bounds contributed 13.

The Harvesters close out the season Friday night against Lubbock Dunbar in McNeely Fieldhouse.

In other district games, Borger moved closer to a perfect district season with a 58-53 win over Canyon Tuesday night.

The Pampa Shockers rolled to a 59-41 win over Dumas Junior Varsity last night. Vibert Ryan led the Shockers with 16 points, while Lonnie Mills had 14 and Mario Scott, 11.

The Shockers, 16-7 overall and 7-4 in district, close the season against Lubbock Dunbar JVs at 7 p.m. Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Southwest Conference signings

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Here is a list of high school football players who signed national letters of intent today:

BAYLOR — Charles Perry, RB, 5-11, 184, Bryan; Jeffrey Murray, RB, 5-11, 200, Houston; Sterling Ray Crockett, DB, 6-0, 170, Duncanville; Darrin Childress, DB-Kicker, 6-4, 196, Duncanville; Bobby Jack Goforth, WR, 5-8, 185, Caldwell; Vincent Carpenter, DT, 6-1, 280, Lamar; Ed Lovell, QB, 6-1, 175, Lamar; Andre Jackson, RB-DE, 6-3, 180, Houston; Sam Collins, TE, 6-4, 225, Lubbock Dunbar; Willie Rogers, LB, 6-1, 200, Lubbock Dunbar.

SMU — Bill Jones, RB, 6-1, 200, Corsicana; Robert McDear, LB, 6-3, 250, Corsicana; Lynn James, RB, 6-3, 180, Navasota; A. J. Miller, RB, 6-2, 210, San Antonio West; Toby Wata, E, 6-5, 215, Aledo; Roderick Wilson, RB, 6-2, 190, Lamar Consolidated.

TEXAS A&M — Steve Greene, RB, 6-1, 185, Littlefield; James Howse, RB, 6-0, 185, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Rodney Anthony, DB, 6-4, 190, San Angelo Central; Tom Campbell, L, 6-5, 260, Baker, La.; James Dotson, NC, 6-6, 250, Warren, Minn.; LaSalle Harper, LB, 6-3, 230, LaPorte; Basil Jackson, LB, 6-3, 215, Hammett, La.; Brian Ross, TE, 6-4, 230, San Angelo Central.

TCU — Reggie Davis, WR, 6-2, 210, Jasper.

Greg Moore, RB, 6-1, 200, Houston; Ron Jiles, QB, 6-1, 175, Houston Madison; Mitchell Benson, DT, 6-4, 280, Fort Worth Eastern Hills; Jarrod Delaney, WR, 6-3, 185, Houston Madison; Robby Adams, OL, 6-4, 270, Crowley; Tony Allen, DB, 6-0, 165, Jasper; Chris Becker, F, 6-2, 165, Taylor; Darrell Davis, LB, 6-2, 230, Midland; Allan Foret, WR, 6-1, 170, Midland; Jeff Hopkins, LB, 6-4, 205, North Garland; Stephen Howland, RB, 5-11, 180, Tyler; Falanda Newton, DB, 6-5, 190, Fort Worth Wyatt; Carl Nichols, TE, 6-4, 220, Austin Travis; Fred Washington, TE, 6-3, 210, Denison; Buddy Wyatt, DT, 6-4, 265, Victoria Stroran.

HOUSTON — Bobby Collins, CB, 6-3, 175, Kilgore; Johnny Jackson, FS, 6-2, 200, Harlingen; Jeffrey Rodgers, OG, 6-3, 250, Houston Worthing.

TEXAS TECH — Bo Sloan, OG, 6-3, 255, Blinn JC (Cypress Creek HS); Tim Tannehill, QB, 6-3, 190, Kilgore JC (Post); Keith Cunningham, QB, 6-3, 190, Arlington Sam Houston; Derrick Trigg, RB, 5-10, 190, Irving Nimitz; Tony Taylor, TE, 6-4, 220, Grapevine; Charles Terry, DT, 6-4, 250, Iowa Park; Scott Wilson, DT, 6-4, 200, Flour Bluff; James Nixon, DB, 6-2, 185, Willis.

RICE — Ed Freney, LB, 6-2, 200, Conroe; Lorenson Cyphers, RB, 6-0, 200, Austin Anderson.

TEXAS — Robert Charanza, DT, 6-3, 235, Arlington Sam Houston; Ed Cunningham, DT, 6-4, 200, Sanford-Fritch; Ken Hackmeck, DT, 6-3, 240, Bellville.

Mavs throttle Cavaliers

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) — By halftime, Dallas Mavericks' Coach Dick Motta realized defense was probably not going to win this game.

"Someone just had to outscore the other team. Both teams were shooting 57 percent (from the field)," Motta said after the Mavericks, behind Rolando Blackman, exploded for 42 points in the third quarter to defeat the Cleveland Cavaliers 131-112 Tuesday night.

Dallas, which won for the fourth straight time and registered its first National Basketball Association victory ever at Cleveland, maintained its hot shooting throughout the third period, with Blackman contributing 12 of his season-high 35 points.

The Cavaliers, meanwhile,

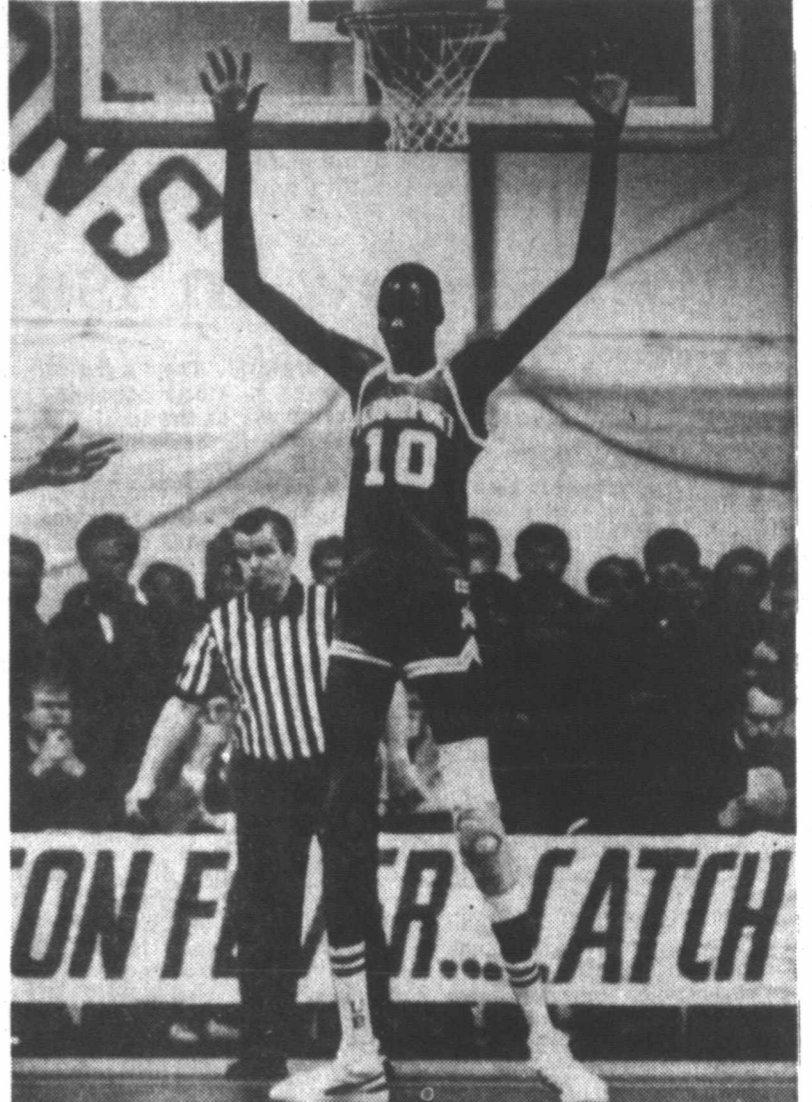
made only five of 19 shots from the floor in the third quarter.

"When we walked off the court at the end of the first half (62-62), I had a bad feeling," said Cleveland Coach George Karl. "I knew we were in trouble. We just weren't alert."

Brad Davis hit two straight three-point shots early in the quarter to put the Mavericks up 74-66, after a pair of Blackman free throws had given Dallas the lead for good at 68-66.

"Whenever they give it to him, Brad's supposed to take the three-pointer," Motta said. "If they sag off of him on Mark Aguirre, it's not a hard shot for Brad."

Aguirre then hit a three-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer to give Dallas a 104-84 lead. Cleveland got no closer than 12 the rest of the way.



HOW TALL IS HE? — Bridgeport (Conn.) University's center Manute Bol, at 7-feet, 6-inches, presents an imposing figure during a recent basketball game. Manute, a native of Sudan, is believed to be the tallest player in the nation. (AP Laserphoto)

Optimist basketball results

Last week's results in the Optimist Boys' basketball program are as follows:

- Sixers 54, Celtics 19**
Scoring: Sixers - Jayson Williams, 18; Paul Brown, 14; Rodney Brown, 8; Larry Reed, 8; Celtics - Chris Howard, 10; Craig Stephens, 7.
- Bulls 23, Mavericks 21**
Scoring: Bulls - Justin Cross, 10; Matt Hawkins, six; William Hughes, 4. Mavericks - Chris Archibald, 9; Brad Cryer, 8; Steve Murphy, 2.
- Knicks 25, Lakers 23**
Scoring: Knicks - Ryan Minor, 19; Damon Minor, 3; Randy Nichols, 3. Lakers - Colby Harris, 15; Jeff Young, 6; Andrew Ramirez, 2.
- Sixers 76, White Deer 20**
Scoring: Sixers - Quincy Williams, 24; Jayson Williams, 19; Rodney Brown, 14; Paul Brown, 11. White Deer - Chris Luster, 9; Zack Thomas, 7.
- Spurs 36, Suns 12**
Scoring: Spurs - Russell Stephens, 8; Jeremy Farmer, 8; Joseph Yurich, 6. Suns - Donnie Medley, 6; Will Hacker, 3; Monte Waters, 2.
- Knicks 41, White Deer 8**
Scoring: Knicks - Ryan Minor, 24; Damon Minor, 9; Randy Nichols, 4. White Deer - Chris Luster, 2; Zack Thomas, 2; Alan Warminski, 2; Ray Pipes, 2.
- Mavericks 47, Suns 12**
Scoring: Mavericks - Brad Cryer, 17; Chris Archibald, 7; Steve Murphy, 6; Suns - Monte

- Waters, 6; Jason Brantly, 4; Will Hacker, 2.
- Celtics 36, Lakers 30**
Scoring: Celtics - Chris Howard, 11; Justin Cornelson, 9; Craig Stephens, 7; Lakers - Colby Harris, 13; Jeff Young, 9; Patrick Jackson, 6.
- Knicks 47, Spurs 17**
Scoring: Knicks - Ryan Minor, 21; Randy Nichols, 14; Damon Minor, 10.
- White Deer 24, Mavericks 19**
Scoring: White Deer - Chris Luster, 8; Zach Thomas, 6; Brian Weese, 4. Mavericks - Chris Archibald, 10; Brad Cryer, 5; Steve Murphy, 2.
- Sixers 66, Knicks 13**
Scoring: Sixers - Jayson Williams, 18; Quincy Williams, 17; Rodney Brown, 12. Knicks - Ryan Minor, 8; Damon Minor, 3; Will Winborne, 2.
- Celtics 30, Suns 15**
Scoring: Celtics - Chris Howard, 12; Craig Stephens, 6; Terrance Tillman, 6.
- Lakers 38, Bulls 37**
Scoring: Lakers - Colby Harris, 27; Jeff Young, 6; Patrick Jackson, 4. Bulls - Walter Johnson, 13; Matt Hawkins, 11; Justin Cross, 6.
- STANDINGS**
Sixers, 7-0
Bulls, 5-1
Knicks, 5-2
Lakers, 5-3
Celtics, 5-3
Mavericks, 2-6
White Deer, 2-6
Spurs, 2-5
Suns, 0-8

Pampa Red wins over Dumas team

The Pampa eighth-grade Red team defeated Dumas, 44-39, Monday in overtime.

Kerry Brown led Pampa in scoring with 23 points, followed by Dustin Miller with 18.

The victory closed out the season for the Pampa Red, which finished 14-1 overall and 7-1 in district play.

The team is coached by Mark Bohlman.

Antone Wallace and Timmy Ray led Pampa Red's 37-18 win over Dumas Orange in the seventh-grade game.

Groom meets Channing

The Groom Tigerettes will meet Channing at 7 p.m. Friday in a Class 1A girls' bi-district game at Dumas High School.

The Tigerettes prepared for bi-district action with a practice game Tuesday against Perryton, a Class 3A team.

Groom lost, 47-42, but trailed by only one, 32-31, after three quarters.

Robbie Kuehler was Groom's top scorer with 13 points.

Wheeler girls are also in the playoffs for the third straight year, meeting Gruver at 7 p.m. Friday at Borger High School.

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Team Standings (thru Feb. 4) Team Two, 13-7; Team Seven, 13-7; Team Eight, 12-8; Team Four, 11-9; Team Six, 11-9; Team Three, 8-12; Team One, 7-13; Team Five, 7-13. High Average: Men - 1. Ed Juenger, 159; 2. (tie) Gary Kastor and James Richardson, 156; 3. Mike Scott, 153. Women - 1. Rose Johnson, 155; 2. JoAnn Crafton, 151; 3. Retha Oler, 147.

Pampa Lawn Mower Service, 11-9; AIA, 10-10; J & M Machine, 9-11; Griffith's Trophy & Engraving, 8-12; Plains Creamery, 7-13; J & J Satellite TV, 6-14; Roan's TV Service, 6-14.

High Average: Men - 1. Van Vandenberg, 178; 2. Raleigh Rowland, 173; 3. Joe Wilson Jr. and Richard Casaus, 170; Women - 1. Kitten Kotara and Tami Jones, 159; 2. Vi Vandenberg, JoAnn Proctor and Linda Mears, 156; 3. Peggy Smith, 155.

High Handicap Series: Men - Chris Butler, 694; Women - Heidi Rapstine, 649; High Handicap Game: Men - Roy Gilbert, 268; Women - Stella Motz, 254; High Scratch Series: Men - 1. Darrel Crafton, 572; 2. Chris Johnson, 558; 3. Ed Juenger, 549; Women - 1. JoAnn Crafton, 522; 2. Rose Johnson, 508; 3. Marie Elliott, 501; High Scratch Game: Men - 1. Gary Castor, 234; 2. Chris Johnson, 220; 3. Darrel Crafton and Ed Juenger, 215; Women - 1. Marie Elliott, 230; 2. JoAnn Crafton, 211; 3. Rose Johnson, 198.

MIDNIGHT SPECIAL MIXED

Team Standings (thru Feb. 1) National Bank of Commerce, 15-5; Barbed Wire Restaurant, 13-7; Harvester Lanes, 13-7;

Bock's Score

Gaylord pact gives baseball more control

By HAL BOCK AP Sports Writer

Things sometimes change fast in baseball. Two months ago, Commissioner Peter Ueberroth was preaching the danger of television superstations, cable outlets which beam games all over the map while paying — perish the thought — absolutely nothing for the privilege. He called them "insidious," and suggested that their invasion of other teams' markets could "tear baseball apart."

It was easy to understand, then, why the application of Gaylord Broadcasting to purchase a chunk of the Texas Rangers was greeted with enthusiasm by his office at that time. Five American League owners, apparently taking their lead from the commissioner, voted

against the transaction in January and defeated it.

A month later ... surprise, surprise ... Ueberroth invoked his "best interests of baseball" powers for the first time, overturned the vote and approved Gaylord's purchase of 33 1-3 per cent of the Rangers.

Uh, commissioner, did we miss something here? When did Gaylord Broadcasting replace its bad guy, superstation black hats with white ones? Why the change of mind? "It was no change of mind," Ueberroth explained. "The superstations remain a major problem for baseball. You have to ask, though, what are the solutions? They can be economic, litigious or governmental. We seek an economic solution."

This is not a bad idea, since additional income is always nice,

and certainly looks considerably better on the balance sheet than the attorney's fees and court costs that lawsuits routinely produce.

When Ted Turner, king of the superstations and owner of the Atlanta Braves agreed to pay \$30 million to his fellow owners over the next five years for the right to broadcast Braves' games into their territories, it put the issue in a new light. George Steinbrenner's New York Yankees, with smaller superstation exposure via WPIX than Turner's WTBS empire, also reached a monetary settlement. And suddenly, Gaylord's bid didn't seem quite so terrible.

"The Turner agreement, the PIX agreement, the Gaylord agreement give baseball for the first time in its dealings with the superstations, some control of our own destiny," Ueberroth said.

"We've chosen not to go the historical route of lawsuits but to work out the best solutions we can for more control as an entity." And, it should be noted, for more bucks, too.

Don't for a moment lump Gaylord's seven television stations with Turner's farflung network. They are not in the same league and neither is the payoff.

"The agreement isn't even close," Ueberroth said. "Based on homes penetrated, Gaylord is a superstation. But compared to Turner, it's pennies."

The commissioner is a pragmatic sort. He recognizes that baseball can't legally stop the superstations from doing their thing, short of taking its games totally off the air.

Basketball program under scrutiny at Baylor

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor University officials have announced that they have begun an in-house investigation into the school's basketball program. Dr. Herbert H. Reynolds, Baylor's president, released a prepared statement Tuesday night that said he and two other members of a three-man committee had begun "evaluating

some concerns" about the program.

With Reynolds on the investigating team are Bill Menefee, Baylor's athletic director, and Edwin P. Horner, Baylor's faculty representative to the Southwest Conference. The Southwest Conference has been informed of the evaluation, Reynolds said.

"Some of the concerns relate only to the disappointment of the past two seasons, but other concerns will require a thorough review of the program, its leadership and the players," Reynolds' statement said.

Baylor's basketball program has been headed for the past seven seasons by Jim Haller, who has a record of 102-125 since 1977. The

Bears are 9-12 this season and 2-8 in league play, including a 94-90 upset of Southern Methodist on Monday night.

Several Baylor officials refused to elaborate on the nature of the "concerns."

Asked about Haller's status, Menefee said Tuesday night, "Jim is in place. I don't care to go beyond what's in the statement."

Flowers new Rangers' coach

RANGER, Texas (AP) — Donnie Flowers, assistant baseball coach at Ranger Junior College since 1975, has been elevated to head coach at the school, replacing Jack Allen, who resigned last month. Flowers is a former Ranger JC baseball standout and was the first baseman and captain of the 1973 team that won the national

championship. He was named all-conference and all-American.

Transactions

By The Associated Press BASEBALL American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Signed Gene Nelson, pitcher, to a one-year contract. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed Chris Bando, catcher, to a one-year contract. MINNESOTA TWINS—Signed Ed Hodge, pitcher, and Mike Stenhouse, outfielder. National League NEW YORK METS—Signed Tim McCarver, Steve Zabriskie and Bob Murphy, announcers, to multi-year contracts. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Acquired Paul Thompson, guard-forward, from the Cleveland Cavaliers in exchange for their second-round draft pick in the 1985 draft, and an undrafted selection in 1987. WASHINGTON BULLETS—Placed Frank Johnson, guard, on the injured reserve list. FOOTBALL National Football League BUFFALO BILLS—Named Kay Dalton quarterback coach. CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Greg Landry quarterback coach and Richard Mann receivers coach. TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Named Dick Roush defensive backfield coach. United States Football League USFL—Named William J. McSherry Jr. executive director. LOS ANGELES EXPRESS—Placed Renwick Atkins offensive tackle, on the injured waiver list. PORTLAND BREAKERS—Signed Matt Robinson, quarterback, to a two-year contract. Traded territorial rights of Ron Holmes, defensive lineman, and Tim Keemer, linebacker, to the Baltimore Stars for the rights to Kenny Niel, defensive end.

NBA standings

Table with NBA Eastern Conference and Western Conference standings. Columns include Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Teams listed include Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, New York, Milwaukee, Detroit, Chicago, Atlanta, Cleveland, Indiana, Denver, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Utah, Kansas City, L.A. Lakers, Phoenix, Portland, Seattle, L.A. Clippers, Golden State, Dallas, Philadelphia, Chicago, Milwaukee, Houston, San Antonio, Portland, L.A. Lakers, L.A. Clippers, Utah, Seattle, Cleveland, New York, Dallas, Atlanta, Golden State, Milwaukee, Houston, Phoenix, Denver, L.A. Clippers, Boston.

Table with SWC statistics. Columns include Player and School, No., High, Avg. Teams listed include Moore, SMU, Gettys, Houston, Wislow, SMU, Mitchell, TCU, Franklin, Houston, Sanford, TCU, Mills, Arkansas, Davis, SMU, Anderson, Baylor, Wilcox, Texas, Taylor, Tech.

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PLANE CRASH—Law enforcement officers and federal investigators look over the wreckage of one of two planes that collided in mid-air and fell into pastures Tuesday near Healdton, Okla. Three people were killed in the collision. Their names have not been released.

Mid-air crash cause is investigated

HEALDTON, Okla. (AP) — Authorities have not released the names of three men killed when two single-engine planes collided and fell into pastures near this south Oklahoma town.

Two of the victims were in a plane owned by a Fort Worth, Texas company.

Investigators who rushed to the scene of the accident Tuesday morning confirmed that the two small planes hit each other before tumbling to the ground but withheld speculation on why the pilots couldn't avoid each other.

One plane "burst into a big ball of fire," on impact, said Howard Stewart, a local rancher who witnessed it.

Dr. Roger Reid, a medical examiner from nearby Ardmore, said two bodies found strapped in that craft's seats were burned beyond recognition.

He said he believed the identity of the third victim was known but it wasn't being publicized until his relatives are told.

The Highway Patrol said the wreckage of one plane was found about a mile north of Healdton. The second plane was found a mile north of that site along Oklahoma Highway 76.

Stewart recalled watching one plane plow into the cow pasture about a quarter of a mile from his home. "I knew at that time, there was no chance of getting anybody out. I felt terrible. Helpless. Helpless."

Tommy McFall, an air safety specialist with the National Transportation and Safety Board in Fort Worth, confirmed it was a mid-air collision. Investigating the crash can take up to six months, he said.

Officials from the Federal Aviation Administration in Oklahoma City also were on hand Tuesday.

Charlie Green, a pilot who served 5½ years in the Air Force, owns the land where the plane with two passengers crashed. He said he was sitting at the breakfast table when he heard the plane's engine begin to cut out.

"I knew as soon as I heard it that something was wrong," Green said. "It looked like it came down at about 80 degrees, upside down. It hit the ground and burst into flames."

Green said he rushed the 200 yards from his home to the site but couldn't help the victims.

"We tried to get up close to it see if we could get anyone out, but we couldn't," Green said. "The whole front end of the plane was engulfed." He said the plane's tail was missing.

Sam Bass, manager of the Ardmore Industrial Air Park, said the patrol notified him of the crash. He was given numbers from the tail sections of the planes and was asked to help identify them.

Bass said one of the planes was a six-passenger, single-engine Piper Lance which departed Westheimer Field in Norman on Tuesday. He said it was owned by B&H Machine and Hurricane Leasing, both of Norman.

Ken Johnson of Hurricane Leasing confirmed the craft belonged to his company and said it left Norman en route to Houston. He did not know how many passengers were on board.

Bass said the other plane was a single-engine, four-passenger model owned by Eagle Enterprises in Fort Worth. Efforts to reach Eagle Enterprises were unsuccessful.

Authorities said the plane from Fort Worth was the aircraft carrying two passengers.

Healdton is a town of 2,300 about 25 miles west of Ardmore and 30 miles north of the Oklahoma-Texas border.

The funds provide prosecutors across the state with millions of dollars of revenue to help train fledgling prosecutors, buy computer systems, aid investigations or plug holes in budgets at their discretion, supporters say.

The debate is currently before the State Legislature. A coalition of county commissioners from the state's 15 most populous counties is asking lawmakers to strip prosecutors of exclusive control over the money and place it in the general revenue fund.

County commissioners said they want to ensure adequate accountability for public funds. But prosecutors contend that the commissioners are more interested in extending their fiscal power.

"It's pure jealousy," Rockwall County District Attorney Nick Woodall said. "They don't control it, and that just drives them crazy."

The law establishing hot-check funds was passed by the Legislature in 1979 in conjunction with the Professional Prosecutor Act, which sharply increased state funding for prosecutor's offices.

An individual or business receiving a bad check — any check not covered by funds in the account on which it is drawn — can turn it over to a county prosecutor for collection. The prosecutor collects the face amount of the check from the check writer, plus a fee.

Under the hot-check fee law, district and county attorneys may collect fees ranging from \$5 to \$75 in addition to the amount of the check.

Last year, prosecutor's offices in the state's six most populous counties collected \$1.5 million in hot-check fees and spent \$1 million, according to figures compiled by each county's auditors. Figures on collections and expenditures for all 254 Texas counties were not available.

Tom Krampitz, a former executive director of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, said the hot-check fee law was intended to increase bad-check collections and at the same time provide a supplement

Hot check fees providing state's DAs extra funding

for prosecutor offices not tied to the control of county commissioners. Auditors' records in a dozen counties — including five of the six most populous — show that a large percentage of hot-check money was spent on salary supplements, hiring additional staff not authorized by commissioners courts, travel to professional training seminars and purchases of office equipment.

But it also was common for prosecutors to use hot-check fees to provide fringe benefits to their employees that other county employees did not receive, the News reported.

Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade paid year-end bonuses to his entire staff. Wade also provides a monthly parking allowance for his employees, the News said.

Last year, Bexar County District Attorney Sam Millsap spent \$5,200 in hot-check fees to hold two "management retreats" for 20-30 members of his staff at dude ranches in the Texas Hill Country, according to the Bexar County auditor.

Collin County District Attorney H. Ownby used hot-check fees to pay his assistants' annual dues to the State Bar of Texas. Ownby also paid college tuition for several secretaries, according to the Collin County auditor.

"I get a smarter person, a better trained person," Ownby said. "We're getting back more than we spend just in productivity."

Several prosecutors also extended benefits to grand juries. Millsap bought coffee and doughnuts for his grand juries. Ownby took a grand jury to an end-of-the-term lunch and Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle gave a grand jury framed color photographs of their group.

"We think that it's important that our grand jurors be comfortable when they're down here (at the courthouse) working," Millsap said.

In addition to fringe benefits, prosecutors used hot-check fees to make improvements in their office environments.

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