



HOMEMADE SLIDE — With the nearest waterslide more than 60 miles away, these Pampa youngsters — from front Kaci Cooper, Heather Garner, Kayla Baker and Stephanie Cooper — decided to make do with their own front yard model using a Slip-n-slide, toy buckets and a nearby sprinkler. (Staff photo by Cathy Spaulding)

Residents protest commercial zone

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

The Planning and Zoning Commission deferred action on a zoning request and plat approval for the Sanders Park North Addition after hearing a number of nearby residents express concern about property values and traffic situations which might affect their costly homes.

The Sanders Park North Addition is located in the north section of the city east of Duncan and Perryton Parkway and north of existing housing developments.

Developer Gail Sanders has requested a zoning change from Agriculture to Commercial, Multi-Family, Single Family 1 and Single Family 2 zoning for different sections of the proposed development.

He said the development would be a compatible subdivision to other nearby land.

As presented in his request, a strip of land immediately north of existing residences would be zoned SF-2. Three large lots abutting Duncan and Perryton Parkway would be Commercial; large lots behind those would be MF, with SF-2 east of the MF area. A large area at the east end would be zoned SF-1 for development of an exclusive residential complex.

Sanders said there were no plans for apartments in the MF area. Instead, he said he was considering "maybe nice duplexes or town houses" as a buffer zone against the commercial property "to protect the residential areas." He said one MF lot will have a church located on it.

He said he would impose building restrictions in his deeds to protect the quality of the development. "We are trying to protect their neighborhood," he said.

But the commercial zoning drew the most protests from the approximately 40 persons attending the public hearing on the zoning request.

Mahunta Hills, who lives across Perryton Parkway from the proposed addition, said, "I don't like anything commercial. Everything around us is turning commercial, and I'm upset." Her remarks were greeted with applause from many of the audience.

She said she and her husband had bought their land years ago with the understanding the land would remain residential in development, with written promises to that effect in the deed.

Hills said other commercially zoned areas in the city are empty now. "Why keep building more to

the north?" she asked. She said other commercial properties "are begging for rentals." She suggested such properties could be dressed up and made more attractive to attract use instead of developing new commercial areas.

Other residents indicated they had no serious objections to the commercial zoning along Perryton Parkway, but they opposed that zoning for the lot bordering on Duncan.

Raymond Reid, 2712 Duncan, said the Duncan commercial lot would "deface the value of houses just to the south" of the lot. "I'm being selfish; I'm saying that," he said, expressing concerns about decreased property values.

Sanders said he felt the best usage for the lots on the highway frontage was commercial because of the high volume of traffic and its location opposite the Coronado Community Hospital complex. He said commercial zoning includes "offices and other beneficial structures."

He reiterated he would impose strict deed requirements on the building. "I'm not going out there to try to devalue anyone's homes," he claimed, saying he was aware of the residents' concerns.

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Banned herbicide use suspected

LELIA LAKE, Texas (AP) — As many as 20,000 acres of crops in two counties may have been destroyed by a banned herbicide which causes plants to "grow themselves to death," a Texas Department of Agriculture spokesman said.

Damage is not nearly as extensive this year as it was last year when the herbicide 2,4-D drifted across Deaf Smith and Parmer counties destroying 35,000 acres of crops, TDA inspector Dennis Maloney said.

Blanket spraying permits for volatile 2,4-D were banned after last year's disaster. But almost 100 complaints of herbicide drift have been reported recently by farmers in Donley and Briscoe counties.

Last week cotton farmers like

Bruno Schwertner of Lelia Lake, walked into their cotton fields to find leaves curling from a dose of what they believe was the herbicide 2,4-D.

"It was growing up a storm," Schwertner said. "Everybody was proud of their cotton. It was really starting to look good."

"Then the leaves started rolling up."

Schwertner and many area farmers say the damage was caused by 2,4-D, a herbicide which is sprayed on weeds to cause them to grow themselves to death.

Cotton contacted by the herbicide is growing itself to death, too, Schwertner said.

Schwertner and other farmers are trying to counteract the herbicide with a foliar nutrient.

"It's costing me \$5 an acre. It'll help if we get some rain on it, but if not, it's money thrown away."

Earl Shields, manager of the Paymaster Gin in Lelia Lake, said he believes the chemical came from a large acreage that had been sprayed.

He said 2,4-D is hard to work with because it can lie in one area for a long time. Winds carry the herbicide aloft when temperatures rise, then when temperatures lower, it settles in unwanted areas, Shields said.

"We know basically what is going on," Maloney said. "Right now we are going out and photographing the fields and writing up reports. The farmer then has the alternative to sue the person causing the problem."

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Most dangerous intersections revealed

The newly reorganized Traffic Commission elected officers and discussed dangerous intersections and school area traffic at its organization meeting Thursday night.

Floyd Sackett was elected chairman, with Lee Fraser named vice chairman and Sara Carmichael, secretary.

Police Chief J. J. Ryzman reviewed accident statistics from 1984 and the first five months of 1985 and listed the 14 most dangerous intersections in the city, based on the number of accidents occurring at the locations.

Heading the list was Hobart and Kentucky, followed by 23rd and Perryton Parkway and 23rd and Duncan. Also making the list were Hobart - Decatur, Barnes - Frederic, Cuyler - Foster, 22nd - Hamilton, Ballard - Browning, Duncan - Kentucky, Alcock - Faulkner, Alcock - Hobart, Atchison - Cuyler, Francis - West, and Kentucky - Price Road.

Chief Ryzman noted some of the intersections have more accidents on a seasonal basis, with winter's snow and ice making some intersections more dangerous or with school traffic leading to more congestion in some areas.

Fraser said some accidents might be prevented if people would educate themselves about the conditions at these intersections and become more aware and cautious as they drive through them.

The board expressed a general consensus that the city should give more attention to the more dangerous intersections and devise means of making them safer. They also said the public should be better educated on traffic problems in certain areas.

Sandy McBride discussed traffic safety matters around the high school and middle school, suggesting the problems should be studied and

analyzed to find means of alleviating the traffic problems.

She said she had talked with other parents and with school and city officials and all had indicated concern about the problem. She said the problem needed to be analyzed to develop and implement solutions.

McBride said she hoped to get more citizen involvement, including students, to make people more aware of the problems and to conduct surveys of traffic flow around the schools. She said the school district is considering closed campuses, though that will be reviewed more thoroughly.

Commission member Doug Lockwood said he understood the school was considering a closed campus because of problems with lunch-time traffic. But students should be forewarned of that possibility, being aware of that eventuality if traffic

problems are not alleviated, he said.

Sackett said the closed campus at high school was a possibility, but there would be problems of administration in imposing it and of cafeteria facilities to handle all the students.

McBride said having more police around the school at certain hours to "ticket kids more like adults" would improve student awareness of the problem.

Sackett noted there are also problems around elementary schools even with the school-zone signs up. He suggested blinking lights should be put on the signs to operate during the hours the slower speed limits are required.

He also supported one suggestion to place speed bumps around the high school. Lockwood, however,

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Schools purchase 57 new computers

By LARRY HOLLIS
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Trustees of the Pampa Independent School District have approved the purchase of 57 new Apple computers for use in further developing the state mandated computer literacy programs for students.

During their regular board meeting Thursday evening, the trustees awarded a bid of \$64,388 to Computer Connections of Amarillo for the computers.

John English, assistant superintendent for instruction, said the purchase of the computers is part of the second phase of implementing computer use under the district's plan to meet state guidelines for computer instruction.

Thirty of the new computers will be used in fifth-grade classes at the elementary level, English said. Fourth-grade students received some computer training last year, and placing the computers in the fifth grade will allow those students to continue improving their computer skills in the coming

year, he explained.

Fifteen computers will be used in eighth-grade computer literacy courses, with four added at high school to improve its instructional capacity, English said. One will be placed in the Gifted and Talented program, and seven will be used in Special Education classes to provide more training in basic skills for those students, English said.

In other business, the board denied a request for a forgiveness of back taxes and penalties on two lots in the 500 block of North Faulkner.

Max Faulkner of the First State Bank of Miami asked the board to accept half payment of owed back taxes and penalties on the two lots which had been put up as collateral for a loan.

He said the owner had encountered financial difficulties in paying the loan, and the bank had foreclosed on the properties at the owner's request. But the bank learned the property had been seized for public auction sale for payment of the back taxes.

Faulkner claimed the bank had received no notice of the sale. He said the Gray County Appraisal District apparently had not been aware of the deed of trust against the lots and failed to notify the bank of the seizure of the properties.

Charles Buzzard, chief appraiser, said one of the lots had been purchased by a woman at the public auction. But she didn't have "money in hand" and so no sale occurred. The bank then contacted the GCAD.

Larry Brandon of Amarillo, legal tax representative for the district, said the school board does not have the power "to forgive taxes or penalties" under state laws. The board is proscribed by statutes from granting forgiveness, he said.

Brandon said there would also be a problem of setting a precedent. If one is forgiven, then others would ask for the same policy, he explained.

Trustee Ken Fields said he had sympathy with the bank and the former owner. But the board was hemmed in by legalities, he said.

In other matters, the trustees approved the dispersal of federal ECIA Chapter 2 funds of \$30,611 for the coming school year.

English said nearly half of the funds would be used toward the purchase of the new computers. Other funds would be used for workshops to train personnel in staff development and teacher evaluations and for contracts for curriculum and media services with the Region XVI Educational Service Center in Amarillo.

St. Vincent's School would receive \$398 for the purchase of library books, he said.

The board also awarded bids to Kelly Farms for milk and Meads Foods, Inc., for bread. Trustees awarded a bid for athletic and student insurance to the Hank Holt Agency in Canyon.

In personnel matters, trustees approved the retirement of Louise Richardson as Austin Elementary music teacher, effective July 17, and accepted the resignation of Rose Nelson as Baker Elementary

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White House signals Reagan back on job

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a gesture from a hospital balcony, a series of telephone calls to world leaders, announcements of forthcoming meetings and an impromptu poetry recital, the White House is signaling that President Reagan is rapidly resuming his duties.

The president could return to the White House as early as Saturday, one week after he underwent cancer surgery, presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said.

Reagan appeared publicly in person Thursday for the first time since he entered the hospital July 12, giving reporters an OK sign from his third-floor balcony at Bethesda Naval Hospital when they asked how he was feeling.

In other moves that accentuated the positive:

—Vice President George Bush, one day after paying his first visit to the convalescing president, made telephone calls to foreign leaders in which he was quoted by a spokesman as saying, "The best medical evidence is that the president will make a full recovery and resume duties here at the White House next week."

—The White House announced that Reagan will meet in September with the new Soviet foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, and an administration official said privately the president may also address the United Nations General Assembly in New York that month as he has in the past.

—White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, addressing

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DAILY RECORD

services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to The Pampa News.

obituaries

CASSIDY MARIE SMITH

Graveside services for Cassidy Marie Smith, the one month old daughter of David Keith Smith, were to be at 2 p.m. today at Memory Gardens with the Rev. Ed Doughty, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiating.

The infant died Tuesday, and was preceded in death by her mother, Marie Elaine Smith. Survivors include her father, a step-brother and grandparents.

police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for a 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, July 18

A juvenile reported theft of a bicycle at Pampa High School.

Forgery of a check was reported at Safeway's, 2545 Perryton Parkway.

A juvenile reported theft of a bicycle at Furr's Grocery, 1420 N. Hobart.

Police reported an abandoned 1974 Ford Galaxie at 317 Miami.

L.R. Wright, 310 N. West, reported criminal mischief; a rear window in the residence had been broken by a thrown stone.

Ronald Smith, 1119 S. Christy, reported the theft of keys from a tray in his Jeep.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, July 17

Margie Mae Pocheco Keller, 22, of 501 1/2 N. Ward, was arrested at her residence on a warrant for an assault charge. She was released on bond.

THURSDAY, July 18

Bill Ray Barker, 22, of 427 Crest, was arrested at Hobart and Alcock on a warrant for speeding. He was released on bond.

Jarome Bradshaw, 33, of 600 Plains, was arrested on two capias pro fine warrants.

Frank Abner Thornton, 57, of 409 S. Ballard, was arrested at 400 S. Ballard on a charge of public intoxication.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa.

The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation.

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Bestrice Foods 31% NC Cabot 26% dn%

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions

Blake Peoples, Papma Janice Bentley, Papma Charlie Sackett, Papma Joann Houldy, Papma Harold Houdyshell Papma Ronert Ray, Papma Venora Cole, Papma Keely Topper, Papma Lillie Savage, Papma Nicholas Bourgeois, Papma Dorothy Searl, Papma Jacquelyn Hubbard, Papma Linda Hollowell, Miami Winnifred Blurton, Pertryton

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bently, Pampa, a girl

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hollowell, Miami, a boy

Discharges

Minnie Allen, Pampa Minnie Carter, Pampa James Conley, Pampa Robert Fick, Pampa

Stephani Logus, Pampa Sylvia Neal, Pampa Mattie Norton, Pampa Bonnie Ray, Pampa Dale Roth, Pampa Tammie Shipley, Pampa Robbie Sparks, Pampa Audrey Stewart, Pampa Leona Willis, Pampa Laura Fleming, Perryton Paula Foerrest and infant, Canadian Todd Mayfield, Wheeler Sybil McMichael, Borger Christopher Singer, Borger

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions

Tess Breeding, Shamrock

DISMISSALS Edna Young, Pampa Chester Putman, Shamrock

Ella Templeton, Wheeler

minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following minor accident for a 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, July 18

7:55 p.m. - A 1966 Dodge driven by Jackie Ray Marshall, 534 N. Davis, collided with a 1980 Chevrolet driven by a juvenile in the 800 block of West Foster. The juvenile was cited for following too closely; Marshall was cited for having no proof of insurance and having an expired motor vehicle inspection sticker.

fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported two fire runs in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, July 18

1:08 p.m. Grass fire six miles west of Pampa on the Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way. No damage.

5:17 p.m. Gas spill at Conoco Gas station at 300 N. Hobart. Vehicle drove away with gas hose still connected to tank. Fire out on arrival.

calendar of events

PAMPA SINGLES ORGANIZATION

Pampa Singles Organization is planning a cookout at Dansinger Park on Saturday. Members are to meet at Clic Photo at 6:45 p.m., Saturday, to car pool to the park. Bring meat of choice to cook out. For more information, call 665-0629.

Legislator says Capitol Hill crawling with extra workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Enough is enough, says Rep. Silvio Conte, claiming that Capitol Hill is awash with excess employees.

He says there are so many garage attendants he's afraid he'll run over one of them some morning on his way to work. The size of the congressional police force — 2.3 officers for each member of Congress — make him feel like a hostage.

Elevator attendants operate elevators that already are automated, and there are 72 doorkeepers — 30 more than when Conte first came to Washington in 1959.

"I have gone around and checked the House and Senate and there isn't one additional door," Conte said Thursday while serving notice he intends to cut into the 31,000-member Capitol Hill work force.

The Massachusetts Republican's remarks came as the House approved, 263-135, a money bill of more than \$1 billion for congressional operations and support functions for fiscal year

1986. The measure was sent to the Senate.

Conte succeeded in persuading the House to trim 10 garage attendants, through attrition. The savings would total about \$230,000.

Declaring the 64 garage attendants are "just too many," Conte said, "I am concerned about those poor people. ... They must have terrible problems because they sit in those chairs all day long ..."

Later, he said he feared he would run over a garage attendant driving his car into one of the underground lots.

Congress, however, rejected an amendment that would have trimmed roughly \$107,000 in expenses for the elevator operators.

"These jobs are utterly useless," said Rep. Hank Brown, R-Colo., who has tried for three years to persuade his colleagues to get rid of operators in the age of electronic elevators.

But Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif., prevailed with his argument that the operators are needed to run

elevators smoothly and efficiently when congressmen are summoned from their offices to the House floor to vote within a specific period of time. Fazio shepherded the entire bill through the House.

The legislative money measure, covering fiscal 1986 which opens Oct. 1, totaled about \$1.3 billion, including \$447 million for House operations, about \$321 million for joint congressional functions, and \$526 million for related agencies such as the Library of Congress, the Copyright Royalty Tribunal and the Government Printing Office.

The measure included a provision prohibiting the Library of Congress from printing Playboy in Braille.

The action, 216-193, to slash \$103,000 from the library's account covering Braille translations came after Rep. Chalmers Wylie, R-Ohio, complained of articles portraying "wanton idleness and illicit sex" in Playboy.

Fazio said the measure freezes spending at fiscal 1985 levels.

Zoning panel

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Other residents expressed concerns about the traffic situations in the area.

Hal Cree, 2740 Beech, said he was concerned about the opening of 29th Ave. into a probable through-street. He said he wanted cul-de-sacs on the end of streets south of 29th to keep down the through-traffic. John Harnly, 2704 Aspen, expressed similar opinions, saying he did not want through-streets in his area.

Sanders pointed out that his tentative final plat includes cul-de-sacs on Aspen, Beech and Chestnut.

Mary Braswell, 2701 Beech, said unless the cul-de-sacs could be guaranteed, she was opposed to any zoning change for the area. "It

would ruin our homes and destroy our values," she claimed.

Greg Sims, 2743 Cherokee, said nobody seemed to have arranged for traffic flow in previous developments in the area. "Is it going to be done here?" he asked, or are "a bunch of stop signs and yield signs" going to be put up on 29th to hinder smooth traffic flow, he inquired.

Others expressed concerns about the need for development in the area.

"Does the growth of Pampa warrant a new development?" asked Carolyn Cassell.

Francis Kludt, 2742 Cherokee, said, "the whole thing makes no sense to me." Other housing developments are having trouble attracting new home construction,

"so why break new ground?" he questioned.

Following the remarks at the public hearing, the commission members expressed differing views on whether to accept the zoning request or to change the zoning for the separate portions of the proposed areas.

They voted to defer action on any recommendations on the zoning request and consideration of the final plat until a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Meeting until nearly 6 p.m. yesterday, the commission also took no action on a recommendation concerning proposed ordinance amendments relating to oil and gas well zoning matters.

Border barricade ended

DOUGLAS, Ariz. (AP) — Mexican protesters Thursday night peacefully ended their week-long barricade at the border crossing between Douglas and Agua Prieta, Sonora, according to the U.S. Border Patrol.

They had been protesting alleged

election fraud by Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party during the July 7 national elections. The protesters had been blocking the border crossing to all but pedestrian traffic since July 12.

Following a number of political speeches the protesters "all started packing things and tearing things down and going away peacefully" at about 9:25 p.m., said a U.S. Border Patrol agent who refused to give his name.

Earlier Thursday, Douglas merchants had said they would begin a shuttle service Friday morning to try to bring back business they've been losing.

Women protesters had insisted on continuing the blockade, even though some said they had lost their jobs because of the barricade.

Male leaders of the National Action Party had advised the women to drop the blockade, saying the protesters had made their point about the July 7 elections.

U.S. and Mexican officials disagreed on the atmosphere at the border.

"It's pretty passive, low-key," said U.S. Border Patrol Agent Nick Sudekum. He estimated 25 to 30 people still blocked the border.

But Agua Prieta Mayor Leonard Yanez said, "The atmosphere is full of tension." He said, however, that the army would not intervene to remove the protesters.

A similar protest at the crossing between Naco, Ariz., and Naco, Sonora, was broken up Tuesday by about 25 people who scuffled with about the same number of demonstrators, U.S. and Mexican officials said.

One of the Agua Prieta protesters, Francisca Figueroa, 38, said Wednesday she had lost her assembly-line job with a local Zenith Corp. plant, which laid off its 1,200 workers as a result of the blockade.

Traffic panel

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said there are natural speed bumps all around the school, and "it hasn't helped a bit." He said students come out of school releasing tension and "just speed off."

Sackett appointed Fraser and Carmichael to a committee to work with McBride to consider the problems and develop recommendations for the city.

The commission approved recommending yield signs be placed on 17th Ave. at its intersection with Dogwood.

Bob and Erla Smith, representing neighborhood residents, said there were safety problems at the intersection because of the removal of a former dip which used to slow the traffic. Shrubbery also limits vision at the intersection, they noted.

There's also a problem of student traffic going to a

nearby convenience store and then driving down 17th to circle around the cemetery, they said.

In other matters, Sackett said the city should get a campaign going to eliminate blind corners resulting from trees, shrubbery and fences obscuring vision. "A child's life is more important than any tree," he said.

He said the city has an ordinance concerning blind corners and it should be better enforced.

The board approved requiring requests to be considered by the commission be made in person or by a formal letter with some advance notice made to allow the commission members time to make some background study on the requests.

Other members of the Traffic Commission are Claude Wilson, John McGuire and Wallace Birkes.

School board

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second grade teacher, effective July 10.

The board approved six teachers for employment: Opal Moore, Pampa Middle School computer literacy; Elizabeth King, PMS music and Pampa High School English; Sheryl Nichols, Baker

physical education, half-time; Max Plunk, Baker P.E. and PHS P.E. and coach; John Watson, PMS history; and Walter Raines, PHS ICT instructor.

Approved for reassignment were RiAna Amlung, PHS English to PHS English half-time; Glenda

Thrasher, PMS history to PMS history and history coordinator; and Suzanne Wood, PMS sixth grade music to PMS choir director.

In other matters, the board approved due bills and invoices for payment and heard a budget status report.

Reagan recovery

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members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, predicted the president "will be full of vigor" after a three-week stay at his ranch in California beginning in mid-August and "we will pursue a very active course this fall" in pursuit of Reagan's tax overhaul plan.

Speakes said Reagan attended to more business Thursday than on any day since his operation and would probably make a decision by the end of the week on a successor to Budget Director David A. Stockman, who is leaving one of the key positions in the administration to become a banker.

Speakes also said it was undecided whether Reagan would deliver his regular Saturday radio address. The president confined himself to gestures in answering reporters' questions during his balcony appearance. When he was asked if he was hoarse, his wife, Nancy, standing at his side, said, "It's easier for me" to speak.

The White House spokesman continued to answer questions about Reagan's likely release date by quoting doctors as saying it would be from seven to 10 days after his operation. That would mean sometime from Saturday to Tuesday.

Reagan made a non-committal

gesture from his balcony when reporters asked when he would be coming home. The first lady said, "As soon as they say its OK."

Since the White House has said that Reagan will meet with visiting Chinese President Li Xiannian on Tuesday morning, it appeared likely that he would return to the White House on Monday at the latest, barring a hitch in his recovery.

The president himself was quoted by his staff as saying, "I'm feeling great."

Mrs. Reagan said they both were in good spirits. Asked what the president looked forward to most, she replied, "Just being home."

The president returned to a solid food diet Thursday for the first time in eight days, indicating that his digestive process was returning to normal.

New budget ideas sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders are searching for fresh ideas to revive budget talks aimed at stopping the government's flood of red ink.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., and Rep. William H. Gray III, D-Pa., the House Budget Committee chairman, both have indicated there still may be room for the House and Senate to work out a compromise version of fiscal 1986 budgets passed by each chamber.

Nonetheless, Dole says it is less than an even bet the effort will be successful.

The smoke has yet to clear from an acrimonious session Wednesday when the talks broke down after Senate negotiators rejected a

House compromise offer as being too short on serious domestic spending cuts.

Senators also said the offer violated an agreement with President Reagan on military spending.

No time has been set for resumption of talks.

"We can utilize this weekend to mellow some feelings," said House Republican Leader Robert H. Michel of Illinois.

However, White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan fanned the embers Thursday with an angry, podium-thumping denunciation of Congress for failing to come to grips with cutting federal spending.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Variable cloudiness with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s; low near 70. Southerly winds at 10-15 mph. High Thursday, 98; low, 69.

REGIONAL FORECAST

South Texas: Partly cloudy to cloudy through Saturday. Scattered to numerous mainly afternoon and evening thundershowers east, decreasing to isolated or widely scattered thundershowers far west through Saturday. Highs today and Saturday in the mid and upper 80s coast to 90s inland. Lows near 80 coast to 70s inland.

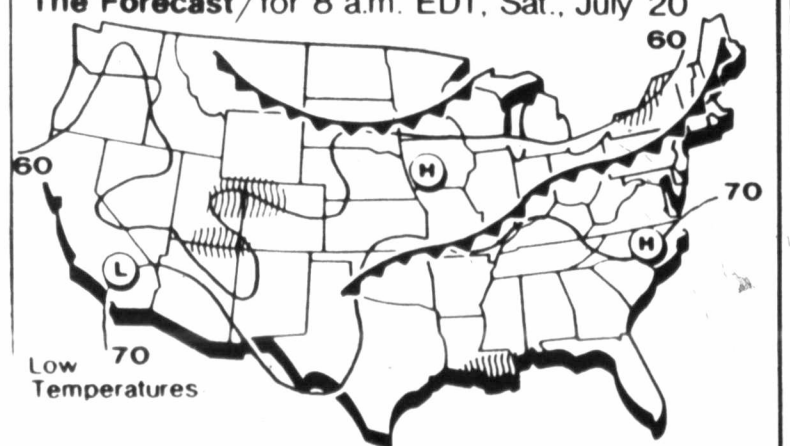
West Texas: Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms through Saturday. Cooler, with a few heavy thunderstorms possible Panhandle today. Highs today near 90 mountains and northern Panhandle to 104 valleys of southwest. Lows tonight upper 50s mountains to 60s and 70s elsewhere. Highs Saturday upper 80s mountains, 90s most sections, except, near 104 Big Bend.

North Texas: Mostly fair and hot today with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers south central and southeast. Mild tonight. Some morning haze central and east Saturday. Otherwise mostly fair with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers south central and southeast. Highs today 91 southeast to near 100 south central and west. Lows tonight 72 to 75. Highs Saturday 90 southeast to 99 west.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Sunday Through Tuesday

The Forecast for 8 a.m. EDT, Sat., July 20



Low 70 Temperatures

SHOWERS Rain Flurries Snow

FRONTS:

Warm Cold Occluded Stationary

North Texas — Mostly fair with little or no rain expected. Temperatures near seasonal normals with highs in the 90s and lows in the 70s.

West Texas — A slight chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers, otherwise partly cloudy days and fair nights continuing Sunday through Tuesday. Panhandle and South Plains: Highs lower to mid 90s. Lows mid to upper 60s.

South Texas — Some late night and early morning low clouds. Otherwise partly cloudy with scattered mainly afternoon and evening thundershowers. Daytime highs in the 80s immediate coast, 90s elsewhere. Lows in the 70s, near 80 barrier islands.

BORDER STATES

OKLAHOMA: Partly sunny today with widely scattered thundershowers northwest. Partly cloudy tonight with scattered thundershowers over all but the southeast. Mostly sunny on Saturday. Highs today low 90s Panhandle to near 103 southwest. Lows tonight 68 to 75. Highs Saturday 94 to 102.

NEW MEXICO: Scattered showers and thundershowers continuing today through Saturday. Locally heavy rainfall possible west and north today and tonight. Highs today and Saturday 70s and 80s mountains with 90s to the low 90s lower elevations. Lows tonight 40s and 50s mountains; mostly 60s elsewhere.

TEXAS / REGIONAL

Darrouzett residents are left without a bank

DARROUZETT, Texas (AP) — The 67-year-old First National Bank of Darrouzett has been known as a landmark to residents of this wheat and oil community in the Texas Panhandle.

But when the bank closed its doors at 3 p.m. Thursday, the landmark became history for this small town close to the Oklahoma border.

Ironically, the bank once operated in Lipscomb County, which, according to the June issue of Esquire magazine, is the third richest in the nation in terms of per capita bank deposits.

The closing leaves Darrouzett and its residents without a bank.

"A town without a bank is a town in trouble," said Bob Lewis of Lewis Body Shop.

The bank suffered financial ills from bad agricultural-related loans it made in past years, said Lee Cross, a spokeswoman for the Office of the Comptroller For Currency in Washington D.C. It never was able to recover from the losses, she said.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. took control of the bank after failing to find a purchaser.

The institution contained \$18.3 million in assets and \$11.4 million in deposits in 1,700 accounts, said Alan Whitney, an FDIC spokesman. A combined total of \$196,000, in 18 accounts, was not covered by the \$100,000-per-account insurance limit payable by FDIC, he said.

Whitney said the FDIC called a meeting in Dallas of officials from 35 institutions interested in bidding on failed banks. But stringent Texas branch banking

laws discouraged a potential bidder from salvaging the institution, he said.

Texas branch banking laws require bidders to charter a new bank and capitalize it separately, which "approaches more expenses and just isn't economically feasible," he said.

The closing brought the number of bank failures in Texas this year to five and the national total to 57, with the 56th just one hour before in Kansas, he said.

It was the 32nd agricultural bank failure, Whitney said. An agricultural bank is one that has agricultural loans making up 25 percent of the bank's total loans.

Jack Phillips, a former member of the banks board, said he can't understand how a bank that he

believed to be "solid" could suddenly turn an about face.

"It went right through the Depression," he said, "and the oil and gas surplus of the 1950s."

Phillips said he suspected the bank was in trouble about a month ago when he noticed federal bank examiners in Darrouzett.

OCC, supervising authority for all nationally chartered banks, notified the FDIC on May 24 that the bank's situation was severe enough for a possible closing.

Whitney said the FDIC hopes to be handing out checks to depositors on Monday, but he said the FDIC faces a "traumatic task" in its dealings with the bank's borrowers.

Execution date withdrawn

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Monday's execution date for death row inmate John Michael Lamb was withdrawn by a state district judge pending appeals stemming from Lamb's capital murder trial two years ago.

Judge E. Paul Banner of Greenville said Thursday he revoked the execution date so the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals can have ample time to rule on a request for a stay of execution.

Lamb, 27, was slated to die by injection early Monday for the November 1982 shooting death of Jerry Harrison Chafin, 30, in a Greenville motel room. Lamb fled in Chafin's car to Florida, where he was arrested and returned to Texas.

Banner's decision came after two attorneys made last-minute attempts to block Lamb's execution.

Earlier Thursday, San Antonio attorney Ramon Cervantes filed a civil motion in federal court in Austin requesting the execution be blocked.

However, Banner said the federal court decided not to review the case.

Cervantes said that Greenville attorney Joe Weis, who represented Lamb at his capital murder trial, also on Thursday filed a stay request with the court of criminal appeals in Austin.

Cervantes intervened in Lamb's case after the inmate, lacking a lawyer, gave prison chaplain Rev. Stephen Walsh an application for a stay Tuesday that fellow inmates had drawn up.

Lamb has maintained he is innocent and confessed to the slaying after making a deal with prosecutors who offered him a 40-year prison term. He said authorities later reneged on the deal and that his court-appointed attorneys did not handle the case properly.

Cervantes said that Lamb's chances of getting a stay might be slim without the help of an attorney. He also contends state law discriminates against inmates, such as Lamb, who cannot afford

lawyers to fight their executions.

"I feel that this case should stand and show the court that there should be some sort of mechanism imposed within the system that would allow this individual to litigate his constitutional rights all the way to the Supreme Court," Cervantes told The Associated Press.

Lamb said in an interview on Death Row Wednesday that two copies of his motion were sent to U.S. District Court in Houston and a third copy went to the state attorney general's office.

The inmate's 10-page motion complained that Lamb had ineffective counsel at his Hunt County trial.

It also alleged Lamb suffers from "mental anguish" because of the "slow minutes of agony" the condemned man suffers when the lethal drugs are administered.

Monday's execution date was the first for Lamb, and none of the previous nine convicts executed since the state resumed the death penalty in 1982 was put to death on his first date.

Businessmen, civic leaders anxious about ground zero

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Businessmen and civic leaders who scan the skies around this West Texas city say it wouldn't be a good place to survive a nuclear exchange between the superpowers, despite a controversial new radar system.

Pentagon sources told the San Angelo Standard-Times that the area is a priority target of the

Soviet Union in the event of war, partially because of the construction of PAVE PAWS, a radar system that will scan the southern horizon for incoming missiles.

"If there's a nuclear war, it won't matter where we are," state Sen. Bill Sims told the Standard-Times on Thursday. "I guess you might make it if you

were in a cave in Big Bend. It doesn't change my mind at all about PAVE PAWS."

Col. Chalmers R. Carr, commander of Goodfellow Air Force Base, said he believes the risk was considered when San Angelo officials were recruiting installation of PAVE PAWS at a site about 30 miles south of the city near Eldorado in Schleicher County.

Sims said economic benefits of PAVE PAWS outweigh the risks.

"The way I look at this is we won't have a nuclear war," he said. "They know if they put one on us, we'll put one on them. It's a trade-out, wipe-out deal."

"Regarding the economy, PAVE PAWS is a benefit," he said.

Carr said chances of survival in a nuclear exchange are slim even for residents of areas that are not prime targets.

"I think being a target was considered when the city went all-out to bring PAVE PAWS here," Carr said. "I don't see how this (knowledge) will affect anything. We will continue to enjoy the complete support of the city."

"I would think any military installation is a target during all-out war, but when you're throwing nuclear weapons, not much is going to be left."

Mayor Burt Terrill said even if Goodfellow air base were not in San Angelo, the city is surrounded by targets like Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock and bases in San Antonio.

"There are so many other targets, we'd get the fallout," he said. "We'd get our share. As far as the Soviet threat, you make that what you want."

"I think it's more of an asset with the enhancement of what's going on than a detriment to the city," he said. "I don't think it's going to create any additional problems to the city."



QUINTS CELEBRATE—The Davis quintuplets of Lewisville watch as their birthday candles are lit during the party in their honor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in

Dallas Thursday. Pictured, left to right, are Christa, Casey, Chandra, Charla and Chelsea Davis. The quintuplets were celebrating their 10th birthday. (AP Laserphoto)

Davis quintuplets observe 10th birthday

DALLAS (AP) — Jerry and Debbie Davis never set out to prove they could cope with diapers times five or chicken pox in quintuplicate or \$250-a-week grocery bills.

But while young Casey, Christa, Charla, Chanda and Chelsea celebrated their 10th birthday Thursday, the Lewisville couple was getting rave reviews for parenting.

"Magnificent," said Dr. Jack Pritchard, as he surveyed the five babies he delivered.

"Beautiful," enthused Dr. Charles Rosenfeld, the neonatalist who cared for the state's only surviving quintuplets.

At age 10, the five little Davises are normal, their parents say — very, very normal.

"They're pretty good at fighting," Jerry Davis said. "They are good kids. But they are like normal kids. There's nothing special about them."

When the tiny quintuplets were delivered to an ailing, 20-year-old mother by Cesarean section six to eight weeks early, Rosenfeld gave them only a slightly better than 50-50 chance of survival.

"This time 10 years ago, I was rather worried," Pritchard said. "It was a terrifying day."

Like the parents, the doctors say the quintuplets are all-American, apple-pie normal.

"You can't help but compliment the parents," Rosenfeld said. "I think they did a very good job of treating their kids as kids."

Jerry and his wife, Debbie, say life with the quintuplets is hectic, and the last year has been the toughest yet.

Each child, it seems, needs to be somewhere different — roller skating rink, soccer field, private school for Chanda and Chelsea, bowling alley, swimming pool, shooting TV commercials — at the same time.

To make things even more frantic, both parents work fulltime. Davis, 31, is a utility subcontractor

and Mrs. Davis is a bank officer.

At home in the Dallas-area city of Lewisville, "it seems like we spend the whole night rushing," Mrs. Davis said.

And then there is the problem of bathrooms. One for the parents, one for the only boy and 1 1/2 for four girls.

"The girls' door has only been broken down once," their mom said with a rueful grin.

Davis said he sometimes has to "take my belt to them" to maintain order in his rambunctious household. "The fighting gets on my nerves real quick," he says.

But at a birthday party at the University of Texas Health Science Center Thursday, the five, freckle-faced young Davises could have stepped out of a Norman

Rockwell painting.

They sweetly posed for pictures, munching birthday cakes and opened presents under the hot glare of television lights amid a crowd of well-wishers.

Mrs. Davis said she did not know the Clomid she took in late 1974 was a fertility drug.

"I took five little pills and I was pregnant the next month," she recalled. "I thought it was a hormone. I would never have taken a fertility pill."

The parents say their children have distinctly different personalities.

"I wouldn't want them all to be alike," Davis said. "They all have their own personalities. They know what they want."



Off beat

By
**Wally
Simmons**

The selling of a product

But you didn't know that nine southern states, including Texas, are facing a fire ants crisis. I didn't either until informed of it by a letter from the American Cyanamid Company this week.

The company has mailed out the letter and an information sheet to newspaper editors noting that about 2.5 million people in those states will be stung by a fire ant each month during the summer. It says about 400,000 who are stung will develop severe reactions and about 15,000 will have a strong allergic reaction, characterized by shock, dropping blood pressure and loss of consciousness. Human deaths are rare, but not unheard of, the company says.

And do you know why this is going to happen. The federal government, which has provided the "modest" sum of around \$6 million dollars each year to help states fight fire ants, is considering a budget that does not provide one penny to help eradicate these pests, American Cyanamid says.

Horrors!
The company's letters goes on to say: "It is a small amount for the federal government to spend. But it would be a burden for these 9 states, some of whom rank among the lowest in tax revenues in the United States. And, it would certainly be difficult for individual communities, businessmen, farmers and homeowners to bear the entire cost of fire ant control themselves."

"It would be unfortunate if the people in your area lost federal support because nobody spoke up on their behalf. I hope that you will choose to comment on this issue," concluded the letter, signed by D. Butterfield, the company's manager of public affairs.

Now I don't mind commenting on this grave issue, as the letter requested, but I have to tell you it leaves me a little puzzled.

For example, if a fire ant shows up in my back yard, I feel perfectly capable of squashing that little sucker without any help from the state.

If more than one shows up, I will buy a can of something and spray them until they quit wiggling.

If one happens to sneak up on me and sting me, I will call it by an appropriate name, then squash it.

I don't see that as "burden" on me and I was surprised to learn that the American Cyanamid Company was worried about my capability to deal with fire ants.

But reading the information sheet further, I began to see the light. It turns out that American Cyanamid has developed a dandy new product that will wipe out fire ants in nothing flat.

The company, though, is apparently afraid that homeowners, farmers, businessmen and others will not buy as much of that new product as it would like to sell.

So, presto, the company comes up with an answer: Get the taxpayers to chip in a "modest" \$4 million to \$6 million, regardless of whether they're bothered by fire ants; let the government buy the stuff from American Cyanamid and give it to people who have a fire ant problem. That means that American Cyanamid is assured of selling enough of its product to make a profit.

It is a perfect plan. Probably dreamed up by a wealthy executive who is absolutely opposed to all forms of welfare.

Simmons is managing editor of The Pampa News.

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MARGARET!
We All Love You!

Ann and Greg
Mary and Jim
and
James and
Grand Kids



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VIEWPOINTS

Tax reform the wrong issue

BY CHARLES VAN EATON

In a recent Newsweek headline, the argument was made that Congress's stalemate over the budget was interfering with efforts for tax reform. Actually I think it's the other way around. I think that both the administration and Congress are so caught-up with the idea of something euphemistically called "tax reform" that something far more important - spending reform - has been ignored.

On June 11, budget conferees from the House and Senate met to reconcile the differences in the budgets passed by each house in May. When the conference began, lawmakers from both parties and both houses expressed optimism about their ability to put together a fiscal 1986 budget which would cut spending growth and begin to eliminate the federal deficit.

Two weeks after they began, the conference broke up without agreement. "I have concluded that from our side there is no useful purpose to continue this conference," announced Senator Pete Domenici (R., NM), Chairman of the House-Senate bargaining panel. Representative William Gray III (D., PA), head of the House negotiators, agreed. "It would be rather useless for us to sit here and go at each other," he said.

Another try to resolve their differences met the same fate this week.

The seeming unresolvable issue which separates the House and Senate versions of the budget has to do with how much is to be spent on Social Security and how much is to be spent on defense. The Senate budget calls for cancelling next year's Social Security cost-of-living increases while holding the growth in defense spending to the estimated rate of inflation - near three percent. The House version would allow full cost-of-living increases in Social Security but absolutely no spending increase in defense - defense expenditures would be frozen at the 1985

expenditure level.

Of course each side has accused the other of failure to negotiate in good faith, but there's more to it than that. This budget, more than any of the previous four budgets the Reagan administration has proposed, touches the central issue which divides Democrats and Republicans, and that is the question of what constitutes the proper role of government in a free and civil society. It is in that regard an important budget which, if passed as initially approved by the Senate, could not only place federal spending on a growth path below that of Gross National Product, but also frame for future administrations a benchmark against which even lower spending for the purely political purpose of income redistribution could be measured. Yet as important as it is, Mr. Reagan seems to have abandoned it. There is little evidence that he knows or cares about what is going on.

Where is President Reagan in the midst of this budget impasse? He's wasting his time with tax reform - an issue which is, in my opinion, the wrong issue at the wrong time.

Since the President announced his program for tax-reform, the media have virtually ignored what's been happening, or not happening, with the budget. That's unfortunate because while tax simplification is important, it can wait.

The tax measure passed in 1981 succeeded in lowering the cost of capital and, in conjunction with a monetary induced recession which put the fear of God in both labor and management sufficient to make cost-cutting and efficiency the standard order of operation, gave us one of the strongest periods of economic recovery on record. But it also gave us a federal revenue growth path much lower than that which had existed before. There's absolutely nothing wrong with that - indeed it was a step in the right direction, but only when coupled with a greater reduction in the

growth rate of federal spending to allow for a sustained reduction in the impact of the federal deficit on capital markets.

Mr. Reagan's current budget was designed to do just that. In calling for total federal spending only 1.4 percent greater than fiscal 1985, the budget was, for the first time in nearly two decades, projected to grow less than the growth in National Income and federal revenues. Credit for this is due in no small part to the Republicans in the Senate who took Mr. Reagan's budget and trimmed even more from defense and Social Security than he asked. Indeed, if anything, the Senate has shown more guts on the matter of cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security than has the President.

But now that we are on the verge of one more year of no budget at all, rather, our fifth straight spending-filled "continuing resolution", the White House is busy playing politics with a confusing and ill-conceived tax plan which will raise the cost of capital, reduce revenues, raise the deficit even more, and make us even more dependent on inflows of foreign capital coupled with more weakness in our export industries.

The general consensus is that the President and his closest advisors submitted their tax-reform proposal on the grounds that it would attract converts to the Republican Party. Personally I couldn't care less about how many people are attracted to the Republican Party, or any other political party. It's such political nonsense as that which has diverted attention away from the real tax burden which holds back our economy - federal spending. It's time to forget this tax-reform nonsense and get to work on federal spending.

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Opinion

'Rambo' reflection of changing mood

In Army jargon, its the definitive long-range recon: a mission to Vietnam that inadvertently pinpoints the individuals who stabbed America in the back during the war. "Rambo: First Blood Part II" is the hottest film in the nation right now, unflinchingly sounding the political message that the military was betrayed by Congress.

The film is based on the idea that Americans are still being held prisoner in Vietnam. John Rambo, played by Sylvester Stallone, is the brooding Vietnam veteran unloved by his country. Sent to locate the POWs, Rambo asks, "Do we get to win this time?"

The operation is overseen by a manipulative civilian bureaucrat. When Rambo does find POWs and attempts to rescue one, the civilian aborts the mission, leaving Rambo and the POW signaling helplessly as the rescue helicopter flies away.

It is then that the audience learns that the mission was designed to fail, that the civilian is linked to a congressional committee desiring to end the POW issue once and for all. Some in Congress, it seems, fear that such a discovery might lead to sentiment for armed invasion or war-reparation demands from the communists.

Rambo rescues six POWs and returns to the U.S. base in Thailand. There, he confronts the cowering civilian and then strides away, wanting only for his country to love him.

The implication is that Rambo was abandoned by the civilian just as the American military was betrayed by Congress and not allowed to win. The film is popular with an America slowly embracing its Vietnam veterans. While earlier movies depicted hopeless, guilt-ridden vets and their war, Rambo is the veteran as winner. Thanks to "Rambo," Vietnam is now a place where Americans triumph, where the cause is defined, where the enemy is visible and inept.

Moods swing, national attention wanders, but the frustrations of power never cease. How ironic that John Rambo should have surfaced just as U.S. hostages dominated the news in another murky combat zone, the Middle East.

Rambo is resolute, capable, and yet tormented—a sociological mirror of America in these times. The difficulty is that, although fantasy lets him rescue the POWs, chastise the weak-kneed, and obliterate the enemy, little is that simple, or easy, in the real world.



Paul Harvey

Cuba a sorry showcase

Castro-Cuba is a sorry showcase for communism.

After 26 years of communism, the island's economy is moribund, capitalized only by a continuing transfusion of Soviet dollars; \$10 million a day.

The Cuban worker has to pay a third of his monthly salary for a pair of shoes, half of his monthly salary for a pair of jeans.

Where Castro had imagined he would make Cuba such a shining example of communism that the red flag would soon fly over all Latin America...

On the contrary, the improvements he has been able to make - in computers and robotics and beach hotels - were and are subsidized by money from Spain, West Germany, Ecuador, Colombia.

Countries Castro once sought to subvert he now courts "for capitalistic investment in Cuba."

Clearly, ideology has taken a back seat to economics.

U.S. movies are being shown in Havana. U.S.

recordings are being played on Cuban radio. Cuba has established an academic exchange program with our Johns Hopkins University - and seeks others.

And Cuban students who were studying Russian are now studying English. So far Uncle Sam is not accepting Mr. Castro's embrace but is watching and listening...

WHERE THERE'S A WALL

It was a small step for a man but a giant step for mankind the day somebody discovered that hospitals don't have to smell like hospitals.

In California, they don't have to look like hospitals, either.

Because a balding man wearing a coat of many colors is making the rounds.

And in his wake, sterile walls are suddenly alive and once stark rooms host a carnival.

John Feight told the Los Angeles Times, "One day I looked up and there was a wall. I have not been the same since."

He sought and got permission to decorate that wall with an oil-painted mural. That was 2,000 walls ago.

His smock and hands smudged with a spectrum of colors, he goes where invited, for pay or for fun, making hospital walls appear as something more than what they are.

At Rancho Encino Hospital he painted two dozen murals in three days.

Then 15 more at the medical center in Hollywood.

Mostly his subjects are colorful jungle birds and animals and landscapes and seascapes.

Patients wheeled into the operating room in North Hollywood Hospital look up at a ceiling mural. Cancer patients under the cold machinery in the radiation room face a wall-wide sunrise over a lapis blue lake.

Joanne Reed, administrator of that hospital, says the murals add warmth. "They make a statement about caring."

American Medical International Inc., now wants Mr. Feight to get around to all its hospitals, worldwide, as soon as he can.

That's the only problem, says Mr. Feight: "So many walls, so little time."

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, July 19, the 200th day of 1985. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
On July 19, 1848, a pioneer women's rights convention called by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia C. Mott convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

On this date:
In 1969, Apollo 11 went into orbit around the moon.

Ten years ago: The Apollo and Soyuz space capsules, linked in orbit for two days, separated and went their different ways.

Five years ago: The Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations who boycotted the games because of Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

One year ago: U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro (D-N.Y.) won the Democratic nomination for vice president by acclamation at the party's convention in San Francisco.

Today's birthdays: Former Sen. George McGovern is 63. Actress Helen Gallagher is 59. Singer Vikki Carr is 43. Actor Dennis Cole is 42. Actor Peter Barton is 26.

Berry's World



"I'm sick of our 'meaningful relationship!' Let's get MARRIED!"

People to vote on long distance firms

By Robert Walters

CHICAGO (NEA) - In the coming months, millions of people will be participating in a crucial nationwide election - but they'll be casting their ballots for long distance telephone companies, instead of candidates for public office.

The election is part of the federal government's attempt to transform the telecommunications business from what long was virtually a regulated monopoly, dominated by American Telephone & Telegraph, into a competitive industry.

The mixed results that effort has produced to date are reflected in the agony and ecstasy of Allnet Communications Services, Inc., a Chicago-based firm typical of the scores of new companies to enter the field

since the Justice Department began pressing for AT&T divestiture.

AT&T still controls 85 percent of the long distance market, followed by MCI Communications with 6 percent, GTE Sprint with 3 percent, Allnet with 1 percent and dozens of other local, regional and national firms sharing the remaining 5 percent.

For Allnet, the good news is that it has experienced phenomenal growth since it was founded in March 1981. Sales this year probably will exceed \$350 million - a figure 10 times as high as the company's sales volume only three years ago. Similarly, it has 300,000 customers today compared with fewer than 30,000 in 1982.

The bad news is that Allnet faces intense and ceaseless financial pressure - induced by heavy capital

costs, intense competition from AT&T and erratic, unfocused federal regulatory policy.

For years, AT&T's challengers were able to undercut the industry leader's prices by 50 percent or more because they were restricted to inferior, inexpensive connections with local telephone companies.

In return for bargain prices, customers of the alternative services typically had to dial 15 extra digits, then cope with connections and circuits of varying quality.

That began to change, however, in mid-1984, when local telephone companies started implementing a federally mandated procedure to allow telephone customers "equal access" to all long distance carriers.

Customers were asked to designate

the company they preferred as their long distance provider, but those who made no selection - about half of all subscribers - were allocated by default to AT&T, thus frustrating the federal policy of encouraging competition.

It was not until late May - almost a year after the equal access process began - that the Federal Communications Commission ordered local telephone companies to begin distributing ballots to their subscribers.

Under that procedure, which will remain in force until the equal access process is completed late next year, subscribers who decline to select a long distance company will be apportioned among all the competing firms in the same ratio as those who have made a choice.

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U.S. accuses Nicaragua of supporting terrorism plans

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Saying America's patience is growing short, the United States accused Nicaragua of backing plans for terror attacks against U.S. citizens in Honduras and said it will hold Nicaragua responsible if any occur.

The leftist Nicaraguan government said the U.S. statement demonstrates that America is preparing the groundwork for an invasion of Nicaragua.

The U.S. charges, in a diplomatic note presented by U.S. Ambassador Harry Bergold, were made public by the Sandinista Front government as it prepared for today's celebration of the sixth anniversary of the overthrow of the pro-American dictator, Anastasio Somoza.

The government expected 400,000 people to attend the celebration at a plaza near Lake Managua. Bergold left Thursday for a vacation in the United States, and the United States was to be represented by a minor embassy official.

The Foreign Ministry on Thursday released a Spanish text of Bergold's note and said the note "contained very grave threats against our country."

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokeswoman Sondra McCarty released the Bergold text,

saying: "Given that the Sandinistas have chosen to breach the privacy of our diplomatic exchanges, we are making public the text of points made in Managua on July 17 by our ambassador."

The note said the United States has indications that preparations are under way to introduce a program of terrorist attacks against U.S. personnel in Honduras.

"We are aware that the government of Nicaragua supports those involved in these preparations and we believe that the government of Nicaragua may be directly involved," it said.

"We consider it of utmost importance that the government of Nicaragua clearly and fully understand that any Nicaraguan-supported terrorist attacks against U.S. personnel in Honduras would be viewed as the direct responsibility of the government of Nicaragua and that the United States should be expected to react accordingly," the note said.

The note said another incident such as the slaying of six U.S. citizens in San Salvador on June 19 will have serious repercussions.

It said the same principles would apply in cases of terrorist acts in other Central American countries and elsewhere.

"The patience of the U.S. government and of the American people has grown short," it said.

The note said Nicaragua supported and influenced leftist groups in El Salvador, including one that claimed responsibility for the attack in San Salvador in which four U.S. Marines who served as embassy guards, two American businessmen and seven Latin Americans were killed.

It named the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, the umbrella organization of four leftist guerrilla groups fighting the U.S.-backed government of El Salvador, and the Central American Revolutionary Workers Party, a member of the front.

A group within the workers party, the Mardoqueo Cruz Urban Guerrilla Commandos, claimed responsibility for the attack. It said other attacks on U.S. military personnel would follow as part of the 5 1/2-year war against the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government.

The Foreign Ministry's reply, sent to Bergold on Thursday, said: "Nicaragua categorically rejects the contents and the form of this missive, which contains false accusations, intolerable threats and is a violation of the form and manner of relations among states."



WATCHES RUBBLE CLEARED—A distraught Palestinian woman sits amid the ruins of her Burj el Barajneh home, destroyed in last month's siege of three Palestinian camps by Amal Moslem militiamen, Thursday. A Syrian bulldozer driver clears away rubble from the site on the third day of a Damascus-sponsored peace plan for the Moslem sector of the Lebanese capital. (AP Laserphoto)

Israel radio reports Soviet move to improve relations

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israeli Radio said today that the Soviet Union offered to renew diplomatic ties with Israel and allow unrestricted Jewish emigration in exchange for Israel's withdrawal from Syria's Golan Heights and an end to anti-Soviet propaganda.

The radio said Yuli Voronitsov, the Soviet ambassador to France, told Israel's ambassador in Paris, Osvadia Sofer, this week that Moscow was ready to make a major change in its relations with Israel if the conditions were met.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman on condition he not be identified

confirmed the two diplomats met, but refused to give any details.

The Soviet Union broke relations with Israel after the 1967 war in which Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria, a major Soviet ally in the Middle East.

The radio said Voronitsov described the breaking of relations as a serious mistake, and an emotional reaction that had damaged the Soviet Union.

Previously, the Soviets had demanded that Israel withdraw from all territory it captured in 1967. The radio report made no mention of that demand.

Instead, it quoted Voronitsov as saying the Soviets expected Israel to make some move on the Golan Heights, which Israel annexed in 1967. The radio quoted Voronitsov as saying Israel would not have to make a complete withdrawal if it could make such an agreement with Syria.

Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union was not directly affected by the break in relations, but has fallen from a peak of 51,000 in 1979 to less than 900 last year. There are about 2.5 million Jews in the Soviet Union.

One black killed in Soweto rioting

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Police killed a black man while breaking up riots in the black township of Soweto, and elsewhere blacks staged strikes and boycotted white businesses in continued agitation against white rule.

Clashes also were reported in other black townships across South Africa as riots and protests persisted for the 11th straight month. More than 450 people, all but three of them blacks, have died in the turmoil.

Authorities said mobs of blacks stoned patrol cars and houses in Soweto on Thursday, and police fired birdshot, rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the rioters.

Police said one black man was killed during the second day of violence in the township of 1.5 million, South Africa's largest. Soweto was the focus of riots in 1976 in which 575 people died.

In Katlehong east of

Johannesburg, police arrested 122 blacks who refused to disperse during an illegal outdoor gathering, a police spokesman said.

Labor disputes and consumer boycotts began or were threatened in several areas, including a potential strike in the gold mines that employ more than 500,000 blacks.

The strikes and boycotts are an attempt to use the economic clout of South Africa's 22 million voteless blacks to force an end to apartheid, the system of racial segregation under which 5 million whites rule.

Many South African analysts believe economic influence is the most potent weapon for South African blacks, and that strikes and consumer boycotts are likely to increase.

Black activists called a two-month boycott of white shops to force whites to support black demands for the release of jailed

anti-apartheid leaders as well as other grievances.

Press reports said black supporters of the boycott stopped people on the streets and at entrances to black townships and confiscated purchases made in defiance of the boycott.

A man who bought a new suit watched as youths cut it to shreds, the South African Press Association said.

In Johannesburg, leaders of the black National Union of Mineworkers said they were preparing for a possible strike of the gold mines, which produce half of South Africa's export earnings.

The strike could start next month unless the mines make wage concessions, spokeswoman Manoko Nchwe said.

Strikes broke out at Volkswagen, Ford and General Motors plants in the eastern Cape over a variety of grievances.

State accountant charged in alleged theft

AUSTIN (AP) — A \$41,400-a-year state accountant who had worked for the Comptroller's Office for 23 years has been charged with stealing a state check for \$247,000.

A district attorney's office investigator said in an affidavit that James R. Fontaine, 43, of Cedar Park falsified and stole the check earlier this month because of his "frustration with the management of the Comptroller's Office and so that he would be 'king

of the mountain with \$247,000 in his pocket."

William Krumpack of the Travis County District Attorney's Office filed the affidavit when the theft charge was filed Thursday with Justice of the Peace David Cain.

According to the Krumpack affidavit, Fontaine arranged for a \$247,000 state payment voucher to be made out to another Cedar Park man, who told the investigator he was owed no money by the state.

The money was purportedly for a right-of-way purchase and came out of the State Highway Department budget. Officials of that agency notified the Comptroller's Office that the voucher number was out of sequence and that it was prepared as a direct mail voucher.

No bond had been set and Fontaine had not been arrested by late Thursday night.

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Gena on Genealogy

By GENA WALLS

The May-June issue of The Genealogical Helper magazine contains a list of family associations and their leaders. This list includes the surname and the person to contact for information. If you do not subscribe to this magazine, consult the library and consider giving yourself a gift!

Another list in the same issue is family periodicals. If the

editor-publisher of the newsletter has sent a copy and information to the magazine, it is included in the listing. The listing gives name and address of the person to contact and usually the price of a subscription. Some will print queries free and others charge a small fee for non-subscribers. Often a single back issue can be purchased and will help you decide whether to purchase an annual

subscription. Be sure and include that self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Do not limit yourself to membership in a local genealogical society. If, for example, you have traced your family back to Virginia, consider joining that organization. Write the local library or Chamber of Commerce for information and addresses. Perhaps a ladies' garden club or home extension club might be of assistance. Another possibility would be a historical club.

Continue writing letters. Compile a list of possibilities and remember to maintain your correspondence log so as not to duplicate your efforts. Allow a time in your schedule for writing letters and following new leads with a goal of two each week. Set your own goal and allow time to answer queries from others.

Any questions or suggestions for this column? Do you have a query? Please send them to me: Gena Walls, 8635 S.W. Maverick Terrace, No. 1009, Beaverton, Ore., 97005.



Dear Abby

Unending family discord builds on one sour note

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: The letter regarding the expensive piece of jewelry that "disappeared" while a teen-aged relative was visiting brought back some bitter memories.

When my son was 6, he and an older cousin I'll call Bobby were playing in Bobby's father's car. Bobby's sister, a waitress, had left her uniform in the back seat of that car, and when she retrieved it, five \$1 bills were missing from the pocket. Both boys denied ever being in the back seat of that car, but later Bobby changed his story and said that my son had been in the back seat. The scene that took place when my son was confronted by those holier-than-thou relatives I shall never forget if I live to be 100.

My dear mother repeatedly offered my son \$5 if he would only confess to taking the money. My son, with tears in his eyes, repeatedly refused her offer, saying, "But, Grandma, I didn't take any money."

I knew my son was innocent and prayed nightly that someday the truth would be revealed.

Many years later, when my brother's family moved to a new home, a dusty bucket was found in the corner of the basement. And in it were five very moldy \$1 bills! They told my mother about this find, but to this day my son, who is now 42, has never had an apology from any of his accusers.

I write this to urge the owner of the piece of jewelry that disappeared mysteriously to refrain from jumping to any conclusions, as false accusations can ruin a lifetime of family harmony.

IT HAPPENED IN MARYVILLE, TEXAS

DEAR IT HAPPENED: Your poignant letter is sure to awaken in many adults the painful memory of having been falsely accused as a child. Thanks for writing.

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DEAR ABBY: A reader wrote to complain that she was made to feel unwelcome at a public swimming pool because she refused to shave her hairy legs.

I would be interested to see where, in the civil code, it explains why a man may go topless at a public beach or pool, but a woman may not.

Why is it that men's breasts (some of which are larger than some women's) are OK to expose to public

view, but women's are not? Isn't this sex discrimination?

FED UP WITH ANTIQUATED LAWS

DEAR FED UP: In accordance with the cultural standards in our country (right or wrong), there are certain parts of the male and female anatomy that may not be exposed to public view. And regardless of their size, the female breasts are one (or should I say two?) of them.

...

DEAR ABBY: My mother, who is 77 and lives with me, recently met and became very fond of a gentleman who is 79. His wife died last February. My mother and this gentleman really seemed to enjoy each other's company until his children reproached him for having a "girlfriend" so soon after their mother's death. The gentleman lives with his children, who have demanded that he wait an unspecified period of time before he can see my mother again.

I can see how unhappy my mother is, and it hurts me. I don't have to tell you that they may not have much time left on this earth, and it's unfair to these elderly people who only want to enjoy a little happiness in their remaining years.

I don't want to get in the middle of this since these people are my neighbors.

Please print this, Abby. There are many children who react in the same selfish manner, robbing their elderly parents of the companionship that so recently (and briefly) added a sparkle to my mother's life. SAD IN N.J.

(Every teen-ager should know the truth about sex, drugs and how to be happy. For Abby's booklet, send your name and address clearly printed with a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents) self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

Sunshine Girls meet

Sunshine Girls Extension Homemakers Club members enjoyed games and pizza at their July 16 meeting hosted by Pauline Watson.

At the business session, members agreed to donate \$25 to "People for Better Government." Florence Drake was high winner of the games and Joyce Davis won the door prize. Nine members were present.

Next meeting is to be a watermelon feast, Aug. 13, at 9:30 a.m., in Hobart Street Park.

Lack of sight no bar to man's working with wood

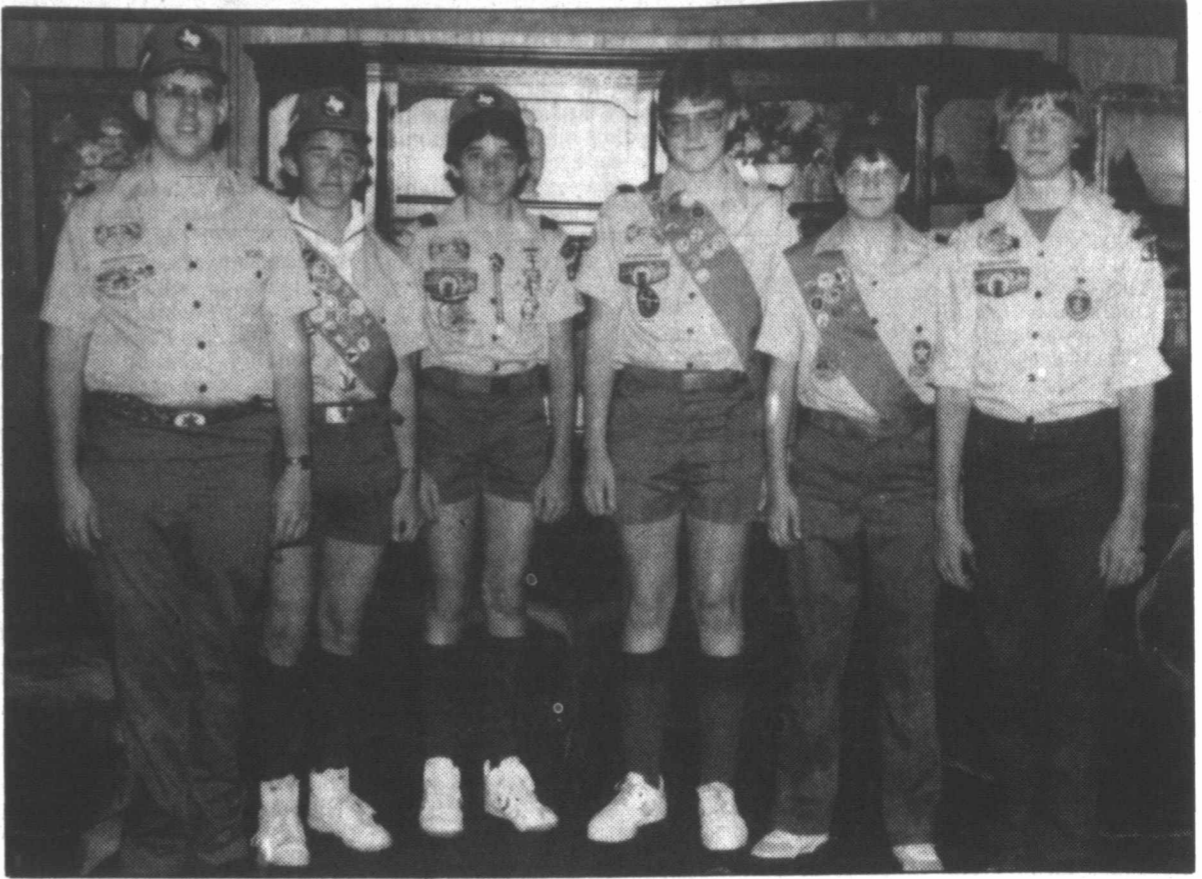
MAPLE LAKE, Minn. (AP) — Paul Timmerman will toil for weeks on a project in his workshop. He will cut and file and sandpaper pieces of oak or maple for a table or some chairs until the wood is as smooth as a kitten's coat.

But Timmerman never sees the finished product. He is blind. Timmerman lost his sight 12 years ago when ammonia splashed into his eyes while he was at work at an ice cream company. His corneas began to deteriorate and several operations to repair the damage proved futile.

Being too young and energetic to sit idly in a rocking chair, the now 60-year-old Timmerman said he took up woodworking.

"I really hadn't done much work with wood — just thought about it. This whole setup was a retirement setup," he said at his workshop filled with tools, wood and carpentry gear.

Timmerman's wife, Shirley, was



JAMBOREE BOUND—Pictured are six of the eight Pampans traveling to Virginia for the National Boy Scout Jamboree and 75th anniversary celebration of Boy Scouting. From left: Darrell Ledbetter, Tommy Brewer, Darren Poore, Andy Tennyson, Matthew

Stanley and Scott Hahn. Fifty scouts and scout leaders from the Adobe Walls Council will be attending the event, July 22-31, as well as traveling to historic sites in Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. (Special photo)

Scouts bound for Jamboree

Eight Pampans are among the 50-member Adobe Walls Council contingent attending the National Boy Scout Jamboree and 75th Boy Scout anniversary at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

Attending from this area are Darrell Ledbetter, assistant scout master; Tommy Brewer, Tim Darling, Joshua McKinney and Darren Poore of Troop 413; Andy Tennyson of Troop 404; Matthew

Stanley and Scott Hahn of Troop 414.

The contingent left Amarillo Wednesday to fly to Washington, D.C., where they plan to stay until July 22. They will then go to the Jamboree site, stopping at Mount Vernon and other historic points of interest. The scouts also plan to make an overnight trip to Philadelphia stopping by Annapolis on their return to

Washington. Other tour plans include a trip to the Smithsonian Institute, the White House, the FBI building, the Mint and the Capitol building.

More than 30,000 Boy Scouts are expected to attend the Jamboree, July 22-31. Other scout leaders making the trip include Bob Lile of Booker; Darrell Luster of White Deer, assistant scout master; and Dan Prillaman of Perryton.

the original woodworker in the family.

As a child she cut toy airplanes from peach crates, crafted weathervanes and birdhouses from hunks of wood, and carved soap. Her exuberance and love for working with wood rubbed off on her husband.

The Timmermans, who met while growing up on neighboring

farms in Iowa, moved to Maple Lake after Paul's accident. They live in a home on the north shore of the lake. An old cabin next door is their workshop.

"After the accident I would go up in the workshop and mess around. It was frustrating," he said of being blind and attempting to craft wood.

Years of work as a maintenance

engineer left his fingers rough and in poor condition, he said. They are no longer sensitive enough to read Braille, but they can manipulate wood.

Timmerman's first wood creation was a little candleholder — about the size of his small finger — which rests on the family's fireplace mantel.

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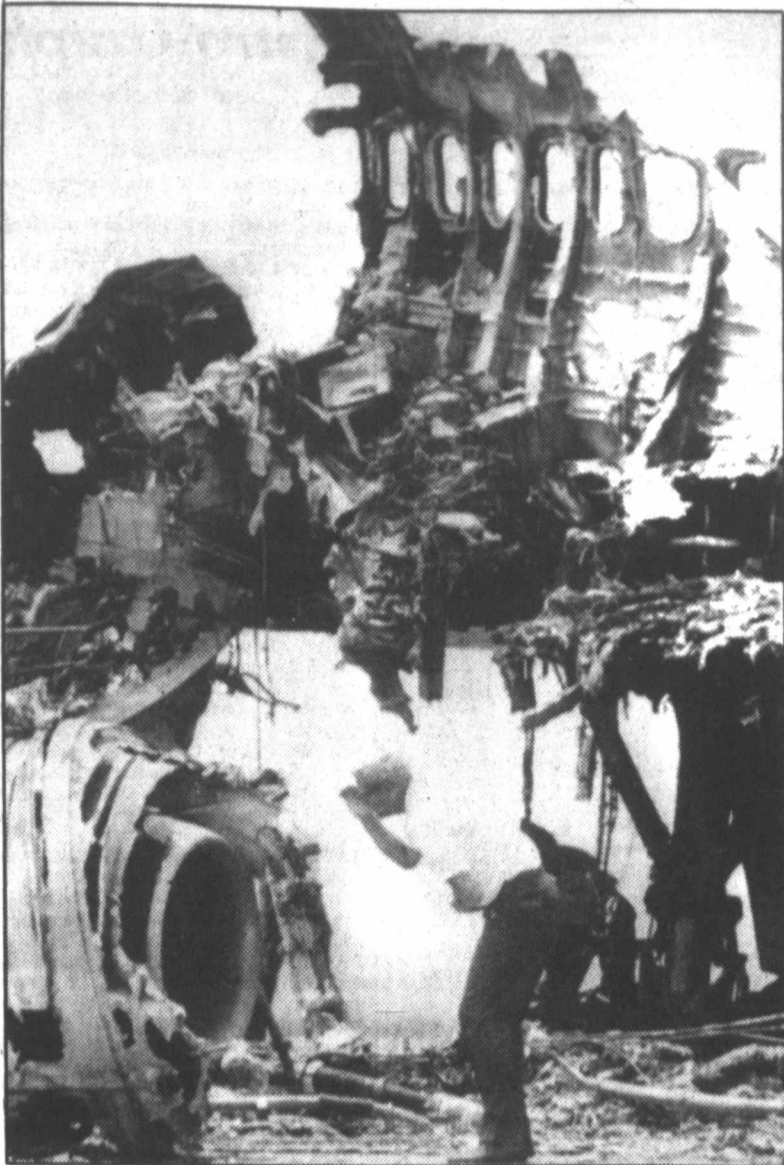
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AFTERMATH OF FIRE—An investigator inspects the twisted, burned wreckage of a plane belonging to NASA Thursday. The plane burned on the runway at March Air Force Base, Calif., Wednesday after an aborted take-off while preparing to participate in airborne experiments involving a man-made comet. (AP Laserphoto)

Miller expected to be Reagan's nominee for new budget director

WASHINGTON (AP) — James C. Miller III, a conservative economist who toned down the pro-consumer stance of the Federal Trade Commission, is in line to take over from David Stockman as President Reagan's budget director, congressional and administration sources say.

Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said he was sure White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan would talk with Reagan today about who should fill Stockman's job, a Cabinet level post, but that it was uncertain if a decision would be announced.

At a briefing Thursday, Speakes denied that any decision had been made.

Congressional sources, speaking on condition they not be named, said the administration was spreading the word that Miller, who had worked at OMB in 1981, would be the nominee. An administration source, also insisting on anonymity, said it appeared Miller was going to be chosen.

Regan said recently he wanted someone to take over the budget director's job, or at least be chosen and able to begin work, before Stockman leaves Aug. 1 for a high-paying job with a Wall Street investment banking firm.

The new budget director takes over at a time when the administration's efforts to cut deeply into federal programs and reduce budget deficits are at a standstill.

Efforts to achieve a compromise between House and Senate budget

writers collapsed Wednesday, and Regan told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on Thursday it appeared likely Congress would recess until after Labor Day without deciding on a budget.

During his four years on the FTC, Miller moved to temper the aggressively pro-consumer approach taken under Michael Pertschuk, the chairman appointed by President Carter.

Miller, outlining his philosophy last November, declared, "Our proper role is not to tell entrepreneurs how to run their businesses nor is it to impose our views on consumers in a fit of big brotherism. Rather, it is to keep markets competitive and free of fraud and deception."

While at OMB previously, Miller helped drafted a Reagan executive order that gave the budget office authority to clear all new regulations before they are published in the Federal Register.

The order helped make OMB one of the most powerful federal agencies.

In 1981, Miller became head of the OMB's office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, and later he was executive director of the President's Task Force on Regulatory Relief.

Miller also has worked for the Transportation Department, the Council of Economic Advisers and the Council on Wage and Price Stability.

Agreements are signed on U.S.-Mexico pollution issues

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A formal endorsement of Mexico's plans to prevent Tijuana sewage from flowing into the United States has been signed by officials from both countries, who also agreed on methods for handling hazardous waste spills in border areas.

In addition, national environmental coordinators said Thursday they had formed a task force to study ways of solving pollution problems caused by copper smelters in an Arizona border area known as the gray triangle.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency associate administrator Fitzhugh Green and his Mexican counterpart, Alicia Barcena Ybarra, announced the agreements following two days of discussions among technical support staffs studying toxic waste, air and water pollution.

The three committees, whose recommendations were received with little dissent, will meet quarterly to discuss border pollution problems.

The water quality committee has assigned top priority to Tijuana-San Diego and Mexicali-Calexico areas and will make further recommendations to the International Boundary and Water Commission.

Thursday's amendment to the 1983 binational La Paz agreement, signed by President Reagan and Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid, formally endorsed Mexico's plans to build sewage treatment facilities on its side of the border. Construction on the first facility, located south of Tijuana, began last month with work on an oxidization lagoon. The plant is scheduled to be completed in December 1986.

A second treatment facility also will be built east of Tijuana under

Mexico's plans and is targeted for completion in 1989.

The water quality committee also recommended corrections for municipal and industrial waste discharge problems in Mexicali, and trans-boundary water quality problems that affect Naco, Sonora and Bisbee, Ariz.

Discussions of water quality analyses and monitoring in the Rio Grande area in Texas also began during the meetings.

The hazardous materials and

waste management group identified three priority areas on which Green and Ybarra agreed. They were:

—The Joint Inland Contingency Plan, which provides for the development of a mutual response program for hazardous waste spills.

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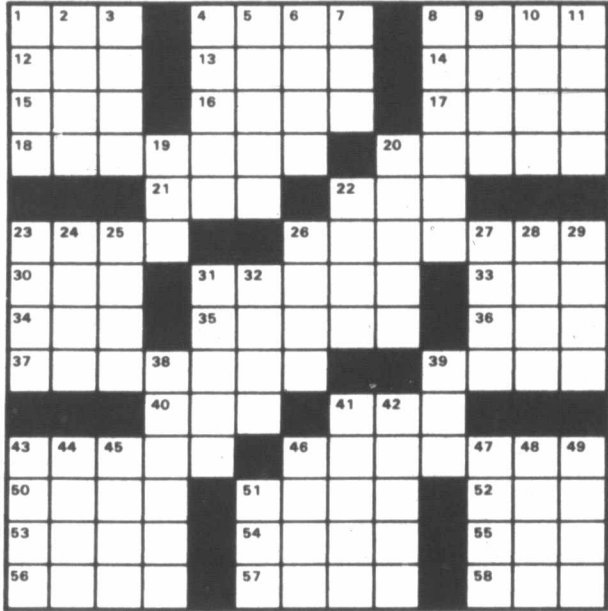
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- 18 Diffusion
- 20 Fastening
- 21 Collection
- 22 Company (Fr., abbr.)
- 23 "Auld Lang"
- 26 Bandit
- 30 3. Roman
- 31 Songstress Della
- 33 Chemical particle
- 34 Naval address (abbr.)
- 35 Young conger
- 36 Theater sign (abbr.)
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- 58 Three (pref.)

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- 8 Caulking, for one
- 9 Charitable organization (abbr.)
- 10 Louse eggs
- 11 Show appreciation
- 19 Full of (suff.)
- 20 Autumnal beverage
- 22 Chest
- 23 Sieve
- 24 Cry of pain
- 25 Aegean Island, former name
- 26 Impose a tax
- 27 French river
- 28 Heroine of "A Doll's House"
- 29 Adam's grandson
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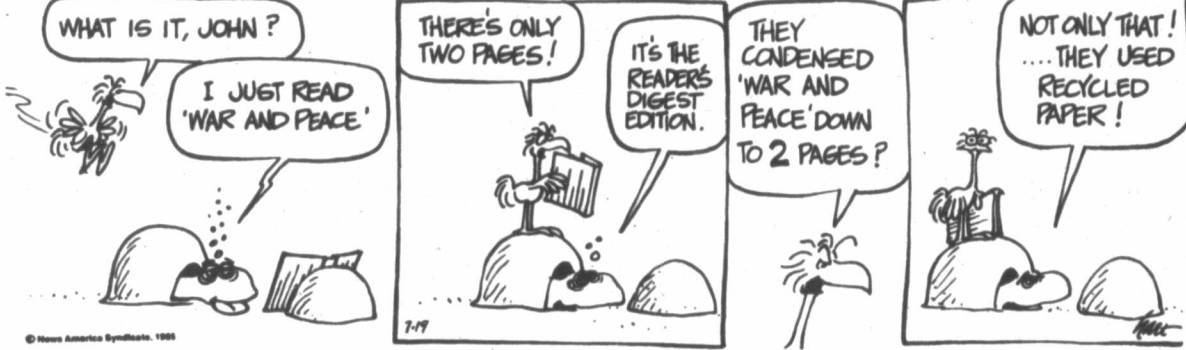
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

July 20, 1985

Lady Luck has some aces up her sleeve for you in the year ahead. She will be dealing them out at the times you'll need them most.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have a wonderful knack today for making people feel completely at ease and receptive. Good things happen when we're nice. Trying to patch up a romance? The Matchmaker set can help you understand what it might take to make the relationship work. Send \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to be financially luckier today than you will be tomorrow. Give priority to matters that can make or save you money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Companions will be looking to you for leadership today in involvements of mutual concern. Don't be afraid to assume command.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Something beneficial could develop for you today through a unique channel, so be alert. A relative may have an active hand in what transpires.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you will be popular with friends; wherever you go you're likely to be the center of attention. Let your hair down and be your warm, charming self.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Tenaciously pursue your objectives today and don't be too cognizant of the odds. If you're determined enough, the success you seek will be yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Where important issues are concerned, take the long-range view today rather than the immediate one. Plans that are well-founded now will produce benefits later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Profit from your commercial dealings is a strong likelihood today. Pay heed to your instincts and don't take things at face value.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your judgment is quite keen today and you have the ability to see both sides of issues. Base your actions upon your impressions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do an extra good job today if your boss singles you out for a special task. There could be definite rewards in store for you if you handle it well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This will be a pleasurable day for you if you do things your impulses dictate. Break up your routine with one or more fun activities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, new ways can be found to handle your financial burdens. Let your imagination run rampant, and when you get a good idea, act on it promptly.

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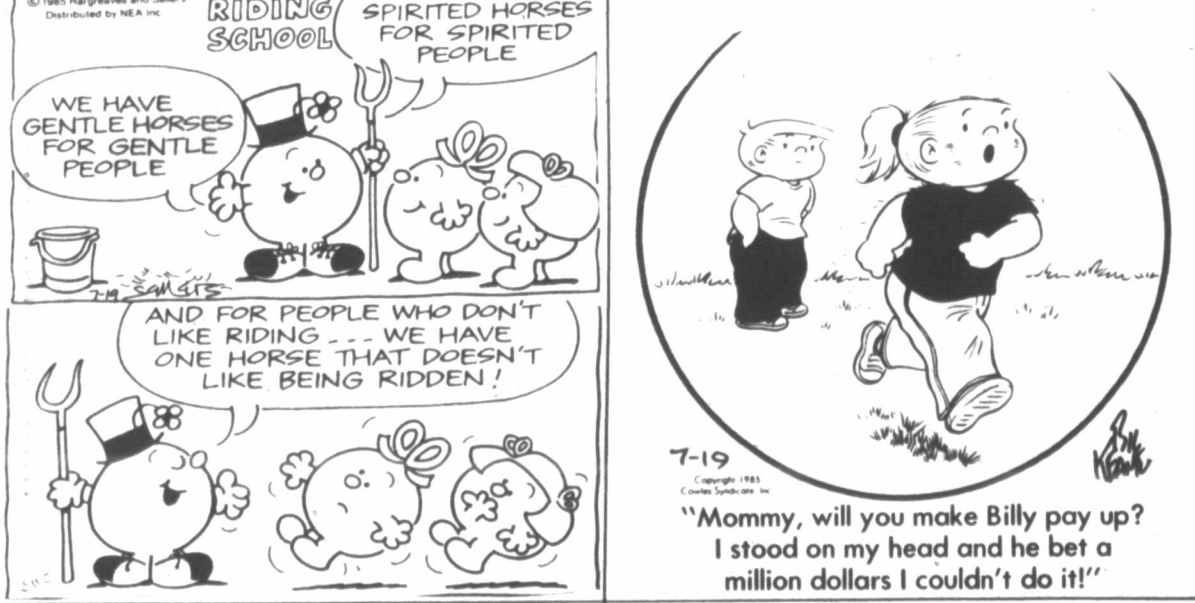
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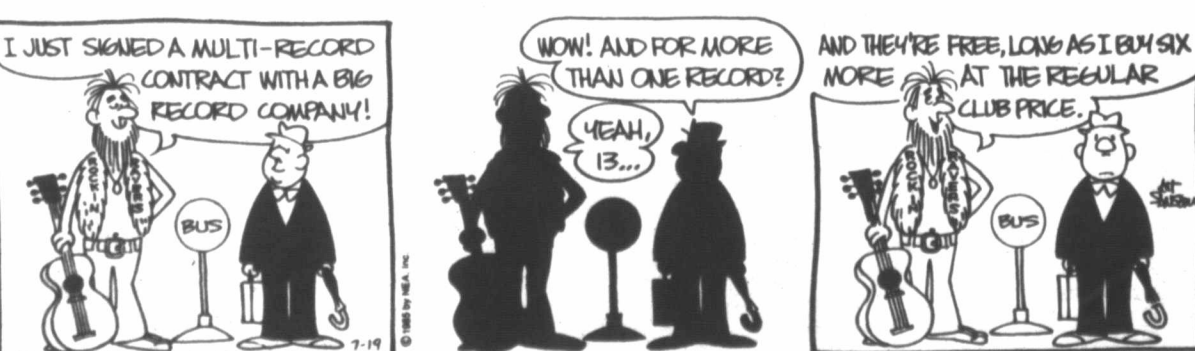
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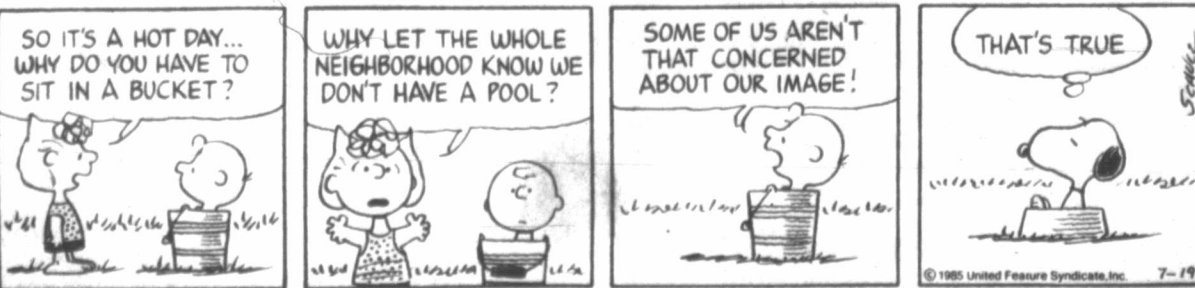
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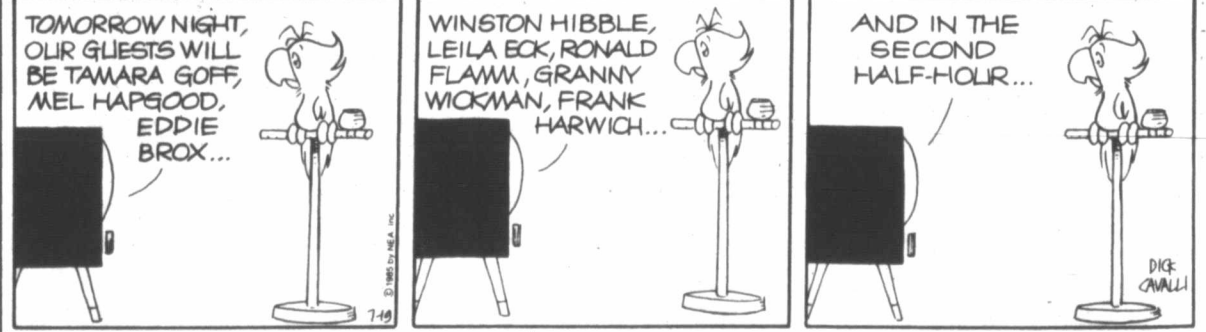
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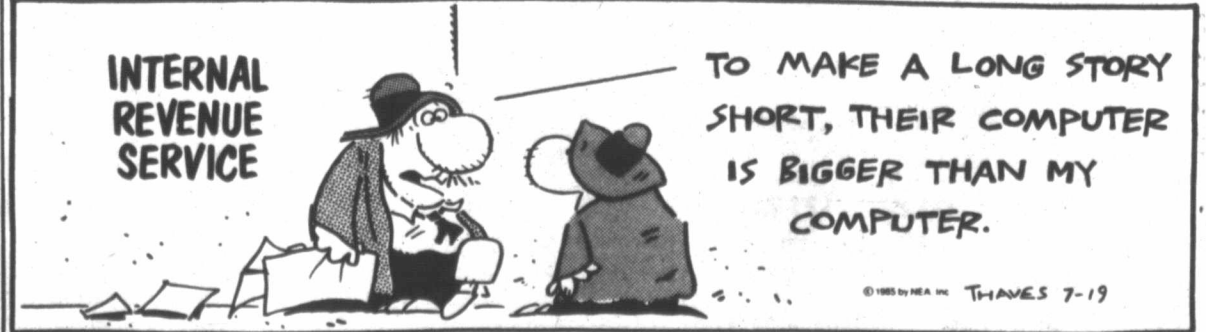
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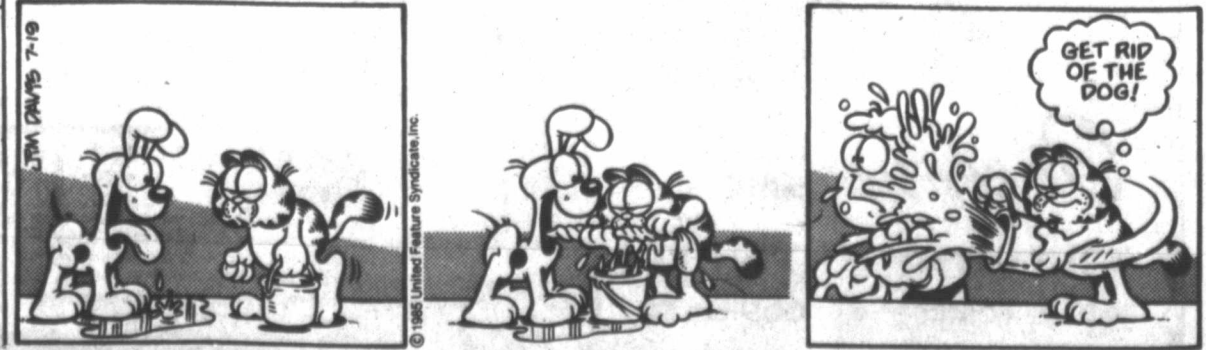
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GRANT AND FRIENDS—Veteran film star Gary Grant is surrounded by cast members of "Sweet Charity" at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles Thursday evening following a preview performance of the production. (AP Laserphoto)

Rocky road ahead seen for new space industry firms

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — There is a great potential for profit in space industrialization, but a panel of experts at a seminar on predicted "a rocky road" of boom and bust as the new industry is born.

The panel, speaking at the Johnson Space Center Thursday, said eventually manufacturing in space could be a \$200 billion-a-year industry, but for now most of the large American corporations have yet to invest in the space sciences.

"The space revolution has already come," said Peter Bishop, a professor of future studies at the University of Houston, but most larger industrial companies still are "skeptical" about the potential for profits from outer space.

"A lot of businesses are sitting back and watching," said Bishop. "American businesses are not flocking to space now because the numbers aren't there yet."

It takes hundreds of millions of dollars in investments in space processing systems and the potential profits are 10 to 15 years away, said the professor. Most corporations, he said, want a quicker and more assured success before making sizable investments.

Bishop said there appears now to be potential for great profits in zero-gravity processes in orbit that would produce new alloys, solid

state crystals and pharmaceuticals, but he predicted the real profits will come from products not yet envisioned.

"The future as we look at it is a series of surprises," he said. Development of new products in weightlessness will lead to a series of booms and busts, just as in any other industry, Bishop said, adding that "I expect there'll be big ups and big downs, sort of like a roller coaster. We'll have a rather rocky ride" in space commercialization for the balance of this century.

Bill Huffstetler, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration executive, said 35 industrial companies are working with NASA and making investments in space. The companies range from small local concerns to some of the giants, such as 3-M Corp. and Johnson & Johnson. Most are concentrating on developing systems to use weightlessness and vacuum to manufacture products that cannot be made in the gravity and atmosphere of Earth.

"To be successful, they will have to produce products of extra high value per unit of weight," he said.

Douglas Lily, an executive with Space Industries Inc., said space offers the materials processing advantage of having no convection, no sedimentation and a virtually limitless vacuum. In this environment, he said, materials,

such as melted metals, behave differently than on Earth.

Among the processes under study are making of superpure drugs; growing crystals that are flawless; producing glasses and metal alloys that cannot be mixed in the gravity of Earth, and growing protein crystals that are impossible to produce in a gravity field.

Because of the expense of getting raw materials to orbit, the manufactured product "must worth more than gold" per pound to be profitable, said Lily.

Art Dula, a law consultant to NASA, called space "a new continent" that the Soviet Union and the U.S. are struggling to control.

"The Soviet Union expects a 50 billion ruble addition to its economy from space by the year 2000," said Dula. The Soviet program is controlled by the military, said the lawyer, and will not permit commercial development.

"The future of our country is absolutely dependant upon our ability to build a viable commercial space program," he said.

Estimates of the potential size of the space industry ranges from \$16.8 billion, based on a federal study, to \$200 billion, based on a Heritage Foundation study.

Dula said if the industry reaches a \$40 billion level by 2000, it could create 80,000 jobs in Houston alone.

"That is as big as all of the oil companies put together," he said.

Intelligence community receives funds, but it's hidden from public

WASHINGTON (AP) — Money for the nation's intelligence community is flowing through Congress, but, like an iceberg, the greater part of it is hidden from public view.

Although billions of dollars are likely involved, the House kept the total a secret Thursday as it approved an intelligence authorization bill for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 and sent it to the Senate on a quick voice vote.

In the measure, the House also gave permission for the Central Intelligence Agency to resume giving "intelligence information and advice" to the Contra guerrillas fighting the Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

And in line with an amendment attached earlier to the defense authorization bill, the House barred the Reagan administration from distributing \$27 million in non-lethal aid to the Contras through the CIA or any other intelligence agency.

But the money that was the principal focus of the bill remained a murky subject, at least in public. "The bill offers very little information," said Rep. Lee H.

Hamilton, D-Ind., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

"The committee recognizes that intelligence is inherently erosive," said Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio. "Any disclosure may weaken its usefulness, endanger lives and enable our adversaries to confuse or weaken us."

Rep. Robert Stump, R-Ariz., said part of the spending was intended "to influence world events."

"The details must remain secret," he said.

Hamilton said 98 percent of the money involved in the authorization bill was "hidden in the accounts of the Defense Department."

But secret or no secret, the House subjected the intelligence authorization to the same spending freeze that has held the growth of other federal agencies to the level approved for fiscal 1985, which ends Sept. 30.

The bill authorizes spending for the CIA, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, along with the intelligence activities of the Army, Navy, Air Force, the departments of State, Treasury

and Energy, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Agency.

A small part of the money was unclassified, including \$15.2 million for the domestic counterterrorism programs of the FBI, \$101.4 million for the CIA retirement and disability fund, and \$20 million for the intelligence community staff which helps the CIA director coordinate intelligence activities.

The bill also authorizes secret personnel ceilings, granting the CIA director a 2 percent increase in those levels, whatever they may be.

It also bars the transfer of any military item or service valued at more than \$1 million to foreign governments or insurgent groups without prior notification of the congressional intelligence committees.

Although most numbers were not made available to the public, Hamilton assured House members that they can read an annex to the committee report, containing the secret figures, at committee headquarters.

Former guard charged with bank robbery and slayings

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — A former bank security guard has been charged with capital murder in the slayings of two savings and loan employees during a robbery earlier this week, authorities said.

David Lee Holland, 50, of Nederland, was charged Thursday with two counts of capital murder and was ordered held without bond. The charges stem from Tuesday's robbery of the Jefferson Savings & Loan Association in Port Arthur and the slaying of two employees, Justice of the Peace John Borne said.

A surveillance camera videotape from the bank showed a "calm and calculating" man chatting with one employee before the slayings, said police Sgt. K.J. Landry. Holland, an unemployed father of four, had worked as a security guard at the savings and loan's main office in Beaumont about eight years ago, Landry said.

Investigators said the tape

showed the gunman entered the savings and loan Tuesday morning, chatted with one woman for about 10 minutes while the other woman took care of customers at the drive-up window.

A few minutes later the gunman announced the holdup and rifled three cash drawers before signaling for branch supervisor Helen Jean Barnard, 28, of Groves, and teller Diana Joy Jackson, 23, of Port Neches, to join him in the lobby. He then took them to the vault area, investigators said.

The tape showed the man leaving the office and returning a short time later to disengage the video recorder.

Police Officer Ken Corona went by the savings and loan minutes after the shooting, noticed no tellers at the windows and found the two women in the vault, Jefferson Savings & Loan Association vice president Lloyd Patterson said.

Scandal-ridden Hermann Estate announces four new trustees

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox says he hopes the appointment of four new trustees to the scandal-ridden Hermann Hospital Estate will lessen the workload at his office.

Hospital officials on Thursday announced the appointments along with five studies they commissioned as part of agreement with Mattox to avert a lawsuit involving he filed against the trust.

The new trustees include a Hispanic, a black and a woman — the hospital board's first woman and minority members.

"We are very hopeful that the role of the attorney general's office has played in the recent past will draw to a close with the appointment of these trustees," Mattox said at a news conference in Houston Thursday with estate officials.

The newest trustees are Houston architect John Saunders Chase, 60, who is black, and Leonel Castillo, 46, a Hispanic and former commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Also named to the board were Melinda Hill Perrin, 38, daughter of Texas Supreme Court Justice John L. Hill and an active member of several education, medical and women's committees; and Houston oilman Ralph S. O'Connor, 59, was appointed to replace board member Corbin J. Robertson.

Chase said he hopes the changes will enable the estate to resume its business of "focusing back on the patients."

The seven-member board oversees Hermann Hospital, which was set up in the 1914 will of Houston oilman George Hermann to offer health care to the indigent.

Last year, the Harris County district attorney's office began investigating allegations of misuse of estate funds by Hermann officials and staff. A grand jury is still looking into the case.

Mattox sued the estate in April, contending it was not operated as a

charitable trust. But he dropped the suit in May after trustees agreed to expand charitable care, set up a \$100 million charitable endowment and commission studies to examine the hospital's effectiveness as a charity facility.

Walter Mischer Jr., president of the estate board, said that in choosing the new trustees, Hermann officials felt the board "ought to have more balance" because it oversees a charity facility.

Mischer also said the trust has commissioned five studies to examine the hospital's role and internal operations.

Wilbur Cohen, former secretary of Health Education and Welfare under President Lyndon Johnson, will head a study on ways to expand Hermann's charity health care. Cohen is now a professor at the University of Texas in Austin.

Other studies announced by

Mischer will examine the "financial fairness" of the hospital's relationship with The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, which uses Hermann Hospital as a teaching facility for the medical school, and ways to improve the estate's internal audits of its accounts.

Four trustees have resigned from the estate since the county criminal investigation began and four officials have been indicted on theft charges.

Mattox announced Thursday that Robertson retired from the board because he has had health problems but that he will serve as a consultant to the estate.

In addition to Mischer and the new board members, other trustees are David Hannah Jr., founder of Space Services Inc. of America; and Edward Randall III, chairman of Rotan Mosie Financial Corp.



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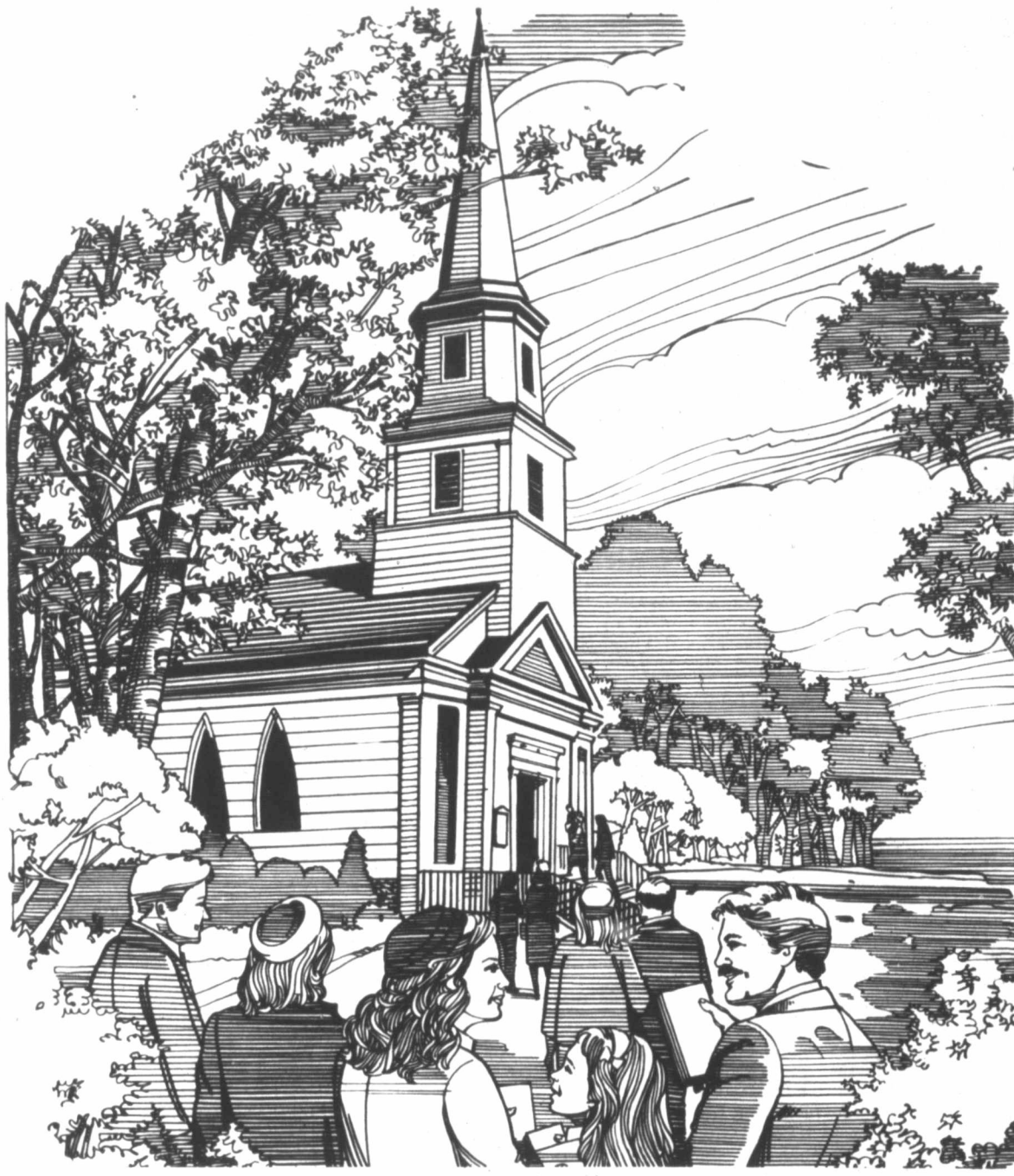
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Christianity in jeopardy in Lebanon

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

A team of American church representatives, back this week from a visit in violence-wracked Lebanon, say that continued existence of Christians in the Middle Eastern cradle of that faith is in jeopardy.

"The future of Christianity is very much at stake there," says the Rev. Charles A. Kimball, director of the Middle East Office of the National Council of Churches.

Citing recent onslaughts against Lebanese Christians, and uprooting of them, the U.S. churchmen say crushing of that large, ancient community could spread throughout the surrounding, mainly Islamic region.

He and the Rev. Dwain C. Epps, the council's international affairs director, told a news conference that Lebanese Christians feel abandoned by Western churches as if Lebanon is a "lost cause."

Up to 100,000 Christians have been forced to flee southern Lebanon, their homes and businesses seized or pillaged, at least 10 of their villages bulldozed into ruins, Kimball said.

Epps, a Presbyterian, and Kimball, a Southern Baptist, along with Dale Bishop, Middle East specialist for the United Church of Christ, were the first U.S. churchmen in Lebanon since release of the U.S. hostages held there.

The U.S. group met with leaders of the Eastern Orthodox, Maronite Catholic, Coptic and Protestant churches, as well as with Christian and Moslem political leaders, pressing them about U.S. hostages still being held.

Epps said Lebanese leaders expressed dismay at the U.S. halting of flights to Beirut after the hostage crisis, and congressional moves against economic aid, as if "the whole country is being punished for acts of a few."

There are about 1.2 million Christians in Lebanon, about 40 percent of the now mainly Moslem population, and about 12 million Christians throughout the mainly Moslem Middle East.

The U.S. team urged greater concern and support for Lebanese Christians by Americans. "A vast majority are unaware of the vitality of Christianity in the Middle East," Kimball said.

However, "Christians there feel they're almost without a voice," Epps said.

In Beirut, the U.S. delegation could not enter the mainly Moslem western sector of the city because of "security problems," they said, even though a sister agency, the Middle East Council of Churches, is based there.

Under present confused conditions in Lebanon, the Americans said a "test case" for the future of interreligious coexistence is now pointed up in the southern town of Jezzine.

It is mainly Christian, and presently being protected by Israeli-supplied Lebanese troops. "It is the last symbol in the south of religious coexistence," Kimball said. "It is a test case of the future of Lebanon."

He said the United States should use its influence on Syria, Israel and various forces in the area to "keep hands off" Jezzine and find a way to re-establish religious coexistence.

Church planning men's breakfast

The men of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ will have a special "Men's Breakfast" at 7 a.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall of the church.

A program will be given by a quartet featuring Paul Searl, Rick Smith, Wyatt Earp and Wyatt Fenno, all members of the local congregation.

Speaker for the Wednesday evening program series next week will be Joe Winner, minister of the Johnston Street Church of Christ in Borger.

Pastor Gene Glaeser invited the public to attend the special Wednesday evening service.

Religion Roundup

NEW YORK (AP) — Florida registered the largest gain in Jewish population last year, increasing nearly 80,000 to a statewide total of 558,820, giving Florida a 5.2 percent concentration of Jews, third largest in the nation, says the 1985 American Jewish Yearbook.

New York is first, whose 1.8 million Jews represents 10.6 percent of the population, and New Jersey second with 433,475 Jews making up 5.8 percent of the population. California has the second-largest number of Jews, 792,515, but only a 3.2 percent concentration.

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"Having presented this musical to thousands of people, the ministry of this choir will be challenging and inspiring," said

Gene Allen, pastor.

The musical drama presents the story of Christ from his simple but miraculous birth to his tragic but victorious death, Allen said. "This heart-touching musical presents the gospel message in simple dramatic terms," he added.

Allen invited the public to attend the special service.

Americans send first flight of 'peace cranes' to Russia

By MARY BETH SHERIDAN
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — An unusual friendship flight winged to Moscow this week — an air cargo of 200,000 paper cranes, symbolizing prayers for the lives of Soviet children and for peace.

More "birds" were to be flown there later, with the aim eventually of sending one for every Moscow youngster.

The paper figures were folded by thousands of American church people in 42 states and Puerto Rico, ranging from kindergarten students to senior citizens, from members of a Republican women's prayer group to nuclear disarmament activists.

What they all have in common, according to the project's director, is hope — or as Emily Dickinson once called it, "the thing with feathers."

"Each crane stands for a prayer for the life of a child," says Marilyn Lange, 33, the project's director.

She says the "Peace Crane" project avoids political conflicts and armament issues, focusing simply on concern for human well-being. She says the project also aims to teach Americans about a land many love to hate.

"While making cranes, you learn about the Russians," she said in an interview. "There are more than 50

million Christians in the Soviet Union. I would venture to say most Americans don't realize that."

She said detailed booklets were sent to interested groups, outlining discussion topics, film strips and prayer services relating to the Soviet Union to accompany folding sessions.

Folders must perform 28 separate steps to create the things with wings, if not exactly feathers. Many of the cranes, ranging in size from a half inch to 28 inches wide, have individual embellishments — pictures of Bugs Bunny and Santa Claus, for example.

"It's a symbol of all children and their futures in both countries," says Liz Whitney, 15, explaining why she produced 200 birds with the youth group at St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit, N.J.

The project started in 1983 when Ms. Lange, an advertising art director, attended a religious service commemorating the World War II atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

Church leaders encouraged their followers each to fold a few paper cranes — a popular Japanese symbol of postwar hope and peace.

Investing \$1,000 of her own money in printing and materials, Ms. Lange produced booklets explaining the project and calling for the creation of 1.9 million cranes — one for every child in Moscow.

Dairies bring heroine to life

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — It is the stuff of legends: a beautiful woman doctor sails to the Civil War-ravaged South, braving battles and bigotry to treat wounded black soldiers and run integrated schools.

But Esther Hill Hawks might have remained a "forgotten heroine" if her diaries had not been rescued from a pile of trash, says the historian who edited them.

"I think she's enormously significant," said Dr. Gerald Schwartz, an associate professor of history at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, about 150 miles west of Charlotte. "She deserves to be as widely known as Clara Barton and Susan B. Anthony."

Schwartz worked on the diaries for eight years, after they had gathered dust in a Massachusetts attic for more than a century. The 301-page book, entitled "A Woman Doctor's Civil War: Esther Hill Hawks' Diary," is being published by the University of South Carolina Press.

Mrs. Hawks, a white abolitionist, was an 1857 graduate of the New England Female Medical College when she tried to talk officials into sending her South, said Schwartz.

"But she was perceived as young, too pretty and too potentially disruptive," he said. "She eventually came South instead as a teacher for the Freedmen's Aid

Society."

In 1862, she came to the Sea Islands of South Carolina, which had been occupied by Union troops a year earlier. She taught newly freed blacks and later began treating wounded Union soldiers of both races.

"One of her most fascinating achievements was her operation in Jacksonville, Fla., of what was the first racially integrated free elementary school in the South," said Schwartz. "There's some conjecture that it may have been the first tuition-free school of any kind in Florida."

Her husband, abolitionist John Milton Hawks, was serving as surgeon for the 21st U.S. Colored Troops. Mrs. Hawks assisted in surgery and later took command of a hospital for black troops.

"She wasn't actually in the Army, but she did function as a surgeon. She was in command, unofficially, of a general hospital for black troops in Buford, S.C., for a period of three weeks," said Schwartz.

Mrs. Hawks also treated troops behind the lines, he said.

"She had numerous close calls. Occasionally, enemy shells would land nearby. She also had other close calls at sea in coastal schooners, and she was severely injured in an ambulance accident after an exchange of prisoners behind enemy lines."

Christian retreat offers state-of-art salvation

By MOIRA BAILEY
Associated Press Writer
FORT MILL, S.C. (AP) — Vacationers seeking a religious retreat can forgo the traditional campground revivals for Heritage USA, Jim Bakker's high-tech getaway with computerized "wave pools" and sermons via satellite.

The multimillion dollar hub of activity for Bakker's PTL ministry lies in the heart of South Carolina's mill country, next to this small town just south of the North Carolina line and marked only by modest signs. Spokeswoman Joan Lacey says the PTL logo stands for "People That Love."

Visitors — more than 4 million during 1984 according to PTL — manage to find their way to Heritage USA.

Bakker's seven-year-old brainchild is a combination church headquarters, suburb, convention facility, broadcast center and playground, stretching out over 2,200 carefully landscaped acres.

Heritage USA has developed against an intermittent backdrop of controversy over Bakker's finances. He and his wife, Tammy Faye, came under fire from the news media last year following disclosures they purchased a California home and two expensive cars during a time of financial crisis for PTL.

The Charlotte Observer, which has reported extensively on Bakker since he launched PTL in that North Carolina city, described the Bakkers editorially as "pre-eminent evangelists of Christian materialism."

Bird apartments 'for rent' are being well patronized

STAYTON, Ore. (AP) — There are two signs. The first, a small one at the start of a long driveway, says "Bird Haven."

Off to the left is the cherry orchard and the first hint of what the signs mean. Every other row of trees has been cut out. There, hanging above the stumps, are the bird houses.

House after house of birds. To the right are the young eucalyptus trees — 2,000 of them.

From there, the driveway dips down into a wonderland of birds, flowers and people: Bird Haven.

It started, they suppose, when a wren built a nest in the gloves Anton "Tony" Koch wore while doing such jobs as changing oil in the tractor. It was a tidy little nest, Betty Koch recalled, and she and Koch grew to appreciate the bird as time went on.

The next spring, a man brought a young great blue heron to their home. King Arthur, they called him. When the heron learned to fly, he made it down to the North Santiam River, where the other "teen-age" herons hung out. The Koches laugh when they tell how the heron brought a friend back for a handout.

But it really started falling in place maybe 15 years ago, when Koch was watching the swallows fly through the cherry orchard. As they swooped after bugs, he thought: "Doggone, they're doing the job I try to do with spray."

He decided to encourage them by building bird houses. And that, Mrs. Koch says, was the start of "Tony's idea of developing a place where people could come and see how valuable birds can be to one's life."

Koch, 70, has built hundreds of boxes for tree swallows and other birds. They are designed so that predators can't reach in to grab the young and are air-conditioned by the draft from holes he designed into the structures.

Several years ago, Bakker underwent a Federal Communications Commission investigation of allegations that PTL solicited money for specific purposes — and spent the money for other things.

But Bakker weathers the storms, denies most interview requests and prefers to make his case on television. Through PTL programming, the 45-year-old preacher asks people to join his ministry and contribute to its growth.

Bakker wants to build an entire community at Heritage USA with a permanent population of 50,000.

When completed, it is to include the water park with state-of-the-art wave pool, a large cafeteria, the Heritage Grand Hotel, a steam train, Billy Graham's boyhood home (moved from Charlotte), restaurants, time-sharing vacation chalets and a television studio-church facility-auditorium that seats 24,000.

The pulse of Bakker's operation is a cavernous blue and white studio where the "PTL Club" show is taped. Up to 2,300 viewers show up daily for an hour of music, chit-chat, prayer and calls for phone-in financial support to a telephone bank framed by a map of the world.

"The basic premise of this is that it's a Christian family retreat ...," says Jim Swaim, general manager of Heritage USA. "Ten years ago, most Christian retreats had, I guess, a swimming hole. All we've done is we've gone a little bit

further and now we have a water park."

Swaim dismisses criticism of the Bakkers and PTL as "insignificant" compared to the size of the ministry and what it does.

About 300 families now live on

the grounds, including some of PTL's 1,800 employees. There are several subdivisions featuring chalets, condominiums, duplexes and houses. Housing prices range from \$380-a-month rental apartments to \$60,000 duplexes and \$100,000 homes.

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THE REST OF SOME STORIES:

It was noted here before that NY Met utilityman Danny Heep is a nephew of former Pampa Harvesters Steve and Gary Molberg. At the age of 28, Heep made baseball's record book as a piece of negative trivia this past week when he became fellow-Texas Nolan Ryan's 4,000th strikeout victim. Heep's solid performance as a replacement for National League all-star starter Darryl Strawberry when he was on the Mets' disabled list should cement his stay in the majors, on this his third shot.

IT APPEARS THE CHANCES of Amarillo gaining a Continental Basketball League franchise are gone. The two that were available on the market openly have been established in Kansas City and La Crosse, Wisconsin. The later came about with the sale of the Louisville Catbird club, where former West Texas State head coach Ron Ekker serves as general manager-coach. For Ekker, it marks a return to home country, having broken into college coaching ranks a few short miles up the Mississippi at Winona State. Incidentally, one of his players there was Tulsa U. head coach J.D. Barnett, who reached great heights during a stay at Virginia Commonwealth.

If the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee was interested and wanted to do something constructive, there is a slim possibility the Albuquerque Silvers could be available.

IN THE BEST LAID PLANS category: The two Dumas entries have dropped out of the first-ever Minor League Tournament opening tonight at Optimist Park. Designed for eight and nine year olds, Dumas could not field the anticipated teams, thus opening the way for Amarillo. Calls to team managers in that city resulted in the same problem, over-age players. Consequently, the tournament begins with six teams, two games tonight at 6 p.m. sending Stinett against Borger and Pampa facing Phillips. Wheeler and Canyon open play in the double-elimination tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday. Title game is still scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday.

THE BEST ALL-TIME FEMALE ATHLETE at Texas Tech, Pampa's Sharon Moultrie, "always wanted to coach." Sharon, who was the PHS outstanding track competitor for the 1977-78 season as a long jumper, has been coaching in a junior high in Arlington for three years, and is spending the summer working at a recreation center in Dallas.

In announcing her selection, the Texas Tech Alumni Association which made the pick, declared Sharon "an all around student, former Homecoming Queen (1981-82) and first female All-American and two-time All-American. Sharon was a long-jumper from Pampa who set Tech records in the 400- and 800-meter relays."

Her mother, Mrs. Artie Moultrie, who now resides in Dallas, was a long-time employee of the First National Bank in Pampa. Brother Eddie was an outstanding basketball player at PHS and Lubbock Christian, and still is very active in any and all phases of the local basketball scene as a volunteer and player.

SPEAKING OF TEXAS TECH, the decision on a new athletic director will be forthcoming in the next 30 days. In our opinion, the most qualified candidate is Jim Garner, currently serving in that capacity at NCAA Div. I Appalachian State. Completing his third year there, Garner was granted a five-year contract extension after only 18 months service as his value and talents were quickly recognized. He has taken a red-inked program, gotten it solvent. In the process, he has added three sports (in an age where others are dropping them), added two assistant directors, an academic counselor, Astroturfed the football stadium, upgraded all facilities, overseen both mens and womens programs (now totaling 19 sports), built a huge and financially supportive booster group, won the Southern Conference all-sports championship two seasons, and been honored in the state of North Carolina for his accomplishments.

It's time TT accepted the modern-day version of an athletic director, and looked beyond a coach. That type leadership has not produced the results Red Raider Exes desire and the area the school represents deserves. Garner has trained long and hard for that responsibility and has the unique ties to the school and the Southwest Conference no other candidate can produce.

As longtime sports information director at Texas Christian University, Garner learned the importance of positive public relations and all-sports equality. He became thoroughly familiar with the Conference, its membership, its personnel, its character. The valuable media members became good friends. An additional three years spent as an assistant athletic director at Texas Tech created a relationship with that school, the communities it represents, and its unique situation. And now, three years in the top decision-making chair, with a magnificent proven record of success, makes him the unqualified top candidate. He can assume control without having any on-the-job learning-period dead time. He can hit the ground running, as the eventual appointee will have to do, football season already teeing it up.

Jim is young, a solid, christian family man with a strong personality and thorough understanding of collegiate athletics, enhanced by his paternalistic association with a young TCU football player made a paraplegic through a gridiron accident a decade ago, a relationship that endures, if anything, stronger today.

We know Jim well. We could go on and on. But we hope that the Texas Tech Exes who are truly interested in the future of their Alma Mater will do that on Jim Garner's behalf...and for the longtime benefit of Red Raider sports.

Good times roll for Laura Baugh

DANVERS, Mass. (AP) — Laura Baugh had a lot of fun at a pre-tournament party, and the good times continued through the first round of the \$225,000 Boston Five Classic golf tournament.

Baugh, a non-winner in 12 years on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour, used a hole-in-one in building a round of 5-under-par 67 Thursday that gave her a one-shot lead heading into today's second round over the 6,000-yard Tara Ferncroft course.

"I played real well," said Baugh, who has a recent history of poor opening rounds. "I got a little nervous out there. I partied a little couple of nights ago and my nerves are still a little shaky. I don't remember how everybody else was but I had a great time."

Baugh putted well, birdied two of her first four holes and had three birdies in the last five holes. She was 6 under par until she bogeyed her final hole when she put an approach shot in a bunker.

Therese Hession, another non-winner, shot 68 while Silvia Bertolaccini, Rosie Jones and Myra Blackwelder were tied at 69. Defending champion Laurie Rinker shot 71, and Kathy Baker, winner of last week's U.S. Women's Open, was at even par 72.

Baugh's ace came on her seventh hole of the day, the 156-yard 16th. Her 5-iron shot went into the hole on the fly.

"It was not going to go very far," she said. "It had quite a bit of action on it. It was uphill and into the wind."

Baugh said it was the sixth hole-in-one of her career and her second as a pro.

Baugh, who turned pro after winning the 1971 U.S. Women's Amateur title, took 1982 off from the tour for the birth of her daughter, Chelsea. Last year, she won a career-high \$47,232, 47th on the earnings list, and this year is 43rd with \$32,426.

Nicklaus may miss cut

SANDWICH, England (AP) — Jack Nicklaus struggled through wind, rain and cold to a 75 and appeared in danger of missing the cut today in the second round of the British Open Golf Championship.

Nicklaus, who counts three British Open crowns in his record collection of 17 major professional titles, completed two rounds in 152, 12 shots over par on the Royal St. George's Golf Club links.

The field of 153 will be trimmed to the low 80 scorers and ties at the completion of the second round.

"I might be around tomorrow. You can't tell," said Nicklaus, who has not missed a cut in the British Open since his first appearance in 1962. Nicklaus, 45, missed the cut in the U.S. Open last month for the first time in two decades.

With about half the field in, it appeared that a score of about 149 or 150 would be necessary to qualify.

"I'm disappointed I didn't do better, particularly since I was feeling up coming into the tournament," said Nicklaus, who finished second in the Canadian Open in his last start.

"I came in with a good attitude, feeling I could win the tournament," Nicklaus said. "I just didn't make enough birdies and I didn't save anything."

As to future plans, Nicklaus said he has entered the Western Open — an addition to his schedule — and will play in the PGA.

"I'm not going to let one tournament change the way I feel about the way I'm playing," he said.

The defending title-holder, Seve Ballesteros of Spain, had a 74 and, at 149, was not assured of making the cut.

With most of the first-day leaders awaiting late-afternoon starting times, Masters champion Bernhard Langer of West Germany, Australian Peter Senior and Robert Lee of England held the early 36-hole lead at 141.

Langer had a one-under-par 69 in the extremely difficult conditions. Senior shot 71 and Lee 73.

Fuzzy Zoeller, whose first-round 69 led the American contingent, slipped to a 76-145.

Some other American scores: Andy Bean 72-144; Lanny Wadkins 74-147; Gary Koch 72-147; Ben Crenshaw 75-148; Craig Stadler 72-148; Bill Rogers 83-157.

Christy O'Connor Jr. of Ireland, whose first-round 64 put him four shots clear of the field, was one of the late starters. So was five-time British Open champion Tom Watson, who had a first round 72.



Trevino grim after making bogey

The clock's still ticking

No progress in baseball strike talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Cross off three more days in the countdown toward a possible baseball strike.

Despite a players' union decision to walk out on Aug. 6 if a new collective bargaining agreement hasn't been reached, the major league owners and players won't sit down together again until Monday.

The owners' Player Relations Committee and officials of the Major League Players Association reported little, if any, progress after three hours of negotiations Thursday. It was their first meeting since the players set the deadline on Monday.

"If you're asking me whether we made significant progress, the answer is no. If you're asking whether the clock is ticking, the answer is yes," concluded Don Fehr, acting executive director of the union.

Lee MacPhail, president of the

management committee, was slightly more positive.

"We are concerned about the lost time, but there is no sense in insisting that somebody meet with you to discuss an issue if they tell you they are not prepared to do that and would like additional time," Fehr said.

"There is enough time to reach a collective bargaining agreement before Monday, Aug. 6," he said. "Without saying whether we'll get there or not...there is time."

The negotiators said they dealt with a list of 25 non-economic issues and only briefly addressed their biggest differences, salary structure and benefits.

"We had a brief discussion, but there is still no offer on the benefit plan," Fehr said.

The owners have proposed a salary cap, which the union rejected, and want to change the conditions under which a player is allowed to seek free agency or

salary arbitration.

The biggest dispute concerns baseball's television revenue and how much of it will go into the players' pension and benefit fund. Traditionally, the players' association has received one-third of that money. This year, that share came to about \$15 million.

But the value of baseball's new TV rights contract soared last year from \$250 million to \$1.1 billion, and the owners have resisted giving the players the traditional third, or about \$60 million.

"We have not made a specific offer on television money," MacPhail said. "It depends on how the whole financial issue is going to be resolved. To us, the economic state of baseball is the most important thing that has to be considered."

He acknowledged that the past few contracts have set aside one-third of television revenue for

the players' pension and benefits. But he said player salaries have increased 600 percent and "the basic conditions are different now."

"The money involved when we're talking about one-third is greatly different today than when those other agreements were reached," MacPhail said. "The clubs then were in a position to give one-third. It was a reasonable amount... and the clubs in those years were somewhere close to breaking even."

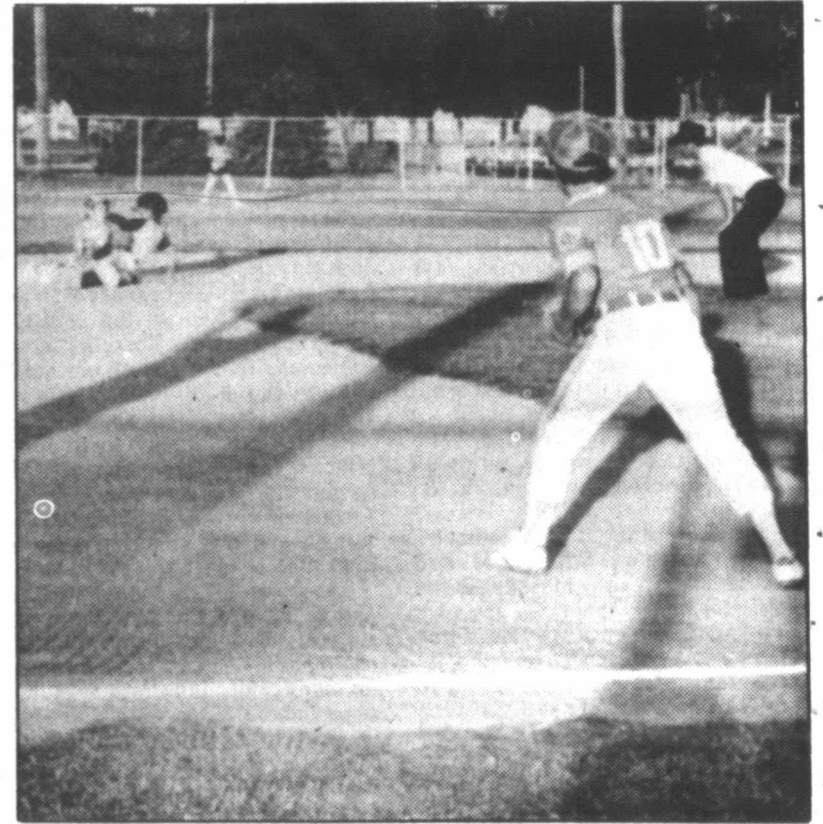
"Today, the clubs are losing a lot of money."

Management claims to have lost \$43 million in 1984, although an accounting professor hired by the owners said the losses were more like \$27 million.

After their own experts looked at the books, the players concluded baseball made \$10 million last year.



National runner reaches third



Chuck Jones slides into second

Pampa closer to state tourney title

DENVER CITY—Pampa's 13-year-old all-stars moved within one game of the championship in the state tournament here Thursday night, whipping Plainview 13- in a game ended on the 10-run rule.

Pampa goes against the winner between Plainview and Graham at 6 p.m. Saturday for the championship. If Pampa should lose, the two teams would play another game immediately for the title.

The winner advances to the regional tournament in Dumas, which will include teams from other states.

James Bybee pitched a two-hitter to pick up the win for Pampa. He also went two for four at the plate. Matt Brock

added two more hits for Pampa. The Pampa team is coached by Kevin Davis, Dannie Cagle and Johnny Carter.

NATIONAL STARS FALL
DUMAS—The Pampa National League all-stars gave it a real go against a team that had previously defeated them 25-0. But they still came out on the short end of a 7-2 score against High Plains West and were eliminated from the District tournament here Thursday night.

High Plains scored all its runs in the first one and two-thirds innings. Relief pitcher Andrew Ramirez came on to shut them out on one hit the rest of the way, but Pampa couldn't score

enough runs to catch up.

Pampa managed seven hits, with Steve Sanders leading the way with two singles and a double. Mike Cota and Chuck Jones had doubles, while Jon Clark, Brent Skaggs and Brandon Woods added singles.

Chris Howard, who struck out one, walked four and allowed six hits was the loser. Ramiriz walks three and struck out five for Pampa.

High Plains West will play Dumas in the championship game at 8 o'clock tonight.

NATIONAL GIRLS ADVANCE
DUMAS—Pampa's National League girls all-star softball team defeated the Pampa Americans 29-9 Thursday night to keep its hopes of a district

championship alive.

The Pampa Nationals will meet Dumas at 6 o'clock tonight. If Pampa wins, they would play Dumas again Saturday in the double-elimination tournament.

Jennifer Bailey was the winning pitcher and one of the leading hitters for the Nationals as they defeated the Americans for the second time in the tournament. She allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out two.

Bailey and Chasioty Moody had two hits each for the winner and Keri Barr had a single and a triple.

Rocky Striplin, Carmen Santacruz and Gia Nix were leading hitters for the Americans.

Reds to get Buddy Bell

DETROIT (AP) — Texas Rangers manager Bobby Valentine confirmed reports that third baseman Buddy Bell has been traded to the Cincinnati Reds for outfielder Duane Walker and righthander Jeff Russell, the Dallas Times Herald reported.

The newspaper quoted Valentine as saying after Thursday's 3-2 victory over Detroit that an Associated Press story from Cincinnati confirming the trade was "accurate but not official."

The Rangers and Reds have scheduled news conferences today to formally announce the trade, the Times Herald reported.

Valentine's confirmation ended several days of speculation over when and where Bell was to be traded. On Thursday, anticipation mounted and rumors flew that the trade would be announced before Thursday night's game.

Earlier in the day Bell said he flew to Cincinnati and agreed in principle on a contract with the Reds.

Reds player-manager Pete Rose evidently thought the trade was completed late Thursday night when he told Walker he was part of a trade for Bell.

However, Reds General Manager Bill Bergesch later said the trade wasn't completed, and he'd have no further comment until noon today. The Rangers also declined comment.

"It was probably a little premature," Bergesch said. "Duane is still a Red at this moment. It's unfortunate; maybe it will still work out."

Neither Walker nor Bell knew anything about the apparent holdup preventing the 33-year-old third baseman from going to the team his father played for in the 1950s. The Reds reportedly aren't

the only team interested in acquiring Bell.

"It's been up and down and it's been nobody's fault," Bell said. "I knew that when I asked for the trade."

Bell didn't arrive at Tiger Stadium for a game until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, and wasn't in the Rangers' starting lineup. He said he had been in Cincinnati, where he agreed in principle on contract terms and figured the trade was solid.

"As far as I'm concerned, the contract situation with the Reds was taken care of in 15 minutes this morning," Bell said. "I don't know what the hangup was. I don't know what held it up unless it was the players."

Bell reportedly is making \$600,000 a year on a contract running through 1987 with an option for 1988.

Bergesch spoke with Rangers officials by telephone during the Reds' 6-3 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies. After the game, Rose called Walker into his office for a private talk.

"He told me that I was going there and Buddy Bell is coming here," Walker said. "It's a good opportunity for me. With the Rangers, I'll get an opportunity to play and see what I can do."

Walker, 28, has been used as a backup outfielder and pinch-hitter. He hit .292 in 83 games last season, but is batting just .167 in 48 plate appearances this year.

Rose said he wouldn't comment on the trade until it's announced. Several minutes later, Bergesch told reporters the trade hadn't been completed and that there would be no further announcement until today.

"Right now, there is no deal at this moment," Bergesch said.



PLAY TONIGHT—These are the Pampa Minor League all-stars who will open tournament play at Optimist Park tonight. In front from left are Chad Ziegelgruber, Tracy Peet, Kelly Dewey, Kelly Forson, Chad Dunnam, Hank Gindorf,

Bret Queen and Dwayne Nickleberry; back row, from left, Gregg Moore, Devin King, Mannie Munoz, Matt Edgar, Tommy Cox, Justin Long and Chris Gilbert. Coaches are Terry B. Moore, left, and Larry Gilbert.

Blue Jays receive no relief

By the Associated Press

When the Toronto Blue Jays rebuilt their bullpen in the off-season, it was to avoid weeks like this.

For the fourth straight game, the Blue Jays lost, beaten by Oakland 6-4 Thursday night. For the third straight game, they lost a lead in their opponent's last time up, as the A's scored three times in the ninth inning.

For his third straight game, the loser was Gary Lavelle, acquired along with Bill Caudill and who has helped bolster Toronto's relief this year, until his current cold streak.

Lavelle was ill-supported in the field Thursday night. Oakland's three-run rally received two big boosts from the Toronto defense: catcher Ernie Whitt's throw to second on a Mike Heath sacrifice bunt caromed into left field, sending the tie run to third, and the go-ahead run on a triple blasted over the head of right fielder Lou Thornton.

Steve Ontiveros, 1-1, worked 1 2-3 innings in relief of Chris Codiroli for the victory. Jay Howell pitched the ninth inning for his 19th save as Oakland won for the fifth time in six games.

In other American League games, Texas edged Detroit 3-2, Minnesota beat New York 8-4, Chicago clobbered Cleveland 10-0, Baltimore blasted Kansas City 8-3, Boston bounced California 10-1, and Seattle trimmed Milwaukee 5-2.

Bell and George Wright keyed a Texas rally with two out in the seventh inning as the Rangers snapped their four-game losing streak at the expense of Frank Tanana, 4-9, and Willie Hernandez.

Charlie Hough, 8-10, gave up six hits, walked four and struck out seven in seven innings. Greg Harris finished for his seventh save. Only one of the three Texas runs — Gary Ward's sixth homer in the second inning — was earned.

It was the fourth loss in five games for the Tigers.

Twins 8, Yankees 4

Kent Hrbek's grand-slam homer sank the Yankees. With the score tied 4-4 in the seventh inning, a single by Kirby Puckett and two walks issued by reliever Rich Bordi brought on reliever Brian Fisher. Hrbek hit Fisher's first pitch over the wall in left field for his 10th homer this year.

Frank Eufemia, 3-0, pitched three shutout innings in relief for the victory, ending New York's six-game winning streak.

White Sox 10, Indians 0

Britt Burns is 6-6 against the rest of the AL, 4-0 against Cleveland with three shutouts. He extended his string of scoreless innings against the Indians to 32 with a five-hitter.

Ten Chicago batters came to the plate in the six-run first inning. Cleveland starter Vern Ruhle failed to retire any of the seven hitters he faced, allowing six singles and a walk.

Reid Nichols led Chicago's 16-hit attack with

four hits and three RBIs.

Orioles 8, Royals 3

Cal Ripken, Mike Young and Wayne Gross clouted solo home runs and Eddie Murray rapped a two-run double. Ripken, 12-for-28 in his last seven games, singled prior to Murray's double in the first inning and hit his 16th homer, giving him 21 RBIs in 24 games.

Scott McGregor, with three innings of relief from Sammy Stewart, who notched his seventh save, improved his record to 8-7.

Red Sox 10, Angels 1

Jim Rice and Bill Buckner powered an eight-run third inning with two hits and two RBIs apiece. Bruce Hurst improved his record to 6-7 with a seven-hitter, his fourth consecutive triumph.

Rice and Buckner topped Boston's 15-hit attack with three singles. Wade Boggs extended his hitting streak to 21 games, tops in the majors this year.

Mariners 5, Brewers 2

Jim Presley hit two home runs, Bob Kearney hit one and Mike Moore, 8-5, scattered seven hits. Presley opened the scoring with a bases-empty homer in the first, then completed it with his 20th home run of the season, again with the bases clear, in the ninth.

The Mariners' two-run rally in the seventh inning turned around a 2-1 deficit and was capped by Kearney's sixth home run of the year.

Danny Darwin, 6-10, lost his fifth straight game.

Baseball standings

By The Associated Press				National League			
AMERICAN LEAGUE				East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Toronto	53	36	.596	St. Louis	52	34	.605
New York	49	37	.570	New York	51	36	.586
Detroit	48	38	.558	Montreal	50	39	.562
Baltimore	45	41	.523	Chicago	45	42	.517
Boston	46	42	.523	Philadelphia	38	49	.437
Milwaukee	37	49	.432	Pittsburgh	29	57	.337
Cleveland	28	59	.322	Los Angeles	49	37	.570
California	52	36	.591	San Diego	50	39	.562
Oakland	47	41	.534	Cincinnati	44	42	.512
Chicago	45	42	.519	Houston	43	46	.483
Kansas City	44	43	.506	Atlanta	39	48	.448
Boston	43	45	.489	San Francisco	24	55	.302
Minnesota	41	45	.477	Philadelphia	48	38	.558
Texas	33	56	.371	San Francisco	44	42	.512
Thursday's Games				Friday's Games			
Minnesota 8, New York 4	Chicago 10, Cleveland 0	Texas 3, Detroit 2	Oakland 6, Toronto 4	Baltimore 6, Kansas City 3	Boston 10, California 1	Seattle 5, Milwaukee 2	Texas (Hooton 4-4) at Detroit (Petty 10-8)
Oakland (Sutton 9-5) at Toronto (Key 7-4)	California (Romanick 10-4) at Boston (Boyd 11-7)	Kansas City (Leibrandt 8-5) at Baltimore (Boddicker 8-9)	Cleveland (Blyleven 8-9) at Chicago (Seaver 8-7)	New York (Cowley 7-3) at Minnesota (Butcher 6-4)	Seattle (Young 7-9) at Milwaukee (Higuera 6-5)	Saturday's Games	
Oakland at Toronto	Kansas City at Baltimore	California at Boston	Texas at Detroit	Cleveland at Chicago	Seattle at Milwaukee	Oakland at Toronto	Kansas City at Baltimore
California at Boston	Texas at Detroit	Cleveland at Chicago	Seattle at Milwaukee	Oakland at Toronto	Kansas City at Baltimore	California at Boston	Atlanta at New York
Philadelphia at Cincinnati	St. Louis at Los Angeles	Pittsburgh at San Diego	Chicago at San Francisco	Philadelphia at Cincinnati	St. Louis at Los Angeles	Pittsburgh at San Diego	Chicago at San Francisco

A bad week for Cardinals' Andujar

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD
AP Sports Writer

It hasn't been a happy week for Joaquin Andujar of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Last Friday he lost only his fourth game in 19 decisions and on Saturday he dropped out of the All-Star Game when he learned he wasn't going to start, then was widely criticized for the decision.

On Thursday night, he was throwing a shutout over the Los Angeles Dodgers, but developed a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand and had to leave the game with two outs in the sixth inning. The next batter, Greg Brock, tied the game with a single off Ricky Horton and the Dodgers won the game 2-1 in the seventh on a sacrifice fly by Len Matuszek.

It was only the second time in 21 starts that Andujar left a game without a decision. Mike Scioscia

led off the seventh with a double off loser Bill Campbell, 2-2. Winning pitcher Orel Hershiser, 9-3, scattered six hits over seven innings.

In other NL games, it was San Francisco 1, Chicago 0; San Diego 3, Pittsburgh 2; Montreal 3, Houston 0; New York 7, Atlanta 6; and Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 3.

Mets 7, Braves 6

New York's 16-13, 19-inning victory over Atlanta on July 4 may have been bizarre, but the Mets' latest triumph was a close second.

Both teams committed four errors apiece, with the Braves' miscues giving New York six unearned runs as the Mets won for the 13th time in 14 games and moved to within 1 1/2 games of the East Division-leading Cardinals.

Darryl Strawberry's two-run single keyed New York's five-run fifth inning, which erased a 4-1

Atlanta lead.

Two runs scored when Atlanta third baseman Ken Oberkfell, who was charged with two errors in the game, failed to catch a two-out infield pop-up near the mound with the bases loaded.

Mets third baseman Howard Johnson was even more generous — he had three errors, including two in one inning.

Rick Mahler, 13-8, was the hard-luck loser, while Ron Darling, 10-2, got credit for the Mets' fourth straight victory despite lasting only five innings.

Expos 3, Astros 0

Montreal got strong pitching from Joe Hesketh and scored all of its runs with the help of fielding miscues by Houston catcher Alan Ashby to hand the Astros their fourth straight loss.

Hesketh, 6-4, winning for the first time since May 24, took a five-hit shutout into the ninth. But after allowing two singles, Hesketh was relieved by Jeff Reardon, who got the last out for his 23rd save.

Joe Niekro, 7-8, gave up just three hits in seven innings, but Ashby's passed ball in the second, his throwing error in the fifth and another passed ball in the seventh led directly to Montreal's runs.

Padres 3, Pirates 2

Carmelo Martinez broke a 2-2 tie with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning with his 12th homer to lift San Diego over Pittsburgh.

John Candelaria, 2-4, relieved Pirates starter Rick Reuschel in the eighth and gave up Martinez's game-winning homer, making a winner of Padres reliever Craig Lefferts, 5-4.

Phillies 6, Reds 3

Philadelphia snapped a five-game losing streak as Juan Samuel had three hits and two RBIs against Cincinnati.

Samuel tripled in a run in the second inning, singled home another in the eighth and also had a double, pacing a 12-hit Philadelphia attack.

Jerry Koonsman, 4-2, won his 220th career game, allowing three runs and seven hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter in 7 2-3 innings.

Mario Soto, 8-11, suffered his eighth straight defeat for the Reds since his last triumph June 4.

Giants 1, Cubs 0

Mike Krukow pitched a seven-hitter for San Francisco and Jeff Leonard's one-out double in the bottom of the ninth knocked in Chili Davis from first with the only run of the game.

George Frazier, 5-3, gave up a one-out single to Davis and was relieved by Lee Smith, who allowed Leonard's game-winning hit.

Krukow, 6-7, struck out seven and walked two.

Cowboys sign their first draft choice

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — With No. 1 draft pick Kevin Brooks safely in training camp, the Dallas Cowboys rookies and second-year men have reached the halfway point of their first week of two-a-day drills.

A former University of Michigan defensive end, Brooks signed with the Cowboys Wednesday night and started practice here Thursday, ending a brief holdout and leaving fifth-round choice Matt Darwin, Texas A&M lineman, as the only unsigned rookie.

Free-agent fullback Todd McGrady of Washington's Puget Sound was placed on waivers

Thursday after leaving camp voluntarily, a spokesman for the National Football League team said.

Brooks, 6-foot-7 and 262 pounds, had not reported to the camp Sunday with other Cowboys rookies and held out for three days before agreeing to contract terms.

But Brooks said now he was "tired of lifting weights and running around by myself. I'm ready to play football."

His four-year pact includes an option by the team to renew for one additional year, according to agent Mike Trope. Other terms were not disclosed.

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Strange things abound in the world of lost-and-found

By GLENDA PETTIT
Port Arthur News

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — Somebody, somewhere, is walking around without his false teeth. He either lost them or misplaced them. The dentures were eventually found — way down deep, in the bowels of a couch — by a man who re-upholsters furniture.

Another time, a man either lost or deliberately left his pants — with the seat ripped out — in the outside restroom of a sandwich shop.

Yet another time, in a bar in Sabine Pass, a woman misplaced something less tangible. Her marbles. The assistant manager found the woman — minus all her clothes — lying on the restroom floor, making ZZZZZ's.

"I guess she thought she was home, so she took her clothes off," Dianne Weeks, assistant manager of Leo's Night Club, said. "It

wasn't funny to her, but it sure was to us."

Most likely, almost everyone has lost something somewhere, somehow, sometime.

But some lost items befuddle the mind and make for interesting, if not amusing, browsing through lost and found departments of hotels, bars, restaurants, bus stations, taxi terminals and re-upholstery shops.

"Eyeglasses, I never have understood how or why, but most of the time, you never hear from the owner," said Dorothy Eiter, manager of the Ramada Inn Motel in Groves.

"Their false teeth, they go off and leave those and that one I sure don't understand," she said.

Neither does M.H. Driggers, owner of M&M Furniture Upholsters in Port Arthur.

He's the one who found the false teeth in the couch. "I don't know if

he was drunk or what when he lost them," Driggers said.

Driggers was thoughtful, though. The dentures were never claimed, so he offered them to his employees. No one accepted.

The most unusual thing Phyllis Jackson, owner of the Blue Heron in Nederland, ever found in her club was "one shoe. It belonged to a female. You just wonder about things like that," she said.

Nobody ever claimed the lost shoe.

Ms. Jackson said she often finds driver's licenses, too. And "that is something people do not come back for."

Some lost items are claimed by their previous owners. Others are not.

John Bicard, a driver for Yellow Cab of Port Arthur, has found wallets and marijuana cigarettes in his cab after a fare gets out.

"I throw that (marijuana cigarette) out right away," Bicard said. "I don't want the law to catch

me with that."

And, "No ma'am, nobody ever asks for them back," he added with a laugh.

Yet other items — once they have been perceived as missing-in-action — command lightning-speed attention by the person who misplaced them.

"Sometimes, people will walk off and leave their keys, sunglasses, cigarette lighters, and once in a great while, their purses," Bluet Humble, manager of Tater's in Port Arthur, said.

"They come back after the keys and purse very shortly, real quick when they get out to their car and they can't get in," he said, with a laugh.

Some lost-and-found items, particularly when they are found, cause speculation as to the actual circumstances surrounding the loss.

For example, Stephanie Stephens, co-owner of The Great Outdoors, a charter bus service in

Port Arthur, said they once found a man's wedding ring on the bus after a chartered trip.

"Maybe he took it off to do a little flirting, I don't know," she said.

Although finding large amounts of "green" is something of a fantasy, reality says "you might find 15 cents worth of change from time to time," Ms. Stephens said.

James Bowen, a former driver and now a dispatcher for Yellow Cab of Port Arthur, would disagree with Ms. Stephens.

He once found a \$100 bill on the floorboard by the side of the front side.

As luck would have it, the bill was claimed, so Bowen didn't get to keep it. Nonetheless, it was fun finding it anyway, he said.

Wallets, keys, flashlights, and an occasional shopping bag — full of "stuff" — comprise the bulk of what Willie Chatham, owner-driver for Jet Taxi of Port Arthur, finds in his taxi.

Chatham not only finds things, he

also hears things. "A lot of wild stuff between people," he said.

"No, I wouldn't dare repeat it," he said.

Raincoats, umbrellas, loose change, "jam boxes" — portable radios — and a "joint" (marijuana cigarette) that had been smoked some, are a few of the items Richard Mott, a resident of Lake Charles and a driver for Greyhound Bus, has found.

Ms. Jackson, the owner of the Blue Heron, probably told the strangest lost-and-found tale.

She said the manager of her club told her when he was managing another club in town, he locked up the club, after an evening of entertainment, as was his custom.

The next morning, when he came in for the day, he found a man, curled up under one of tables, sound asleep. The sleeping man, according to Ms. Jackson, had most likely had one too many and he figured, "what the heck, might as well go to sleep here."

Soviets hire firm to distribute press releases in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet Embassy officials, normally secretive sorts, have paid a New York firm to distribute press releases written like news stories to newspapers and radio stations around the country.

So far this year, North American Precis Syndicate Inc. has shipped out three Soviet government-inspired releases to 3,800 newspapers and 5,000 radio stations.

Justice Department officials said there is nothing illegal about the practice so long as the syndicate files under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, which it has done.

The Soviet stories generally stress the strong bonds between the two countries and the need for more cooperation.

There's a glowing account of a July 1975 U.S.-Soviet space effort, Apollo-Soyuz, in which Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov remembers Americans and Soviet astronauts meeting as friends.

Leonov is quoted as saying he joins others "who stand for international peaceful cooperation in space."

Then there's a story, with picture, about the close bonds and friendships formed by U.S. and Russian soldiers who met on the banks of the Elbe River in Germany in April 1945 at the end of World War II.

Ronald N. Levy, the syndicate's president, said the Soviet news releases, sent out in printable form, are accompanied by a separate piece of paper noting that the syndicate is paid by the embassy.

That procedure is required by the Justice Department, but agency spokesman Robert Sharp said there was no way to ensure adherence to that policy because the department doesn't check the cover letters.

It's unclear how many of the stories have found their way into print, but Soviet Embassy official Yuri Subbotin said he has been pleased with the results.

He said he was unable to provide the names of the papers using the Soviet material. Besides, "the names mean nothing to me... they are not big like the New York Times," he said.

Subbotin said that when North American Precis Syndicate approached him about joining its business, he figured, "Yes, why not?"

Levy said the syndicate sends out regular packages of material to 3,800 newspapers, predominantly weeklies, and 5,000 radio stations.

Media outlets can use the material for free, with Levy promising between 100 and 400 clippings per release and 200 radio placements.

The syndicate's clients, including the Soviet, Canadian and South African embassies and the Caribbean and Romanian tourist organizations, pay between \$1,750 and \$2,950 for a newspaper release. A radio spot costs \$1,450.

The newspaper material, including features such as recipes and travel and home tips, is ready to be inserted into the paper without editing changes. Radio spots are written so they can be read on the air.

"It's a nice package — very slick," said Eddie Dodd, editor of the 2,000-circulation Abbeville Herald in Abbeville, Ala. Nonetheless, Dodd said, "I generally just throw it away."

Dodd said he didn't remember any Soviet material, but he "wouldn't be exactly happy" if the stories were not clearly marked.

Although he is paid for his services, Levy defends his business as in the public's best interest.

"One reason I distribute their information for them — and gladly — is that I think it pays for us to listen to what they have to say and to see them as human beings," he said in a letter to The Associated Press.

"Not listening to them could be like not looking at the bathroom scale or not listening to a doctor who tells you you have high blood pressure," Levy said.

Most weather folklore is based on scientific fact

EDITOR'S NOTE — George Freier, a 70-year-old physics professor, is a collector of weather proverbs, many of which he has found to be based on scientific fact. But don't believe some of the old saws, he warns.

By KAY BARTLETT
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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — When George Freier was a little boy living on an 80-acre farm in Ellsworth, Wis., he liked to listen to farmers swap proverbs, usually at gatherings after church.

"If the goose honks high, fair weather; if the goose honks low, foul weather."

"The squeak of the snow will the temperature show."

"Ditches and manure piles smell stronger before a rain."

Freier also noticed that the richer the farmer, the more proverbs he seemed to know, implying that the successful farmer is weather-wise.

After he became a physics professor at the University of Minnesota in 1949, Freier decided to analyze the many weather proverbs, some from the Roman Empire, others from the Bible and many from his native Midwest. He set out to determine which ones were based on scientific evidence.

Freier found that about 90 percent of the proverbs dealing with short-range weather predictions are scientifically sound. The long-range forecasts, such as squirrels gathering more acorns before a hard winter, are mostly false.

"Squirrels gather more acorns

when there is a big acorn crop," Freier says.

On the other hand, the proverb about the geese is true. They fly higher before a storm because birds are very sensitive to the aerodynamics of flight and seek an optimum air density for movement. When the barometer is high in fair weather, the optimum density is higher in the sky and birds then fly higher. When the pressure is low, as in foul weather, the optimum density is closer to the ground and birds fly lower, Freier says.

The snow does squeak more harshly under car tires or shoes when it is colder. Freier says there are more high frequencies when it is very cold and one could conceivably learn to distinguish the various sounds and estimate the temperature.

But some folklore still has Freier puzzled, like the Groundhog Day legend. It holds that if the groundhog comes out and sees his shadow on Feb. 2, there will be six more weeks of winter. If there is no shadow the harshness of winter is finished.

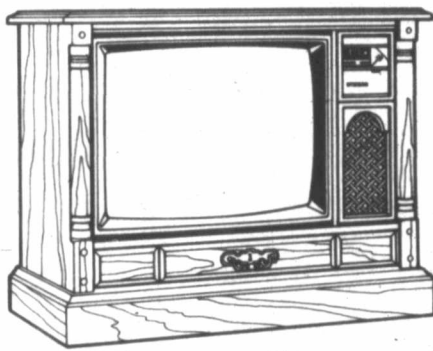
"That darn proverb," Freier says. "I find a similar proverb from all countries of the world and I can find no evidence that it's true or false."

One proverb that has a good basis in science dates from the days of the Roman Empire. The Roman senators would not take a crucial vote if there was lightning in the west. If the lightning was in the east, it was business as usual.

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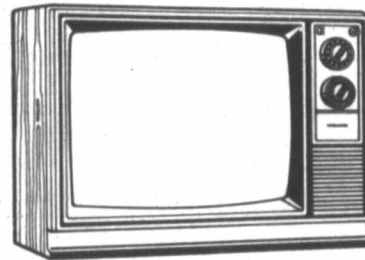
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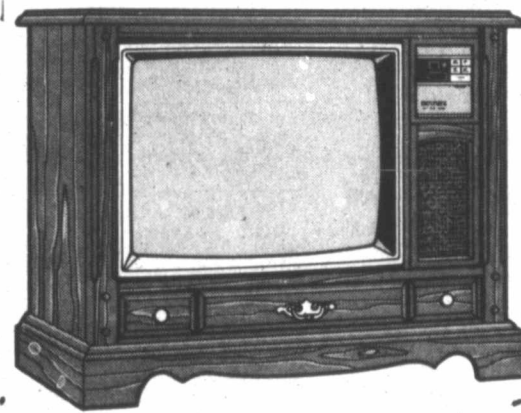
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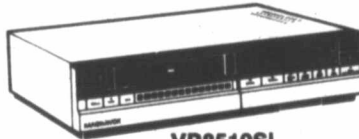
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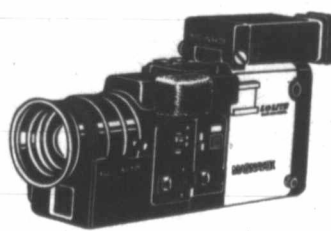
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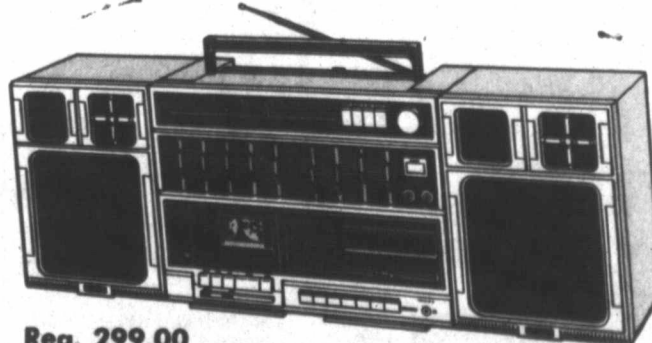
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