



Whaley cuts loose on arts panel

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Commission on the Arts could be more productive by backing Willie Nelson concerts than spending state money on ballet and opera, according to a local lawmaker.

Rep. Foster Whaley of Pampa long has had his budget-cutting knife honed for the arts commission. It's an agency that Whaley views as providing welfare for the wealthy.

Whaley loosed his latest salvo on the agency during a Wednesday hearing at the House Appropriations Committee. Whaley is a committee member.

The commission wants a \$16 million appropriation for 1986-87, but now would settle for the \$8.9 million two-year appropriation

recommended by the Legislative Budget Board, which is about what the agency is getting now.

Jocelyn Straus of San Antonio, commission chairman, said she would back a state tax hike to give her commission and other agencies the money they need.

But Whaley said state money is not well spent on the arts.

"Why should you subsidize the people who are the most financially able? The fact is it's been described as the only welfare program the socially and economically elite backs," he said.

"You don't come down here and back aid for dependent children," Whaley said. "You come down here and ask for aid for the group that doesn't need it."

Commission money is spent to subsidize locally sponsored performances, Executive Director Richard Huff of the arts commission told the committee. Whaley interpreted that to mean the agency spends state money on events that could not support themselves, meaning Texans don't care to see those events.

Whaley said he has seen what Texans apparently are willing to pay for.

"Now on last July 3 ... I was staying at one of the cheap motels out here. This was the night just before Willie Nelson was having his picnic. Everything was full in town. People couldn't even rent a motel one hour to get a bath," said Whaley.

"He (Nelson) probably brought in maybe 100,000 people to this town. What I want to know is how much did the arts commission grant to stimulate this business? How much did you grant to Willie Nelson?" he asked.

Huff said grants are not made to for-profit shows such as Nelson's. He said the events backed by the commission bring in money to "printers who got business as a result of that individual coming to town, the laborers who got paid as part of stage hands union."

"If government doesn't play a role in supporting the arts, then the arts will truly become the private club of only those who can afford it," said Huff.

Whaley said it seemed to him the

arts backers in the audience can afford it.

"I look out over the audience this morning and I think some society magazine could probably pick some of the best dressed people in the state of Texas," he said. "That's great. I wish I could dress that way myself."

Committee members Juan Hinojosa and Rene Oliveira said the state budget crunch makes the commission budget request unreasonable.

"Would you support a tax increase to fund the requests being made to the Legislature?" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, asked Huff, who said he would ask the commission.

Oliveira, D-Brownsville, said, "I am a supporter of the arts, but I've

got a university that is afraid it's going to close down. I've got children who don't get three square meals."

Rep. Bill Hollowell, D-Grand Saline, sided with Whaley. He said commission funds should come from "user fees," not taxes from "my farmers and ranchers who are not at all interested" in commission-backed events.

After the meeting, Ms. Straus said Whaley and Hollowell "have not learned quite what the arts are really about."

"I don't think they realize that when we leave this earth what we leave behind us are our children and the arts," she said, adding that the arts keep "a lot of people off the streets and off drugs."



NAVAL BASE MEETING—Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, left center, talks to Secretary of the Navy John Lehman, Jr., as Texas Governor Mark White, left, and Sen. Phil Gramm,

R-Texas, look on prior to their meeting on naval bases in Texas. (AP Laserphoto)

Two Texas cities finalists for base

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm said today Houston-Galveston and Corpus Christi are among the six finalists for location of a proposed new Navy base.

"Obviously I'm delighted that at this stage, we still have two sites that are being considered," he said at a news conference today. "I share the sadness of those who were not selected."

Although Gramm, R-Texas, said the Navy will announce the other four finalists at a later date, the office of Rep. Jack Fields, R-Humble, said the other sites are Lake Charles, La.; Mobile, Ala.; Pascagoula, Miss.; and Pensacola, Fla.

In addition, the Key West, Fla.

is still being considered as a possible site for a reserve fleet, Fields' office said.

Seven Texas cities were among the 16 cities in five states who bid for the battleship base. Houston and Galveston submitted a joint proposal.

On Wednesday, Texas Gov. Mark White, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Gramm met with Navy Secretary John Lehman.

After the meeting, Lehman said he was "confident that Texans want the Navy as part of their community."

"The decision will not be political," Lehman said. "Dollar costs will determine the outcome

of the decision. The lowest cost to the taxpayer that provides the capability that is needed is going to be where the battleship ends up."

Hobby said the state has pledged up to \$25 million for road construction and education facilities for the base.

Gramm said Texas has "been married to the military for a long time."

The other Texas cities who bid on the base were Port Arthur, Freeport, Port Lavaca and Brownsville.

Orange is seeking part of the unit, two frigates assigned to the Navy reserve. The rest of the "strategic action group" includes the to-be-restored

battleship U.S.S. Wisconsin, a cruiser, a destroyer and another frigate.

Navy officials will visit finalist cities again, Lehman said. The final selection is expected this spring, and the base would begin operating in 1991.

All the cities have been wooing the Navy to get the jobs and development and prestige they hope the base will bring.

Lehman said the Texas delegation was the most impressive he has met with to date. No other governors have traveled to Washington to meet with him, he said.

"I've been trying to hold them off," he said. "They've all wanted to."

Senators see better farm aid package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm-state senators are optimistic they will reach agreement on a more generous package of credit assistance for faltering farmers, an issue that has prompted a paralyzing filibuster and delayed action on other congressional business.

"We're getting very close to agreement," Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., said following a meeting late Wednesday with Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., and Agriculture Secretary John Block.

"I think we're finding out our differences aren't that great," Dole added after a day of meetings in which the administration promised to further liberalize its already announced credit aid program. Another meeting was scheduled for today.

At the same time, House Democrats were attempting to seize the initiative on the issue, pushing \$1 billion in additional farm loan guarantee authority through the Appropriations Committee and taking up a more ambitious credit package in the House Agriculture Committee.

Appropriations Committee Chairman Rep. Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., called the measure "a holding action" needed to keep farmers from sliding into bankruptcy. "If we don't restore some health to agriculture, they're going to go out of business."

While the Senate meetings took

place Wednesday, Boren, Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., and others tied the Senate in knots with a filibuster that prevented consideration of other matters, including the confirmation of Edwin Meese III to be attorney general and a \$7 billion highway bill.

Dole and Boren declined to discuss the emerging agreement in detail, but other participants in the meetings said it was likely to include a higher ceiling on loan guarantees — perhaps \$3 billion, instead of the \$650 million the administration first announced — and more liberal eligibility terms and guarantee levels.

"This expands the Band-Aid," Dole said, making reference to the negative reaction the credit package received.

But Dole still expressed strong opposition to a suggestion that farmers immediately be given a portion of the crop price support loans they normally would receive at harvest time.

Political pressure has mounted along with the credit crisis, which threatens many farmers with extinction.

Hardest hit are Midwestern grain belt producers caught in a squeeze between high interest rates and low values for their crops and land. Estimates are that tens of thousands may not be able to borrow enough to plant spring crops, and that many could be driven out of business.

Oil boom remains on auction block

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — From Rolls Royces to restaurants, from airplanes to oil rigs, remnants of the Permian Basin's tattered oil economy are going on the auction block.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., as part of its plan to recoup losses from three area bank failures, is auctioning a spectacular array of assets today and Friday that rode into West Texas in the 1970s and early '80s on an oil-fat economy.

The First National Bank of Midland, for instance, believed like many that oil prices would continue spiraling upward. In early 1980, the bank directors decided to ride the boom for all it was worth, and by the end of 1981, the bank's assets had doubled to \$1.4 billion.

But in 1982, oil prices began falling and oil-related industries began bellying up. The death toll eventually included the Midland bank as well as two others.

Those banks' fates were mirrored in the private community, where oil fortunes evaporated as quickly as they'd come and left many oil barons unable to maintain their spreading estates.

The remnants to be auctioned

include a 12-ton cherry picker, a private school, two restaurants, a Rolls Royce dealership, 120 autos, \$250,000 worth of sporting equipment, two metal Mud Pits and a four-legged oil derrick.

"Whether you're in the oil business or not, if you're in Midland-Odessa, you're tied to all this," said Mark Thomas, a Texarkana auctioneer who will conduct the sales.

Thomas said the most impressive wares were to go on sale between noon and 1 p.m. today and would include two Rolls Royces, an Aston-Martin, Mercedes automobiles and three airplanes.

"I think the thing that has attracted the most attention and is unusual to see offered at auction — particularly at a sale like this in this part of the country — are the two Rolls Royces and the (Beech) King Air airplane," he added.

But Thomas' sale isn't the only one in the area: cash-desperate oilmen and banks have filled two months' worth of weekends with auctions of oil and construction equipment.

"You know, we see barbecue stands that have failed because oil prices have dropped," Thomas said.

Economy rebounded faster than most analysts thought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's economy rebounded in the final three months of last year at an even more vigorous pace than previously thought, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said the gross national product, the broadest measure of economic health, grew at a robust 4.9 percent rate from October through December.

The revised figure is more than 2 percentage points above the initial estimate of 2.8 percent made in December before the quarter had ended.

That initial projection was revised upward last month to 3.9 percent and boosted again today based on more complete data for economic activity in the period.

Economic growth for all of 1984 was also revised upward today to 6.9 percent from the earlier estimate of 6.8 percent. The revision still left 1984 with the best economic growth in more than three decades — since an 8.3 percent rise in 1951.

The latest report showed that despite the rapid growth, inflation remained well under control during the year. Prices, as measured by a gauge tied to the GNP, rose 3.8 percent in 1984, the same increase as the previous year. The 3.8 percent gain was slightly higher than an original estimate last month of 3.7 percent, which would have been the best performance since 1967.

The new report painted a picture of an economy vigorously shaking

off the effects of a pronounced drop in growth that occurred from July through September.

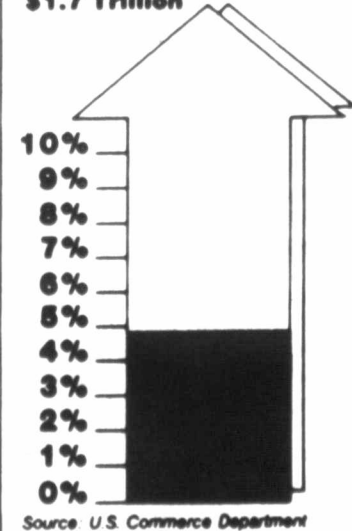
During that time, the inflation-adjusted GNP, had risen at a rate of only 1.6 percent as consumer spending, a leading force behind the recovery, slowed dramatically.

Personal consumer spending grew at a slight 0.7 percent rate in the third quarter. However, in the final three months of the year that pace had jumped to 3.6 percent.

The big rebound in activity during the final three months of 1984 has led to widespread optimism among economists that the momentum will carry over and help to assure steady growth this year as well.

4th Quarter GNP Revision

Real GNP increased by \$1.7 Trillion



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Senate bill aimed at catching bingo cheaters

AUSTIN (AP) — Proposals to warn Texans of the danger signals of cancer and to stake out a trail for state auditors to follow in regulating bingo have cleared the Senate.

Senators also voted Wednesday to punish convicts who commit crimes in prison by adding their new sentence to the old prison sentence.

The Senate approved and sent to the House on a 31-0 vote one of a series of bingo regulation bills requested by State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

The bill by Sen. O.H. "Ike" Harris, R-Dallas, would establish an "audit trail" requiring prizes to be in the form of checks, not cash or merchandise.

In response to complaints that proceeds from bingo games are slow getting to the charities, Harris' bill would require charitable distributions to be made quarterly, rather than yearly.

The bill would prohibit manufacturers and distributors of bingo equipment from running bingo games, and also would authorize the comptroller to delay approval of a bingo license until all necessary information had been furnished.

A resolution by Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, would put the Legislature on record as supporting public and private school instruction from kindergarten through the 12th grade that tells of the effects of smoking and nutrition on cancer.

The resolution directs the Texas Education Agency to assess health education curriculum requirements for students and teachers, focusing especially on cancer information, and to report to the 1987 Legislature.

"Obviously, we are not able to tell people what choices to make, but they should know the risks," said Brooks.

Another Brooks resolution supports a statewide network to distribute information "that encourages the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of cancer." The resolution calls for the Texas College Coordinating Board to consider recommending that state medical schools teach physicians how to educate their patients to recognize cancer warning signs.

The resolutions were sent to the House on voice vote.

Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown's bill to stack the sentence for a crime committed in prison on the inmate's previous sentence also was approved on voice vote.

Now, according to a printed bill analysis, inmates who commit a crime while serving a sentence often are allowed to serve their new sentence

concurrently with the old.

Brown, R-Lake Jackson, quoted prison officials as saying the bill "would be beneficial in disciplining inmates."

In other action, the Senate approved and sent to the House bills that would:

— Change the name of the Veterans Affairs Commission to the Texas Veterans Commission.

— Create the position of deputy assistant adjutant general in the Texas Army National Guard.

— Change the name of the Texas Department of Human Resources, which formerly was the state welfare department, to the Texas Department of Human Services.

— Require judges assigned to state district family courts to have taken at least 30 hours of courses devoted primarily to family law.

Senator calls for pressure against Mexican government

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — An irate Sen. Dennis DeConcini says corruption in Mexico "is so rampant...the central government is afraid to go after terrorists," and calls for economic pressure on that country to find missing Americans.

The Arizona Democrat said Wednesday he thinks the United States should "put heat on them" by calling in a \$1 billion loan given to Mexico in 1982 as part of an economic bailout.

Since Friday, U.S. Customs officials have been conducting extensive searches of vehicles at checkpoints all along the 1,760-mile Mexican border in response to the abduction of a U.S. drug agent in Guadalajara, Mexico. Six other Americans also have been reported missing in Guadalajara since December, including at least four others who also were abducted.

U.S. law enforcement officials have said the intensified searches were ordered as a punitive measure to register this country's anger at the pace of the Mexican investigation.

But in a telephone interview from Washington, DeConcini said he doesn't think that action is the best answer.

"I don't find fault with our government for trying to pressure" the Mexican government, he said. "But I don't think this is the best thing we can do."

The lengthy searches, which at times have created massive, hours-long traffic delays, are "only hurting the balance of trade and American businesses along the border," he said, adding that that "is not going to solve the problem."

He said, "We should implement economic reactions to Mexico,"

including calling due a \$1 billion cash loan given in August 1982 amid the Mexican peso devaluation and economic crisis.

He said the U.S. also should stop the export of oil technology and equipment needed by the Mexican government for its petroleum industry "till that government responds."

An aid package Washington gave Mexico at the time included \$1 billion in the form of advance payments for Mexican crude oil and another \$1 billion in short-term credit guarantees from the U.S. Commodity Credit Corp. to finance Mexican purchases of U.S. farm products.

DeConcini said the United States at that time also arranged for another large amount of outside credit for Mexico.

"These are things we ought to call due," DeConcini said — "put heat on them."

He said, "I'm really upset and mad at the Mexican government. It just ticks me off."



AWAITS VERDICT—Two sanctuary movement workers from Brownsville, Stacey Lynn Mert, 30, left, and Jack Elder, 41, leave the Federal

Courthouse in Houston Wednesday with their case in the hands of a jury. They are accused of conspiring to smuggle two Salvadorans.

Off beat

By
**Larry
Hollis**

'Positive' news welcomed

Yesterday morning I was buzzed on the intercom and told I had a call on line 5. Nothing in that - it happens all the time; sometimes too often.

But the caller had an interesting point to make, one I have heard a number of times but still relevant after all these years.

Saying she was an upset grandmother, she wanted to know why we don't have more positive stories on the accomplishments and activities of students in school.

It seems all we hear about are the times when they do bad, when there's something negative or sensational to write up.

I told her I agreed with her.

In fact, I wish we could have more stories on the positive side about students.

When I was in high school, I was quite active in a number of extracurricular activities, ranging from Junior Classical League (the Latin club) to Tri-Sci (the science club) to National Honor Society and Key Club.

It seemed I spent much of my time attending meetings before or after class or going off on out-of-town trips and conventions. I had a great time and - despite some claims by H. Ross Perot - I managed to do a good job of keeping up my grades. (Except for Algebra II and chemistry, but I've discussed that previously.)

While The Little Harvester managed to cover most of the student activities, it seems The Pampa News concentrated on mainly sports events and the bad news: students picked up for vandalism, in trouble with the police, and the like.

But now that I'm on this newspaper staff, I've become aware of some of the problems in keeping up with the student activities.

For one thing, there's so many of them going on that one reporter could pretty well concentrate on them without doing much else. And that despite the fact that there's not as many student groups now as there were when I was at Pampa High.

For another thing, it's not always easy to track down the information. We don't get a schedule of most upcoming student activities, so we can't always jot them down on our calendars as reminders to check into the stories.

And when we are contacted, often it's already after the event has occurred. In fact, often it's several days after the event, when a teacher or student shows up with a news release or calls us on the phone to give us information on something that happened several days previously.

Aware of such a problem from my attempts to get more school news last year, I sent out a letter this year to schools asking for more student news. Since September I think I've received maybe three phone calls directly resulting from my letter.

Perhaps the information wasn't disseminated as well as I had hoped.

Some groups get good coverage because the teachers or students take time to contact us regularly. And I appreciate that.

Much as I would like to do so, however, neither I nor the other reporters really can go around from school to school all the time to check what's happening. We do that with too many other areas already, where we know newsworthy things are going on much of the time.

So I'll say this to teachers and students: if you have any news, contact us - in advance - to let us know what's happening. It may be too late to call us the morning of some event to arrange coverage, and if it's several days later, it becomes old news.

We really want more student news.

And we really don't want any more phone calls from parents or grandparents wanting to know why we don't have anything on Johnny's or Susie's state award won two weeks ago.

Hollis is a staff writer for The Pampa News.

Senate set to debate state water bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate is ready to debate a statewide water plan, an issue that was labeled priority lawmaking before this Legislature convened in January.

The Senate Natural Resources Committee approved the package 11-0 on Wednesday and Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, said he would bring it up for debate next week.

"There are significant differences but we do not consider them insurmountable," said Montford. "The final version will be written in a conference committee for sure."

Permits hard to get

Truck deregulation urged

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans would be better served by state law that makes it easier for truck lines to get Railroad Commission permits to make shipments within the state, says a Houston-area lawmaker.

Kingwood Rep. Ed Emmett complained Wednesday that the current law requires applicants to prove that truck lines already serving an area are doing a bad job.

"Entry is too restrictive. Too few carriers dominate the market and Texas' intrastate rates are not competitive with interstate rates," said Emmett.

The GOP House member filed three trucking industry bills, including measures providing for stricter safety standards, easier entry into the business and more flexible rate-setting by the Railroad Commission.

The current permit process is ridiculous, he said at a news

conference. Montford said he felt "very good" about quick passage of the Senate package on Tuesday.

Montford said the main differences of the Senate and House bills include:

— The Senate bill contains \$1.2 billion for water bonds while the House measure contains \$800 million. The Senate bill has \$200 million for flood control bonds not in the House bill and authorizes another \$200 million for agriculture conservation of water if shown necessary by a pilot program.

— The Senate bill deletes a \$250 million bond insurance program in the House bill that experts said

would jeopardize the state's bond ratings.

— The Senate bill controls surface water flows about 150 miles inland to protect bays and estuaries compared with about 100 miles in the House bill.

— The State bill provides for state control of ground water districts if a local district refuses to establish controls in critical situations.

The Senate bill calls for a statewide election on the plan in November 1985 which, if successful, would automatically put into effect any controls finally approved by this Legislature.

"This legislation places particular emphasis on achieving conservation gains in the agricultural industry, which uses about 70 percent of the state's water," Montford said.

The Senate package was voted out of committee Wednesday after it considered 82 amendments the previous week.

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Opinion

Automakers must discard crutches

The American auto industry needed "time to get back on its feet," we were told. Shelter domestic auto makers from foreign competition for just a few years, the argument went, and they will be able to compete against the Japanese. Well, Detroit is back on its feet and standing tall, and there is absolutely no good reason to continue quotas on imports.

Unfortunately, at least two of the "Big Three"—Chrysler and Ford—want the temporary help to become a permanent crutch.

When Japan had Detroit on the ropes, Washington got the Japanese auto manufacturers to back off. America negotiated "voluntary restraint agreements"—quotas—to limit the number of Japanese cars sold in the United States. Detroit got a little breathing room and a lot of opportunity to fill the pent-up demand for cars. Since then, the Big Three—Ford, Chrysler and General Motors—have seen things turn around and profits return.

But with the quotas scheduled to be terminated, two of the Big Three are back in Washington asking for a new "voluntary restraint agreement." Not GM.

Why? Because GM has decided to rely on small-car imports indefinitely. Ford and Chrysler also sell imports, but GM has two Japanese affiliates, Isuzu and Suzuki, and intends to sell Japanese small cars even after it starts producing its own new Saturn small cars in 1988 or 1989.

Quotas, like all trade barriers, cost consumers dearly. Since they went into effect, the average price per new car has risen \$2,600 in the United States. The Japanese got a free ride on the price boost, merely tacking on extra dollars to their sticker prices, too.

No wonder Ford and Chrysler have developed a yen for quotas. But it's wrong for the United States to let our manufacturers become dependent on protective trade barriers at the expense of the American people.

The consumer economy is booming after a long recession. Oil prices are falling, giving an added impetus to people to buy new cars.

Now is time for Detroit to throw away its crutches. And if it won't throw them away, it's time for Uncle Sam to take them away and give the auto industry a gentle push toward restored independence.



William Murchison

Sorry Tip, I'm not buying

Dear Tip:

Thanks for your letter (a form letter sent "Express Dispatch," no doubt, to millions). I am appalled, shocked, and dismayed to hear that flinty-hearted Republicans mean "to slash Medicare benefits," believing as they do that "our nation is too poor to guarantee the old, the sick, and the weak a decent health - assistance program" - this last being underscored in your letter for emphasis.

Would you like to know why I am appalled? Because the imputation is false, demagogic - and, if I may say so, sadly characteristic of the present speaker of the U.S. House.

I regret that I am unable to send an "immediate contribution of \$15, \$25, or even \$50" for your emergency Campaign to Save Medicare. Save it from whom or what? From Ronald the Ruthless? Or from partisan muddling and backbiting? If from the latter, I might in truth dig down; but I sense, Mr. Speaker, that this is not what you have in mind.

Under the Reagan budget, Medicare would indeed be cut - by \$4 billion. This reflects a freeze on hospital reimbursements and physicians' fees; also an increase in premiums to pay doctor bills. Medicaid, which pays medical bills for the poor, would grow only \$1 billion in Fiscal 1986. Savage slashing or modest pruning? It depends, I suppose, on one's point of view. But linguistic quibbles are not the point.

The point is two-fold - the need for truly saving

Medicare from financial ruin; the difficulty of satisfying that need in the face of rank political partisanship.

Unless I misread you, Mr. Speaker, you fail in two pages of exhortation to say whether there's anything wrong with Medicare's finances. To the contrary, we learn that "runaway military spending and tax breaks for the rich and special interests" are the real problem. You affirm that "There is no need for drastic cuts in Medicare, Medicaid, and other retirement - assistance programs."

Why cut Medicare at all, then? Are Republicans, after all, mean old sons - of - seacooks? Or is there something to the Social Security Administration's warning about Medicare's impending bankruptcy?

By the end of the decade, according to Social Security figures, Medicare's Hospital Insurance portion will run out of money; by 1995 it will be \$200 to \$400 billion in the hole.

By 1989, Medicare alone is expected to cost \$103.3 billion. To pay today's young workers benefits equivalent to those now prevalent, Congress would have to quadruple the payroll tax rate. How curious, Mr. Speaker, that in your letter you mentioned none of this.

No reform proposals in there either, just good old - fashioned vituperation. Consequently the reader might not know of ideas whose intent is to restore the soundness of government health - care programs.

Both the Heritage Foundation, in Washington,

D.C., and Dallas' National Center for Policy Analysis, for instance, propose the creation of "Health Bank IRAs" - special funds to cover medical bills. The worker would get a tax credit for annual contributions to such a fund, out of which, as a retiree, he would fund his own health insurance and health bills.

But maybe that is to wander off the track, Mr. O'Neill, because reform seems not to be your purpose. What is that purpose? Chiefly, I infer, to raise a great stink and hullabaloo, in the interest of hurting Republicans (stingy, unfeeling, mean-spirited) and helping Democrats (warm - hearted, generous, compassionate).

Except, what does this do for Medicare, whose problems are at least as large as those of the Democratic Party? How many medical bills does this pay? How many lives does it save? Very few? None at all?

Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, the whole broad range of flagging social programs - their case is all the harder because of demagogic enterprises like the Campaign to Save Medicare.

No wonder so little constructive work is being done. At every proposal to reduce runaway social-service costs, out go the fund - raising letters. Help! The muggers are coming! Send \$25!

Pretty bush league, Mr. Speaker: that being the only thing "pretty" about it. Regretfully, A citizen.



Today in History

Today is Thursday, February 21st, the 52nd day of 1985. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On February 21st, 1965, Black Muslim leader Malcolm X was shot to death as he was about to speak to a rally of several hundred followers in New York City.

On this date: Ten years ago: In Washington D.C., former Nixon aides John N. Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman received prison sentences of 2 1/2 to eight years for their roles in the Watergate cover-up. Robert C. Mardian was sentenced to ten months to three years.

Five years ago: The Iranian militants holding the American hostages renewed their vow not to release their captives until the deposed shah and his wealth were returned.

One year ago: The U.S. Marines stationed in Beirut began their pullback to ships off the Lebanese coast.

Today's Birthdays: Columnist Erma Bombeck and fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy are 58. Tricia Nixon Cox is 39. Actor Christopher Atkins is 24.



Lewis Grizzard

A really prepared Scout

The Boy Scouts of America currently are celebrating the 75th anniversary of their founding. I read that in a magazine the other day.

I am quite proud to say I was once a member of that great organization, and I look back on my scouting days fondly, especially when I consider it was my distinct honor and pleasure to have been in the same troop with my boyhood friend and idol, Weyman C. Wannamaker Jr., a great American.

I will never forget the summer of '55 when my troop went to Camp Thunder for a wonderful week of swimming, hiking, camping and studying nature.

"I don't know about you turkeys," Weyman said the afternoon we checked into our cabin at Camp Thunder, "but if they think I'm going to swim in that snake - invested lake and walk five miles just so I can sleep on the ground in a tent and get eaten alive by mosquitoes, they're drinking out of the wrong canteen."

Weyman was sent to Camp Thunder only after his father, Mr. Wannamaker, had failed in his attempt to get his son admitted to a correctional

school for misguided youth. The Warden was afraid Weyman might be a bad influence on the other young hoodlums.

"Do your best to get lost in the woods," Weyman's father had said to him as we boarded the bus for camp.

The Boy Scout motto is "Be Prepared," and Weyman followed that credo with unbending devotion.

At camp, we gathered around Weyman as he unpacked his knapsack.

"Cigarettes," said Weyman as he pulled out two cartons, "are going to cost you a dollar a pack."

"You know the food's going to be lousy in this concentration camp, so I've got candy bars, potato chips, moon pies and bubble gum. When you get hungry, come to me and bring your cash."

Weyman also brought along some of his father's magazines he had bought when he was overseas with the Navy. They rented for 50 cents a peek.

By the third day at camp, Weyman had all our money, so he immediately opened a loan office. Some of the kids were still on the hook to him a

year after they married.

When it came time to take part in camp activities, Weyman was prepared there, too. He forged a doctor's certificate that said he was allergic to water, so he didn't have to swim in Moccasin Lake.

He claimed to have had a change in a wart or mole the afternoon we were supposed to go on the five - mile hike and camp out overnight, so he stayed back at Camp Thunder and played gin with the camp director. Weyman won 40 bucks, not to mention the camp director's official Boy Scout knife and flashlight.

Mr. Wannamaker tried to get Weyman back into Camp Thunder the next summer, but, as the camp director said, "Over my dead body."

Weyman dropped out of scouting soon afterwards and joined the Moose Club. But all scouts and former scouts should know that Weyman once walked in our ranks as the only Boy Scout ever to give preparedness a bad name.

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"I have NOT been 'desensitized to violence' - YA HEARI?"

A long open season on South Africa

By William A. Rusher

NEW YORK (NEA) - It doesn't require any very advanced degree in political prophecy to foresee that, for American liberals, 1985 is going to be one long open season on South Africa.

The white regime at the southern tip of the African continent provides liberals with very nearly their last remaining chance to claim moral superiority over their adversaries. Having maneuvered themselves into well-nigh impossible positions on everything from Mr. Reagan's S.D.I. ("What's wrong with Mutual Assured Destruction?") to abortion ("The fetus does not scream"), liberals in search of a quick moral fix can always arrange to be arrested in front of some South African consulate.

Beyond that, there is sure to be a

big effort to push anti-South African legislation through Congress - the more punitive, the better. For starters, there will be an attempt to ban the sale of gold Kruggerands in this country. That won't hurt South Africa in the slightest, since it can easily sell the coins elsewhere, but the gesture will play well in any congressional district where black voters outnumber the citizens of white South African ancestry (and that's just about all of them).

But the liberals will almost certainly call for madder music and stronger wine. What they really want is U.S. withdrawal from all economic relations with South Africa - not only a pullout of all American businesses there, but economic sanctions against trade as well.

That would indeed hurt South Africa, though by no means fatally. It

would also hurt a great many important businesses in the United States and imperil our supply of some strategically vital minerals, so you can safely bet that Congress will find some way to avoid going that far. But the liberals will demand it anyway, and their reason for doing so deserves closer examination.

The point not understood by most Americans who think about the matter at all is that effective U.S. economic sanctions against South Africa would harm first and foremost the very people it is allegedly designed to help: South Africa's blacks. Large numbers of blacks are employed by U.S. businesses operating in South Africa, and many others by South African firms doing business with the United States. They will be the first to lose their jobs if sanctions are imposed, and will be the hardest hit

by any constriction of the economy that results. Not surprisingly, therefore, the spokesmen for South Africa's blacks - and for that matter white opponents of apartheid as well - are vehemently opposed to sanctions.

The sole important exception is Desmond Tutu, the new black Anglican bishop of Johannesburg. He recently warned that, unless the government takes significant steps toward ending its apartheid policies within 18 to 24 months, he will defy South Africa's laws against the open advocacy of sanctions.

He was promptly challenged by Gatsha Buthelezi, the political leader of South Africa's 6 million Zulus (the largest of its nine black tribes), who came to Washington, saw President Reagan, and spoke out against sanctions.

Pari-mutuel bill will allow dog-race tracks

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill on pari-mutuel greyhound racing would allow four coastal counties to build dog tracks, with some of the proceeds contributing to a welfare program.

Bill co-sponsors Reps. Lloyd Criss, D-LaMarque and Paul Ragsdale, D-Dallas, told the House Urban Affairs Committee Wednesday evening that four dog tracks would contribute \$12 million to Aid to Families with Dependent Families in 1987. By 1990, the bill would have contributed \$48 million to the program, Criss said.

The bill, left pending, has a statewide referendum and calls for an initiative and referendum clause to create race tracks in four Texas counties — Galveston, Nueces, and Cameron. The bill would allow tracks to operate 300 days a year plus 150 matinee races.

Voters through initiative and referendum would authorize one location in the county to have a dog racing site. Initiative permits voters to have a measure placed on the ballot while referendum refers to voters approving a constitutional amendment.

A.R. "Babe" Schwartz, former state senator from Galveston, said the four coastal counties depend on tourism for their economy and the counties would benefit from the race tracks. The tracks would also create 600 jobs for Texans, he said.

But Phil Strickland, director of Christian Life Commission for the Texas Baptist Convention, said the proponents were "missing the real profits."

"When you implement any kind of pari-mutuel wagering, ...the issue is pari-mutuel gambling. When you institute pari-mutuel gambling you have indeed made it in the interest of the state of Texas to create as many losers as possible," Strickland testified.

Strickland said the bill's intent to contribute money to the welfare program is a gamble in itself. He said AFDC officials are not ready to gamble its program's future.

George Fulton of Nueces County, president of the Texas Greyhound Association, said dog racing produced \$168 million in revenues nationwide in 1983.

Fulton, who owns several hundred dogs, said he travels across the country racing his dogs, one of which drew a \$90,000 offer last summer.

The bill also establishes a Greyhound Racing Commission composed of the state attorney general, state comptroller, state agricultural commissioner, state land commissioner and the state treasurer.

Criss said the race's betting pools would be divided as such: 82 percent for the winner, 9 percent for the track, 6 percent for the state, and 3 percent for the purse.

Farm exports continue to sag

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hopes for some recovery in U.S. farm commodity exports have faded again, leaving the nation's agricultural trade balance at its lowest level in six years, says the Agriculture Department.

New projections issued Wednesday put the export value for this fiscal year at \$35.5 billion, down 7 percent from \$38 billion in 1983-84.

The new forecast was also down \$1 billion from the \$36.5 billion projected last Dec. 3. Farm exports rose to record levels for 12 consecutive years, peaking at \$43.8 billion in 1980-81 before starting to slide.

After reaching a low of \$34.8 billion in 1982-83, exports did rise to the \$38 billion level last year before slipping again this year.

"Contributing to the reduced demand for soybeans, lagging wheat sales and a continued shift away from U.S. corn in major Far Eastern markets," the report said.

"These developments have stemmed from the continued slow recovery from the 1982-83 world recession, record foreign production of most commodities, and the continued strength of the U.S. dollar against foreign currencies."

Imports of agricultural products, meanwhile, are expected to be worth a record of \$19.5 billion this fiscal year, up from \$18.9 billion in 1983-84. In December, imports were forecast at \$19 billion.

Thus, the U.S. agricultural trade balance — the difference between

exports and imports — is expected to decline to \$16 billion, the lowest since it was \$15.8 billion in 1978-79, said Steve Milmoie of the department's Economic Research Service.

However, six years ago exports were booming and the annual export balance was on its way up. It rose to a record \$26.6 billion balance in 1980-81.

importing countries.

Block, who testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said in his statement that the existing farm programs also "have contributed to the problem by providing price floors through our price support program which cause us to become uncompetitive" in foreign markets.

The report said the actual quantity of U.S. commodity exports is expected to be 145.5 million metric tons this fiscal year, up slightly from 143.6 million tons in 1983-84 but still far below the peak years when shipments were more than 160 million tons annually.

"In addition, our continued reliance on acreage reduction programs has sent a strong signal to our competitors that we are going to unilaterally reduce our production capacity," Block said.

The Reagan administration wants new farm legislation that will be more "market oriented" so that prices can move more freely — and make farmers less reliant on supports and government payments. An administration bill is in the works but no firm time has been announced for its introduction in Congress.

Agriculture Secretary John R. Block told Congress earlier Wednesday that world economic conditions "have begun to improve" but that the strong U.S. dollar has hurt, along with increased world competition and economic problems in many

Texas Air shows profit

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Air Corp., the parent company of Continental Airlines and New York Air, posted a net profit of \$50.3 million last year, compared to a net loss of \$177.9 million in 1983, officials announced.

Texas Air's consolidated results for 1984 included the earnings of Continental and New York Air, as well as the net income recorded by both Texas Air on a separate company basis and CCS Automation Systems, a majority-owned computer services subsidiary.

The Houston-based holding company on Wednesday also

reported a consolidated net profit of \$11.3 million in the fourth quarter of 1984, compared to a net loss of \$55.5 million a year earlier.

Continental earlier announced a net profit of \$50.3 million in 1984.

New York Air, meanwhile, on Wednesday posted a loss of \$6.9 million last year, compared to net earnings of \$4.5 million in 1983.

Texas Air's net profit for 1984 included an extraordinary credit of \$22.5 million, compared to an extraordinary credit of \$2.1 million in 1983, reflecting utilization of net operating loss carryforwards to offset the income tax provision.

Reagan quiet on Japanese auto quotas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is silent on whether he will ask Japan to renew its "voluntary" limits on automobile exports to the United States, but some administration officials are speaking out in favor of ending the quotas after they expire March 31.

The president may be asked about the issue tonight when he holds a nationally broadcast news conference.

Reporters questioned Reagan on Wednesday about the quotas during a White House photo session with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, but he would say only, "No decision to be announced on that yet."

Nonetheless, U.S. Trade Representative William E. Brock, who favors an end to the quotas, told a congressional panel earlier in the day that lifting the quotas likely would mean an additional 750,000 Japanese cars would be exported to the United States each year.

Brock said the quotas have penalized American car buyers, citing some estimates that consumers have been paying an extra "thousand dollars a year per car."

But he acknowledged that ending the quotas may hurt the U.S. automobile industry.

Sources who spoke on condition they not be quoted by name said Reagan's Cabinet council on commerce and trade agreed unanimously Tuesday that Japan should not be asked to renew the restrictions on its automobile exports.

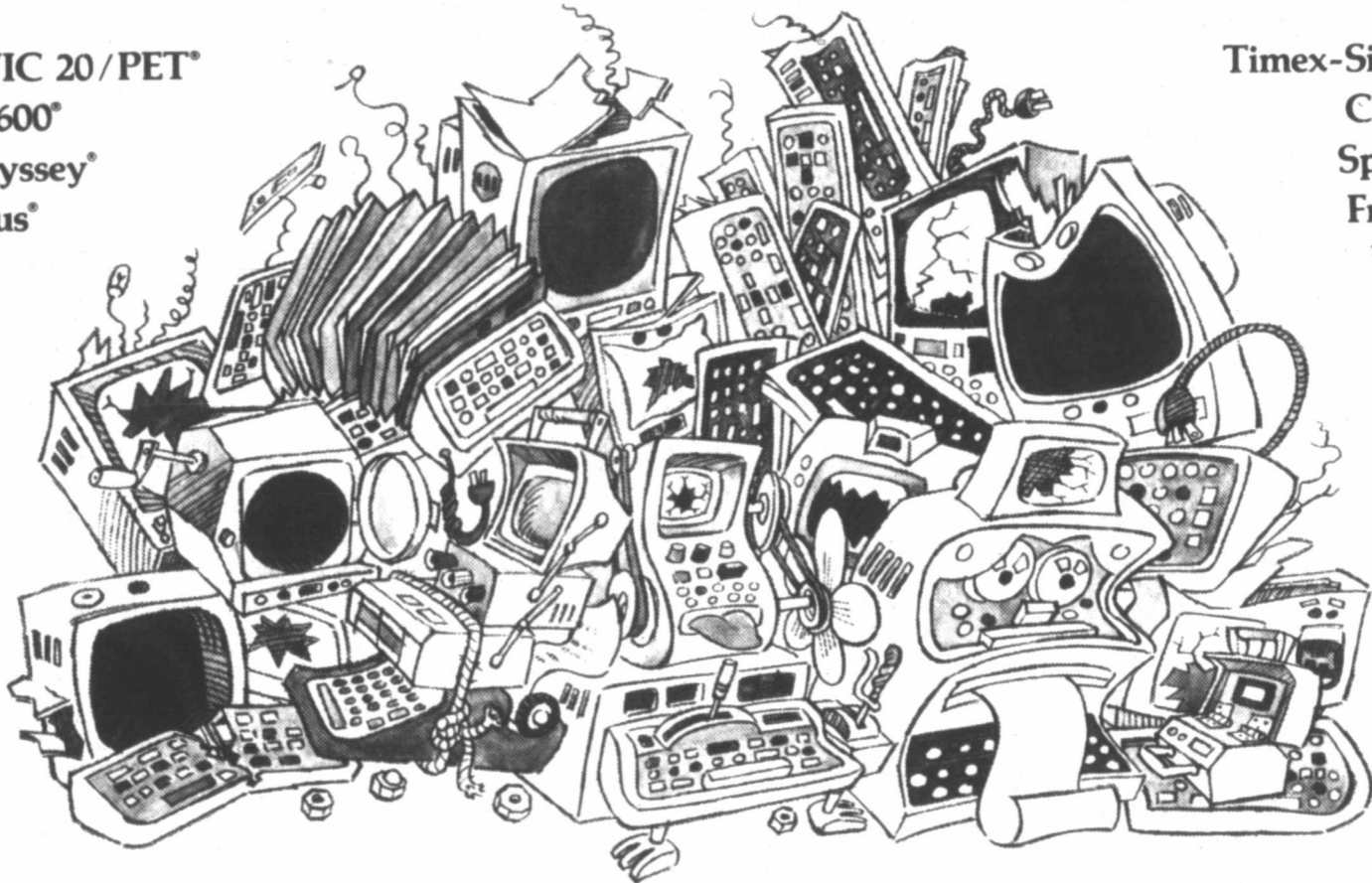
The fourth year of the quotas expires March 31. Under the arrangement, Japanese exports to the United States were limited to 1.85 million cars last year.

Although the administration and the Japanese refer to the current quotas as "voluntary" on Japan's part, the limits were put in place in 1981 following pressure from the Reagan administration and Congress over the rising flow of Japanese imports.

In a report certain to bolster administration arguments for ending the quotas, the Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday that the curbs on Japanese auto imports since 1981 have cost American consumers \$1.1 billion a year — around \$400 per car — while doing little to protect U.S. jobs.

The agency's economists also argued for lifting the restraints — as well as quotas on sugar, textiles and steel.

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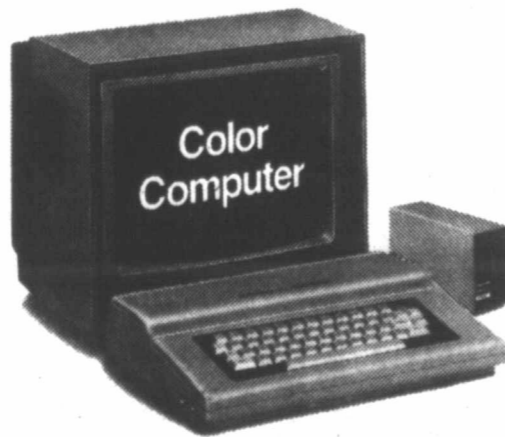


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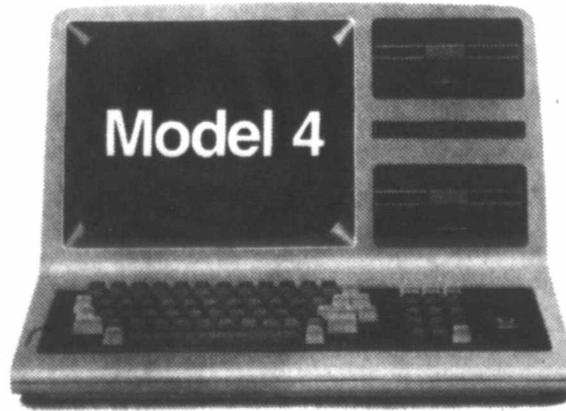
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Dear Abby

Man strains his marriage by risking a sprain in his back

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I need an objective opinion. When we saw that new neighbors were moving in in a rental truck, my husband and I went over to help. Twice I mentioned that my husband had a bad back. After we helped move all their possessions except for a grand piano, we invited them over for a drink, and I made several suggestions for obtaining help to move the piano out of the truck and into their house.

Later I prepared some homemade soup, and delivered it with napkins, spoons, bowls and crackers.

The next day, the man came over and asked my husband to help him move the piano. Despite my objections, the two of them moved the piano down a ramp, up four steps and into the house.

The temperature was 6 degrees and the wind-chill factor was 20 below. This neighbor is about 35 and a professional body-builder. My husband is 56, 20 pounds overweight, out of shape, and has a bad back and high blood pressure. He was once hospitalized for chest pains and a suspected heart attack.

Now my husband isn't speaking to me because I "embarrassed" him when I demanded that he stop lifting that piano and come home. (He ignored my pleas.)

Was I justified in ordering my husband to come home? And while you're at it, Abby, please print what can happen to middle-aged, out-of-shape men who undertake strenuous tasks in cold weather. Thank you.

TRYING TO AVOID WIDOWHOOD

DEAR TRYING: You were justified in asking your husband to come home, but you should have done so privately, instead of "ordering" him to do so in front of the neighbors.

And what can happen to out-of-shape, middle-aged men who undertake strenuous tasks in cold weather is well-documented every winter in the obituaries.

went through several hours of hard labor with hardly a whimper or a frown on my face. My husband was with me in the delivery room the whole time. I was really proud of myself.

Needless to say, I was baffled when my husband told my visitors that I cursed and called him names "for what he did to me." I was so hurt when he made those smart-mouthed remarks about the delivery, instead of calling it "the greatest experience a father could ever witness"—like so many other fathers do.

When I confronted him about it afterward, he said he was just kidding, but to this day he still laughs and repeats that terrible lie when someone asks if he was in the delivery room.

Why should he do this? Your answer in the newspaper would be appreciated.

HURT

DEAR HURT: Because he's an insensitive clod with a warped sense of humor and little respect for your feelings.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "TIME TO THINK" IN EAST HAMP-TON: A friend sent this poem, which is more than food for thought—it's a banquet:

THE HARDER PART
Inventing the artificial heart—
That was the easy part.

Who can splice a severed soul?
Who can invent a glue
to mend a broken heart?
Can shattered minds
be traded in for new,
Or egos rusted by despair
be given body shop repair?

To find a cure for these
That are beyond prosthetic
remedies
That is the harder part.
ANDRIENNE CLARK

DEAR ABBY: I had a baby recently with natural childbirth. I

Society tracks down garments' history

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The Connecticut Historical Society is plugging holes in its collection of historic garments — but not holes like the one in Col. William Ledyard's shirt from the sword that killed him.

Since September 1983, the society has been organizing and dating more than 4,000 items that make up the collection, ranging from homespun diapers to silk gowns and dating from the early 18th century to the mid-20th century.

As many as half of the items have a documented history, but often those records are off by a generation or two, according to Nancy Rexford, the society's clothing consultant and until recently curator of costumes at the historical society in Northampton, Mass.

The Connecticut society has been collecting costumes since it was established in 1825, giving it an advantage over similar groups in other states.

"Many historical societies were not founded until the late 19th or early 20th century. Connecticut

really has a big lead," Mrs. Rexford said in a recent interview at the society's Hartford headquarters.

Now the society is recording the condition, description, maker, year, style and source of each item.

With a \$22,470 grant from the Institute of Museum Services and \$10,000 in matching funds raised by members, the society is working to ensure that the collection is properly stored so that it lasts longer and can be more accessible to staff, researchers and the public.

"Clothing is as yet an almost unexplored resource in giving a sense of how people live," Mrs. Rexford said.

For example, when revolutionary soldier and congressman Jeremiah Wadsworth of Connecticut visited the French court of Louis XVI in 1784, he wore an elaborate ensemble that included a crimson velvet coat and an ecru silk vest embroidered with pastel flowers and tiny red sequins.

Such were the clothes diplomats used at the courts of Europe's

royalty.

But the society's goal is to educate the public by striving for a varied, well-kept and documented collection, including everyday clothing.

Without such efforts, "people will have a crazy view of what people were wearing," Mrs. Rexford said.

The society's collection includes a 1758 calamanco petticoat with quilted designs made for a Hartford woman, a 1920s women's bathing suit, an 1878 suit worn by a female Marlborough doctor, and the World War I uniform worn by a female member of the Jewish Welfare Board.

Other items of historical interest include the shirt Ledyard wore during his final American Revolution battle at Groton and a hat with a hole in it made by the bullet that killed Phineas Meigs during the 1782 Battle of Madision.

The everyday items, however, are the ones hardest to come by because they were of less value to the people who used them and they got the most wear.

Historical museums must rely on contributions from the public, and what gets saved by people tends to be of sentimental value, things put away to be altered, and things saved by accident, Mrs. Rexford said.

Pantfitting technique to be topic of presentation

"Fitting pants is the major problem seamstresses face today," says Helen LeMay, a seamstress who shows thousands of women yearly how to use her simplified system of fitting called Sequential Pattern Fitting (S.P.F.)

LeMay is to demonstrate her technique at Sanders Sewing Center on Friday, March 1, at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m. An admission fee will be charged.

"When I first began to teach fitting, it was soon apparent that conventional methods of slashing and overlapping were merely multiplying problems," LeMay says. "There had to be an easier way. S.P.F. re-sizes instead of altering, by changing the stitching line at all necessary circumference and length points, avoiding any cutting and spreading or overlapping. When length and circumference of pattern match the body, the result is a perfect fit. Follow the sequence and nothing has to be done over."

LeMay has isolated and identified the major pattern

curvatures used in pattern drafting, along with their fitting variations, permitting easy redrawing of the pattern outline after all necessary lengths and widths have been changed. These have all been incorporated in a revolutionary new curving tool for fitting, tracing and drafting. Illustrated step by step instructions accompany the tool.

She has presented her methods in more than a thousand fabric shops, sewing centers and colleges throughout the United States and Canada. She has been concentrating on pant fitting in her current lectures, and is also working on a course in clothing design for the home seamstress. She has also authored courses in pattern making and fitting for women's, mens, and children's clothes.

Being self-taught herself, LeMay says she feels any woman can solve even the most difficult pant fitting problem if she knows what to do.



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The production is sponsored locally by the Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Tickets may be obtained in advance in local stores, at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce office, from PFAA members or by calling 665-2731.

Touring for the National Shakespeare Company is not an easy job. Since the tour consists primarily of one-night stands, the company travels to a different location almost every day during its eight-month trek.

Many times the company drives six hours in a day which concludes with a performance in the evening.

The NSC touring group is self-contained. The actors, aside from their acting duties, drive the bus, set up the scenery and lighting, and perform all technical jobs required to make the show run.

The salary, considering the cost

of motels and food, allows an actor to save only a little during the course of the tour.

Yet each year hundreds of young and not-so-young actors and actresses audition in hopes of becoming one of the 12 members which make up the company. Often not even that many positions are available, as many NSC veterans return for repeat seasons.

What is it that lures and keeps an actor with the company? High among the considerations is the desire to perfect his craft.

Another reason is the opportunity to play roles not often available even to the most experienced actor. In New York or Los Angeles, the actor would be one of that mass of unpaid performers doing showcases in small Off and Off-Off Broadway theaters, waiting to be discovered while keeping body and soul together by waiting tables, driving a cab or whatever non-theatrical work he or she has picked up.

As Jerry Peters, an actor who has toured with NSC in five different seasons, put it, "With the National Shakespeare Company, I

make my living as an actor. It gives me a sense of pride and self-worth."

Some of the actors are almost missionary in their zeal to spread Shakespeare throughout the country. The company performs each year in more than 120 cities in 35 states at arts centers, universities, auditoriums and other places.

Company members agree that the opportunity to see the country also influences their decision to tour. They get to see Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, Atlanta, Disneyland and a wide variety of other places.

The company also gets to taste American cuisine in its full diversity from Maine lobster, grits in Southern Carolina, sauerbraten in Milwaukee and barbecued ribs on the Fourth of July street in Memphis.

The NSC tour affords the actors an unparalleled opportunity to practice their craft while experiencing the wide variety of landscapes, foods and people the country has to offer.



NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY members, Guy Howard, as Macbeth, right, and Anthony Edmond as Macduff cross swords in one act of William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" to

be performed in Pampa Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The production is sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association. (Special photo)

Growing trend

'Oversized' ideal for maternity

By Florence De Santis

NEW YORK (NEA) — Designers of contemporary clothes for expectant mothers love the times when fashion goes for oversized silhouettes. Most designs at such moments look like maternity clothes. But what about those short, super-fitted collections Paris designers have been doing?

Fortunately, American designers keep their options open. One of spring's leading looks is shaping up as a strong revival of the BigShirt, billowing over apparently skinny pants. Everyone knows how you get the illusion of skinny pants in maternity wear from such a combo.

This combination of wide and narrow, seen generally in American spring fashions, often includes wide, padded shoulders and dolman sleeves

with the body tapering to the hem. Lady Madonna picks up this silhouette in a pencil-striped gray-and-white cotton coatdress with fly-front, side closing, asymmetric neckline and draped below-the-hip adjustable back sash. While most women probably cannot wear a style this slim throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy, Lady Madonna designers believe their customers don't want to bore themselves by doing so anyhow.

For the later months there are all those BigShirt ensembles, oversized tailored blazers and dresses that look fitted at the beginning of a pregnancy but release as time goes by. Can a pregnant woman wear shorts? Yes, since most shorts this year are flared and Bermuda-length. Can she wear short skirts? Yes, and long ones, since

both kinds show up in this spring's fashion picture.

This spring the Lady Madonna collection mixes bright colors, such as fuchsia, turquoise, purple and electric blue, goes for watercolor tints of peach and blue, or mixes in a desert sand neutral. The collection is all in cotton gauze, lightweight knits, crinkle cotton blends and silky polyester evening fabrics for a spring wardrobe with as much fashion as regular clothes.

Maternity designers have picked up the print revival, too. You'll find Hawaiian floral, tropical bamboo and graphics cottons, just as in other fashions. In detailing, look for D-rings, odd pockets, detachable sleeves, trapunto stitching, asymmetrical stripes and Velcro closings.

Under-eye work

White cream foundation doesn't always mask under-eye shadows when the skin tone is contrastingly dark in the area.

More successful may be use of an ivory or pale beige makeup stick whose tone will blend better with facial foundation.

Pat the under-eye makeup on with a finger rather than rubbing it in. Apply in a thin layer to avoid accentuating lines around the eyes.

Reducing devices

Like new flowers, spring will bring a burst of ads for supposed miracle reducing devices. Some are to be worn, such as "sauna suits," while others are to be eaten to cut the appetite.

Be wary of all such devices. The ones you wear simply increase perspiration, causing a small weight loss, quickly made up by liquid intake.

Appetite depressants are often ineffective and may be dangerous, doctors say. Best way to reduce is to get your doctor's diet advice and follow it.

Dowager's hump

The dowager's hump which develops in some mature women (and some men) is caused by osteoporosis. This is a process in which actual loss of bone mass occurs after menopause.

Recent studies show that if treated early enough (some doctors say beginning in a woman's 20s), osteoporosis can be prevented or retarded.

This means adding calcium daily to one's diet, but a physician should be consulted about the type most readily used by the body and the amount needed.

All post-menopausal women should be tested for calcium and should report such things as a persistent ache at the neck base, etc., to their doctor.

Beauty Briefs

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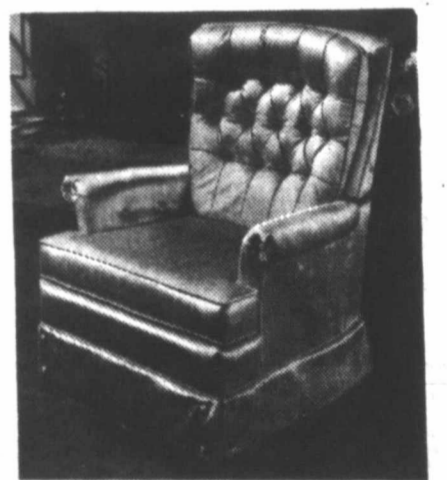
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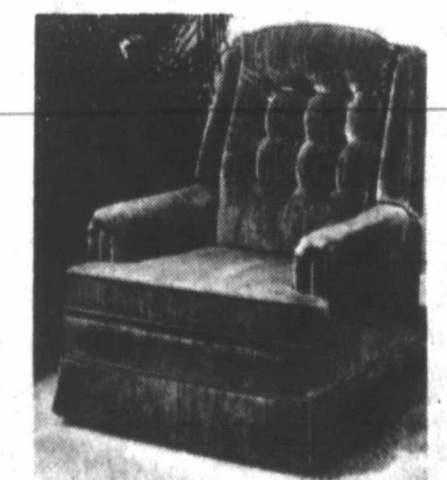
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Reagan to face questions on domestic spending cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is expected to face questions about his plans for simplifying the income tax system and his proposals for massive domestic spending reductions when he holds the first news conference of his second term this evening.

The president's 28th formal question-and-answer session with reporters will be broadcast live by the major television and radio networks at 8 p.m. EST.

The session, expected to last about 30 minutes, will take place in the East Room of the White House.

Reagan's last news conference was on Jan. 9, when he reported on the successful conclusion of two days of U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva that led to the two superpowers' agreement to begin a new round of arms control talks next month.

Since then, Reagan has proposed a fiscal 1986 budget calling for sweeping cuts in federal spending for nearly everything but defense, elimination of some programs, including the national passenger railroad Amtrak, and new limits on spending for federal health and education programs.

Two weeks ago, in his State of the Union address, Reagan outlined a plan for a new income tax program that would eliminate many of the present tax brackets, and most deductions, exemptions and credits, as well, to ensure that all but the very poor bear a share of the federal tax burden.

At the same time, however, he left open for negotiation many of the controversial areas of tax revision, such as how to deal with charitable contributions and capital gains and what corporations can write off for depreciation.

And he called for new tax breaks for some special interests, such as parents who send their children to private or parochial schools and businesses that build in depressed areas.

Reagan's budget director, David Stockman, has touched off some controversies the president could face questions about tonight.

Stockman infuriated high-ranking military officers and their congressional supporters recently when he suggested the brass was more interested in preserving lucrative pensions for career soldiers than in maintaining national security.

And the brash young

ex-congressman who grew up on a Michigan farm fueled an already blazing controversy over farmers' financial problems. He said he couldn't understand why the taxpayers should help bail out farmers who face staggering debts today because they made bad business decisions in the past.

The president's campaigns to regain congressional support for his MX missile program and covert U.S. aid to Nicaraguan rebels also could prompt questions this evening.

During his first term, Reagan held fewer news conferences than any recent president, and his Jan. 9

encounter with the Washington press corps was his first such formal session in nearly six months.

But presidential spokesman Larry Speakes has said Reagan plans to hold more news conferences in his second term.



FORMAL EVENING—President and Mrs. Reagan pose with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her husband, Dennis, before a dinner Wednesday night. The black tie

event celebrated the 200th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Britain. (AP Laserphoto)

Thatcher keeps complaints to herself during U.S. visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, emphasizing her acceptance of President Reagan's arms control strategy, is playing down U.S.-British differences spawned by a strong dollar and a weak pound.

The British pound, along with other Western European currencies, has been driven to record lows against the strong American dollar. Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative Party has blamed America's \$200 billion deficit for siphoning capital from around the world, weakening other currencies and driving up interest rates abroad.

Mrs. Thatcher, in separate private sessions planned today with Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III and Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul A. Volcker, was to emphasize how the economic policies of one country affect another, according to a British Embassy spokesman.

In keeping with the positive, non-confrontational tone of her visit, the prime minister "does not have a shopping list of complaints," spokesman Alan Ingle said. "They are general discussions of bilateral economic issues."

The president and Mrs. Thatcher, after conferring privately in the Oval Office on Wednesday, lunched and talked for 2½ hours. Mrs. Thatcher said she

and the president had "a thorough discussion" of economic problems.

Continuing her enthusiastic praise of Reagan's conservative policies, she said the record of the American economy and its success in creating new jobs is "envious." But she added the reminder that the size of the U.S. economy is such "that your decisions affect all of us."

An official familiar with the discussions who spoke on condition he not be identified quoted Mrs. Thatcher as saying that "while there are obvious concerns about the strength of the dollar, the biggest danger would be a rapid decline in the value of the dollar."

In her address Wednesday to a joint session of Congress—the first by a British prime minister since Winston Churchill in 1952—she warned that the West should not "expect too much too soon" from the arms control talks with the Soviets.

"Let us be under no illusions: It is our strength and not their good will that has brought the Soviet Union to the negotiating table in Geneva," she said.

Mrs. Thatcher noted that the current strength of the dollar, which makes foreign goods less expensive in the United States, poses difficulties for U.S. export industries and creates pressure for international trade barriers that would harm free trade.

"I am certain that your administration is right to resist such pressures," she said. "To give

in to them would betray the millions in the developing world, to say nothing of the strains on your other trading partners."

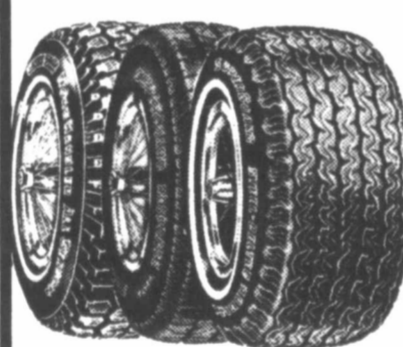
At a formal British Embassy dinner Wednesday evening marking the 200th anniversary of Anglo-America diplomatic ties, President Reagan praised Mrs. Thatcher for the "vigor, clarity and directness" of her views.

The two nations, he said, celebrate their anniversary while "bound together by innumerable ties of ancient history and present friendship."

In the area of international commerce, Reagan said the United States is determined to "knock down barriers to trade and foreign investment, and to the free movement of capital."

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In addition, the 13-year-old has sold nearly 10,000 more boxes when she delivers her orders and collects from her customers.

In 1984, each of America's 2.3 million Girl Scouts sold an average of about 60 boxes, according to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. For \$2 a box, the Girl Scouts sell the top-selling Thin Mints or six other varieties of cookies.

Markita sells most of her cookies to neighbors among the 10,000 residents of an eight-building apartment complex on Manhattan's Upper West Side, where she's something of a celebrity.

Her selling style is persistent but polite. "You just can't chat. You have to ask for an order," is the way she once summed it up.

During the cookie drive, Markita takes up her post, in the lobbies and at the mail boxes of the Lincoln Towers buildings, for up to 2½ hours nightly and each weekend.

"It's best to go where the people are," she explained.

Markita has been immortalized in "The Cookie Kid," an 11-minute sales-training film produced by Walt Disney. The film has been shown to more than 100 corporations worldwide, including IBM, AT&T,

Exxon and West German automaker BMW.

The 98-pound girl has a trust fund for her college education based on "honorariums" she often gets to appear before corporate groups to tell them how she became the nation's most famous Girl Scout. Her travels to speak to those groups have taken her to Bermuda, Canada, California, Hawaii and Florida.

But some Girl Scout officials are critical of Markita's zealous approach to selling cookies.

"With the competitive approach (used by Markita), we believe some kids will lose sight of Girl Scout goals," said spokeswoman Gloria Rella of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

"Selling cookies is really fun 'girl' activities and we're working hard to keep it a Girl Scout fund-raiser that isn't competitive," said Bonnie

McKuen, media services director for the national council.

However, Markita said, she really likes selling. "I meet lots of people and learn a lot about business. And I want to sell something when I get older."

"I probably could sell anything if I really wanted to," the 5-foot girl said. About the only thing she has ruled out is guns. "I'd want to do something more to help people."

But she admits she is hurt by the criticism. "I wish they'd see that I'm just trying to help the Girl Scouts. I'm enjoying myself. It's not like I'm being forced," she said.

But some say she works so hard because of the influence of her aunt, Meredith McSherry.

Residents worried about mobsters, sin

'Wilderness casino' triggers debate

ELY, Minn. (AP) — A plan to turn this financially troubled town into a gambling mecca on the edge of a vast wilderness worries some residents and religious leaders, who fear an influx of mobsters and sin.

"We're in need of tourism, there's no doubt," said the Rev. Vince Gallinatti, associate pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in this isolated town 240 miles north of Minneapolis.

"But we have a lot of resources we can tap into besides gambling," Gallinatti said. "What is it saying to our kids by saying, 'Let's try anything we can to get money up here?'"

The town is a key entry point to

the state's 1.75-million-acre Boundary Waters Canoe Area, but has been hit hard by declining tourism and a depressed economy on northeastern Minnesota's Iron Range.

Gallinatti said church officials are concerned the town's needy might lose their savings at the craps tables and that prostitution or organized crime would follow gambling into the town.

Minnesota permits only "charitable gambling," such as church bingo games.

Bills introduced in the Minnesota Legislature last week would designate Ely the site of a European-style casino offering slot machines, roulette wheels, poker,

blackjack and other games of chance.

Supporters argue the casino would revitalize the town of 4,820.

"When you come up here for a week of fishing and the fishing is slow, you can come into Ely and spend \$10 on blackjack," said Mayor Joe Baltich Jr., who has not taken a position yet on the gambling issue.

Gov. Rudy Perpich, who personally opposes gambling, is pushing the proposed casino as a way to stimulate Ely's economy.

"You pass this legislation or look for millions and millions and millions in state support," Perpich recently told radio station WELY after a meeting with Ely residents

and officials.

No casino site has been designated and the logistics haven't been worked out to bring flocks of gamblers to a town less than 20 miles from the Canadian border. The nearest city is Duluth, 102 miles away by road. There are no direct roads from Ely into Canada.

"I don't think we're going to change our lifestyle" because of gambling, said Craig Kronholm.

The casino would be in one building, as is done in Europe, and would be easy to control, he said. "Organized crime won't be a problem (because) there's not enough money for them to take advantage of."

Researchers say 400,000 have AIDS

BOSTON (AP) — The medical cost of the AIDS epidemic will exceed half a billion dollars this year, and a federal fund may be necessary to pay for treatment of the catastrophic disease, researchers conclude in a report issued today.

The researchers estimate that at least 400,000 people in the United States have been infected so far with the suspected AIDS virus, HTLV-3. The disease is so new that no one knows what proportion of these people will actually get AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The researchers estimated that 400,000 people in the United States have antibodies in their blood to HTLV-3. The presence of these antibodies indicates that people have been infected with the virus, but it doesn't necessarily mean that they'll get AIDS.

People can carry the virus in their bodies for many years before they get sick.

Recent surveys show that the infection is spreading rapidly among homosexuals who live in cities other than New York and San Francisco, where the disease was first concentrated.

"Given what is already known about the high and rising seroprevalence (blood evidence) of HTLV-3 in known risk groups and the potential for spread to other populations, the implications of the presence of this virus in a community are staggering," the researchers wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The report, which summarized recent findings about the scope of the epidemic, was written by Dr. Sheldon H. Landesman of Downstate Medical Center in New York City and two physicians from the National Institutes of Health.



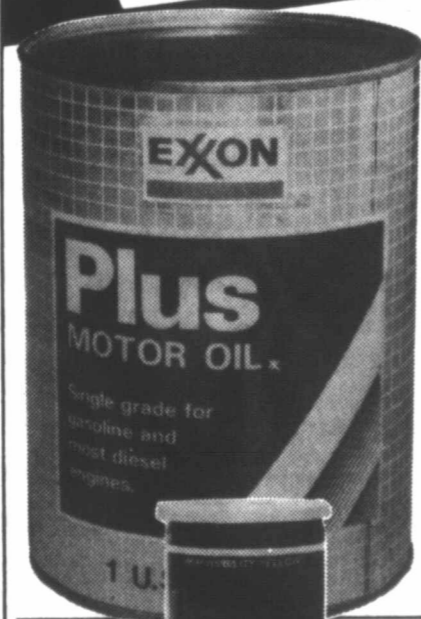
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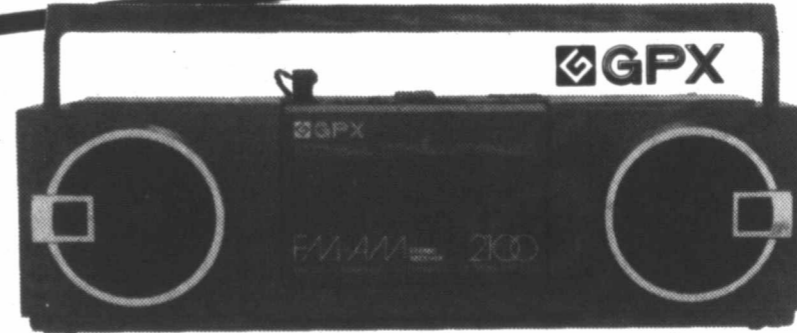


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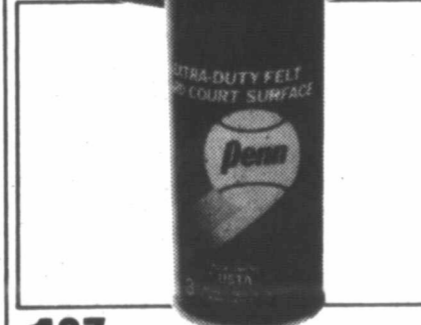
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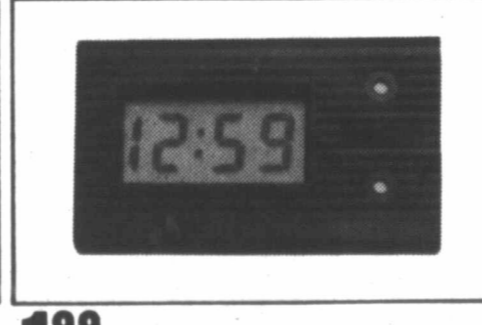
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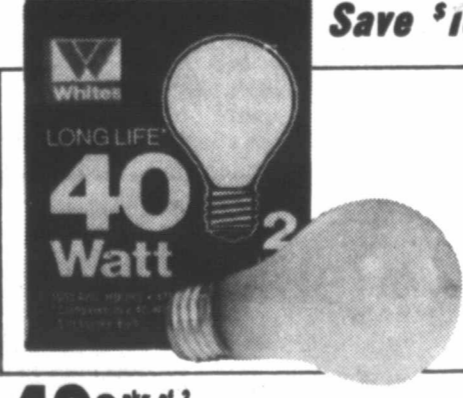
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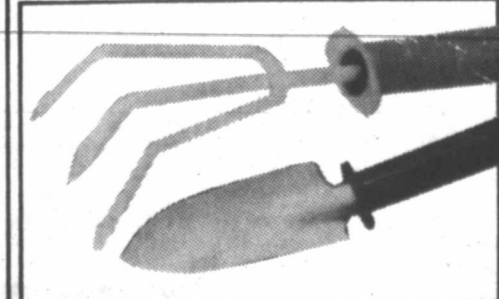
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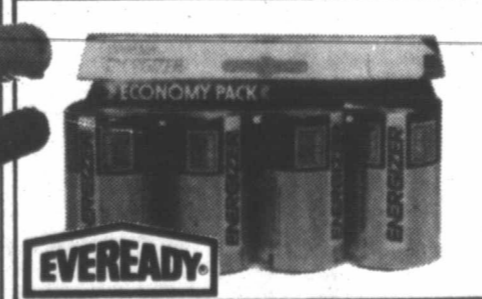


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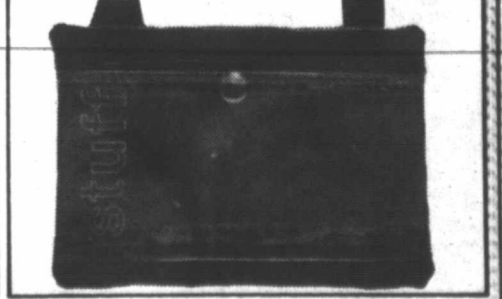
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NBA roundup

Milwaukee widens division lead

By The Associated Press
Move over, you Boston Celtics, Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Lakers. Make room for the Milwaukee Bucks.

"I think you saw one of the four or five best teams in basketball," Detroit Coach Chuck Daly said Wednesday night after the Bucks nipped the Pistons 113-112 for their fifth consecutive victory. "I think tradition is a big part of it. They have great coaching and plan. They're the defending (Central Division) champs, and until they're dethroned they're the champs."

All five Milwaukee starters finished in double figures against Detroit, with Paul Pressey scoring 24 points and Terry Cummings 20. Vinnie Johnson came off the bench to lead Detroit with 23 points, all in the second half.

The triumph enabled Milwaukee, which has the fourth-best record in the National Basketball Association, to open a 6½-game lead over second-place Detroit.

In other NBA games, Denver

shaded the Celtics 132-129, the 76ers crushed Golden State 137-116, Houston held off Phoenix 126-122, Utah downed New Jersey 110-104 in overtime, Dallas defeated Portland 104-98, Washington edged San Antonio 105-104, Seattle beat the Los Angeles Clippers 118-105 and Cleveland trimmed Indiana 102-92. Nuggets 132, Celtics 129.

Calvin Natt scored 33 points, including two critical baskets in the final 75 seconds, as Denver held off a rally by the injury-riddled Celtics for its fifth straight victory and 12th in a row at home. Denver took the lead for good 124-123 with 1:34 left on a pair of free throws by Dan Issel, who scored 12 of his 22 points in the final period.

Larry Bird, who scored 40 points, had brought Boston from eight behind early in the fourth quarter to a 115-111 lead. But Natt made a slam dunk off a fast break at the 1:15 mark and came back to score on a drive with 48 seconds left to give Denver a 128-123 advantage.

Alex English scored 38 points for Denver. 76ers 137, Warriors 116

Moses Malone scored 38 points and grabbed 24 rebounds to match his season high off the boards. The Sixers, coming off two losses to Cleveland in four days, got 25 points apiece from Andrew Toney and Julius Erving.

The Warriors, who dropped their 13th in a row on the road and are 2-23 away from home, were paced by Eric Floyd's 19.

The game was delayed nearly 20 minutes when Philadelphia's 275-pound Charles Barkley shifted the backboard standard while hanging on the rim after a fast-break stuff in the third quarter. Rockets 126, Suns 122.

Ralph Sampson scored eight of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, including a stuff with 34 seconds

remaining. Sampson's third stuff in a 1:25 span put the Rockets ahead for good with 34 seconds left.

Akeem Olajuwon had 23 points for Houston before fouling out with 3:44 left. Kyle Macy scored a season-high 21 for Phoenix.

Houston was under the direction of assistant coach Carroll Dawson as head Coach Bill Fitch served the first of his two-game suspension. Jazz 110, Nets 104.

Thurl Bailey scored eight of Utah's 10 overtime points after the Jazz overcame a 22-point first-half deficit. Bailey finished with 24 points, while Rickey Green led the Jazz with 25 and Darrell Griffith also had 24. Otis Birdsong had 23 and Micheal Ray Richardson 20 for New Jersey.



The Bucks' Terry Cummings (34) holds off Pistons' forward Kent Benson.

Bird cares little about personal records

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — One more steal, and Larry Bird would have achieved in regulation play what no other National Basketball Association player had — a quadruple double. But it meant so little to the Boston Celtic superstar, that he declined to return to the game and try for it.

Bird scored 30 points, snagged 12 rebounds, dished out 10 assists and collected nine steals in Boston's 110-94 drubbing of the Utah Jazz Monday night.

But he left the game with 30 seconds left in the third quarter,

and remained on the bench for the rest of Boston's one-sided win. Told he was only one steal away from the record, he declined to return to the action, maintaining that the record "is no big deal."

"I asked him if it was important to him and he said no," said Celtics Coach K.C. Jones. "I guess a win's a better than a record. When I asked him if he wanted to go for it, we had a 30-point lead, and it would be embarrassing for the other team."

Bird said getting the record just did not mean that much to him.

"If it did, I would have been out there trying to get it," he said. "We came in here trying to win a ball game, we did, and it's time to move on to the next town."

The only quadruple double officially recorded was by Nate Thurmond of the Chicago Bulls, who had 22 points, 14 rebounds, 13 assists and 12 blocked shots in a 120-115 overtime victory over Atlanta on Oct. 18, 1974. None has been recorded in with steals in place of blocked shots.

But statistics on blocked shots and steals have been kept only

since 1973, so there may have been others that went unrecorded.

Utah Coach Frank Layden lauded Bird for his strong play.

"Bird took it away from us," he said. "You saw Bird extend himself out there. It was a great effort on his part."

"He played a lot of minutes (Sunday) in Los Angeles. But he knew his team was short a couple of key guys (Robert Parrish and Cedric Maxwell, out with injuries) so he went out and played real hard. He's as good as there has ever been," Layden said.

College basketball roundup

Connecticut trims Orangemen again

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer

Close victories over Syracuse are getting to be a habit for Connecticut this season. So are close losses for Syracuse.

"Whether we play the number one team or the worst team in the nation, we just manage to hang in there," Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim said after his seventh-ranked Orangemen were defeated 71-69 in college basketball Wednesday night by the Huskies.

"When you play like that, you allow yourself to get beat."

Prior to the upset in Hartford, Connecticut beat Syracuse 70-68 in Syracuse on Jan. 19.

"We're smelling roses a little now," said Connecticut Coach Dom Perno. "We've known the other smell too many times this season."

Four other Top Twenty teams lost Wednesday night, as No. 6 Duke lost to North Carolina State 70-66, No. 9 Southern Methodist lost

to Texas Christian 54-53 and No. 14 Iowa was beaten by Wisconsin 54-53.

Elsewhere, No. 1 St. John's edged No. 20 Boston College 71-69, No. 4 Memphis State beat Tulane 60-49, No. 5 Oklahoma routed Colorado 110-80, No. 13 North Carolina stopped Wake Forest 69-59 and No. 15 Kansas hammered Kansas State 75-64. Top Ten

Earl Kelley hit a 16-foot jump shot with four seconds remaining for Connecticut's winning points. Kelley, a junior guard, led Connecticut with a game-high 21 points and added nine assists as the Huskies broke a four-game winning streak for the Orangemen.

"The play was designed for me to penetrate the middle, but I wound up on the wing," Kelley said. "I took what was available."

With an 8-5 league record, the Orangemen have made a habit of Big East thrillers this year. They've won five of their league

games on a margin of seven points or less, and they've lost four games by two points or less.

Chris Mullin scored 17 of his 26 points in the second half by connecting on eight of 11 outside shots as St. John's held on for its 18th consecutive victory. The win at St. John's tied a school single-season streak set in 1928-29.

Mullin, who uncharacteristically missed three free throws in the final two minutes, scored the clincher for St. John's when he buried a side jumper with 42 seconds remaining to give the Redmen a 70-67 lead after they had blown almost all of a 10-point advantage.

"We could have been knocked out in the first half," Coach Lou Carnesecca said. "A less experienced team would have had a tough time recovering. This club has been through it before and they were able to scrape themselves together."

In New Orleans, Keith Lee scored 23 points to lead Memphis State over Tulane in a Metro Conference game. The victory clinched at least a tie for the league championship for Memphis State.

In Norman, Okla., Wayman Tisdale scored 37 points as Oklahoma routed Colorado.

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Midland rural mail boxes little bit different

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Although some may hesitate to call them art, the ends that many Midlanders will go to in creating a mailbox "all their own" leaves no room for doubt that individuality of expression is alive and well along the area's postal routes.

"There are some real weird ones along the rural routes," said Stan Sartain, customer service director for the U.S. Postal Service. "One person took a commode, filled it with dirt and cemented it to a concrete slab. Then they stuck a

pole in it with a mailbox mounted to it."

Other off-the-wall creations that caught Sartain's eye have been constructed from old hand plows, anchors, chains and "whatever they can find."

One mailbox, "somewhere near Robert Lee High School" had its own approach to mail-pickup.

"It was mounted on a 10 to 12 foot pole and had 'air mail' on the side in big red, white and blue letters," said Sartain. "It was, of course, purely decorative. There was a

regular mailbox underneath it."

Other budding artists have chosen to blend in with the environment.

"There is one mailbox in between Midland and Rankin that is made out of a heavy metal pipe, 8 inches to 10 inches in diameter. It has a back welded on to it and a lid attached in front," said Sartain.

"We just deliver the mail into the pipe."

Still others have placed the standard galvanized boxes on miniature oil wells and windmills.

For the city dweller, urban problems sometimes determine the style.

"There is a black mailbox at one business that has a locking compartment. When the mailman drops the mail into the slot, it falls into the compartment and can only be reached by opening with a key."

Although there are still many of the creative mailboxes around, their days are numbered.

"Theft is a major problem today," said Sartain. "That's the reason why you see neighborhood box units in the newer areas."

Neighborhood box units, the clustered, grey, metal boxes that

adhere to certain requirements of the U.S. Postal Service.

"Curbside mailboxes must be at least 36 inches in height and no more than 42 inches," said Sartain. "They must be no more than four inches behind the curb and must have a flag. If there is no flag, then the mailman will not know to stop for mail pickup."

"It is highly suggested but not required to have the name and address on the right side of the box," he added. "Also, it is understood that the box should be the standard approved rural-type

mailbox. It must be weatherproof."

Sartain said that the requirements are necessary to facilitate mail delivery.

"If the mailbox is too high, then the deliverer can't look inside to see if there is any mail to be picked up," he said. "If they are too low, then he must get out of the truck to place mail in."

But no limitations are placed on creativity.

"We don't care what it looks like," said Sartain. "As long as it meets the requirements."

Panel approves one regent

AUSTIN (AP) — San Antonio broadcast executive L. Lowry Mays was approved by the Senate Nominations committee today as a Texas A&M University regent, but action on Gov. Mark White's other two nominations was postponed until next week.

Sen. Kent Caperton, D-College Station, complained previously that White did not ask his advice, as the senator of the A&M district, before making the A&M appointments. Caperton said he thought the name of John Mobley of Austin should be returned to White.

"I think there still seems to be a problem there," said Sen. Ed Howard, D-Texasarkana, committee chairman, after today's session. "He (Caperton) asked the postponement, and said he wanted additional time to study the nomination of Mobley."

Howard said White's reappointment of Royce E. Wisenbaker of Tyler to the A&M board also was postponed until next week because Wisenbaker was unable to appear today because of bad weather.

The Senate committee recommended confirmation of Maj. Gen. James T. Dennis as State Adjutant General; Jack Martin, Austin, and Philip G. Warner, Houston, to the Texas State University System Board; and James P. Allison, Austin, and Dr. Elbert Whorton Jr., Galveston, to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority.

Howard said the nominations will go before the full Senate Thursday for consideration. A two-thirds vote is needed for final approval.

Mays, 49, president of Clear Channel Communications Inc., which is building a new TV station in College Station, said he favored a "significant" college tuition increase such as the \$4 to \$8 per semester hour proposal made by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Mays also said he hoped the Legislature would be very careful in making cutbacks in higher education funds.

"I think we should be concerned whether these cutbacks would be detrimental because both our major university systems, A&M and the University of Texas, have the greatest momentum they have ever had and to interrupt that momentum would be very dangerous, a very bad return on the investment of the people of Texas," Mays said.

Mays also said he hoped the program to get more minority students on the A&M campus would succeed, as well as a similar effort to get more white students at Prairie View A&M.

Mays was approved by the committee 6-0.

Martin, a former executive assistant to U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, and Warner were approved 5-0. Warner did not appear because his was a reappointment.

Allison and Whorton, who also was not present because of bad weather, were approved 5-0.

Allison said he thought the duty of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority was "to select the best possible site and to see that site was properly operated."

He said a final decision on the site had not been made.

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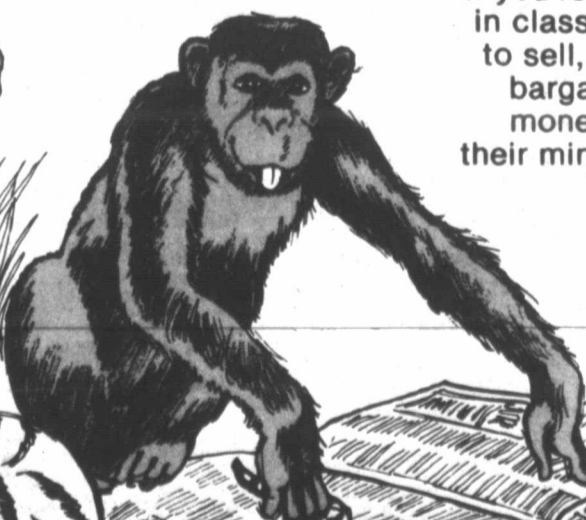


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