



Panel okays auto fees hike over Whaley's objections

AUSTIN (AP) — House budget writers scrambling to pay for their spending plan have voted to back a \$200 million fee hike package that includes higher tabs on drivers' licenses and vehicle inspections.

Under the plan tentatively approved Monday, a four-year drivers' license would cost \$12, up from the current \$10. Annual motor vehicle inspections would cost \$10, up from the current \$5.25.

The appropriations committee temporarily turned its attention away from spending so it could look for more money to spend. Chairman Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield and author of the fee bill, wants to complete the appropriations and fee bills today.

Even with approval of the fee bill and a tuition-hike bill, the

appropriations committee is about \$50 million short of a balanced budget. The only major area not yet reviewed is public education.

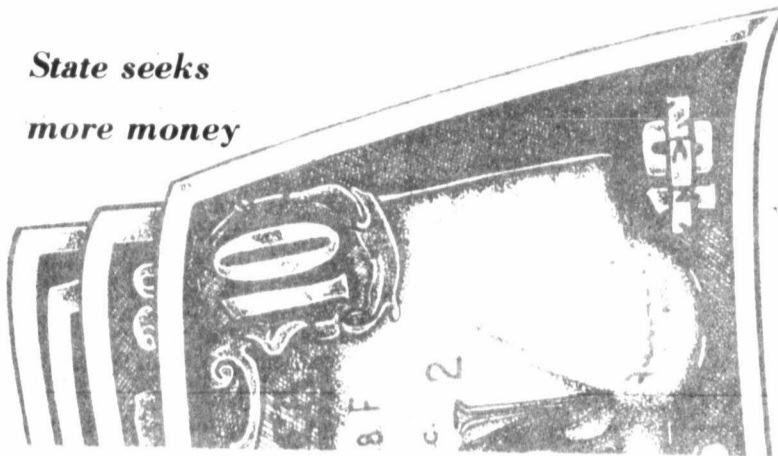
"(Houston Rep. Paul) Colbert is going to look at more figures and see if he can do some more cutting," Rudd said of the education appropriation.

The package tentatively approved Monday would dip into the pockets of a variety of Texans — including wrestlers, would-be embalmers and people who like their license plates to say clever things.

Rep. Foster Whaley, D-Pampa, does not want to raise any auto-related fees.

"We've added all kinds of fees to automobiles," he said, referring to last year's registration fee hikes. "We've about milked that to death."

State seeks more money



Under the \$10 fee, inspection stations would keep \$6. Under the current \$5.25 fee, \$3.25 goes to the station. Whaley proposed a \$7.25 annual fee, with no increase to the amount kept by the station.

"You're going to hear about

this when you get home," he said of the proposed \$10 fee.

But Richardson Rep. Bill Ceverha said most Texans won't notice the \$5 difference.

"It may seem like a lot. But five bucks a year is nothing. It

isn't going to make a dent in their budget," he said.

The committee voted to stick with Rudd's \$10 proposal.

Also targeted for increases were monthly probation fees (from a maximum of \$15 to a maximum of \$40), civil lawsuit filing fees (from \$25 to \$65), personalized license plates (from \$25 to \$40) and boxers' and wrestlers' licenses (from \$10 to \$15).

The bill would establish fees for some items that are now free of charge. It would cost \$25 to take the embalmer's exam and \$35 for initial inspection of beauty salons.

The largest hike would be in Railroad Commission fees. Initial applications for surface mining permits — now free — could be up to \$5,000.

Fees for a variety of services

offered by the secretary of state's office would go up, but not the amount paid by politicians to file their campaign finance reports. The committee voted to keep that at zero, rejecting Dallas Rep. Steve Wolens' proposed \$5 fee.

"It's fair to sock ourselves while we are charging everybody else to do business with the secretary of state," Wolens said.

Only Colbert joined Wolens in voting for the fee.

Rep. Dudley Harrison, D-Sanderson, wanted to raise the annual funeral home license fee from \$65 to \$100 plus "\$1 a head" for each funeral.

Rep. Lou Nelle Sutton, D-San Antonio, opposed Harrison's plan.

"The \$62.50 is adequate," said Mrs. Sutton, who owns a funeral home.

Pentagon says Soviet 'Star Wars' superior

RRC to hear independents

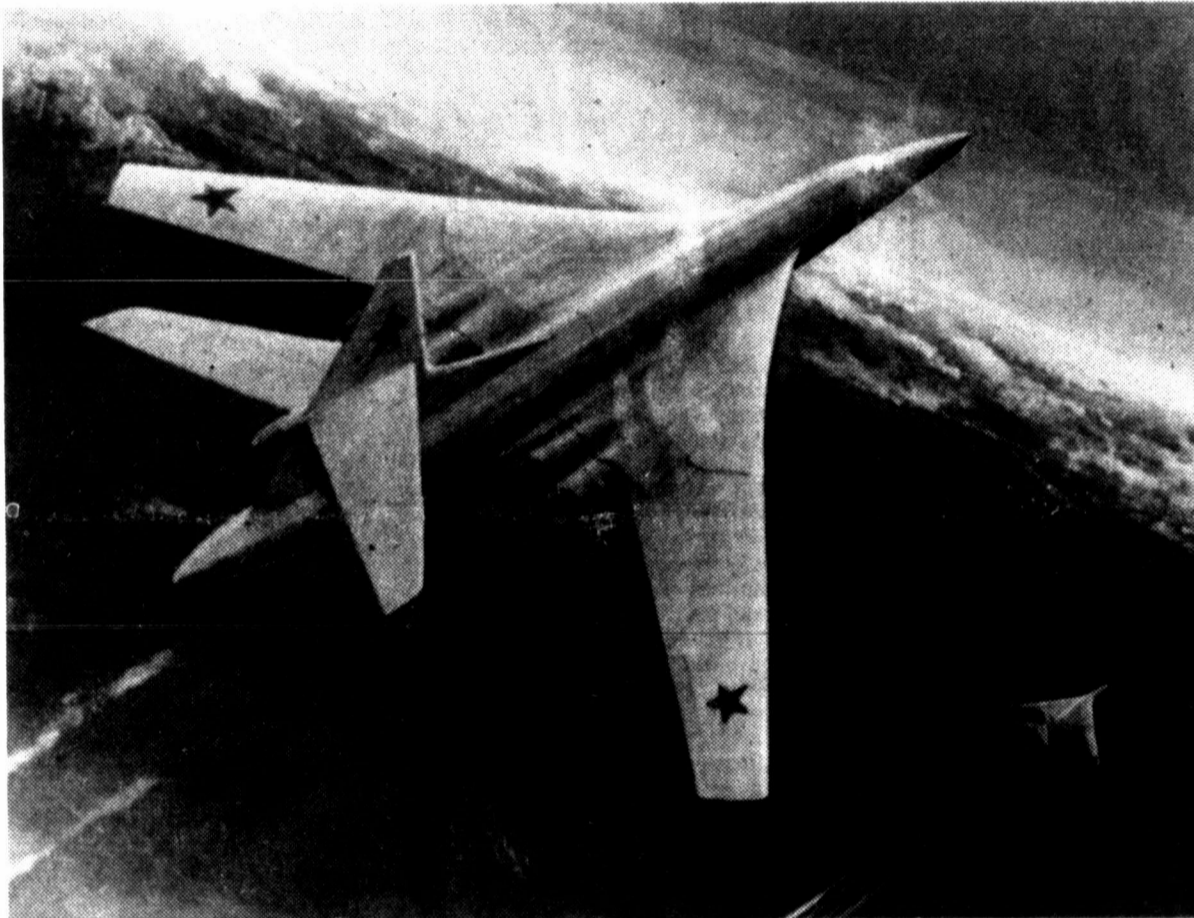
AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission granted a motion for oral testimony Monday concerning the disputes in oil and gas rights in the Panhandle Field.

Brian Schaible, RRC information specialist, said the RRC commissioners directed the examiners to schedule a date "as soon as they can."

Representatives of the independents had filed the motion for oral testimony concerning a pending decision on the disputes between the major and independent oil and gas producers in the Panhandle.

The examiners issued their recommended decision Feb. 1 against the independents, ruling the independents were wrongfully using liquified gases obtained from low temperature separation units to count as crude oil for well classification status.

The decision came after a long series of hearings following a protest in 1981 by Phillips Petroleum Co. on the use of the liquified gases in gas-oil ratio accountings.



BLACKJACK—This photo released by the Pentagon Monday shows an artist's conception of the Soviet Union's Blackjack bomber. The full-scale production of the new Blackjack

manned strategic bomber, now in development, is expected to take place in the new complex being added to the USSR's Kazan Airframe Plant (AP Laserphoto)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union is continuing a rapid buildup and modernization of its nuclear and conventional forces and is farther along than the United States in developing various "Star Wars-type" defenses, the Pentagon reported today.

The Soviet buildup is reflected by the emergence of new ballistic and cruise missiles; construction of much more capable submarines and fighter and bomber aircraft; an increase in the number of ground forces from 194 active divisions, and the development of large bases outside the Soviet Union such as at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, the report states.

It is also reflected by the assignment of more than 10,000 scientists and engineers to work just on high-energy lasers, and a "high-priority" focus on the militarization of space that includes development of a heavy-lift rocket, a space shuttle and a smaller "space plane" that could be used to defend manned space stations.

The 143-page study, entitled "Soviet Military Power 1985," was released this morning by Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger. It is the fourth in a series of annual reports described by the Reagan administration as offering the most comprehensive review available of the military threat facing the United States.

"The forces of the USSR and its allies continue to expand, modernize and deploy with increasingly capable weapons systems designed for the entire spectrum of strategic, theater-nuclear and conventional conflict," Weinberger wrote. There is also evidence this modernization will continue well into the future, he added, in part because of an aggressive and systematic Soviet effort to steal advanced Western technologies.

Despite the extent of the Russian buildup cited in the report, a senior Pentagon intelligence official said during a briefing Monday he would not trade American forces for those of the Soviet Union. But the official, who asked not to be identified, added the report proves "there is a relentless drive to provide the Soviet forces with an offensive capability."

The official added he was most concerned by the continuing buildup in Soviet submarine forces.

Much of the information on

specific weapons contained in the new report has been disclosed in recent months. For example, Defense Department officials confirmed last month the Soviets were preparing to deploy two new intercontinental ballistic missiles — the SS-X-24 and the SS-X-25 — and that the latter is considered a violation of arms control agreements.

The new report elaborates on those statements, saying the SS-X-24 — which can carry up to 10 warheads — is expected to be deployed next year. The smaller, single-warhead SS-X-25, however, will be deployed this year, the report adds.

While the report also provides additional details on a host of other weapons, it strikes new ground in discussing the Soviet Union's "Strategic Defense and Space Programs," equating them to the U.S. Star Wars research program that has become a source of contention at the Geneva arms talks.

According to the report, the Russians are engaged in a massive research program that is every bit if not more ambitious than that of the United States. And they are focusing on many of the same technologies that President Reagan has identified as targets for American research, such as lasers and particle-beam weapons.

"The USSR's high-energy laser program ... is much larger than the U.S. effort," the report states. "By the late 1980s, the Soviets could have prototypes for ground-based lasers for ballistic missile defense. They already have ground-based lasers that could be used to interfere with (low-orbit) U.S. satellites."

The Soviets also "have begun to develop at least three types of high-energy laser weapons for air defense," and have mounted "a vigorous program" to develop particle-beam weapons. They are also conducting research "in the use of strong radio-frequency signals that have the potential to interfere with or destroy components of missiles, satellites and re-entry vehicles."

Coupled with such futuristic research are continuing improvements to the Soviet Union's early-warning radar network and expansion of the existing anti-ballistic missile defense system deployed around Moscow, the report adds.

Local candidates give views

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Ten of 13 candidates in the upcoming city and school district elections voiced their views this morning at an Eggs and Issues breakfast sponsored by the Legislative Affairs Committee of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking to chamber members and others, the candidates expressed their opinions and discussed their aims.

Incumbent Mayor Calvin Whatley said the city needs to move forward with more of the positive thinking that had helped the city to grow in the past.

He quoted, "Negative thinking is the junk food of the brain." Those who built City Hall "were not doing negative thinking." Mayor Whatley said; they built a good, structurally sound building.

But maintenance is needed now on the building to fix leaks, repair plumbing and electrical wiring and to replace window sills, Whatley said. The current city commission is now making plans for the renovation of City Hall, he noted.

"M. K. Brown believed Pampa should be a first class city because it had first class people," he said. The contributions of Mr. Brown, the Lovetts and others showed they were not doing negative thinking, he stated.

Mayor Whatley said the city now is moving forward with plans for improvements, including the streets. He noted the city had found extra money last year to repair chuckholes, extend the seal coating program and make other improvements.

"Constructive criticism is great," the mayor said, but negative thinking achieves little.

The other two candidates for mayor — Sherman Cowan and Jerry Mulanax — did not show up for the breakfast forum.

In the Ward 1 city commissioner's race, declared write-in candidate Floye Christensen said she felt a commissioner should be "a person who needs an open line of communication with the people of the city."

Christensen said she would like to see those lines open up more.

She also stated she would like to see a better working budget without borrowing or shifting funds from one year to another. The working dollar from the taxpayers should also be spent in the city to aid its economy instead of letting bids to firms outside the city, she said.

Christensen said government should be ran efficiently and said

the city needs to fix its parks and streets. "Let's have priorities in the city," she said.

"We have to put the city government back into the hands of the people," she said.

Her opponent, incumbent Commissioner Bob Curry, said the commission decided, "We need a change in direction." The city is now making accomplishments in that area, he said.

"We want to see more participation by the people" and get more cooperation from the citizens in moving the city toward needed goals, Curry said. The city is in the process of developing long-range programs "without any increase in taxes," he said.

Curry noted the city is undertaking historical renovations to preserve the city's spirit and to

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Hospital merger to have little effect here

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

A proposed merger between Hospital Corporation of America and American Hospital Services medical supply company will probably have little effect on Pampa's HCA-owned Coronado Community Hospital, according to CCH administrator Norman Knox.

The planned merger between the Nashville-based HCA, the largest for-profit hospital company in the country, and American Hospital, the country's largest supplier of medical supplies, was announced Sunday. The companies had a combined revenue of \$7.63 billion in 1984.

The announcement had little effect on HCA stock which was

closed at 46 1/2. At 9:30 this morning, HCA stock was reported at 44 1/2, up one-fourth. American Hospital trading was reported at 34.

The merger, to be considered by shareholders in June, is to be accomplished by the exchange of stock in which holders of HCA stock (88.1 million shares outstanding) would receive one share in a holding company for each share. Holders of American Hospital stock (72.6 million shares outstanding) would get three-fourths of a share in the new company for each share. Pending a routine investigation by the Justice Department, the holding company will be based in Nashville, Tenn.

HCA has operated CCH since the Pampa hospital was built in 1981.

Before that, HCA leased Highland General Hospital and McLean Hospital from Gray County in April, 1979. The McLean lease ran out in Sept. 1980 or 1981, and is now closed according to Knox.

HCA owns hospitals throughout the United States, including 11 in Houston. Other locations include Dallas, Fort Worth, Longview, Victoria and Lufkin. Knox said that either Pampa's 126 bed hospital or Lufkin's hospital is the smallest HCA hospital in the state.

Knox said he knew "very little" about the proposed merger, although he got a call from the district HCA officer about it.

"It may have very little effect here," Knox said. "But I feel the whole health care industry is

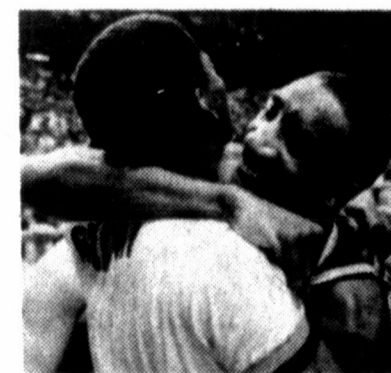
moving to more competitiveness. And from my standpoint, the hospital could get better prices on our supplies."

Knox anticipates that the merger will allow company access to new hospitals and will allow it to get and maintain state-of-the-art equipment.

"If we can get supplies at less cost, our costs will be less high," he said. "I think the formation of a holding company was a good move. HCA can diversify into other fields, creating new services."

Knox speculated that, since the corporation recently obtained insurance companies, HCA can diversify and branch out into such

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Villanova's Harold Pressley is congratulated Monday after the Wildcats pulled off a stunning upset over Georgetown to win the NCAA basketball championship. The story is on Page 12.

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Senate panel hears pros, cons of lotteries

AUSTIN (AP) — Backers say a lottery game could raise some \$400 million a year for state government without any tax increase, but opponents argue that it also would increase crime and prey on the poor.

"A lottery is a form of entertainment that's wholly voluntary. I don't know of any tax that is entirely voluntary," said Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville, told the Senate State Affairs Committee on Monday.

"If we had created a state lottery two years ago, I submit to you we could have avoided the budget crunch we are presently faced with," he said.

Uribe is sponsoring proposals to lift the constitutional ban on lotteries and create a state-sponsored game.

Testifying against the legislation was Austin J.P. McGuigan, chief prosecutor for the state of Connecticut, who argued that lotteries bring many

ills for a state.

"The experience in the state of Connecticut is that illegal gambling has tripled over the time period that we brought in the lottery ... Organized crime has moved into areas of the state where it had no standing before," McGuigan said.

"We have not raised anywhere near the amount of money we were told we would raise," he told the committee, which referred the lottery legislation to a subcommittee.

According to estimates by the state comptroller's office, a Texas lottery would raise \$136 million its first full year of operation and \$400 million annually within five years.

Uribe noted that 17 other states and the District of Columbia already run lotteries, with four more states having approved them last year.

He said large states such as New York and

Pennsylvania raise millions of dollars for state government by running lotteries. With its booming population, Uribe said, "Texas would be one of the major producers of money for its state."

Uribe noted that state-run lotteries dated to colonial times. Since 1964, when the first modern state lottery began, revenues to states have soared, he said.

The lawmaker said several myths surround creation of lotteries, including charges that the games prey on the poor.

"The poor participate in disproportionately fewer numbers," he said. "It's a form of entertainment that is participated in by the middle class using discretionary income."

Uribe also rejected arguments that the lottery is a regressive tax. "No one has to pay that doesn't want to play," he said.

Testifying as a witness for the Anti-Crime Council of Texas, the Connecticut official said his state had noted several serious problems since starting its game in 1972.

"What we were told is that we would have a 'painless tax,'" McGuigan said.

"The state has shown a complete inability to regulate its games, the way most states have. We have instances of fixing in the Pennsylvania lottery and the Connecticut lottery," he said.

McGuigan said the state-run lottery promotes not only the game itself, but also the whole notion of gambling.

"The state continuously advertises the game to try to encourage people to play. What it does is make a new generation of gamblers. And the people it encourages to get involved in the game are the people who can least afford to pay," he said.

State school official takes exception to senate report

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The superintendent of the Fort Worth State School has taken exception to the strong language of a U.S. Senate panel's report that fear, intimidation and violence describe many institutions for the mentally disabled.

"I don't think those adjectives apply to the Fort Worth State School or the State of Texas," Superintendent Mel Hughes said Monday after parents of state school youths testified before Senate Labor and Human Resources subcommittee on the handicapped.

Hughes defended the school and the state Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation but refused to address the specific allegations made in Senate testimony in

Washington.

However, he did say that the testimony was no surprise.

At a news conference here, Hughes said the state is in the process of developing community alternatives for the mentally retarded. But he said emphasized the gradual nature of the process.

"I do think it's going to take more money and changes in the way society deals with the mentally retarded," he said.

Hughes said the school is committed to providing quality care and has been enlarging its staff.

"... The self-serving actions of many states and full retreat of the federal agencies has stifled the screams and abandoned the ill," said Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., chairman of the Senate

subcommittee on the handicapped.

The panel, meeting in Washington, released a report on a six-month investigation into the treatment of patients at state mental institutions. The report cited cases of kicking or striking of patients, sexual advances and rape, verbal threats of injury and other forms of intimidation.

"Jonathan left a loving home environment to live in a stark, void, filthy institution," Wilbur M. Savidge of Hurst, Texas, said of his 12-year-old son's involuntary confinement at the Fort Worth State School.

"This situation was carefully hidden from us during the admission process. Today Jonathan is totally non-ambulatory, has lost the use of his right

arm and leg, and has generally lost many skills he possessed before placement at the Fort Worth State School," Savidge told the subcommittee.

"The Fort Worth State School's own records indicate that Jonathan has been injured 124 times since his admission. However, we were informed of only 25 such incidents," the father said.

Harold and Christy Cockerham of Fort Worth told of being summoned to the school in February 1984 to find their 12-year-old son, Chris, with a black eye, bruises on the right side of his head and face, and bruises on both sides of his neck.

The subcommittee report said that in addition to providing little treatment other than prescribed medication, "many facilities visited by Senate staff fail to maintain decent living conditions."

April Fool jokes weren't amusing

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities were not amused by a couple of April Fool's jokes on Monday.

— About 50 motorists reported tire damage after someone threw boxes of nails onto a busy Dallas freeway.

— A 27-year-old salesman was arrested after he covered his body with red food coloring and pretended to be bleeding to death.

Among the damage reported early Monday on the C.F. Hawn Freeway were those of all eight tires on two squad cars belonging

to the police department in Seagoville, a southeast Dallas suburb.

Donna Counts, 38, of Seagoville said she was northbound on the freeway Monday when she saw several men on a bridge dumping nails onto the road.

"When an 18-wheeler ran over those nails, you could hear the thunder a half mile from there," Seagoville Sgt. S. Stewart, whose car tires were damaged, told the Dallas Times Herald.

His department's two squad cars

made it back to the station, but all eight tires had to be replaced, he said.

James Doar, 37, of Dallas was one of the first to encounter the nails.

"I figured it was someone's idea of an April Fool's joke," he said. "It cost me \$600 to replace my tires, so I didn't think it was very funny. I had about 50 nails in one tire."

The other April Fool's Day joke took place about 12:30 p.m. Monday outside the apartment of Penny Gardner, 25, in northeast Dallas. A man's loud cursing drew her attention to some nearby bushes, she said.

One man stood up with his hands covered in red as another, who appeared to be "covered in blood," dragged himself from the bushes, she said.

"The man covered with blood threw himself out in the street, coughing and screaming for help. I thought he had been shot or stabbed. It looked that bad," she told the Times Herald.

After she called police, several friends of the "victim" began laughing at her, telling her that only fools fall for April Fool's pranks.



TOUGH TASK—Midland College employee Jose Valdez finds that there are a few hills in West Texas as he has difficulty mowing the grass growing on this slope at the Chaparral Center on the college campus. (AP Laserphoto)



Off beat
By
Cathy Spaulding

We can't please everyone

Everything you hear about me is right.

Every Tuesday, I attend a staff meeting to plan whose reputation I will destroy. Then, pen in hand and scandal detector set, I go on my merry way to tear up the Panhandle.

By taking records of public meetings and talking with the people affected, I deliberately froth out "scandalizing editorials" and "sensational stories and headlines." And I never lose a second of sleep thinking how my story is going to affect anybody. I don't work for The Pampa News; I work for The Pampa Bad News.

That's how the editor of an area weekly apparently sees me. Quoting bits from a recent column of mine, she implied that I was tasteless and irresponsible. My column, from March 19, told how I cannot get the full story about something by just talking to the mayor or school superintendent. I noted that most good reporters seem to prefer the title "obstructionist agitator" over "community mouthpiece" and that I feel that I'm not doing my job when a community leader compliments me.

The weekly editor chastised me for those remarks, but a thorough reading of the column would have shown a bit of sarcasm in my remarks. My journalism instructors and my editors always drilled into me that a reporter who gets compliments gets fired. "Important" stories, I have discovered, sell papers; stories of UIL winners don't. They tell me, to my chagrin, that there is a difference between this profession's definition of a good reporter and the community's definition of a good reporter. For the past three years, I committed the unpardonable sin of wanting to be both.

Believe it or not, most reporters are both. Any good reporter will agree that there is far more to this profession than being an obstructionist agitator. In addition to our scrutiny of town hall, we meanie Pampa News reporters also want to provide, as that editor describes her paper, "a viable, helpful voice of the community." We really do care for "the morale and day-to-day life" of our citizens.

Look at the list of almost any Pampa organization, and a Pampa News staff member will be listed prominently as a member, contributor or supporter. A small sampling: city editor Fred Parker works with Boy Scouts; lifestyle editor Dee Dee Laramore is a volunteer at the Good Sam House and has been involved in the Tralee Crisis Center and the Latchkey Project; Larry Hollis serves on several Chamber of Commerce committees. Friends of the Library and Clean Pampa; advertising representative Gus Shaver does publicity for Act I community theater; classified ad representative Danny Cowan is in the National Guard. Jeff Langley coaches little league T-ball. I cannot begin to list the community groups, United Way organizations and civic activities that publisher Louise Fletcher is involved in.

Our viable, helpful voice can be found in our pages. I recently surveyed a week's worth of our front pages and determined that one-third of our stories were "good news," one-third were "bad news" and one third could be seen either way. Had I gone through the inside pages, to the sports and lifestyle sections, I would find a paper full of positive and helpful local articles.

But, just as people would rather check the court records to see who got drunk than check Newsmakers to see who got a scholarship, some folks want only to see the "negative" side of The Pampa News.

As a reporter, I want to carry our viable, helpful voice to other area towns. I just hope my tastelessness and irresponsibility don't get in the way.

Spaulding is a staff writer of The Pampa News.

Committee plans vote on no-pass, no-play

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate Education Committee scheduled a vote today that could send the controversial no-pass, no-play eligibility rule back to the State Board of Education for a solution.

The committee discussed the political hot potato Monday but put off a vote until today.

"The board has never really looked at this from the students' viewpoint and what is best for the students," said Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, committee chairman and a leader in efforts to change the rule. "The board had to work with the boundaries the Legislature gave them."

Under the school reform bill passed last summer, the Legislature said the board should make rules preventing students

from taking part in extracurricular activities if they were not making passing grades.

The board decreed any student not making a passing grade of 70 in any one subject would be suspended from play or practice in any sport or extracurricular activity for six weeks.

Parents and school officials complained to legislators that star athletes on winning teams were suspended, bands were unable to play concerts and students missed school trips because of the ruling.

Parker offered an amendment Monday that would give the state board authority to decide what period would be used in considering grades before a suspension was ordered. It also

would exempt certain "honors" courses from consideration.

Sen. Kent Caperton, D-College Station, at first offered an amendment that would let the state board shorten the grading period to three weeks but withdrew his amendment to support Parker's.

Also left pending Monday was an amendment by Sen. Bill Sarpalus, D-Canyon, that would allow a student to be suspended only until a grade is made up.

"The board has said all along it will be responsive to what the Legislature and the governor want," Commissioner of Education W.N. Kirby said after the Senate committee session. "We have said all along we thought the law said six weeks but if we get an expression from the House and Senate and governor we will take another look at it."

The Senate previously passed a resolution, by Parker, calling on the state board to do away with the six-weeks rule and consider week-by-week grades in considering extracurricular eligibility.

The state board took no action on the Senate resolution, saying it would wait until it heard from the House, which has not passed a similar resolution.

Sarpalus's amendment says if a student makes up a failing grade within a week, the suspension will be lifted. The amendment also would allow a principal to remove the suspension if the class involved is an honors or advanced class.

State agencies consulting fee curb proposed

AUSTIN (AP) — State agencies, particularly Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, need to be limited in signing multi-million dollar consulting contracts, says Rep. Bill Hollowell.

"The abuse is widespread in state government," Hollowell told the House Appropriations Committee Monday, "but I have used him (Hightower) because I think it may be bigger than others."

Hollowell's proposal to require executive branch agencies to get approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the governor's budget office before hiring special consultants was left pending for a final vote today.

Hollowell, D-Grand Saline, would require the advance approval for all consulting contracts of more than \$1,000.

"The present limit is \$10,000 and some are getting around that by writing contracts for \$9,950," he said in reference to recent reports Gov. Mark White hired a former state official to make a water study for \$9,950.

Hollowell said a comptroller's report showed \$60 million in consulting contracts for the 1984 business year, plus another \$44.4 million in contracts among state agencies.

"They can enter into these contracts with anyone they want to and you and I can't say anything about it after we go home (from a legislative session)," Hollowell said.

He said he found one consulting contract that started out at \$25,000 a year and in six years totaled \$2.7 million.

"Look at the Department of Agriculture," he said. "In fiscal 1983 we paid \$240,000 for consulting contracts made by Mr. Hightower and \$393,000 the next year. Up to February of this year, he has spent \$285,000 on consulting contracts and fees."

Hollowell said Hightower had consulting contracts for folk art and had paid large sums to find out by telephone what farmers think

about nuclear power. He said Hightower paid \$3,350 for a keynote speaker to a nuclear power conference and \$1,600 for a keynote speaker to a black conference.

"The bottom line is that we have paid Mr. Hightower between \$700,000 and \$800,000 in consulting contracts the past two years," Hollowell said.

He said the Department of State Highways and Public Transportation paid \$1.38 million to a consulting engineer in Missouri

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Bill would expand food stamp, school lunch programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several existing anti-hunger programs such as food stamps and school lunches would be expanded by a \$1 billion federal food help bill proposed by a Houston congressman.

Rep. Mickey Leland, a Democrat, said Monday the bill is needed because the Reagan administration has cut back on food aid, and private charities cannot keep up with the need for soup kitchens.

"There is a direct correlation between the administration

policies cutting back social programs and the number of poor people needing food assistance," Leland said. "It has to do with the characterization of the nation by the president. He has lulled the American people to sleep."

Leland said President Reagan assured Americans his policies would continue to help the truly needy and that private charities could take up any slack. But it has not worked that way, Leland said.

He said people who work with churches and volunteer groups tell him that "there are hungry people.

They tell us that more and more families come for assistance, that more people need food at the end of the month, that more and more people must be turned away because the voluntary agencies have depleted their resources."

Leland's staff had set out a meal on the committee room table at which he made his announcement, the Houston Chronicle reported. A white plate contained one medium-sized orange and one slice of white bread with just over a tablespoon of tuna spread on it. A glass was nearly full of milk.

The meal represents what a food stamp recipient in a big city can buy with 49.6 cents, the average food stamp allotment per person per meal, Leland's staff said.

"You can imagine offering this to your teen-age son for dinner," anti-hunger activist Lynn Parker said. Parker works with the Food Research and Action Center, a group working with nutrition and hunger problems.

Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins, D-Calif., chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee that handles food aid legislation,

said he supports the Leland bill.

The bill incorporates parts of other legislation the House passed last year and adds some portions written by Leland and the staff of his Select Committee on Hunger.

The House passed legislation last year expanding school lunch programs and adjusting food stamp eligibility. The bills died in a Senate committee.

Leland said his package of legislation would cost \$1 billion next fiscal year.

"Its biggest part is a set of changes in food stamps. Eligible

people could earn more and still be in the program, and the stamps given each recipient would increase to just over the thrifty food plan," a measure of a basic diet. That would cost \$452 million, Leland said.

The bill would allow \$364 million to improve school lunches and programs furnishing food as well as nutrition education to poor pregnant women and migrant workers. Another \$12.8 million would spread a temporary emergency food program into more poor rural areas.

Reagan: Gorbachev has responded to summit invitation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan says new Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has sent a reply to his invitation for a summit meeting, but the president refuses to divulge its contents.

However, The Washington Post, which interviewed Reagan Monday, quoted unidentified administration sources as saying Gorbachev endorsed the idea of a meeting without specifying a time or place.

Reagan told the Post he never discusses communications with other heads of state, but said he was "hopeful that we can have such a meeting."

"I wrote, and he (Gorbachev) answered, and we're in negotiations, and we'll just leave it like that," the president said.

Reagan extended the summit invitation in a letter brought to Moscow last month by Vice President George Bush at the time of the funeral of Gorbachev's predecessor, Konstantin U. Chernenko.

A U.S. official who follows U.S.-Soviet relations closely told The Associated Press late Monday he knew of no evidence to indicate Gorbachev had definitely agreed to a summit meeting.

In the Post interview, Reagan

reiterated his desire for a meeting with Gorbachev despite the killing on March 24 of U.S. Army Maj. Arthur D. Nicholson Jr., who was shot by a Soviet sentry in East Germany.

"This was a murder, a cold-blooded murder, and it reflects on the difference between the two societies, one that has no regard for human life and one like our own that thinks it's the most

important thing," Reagan said.

"And, yes, I want a meeting even more so, to sit down and look someone in the eye and talk to him about what we could do to make sure nothing of this kind happens again," he added.

Other points made by Reagan in the interview included:

—Disaffection among Nicaraguans with the leftist Sandinista government is

increasing.

—Reagan expressed optimism about trade talks with Japan, saying he expects Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone to keep his commitment to open Japanese markets to U.S. goods. He also said he would oppose any protectionist legislation.

—Negotiations in Geneva to reduce offensive nuclear weapons are "going forward" despite heavy

Soviet criticism of the Reagan administration's "Star Wars" missile defense research program.

"The plain truth of the matter is they've been doing the same kind of research in the same areas and started it before we did."

—The United States will "go to the source" if foreign governments are found to be sponsors of terrorist acts.

—The administration will

continue its policy of quiet diplomacy in its dealings with the apartheid government in South Africa.

—While saying that America should not forget the deaths of millions of Jews at the hands of the Nazis during World War II, Reagan said it would not be appropriate for him to visit the Dachau concentration camp during his visit to Europe next month.

Airline is grounded

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — Airways of New Mexico pilots have flown aircraft with cracked engines, but the cracks weren't serious enough to endanger passengers or crew, the grounded airline's owner says.

Wayne Nelson said Monday it is common for the engines in his planes — Cessna 402s — to develop hairline cracks after extended use.

But the cracks are inspected regularly according to federal regulations and have not posed a hazard, he said.

"We did have cracks, but they were in allowable limits," Nelson said.

The Alamogordo-based commuter airline, which flies a fleet of six nine-passenger aircraft, was grounded indefinitely Saturday by the Federal Aviation Administration for violating several safety regulations, said Gerrie Cook, a spokeswoman in the FAA Southwest Regional Office in Fort Worth, Texas.

Ms. Cook said she couldn't divulge the nature of the allegations because the action might be argued in court.

Nelson would not confirm Monday whether the cracks prompted the FAA action.

Airways is the only commuter airline serving Alamogordo. Before the shutdown, it scheduled 38 daily flights between Alamogordo, El Paso, Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Tucson and Sierra Vista, Ariz.

The airline has had an unblemished service record in its eight years of operation and never has had a serious accident, Nelson said.

The revocation of Airways' air-carrier certificate will be in effect until the airline either wins an appeal or corrects the violations, Ms. Cook said.

Airways can apply for a new certificate in a year if the matter isn't resolved before then.

Nelson, disputing the FAA's action, said the "wheels are in motion" for his appeal.

The airline first will file an appeal with the FAA, then argue the case before the National Transportation Safety Board if the FAA refuses to reverse its decision, he said.

The airline should resume operation within the next few weeks, Nelson said.

A pilot contacted Saturday said it was "common knowledge" that at least three of the airline's twin-engine aircraft had engine cracks.

The pilot, who asked not to be identified, said the cracks were potentially serious, but that it was a judgment call among the pilots whether to fly despite the problems.

Nelson said Monday the pilots are not mechanics and therefore are not qualified to discuss engine maintenance.

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Barker pioneers in oil drilling

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Barker, a ruddy, husky man of 81 years, remembers with clarity the Borger oil boom. "I drilled over the town site of Borger before there was a Borger," he said.

Barker began in the oil business as a young man because "There weren't better jobs than those in the oil field." He started to work with steam rigs and cable tools when he was 20 years old. This was percussion drilling, more commonly known as cable tool, as opposed to modern day rotary drilling. "I like them better than anything we've had since," Barker said. "This type of standard cable tool rig put America on wheels. There were 12,000 well drilled in

Gray, Carson and Hutchison counties by cable tools and steam engines."

Born in Washington, Pa., on June 16, 1903, Barker came from a long line of oil - drilling men. His grandfather, E.P. Hatch, was a pioneer of cable tool drilling in Pennsylvania. His father, Bert Barker, was in the oil - drilling business all his life. The Barker family followed the oil field to

good. I never got anybody killed and never anybody hurt bad on my rigs." With a grin, Barker added, "I never owned any company insurance either."

Barker worked on the first oil well on the Morse Ranch in 1926, now known as Nabob Oil & Gas. In 1929, he drilled his first oil well on the Gething Ranch north of McLean and the first well on the Webb Ranch in 1930. "I drilled a

Shamrock four years ago at the age of 77.

Mrs. Barker died on April 7, 1975. He later married Charlene Carrol, postmaster of Kellerville for 20 years from 1957 to 1977.

His brothers, Shannon and James, were drillers and are still involved in their own oil leases. They live in McLean, also.

Rodney and his wife, Marthat Johnston Barker, live in Shamrock. They have two daughters, Amy and Pam. Rebecca Barker Stubbs and her husband, Bob, live north of Alanreed and are parents of two sons and a daughter — Theron, Scott and Lee Erin. Barker's stepson, Chris Carroll, lives in Grovetown, Ga., with his wife, Ardine. They have two children, Scott and Paula.

Today Barker is adamant about the government regulations that plague the oil business, but he added "Don't get me started on that subject, 'cause I'd never quit talking."

Family Histories

Bridgeport, Ill., then to Kansas, arriving in Sayre, Okla. in 1923.

Following the family trade and tradition of oil drilling, Barker continued in the exciting, back-breaking, sometimes profitable — often unprofitable — business.

"I liked the old times," he recalled. "I remember when oil was five cents a barrel in the '30s and a time when a man's word was his contract. I never signed one; everybody knew my word was

5,000 barrel - a - day oil well on the Chapman Ranch in the '30s," he said. "A person would fall over dead now to get a well that big."

In 1929, Roy was married to Jewell Davidson in McLean. Two children were born to the couple, Rodney and Rebecca. Barker's son, Rodney, went into the business with him in 1953. By this time, Barker had six drilling rigs and more than 30 employees. The last well he drilled was northeast of

Programs bring art to the public's view

By BARBARA MAYER
AP Newsfeatures

Recently, a large outdoor sculpture installed in the plaza of the Jacob Javits Federal Building in downtown New York made headlines when some protested its presence.

They raised such an outcry that a special hearing was convened to consider removing the work, although it had originally been installed only after a lengthy review process.

The debate should not come as a surprise since art has often outraged public sensibilities. One authority says this debate and others like it cannot, however, disguise the fact that the use of art in public buildings is "at an unprecedented all-time high" in the United States.

Elena Canavier, executive director of the Public Art Trust, a Washington-based nonprofit organization, told an audience at the Parsons School of Design in

New York recently that "percent for art" programs are partly responsible for the inclusion of art in buildings all over the country. Such programs mandate that a certain percentage of a building's cost — usually from a ½ to 1½ percent — be used to purchase art for the building.

A number of private developers, corporations, banks, artists and local groups are also involved in placing art outside where it can be seen by the public.

"We are getting calls from all over the country from towns seeking information on how to set up a public art program," she said.

The reason for the increase is, first of all, that "in every city around the country there is public support for art in public buildings. People can see what their tax money has bought." Private developers feel art is generally conducive to good public relations. Furthermore, some cities offer tax or zoning incentives for the

inclusion of art within or outside commercial buildings.

Some of the best-known examples of private support for public art are the satellite museums established in corporate buildings. In New York City, for example, Phillip Morris Corp. offers free space to the Whitney Museum of American Art, and International Paper has a similar arrangement with the American Craft Council.

In Boston, Rouse Co., which developed the Faneuil Hall marketplace, has allotted space to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, said Miss Canavier.

Other cities where public art is widely found include Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago and Baltimore. But in many cities and towns across the country, smaller examples abound. For example, in Lewisboro, N.Y., a large sculpture now stands outside the local library. The sculpture was carved by local artist Axel Horn and town residents from an old tree which had been toppled by lightning.

According to Miss Canavier, percent-for-art programs started at the local level and then moved to larger-scale use in state and federal government. The first city to have a program was Philadelphia, which inaugurated a percent-for-art program in 1959. Approximately 50 cities, 26 to 28 states and a number of federal departments such as the General Services Administration and the Veterans Administration have public art programs.

One type of program not widely known in this country is an art bank. Canada set up an art bank 13 years ago to provide support for Canadian artists, according to William Kirby, head of the program. He noted that each year the bank buys between 300 and 400 works. A changing board of art authorities recommends which work to buy from among slides submitted by artists who wish to be considered.

The works are rented out to government departments and

nonprofit organizations. Rental fees range from about \$50 a year to \$1,000 and total receipts from fees are about \$750,000 a year. This money is used to fund new purchases.

A program such as this could work well in the United States, says Miss Canavier. It is one of many possible ways of increasing access to art and of supporting the work of American artists.

Miss Canavier, an artist who shows her porcelain sculptures and drawings under the name Elena Karina, is crafts coordinator of the National Endowment of the Arts.

The Public Art Trust serves as a middleman and answers questions about public art programs. The group also puts on exhibitions, publishes a newsletter, holds seminars and maintains a slide registry of artists. Local officials and others interested in establishing public art programs can contact the group at P.O. Box 6635, Washington, DC 20009, for information.



CLEAN-UP TIME - Jan Lyle, left, office secretary for Pampa United Way, helps Mary Albus, resident of the Hughey Group Home, 321 N. West, learn to use one of the new Electrolux vacuum cleaners donated to United Way agencies. Electrolux, working through local distributor American Vacuum Co., donated five vacuum cleaners through the Gift in Kind Inc. program. Other agencies receiving one of the cleaners are the Pampa Community Day Care Center, the Salvation Army and the Genesis Houses. (Staff photo by Larry Hollis)



FLOWERS FOR DR. — It was the doctors who received the flowers at Coronado Community Hospital Friday as the Hospital Auxiliary presented each physician on the medical staff with a boutonniere in observance of Doctors' Day at the hospital. Shown here is Dr. Robert J. Philips grinning broadly as Maxine Parsley, auxiliary president, pins his red carnation. (Special photo)

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PR ace reveals how to create your publicity

By Ellie Grossman

NEW YORK (NEA) — Boing! You've got it. What this town needs is a light-bulb store. So you get one started, and now you need something to get it going.

What you need is a copy of "How to Get Publicity" (Times Books, \$14.95), a first-rate guide by William Parkhurst, who has filled it with everything he's learned in 15 years as a New York publicist, which anyone with anything to promote can apply successfully. Truly anyone.

"There's a myth that publicity is limited to the stretch-limo crowd and that you get on TV or in the paper only if you play golf with the right people or know someone who knows someone," he says. "But millions of dollars of free publicity are given away all the time, and you can get it. Local radio, TV and press are as open to the public as a 7-Eleven."

Of course, you can't just show up and say, "Hi, I want to tell folks about my store," Parkhurst says. "The media do not give away time or space that should be purchased for advertising."

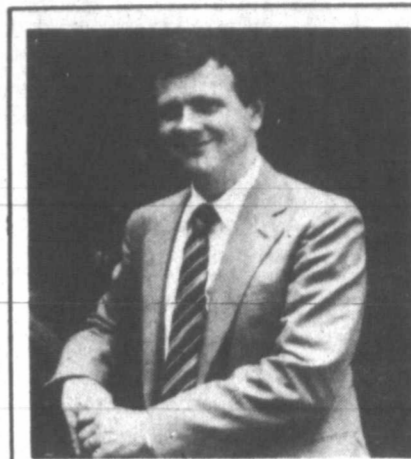
You must entice them with a hook, an angle of interest to the community that will also provide an incidental mention of what you're selling. People do that all the time, and you'll see how, he says, if you pay attention to "why people are appearing on talk shows, why something makes news, and where the promotional mentions come."

Also, keep your eye out for something newsworthy to brighten your own prospects. Says Parkhurst: "You may learn the American Optometric Association is planning a 'better vision week.' Lighting relates to that, so there's an angle for your store. Home decorating is another: 'How you can change the mood and personality of every room through lighting.'"

Next, get your story idea into a one- or two-page press release, or into a press kit, which is simply a folder containing a brief introductory letter; a press release; and a captioned 5-inch-by-7-inch black-and-white photo of yourself, the product, whatever.

Sure, easy for him, you grumble. And for you, Parkhurst contends.

"All you're doing in a press release is summing up in a few paragraphs what you're selling to the media source," he says. "For instance, if my angle for the light-bulb store is home decorating, I'd say, 'Every room should have its own mood, and light-



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— William Parkhurst



Dear Abby

How much do you know about homosexuality?

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Several years ago you ran a "Test Your Knowledge of Homosexuality" quiz. Will you please run it again? Thank you.

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DEAR R.M.G.: Here it is:

DEAR READERS: How much do you know about homosexuality? Mark the following statements "True" or "False."

- Homosexuals commit more crimes than straight people.
- Everyone is born straight, but some become gay because they have been seduced by a gay person early in life.
- You can always tell homosexuals and lesbians by the way they act, dress and talk.
- If a person is gay, no amount of therapy or motivation can change him.
- Boys raised by domineering mothers and weak (or absent) fathers usually turn into homosexuals.
- Gay people can never become mothers or fathers.
- Homosexuals are more inclined to molest children sexually than heterosexuals.
- If a person has one or two sexual experiences with someone of the same sex, he is gay.
- The American Psychiatric Association classifies homosexuals as "sick."
- Homosexuals can be legally married to each other under the law in the United States.
- Most homosexuals try to convert young people into becoming gay also.
- Children raised by gay parents (or gay people) usually become homosexuals themselves.

How did you score?

- If you marked all 12 statements "False," you are very well informed.
- If you marked nine or more statements "False," you are fairly well informed.
- If you marked four or more statements "True," you have a great deal to learn about homosexuality, because all of the above statements are false!

trying to find a comfortable brassiere. I have a large drawer filled with practically new bras—none of which I can wear.

I have tried different brands and have been fitted by professionals in Ypsilanti, Detroit and Ann Arbor. Not one fits! All day I feel pinched, poked and pushed. When I get home from work, the first thing I do is take off my bra.

I don't want a bra that makes me look sexy—all I want is one that's comfortable.

Right now I'm wearing a nursing bra, which is far from comfortable, but I haven't been able to find anything that's better. Is there no one in the country who designs a comfortable bra for a 38D?

D IN YPSILANTI, MICH.

DEAR D: There must be a bra for you—you just haven't found it yet. If your needs are special, perhaps a bra can be altered to fit you more comfortably. In the meantime, if I hear from a 38D with a helpful suggestion, I'll let you know.

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DEAR ABBY: Our 34-year-old daughter died four months ago, leaving a wonderful husband and three small children. She was our only child and we are heartbroken.

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DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Although your grandchildren will always be your grandchildren, your son-in-law will be your former son-in-law. You can certainly consider him a member of your family because he is the father of your grandchildren, but legally you are no longer related.

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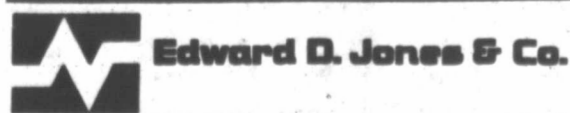
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Teamsters union losing clout in nation's trucking industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Teamsters, who just wrapped up a national labor contract with major trucking companies, are losing clout as non-union trucking operations prosper under deregulation, industry analysts say.

"The union has burned itself out as the alter ego to indifferent management," says Henry Livingston, vice president of equity research at Kidder, Peabody Co. Inc. in New York. "The union has to find a new role."

The largest trucking companies are thriving by picking up business abandoned by firms that have gone broke in the wake of deregulation. Most of them were union operations.

Analysts say the failed companies' thin profit margins, which were protected when the industry was regulated, evaporated in the newly competitive environment. The Teamsters also are

experiencing problems because the largest unionized carriers, using holding companies, are starting separate non-union operations or buying existing ones, a device known as "double-breasting."

Teamster President Jackie Presser said Sunday night that the problem of "double-breasting" was addressed in the new contract reached over the weekend, but he did not say how.

Since deregulation took effect in 1980, big non-union haulers such as Overnite Transportation Co. of Richmond, Va., have put their advantage in labor costs to good use.

Deregulation, which allowed carriers to operate on any route and change rates quickly, helped turn Overnite into a national carrier "sooner than we otherwise would have," company executive vice president Roy Cayton says.

Discounts, unheard of in the previously regulated environment, became the industry norm.

Overnite, largest of the non-union operators, was expanding even before deregulation, but the company has continued to cut rates just enough to help it grow while still displaying impressive profits.

Since deregulation, some of the largest unionized companies that are parties to the Teamster talks have taken the non-union route. Consolidated Freightways Inc., a holding company reporting \$1.7 billion in revenue last year, has created two regional non-union, short-haul carriers and has acquired an existing non-union, short-haul company in New York state.

The Teamsters represented 300,000 drivers and other workers under the National Master Freight Agreement in 1979. But 30,000 to 40,000 of them lost their jobs in the next four years, and another 40,000 to 60,000 were on layoff as of a year ago.

Vote Marty Russo for speaker

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Marty Russo, D-Ill., has written to all 250 Democratic colleagues offering his own "carefully screened list" of those he suggests would make good House leaders in the next term.

Under the category "house speaker," Russo listed 58 senior Democrats — even though only one candidate — Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas — has announced his candidacy.

And Wright already has claimed more than enough advance commitments for the job when the current speaker, Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., retires in 1986.

Russo, publically skeptical of Wright's early claim to the post and a backer of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., for the job, said all those on his list, including Wright, exhibit the necessary "qualities, commitment and dedication" to hold the No. 1 job in

the House. His tally isn't likely to insult anyone. It includes every Democrat who is either a committee chairman or has served 10 or more terms, including 84-year-old Claude Pepper of Florida.

His next category, "majority leader," listed another 61 Democrats. These, Russo wrote, possess credentials for the No. 2 job "but not in so high a quality as" the 58 on the "speaker's" list.

It's the chicken's biggest week

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The Easter bunny gets the credit, but the nation's hens are the ones laying the millions of eggs that will be painted and placed in baskets or tucked away in hiding places in yards and parks Sunday.

With one Easter egg hunt by itself accounting for 60,000 eggs, the week is the biggest of the year for egg producers.

Egg City of Arkansas, which sells eggs to 600 stores in 16 states, will nearly double its normal sales this week, sales manager Carolyn DeVenney said by telephone Monday.

The Hope, Ark., company normally sells 1.4 million eggs a week, she said, but this week expects volume to reach to 2.7 million.

It doesn't matter that hens can't double their output of eggs for that week, said Don Allen, executive vice president of the Arkansas Poultry Federation. "There's always an oversupply of eggs," he said.

Nationwide, Allen said, egg producers can cover the demand during the spring holiday. But doing so means fewer eggs for "egg-breakers," businesses that

mix eggs with other ingredients to make products such as cake mixes, Allen said.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Arkansas, California, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Georgia and Florida produce more than one-third of the eggs consumed in the country. The national output in 1983 totaled more than 68 billion eggs, USDA said.

Al Pope, president of United Egg Producers of Decatur, Ga., a promotional organization, said the industry generates \$3 billion a year.

Help your child to own a home

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst
NEW YORK (AP) — Parents often are more able than they realize to help their children own homes. And in doing so, they might even obtain tax deductions at the time in life when they need them most.

The techniques involve creative use of income and gift tax laws and a measure of parental charity. The simplest way involves a gift of part or all of the downpayment, that chunk of money that young couples often find impossible to save.

Each parent can give a child as much as \$10,000 a year without paying any gift tax. The resulting \$20,000 gift is more than enough to

qualify for a mortgage on the typical new single-family house.

If more cash is needed, the same gifts can be given to the child's spouse, for a total of \$40,000, which in many areas will buy the house itself rather than just a mortgage on it.

Where does the money come? From the equity residing in the parents' home. The sharp rise in that equity — a consequence of years of inflation, especially in housing prices — is the very reason young people find it difficult to buy.

The argument is both moral and economic: Parents who purchased houses 20 years ago benefited enormously from price increases, but in many instances they did

very little to earn those increases.

In fact, it is often claimed that the reckless borrowing by that generation — individually and collectively — caused the inflation that priced youngsters out of the market — and that parents have a duty to "return" the equity.

Parents who borrow on the equity in their homes to do so receive tax deductions for the interest they pay. And the money they give to children is free of gift taxes to them, and income tax-free to the children.

Many variations of the theme exist, some of them described in the tax reports published by Prentice-Hall, the publishing company.

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Small town's business is blue

BLUE, Texas (AP) — Faye Branum is blue; her store represents all the retail commerce in this small, unincorporated Central Texas hamlet and the work keeps her busy more than full-time.

The 67-year-old woman's workweek lasts 93 1/2 hours and she works alone. She has not had a day off since Christmas and plans to be open Easter.

"It isn't a money-making place," Ms. Branum told the Austin American-Statesman. "But it keeps you in touch with the public."

Outside the green-painted store, Indian paintbrushes and bluebonnets dotted the scenery.

Ms. Branum lives alone in the portion of the Blue Store not devoted to the selling of staples, dog food, fried pies, fresh yard eggs and cigarettes.

"You'll have to excuse the shelves," she said. "I know they look empty. I'm out of crackers, cereal, canned meat, soap powder, Clorox. Sundays, there's just a lot

of visitors, and they clean you out. I haven't had a chance to restock."

Branum, who opens the store at 5:30 a.m. six days a week and at 10 a.m. on Sundays and does not close until 7:30 each night, said she lived in Austin 63 years but prefers small-town life about 40 miles east of there in Lee County.

"I'm so grateful to be out of that hellhole. I don't know what to do," she said of Austin. "It's a rat race from morning to night. There's a lot of people buying property out here right now to get away from

the city."

Buford Clopton, 28, agrees. He moved from Houston to a location across the two-lane highway from Ms. Branum.

"This is a lot better, I'll tell you," Clopton said near the entrance to the Hill Country Plant Farm, his wholesale nursery. "Everybody's not trying to step on the other fellow like in Houston. One of our main reasons for moving here was we wanted to start a family, and we didn't care to start one in Houston. Now I've got a girl 4 months old."

Father and son team restore collectible cars

By JILL BRIGGS
Henderson Daily News

LANEVILLE, Texas (AP) — "Jesse Clay's Garage, 4 miles" is all the small red-lettered sign out Farm-to-Market Road 839 says, but the little garage and the people who work there are known in select circles throughout the country.

Jesse Clay and his son Mark are the only mechanics around, at least as far as they know, who will restore old Chevrolet trucks to original condition.

Actually, they'll work on almost any car. Jesse said that of all the old cars, Chevrolets are the hardest to find parts for, so they are the most difficult to restore.

"We can't figure why, exactly, except that the old Chevys were mostly made of wood, and the parts have rotted away or been lost," he said.

In their garage, the Clays have two 1930, 1 1/2-ton Chevrolet pickups, one nearly completely restored and one nearly untouched.

"The trucks have wooden door frames, and we had to take the doors off the old one to send off, so they could make patterns for doors on this other one," Mark said. They have most of their woodworking done elsewhere, they said.

The Clays began working as restoration mechanics full time about five years ago after Mark returned to Laneville from a stint in the Navy. Jesse, who has been a mechanic for 35 years, said he has

always been especially interested in older-model repair work.

In addition to the two 1930 trucks, the Clays are working on a 1931 Model A 5-window coup, a 1934 Ford pickup, a 1938 Chevrolet, and a 1966 Corvair.

In front of the garage Mark parks a completely restored 1957 Chevrolet truck which he shows at swap-meets and car shows, though he said he is prepared to sell it if he finds a buyer.

The truck is aqua-green, and has Sesquicentennial license plates.

"At first I was planning to turn it into a street rod (a restored car with newer engine accessories), but then I found out it was a one-owner truck, and it was just too nice," Mark said. "Every piece was there, except for the hub caps. I drove it in here, and I finished it in seven months."

He said the truck was first bought from Smith Chevrolet in Henderson.

Some of the other cars have interesting histories, too, histories that make restoration valuable to their owners, in spite of the time and expense involved.

"This car," Mark said, pointing to the stripped-down 1938 Chevrolet body suspended from the ceiling of the garage, "this car belongs to Rayford Carpenter in Stephenville. He's owned it 35 years, said he bought it used for \$40 back then. He and his wife dated in it before they were married."

Now, the Clays said, Carpenter is paying more than \$20,000 to have it restored and built into a full street rod — with a Mustang II front suspension, a Corvette rear suspension, a 350 engine, a turbo 400 transmission power steering and brakes, and air and heat — so that he can continue to drive in comfort.

"It's real expensive to have a car restored," Jesse said. "We don't give quotes, because we can't ever tell exactly what it'll cost to have a car or truck restored until we start taking it apart and see what's there."

"But I say, don't even think about having a car restored unless you've got at least \$12,000 in the bank already and more coming in. And you've got to be patient, not in any hurry to get your car back."

The nearly complete 1930 truck has been in the Clays' garage for about two years already, Jesse said, and it still lacks a floorboard, chrome, door and headlight, among other things.

Again, he said, their biggest problem has been finding parts.

"We go to swap meets all around," Jesse said, "and sometimes we find parts there. You can order lots of them from catalogs, or dealers, and some places still sell new old-stock (original parts that were never used)."

"Sometimes you just have to hunt around, or with stuff like the

doors, you may have to have the parts made."

He said that, usually, the only cars they refuse to work on are cars that are missing many of the original pieces.

Some cars, like the 1931 Model A on which they are working, had been redone long ago with new parts. Then the Clays must strip off those parts and hunt originals, as well as repair any damage done to the originals' body by the new pieces. On the model A, Mark said he must fill in thousands of tiny rivet holes punched through the frame when the original fabric-roof was replaced with a tin one.

"It takes a long, long time," he said with a rueful glance at the holes.

Nonetheless, the Clays said they try hard to satisfy the owners, letting them choose the color paint they want and to what extent they want their cars restored.

"We do quality work," Jesse said. "Nobody has ever expressed any dissatisfaction with our painting or mechanical jobs."

Some of the Clays' work comes from local car owners, but more comes from as far away as Kansas and New Mexico. The oldest car they have ever restored dated back to 1928.

"Really, though, these cars need to belong to somebody who can take good care of them," Mark said. "Some people just don't have the mechanical knowledge you need to keep one up."

"Once we did this car and sent it back to the owners, and pretty soon they called all in a fuss because it wouldn't run. We got out there and found it bone dry. I know they're old, but they do need gas to run. Really?"

Atheists don't want to see fundamentalists

AUSTIN (AP) — An atheist group, fearing a violent confrontation with fundamentalist Christians, has moved the site of its 15th annual American Atheist convention to avoid a counter-rally.

The atheists, led by Madalyn Murray O'Hair of Austin, decided to move from the Hilton Inn in north Austin after a Christian group also booked the hotel for a "God and Country Rally" to counter the atheist meeting.

Both meetings are scheduled for Easter weekend.

Ms. O'Hair said she is "the happiest I've been in a while because we've got a lot of space between us now."

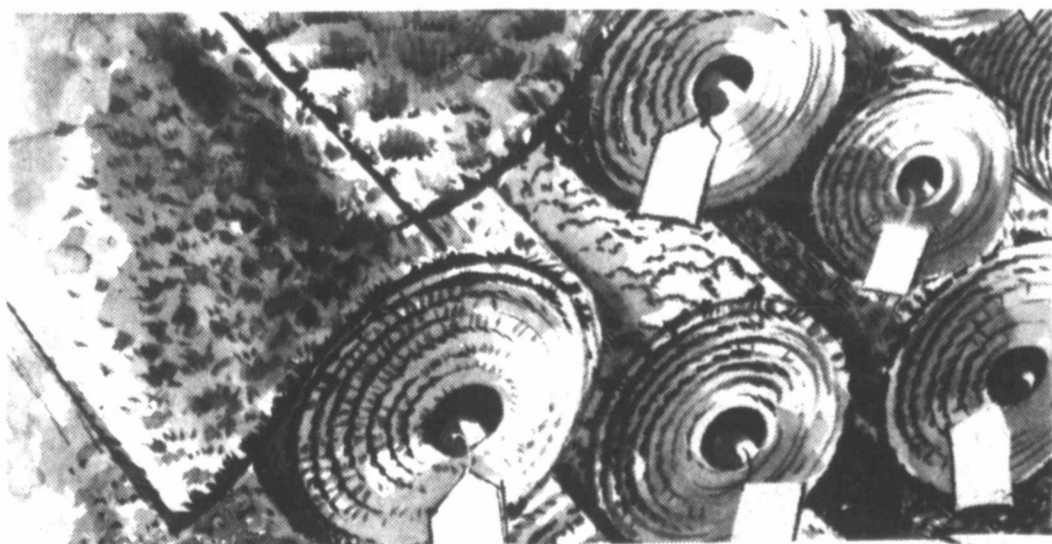
The convention was moved to the Wyndham Southpark Hotel, 10 miles away, after concern arose that the meeting would be disrupted by the Christians, Ms. O'Hair said.

The rally was scheduled at the Hilton to coincide with the atheist convention and provide "an alternate voice," but not to spark any confrontation, said rally coordinator Ron Rhea.

Ms. O'Hair said she became frightened by the possibility of violence between the groups when she heard "inflammatory statements" by the organizer of the Christian rally, the Rev. C.E. "Buddy" Hicks, a radio preacher.

Hicks, who hosts a call-in program weekdays on KIXL-AM, has urged his followers to support the God and Country Rally as a way "to do warfare against the demons of hell," but Hicks said that was not intended as a reference to Ms. O'Hair.

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- 5 Actress Balin
- 8 Hillside (Scott.)
- 12 Raton, Florida
- 13 Gloria in excelsis
- 14 Electric fish
- 15 Kerosene lantern
- 16 Malay ape
- 17 Units of sound
- 18 Intermediate (law)
- 20 Tint knotted fabric (comp. wd.)
- 22 Oriental
- 24 Contesting
- 28 Attaching device
- 32 Slippery
- 33 Newts
- 35 Seize
- 36 Dirk
- 37 Baby's toy
- 41 Stemlike part
- 42 Weird
- 44 Manly
- 48 Speeder's sound
- 52 Adam's grandson
- 53 Chinese river
- 55 Vaunt
- 57 Pertaining to an age
- 58 Measure of land
- 59 Sicilian resort
- 60 Father (Fr.)
- 61 Okay
- 62 Act

DOWN

- 1 Barrel (abbr.)
- 2 Wander
- 3 Highest point
- 4 Mouths (sl.)
- 5 Causes to be inactive
- 6 Teachers' group (abbr.)
- 7 Of an artery
- 8 Nixon pal
- Rebozo

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- 9 Musical pipe
- 10 Helper
- 11 Existence (Lat.)
- 19 Horse (sl.)
- 21 Made of (suff.)
- 23 Integrated circuit (abbr.)
- 24 Experienced person
- 25 Measure of time
- 26 Actress Chase
- 27 Russian veto word
- 29 Undershirt
- 30 Region in Morocco
- 31 Tread
- 34 Regard
- 38 Far (pref.)
- 39 Room to move
- 40 Sound of hesitation
- 41 East Indian weight
- 43 Vines
- 44 Vice president (sl.)
- 45 Regarding (2 wds.)
- 46 Laugh boisterously
- 47 of Wight
- 49 King David's grandfather
- 50 River in Normandy
- 51 Scruff hair
- 54 Rather than (poet.)
- 56 Mild oath, in Britain

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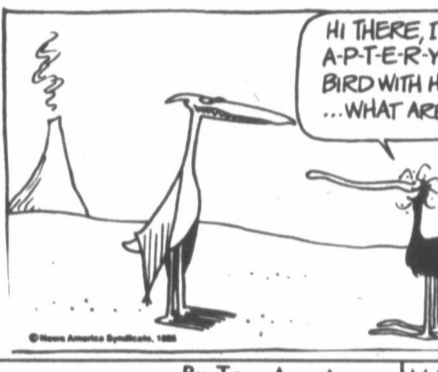
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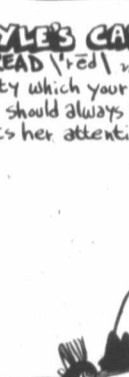
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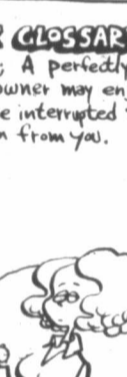
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Enviornmentalists: cure worse than problem



BATTLE AGAINST BEETLE—Al Cannon, of the U.S. Forestry Service, looks over an area of East Texas pine trees where the service has cut down thousands of acres of trees in a continuing battle against the pine beetle. Many environmentalists say the cure is worse than the problem. (AP Laserphoto)

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — Environmentalists say the U.S. Forest Service is waging an unwinnable war against the pine beetle and in the process is destroying hundreds of acres of Texas wilderness.

"It's the 'Texas Chainsaw Massacre,'" Rodney Snodgrass, regional director of The Wilderness Society, a Washington-based environmental group, told the Dallas Times Herald.

"The question is, are we going to

have any wilderness left when the forest service gets done cutting?"

The U.S. Forest Service has cut down thousands of acres of East Texas pine trees in an effort to destroy the ubiquitous Southern pine beetle.

Forest service workers have drawn the battle lines with chainsaws, cutting 200-foot buffer zones through the forest to stop the pest.

"You can't eliminate the beetles; you just try to keep the population as small as possible," said David Dailey, deputy forest supervisor for the national forests of Texas.

But many experts disagree with the method, saying the pine beetle cannot be eradicated by cutting down trees because beetles can fly thousands of feet, across the widest buffer zone.

"I'm not convinced this is an effective means of diminishing the beetle populations," said Thomas Mueller, an entomologist for the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"There's good evidence that in many cases, the Southern pine beetle has no trouble crossing these buffer zones."

Last year, the forest service denuded 3,000 acres in the Angelina

National Forest to reduce a beetle infestation of timber in the Four Notch area, which had been considered for designation as a wilderness area.

"By the time they got done, it was no longer worth designating as a wilderness," said Snodgrass.

Environmentalists claim the insect war cannot be won, and that the forest service has already destroyed 285 acres of Texas wilderness.

Environmentalists fear the insects will be used as an excuse to begin logging in other states. Already, they say, wilderness areas in Louisiana and Mississippi are being cut in efforts to control the beetles.

"It damages the wilderness severely," Ned Fritz of Dallas, Texas Committee on Natural Resources director, said. "It's like trying to control a flu epidemic by killing everyone in the neighborhood."

Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, has introduced a bill in Congress that would ban the forest service from cutting trees in wilderness areas. Bryant sponsored legislation last year that set aside 37,000 acres of wilderness in Texas national

forests.

"It's galling," said Bryant, adding that the forest service has continued to cut down trees even after the Texas wilderness bill was signed into law by President Reagan last October.

"Within a few months of the bill being signed by the President, they suddenly decide they've got to go in there and cut these areas to control pine beetles," he said. "There's supposed to be no cutting."

Dallas lawmaker, Republican Rep. Steve Bartlett, has ordered an investigation of the pine beetle program. The General Accounting Office was to begin an audit last week at Forest Service headquarters in Lufkin to determine whether the \$2 million program has been effective in controlling the bugs.

"We've got nothing to hide," said Dailey. "There's no doubt in my mind that the beetles would kill everything in their path if we weren't controlling them."

Hats aren't just a hobby

KOUNTZE, Texas (AP) — Brandon Cruthirds says a lot of people who have heard about his unusual hobby think he's crazy, but he doesn't mind.

"I feel like a person in life, whatever he does, ought to be the best at it," he said.

For Cruthirds, being the best means having an assortment of baseball-type caps that few collectors can match — 5,000 hats, to be exact.

"I'm real proud of it," he told the Beaumont Enterprise.

In fact, Cruthirds calls himself the "Mad Hatter."

He started the collection about eight years ago because he wanted to do "something different," he said.

"A lot of people think I'm crazy, but a lot of people collect things stranger than this," said Cruthirds, who said his age is "somewhere between 45 and 50."

He keeps the hats in a garage-size building on his Big Thicket ranch, about 30 miles north of Beaumont.

The collection has become legendary around Kountze, a small town about 30 miles north of Beaumont. But visitors usually are astonished.

Hats line the walls, windows and even the ceiling — covering just about every inch of the room.

Cruthirds said nearly 3,000 of the caps are "gimme hats" caps that other people gave to him.

"The rest I either bought, traded or begged for," he said.

The caps are divided into 20 different categories, according to the type of emblem they bear. Each category is arranged in a different section of the room.

The caps come from as far as France, Hawaii and Jamaica and also includes more domestic varieties with the names of U.S. brands of beer.

"The caps I collect have to have a meaning, not just a saying," he said.

Some hats took considerable effort to obtain, he said, such as a colorful Billy Beer cap. Others were easier to come by, such as the 450 "road caps" he found along local highways.

Sometimes Cruthirds makes jokes about his collection, but he takes it very seriously.

And, like anybody else, he said he sets goals for himself.

"I'm working on filling the Astro dome next," he said.

Government, experts agree about additives

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concern about food safety has concentrated too heavily on chemical additives, while other dangers have been slighted, according to two health experts who say they rarely agree about anything.

"Additives have gotten a lot of attention, greatly out of proportion to the harm they cause," Dr. Michael Jacobson, executive director of the private, non-profit Center for Science in the Public Interest, said.

"Food safety is more than just chemicals in food," reflected Dr. Sanford A. Miller, director of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at the federal Food and Drug Administration.

The two spoke separately at a three-day conference on U.S. food quality and safety, sponsored by the Washington Journalism Center.

In yielding the floor to Jacobson at the meeting, Miller joked that the two men would disagree about "virtually everything."

But they then proceeded to reach many of the same conclusions.

They concurred that there are, indeed, hazards associated with certain food additives which should be explored. But they also indicated that these dangers are not the greatest hazard to Americans and should be considered in context of the overall diet.

"Certainly there are problem additives, but their danger is small compared to hazards of smoking, alcohol and dietary patterns," Jacobson said.

Miller warned that he sees what seems to be a "chemophobia" developing, a fear of food additives regardless of their danger or safety.

Food is far safer today than it was in the past, he said, because many unsafe chemicals have been eliminated from food uses and others are used to preserve food and protect food from other contaminants.

Concerns about food additives invariably seem to focus on cancer.

Miller said, but studies indicate that as many as 70 percent of cancer cases are related to tobacco and dietary patterns.

Diet, Jacobson said, contributes to half of all deaths in the United States.

Eating too much sodium and fat contributes to high blood pressure which can lead to heart disease and stroke; fats also have a relationship to cancer; lack of fiber leads to intestinal problems and may contribute to some cancers, and sugar causes tooth decay and obesity, he said.

There has been progress in improving the American diet, he said, with more concern about dangerous foods, improving government and private education efforts and the appearance of salad bars in fast food stores and health foods in supermarkets.

But getting enough information for a proper diet is still a struggle, Jacobson said, with inadequate labels on processed foods and little government activity in regulating food hazards or requiring manufacturers to label contents.

One of the biggest dietary changes in the last century was the decline in eating potatoes and bread, Jacobson explained. This lack of complex carbohydrates, which are often replaced by dangerous fats and sugars, is a serious problem.

Miller concurred on the dangers of diet, commenting that "we've reached a point in this country when we can no longer talk about health policy and agricultural policy as separate issues."



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NEW KITTEN FOR KOKO—Koko, the "talking" gorilla who mourned when its pet kitten was killed last Christmas, is shown with her new kitty at the Gorilla Foundation in Woodside, Calif. Koko's new kitten is a Manx, an usual breed with no tail. A problem has developed at the foundation because another talking gorilla, Michael, thinks the kitten belongs to him. (AP Laserphoto)

Photos of 26 missing children to be shown on C-Span television

WASHINGTON (AP) — The floor of the House, so often the scene of divisive political words, is becoming a forum of hope as members of Congress publicize the cases of missing children.

While the television cameras roll after regular business ends for the day, members take turns at the microphone and hold up 16-by-20-inch photographs of some of the hundreds of thousands of children reported missing each year. Three of the children are from Texas.

The televised House appeals for help began informally last summer and are now being planned in advance as more and more members seek to alert the nation to look out for missing children from their districts.

Today's scheduled session, the first organized House appeal of 1984, focuses on 26 children from 13 states.

Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Okla., organizer of today's event, was the first to use the House floor for missing children when he showed pictures of two teen-age girls who disappeared from the Oklahoma State Fair.

"I started the project last year because of my concern for the safety of the two teen-age girls who had been kidnapped in my own district," Edwards said. "The televised proceedings of the House were an untapped resource to help publicize these and thousands of other cases of missing children."

Edwards said he would again today show pictures of Cinda Leann Pallett and Charlotte J. Kinsey, the Oklahoma City girls who vanished at the fair.

He had planned to publicize the

case of another missing youth, but that child's body was discovered late last week.

The case of 3-year-old Laura Bradbury, who disappeared from a campground in the Joshua Tree National Monument last October, was Rep. Jerry Lewis' reason for joining the hour-long session.

"This case makes the point that even in the most serene and presumably secure public facilities, all of us have to be very sensitive and aware of these problems," Lewis, R-Calif., said Monday.

Laura, of Los Angeles, was only 50 yards from her parents' campsite when she vanished.

"I don't know that there's a lot the Congress can do except playing this role" of publicizing the cases, Lewis said. "Children are not just automatically safe because you're in a safe haven."

All of the missing children to be cited today, ranging from toddlers to teen-agers, disappeared under mysterious circumstances except one — Jason Madjda Amini — the apparent victim of a parental kidnapping.

High court to rehear city zoning case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has ordered a second hearing in a case that is to decide whether a Cleburne, Texas zoning law discriminates against the retarded.

On March 18, the justices heard arguments in the case, which could yield a decision of great importance to the legal rights of the mentally retarded. But Justice Lewis F. Powell did not participate in the argument session because he

had not yet returned to work after an operation.

Monday, the court ordered the lawyers involved in the case to return on April 23 to reargue the case.

The court's decision could mean that the eight justices were closely divided in trying to decide how state and federal courts must scrutinize any law treating the mentally retarded differently from other people.

Jason was 7 years old when last seen on Feb. 25, 1982, at Los Angeles International Airport with his father, Parviz M. Amini, who did not have legal custody of the boy.

Today's effort marks the second time Rep. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has sought to end Jason's separation from his mother by putting his case before the public via the House television system.

"The real tragedy of Jason's story is that it is too common," said Craig.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates 15 million children are reported missing from their homes each year, two-thirds of them runaways. Of the others, more than 95 percent are parental kidnap victims.

The C-Span cable television network, which carries the House proceedings, reaches 21 million households via 2,000 cable systems in the 50 states, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico, according to spokeswoman Susan Swain. In addition, the telecast will be available to other news outlets.

We have more than 120 kidnapped children to be publicized.

Light-activated drug helps some leukemia patients; may fight arthritis, lupus

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A new technique that uses a light-activated drug to kill cancer cells in blood from certain leukemia patients may be useful in treating some blood cancers and diseases such as arthritis and lupus, a researcher says. When blood was removed from the bodies of two patients with the rare, extreme form of one type of leukemia, treated and returned to their bodies, it appeared to stimulate their immune systems to slow the uncontrolled, cancerous production of white cells, said Dr. Richard M. Edelson.

But the technique has only limited potential for halting some blood cancers and is really aimed at treating symptoms of those cancers and of so-called auto-immune diseases, including myasthenia gravis, lupus and arthritis, said Edelson, of New York's Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

It might eventually be used to sharply reduce the symptoms of the diseases by killing abnormal

white blood cells after they are produced, he said Monday during the American Cancer Society's science writers' seminar.

Edelson used the method on 11 patients with the leukemia version of a cancer called cutaneous T cell lymphoma, in which malignant T lymphocytes — a type of white blood cell — invade the lymph nodes and skin and circulate in the blood.

The patients were given a form of the drug psoralen, which occurs naturally in some fruits and vegetables but by itself has no known effect. Each patient's blood was then removed through an arm vein, routed through a clear plastic tube — where it was exposed to a mild ultraviolet light — and put back into the patient through another arm vein.

The ultraviolet light activated the drug so it killed the cancerous white blood cells. The drug reverted to its inactive form as it reentered the body. Three patients didn't improve, but eight had decreased symptoms.

Two of the eight showed sharply reduced cancer cell production even after treatment stopped, suggesting the method somehow stimulated their immune system to combat the leukemia.

Because this "photochemotherapy" technique killed the cancerous cells outside the body, it avoids the harmful side effects of conventional chemotherapy, which damages or kills cells throughout the body, not just cancerous ones, Edelson said.

While conventional chemotherapy drugs also might be used to treat blood removed from the body, the toxic drugs would have to be filtered from the blood before it was replaced — a costly and complex step unneeded with the light-activated drug, he said.

Arthritis and other auto-immune diseases occur when the body's disease-fighting immune system attacks the body itself by overproducing other types of white blood cells. So photochemotherapy might be used to kill or damage those cells to reduce the symptoms.

Congress fed up with trade talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is pointing to progress in trade negotiations with Japan, but members of Congress say they are fed up with talk and want sanctions that will force the Japanese to open their markets to U.S. goods.

The president, though, said he will oppose protectionist legislation.

The Senate Finance Committee was meeting today to draft legislation that would require the president to impose tariffs and quotas on Japanese products coming into the United States to force Japan to lower trade barriers. The full Senate passed a non-binding version 92-0 last week.

In the House, Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, and Rep. William S. Broomfield, R-Mich., the top Republican on the Foreign Affairs Committee, told colleagues in a letter they will introduce legislation today calling on the president "to exercise his authority under existing trade laws to respond in kind to Japan's unfair and discriminatory trade practices."

"The time for tabletalk negotiations has ended," they wrote. "The president must take off the gloves."

Other measures are pending in both houses.

The rising anger on Capitol Hill

continues despite reports from the president and administration officials that two envoys Reagan sent to Japan over the weekend received positive signals about the resolve of Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone to work with the United States on trade concessions.

Danforth, a Finance Committee member who authored the trade measure being considered today, said he was skeptical about the Japanese position.

"If 90 percent of your negotiating objectives are reached, there is an awful lot of room for Japan not to buy American telecommunications products," Danforth said.

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