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House okays state efficiency commission

AUSTIN (AP) — The House has voted to set up a state agency to look for better ways to run state agencies, but one member says it's an effort akin to putting a fox in the hen house.

The measure, tentatively approved Wednesday, faces a final House vote today. Speaker Gib Lewis has backed the bill, which would set up a 15-member Texas Commission on Economy and Efficiency in State Government.

Commission members would look for ways to save

state money, such as better ways for the state to buy supplies. Rep. Bob Richardson, R-Austin, said the idea is solid, but it should not be funded with state money.

"You're putting a fox in the henhouse when you fund this thing with state money," said Richardson.

Rep. Jim Horn, R-Lewisville, agreed, saying, "Hiring more state employees to do a job done poorly in the past is not the answer."

Sponsor Charles Evans, D-Hurst and a top Lewis

ally, fought off a Richardson amendment that would have barred state funds for the commission. Any look at state government should be done by outsiders, paid for with private money, Richardson said.

"You've got to challenge the private sector to put up or shut up. I think they'll respond," he said, referring to the privately funded Grace Commission that studied waste in federal government.

Richardson said several existing state agencies

are supposed to look for state government inefficiency. The Evans bill would offer a "blank check" to fund the new agency, he said.

Richardson's amendment failed 62-76.

Evans said his bill allows some private funding, but the agency's work could be "tainted" if it was totally paid for by private groups.

The bill won 96-17 tentative approval after the fight about Richardson's amendment. A final vote is expected Thursday.

Senate resolution gives sympathy to dead woman's heirs

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate has approved a resolution sympathizing with the heirs and descendants of a woman who was hanged in 1863 after a murder trial that was described in the resolution as a "rush to judgment."

The resolution said Chipita Rodriguez is the only woman ever officially executed in Texas, and she "may have been wrongfully convicted."

Sen. Carlos Truan, sponsor of the resolution, told the Senate on Wednesday that Ms. Rodriguez was a "lonely, elderly woman" who was the "victim of a legal lynching."

Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said former county attorney Richard Hatch of San Patricio County had made the Rodriguez case a "crusade" and had approached him about the resolution.

"San Patricio County wants its good name back," Truan said.

The resolution states that Ms. Rodriguez lived

near an Aransas River crossing in a cabin that also served as an inn for trail riders. On Aug. 25, 1863, downstream from her cabin, ranchers found the body of John Savage, a horse trader who was carrying \$600 in gold from a recent sale of horses to Confederate troops.

Ms. Rodriguez was indicted with another defendant on Oct. 25, pleaded innocent and two days later was tried and convicted. The other defendant got five years hard labor, but Ms. Rodriguez was hanged on Nov. 13, 1863.

Among apparent irregularities, the resolution said, was that the sheriff who arrested Ms. Rodriguez also served as foreman of the grand jury that indicted her.

"Arrestment, trial and conviction occurred within a single day, a rush to judgment that, even for 19th century Texas, was highly unusual," the resolution said.

Sen. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, asked Truan, "Do you agree that it was your intention and the intention of the (Senate) Jurisprudence Committee" in rewriting the resolution "to make absolutely sure that we were not subjecting the state of Texas to any future litigation by the heirs of this lady?"

"That's correct," Truan responded.

Mauzy said, "All this resolution does is express sympathy and direct the district clerk in San Patricio County to file this resolution in the official records. It does not, specifically does not, create a cause of action."

"That's correct," said Truan.

The resolution was sent to the House on voice vote. The Senate on Wednesday also passed and sent to the governor a House-approved bill that would change the definition of "intoxicated" to comply with recent state court rulings.

Senators returned to the House with amendments

a proposal that reduce possible damages in lawsuits filed under the State Insurance Code.

The Senate also approved and sent to the House bills that would:

- Authorize the Department of Human Resources to subsidize the cost of medical care for hard-to-place children who are up for adoption.
- Tighten plant protection laws to discourage "cactus rustling."
- Extend the life of the Texas Department on Aging, which was created in 1981 and serves 500,000 elderly Texans.
- Create uniform, statewide jurisdiction for district and county courts.
- Create an Office of Court Administration and assign to the Texas Supreme Court the duty of recommending additional courts every two years.
- Make photographs of stolen property admissible in all theft cases.

Mattox final arguments nearing

AUSTIN (AP) — Prosecution and defense lawyers readied their final arguments as Attorney General Jim Mattox's commercial

bribery trial neared an end today. After the defense rested Wednesday, both Mattox and Travis County District Attorney

Ronnie Earle said they were looking forward to giving the case to the eight-woman, four-man jury.

"I'm very confident in what's going to happen. I suspect that the jury's got a pretty good understanding of what has taken place," Mattox said.

"We're ready to go — ready for it to go to the jury," Earle said.

Mattox is accused of threatening the lucrative bond business of the powerful Houston law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski.

Prosecutors allege that Mattox told Wiley Caldwell, Fulbright & Jaworski's bond boss, he would withhold his required approval of the firm's municipal bonds unless another of its lawyers stopped trying to question his sister in an oil rights case.

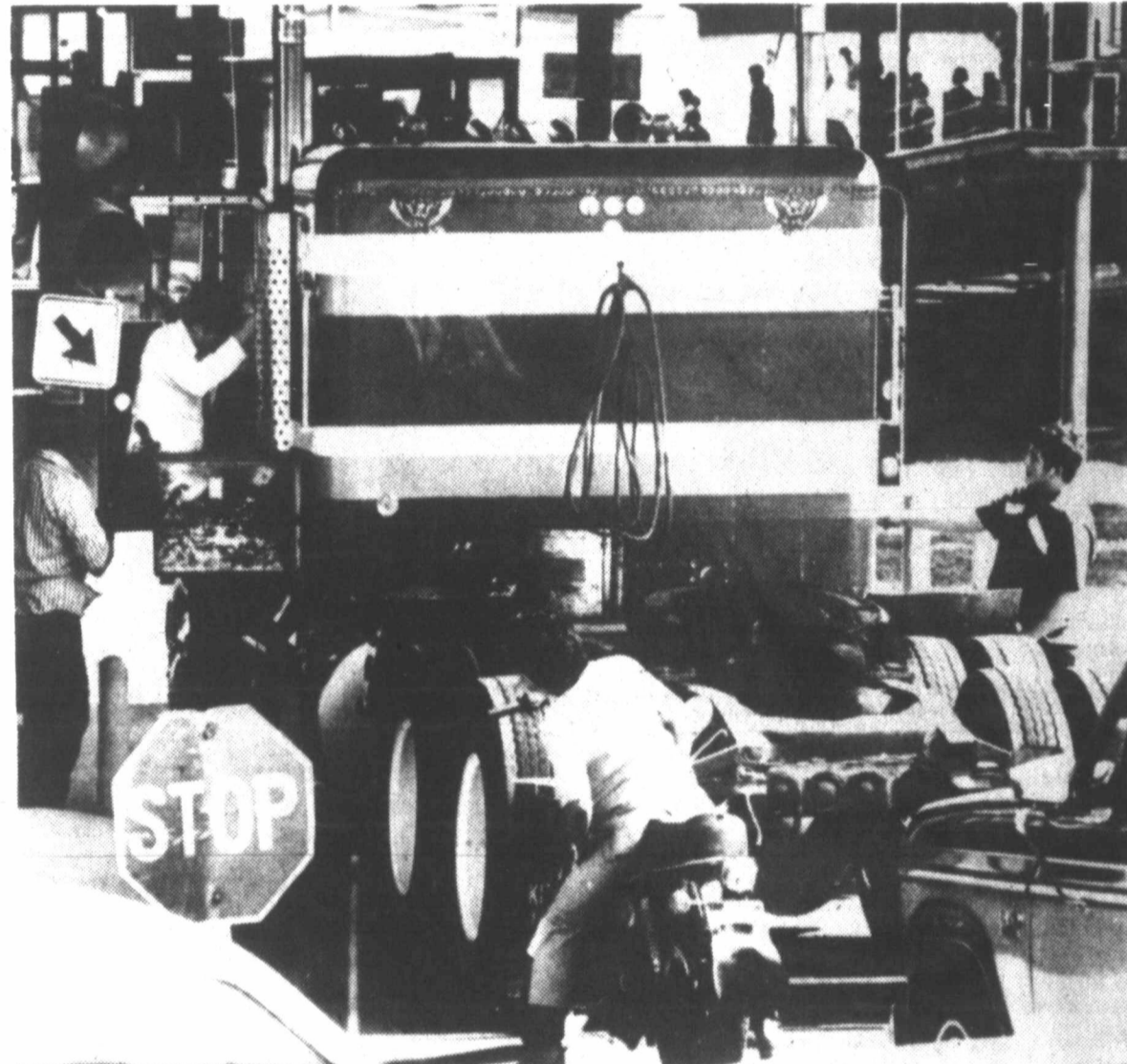
Commercial bribery is a felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

The defense concluded its case by presenting nine character witnesses who said Mattox enjoys a reputation for integrity.

"He is the epitome of everything fine and genuine and good," said Juanita Dance, 73, who was a Sunday school teacher at the East Grand Baptist Church in Dallas when Mattox was a teen-ager.

"To me, Jim Mattox is all I'd ever want out of a young fellow," she added.

"He's totally honest. His enemies and his friends alike agree he's totally honest," said U.S. Rep. John Bryant, D-Texas, who served with Mattox in the Texas Legislature during the 1970s.



CUSTOM SEARCH—Three Drug Enforcement Administration agents are keeping constant surveillance on U.S. Customs agents who check every vehicle entering the U.S. from Mexico at Brownsville. U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz,

D.-Brownsville, met with local, state and federal officials to discuss the creation of a task force to stem the flow of illegal drugs from Mexico. (AP Laserphoto)

Off beat

By
Dee Dee
Laramore



Living for the visitors

This is hard for me to write today. I'm too used to writing for Wednesday, not Thursday. But because of a bout with the flu making me miss a day, Larry Hollis kindly stepped in and filled my space yesterday. But I still have to fill this space today. And to be frank with you, I'm having a hard time. I guess my brain is as congested as my sinuses are.

There's a peculiar phenomenon common among women, although some men probably suffer from this also — it's called "not letting people know how you really live."

Those people who suffer from this are known to clean house before the maid comes.

This phenomenon is depicted in a television commercial. (I saw this back before I took control of my television watching, you understand.) The commercial shows a husband and wife busily cooking in a kitchen filled with grease, spaghetti sauce and other various types of dirt. Their friends drive up, so frantically the couple uses a miracle cleaner to have the kitchen spotless within the five seconds it takes their friends to climb the stairs.

I don't know about you, but I've tried to do that on occasion. Who can honestly say they haven't stuffed some article of clothing under the couch when they saw someone coming to the door? Who hasn't run to throw the bedspread over the bed when the doorbell rings? You don't want anyone to know that you don't make the bed the minute you wake up, for goodness sake! Even if it is some guy selling insurance.

Comparing notes with some of my peers I find we all would rather die than have our mothers find out how we really live. And after having just spent a weekend with my mother, I'm willing to bet she'd die before she'd let me know how she really lives. She practically worked herself to death cooking, cleaning and keeping us all comfortable. I love her for her effort, but I would have been just as happy with Kentucky Fried Chicken, paper plates and shoes on the floor.

But is that what I'm going to do when she comes over to my house? Are you kidding? It'll be pot roast, stoneware and the smell of Lemon Pledge in the air. I wouldn't want her to think she didn't teach me right.

And if you think we're bad about letting our mothers know how we live — well, we're worse when it comes to friends.

What happens when you find out you're supposed to host the next club meeting at your house. What do you do? Be truthful now. It's the first time you've washed windows in months — or since the last time you hosted the meeting, right? But why do you feel you have to clean closets, organize drawers and change the sheets on all the beds, too? It's not like your club mates are going to pull out the white gloves for an inspection when they come in. And if I ever find anyone checking my sheets to see if they're clean... well, bar the door, Katie!

I did have an acquaintance once who couldn't help but look in cupboards. This was a man! He laughingly admitted he had a quirk. I figured if he was going to be looking around in my cupboards, he deserved whatever he found!

The same goes with guests who come visiting without prior notice. If they're going to arrive unexpectedly, they had better not be offended by the condition of my house.

But I'm a lot harder on myself than I am on someone else. I don't look to see if someone has dusted in the past week or two, or if their floors are shiny. There's so much more important in life than worrying about how clean someone's house is — or how clean my house is — as long as it is liveable.

Not that I'm against clean houses. I can't stand for my house to be dirty for too long at a time.

But the funny thing about it is that I don't realize just what condition my house is in until someone comes to visit. That's when I see dust bunnies settling under the table, cobwebs in the corners, fingerprints on the walls, and nose prints on the storm door. Why are those things invisible until a visitor arrives?

I guess that is just as unexplainable as why we don't want other people to know how we live.

But I'm not going to worry about it anymore. I live the way I live and that's all there is to it.

Only... if you're going to come to see me, please call first. OK?

Laramore is lifestyles editor of The Pampa News

Prosecution nears end of Port murder case

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Blood with the same genetic patterns as Debora Sue Schatz's was found at the home of the teen-ager accused of killing the postal worker, a police chemist has

testified.

That testimony from Sondra Denney, former forensic chemist for the Houston Police Department, came Wednesday during the murder trial of David

Port, an 18-year-old who allegedly shot Ms. Schatz, 23, on June 7, 1984.

The case has attracted heavy publicity because Port's parents, Bernard and Odette Port, refused to testify against their son before a grand jury.

Both were jailed while their son remained free on bond. Neither was subpoenaed to testify and neither has appeared in the courtroom during the trial, now in its third week.

Ms. Denney said she analyzed blood stains found on carpets, floors and paper towels at the Port home, the defendant's clothing and several items found in the trunk of Port's car and at the site where the body was found.

She said much of the blood was contaminated because of heat and moisture. Many other samples, she said, were so minute they could not yield a conclusive blood type.

Ms. Denney could not conclusively say the blood was type A — like Ms. Schatz's — but she did say genetic characteristics in some

of the stains at the Port home matched genetic "markers" in the victim's blood.

Those markers, she said, definitely did not indicate type B blood — like Port's.

Police earlier testified a button was missing on the pants when they found Ms. Schatz's body June 9.

Flagman shot by motorist

DALLAS (AP) — A 25-year-old flagman remained in serious condition today after he was shot by a motorist who was apparently angry by a traffic delay at a construction site.

Zachery Tobias Reese, who was wearing a bright red vest and carrying a red flag at the site, was struck in the upper left back by a small-caliber bullet Wednesday, police said.

Reese underwent surgery at Parkland Memorial Hospital to remove the bullet from his lung, officials said. Police arrested a 31-year-old man in connection with the 9 a.m. shooting.

"He just shot him like a dog," said the Rev. R.L. Reese, the victim's father and a witness to the attack. "I thought he was dead."

The Baptist country preacher said the younger Reese was shot after a motorist ignored the flag he was using to temporarily halt traffic to allow a loaded dump truck to leave the construction site.

Police said four witnesses to the shooting wrote down the fleeing vehicle's license number and telephoned officers. The man was arrested moments later and taken to Lew Sterrett Justice Center where he was held on a charge of investigation of attempted murder.

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BARGAIN HUNTING—Spring break students are leaving the beaches and spending the days bargain hunting in Mexico. Mexican merchants, eager for the tourist dollar, are welcoming the students with open arms. (AP Laserphoto)

College students flocking south of border on break

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — College students on spring break in South Texas are leaving the beaches for the bargains across the border and Mexican merchants, needing the tourist dollar, say the students are a welcome sight.

"In five years we haven't seen so many people here," said Guillermo Perez, the owner of a curio shop in the market. "We're so happy to see lots of young, beautiful people that have visited us. Hopefully they will come back."

Several thousand students have been lured to South Padre Island during spring break this week. Many of them and other tourists staying in Brownsville have walked across the international bridge for bargains.

The students come from area colleges and state universities and from out-of-state colleges.

Business people say visitors to the area this month are expected to add some \$4 million to the economy and some of that will be in Mexico.

Many walk across the border with cameras strapped around their neck or shoulders and are photographed by friends in front of several popular places before heading into the heart of the city, the market.

There, vendors yell out, "Come over here. I'll make you a good deal."

Souvenirs range from the typical "sombbrero" to dresses, hats, jewelry, handbags, shoes and numerous leather goods.

Although some of the students are visiting Mexico for the first time many have learned quickly how to bargain.

A young woman, wanting to say only that she was from Nebraska, proved she could barter for a necklace.

"For you, \$6," a vendor said.

"How about \$4?"

"No, \$6 is a good price."

"No."

She began to walk out of the shop and the vendor said, "OK, How

about \$5."

"No, \$4," she said.

"OK, \$4.50."

She took it.

Other merchants said students were buying, but small things and sometimes try to bargain too much.

"Yes, they're buying," a dress shopkeeper said. "But they want everything free."

Others said the same.

"They all want it free," another merchant, who did not want to give his name, said. "For something worth \$8, they offer you \$4."

But merchants did say the students are needed.

"Business is real good," Perez said. "There are lots of people and we need them."

Merchants on both sides of the border have said they were hurt because U.S. Customs officials temporarily began intense searches of cars entering the United States after the disappearance of a U.S. narcotics agent.

Classroom sizes creating problems for school districts

AUSTIN (AP) — Class sizes outlined in a 1984 education reform law are causing hardships for some public school districts and should be more flexible, a state senator says.

The law requires schools to have one teacher for every 22 students, but Sen. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, proposed Wednesday that the ratio instead

stem from a district-wide average.

The law requires the 1-to-22 ratio for kindergarten through second grade in 1985-86. In 1988-89, that ratio would apply to third and fourth grades.

"This part of the reform has caused hardships for school districts," Glasgow told the Senate Education Committee during its hearing on the issue. "What do you

do when you have 23 students?"

Glasgow said school districts are having to pay for extra personnel as well as classroom facilities.

Under his proposal, a district would be prohibited from having more than 25 students in classes such as math and English, unless a certified educational aide is assigned to the classroom.

With Glasgow's proposal, the

Cullen Davis firm agrees to bankruptcy reorganization

DALLAS (AP) — Millionaire brothers Cullen Davis and Ken Davis have averted an effort by creditors to immediately force payment of millions of dollars in loans in agreeing to voluntary reorganization of a chunk of their business empire.

Attorneys for the Fort Worth brothers, in documents filed Tuesday in U.S. bankruptcy court, agreed to reorganization of Kendavis Holding Co. under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code.

A bankruptcy court trustee said Wednesday the brothers are also expected to agree to reorganization of Kendavis Industries International, a management subsidiary of Kendavis Holding.

Creditors claim the two companies owe them more than \$300 million. Eight banks tried to force the companies into involuntary bankruptcy in a petition filed Feb. 21.

Bank officials said they failed to reach a refinancing agreement with the Davis companies after 18 months of intensive negotiations.

Assistant U.S. trustee George McElreath said Wednesday he had received the Davis' consent order to reorganize the second company as well. McElreath oversees such proceedings for the court.

But officials said by late Wednesday, the paperwork had not shown up at the bankruptcy clerk's office in Dallas.

"The filings give them 120 days to propose a plan of reorganization," said McElreath.

He said although most creditors permit a company that amount of time to come up with a plan, they can try to speed up the process by appealing to the court. Any reorganization would have to be approved by all parties and a federal bankruptcy judge, McElreath said.

Forbes magazine lists Cullen and Ken Davis among the 400 wealthiest Americans. Kendavis Holding Co. is an umbrella for at least 52 other corporate entities.

The business empire includes energy exploration, equipment and services, rubber products, lighting fixtures, air conditioning and heavy equipment, often sold in international markets.

In 1976, a shooting at Cullen Davis' hilltop mansion left his 12-year-old stepdaughter dead and his estranged wife, Priscilla, and another guest wounded.

Charged with capital murder in his stepdaughter's death, Davis' first 1977 trial ended in a mistrial. He was acquitted of the charge later in the same year.

He was accused in August 1978 of paying a man \$25,000 to kill the judge who presided over his divorce from Priscilla and again

went to court. After a mistrial in early 1979, he was acquitted later that year on the capital murder solicitation charge.

Ken Davis said after banks filed the involuntary bankruptcy petition in February that the proceeding was "imprudent and unnecessary," adding the companies had a positive cash flow.

But creditors said the Davis brothers had failed to meet their financial obligations.

The banks, in court documents on file in Dallas, say the Davis business empire has lost \$132 million over the last two years and is headed for "substantial losses" in 1985.

Bank officials want U.S. bankruptcy court permission to monitor the business activities and

examine financial records of Kendavis Holding and Kendavis Industries International.

"There is a significant probability that the (companies) will have to take extraordinary measures in order to provide cash in the foreseeable future," bank officials said in the filings.

Kendavis spokesman David Sturgis on Wednesday afternoon declined comment on the company's financial condition and on bankruptcy proceedings because he said he has not been briefed by company attorneys.

The attorneys could not be reached by telephone for comment by The Associated Press.

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Dear Abby

Writing an advice column is
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By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am doing my student teaching in a fifth-grade advanced program at Eisenhower Elementary School in Louisville, Ky. All the students keep a journal of their creative writing to sharpen their creative writing skills. On Jan. 9, the class decided to celebrate the 29th anniversary of your first newspaper column, so each student made up a "Dear Abby" letter and answered it. The project turned out so well, we thought you might like to see their letters. Some were serious, but most were spoofs.

MRS. SUSAN GRACE

DEAR MRS. GRACE: Due to space limitations I am unable to publish all the letters, but the fifth-graders who wrote the following may qualify for the "Guinness Book of World Records" as the world's youngest published authors:

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem. My teacher gives me too much homework. What should I do?

OVERWORKED

DEAR OVERWORKED: Homework is just a part of school preparing you for the adult life ahead. Accept it as something you have to do and do it.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem. At my school they serve totally barfy lunches. I mean it. They don't even clean the trays or the silverware. Oh, they do run them under water. Help!

SICK OF IT
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DEAR SICK: Take your lunch.

DEAR ABBY: I hate bombs, but I hate school more. What should I do?

CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: If you feel that way about school, blow it up.

DEAR ABBY: My brother was jumping up and down on his bed, and the bed broke down, and the floor fell through. Now every time I vacuum, I fall through the floor. What should I do?

WENDY

DEAR WENDY: Don't vacuum in your brother's room.

DEAR ABBY: I know somebody who is stupid, mean and very ugly. What should I tell him to do?

W.W.

DEAR W.W.: Tell him to study, be nicer and wear a ski mask.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a dad with a problem: My daughter is a tomboy and she plays with Transformers, G.I. Joes and plastic guns. She beats me, her mom and the next-door neighbors. She's the bully of the school. What should I do?

PROBLEMED DAD

DEAR P.D.: Buy a book on child psychology, and hit her with it.

DEAR ABBY: My name is Calliope and I live in Las Vegas. My sister's name is Henrietta, and she lives in Miami. Henrietta has a daughter named Charlie who has a dog named Fifi. I have a daughter named Georgette who has a dog named Chee Chee. My husband's name is Barnabas and my brother-in-law's name is Waldo. Fifi and Chee Chee fell in love and my daughter insisted that they get married. We hired a preacher, got a doggy license and they were married. Fifi just had a polka-dotted puppy and now my husband and brother-in-law are fighting over what to name it. One wants to name it Snoozer, and the other one likes Lizzy. They are making my life miserable. What should I do?

SCREWED UP HOUSEWIFE

DEAR S.U.H.: You should change your name, get a divorce and name the dog Toby.

Girl Scouts observe 73rd anniversary

"A Peek at the Past" celebration is to culminate Quivira Council Girl Scouts' observance of Girl Scout Week on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pampa Optimist Club.

All troops from the Council's 10-county area will participate with many crafts and activities from the past, such as quilting, making corn

husk dolls, and square dancing. The public is invited to view the displays and demonstrations.

March 10-17 marks the 73rd anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States. The organization was founded by Juliette Gordon Lowe in Savannah, Ga., on March 12, 1912.

Girl Scouting is a movement that gives girls from all segments of American life a chance to develop their potential, to make new friends, and to become a vital part of their community. Based on ethical values, it opens up a world of opportunity for youth, working in partnership with adult volunteers.

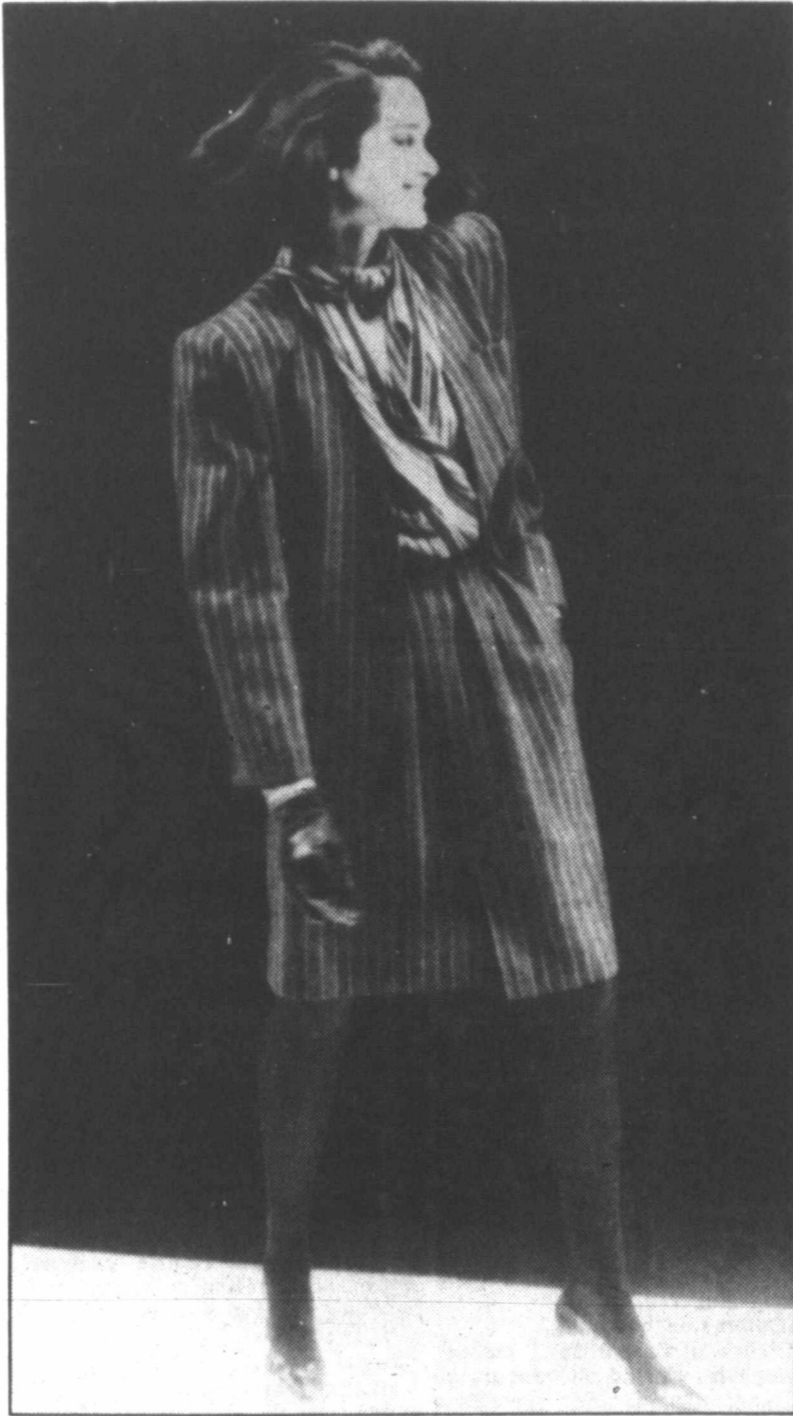
Girls Scouts U.S.A. is the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world. It is open to all girls ages 5 to 17. Approximately 3 million girls are members, in addition to 624,000 adult members. The 166,000 troops have been organized by 336 councils — local units chartered by

the national organization to administer and develop Girl Scouting.

On the local level, Quivira Girl Scout Council serves troops in a 10-county area including Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth and Hall counties.

Girl Scouting in this area began in the 1930s with lone troops. In the late '30s, small councils were formed from one to three counties. Quivira Council was organized in 1960 from a composite of small councils and lone troops. Headquarters were established in Pampa. The name "Quivira" is the Spanish term for the mythical seven cities of gold. This was interpreted as the "golden opportunity" of Girl Scouting.

Girl Scout week started Sunday with many area troops attending the church of their choice in uniform. Various activities within individual troops have been planned throughout the week.



THIS ELEGANT SUIT with loose jacket worn over a soft striped silk shirt, short skirt, high heels and gloves was part of the sophisticated look of the new Giorgio Armani collection for the fall-winter 1985-6 shown in Milan this week. (AP Wirephoto)

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One-time farm girl now writes romantic novels

OTTUMWA, Iowa (AP) — In the summer of 1982, LeAnn Lemberger stood in her kitchen in Ottumwa screaming with joy because the first manuscript she had ever submitted to a publisher had been accepted. It was a dream realized and a moment of complete happiness.

Now, having a manuscript accepted has become almost routine. Mrs. Lemberger has submitted 10 stories to Mills and

Boon Ltd. of London, the parent company of Harlequin Books, and all have been accepted. An 11th manuscript is on her editor's desk and she's halfway through book No. 12.

But that first one was special. "It took four months from when I submitted it to it being accepted," she said. "I'd pretty much given up and was expecting a rejection slip."

No rejection slips have ever

arrived at the simple, two-story white house in a quiet residential section of Ottumwa. One would not guess that this is the home of a woman who writes passionate romance novels set mostly in elite societies of metropolitan cities. The only evidence of her career is a front room that has been turned into a work space, with a computer, large writing table and rows of file cabinets.

Mrs. Lemberger, 30, writes

under the pen name Leigh Michaels and she acknowledges that most of her readers would be surprised to learn that Leigh Michaels grew up on a farm, went to college at Drake University and now is happily married, with two stepchildren, and living in Iowa.

"There are no rules against anyone trying to write a romance novel," Mrs. Lemberger said. "But I think a lot of people don't try because of that rural stereotype."

Most of her books are set in large cities, but rural Iowa also is represented. "Kiss Yesterday Goodbye" is set in mythical Twin Rivers, Iowa, a town partly inspired by Ottumwa.

Iowa is the land Mrs. Lemberger knows best. She grew up near Coon Rapids and has lived in the state all of her life. She had wanted to be a writer since she was 4 years old.

Gray County history trivia

1. For whom was Gray County named?
2. What year was the Gray County Courthouse completed and dedicated?
3. Where was the first Gray County Post Office erected?
4. Where was it located?
5. What famous cavalry leader attacked an Indian camp near Alanreed in 1872?

These and other points of our Gray County history will be included in the Gray County History Book to be released during the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration in 1986.

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U.S. arms delegates see 'new opportunity for progress'

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — The Soviet delegation to nuclear arms talks with the United States arrived at the American mission today for the first in-depth negotiations in 15 months.

The Soviet delegation, headed by Victor P. Karpov, was met by the American delegation chief, Max M. Kampelman. Kampelman shook Karpov's hand and said "Welcome to our mission."

As he and his two fellow negotiators arrived, Karpov was

asked by a reporter if he had received any new instructions from the new Kremlin chief Mikhail S. Gorbachev. Karpov replied "Not yet."

Then the two delegations went to penthouse offices of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, an eight story building, where today's talks were being held.

U.S. officials said the first meeting of the delegation heads Tuesday made a good start, and they predicted a comprehensive

discussion of issues during their first in-depth session today.

"The president says this is a new opportunity for progress, and we are going to take that approach both substantively and psychologically," Joseph Lehman, spokesman for the U.S. delegates, said Wednesday.

The Americans hope "to get down to earnest business right away," he said. Lehman predicted a "full and lively dialogue" on the topics of space weapons, and

strategic and medium-range nuclear weapons.

The presence of three Soviet negotiators, Karpov, Yuli Kvitsinsky and Alexei Obukhov, is in line with the formula adopted in January to have the two types of offensive missiles as well as defensive systems considered separately.

Meanwhile in Washington, the Reagan administration on Wednesday accused the Soviets of continuing a "vigorous" buildup of

triple-warhead SS-20 missiles — one of the key weapons U.S. negotiators are trying to limit at the talks.

There are now 414 SS-20s in the Soviet Union, an 18-rocket increase since Jan. 9 and a hike of 36 since Oct. 16, the State Department said.

During a 15-month hiatus in U.S.-Soviet arms control talks, "they embarked on a vigorous construction program of SS-20 bases, which continues today," the department said. "They have had

more new bases under simultaneous construction than we have ever witnessed. We have seen a steady growth of Soviet deployments over the last year."

At Tuesday's opening session, only Karpov participated. All three U.S. negotiators, Max Kampelman, John Tower and Maynard Giltman, attended.

The negotiations are off-limits to the public as well as members of Congress.

Nitze: Congress denial of MX funding won't affect talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chief U.S. adviser on the arms control talks with the Soviet Union disagrees with claims by the Reagan administration that a congressional vote against additional MX missiles would have an immediate impact on the Geneva negotiations.

Paul Nitze said Wednesday that if the House or Senate deny the administration \$1.5 billion for 21 of

the intercontinental missiles over the next few weeks, "I am not sure it would make an immediate and dramatic difference."

Testifying before a House Armed Services subcommittee, he said, "It is not correct to say we would see an immediate, direct correlation."

Seated next to Nitze was Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who, along with Reagan and other

top administration officials, has been saying for weeks that a congressional vote at this time against the MX would weaken the U.S. bargaining position in Geneva, Switzerland.

On Wednesday, Weinberger said if Congress refuses to fund the controversial missile, the Soviet Union "will have won the negotiation before it starts."

Nitze supports the MX and has

said that it is needed to offset huge increases in the Soviet intercontinental missile arsenal.

Approval of the MX "will send a strong signal of national resolve and will greatly strengthen our hand in Geneva," Nitze said.

But he also predicted that if the votes in the House and Senate go against the MX, the Soviet Union still will assume that it will be built and installed eventually.

The Soviets would likely use the congressional vote to intensify their own propaganda, Nitze said.

In a lively exchange with Weinberger, Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., said he is worried that if the United States goes ahead with Reagan's proposed "Star Wars" defense against Soviet intercontinental missiles, that will only drive the Kremlin to find other ways to threaten U.S. forces.

"The offense never lays down and says we quit," said Aspin, who chairs both the subcommittee and the full Armed Services Committee.

In reply, Weinberger said the United States must do whatever is necessary to counter any big Soviet military buildup, and if Moscow comes up with new threats to U.S. security, then the United States must discover new means to check those threats.

Oil or gas?

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recovered by conventional separation, low temperature separation, or whatever type of equipment or process.

"Nor does their legal character as 'oil' depend upon their being 'black,' having low API gravities or possessing any particular physical characteristics. These liquid hydrocarbons are 'oil' simply because their source is the crude oil nature placed in the reservoir." (RRC, Pg. 6)

But as the examiners noted, "Original conditions" for the Panhandle Field were presumably those at the time of its discovery in 1918. However, no one, including PIPG experts, knows those exact conditions." (RRC, Pg. 21)

Instead, "Examination of the statutes supports the Phillips' argument that classification of wells must be based on current conditions. Section 86.002(5)(a) defines a 'gas well' as a well that 'produces gas not associated or blended with oil at the time of production.' (Emphasis added)" (RRC, Pg. 21)

In their report, the examiners cite various cases and state officials supporting the view that classification depends upon production under current conditions.

"The Railroad Commission cannot carry out its legal responsibility to properly classify wells by basing those classifications on speculation and presumptions about original conditions in the reservoir," the report notes. "Only measurement of current conditions is sufficiently verifiable to provide an accurate, reliable and rational basis for the classification of wells." (RRC, Pg. 22)

Further, "PIP's 'once an oil reservoir, always an oil reservoir' approach is neither practical nor consistent with sound proration practices. Railroad Commission regulation of a reservoir must be and has been cognizant of the current conditions in the reservoir and responsive to changes." (RRC, Pg. 22)

The examiners continued to strike down the PIP's claims about vaporized crude oil.

"As previously discussed, the proper application of the rules of construction to the relevant statute and rule mandates a conclusion that the liquids produced by these

LTX units are not oil. PIPG's categorization of these liquids as vaporized crude oil is therefore irrelevant to the decision in this case.

"However, even if the examiners believed that what was liquid under original conditions could be counted as oil for purposes of calculating a gas-oil ratio, no evidence established that these liquids were, in fact, vaporized in the reservoir from oil." (RRC, Pg. 23)

Earlier in their recommendation, the examiners had noted, "Given the fact that the legislature rejected the use of anything but crude petroleum oil in gas-oil ratio calculations, the Commission should not now expand the concept of 'oil' for gas-oil ratio purposes to suit PIPG's theory. The applicable statutes are unambiguous, and not subject to reinterpretation by PIPG or by the Railroad Commission. If the product of LTX units is not crude petroleum oil, it cannot legally be counted as oil for classification purposes." (RRC, Pg. 10)

Referring to a 1938 case - the Clymore Case, which PIPG had cited for support of its claims - in which a producer had used a separator to strip liquids from gas, the examiners note, "The complainants contended that the water-white liquid caught in the separators was crude petroleum oil while the Commission asserted that it was merely drip gasoline or condensate created by a process of cooling and expansion in the separators." (RRC, Pg. 10) The RRC was sustained in its judgment.

In the court opinion from the case, cited by the examiners in their report, the court held, "Water-white as it is, and so volatile as to be adaptable for immediate use in gasoline engines, it has certainly never been considered crude oil by the Oil and Gas Industry generally. We think it manifests that the legislature in speaking of crude petroleum oil meant a liquid existing in the ground as oil and as such produced from it." (RRC, Pg. 11)

In evidence brought out by testimony from RRC officials, further support was gathered that the resultant liquid stripped from the gas was gasoline. Thus, the

LTX units are similar to miniature gasoline manufacturing plants.

"The alleged differences between the LTX units and gasoline plants proposed by PIPG's witness... can best be described as differences in size, efficiency and volume" only, the examiners note. (RRC, Pg. 25)

Further, "PIP operators have even found that it is difficult to mix the LTX product with crude oil produced on the lease and have described stratification of the two liquids in the stock tanks." (RRC, Pg. 25)

Also, "The process being performed by LTX units is not 'separation' but is, as several witnesses have indicated, the 'manufacture' of gasoline. Gasoline, as explained in the section on the applicable statutes, may not be counted as crude oil for well classification purposes." (RRC, Pg. 25)

Tearing further at the PIPG claims that the LTX liquids should be counted as crude oil, the RRC examiners state, "PIP insists upon the right to call the product of LTX units 'crude oil' for classification purposes despite the fact that a comparison between the appearance, characteristics and composition of Panhandle crude oil and LTX liquids reveals the absurdity of that labelling." (RRC, Pg. 25)

In addition, "LTX liquids simply do not demonstrate the color, gravity or chemical composition characteristic of Panhandle crude oil." (RRC, Pg. 26)

NEXT: Justification for the LTX units.

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SPORTS SCENE

Raymond to compete in state swim meet

Amy Raymond of Pampa High School will compete in the state swim meet in two events Friday and Saturday in Austin. Miss Raymond qualified for the state meet by placing second in both the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM at regionals. The senior standout won both events at the district meet, setting a new record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:12.41. However, her best time was

1:11.39. Her best in the 200 IM was 1:18.18.

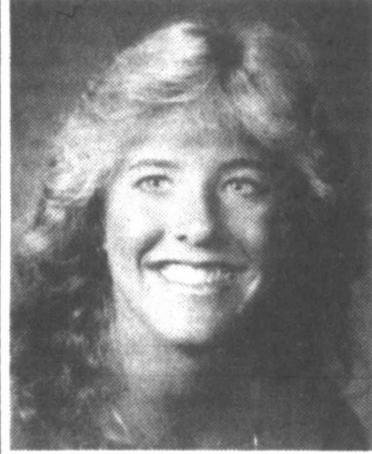
In eight meets — not counting district or regionals — Miss Raymond won 14 first-place medals. Her lowest finish was a third place at the Midland Invitational in the 100 freestyle. However, she won the 100 breaststroke in that meet.

Miss Raymond, along with eight other Pampa swimmers, qualified for regionals during district competition, but she was the only one to advance to the state meet.

Other regional qualifiers for the Harvesters were Renita Hill, Betsy Chambers, Lissa Turcotte and Pauletta Morrow in the girls' division; R.F. Hupp, Patt Richards, John Edwards and Brad Pope in the boys' division.

"Amy's times have been real good in practice," said Pampa coach Norma Young. "In fact, she's had some of her best times, but the competition is going to be tremendous. Our regional had the state's slowest times, so it's going to be tough."

Miss Raymond closed out her final practice session Wednesday before leaving for Austin today.



Amy Raymond

NBA Roundup

Nets eye playoff position

With a month left in the National Basketball Association season, teams in the middle of the standings, such as the Washington Bullets and New Jersey Nets, are starting to put their games into a playoff context.

Since the team that finishes in sixth place in the Eastern Conference will have to play powerful Boston or Philadelphia in the first round, fifth place is a desirable spot to be.

So when New Jersey defeated the Bullets 114-109 Wednesday night to tie them for fifth, each with 33-33 records, the Nets knew precisely what it meant to them.

"It was an important game for us because of where we are in the standings," Coach Stan Albeck said. "Any time you can beat a team that's just ahead of you, it's got to be a big plus."

In other NBA games, it was Boston 123, Phoenix 106; Philadelphia 121, Los Angeles

Clippers 103; Milwaukee 128, Cleveland 93; Dallas 118, Kansas City 100; and Los Angeles Lakers 120, Utah 105.

Micheal Ray Richardson scored 27 points to help the Nets snap a three-game losing streak. His backcourt mate, Otis Birdsong, added 24 points, while Net forward Buck Williams had 16 points and a career-high 22 rebounds.

The Nets led by as many as 15 points midway through the third period, but Washington rallied to tie the score at 89-89 on a basket by Cliff Robinson with 7:53 to play.

The Nets responded by scoring eight of the next 10 points to lead 97-91, and the Bullets, who were led by Gus Williams with 29 points, got no closer than three points the rest of the way. **Lakers 120, Jazz 105**

Los Angeles, which leads the Pacific Division by 16½ games, won its fifth straight decision as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 27 points against Utah.

Tascosa edges Pampa in high school tennis

AMARILLO — Tascosa slipped by Pampa, 10-8, in high school tennis action Tuesday.

"We played them in the fall and lost, 13-5, so we've made some real good improvement," said Pampa coach Pam Clark.

Pampa won six matches in the boys' division, but only two in the girls' division.

Pampa's only win in girls' singles was by freshman Missy Pontious, who defeated Laurie Hyman, 6-3, 6-2.

"Missy is the most improved player on the team as far as the girls are concerned," coach Clark said. "She's really coming along and being more aggressive now. She's got it in her head now that she can win when she goes out there."

Miss Pontious teamed with

another freshman, Andrea Adcock, to defeat Hyman and Craig, 5-7, 7-5, in girls' doubles.

In the boys' division, Reagan Eddins, Pampa's No. 2 seed, defeated Carl Mullen, 6-4, 6-3.

Other winners for Pampa were Matt Walsh, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, over Brad Neyert; Eric Hallerberg over Blake Killen, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Bernard Avendanio over Ricky Ross, 6-3, 6-1.

Hallerberg teamed with Arcadio Rivera to defeat Mullen and Neyert in the No. 2 doubles match. Walsh and Avendanio also won their doubles match, defeating Stourd and Killen, 6-2, 3-6, 6-0.

The Pampa teams compete in the Lubbock Tournament, starting today.

NCAA Tournament

High-scoring Sooners open against N. Carolina Aggies

By The Associated Press North Carolina A&T is seeded 16th and last in the Midwest regional but Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs, whose top-seeded Sooners meet the Aggies tonight in the opening round of the NCAA Basketball Tournament, isn't taking them lightly.

Early in the season, the Aggies played mighty Georgetown to within 61-56 and held Patrick Ewing to 11 points.

"I was impressed with the way they played Georgetown so close. Anybody that plays Georgetown to a five-point game gets my attention really quickly," Tubbs said.

Oklahoma-North Carolina A&T will be the third of four games today in Tulsa and it pairs the high-scoring Sooners, ranked fourth nationally, who lead the nation in scoring at better than 91 points a game against a team that grudgingly surrenders an average of 66 points.

"I'm sure they would like to slow things down a bit," Tubbs said. "But we're going to do our best not to let them."

In afternoon games, Ohio State meets Iowa State while eighth-ranked Louisiana Tech faces Pittsburgh. Southern California-Illinois State winds up the four-game slate, one of four scheduled around the country today with four more on tap Friday.

With no shot clock in the NCAA tournament, the Aggies will be able to exploit their experience with a spread offense and a tight zone in an attempt to bottle up Oklahoma All-American Wayman Tisdale, who averages 27 points. North Carolina A&T features a lineup whose tallest player is 6-foot-6 center Claude Williams.

Illinois State Coach Bob Donewald said he is unfamiliar with Southern Cal, which tied for the Pacific-10 Conference title, and

posted an overall 19-9 record. The rest of today's schedule looks like this:

East, at Hartford, Conn. — Georgetown vs. Lehigh, Temple vs. Virginia Tech, Loyola of Chicago vs. Iona, Southern Methodist vs. Old Dominion.

Southeast, at South Bend, Ind. — Kansas vs. Ohio University, Purdue vs. Auburn, North Carolina vs. Middle Tennessee State, Notre Dame vs. Oregon State.

West, at Salt Lake City — St. John's vs. Southern University, Iowa vs. Arkansas, Nevada-Las Vegas vs. San Diego State, Washington vs. Kentucky.

On Friday, the scene shifts to four different locations:

East, at Atlanta — Illinois vs. Northeastern, Georgia vs. Wichita State, Syracuse vs. DePaul, Georgia Tech vs. Mercer.

Southeast, at Dayton, Ohio — LSU vs. Navy, Maryland vs. Miami of Ohio, Michigan vs. Fairleigh

Dickinson, Villanova vs. Dayton. Midwest, at Houston — Memphis State vs. Pennsylvania, Alabama-Birmingham vs. Michigan State, Texas Tech vs. Boston College, Duke vs. Pepperdine.

West, at Albuquerque, N.M. — North Carolina State vs. Nevada-Reno, Tulsa vs. Texas-El Paso, Virginia Commonwealth vs. Marshall, Alabama vs. Arizona.

With the No. 1 seed meeting No. 16, No. 2 facing No. 15, etc. in each region, this is the time for major upsets. San Diego State, virtually unnoticed despite a 23-7 record, hopes to pull one of them against UNLV.

"I hope we have a few more surprises left in us," says Coach Smokey Gaines. "I feel we have a surprise or two left, and wouldn't it be something, though — beating the ninth-ranked team after most people said we wouldn't even be here."

NIT Tournament

Nebraska routs Canisius

By STEVEN WINE Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's offense was balanced and its defense had Canisius off balance in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

All five Nebraska starters hit double figures in a 79-66 victory Wednesday night, while at the other end of the floor guard Harvey MCoach Moe Iba said. "Harvey really did a great job on Hall, chasing him around."

Hall, Canisius' career scoring leader, was held to 16 points and missed eight of 13 field goal attempts.

"That was our game plan ... to put as much pressure on him as I could," Marshall said.

Marshall also scored 14 points for the Huskers, who broke a four-game losing streak and improved their record to 16-13.

The contest was the only NIT game scheduled Wednesday night. Ten games are on tap tonight, with four on Friday night concluding first-round play in the 32-team tournament.

A crowd of 7,443 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center watched center Dave Hoppen celebrate his 21st birthday by scoring 21 points to move into second place on Nebraska's career scoring list. Forward Bill Jackman added 15 points and a career-high 10 rebounds.

Nebraska made 14 of 18 free throws in the final 6:10 to pull away from the Golden Griffins, who had reduced a 58-47 deficit to 61-58.

The Cornhuskers hit 33 free throws in 41 attempts. Three Griffins fouled out, including 7-foot center Mike Smrek with 8:33 left.

"We're not used to that physical of a game back on the coast," Canisius Coach Nick Macarchuk said. However, he also indicated he felt the game was called too closely.

"My only concern was that there were two big men out there tonight, and they (the referees) just wouldn't let them play," Macarchuk said.

Smrek scored 14 points and Michael Ray Jackson 10 for Canisius, 20-10. The game was the Golden Griffins' first post-season tournament appearance since 1963.

New Mexico opened NIT play Tuesday night with an 80-67 victory over Texas A&M.

Play continues tonight with

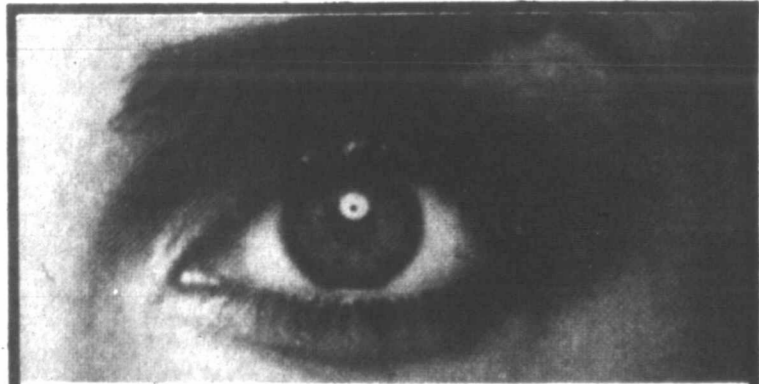
Alcorn State, 23-6, at Louisville, 16-16; Virginia, 15-15, at West Virginia, 20-8; Kent State, 17-12, at Cincinnati, 16-13; Wake Forest,

15-13, at South Florida, 17-11; Bradley, 17-12, at Marquette, 18-10; Tennessee, 18-14, at Tennessee

Tech, 19-9; Florida, 18-11, at Southwestern Louisiana, 16-13; St. Joseph's, Pa., 18-11, at Missouri, 18-13; Montana, 22-7, at UCLA, 16-12, and Santa Clara, 20-8, at Fresno State, 21-8.



PUNCHING AWAY— Wichita Falls' Jimmy Crump (left) punches it out with San Antonio's Guadalupe Galvin Wednesday in State Golden Gloves Tournament action in Fort Worth. Crump won the light welterweight fight by a decision.



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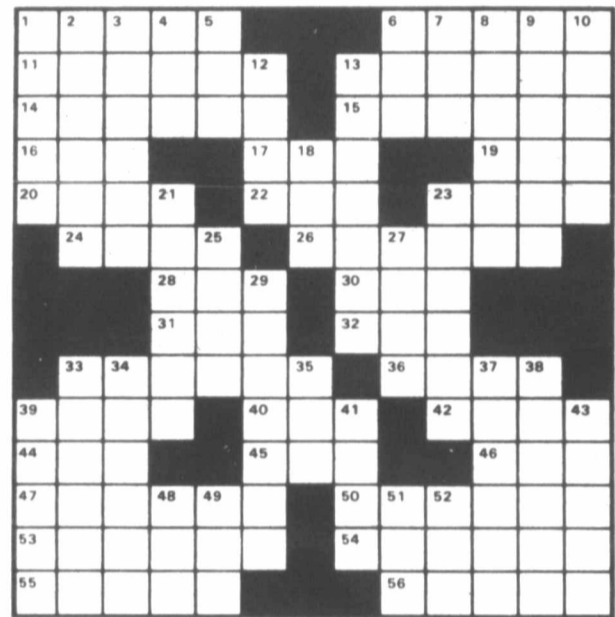
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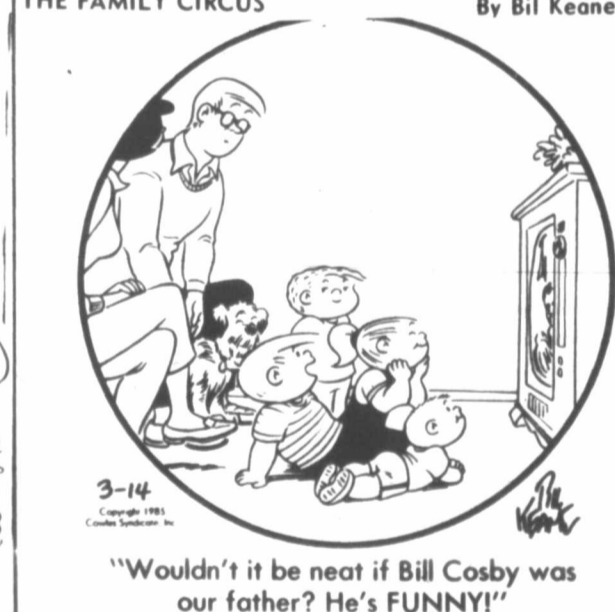
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol
March 15, 1985

This coming year you can be exceedingly lucky in creative ventures or enterprises. Utilize your imagination and talents in the most profitable ways possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Have fun and enjoy yourself today, but don't do a number on your credit cards. Expensive pastimes are likely to be less fun than free ones. Major changes are in store for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't feel you have to put on airs today to impress others. Sincerity and just being yourself is all that's required to be a big hit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not use timid measures today in situations that call for bold strokes. This is a time when you'll have to be assertive to get what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Treat others kindly today, especially those who are good to you, but be careful not to let your generosity exceed your common sense.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A joint involvement might get a little sticky today but if you use your tact and charm, all can be smoothed over without ruffling anyone's feathers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may not get out of the starting gate too fast today but once you slip into gear you'll impress others, as well as yourself, with your accomplishments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone who is a bit jealous of you will be looking for you to make a faux pas today. Outsmart him by putting on a class act.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Instead of waiting for helping hands to assist you today, do what needs doing yourself. Your pride will be enhanced if you're industrious and independent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you don't waste thoughts wishing you were elsewhere, you'll have a good time today — no matter where you are or who you're with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't deprive yourself of anything you want today but also be careful you don't fulfill your desires at the expense of someone else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be firm, but fair in situations where you are compelled to use your authority today. If you let people get away with things, they might repeat the offense later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Relax and play it loose today, except when there is something serious at stake. In situations of this ilk, get down to business promptly.

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EXPERIMENTAL CRASH—The Federal Aviation Administration Wednesday released this still picture, taken from motion picture footage, showing dummies on Boeing 720 aircraft during an experimental crash landing in California in December. The FAA said some

passengers and crew probably would have survived the crash, even though the plane erupted into a fireball. All but one row of seats were held in place and most of the interior left intact, according to the FAA. (AP Laserphoto)

Films indicate some could have survived test crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Films taken inside a remote-controlled test plane that crashed in a ball of fire three months ago show that had there been people aboard, some probably would have survived, the Federal Aviation Administration says.

FAA officials who watched the experimental crash last December in the Mojave Desert were stunned when the Boeing 720 was engulfed in flames even though it was using a special fuel additive that was supposed to retard fire in a crash.

FAA officials have yet to make public their detailed examination of the crash results, including why the fuel additive did not work as planned. But on Wednesday the agency made public the first films taken inside the plane as it plowed into the California desert at 170 mph with 73 test dummies, all wired to electronic sensors, aboard.

The film footage as well as information from other monitoring devices have convinced FAA analysts that if human beings had been aboard the plane, most would have survived the impact of the crash and some would have had enough time to escape the fire, FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said.

Key to the survivability of the crash was that almost all of the seats in the plane stayed in place, the cabin interior was left largely intact, and about 40 seconds passed before the flames penetrated the cabin, according to FAA officials.

The FAA provided few details of the test results.

But agency sources, who spoke on the condition that they not be identified, said the tests provided valuable evidence about the strength of aircraft interiors, especially seats and seat anchors.

Iran reports Baghdad hit

By The Associated Press

Iran said it hit the Iraqi capital of Baghdad with a missile early today, and witnesses in downtown Baghdad said an explosion demolished most of the 12-story main branch of the government-owned Rafidan Bank. Reporters were barred from the area.

After Iran's attack, the official Islamic Republic News Agency of Iran said Iraqi warplanes fired missiles into Iran's capital Tehran and the northeastern city of Tabriz, killing 17 people.

An Iraqi spokesman confirmed the air raids on the two cities, and said a ship headed for Iranian ports had been attacked in the Persian Gulf.

Iraq denied that Baghdad had been hit by a missile, and said the bank was damaged by a bomb planted by Iranian agents. An Interior Ministry source, speaking on Baghdad Radio, said some bank guards were injured slightly.

The two Moslem nations, at war since September 1980, have been exchanging attacks on civilian targets for 10 days.

Witnesses in Baghdad reported an explosion at the Rafidan Bank on Al-Rashid Street. The blast could be heard 12 miles away.

No official information was available on the cause of the explosion. Reporters were prevented from reaching the bank by armed security officials, who blocked all approaches to the street.

Later, Iran's official news agency, monitored in London, quoted an army statement as saying armed forces opened fire on the southern Iraqi port of Basra "and all other Iraqi cities, except for religious places, using all its weaponry."

An unusual occurrence

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was an unlikely scene for Dominique's, one of Washington's posher restaurants, as scurrying waiters piled stack after stack of soup bowls on the establishment's premier table, cluttered as it was with tin cans.

Tin cans in a fancy French eatery best known for its fresh fish, game and novelty items such as hippopotamus and rattlesnake? Sure enough, ordinary-looking tin cans, some with equally ordinary-looking labels.

Seated at the table were White House press secretary James S. "Bear" Brady; his wife, Sarah; the proprietor, Dominique d'Ermo; and several distinguished-looking older gentlemen, all studiously tasting bowl after bowl of what looked like ordinary chili.

"We were tasting chili from all over the country, trying for different tastes and colors," explained d'Ermo, with more than a touch of the accent he brought from his native Lyon in southern France. "I have been eating seven cans of chili at lunch. Ooohhh."

The restaurateur, who already sells his own brand of canned gourmet soups to customers in the United States and Europe, said he wants to market "Jim Brady's Chili." It would be an adaptation of "Bear's Goat Gap Chili," a fiery, award-winning concoction for which Brady was famous in some circles long before he was named press secretary to the president in January 1981. That was only three months before he was shot and critically wounded by a would-be assassin aiming for Ronald Reagan.

"We're trying to come to a compromise in line with Jim Brady's idea," d'Ermo said.

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