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Canadian authorities to determine Etheredge's fate

BY PAUL PINKHAM
Staff Writer

The head of the failed Bethany Trust and Co. of Pampa remained in custody of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police this morning as U.S. and Canadian officials pondered his fate.

Thomas C. Etheredge, 32, was arrested by Canadian immigration officials in Kelowna, British Columbia, Tuesday, about 150 miles north of the U.S. - Canada border and 150 miles east of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Etheredge is wanted in Pampa in connection with numerous charges of misuse of investors funds and securities violations in Pampa. His bonds total more than \$1 million. He left the area in April, shortly after state banking officials shut down Bethany Trust.

Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton said this morning officials are considering two options concerning what to do with Etheredge, who is technically charged in Canada with being an illegal alien.

Hamilton said he spoke with David Frankle, a prosecutor with the Canadian Department of Justice in Vancouver, Wednesday about the possibility of a provisional arrest in Canada on the Gray County charges. Frankle said this morning, however, the case is still an immigration matter and he could not comment.

Extradition from Canada could take several months, Hamilton said.

The other option, Hamilton said, is to have Etheredge declared an illegal alien and deported back to the United States. Daryll Cannon, officer in charge at the Canada Immigration Center in Kelowna, said a hearing will be held in Vancouver, probably this afternoon or Friday morning, on the illegal alien charges.

Cannon said the judge will first have to rule whether Etheredge is an illegal alien. If the judge so rules, Cannon said, he can order Etheredge deported to the United States if he feels the defendant will not leave Canada on his own or presents a danger to the Canadian public.

Under Canadian law, the judge is permitted to

take into account the American charges during the inquiry, Cannon added.

Hamilton said he received a teletype from sheriff's officials in Bellingham, Wash., just south of the Canada - U.S. border, informing him they are aware of the situation. Hamilton said if Etheredge is deported, the Washington officials will meet him at the border.

Hamilton admitted he and U.S. officials are worried about the possibility of Etheredge being freed on bond rather than deported.

If the suspect is deported, Hamilton said, the Gray County charges would take jurisdiction as soon as he reached the United States. The prosecutor said he could then be extradited just like from any other state.

He called state to state extradition a "relatively simple procedure" where the governor would have to sign a warrant for the defendant's extradition.

Etheredge could request a hearing in Washington on the extradition but the only issue would be whether he is the defendant named in the Texas indictments, Hamilton said.

Cannon said Etheredge was arrested Tuesday after "it came to our attention" that he appeared to be an American and not an immigrant to Canada. The immigration office later learned Etheredge was wanted in Texas, Cannon said.

He said the fugitive suspect "seemed to be cooperative" when picked up for questioning by Canadian immigration authorities.

Etheredge's wife Deborah, who also is wanted on two charges of misapplication of investor funds, is in British Columbia with the couple's children but has not been arrested, Cannon said. Hamilton said Canadian authorities are concerned about what will be done with the children if Mrs. Etheredge is arrested, although he said Frankle asked for her name and indictment numbers Tuesday.

Frankle declined comment.

Hamilton said he does not know how long Etheredge has been in Canada. He said the suspect was recruiting physicians in British Columbia "to

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FINAL PREPARATION—A Filipino worker puts signs on a giant tally board as preparation for the

Philippines election continues at one of two national tabulation centers at Manila. (AP Laserphoto)

Army alerted on Philippines election eve

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Ferdinand E. Marcos put the armed forces on "red alert" today, the eve of the special presidential election. In a U.S. television interview, he accused opponent Corazon Aquino of saying his re-election could spark civil war.

Both Marcos and Mrs. Aquino were interviewed by ABC News "Nightline" for a program broadcast late Wednesday and early today in the United States. The interviews were not seen in the Philippines, where official campaigning ended Wednesday.

Speaking on "Nightline," Mrs. Aquino, 53, reiterated fears the Friday election may be rigged in favor of Marcos, who has held power for 20 years.

Marcos, speaking from the presidential palace, said any irregularities would come from Mrs. Aquino's supporters, and said, "I am so certain of victory that these declarations of my opponent — civil war, in this country — indicates how desperate they are."

Marcos, 68, called the election more than a year early to prove to critics he still can muster popular support. The campaign has attracted widespread attention abroad, and foreign pollwatchers were fanning out today across this archipelago of more than 7,000 tropical islands to observe the balloting.

An announcer on Philippine government radio, making public the decision to bring the military to its highest level of preparedness, said, "The armed forces are on red

alert, starting at noon today... This means that all military personnel will be on call for the next 24 hours. All leaves and furloughs are canceled."

Unless extended, the 24-hour alert would end three hours before polls close Friday.

Although the Filipino military is customarily put on alert for elections, today's announcement comes after a tough warning from Marcos that he would crack down on instigators of unrest.

An Aquino campaign spokesman, Raul Contreras, asked if the opposition saw anything worrisome in the alert, said alerts were customary for elections, but added: "Everything is ominous right now. The situation could't get any worse that what it is already."

Mrs. Aquino said on the ABC program that her defeat would outrage many Filipinos.

"I asked the people not to engage in any violence," she said. "If they think that they have been cheated out of any election, I'm afraid they may not listen to me anymore."

Referring to alleged cheating by Marcos' supporters that could cost her the election, Mrs. Aquino said, "He'd better watch out. I'm afraid he will have angry people."

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman and co-leader of a 20-member team of U.S. pollwatchers invited by Marcos, said the Philippine government had agreed to let the Americans into polling places. Earlier, the government had said it would not permit that.

Local unemployment falls to 5.2 percent

The unemployment rate for Pampa and Gray County dropped nearly half a percentage point in December, according to Charles Vance, director of the local Texas Employment Commission office.

TEC figures show Pampa's employment rate falling from 5.6 percent in November to 5.2 percent in December, while the rate for all of Gray County dropped from 5.7 to 5.3 percent.

Area unemployment rates remained well below the national rate of 6.9 and the Texas rate of 6.8 percent.

Vance said the December drop was probably caused by temporary hirings during the Christmas season and that the rate is

likely to rise when the figures for January are compiled.

The statistics for December show declines in the civilian labor force, the number of people holding jobs and the number of persons unemployed.

In Pampa, the total labor force was 10,724, down from 10,795 in November. The number of persons holding jobs was 10,179, down from 10,194, and the number of unemployed persons declined from 600 to 554.

Gray County statistics showed a total labor force of 13,199, down from 13,286 in November. The county had 12,501 with jobs, down from 12,530 in November. There were

698 without jobs, compared to 756 the previous month.

Vance said his office had a few jobs listings on Wednesday, including openings for a machinist, backhoe operator, telephone solicitor and small gasoline engine mechanic.

The four area counties served by the Pampa office all had lower unemployment rates than Pampa, but only Hemphill County (Canadian) showed an improvement over November. The Hemphill unemployment rate stood at 4.7 percent, down from 5.6 the previous month.

Roberts County had a 2.3 percent rate, up from 1.5; Wheeler's was 3.8, up from 3.7; and Lipscomb showed 3.9, up from 3.0

Texas tornadoes leave trail of injury, death, destruction

TOMBALL, Texas (AP) — One person was killed and at least 44 injured when four tornadoes ripped through eastern Texas, leaving behind a trail of fallen power lines and tattered houses and buildings.

Some of the heaviest damage Wednesday occurred in Tomball, where Police Chief Derwood Kennedy said residents in the town 35 miles northwest of Houston were ankle-deep in hail.

"We've had so many houses hit that we don't know how many. We've got injuries, houses down, trees down and it's bad," Kennedy said.

"We've had four or five (tornadoes) touch down, and the damage is quite extensive," the police chief said. "Power lines are down by the hundreds, and the hail was so severe it's ankle deep in some places."

Twisters hit two apartment houses, several homes and a doctor's office in Tomball about 4:15 p.m., and about 90 percent of the houses in town suffered some damage, Kennedy said.

Forecasters said the twisters were spawned by fast-moving thunderstorms that brought along heavy winds and golf-ball sized hail.

One tornado dipped down near Talco and moved on to nearby Mount Vernon, where it shredded a barn roof. Another twister touched down in Harris County near Katy, causing undetermined damage to a brick manufacturer, but no injuries, said police dispatcher Robin Smith.

The storms produced golf ball-sized hail in eastern Hopkins County in northeastern Texas, officials said.

High winds cut power to about 15,000 homes and businesses in the Tomball-Katy area, said Geri Konigsberg, a Houston Lighting & Power spokeswoman.

One person was killed when the storm struck a trailer park in northwestern Harris County, said County Sheriff's Cpl. Joe Hughes. He had no details on the death late Wednesday.

Ten to 15 people were taken to Cypress-Fairbanks Medical Center near Houston and two of the injured were admitted in stable condition, said spokeswoman Audrey Schwarting.

Wilma Jackson, director of administrative services at Tomball Community hospital, said 17 people were taken to the hospital for injuries. Four of the injured were

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Tornado leaves Houston building in shambles

DAILY RECORD

services tomorrow

PARKER, Bruce L. - 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church.
GISE, Katherine Ruth - 10 a.m., Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel.
BLAYLOCK, Floyd Robert - 2 p.m., White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.
JOB, Bill - 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Canadian.
SISSONS, Deborah Ellen - 3 p.m., Nazarene Church, Higgins.

obituaries

FLOYD ROBERT BLAYLOCK
WHITE DEER - Graveside services for Floyd Robert Blaylock, 74, will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the White Deer Cemetery with Rev. Ivan Allen, pastor of White Deer First United Methodist Church, officiating.
 Arrangements are under the direction of Smith - Fox Funeral Home of Panhandle.
 Mr. Blaylock died Wednesday in Pampa. He was born Nov. 8, 1911, at Calvin, Okla. He had lived in White Deer for 25 years, moving there in 1961 from Amarillo. He married Lavenia Kimbley on March 25, 1949, at Clayton, N.M. He was a retired welder for Arthur Brothers and a member of the First United Methodist Church at White Deer.
 Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Robert Lynn Blaylock, San Antonio; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Harrah, White Deer; a sister, Mrs. Pearl Boyd, Dumas; and four grandchildren.

BILL JOB
CANADIAN - Services for Bill Job, 72, of Canadian will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Canadian First Christian Church with Rev. John Miller, pastor, and Rev. Howard Guidrey, former pastor, officiating.
 Burial will be in Canadian Cemetery under the direction of Stickle - Hill Funeral Home.
 Mr. Job died Wednesday.
 He was a longtime resident of Canadian. He was the former owner of Best Way Grocery Store and was a member of the First Christian Church at Canadian.
 Survivors include his wife, Wilma; two daughters, Jeanie Morris, Canadian, and Carolyn Wilson, Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Darold Job, Mountain Home, Idaho; a sister, Opal Inman, Yellow Springs, Ohio; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

DEBORAH ELLEN SISSONS
HIGGINS - Services for Deborah Ellen Sissons, 21, of Higgins will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Higgins Nazarene Church with Rev. Ernest Conrad, pastor, officiating.
 Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery under the direction of Stickle - Hill Funeral Home of Canadian.
 Mrs. Sissons died Wednesday in Borger.
 She was born in Pensacola, Fla.
 Survivors include her husband, Kevin; a daughter, Christina Sissons, of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson, Poway, Calif.; two sisters, Becky Wilson and Sarah Wilson, both of Poway, a brother, Michael Wilson, Poway; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson, Blackwell, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rippstein, Higgins.

BRUCE L. PARKER
 Services for Bruce L. Parker, 84, former Gray County judge and attorney, will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church. Officiating will be Rev. Max Browning, pastor of Monahans First United Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. M. B. Smith, a Baptist minister.
 Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael - Whatley Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Parker died Tuesday.
 Survivors include three daughters, two sisters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

KATHERINE RUTH GISE
 Services for Katherine Ruth Gise, 80, of Tulsa, Okla., will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Darrel Rains, First Baptist Church pastor, officiating.
 Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael - Whatley Funeral Directors.
 A former Pampa resident, Mrs. Gise died Tuesday at Tulsa.
 Survivors include two granddaughters, a grandson, a great-granddaughter and a niece.
 The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at Carmichael - Whatley.

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions
 Jimmie Allen, Pampa
 Betty Berry, Canadian
 Grace Cleveland, Hollis, Okla.
 Pearl Cox, Pampa
 Jeanette Fish, McLean
 Doris Hinger, Pampa
 Andy Killough, Pampa
 Karen Roby, Pampa
 Geneva Schroeder, Pampa
 Mary Sue Smith, Pampa

Births
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Roby, Pampa, a girl
 Kimberly Terry and infant, Pampa
 Floyde Blaylock, Pampa
 August Brantwein, Pampa

Dismissals
 Pauline Reeves, Wheeler
 Melissa Smith, Shamrock
 Robert Thornhill, Shamrock
 Donald Ross, Alamore
 Willie B. Tate, Shamrock

police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 5
 A dog bit an eight-year-old boy at 423 N. Somerville.
 Ruben Garza, 408 N. Somerville, reported disorderly conduct in the form of verbal abuse at Horace Mann Elementary School, 400 N. Faulkner.
 Peter Smith Nelson, 311 N. Somerville, reported theft of a radar detector from a motor vehicle at 315 N. Somerville.
 A burglary was reported at Jay's Drive Inn, 924 Alcock; food and cigarette lighters were taken.
 Robert James Young, 814 West, reported a burglary at the address.
 A suspected narcotic drug violation was reported at 2545 Perryton Parkway; a drug prescription was allegedly altered.

Arrests
 None.

minor accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 4
 An unknown vehicle collided with a properly parked and unattended 1985 Chevrolet, registered to Paul Ortega, in a parking lot at 1031 N. Sumner. No injuries or citations were reported.
 A 1975 Chevrolet pickup truck, driven by William David Stockstill, 2525 Dogwood, collided with a chain link fence belonging to the Community Day Care Center, at 1100 Gwendolyn. Stockstill sustained possible injuries. Stockstill was charged with unsafe change in direction of travel.
 A 1980 Toyota, driven by Susan Alice Gross, 1817 Holly, and a 1977 Pontiac, driven by John Dean Edwards, 2201 Williston, collided in a private parking lot at 300 W. Decatur. No injuries were reported. Gross was cited for improper backing. Edwards was cited for improper backing.

stock market

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| The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler - Evans of Pampa | | | |
| Wheat | 2.93 | | |
| Milo | 3.90 | | |
| The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation | | | |
| Dannon Oil | 3 1/4 | | |
| Ky. Cent. Life | 53 1/2 | | |
| Berco | 3 1/2 | | |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa | | | |
| Amoco | 54 1/2 | up | 1/2 |
| Reserve Foods | 45 1/2 | NC | |
| Cabot | 24 1/2 | up | 1/2 |

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| Celanese | 168 1/2 | up | 1/2 |
| DIA | 118 1/2 | NC | |
| Halliburton | 22 1/2 | up | 1/2 |
| HCA | 33 1/2 | dn | 1/2 |
| Ingersoll-Rand | 59 | up | 1/2 |
| InferNorth | 40 1/2 | dn | 1/2 |
| Kerr-McGee | 28 1/2 | up | 1/2 |
| Mobil | 38 1/2 | up | 1/2 |
| Penney's | 59 1/2 | up | 1/2 |
| Phillips | 10 | NC | |
| PPA | 18 1/2 | dn | 1/2 |
| SFS | 21 1/2 | NC | |
| Tenneco | 27 | up | 1/2 |
| Texaco | 28 1/2 | dn | 1/2 |
| Zales | 33 | up | 1/2 |
| London Gold | 337 1/2 | | |
| Silver | 5.91 | | |

calendar of events

McLEAN TOWN HALL MEETING
 A town hall meeting is set from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, at the McLean City Hall. Gary Stevens of Southwestern Bell Telephone will be there to answer questions about the local telephone service.

Falling price of oil called \$10 billion gift to economy

By PETER COY
 AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - The downward spiral in oil prices should ease inflation and boost economic growth, creating what one economist called "basically a \$10 billion gift to the United States economy."
 Sharply lower oil prices are a shock to the economy, but a good shock, allowing policymakers to lower interest rates and spur growth without fear of renewing inflation, some economists say.
 The nation's savings on oil imports will be greater than \$10 billion in 1986 if crude oil prices hang at their current levels, said John Hagens, a vice president of Chase Econometrics Inc., in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.
 On Wednesday, the price of oil in the open market rose from the seven-year lows of the previous

day. Major grades of crude from the United States and the North Sea, which were falling toward \$15 a barrel Tuesday, hovered around \$16.

The fear of economists and bankers is that prices are falling too quickly, allowing too little time for the losers like the oil industry and banks that have lent heavily to oil concerns and oil-producing countries to cope.

Some economists also worry that cheap oil could lull importers like the United States into abandoning conservation measures, thus boosting demand and giving the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries a chance to reassert its power in a few years.

Despite such concerns, economists share the enthusiasm over oil prices that has pushed the stock and bond markets into strong rallies.

"I take this as very good news. It gives us management problems, but on balance it is very good news," said Robert Lawrence, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

"It's basically a \$10 billion gift to the United States economy," said Hagens.

Each \$5 drop in the price of a barrel of crude oil means a gain of six-tenths of 1 percent in U.S. economic output and a 1 percent reduction in consumer prices, estimates Data Resources Inc., a forecasting firm in Lexington,

Mass. To reflect the downward spiral in spot markets, Data Resources and Chase Econometrics reworked their 1986 economic forecasts last week using lower projections for oil prices.

Consumers should see the benefit of cheaper crude not only in cheaper gasoline and heating oil, but in lower interest rates, economists say. With oil so cheap, the Federal Reserve can afford to boost the economy through easier credit without worrying about rekindling inflation, they say.

In fact, unless the Fed lowers interest rates, severe hardship in the oil, mining and farming sectors could drag the whole U.S. economy down, argues Wayne Nordberg, an economist for the investment firm Prescott Ball & Turben Inc. in New York.

Cheaper oil also helps offset the potential inflationary impact of the dollar's continuing decline against foreign currencies like the Japanese yen.

But bankers who lent money to oil exporters such as Mexico at a time when they thought oil prices were headed up toward \$40 or \$50 a barrel are increasingly nervous now that prices are headed in the opposite direction.

Rep. Boulter to be on C-SPAN tonight

Congressman Beau Boulter, R-Amarillo, will be featured on a live call-in show on the C-SPAN television network tonight, his office announced.

The program, which will focus on President Reagan's proposed budget, will air from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., a Boulter spokesperson said.

Candidates to discuss education

AMARILLO - House Bill 72 and education in general will be discussed by a panel of candidates for state and national office tonight at a meeting of the Panhandle Area Association of School Boards.

Those scheduled to be on the panel include state Rep. Foster Whaley, of Pampa; state Sen. Bill Sarpaulis, of Canyon; state Rep. Chip Staniswallis, of Amarillo; state Rep. Buck Buchanan, of Dumas; state Rep. John Smith, of Amarillo; gubernatorial candidates Ron Slover and Tom

Loeffler; and state Rep. candidate Dick Waterfield, of Canadian.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. at the Amarillo Education Service Center, Region XVI, 1601 S. Cleveland. A dinner for members only will precede the panel at 6:45 p.m.

Pampa school board member Wallace Birkes, president of the PAASB, said ample time will be allowed following the discussion for questions of the candidates. Educators are invited to attend, Birkes said.

Epperson seeks Precinct 2 post

W.C. Epperson has announced his candidacy for Gray County Commissioner, Precinct 2, on the Democratic ticket.

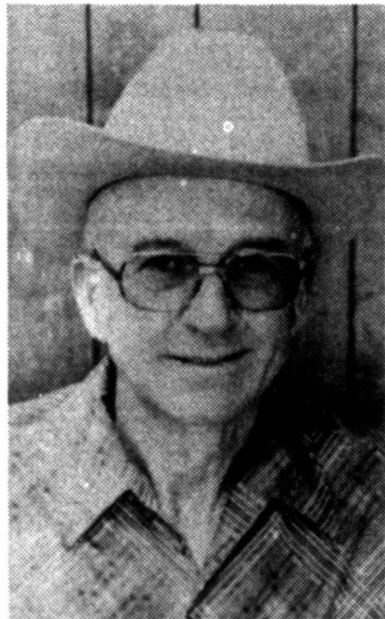
Epperson has lived in Gray County for 56 years, most of them in Precinct 2. He currently lives on U.S. 60 east of Pampa.

He and his wife Betty have four children, Gary of Pampa, Scott of Wingers, John of Lubbock, and Betty Ann of Oklahoma City. They attend the Mary Ellen Harvester Church of Christ.

He has served on the Soil Conservation District Board and is a charter member of the Farm Bureau and has received an Outstanding Farmer Award.

In announcing his candidacy, Epperson said, "I would like the opportunity and the honor to serve the people of Gray County. I feel I can do a good job and use the taxpayers money wisely. Taking care of the county business is a fulltime job and that is what it would be for me."

"Having had many years of experience in the operating and maintenance of machinery, I feel I am qualified for the operation and care of the county's equipment. The county government is for all



DOUGLAS MELEAR

Douglas Melear Pct. 2 candidate

Douglas L. Melear has announced his candidacy for Gray County commissioner, Precinct 2, on the Democratic ticket.
 Melear and his wife, Wilma, have lived in Gray County 31 years. He is a member of A.F. and A.M. Lodge 1381 and the El Paso Consistory. He is also a lifetime member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1385 and the National Rifle Association.

"I recognize the need and pledge to be a fulltime county commissioner, sensitive to the needs of the taxpayers who expect the county's business to be conducted in a fair and orderly manner with good planning and organization," he said.

"Keeping the public informed by keeping an open line of communication is the most effective tool for doing a good job in Precinct 2. I seek and would appreciate your vote in the May 3 primary and in the November general election."

Etheredge

do some sort of weight reduction program."
 In October, Etheredge was spotted in the Central American nation of Belize where Hamilton said he was lining up farmers to grow aloe vera plants. He left Belize before Hamilton could exercise a never-used extradition treaty with Belize.
 Bethany Trust's Pampa office was closed April 2 after the company could not verify about \$11.75 million in assets to Texas banking officials. Officials said the company owed about \$1.3 million to about 150 investors in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, who invested at least \$5,000 each, expecting a guaranteed 25 percent return within 90 days.
 The state permanently seized the company's assets Dec. 27 in an effort to refund some of the money to investors.
 Etheredge was indicted by a 223rd District grand jury three times in July and eight times in September. The indictments concerning his wife were handed down in September.
 Also indicted were the company, which was later

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fined \$500,000 by 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhany, and a Bethany associate, Timothy Borkta.
 Borkta was arraigned in August and is out on bond, living in the Texas border town of Zapata. Hamilton said Borkta has neither accepted or rejected a plea bargain offer for 10 years probation.
 The prosecutor said Borkta and his attorney, Harold Comer of Pampa, probably believe they can get charges dropped if Borkta becomes a state's witness against Etheredge. Hamilton left that possibility open but indicated it is not likely.
 Comer has said he has a policy against commenting on pending cases.
 Both Etheredge and Borkta are scheduled for trial the week of Feb. 10 but Hamilton indicated both cases are likely to be continued.
 He said even if Etheredge had already been arrested, his case probably would not yet have come to trial.
 Hamilton said he believes both men can get a fair trial in Gray County.

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patient's conditions were not available, Ms. Jackson said.
 Another 17 injured were taken to

Northwest Medical Center in Houston, said spokeswoman Susan Bailey. Seven of the injured were admitted and their conditions ranged from good to serious, she said.

One of Northwest Medical's patients - a 17-year-old boy who suffered head injuries - was taken by helicopter to Houston's Hermann Hospital, where he was listed in serious condition.

"They're serious injuries," Ms. Bailey said. "Some of these people were in automobiles and got hit by flying debris."

Nearby David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport also was heavily damaged by the twisters.

Dozens of airplanes were upside down on the air field, many of them sitting in ditches or under water.

Tornadoes

admitted, two of whom were in critical condition she said.
 Details of the injuries and other

City briefs

LANCER CLUB pool tournament tonight 8 p.m. Adv.
HIS CERTIFICATION Class - February 10 & 11, 6 to 10 p.m. Call Chamber Office (669-3241) for further information. Adv.
PAT AND Ann Handren announce the arrival of their son, Matthew Thomas born February 1, 1986 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Betty Casey of Pampa, Texas is the grandmother.
DANCE to the music of Frankie McWhorter Saturday night, February 8. Members and guests only. Moose Lodge. Adv.

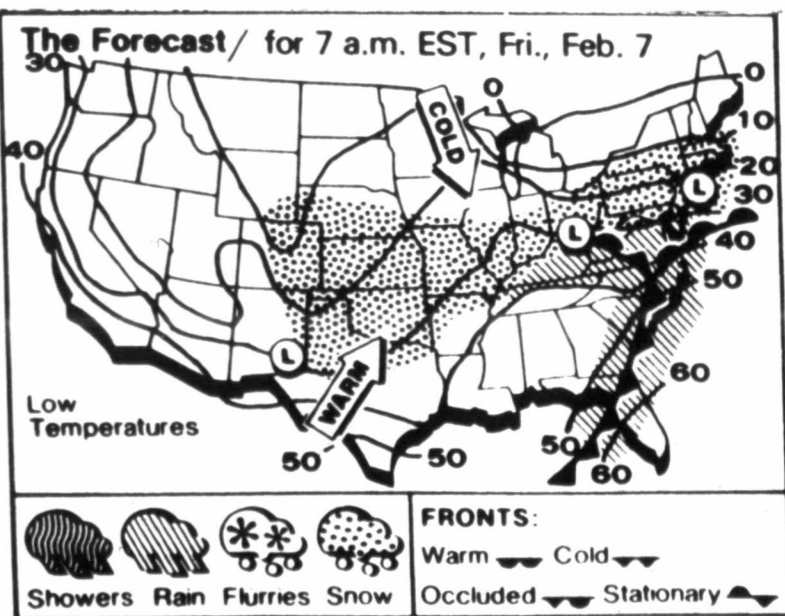
WANEVA'S IS now open in Plaza 21 (2143 N. Hobart). 665-0000. Adv.
SEASONED SPLIT Oak fire wood. 2 ricks left. 665-2550. Adv.
80th BIRTHDAY Celebration for W.S. (Bill) Runyon Sr. February 8th, 2-4 p.m. Coronado Inn, Quivera Room.
TOP O Texas Chapter 1064 Order of Eastern Star will meet Thursday Night at 7:30.
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS Support Group Meeting, Friday, February 7th, 7 p.m. Friends, Families and Patients all welcome! 1600 N. Dwight. 669-2791.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Mostly cloudy and cooler Friday with the highs in the upper 30s. Lows tonight near 30. Light snow possible. Light northeasterly winds. High Wednesday, 40.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 North Texas: Clear and cool tonight with lows in the 30s. Increasing cloudiness Friday with highs mostly in the 50s.
 South Texas: Partly cloudy tonight. Increasing cloudiness Friday. Highs Friday 60s north to 70s south. Lows tonight 40s north to 50s south.
 East Texas: Tonight...fair and cool with a low in the mid 30s. Light winds. Friday...increasing clouds with a high in the mid 50s.
 West Texas: Mostly cloudy tonight with scattered snow and freezing rain north and showers far west. Colder Friday with scattered snow showers north and rain showers south. Showers more numerous Panhandle. Lows tonight 20s north to 30s south. Highs Friday upper 20s and 30s north to mainly 50s south.

EXTENDED FORECAST
 Saturday through Monday
 West Texas: Cloudy with a chance of rain south and snow north Saturday, lingering mountains eastward Sunday. Decreasing cloudiness Monday. Cold Saturday through Monday.
 North Texas: A chance of rain Saturday and Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday. Turning colder Sunday. Highs in the 40s Saturday and Sunday to near 40 Monday. Lows in the 30s Saturday cooling into the 20s



central and west Sunday and 20s arewide Monday.
 South Texas: Mostly cloudy and cooler northern sections Saturday and Sunday with a chance of rain. Partly cloudy and warm elsewhere. Highs Saturday and Sunday in the mid 50s north to the mid 70s south. Lows upper 30s north to the mid 50s south. Partly cloudy and cool northern portions Monday and cloudy and cooler elsewhere with a chance of rain. Highs near 50 north to the upper 60s south. Lows in the mid 30s north to the upper 40s south.

BORDER STATES
 Oklahoma: Otherwise...cloudy and cold today through Friday. A chance of snow northwest half Friday possibly beginning

extreme northwest and Panhandle sections late tonight. Lows tonight mid 20s Panhandle to the upper 30s southeast. Highs Friday lower 30s Panhandle to mid 40s southeast.
 New Mexico: Areas of snow and blowing snow across the northern third tonight causing locally hazardous driving conditions with scattered rain or snow showers in the south. Variable clouds with widely scattered snow showers Friday. Cooler across the entire state Friday. Lows tonight 5 to 20 mountains and north with 20s to lower 30s in the south. Highs Friday upper teens and 20s northeast to the lower 50s in the southwest.

TEXAS / REGIONAL

Man commandeers Delta flight with knife

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — An "emotionally distraught" man, holding a penknife to a steward's throat, commandeered a Delta Air Lines jumbo jet and the 232 people aboard before FBI agents wrestled him to the floor nearly two hours later, officials say.

No one was hurt during the standoff that ended at 8:44 p.m. Wednesday at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, and authorities said early today they still didn't know what precipitated it.

The man — identified as Ralph A. Hughes II, 34, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — made no clear demands after he grabbed the steward as the plane taxied to the Delta terminal, FBI Agent Bob Gillham said.

Gillham described Hughes as emotionally distraught, and airport spokesman Joe Dealey Jr. said Hughes "appeared to be and sounded disturbed. Perhaps he was suffering illness. He just appeared to be mentally disturbed."

Hughes, who released all the passengers shortly after police began negotiating with him, had no hope of hijacking the plane because the captain had

sealed off the Lockheed L-1011's cockpit, Gillham said.

He said Hughes was to be held overnight by the Texas Department of Public Safety airport police and that he would be charged under federal statutes covering a crime aboard aircraft and assault of a crew member.

The plane, Flight 139 bound for Los Angeles from Fort Lauderdale, with a scheduled stop in Dallas, had 221 passengers and a crew of 11, said Delta spokesman Dick Jones in Atlanta.

The man, a former Dallas resident, spent much of the flight from Fort Lauderdale to Dallas nervously pacing back and forth and changing seats, said passenger Bill Danko of Fort Lauderdale.

Just after the plane landed, he stood up as if going to the restroom at the plane's rear, "grabbed the steward and put a knife to his throat," Gillham said.

Before letting the passengers off about 45 minutes later, the man moved to the first-class section in the forward cabin.

"We all had to walk right past him when we filed off," said passenger Bonnie Bell of Los Angeles, who

described Hughes as about 6-foot-3 with blond, curly hair. "He looked kind of dazed."

Later, as the jet sat at the Delta terminal, the man let negotiators aboard, Gillham said.

"After a lengthy period of negotiations, the steward quickly stepped away from the individual, and the individual was subdued by FBI agents who had been brought onto the aircraft at that time," he said. The steward was unharmed, he added.

Rebecca Mussler, a passenger from Fort Lauderdale, said the man kept putting his hands at the small of his back during the flight.

"I thought maybe he had a back problem," Ms. Mussler said. "He kept fooling with his back, but later we figured out that's where he probably had the knife."

Passengers left the plane through the usual exit ramp, and by the time Hughes was wrestled to the plane's floor, all the crew except for the steward had gotten off, Gillham said.

Danko said he noticed the man before the flight left Fort Lauderdale.

"He was pacing back and forth in the lounge in

Lauderdale and looked disheveled," Danko said. "I looked twice and made a mental picture of him."

Passenger Greg Giuffria of Los Angeles said passengers at first weren't aware of what had happened.

"We went to get off the plane and had to sit back down," he said. "At first everyone thought it was a gate problem. Then a stewardess said there was a problem and that somebody was being held hostage and it kind of spread through the plane real fast."

During the negotiations, she said, she heard the man say, "I'd like to get the passengers off."

"The negotiator responded, 'Fine.' He started motioning those of us in first class to deplane and I guess the other passengers followed behind," she said.

While getting off the jet, Giuffria said, "We passed about six feet away and all of a sudden he started yelling, 'Stop. Stop. No More.' Evidently he thought too many passengers were getting off the plane, but everyone ignored him."

Governor working on task of state spending slow-down

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White says he is working on specific plans to trim state spending to meet declining revenues and he wants state agencies to immediately look for places to cut.

"As I am sure you are aware, the precipitous drop in the price of oil and the deteriorating market have raised serious questions about the

state's revenue picture," White said in a Wednesday letter to chairmen of state boards.

"We need to begin drawing plans immediately to lessen the obvious strain on our revenue base," he said. "I am putting all state agencies on notice to prepare now for additional budgetary constraints."

Comptroller Bob Bullock said

Tuesday he would soon issue an updated revenue forecast based on declining oil prices. The current state budget is based on the assumption that oil and gas taxes will produce 14.5 percent of all state revenue.

White said he will "lay out specific plans to cut spending to the extent they are warranted" by Bullock's updated look.

Spot oil prices have dropped from a November peak of \$31.70 a barrel to a \$15.44 closing price on Tuesday, although they rose slightly on Wednesday. Oil sold on the spot market accounts for only about 10 percent of Texas oil sales, but can foreshadow falling contract prices.

White called on agencies to identify "steps you could take to slow down spending currently authorized" by the appropriations bill. He suggested that money could be saved through cuts in capital outlay, travel and "those areas least affecting delivery of the highest priority services."

"Furthermore, it is imperative that no new financial obligations be incurred or programs be initiated during the next several weeks until we receive and review the comptroller's assessment," White said.

Bullock said "the oil situation that has unfolded in the past three weeks has serious implications for Texas and its finances." He said he is working on a revised look at state finances, based on the lower oil prices.

White said Wednesday that Texas is "already operating under one of the tightest budgets in memory."

"We must, we can and we will live within our means," the governor said in the letter.

He said the federal budget proposal announced Wednesday by President Reagan "would place a significant strain on state resources at a time when our budget is especially tight."

"It is ironic that, in light of increased competition in the world marketplace, this administration proposed to cut financial support for education when Texas is investing more dollars in education to make Texas workers among the best trained in the world," said White.



ELIZABETH CHAGRA LEAVES COURT-HOUSE — Elizabeth Chagra, accused of conspiring to kill U.S. District Judge John Wood in 1979, is escorted to her car by an unidentified officer Wednesday after leaving the Federal Courthouse in Austin. Jury selection began Wednesday. (AP Laser photo)

Chagra jury selection continues

AUSTIN (AP) — Prospective jurors for the retrial of Elizabeth Chagra, charged with plotting the 1979 assassination of a federal judge, are being closely questioned about how much they read and heard about the 1979 shooting.

At least two potential jurors were excused Wednesday by U.S. District Judge William Sessions after they said they had formed an opinion.

Selection of the jury panel was expected to continue into Friday with testimony to begin Monday.

The judge separately questioned each would-be juror closely on how much he or she had read or heard about the 1979 assassination of U.S. District Judge John Wood Jr., who was known as "Maximum John" for the stern sentences he meted

out to drug dealers. Only four members of the panel said they had never heard of San Antonio shooting.

The indictment against Mrs. Chagra accuses her of conspiring with her husband in arranging Wood's death and alleges she delivered \$250,000 in Las Vegas to pay off the triggerman.

Mrs. Chagra was convicted of conspiracy in 1982 in Wood's slaying. But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the conviction last year and ordered a new trial. Her retrial was moved Tuesday from San Antonio to Austin at the request of prosecutors.

Wood was gunned down outside his San Antonio home. He was to

have presided in the drug trafficking trial of Mrs. Chagra's husband, Jamiel "Jimmy" Chagra.

According to earlier testimony, Chagra was afraid he would be sentenced to life in prison by Wood and hired Charles Harrelson to kill the judge.

Although acquitted of Woods' murder, Chagra was convicted of obstruction of justice. He is serving a 47-year term on that and other convictions, as well as a concurrent life sentence for plotting to kill former assistant U.S. Attorney James Kerr.

Harrelson was convicted of murder in the Wood case and sentenced to life. His wife, Jo Ann, was convicted of perjury.



Off beat

By
Larry
Hollis

Praising needle and thread

Last Friday I was watching one of my favorite sit-coms, *Mr. Belvedere*. The basic premise of the show was serious, though treated with understanding and humor — acceptance of and tolerance toward a young boy who had developed AIDS through blood transfusions for his hemophilia, with the dispelling of the fears and ignorance surrounding the boy's condition.

But since this was a comedy, there was also a subplot to lighten the mood.

The father, a would-be macho sports announcer, sees the older boy, a high school youth named Kevin, hemming his sister's skirt and preparing a meal for the family. Questioned by the father, Kevin says he's taking home economics.

"Is there something you need to tell me?" the father asks the youth. An aging athlete, the father obviously is fearful his son might be displaying effeminate tendencies, perhaps even gay.

This happens before the subject of AIDS comes up in later scenes, providing a subtle but still apparent reference to the association of AIDS with the gay lifestyle.

But Kevin calms his father's fears by explaining he had taken home ec because he thought "it would be an easy A."

This is a situation comedy, however, so during the rest of the show we see that Kevin has very ineptly hemmed the skirt and learn he's burned a meatloaf in the preparation of the meal. And the scenes were amusing.

But, also, perhaps they were a bit stereotypical. A guy can take home ec today, but he's still not going to be very good at it: that was the message conveyed.

And this is despite the best chefs and top fashion designers generally being male.

Things have changed in the perception of male and female roles. And even though I have generally contended against some tasks being labeled "woman's work" and "man's work," I still fall into the same old labeling myself sometimes.

When I attended Pampa High School, I considered taking home ec. I knew I would be going off to college, and I thought it would be helpful to know some cooking techniques, minor clothing repair operations, ironing and handling the laundry. But this was still the mid-60s, so I didn't pursue the course as actively as I might have.

Plus there was the pressure of what my friends would think, even though several of them also had mentioned it — always making sure to add, however, that they weren't really serious about taking the courses.

At the same time, my cowgirl sister was wanting to take some ag courses, along with some of her friends. And they even went so far as to talk to school officials about it, only to be told those courses — especially animal husbandry — "aren't really meant for girls."

Well, I went off to college, and in my junior year I managed to take a food and nutrition course: a fancy term for basic cooking class. (It counted as a lab science for credit because of nutrition studies and a dietary experiment with rats.) And, surprisingly, the class was half male. And I made an A in it.

Apparently a number of young college men had also decided it would be nice to learn to cook well instead of living off TV dinners and junk food.

It's now 20 years later, and things have changed. I know girls are taking ag courses now, and I assume boys can sign up for home ec classes, if they wish.

Last spring I was invited to attend the annual dinner prepared by the home ec classes there for the Lefors school board. I went. And I have to confess I was expecting the class to be all girls.

So I was initially surprised to find about as many young men as young women serving the meal they had prepared. And I mean football and basketball players and even cowboys. And it was a darn good meal.

I really shouldn't have been surprised. Over the years I have become a fairly proficient cook, I iron my own clothes regularly and I do my own laundry. And in dire need, I can sew a button on a shirt, get rid of a snag in my pants or even mend a small rip in a seam, though not with great skill. (For hemming and alterations, I still have to call on my aunt. I haven't even attempted to master a sewing machine yet.)

But I can still recall those first few years after high school, when I was in college and later in the Army, finding myself often wishing I had better learned just some basic homemaking skills. And that I had taken some home ec classes.

Macho or not, they would have been extremely helpful. So, guys, don't be afraid to take home ec. Or if you're still fearful of what friends think or can't fit the classes in, at least be willing to approach your mother or a sister or an aunt for some basic training in cooking, sewing and general housekeeping. Believe me, it will be more handy than you might now think.

And, girls, if you want to take woodshop or auto mechanics, go for it, even if you have to fight for it.

Don't worry about what others may think.

Hollis is a staff writer for The Pampa News.

Court halts man's execution

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has halted the execution of a 25-year-old convict who had been scheduled to die early today.

The appeals court said Wednesday it wants to review the records of Robert Streetman's case. Streetman was convicted in the 1982 shooting death and robbery of Christine Baker.

Authorities say he killed the woman just to watch her die. She was robbed of \$1, according to prosecutors.

State District Judge Earl Stover of Kountze refused Tuesday to grant a reprieve. Streetman's lawyers then took the case to the Court of Criminal Appeals, contending that the Silsbee native had not had effective legal counsel at the trial.

The Court of Criminal Appeals, in an unsigned and unanimous opinion, said Wednesday the execution would be postponed indefinitely while it reviewed the

case. The appeals court decision came about nine hours before the scheduled execution. Earlier Wednesday, Streetman had been taken from his Death Row cell at the Ellis Unit to the death house, said Texas Department of Corrections spokesman Charles Brown.

Streetman had ordered a last meal that included a well-done T-bone steak, french fries, chocolate cake, hot rolls and iced tea, Brown said.

Thursday's execution date was the first for Streetman.

Streetman was convicted of fatally shooting Mrs. Baker during a Dec. 17, 1982, robbery at her ranch near Kountze in East Texas.

Mrs. Baker was watching television and knitting when Streetman fired a 22-caliber rifle through a window, killing her instantly, said Hardin County District Attorney R.F. "Bo" Horka.

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Opinion

Bankers shouldn't have to be tellers

The U.S. Treasury Department's recent announcement that it is fining the nation's second largest financial institution, Bank of America, nearly \$5 million for violating the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970 will serve at least one useful purpose if it arouses sufficient public indignation to get rid of this pernicious law. Otherwise it is nothing more than another ineffective and invasive abuse of government power.

The Bank Secrecy Act requires financial institutions to report most cash transactions of more than \$10,000 to the Internal Revenue Service. The exceptions are cash transactions initiated by certain types of businesses — supermarkets, movie theaters and arcades, among others — which routinely deal in large amounts of cash. All other persons in possession of more than \$10,000 in cash are, in effect, presumed by the government to be engaged in illegal activities like drug trafficking and gambling.

But drug trafficking and gambling are victimless crimes because all parties to drug and gambling transactions are willing participants. Ordinarily, no one involved in such transactions feels victimized; therefore, ordinarily there is no one available to complain to the police that the transactions have taken place. Thus to learn about such "crimes" at all, law enforcement officials must resort to various kinds of spying and entrapment. The cash-transaction reporting requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970 are examples of this approach.

It is an objectionable approach for two reasons. First, how much money any individual has, in cash or any other form, is none of the government's business. Government has no right to snoop around in any individual's bank records or other financial records unless, possibly, it has probably cause to believe that the individual in question is guilty of a crime. The mere act of making a large bank deposit or buying a large cashier's check is not evidence of criminal behavior.

Second, requiring banks to do unpaid police work for the government couldn't possibly be effective against drug traffickers and professional gamblers. If government requires that all cash transactions larger than \$10,000 be reported, traffickers and gamblers will simply keep transactions at the \$9,999 level.

If government requires that smaller transactions be reported, traffickers and gamblers will simply have that much more incentive to invest their profits in legitimate businesses like supermarkets and theatres and use that cover to evade the reporting laws. According to the Reagan administration, the federal government is currently trying to reduce the infiltration of legitimate business by organized crime, not encourage it.

If it were serious about that goal, it wouldn't be drafting bankers into involuntary servitude as police detectives. Nor would it be slapping a major bank with a \$5 million fine for refusing to tattle to the feds about the purely hypothetical illegal activities of its own customers.

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Charles Van Eaton

Their own worst enemy

Nobel economist Milton Friedman asserts that there are only two enemies of free enterprise, and one of them is businessmen. Businessmen, Friedman argues, are quick to toast the virtues of free enterprise and competition in the abstract. But, when the competitive forces of the open market move from abstraction to reality, many of these same businessmen rush to argue that while competition may be a good thing for others, it is not always a good thing for their particular firm or industry. Their particular problem, they will argue, is sufficiently special to warrant exemption from the uncertainties of the marketplace, not only for the sake of their industry, but also for the sake of the nation.

The U.S. trucking industry is currently passing through a difficult period of transition from regulation to deregulation. As this is happening, statements from the industry are confirming Professor Friedman's observation.

After 52 years of operation, the McLean Trucking Company of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, closed its doors on January 10, 1986. The demise of this company - the nation's fifth-largest trucking firm - put 9,000 drivers, mechanics and other employees out of work. Certainly no advocate of deregulation finds pleasure in this event; a lot of hard working people are experiencing real distress and disruption in their lives and it's nothing to be happy about.

Why did McLean fail? According to company officials it was the result of federal deregulation and "cut-throat competition." In the same vein, Mr. Thomas Donahue, president of the American Trucking Association - the industry's principal political instrument - proclaimed that, "the McLean thing falls right into the scenario...this industry is in serious financial trouble...to go forward with further deregulation at this time - even the perception of it - would create a serious trauma."

As the process of deregulation which has

occurred thus far has made abundantly clear, trucking is an inherently competitive industry - all the years of federal regulation ever accomplished was to disguise this natural competitiveness. By imposing legal barriers to entry, and by limiting the types of goods and the range of markets a licensed motor carrier could serve, federal regulation served only to generate monopoly prices for the select few who were fortunate enough to be licensed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. With deregulation the way has now been opened to anyone willing to invest in the equipment needed to serve customers. That means competition and, from the perspective of those trucking firms used to the old ways, that means trouble.

The management skills needed to successfully operate a trucking company in a regulated environment and the skills required in an unregulated environment are not the same. Yet, even with this heightened climate of competition, the nation's second-largest trucking company - Yellow Freight Systems, Inc. - has not only managed to survive, it has prospered. During the most recent three-month reporting period, Yellow has been able to proudly report increased profits. Apparently the people at Yellow Freight know how to manage in today's unregulated environment. Nevertheless, this has not resulted in Yellow Freight's officers assuming a public posture which refutes Professor Friedman's axiom. Mr. Steve Murphy, Yellow Freight's senior vice president, has joined the call for an end to deregulation and a return to the old paths. Mr. Murphy argues that, "anybody who thinks this industry needs more competition doesn't know what's going on in the world."

Is it possible that those who call for an end to deregulation are right? Are the ivory tower economists really ignorant of the way the world works, as Mr. Murphy's charge suggests?

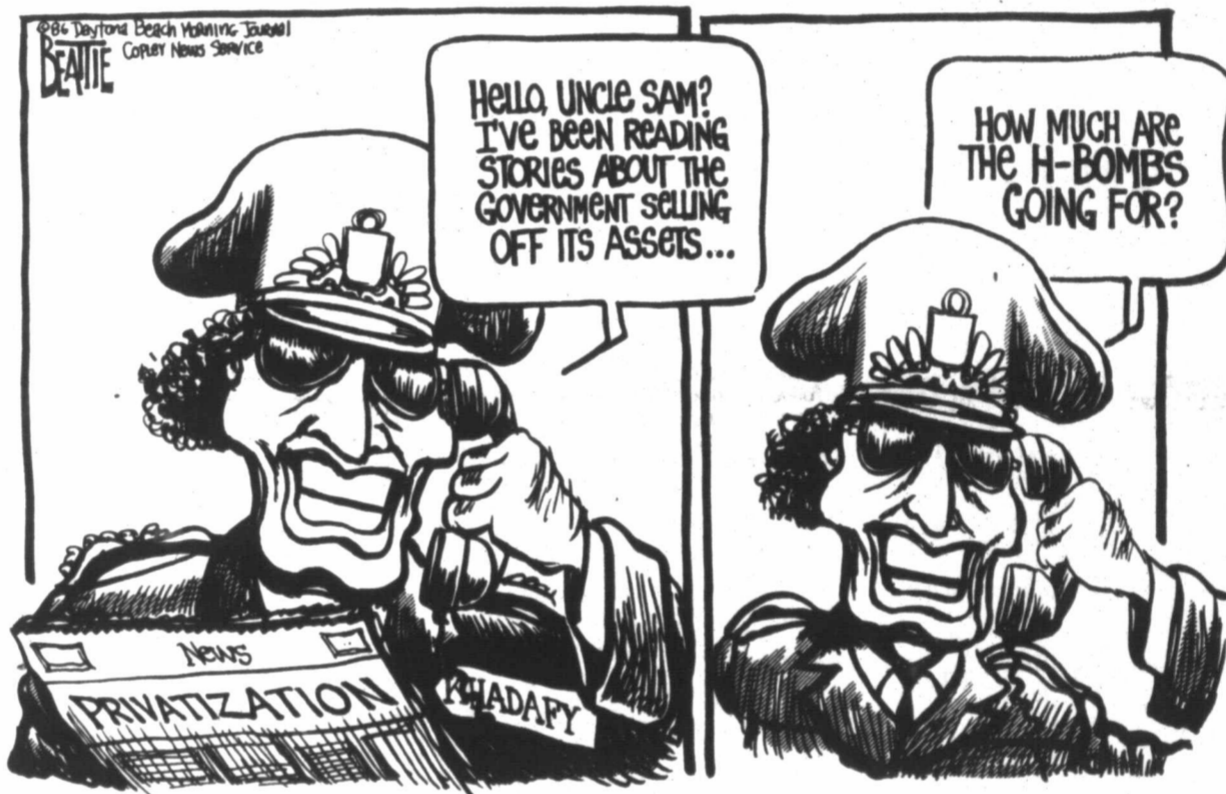
Total deregulation of the trucking industry has long been advocated by economists of every

ideological stripe. The reasoning is quite simple: when freedom of entry and exit exists, the market will produce precisely the number of trucks and trucking companies needed to meet the shipping requirements of the economy at prices which satisfy demand and sustain supply with residual profits equal to what truck owners and operators could earn in the next best alternative use of their capital. To regulate such an inherently competitive industry would only serve to restrict supply, raise prices, and increase production costs. The result would be a gross misallocation of the nation's scarce economic resources and a dead-weight loss to the whole economy by virtue of the inefficiencies created. Regulation, in this model of the economic system, is a mistake.

Since trucking deregulation began in 1980, over 4,000 trucking companies have gone out of business. When something like this happens, it can only mean one thing: their costs of production were too high to be covered in a competitive market - in a word, they were inefficient. But at the same time these failures have occurred, it is acknowledged by all who have reviewed the issue from an analytical and detached perspective that the American trucking industry has become far more efficient. There are as many trucks on the road now as there were before deregulation, and it takes less time and less money to ship goods now than it did before.

To reestablish regulation in the trucking industry, as many trucking company officials want, would be a mistake. Having come this far toward a fully efficient trucking industry by competitive elimination of the less efficient, a turn back to the old system would make the entire economy less efficient. One can only hope that the Reagan administration will not let the failure of the few lead to the imposition of regulatory penalties on the many.

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Today in history

Today is Thursday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 1986. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Feb. 6, 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the Senate. The treaty ceded Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines to the United States for \$20 million.

On this date: Ten years ago: The Labor Department said the unemployment rate fell substantially in January to 7.8 percent of the labor force, from 8.3 percent in the previous month.

Five years ago: Officials of Western governments and international oil companies said a world oil glut seemed to be developing.

One year ago: Federal budget director David Stockman's attack on the military pension system drew angry responses from Pentagon officials, veterans groups and some congressional supporters of the military.

Today's Birthdays: Attorney Louis Nizer is 84. President Reagan is 75.



Lewis Grizzard

Is it only for scholars?

The man has been around football all his life. He has coached it at every level. I asked him to speak frankly about the current rage to make scholars out of collegiate athletes.

I do not necessarily agree or disagree with his viewpoints. However, I thought anonymity would encourage his frankness:

"You know what's the silliest part of this whole thing? It's all this talk about how many players such-and-such coach has to graduate.

"It's not the coach's job to lead his players around to class. Oh, he can make them run the stadium steps at 6 in the morning if they don't go to class, but making certain his players graduate isn't a coach's job.

"A college coach has one job, and that is to win. If a coach doesn't win, then he'll get fired.

"Show me a coach who graduates all his players and goes 1-10 five straight years, and I'll show you a coach who's out of a job. They'll can him no matter how many Phi Beta Kappas he's got on his squad.

"There's a lawsuit in Georgia where a

University of Georgia teacher said she was fired because she wouldn't give preferential treatment to athletes.

"Hey, most of those kids who got the special treatment were black. They were in a remedial program because that is a way to get minority students who aren't otherwise qualified into college.

"The federal government says those kids deserve a chance, and that's the way you give it to them. Sure, they got preferential treatment. Don't give these kids a chance, don't give them a second chance or maybe even a third, and most of them will wind up back down in the country pumping gas.

"Let me tell you about all those test scores and high school grade-point averages. They don't mean a thing. I had kids at (his last school) who made 400 on the SAT's. You'd figure these kids wouldn't make it anywhere.

"But they did. They did because they had good attitudes, and their attitudes got better when they got out of those terrible high schools, and they began to grow up and see the importance of learning.

"I had a kid who made a 400 and guess where he is now? In medical school. Yeah, he's black, and if he were coming along today, under the new NCAA standards, he wouldn't get a chance at anything.

"There are too many variables to set a standard all high school athletes must meet before they can be signed to a scholarship.

"Not all high schools are the same. Not all kids come from the same backgrounds, the same environment. Those black coaches are right. Raise the standards, and college sports will be lily-white again, at least for a long time to come.

"I say let 'em in school. Put 'em in a remedial program. Teach 'em high school courses again, and if it takes them 10 years to get a degree, then that's better than getting no degree at all. If they don't get a degree, maybe they will have at least learned how to fill out an application for a job.

"In a perfect world, a university is only for scholars. In the one we live in, which is imperfect, it ought to be for everybody, for whatever they can get from it."

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Top problem for blacks recognized

By Ben Wattenberg

Bill Moyers' fine program on CBS has crystallized a mounting concern about the very high rate of female-headed black families in America. The concern is proper: It is the No. 1 problem for blacks.

For too long the topic was almost taboo — regarded as racist finger-pointing. Now black leaders are paying public attention. So is the policy community. An important debate is beginning.

The situation is remarkably complex, confounding many orthodoxies of left and right. Unfortunately, as the dialogue unfolds, a caricature of the problem may be emerging: It is said that morality in the inner city breaks down, welfare offers incentives to have babies, teenage black girls get pregnant, black teenage boys drop out of school and can't get jobs, ever-more

babies are born into poverty and with no male role model, teenage fathers remain dead-ended, the cycle of welfare, sexual irresponsibility and crime is continued, and blacks destroy themselves.

There is some tragic truth to all that, but there are complicating facts and questions that are not often considered. It is important to try first to unscramble the curious pattern of black birthrates.

Item: Contrary to perception, the black birthrate in America has come down dramatically in recent years for all income groups. Remarkably, even the illegitimate birthrate for blacks has come down somewhat. Question: If welfare creates a bonus for poor blacks to have babies — why have these birthrates gone down?

Item: Because marital birthrates have fallen so sharply, the PROPOR-

TION of black babies born out of wedlock has soared — to a devastating 56 percent. Questions: How can this happen when there is more sex education about birth control in the schools? Is it simply sexual irresponsibility? But then why is the overall black birthrate, legitimate and illegitimate, falling?

On the topic of irresponsibility, other anomalies emerge.

Item: The black rate of abortion is twice as high as the white rate. Questions: Does this indicate sexual irresponsibility regarding conception, or sexual responsibility regarding termination of pregnancy, or the lack of the right kind of sex education which would encourage abstinence and discourage abortion — or all of the above?

Item: Most black teenage mothers with out-of-wedlock children end up

getting married. An Urban Institute study showed that about three-quarters of such mothers are married by age 24. Question: Is it really a never-ending cycle of matriarchy if most of these children end up in married households, at least for part of their lives?

Item: More black children are living in female-headed households because their parents have been divorced or separated than because their parents were never married.

What does it add up to? It is a convoluted situation, perhaps not as bad as popularly described, but bad enough. A subsequent column will explore some proposed new remedies. But do not expect simple solutions. It is not a simple problem.

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Berry's World



"What do YOU think, fella? Is it INSURANCE COMPANIES or LAWYERS that are putting people outta business?"

Challenger investigation moves to nation's capital today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The focus on the Challenger disaster is swinging from search ships in the Atlantic Ocean to the nation's capital, where a presidential commission will use thousands of photographs, tons of debris and miles of computer tape to try to tell the full story of history's worst space accident.

The 12-member commission, headed by former Secretary of State William P. Rogers and onetime astronaut Neil Armstrong, was to determine what caused the fireball that killed six astronauts and schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe on Jan. 28 in the first in-flight disaster in 56 U.S. manned space missions.

The panel, which must report back to President Reagan in four months, was meeting today for the first time in the huge auditorium of the National

Academy of Sciences. Investigators believe a spurt of flame at or near a seam on the right solid rocket booster triggered the explosion, sources at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration say.

Today's hearing provides the first substantive public information about the accident from NASA since Challenger exploded eight miles above the sea off Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Scheduled witnesses include Jesse Moore, the director of the space shuttle program and the head of the interim board established immediately after the accident.

"I think essentially they'll just make an overall presentation on the types of information they have been collecting and that type of general information on what has transpired since last week," NASA

spokesman Mark Hess said Wednesday of his agency's testimony. "I don't think it will suggest a cause."

Two rocketry experts said Wednesday that freezing temperatures and the vibrations of launch could have combined to cause the booster to crack and cause the explosion.

Gary Flandro of Georgia Institute of Technology and Herman Krier of the University of Illinois said the overnight subfreezing temperatures at the Kennedy Space Center prior to the launch could have caused temperature differences of 50 degrees or more between the inside and the outside of Challenger's two solid rocket booster engines.

Such a wide range of temperatures, they said, could have combined with the stress of vibration to cause a failure in the rocket's steel wall.

Although the presidential commission is charged with conducting an independent investigation of the accident, NASA is expected to provide most of the technical expertise.

About 12 tons of debris have been recovered from the sea — about one-tenth of the 123-ton shuttle and its cargo. NASA says it has not found the crew cabin and its voice recorders.

The commission now numbers 12 but may grow to 20. Its members include physicists, engineers, attorneys, a journalist, former test pilot Chuck Yeager and astronaut Sally K. Ride.

During the investigation, commission members will travel to the Johnson Space Center in Houston and the Kennedy Space Center in Florida to consult with technical experts.

Administration spurns compromise talk despite poor reception of budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reagan Administration officials say it's too early to talk compromise, especially on taxes, even though the president's new budget is playing to poor notices among both political parties on Capitol Hill.

Budget Director James C. Miller III was told by Republicans and Democrats alike on Wednesday that new taxes might be required to meet terms of the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing act.

"Taxes can be the glue that binds the package together," said Sen. Pete V. Domenici, the influential New Mexico Republican who chairs the Senate Budget Committee, at the first congressional hearing on the

president's \$994 billion fiscal 1987 budget. "The time for playing games is past."

Domenici and other congressional leaders have suggested a "summit" with the president to work out a compromise budget and avoid a year-long confrontation over spending.

However, Miller and other top Reagan lieutenants said that it is premature to consider such a move, and that in any event the president remains firmly opposed to any form of tax increase.

If Congress and the president deadlock on spending this year as they did last year, automatic across-the-board cuts of around \$40 billion will be triggered

automatically next October under the new law.

Reagan hasn't ruled out a "fee" on imported oil, or even a gasoline tax, but only as part of a tax-overhaul bill that neither raises nor lowers overall taxes, not for deficit-reduction purposes, Reagan aides said.

"We ought not to be talking about grand compromises," said Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III. "The president has just submitted his budget. Some are suggesting that it's dead on arrival. I would suggest that it simply is not."

The president's budget would cut, freeze in place or eliminate scores of federal domestic programs to meet the

Gramm-Rudman requirement that the deficit, now above \$200 billion for 1986, be reduced to \$144 billion in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

At the same time, the budget submitted on Wednesday calls for an increase in Pentagon spending authority of nearly 12 percent.

Miller was asked by Budget Committee members why defense spending showed such an increase, given Reagan's earlier vow to propose no more than a 3 percent hike in military spending authority on top of inflation.

"I see nothing in this budget or in the State of the Union that calls for anything other than unremitting gloom," said Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La. "I just don't see where the dialogue starts, where the common ground is."

President's role in leading national mourning admired, even by opponents

By MICHAEL PUTZEL
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is by now a familiar scene: the president of the United States, his lips pursed and eyes narrowed as he sits awaiting his turn to eulogize a fallen hero.

Last week in Houston it was the Challenger crew. President Reagan sat outdoors, his wife and the victims' families around him, the wind rustling his hair, now distinctly grayer than it was when he took office five years ago.

He speaks, his voice cracking at

Robert Dean Steihem, the Navy diver killed in the hijacking and buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

With hugs for the bereaved, their whispered thank-yous and the words he always deems inadequate, the president, so cheerful and optimistic most of the time, somehow unites the nation in moments of sadness.

"Reagan handles it better than anyone," concedes Christopher Matthews, a White House speechwriter for Jimmy Carter and now an aide to House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.

Dropping none of his outspoken opposition to Reagan's policies, Matthews can't help but admire the role Reagan plays as head of state, which the Democratic aide separates from that of head of government.

Reagan, his admiring opponent says, seems to understand the American myth just as Churchill grasped the British soul and as De Gaulle inspired the French.

Reagan, indeed, is an ardent hero worshiper. And he leads the nation in praising not just its martyrs but its brave young people, such as the four he introduced to the nation at his State

of the Union address Tuesday night.

Sometimes he has confused real heroes with those from the movies.

He once told the nation's Medal of Honor winners about one of their number, a World War II pilot, who he said won the nation's highest award for valor by riding his burning plane into the sea so as not to abandon a wounded crewman trapped in a gun turret. The story

could not be documented until a scholar in California traced it to an old war movie Reagan apparently had seen some years before.

Matthews suggests that the president, a former actor with many heroic roles to his credit, "identifies with heroes like the fan in a movie theater."

Perhaps so, but in helping the nation focus on its own heroes, such as the Challenger seven, he makes the loss real.

Teacher says coach was angry with principal

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — A football coach punched his fist into his hand and said, "Damn Hurley" — referring to the principal later accused of killing him — shortly before the coach disappeared, a teacher said.

Thomas Brooks, a former teacher at Hull-Daisetta Woodson Junior High School, said Wednesday that coach Billy Mac Fleming seemed upset with the school principal on the day Fleming was later reported missing.

Jurors were not allowed to hear the testimony of Brooks, who was a friend of Fleming.

Fleming, 36, disappeared from the school April 12. His body was found 10 days later near a Polk County logging road.

The school principal, Hurley Fontenot, is on trial for Fleming's murder. Prosecutors allege Fontenot killed Fleming over the affections of the school secretary, Laura Nugent.

Brooks, who also coached at the school, said he was teaching a class in the gym about 2:45 p.m. April 12 when Fleming came over and told Brooks he was leaving work.

"He said, 'Damn Hurley,'" Brooks recalled while demonstrating how Fleming punched his right fist into the palm of his left hand after making the remark.

"It was like he was disappointed when he hit his fist in his hand and said, 'Damn Hurley,'" said Brooks, who now coaches and teaches in the West Orange-Stark school district.

But State District Judge John Martin refused to allow Brooks to testify about the conversation before jurors, saying such testimony would be hearsay. Martin issued the ruling after "previewing" Brooks' testimony without the jury.

Fontenot, 48, of Raywood is charged with the April 12 shooting



SPACE AGE PATIENT — David Guessford of Hagerstown, Md., walks up the steps of Johns Hopkins Hospital from a mobile home with the help of Dr. William Bell. Guessford must stay in a controlled warm environment due to a rare blood disorder and made the trip from his home to the hospital in the space suit which was donated by ILC, a Delaware firm that makes space suits for NASA. (AP Laserphoto)

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the memory of those who died. It was the same in December at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he remembered the soldiers who perished in a plane crash coming home from the Sinai.

At Camp Lejeune, N.C., he sat solemn and hatless in a bitter cold, driving rain to honor those who died in Lebanon and Grenada in October 1983. Last summer, on his way to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., to welcome home the TWA hostages, he stopped for a quiet moment at the fresh grave of

be a summing-up time for me. It's been swearing-in time and the new year, every year, and the birthday.

"For the most part, though, the president, who has undergone cancer surgery since his last birthday, was his usual buoyant self, making a joke of his years as he often does.

"A few more of these and I'll be just about due for a midlife crisis," he told employees at the Treasury Department.

Reagan turning 75 today

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan turns 75 today in a "summing-up" mood as he prepares to celebrate his sixth White House birthday with family and old friends.

Reagan reflected on his advancing age Wednesday as he visited with employees at the Department of Health and Human Services, jesting that he would be 39 for the 36th time.

In a more serious vein, he said: "This time of year always tends to

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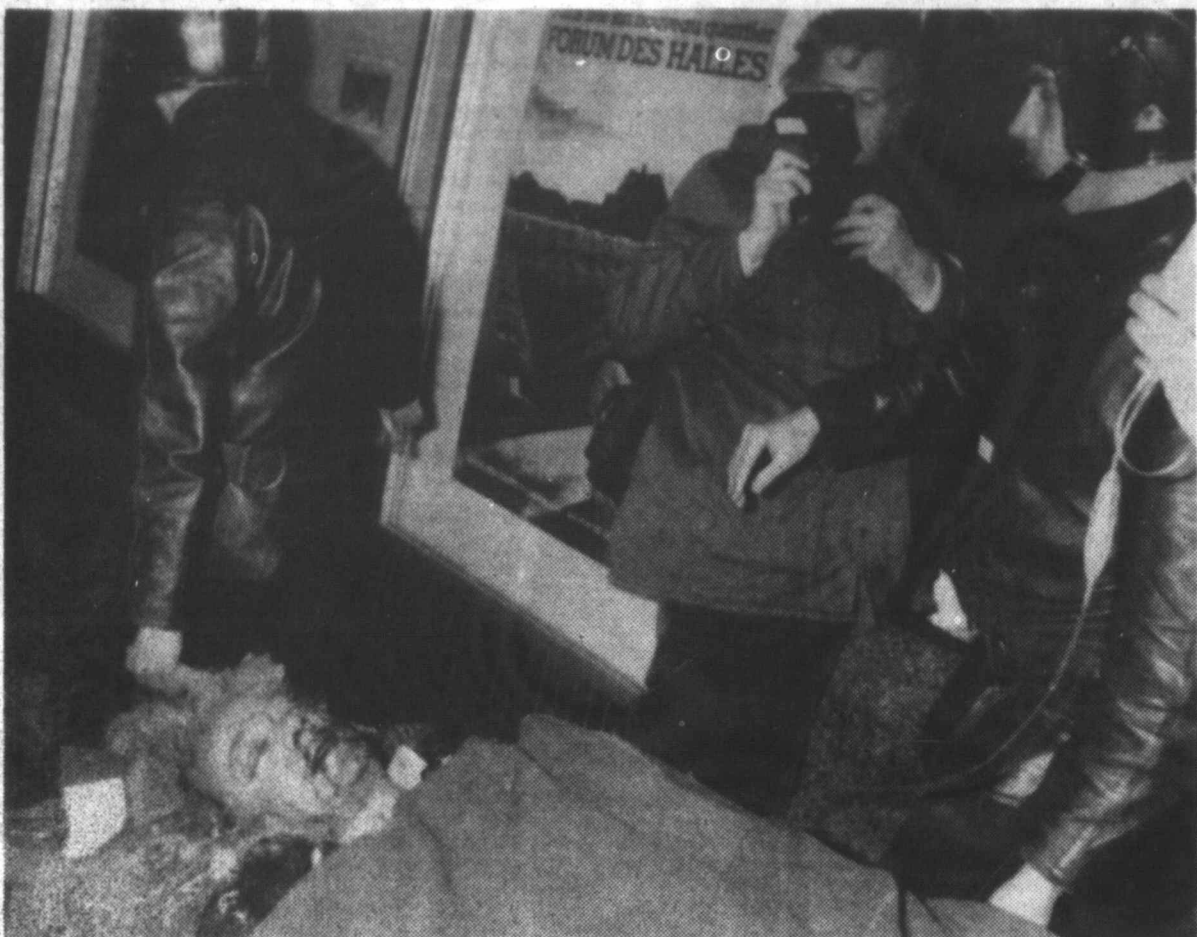
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PARIS BOMB VICTIM — Firemen carry a wounded woman from a shopping complex in Les Halles in central Paris where a bomb exploded Wednesday evening in the FNAC

sports shop injuring 10 people, three of them seriously. It was the third bombing in downtown Paris since Wednesday. (AP Laser-photo)

France shores up security after third Paris bombing

PARIS (AP) — The third in a series of nightly bomb blasts aimed at crowded Paris shopping areas tore through a popular sporting goods store, injuring nine people and increasing fears of a terror campaign with Middle East overtones.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bomb that exploded late Wednesday in a modern shopping complex in central Paris, but the interior minister quickly declared that France would not be intimidated

by terrorists. The minister, Pierre Joxe, announced tighter security measures for Paris and the nation's major transportation systems.

"Terrorists want to upset the public, and they are doing it. But they also hope to intimidate the government, and they will not," Joxe said in a statement.

Le Monde, an authoritative newspaper, said police had determined the bombings were a campaign to pressure France as it seeks the release of four

Frenchmen abducted in Lebanon.

It was the third successive night that a bomb went off in the French capital and the sixth such incident in two months. In each case, the bomb was planted in a busy public place.

Sixty people have been injured, 39 of them in the Dec. 7 bombings of two department stores. Eight were injured Monday night at a shopping arcade on the Champs Elysees and four more were hurt Tuesday night at a popular Latin Quarter bookstore. Police also defused a bomb Monday night at the Eiffel Tower.

Presidential study says

Illegal foreign workers a benefit to nation's economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreign workers who enter the country illegally are easily absorbed into the labor force and can sometimes make a positive contribution to the U.S. economy, President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers told Congress today.

"Illegal aliens may find it possible to evade some taxes, but they use fewer services (especially social security benefits) than do other groups," the report said.

The president's top economic advisers said that while they weren't condoning illegal immigration, they could find no evidence the employment of illegal aliens displaced native-born workers from jobs.

The report on aliens, which had become controversial even in advance of its release, was one of

seven separate economic studies accompanying President Reagan's annual economic message to Congress.

"Although many aliens work on farms illegally, the availability of such workers may enable U.S. production of certain fruit and vegetable crops to remain competitive with that of other nations," the report said.

Restricting the supply of alien farm labor "would increase the costs of farm production," the president's top economic advisers concluded.

Beryl W. Sprinkel, chairman of the Council, said the report was initiated because "the president agreed it would be important to examine the economics of immigration."

Sprinkel told a group of reporters that the study in no way endorses

the practice.

"The economic gains provided by international migration do not justify the presence or employment of aliens in the United States on an illegal basis," the report concluded.

But on the whole, the study said, migrants, both legal and illegal, "appear to pay their own way from a public finance standpoint."

"A study of illegal migrants in Texas found that the vast majority made substantial payments for federal income and social security taxes as well as sales and excise taxes," the report said.

Illegal aliens use few government social or welfare services, the report said. "Illegal aliens appear to use health services more frequently than other services, but most appear to pay for these services," it added.

Expert: doctors should fight AIDS fear

BOSTON (AP) — Now that doctors have clear evidence AIDS isn't caught through casual contact, they should play a more active part in "quelling the hysteria" over transmission of the deadly disease, a physician says.

"The picture is ... clear," Dr. Merle A. Sande wrote in an editorial in today's edition of the New England Journal of Medicine. "The AIDS virus is spread sexually, by the injection of contaminated blood and vertically from mother to fetus. Other modes of transmission are extremely rare."

The latest evidence supporting this view is contained in a study also published in the journal. Doctors surveyed 101 family members who lived with AIDS patients, both before and after they got sick. None caught the disease.

Dr. Gerald H. Friedland, the study's chief author, said, "We conclude that the risk of transmission of the virus during close, long-term contact has to be extremely, extremely small, approaching zero. That is very reassuring."

Sande, chief of medical services

at San Francisco General Hospital, said that even though scientists have learned much about the AIDS virus, the new knowledge has often produced more public concern than relief.

"It is now time for members of the medical profession, armed with this knowledge, to take a more active and influential role in quelling the hysteria over casual transmission of AIDS," he wrote.

Sande said doctors should oppose universal AIDS screening, quarantine of AIDS victims and excluding infected people from classrooms and jobs.

The newly published study, Sande wrote, "is a powerful argument with which to counter the public's fear of casual contagion and should be used to thwart attempts to discriminate against persons in the so-called high-risk groups."

The study was conducted by Friedland of Montefiore Medical Center in New York with

researchers from the federal Centers for Disease Control. The results were publicized last fall after they were presented at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Minneapolis.

The researchers examined 68 children and 33 adults who lived with AIDS victims for an average of nearly two years. Many shared kitchens, bathrooms and even beds. However, only a 5-year-old girl was infected with the AIDS virus, and the researchers believe she was infected by her mother before birth.

They said that most of the families lived in poor, crowded conditions that would be expected to facilitate the transmission of contagious diseases.

Since acquired immune deficiency syndrome was first recognized about five years ago, it has struck more than 16,000 Americans, and experts estimate that between 1 million and 2 million are infected with the AIDS virus.

Private group is establishing \$17 million AIDS program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A private foundation today announced a \$17.2 million program to develop community services for AIDS victims in 21 American cities.

The program, to be modeled after a similar effort in San Francisco, will try to reduce treatment costs for AIDS patients by developing health care and support services for them.

For the most part, AIDS

patients are not getting the care and services they need," said Drew E. Altman, vice president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which is financing the program.

In a statement, he said many AIDS patients are needlessly admitted to hospitals because of a lack of community health care services for such victims.

The 21 metropolitan areas eligible for the grants under the

program are those with the highest number of reported AIDS cases as of December 1985.

They are New York City, with 4,923 cases; San Francisco, 1,730; Los Angeles, 1,306; Washington, D.C., 483; Miami, 475; Houston, 402; Newark, N.J., 373; Chicago,

323; Philadelphia, 284; Dallas, 236; Atlanta, 223; Boston, 221; Jersey City, N.J., 179; Nassau County, N.Y., 159; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 153; San Diego, 147; Seattle, 141; New Orleans, 125; West Palm Beach, Fla., 122; Anaheim, Calif., 114; and Baltimore, 114.

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Woman who posed as an 85-year-old says age bias widespread in the U.S.

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — When Patricia Moore went undercover in 1979 as an 85-year-old woman, she hoped to find out what it was like to be elderly in America.

She said she emerged from her gray wig and wrinkled makeup three years later, physically scarred, emotionally battered,

incredulous at the way she was treated and determined to alter the way the country views its elderly.

Ms. Moore, 33, said the elderly are portrayed as "slow, poor, wrinkled, (with) snow on their rooftops, cranky, crotchety and doddering. They're lovable, adorable and bake chocolate chip cookies."

She wrote a book, "Disguised: A

True Story," about her experience and carried her message Wednesday to the annual Eastern Regional Conference sponsored by the Gerontology Institute of New Jersey.

"This is a Darwinian society, survival of the fittest," said Ms. Moore. "If you are not fit, get out of the way."

Age bias is widespread in the United States, she said, adding that only by a dramatic change in attitudes and the erosion of stereotypes can the elderly begin to be treated fairly.

"We are a country built on image and label," she said.

Ms. Moore said she was working in a products design firm in New York City in 1979 when she became increasingly frustrated with the company's unwillingness to design products with the elderly in mind.

"We were literally putting things in our society that didn't work for old people," she said.

She chose a gray wig and makeup, plugged her ears, wore semi-opaque glasses, put splints on her legs to restrict her movement and wore clothing to create three

elderly characters: a shopping-bag lady, a middle-income woman and a dowager.

Ms. Moore said she traveled to 14 states, walking the streets of more than 100 cities, eating at restaurants, living in motels and hotels and visiting convalescent homes.

Everywhere, she said, she encountered people who wouldn't open doors for her, restaurateurs who ignored her, transportation systems that don't accommodate the elderly and shop owners who shortchanged her.

She was mugged twice in New York City, she said. The first time, she was knocked unconscious and her purse was stolen. The second time, she was attacked by a gang of youths who severely beat her.

The first step in combatting the biases, she said, is to recognize that everyone is aging, and that the elderly, like others, have different abilities and inabilities.

Another way, she said, is to eliminate the popular and inaccurate images of the elderly created by Hollywood and Madison Avenue.

Pat Robertson, considering presidential run, cheered

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rev. Pat Robertson, declaring, "I can't sit idly by," is winning cheers from conservative Christians when he links his name with the possibility of running for president.

Robertson, who has said he is praying for guidance on the question of seeking the 1988 Republican nomination, didn't even say he was considering it in his speech Wednesday night to 2,000 people at the concluding banquet of the annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters.

But the Christian Broadcasting Network president, who is based in Virginia Beach, Va., got the message across anyway. And it won him his loudest and longest applause of the evening.

He held aloft what he said was a fund-raising letter from Democratic Party chairman Paul Kirk — a letter pointing to the threat of a Robertson presidency.

The letter concluded, Robertson said, by saying, "The price of

failure is now too high.

"Don't let 1985 become a year like 1979 when we all said Ronald Reagan can't possibly win. Because when President Pat Robertson finishes his scripture reading and begins his televised State of the Union address, it will be too late."

After the cheers died down, Robertson said, "We can reverse the tide of secularism; we can bring a moral reformation to America."

IMPLANT ARTIFICIAL HEART — Dr. Denton Cooley and Dr. O. Howard Frazier, chief of transplant service at the Texas Heart Institute in Houston, as they made the implant of the Jarvik-7 artificial heart into the chest of Maj. Harris Kent of El Paso. The 41-year-old retired Army officer was listed in stable condition. (AP Laserphoto)

Texas man will get human heart

HOUSTON (AP) — Doctors say they hope to give a 41-year-old El Paso man a human heart to replace his Jarvik-7 artificial heart within five to seven days.

Harris Kent, a retired Army major, was listed in stable condition Wednesday in St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston, said hospital spokeswoman Connie Turner.

A team at St. Luke's headed by Dr. Denton Cooley implanted the Jarvik-7 in Kent in a two-hour operation about 1 a.m. Tuesday. Cooley said the operation was necessary because doctors felt Kent would die in a few hours without it.

Doctors said Kent was awake and alert Wednesday and responding appropriately. His breathing was being helped by a ventilator.

"We're all pleased he's doing very well," said Dr. O. Howard Frazier, chief of transplant services at the institute. "He was near death in El Paso because of deterioration of heart function. He was a very sick patient. He

recognized the imminence of his demise. He was very concerned."

Kent became the third person in the nation this week to receive an implant meant to keep him alive until a human heart transplant is found.

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TOP CAT — Orlando graces himself across a cushion and allows the stylish customers of St. Germain, an Austin retailer, to pat his pampered head as they pick out clothes. Orlando is one of several cats who live in Austin businesses winning the affection of shopowners. (AP Laserphoto)

Friendly shopcats earn priceless tag

By ELISE GIBSON
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Orlando, the feline philosopher of fashion, drapes himself across a sofa cushion and graciously allows the stylish customers of St. Germain to pat his pampered head as they pick out clothes. If he likes them, he may accompany them to the fitting room, or he may help them write their checks by positioning his portly body across the counter.

Across town, Yvonne, a petite tortoise-shell cat, sleeps peacefully amid the racy red underwear in the lingerie case at Maharani. And at Charles Leutwyler Jewelers, Mama Cat luxuriates on a warm heating pad and shows off her quarter-carat diamond necklace.

Cat-lovers and cat-haters may never agree on the finer qualities of felines, but it's undisputed that cats know a good thing when they find it. Cats who have won the affection of Austin shopowners are in the enviable position of being admired, petted and praised by scores of people a day.

Some cats, like Orlando, remain unspoiled by the attention. Even

though his likeness — as Orlando, the philosopher of fashion — is reproduced in advertisements for St. Germain, as well as on T-shirts and sweaters that are sold in the clothing store, Orlando remains dignified.

"He's quite above it all," said Mary Gayle Stomberger, co-owner of St. Germain. Even a birthday party in his honor in August, at which he received a dozen catnip roses and a cake decorated to look like him, did not undermine his regal bearing.

But other cats, like Figaro at Cliff Fort Flowers, take advantage of their favored position to get into a little mischief. Figaro, a robust 13-pounder, loves nothing more than to ride around on a customer's shoulders. The only problem is what while enjoying his lofty perch he tends to drool.

Figaro has lived at Cliff Fort Flowers since owners Caroline and Robert Jenkins adopted him from the Humane Society eight years ago. One of his favorite tricks, Mrs. Jenkins said, is to sit on a shelf filled with vases and pretend he's a statue until a customer gets close enough for Figaro to take a swipe

at him. He doesn't do any harm, really, he just likes scaring people, she said. Nice kitty.

Customers at St. Charles Gallery sometimes get a start when they realize the huge cat among the stuffed animals on the couch is real.

"She thinks she's one of them," said Todd Schrock, who works for St. Charles. "Her name is Bartender, but we call her Fleabag. She's a fat old cat who just hangs out."

Since Fleabag loves to doze among the merchandise in the window, several customers have inquired as to her price. "We just tell them she's priceless," Schrock said.

One should not get the impression, however, that these shopcats do not earn their keep. Gus, a familiar fixture at Garner & Smith Bookstore on The Drag, was adopted in 1983 to scare off the rats that had moved into the ceiling. He did.

Then he took on the bats that had taken up residence in the art book section. Carol Slutes, a bookstore employee who selected a then-svelte Gus from an animal

shelter, said it was quite a sight to see Gus chasing down a low-flying bat. "I haven't seen any bats since," Ms. Slutes said.

His job well done, Gus has retired from hunting and now spends his days reclining on the sale table, and eating his way up to a thundering 15 pounds.

Although they live in the lap of luxury now, most of these shopcats had inauspicious beginnings. Mama Cat, for instance, was a streetwise cat who made her home on The Drag before she decided to settle down in a respectable jewelry store 13 years ago.

Yvonne, the Maharani cat, found a home after owner Cindy Galindo heard crying sounds behind the walls of her shop. Ms. Galindo called in maintenance men who broke open a hole in the wall and found a tiny, hungry kitten inside.

Shopowners report few complaints from customers, and, in fact, several said that customers make special trips just to visit their shopcats. Bridget McCan, who works at Maharani, said one of the few complaints about Yvonne came from a woman who thought it was unethical to keep what she thought was a stuffed cat in the lingerie case. She was appeased when she discovered Yvonne was alive and well.

"Most people like her really well," Ms. McCan said.

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Hookey-playing student gets 'A' for photos of Reagan

HOUSTON (AP) — A high school junior got an "A" for the photographs he took of President Reagan at a memorial service for the Space Shuttle Challenger crew, but his absence from school that day will be marked unexcused.

Jesse Herrera, 17, played hookey Friday from Barbara Jordan High School, then talked his way into heavily guarded Johnson Space Center to photograph the memorial service for the astronauts killed when the spacecraft exploded last Tuesday.

Although his name was not on the guest list, Herrera managed to get inside the space complex by telling security officers he was there to take pictures for his high school yearbook.

Herrera told his teacher on Thursday not to expect him in school Friday because he planned to attend the services and take pictures of Reagan.

"I said, 'Sure, you will,'" his teacher Edwina Salaun-Klepac said. "He's a gutsy kid, but not that

gutsy. When I noticed he wasn't in school, I figured he was at home watching the service on television."

Using money he earned doing odd jobs, Herrera had bus fare, but only enough left for a single roll of 24-exposure film. He used most of the roll to photograph President and Mrs. Reagan. He also took pictures of reporters such as ABC's Sam Donaldson.

"It was the biggest day of my life. I don't know what I can do to top this off," Herrera said. "I guess these pictures will help me build up my portfolio."

He said his principal told him Monday that he had to count the absence as unexcused because "he doesn't want to encourage anyone to miss school."

Ms. Salaun-Klepac said the absence won't affect Herrera's standing because he's a "straight-A student who's only missed two days of school all year."

"And he'll get an 'A' for this."

NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — The grand dragon of the Texas Ku Klux Klan sat in an old bus on the side of U.S. Highway 59 this weekend, running for governor.

The bus was parked just south of the Nacogdoches city limits.

"It's easier outside (the city limits)," said Charles Lee, the 31-year-old Pasadena man who heads the Texas Klan. "So many cities have peddlers permits. It's a big hassle."

Klansmen in white robes stood by the road, smiling and waving at passing motorists. "We're waving at people, trying to get support," Lee said. "We hope they'll stop by and talk to us about the campaign."

A motorist braked, honked and gestured obscenely. Across the road, a dozen people — black and white — stood with signs reading "KKK, You Are Hellbound" and "This isn't Klan Country."

Lee, a printer who is running as a write-in candidate, said he wasn't upset by the opposition. "We've had a few demonstrators from sections of the Communist Party and the NAACP. It's about the same everywhere we go. We've had no major problems."

Lee, complaining that Klansmen were not being represented by either the Democrats or

Republicans, said his organization has three main issues: tighter control of the Mexican border, using the National Guard if necessary; "voluntary segregation" in the schools, so that races can "progress at their own pace"; and the use of quarantines to break "the large buildup of homosexuals in the state."

Lee said he will travel to every city in Texas before the November election.

Six Klansmen ride with him on the bus from town to town. Lee said the group is assisted by local Klansmen at each stop.

Lee said the Klansmen are organizing local members and supporters as they campaign. "We're bringing the truth to the whole people," he said.

He complained that voters have

been given a distorted image of the Klan by newspapers and movies. "They think about the Klan and they think of night lynchings. I've been in the Klan 11 years and I've never seen anything like that."

The Klansmen portrayed the organization as a peaceful society promoting the white race. "See that NAACP sign over there?" one Klansman asked. "Know what that stands for? It's the 'advancement of colored people.' They have a group to promote their race, and this is a group to promote ours."

Lee, who was wearing a dark blue suit, said the Klan is running a lively, but non-violent campaign.

"There are some definite feelings about us both ways: for and against. We just hope people realize we've got the constitutional right to run for office just like everyone else."

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Boatbuilder's projects far from simple backyard job

By RICHARD STEWART
Houston Chronicle

SABINE PASS, Texas (AP) — Like a lot of people, Delbert Bull likes to build boats at home.

The difference between his homemade boat projects and those of most backyard boat builders is like the difference between making a soap box racer and an 18-wheel truck.

His latest creation is the Capt. Bull, an 84½-foot-long shrimp boat that weighs 75 tons. It's so big he had to have it hauled over land 37 miles from High Island to Sabine Pass just to launch it.

"I drew up the plans myself," Bull said, looking at the massive boat towering on a 16-wheel dolly waiting for the launching. "There's not much to it." He chuckled.

Bull, 52, has spent a lifetime shrimping and working in the oil field. Along the way he picked up welding and shipfitting skills he put to use on the Capt. Bull.

He had built small fishing skiffs years ago. A dozen years ago he decided to tackle a more ambitious project and built the 52-foot-long shrimp boat Baby Bull.

That boat was followed five years ago with the 70-foot-long Miss Mary Bull.

Bull built his first two shrimp boats next to his home in High Island. They're still part of his growing shrimp boat fleet.

Bull designed them himself, incorporating ideas he liked from other shrimp boats.

The affable captain likes to make the project sound like something any do-it-yourselfer with a welding rig and a small crane on the back of his flat-bed truck could do.

"You just do it a piece at a time," he said. "I could have built them down by the water," he said with a grin, "but you waste so much time going back and forth and, by the time you get there, you find you forgot something you needed."

The Capt. Bull was too large to build in his yard. So Bull built it in a field right next to the highway near downtown High Island.

"One day I sat up there on that boat and waved at every car that came by," he said. "And everybody waved back."

He and his son, Delbert Bull Jr., 25, spent 17 months and \$300,000 on the project. The boat is worth about \$500,000 now.

It's powered by two 350-horsepower V-12 diesel engines and can go "anywhere we want to go," Bull said.

It's designed to be used by a captain and two or three hands to go up to 50 or 60 miles offshore for a week or so.

Besides having all the air-conditioned living amenities any shrimp boat crew could expect, it has special equipment to quick-freeze the shrimp.

Freezing the catch in a special salt brine solution not only preserves the shrimp, but makes them more tender, Bull said.

When he finished his first two boats, Bull called Gardner "Casey" Jones. Jones and his son, Kell, run the Jones Boys Inc., a Beaumont heavy equipment company that proudly proclaims, "We move anything."

Casey Jones, 77, grew up in the moving business. His father started the company as a mule skinner during the Spindletop oil boom in Beaumont when the century was young.

When it came time to launch the Baby Bull and Miss Mary Bull, Jones simply had dollies put under the boats, hooked them onto trucks and towed them to the Intracoastal Canal near High Island.

The Capt. Bull was different. Except for a couple of barges that

got landlocked in a coastal marsh after Hurricane Carla in 1961, the Capt. Bull was the largest boat Jones had ever moved.

Jones built levees around the barges and slowly floated them into the surf. That wouldn't work with the Capt. Bull. It was built on a hill.

Jones used rubberized air bags to gently lift the 150,000-pound craft off her cradle and onto a pair of 16-wheel dollies.

A truck was attached to the dollies and the Capt. Bull was ready to roll.

An 84½-foot boat looks big enough on the water. On the narrow beach road that runs from High Island to Sabine Pass, it looked like a mountain moving

across the flat landscape. In places the wheels left tracks in the sand on both sides of the road at once, Kell Jones said.

A workman standing on deck to help deflect utility lines would motion to drivers behind the slow-moving boat to drive around it on the grass. Drivers approaching the boat had to pull off the road and watch it slowly ease by.

"There wasn't anything to it," said Jones, who enjoys his reputation for being able to move anything.

He and his company once moved an in-ground concrete swimming pool and did it without cracking it. They've moved all sorts of houses and once moved a metal shop building that looks like it's a block

long. They once moved a huge bakery bread oven so big that the bread went into the oven as dough on one end and never stopped moving until it came out finished bread on the other end.

The Jones Boys moved the still-hot oven after it had been used to bake bread all one night. It was hooked up and baking bread again the very next night, Jones said.

"I wouldn't have launched it this way," Jones snorted as a big barge-mounted crane moved towards the Sabine Offshore dock at Sabine Pass to pick up the Capt. Bull.

"I would have just backed it up here, lifted up the front and let it slide into the water."

Bull wanted a little gentler launching for his newest project, even though it would take a pretty good blow to dent the 5-16-inch thick steel hull.

Workers took all one morning putting together a sling to allow the big crane to pick up the boat.

When things were at long last ready, the Rev. Jack Davis, pastor of Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Bolivar, blessed the new boat.

As Bull nervously watched, the crane ever so slowly picked up the boat, swung it around and very gently eased it into the Sabine River.

"How about that!" Bull beamed. "It floats!"



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- 13 Monkey's treat
- 14 Ejection
- 15 Van Gogh, for one
- 16 Swiss mountain
- 17 Possessive
- 19 Marital accompaniment
- 20 Adolescent
- 22 Pod vegetable
- 23 City, Calif.
- 24 Normandy invasion day (comp. wd.)
- 26 Actress
- 28 Foolish
- 30 Pounds (abbr.)
- 31 Female sheep
- 32 Snappish bark
- 33 Bank employee
- 36 Sown (Fr.)
- 39 Norse deity
- 40 Communion vessel
- 42 Fireplace fuel
- 44 Noun suffix
- 45 Retainer
- 46 Yorkshire river
- 47 Actress Louise
- 50 Queasy feeling
- 53 Like metal
- 54 Most ancient
- 55 Alpine region
- 56 Statue trunk

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- 5 By birth
- 6 Former Mideast alliance (abbr.)
- 7 Powerful explosive (abbr.)
- 8 Formosa
- 9 Store fodder
- 10 Wretched (sl.)
- 12 Trickle
- 13 Fundamentally
- 18 Gift-giving aid
- 21 This is to say
- 23 Benish
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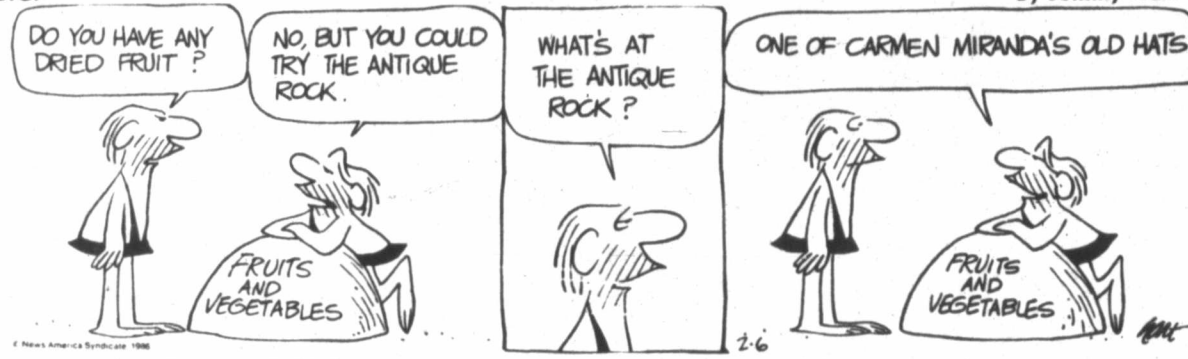
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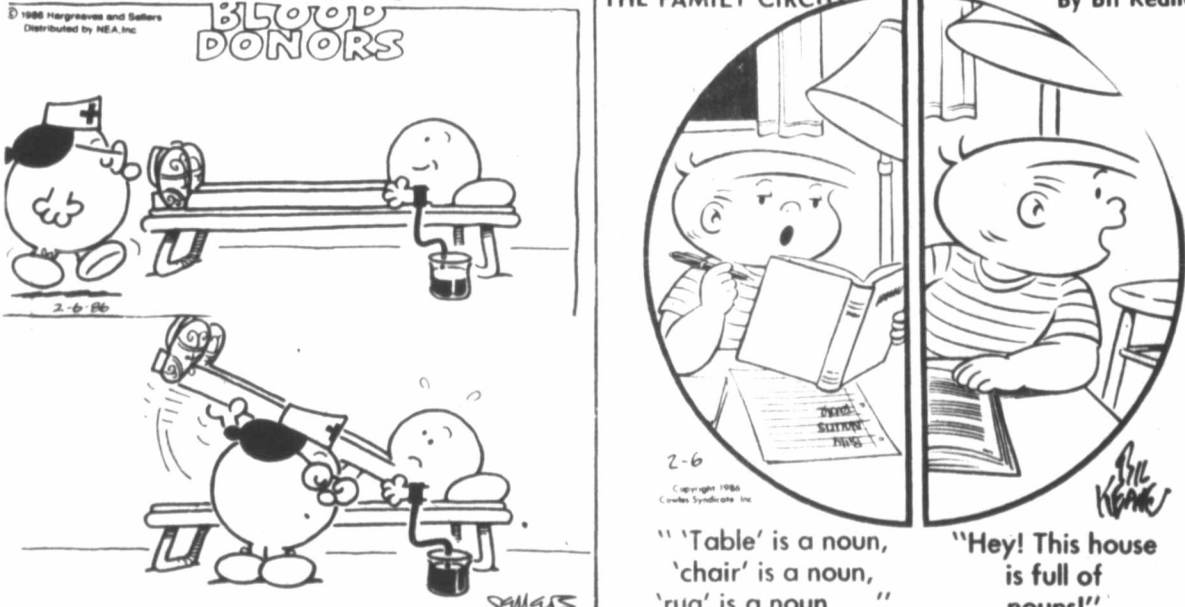
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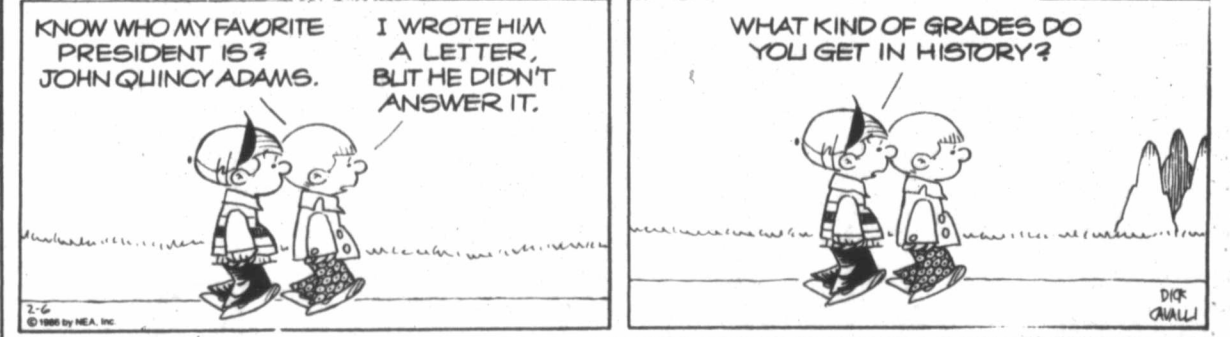
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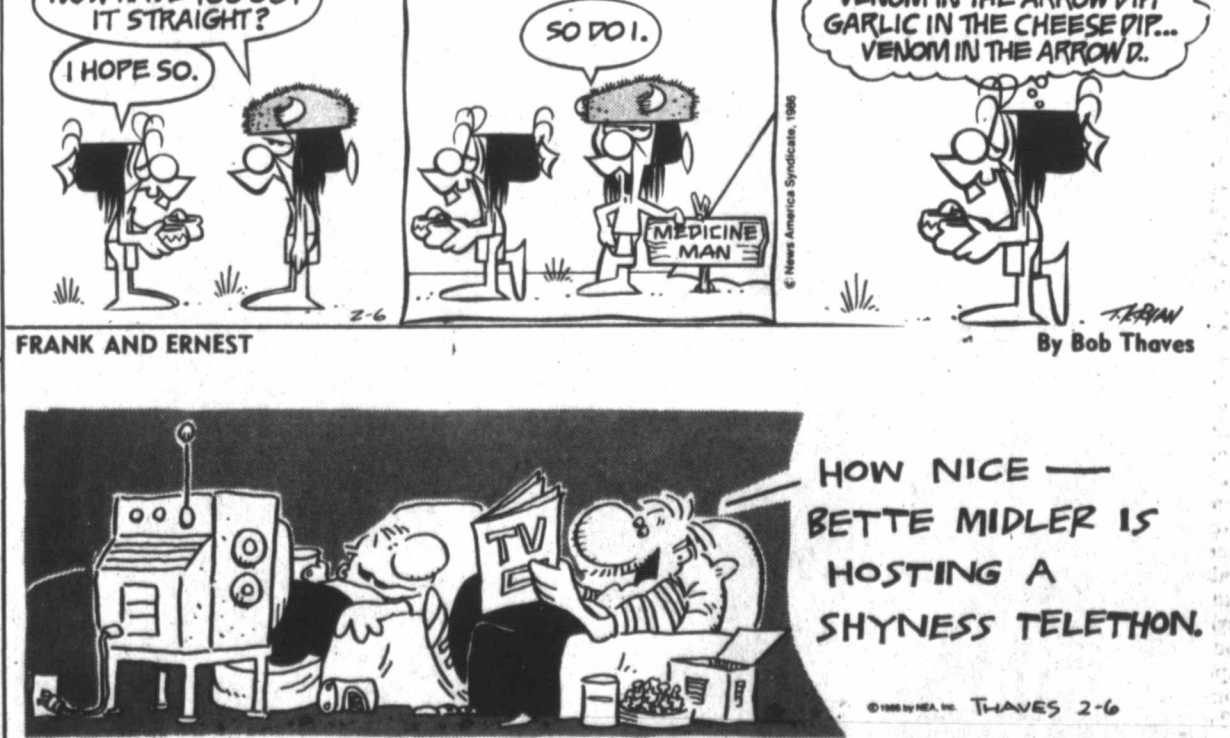
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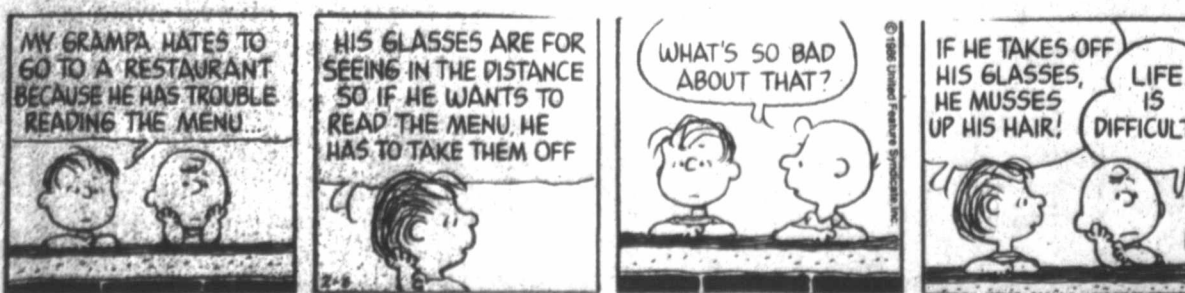
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Through a conversation with a friend you may learn of something untrue that another has said about you. Don't overreact; no one believes it anyway.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Weeding out is in order today if you are associated with someone who is hampering your progress. Sever the relationship or guide it more carefully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you may be judged by the company you keep, so select your companions wisely. Don't let another's poor behavior reflect on you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even if you have to catch up on work you've neglected, don't push yourself too hard today. Self-imposed tensions will add to your burdens.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Out of consideration you may try to hide something today from someone you love, hoping to spare feelings. Unfortunately, it might come out anyway.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Usually you are a rather self-contained person who is not overly influenced or sidetracked by the opinions of others. But today you might be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you delegate an assignment to someone else today, it's best you keep tabs on his progress. Without direction, it won't get done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's imperative today that you be extremely sensible regarding your expenditures. Money has a way of slipping through your fingers at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you are too forceful in dealing with others today, they are likely to do just the opposite of what you ask of them. Soften your demands.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be careful today that you don't make something much more difficult in your own mind than it really is. Don't let your imagination work against you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, if you have some type of financial dealing with a close friend, don't behave selfishly. Look out for your pal, as well as for yourself.

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LIFESTYLES

Radio romance culminates with on-air wedding

By PAUL PINKHAM
Staff Writer

Lori Maxwell and John J. Pascarella met, worked together and fell in love on the air.

In short, a true "radio romance."

So it seems only natural that the two disc jockeys at Pampa's KSZN radio station will be married on the air as well next Friday, Valentine's Day.

The radio station will interrupt regular programming and cut to a live remote of the "I do" portion of the wedding ceremony at the couple's home. But the real fun begins at 6 p.m.

From six 'til midnight, Lori's regular on-air slot, KSZN will broadcast the couple's reception live from the station. Needless to say, it will not be your every day wedding reception.

Instead, it will be a six hour party, complete with call-in requests and dedications from radio listeners John and Lori consider their friends.

Pascarella, who is known to his listeners from midnight to 6 a.m. as Little John, said "being on the air, practically everybody in town knows us."

"We figured we couldn't invite everybody to the reception because it'd be too expensive," he said.

Lori, whose real name is Delores Rock ("since it's a country station, I don't emphasize the Rock") said even though she and John have never met many of their listeners, they feel like they know them. She described one woman, known only as Ruby, who listens to the station

24 hours a day — even when eating and sleeping — and calls in regularly.

"She already thought we were married," Lori explained. "She kind of put the idea in John's head and a couple of days after that he asked me to marry him."

"Fifty years from now, I can say 'It's Ruby's fault,'" John quipped.

Ironically, both John and Lori grew up in Illinois — he in Crete, south of Chicago, and she in Rock Island, on the other side of the state. They didn't meet until last summer when the station hired Lori.

"It took us all the way to Texas to meet," Lori said.

"I came back from vacation on the 30th of June or thereabouts — it was a Sunday — and I had to be on the air at noon," John recalled. "I went on the air at noon and Lori came in at one o'clock and took my shift over."

He explained that Lori had just been hired to spin records and was in training.

"He trained me for a couple days and then I flew solo for a while and the rest is history," Lori said. "He said he was gonna quit and I said 'You can't 'cause I like your pretty brown eyes.'"

John and Lori chose Feb. 14 for their wedding day, partly because it fell between two family members' birthdays and partly because it is Valentine's Day, but it was station manager Robert Day who suggested the idea of a wedding on the air.

With a Valentine's Day wedding by two radio employees, "it just seemed to fit," Day said.

Even so, John says he always

thought about getting married on the air while growing up listening to Chicago's WLS.

John arrived in Pampa after bouncing around the country baking donuts for Winchell's. His first experience with radio came in 1978 in Denver when he enrolled in the Columbia School of Broadcasting.

"I don't even really know what made me think of going into radio," he said.

John quit the school after getting another job in Minneapolis but re-enrolled in 1982 when circumstances found him in San Diego. From San Diego, he travelled to Fort Worth and from Fort Worth, he came to Pampa.

Lori, not as well-travelled, became interested in radio while studying at the American Institute of Commerce in Bettendorf, Iowa. She said she placed an ad in Broadcast magazine and that's what led her to Pampa last June 28.

Although both work for a country station, each has other musical interests. John's favorite is Christian contemporary music while Lori enjoys straight rock'n'roll.

Nevertheless, Day said John and Lori have become a valuable asset to KSZN. He said with Lori's natural radio personality and John's strength in production, the two work well when they team up to cut commercials and the like.

"Some of our best production work has been done by Lori and John as a team," he explained.

But, for John, teaming up with his future wife is part of the game plan.

His claim: "Those that record together, stay together."



RADIO ROMANCE—John J. Pascarella, left, and Lori Maxwell are to declare their love for each other on Pampa's radio station KSZN this coming Valentine's Day when

their wedding vows will be read over the air. Both are disk jockeys at the station, where they met. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)

Sensual allure of couture returns to the world of fashion

By SUZY PATTERSON
AP Fashion Writer

PARIS (AP) — Short, narrow skirts and slinky feminine appeal were hallmarks of the 1986 summer haute couture clothes shown this past week. The mood of subtle sensuality was apparent even in classic clothes that would look in place in church.

Rich fabrics, bursts of color, shapely lines for daytime and intricate draping for evening never looked better.

Couture has been resurrected

gloriously since designers nearly abandoned it in the 1960s in favor of ready-to-wear. This week's opulent shows attracted bigger crowds than ever, including many French politicians' wives and film stars such as Anouk Aimee at Ungaro and Catherine Deneuve at Saint Laurent.

Highlights of the fashion week included the opening of a big new fashion museum in a wing of the Louvre and a reception at the Hotel de Ville, where Bernadette Chirac, wife of Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, presented the golden

thimble prize to Patou's designer, Christian Lacroix.

While each designer showed off the best of his individual art with widely varying approaches, most displayed a look of elegance, revealing but not vulgar.

This meant shaped shoulders everywhere, narrow to tiny waistlines, lean and short skirts just above or just below the kneecap. Some couturiers also showed straightforward pants with gathers at the waist.

Daytime wear was usually classic, with a mood reminiscent of the best of the late 1950s when women dressed up for lunch and the cocktail hour.

Suits were a big item, with nipped-waist jackets everywhere, even at Chanel. Karl Lagerfeld kept the Chanel classic ideas while cutting clothes more daringly to

the new mood.

Suit jackets ranged from short and fitted to very long and cardigan-like. Some flared out with huge peplums, as at Ungaro, who turned out the most daring siren looks in town with his enormous circular hats.

Daytime ideas included the ever-attractive sailor suit with pants or skirts in inevitable shades of navy, white and red.

A gorgeous fitted suit in white or ivory gabardine, shantung or "grain de poudre," a type of faille silk, should be included in everyone's dressy summer wardrobe. This item looked superb as shown at Saint Laurent, Givenchy and Dior, whose designer Bohan made a hit with his simplified, elegant line.

Daytime colors usually were low-keyed, with plenty of gray, apricot, beige, lilac, smoky pink or

blue pastels, plus soft sea greens. A few high-color notes included sunny yellow, fuchsia and poppy red.

Fabrics were soft and luxurious: linens, gabardine and soft, smooth wools with Prince of Wales or bolder plaids in black and white and houndstooth checks. A few new crimped cottons, piques and silk made a bow.

The silk afternoon dress made a big comeback. Some were waist or hip-tied with big sashes, as at Givenchy, who also added draped necklines to most of his suits and blouses in very bright prints.

The print story was an eye-catching explosion of color, with motifs such as huge tulips, polka dots, stripes, doughnut shapes and spirals in all colors vying for attention. The silks in Louis Feraud's collection abounded in squiggles and slashes

right out of the Museum of Modern Art.

After the very proper daytime looks, evening clothes became all fantasy and extravaganza. Some molded the body into an hourglass, revealing lots of shoulder under tight strapless tops. Others were extremely saucy — backless and sometimes nearly frontless with bare midriffs.

Bias-cut slinky satins were a favorite throwback from the 1930s, never looking better than at Saint Laurent.

Louis Feraud showed off fantastic sparkling and beaded gowns in Byzantine patterns and colors.

Chanel's newer evening look by Karl Lagerfeld featured fitted taffeta gowns, some strapless and with a bowed bustle effect at the back.



Dear Abby

Family affair has ended
but guilt, angers live on

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This has been bugging me for a long time and I need an answer. My husband, "Nick," had an affair with his sister-in-law (I'll call her Rosemary) while she and her husband, "Tom," were living with Tom's parents. Nick was living at home at the time because he was only 16.

It seems that whenever Rosemary and Nick were alone in the house, she would come on to him. Since Nick had never had a girlfriend before, he didn't resist her—I suppose out of curiosity and eagerness for the experience. Anyway, this went on for some time, until guilt made Nick tell his father about what was going on between him and Rosemary. The parents made Rosemary and Tom move out of the house, and that ended the whole sordid mess.

Nick is now 32 and we've been married for three years, but it still bothers me to be around Tom and Rosemary. Nick says he still feels guilty, but he's trying to forget it ever happened.

Lately he's started going over to Tom's because they have a common interest in horses, riding, etc. Whenever we are around them, Rosemary makes it a point to get near Nick and talk to him (as much as he lets her), and she sometimes calls the house and asks to speak to Nick—supposedly to tell him something for Tom.

This situation is driving me nuts! How can I get over these feelings of jealousy and anger? Nick wants to be able to see his brother without any trouble from me, but I'm not big enough to handle it. What should I do?

CAN'T FORGET

DEAR CAN'T: Accept the fact that your feelings of jealousy and anger are appropriate, but stop feeding them by dwelling on them. What are your options? To demand that Nick stop seeing his brother? Even if he were to agree to it—which is doubtful—it would create more problems than it would solve.

Everyone must live with some regrettable memories, but those

who are wise shut the door on them. If you can't do this, see a professional counselor who will help you realize that it's self-destructive to harbor negative attitudes. You need to learn how to leave painful memories behind and go on with your life. No easy task, but it can be done. Good luck and God bless.

DEAR ABBY: At this very moment my husband is suffering from a severe headache due to a heavily perfumed envelope in which a local department store sent our monthly bill. In fact, he has written to inform them that we will not pay the bill until we receive one in an unperfumed envelope.

MARCIA IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR MARCIA: Thanks for reminding me of that lovely old saying: "A perfume should not announce itself, but wait to be discovered."

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about the letter signed "Stuffed Turkeys." She and her husband had to eat a big Thanksgiving meal at her mother's house at 3 p.m., then another one at 5 p.m. at her mother-in-law's.

One of my daughters was complaining about the same problem five years ago, so I finally told her the solution was simple: "Why not have Thanksgiving dinner at your house!"

She took me up on it, and now we all go to her house.

HAVE CAR, WILL TRAVEL

(Is your social life in a slump? Lonely? Get Abby's updated, revised and expanded booklet, "How to Be Popular" for people of all ages. Send your name and address clearly printed with a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents) self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Popularity, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

Spring focuses on figures with flattering styles

By Florence De Santis

These days designers are creating fashions that "evolve" rather than revolutionizing fashion.

There is more of a gradual change in seasonal styles right now.

No one will have to throw out last year's clothes, unless they're oversized layers of shapeless items. Even here, consider saving the extra fabric for later use.

A shapely silhouette is the one thing that designers of this spring's fashions agree upon. These range from the very slim to the softly draped.

Wrapping is the newest way to attain easy fit, since you can adapt a wrap to the figure. Geoffrey Beene does a jacket that wraps around the

waistline to tie in front or in back in such a way that it isn't obvious. Side wraps appear at Bill Blass, Oscar de la Renta and in several other collections. De la Renta drapes his wrapped skirt in navy silk crepe, belted with a white cashmere sweater with bugle beads. The cashmere sweater is a frequently seen as a softener in wrapped styles.

Draping itself, now slimmed down from the original super-shirred styles started in Paris a few seasons back, is applied even to suit jackets for spring. Donna Karan uses sunburst draping to center a tunic-length navy wool jersey skirt with slim knee-baring skirt and wide shoulders with the newly rounded shoulder padding that has feminized this look.

But if dressmaker suits and soft blazers with wide shoulders are favorites, the classically tailored suit is scarcely less so. What's new about the crisp, semi-fitted suits are their frequently collarless, lapel-less jackets, the knee-length skirt and the colors in which they come. For both Ralph Lauren and Oscar de la Renta, brown and white or peach and taupe replace navy and white for spring suits.

Look, too, for black and white, often with lots of golden yellow or red accents, especially in sophisticated separates that mix prints, such as a tattersy-print jacket with panel-striped skirt. Favorite bright colors for spring are golden yellow and turquoise, often used with each other and a strong dash of white in such simple styles as camp

shirts, dirndl or slim skirts and wide-shouldered casually cut jackets.

For top designers, color combinations are more often in solids or stripes, such as a red matte jersey tunic over a short black by Louis Dell'Olio for Anne Klein. The coming color is undoubtedly tangerine, a natural follow-up to yellow, which has now spread from top-designer levels throughout sportswear.

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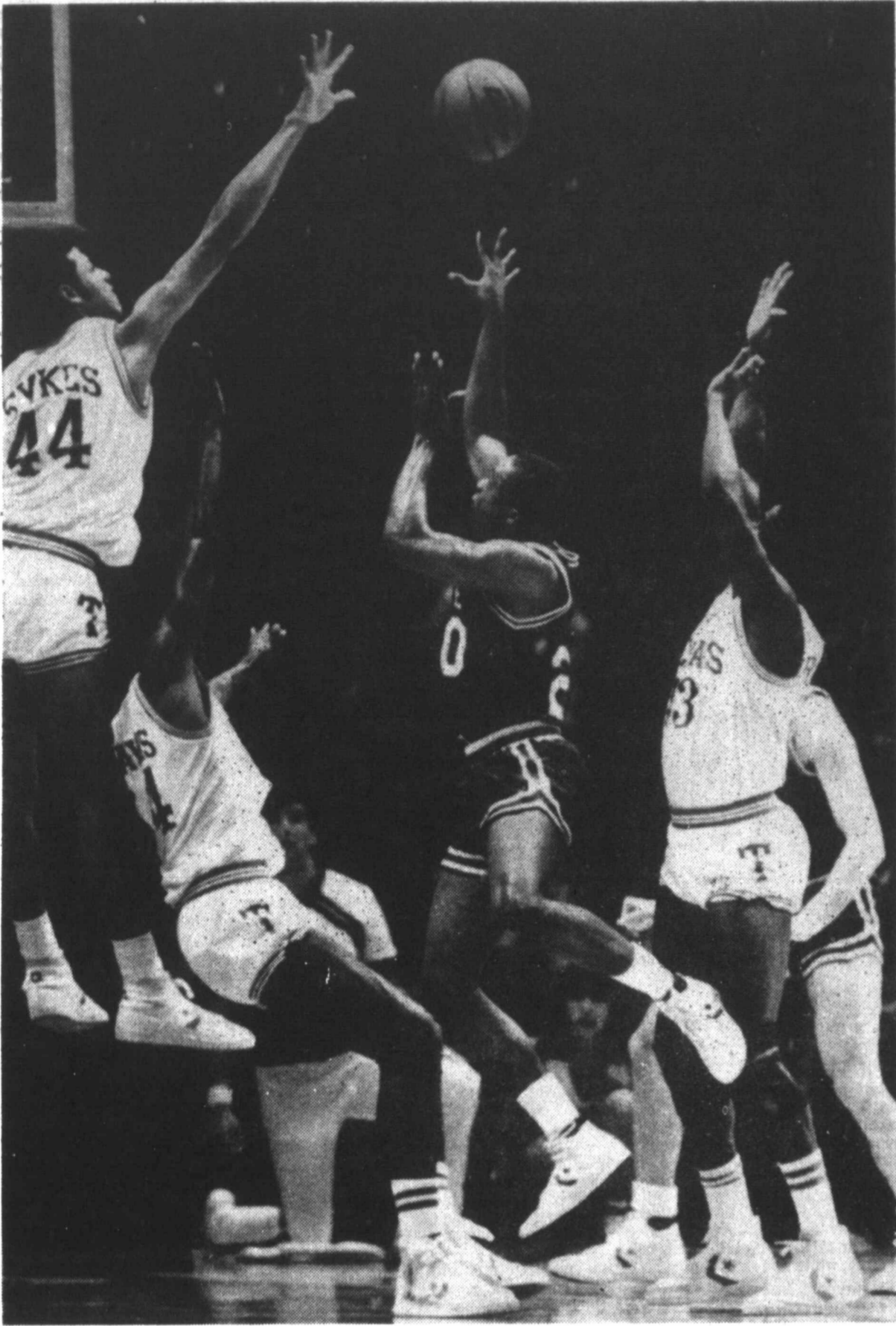
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SPORTS SCENE



HANDS UP — Rice's Greg Hines (20) takes a shot over a crowd of Texas defenders, including John Sykes (44) during SWC action Wednesday night. The Longhorns won, 62-56.

College basketball roundup

Dayton upsets Notre Dame

In this case, the "how" wasn't as important as the "what."
Wednesday night, Dayton built a 37-34 halftime lead, then hung on to beat 14th-ranked Notre Dame 67-65 on the clutch free-throw shooting of freshman guard Migele Knight.
Dayton Coach Don Donoher said "the executing of our offense was very, very good" in the first half, "but starting in the second half we got a little quick on the trigger."
"I don't know how, but we got the lead and somehow we managed to score. But we didn't look very fluid."

Dayton hit eight straight free throws, including six by Knight, in the final minute to keep Notre Dame at arm's length. Ed Young led the Flyers, 13-8, with 20 points, and freshman guard Mark Stevenson had a career-high 23 for the Irish, 14-4.

Other Top Twenty results: No. 5 Oklahoma 106, Oklahoma State 84; No. 6 Kansas 100, Colorado 64; No. 8 Syracuse 84, Seton Hall 61; No. 11 Georgetown 80, Connecticut 63; No. 12 Kentucky 73, Vanderbilt 65, and No. 20 Alabama 57, Georgia 54.

"Wherever Notre Dame goes, it's a big game," Donoher said of the homecourt victory. "In our case, it's a really big game. It means a lot to us and the Dayton community."

Notre Dame outscored Dayton 12-6 to start the second half and

take a 46-43 lead. But Dayton scored the next eight points, four by Young, to take a 48-46 lead it never relinquished. No. 5 Oklahoma 106, Oklahoma St. 84

Tim McCalister led six players in double figures with 24 points, and Oklahoma ran off to a 65-39 lead over Oklahoma State early in the second half en route to its 46th consecutive homecourt victory. The Sooners are 21-1 and 6-1 in the Big Eight. No. 6 Kansas 100, Colorado 64

Danny Manning scored 14 of his 20 points in the first six minutes as Kansas routed Colorado and set a record for consecutive victories at Allen Fieldhouse. The victory was the 29th in a row for the Jayhawks at their 30-year-old home.

Colorado has lost 20 straight Big Eight road games.

Kansas, 21-3 and 6-1 in the conference, led by no less than 25 points in the second half. Cedric Hunter had seven assists for 175 on the season, five more than the team record by Darnell Valentine in 1978-79. No. 8 Syracuse 84, Seton Hall 61

Dwayne "Pearl" Washington scored nine of his season-high 28 points to key an 11-point run late in the second half as Syracuse rallied for a Big East Conference victory at Seton Hall. The Pirates led 49-47 with 9:58 to play before Washington started the run with a three-point play.

Washington had another three-point play in the run and added a steal and an assist as the Orangemen ran their record to 18-2, 9-1 in the conference. No. 11 Georgetown 80, Connecticut 63

Georgetown rolled to its seventh straight victory, getting 22 points from David Wingate to beat Connecticut in the Big East. Georgetown has won six in a row in the conference, raising its record to 18-3 and 8-2.

Earl Kelley paced Connecticut with 22 points. No. 12 Kentucky 73, Vanderbilt 65

James Blackmon scored a career-high 22 points and led Kentucky over Vanderbilt with two key baskets in the final five minutes of the Southeastern Conference game. Kentucky improved to 19-3 and an SEC-leading 10-1.

Darrell Dulaney led Vanderbilt with 19 points. No. 20 Alabama 57, Georgia 54

Buck Johnson hit a 13-foot hook shot with 24 seconds left to put Alabama ahead by five points, then blocked a shot by Georgia's Joe Ward that could have pulled the Bulldogs within one on the last play of the SEC game. Johnson, returning from a four-game layoff with a bruised thigh, had 14 points, and Terry Coner had 15.

Alabama, 16-4 and 9-2 in the SEC, has won 19 in a row at home.

Thomas surges on top in U.S. Figure Skating Championships

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — It was Debi Thomas' turn to conduct the draw for the required figures that would be skated by the women at the National Figure Skating Championships.

By her own estimation, Thomas was a failure at that simple chore.

"I was the one who drew the group of figures and the first one I pick is my worst," the 18-year-old freshman at Stanford said of the outside counter figure. "I was praying not to have it here, and then it's the first one."

Fortunately for Thomas, her execution on the ice Wednesday was far better than her luck off it. She compiled the best marks for the first set of compulsories, dropped to second behind defending champion Tiffany Chin after the second figure and surged back on top in the final figure, which Chin botched.

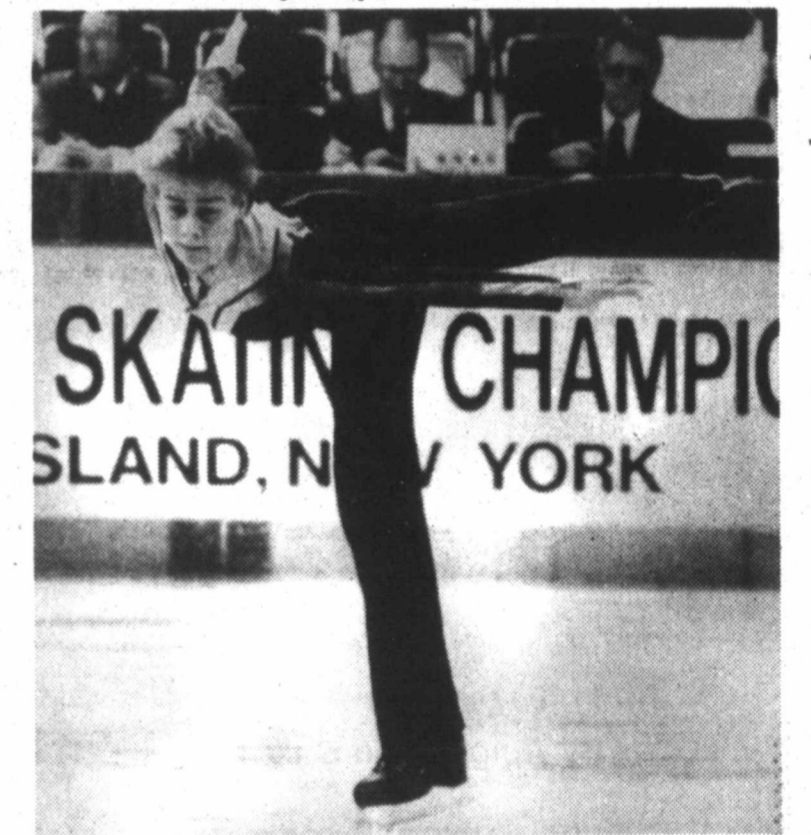
"Last year, I was ninth after this and I had to fight to get up to second," said Thomas, who has won two international events and the National Sports Festival since finishing second to Chin in the U.S. Championships.

Thomas, of San Jose, Calif., had 107.10 points and 12 ordinals. Chin, of Toluca, Calif., was at 104.60 points with 20 ordinals, barely ahead of Caryn Kadavy of Erie, Pa.

Chin, also 18, was making her

first appearance in competition since last March, when she placed third in the World Championships.

Since then, she was sidelined by a muscle imbalance and also changed coaches.



SPIN OFF — Cameron Birky of Danville, Calif. won the Novice Men's Class at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Wednesday. (AP Laserphoto)

SWC dotted with cliffhangers

The second-division teams couldn't buy a break and Texas Christian, Texas Tech, Texas, and Southern Methodist escaped with their scalps after a severe case of sweaty palms in a series of Southwest Conference basketball cliffhangers.

TCU went to double overtime to beat Arkansas 73-71 in Fayetteville Wednesday in the Horned Frogs' first victory there since 1972.

Texas Tech, the defending champions who had lost four games in a row, outlasted Houston 92-91 also in double overtime.

SMU came from eight points down to subdue the fiery Baylor Bears 61-57 and Texas had to struggle to beat Rice 62-56.

The idle league-leading Texas Aggies got the night off and it was probably a good time to be away from the action.

They lead with an 8-1 record but TCU and Texas are just a half-game behind with 8-2 ledgers.

SMU is in third place with a 7-3 mark while Tech is now 5-4.

Houston is 4-6 followed by Arkansas 2-9 and Baylor and Rice who have one victory each in 10 games.

SMU Coach Dave Bliss said Baylor is definitely back. He joined Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf in praising Coach Gene Iba's crew.

"Baylor is a good ball club and we're glad we don't have to play them again," said Bliss. "This was a fortunate win for us. Baylor played just a super ball game but we did the things we had to do down the stretch to salvage the game."

He added "I don't think we took Baylor lightly. They just played good."

Kevin Lewis led SMU with 22 points while Michael Williams was high for Baylor with 18 points.

Bryan Stinchcomb hit a 12-foot jumper with six seconds left for TCU. He had not scored in nine previous Southwest Conference

games.

The Red Raiders' Sean Gay sank two free throws with 21 seconds to go in the second overtime and Tobin Doda hit 19 second-half points to lead Texas Tech.

In Austin, Karl Willock hit two key baskets and two free throws for the Longhorns.

SWC standings

| Team | Conference | | All Games | |
|------------|------------|---|-----------|----|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Texas A&M | 8 | 1 | 20 | 7 |
| TCU | 8 | 2 | 20 | 15 |
| Texas | 8 | 2 | 20 | 13 |
| SMU | 7 | 3 | 20 | 15 |
| Texas Tech | 5 | 4 | 25 | 10 |
| Houston | 4 | 6 | 19 | 10 |
| Arkansas | 2 | 8 | 20 | 11 |
| Baylor | 1 | 9 | 19 | 9 |
| Rice | 1 | 9 | 19 | 13 |

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Texas Christian 73, Arkansas 71; Texas Tech 92, Houston 91; Baylor 61, Rice 56; Southern Methodist 61, Baylor 57; Texas 62, Rice 56

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Baylor at Texas Christian, 1:00 p.m. (TV); Texas at Arkansas, 3:00 p.m. (TV); Rice at Texas Tech, 7:30 p.m.; Southern Methodist at Texas A&M, 8:00 p.m.

Witherspoon may lose crown

NEW YORK (AP) — A contrite Tim Witherspoon worried that he could lose his World Boxing Association heavyweight title because a postfight test showed there were traces of marijuana in his system when he won the crown last month.

"I smoked marijuana once at party in Philadelphia around Thanksgiving," said Witherspoon, who won a 15-round decision over champion Tony Tubbs on Jan. 17 in Atlanta.

"That was way before the fight, way before training," Witherspoon told a news conference Wednesday after promoter Don King said he had been informed of the test result the previous day by the Georgia Boxing Commission.

The fighter said he was surprised that marijuana would show up in a

test taken about two months later.

Mike Cohen, a public relations spokesman for King, said doctors had told the promoter that traces of marijuana could show up as long as 90 days after its use.

"I feel real bad," Witherspoon said. "A whole lot of things are in jeopardy."

Georgia Boxing Commission chairman Lanny Franklin said a hearing will be held Monday in Atlanta, but added that he was bound by law to make no public statement on the matter until after a hearing.

"We have already notified the World Boxing Association of the hearing and what they do after that is up to them," said Franklin.

"As far as we are concerned, the result of the fight will stand. Under

our rules, we cannot change a decision except for collusion, fraud or a mathematical error."

"WBA Rule 8.1 states that drugs or stimulants taken before or during a fight are prohibited," said Tubbs' Cincinnati-based attorney, Louis Katz, "and that a contestant is subject to disqualification."

"I am told there is ample precedent for a title being stripped, and we intend to pursue securing the title back for Tony. We've already been in contact with the WBA on this. I was led to believe by their attorney, Jimmy Binns, that the rule is clear."

Witherspoon, who was named Boxer of the Month on Tuesday by the WBA, asked to be forgiven. "I let everyone down. I gave Don King my word that I was clean and that I didn't use it, but I lied."

Daily trying to shake drug habit

CHICAGO (AP) — Quintin Dailey of the Chicago Bulls has two strikes on him in his efforts to shake a drug habit which has almost destroyed his career in the National Basketball Association. Dailey, who missed Tuesday night's 117-115 loss to Detroit, voluntarily entered a drug rehabilitation center Wednesday for a second time this season.

Shortly after learning what happened, Bulls General Manager Jerry Krause issued a statement that "Dailey was suspended without pay and has voluntarily gone forward and entered an NBA drug rehabilitation center, in accordance with the NBA drug agreement with the players association."

"If," the statement added,

"after his release from the current stay in the center he violates NBA drug statutes for a third time, he will be barred from the NBA for a minimum of two years."

Gary Bettman, general counsel for the NBA, said Dailey had entered the Van Nuys, Calif., Community Hospital, the same facility in which he was treated earlier this season.

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NBA slam dunk contest to feature 5-7 Spud Webb

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

As All-Star games go, the National Basketball Association presentation is one of the most entertaining. It's a chance for the players to show off their individual skills, which are considerable, as well as try some things they only wish they could do during the season.

A three-point shot from 25 feet by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar? A behind-the-back dribble by Moses Malone? A slam dunk by Spud Webb?

Wait a minute. Sure Kareem could probably throw one down from 25, most likely with a sky hook. And Moses has enough dexterity to show off with the dribble. But the 5-foot-7 Webb, a rookie with the Atlanta Hawks, jamming?

Actually, Webb is not an All-Star, so you won't see him live on CBS this Sunday from Dallas. But he is one of the competitors in the slam dunk championship, which will be held Saturday in Reunion Arena and televised during a two-hour "NBA All-Star Saturday" show on Turner Broadcasting.

Also on view from Dallas will be the league's top long-range

shooters — Larry Bird, Trent Tucker, Norm Nixon and Dale Ellis, for instance — who will go at it in the long distance shootout. And an oldtimers game will feature Bob Cousy, John Havlicek, Oscar Robertson, Elvin Hayes, Walt Frazier, Nate Thurmond and many other past greats in a 40-minute game.

TBS' show will air at 10:05 p.m. EST. The proceedings will occur during the afternoon, allowing producer Skip Ellison and his crew plenty of time to weave the elements into a tight, two-hour show.

Skip Carey and Boston Celtics President Red Auerbach will handle commentary of the oldtimers game. Bill Russell, usually one of TBS's announcers, will coach one of the teams and Johnny Kerr will coach the other.

Both of them will be wearing microphones.

Who are the wham-bam-slam-jammers to watch this year?

"Dominique Wilkins is the defending champion," says Ellison. "Some of the lesser-known guys are Jerome Kersey of Portland, Paul Pressey of Milwaukee and Roy Hinson of Cleveland."

And Spud Webb, who will be competing in his hometown.

"It's exciting to go back to Dallas," Webb said. "There will be a lot of people there who supported me when I was younger. There will also be some people there who thought I'd never make it in basketball. That will make me feel good, to be competing against the best dunkers in the game when people said I'd never make it."

Bean ready for Williams Open

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Andy Bean has convinced his harshest critic that he is playing well again.

"Finally, there's no doubt about it," Bean said Wednesday as he prepared for today's scheduled first round of the \$450,000 Shearson Lehman Brothers Andy Williams Open Golf Tournament. "I'm finally playing good again."

Bean, a 6-foot-4, 220-pound redhead called "Li'l Abner" by his fellow professionals, offered a warning.

"If I can get the putter going a little, you're going to see some good numbers."

"Maybe it won't be this week. Maybe it won't be next week. But it's just a matter of time before the putts start falling."

"And when they do, look out," Bean, who has finished seventh

and 10th in his only two starts this season, said he has convinced himself that he has solved the problems that plagued him most of last year.

After winning at least one tournament for six consecutive seasons, Bean suffered a wrist injury and failed to win in 1983. He came back with one of his best seasons — third on the money list — in 1984 and then, for no apparent reason, went into a decline last year.

"No excuses. I just wasn't playing very good for a while. Then, late in the year, it started coming back a little. But when you've played bad for a while, then have a good tournament, you don't know whether you can trust it."

"But now, there's no doubt about it. I'm playing good again," said Bean, whose strong play in

Phoenix two weeks ago made him the 12th man to reach \$2 million in career earnings.

He will attempt to continue his comeback here against a 156-man field that includes Masters champion Bernhard Langer of West Germany, defending title-holder Woody Blackburn, and Tom Watson, a two-time winner on this Torrey Pines layout.

Other leading figures in the chase for the \$81,000 first prize include Mark O'Meara, Corey Pavin, veterans Ray Floyd and Johnny Miller, and last year's leading money-winner, Curtis Strange, along with Tony Sills, who has finished second and third in his last two starts.

NBC will provide national television coverage of portions of the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday.

Pampa second in Roswell golf tourney

ROSWELL, N.M. — The Pampa High boys' golf team placed second in a 9-team tournament held last weekend in Roswell at the New Mexico Military Institute course.

Pampa shot a 643 to finish four strokes behind first-place Roswell Goddard's 622.

Jeff Langen's 151 led the Harvesters, which was good enough for third place in the medalist race. Two-man trophies were awarded with Langen and Brian Loeffler taking second with a 314. Loeffler was ninth in the medalist standings.

Dee Green of Roswell High was medalist with a 147 (71-76) and Cameron Doan of Roswell Goddard was second with a 149 (72-77).

"The kids played real well for this early in the year," said Pampa Coach Frank McCullough. "I feel like we're going to be able to shoot better than we did and I'll expect it later in the season."

The Harvesters compete in the Lubbock tournament Feb. 14-15. The Pampa girls open the golf season Saturday in a tournament at Lubbock.

Roswell Tournament

Team Scores: 1. Roswell Goddard, 305-317 — 622; 2. Pampa, 324-319 — 643; 3. Plainview, 323-338 — 661; 4. Lubbock Coronado, 331-336 — 667; 5. Roswell High, 345-332 — 677; 6. Lubbock High, 343-335 — 678; 7. New Mexico Military Institute, 350-354 — 704; 8. Palo Duro, 369-366 — 735; 9. Amarillo Caprock, 377-371 — 748.

Pampa: 1. Jeff Langen, 73-78 — 151; 2. Brian Loeffler, 86-77 — 163; 3. Brian Hogan, 85-80 — 165; 4. Johnny Snuggs, 82-84 — 166; 5. Dyrnan Crosier, 175.

Pampa bikers place in West Texas Enduro

Seven members of Pampa's Top-O-Texas Dirt Riders Association placed in the West Texas 100 Enduro sponsored by the Permian Basin Motorcycle Association held at Odessa Sunday.

Rick Allen finished first in the Overall B Class and Les Born was the top finisher in the 200 C Class. Clint Deeds placed second in the Open A Class, while David Jeffries placed third in the 250 B Class and Jay Barton finished third in the 200 C Class. Danny Strawn finished fourth in the 250 C Class and Dwight Chase placed fourth in the 40 and Over Class.

The trail included 30 miles of sand dunes. The remainder of the course was fairly flat and laden with thick mesquite trees, though one water hazard was created by several transport trucks hired to empty their load on the course.

Bowling roundup

HI LOW LEAGUE (Standings thru Jan. 15)

Silver Stockade, 49½-18½; Goodman's Computer Service, 46-22; Pampa Nursing Center, 42-26; Dunlap Industrial, 40-28; Team Eight, 40-28; Keith Locke Cattle Co., 37-31; Rheams, 37-31; Bailey Conoco, 36½-31½; Harley Knutson Masonry, 36-33; Culver Cake Decorating, 25-43; Hi Land Pharmacy, 25-43; Pampa Lawnmower, 23-45; Team Five, 23-45; Mercury, 13-55.

High Averages: 1. Karen Adkins, 165; 2. Sharon Dunlap, 159; 3. Wanona Russell, 155.

High Scratch Series: 1. Wanona Russell, 583; 2. Karen Adkins, 552; 3. Penny Pinley, 537; High Scratch Game: 1. Dee Locke, 256; 2. Karen Adkins, 212; 3. Janie Tolbert, 205.

High Handicap Series: 1. Donna Goodman, 666; 2. Penny Pinley, 654; 3. Mary Gill, 652; High Handicap Game: 1. Debbie Shay, 247; 2. Nancy Fox, 246; 3. S. Bailey, 246.

CAPROCK MEN'S LEAGUE (Standings thru Jan. 16)

1. BBG Farm & Ranch, 7-1; Miller's Jewelry, 6-2; ART Supply, 5-3; 3-W Oil Co., 5-3; Kartom, 5-3; HRM, 5-3; Locke Cattle Co., 5-3; Rudy's Automotive, 4-4; Ogden & Son, 4-4; Weaver's Construction, 4-4; Parsley's Roofing, 4-4; Thompson Farm & Home, 4-4; B & B Solvent, 3-5; Bill Stephens' Welding, 3-5; Culberson-Stowers, 3-5; B & L Tank Trucks, 2-6; ANR, 2-6; Consumer's Express, 1-7.

High Scratch Series: Rick McElliot, 709; High Scratch Game: Donny Nail, 297.

High Handicap Series: W. Waggoner, 766; High Handicap Game: D. Wallace, 304.

Reds invite Fingers

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds have invited Rollie Fingers, the all-time career saves leader, to spring training, but he'll have to shave off his handlebar mustache.

"I don't know if it's going to work out," Reds General Manager Bill Bergesch said Wednesday, "but they initiated it. If I believe Jerry Kapstein (Fingers' agent), and I do believe him, he's interested in us."

Fingers, who has saved a record 341 games in his 18-year major-league career, was released Nov. 14 by the Milwaukee Brewers.

Kapstein first contacted Bergesch several weeks ago and spoke to Reds Vice President Sheldon "Chief" Bender as recently as Friday. The Reds have offered to bring the 39-year-old Fingers to camp as a non-roster player, which would obligate them only in the event he makes the team.

Reds pitchers and catchers report to spring training on Feb. 20. Fingers, the American League's Most Valuable Player and Cy Young Award winner in 1961, helped pitch the Brewers to the American League East title in 1982 but missed their drive to the World Series because of a torn muscle suffered in September.

Last season, Fingers saved 17 games for Milwaukee with a 1-6 record and a 5.04 earned run average.

NBA standings

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | WESTERN CONFERENCE | | | |
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| Atlantic Division | | | | Midwest Division | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. | Team | W | L | Pct. |
| Boston | 30 | 8 | .786 | Houston | 33 | 15 | .688 |
| Philadelphia | 31 | 10 | .756 | Denver | 29 | 21 | .580 |
| New Jersey | 28 | 23 | .549 | San Antonio | 27 | 24 | .529 |
| Washington | 23 | 25 | .479 | Dallas | 24 | 22 | .522 |
| New York | 18 | 31 | .367 | Utah | 24 | 27 | .471 |
| | | | | Sacramento | 19 | 30 | .388 |
| Central Division | | | | Pacific Division | | | |
| Milwaukee | 32 | 18 | .646 | L.A. Lakers | 36 | 11 | .766 |
| Atlanta | 27 | 20 | .574 | Portland | 29 | 23 | .558 |
| Detroit | 25 | 24 | .510 | Phoenix | 19 | 28 | .404 |
| Cleveland | 18 | 30 | .375 | L.A. Clippers | 18 | 31 | .367 |
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Boards from Sam Houston's house are on the auction block

By MICHAEL L. GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

DIBOLL, Texas (AP) — An East Texas entrepreneur plans this weekend to auction what he says are boards from a home built by Sam Houston in 1848.

A historian in Walker County, where Houston's renovated house is now a museum, agrees that Glenn Armstrong is accurate in his claims that buyers have a chance "to own a real piece of Texas history."

A state official, however, said Tuesday that while the boards may indeed be from the Houston house, they may not be original construction materials.

Armstrong says he bought the boards five years ago for about \$50 from a Huntsville salvage yard, where they were taken after being rescued from a Sam Houston State University junk pile slated for burning.

"I would say his story is absolutely accurate," said George Russell, a member of the Walker County Historical Commission. "He does have material that came from the Houston home. Some of it is material Sam Houston may have leaned against, stepped on and sawed himself."

The 43 pine boards, some of them up to 20 feet long, are slated for auction Sunday at Armstrong's Diboll Auction House, about 120 miles north of Houston.

"The 43 boards are not enough to build a house with," Armstrong says. "But a board is a board unless it came from General Sam's house."

"It's like owning a piece of the Alamo. That building is just as important as the Alamo, because without Sam Houston, we might be standing in Mexico."

Houston built the house in Huntsville for his wife and children while he served in the U.S. Senate. The house now is a museum adjacent to the campus of the university that carries his name. Houston is buried in a Huntsville cemetery about a mile away.

Armstrong, 54, a Galveston native who now lives in Lufkin, says he knew he had something of significance because the clapboards had been carefully bundled and carried markings indicating where they belonged on the house.

"These boards are actually priceless," he says. "I hope I get a good price. But I have no idea how much they'll bring."

Several of the boards lie on the floor of Armstrong's auction house. The rest are piled on an old hand truck. The exterior sides of boards have many layers of paint, which at one time may have been white. The insides of the boards, however, are unpainted and bear the scars of a rough sawblade and square nails.

The boards share space in a former auto parts store with antique furniture and lamps, old Coca-Cola signs and circus posters.

Armstrong says he planned to sell the boards by the foot — he'll cut them himself — if buyers only wanted a small piece of Texas history.

For Rogers, the auction brings back bitter memories of the fight to

save the original Houston house from a state-financed renovation in 1981.

"They got convict labor to gut it with sledge hammers and crow bars," Rogers says. "These convicts damaged mantles, doors and precious materials."

"The main thing was the damage and destruction. It was like going into the White House with a group of convicts and stripping it."

Rogers and the local historical commission obtained a court order to stop the renovation, but lost their battle on appeal. The wood taken from the house was burned, he says.

"Apparently, some of the original boards didn't get burned," Rogers says. "And they are part of the auction situation."

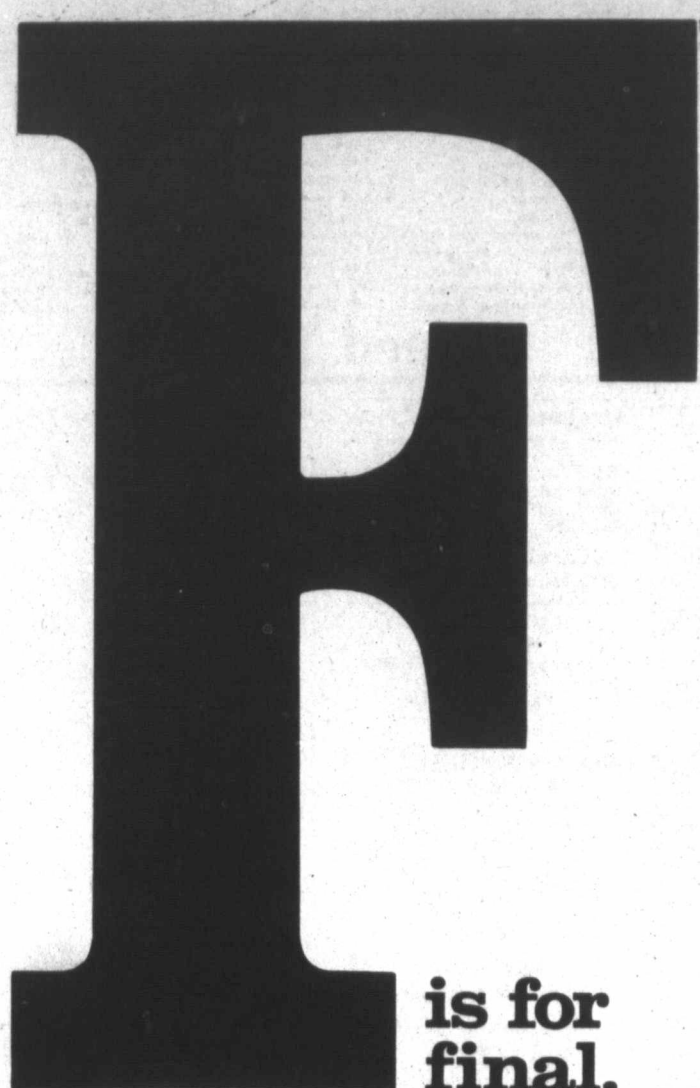
At the Sam Houston Museum, a spokesman who requested anonymity said he knew nothing about Armstrong and the fate of the boards.

But Curtis Tunnell, executive director of the Texas Historical Commission, said Tuesday that while he was unaware of the auction, he believed any original materials had been saved.

"I know there were boards removed from the home during the renovation," Tunnell said.

The boards on the auction block, however, may be from one of at least three earlier renovations of the house and may not be from the original house, he said.

"Our intent was that the original fabric of the house was to be kept permanently," Tunnell said.



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