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Annexation plan draws opposition

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

In an hour-long public hearing, Kentucky Acres Addition residents told Pampa city commissioners that they couldn't afford to be annexed at this time.

The annexation issue had been brought before the city commission on a request made last month by Gary Cummings.

But during the regular commission meeting Tuesday evening, Cummings said he wanted to retract his request for annexation, expressing objections to portions of the service plan drawn up by city staff.

Cummings said there were differences in the written service plan from what he claimed had been told verbally to him by two commissioners and staff members.

He claimed the costs for

connection to city water and sewer lines, totaling \$1,750, was much higher than he had been told verbally.

"That's too high for many there to afford now," he stated.

Being able to afford annexation into the city formed the focus of most of the discussion by Kentucky Acres residents attending the meeting.

Mayor Sherman Cowan said the city had "gone through a lot of trouble" to draw up the service plan after Cummings' request. He suggested the residents should realize annexation of the 153 1/2-acre tract is "inevitable" as the city progresses, whether it be now or a few years later.

The mayor said he felt the city should pursue annexation for the area despite Cummings' retraction of his request.

Cummings said he had been

assured he could retract his request if he were not pleased with the service plan "but now apparently my retraction is not being accepted."

Echoing and emphasizing statements made by others, Howard Price said most Kentucky Acres residents cannot afford to come into the city at this time because of payments being made on the properties, the homes and the expenses of drilled water wells.

He said he was in favor of the land being annexed into the city at a future date, but not at this time. The people have too many debts now without having to add the extra costs of tapping into city water and sewer lines, he said.

Price said he has been pleased with the operations of the city and "the things it's now trying to do."

But "we're not ready," he stated, nor is Pampa because of its current

economic conditions. He suggested the city should take care of what it now has before trying to add on other areas.

Price also said he had heard of too many problems from street maintenance and other areas in which "the city is not keeping up with its promises."

Mayor Cowan said he thinks "the city will live up to its promises now." The city is better managed and more efficient now, he said.

"Progress goes on," he added. Janice Slaymaker said she had campaigned for the mayor and Commissioner Joe Reed because they had suggested the people should have a greater voice in the city. "Let us have a voice," she said, supporting the call for dropping the annexation move at this time.

Derrell Coffman asked if any of the residents at the hearing wanted

to be in the city limits now. None held up their hands. "We're here in a unit" to object to the annexation, Coffman stated, suggesting the city delay annexation until 1990 or 2000.

"Or never?" Cowan inquired.

Several indicated support of that concept. Jack McAndrew said the commission should "go after other areas that are worth something," ones that already have paved roads and other improvements. "Then come after us," he said.

He said once the city has annexed all those areas, then "I'll sign" for annexation.

Commissioner David McDaniel said the city was considering annexing other areas, with studies underway for that eventually. "But this one had been requested" and is now before the commission, he said.

"But that request has been

withdrawn, so why not drop it?" McAndrew asked.

Denny Hargrove said most residents in the tract have sufficient well water and septic tanks "for our purposes."

"Why should we have to connect to the city's systems when we don't need it?" he asked, especially when it would add extra financial burdens on the residents.

Hargrove said the city should take care of its streets and other matters, pay off the debts on them "and then come back to us."

"Please don't railroad us," Price pleaded. "We can't afford it at this time." He asked the commission not to cause any hard feelings. "We don't want to be annexed," he stated.

Cowan and McDaniel suggested the city could draw up another

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Reagan walks tightrope on Filipino race

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is walking a tightrope between opposing sides in the Philippine presidential election, saying he is disturbed by reports of voting fraud and violence but mindful of U.S. strategic interest in maintaining its military bases on the islands.

In a written statement after hearing his observers report on the irregularities they had witnessed in the still-undecided race, Reagan said, "It is a disturbing fact that the election has been flawed by reports of fraud, which we take seriously, and by violence."

But he said, "We need to remind ourselves that this is a Philippine election, not an American election." And he told a news conference Tuesday night, "One can't minimize the importance" of U.S. Navy and Air Force bases on the Pacific islands.

"I don't know of any that's more important than the bases on the Philippines," Reagan told reporters in a nationally broadcast news conference.

He noted that his administration won't take sides in the bitterly contested race between incumbent President Ferdinand Marcos and challenger Corazon Aquino.

"We're neutral, and we then hope to have the same relationship with the people of the Philippines that we've had all these years," Reagan said.

Reagan said he would send veteran diplomat Philip Habib to Manila to "help nurture the hopes and possibilities of democracy."

White House officials have concluded privately that Marcos, who controls the National Assembly that will declare the winner, will emerge victorious. Efforts already are under way to persuade Mrs. Aquino not to take her campaign into the streets, as she has promised, and Reagan has pledged to try to nurture the "strong two-party system" he said emerged from the election campaign.

On other matters at the news conference, Reagan, when asked about the release earlier in the day of Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky, said he "talked at great length about human rights" with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at their summit last November.

Reagan said he thought there had been an increase in such emigrations since then, and added, "I hope that this is a beginning sign of what's going to take place."



President makes point during news conference

Police officer arrested as vote count postponed

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Officials investigating the slaying of a key opposition figure held a national police officer under "technical arrest" today, and the National Assembly scheduled another attempt to determine the winner of last Friday's presidential vote.

The candidates, President Ferdinand E. Marcos and opposition leader Corazon Aquino, were studying President Reagan's plan to send veteran diplomat Philip Habib to help reconcile the bitterness created by a vote process flawed by fraud and violence.

The National Assembly, which is dominated by Marcos' supporters, failed Tuesday to begin canvassing the votes due to a lack of quorum.

Opposition party members walked out to protest what they said was election-rigging by Marcos' supporters, and many members of Marcos' New Society Movement left early or did not show up, leaving only 78 of 190 deputies present.

Assembly members were scheduled to make another effort to begin the official vote canvass today.

A spokesman at military headquarters in Manila said Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, commander of the national police, had ordered the "technical arrest" of Capt. John Paloy, in connection with the death of former Gov. Evelio Javier, a prominent supporter of Mrs. Aquino.

Technical arrest means that a person is confined to barracks or otherwise restricted, but not actually jailed or charged with a crime.

Javier, chairman of Mrs. Aquino's campaign in the central province of Antique, was shot dead Tuesday outside the provincial capital building. Witnesses said a group of men chased Javier in an alley and fired at least 50 shots, hitting him more than 20 times.

A high-level investigation was ordered after Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile expressed "deep concern" over the slaying.

About 150 mourners attended a funeral Mass for Javier at Mrs. Aquino's headquarters. Monsignor Nico Bautista said, "It grieves our heart to think that there are some people doing these dastardly acts, mass deception and lying right under our very noses."

A report from the governor said as many as six men may have been involved in killing Javier, and a military spokesman said a hunt was on for the suspects, who included an escapee from a military stockade.

Authorities say more than 90 people have died in election-related violence since the start of the campaign Dec. 6.

Latest figures indicated that Marcos and Mrs. Aquino were maintaining their relative positions in the two main unofficial "quick counts" of returns from the country's nearly 86,000 precincts.

Marcos continued to lead Mrs. Aquino by four percentage points, 52 to 48, in the count by the government Commission on Elections. In that tally, Marcos had 6,449,552 votes to Mrs. Aquino's 5,906,206.

Miami sewer rates hiked \$5 per year

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

MIAMI — The cost of emergency sewer repair work and hopes of treating the lines to keep such emergencies from happening again prompted city officials to raise sewer rates \$5 a year Monday night.

The city council raised residential rates from \$60 to \$65 per year and commercial rates from \$65 to \$70 per year.

In October, the city budgeted \$1,500 for repairs for the fiscal year, not including \$3,000 for emergencies. Four months into the year, the city has spent \$4,333, thanks to two emergency repair jobs.

Last fall, the city spent \$2,327 to repair a sewer line that was washed out in a heavy rain. Then in December, the city replaced 80 feet of line that was choked by tree roots and other debris. That 50-hour weekend project cost the city \$1,495.

And Mayor Tom Stribling feels that there may be more major repair work needed.

"In the last three years, the sewer budget has gone in the hole," Stribling said, adding that funds from the general fund had been transferred to the sewer budget to cover expenses.

City officials pondered the possibility of a sewer treatment program.

"We have a lot of sludge still in the line," Stribling said. He added that the council can meet with sewer treatment companies to see what they have to offer. But councilman Royce Bailey voiced his distrust of "peddlers."

One possible way to keep debris out of the sewer would be to keep plant roots from growing near the lines. Stribling said copper sulfide retards root growth and council members authorized Stribling to buy some to try.

City secretary Evelyn Heare reported that Canadian residents pay \$9 per month for sewer while Lefors residents pay \$7.

City counsel Kent Sims said that the city would be allowed to charge higher rates for such heavy users as restaurants and gas stations,

but no action was taken on that.

Council members at first rejected the \$5 increase proposal because storeowner Bailey thought the proposal was for a commercial increase to \$75 instead of \$70 and council member Chris Gill still had questions.

After voting again on the same proposal, council members unanimously passed the increase.

In other business, the dilemma of keeping Larry Bryant as a contracted worker or hiring him as a regular employee remains unresolved.

Bryant rejected the city's offer to hire him part-time for \$1,000 a month. He told city officials he was unsure of the job description and how many hours he'd work per week.

City officials answered that the salary was based on a 24-hour work week.

Bryant asked if he'd be paid overtime for more than 24-hours work.

"I'm furnishing my own pick-up and my own liability insurance and most of the tools the city uses," he said. "I figured it'd take \$1,200 per month."

He added that he is licensed in sewer and dump ground work.

Their proposal rejected, council members conducted an executive session to amend the offer. They then offered Bryant a \$1,000 monthly salary, based on 24 hours a week work, plus 21 cents per mile travel compensation and \$10.50 per hour overtime work. Bryant would be asked to report for work at 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The city would provide a two weeks paid vacation and workman's compensation.

Bryant has until Monday to decide whether to accept the offer. If the offer is rejected, the city will advertise for a city employee.

In other business, city officials authorized Heare to drop uncollectable delinquent taxpayers from the active tax roll. The city still has \$3,700 in delinquent ad valorem taxes and \$3,800 in sewer taxes to collect. Heare is sending notices to the delinquent taxpayers this month.

"There are some we really need to rompon," Stribling said.

Oil firms' credit questioned

NEW YORK (AP) — A top debt-rating agency says it is scrutinizing the creditworthiness of 13 petroleum-industry companies because of concern about their financial future in the declining oil market.

Standard & Poor's Corp. said in a statement Tuesday that it had placed the companies on "credit-watch with negative implications," meaning it might

downgrade their credit ratings. Companies with lower ratings often must pay higher interest rates when they borrow money.

The companies were identified as Diamond Shamrock Corp., Forest Oil Corp., Phillips Petroleum Co., Freeport-McMoran Inc., Kerr-McGee Corp., Gearhart

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DAILY RECORD

services tomorrow

LONG, Cora Lee - 2 p.m., Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel.
GREEN, Emery Leon - 2 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

obituaries

CORA LEE LONG
 Services for Cora Lee Long, 100, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Earl Maddux, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating.
 Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael - Whatley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Long died Tuesday.
 She was born July 20, 1885, in Grayson County. She moved to Pampa in 1928 from Vernon. She married Pinkney Young Long in 1904 at Woodbond, Texas; he died in 1956. She was a Methodist.
 Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Wright, Pampa; two sons, R. L. Long and Luther E. Long, both of Pampa; seven grandchildren, 22 great - grandchildren and 12 great - great - grandchildren.

MAUDE MAY McQUEEN
CHERRY VALLEY, Calif. - Memorial services will be scheduled later for Maude May McQueen, 93, mother of a Pampa resident, who died Monday.
 Born in Tennessee, she was a housewife. She married J. C. McQueen in 1910 at Lueders; he died in 1965. She was a member of the Church of Christ and a former resident of Amarillo.

Survivors include four sons, Don McQueen, Pampa, Jack McQueen, Spokane, Wash., A. E. McQueen, Scottsdale, Ariz., and Maurice McQueen, San Francisco, Calif.; a daughter, Nina Walls, Amarillo; 17 grandchildren, 29 great - grandchildren and a great - great - grandchild.
E. L. McQUEEN JR.

MEMPHIS - Services for E. L. McQueen Jr., 56, father of a Wheeler resident, were to be at 2 p.m. today at the Memphis First Baptist Church with Rev. O. K. Bowen, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in Fairview Cemetery at Memphis under the direction of Spicer Funeral Home.

Mr. McQueen died Monday in Amarillo.
 A native of Memphis, he was employed by Amarillo schools before retiring. He married Kay Goode in 1949 at Memphis. He was a Mason.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Max McQueen, Wheeler, and Mark McQueen, Amarillo; his mother, Mattie McQueen, Memphis; a brother, William McQueen, Houston; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center at Amarillo.

police report

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 11
 Helodoro Silva, 1057 Huff, reported criminal mischief at the address; van windows were broken.

Gary Joe Greer, 2805 Rosewood, reported a burglary at the address.

Glen Robert Preas, 704 E. Browning, reported a burglary at the address; a ring, necklace and pendant were taken.

Bryan Neal Bower, Route 1, Box 145 - H, reported attempted theft of a car stereo from a motor vehicle at 812 S. Cuyler.

Suspected theft less than \$20 was reported at Randy's Food Store, 300 E. Brown.

Arrests
TUESDAY, Feb. 11

Cynthia Renea Cahill, 19, Lefors, was arrested at the police department on a charge of theft more than \$750 but less than \$20,000; Cahill was released on bond.

James L. Herbert, 32, 317 S. Houston, was arrested at 300 E. Brown on a charge of theft less than \$20.

Correction

In an article in Sunday's issue on students competing in the recent Academic Decathlon at Amarillo, the name of Laura McBride as a contestant from Pampa was mistakenly omitted.

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions		Births	
Charles Broadbent, Pampa		Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hall, Pampa, a girl	
Charles Couch, Skellytown		Dismissals	
Elizabeth Flores, Lefors		Roy Boggs, Borger	
Janice Griffin, Pampa		Wade Duncan, Pampa	
Christina Haiduk, White Deer		Robert Harris, Canadian	
Pamela Hall, Pampa		Othel Hicks, Pampa	
Evelyn Harvey, Panhandle		William Melton, Pampa	
Clifford Hill, Canadian		Cherie Parr and infant, Pampa	
Linda McGuire, Pampa		Rose Whitsett, Higgins	
Carla Stout, Pampa		SHAMROCK Admissions	
Orphus Tate, McLean		None	
Frankie White, McLean		Dismissals	
		Orvel Ferguson, Briscoe	
		George Carr, Enid	

minor accidents

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

TUESDAY, Feb. 11

A 1979 Chevrolet, driven by Bobbie Franklin Joplin Jr., 1137 S. Christy, collided with a legally parked 1981 Ford, registered to Ronny Putman, Skellytown, in a parking lot at the intersection of Wilks and Faulkner. No injuries or citations were reported.

A 1975 Ford, driven by Maxine Lucille Rivera, 317 Miami collided with a legally parked 1976 Ford, registered to Wayne Ivey, 1234 S. Hobart, in the 100 block of East Thut. Rivera was cited for unsafe change in direction of travel. No injuries were reported.

A 1971 Buick, driven by Lesli Colette Bradstreet, Wheeler, and a 1968 Dodge, driven by Ann Barnes Green, Route 1, Box 62, collided at the intersection of Gwendolyn and Roberta. Bradstreet was cited for failure to stop at a designated point. No injuries were reported.

A 1980 Pontiac, driven by Francisco Arebalo, 316 N. Wells, and a 1968 Chevrolet, driven by Lillie J. Williams, 1037 S. Clark, collided in the 300 block of North Wells. Arebalo was cited for failure to yield the right of way exiting a private driveway. No injuries were reported.

A 1976 Ford, driven by Sally Prince Brummett, 1130 Christine, and a 1982 Toyota, driven by Teresa Groux Giron, 2013 N. Russell, collided at the intersection of Russell and 19th. Brummett was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a stop intersection. No injuries were reported.

A 1978 Mercury, driven by Laura Beth Fellingham, 1112 Sandlewood collided with a legally parked 1981 Mercury, driven by Kenneth Ray Giggy, White Deer, in the 300 block of North Ward. Fellingham was cited for failure to control speed. No injuries were reported.

fire report

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11
 5:04 p.m. 625 N. Wynne. House trailer fire, total loss. Owned by Jerry Woodruff. Total loss.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler - Evans of Pampa		Celanese	
Wheat	2.84	DIA	172 dn 1/2
Milo	2.50	HCA	11% NC
		Halliburton	25% dn
		Ingram-Rand	25% dn
		InterNorth	41% dn
		Kerr-McGee	25% dn
		Mobil	27% up
		Pensley	5% NC
		Phillips	9% NC
		PNA	19% dn
		SJ	31% up
		SPS	27% dn
		Tenneco	27% NC
		Texaco	27% up
		Zales	22% dn
		London Gold	327.75
		Silver	5.98

calendar of events

TODAY'S SINGLES CLUB
 Today's Singles Club will meet at Coronado Inn at 6:45 p.m. Thursday for a visit to the Borger Singles Club for dinner and dance. Call 665-8832 or 669-3458 for more information.

City to initiate mutual aid plan with area communities

By LARRY HOLLIS
 Staff Writer

During its regular meeting Tuesday evening, the Pampa City Commission authorized city staff to initiate Mutual Aid Agreements with surrounding communities for disaster and emergency response operations.

City Manager Bob Hart said the agreements would be reciprocal with other communities to give legal status for assistance within city limits for cooperative services relating to major disaster and emergency situations.

The agreements are designed to cover legalities in providing assistance among communities during such disasters as a major tornado, serious chemical spills, major fires and similar situations, Hart said.

Commissioner Clyde Carruth expressed reservations about any liabilities that might be incurred, but Hart said the agreements aimed at covering such problems.

City Attorney Don Lane said the agreements are primarily for major disasters and emergencies, not for criminal activities such as with the Grandstaff incident in Hutchinson County several years ago.

According to a letter from Steve Vaughn, Pampa Emergency Management coordinator, the agreements would authorize the mayors of the communities to order civil defense forces to the aid of other cities when required in accordance with state statutes or to request similar assistance from neighboring political subdivisions when conditions are beyond the control of the city's capabilities.

Civil defense forces are those city departments which have functional responsibilities outlined in the basic emergency

management plan, Vaughn explains. These would include fire, police, community services, finance, animal control, and environmental and emergency management personnel.

"In this day and age when insurance costs are rising and legal liability claims are skyrocketing, it is necessary that the city take steps to protect the taxpayers from unjust lawsuits," Vaughn writes. "In order to do this and still be able to respond to requests from sister cities for aid during times of emergency, it is necessary to develop mutual aid agreements between political subdivisions."

Vaughn notes the agreements are based on the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 and recommended by the state Attorney General.

The agreements would free the cities to act quickly to request or give assistance and would establish liability, command, compensation and other procedures in advance, he explains.

"This will serve as documentation of our efforts to be well organized in the event of a major fire, civil unrest, tornado or any other potentially disastrous situation which may develop," Vaughn writes.

Communities being considered for the agreements include, but are not limited to, White Deer, Lefors, McLean, Skellytown, Miami, Canadian, Groom, Borger, Panhandle, Amarillo, Shamrock, Perryton and Clarendon.

In other matters Tuesday evening, the commission:

- passed on second and final reading an ordinance adopting the Southern Standard Mechanical Code, 1985 Edition;
- approved on first reading an ordinance amending Section 103.5

of Appendix A of the above code relative to bond requirements;

- authorized payment of \$4,392.28 to Wagner and Klein for architectural services toward rehabilitation of City Hall;

- appointed Barbara Van Houten as deputy city secretary;

- set April 5 as a general election date for Ward 2 and Ward 4 commissioner positions;

- approved a contract with Gray County for a yearly payment of \$85,000 for fire services into the county outside Pampa city limits; and

- authorized the mayor to give notice of intent to cancel a letter of agreement with Carson County relative to fire services. The county has not indicated any response to a proposed increase in fire service rates in a new contract, Hart noted. The matter could be included on the Feb. 25 agenda if word is received from Carson County before then, he said.

In his report session, Hart said the city had lost approximately \$6,000 from the recent Mel McDaniel show at the M. K. Brown Auditorium.

He said only 333 tickets were sold, with about 1,000 needing to have been sold just to break even. Hart said the area may be saturated with country - western shows and indicated the auditorium may be looking at rock concerts or other events for later scheduling promotions.

Hart also discussed the new auditorium sign, a TEXCEL program application, upcoming topics for work sessions, progress on getting city codes and ordinances codified, and an article on the city's cross - training program in the Management Information Service's recent newsletter.

Annexation

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service plan to allow longer time periods for the residents to add on to the city's utility lines. Cowan said the residents also would not have to pay the connection costs at one time, instead paying them out over a period of time, if they wished.

But Coffman said the property deeds have a mandatory requirement that residents must connect to the city sewer system "as soon as it is installed." The deeds "don't give us any extra time," he claimed.

City briefs

BOUQUET OF Balloons. Order now for Valentines, \$11 to \$28. 669-2013. Adv.

BASKET OF Love. 665-2409. Open all day Thursday, Friday for your Valentine shopping. Adv.

DANCE TO the music of Midnight Image. Saturday, February 15. Members and guests only. Moose Lodge. Adv.

VALENTINE GIFTS for everyone! Las Pampas Galleries. Adv.

POTTED TULIPS, Daffodils and Mums in full bloom for Valentine's. We will deliver. Pampa Feed and Seed. 516 S. Russell. 665-0868. Adv.

FIRST UNITED Methodist Mother's Day Out has openings Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 669-7411, 665-7975. Adv.

McDaniel suggested the city perhaps could permit the extra time through its service plan despite the deed restrictions.

Other objections were voiced about the quality of city lake water compared with the residents' well water, the extra assessments that would be imposed when the streets were paved and zoning restrictions that would be placed on the tract.

McAndrew said the commission had heard the comments of the residents and asked the commission to "speak what you

think."

But Commissioner Bob Curry said the meeting was a public hearing for the residents. "This isn't our time to speak," he said, noting there was still another hearing to come.

"Yes, but then we can speak at the next hearing only to have it crammed down our throats," McAndrew stated.

"That's not true," Cowan said. "We have listened." He said the annexation was not a set matter, implying that he and the other commissioners would seriously consider the objections before making any decision on whether to proceed with the annexation or to drop it.

Lefors board meets

LEFORS - Trustees of the Lefors Independent School District will consider a student handbook update during their regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The school board also will review a substitute teachers' list and the proposed 1986-1987 school year calendar and discuss the proposed starting time and tutorials for the next school year.

In other matters, the board will appoint a textbook committee, approve an order for the April 5 trustees' election, okay bills for payment and meet in an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Oil credit

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Industries Inc., McDermott Inc., Noble Affiliates Inc., NRM Energy Co., Smith International Inc., Templeton Energy Inc., Tidewater Inc. and Zapata Corp.

In other developments, four U.S. oil companies announced cuts Tuesday in the amount they pay for domestic crudes. But the spot and futures markets were relatively stable compared with the sharp declines of recent sessions.

Texaco Inc., the country's third largest oil company, said it

reduced its postings, the contract prices paid to producers, by between \$1 and \$2 per 42-gallon barrel of various grades of crude, retroactive to Monday.

Atlantic Richfield Co. said it cut postings \$1.50 retroactive to Friday; Diamond Shamrock said it cut postings 50 cents-\$1.50 effective Tuesday; and Marathon Petroleum Co. said it cut postings \$1-\$1.50 effective Monday.

For Texaco and Arco it was the second such reduction this month,

and followed similar cuts by other major U.S. oil companies. An Arco statement said the step was taken because of "competitive pricing and market pressures."

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the price for March delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the best-known U.S. blend, closed Tuesday at \$16.55 a barrel, down 23 cents from Monday but above the 7-year low of \$15.44 set a week earlier.

Groom to start school a day early

GROOM - Labor Day will be a school day for students at Groom Schools, the Groom school board decided Monday.

At their regular meeting, Groom trustees agreed to begin the 1986-87 school year on Monday, Sept. 1 - Labor Day - rather than Sept. 2, as most schools are doing.

Groom Superintendent Rex Peoples said this will allow the students to end the 1987 school year on May 28 and the teachers to end school May 29.

The school calendar also allows for a two week Christmas vacation because Christmas falls on Thursday and for a three-day "ski break" on March 2, 3 and 4. Students will also be out of school for two days at Easter - these are the snow make-up days.

In other business, trustees met with a representative of an Amarillo construction company to discuss the possibility of adding classrooms at the eastern part of the school campus.

"We're not overcrowded," Peoples said. "It's just some of the new regulations that may require new classrooms."

He added that he doesn't believe any new classrooms will be added in the near future.

Trustees awarded a bid of \$8,950 to Morris Builders to put roofing on the gymnasium and dressing rooms.

Administrative aide Judy Babcock, football coach Jimmy Duncan, girls' basketball coach Frank Belcher, boys basketball coach Gary Rambo and track coach Terry Coffey were rehired.

Peoples reported that 86.6 percent of property taxes have been paid this year, compared with 92.01 percent collection this time last year.

Trustees ordered a school board election for April 5. Trustees facing possible re-election are president Roman Friemel, Janice Koetting and Adela Kotara.

Fire destroys trailer home

A Pampa man, his wife and child, escaped an early morning fire that gutted their trailer home at 625 N. Wynne.

Pampa fire fighters responded to the fire at the Jerry Woodruff residence at about 5 a.m. today. A spokesman said the trailer was engulfed in flames by the time the three fire units arrived at the scene. The six firemen remained at the fire until about 6 a.m. today.

Pampa fire marshal Floyd Steele attributed the cause to an electrical short in the west wall of the living room.

He added that the family was awakened when their smoke detector sounded.

He added that the closet areas were not burned and that the family might be able to save its clothes.

One cat died in the fire.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Chance of snow flurries tonight and turning warmer Thursday with highs in the 40s; Lows tonight in the teens. Southerly winds at 5-10 mph. High Tuesday, 19; low this morning 7.

REGIONAL FORECAST

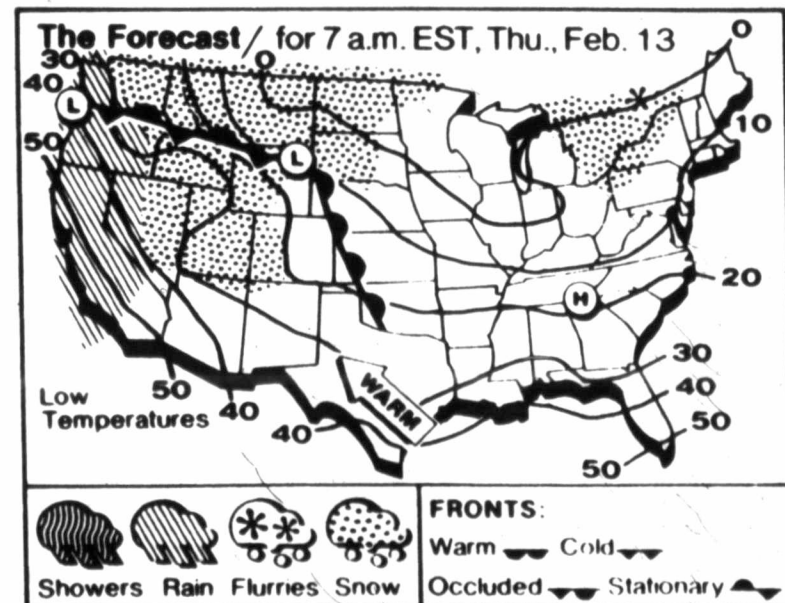
NORTH TEXAS: Clear to partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. A bit warmer today, cold again tonight, and much warmer Thursday. Lows tonight 19 northwest to 30 southeast. Highs Thursday 53 to 59.

SOUTH TEXAS: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday with a slow warming trend. Lows tonight in the upper 20s north to the upper 40s south. Highs Thursday in the low 50s to low 60s.

WEST TEXAS: Fair and cold tonight becoming windy and warmer most sections Thursday. Lows tonight near 10 Panhandle to near 30 Big Bend. Highs Thursday mid 30s Panhandle to mid 60s Concho Valley and lower 70s Big Bend.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Friday through Sunday
North Texas - No rain on Friday or Saturday but a chance of showers or thunderstorms developing over the western sections and spreading eastward on Sunday. A warming trend will continue through Sunday with morning lows on Friday in the 30s but improving into the lower 50s to mid 40s by Sunday morning. Highs will generally be in the



lower 60s by Friday afternoon increasing into the lower 70s and upper 60s by Sunday afternoon.

West Texas - Partly cloudy with a warming trend Friday through Sunday. A chance of showers Sunday. Panhandle and South Plains. Lows 20s Friday warming to mid 30s Sunday. Highs Friday mid 30s warming to 60s Sunday.

South Texas - Partly cloudy Friday with a chance of rain or drizzle west and central. Partly cloudy and warm Saturday and Sunday. Morning lows near 40 north to the lower 50s south Friday. Lows Saturday in the upper 40s north to upper 50s south. Lows Sunday near 50 north

to near 60 south, daytime highs near 60 north to near 70 south Friday. Highs Saturday and Sunday in the 60s north to the 70s south.

BORDER STATES

OKLAHOMA: Partly cloudy through Thursday with a warming trend. Low tonight upper teens to mid 20s. High Thursday low 40s northeast to low 50s Panhandle.

NEW MEXICO: Lows tonight 5 below zero to near 20 mountains and north with mostly 20s elsewhere. Highs Thursday 40s and 50s mountains and north with 50s to low 60s lower elevations south.

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Young inventors are plentiful in Bryan

By EUGENE COX JR.
Bryan-College Station Eagle

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — At least a part of the nation's next generation of inventors may be a group of fifth-grade science students at Lamar Elementary School in Bryan.

About 115 Lamar science students entered the school's first Invention Convention recently with hopes of advancing to a national convention and possibly a patent.

Kathe Eugster, convention coordinator and a science teacher, said her and the other science teachers' motives were simple:

"We wanted to let them know that school is fun; and we wanted them to feel that in making inventions."

Ms. Eugster said the convention is an example of the kind of supplemental, learning activities that the 1984 education reforms encourage.

"It involves every subject — math, reading and art — not just science," she said.

Ms. Eugster said the five convention judges, which included Texas A&M University's patent administrator, Taylor Morgan, were all science professionals.

The prize for best invention went to John Bradford for his creation called Safety Suspenders. The suspenders were made with tiny, Christmas tree lights, but could be made with neon or amber reflector lights for use by nighttime bikers, joggers or walkers.

Bradford's suspenders were

operated by a rechargeable battery that could be attached to a belt around a person's waist.

Bradford's prize will be sent to the Silver Burdett National Invention Convention in Morristown, N.J. The winner of that competition will advance to the National Science Fair Convention in March.

Ms. Eugster said before the students designed their inventions, they made sure each did not already exist.

"They also researched a famous inventor and they wrote a paper on the intent of their invention," she said.

The students started on their inventions in September and worked on the projects in class. Teachers made sure the projects

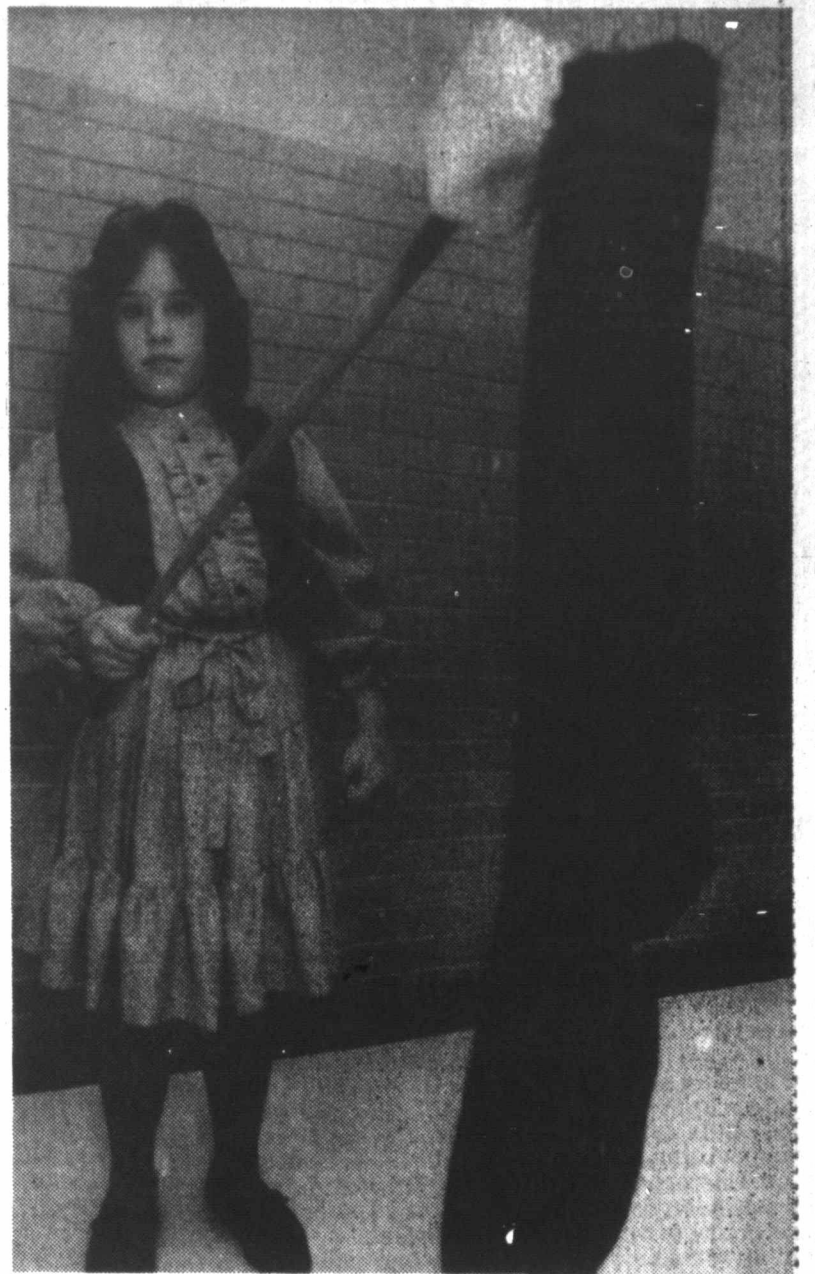
were practically priced and safe.

"The inventions could have been an idea, an object or an improvement of something that all ready existed," she added.

Other prize winners included:

Second prize, Lisa Bingham for her Iron Cradle, a holder that prevents a hot iron from falling from an ironing board; third and fourth prize, Kristie Fritcher, the Traffic Light Reflector, and Tracy Pritchard, Who's Got What Game, a game that helps students learn about science.

Cited for having the best-of-home-room inventions were: Dena Zubik, for the Tomato Guard; Nicole Stegall, the Sheet Guarder for waterbeds; Michael Hoeninghouse, the Better Absorbing Paper Towel; Sara Hall, the Key Gripper, for people with arthritis.



INNOVATIVE INVENTIONS — Rebecca Ledford shows off her velcro stick. The fifth-grade student at Lamar Elementary School in Bryan was one of 115 science students who participated in the school's Invention Convention. (AP Laserphoto)

Crowder says he will track down White

By The Associated Press

If Gov. Mark White won't debate before the Democratic primary, challenger A. Don Crowder says he'll track White down at a public appearance and confront him there.

"If we cannot debate in a formal atmosphere, I will be left no choice but to follow you around this state at your various campaign functions in order to engage in meaningful dialogue concerning the issues," Crowder said in a letter to White.

Meanwhile, Republican Party

Chairman George Strake isn't satisfied with the First Civil Court of Appeals ruling that Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, can run for attorney general.

The GOP chairman said the Supreme Court should uphold the ruling so the issue does not come back to haunt the party after the primaries.

One of the places Crowder said he might try to face White was at the governor's regular weekly news conference, held in the reception room of White's Capitol office.

Crowder, former law partner of

Attorney General Jim Mattox, has publicly called White a "nerd" and a "scumball."

But Crowder said Tuesday he is willing to put his money where his mouth is in assuring White he won't engage in name-calling during a debate.

"As a show of good faith, I would be willing to place in escrow \$5,000, which would constitute a contribution from me to your re-election campaign in the event a panel of three judges determines, by a majority vote, that I made any remark that might be deemed personally offensive to you," Crowder said.

White campaign spokesman Mark McKinnon said the governor remains willing to debate his Democratic opponents before the May 3 primary.

The governor has indicated that he would like to debate all the primary opponents. The governor

was disturbed by Mr. Crowder's remarks; he didn't feel that was dealing with issues that are of concern to the people," McKinnon said.

As for the \$5,000 bond, McKinnon said, "We would expect everybody to conduct themselves in a mature, adult fashion. We don't need any collateral."

In a separate letter to Lois Carpenter, president of the Texas League of Women Voters, Crowder encouraged the league to hold a Democratic debate regardless of whether White participates.

"These debates are far too important for the governor to tuck tail and slink off," Crowder told a news conference.

"If he's not going to debate, he ought to tell us all. But to do nothing I think indicates the same indecisiveness he's demonstrated in office."

Off beat

By

Dee Dee

Laramore

Once during a winter...

Our former managing editor, Slim Randles, has written a novel called "The Long Dark, An Alaskan Winter's Tale." I've been reading this book for the past few days during slow moments at work, and expect to write a review of it when I'm finished.

It seemed funny reading about an Alaskan winter — where people recognize their neighbors by the shape of their parkas — while in the middle of 70-degree afternoons such as we've been having lately. Alaskans just accept the fact that they're in for a long cold winter, with only a few hours of daylight each day.

But we Texans are a different matter. Every place I've been the past few weeks during our delightfully and unseasonably warm weather people have discussed the wonderful temperatures, but always with the dire predictions that soon we'll be "in for it."

They were right, here we are "in for it" or rather in it — about knee deep! But, I mean, what do you expect? This is Texas! If you don't like the weather, wait a few minutes, it'll change.

When I lived in Louisiana, people would ask me where I'm from. More than one would say something to the effect of: "Amarillo! I rode through there on a train during 'The War.'" (Of course we all knew that "The War" could only mean World War II.) It was the coldest darn (to put it nicely) place I've ever been too. That (blank-blank) wind was about blowing us out of the train cars. It was so cold the mercury dropped out of the thermometer. I thought the train had taken a wrong turn and ended up in Siberia!

You have to realize the people from Louisiana have an entirely different viewpoint of winter than Alaskans or Texans. Winter is one of their nicest times of year. After the fall monsoon period when it rains about a gallon per square foot a day, winter's the only time that's reasonably dry and reasonably cool in the south. Southerners seldom see the mercury drop past freezing and flowers bloom there even in December. January is about the only month of the year that doesn't have flowers blooming — at least where I lived it was. And we were known to skip school and go waterskiing in February, although only those skiers who knew they were good enough not to fall in dared the feat.

In the five years I lived there we only had one bad winter storm, and one snow fall (if you could call it that.) Kids here would have loved it. If you could SEE a snowflake, by golly, school was out! Phenomenon such as snow was not something to be missed.

But the bad storm didn't have a thing to do with snow — it was ice and it paralyzed our town for two weeks, and for some people more than a month. It began with a typical rainstorm (which usually averages about two inches) but by morning I woke up to the sounds of war! You may think that hail storm last spring was loud. You should hear the sound of hundreds of pine trees breaking in two with a crack that sounds like a 12-gauge shotgun going off. Many of those stately old oaks and magnolias unceremoniously fell under the weight of the ice into the stately old homes they surrounded.

For a country that was entirely unused to inclement weather (at least on the cold side), everything fell apart. All of the telephone and electric lines, poles, et al, snapped from the heavy layers of ice. Therefore we were without either for two weeks. Many of the water lines, placed close to the surface because of such a high water table, burst from the cold.

Now the Tryon family didn't suffer too much, we'd been through similar problems before.

We just found every gas heater, and every gas outlet possible and got them going in the house. Fortunately, we did have water, and the water heater was gas. But our stove was electric, so we spent two weeks eating whatever could possibly be cooked on our gas grill. Mom and Dad knew how to drive on ice, but you should have heard them talk about those other "idiots" out there skating around on the roads!

This snowstorm we've just had is inconvenient, to be sure. I mean, we were just getting acclimated to the spring-like weather. But Texans can manage with this, or even worse weather. We've done it before and we'll do it again.

I'll tell you two things we've discovered to do during a snowstorm when you're cooped up inside the house with two sick kids. One form of entertainment is the brainchild of my father — in — law. He took those long icicles hanging off the roof of his house and planted them upside down in his front yard. It looks like some form of abstract art!

We decided on something a little less cold and strenuous. We stuck the cat out the front door so the snow flakes could fall on his black back. It made a perfect background for the snowflakes so we could see how they were shaped. I don't think the cat enjoyed it as much as we did, however.

Laramore is lifestyles editor of The Pampa News.



Girls born joined chest to abdomen

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Doctors could determine within two days whether it's feasible to operate on Siamese twins born attached from chest to belly, a hospital spokesman said.

The babies, born at 7:37 a.m. MST Tuesday to an El Paso couple, weighed about 6 pounds each, officials at Providence Memorial Hospital said.

They were listed in stable condition and the mother was in "excellent" condition Tuesday

evening, hospital officials said.

Tests will be conducted over the next few days to determine the degree to which the babies share internal organs, hospital spokesman Gary Conwell said.

"They'll have an idea over the next two days" about whether it is possible to perform surgery to separate them, Conwell said.

"Then they have to make a decision depending on the degree of complexity of the operation," he added.

The babies could be sent to one of the major medical centers in Houston if it is determined the surgery cannot be done at Providence, Conwell said.

The Caesarean birth of the twins is the second delivery for the mother, who has another child, a young girl, Conwell said. The parents do not want their names or ages released, he said.

Siamese twins born March 20, 1983 in El Paso were successfully separated at Providence during a

three-hour operation involving a team of 20 doctors and nurses.

The twins, Brenda and Miriam Hernandez, had been born joined from the breastbone to the navel. They underwent surgery 10 days after their birth, the first such operation performed in this border city.

The Hernandez twins, daughters of Raul and Maria Dolores Hernandez of Juarez, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, were born at Newark Methodist Hospital

Two more Legion of Doom teen-agers plead

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A state judge said he will wait several weeks and look at background investigations of seven teen-agers before deciding their punishment for participating in vigilante-style action purportedly aimed at ridding their high school from drug use.

The seven and one other — all students at Fort Worth Paschal High School — were indicted on graduation day last May on 33 charges that stem from a series of crimes between Jan 9 and March 24, 1985. The incidents included a car bombing, firing of shots at a house, and passing notes signed with Swastikas.

"I'm going to look at all the evidence. I don't know which of the seven is the most culpable or anything like that," State District Judge Don Leonard said Tuesday.

Police said the students, including honor students, athletes and sons of prominent members of the community, were part of an organization they called the "Legion of Doom."

Paschal has about 2,100 students. Leonard allowed the defendants to remain free on bond, but he

warned them to "behave yourself," or he would raise their bail "until even your mothers and fathers can't pay it."

Five students pleaded guilty Monday to various charges, and two others entered guilty pleas on Tuesday. An eighth student will be dealt with later, officials said.

Punishment on the individual felony charges range from two to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. The misdemeanor offenses are punishable by up to six months in a county jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Michael Taw Guthrie, 17, pleaded guilty Tuesday to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a prohibited weapon, said Carol Christy, Leonard's administrative clerk.

Charles W. Fillmore, 18, pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of a prohibited weapon, one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and one count of felony criminal mischief, Ms. Christy said. He also pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of criminal mischief and a charge of cruelty to animals.

On Monday, James H. Mathis

Jr., 18; Darren K. Dietrich, 18; Joe David Dorris, 17; James A. Turner, 18; and David E. Norman, 18, pleaded guilty to charges

including possession of bombs, assault and destruction of cars, a school locker and a mailbox. One misdemeanor charge involved

killing a cat that was left in a student's car.

The case of the remaining defendant, Bradley James Biels, 18, indicted on a misdemeanor charge, will be dealt with after the others are sentenced, Assistant District Attorney Scott Wisch said.

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Baby's kidnapping was hoax

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP) — A woman who told police her baby was kidnapped by three people and later returned has been charged with filing a false police report after admitting she made up the story.

"The whole thing was a hoax," Round Rock Police Chief Wesley Wolff said. "She said she gave the baby to a sitter for the weekend. The baby sitter notified us."

Denise Buck, 24, of Round Rock, the mother of Justin Buck, said Tuesday during a polygraph examination that the kidnapping never took place, Wolff said.

She was placed in the Williamson County Jail in lieu of \$3,000 bond, and her son was placed in the

temporary custody of the Department of Human Resources, Wolff said.

Wolff speculated that Mrs. Buck may have made up the story because she and her husband have been having marital problems. "She may have done it to get even with him or to convince him to come back to her."

A statewide alert was issued Friday when Mrs. Buck reported her 10-month-old son was kidnapped by two men posing as plainclothes police officers and a woman posing as a Department of Human Services social worker.

Wolff said that authorities doubted the validity of the story from the beginning.

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Louise Fletcher
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Wally Simmons
Managing Editor

Opinion

No real reason for this 'reform'

Congress once again has set out to address a non-existent problem — with predictable results. Bills that have passed the House and Senate would make the election-day situation worse — far worse — than anything we have seen to date.

Both bills establish a uniform closing time for the nation's voting booths in presidential election years — 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. But, of course, that's only 6 p.m. on the West coast, giving Easterners three more hours to vote than Westerners.

Given the alleged shift of political power from the Northeast to the Southwest, could this be politics at play? Or just a nasty problem?

The bills tried to address that issue, too. In presidential election years, Daylight Savings Time would be extended two weeks in the Pacific Time Zone only, meaning Los Angeles polls would close at 7 p.m. PDT and Denver polls could close at 7 p.m. MST.

Of course, Congress hasn't finished the debate about extending Daylight Savings Time permanently, either, and that could cast a whole new light on the problem. And it isn't even a problem.

What Congress is so worried about is that the television networks begin broadcasting results as soon as polls close in the East — three hours before they close in the West. Congressional wisdom, such as it is, holds that the three-hour time differential either gives Western voters added incentive to to to the polls (assuming a close race) or to stay away (assuming a runaway).

Is this really a problem requiring the tinkering of Congress and the re-arranging of time zones every fourth year? Nor really. Most Americans don't vote anyway, no matter where they live. A lot of them aren't even registered.

Rep. Al Swift, D-Wash., sponsor of the House version, says the bill will mean "every voter has a chance to cast a ballot before the results are announced." But common sense tells you that if the polls are still open, then what the networks are announcing are not results. They are guesses. Based on statistical evidence, of course, but guesses nonetheless.

What's next, a bill banning pre-election polls that show projected winners? Politicians themselves have come to rely heavily on these. Why shouldn't voters do the same?

One legislator called the whole mess "reform without reason." Of course, that could apply to most things Congress does. In this case, though, it is especially appropriate.



Stephen Chapman

When panic guides policy

Dioxin, often called the "most toxic chemical known to man," creates panic wherever it appears. When it was found in the soil of Times Beach, Mo., the Environmental Protection Agency spent \$33 million to move the residents out for good. For years, Vietnam veterans exposed to the defoliant Agent Orange, which contains dioxin, pressed to be compensated for ailments it supposedly caused. In 1984, they got a \$180 million out-of-court settlement from the manufacturers.

Panic, in this case, is the child of misinformation. The chemical, an unwanted byproduct of the manufacture of some herbicides, has been proven highly toxic to a variety of laboratory animals, causing birth defects, spontaneous abortions, kidney damage, cancer and death. But there is no evidence of similar hazards to humans. In fact, all the information compiled by scientists suggests that the dioxin scare is a false alarm.

The latest evidence is summarized in the February issue of the respected Scientific American by Fred Tschirley, a retired Michigan State University professor of botany and plant pathology who is now executive director of the Michigan Agriculture-Business Council. "Exposure to low concentrations of TCDD (dioxin) in the environment," he concludes, "appears not to have serious chronic effects on human beings."

The basis for this judgment lies in several studies of people exposed to large doses of dioxin. Two industrial accidents — one in Nitro, W. Va., in 1949, which exposed more than 200 workers, and one in Seveso, Italy, in 1975 that affected about 37,000 people — provided a rich vein for research.

Among the 122 workers in Nitro who developed the symptom of high exposure (a skin rash known as chloracne), who were examined for the next 30 years, "the total number of deaths... did not differ significantly from that expected in the population at large, and there were no excess deaths due to cancer or diseases of the circulatory system" — which are suspected to be two of dioxin's dangers.

In Seveso, some of the victims suffered transient effects — chloracne, headaches, digestive ailments — "but no long-term effects such as birth defects and chromosome damage have been identified," notes Tschirley. It's too early, though, to detect any possible cancers caused by the exposure.

An EPA study claimed to show a connection between the spraying of a dioxin-contaminated herbicide in Oregon and spontaneous abortions among local women. A group of scholars at Oregon State University looked at the data and replied that it proved nothing. Several other studies show no such connection.

One Swedish study of forestry workers who had

come in contact with dioxin showed an abnormally high rate of a cancer called soft-tissue sarcoma. But subsequent investigation found that two of the seven people cited had in fact died of other types of cancer, and three of the others may not have been exposed to dioxin.

By contrast, studies of American soldiers exposed to Agent Orange found a lower than normal risk of soft-tissue sarcoma. The judge who presided over the Agent Orange lawsuit said the plaintiffs had "in no case... shown causality for the health effects claimed."

None of this has calmed public fears, which are inflamed every time someone discovers a parcel of land contaminated with dioxin. Nor has it had much effect on attitudes in the federal government, which plans to spend an estimated \$1 billion in further study. If Times Beach is any indication, the EPA will spend still more in an effort to protect Americans against dioxin.

Given the wealth of evidence acquitting the chemical of any serious hazard to human health, at least in the low concentrations found so far, it's hard to see why. Instead of squandering huge sums of money indulging popular alarm, the federal government should concentrate on educating the public about the facts. Panic, especially unfounded panic, is a bad guide to policy.

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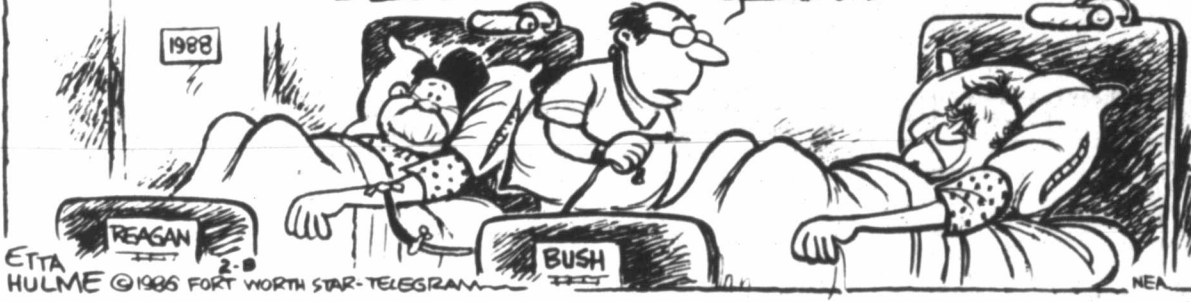
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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 1986. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Feb. 12, 1809, the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, was born in a log cabin in what is now Larue County, Ky.

On this date:

Ten years ago: President Ford, fulfilling a campaign pledge to disclose his personal finances, made public documents showing that his net worth had increased by \$67,000 since he became president.

Five years ago: A police official said that a busboy accused of arson and homicide in the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel fire, which killed eight people, said that the fire started accidentally from a marijuana cigarette.

One year ago: Israeli officials reacted without enthusiasm to reports of an agreement between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Jordan's King Hussein on a joint bid for peaceful settlement of the Palestinian issue, but a leading Egyptian official praised it.

Paul Harvey

Making alphabet obsolete

How easy it would be for anybody to learn to read if the letters of the alphabet sounded like their names. They don't of course.

When you learned the alphabet you were taught that "a" is pronounced "ay" as in "hay."

You recited your "ays," "beez" and "ceez" and were told you were correct.

But you could not learn to read until you re-learned that "a" is pronounced any of three ways in "mat" and "day" and "father."

So what did it help you to have learned the alphabet?

Our public schools have been indicted for graduating too many illiterates. Rose Cordell, teaching in a private school, was allowed latitude to experiment with other ways of teaching reading.

What she discovered was that if children were first taught that "t" is pronounced "tuh" and "c"

is pronounced "cuh" and so forth...when the symbols became sounds...when vowels and consonants are not differentiated...when letter names are not used...when phonic rules are omitted...when word memorizing is not applied...reading and writing and spelling became infinitely easier.

Today Rose Cordell is a professor at Oklahoma City University. Her 20 years experience with a "children's alphabet" has proved itself with children using the system scoring 200 to 500 percent higher than their counterparts.

Professor Cordell described her children's alphabet in a book called "Forget The ABC's" which was published in 1983.

In the less than three years since, her teaching system has been implemented in more than 700 classrooms in Oklahoma and in 500 schools in 10 other states. Also, since no training is required to

implement the Children's Alphabet, parents find it very easy to use in teaching children to learn to read at home.

Her reading program is targeted for pre-school through 12th grade, for remedial reading, special education and bilingual classes.

Additionally, our nation now has 27 million functional illiterates plus 46 million nonproficient readers, most of whom, Professor Cordell believes, can be taught that it is not hard to learn to "rrr-eee-duh."

I have studied reports from enough of the teachers who have adopted the new system to deduce that we're onto something; that it is 100 percent successful in expediting reading skills.

Children using the Children's Alphabet may learn to read in two weeks and can learn to read all the words they will ever need in nine months.

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Robert Walters

Space shuttle's costs flew high

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Until early in this decade, all of the world's globe-girdling satellites were launched into orbit by rockets that could only be used once because they disintegrated after accomplishing their task.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration thought it had a better idea: Instead of wasting money on throwaways, it would build a satellite launching vehicle that would be reusable and thus far more economical.

That's the basic rationale for the space shuttle. Unfortunately, virtually all of NASA's calculations turned sour long before the recent disaster that killed seven people and further set back the program.

NASA originally told Congress and the White House that all of the research, development, testing and engineering for the program — bringing it to the point where it would be operational — could be accomplished for slightly more than \$5 billion.

In fact, it cost \$10 billion to produce

the first operational orbiter and another \$5 billion to construct three additional orbiters for a total of \$15 billion.

Operational expenses are expected to consume an additional \$15 billion during the first decade of the program, bringing the total estimated expenditures through the early 1990s to \$30 billion.

With a disproportionate share of NASA's resources going into the space shuttle, other programs had to be cut. Among the victims were the especially valuable deep-space probes to distant parts of the universe.

Even without the massive cost overruns, NASA had to adhere to an ambitious flight schedule to make program cost-effective. More frequent trips would reduce the proportional costs of each mission, the agency reasoned.

But NASA's grossly underestimated cost projections were equalled by its thoroughly unrealistic assumptions that four orbiters could perform at least 70 missions annually — a schedule that would require a spacecraft

launching on an average of once every five days all year long.

In subsequent years, the agency relentlessly reduced that estimate — first to 60 missions per year, then to 50, 40, 30 and 20 — but those numbers never matched reality.

Last year, nine missions were completed. This year, 15 were scheduled but only one was successfully completed before disaster struck.

There's more. NASA originally estimated that the orbiters would last for 100 missions before replacements were required, but the agency now says the spacecraft probably are good for only 25 missions. Similarly, estimated engine life has been slashed from 25 to 10 missions.

In the late 1970s, NASA established a "special introductory offer" that enabled civilian customers to buy the orbiter's entire cargo bay for \$18 million per flight — but that figure now has soared to \$90 billion.

Those prohibitive prices have discouraged potential commercial customers who have been supplanted by

the Defense Department, by far the largest client of a supposedly civilian program that has become increasingly militarized.

Even before the recent catastrophe it became apparent to Pentagon officials that the space shuttles were more complex, sensitive and idiosyncratic than initially assumed.

Concerned about the reliability of the manned spacecraft, they convinced Congress to include in this year's Air Force budget funds for 10 disposable Titan rockets that would provide backup launch capability.

Meanwhile, the European Space Agency — NASA's rival in the international competition to provide launch services for satellites — has been able to offer its customers a lower price even though its Ariane rocket can be used only once.

ESA saved uncounted billions of dollars because it did not seek to build a vehicle capable of supporting human life in outer space.

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NASA officials concerned about rocket booster seals, but considered them safe

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA engineers have been concerned about the performance of rubber sealing rings on the space shuttle's rocket boosters for more than a year, but concluded that while the seals needed to be improved, they were "safe and adequate" for flight, space agency officials said.

Although the cause of the Jan. 28 explosion of the Challenger space shuttle has yet to be determined, the investigation has focused increasingly on a possible leak where sections of the solid-fuel rocket boosters are joined.

The seals — a primary one and a secondary backup — create a gasket that keeps the fiery exhaust fumes inside the boosters from escaping through the seams. Photographs of the Challenger seconds before the explosion showed a plume of fire apparently emerging from near one of the rocket joints.

The space agency was scheduled to release additional documents concerning the past performance

of the so-called "O" ring seals at a news conference today.

Top officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on Tuesday told a presidential commission investigating the Challenger explosion that the rocket booster seals were deemed safe, although there had been a number of cases in which the seals partially eroded during shuttle launches.

"Was it safe to fly?" former astronaut and commission member Neil Armstrong asked.

"It was," replied David Winterhalter, who heads NASA's shuttle propulsion group.

But testimony by NASA officials as well as internal memos made public by the agency showed the performance of the rubber seals had been the subject of extensive testing for most of 1985 after concern was raised about their performance.

In a memo to Winterhalter last July, a supervisor in the shuttle propulsion group, Russell Bardos,

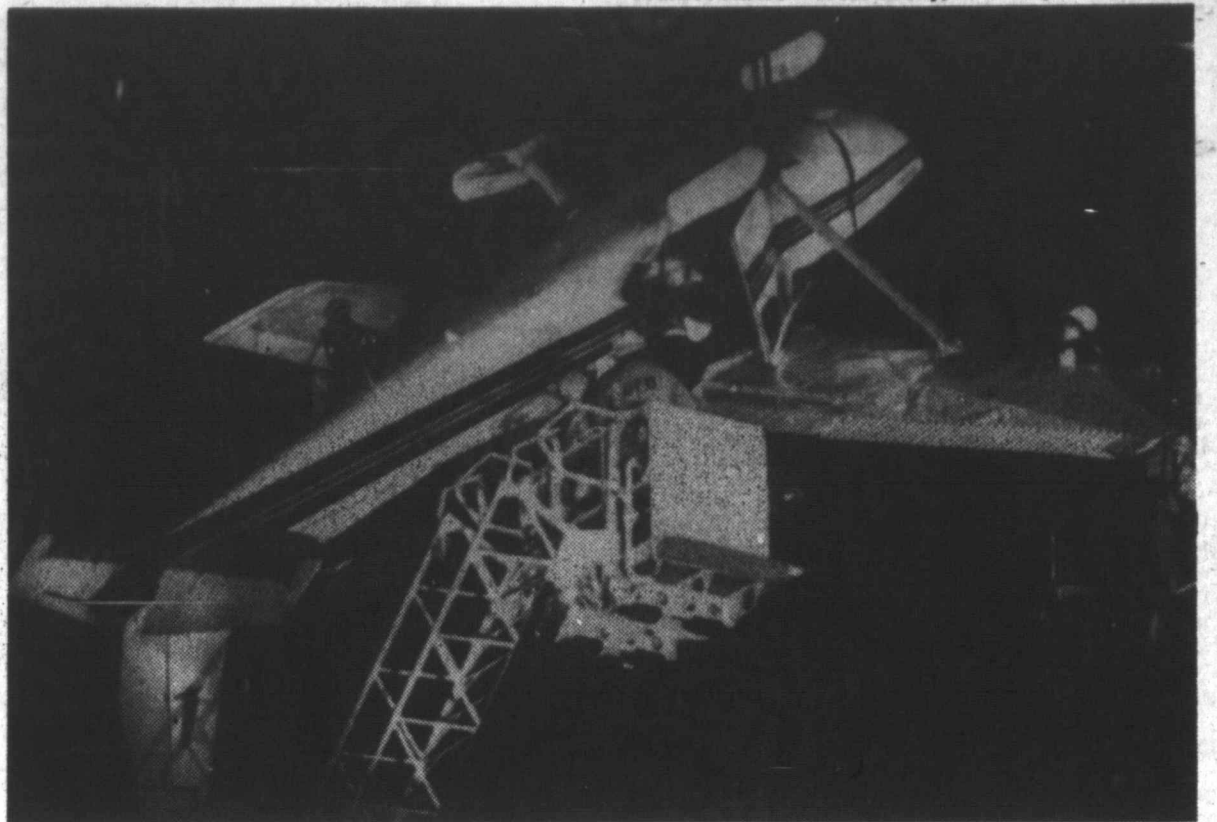
shared the concern of other engineers as well as the rockets' manufacturer, Morton-Thiokol, and said he agreed some design changes were needed.

"The current design and the method used to check the O-ring seals must be improved," Bardos wrote, but he added, "I do not believe the problem is so serious that the flight use of the (rocket booster) should be prohibited."

He urged against "any quick fix changes" in the design because the problem needed "changes that will take some time to be properly accomplished."

During a break in Tuesday's hearing, one commissioner, Nobel Laureate Richard Feynman, dunked a small section of the rubber seal in ice-water and noted the cold caused it to lose its resilience.

Temperatures dipped to below freezing during the night before the Challenger launch.



RESCUED — Dean Plath, 58, of Tustin, Calif., slides from a single-engine aircraft Tuesday night near Ontario, Calif., International Airport where he and one other man were trapped for nearly four hours after the plane hit power lines and was hung upside down 80 feet above the ground. (AP Laserphoto)

Report says big business may hold clues to better-trained teachers

NEW YORK (AP) — Educators could learn a few lessons from companies like Walt Disney and Mary Kay Cosmetics when it comes to training beginning teachers, a new study argues.

A draft of the report, "Mirrors of Excellence: Reflections for Teacher Education from Training Programs in Ten Corporations and Agencies," says principals, superintendents and other administrators too often stand idly by as fledgling teachers flounder in the classroom.

By contrast, Motorola Inc. has trainers right on the assembly line. Mary Kay Cosmetics closely monitors the way new employees deal with potential customers. Walt Disney Enterprises carefully prepares new "hosts" for their positions, and the accounting firm Arthur Andersen & Co. makes sure new employees know company procedures and follows them.

A recent Carnegie Foundation report estimated that big businesses like these spend a staggering \$100 billion a year to train their workers.

But this latest study concludes that the education field does not seem to share that commitment when it comes to training teachers.

The final version of the report is

due to be released Feb. 20 at the annual meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Atlanta. It studied training programs at Arthur Andersen, M.D. Anderson Hospital Division of Nursing in Houston, Boeing Co., the Border Patrol, Disney, General Motors Corp., Harris-Lanier, Mary Kay, Motorola, and Southern Company Services.

The study criticized schools which too often take a "sink or swim" attitude toward new teachers who are left to fend for themselves in the first few weeks of class.

It called on school superintendents and other administrators, as well as university-level teacher educators, to put aside their paperwork and devote more time to helping novice teachers get their footing.

Many businesses work hard to orient new employees, and make sure they feel comfortable and welcome. Mary Kay, for example, "makes new employees feel welcome through devices such as a 'warm fuzzy' that is attached to one's jacket, and which signals to all that this person is new and should be included in the circle of those in the company," said the study.

The study urged school principals to be "teachers first and administrators second," immersing themselves in classroom life just as good business supervisors stay in touch with the daily workings of their corporations.

At Walt Disney World, for example, "managers may pick up trash, work in an information booth, scoop ice cream, or be Donald Duck," the report found. Sales managers at Lanier Business Products ride with salespersons to demonstrate new techniques or products.

Plane dangles in high-voltage lines

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP) — Two men dangled upside-down inside a small plane that was snarled in high-voltage lines 80 feet in the air for four hours, but apparently escaped serious injury, officials said today.

The pilot and his passenger inched their way to safety across the underside of the plane's wing and into the arms of firefighters late Tuesday and early today.

The single-engine plane came in too low while landing at Ontario International Airport, about 40 miles east of Los Angeles, at 7:40 a.m., said a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman.

It was snared by one of two power lines, flipped, and came to an unsteady stop, dangling belly-up by its propeller and the front landing gear, police said. Power to the 220,000-volt lines was

automatically cut when the plane hit them, said Southern California Edison Co. spokesman Ed Arnott.

Pilot Dean Plath, 58, of Tustin and Clarence "Ed" Washburn, of Whittier were examined at Ontario Community Hospital, but appeared to be in good shape, said a nursing supervisor.

"The passenger complained of numbness in the legs," said Ontario police Officer Jerry Autrey, "but then they were hanging in the aircraft upside down for four hours."

Firefighters and power company linemen were still trying to untangle the plane from the wires hours after the men were rescued, Autrey said.

Plath was practicing night flying, said his wife, Gloria.

As the men dangled from their seatbelts, firefighters and utility

workers used a huge crane and a platform on a hydraulic lift to steady the upside-down plane. Firefighters in a bucket atop another lift edged slowly toward the pinioned plane.

At 11:40 p.m., Plath, a safety rope wrapped around him, crawled cautiously across a wing to safety. He was taken to the ground, then the bucket returned to get Washburn, just minutes past midnight.

The plane had been on a 25-mile flight from Fullerton, and the pilot was in touch with the airport tower when he ran into the power lines, said an FAA duty officer who refused to give his name.

The accident did not cause a blackout, but lights blinked across a wide area as power was automatically switched to another circuit, Arnott said.

Study finds AIDS antibodies in saliva

BOSTON (AP) — The discovery of AIDS antibodies in victims' saliva may explain why the disease isn't transmitted by kissing and could give doctors a new way to check for exposure to the AIDS virus, scientists say.

The researchers found that most people who carry AIDS antibodies in their blood also have the substances in their saliva.

Experts believe AIDS is spread only through sexual intercourse or the injection of tainted blood. The disease is not spread through kissing or other contact with saliva, even though the AIDS virus has sometimes been found in saliva of victims of the disease.

"Saliva seems to be very uninfected," said Dr. David W. Archibald of the Harvard School of Public Health. "There has to be some reason for that."

The discovery of antibodies in saliva could help explain why saliva isn't dangerous. The researchers speculate that the antibodies deactivate AIDS viruses in saliva so they don't infect others.

Archibald's research conducted on 93 people is being published in the March issue of the journal *Blood*.

The presence of AIDS antibodies in the body reveals past exposure to the AIDS virus but does not necessarily mean the fatal disease

will develop. Blood banks routinely screen donations for the presence of antibodies to keep AIDS-tainted blood from being passed on.

Archibald said new screening tests could be developed that would sample saliva rather than blood. Such tests might be cheaper and easier to perform, especially in poor parts of the world.

Even a home AIDS test could someday be possible, he said. But with current technology, such a test would be too difficult to perform outside a lab.

Researchers disagree on how often AIDS victims' saliva contains the virus. A co-author of the journal report, Dr. Jerome E.

Groopman of New England Deaconess Hospital, has found the virus in the saliva of 44 percent of victims of a pre-AIDS syndrome called AIDS-related complex, or ARC.

However, more recent work by Dr. Martin S. Hirsch and others at Massachusetts General Hospital found the virus in the saliva of only 1 percent of homosexual men who carried AIDS antibodies in their blood.

Archibald said the presence of antibodies in saliva may mean that saliva contains the virus as well. But the germs are not detected because they are bound to antibodies.

Defense witnesses appear to damage Billig's cause

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even witnesses for the defense in the military court-martial of Dr. Donald Billig are favoring the prosecution by suggesting the Navy surgeon was in over his head while performing heart operations.

Billig was taking the stand in his own defense today in an effort to counter government charges that he was an incompetent and weak-sighted surgeon responsible for the deaths of five patients at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Billig, former head of heart surgery at the Navy's premier hospital, planned to describe his version of events in the five heart surgery cases in which the patients died in the operating room or soon after leaving it, defense attorney Denver Graham said Tuesday.

By taking the stand, however, Billig would open himself to grilling by government attorneys, including questions about testimony that he had virtually no vision in one eye.

Billig is charged with five counts of involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of the five heart patients. He also faces 24 counts of dereliction of duty.

On Tuesday, anesthesiologist Dr. Theodore Heyneker testified for the defense as Billig's attorney sought to show that the patients who died were high-risk cases. He controlled anesthesia during many operations with Billig, including some for which Billig is charged.

But Heyneker, a lieutenant commander, served to underscore a point of the prosecution — that

Billig performed surgery for which he was not competent.

Under cross-examination, assistant prosecutor Lt. Cmdr. Joseph G. VanWinkle asked Heyneker, "Was it your opinion, was the accused pushed beyond his capabilities in coronary cases?"

Heyneker: "Yes."

Q: "Was he a victim of the Peter Principle?"

A: "Yes."

His "Peter Principle" reference was to a common, humorous observation that people tend to be promoted until they reach their level of incompetence.

VanWinkle then asked if Billig tended to lift the heart without warning in surgery at times that would do damage by denying oxygen to the organ. "Yes," Heyneker answered.

Heyneker said one of the patients, Gunner's Mate Joe Estep, was a high-risk case whose surgery was performed in acceptable time. The government charges his death five days after surgery was due to poor surgical procedures.

An operation on retired Army Maj. William F. Grubb went "exceptionally well," Heyneker said, adding that he reacted with disbelief when Grubb died a few hours after surgery. He said Billig's reaction was appropriate when problems arose in surgery.

But he said on cross-examination that Billig refused to give him post-operative notes after the death, first contending it would violate privacy laws by revealing the dead patient's Social Security number.

Joe Chagra testifies he advised killing federal judge

AUSTIN (AP) — Joe Chagra, testifying in the trial of his sister-in-law, said he twice advised his brother to have a federal judge killed.

Chagra, a former El Paso attorney serving 10 years for conspiracy in the 1979 assassination of U.S. District Judge John Wood, was one of the first government witnesses presented Tuesday in the retrial of his brother Jimmy's wife, Elizabeth.

Mrs. Chagra, 31, who has said she will testify, also is accused of helping plot the murder of Wood, who was known as "Maximum John" for the stern sentences he gave drug dealers.

The trial is expected to last two to four weeks.

Jimmy Chagra was acquitted of charges he conspired to murder Wood, although he was convicted of obstruction of justice in the case and is serving life in another case.

Joe Chagra, 39, told how he and Jimmy talked after Wood refused to remove himself as judge in dope smuggling case against Jimmy Chagra.

The brothers had filed a series of motions during a pretrial session held by Wood in Midland, where Jimmy was indicted. Most of the motions were denied, including one that Wood be removed from the case.

Joe Chagra testified that he thought Wood was "an unfair judge, who gave stiff sentences."

"He (Jimmy) asked me if he should have the judge killed and I told him 'Yes,'" Joe Chagra told the jury Tuesday. "I was serious at the time."

Joe Chagra said he and another attorney talked with U.S. attorneys in San Antonio about Jimmy pleading guilty in order to get a reduced sentence.

He said they were offered a 15-year sentence, which was not acceptable. The prosecutors also said they were considering recommending "a continuing criminal enterprise" charge which carried a maximum of a life sentence without parole, upon conviction.

The younger brother said he went to Las Vegas to see Jimmy.

"He asked me if I remembered

what we talked about in the (Midland) courtroom and if I still thought he should do it," Joe Chagra testified. "I told him that I did."

Joe Chagra said that after Wood

was killed he talked with Jimmy again and Jimmy denied he had anything to do with it.

Harrelson was convicted of murder in Wood's death and sentenced to life in prison.

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U.S. Steel shareholders approve Texas Oil merger

PITTSBURGH (AP) — United States Steel Corp. shareholders looked past Wall Street's skepticism and handily approved a \$3 billion merger with Texas Oil & Gas Corp.

An abundance of natural gas, lowered prices for the fuel and an accounting change at the Dallas-based natural gas producer and distributor led analysts to question the merger. The prices of both companies' stocks fell nearly 20 percent since the deal was announced Oct. 30.

U.S. Steel Chairman David M. Roderick assured shareholders Tuesday that Texas Oil & Gas would report "record earnings when this (oversupply) bubble comes to an end."

At a U.S. Steel shareholders meeting where the merger was approved by a 4-to-1 margin, Roderick was questioned by a retired steel mill worker who said he hoped the stocks would recover soon because "I don't want to be the richest corpse in the graveyard."

"Retirees don't buy green bananas," Roderick replied. "I'm sure this banana will ripen within a few years."

Texas Oil and Gas said it would write down its assets by more than \$600 million this year to account for U.S. Steel's methods of accounting for the costs of drilling dry holes.

U.S. Steel will remain the nation's leading steel producer, but steel and related activities will shrink to less than one-third of the company's business. Meanwhile, the Pittsburgh-based corporation will become the 13th largest among the Fortune 500 industrial companies, with annual sales of about \$21 billion and assets of \$22 billion, Roderick said.

Roderick said that finding a third business, possibly outside steel and petroleum, would be relegated to a lower priority now that the company has swapped stock to acquire Texas Oil & Gas. It paid \$6.5 billion in cash for Marathon Oil Corp. in 1982.

A name change for the parent, however, could be in the works.

"With the changing nature of the company, we have to keep an open mind about the name of the parent company," Roderick said. "We would never give up the name U.S. Steel" for the steel segment, he said.

Its steps into the oil patch have helped U.S. Steel lessen its dependence on the cyclical steel industry, troubled by overcapacity, low prices and relatively high labor costs.

Operating income at Marathon, the nation's 14th-largest oil producer, reached \$1.27 billion on sales of \$10.5 billion in 1985, accounting for virtually all of U.S. Steel's profit last year and more than half its sales.

"We're the only major steelmaker today that is paying a dividend," Roderick said.

More than 79.8 million shares, or 81.8 percent of U.S. Steel shares voted, were cast in favor of the merger.

Eighty-one percent of U.S. Steel's 123 million shares outstanding were represented at the special meeting in Pittsburgh, said Secretary Richard M. Hays.

At a meeting in Dallas, where Texas Oil & Gas is headquartered, 83 percent of the company's 210 million shares outstanding were voted in favor of the merger, officials said.



TOGETHER AGAIN — While Anatoly Shcharansky, left, waves to crowds greeting him at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv, his wife Avital, right, wipes a tear away Tuesday. Shcharansky was released from the Soviet Union via Berlin earlier, during an East - West prisoner exchange. (AP Laser-photo)

Ex secretary testifies in principal's trial

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — A pickup truck resembling one owned by a junior high principal emerged from a forested area where nine days later the body of the school football coach was found, a witness testified.

The body of coach Billy Mac Fleming, 36, was found in the wooded section of Polk County on April 22.

Fleming had disappeared from Hull-Daisetta Woodson Junior High School, where he worked, on April 12.

William Hulín, a gas controller for Panhandle Eastern Trunkline Gas Co. of Houston, said Tuesday he could not identify the make of the truck he saw leave the woods on April 13. But Hulín said the vehicle was dark and had a camper shell on the back.

Former Woodson principal Hurley Fontenot, who is charged with murdering Fleming, owns a similar truck.

Prosecutors allege Fontenot, 48, killed Fleming over the affections of former school secretary Laura Nugent, whom both men dated and hoped to marry.

Defense attorney Dick DeGuerin asked State District Judge John Martin to declare a mistrial, saying Hulín is a friend of a juror in the case. DeGuerin also asked Martin to remove the juror.

"Obviously the state has waited until the last moment of the trial to

bring this last witness," DeGuerin said. "The state should have known the close relationship with the juror in this case."

But Martin denied DeGuerin's requests.

Hulín was the last witness to testify in the state's case against Fontenot. Testimony in the case was scheduled to resume Thursday.

Earlier Tuesday, Mrs. Nugent testified Fontenot had jilted her so he could re-marry his ex-wife.

Mrs. Nugent, wearing a gold chain she received from Fontenot, described her relationship with the former principal as "occasional" from late 1982.

She said her relationship with Fontenot was based more on their ability to talk to each other than on sex.

By September 1984, she said, the relationship was no longer romantic or sexual.

Mrs. Nugent also testified that on April 11, the night before Fleming disappeared, the coach was upset and angry after talking to his estranged wife, Lynda, on the telephone.

Outside the presence of the jury, Mrs. Nugent said Fleming told his wife he was changing the beneficiary on his insurance policy from Mrs. Fleming to Mrs. Nugent. But Martin refused to allow Mrs. Nugent's testimony about the conversation to be admitted into evidence.

Shcharansky vows to renew rights struggle

JERUSALEM (AP) — Soviet human rights activist Anatoly Shcharansky, freed after nine years in jails and labor camps, vowed to resume his struggle on behalf of those still imprisoned in the Soviet Union or denied permission to emigrate.

But first, he told a reporter he wants to begin "a normal family life" with his wife, Avital. The couple was separated a day after their marriage 12 years ago, but since then she conducted a worldwide campaign for his release.

Shcharansky beamed and held his wife's hand as he received a tumultuous welcome Tuesday from government leaders and thousands of joyous supporters in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

He had been freed earlier in the day on a snowy bridge connecting East and West Germany and then flown to Israel.

In Jerusalem, where his wife based her campaign for his freedom, thousands of well-wishers danced, sang, and carried him on their shoulders to the Wailing Wall, a remnant of the biblical Jewish Temple. Wearing a blue-and-white yamulka, or skullcap, Shcharansky kissed the ancient stones and read from the Book of

Psalms.

The Shcharanskys then returned to the Jerusalem apartment where Avital has been living for the past few years. Seminary students stood guard outside the apartment to allow the couple privacy and fend off hundreds of well-wishers who gathered outside.

The 38-year-old human rights activist, sentenced in 1978 to 13 years in prison and hard labor on a charge of spying for the United States, was released by the Soviets in an East-West prisoner swap with eight other people at the Glienicke Bridge near Berlin.

The balding, diminutive computer scientist had become a symbol of the movement for Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union and a worldwide human rights symbol.

In an arrival statement, Shcharansky condemned the Soviet authorities as "modern-day Pharaohs," and said: "I know how strong was their hatred and how strong was their determination never to let this day come."

Turning to his tearful wife, Shcharansky said "I hope the joy that fills our hearts will help us continue the struggle" for other Jews denied permission to leave the Soviet Union.

"On this happiest day of my life, I am not going to forget those whom I left in the camps, in

prisons, who are still in exile or who still continue their struggle for the right to emigrate and for their human rights," he said.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who embraced and kissed Shcharansky as he arrived from West Germany, pledged "an uncompromising struggle" to

bring more Soviet Jews to Israel.

"Our people are entitled to reach the shores of their homeland as free people," Peres said. "Faith prevails over even the strongest governments." He praised Shcharansky as a man who "fought heroically ... and is made of an unbreakable spirit."

A two-tiered farmland market

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Prices of some prime, cornbelt farmlands are beginning to stabilize after having fallen 50 percent from their late-1970s peak, bringing disaster to farmers, bankers and entire rural communities.

But before the rebuilding begins, according to one of the country's largest farm management companies, a final wave of farmer bankruptcies is likely later this year in certain areas where lands are less productive.

A two-tier market has developed, said William Ball, president of the Kansas City-based Oppenheimer Industries, a farmland broker and operator of 800,000 acres for owners, many of them absentee investors.

In the upper tier, land values may already have begun rising, said Ball, but only in a narrow band of highly productive acreage from northern Indiana through central and northern Illinois into eastern Iowa.

"Where the land is of high quality and the operations are good there should be no further decline," he believes.

The lower tier, where prices are still falling, includes southern Iowa, Northern Missouri and parts of Nebraska, where acreage is less productive and often incapable of producing a profit at today's prices.

Ball believes many farmers in this lower tier will be unable to obtain loans to plant crops and stay in business. "The land will have to go back to grass," he said, meaning its best usage might be as pasture.

In Ball's opinion, the shakeout over the next six months is likely to include bankers and agribusinesses as well as farmers.

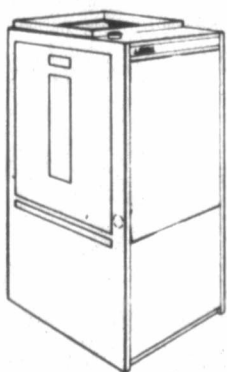
"There will be a centralization (in larger towns) of most business activity," brought about not just by economics but by improved transportation in recent years. "Business prospects in small towns are likely to dry up. There won't be an automobile dealer in towns of less than 20,000."

Many people will recall that soon after being written off by doomsayers many northern industrial cities enjoyed a renaissance that still continues, and some say a similar rebirth might occur in some agricultural areas.

But whatever happens in the Corn Belt and other agricultural areas, Ball is convinced that the rural way of life will change drastically.

He foresees many surviving farm families depending on two incomes rather than one, with one spouse travelling to an in-town job while the other works the farm. He believes social activities, including even church attendance, might be affected by the different life style and the pressures of time.

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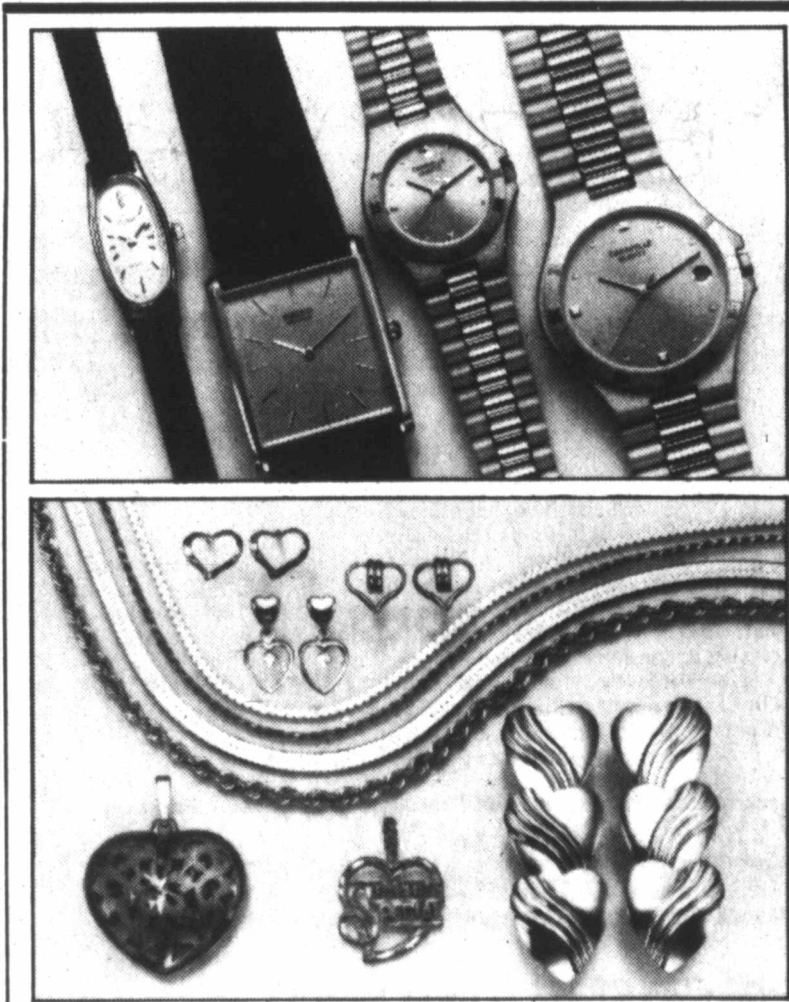
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Celebrating our ethnic cookery

By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor

Ellis Island. It has, of course, played an extraordinary part in American history. During its life as a U.S. immigration station (chiefly from 1892 to 1954) more than 12 million people passed through its Great Hall and began a new life in America.

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to ensure its preservation.

One of the projects whose proceeds are devoted to help accomplish this is a fascinating cookbook, "Tastes of Liberty: A Celebration of Our Great Ethnic Cooking." Chateau Ste. Michele, Washington State's pioneer wine producer, published the cookbook as a founding sponsor of The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. Stunning color illustrations, binding, paper and type make this volume worthy of the finest cookbook collections.

The recipes are well-chosen and

clearly written. Chapters, each with a worthwhile introduction, are devoted to recipes from Italy, Germany, Greece, Great Britain, Eastern Europe, Iberia, Scandinavia, France and Jewish cookery.

From the chapter on Iberia, we chose to try Gambas al Ajillo (Garlic Shrimp) and found it delicious — especially when served with crusty bread and white wine.

"Tastes of Liberty" is available for a minimum \$20.00 contribution to Tastes of Liberty Cookbook, Liberty Centennial Fund, P.O. Box 4115, New York, NY, 10163.

GARLIC SHRIMP
(Gambas al Ajillo)
2 to 4 cloves garlic,
peeled and thinly sliced

1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
1 bay leaf
1-3rd cup olive oil
3/4 pound small to medium shrimp, shelled and deveined
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 to 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Cook garlic with pepper and bay leaf in oil in large shallow skillet over medium-high heat until garlic is golden, 3 to 4 minutes. Add shrimp and cook just until they turn pink, 2 to 4 minutes. Do not overcook. Remove bay leaf. Transfer to serving dish, sprinkle with lemon juice and parsley and serve immediately.



SAVORY SHRIMP — An easily and quickly made skillet dish from "Tastes of Liberty: A Celebration of Our Great Ethnic Cooking."

Sweet dessert chases winter doldrums

By Aileen Claire
NEA Food Editor

Chuck those pre-spring, winter blues with a dessert party. What better treat for friends than to serve a freshly made strawberry shortcake with a special blend of coffee or tea.

The shortcake can also be a special centerpiece for a birthday party or baby shower.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

2 cups buttermilk baking mix
1/2 cup sugar, divided
1/2 cups heavy cream, divided
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
1 pint strawberries, hulled
1/4 cup orange-flavored liqueur or orange juice

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large bowl combine baking mix and 1/4 cup sugar. Add 1/4 cup heavy cream, melted butter and orange peel. Mix

with a fork until dry ingredients are moistened.

Spread batter into ungreased 8-inch round cake pan. Bake until golden and cake tester inserted in center comes out clean, about 15 to 20 minutes. Cool 5 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely on a wire rack.

Using chilled bowl and blades of an electric mixer, beat remaining 1 1/2 cups heavy cream with 1/4 cup sugar until stiff. Reserve 1 cup strawberries. Cut remaining strawberries in 1/2-inch pieces. Fold into half of the whipped cream.

Split cake layer in half horizontally. Brush each layer with liqueur. Spread strawberry-cream mixture on one half of cake. Top with second half; spread with remaining strawberry-cream. Top with reserved whipped cream. Slice reserved strawberries. Arrange on top of cake. Chill until ready to serve.

This kitchen-tested recipe makes 8 servings.

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THE TANG of orange highlights fresh strawberry shortcake.

Pear varieties make scrumptious treats all year

Much attention has been devoted to the summer and fall varieties of pears that flourish in this country. But some of the tastiest varieties of the fruit mature in winter and spring.

America is a nation of pear lovers. In pies and pastry, pickled,

canned and as table fruit. It is true that the American crop averages only one-fourth of our apple harvest, but that's still a lot, considering the fact that we produce 100 million bushels of apples a year.

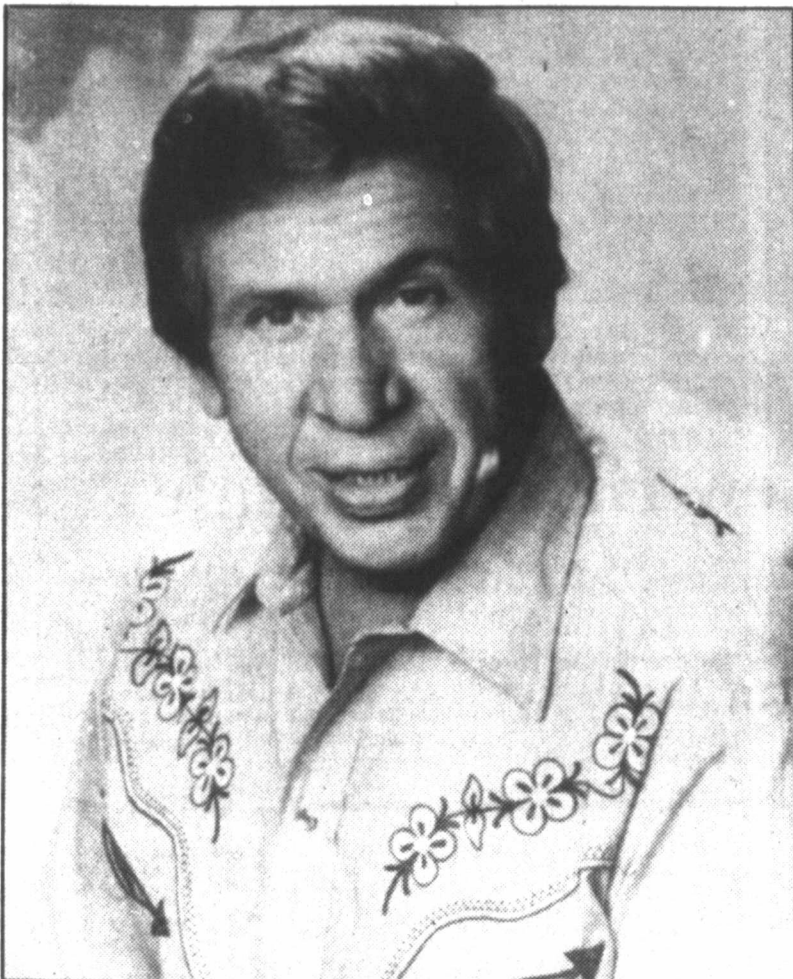
The pear is a member of the rose

family, as are apples, plums, cherries, apricots and a host of other fruits.

Most of the pears grown here came from Europe, although they originated in western Asia. Today, pears flourish all over the world in temperate zones. In Europe alone,

more than 5,000 varieties are known to exist.

The people of ancient China, who were pear lovers, are said to have ripened them in a closed room filled with incense. Actually, one is advised to pick the fruit when still hard and let it ripen off the tree.



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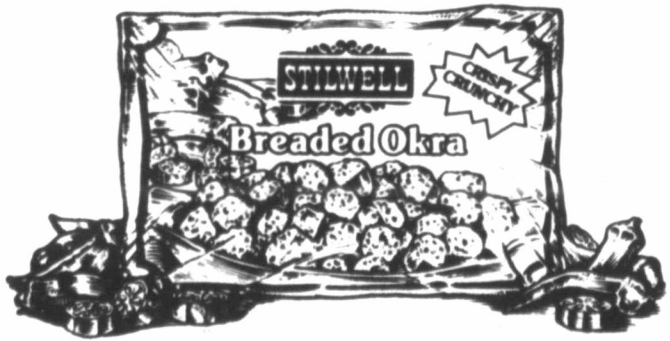
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LIFESTYLES



MARTHA SUBLETT
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Two Pampans to attend board

Two Pampa women are to attend the annual budget and planning meeting for the Board of Directors for the International Association of Desk & Derrick Clubs, Feb. 14-16, at the Sofitel Hotel in Houston. Doris Odom, Region V Director, and Martha Sublett, First Vice President of the IADD, will assist in the meeting where the policy and procedures for the organization will be set for the coming year. President Cheryl Rectorschek of Findlay, Ohio, is to conduct the business sessions. Members of the group will attend a Cajun Seafood Combo luncheon with Sarah Ward, Region IV Director, as official hostess. Also attending will be Second Vice President Helen Turgeon of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Secretary Dianne Poole of Shreveport, La.; Treasurer Barbara Rollinson of Seattle, Wash.; Immediate Past President Loretta Owens of Fort Worth; Region I Director Phyllis Child of Washington, D.C.; Region II Director Marlene Walsteen of Minneapolis, Minn.; Region III Director Ann Dowdy, Morgan City, La.; Region VI Director June Willingham of Tulsa, Okla.; Region VII Director Marg Delgado of Denver, Colo.; Region VIII Director Pam Hayes of Anchorage, Alaska and Corresponding Secretary Nancy Price of Columbus, Ohio.



DORIS ODOM
Region V Director



Dear Abby

Couple hope their love will take them higher and higher

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have been going with this gentleman for eight years now, and we want to marry. Neither of us wants to get married in a church. My question: Can the captain of an airliner perform a marriage ceremony? I've heard that captains of ships can marry people, so why not airline captains?

We'd like to be married by an airline pilot in a very short, simple exchange of vows. A flight from Los Angeles to Hawaii, ending in a Hawaiian honeymoon, would be perfect.

If this is possible, whom should we contact?

FLYING HIGH
IN IOWA CITY

DEAR FLYING: I hate to clip your wings, but an airline captain is not authorized to perform marriage ceremonies. However, with air travel competition so keen these days, perhaps one innovative airline will offer a St. Valentine's Day Sweethearts Special for couples who want to wed with their heads in the clouds. And a qualified person could be provided to do the honors. The friendly skies would then attain a new high in togetherness, and couples could truly fly "united."

DEAR ABBY: I am a 70-year-old retired male who has been reading your column since you started it 30 years ago, but I never thought I would ever write to you. I do so now to register my surprise regarding a letter you printed. It had to do with the churchgoing person who was irritated by another church member who created a minor disturbance by unwrapping peppermints during the sermon.

With all the serious problems in this world that should be addressed, I was flabbergasted that you would select something so frivolous to print. If the old biddy couldn't stand all that noise, why didn't she change her seat where she wouldn't be so distracted, poor dear?

You're allowed one mistake, Abby. Don't let it happen again.

PERTURBED
IN PETALUMA, CALIF.

DEAR PERTURBED: I admit to my share of mistakes, but this wasn't one of them. I think it's rather fascinating for my readers to know what other readers find sufficiently irritating to

complain about. And occasionally a reader will write in with a solution, like this one:

DEAR ABBY: I sympathize with that poor woman who unwraps peppermints in church. I also carry them to suck on during concerts, at the theater and in church as well. It may be psychological, but I always get the urge to cough at times when there should be silence, and a peppermint prevents my coughing. However, I remove the cellophane wrappings at home and carry my peppermints in clean white tissues.

PEPPERMINT PATTY

DEAR ABBY: I am hard of hearing, which is the reason I am writing this. What on earth is the matter with that lady who complained about another lady making noise while unwrapping her peppermint candy in church?

Shame on her! Doesn't she realize how blessed she is to have perfect hearing? Believe me, if she were in my shoes for two weeks, she would be glad to get back into her own.

I'm sure the lady with the peppermints was trying to prevent herself from coughing in church—which would be far more disturbing to others. She was being considerate—thinking of others. Bless her!

RUTHIE
OF EVANSVILLE, IND.

DEAR ABBY: Recently you had a letter from "Louisiana Libra," who didn't know what to say when she was asked, "How's your love life?" You suggested, "It's none of your business," which is true, but it's also rude.

In the early years of my marriage, I was frequently asked, "How come you don't have any children yet?" I replied, "I don't know."

Sometimes, they pursued it further with, "Whose fault is it, yours or your wife's?" I repeated my original answer, "I don't know."

To every question, I kept saying, "I don't know." They soon got tired of asking, and shut up.

I'm over 75 and still use that response to questions I don't want to answer, and it always works.

JUST H.R.

DEAR JUST: Good suggestion. Another response to a question one does not care to answer: "Why do you want to know?"

Tulsa Ballet finale of concert season

By BILL HALEY
Guest Reviewer

A performance by the Tulsa Ballet Theatre closed the current Pampa Community season Monday night at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The company, which was founded some years ago by Roman Jusinski and Maselyne Larkin, both retired from the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, portrays itself as an idealized extension of the Russe. Larkin, an Indian, is a native of Miami, Okla., a town just north of Tulsa.

The corps of the ballet consists of about 25 to 30 dancers — all professionals. Some of them, such as star, Kimberly Smiley, are from the American Ballet Theatre in New York. Others studied with the Joffrey and Cincinnati ballets. Many of them were trained by Jusinski and Larkin.

The program opened with the second act of "Swan Lake," one of Tchaikovsky's best-known works. It is a legend concerning a swan that becomes a beautiful maiden for one hour each night in order to enchant any unsuspecting young male who might be in the neighborhood.

Following "Swan Lake" came "Ritual of the Winds," a contemporary piece by Marlos Nobre. It was an Indian dance

accompanied by very spectacular and variegated percussion. The dancers were mainly occupied in using their bodies to create diagrams which were mirrored in giant shadows behind them.

In the third dance, a pas de deux entitled "Greatness," the two dancers cavorted about gleefully and playfully.

The finale was Offenbach's extraverted "Gaité Parisienne,"

which brought the entire company back onto the stage. The scene was a restaurant. The characters were a purse vendor, a young man who had just arrived in Paris and couldn't wait to unpack before coming, soldiers, can-can girls and a baron or two.

The 20-minute bash was a delightful medley of bubbling music, giddiness and slapstick.

Every thing about the concert was of a par excellence calibre.

There wasn't a single shoddy moment. The dancers were all young, vigorous, handsome and conscientious. The scenery, always changing, was appropriate and eye-catching, especially in the use of lights.

Tulsa Ballet has to be one of the best performances ever to grace the Community Concert stage. Because of inclement weather, the crowd was sparse, but those who didn't come missed something.

City schedules ceramics classes

A ceramics class of three sessions is set to begin Thursday, Feb. 20, sponsored by the City of Pampa, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Pampa Center of Clarendon College.

Taught by Floye Christensen, all sessions will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. The other two sessions are scheduled for Feb. 27 and March

13. The goals and objectives of the class are to teach students how to do ceramics correctly; how things are done and why they are done, according to Jackie Harper, PARD recreation coordinator.

A student fee of \$30 will be charged to cover the expenses of the instructor and supplies.

Deadline for registration is 5 p.m. Friday at the PARD office, 816 S. Hobart. Fees will be payable to City of Pampa, Parks and Recreation Department.

A stained glass class also is being considered to begin the latter part of this month.

For further information, contact Harper at 665-0909.

February spotlights American history

The signature of Benjamin Franklin appears on the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Paris and the Constitution. Benjamin Franklin was always in the forefront in matters connected with the founding of the United States of America. During February, American History Month, Las Pampas chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honors this great American for his moderating and stabilizing influence on his much younger compatriots.

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SPORTS SCENE

Sports Forum and Agin 'Um WARREN HASSE



COACHING IS SUCH a fragile profession.

It used to be that everything hinged on the won-lost record of the coach. Generally, if his team won more than it lost, chances were very good his job was secure. But times are a-changin', as any college coach can tell you.

The basketball coach at Minnesota quits because he is embarrassed by off-court behavior of some of his athletes. A football coach hangs himself. Another coach attacks some of his players. That was just this month so far.

The pressure of the job is getting overwhelming, even for the most successful. Many are taking early retirement, others are just goin' fishin'.

Some self-destruct; others are destroyed by deeds of associates. I had occasion last weekend to visit with one of each. And despite everything they have gone through personally, everything their wives and children have been forced to endure, all the personal embarrassment and damage to their pride that has occurred, both want back in the business. And for each, it will be most difficult.

Both had fine jobs as head coaches at Division I schools. Coach No. 1 found his escape from pressure in drinking. The bottle finally got the best of him, he resigned his job and underwent a cure. He is now back on the school's campus, working in the Alumni Association Office of Development, and telling close friends to let him know of any job openings. His chances to ever coach again are slim. But he would not be the first to come back successfully from similar circumstances.

Coach No. 2 was a victim of an over-zealous assistant who, without the head coach's knowledge, arranged monthly payments by a booster to secure the services of an outstanding player. As I sat in Coach No. 2's home last Saturday afternoon, the fireplace was burning, an unwatched Big 10 game on television was in overtime, and Mickey, the family's dauchhund, was trying to figure out the visitor. Coach's lovely wife, who had to return to work to provide family financing, and his children had greeted me as we drove up to the comfortable, lovely family home. But quickly we were alone in the den, and he was telling his story. It had been splashed all over the nation's sports pages less than a year ago. Coach had been a guilty party, if you believed those stories. But through investigation had cleared his name, a fact somehow escaped the same national exposure.

"It's strange," he told me. "I told Connie (his wife) in early February that I was going to resign when the season was over. I was at a dead end here. My budget was being cut every year, and if I didn't move soon, my career could be killed (over that old W-L record). And then that other broke (the paid player), and I had to stay and see it through. Otherwise, everyone would have automatically thought I was guilty."

He told me of the investigation,

the tough moments he had to go through, eventually excusing himself for a moment and returning with three sheets of paper for me to have. On them were two letters, written on University letterhead stationery, attesting to his innocence and non-implication in the NCAA violation which cost him his job. One was signed by the vice president of the school, a man who had been involved in his hiring four years earlier. The other was dated April 30, 1985 and signed by the special assistant to the president of the institution, the man placed in charge of investigating the incident. Says the two paragraph letter:

"This letter is being written on behalf of (the coach). He was basketball coach at (the institution) for four years. His resignation from that position this spring has been misrepresented in the media. It was discovered that a senior player had been receiving payments from a booster. I conducted a thorough investigation of the incident and found that (the coach) had absolutely no knowledge of the impropriety. The assistant coach who had made the arrangements has resigned. That coach had known the senior player over a long period of time, and that historical connection was why he arranged payments for the player. "Some of the media accounts reported (the coach) resigned in lieu of the payments, which is incorrect. Once again I would like to state that (the coach) has operated within the guidelines of the NCAA and my investigation found absolutely no evidence that he had any knowledge of improper conduct in the program."

The NCAA also investigated, and confirmed the findings as stated in the above letter. But still, a coaching future appears almost nil for this outstanding, intelligent young man, who has already built an extremely successful record wherever he has coached. With the exposure of institutions and programs guilty of intentional NCAA violations, it will take an unusually rare institution to gamble with a coach over whose head hangs a black cloud, placed there by others.

Meanwhile, as he seeks and prays for another coaching position, he weighs good opportunities in the business world. "I'm sure I could make more money at either of these jobs," he explained as he told me about them. "But I want to coach, and it would be unfair for me to accept one, have them train me, then have a coaching opportunity come up, and me leave. I'm going to hang in through spring when all the coaching jobs open and see what happens."

Three hours later, as he drove me back to my motel, he admitted he had almost become a recluse. A once promising career was all but ended, through no fault of his.

Coaching is a very fragile profession.

Maybe, hopefully, wishfully, someone will give this outstanding individual one more chance, only his second, to pursue his dreams.

Harvesters rout Dumas in second half

BY L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

Vibert Ryan didn't find himself in a position to hit the winning shot Tuesday night, but the 6-3½ senior always seemed to be in the right place at the right time during Pampa's 60-47 win over Dumas in McNeely Fieldhouse.

In fact Ryan seemed to be everywhere at once in the second half, hitting fast break layups and stuffing in offensive rebounds. Ryan scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half, including six of eleven consecutive points which Pampa

ran off in the third quarter to take a commanding lead. Ryan, who hit the last-second basket in Pampa's 53-52 win over Borger last week, scored 12 straight points and had two crucial steals during a five-minute span as the Harvesters built a 10-point lead, 47-37, in the fourth quarter.

Petie Davis, Donovan Lewis and Lonnie Mills also helped the Harvesters take command with some big baskets in the second half. Davis and Lewis had 15 and 12 points respectively as the Harvesters lifted their District 1-4A mark to 6-5 and avenged an earlier loss to Dumas.

Dumas was ahead, 33-30, at the 4:36 mark of the third quarter when Pampa went on its 11-point roll. Mills, who finished with eleven points, hit a 15-foot corner jumper, Davis buried a layup, Lewis downed a foul shot, and Ryan canned the next three baskets. The Demons, 2-10, never got closer than eight points.

The lead changed six times in the first half with Dumas owning a 27-26 lead at halftime. Pampa had led at the end of the first quarter, 15-12, thanks to a halfcourt shot that Mario Scott banked in just as the buzzer

sounded. Pampa's fullcourt press started taking effect in the third quarter, forcing numerous turnovers and giving Dumas only a half-dozen shots at the basket.

Larry Reynolds came off the bench to score 10 points and lead the Demons in scoring when 6-5½ postman Bryce Williams went to the bench with three fouls in the first quarter. Dave Roark and Dallas Smith chipped in eight points each. Williams finished with six.

Paul Simpson, Mike Lynn and Mario Scott all had two points each for the Harvesters.

Both teams shot well from the floor. Pampa downed 23 of 44 shots for 52.2 percent while Dumas was close behind at 50 percent (15 of 30), but the Harvesters' cut the Demons' shot count considerably with their press the second half. Pampa hit only 14 of 26 shots (53.8 percent) from the foul line, but went six of eleven during that third quarter streak. Dumas hit 17 of 27 free throw attempts for 63 percent.

Pampa, 15-13, closes the season Friday night at Lubbock Dunbar. Leveiland all but spoiled Pampa's shot at the playoffs with a 59-47 win over Lubbock Dunbar last night. The Lobos hold down second place in the league standings while Pampa is tied for third with Lubbock Estacado. Borger, which whipped Canyon, 77-57, last night has clinched a playoff spot.

Troy Owens scored 17 points to lead Pampa past Dumas, 55-42, in the junior varsity game last night. Karey Brown and Kelly Loter added 10 points each.

Summersell and Wooten had eight points each for Dumas JV.

Also scoring for the Shockers were Jason Farmer with seven, Jimmy Massick, three; Keith Barr, Clint Allen, Mark Spain and Greg Wolcott, two points each.

Pampa also won the sophomore game, 70-48, with Derrick Ryan's 21 points pacing the way for the winners.

Tyler had 17 for Dumas.

Dustin Miller tossed in 18 points for the Pampa Sophs. Also scoring for Pampa were Shawn Harris, 13; Scott Bradshaw, six; Brad Ely, four; Glen Hutcherson, four, and Tommy Bowden, three.



ON THE MOVE — Pampa's Paul Simpson 1-4A action Tuesday night. (Staff Photo by L.D. Strate)

Schoolboy signees

Texas Aggies, LSU chasing Hempstead star

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

The Texas Aggies or Louisiana State Tigers hope Hempstead's Harvey Williams will be as elusive on the football field as he is in the intriguing recruiting game.

The Aggies, already big winners in the recruiting sweepstakes, and Tigers hoped to add Williams' name to their list of signees today, the first day colleges can sign schoolboy stars to scholarship agreements.

Williams, a key member of the Dallas Times Herald's blue chip list, called a news conference Monday to announce his choice of colleges, but instead only narrowed it down to the Aggies and Tigers.

The Aggies already had obtained verbal commitments from Tomball quarterback Lance Pavlas; Columbus receiver Percy

Waddle, who established four state records and one Class 3A record in his high school career; and Spring Woods center Mike Authur.

Williams surpassed former Texas schoolboy Eric Dickerson in Class 3A career rushing and said he'd make the final decision today.

Signing Williams would give the Aggies at least four of the 15 players on The Dallas Times Herald Blue Chip list, determined from voting by Southwest Conference head coaches.

Several other members of the Times Herald list were still considering A&M.

Williams says the past two months had been the toughest of his life and that he has agonized over his final decision.

"It's hard to say no to a coach who recruited you for a whole year," Williams said. "You've

grown attached to them."

Williams gained 5,883 career yards at Hempstead, and moved into sixth place among all-time Class 3A rushers. Dickerson, a former Sealy all-stater now with the Los Angeles Rams, is seventh with 5,877 career yards.

Waddle set state records for 3,224 career yards and 56 career touchdown catches and single-season records of 1,471 yards and 26 touchdowns. His 158 career catches is a Class 3A record.

Pavlas, 6-2, 190, passed for 1,636 yards last season and led Tomball to two state Class 4A championship runnerup finishes. He completed 46 touchdown passes and 3,410 yards in two seasons as Tomball posted a 28-2 record.

Pavlas said the entire recruiting process was a positive experience

and that he chose the Aggies because of Coach Jackie Sherrill's sincerity, the school's academic programs and the Aggie offense.

Pavlas also saw the presence of quarterback Kevin Murray as a positive, he said.

"I only feel that situation can help me to improve my skills," Pavlas said.

Murray has two years remaining at A&M.

Linebacker Melvin Foster of Class 5A state champion Houston Yates, the top vote-getter in the Times Herald poll, was considering Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, Iowa and Texas going into the signing date.

UCLA plucked two Texas blue chippers — landing commitments from Willowridge tight end Charles Arbuckle and Lubbock Dunbar linebacker Brian Jones.

Bears win B team girls tournament

The Owls, Bears, Cougars and Mustangs were all winners in Optimist Club girls' basketball action last week.

The Owls defeated the Bears, 29-17 with Nekesha Ryan leading the scoring for the Owls with 12 points. Alana Ryan scored four points and Tabitha King had two for the Owls.

Scoring for the Bears were Tonya Jeffery with eight points, Charity DeWitt, four; Lisa Jeffery, two and Sona Solano, two.

The Cougars won over the Longhorns, 26-2. Kasey Bowers led the Cougars with 12 points, followed by Laura Williams with 10 and Leanne Lindsey, four.

Candy Stanley scored for the Longhorns.

The Mustangs slipped by the Raiders, 16-13. Bridgett led the Mustangs with seven points, followed by Keri Barr, five; Earl and Osbourne, two points each.

Shelly Vinson led the Mustangs with 12 points and Maresa Bailey scored the other point.

The Knicks split two games in boys' action last week.

The Knicks got 23 points from Randy Nichols in a 51-22 win over Bulls. Chad Giles contributed 14 points and Tim Epps had six.

Jeff Young had 18 points to lead the Bulls. Jeff Lamb and David Potter added two points each.

The Sixers defeated the Knicks, 47-17.

Paul Brown was top scorer for the Sixers with 18 points.

Sammy Laury and Nickelberry had 12 and 11 points respectively.

The Celtics outlasted the Suns, 28-21. The Celtics' Chad Augustine and the Suns' Jeremy Stone each had 10 points. Also scoring for the Celtics were Justin Cornelsen and Jason Johnson, eight points each.

Also scoring for the Suns were Donnie Medley with six, Mark Woelfe, four, and Chester Jackson, four.

The Spurs downed the Mavericks, 32-15. Phillip Sexton led the Spurs with 16 points while Joseph Yurich had eight and Timmy Jackson, four.

Jeff Cloud was top scorer for the Mavericks with six, followed by Jason Roberts with four, Bryan Hall, three, and Buddy Plunk, three.

The Bears won the Girls B Team Basketball Tournament held last weekend. The Red Raiders were second, the Mustangs third and the Cougars won consolation.

Bears' team members were Sharon Smith, Tiffany DeWitt, Julie Massick, Sheana McGuire, Anna Parsons, Tiffany Blackburn and Rhonda Been. Coaches are Kim Snell and Rick Massick.

The Bears defeated the Owls, 21-2, and the Raiders, 12-4 in tournament play. Sharon Smith was top scorer for the Bears with 11

points against the Owls. Against the Raiders, Julie Massick was top scorer with eight points.

Girls B Tournament Box Scores

Bears 21, Owls 2

B — Sharon Smith, 11; Julie Massick, 5; Sheana McGuire, 3; Anna Parsons, 2; O — Misty Thomas, 2.

Red Raiders 7, Cougars 6

R — Misty Plunk, 4; Jessica Garren, 2; Carmen Nowka, 1; C — Trina Ward, 4; Heidi Hipkins, 2.

Mustangs 13, Longhorns 10

M — Tandra Johnson, 7; Tarah Johnson, 4; Carmen Scott, 2; L — Christy Hoover, 10; Heather Wheeley, 2; Ashley Martindale, 2.

Cougars 8, Owls 3

C — Mandy Morris, 4; Lori Crawford, 2; Tausha Summers, 2; O — Misty Tomas, 2; Sherri Utzman, 1.

Red Raiders 6, Mustangs 6

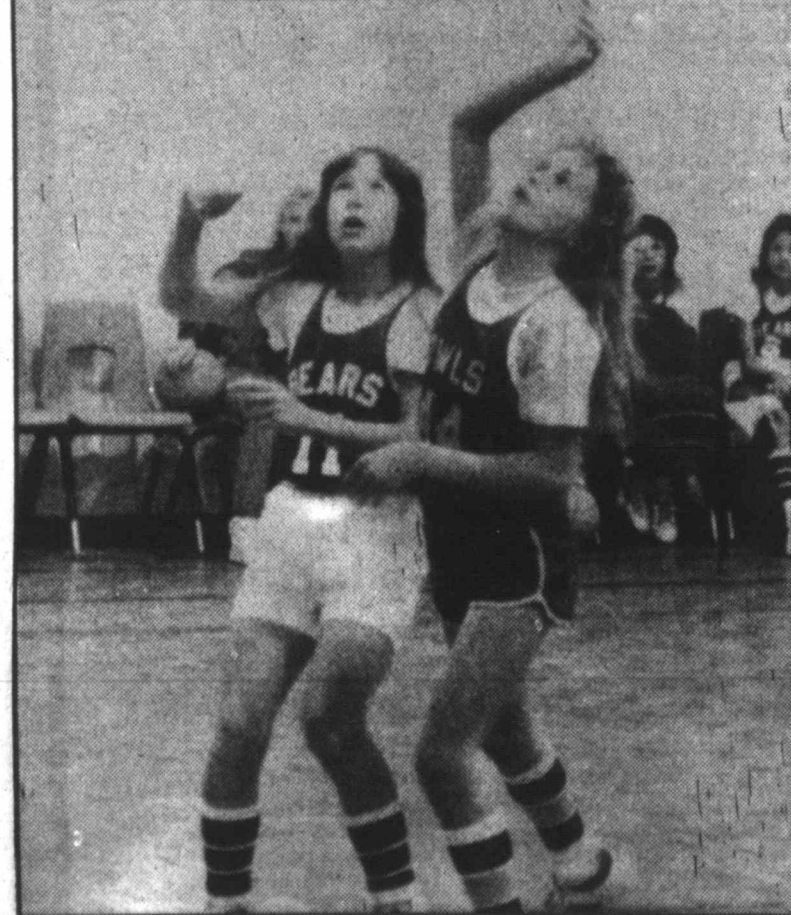
R — Michelle Watson, 2; Carmen Nowka, 2; Misty Plunk, 2; M — Meredith Horton, 2; Kim Rheams, 2; Tarah Johnson, 2.

Cougars 22, Longhorns 0

C — Trina Ward, 8; Mandy Morris 8; Lori Crawford, 2; Tausha Summers, 4.

Bears 12, Raiders 4

B — Tiffany DeWitt 2, Julie Massick, 8; Sharon Smith, 2; R — Michelle Watson, 2; Carmen Nowka, 2.



WATCHING THE BALL — The Bears' Sharon Smith (11) and the Owls' Sherri Utzman keep their eyes on the basketball during the Optimist Club Girls' B Team Basketball Tournament. (Staff Photo by Chico Ramirez)

No apology for Sherrill

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Texas A&M football Coach Jackie Sherrill, former coach at the University of Pittsburgh, says he's never received an apology from rival Joe Paterno for a statement the Penn State coach made several years ago.

Sherrill hinted that he's still upset at Paterno for saying he wasn't ready to retire because that would leave college football in the

hands of "the Barry Switzers and Jackie Sherrills."

Paterno apologized to Switzer before the Jan. 1 Orange Bowl, when Oklahoma beat Penn State to win the national championship. Paterno said he made the remark at what was supposed to be an off-the-record gathering with reporters and that he did not know Switzer at the time.

Groom readies for playoffs tilt with Vega

GROOM — The Groom Tigerettes got in some much needed and successful pre-playoffs work here Monday afternoon in spite of the snow and ice.

The District 1-2A runnerup Spearman Lynxettes braved the roads for a pre-playoffs practice game against Groom, but got only a lesson on losing from the Tigerettes.

Suni Barnett scored 21 points and Robbie Kuehler added 18 as Groom drilled Spearman 60-49 in the Tigerettes' final tuneup before they meet Vega in the Class 1A bi-district playoffs at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Canyon's WTSU Fieldhouse.

Groom wasn't seriously challenged by Spearman Monday, as the Tigerettes led 16-10 after a quarter and 30-21 at halftime. Groom, only the second team to score 60 or more points against Spearman, now 15-9, this season, sealed the game by outscoring the Lynxettes 12-6 in the third quarter.

Barnett, who's recently rediscovered her outside shooting touch, hit eight of 17 long range shots and Kuehler hit seven of 12 inside as Groom's offense continued its late-season roll.

"Defensively the intensity wasn't there last night

and we're going to have to improve on that Friday night," Groom coach Frank Belcher said, "but we've been shooting the ball well. Suni's really come around."

"The key for us is to get balanced scoring. That's what we've gotta have and we're doing it pretty good right now."

Groom had to wait until Tuesday night to find out if it would play Vega or Adrian in bi-district. The Lady Longhorns beat the Matadors 60-50 for the District 1-1A championship, and Belcher said his team's glad Vega will be its opponent because the teams have played each other twice this season.

Vega, now 18-8, and Groom played in the early part of the season, with the Tigerettes winning 50-38 at Vega then 54-47 at home. Those games told Groom that it must stop the Lady Longhorns' posts Jana Walker and Stacy Jackson, and guard Joan Potter. Those three scored 41 of Vega's 47 points in the teams' last meeting, and Walker had 24 against Adrian Tuesday night.

"They're the ones we have to stop," Belcher said. "I think the kids would rather play Vega. We've

played 'em twice and we know what we have to do to stop them. Really we feel like if we'll just worry about ourselves and play our kind of basketball it doesn't matter who we're playing. We've just got to play loose and take care of ourselves."

Belcher likes the chances of his Tigerettes, who're making their third straight playoffs appearance. Groom is 18-5 entering the playoffs and since Jan. 7 has lost only to District 2-1A champion Claude (69-68 at Groom), which will play Adrian in Canyon Friday night following the Tigerettes' game.

Groom has been extremely versatile yet consistent on offense of late, as indicated by the fact that four of the five Tigerettes' starters are averaging scoring in double figures. Senior guard Melissa Fields is the leader with a 13 ppg average, and Kuehler, Barnett and Erin Eschle are each averaging just over 11 points per game.

Fields runs the Tigerettes' offense, and it's shown the ability to hurt teams inside and out. Fields and Barnett are the main long range shooters, and when they're hot Groom is hard to stop.

The shooting of Fields and Barnett helps keep

teams from sagging inside on Eschle and Kuehler, who shot 50 percent from the field this season and showed dramatic offensive improvement as the season progressed. Eschle's specialty has been offensive rebounding, and she averages 7.2 boards per game. Kuehler leads the team in that category with a 9.7 average, and Barnett carries a 5.4 average.

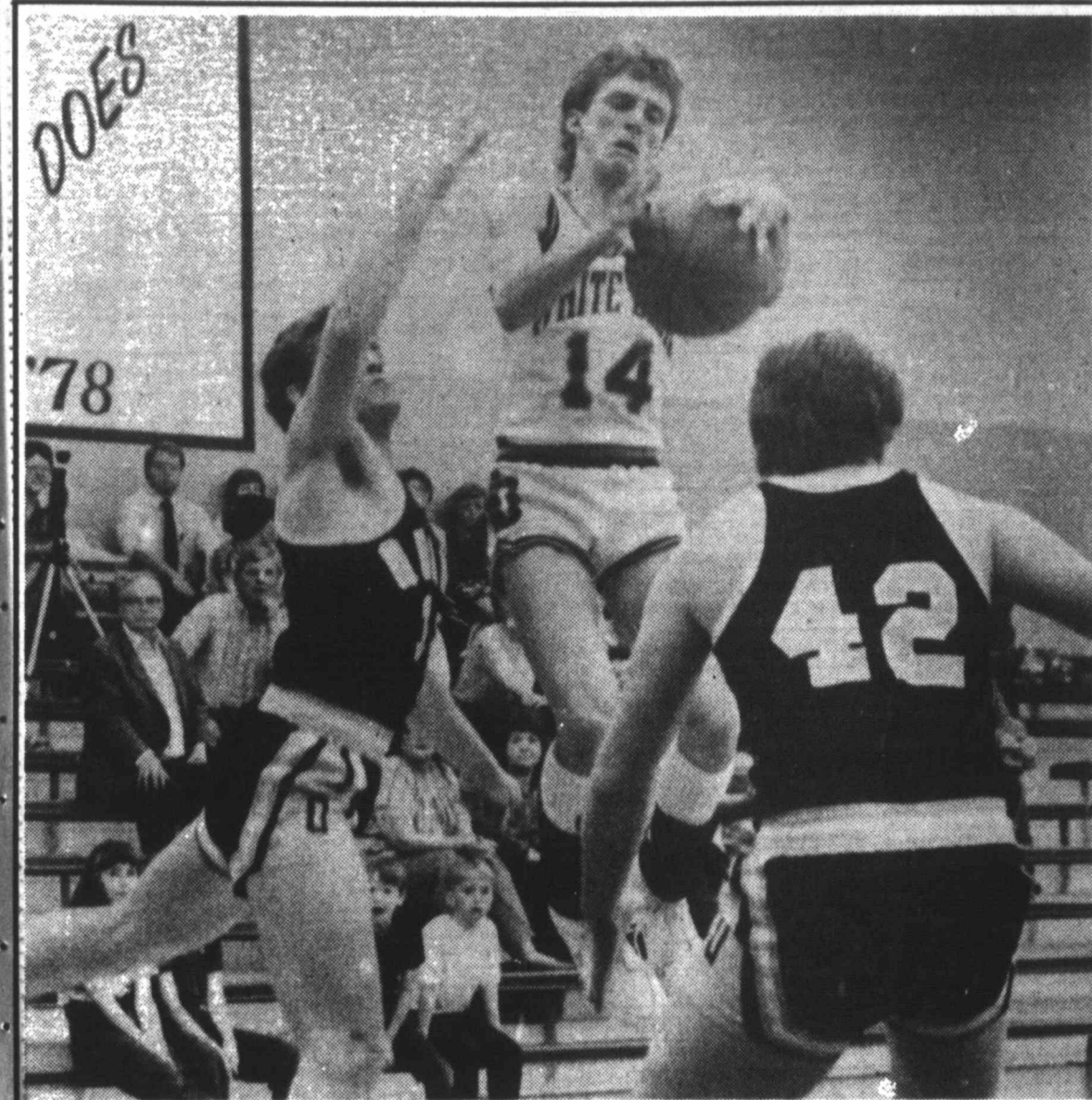
Jowannah Ruthardt, the other Groom starter, doesn't shoot often, but makes the key passes and plays well in the Tigerettes' 1-3-1 zone defense.

"She doesn't get all the credit some of the others do, but she plays her role in our offense and that's what we need," Belcher said.

The Tigerettes are making their third straight playoffs showing, and Belcher feels this year's squad is "better at this point in the season than the last two teams."

"This team is real businesslike in how it's practicing and getting ready. They've just been really going to work."

The Tigerettes punch the time clock for real Friday night.



HAVING A BALL — White Deer guard Jeff Cox (14) grabs a rebound during the Bucks' 50-48 win over Quanah two weeks ago. The teams meet again Thursday night in Wheeler to decide District 2-2A's second playoffs representative.

White Deer gets Bucks fever for 2-2A playoff with Quanah

By DAN MURRAY
Sports Writer

WHITE DEER — This Carson County town is abuzz this week as the unbelievable Bucks prepare for the biggest basketball game a White Deer team's played in years.

Best as anyone here can tell, it's been 15 years since a Bucks team has made the state basketball playoffs. In 1978 White Deer had as good a team as any, but lost a district playoff to Stinnett and missed the real playoffs, and no other Bucks' team has come any closer since.

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Wheeler, the 1985-86 Bucks can end that futility streak by beating Quanah and continue their own amazing roll.

White Deer (10-11) and the Indians (14-10) will play Thursday to decide who will join Memphis in representing District 2-2A in the state boys playoffs. While that in itself seems simple, some folks — especially those in Shamrock — are having a tough time believing the Bucks are still playing.

White Deer went 1-4 in the first half of loop play and became an overlooked factor as far as the playoffs were concerned. Memphis won the first half title and Shamrock finished second ahead of Quanah, while the Bucks played but one home game and lost four straight on the road.

Things changed dramatically in the second half of the loop slate as Shamrock plummeted to the bottom of the standings and White Deer and Quanah scratched to the top.

At home, the Bucks won the games they'd lost on the road (except with Memphis) and reversed their second half record to 4-1. They did it by beating Shamrock in the strangest game of the season, by nipping Quanah, by edging Clarendon in a physical road game, and by destroying Wellington in the season finale.

When Quanah beat Memphis last weekend, that put those teams into a first place tie with White Deer and eliminated Shamrock completely. Now the Bucks and Indians are in a playoff for the playoffs.

Circumstances were similar on Jan. 31 when the two tangled in White Deer and the Bucks escaped with a 50-48 win. A loss then would've probably eliminated White Deer from contention, but the Bucks came through with an inspired performance

that seemed to characterize this bizarre second half of their season.

"The kids deserve all the credit," White Deer coach Scott Murray said. "They kept believing in themselves even when we were losing, then they came back and proved themselves. The potential was always there — we've been in every game we've played — but there's always that little fine line between winning and losing. Everytime they had to win a game they won it. Without the kids and the attitude they had, we'd've been through at 1-4."

The Bucks aren't through, though, and their seemingly miraculous basketball resurgence has been the talk of a normally football town.

"The town's excited," Murray said. "Everybody's talking about it. This is pretty much a football town and it's been a long time since we've done anything in basketball."

The town will be even crazier if the Bucks win Thursday, but that'll take some doing.

Murray and Quanah coach Jim Pope are friends who worked on the same staff at Muleshoe, and their teams exhibit similar styles. Both teams prefer evenly-paced games and set offenses, and use sagging man-on-man defenses.

The Indians won by five when the teams played in Quanah, and the Bucks won by two at White Deer.

Quanah relies more on its inside game, where Trent Tabor, Cam Kleibrink and Rusty Brawley handle the bulk of the load. The Bucks are better from the outside, where Jeff Cox, Joe Don Brown and James Ingle are deadly shooters.

If either team has an edge it might be Quanah's speed. The Indians used a full court press to nearly erase a 10-point White Deer lead in their last game, and Murray said his team will have to adjust better to the pressure this time.

"We have to play our tempo of ballgame and not let their quickness be a factor," he said. "And we have to control the boards. There are a lot of distractions to the playoffs, so we're really concentrating on fundamentals."

The distractions have to do with things like the pre-game pep rally set for Thursday, and all the talk going around. Talk about making the basketball playoffs for the first time in 15 years, which the Bucks can make reality Thursday. What craziness would be next for White Deer then?

Mobeetie teams rally past Miami in finale

MIAMI — Miami's final game in District 4-1A was hardly a fond farewell as the Mobeetie Hornets stung the boys team, 76-53, and the girls, 43-40. Miami will move to District 2-1A next season.

After trailing Miami 31-22 at the second half, the Hornets exploded with 54 second half points. Mobeetie turned the tables on the Warriors third period by pumping

in 31 points to Miami's 16. Eight of them came from Waylon Howard's strong field shooting.

In the fourth quarter, the Hornets held Miami to eight points while scoring 23 of their own.

Howard led Mobeetie scoring with 25 points while Kent McLaughlin contributed 23. John Locke led Miami with 25 points, followed by David Scott's 14.

The girls' game belonged to

Mobeetie's Tina Densberger, who scored 27 points and Miami's Robin Daugherty who scored 20.

After trailing Miami 36-31 at the third quarter, the Lady Hornets rallied fourth period with 12 points, compared to Miami's four. Miami led 26-22 at halftime. Amie Morris supported Mobeetie with eight points while Karie Bailey contributed 10 for Miami.

Lady 'Cats nip Mustangettes

WHEELER — The last time Canadian's and Wheeler's girls met in a basketball game this season, the Mustangettes won by a point on a late shot. The Lady Wildcats reversed that in a pre-playoffs practice game here Tuesday night, beating Wheeler 38-37.

The win by Canadian halted a 23-game victory streak by Class 1A's No. 7-ranked Mustangettes. It was Wheeler's first loss since the fourth game of the season.

The game was as close as they come, beginning with the teams' 9-9 tie after the first eight minutes. Wheeler led 22-21 at halftime, but the Lady 'Cats switched it to a 29-28 Canadian lead entering the final eight minutes.

Neither Canadian coach Jackie Burns nor Wheeler coach Jan Newland thought their teams played especially well. Canadian was just four of 15 from the free throw line and Wheeler was 13-24.

"We needed a game like that," Newland said.

"Nobody's pushed us very much. We had our chances to win but everything that could've gone wrong did. We'll play better Friday night now that we've gotten this out of our systems."

Wendi Burns paced Canadian with 11 points, and the Lady 'Cats got eight each from Jeanna Patton and Lucinda Dunnam. Mario Hartman led Wheeler with 17 points and 20 rebounds, and sophomore DeeAnn Jolly added 12 points, eight boards and four assists. Bridgett Wallace had 13 rebounds to go with her three points.

Wheeler, now 25-3, will play Booker, 16-6, in the Class 1A bi-district round at 7 p.m. Friday in Perryton, with the winner there playing the Claude-Adrian winner next week.

Canadian, now 21-3, will face 18-8 Friona in the Class 3A bi-district round at 7 p.m. Friday in the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum.

Tickets for the games are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

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Texas improves reporting of sexual disease

AUSTIN (AP) — A new system of requiring blood tests during pregnancy and within 24 hours after birth saved more than 500 babies from being born with syphilis last year in Texas, state and federal health officials say.

Texas reported an estimated 35 percent of the nation's congenital syphilis cases last year, but public health officials say that apparent high rate reflects the thoroughness of the state's reporting compared with that of other states.

In 1985, Texas had 96 cases of congenital syphilis — in which the disease contracted by a mother is passed on to her fetus — a drop from the 1984 total of 103 — which was 44 percent of the national total.

"There is gross under-reporting" in other states, said Dr. Consuelo Beck-Sague, an epidemiologist with the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. "We're getting a tip-of-the-iceberg picture."

The Texas system, which requires blood tests during pregnancy and again within 24 hours after delivery, last year detected and led to treatment of more than 500 pregnant women with syphilis.

"That's 500 babies that didn't develop congenital syphilis," said Joe Pair, director of the venereal control division of the Texas Department of Health.

Texas changed its blood test law in 1984. In 1983, Texas reported 42 cases. A year later, under the revised law, it jumped to 103 cases.

Only 48 of the babies with syphilis in 1984 were born alive, and five of those died shortly after birth. Of the 96 babies with syphilis in 1985, 53 were born alive, and three of them died shortly after birth.

Syphilis' course is easy to track. In the short run, the infection can produce a premature baby or a stillbirth. In the long run, it can mean blindness, heart disease or deformities.

Frustrated health officials say that the congenital syphilis rate can be reduced easily enough by treating pregnant women with penicillin.

"Theoretically, it (the rate) should be zero," said Rocco Pelosi, a public health adviser for the Texas Department of Health.

The battle is to get a healthy dose of penicillin to the women who need it. Some are women who think they have reason to avoid contact with authorities.

Some are illegal aliens. Others are prostitutes or drug abusers. And others can't afford the need care, a problem Texas lawmakers tried to cure last year with a new indigent health care package.

Of the 95 Texas mothers (one of them had twins) who delivered babies with congenital syphilis last year, 68 percent were unmarried, 80 percent were under 25 and 85 percent were black or Hispanic. Many were poor, according to Pair.

Dr. Beck-Sague said her study of congenital syphilis found no significant connection between illegal aliens and the disease. In fact, she said, there are no simple answers about congenital syphilis.

"One would think anyone who knows they are pregnant would get prenatal testing. What prevents people from seeking care is not so easy to determine," she said.

"To a great degree, our main goal is to get surveillance (in all states) as sensitive as there is in Texas," the researcher said.

Florida officials believe their 31 congenital syphilis cases in 1985 placed that state second only to Texas. Nationwide figures for 1985 are not yet available from CDC.

Jack Wroten, chief of Florida's sexually transmitted disease control program, said Florida's 1985 figures are "fairly accurate." But the Florida health department is seeking a more effective screening law, one that would require a blood test in the final three months of pregnancy or at delivery for women who had no prenatal care.

Educating pregnant women about the danger can help solve the problem.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 REHABILITATION OF THE PAMPA CITY HALL
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 ARCHITECT'S PROJECT NO. 85-04

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pampa at the Office of the City Secretary, Pampa City Hall, Pampa, Texas, until 2:00 p.m. on March 11, 1986, for the rehabilitation of the Pampa City Hall located at 205 West Foster Street, in Pampa, Texas. Should an acceptable bid be submitted, the City Commission proposes to award the contract for such work as being taken during a meeting of the Commission to be held at 8:30 o'clock A.M. on March 18, 1986, at its regular meeting place in the City Hall.

Project work involves rehabilitation of this historic structure, including, but not necessarily limited to: exterior masonry repair and repair, window and door repair and replacement, new roof systems, interior wall and ceiling construction, new finishes, mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems and a new hydraulic elevator.

The work specified is of specialized nature and bidding procedures will require all interested parties to submit qualifications as to their experience in similar preservation projects prior to the release of the Contract Documents.

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A deposit of \$50.00 is required for each set of Contract Documents removed from the Architect's office. All documents, including extra copies not initially issued by the Architect shall be returned to the Architect's office at the time of bid opening. All Contract Documents MUST be returned to the office of the Architect. Deposits will be refunded upon return of complete sets of Documents, in good condition.

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The Owner proposes to pay all or a portion of the contract obligation to be incurred with certificates of obligation (and/or claims and accounts representing an undivided interest in said certificates) which certificates (and/or claims and accounts) are to be authorized, issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of Article 2288a, V.A.T.C.S. The certificates (and/or claims and accounts) will be delivered to the contractor as work is performed and the owner has made arrangements for such certificates (and/or claims and accounts) to be sold and assigned to another at their face value on account of interest. Each bidder is required (at the time of receipt of bids by the Owner) to elect whether he will accept such certificates (and/or claims and accounts) in payment of all or a part of the contract price or assign the same in accordance with the arrangements made by the Owner.

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City of Pampa, Texas
 By Phyllis Jeffers,
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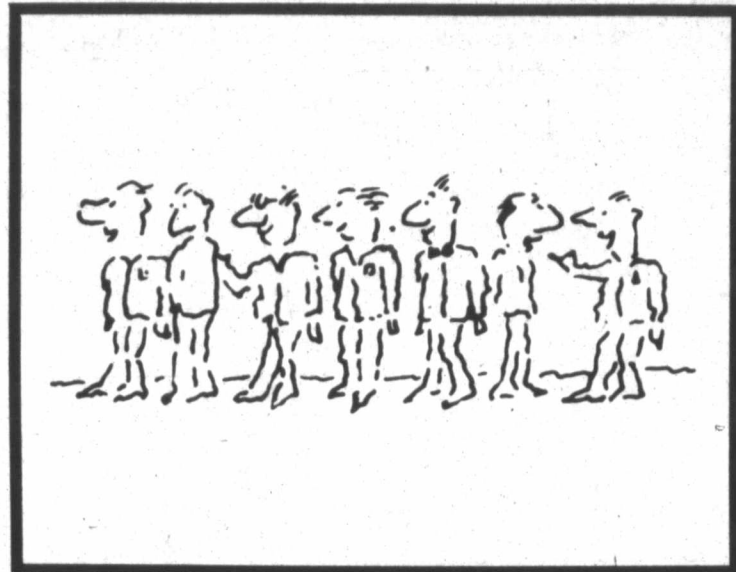
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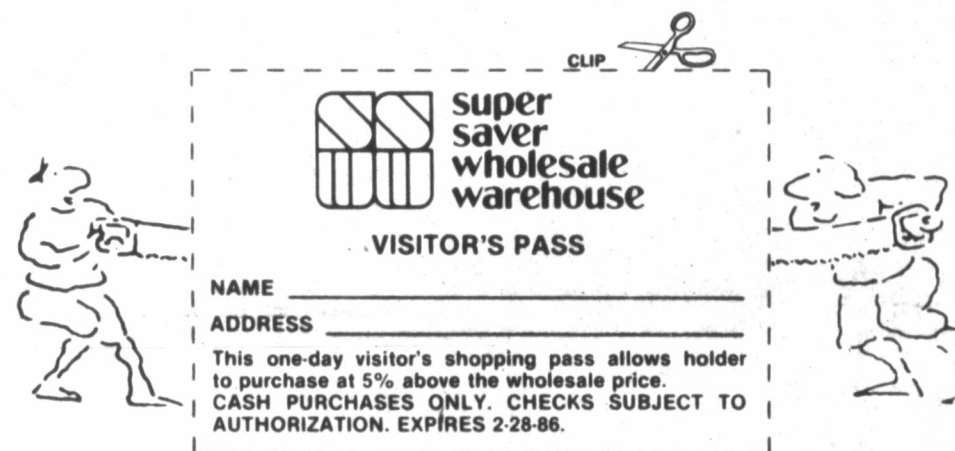
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