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Pampa turns out to greet Mrs. White

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Crowds, strollers, city officials, police, sheriff's officers, a choir and balloons greeted Texas' First Lady Linda Gale White as she visited the city Thursday morning to officially launch Pampa's Main Street Project.

The governor's wife arrived in town shortly after 10:30 a.m. with several carloads of city officials, police and sheriff's officers who had accompanied her from Perry Lefors Field.

She joined them for a stroll with a small crowd of greeters, swelled by others on the way, south on Cuyler Street beginning at Francis.

A larger crowd was on hand to greet her in front of the U.S. Post Office, where a short ceremony was held on the front steps.

Addressing the crowd, Mrs. White said she was "excited to see so many people out and enthusiastic" about the initiation of the Main Street Project for the revitalization of downtown Pampa.

"Your (city) leadership is to be commended for taking that first giant step," she said.

Mentioning her tour of the downtown area, she noted, "You have a wonderful downtown," with a lot of potential for development and accomplishments under the Main Street program.

Referring to the Sesquicentennial observance of the state's 150th birthday, Mrs. White said small cities and towns can look to the traditions and strengths of the founders of the state.



FIRST DRAWING - Texas' First Lady Linda Gale White holds up architect Dick Ryan's first drawing of a proposed exterior renovation for a downtown building Thursday morning during the official launching of the city's Main Street Project. The drawing is of the present Hyde-Park building, the old Montgomery Ward location on Cuyler Street. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)

"The pioneers had a great vision and a love for the land," she said. Their efforts "have left us a great heritage," including "treasures" in historical buildings and crafts more often found in the smaller communities in the state.

As the First Lady, Mrs.

White has been touring the five selected 1986 Main Street cities this week to officially launch the programs in each community. During her talk, she referred to her past visits to previously selected Main Street cities such as Brenham and Stamford and the accom-

plishments they had achieved. "They have made their dream become a reality," she stated.

Because of Pampa's selection as a Main Street city, "you are going to be in the spotlight

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Oilman thinks slump will last for five years

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Saudi Arabia will regain dominance of world oil production within five years, and the oil and gas industry will rebound, the president and chief executive officer of Halliburton Co. said.

By 1990 or 1991, the Saudis should be in a position to increase prices unilaterally because only they will have the production to meet increasing oil demand, Thomas Cruikshank told a meeting of the Permian Basin Oil and Gas Recovery Conference on Thursday.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries moved the oil industry away from the workings of the open market, the head of the well service said, adding that the recent return to market forces is painful but temporary.

Cruikshank said oil's price decline was almost inevitable. Saudi Arabia, in its efforts to prop up prices, had cut back production "to the point where it was disappearing," he explained.

He predicted that when the Saudis regain control of the market, they will inflate prices more slowly than in the 1970s — a move that won't encourage other countries to take extreme conservation measures, develop synthetic fuels or otherwise lessen their dependence on oil.

"The key now is to hang in there and be a survivor," said Cruikshank.

Falling prices are resulting in

closure of stripper wells and less oil exploration, and soon could bring reduced production of Alaska North Slope crude, Cruikshank said. Consumption of petroleum products is likely to increase, he added.

"The forces we're talking about are those of supply and demand," he said.

Problems other than the Saudi actions face the oil sector, he said.

Proposed tax changes would burden the industry with higher taxes and threaten "the survival of our industry," Cruikshank said.

And industries that consume a lot of oil and gas, such as the steel business, haven't benefited from the present national economic recovery, he said.

"Never have we been in the fourth year of what is highly touted as an economic recovery with such a dearth of projects to expand the basic industrial capacity of the country," Cruikshank said.

Part of the problem stems from America's trade difficulties, resulting from a strong dollar and unfair trading practices by this country's trading partners, he said.

But a falling dollar and an increasing willingness to put pressure on those partners to bring about fairer relationships could help basic industries, Cruikshank suggested.

Rebate check shows retail sales here down in January

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Coming off a fairly good Christmas season for retail sales, Pampa saw a drop in retail sales and services in January, with sales tax collections falling more than 6 percent below last January.

Based on reports issued by State Comptroller Bob Bullock, retail sales subject to the 1 percent local sales tax totaled approximately \$8.85 million in January, about \$4.84 million below the \$13.69 million recorded in January, 1985.

The state sent Pampa a check this month for \$88,528.33 for its city sales tax collections, a decrease of 6.32 percent from the \$136,920.93 received last March.

March checks represent taxes collected on sales made in January and reported to the Comptroller by Feb. 20. Bullock sent checks last week totaling \$54.8 million in local sales tax to the 1,024 cities levying the one percent city tax.

Payments to date this year total \$410,803.24, falling \$28,000 below the \$438,532.41 recorded at

this time last year. Last month Bullock listed Pampa with a 6.85 percent increase, based on collections made in December.

Two other Gray County cities fared better in Bullock's monthly report.

Lefors received a check this month for \$543.78, compared to receiving no check last March. For the first quarter of the year, Lefors has gained total payments of \$3,028.79, up 104.68 percent from the \$1,479.80 received at this time last year.

Bullock sent McLean a March check for \$1,444.30, only slightly less than the \$1,492.54 received at the same time last year. Yearly totals are \$5,695.64, a rise of 12.76 percent from last year's \$5,051.18 in the same period.

In Carson County, Skellytown remained in the negative column. Bullock sent the city a check this month for \$1,065.03, down \$940 from the \$2,005.95 March, 1985, payment. Payments total \$3,661.72, a drop of 24.36 percent from the \$4,841.05 recorded at this time last year.

Groom fell into the negative column again this month after

having been listed with a 32.70 percent increase in February based on December sales reports.

Groom had a March check for \$1,605.23, nearly \$1,200 less than the March, 1985, payment of \$2,797.15. Yearly totals stand at \$5,565.79, a decrease of 3.73 percent.

White Deer had a check this month for \$873.65, about \$720 less than the \$1,593.55 payment in last March. But the city remained in the positive column, with a yearly total of \$4,801.85 representing a 4.90 percent increase over the \$4,577.56 recorded in the same 1985 period. Last month Bullock listed White Deer with a 31.64 percent hike.

In Hemphill County, Canadian had a March payment of \$10,426.27, nearly \$6,200 under the \$16,602.37 received last March. Bullock listed a yearly total of \$36,945.20 for Canadian, a drop of 14.05 percent from the \$42,983.76 recorded at this time last year.

Miami had a check this month for \$922.51, nearly \$1,200 below the \$2,116.48 payment received last March. Yearly totals stand at \$4,315.51, a decline of 24.99 percent from the \$5,752.90 registered for the first quarter last year for the Roberts County city.

In Wheeler County, Mobeetie held steady at a 28.21 percent drop, the same listed last month. The city received no payments from the state for either this March or last March. Yearly totals are \$972.94, down from the \$1,355.26 listed for the same time last year.

Wheeler remained in the positive column. Bullock sent the city a March check for \$3,647.53, nearly \$680 under the \$4,324.83 received last March. But Wheeler's yearly totals are \$12,735.08, up 9.26 percent from the \$11,655.97 payments for the first quarter of 1985.

Gray County show held

The best steers, swine and sheep in the county strutted their stuff Thursday night at the Gray County Livestock Show at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion.

Meanwhile, ag students from other area counties were getting their animals ready for the Top O'Texas Junior Livestock Show, which began early this morning.

Ten steers, 56 lambs and 85 barrows filled the show arena at the livestock pavilion Thursday for the Gray County Show.

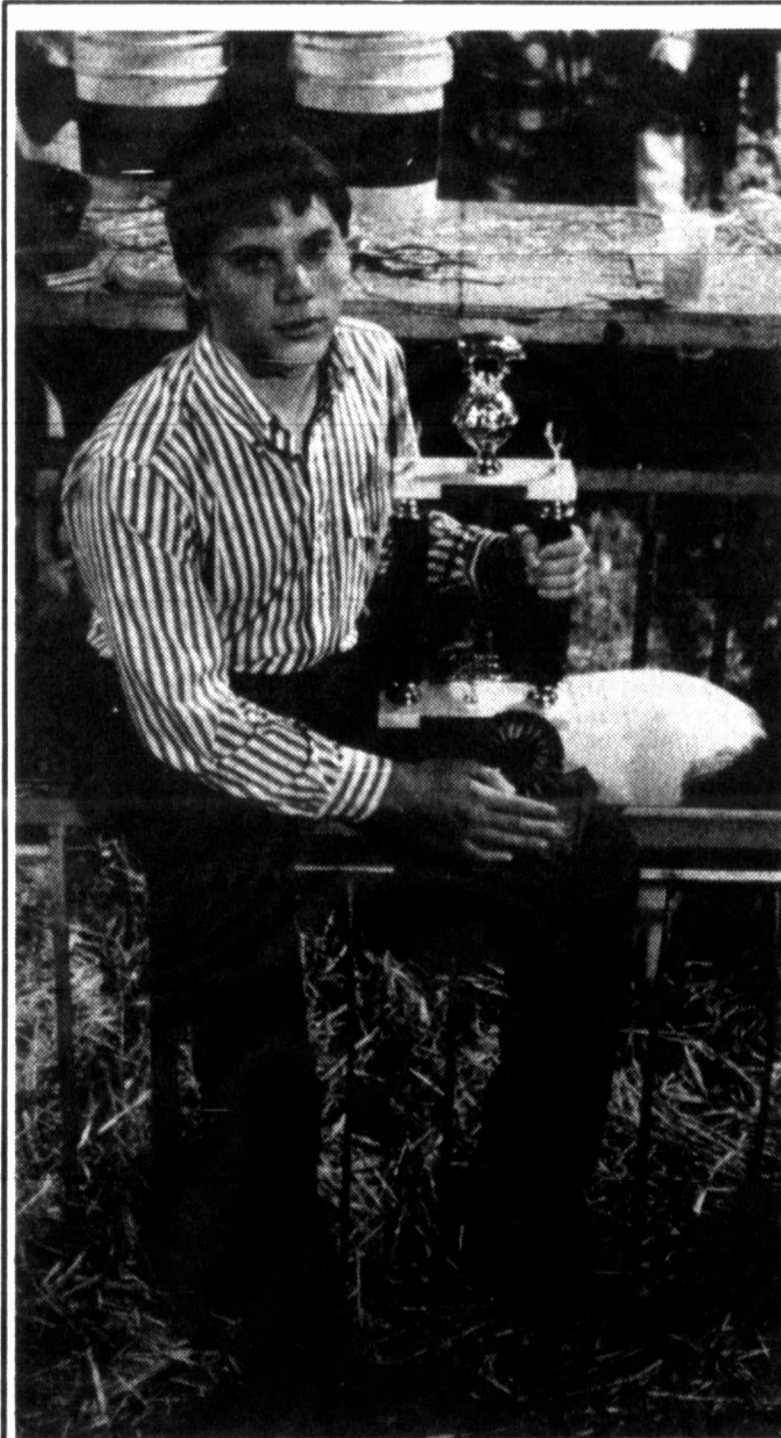
Pampa's Shelia Romines of the Gray County 4-H Club took grand champion and showmanship honors in the steer division with her 1,293-pound exotic breed steer. Tres Hess, a 4-H Club member from McLean took reserve champion and Hereford breed champion honors with his 1,210-pound heavyweight Hereford.

Amie Greene took second place showmanship honors with her lightweight Hereford. Tres's older brother, Tanner Hess showed the reserve champion Hereford steer.

Pat Gipson of Pampa Future Farmers of America showed the grand champion barrow with his lightweight Hampshire. Gray County 4-H'er Michel Reeves' Duroc took reserve honors. Chance Laney and Monty O'Neal won first and second place Showmanship honors.

Grand champion lamb was a medium wool lamb shown by Kerri Cross of Pampa FFA. Kandy Winton of Gray County 4-H had the reserve champion. They also showed the grand and reserve breed champions respectively. Showmanship honors went to Brandi Parish.

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CHAMP HAMP — Pat Gipson of Pampa FFA shows the grand champion trophy he won with his Hampshire pig in the Gray County Livestock Show Thursday. (Staff photo by Cathy Spaulding)

Official's son-in-law charged

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — The son-in-law of a Hale County commissioner was charged with murder in the official's fatal shooting, police said.

Don Terrell, 35, was charged in the death of Commissioner Ronald Eugene Morris, 54, who was found dead about 8 a.m. Thursday outside his county barn.

Terrell was arrested about 45 minutes after the shooting, at a garage door business he and Morris owned.

Terrell was being held late Thursday at the Hale County Jail in lieu of \$150,000 bond, according to a Plainview police statement.

Connie Lara, a Plainview police dispatcher, said the shooting followed a family dispute, but she had no further information about it.

Morris served 10 years as a Hale County commissioner. "He was one of the most dedicated commissioners Hale County has ever had," said County Judge Bill Hollars.

Veterans home improvement loans planned by the state

AUSTIN (AP)—Texas military veterans looking for money to make substantial repairs and improvements to older homes will find it after May 1 at the Texas Veterans Land Board.

Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced Thursday the land board will loan eligible veterans up to \$17,500 at 11.5 percent interest, with no down payments.

"This will create a bunch of new jobs and it won't cost Texas taxpayers a single penny," Mauro told a news conference.

Mauro said his office had received thousands of requests for help from veterans "who have been frozen out of limited conventional home improvement money by high interest rates" of 13 to 14 percent.

Loans of up to \$20,000 will be available for two- to four-family residences, including duplexes, townhouses and condominium units.

The minimum loan will be \$5,000, and all loans will be 100 percent insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

"The built-in protection of using only FHA-approved lenders will help protect the interests of Texas veterans by ensuring that all work is done to FHA Title I standards," Mauro said.

At present, veterans who have outstanding veterans land purchase or home purchase loans will not be eligible.

But Mauro said the board will consider at its May meeting a proposal that present loan holders whose loans were obtained

before 1980 be eligible for the home improvement loans.

Requirements say the loans must be for "alterations, repairs or improvements" that will protect or improve the livability or energy efficiency of a residence, to repair damage resulting from a natural disaster, or to correct conditions hazardous to health or safety.

Mauro said the board set aside \$10 million of the veterans housing bonds approved by voters in 1985 to start the home improvement loan program with reserves of up to \$60 million if it is successful.

"We created 25,000 new jobs with our veterans housing purchase program and with this plan we will create a lot more," Mauro said.

Astronaut corps is facing major changes from attrition, new policy

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP)—NASA's astronaut corps, already reeling from the trauma of the Challenger disaster, may face increased resignations because of suspended missions and lose veteran pilots in a policy change that would limit the time military fliers can work for the agency.

Paul Weitz, deputy chief of the space corps, said there is deep distrust, anger and disappointment among some astronauts about the Jan. 28 explosion of Challenger that claimed seven lives, including five astronauts. Some blame NASA engineers, whom they perceive as failing to prevent the accident, he said.

"A lot of people say 'I don't trust those bastards any more,'" said Weitz.

"What they are really saying is we've got a system that if it functions properly will do the right thing and it didn't do that. To me, it's more disappointment than anything else," he said.

Treasury bill yield hit eight-year low

WASHINGTON (AP)—Yields on 52-week Treasury bills fell to 6.61 percent in Thursday's auction, the lowest level in eight years.

The Treasury Department sold \$9 billion in bills with the average discount rate down from 7.19 percent at the last auction on Feb. 13. The rate was the lowest since 6.55 percent on Jan. 4, 1978.

The sale attracted bids totaling \$22.5 billion. The investment rate, which is higher than the discount rate, averaged 7.06 percent with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,331.70.

He said some in the corps, dismayed at the prospect of waiting many months before space shuttles fly again, are thinking about career changes.

"They keep hearing words like two years (before shuttle flights resume)," he said. "I would expect they would be ripe to take advantage of what they perceive as opportunities."

"I think the potential is there for folks to find this an appropriate time to leave and go on to other things."

Veteran astronaut Don Lind announced his resignation this week, but NASA said he was accepting a position at Utah State University that was under negotiation prior to the Challenger explosion.

There currently are 95 astronauts, and a group of 10 to 12 are expected to be named this summer. National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials said they hope to stabilize the space corps at 100 to 105.

Weitz said a proposed change in Department of Defense policy for military pilots assigned to NASA may create still more difficulties for the corps. The space agency and Pentagon are negotiating on limiting to five or six years the amount of time military pilots can spend at NASA.

Military pilots now form the backbone of the shuttle pilot squad, and if their time with NASA is limited it will create a vacuum of experience, said Weitz. "There'll be a loss of continuity in the corporate knowledge among our pilots. I think it potentially is a problem."

Technically, military pilots are assigned to NASA for only five years, but this policy has been ignored in the past and most

military astronauts spend a decade or more at NASA. Space agency officials said earlier this week that the Defense Department now wants the limitation to be enforced.

Weitz, a retired Navy captain, said the military authorities may want the policy enforced to use NASA-trained pilots for a possible Defense Department manned space program.

"If I was in their place, that's what I would do," he said.

Currently, said Weitz, military pilot astronauts rise in rank while with NASA and eventually reach the level of an Air Force colonel or Navy captain. Then, he said, it's too late to fit them easily back into a military organization.

"They don't have any place to put colonels who haven't been in the Air Force for a number of years," said Weitz. "They haven't done their time in the trenches."

Military astronauts returning to regular military duties would take away jobs that other officers had worked "in the trenches" to earn, said Weitz.

"What they (the military) want is to get these guys ... some experience in the NASA world for about five years and then bring them back," he said.

"They can feed them back into their organization at the bottom and let them work their way up. And there would be some winnowing and weeding of those folks."

Weitz was pilot on a 28-day Skylab mission in 1973 and was commander in 1983 of the sixth shuttle mission, the first flight of Challenger. A former Navy pilot, Weitz was selected as an astronaut in 1966 and serves as deputy to John Young, chief of the astronaut corps.



TRUANT NABBED—Bambi, a 12-foot-long python, is returned to her cage at Westerville, Ohio, High School Thursday after escaping and spending four days playing hooky in

the suburban Columbus school's suspended ceiling. From left: biology teacher Douglas Wynn and sophomores Cirey Milligan, Mark Strosky and Brett Core. (AP Laserphoto)

Texas is due \$382 million in offshore oil agreement

WASHINGTON (AP)—In an agreement that could mean payment of \$382 million to Texas within a month, the Reagan administration and members of Congress have reached a compromise on how to split long-disputed offshore oil revenues.

Overall, the agreement would free up to \$1.4 billion for seven coastal states.

The accord also would allow about \$4.6 billion in revenues accumulated since 1978 to apply against this year's budget deficit. More than \$7 billion has accumulated in escrow accounts since Congress required a "fair and equitable" distribution of revenue from federal tracts that border state waters.

Rep. Henson Moore, R-La., met Thursday morning with Republican Senate leaders, Budget Director William Miller and Interior Secretary Donald Hodel, then in the afternoon with Reagan, Miller and Hodel to nail down the compromise, said his

aide Cal Odom.

The administration had offered 27 percent of up-front bonuses and annual rentals, but balked at yielding a fixed percentage of production royalties, which account for the lion's share of the economic benefit from a tract because they can run for decades.

States insisted on a flat 27 percent of all royalties, and wrote that figure into the budget reconciliation bill. The measure calls for about \$19 billion in spending cuts in the current fiscal year.

The compromise reached Thursday did not necessarily mean passage of the reconciliation bill, as unrelated disputes remained to be settled.

The agreement requires the federal government to pay these sums before April 15: Louisiana, \$572 million; Texas, \$382 million; California, \$338 million; Alabama, \$66 million; Alaska, \$51 million; Mississippi, \$14 million and Florida, \$30,000.

To settle state claims that cer-

tain revenue had not been put in escrow that should have been, the agreement requires these payments without interest over the next 15 years out of future revenue, starting sometime between Oct. 1 and April 15, 1987: Louisiana, \$84 million; Texas, \$134 million; California, \$289 million; Alabama, \$7 million; Alaska, \$134 million; Mississippi, \$2 million and Florida, nothing.

The schedule calls for 3 percent of the amount annually for the first five years, 7 percent annually for the second five years and 10 percent annually for the final five years.

An Interior Department source, who spoke on condition that he not be identified, said the department believed this formula, compared with what the seven states were pressing for, would save the federal government \$50 million in the immediate distribution of escrow funds and \$125 million in future payments through 1991.

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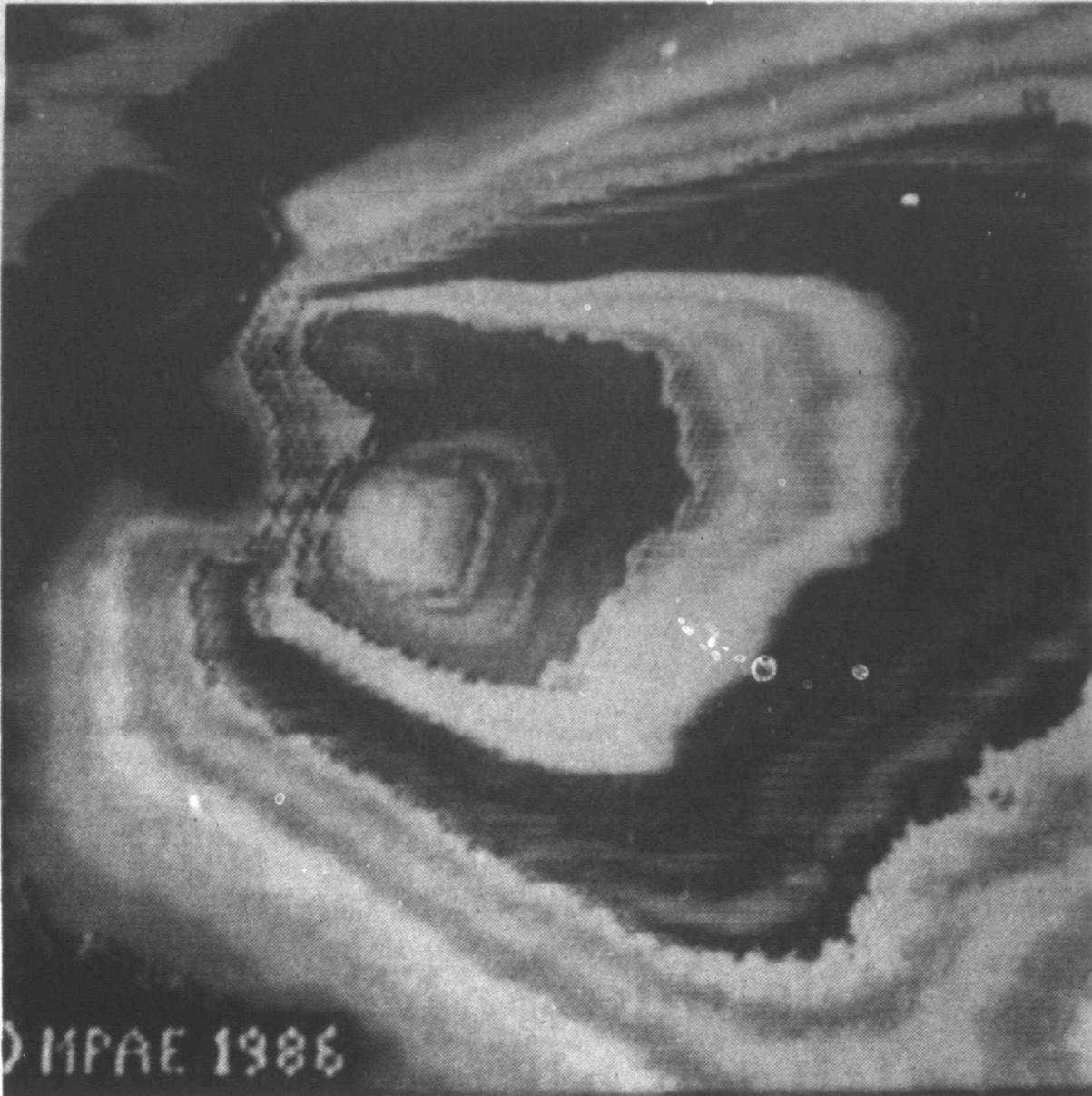
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HALLEY'S COMET — Picture taken from TV screen showing closest encounter of Europe's Giotto spacecraft with Halley's comet before the picture signal died. This last picture was sent from about 1,500 kilometers from the nucleus of the famed comet.

European space probe Giotto blinded by Halley's comet

DARMSTADT, West Germany (AP) — The European spacecraft Giotto today beamed back the closest pictures ever taken of Halley's comet showing an egg-shaped iceberg surrounded by dust and gas, but the probe was blinded seconds before making its nearest pass.

"The signal was lost due to heavy impact of dust. But we consider the mission a complete success," said European Space Agency director general Reimar Lust.

Giotto had been traveling at 50 times the speed of a bullet, or 155,000 miles per hour, when it hit a "wall of dust the size of grains of sand," said Peter Wenzel, head of the agency's solar and atmospheric division.

After a 25-minute blackout, the probe began transmitting data again, but there were no more pictures, he said.

The craft's monitors had told mission controllers dust particles were bombarding it 120 times a second two minutes before the signal was lost, Wenzel said.

Until then, the craft was transmitting pictures every four seconds and had beamed back more than 3,000 before blacking

out. Giotto's signal was lost when it was 415 miles from Halley's nucleus, at 1:10 a.m. (7:10 EST), said Roger Bonnet, the space agency's director of scientific programs.

Despite a loss of data, scientists believe that two seconds later Giotto passed the comet at a distance of 335 miles.

The craft's last photographs were flashed on West German television and showed an egg-shaped comet with a bright white center, surrounded by green, violet and red circles representing different layers of dust and ions.

As the signal died, the photos suddenly flickered, then blacked out, but Bonnet said it did not affect 10 experiments the craft was performing on the dust layers surrounding the comet's nucleus.

"All the experiments performed beautifully. We have achieved a fantastic series of results," he said.

Horst Keller, the West German professor who participated in designing the craft's multi-color camera, said Giotto was less than 620 miles away from the nucleus when the last photograph was re-

ceived. David Dale, the project manager, said the craft started rotating dramatically in the last two minutes before the signal was lost.

Giotto's pictures indicated Halley's nucleus is made up of a hard interior and an outer cocoon of dust, Keller said. Taken together, the nucleus and the dust cocoon were about 6.82 miles long and perhaps 3.1 miles wide, he said.

Fred Whipple, the American scientist from Boston said Giotto's data supported his theory that the comet's nucleus was basically a large "dirty snowball."

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One hostage is believed dead, tape of three others released

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A mediator indicated that two days of secret talks in Beirut led him to believe a Frenchman held captive there has died, and a British television network said today it received film of three other hostages.

Visnews, the British television network, said that a statement accompanying the black-and-white video tape of the three hostages warned France that time was running out to accept the captors' demands.

Razah Raad, a Lebanese-born French heart specialist, arrived in Damascus on Thursday after negotiating for the release of the Frenchmen in secret meetings with their Shiite Moslem abductors.

Raad, 43, said he will leave for France today to brief the government on the outcome of his mission.

In an interview published today in Beirut's independent an-Nahar newspaper Raad was quoted as saying he would return to Beirut after France's National Assembly elections Sunday in which he is a candidate.

"A deal on releasing Marcel Carton, Marcel Fontaine and Jean-Paul Kauffmann will be wrapped up after the French elections. I shall return to Beirut after Sunday, March 16, to resume my mission," Raad was quoted as saying.

"I am optimistic. We have made long strides on the course of freeing the hostages," Raad was

quoted as saying. Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, a Shiite group believed to have ties to Iran, said last week that it killed hostage 37-year-old French researcher Michel Seurat, and on Monday it released photographs that it said proved its claim.

London-based Visnews Ltd. said its Beirut bureau had received a tape purportedly showing the other three hostages — diplomats Fontaine and Carton, and journalist Kauffmann.

The hostages spoke in French, sending messages to their families and appealing to the French government to secure their release, said Visnews. It said it was distributing the film and an accompanying statement to its subscribers.

Islamic Jihad says it is not holding a four-man French television crew that disappeared in a Shiite section of Beirut last

Saturday. Raad, the only man with whom the pro-Iranian kidnappers say they will negotiate, began his latest independent mission Sunday. He has been to Lebanon several times before, trying to win the release of the four.

Islamic Jihad claims to have kidnapped six Americans missing in Lebanon. They are diplomat William Buckley; the Rev. Lawrence Jenco, a Roman Catholic priest; Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press; Peter Kilburn, librarian at the American University of Beirut; David Jacobsen, director of the university hospital; and Thomas Sutherland, dean of agriculture at the university.

Last October, Islamic Jihad said it killed Buckley and released photographs that it claimed showed his body. However, no body was ever found.

Wholesale prices drop with oil slump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Collapsing world oil prices helped push down wholesale prices in February by 1.6 percent, the largest monthly decline since the government began keeping track of the figures in 1947, the Labor Department reported today.

The drop in the Producer Price Index followed a 0.7 percent decline in January, after it had climbed sharply in the last three months of 1985.

The decline was largely due to

plummeting prices for gasoline and other petroleum products. However, food prices also showed sharp declines.

Gasoline prices fell 11.1 percent, after a 5.7 percent decline in January. Home heating oil dropped 26.2 percent, after falling 10.8 percent in January. These declines were also the largest recorded in the department's 39-year history of keeping track of producer prices.

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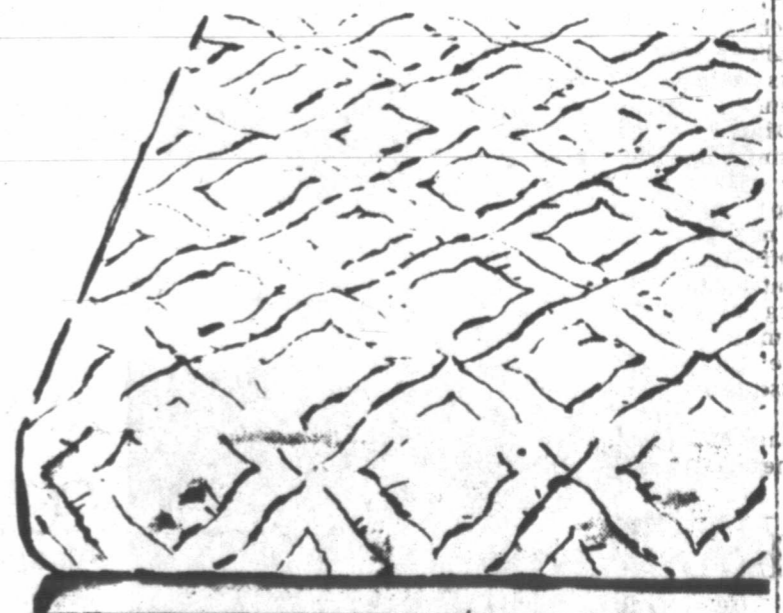
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PALACE OPEN HOUSE — Manila residents gather at the sentry gate of Malacanang Palace in an effort to gain entry during its formal opening Friday. Residents from Manila's depressed areas were given priority to tour the palace Friday.

U.S. grand juries probing possible payments to Marcos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two federal grand juries are examining whether former leaders of the Philippines government illegally pocketed millions of dollars, including whether deposed President Ferdinand Marcos indirectly received tens of millions of dollars from the Westinghouse Electric Corp.

On Thursday, a federal law enforcement source confirmed that a grand jury in Pittsburgh is investigating whether Marcos got most of \$80 million that may have been paid to one of his close associates by Westinghouse.

That probe involves the company's successful attempt to win a \$600 million contract to build the first nuclear reactor in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, Gen. Fabian C. Ver, former chief of the Philippines armed forces, was served with a subpoena in an investigation by a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., of possible kickbacks involving more than \$100 million in U.S. military aid.

Robert Sims, the Pentagon's chief spokesman, said the subpoena was served on Ver at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii, where Marcos and his family and associates have lived since fleeing their homeland.

The Virginia probe involves contracts awarded to American companies that retained Filipino agents close to the Marcos government to perform a variety of services. The grand jury is trying to determine whether any of the money paid to the agents was shared with Philippines officials, including Ver.

In the Pittsburgh investigation, Westinghouse has denied any wrongdoing, reiterating comments it made a decade ago when an earlier probe was closed for lack of evidence.

In the first investigation, company officials told the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission that Westinghouse paid a standard business commission to Herminio T. Disini.

Disini at the time was a businessman and Marcos associate. Westinghouse wanted his help in obtaining the contract for the nuclear reactor project.

Officials in the Justice Department and the SEC were pursuing allegations that the Marcos government got a substantial fee to give the contract to Westinghouse instead of General Electric Co.

Last Friday, the New York Times quoted unidentified Filip-

ino lawyers, bankers and government officials as saying that \$80 million went to Disini and that the bulk of that later was turned over to Marcos.

Marcos signed a letter of intent in 1974 that Westinghouse would build the power plant. The \$600 million price tag has since ballooned to \$2.1 billion and construction continues.

"We have acknowledged that we paid commissions to two firms for assistance in obtaining and implementing the contract," Westinghouse spokesman Robert Henderson said in a statement Thursday. "Mr. Disini is a principal in one of the firms."

Westinghouse refused to disclose the amount of the commissions.

In an unrelated development on Capitol Hill, Philippines officials held a news conference to release a videotape of a lavish New York City party hosted by Imelda Marcos, which they said was typical of her opulent life style.

Cecil Guidote-Alvarez of the Ninoy Aquino Movement, named for the late Filipino opposition leader and husband of President Corazon Aquino, said the tape would be turned over to the House Foreign Affairs Pacific subcommittee, headed by Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y.

Solarz's panel is investigating Marcos's holdings, and U.S. officials have promised to give him 1,500 pages of documents relating to Marcos's financial dealings.

Heads of Catholic universities blast proposed Vatican rules

NEW YORK (AP) — Heads of U.S. Catholic colleges and universities are protesting a Vatican proposal to ensure the schools' "Catholic character" as being contrary to academic freedom and other American values.

Imposition of the proposals would force some of the nation's 235 Catholic institutions of higher education to close and "jeopardize continuance of the rest," according to a joint statement to the Vatican obtained by The Associated Press.

Such measures also could drive theologians from Catholic institutions and cost the schools federal and state student aid and even accreditation needed to grant recognized academic credits or degrees, the educators warned.

At issue is the "external ecclesiastical control" proposed last year by the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education in an effort to ensure the schools' "Catholic character."

The "norms" proposed would require teachers to have "doctrinal integrity and uprightness of life" or be dismissed. Local bishops would be given power over hiring or firing teachers of theology and related disciplines.

The Vatican office, headed by an American, Cardinal William Baum, had requested reactions from bishops and educators around the world.

A compendium of responses from presidents of 110 U.S. Catholic institutions, sent to the Vatican by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Washington, D.C., called the proposals unworkable in America.

Sister Alice Gallin, the association's executive director, also sent the organization's reaction, saying the proposals "would be disastrous for colleges and universities of our country."

"The very life of our colleges and universities ... is one of academic freedom and self-regulation by the academic community," she wrote.

"Any attempt to subvert this

independence would result in the diminishment of their influence on the total higher education community and, ultimately, in their being excluded from the community of teachers and scholars," she wrote.

Brother Patrick Ellis, head of La Salle College in Philadelphia and president of the association, voiced optimism that the American objections would bring major revisions in the document, or dropping of it.

The way it now reads, Ellis said, it "looked as if the boom was being lowered." Its empowering of an "authority off campus" would be a "freedom-denying thing" for independent, Catholic institutions, he said.

Sister Gallin said nearly all the U.S. Catholic higher educational

schools, mostly founded by religious orders, have never been under control of outside bishops.

One exception is the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., a pontifical institution under control of the bishops. There, a moral theologian, the Rev. Charles E. Curran, has come under a Vatican ultimatum to retract his views supporting birth control or lose his status as a Catholic theologian.

The school presidents, in their joint response, said U.S. Catholic colleges generally are state-chartered and run by independent boards of trustees.

"A college or university cannot relinquish such basic characteristics without losing its status in American civil and constitutional law."

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GOP chairwoman looks back on 20 years in Democratic stronghold in Erath County

By KEN CHAMBERS
Stephenville Empire-Tribune

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Vicki Ochojski has been a Republican County Chairwoman a long time — longer than any other woman in Texas — but not long enough to see a local Republican elected to office.

In fact, no one ran for a local office on the Republican ticket in Erath County during her 20 years as chairman.

"There was one man who wanted to run in the Republican primary for county commissioner," she said. "I was extremely excited that someone had the courage to come out."

The would-be candidate reached a decision that is all too familiar to Mrs. Ochojski.

"He said, 'I wouldn't run on the Republican ticket because I couldn't win.' He ran as a Democrat and lost to two other candidates anyway."

The only Republican candidates who have ever filed with

Mrs. Ochojski filed this year to run for her job in the coming spring primary.

"I am delighted," she said in her English accent. "I have been trying to retire for several years."

Mrs. Ochojski became Erath County's first woman Republican county chairman soon after she moved with her husband from Fort Worth to a ranch in the rolling hills south of Stephenville in 1966.

Mrs. Ochojski, a native of Hastings, England, became interested in the Republican party while in court to become a U.S. citizen.

"The judge said, 'Remember, the man who gives you the most will also take the most from you,'" Mrs. Ochojski said.

"The Democrats here were always giving; so I figured they must take a lot. The Republicans weren't giving anything."

She was a member of the League of Women Voters and they recommended her for the

job. She ran unopposed.

"I was an eager beaver at first," she said. "But only 15 to 20 people would come to Republican functions. 'Why were these people not coming out and helping me?' I asked myself."

"Then I realized that economic reality prevented more participation," Mrs. Ochojski said. "They were afraid they would lose their jobs and businesses."

Trying to participate in Republican politics in Erath County was, and still is, "an absolute horror," she said.

"When I first started, a man who helped lost many business clients," she said. "Some Democrats would walk on the other side of the street. They wouldn't talk to me. I got (harassing) phone calls."

Dealing with a courthouse controlled by Democrats was a battle in the early years, Mrs. Ochojski said.

"They'd stick me out in the hall if I hadn't fought for it. Once they put my primary voting in the

courtroom on the second floor. Half of my (Republican) people were so old they couldn't make the stairs."

But the roll of underdog has "made me alert and kept me on my toes," Mrs. Ochojski said.

"I had to be right. The least little mistake and someone in the crowd would jump me. I kept up with the laws and issues. I had to."

There were compensations for the tough life of a Republican in Democratic country.

"I got in the front door and met a lot of lovely people," she said. "I campaigned for John Tower, and I was a 'Bush Belle' for George Bush. I got to know Bush well. I met (Richard) Nixon, too, and had breakfast with Gerald Ford at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas when he was president."

Mrs. Ochojski watched with great excitement as national Republican candidates began to get votes from the Democrats in Erath County.

"In the 1980 presidential race

we carried nearly all of the 20 boxes for President Reagan in the general election."

But that doesn't mean hundreds of Erath County Democrats have become Republicans.

"What they will do is vote in the Democratic primary and then switch over in the general election," she said. "To me they are not true Democrats."

Republican participation in local politics is low despite the success of state and national candidates, she said.

"We have about 125 Republicans that come out in the primaries to vote," she said. "That is

only about two percent of the registered voters in Erath County. I feel that is very poor."

She admits that many of her ambitions for the Republican party in Erath County have not come to pass.

"We had hoped to build up the precincts, going from grassroots support and building a foundation, and it has not happened," she said. "I am very disappointed that Erath County voters haven't come out in favor of the two-party system."

"A lot of people say: 'I am for you, but I can't vote for you.' I hate that."

Camera scans ocean floor in Pacific

By HELEN ALTONN
Honolulu Star-Bulletin

HONOLULU (AP) — Chimney stacks of crystallized minerals and a new type of marine animal have been discovered on the western Pacific floor by University of Hawaii researchers.

"The sulfide 'chimneys' and shells of a peculiar new deep-sea snail were photographed with an ocean-bottom camera system aboard the UH vessel Moana Wave."

The scientists also found a new type of plate boundary — where the edges of the Earth's plates meet and new crust is forming from basaltic lavas.

Brian Taylor, associate professor of geology and geophysics at the university's Hawaii Institute of Geophysics (HIG), led the six-week-long investigation. It began in Honiara in the Solomon Islands and ended in Ponape in the Caroline Islands.

"It was probably one of the most successful cruises the HIG has ever had," Taylor said in an interview. Good weather helped, he said. "We did 125 percent of

what we set out to do and everything worked."

The scientists used HIG's unique SeaMARC II mapping instrument to study the submarine geology of the Manus basin in the Bismarck Sea north of New Britain, off the northeast coast of Papua New Guinea.

They also looked at the sea floor by "literally flying a camera system three to five yards off the bottom," Taylor said.

Besides the HIG team, scientists aboard the ship were from Australia, New Guinea and the Committee for Coordination of Joint Prospecting for Mineral Resources in South Pacific Offshore Areas, based in Suva, Fiji.

They are "ecstatic" about the findings, Taylor said.

Chimneys with metals have been found near the Galapagos Islands and in other eastern Pacific areas, but those found by the Moana Wave are the first located in the western Pacific, he said.

The stacks are about 1 1/2 miles below the surface. This is "very shallow for this type of occur-

ence," which will be good for mining when the resources are needed, Taylor said.

He said some of the chimneys are 6 to 10 feet high and others are 20 to 30 feet. They occur where the Earth's crust is being split apart and new lavas are being formed, Taylor explained. As water erupts from the hot volcanic material and hits cold seawater, metals are thrown out and form sulfide minerals such as copper, lead and zinc.

"It is just like a chimney on a house," he said. "In that case, hot air is rising and as it hits the outside air, there is a column of smoke. Similarly, as the hot water comes out of the crust, it forms a plume of dense black fluid as the hot water hits the cold water."

Because of this, the formations have been dubbed "black smokers."

However, those in Taylor's photographs are no longer active. "There is no hot water coming out of them that we can see, but they were probably active within a few hundred to a thousand

years," he said, pointing out that this is recent in geologic times.

He said the sulfuriferous fluids attract "an abnormal abundance" of deep-sea life, such as crabs, rat-tail fish, horny coral, tube worms and other fauna similar to that found around hot water vents in the eastern Pacific.

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STILL WRITING — Even though she is 100-years-old, Margaret Moore has no plans to retire. She began her writing career at age nine and has been at it since. (AP Laserphoto)

100-year-old columnist has no plans to retire

By DAVID SEDENO
Associated Press Writer

PETTUS, Texas (AP) — Margaret Moore was 9 years old when she began writing about people and events in this South Texas community.

Ninety-one years later, she has no plans to quit.

"I never think of retiring," said the 100-year-old columnist for the Beeville Bee-Picayune. "I don't know any different kind of job. I don't know what people would do if they retire."

Mrs. Moore began writing in 1895 for the then-Beeville Picayune.

The publisher wanted Mrs. Moore's father, Henry Dahl, to write about events in Pettus, a new community 10 miles north of Beeville.

But Dahl, a German immigrant, could not write English very well. So he drafted his daughter.

In the first few years, she wrote about new people coming to the bustling town. She wrote about townspeople having visitors. She wrote about new businesses. She

wrote about newborns and deaths.

She would go with her father from home to home in a horse-and-buggy looking for stories. Sometimes the news came to her — people would visit their farmhouse, located a few miles from town.

"I just wrote about anything I wanted to, about people. That was the main thing," said Mrs. Moore, a frail white-haired woman with a spry humor.

"My daddy was a good storyteller. I don't mean he'd lie; he was just good at telling stories," she said. "He was educated in Germany and he talked and read English. He just couldn't write it."

Mrs. Moore said newspaper editors did most of the true writing in her early years. She said she enjoyed it and got better at it.

But at age 14, Mrs. Moore took a 23-year break from the newspaper business.

She went to college for four years, married Begley Moore and began teaching school and raising a family.

In 1923, she returned to Pettus

and continued to write about church and school activities and visitors in town.

In 1928, the Picayune merged with the Beeville Bee and Mrs. Moore continued writing, even though some townspeople got mad at some of the things she wrote, including the marital problems of one couple.

"People think newspaper work is easy work," she said. "It's not very easy work. There's always somebody ready to criticize you if it's not like they want it to be."

Mrs. Moore had other jobs, but she loved to write.

She used a car and a telephone to get her information and used thousands of sheets of paper and wore out two typewriters in writing the news. She started a column, "Flowers for the Living," which recognized people for their good deeds. She thought townspeople should have their name in the newspaper at least one other time other than their obituary.

Joyce Latcham, whose grand-

father hired Mrs. Moore, said that the elderly woman has a great personality.

"She's a woman who obviously likes people and likes to be with people. She likes to congratulate people," said Mrs. Latcham, whose family owns and operates the newspaper.

"There's still a place for a woman like her — with a variety of interests and a general interest in people," she said.

The newspaper is now published twice a week and Mrs. Moore's column, Pettus Potpourri, is published on Thursdays.

Mrs. Moore still writes about visitors, church and school events, and now, the declining population of Pettus, which today numbers about 400.

"People come and go. They move off ... get work somewhere else. I think I'm the only person who has lived here all this time," Mrs. Moore said.

Mrs. Moore's hearing is not too keen anymore and she gets around with the help of a walker.

Dollar movies offer no frills, just movies and eats

By STEVE KNICKMEYER
Dallas Times Herald

MESQUITE, Texas (AP) — A dollar may not go as far as it used to, but it'll still get you into the movies — if you'll settle for a dollar's worth of luxury.

A thriving example of today's no-frills movie houses is Big Town 9 in Mesquite, which compensates for nine small screens, Spartan trappings and older films with one irresistible attraction: All seats go for \$1. It is the largest dollar-movie operation in the Dallas-Fort Worth area with seating for more than 1,500.

Ronie James, a 41-year-old Tyler native and assistant manager of the operation owned by Texas Cinema Corp., says the cost of tickets for first-run movies is prohibitive for many customers, especially those who bring the whole family.

The lobby design follows the family theme. No elaborate chandeliers here. Instead, Bugs Bunny, the Pink Panther and several multicolored kites dangle from the ceiling. A few wooden benches are scattered about the uti-

litarian lobby. In a nearby room, pinball and video machines ping and whirl under flashing lights and a parachute canopy.

In the center of the lobby is the key to profits at the dollar movies: the concession stand. "Our goal is to average \$1 in concession sales for each customer," James says.

Here a small bag of popcorn costs as much as a ticket. A small drink is 75 cents. A popular special is the \$2.50 barrel of popcorn. Eat one and get a free refill. "We sell a lot of popcorn," says James. "We use about 10 50-pound bags of popcorn (kernels) a week."

Families may come here together, but generally they split up after the concession stand. Parents go to one movie; children, another. On a recent Thursday night the fare included one G-rated, four R-rated, four PG movies.

The crowd is diverse, racially mixed, ranging from infants to senior citizens. There are fewer couples, more families than at the standard first-run theater. If there's a common denominator,

it's the attire. Not a necktie or three-piece suit in sight. The jeans of the customers are older than the movies on the screens. Sweaters are decorated with holes, not alligators.

The individual theaters are small and plain. The largest (showing "Jagged Edge") seats 228; the smallest ("Teen Wolf"), 125. In the rear of theater No. 4 lies a metal ladder, used for changing letters on the marquee. Beside the ladder is a commodious trash barrel, complete with plastic liner.

Maintaining low overhead forces James to be a jack of all trades. On a typical day, he takes tickets, threads film into projectors, sweeps the floor, makes emergency repairs to the games — and fields complaints about sticky floors.

Most of the employees are students at Skyline High School. John Foreman threads film into projectors; Tammy Johnston changes the marquee; and Terri Franklin works the concession stand, while her twin, Sherri, sells tickets.

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Church to hear university leader

John Stevens, chancellor of Abilene Christian University, will be the guest speaker at the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Sunday, March 16, has been designated as Christian Education Sunday in the Panhandle.

Stevens began his career as a professor of history at ACU in 1948 and served in that capacity until 1956, when he began 13 years of service as assistant to the president of ACU.

In 1969 he was appointed as president and served in that office until 1981, when he was elevated to the office of chancellor at the university.

Stevens has served as president of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities and is a former member of the Abilene City Council. He was named Abilene's Citizen of the Year in 1981.

Assembly plans ground breaking

The congregation of Lamar Full Gospel Assembly will break ground for new church facilities at Harvester and Lynn in a special ceremony at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Rev. Gene Allen, pastor, said the construction will cost \$1.2 million.

Contractor H. W. Roper of Little Rock, Ark., said the construction should begin about April 15.

The first phase will include the sanctuary and two educational buildings. The second phase will include a family life center.

The Lamar Full Gospel Assembly is now located at 1200 S. Sumner. Rev. and Mrs. Allen have pastored at the church since 1970.

St. Mark's plans prayer breakfast

St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 406 Elm, will have a prayer breakfast and Bible study Saturday morning.

Pastor H. R. Johnson said the free breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 9:45 a.m., with the Bible study conducted from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The breakfast will have bacon and eggs or sausage and pancakes.

Johnson said the public is invited to attend.

Hi-Land Pentecostal to hear gospel group

Gospel singing group The Coopers of Wetumka, Okla., will be in service at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at Hi-Land Pentecostal Church, 18th and Banks.

Pastor Cecil Ferguson said The Coopers sing "old time gospel" as well as contemporary gospel music.

The group consists of Sam Cooper, Jerry Cooper, Alan Baker and Danny Kaye.

Pastor Ferguson invited the public to attend the special service.

First Love to sing for Lefors Baptists

LEFORS - First Love, a youth group from First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Mo., will present a concert at the Lefors First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The group also will lead in the worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Pastor Conn Davis invited the public to attend the concert and the services.

Religion Roundup

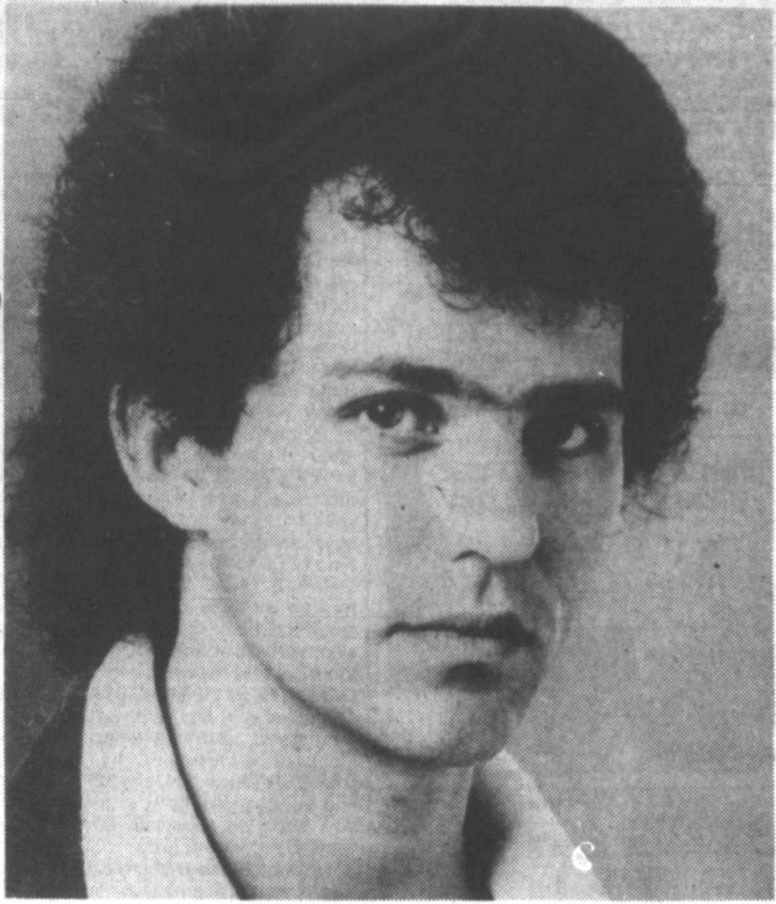
KIBBUTZ GINNOSAR, Israel (AP) - A fishing boat believed to be from the period when Jesus traveled with his apostles on the Sea of Galilee has been found buried in the mud near the shore, an archaeologist says.

Farmers at this kibbutz (communal farm) on the northwestern shore of what is now called Lake Kinneret found the 10-yards-long, wooden boat about a yard under the seabed when they were trying to dig out a tractor stuck in the mud.

It is "probably of the Roman era" and "one of the fisherman boats used" during the period when Jesus ministered on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, says Avner Raban, a marine archaeologist at Haifa University.

The New Testament recounts several incidents when Jesus and his apostles, some of whom were fishermen, were in a boat on the sea, once miraculously quieting a storm when they feared for their lives.

Raban says the boat's shape and size suggest it was from the Roman era when Jesus preached in the area and that "it is possible that it might have been used by Jesus."



DANIEL CONSIGLIO

Liturgical composer Consiglio to give concert at St. Vincent's

Daniel Consiglio, NALR liturgical composer, will be performing in concert at St. Vincent's Parish at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

Admission is free, but a love offering will be accepted.

Consiglio is the composer of two collections of liturgical music, *Lord of Field and Vine* (1983) and *The Message Goes Forth*. Both collections capture his style of liturgical music: combining traditional texts with contemporary music styles.

Born and raised in the Chicago area, Consiglio's first inspiration to music was the folk era of the 1960s, especially the early folk masses which he began participating in at the age of 10. He moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1979 and was music director for St. Jerome's Parish there for three years.

Presently he is music consultant for St. Timothy's Parish in Mesa, Ariz. He has spent the last three years performing concerts and workshops at parishes across the United States.

He also will be performing at the fifth annual Amarillo Diocesan Youth Convention on Saturday and Sunday, March 22-23. That Saturday he will be giving three workshops on "Seeing, Hearing and Feeling—Liturgical Music and Song." The next day he will give an hour concert of liturgical information.

While in high school, Consiglio had already begun performing

solo spots in various coffeehouses. Through seminary high school and his two years of seminary college, he dabbled in many different styles of music—from working with a gospel choir for two years in Illinois to studying classical guitar and opera at a conservatory in Los Angeles.

But, he says, his main influence has always been rock and blues.

While in Phoenix he was also busy with studio work, teaching and performing at local clubs.

His first album, *Lord of Field and Vine*, is a collection of 11 songs for choir, congregational or meditative use, mainly appealing to the young adult.

His second collection, *The Message Goes Forth*, contains 11 songs which capture Consiglio's unique style of liturgical music, combining traditional texts with contemporary music styles.

Regarding his songwriting ability, Consiglio says it began "naturally... it just happened." He wrote mainly for the liturgy at first, but after awhile he began to stretch out into other areas as well.

"I began writing for the liturgy out of necessity, songs for the people of the congregation, music that I hoped would speak to and for them," he said. "I would like people to discover something new in themselves through my music, as well as learn something new about God."

For more information, contact Roxanne Willis at 665-8933.

Religion Roundup

CHICAGO (AP)—A group of Chicago Catholic women have called for a campaign of prayer and fasting for nuns under Vatican threat of dismissal from their orders until all of them have been cleared.

The move came with publication Sunday of a New York Times

advertisement signed by more than 1,000 Catholics expressing solidarity with the nuns who had signed an earlier ad on Oct. 7, 1984, resulting in their problem.

That ad said that condemnation of all abortions is not the only "legitimate Catholic position," and urged open dialogue on the

issue. The Vatican ordered the nuns to recant or be dismissed.

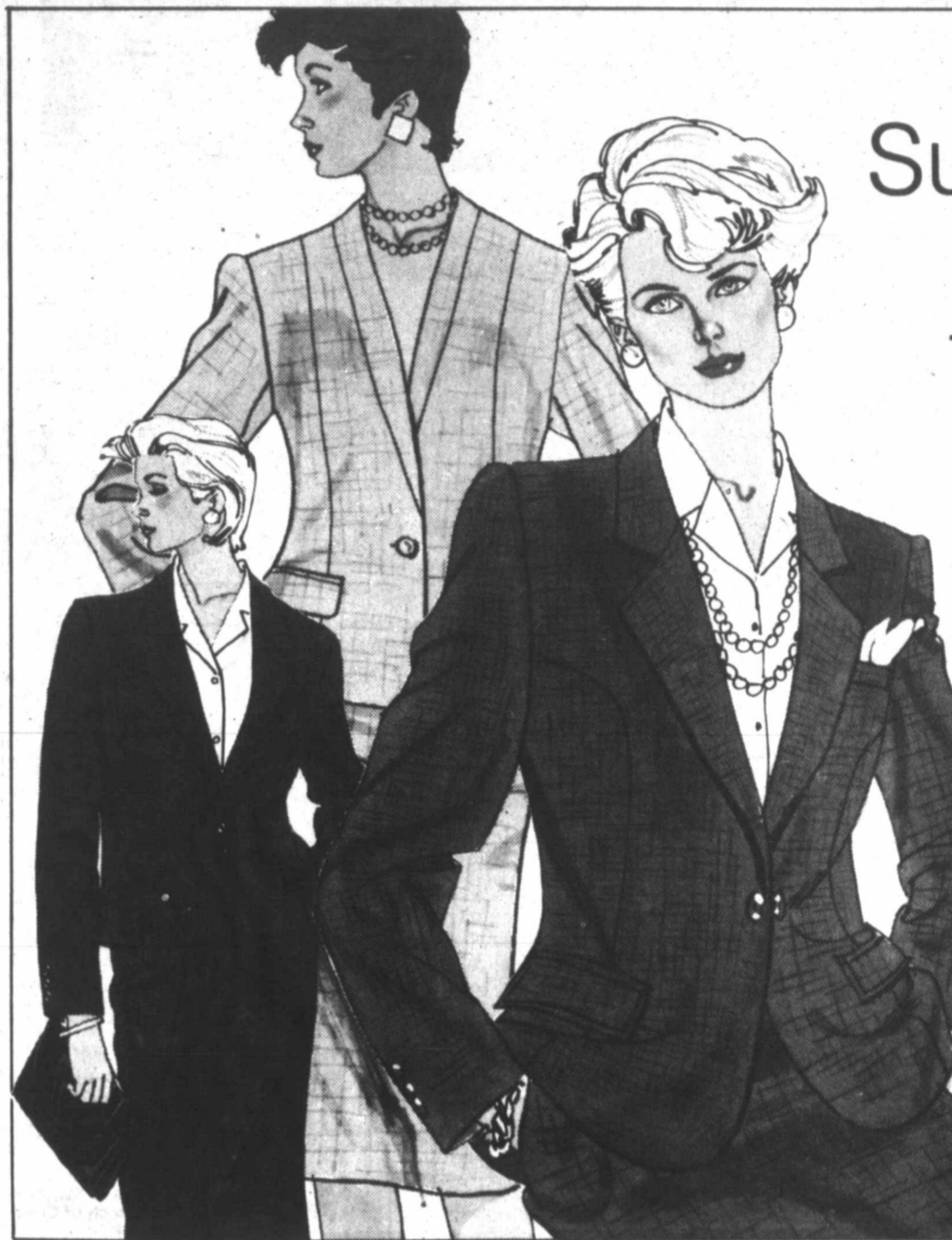
An organizing committee of the prayer-fasting drive says it is backed by the National Coalition of American Nuns and Chicago Catholic women, with many women committing themselves to one meal a day, and twice-

daily prayer.

"Our sisters are under great stress," says the committee led by Sisters Maureen Gallagher and Connie Driscoll. "We cannot stand by and watch them endure mental, emotional and spiritual battering."

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- 5 Poultry
- 9 Intersection sign
- 11 Red Sea country
- 12 Groom
- 13 Not uttered
- 15 Tree
- 16 Piercing tool
- 18 New Deal project (abbr.)
- 19 Caviar
- 20 Social gathering
- 21 Snake-like fish
- 22 Hole in a mold
- 25 Old
- 28 Time zone (abbr.)
- 30 Over (poet.)
- 31 Pasture sound
- 32 Four quarts (abbr.)
- 33 Paint the town
- 37 Rest
- 41 Mimic
- 42 Shoe part
- 44 Chemical suffix
- 45 1055, Roman
- 46 Doctrine
- 47 Man's nickname
- 48 Comfort
- 51 In the preceding month
- 54 Pennypincher
- 55 Biblical mountain
- 56 Concert
- 57 Diminutive suffix

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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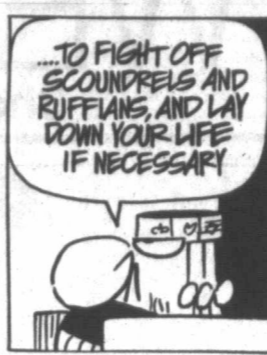
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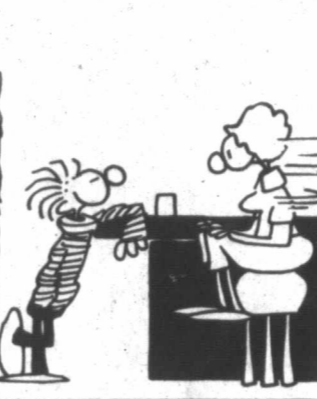
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

March 15, 1986

More travel for pleasure may be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Your trips will be memorable experiences and you'll make lots of new friends.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your greatest asset today is your ability to think fast. You'll be able to make beneficial moves while others are still sifting through the facts. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, Box 1846, Cincinnati, OH 45201. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This could turn out to be a very profitable day for you. You may not be aware of things now stirring behind the scenes until it's time to go to the bank.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll be treated with the consideration and respect to which you're entitled by people who have clout and influence. Deal with the big shots today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An important objective will be achieved today. Although you will derive the greatest benefits it will be carried out by others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your ideas and suggestions have extra impact today. You'll be especially effective if you have to impress a group.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In a joint venture where something of material value is at stake, it's going to be up to you to be the prime mover. You'll make it succeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Harmony will be restored in a valued relationship that has been rather rocky lately. Previous disagreements will be resolved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If a successful friend comes to you with an investment proposal today, be sure to hear him out. What's offered could be a winner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are far more popular than you may realize. Today a close friend will tell you some of the nice things others are saying about you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This can be an extremely productive day for you if you apply yourself. Work you've been brushing aside can now be completed to your satisfaction.

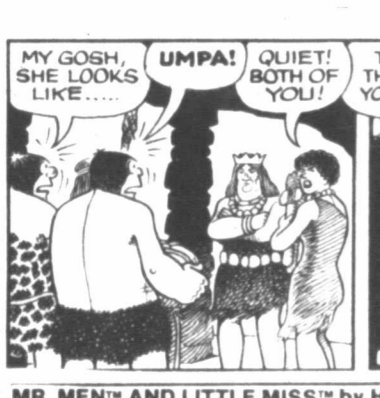
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It will be difficult for you to avoid the spotlight today — and you shouldn't. Regardless of what you do, you'll attract favorable attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Lady Luck tends to favor you today, especially in situations that could contribute to your material security. Make hay while the sun shines.

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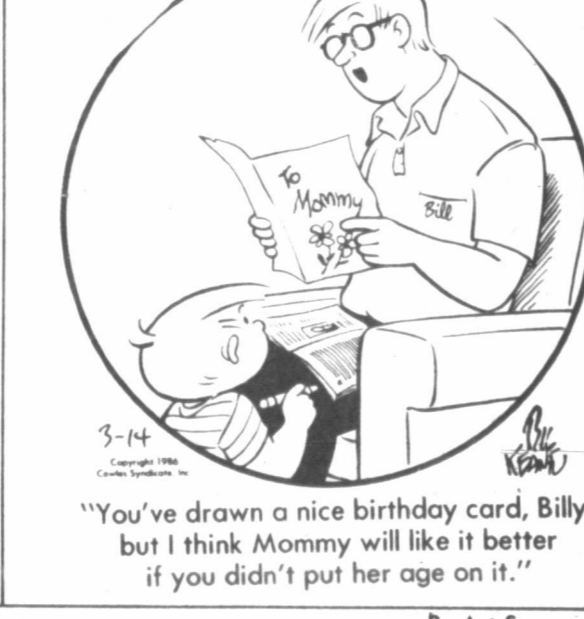
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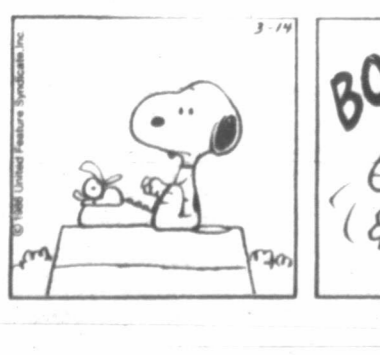
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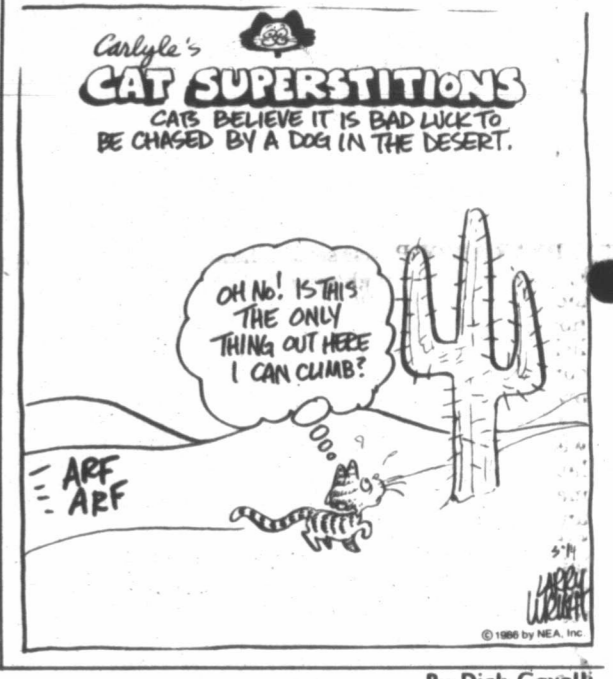
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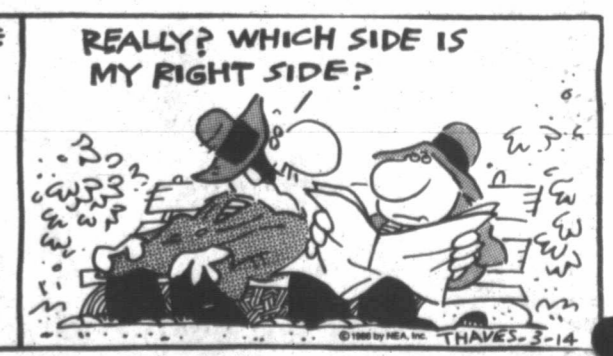
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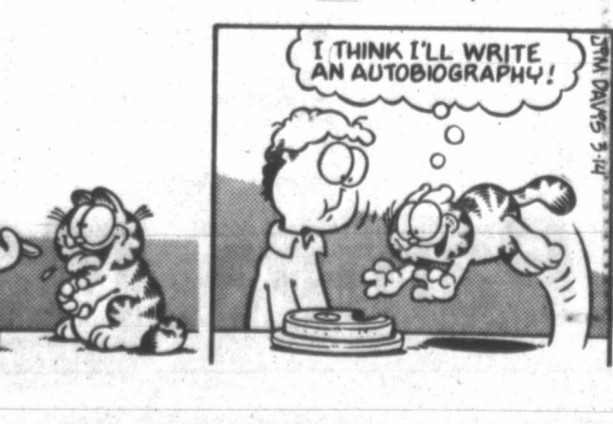
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LIFESTYLES



Dear Abby

Jewels will stay in family if handed down to daughters

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This is for "Distressed," whose son and daughter-in-law, after a three-year marriage, are working out a "friendly divorce." Meanwhile, the daughter-in-law has not returned the diamond engagement ring—a family heirloom.

With approximately half the marriages ending in divorce, may I suggest we revive the old tradition of handing down significant pieces of jewelry to daughters only. This will ensure that heirloom pieces remain in the family.

My husband and I have one daughter and two sons. All heirloom jewelry will be given to our daughter. When our sons marry, their wives will be given new pieces, equal in value to the heirloom pieces.

This may be no consolation to "Distressed," but it may help other families with sentimental heirlooms to keep them in the family.

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DEAR FIFTH: Heirloom jewelry should be given to whomever the giver wishes to give it, and the recipient should be free to give it to whomever he or she wishes to have it. Not all heirs have the same sentimental feelings about grandmother's pearls when they come with strings attached.

A son is as much entitled to grandfather's watch as his sister, and he'd find it more useful. And if there are no daughters in the family, then what?

DEAR ABBY: What would you give a man who has everything?
FREDA

DEAR FREDA: An audit.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle a family dispute. Our daughter, a professional woman of 30, shares our house. It works out well, as she helps my wife around the house some, but mainly we each have our own quarters.

She pays room and board of \$75 a week, which includes everything—laundry and ironing done, etc. She makes over \$20,000 a year. She has an MG car (paid for), and has about \$15,000 in funds. She recently was laid off work and has run out of unemployment compensation. She feels we should not charge her any

money at this time. We feel that if she were living in an apartment building, she would pay much more. She could use some of her savings. We do not need the money, but she needs to know responsibility. Maybe we should cut it in half?

The atmosphere here has grown very chilly—and I am not talking about the climate. What should we do? Thanks.

OLD-FASHIONED DAD

DEAR DAD: If she were my daughter, I'd say she has already learned responsibility and doesn't need the lesson. But she's yours, not mine, so compromise, and cut the cost in half.

DEAR ABBY: Please print this letter to let the public know that they should never, never watch a person welding metal. I never realized the danger to your eyes. I was looking out my kitchen window at a worker about 30 feet away, for just a short time, and I burned my eyes badly.

It didn't start to hurt until three or four hours later. At first I thought I had something in my eye. During the night it got progressively worse—itching, pain, swelling of the eyelids and watering. I could not see clearly; everything was fuzzy. When I finally fell asleep, my eyelids got stuck together, and three times I had to get up and wash them and put eye drops in to be able to open them again.

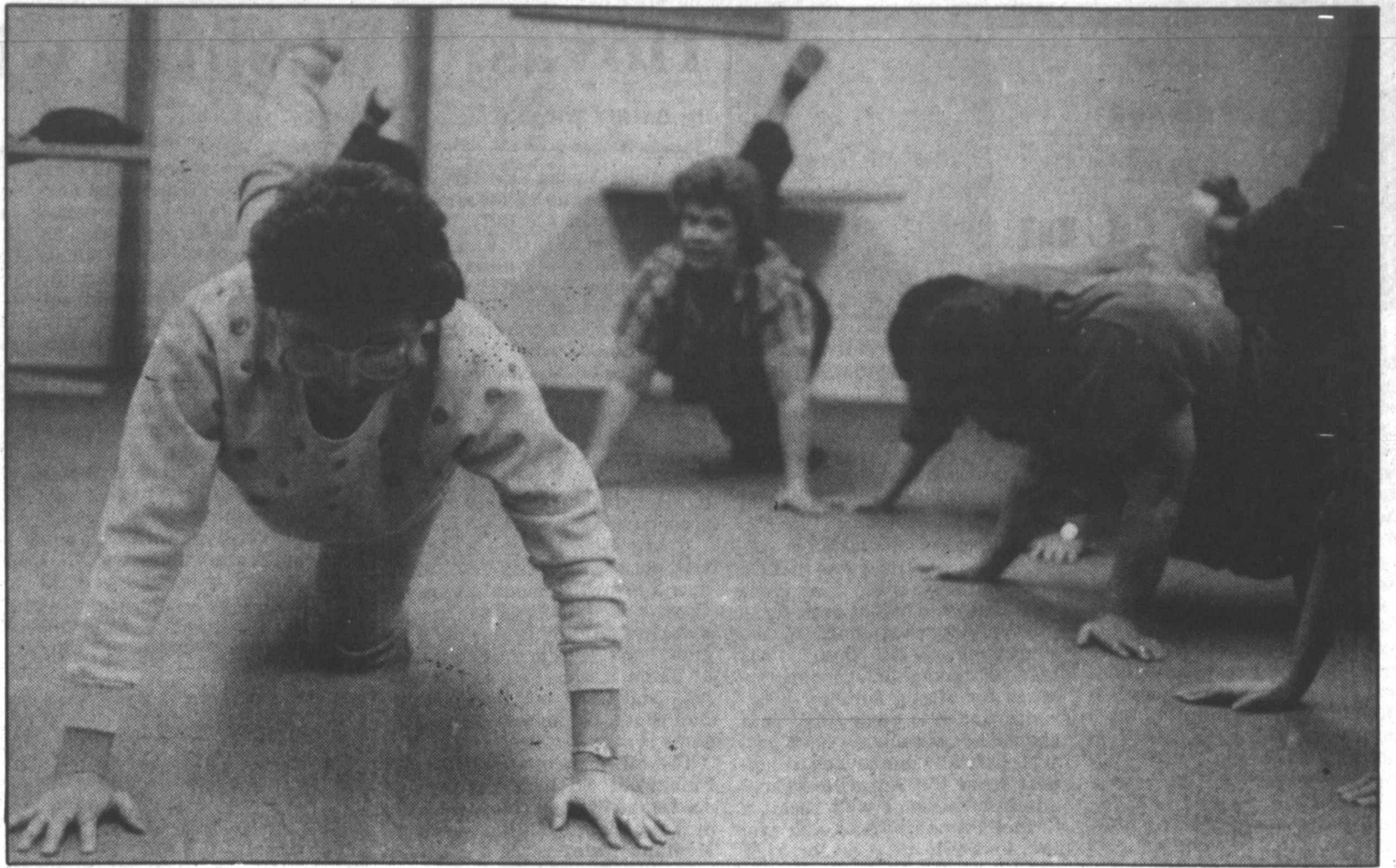
I still wasn't sure what had caused all this until I called the welder to ask if that could be the problem. He said it was.

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LIFT FOR FIT— Donna Brauchi, home economist with the Gray County Extension Service, leads a group of McLean women in a simple leg exercise. Brauchi, who is leading a

"Fit for Life" course there, hopes the program will prove successful enough to branch out into other communities. (Photo by Cathy Spaulding)

'Fit for life' program adds up

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

MCLEAN — It's arithmetic time at the Lovett Memorial Library. The lesson: Proper diet plus ample exercise and positive attitude equals being Fit for Life.

Gray County Home Economist Donna Brauchi is teaching McLean residents this equation as she conducts two 12-week exercise, nutrition advice and motivation sessions called Fit for Life. The sessions are sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

At each session, Brauchi meets with 10 to 20 women to discuss how they can cut calories in their diet, to squeeze some exercise into their busy daily schedules, to build wardrobes that compliment their features and to generally help them feel better about themselves. Each session consists of an exchange of ideas, opinions and feelings between Brauchi and her audience, a glimpse at Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service hand-outs and a series of simple body-building exercises.

"And each week the women set goals for themselves," Brauchi said.

This week, the women's goal was to see where they can slip low calorie substitutes into their diets and to look for ways to build activity into their days.

"The other day I was running the dishwasher in school so I ran in place and one person looked at me and said I had ants in my pants," one woman at the Monday session told Brauchi.

Another woman reported: "I practice sitting exercises playing with my grandchild."

Next week the women are to see how they can build their wardrobes with garments that can compliment their figures.

"Most of our sessions deal with nutrition," Brauchi said.

The session Monday, however, focused on improving their self concept.

"There are certain parts of our bodies that we can't change: our bone structure, our basic body shape," Brauchi told the women. "Some of us have heavy calves, ample bosoms."

Brauchi mentioned several books on the market geared to improving self concept: Dennis Waitley's *Seeds of Greatness* and several works by lecturer Leo Busgalia.

She asked the women to think

"Feeling is the hardest thing in the world to put into words."
Jack London

about their best friends — what qualities do they have.

"There are many things you can name about a person, but what it all boils down to is their personality," one woman answered.

"People who are my favorite people make me feel good about myself," Brauchi replied. "Friends fill your bucket, make you feel good."

The topic switched from building self esteem to building a wardrobe as Brauchi gave tips about how to minimize figure defects through color, line and texture.

Bright and light colors enlarge while dull or dark colors make a figure appear smaller.

The place where different colors meet draws attention to where the change occurs.

Line placement can be used

to accent a certain area or detract from others.

Smooth fabrics that absorb light can make the figure appear smaller than bulky or fuzzy fabrics.

After the exchange of wardrobe ideas, the women stacked away their chairs and lined up on the floor as Brauchi led them in exercises.

Brauchi picked McLean as the site of her sessions because Coronado Community Hospital is conducting a similar program in Pampa.

"This was an experimental thing," she said, expressing hopes of offering the sessions in Lefors and Pampa.

And while the program has caught the eye of McLean women, it is not female oriented. "The program works for both

men and women, even the exercises," Brauchi said.

In the ninth week of the course, Brauchi sees the fruits of her labors.

"Seems like it has increased awareness in basic nutrition," she observed. "We're trying to curb some of the misinformation that has been going around."

The participants confirm the program's benefits.

"I really do feel better," Mary Powell said. "I've been trying to do the exercises every day. If it's too cold to walk, I do some exercises inside. I really do feel better."

Even Brauchi admitted she's been helped by the program.

"It's encouraging to see these older women work and seeing what good shape they're in," she added.

Gena on Genealogy

By GENA WALLS

Are you "wearing the green" as St. Patrick's Day approaches? If you have Irish ancestors and have not checked the publications for Passenger Immigrations in recent months you might be surprised at the wealth of records that are now available.

Many people coming from Ireland were not Irish and care should be taken before assuming the parent country of our ancestors. Englishmen dissatisfied with the mother country moved first to Ireland, but finding limited growth potential and hearing rumors of the "new world" decided to come to America.

The potato famine brought thousands of people to this country who were searching for a dream and who eventually made their dreams into reality.

If you have proven Irish ancestors, you might consider a trip to

Ireland with one of the National Genealogical Society's preparing chartered trips. Another possibility is to notify the society and ask if they would have anyone willing to do research to contact you. Be sure to establish fees and total cost before agreeing to any form of research.

The book by Margaret D. Falley, *Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestral Research* might be a place for you to start. Write the Genealogical Publishing Company, 111 Water Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202, for the current price and for a current catalog.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) has a varied collection of micro-filmed records of Ireland and can be ordered the same as other film for use in the local facility having a genealogical department. Plan on three to six weeks between ordering the film and receiving your order.

Library club plans book sale

It's nearing time for the Friends of the Library's annual used book sale, so those used books can be put to good use.

The friends are asking people to donate their used books to their annual sale, held to raise proceeds to benefit the patrons of Lovett Memorial Library.

The book sale dates are being extended this year, scheduled for May 2 through May 6.

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DISPUTES BOOKS' METHODOLOGY — Carolyn Robinson, mayor of Pine Bluff, Ark., stands near her office at the Pine Bluff Civic Center. She didn't like Rand McNally's "Places Rated" which placed her city 328th out of 329 in terms of desirability as a place to live. Criteria and methodology used in the book do not consider what people are looking for when they locate in Pine Bluff, Ms. Robinson says. (AP Laserphoto)

Life after 'Places Rated'

By **BILL SIMMONS**
 Associated Press Writer

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — "I can talk about my child," says Mayor Carolyn Robinson, speaking analogously of her city. "But I don't like anyone else talking about my child."

She didn't like Rand McNally's "Places Rated," which in 1985 rated 329 cities and ranked Pine

Bluff 328th, one better than Yuba City, Calif. Pittsburgh, Pa., was No. 1.

"It has really been a downer to put Pine Bluff down when the criteria and methodology used just does not consider what people are looking for when they locate in Pine Bluff," she said. "And I don't think there's anything we can do to change their mind about the methodology that

says Pine Bluff isn't a very good place to live."

In public relations at Rand McNally, Joyce Hodel greets the stir by referring to other reactions: "People from Yuba City called up and said, 'Hey, you guys are right in some respects,' and it was an opportunity for them to get all kinds of wonderful publicity and tell everyone of their fair city. People from Pittsburgh will tell us we're crazy and others tell us, 'Hey, you're right, this is a great city.'"

Mayor Robinson said she's willing to sue for the city if any future edition subjects Pine Bluff to such scorn. She is evasive about you prove a city has been compensably damaged. Some city leaders think the city was damaged and they formed Pine Bluff 2000 to combat the city's image after "Places Rated" came out.

Ms. Hodel said another edition is planned in a few years. The firm is not particularly worried about being sued, she said. Litigation would be "like biting the bearer of bad news."

Mrs. Robinson and Pine Bluffians complain vigorously about the rating methodology. The criteria were tilted in favor of large urban areas, she said. Her city has about 60,000 people.

"Places Rated" evaluated cities on climate, housing, health, crime, transportation, education, the arts, recreation, economic outlook.

"Does Philadelphia or New York have hunting and fishing right at hand, you know, within a few short blocks?" the mayor asks. The rating didn't evaluate proximity to hunting and fishing, she said, but that is one of Pine Bluff's assets.

"We just have a different lifestyle here and who's to say that our lifestyle is not as appealing as the lifestyle in New York? It's according to what you want," Mayor Robinson said.

Pine Bluff lacks symphonies and professional sports teams, which "Places Rated" considered.

Where do hunting and fishing fit into ratings? Ms. Hodel: "Imagine they would fit in to recreation, but I don't know that that was a criterion." Should it be? "I don't know."

Pat Lile, executive director of Pine Bluff 2000, joins the battle with zest, saying the rating's methodology produces "inconsistencies and rankings which, at times, fly in the face of common sense."

Irksome to her is that Buffalo, N.Y., with 90 inches of snow a year, was 111th in climate. Seattle, Wash., "with only 57 clear days a year," was 12th. Pine Bluff in the warm, sunny South was 261st.

She has aired her beefs about methodology, but expects no results. "They've got something that's so saleable, it's hard to imagine them giving up on it."

At Rand McNally, Ms. Hodel says about 83,000 copies of the paperback 1985 edition of "Places Rated" sold for \$14.95. She declined to divulge profits.

Mrs. Lile said the rating didn't consider unusual features. "They don't have a computer tabulation that shows that we have one of the few major inland ports. How can you purport to measure transportation if you don't even mention that a city has a port and give it some points for it?"

Ms. Hodel: "We stand by the book. Certain changes in criteria were made from the 1981 to the 1985 edition. Perhaps changes will be made after the second edition to the third edition, if and when it is published."

Mrs. Lile: "We got no credit for our 10,000-seat community civic center, the largest in the state."

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