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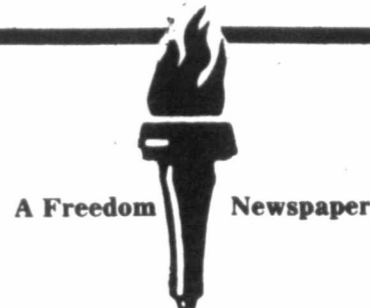
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Texas Weekly to become part of The Pampa News

The Pampa News adding Sunday magazine

A Sunday magazine, Texas Weekly, will become a part of The Pampa News effective May 18, it was announced today.

The full-color magazine, which features Texas people and Texas events, has proven overwhelmingly popular with newspaper readers across the state since it was launched last year.

A recent reader survey shows that Texas Weekly is favored by more than three-to-one over the other Sunday magazines, Parade and USA Weekend.

The magazine always includes a cover story about a Texas personality or issue; profiles of famous Texans, travel articles about the state, features on unusual places and people, Texas recipes and food articles.

"We are elated that The Pampa News has been accepted as one of the 27 newspapers in the state offering Texas Weekly," said Managing Editor

Wally Simmons. "We are confident our readers will find it a most enjoyable addition to The Pampa News."

Simmons noted that the magazine's publishers have been quite selective in choosing newspapers to distribute the publication. He said The Pampa News has worked for several months to get the magazine. The Pampa paper will become the first newspaper in the Texas Panhandle offering Texas Weekly to its readers.

Louise Fletcher, publisher of The Pampa News, said the addition of the Sunday magazine is part of the newspaper's continuing efforts to provide its readers with an even better and more entertaining product.

Texas Weekly is published by a subsidiary of Harte-Hanks Communications, which publishes a number of daily newspapers in Texas. The magazine is distributed in 573,291 copies of newspapers across the state.

Businessmen convinced on city hall renovation

Several Pampa businessmen who had questioned the necessity and timing of a major renovation project on the city hall building apparently had their doubts erased during a meeting with two city officials Tuesday night.

After extensively questioning Mayor Sherman Cowan and City Commissioner David McDaniel on various aspects of the project, the meeting concluded with statements of praise and approval of the city's action.

"I'd like for this group tonight to give the city commission 100 percent approval to go ahead with this project," said John Pontious, one of the businessmen who requested the meeting. "You've answered all my questions and as far as I'm concerned, I'm going to get behind it."

"The meeting has been a very positive thing for me," said Kent Olson, another member of the delegation. Others attending who had raised questions about the project in a press conference earlier were John Triplehorn and Paul Simmons.

The main question the group

has raised was whether the city could afford to spend over \$800,000 renovating city hall during difficult economic times brought about partly by low oil prices.

The city officials apparently convinced them the renovation should be done now, it is needed and can be accomplished without increasing taxes and will boost the local economy by providing work for local subcontractors.

Both Cowan and McDaniel said extensive plumbing and electrical work will be necessary because of earlier work that wasn't done properly and because of need to install an elevator to provide access for the handicapped.

McDaniel said installation of the elevator will interfere with existing plumbing and wiring and lead to extensive other costs. Asked if the city could get exemptions from laws requiring access for the handicapped, McDaniel said, "We're living on exemptions right now."

The group was told that past renovation, probably done by city

employees, has left exposed plumbing and wiring and should be corrected. The city officials assured them that none of the planned renovation work will be accepted until it conforms to city building codes.

"I believe that within five years, if this building doesn't burn down before then, we'd have to build a new city hall," McDaniel said.

In response to questions about timing of the project, Mayor Cowan said he feels it can be done at a lower cost right now than at any other time.

The group of businessmen were also apparently impressed by statements that the project would benefit the local economy, even through an Amarillo contractor submitted the low bid and was awarded the contract.

"We've been assured that as many local sub-contractors as possible will be used," McDaniel said. Mayor Cowan said he feels that about 75 percent of the work will be done by local subcontractors.

Pampa High student loses finger in shop accident

A Pampa High School senior lost an index finger and part of a thumb following an accident Tuesday at the Pampa Area Vocational School.

Jerry Weinheimer, 18, Route 1, Groom, was helping another student operate a Cincinnati Milling Machine when his work glove got caught in the machine, severing the finger and part of the thumb on his right hand at about 2:15 p.m., according to class instructor Warren Smith. Several students in the class said Weinheimer

pointed to something the student was doing when the machine caught his glove.

"He was the calmest one of any of us," one student said.

Weinheimer was taken first to Coronado Community Hospital then flown to University Hospital in Oklahoma City in an attempt to re-attach the fingers. CCH spokeswoman Linda Haynes said. He was flown to Oklahoma City at about 5 p.m. by a turbo-prop plane belonging to IRI International Corp. as part of a local

Chamber of Commerce's revolving program involving pilots and local companies in emergency efforts.

The teenager's mother said from his hospital room this morning that doctors were not able to save his fingers, but indicated she was optimistic that he will have functional use of the hand.

She said a doctor told her the youth can be placed in therapy in Pampa or Amarillo to learn how to use the hand.

Both Roberts county judge candidates expect tax increase

BY CATHY SPAULDING Staff Writer

MIAMI—Roberts County is unique, county candidates say; the people there take care of their own.

However, the county has the challenge that other counties face: a withering tax base due to decreases in oil prices and drilling activity. But that is a challenge that can be met, according to county judge candidates Newton Cox and J.T. Webb and Precinct 4 commissioner candidates Sam Condo and Clyde Hodges. They face each other in the Democratic Primary May 3. There are no Republican challengers.

Roberts County could face a drop in property values from \$419 million to as low as \$293 million, according to the Roberts County Appraisal District. At the current tax rate of 24 cents per \$100 valuation, that means a loss of up to \$300,000 in tax revenue, most of

that from oil money.

Both Cox, the Roberts County judge for nearly 16 years, and his challenger, Webb, anticipate a tax increase to make up for the lost revenue and the increasing state regulations, which both of them deplore.

"It's going to be way off this year," said Cox, the county judge for nearly 16 years. "The latest figures I have give us a 22 percent decrease."

"If we are going to have a tax increase, it will be because of the new state indigent health care law that will require us to set aside 10 percent of our general fund for indigent care," Cox said, adding that his latest figures do agree with the 30 percent decrease the county appraisal district had estimated earlier. "So we may not have to have as big a tax increase as we thought."

"I wish the state would leave us alone," Cox remarked, brandishing a three-inch thick notebook on implementing the indi-

gent health care law. "The paperwork has tripled in the 16 years I have been judge. With this indigent care bill, the county treasurer has to make a report once a month. If I were to go to every state meeting I was supposed to, I wouldn't be in my office."

"A little county like this, we always take care of our people," he said.

Cox said that through resolutions and letters, the county has expressed its opinion to the state legislature, state agencies, federal government and congressmen.

"We've been fortunate," he observed, "We don't owe for anything. We paid for the courthouse elevator with Revenue Sharing, did a \$19,000 remodeling job at the county jail."

Still, the county has not bought any new equipment, nor did it replace two road employees who quit recently.

Cox, who served in the county commission for nine years and operated a filling station for 25

years before becoming county judge, said the jail renovation and elevator are just some of the accomplishments he's seen.

"By working with the Miami school, we built a new project center," he said.

Cox said his main goal "is to just keep helping the people."

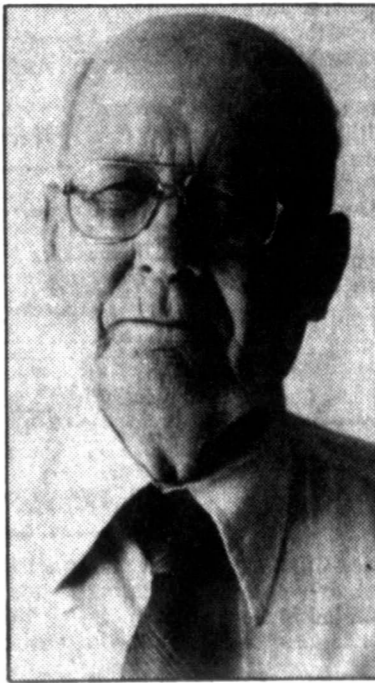
"We've had no problems with our workers and I never worked with a better commissioners' court in my life."

Most of the 1,187 people who live in Roberts County live in Miami and Cox says they pay county taxes, too.

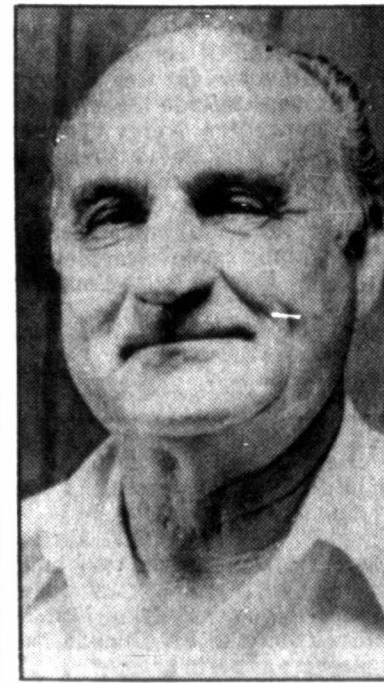
"They (the city of Miami) have no oil money, they just operate off their property taxes and sewer rates," he said. "We help the city when they need help, to a certain extent. We won't pave their streets for them."

"We run our county differently than most counties operate," he said.

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County Judge Cox



Challenger Webb

Roads a top concern for Precinct Two GOP candidates

BY PAUL PINKHAM Staff Writer

Roads in Precinct Two are one of the main concerns of four Republicans running for the Gray County Commission.

The field includes the incumbent, Ronnie Rice, who switched parties earlier this year. He is challenged by Richard Smith, James Kennemer and Precinct Two Justice of the Peace David Potter.

Precinct Two encompasses northwest Gray County and southeast Pampa.

Smith, who has been employed at Celanese Chemical Co. for 22 years and maintains fish ponds west of Pampa, said he is most concerned about taxes and the

condition of roads in Precinct Two. He said he started "yelling about taxes" about 20 years ago when he "found out how much they were socking it to us."

He cited as qualifications his knowledge of equipment and "a desire to see that the job is done right."

"I've been around trucks and heavy equipment all my life," he noted.

His chief concern about precinct roads concerns what he sees as inadequate drainage capabilities with regard to the road crown and unmarked bridges and ditches. He said a number of people have voiced complaints but not gotten any relief from the county.

"If you build these roads right the first time, you don't have to go

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back and do it again," he said.

Smith also said he is concerned that 35 percent of county taxes are paid by city residents and "they get zip out of it." He advocated using county equipment to help with some dirt roads in Pampa.

"These people need to get some

return on that tax money," he said.

Smith said he has mixed feelings about using tax money on a public golf course but agrees with the idea of putting it to a vote of the taxpayers.

"I like the thought of it possibly bringing in business. We need to bring in all the business to Pampa we can," he said. "I'm still reluctant to use tax money but if the majority voted to use tax money, I'd have to go along. In this job, these are the ones you're working for."

Smith said he needs more facts but is doubtful that the county needs a volunteer fire station in Pampa.

"It'd be nice but, then again, look at the tax money we're talk-

ing about," he said. "From what I know at this point, I really don't think it'd be necessary."

As for the reserve fund from the sale of the hospital, Smith said the county should not spend it just because it's there. Part of it could be used to keep taxes down he said.

"You need some reserve but you need to keep as much money as possible in people's pockets," he said, adding he would like to see a vote anytime "you spend a dime" of taxpayer's money. "It's their money. Anytime money is taken from the taxpayers and you spend it on something (they) don't want, it's theft."

Smith said he resents the state telling the county it needs a new jail and feels, again, the issue

should be put to voters. If improvements are required, he said, the existing facility should be expanded if possible.

James Kennemer, a retired Phillips employee, said he decided to run while doing some mowing for the county in Precinct Two and seeing "some things that I am not satisfied with and I feel that I can take care of."

Kennemer, who cites as his main qualifications his familiarity with equipment and his promised dedication to the job, said he would put in a full week as commissioner and be accessible. Noting the position as a sideline, he said commissioners earn \$1,750 per month he said: "I have worked for a lot less."

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TEXAS/REGIONAL

Girl gives up 7-month masquerade because of boredom

AUSTIN (AP)—A 15-year-old girl who ran away from her Tennessee home and fooled authorities for six months with tales of an international white slavery ring says she finally gave up the masquerade because she was bored.

Of all the agencies that investigated and examined her — the Collin County Sheriff's Office, Wichita Falls State Hospital, the FBI, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration and Interpol — none could find flaws in her story.

In countless repetitions, she never made a mistake.

All the information Texas law officers needed to blow bazooka-sized holes in the story of "Countess Constance Anna Maria Tanya Mitchell" was available. But a computer glitch kept investigators in the dark.

"It was getting long and drawn out, and I didn't

want to handle it anymore," said Tanya Thompson, alias "Constance," in a telephone interview Tuesday from her parents' home in Shelbyville, Tenn.

It all started when the girl appeared Sept. 18 on a Collin County road north of Dallas. She was wearing a fur coat and an evening dress and was carrying about \$700 cash.

She told authorities that she lived with "masters" for six months at a time all over the world from the age of 11.

She said she had served as an escort and courier for these men, whose names she never knew, relaying briefcases with unknown contents.

But no agency ever discovered the missing persons report issued the day after Tanya ran away from home.

The teletype on the missing girl was issued through the Bedford County, Tenn., Sheriff's

Office, but did not turn up when Collin County mental health officer Rick Trevino put Tanya's real name in it, Trevino said. He said she gave him and one psychiatrist her real name.

Wichita Falls psychiatrists examined the girl for 11 days and returned her to Trevino with no finding of mental illness.

Trevino helped the girl find a temporary home through a Dallas refugee agency. A woman took her in and kept her for seven months until she left.

Interpol had agreed to issue a bulletin to its 138 member-countries seeking the identity of the young, dark-haired beauty who told stories of white slavery.

A Hollywood agent had sent Tanya a contract for a television movie about her life.

Tanya said her father, Dick Thompson, told her only "that he loved me and wished that I was home" when she called him April 21.

Thompson said his daughter left home because she was "bored" and took a plane from Nashville to Dallas. Thompson said he was worried about his missing daughter, but hoped she had left home voluntarily and would be found safe.

"Got a good mind, hasn't she?" Thompson said of his daughter, but added that he has "mixed emotions" about his daughter's escapades because of the danger.

But how did she fool all those investigators for all those months?

"I guess creative genius," Tanya said. She had made up the basic story in her mind before she left home and had only to embellish it when the need arose.

"I was dealing with a mastermind," Trevino said. "It wouldn't surprise me if she had known half the things I was thinking.

FarmAid II set for Austin

AUSTIN (AP)—Country music star Willie Nelson says "all the folks on my side of the music field" will turn out July 4 for FarmAid II in Memorial Stadium on the University of Texas campus.

"We have no goals money-wise — \$100 billion would be nice but we'll take anything up to that," Nelson said Monday.

FarmAid I, with 58 musical acts, was held Sept. 22 on the University of Illinois campus at Champaign, Ill., and raised approximately \$9 million for farmers and ranchers.

Nelson said a crowd of nearly 90,000 is expected for the Austin

concert and all the acts from FarmAid I have been invited to return. Also, he said Don Johnson of the television series "Miami Vice" was getting a band together and would appear.

Nelson joined Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower at a Tuesday news conference at Memorial Stadium to publicize FarmAid II.

Hightower said Nelson "is not only a superstar in the music world but the last couple of years we have found him to be a true friend of the family farmers and ranchers of this country."

Hightower said University of

Texas regents and legal officials had agreed in principle to allow use of the stadium, and the state agriculture department would be the official state sponsor of the program.

Money from FarmAid I has gone for food pantries, telephone "hotlines," legal assistance and to Future Farmers of America. Nelson said a little over \$4 million had been spent.

Nelson traditionally has July 4 concerts in Texas, and Hightower said, "There were other states vying for this (FarmAid). Mississippi wanted to have it, Nebraska wanted to have it but it belonged in Texas."

White pledges not to raise taxes

By The Associated Press

Democratic Gov. Mark White reacted to a reduction in some of Texas' general bonds ratings by pledging not to raise taxes.

Standard & Poor's Corp. announced Tuesday it lowered the bond ratings on more than \$2 billion in debt of five Texas agencies because of the drop in oil prices and resulting reduction in state revenue. The ratings were lowered to AA from AAA.

"We are not going to be coerced into raising taxes or imposing an income tax by Wall Street," White said.

White's Republican opponents blamed the governor in part.

Former Gov. Bill Clements said, "Texas is in serious trouble. And Mark White, the fulltime, professional, career politician, has no solutions."

U.S. Rep. Tom Loeffler, who is running in the GOP gubernatorial primary, said White should

call a special session of the Legislature.

In other political news, Republican attorney general candidate John Roach said the solution to the prison overcrowding problem lies in building more prisons, rather than releasing inmates early.

He described prison overcrowding as "no doubt one of the top issues" for the 1987 Legislature.

Roach, among three GOP candidates for attorney general, said "it's time for us to quit fooling around with it and get on with the idea of building some more prisons, of turning over minimum security prisons to private enterprise, to consider the idea of medium security prisons being operated by private enterprise — although I oppose the operation of maximum security prisons by private enterprise."

Asked where he would find money to build new prisons, Roach said private enterprise "can run them cheaper than we can as state government."

He said the state budget can be cut, and that the Legislature might have to consider a tax increase.

A. Don Crowder, Democratic candidate for governor, released results of a poll that he said showed him second to White in Saturday's primary election with nobody getting a majority necessary to avoid a runoff.

Crowder said 600 registered Democrats were told April 18-26 that Andy Briscoe, White and Crowder were the "top contenders" and then they were asked how they planned to vote.

White got 34 percent, Crowder 20 percent, Briscoe 14 percent, 29 percent were undecided and 3 percent had no opinion, according to the poll.

In another development, Texas Supreme Court Candidate Charles Ben Howell has filed a \$1 million libel suit against his political opponent, State District Judge Nathan Hecht.



MOTHERS ON TRIAL — Marsha Taylor Owens, left, and Jacqueline Williams look over notes prior to a court session Tuesday. The pair are charged with "causing injury to a child" following a Feb. 13 house fire in El

Campo which killed their seven children, while they were allegedly at a bar. The trial was moved to Galveston due to pretrial publicity in El Campo. (AP Laserphoto)

Mothers testify

8-year-old a competent babysitter

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Two women whose seven small children died in an El Campo house fire while they were at a bar testified that an 8-year-old girl left in charge was a competent babysitter.

Jacqueline Williams, 24, and Marsha Taylor Owens, 30, both testified Tuesday that Mrs. Williams' eldest daughter was left in charge of six other children while they traveled to nearby Bay City with friends to distribute placards advertising a Valentine's Day event.

The woman ended up at a Bay City bar and left before 2 a.m., they testified. Mrs. Owens said she drank whiskey that night, while Mrs. Williams said she had soft drinks.

When they arrived home, they found out their children had died. The house was completely gutted.

Mrs. Williams said she trusted her daughter, Monica, as a babysitter and that she did not intend

to leave her children alone for so long.

"Monica was very mature. She could do anything that I could do, just as good as I could," Mrs. Williams said.

Mrs. Owens also called the 8-year-old a "competent" babysitter.

Both women are on trial before State District Judge Daniel Sklar charged with injury to a child, one count for each of the dead children, who were aged 2 months to 8 years. The defense is scheduled to open their case today.

Five of Mrs. Williams' six children and two of Mrs. Owens' four children were killed in the Feb. 13 blaze. The surviving children were staying with relatives when the fire broke out.

One defense witness explained Tuesday that leaving children unattended by adult supervision is "not nothing new. It's done all the time in the black community."

"Let me break it down for you.

You're white," Rev. G.L. Griffin told District Attorney Daniel Shindler. "My race of people have been leaving children, with the oldest in charge for a long time. You all have babysitters because you can afford it. The only babysitters we have is ourselves."

His answer prompted numerous chuckles and a chorus of "amens" from courtroom spectators.

Mrs. Williams said the back door of the 300-square-foot home was nailed shut to prevent her estranged husband from breaking into the four-room house. The windows were covered, she added, because of the cold weather. Window panes had been broken out during altercations with her spouse, she said.

Mrs. Owens and two of her children had been living with Williams for about 10 days, according to testimony.

Off beat

By
Dee Dee
Laramore



Columns come from living

I'm often asked how I can possibly come up with an idea for a column every week. I have a simple answer. "You live."

My life — and I'm sure it's the same for everyone — is never the same from one day to the next, let alone one week to the next. So, really, instead of not having anything to write about, I have too much to write about. The real problem is deciding which thing I want to include in my column.

When you have a column to write, it takes some of the bad out of a bad situation. "Hey! this gives me something to write about in my column." I think as I'm suffering from food poisoning or praying that I won't be blown away in a tornado, as I did this weekend.

We had a wonderful weekend camping at Lake McClellan. Next time, though, we'll believe the weatherman when he says there's a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms, some of them possibly severe.

When we returned, my daughter Angel couldn't wait to tell my mother of her camping adventures. She told of our slow and bumpy ride to the lake in Vic's little panel wagon. (That vehicle's worth a column, all by itself!) How she and Davy explored all around the lake's edge. How we each sat with our heart in our throat as two people struggled with an overturned sail boat in 50-mile-an-hour winds. How we ate hot dogs and cold chili while the wind blew stinging cold rain drops in our faces. How we snuggled into the truck like sardines all night while the storm vented its fury outside.

All this reminded my mother of our family's one-and-only camping trip to Lake McClellan when I was a child.

Mother said I was probably six or seven years old at the time. We were living in Pampa and our vehicle was, I believe, a 1958 yellow and white station wagon. Soon after our arrival to the lake, this big old dog wandered into our camp. Despite Mom and Dad's repeated efforts, that dog stubbornly remained. They tried their best to shoo him away, but he just wasn't listening. He was there, and he was there to stay.

Late that night, a car went thundering by our campsite, Mom remembered. Soon after, two rather suspicious looking men came walking up the road toward us. This big dog who had decided to adopt us suddenly stepped into the men's path. Planting his big feet firmly into the dust, the dog showed his teeth and let out a warning growl. The men stopped in their tracks and proceeded to yell out, asking if they could borrow a car jack because their car had a flat tire.

Dad wasn't too sure he wanted to let them borrow the jack. He had a good excuse not to anyway. We kids were all asleep on top of the jack, placed in the back of the station wagon. Dad politely expressed his regrets, but he just wouldn't disturb us while we slept.

The men looked as if they might want to step closer, but the big dog let it be known that he probably wouldn't mind a little leg meat if he thought it was necessary. They decided to keep their distance.

Thwarted, the men turned and went away. Not long after, the big dog disappeared and Mom said they never saw him again.

The next day, my parents discovered two men had robbed a store in Pampa and had headed towards Lake McClellan. Mom and Dad couldn't help looking at each other. Could it have been the same two men that came to our camp last night? If that dog hadn't been there, would those men have knocked Mom and Dad in the head and stolen our car? Is it possible that a dog can be a guardian angel? We'll never know the answers for certain, but wouldn't it be neat if it were true?

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Opinion

How to determine what they learn

At a recent public debate on privatizing public schools, California's Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig offered what he obviously regarded as a compelling argument against privatization.

If we did get government out of the school business, he warned, we would have some people setting up Marxist schools, others would teach the truth according to Lyndon LaRouche — and, he said, "nobody would be able to do anything about it."

Whereas, as things stand now, we have government setting up schools, requiring everyone to pay for them and requiring all children to attend them, and using them to teach all sorts of things that many people find just as objectionable as Marxism or the world according to Lyndon LaRouche.

Which parts of the public school curriculum one finds offensive will vary, of course, according to one's own values and prejudices. Fundamentalist Christians object to the presentation of evolution as anything other than an unproved theory. Traditionalists object to the influence of what they call "secular humanism" in the curriculum. Atheists object to the presence of religion in the public schools.

But even if you aren't a member of one of these special-interest groups, you might well object to a number of things your children are taught in the tax-supported schools. Any graduate of a government school, for example, will tell you that government was originally established as a kind of social contract whereby everyone agreed to give up a certain amount of freedom in return for a certain amount of security.

In fact, nothing of the kind ever took place. Government was originally established as a means of enabling one group of people — the government — to live well without having to work by enslaving another group of people — those they governed — and seizing their wealth. It was, if you wish, a gigantic confidence game, a swindle, a protection racket.

Government schools commonly teach their pupils that legislation passed during the so-called "progressive" period to regulate big business was passed in response to a popular outcry against "abuses" by businessmen. In fact, it was passed at the behest of businessmen themselves, who wanted to use it to protect themselves from competition.

Government schools teach their pupils that the "reforms" brought about by Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal were necessary to ameliorate the flaws in the capitalist system that caused the Great Depression. This is not knowledge, this is propaganda. There is an enormous body of economic and historical writing devoted to setting the record straight on this issue. But you would be able to spend 12 full years in the government schools without ever learning of its existence.

In a society in which the Marxists had their schools and the LaRouches had theirs and the fundamentalists had theirs and so forth, there would be something you could do about a school that didn't teach reality as you saw it. You'd be free to send your children to other schools. As things stand now, the government operates schools which pass on all manner of falsehoods, and literally, there is nothing anybody can do about it.

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Stephen Chapman

Reagan's arms strategy

Political leaders often choose to conspicuously refrain from small sins, in order to facilitate large ones. That tactic partly explains President Reagan's reported decision to continue complying with the unratified SALT II treaty on nuclear weapons.

Over his entire career in politics, Reagan has made clear his rejection of the very concept of arms control. His administration, while professing its deep yearning for a treaty with the Soviet Union to reduce each side's nuclear arsenal, has embarked on a program of missile defense — the "Star Wars" initiative — that makes any such agreement practically impossible.

Yet the President knows the political risk of dashing all hope of a deal. Early in his first term, he found that his gratuitously negative attitude backfired. Instead of making converts, he only roused public concern about the arms race and helped to mobilize a well-organized movement in support of a nuclear "freeze."

So he changed tactics, proposing to reduce weapons stockpiles, urging the removal of all nuclear weapons from Europe, pledging to erect a defensive shield that would end the threat of a holocaust, meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva to discuss a possible treaty. Coming from a different president, these ges-

tures could have been legitimate grounds for optimism — and even in Reagan's case they served to assuage public fears. But no one should take much solace from them. In fact, they are meant not to end or even slow the nuclear arms race, but to ratify it, by making its continuation politically possible.

That is one of the points of sticking by SALT II, which requires the Pentagon to dismantle two old Poseidon submarines when a new Trident II sub goes to sea next month. The decision, reached with a great display of presidential soul-searching, again allows Reagan to portray himself as the dogged champion of arms control, while lamenting its violation by those incorrigible Russians.

This choice is better than the alternative, but it's ridiculous to say, as press secretary Larry Speakes did, that it shows the President has decided to "go the extra mile" for SALT II. If he's so committed, why doesn't he ask the Senate to ratify it? Apparently Reagan will do anything for arms control — except formally commit himself to abide by it.

How come? One reason is that doing so would validate the idea of arms control, which would make it harder for Reagan to keep his negotiators stonewalling in Geneva. And it would be a little embarrassing for the man who led the opposition to Jimmy Carter's treaty to have to

admit that his predecessor was right after all.

Scrapping the treaty altogether would not only ruin Reagan's effort to portray himself as a sworn enemy of the arms race, but also undermine U.S. security. The alleged Soviet violations of the treaty are all either doubtful or militarily insignificant, and on the important provisions, they have dutifully complied. Over the years they have gotten rid of more than 1,000 land-based missiles, 200 submarine-based missiles and 14 missile-carrying submarines.

If they were to really stop complying, as a presidential decision to abrogate SALT II would have invited them to do, the U.S. would be exposed to the greater risk. Democrat Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services committee, notes that if both sides were freed of the treaty's constraints, the Soviets could expand their arsenal about 50 percent faster than the U.S. over the next three years.

In this case Reagan, faced with the unyielding military facts and the obvious political considerations, let them overrule his ideology. For that he deserves a small measure of praise. A president who can move from damning this treaty to preserving it, at least temporarily, is not beyond hope. But it is the negotiations in Geneva that will show whether this decision is aimed at advancing arms control or killing it.

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IF YOU PUT SALT II ON A BIRD'S TAIL...



Paul Harvey

Nixon's view of world

Former President Richard Nixon is now separated just enough from the mountainous molehills of day-to-day diplomacy to be able to see the whole horizon.

You are now going to be privy to some of the counsel that he has been giving our present President.

"The Soviet Union has lost the ideological battle for the world. They can expand in the future only by the power of their guns; no longer by the appeal of their ideas."

That happened, Mr. Nixon says, when the world discovered that "communism doesn't work."

It doesn't work in Eastern Europe where the only nation making significant economic progress, Hungary, has divorced itself from orthodox Marxism.

It doesn't work in the Third World. Cuba, Nicaragua, Vietnam, Angola, Mozambique, and Ethiopia are sustained only by daily trans-

fusions from Moscow.

And most significantly, it doesn't work in the Soviet Union.

But it is not for us — the U.S. — to celebrate yet.

A bumper sticker seen the other day in Magalia, Calif., read, 'PEACE, SOVIET STYLE, IS AFGHANISTAN.'

That debilitating experience has convinced Mr. Gorbachev that his nation is outrunning its logistics — home-front productivity is inadequate.

He cannot afford huge military expenditures plus subsidies for client states unless he gets the Soviet economy moving.

But communism doesn't work. The only economic success stories in the past 40 years have occurred in countries whose leaders turn to the market, rather than to government, for progress.

Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand have made remarkable progress and are poised for more.

And China, where even dialectic Communist Deng Xiaoping has discovered that the only way to reach Communist goals is with capitalist tools.

Chinese peasants are now able to earn more by producing more, and China has become a food "exporter."

The Soviet Union's collective farms do not produce enough even for homefolks. The Soviet is now a food "importer."

So Gorbachev's dilemma is this: To provide progress he must allow more freedom. To keep power, he dares not allow more freedom.

The distilled essence of an eight-point program Mr. Nixon proposes for us requires the establishment and maintenance of "mutual respect." Affection we can coexist without, but we'd better have mutual respect.

We are presently engaged in World War III. The U.S. and the U.S.S.R., in their own self-interest, may have to become "allies" against the world's new multiplicity of terrorists.

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The questioners don't have answers

By William A. Rusher

Amid all the muffled criticism of our air strike on Libya by the usual naysayers, note one glaring omission: Nobody has put forward any concrete alternative proposal for curbing terrorism. Apparently the critics think we should just grin and bear it.

Most of them are too cautious to condemn outright a move so popular with the vast majority of Americans, so they have confined themselves to raising "questions" expressing "doubts" and confessing to "qualms." It was almost pathetic to see Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd, his funeral-director expression firmly in place, scrabbling around in the dust on national television for some safe way to tsk-tsk the operation.

He should have waited for James Reston's first column. The Dean of Doubters (where Ronald Reagan is concerned) was having a fire sale:

"Why warn [Khadafy] in advance? ... Did [the strike] isolate Col. Khadafy or bring the Arab world to his side? ... Has the president considered the effect of the bombing raid on allied, congressional and Soviet relations? ... The main question is whether this is achieving the ends he seeks or the opposite. ... Why choose fighter bombers out of Britain? ... There are clearly doubts here."

Not one person in 10 would notice that Reston never committed himself to a single one of the propositions implicit in these questions; he merely invited the reader to do so.

In retrospect, it is clear that Mr. Reagan analyzed the problem thoroughly, chose his response with care and carried it through efficiently. Whether it will have the desired effect, only the future can tell; but his strategy as now unfolded is both sound and shrewd.

Wisdom on this subject begins with

the recognition that today's Middle Eastern terrorism is a form of low-level warfare being waged by Arab volunteers for political purposes against the major nations of the West, with the aid (training, equipment, money, logistical support and base camps) of several Arab states, including Libya. Unless we are prepared just to endure it, our response can take only two forms: prevention where possible and retaliation.

Prevention depends heavily on good intelligence, and it was heartening that Mr. Reagan was able to tell a recent press conference that we did in fact manage to prevent no less than 126 terrorist attacks in 1985. But the CIA was so severely crippled by liberal and leftist assaults on it in the mid-1970s that it is only now recovering, and it plainly cannot stop the terrorists altogether.

Retaliation, then, was an essential additional step. But whom to retaliate

against, and how, and for what specific purpose? Our nervous and greedy allies refused to participate in drastic economic sanctions. It was obviously out of the question to declare full-scale war on Libya, Syria and Iran simultaneously. Mr. Reagan therefore chose Libya, whose deep involvement with the terrorists was clear, and which had the added geographical advantage of being easily accessible and somewhat isolated from any conceivable allies.

Then, after focusing world attention on the misdeeds of Khadafy, carrying out a preliminary incursion into the Gulf of Sidra to reacquaint people to the concept of military action, and pinpointing Libyan responsibility for a fresh terrorist outrage (the Berlin nightclub bombing), Mr. Reagan ordered precision air strikes against Khadafy's headquarters and several of the terrorist camps in Libya.

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Major earthquake hits Mexico, no major damage reported

By DANA FIELDS
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A major earthquake shook Mexico City and coastal states for about 65 seconds early today, sending terrified residents of areas damaged in last September's deadly quake fleeing into the streets in pajamas and bathrobes.

Initial reports from the Red Cross, police, firefighters and rescue crews indicated no major damage to buildings and no reported injuries in Mexico City.

The quake also was felt in the Pacific coast states of Guerrero, Colima and Jalisco, the government news agency Notimex said, adding police in those states reported no damage or injuries. The area includes the cities of Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta and Ciudad Guzman.

The quake was recorded at 1:07 a.m. (3:07 a.m. EDT) and set buildings swaying in downtown Mexico City and in the Roma neighborhood, one of the hardest hit during the Sept. 19 quake, in which thousands died.

The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said the earthquake registered 7.0 on the Richter scale and was centered along the Pacific Coast about 250 miles southwest of Mexico City.

However, the National Autonomous University of Mexico's seismological center said it measured the quake at 6.5 on the Richter scale and was centered 380 miles southwest of Mexico City in the Pacific Ocean. The center also measured two aftershocks about an hour later registering 5.0 and 4.8.

There were similar discrepancies in Richter readings immediately after the September quake, which measured 8.1 on the Richter scale, and following an aftershock the next day that measured 7.3 on the Richter scale.

"Things are fairly normal. The people were out in the street but it was because they were panicked," said Red Cross Capt. Enrique Mejia. "It was principally people panicked and nervous."

A tour of downtown and surrounding neighborhoods by Associated Press reporters showed no apparent structural damage and only scattered power outages.

But in the Roma neighborhood near downtown, where hundreds of the estimated 9,500 victims of the September earthquake died, people huddled along curbs or in grassy median strips, reluctant to go indoors despite the apparent lack of structural damage to their homes.

"A lot of people had just returned here," said

Alicia Jimenez de Alvarez, standing with her husband, Vicente, who held their sleeping 4-year-old daughter, Alicia, in his arms.

Vicente Alvarez pointed to two children seated on the ground on a blanket, both in pajamas and bare feet.

"I wouldn't say those two were scared, no. They were terrified!" he said.

In the nearby Condesa neighborhood residents ran into the Mexico Park, frightened out of their homes when thin facades loosened from brickwork in last year's quake cracked and fell to the sidewalk.

Demolition work and cleanup from the September earthquake, a round-the-clock project in recent weeks, continued in some parts of downtown.

But about 30 workmen fled the 15th story of the San Antonio office building which they were demolishing. They sat across the street in the Alameda Park on Juarez Avenue, about one block from an empty lot where the Hotel Regis had stood until the September quake.

"We ran like crazy down the stairs to get out of there," one said. Another said debris "was falling on our heads. We'll go back in there if they say, but I don't want to."

Nearby a group of Mexican tourists visiting from

Yucatan state decided to leave their hotel and catch buses home as quickly as possible.

"We don't want anything to do with this place," Miriam Guerrero, one of the tourists, said as she and two friends lugged their suitcases away from the Ambassador Hotel.

She said there was not damage in the hotel, "but it was moving and that was enough."

The university's seismological center in Mexico City reported two aftershocks centered at the same point in the Pacific, one at 2:10 a.m. and the other four minutes later. The center said the aftershocks would have been felt only along the coast.

However, Rigoberto Rodriguez of the Red Cross in Colima, capital of the coastal state of the same name, said only the initial quake was felt there.

"There was no damage and no injuries but there was panic. People are still out in the streets afraid to go indoors and our patrols are going around to help them," Rodriguez said in a telephone interview.

In the Pacific resort town of Puerto Vallarta, the quake was felt only slightly, but tourists ran out of hotels and stayed in the streets for several minutes before returning indoors, Othon Garcia, the Red Cross commander there, said by telephone.



BRIEFED ON NUCLEAR ACCIDENT — President Reagan is briefed by National Security Advisor John Poindexter on the Soviet nuclear accident near Kiev. From

left are White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, Reagan, Poindexter and Secretary of State George Shultz. Reagan was briefed during his visit to Bali Wednesday.

Officials say

Reagan will not dwell on expulsions of journalists

BALI, Indonesia (AP) — A top Indonesian official said today President Reagan's "winds of freedom" are still blowing on the eve of his meeting with President Suharto, but the government didn't much care for the "hurricane" that led to expulsion of two Australian journalists.

"We are not against press freedom," Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja told a news conference on this tropical resort island. "On the other hand, we don't have to like it. I mean when a hurricane hits you, you don't have to like the hurricane."

He said he regretted the expulsion of a New York Times reporter, adding he had tried to reverse her banning but failed when she entered the country on a tourist visa, was discovered and ordered to leave.

U.S. Ambassador Paul Wolfowitz delivered an "expression of concern" to Indonesian officials after the Australians in the White House press party were ousted, but American officials indicated they considered the case closed and Reagan was unlikely to raise it when he meets with Suharto on Thursday.

Nor, the officials said, would Reagan dwell on other human rights issues such as what are

known here as "mysterious killings" of suspected criminals and political repression in East Timor.

"We do talk about these things" with Indonesian officials, one American said, "but we don't want to hit it square on the nose."

Senior U.S. officials made clear they did not want the meeting, set to discuss economic issues, to be complicated by the whirlwind caused by the reporters' case.

Reagan has made "the winds of freedom" the theme for his 13-day trip to the Far East, but officials said today he would concentrate on issues of free trade and free markets during his visit here to talk to Suharto and the foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), a compact of non-Communist trading partners in the region.

"The press thing is so overheated now I don't think it will do any good raising it with Suharto," one official said.

All reporters working for Australian news media were banned from Indonesia following publication of an article in a Sydney newspaper comparing Suharto

and his family to former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his family. Barbara Crosette of the New York Times, whom the foreign minister called "one of my favorite correspondents," was banned after she wrote a similar piece.

He acknowledged that an article about the two Australian journalists who were ousted as Reagan arrived Tuesday was censored by blocking it out of copies of the International Herald Tribune sold here.

Primary issues likely to be raised at the meetings on Wednesday are Indonesian and ASEAN concerns about protectionist pressures in the United States, which is a major market for Southeast Asian, textiles and raw materials, and a desire to reverse declining foreign investment in the region.

The other ASEAN member states are Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei.

Indonesia also is a major oil-producing nation and may appeal for U.S. support for raising oil prices, a step Reagan has said he would not take.

Fire still burning, radioactive contamination 1,000 miles away

MOSCOW (AP) — An inferno raging in the devastated Ukrainian atomic power plant spewed more radiation into the atmosphere today, and reports said there were hundreds of deaths in what could be the world's worst nuclear disaster.

Sweden, more than 1,000 miles northwest of the Chernobyl plant, warned residents on its east coast against drinking contaminated rainwater. Radioactive fallout reached Austria today, and some officials advised parents to keep infants indoors.

The Soviet government, which has provided scant information, has said two people were killed and four communities evacuated because of the accident, which occurred 60 miles north of Kiev, the Ukrainian capital of 2.4 million.

But other reports indicate the accident was of catastrophic proportions and not yet contained, and the Soviet Union was seeking help from the West. The United States and Britain sought to get their citizens out of Kiev.

Dutch amateur radio operator Annis Kofman said he picked up a broadcast late Tuesday that appeared to come from near the crippled plant in which an unidentified ham radio operator said two reactors were on fire and "many hundreds dead and wounded." Other reports mentioned only one crippled reactor.

An American professor, in a telephone interview from Kiev on the NBC-TV "Today" show, said she was told of hundreds of casualties and water supply problems.

Tourist guides "told us that their information indicated

something like 300 casualties," said Karen Black, a language and literature professor from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. "We were given the information that the city water supply, which is right next to where the accident was ... has been now cut off to the city and they are using alternate water supplies."

Kofman quoted the Soviet ham radio operator as saying in emotional tones: "We heard heavy explosions ... you can't imagine what's happening here (with) all the death and the fire."

Kofman said the Soviet operator, whose report could not be independently confirmed, spoke in English to another man with a call sign peculiar to Japan.

"Thousands and thousands of people are moving, taking their children and cattle to the south," he quoted the radio operator as saying. Kofman said the man reported he was trying to get uncontaminated supplies of food and water, but expressed fears that such supplies could soon run out, Kofman said.

Britain and Finland today began arranging for the evacuation of their citizens, while the American Embassy in Moscow advised

U.S. citizens to leave Kiev.

British Embassy spokesman Donald MacLaren said the mission had urged Soviet authorities to cooperate with its efforts to evacuate about 70 British students and tourists in Kiev and another 30 from Minsk, the capital of Soviet Byelorussia to the north.

In Helsinki, the Finnish Foreign Ministry said it was planning to send a special plane to pull about 100 Finns from Kiev because the Soviets had not provided enough information on the situation there.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Jaroslav Verner said he did not know exactly how many Americans were traveling in the Ukraine, but that the U.S. State Department had issued an advisory warning people to leave Kiev. U.S. and British officials did not immediately explain why they wanted to get their citizens out of the city.

"I'm here, 20 miles from it, and in fact I don't know what to do," Kofman quoted the radio operator as saying. "I don't know if our leaders know what to do because this is a real disaster. Please tell the world to help us."



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GOP Precinct Two race

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"We need, right now, somebody that will take the time to work with the people and if I'm elected, I've got that time and I'm going to take that time to do just that," he said.

Kennemer said some precinct roads are not taken care of as well as they could be and some need to be made all-weather roads for mail and school routes. He added: "There's a few bridges in the precincts that are hazards."

He said he is "highly in favor" of a public golf course and stressed the commissioners should work with supporters. He said not much county equipment is needed and added if people are willing to donate time, equipment and money, the county should be willing to help. He agreed with the decision to let taxpayers vote.

"We have needed that for years and years and we don't have it," he said. "There's places that do need it that are doing fine with it. We need it for our younger generation and let's get on it right now."

Kennemer said one possible solution to the high-dollar fire contract with the city is for the county to place a larger tank on a tandem-axle truck and add a pump and power take-off with a swivel-nozzle to fight range fires. This could be done for about \$2,000, he said, and would relieve some of the "stress and strain" with the city government.

He also said it would pay the county to drill its own water wells.

Kennemer said the county should hold on to the reserve fund

because of concerns about a dropping tax base but added the interest could be used to replenish worn-out equipment.

"Would you like to get to work and try to drive a 20-year-old truck?" he asked. "Would you like to drive a truck that is costing more for repairs each year than the truck is even worth?"

Kennemer said the county jail was built to serve a population of about 10,000 and is too small and crowded. He said the commissioners should think about building a new one in a different location to meet state standards.

"I don't believe that we should go overboard on it and build them a mansion to live in but I do think they should have ample quarters," he said. "Regardless of whether they broke the law, the are human beings."

David Potter, completing his first term as justice of the peace, said he decided to run because "some changes need to be made" — changes he is aware of because he is in the system.

"You can't solve all people's problems but you've got to at least listen," he said. "I think that's part of your job. If not, why have (commissioners)?"

Potter sees one of the biggest issues as the dividing of justice of the peace districts which place northeast Pampa in the same district as McLean, for example. He said because the justice is a judicial position, it does not have to meet the one man, one vote test and does not have to be tied to commissioners' precincts.

Potter said he would like to look into dividing the county so that the McLean precinct would serve the southern tier of the county

and the other two offices, both of which would be in Pampa, would divide the remaining portion of the county, including the city of Pampa. He said this would relieve some of the paperwork burden in Pampa and added he does not feel an office in Lefors is justified.

"It doesn't make sense to me to get somebody elected to a position and then just chuck it down and put all the work on the other guy," he said. "If you're going to pay somebody to do a job, let them do it."

Potter said he has mixed feelings on the golf course proposal but agrees with the step of soliciting feelings of the taxpayers. He said he would have to hear a lot of input before deciding and feels the commissioners should check with other counties that have similar facilities.

A volunteer fire station in Pampa is a good concept if enough interest can be generated, he said, adding that costs again must be looked at closely. He said he does not think the department could work without a paid coordinator.

Potter said he has heard several complaints about precinct roads.

"What the problem is there, I don't know, but they've got the men and they've got the equipment," he said.

The candidates said his biggest concern about the jail issue is that the county cannot house juveniles, paying \$75 per day to send them to Amarillo. He said costs of facilities must be looked at closely to see if they can be justified.

As for the reserve fund, Potter said part of it could be used for

courthouse renovation such as providing a public elevator to make the second and third floors more accessible and to get more use out of the building.

"You can't just go crazy with somebody else's money but then it's there to be used," he said.

Incumbent Rice says his major accomplishment since being appointed commissioner in 1977 is the financial condition of Gray County, which, he said, has one of the lowest tax rates in the area.

"That's basically due to the selling of Highland General Hospital, controlling spending and keeping a low tax rate, too," he said. "I think the county has been very frugal all through the years and I don't think there's been too much fat in any of it but that doesn't mean I don't think there could be less."

Rice said he feels the precinct has good roads, despite having more miles of road to maintain than the other precincts in the county. He said the roads are hampered somewhat by narrow right-of-ways and the precinct is doing the best it can with those right-of-ways.

Rice said he has been able to improve and buy new equipment without raising taxes. He said his foreman has worked roads for 35 years and, as commissioner, he prefers to let the experts handle the roadwork.

"I don't profess to have any

great engineering ability," he said.

Rice said using tax dollars for a public golf course would not be fair to others in the county, but said he does not oppose furnishing county equipment to help with construction if the taxpayers indicate they are in favor.

"From a personal standpoint, I would object to spending tax dollars for a Gray County golf course," he said. "I'd want to make sure they're in favor of it because personally, I'm not."

Rice said he would like to see a Pampa volunteer fire station but worries about the initial investment cost. He said even then the county would not have the equipment the city has.

"I personally feel that the contract the city offered was unfair but if we're going to offer these kind of services, I don't know if there's much we can do," he said.

The incumbent said he would like to see reserve funds used for capital expenditures "because that's where that money came from" but added it may have to be used to "see us through this depressed agriculture and oil economy." He said he thinks the state may mandate jail improvements and, if so, he would like to see the existing jail renovated to meet minimum standards.

"As Sheriff Jordan said, they don't run away from this jail up here," he noted.

Where to vote in Gray County

These are the voting boxes in Gray County in Saturday's primary elections. Voters' precincts are shown on their voter registration card.

DEMOCRATS

- Precinct 1-Lefors Community Center
- Precinct 2-Baker School Gym
- Precinct 3-Grandview-Hopkins School
- Precinct 4-Alanreed School cafeteria
- Precinct 5-Lovett Library, McLean
- Precinct 6-Tom Henderson home, Laketon
- Precinct 7-Horace Mann gym
- Precinct 8-Austin school gym
- Precinct 9-Woodrow Wilson school
- Precinct 10-Gray County courthouse
- Precinct 11-Pampa High School lobby
- Precinct 12-Lamar School gym,
- Precinct 13-Courthouse annex
- Precinct 13-Travis School gym

REPUBLICANS

- Precinct 1-Lefors fire station
- Precinct 2-Baker School cafeteria
- Precinct 3-Grandview-Hopkins School
- Precinct 4-Alanreed school
- Precinct 5-McLean elementary cafeteria
- Precinct 6-Jean Sims home, Laketon
- Precinct 7-Horace Mann cafeteria
- Precinct 8-Austin school cafeteria
- Precinct 9-Wilson school band room
- Precinct 10-Courthouse hall
- Precinct 11-Pampa High School foyer
- Precinct 12-Lamar school
- Precinct 13-Courthouse annex
- Precinct 14-Travis school cafeteria

Golf course letter on agenda

A letter polling Gray County taxpayers about their feelings on the county's involvement with a proposed public golf course is expected to be presented to the county commissioners when they meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

County Judge Carl Kennedy was in the process of drawing up the letter this week. The commissioners directed Kennedy to draw up the letter after hearing a presentation by Buddy Epperson of the Pampa Public Golf Association on April 15.

The commissioners said they want to survey public opinion before deciding whether to use county equipment, manpower or possibly funds to help with the construction of the course. Two sites are being considered near Pampa, one north of the loop on Texas Highway 70 and the other near the city landfill.

Supporters of the idea say a

public golf course would provide a much-needed boost to the local economy.

The commissioners also are scheduled to consider plans for the course Thursday.

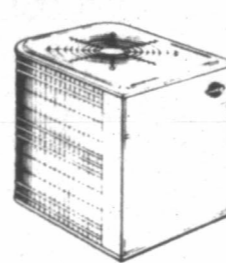
In other action, the commissioners are scheduled to:

- award bids for computer or computer services for the tax office after receiving a report and recommendation from Lewis Meers, a local certified public accountant.
- consider a letter from Kirk Duncan of Clean Pampa Inc. regarding bind weed and litter.
- authorize advertisement for bids for Precinct One to sell a used pickup truck.
- consider a request from the McLean Ambulance Service to purchase a ResusciAnne practice doll for first aid training.
- fill a vacancy on the airport board.

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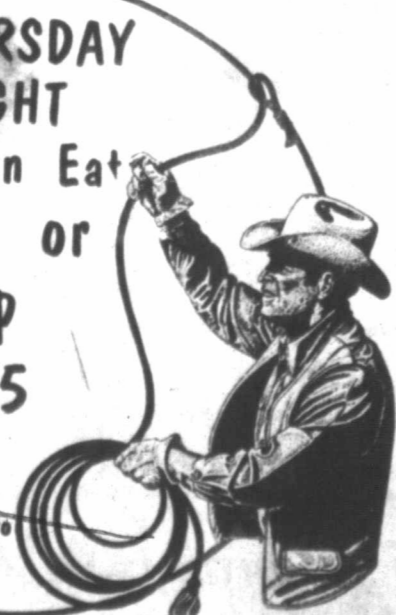
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FHA coffers depleted, stops taking applications

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Housing Administration has stopped taking applications for new government-insured mortgages because the home-sales boom exhausted the FHA's credit authority for the first time in its history.

Homebuyers who do not already have commitments for the low down payment mortgages will have to wait until Congress completes action on legislation to raise the agency's \$57.4 billion credit ceiling or find other financing, acting FHA chief Silvio DeBartolomeis said Tuesday.

"The game's over, we're out of business," DeBartolomeis said after directing FHA offices and lenders to stop processing new applications. "This means that the public will have to rely on the private sector" for mortgage insurance until FHA is revived by Congress.

The Senate passed emergency

legislation on a voice vote Tuesday evening that would raise FHA's credit ceiling to \$74.4 billion, but the bill must be reconciled with a House version passed last week.

The measure also extends FHA's ega authority to insure mortgages, which expired at midnight Tuesday.

Bill Adkinson, a spokesman for the National Association of Realtors, said Tuesday's developments will affect "a lot of FHA applications in the pipeline where the buyers think they are going the FHA route."

These buyers, who don't have money for a large down payment, made deals thinking they would get FHA-backed financing. "All of a sudden that's not available," he said.

FHA will have to turn away 10,000 new applications a day, said Warren Lasko, executive vice president of the Mortgage

Bankers Association of America. Lasko predicted conventional mortgage rates will increase slightly from the current 10 percent because of the shift in demand away from FHA.

The sharp drop in mortgage interest rates to nearly an eight-year low has fueled a home-buying spree and a rush by homeowners to refinance high-rate mortgages at more favorable terms, causing FHA to hit its credit ceiling.

"It's really unfortunate that it happened at this particular time," said Richard Peach, an economist for the Realtors. "The housing market is going gangbusters and this is being thrown in to gum up the works."

Sales of new homes increased 27.4 percent in March to a record annual rate.

The housing boom also caused the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) to

exhaust its authority to guarantee mortgage-backed securities for the first time ever. A major source of credit, Ginnie Mae guarantees the prompt payment of securities backed by mortgages insured by FHA and the Veterans Administration. Its commitment authority ran out April 4.

FHA and VA loans amount to between 15 percent and 20 percent of the market, though some analysts say the percentage may be even higher in the current housing boom. These mortgages have been granted with rates of 9.5 percent.

DeBartolomeis said he sent telegrams to FHA's regional offices and to large lenders informing them to stop processing new mortgage applications after the close of business on Tuesday.

If you don't have a commitment, you will have to go to the private sector.



A COUNTRY-SINGING CHIHUAHUA — Claude LeFlette of Vidor, Texas, holds his pet Chihuahua Brute backstage at the Most Wonderful Pet Contest in Chicago Tuesday. The contest was staged to draw attention to the nation's homeless animals. (AP Laserphoto)

Computers learning to listen and talk back

NEW YORK (AP) — A surgeon, hands busy with the many tasks of the operating room, notes his findings simply by talking as he works. A computer listens and logs the information.

A jet fighter pilot checks his fuel level by asking how much gas is left. The on-board computer checks and gives him an answer.

A child asks her toy panda, "Would you like to play?" "Yes," it replies. "That sounds fine."

Such images are not so far-fetched, experts say, and not so far away.

Teddy bears, operating rooms and fighter bombers are being fitted out with the latest twist in computers, simulation and understanding of human speech, and dozens of companies are looking for ways to use it.

One measure of interest in the still-tiny field is that industry giants International Business Machines Corp. and American Telephone & Telegraph Co. are making their first appearances this week at Speech Tech '86, an annual trade show in New York.

IBM is working on a system that converts speech into text—a kind of voice-operated typewriter—while AT&T's system lets people make transactions and get in-

formation from a computer by speaking into an ordinary telephone.

"Speech is a very easy idea to sell because it's such a natural," Richard Wiggins, the show's program chairman, said Tuesday. He directs speech-recognition research at Texas Instruments Inc. in Dallas.

General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. are both using speech-recognition devices from Intel Corp. that allow autoworkers to keep their hands and eyes free while noting defects in a car on the assembly line.

Wiggins said the Defense Department is pouring money into speech research for possible use in aircraft and Audec Corp. of Saddle Brook, N.J., plans to introduce its talking toy panda in September.

The toy recognizes five phrases and makes responses, he said.

Sales of voice products should rise to about \$3.5 billion in 1995 from \$114 million in 1985, estimates Eric Arnum, an analyst for International Resource Development Inc. in Stamford, Conn.

"This is where the computer industry was in the early '50s. We're at the point where people are amazed the devices work at all," Arnum said.

Continental to fly from Houston Hobby

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines will begin service out of Houston's Hobby Airport on June 1 with introductory fares of \$59 to Los Angeles and New York, company officials announced.

Continental President Phil Bakes said Tuesday that the new routes will include six daily non-stop flights from Hobby to Los Angeles, New York's LaGuardia and Denver. The introductory

fare to Denver is \$49. The flights will increase to 10 daily on July 1, he said.

"This is a happy and historic moment for both the city and for Continental Airlines," Bakes said.

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FOREST FIRE PILOT—Gary Garrett uses this converted 1943 C-54 military plane to fight forest fires coast to coast for the U.S. Forest Service, from late-winter fires in the East to fires as late as September on the West Coast. (AP Laserphoto)

Tanker pilots migrate with forest fires

By **BILL BERGSTROM**
Associated Press Writer

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The season starts each year with ground-hugging late-winter fires in the quick-drying snowless Southeastern woodlands, and progresses with arid climate patterns cross-country to the rip-roaring Western blazes of autumn.

And wherever smoke rises from the woods, from January to September, from Asheville, N.C., to Coeur d'Alene in far northern Idaho, a small cadre of air-tanker pilots converges, following the fires for the U.S. Forest Service. Not more than 60 pilots fly the 42 air-tankers the agency has under contract, braving treacherous terrain for low-level fire-retardant bombing runs in converted aircraft that often date back to World War II.

"It's kind of like old home week when we get together on a big fire bust," says Gary Garrett, a 16-year veteran of the forest-fire tankers.

Garrett, 46, left home in Tucson, Ariz., in January to start fighting the Eastern fires. This month he's flown out of a temporary tanker base set up to fight fires in the Daniel Boone National Forest in eastern Kentucky.

Two other tankers were based in Asheville, one in Knoxville, Tenn., and one in Bristol, Tenn.,

to fight March and April fires in Kentucky and surrounding states.

After a month of dusty-dry weather, a spate of rain, snow and hail put a damper on the Kentucky fires.

Garrett, in an interview before moving on to Silver City, N.M., said he took up flying after returning in the late 1960s from a military security job in Hawaii to his home in northern Wyoming.

He trained as a flier, went to work as a co-pilot in a PB4Y2, a Navy version of the four-engine B-24 bomber converted for firefighting, and then flew for six years as a pilot attacking fires in a converted C-119 "Flying Boxcar" military cargo plane. In 1976 he and two others started their own company in Tucson.

ARDCO Inc. — for Aerial Retardant Delivery Co. — now has seven pilots and three people working on maintenance of its four C-54 planes, 1940s-vintage four-engine propeller-driven DC-4 aircraft.

One of his partners, Ken White, flew P-47 fighters in World War II.

ARDCO does its own conversions, installing segmented 2,000-gallon tanks that let a pilot drop all or part of the 18,254-pound payload of water and fire retardant to establish a line of dampness around a forest fire.

Says Garrett: "You go out and size up the fire and go to work on it. You try to put a line around the perimeter to retard it until the ground troops come in and stomp it out."

Wildfire season arrives in lush forests of New Mexico

By **MATT MYGATT**
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Sparse winter snowfall and mighty spring winds have made southern New Mexico forests ripe for wildfires, and the Lincoln National Forest might soon have a "red flag alert."

"We expect one of the most severe fire seasons within the last decade. We're looking at a rough one if conditions don't change," said Ed Wood, U.S. Forest Service public information officer for the Lincoln in south-central New Mexico.

"We've already gone on fire restrictions — no open fires allowed in the forest, smoking only allowed in vehicles," he said.

"If these conditions keep up, we may have a red flag alert before too long," Wood said. "We may ask people to leave the forest, we may have to stop normal project activities."

"We would pre-position fire crews at strategic locations so they can respond quickly," Wood said.

The Gila National Forest in the southwest part of the state also is dry.

"We're not making predictions, but we're anticipating a busy summer," said George Ewan, forest service dispatcher for the Gila.

He said firefighters already have been battling a fire in the Gila, trying to stop lightning-caused blaze at 600 acres.

Terri Zubchenok, public information officer for the state Forestry Division in Santa Fe,

also said visitors to state forest land in southern New Mexico have been warned to be careful with their campfires and cigarettes.

Al Bell, regional coordinator for the U.S. Forest Service in Albuquerque, said the wildfire season usually begins in May and peaks around June 20. But he said, "We are two to three weeks ahead of where we would normally be this time of year."

He said the fire danger will begin to lessen once the summer rains come in the first part of July — unless thunderstorms that billow over the mountains produce little rainfall and lots of lightning that can set the moisture-starved high country ablaze.

Officials said they are getting ready.

"Our seasonal hires for firefighting for the summer season are coming on duty," Bell said. "Our Hot Shot crews, our air tankers based in the state, our helicopters, our seasonal work force will be pretty much on in full force by mid-May."

He said people will be hired and brought into the Lincoln first because the fire season there starts the earliest.

Wood said the Lincoln has two Hot Shot crews of 20 men each, "and we have our normal complement of seven engines. The rest of our crews are made up of forest personnel engaged in other activities."

Bell said this year's wildfire problem can be traced to a winter that provided less moisture than normal.

"This has resulted in heavier fuels being drier — less moisture

content in timber country for this time of year," he said.

Kenneth Kunkel, state climatologist in Las Cruces, also said New Mexico's winter was on the dry side.

"We had a very warm winter in most parts of the state," he said. "Evaporation of what little snow or rain has fallen has been higher than normal."

A good blanket of winter snow will supply mountain flora with the drinking water needed to make it through the normally dry springs and early summers in the state.

"They use up the subsoil moisture during the summer," Kunkel said. "April, May and June are fairly dry months, so the chances of replenishing that moisture generally are not very good. This is not the time of year to catch up."

Ron Ward, assistant state conservationist for water resources with the Soil Conservation Service in Albuquerque, said snowpack in New Mexico's high country was lighter than normal.

"Most of it's already gone," he said. "We normally still have a good snowpack right now."

Wood said the snowpack in the Lincoln evaporated faster than it could sink in.

"We've got two-thirds of the normal moisture in the last year," he said. "It came too little, too late to provide a good snowpack."

"We also had some very severe winds," Wood said.



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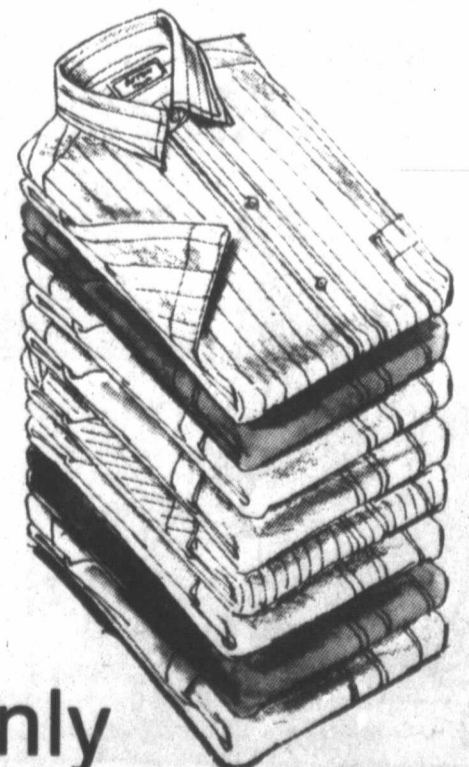
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East Texas man bringing Old Magnolia back to life

By LaDEANNE SMITH
Palestine Herald-Press

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — In 1969 Bill Gibbs prepared a high school research paper on Magnolia, that oldtime river port town in southwestern Anderson County, not realizing that delving into that era of history would spark a dream that would be fulfilled 17 years later.

Now Gibbs, minister, man of magic and world class pack rat, has his own Old Magnolia, along U.S. 79 just past Tucker, probably less than five miles, as the crow flies, from the original townsite.

Gibbs' Old Magnolia, which he hopes to make into a major area tourist attraction, is composed of old buildings moved to the site from here, there and everywhere.

Gibbs enjoys taking visitors on a tour of Old Magnolia, starting at what will be a cafe in a building that was at the old Woodouse School before being moved to Lone Pine Baptist Church. Gibbs has remodeled the building, added a porch and will sell sandwiches and soft drinks.

He's got one building that did not have to come very far, the Hunt Oil tool shed that was already in Tucker. That was the first one in his collection, which his family used as a weekend home before they fixed up an apartment in a later addition to the collection.

His livery stable and blacksmith shop are from the Andrew Link plantation at Montalba. The stable is a barn that dates back to 1899 and the blacksmith shop was

built in the 1920s. Moving in the stable was no small chore. "We disassembled it piece by piece, numbered all the parts, then reassembled it," Gibbs said.

Gibbs' general store is a potpourri of oldtime items, ranging from rub-boards and iron skillets to rare wheelwright tools and an early dictation machine. It is housed in a store that stood at the corner of Pecan and Murchison streets in Palestine.

In order to move it, Gibbs had to remove the roof, cut the upper walls, lay them down and take out the windows. "It took me two years to put it back together," he said.

His showcases are from Swift & Holmes, a store that was in downtown Palestine for many years.

He was able to buy the meat counter for \$25. He had to because it went with the building. It was

discovered that because previous owners has closed up the original double doors, the meat counter could not be removed from the building.

Many of the items in the store were acquired by Gibbs from his family. "We are all junk collectors," he said.

The late Earnest Bice, Palestine grocer, was a good source of goods. "He would bring me different items, just set them over the fence and leave."

Bars taken from the Anderson County Jail during its last renovation add a note of authenticity to the Old Magnolia jail, housed in a building that came from the former Depot Restaurant in Palestine.

No oldtime town would be complete without a barbershop, where as Gibbs says, "everybody went to hear the latest news," and Magnolia has one, with a real

barber's chair, a nine-point buck on the wall and a spittoon.

The drug store is stocked with medicines, prescription files and other items from "little" Bratton's, a former Palestine business. There is also an old hearing aid and a vibrating seat that billed itself as a reducing machine.

There is also a dentist office, complete with a dental chair, along with old-time photographs and Gibbs' grandfather's sermon notes.

His game room and ice cream parlor include a bar (soft drinks

only) and will be the spot for his collection of magic posters, some signed by stars in the business.

Gibbs collected the posters while doing magic tricks as Dr. Heeza Quack, for 25 years. "That's a long time to play the part of a fool," said Gibbs, who turns himself into a preacher on Sundays, leading the congregation at the Tennessee Colony Union Church.


And there's more to come. Gibbs is rebuilding a derelict structure that was recently moved in. He plans to make it into

an ice cream parlor. He has tow other buildings ready to move to the site.

He plans to open a wedding chapel and he would also like to see Old Magnolia used for church retreats, birthday parties and other events.

When they found out that he wouldn't, they asked if they could help him and were told "The gate is always open." Gibbs said others had offered to help, but he never saw them again and he expected this to be the same.

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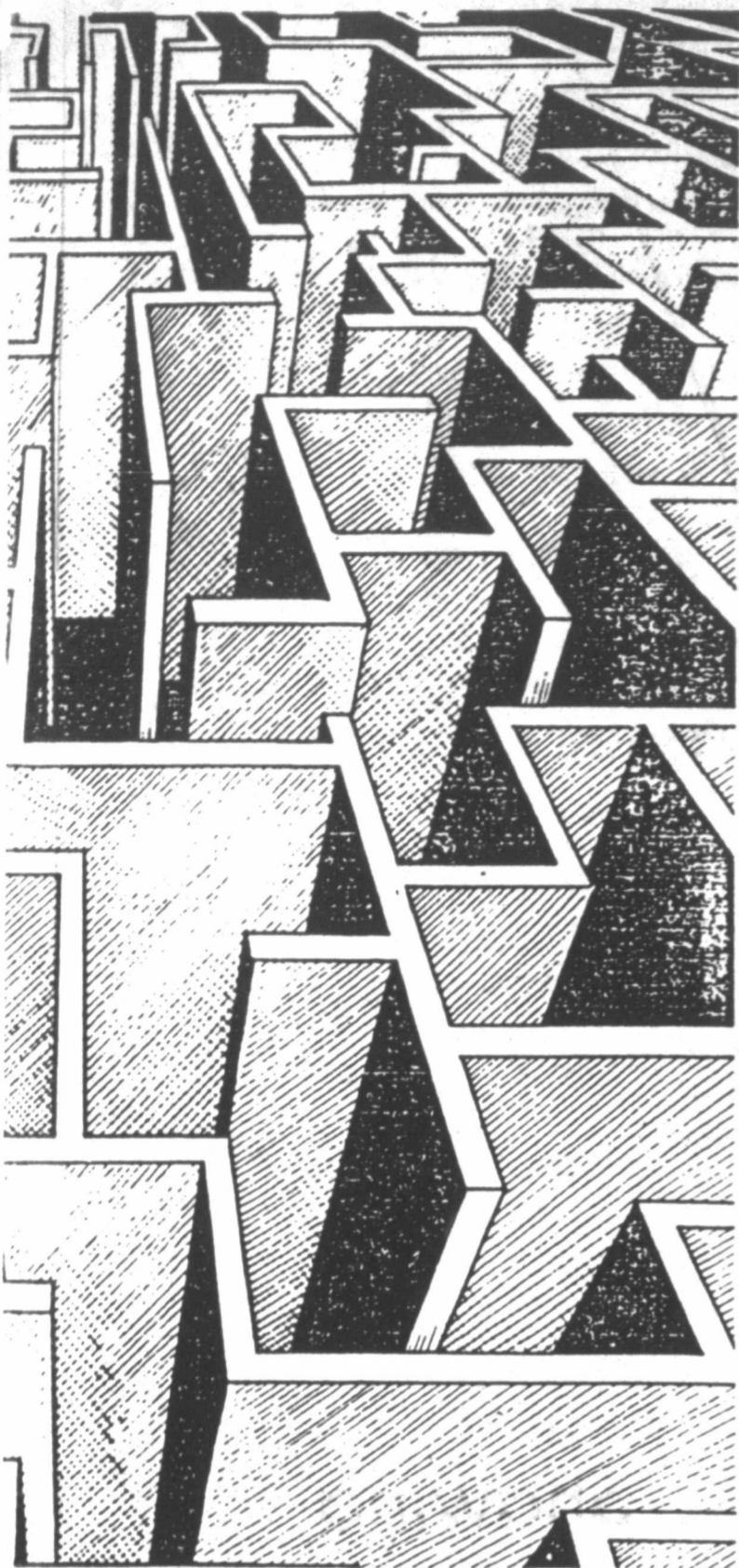
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Pampans to form Alzheimer's support group



By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

A victim of Alzheimer's Disease might be likened to a rat in a maze. It knows there must be some way out, but no matter how hard it tries it keeps running into walls. All this is going on inside the victim's mind. Those on the outside can only see the confusion, the wrong turns, but they can't reach through the maze to their loved one, the person they have always known.

The victim's family and caretakers often feel they are in a maze, too. They keep searching and searching for an answer to the disease, a way to combat it, to bring back the person they love, to fight their way out of the financial mire that threatens to engulf them.

Two Pampans don't claim to have the answers. They're fighting the Alzheimer's maze themselves. But they do believe that their best fight against this confusing disease is to join forces. Yvonne Collins and Aubry Jones both have a special interest in Alzheimer's—Rachel Jones, Aubry's wife. Collins is Mrs. Jones' nurse. Together they want to form a local support group of families and friends of Alzheimer's victims.

Collins decided to form a local support group after attending a seminar in Lubbock sponsored by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and a number of state and governmental health agencies. Collins believes the support group will provide help for those who are coping with Alzheimer's Disease in their family and will also give them the opportunity to share information. "What one person can tell you at the time may not seem like a lot. But later on you'll remember and it helps you," Collins said.

"We're also wanting to get families together to see if they would help Lubbock (Tech Health Sciences Center) with their research on (Alzheimer's)," she added.

Right now, the closest Alzheimer's support group is in Amarillo. Collins and Jones would like to start a Pampa chapter. "We'd like to give talks, and through seminars and classes, pass on what we're learning about Alzheimer's," Collins said. A German neurologist, Alois

Alzheimer, first described Alzheimer's Disease in 1906. He had found evidence of degenerating brain cells, the thickening of, and reduction of brain cells in the brains of people who had died with symptoms now associated with Alzheimer's Disease.

People used to call it senility. Forgetfulness, irascibility, confusion, all were an accepted form of aging. But why did some people become senile and others could live to 100 or more and still

fifth in the nation for people with Alzheimer's.

For several years, Mrs. Jones retained many of her mental and bodily functions, Collins said. However, she has now reached the last, terminal stage, of Alzheimer's, Collins said. "She's been my concern for over a year now," Collins said. "I work for Aubrey, he pays me. But I work under Dr. Philips. I do whatever he tells me to do."

Her job is a hard one, Collins

and it scares her. She doesn't know what we're doing. I could never get mad at her, though. She can't help it. I can sure understand how she must be feeling." Caring for an Alzheimer's Disease patient can be an overwhelming task. The caretakers are strained both physically and emotionally, in addition to the financial burden they have.

Collins has formed an emotional attachment with her patient, as have the other women who sit with Mrs. Jones. "We all call her 'Mama,'" Collins said. "We get her things for Christmas, her birthday and Mother's Day. We got her an Easter lily for Easter, and she just looked and looked at it. She knows that it comes from us."

One sitter, when asked by Collins why she handled Mrs. Jones so well, confided, "I treat her just like I would my mother if she was lying there." "We all do," Collins said. "She's got the willpower. I've never seen anyone with such willpower. And that's what keeps us going."

But Collins knows that the day might come when she may have to make a final decision on Mrs. Jones. "I know I might have to, but I don't know that I could do it. If I see that the time is coming, I think I might just turn my head for a few minutes, and then go and call the doctor."

"We've all made the decision to let her go, because that's what she wants. You know that's what she wants when she pushes our hands away and keeps saying, 'Please don't. Leave me alone.'"

As of this writing, Mrs. Jones has been placed in a local nursing home, where Collins continues to care for her every day.

Anyone interested in forming a local Alzheimer's Disease support group, may call Yvonne Collins or Aubrey Jones at 669-9608.

have a mind like a steel trap? Why did some people start showing signs of this so-called senility while still in their 40s?

Science didn't have an answer to these questions until they began to suspect that this senility was not a natural course of aging, but rather symptoms of a disease, a physical disease, not a mental one.

"Some people call it a mental disorder," Collins said. "Dr. Thomas Hutton (of the Health Sciences Center) says its really not. He says its a physical disease more than a mental one."

Rachel Jones taught in the Pampa school system for many, many years, Collins said. Her mind was quick and bright. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones began to notice her forgetfulness. Mrs. Jones became so frustrated when she couldn't find the right word for what she wanted to say. Together they tried doctor after doctor, trying to find out what was wrong. It wasn't until 1981, when Mrs. Jones was 69 years old, that doctors in Houston diagnosed her problem as Alzheimer's Disease.

Now Mrs. Jones is one of 130,000 Alzheimer's victims in Texas alone. Of the 1.3 million Texans over age 65, 10 percent have Alzheimer's Disease. From 7 to 10 percent of the elderly in the nation will probably suffer from the disease, doctors say. Texas is

admitted, definitely not a 9-to-5 one. She lives next door to the Jones', with an intercom connecting the two residences. So even if she's at home, she can never really rest. She's always listening for the intercom, in case she's needed.

In addition to Collins, four women are hired to sit with Mrs. Jones so she will never be alone, day or night.

And costs for this intensive care are high, Collins added, roughly \$3,000 a month for equipment plus an additional \$2,600 for outside nursing help. They have to call an ambulance quite often, the doctor makes house calls, and Mrs. Jones usually requires hospitalization several times a year, she said.

Despite her disease, Mrs. Jones and Collins have developed a close bond. "Sometimes she's rational. And she can sense things," Collins said. Mrs. Jones often reacts by refusing to eat and a general decline in health when Collins is on her day off, as happened recently, when she is ill. "She's quick on picking up when something's wrong and she gets upset. You know, she really knows more than you think," Collins explained.

"She's never been violent until the last two days, she's tried a couple of times to hit," Collins said. "She's mixed up. She doesn't understand what's going

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At annual Girl Scout banquet

Two Pampans win highest award

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

Two Pampa women received Girl Scouting's top honor, the Thanks Badge, Friday evening, at the Quivira Council's annual award banquet at the First United Methodist Church here.

Linda Scott and Frieda Rogers, both of Pampa, receive the Thanks Badge, recognizing their outstanding service to the Girl Scouts here.

Rogers became an assistant leader when her oldest daughter Carrie became a Brownie more than 25 years ago. When her youngest daughter Judy Ann wanted to be a Brownie, Rogers became leader of her troop, remaining in the position through the Cadette phase.

A consistent volunteer for Girl Scouting, Rogers joined in council events, trips, workdays, Chautauqua, helped man cession booths, build floats and work in all phases of cookies sales. She also helped part-time in the Council's office, in both paid and volunteer positions.

Rogers has been an active member of the Service Team and is now serving her last term as Neighborhood Chairman. In addition to their daughters, she

and her husband, John Tom, have a son, J.T. Jr., and two grandsons, Hal and Trey.

Scott has been involved in Girl Scouting since she was a child. Later she was a leader for her daughter's troop. For 10 years she was employed as office manager for the Quivira Girl Scout Council before moving on to a position with Clarendon College, Pampa Center.

In addition to her work as office manager, Scott volunteered her time for work days at camp, the Junior Camporee, and a variety of Brownie and Council events. Scott helped put up and take down tents for resident camp and council events. She furnished transportation for all types of events, as well as volunteering to be an adult sponsor.

Roger has been known to shuffle, stack, sort and deliver many cookies in the days before cookie order taking sale. She volunteered to fill in as a cadette unit leader at resident camp one year when there was an emergency opening and one year used her own vacation time to direct day camp when no director could be found.

Each year, Girl Scout leaders, board members and volunteers

from the Quivira Council, which covers an 11-county area, join for a yearly meeting and awards banquet. These people represent 19 Panhandle cities, 951 Girl Scouts and 238 adults. This year's banquet's theme was the Texas Sesquicentennial.

Also honored at the banquet was retiring Council president, Darlene Birkes, who was presented with a silver tray. Shannon Myers and Andrea Edwards were presented with yellow roses in recognition of their receiving the Silver Award at the Clarendon Girl Scout Banquet earlier this year. The Silver Award is the highest award in the Cadette Girl Scout program. To earn this award, Myers and Edwards took a leadership course and devoted 25 hours to developing their leadership skills. Both are now working towards the God and Country Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting, and the Girl Scout Gold Award.

A life membership was presented to Don Thompson of Borger, retiring board member. Donna Burton of Groom, received a training bar.

Round Tuits were presented to Marge Kwiatkowski, Judy Graumann, Toni Ames and Joyce

Trigg, all of Borger; Teresa Hogue, Jackie Murrell and Cindy Fuller, all of Fritch; Pam Hibler of Wheeler; Irene Torrez of Wellington; Donna Burton and Mary Sue Lyles of Groom; Ann Hester of Memphis, Cindy Cooper and Roxanna Willis, both of Pampa; and Jerri Hallum of Canadian.

Retiring Board members Darlene Birkes, Adelaide Colwell, Mary Lou Lane, Mary Scott, Anita Brown, Don Thompson and Dottie Wheelless were also recognized.

Those receiving their five year pins included Mary Sue Lyles, Pat Smith, Connie Murdock, Marge Kwiatkowski, Janie Rook, Cindy Fuller, Jackie Murrell, Phillis Furgason, Felicia Callaway, Cindy Cooper, Glenda Taylor, Jerri Hallum, Rhonda Colson and Ruth Algaier.

Martha Newman was given and 10 year pin and Don Thompson was awarded a 20 year pin in addition to his life membership.

Girl Scouts from Troop No. 170 of Wheeler performed a folk dance to "Cotton-Eyed Joe," followed by a program on women's fashions from 1830 to 1940 by JoAnne Arasim, curator of textiles for the Panhandle-Plains Museum in Canyon.



THANKS BADGE WINNERS — Frieda Rogers, left, and Linda Scott, both of Pampa, recently were honored with Girl Scouting's highest award, The Thanks Badge, for their outstanding service to the organization that went far beyond the positions each held. The two women were presented with the badges at the Girl Scouts annual banquet last Friday. (Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Red Cross seeks aid for tornado victims

Officials from Gray-Roberts chapter of the American Cancer Society announce they are accepting financial contributions for the victims of the tornado which hit Sweetwater, April 19.

Anyone wishing to contribute to

this fund may send their donations to the local chapter at P.O. Box 1036, Pampa, 79065.

The unexpected tornado which struck the community at around 7:30 a.m., April 19, affected 510 families. More than 160 houses

were destroyed with an additional 91 houses receiving major damage, according to Red Cross reports.

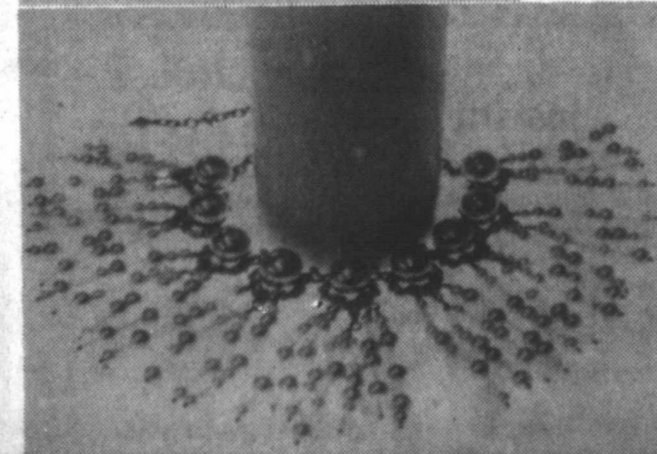
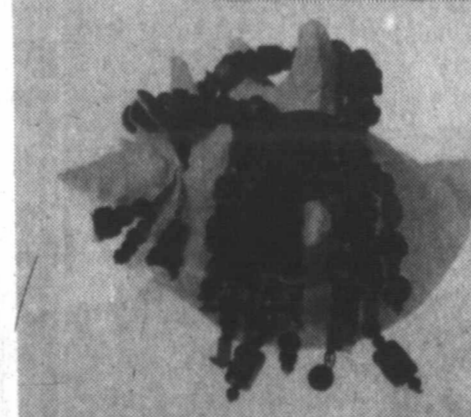
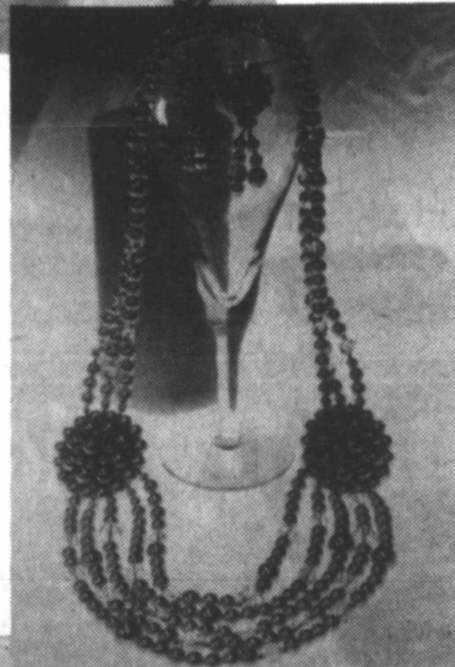
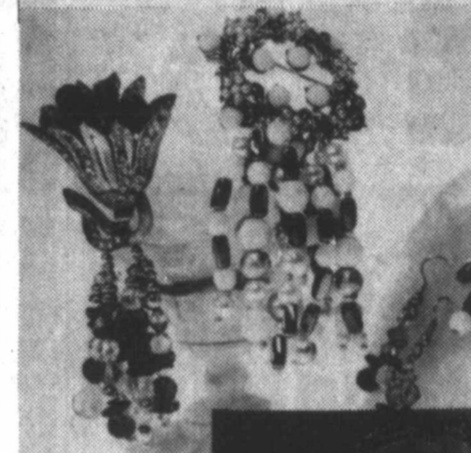
So far, the Red Cross has served 10,000 meals and given emergency assistance to 133 families. Red Cross workers include 175 volunteers with 40 paid staff at work in the community. Red Cross plans to continue its

assistance in the weeks ahead.

In the past months, the National Red Cross has been conducting an emergency disaster relief fund drive, because of the excessive amount of disasters during the past year. This drive is still in effect and funds from the drive will help the tornado victims in Sweetwater, Red Cross officials said.



VALERIE ANNMARIE CULVER, born the morning of April 13, became the first baby born during American Home Week. For this honor, Valerie and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Culver (she's shown here with her mother), were presented with a plaque and gift certificate from the Pampa Board of Realtors. (Special photo)



Special Showing

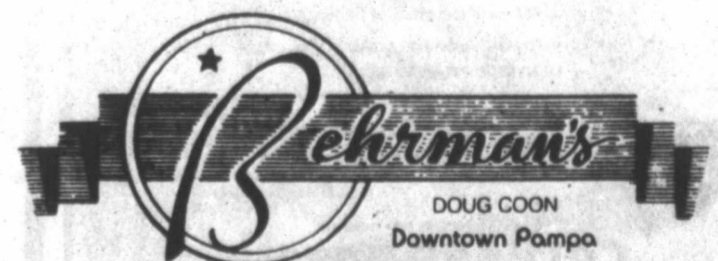
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Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mexico's national dish

Cinco de Mayo, the fifth of May, is one of Mexico's liveliest national holidays. Commemorating the Mexican army's 1862 victory in battle over the invading French in the small town of Puebla, it's a time for merriment and feasting. This year, why not join in the spirit of the holiday and gather friends for a casual fiesta dinner?

An ideal menu choice for a Cinco de Mayo party is Mole Poblano (MOE-lay poe-BLAH-no), the national dish of Mexico. Created by nuns in Puebla more than 200

years ago to honor visiting church dignitaries, the dish consists of chicken or turkey in a distinctive, dark sauce. Full-flavored and spicy, the sauce traditionally requires 20 or 30 ingredients, including unsweetened chocolate and a multitude of different chiles, seasonings and spices.

For home cooks who love Mexican food but lack time for involved preparation, home economists in San Antonio have created a steamed version of this

favorite fiesta food. Easy Mole Poblano shortcuts preparation while carefully preserving the traditional taste of the original dish. To shorten cooking time, it begins with boneless skinned chicken breasts in place of whole chicken or turkey. For the distinctive sauce, unsweetened cocoa replaces Mexican chocolate and picante sauce provided the authentic Mexican flavor.

Rice is the traditional accompaniment for this dish. Cumin Avocado Rice is an easy, flavorful choice. Seasoned boldly with cumin, and given a lively flavor boost with avocado, green onion and picante sauce, it provides a colorful complement for the saucy, spicy chicken.

EASY MOLE POBLANO (Chicken in Spicy Brown Sauce)

- 3 whole chicken breasts, split boned and skinned
 - 2 T. vegetable oil
 - 1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce
 - ½ c. picante sauce
 - 4 t. unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 1 t. ground cumin
 - 1 t. oregano
 - ½ t. garlic salt
 - Dash of ground cloves
 - Dash of ground nutmeg
 - Dash of ground allspice
- Pound chicken to ½-inch thickness. Lightly brown in oil in LARGE skillet about two minutes on each side; drain off fat. Combine remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour over chicken in skillet. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer gently 10 minutes. Remove chicken to serving platter; keep warm. Cook and stir sauce until slightly thickened, about three to five minutes. Spoon sauce over chicken and serve with Cumin-Avocado Rice. Makes six servings.

CUMIN-AVOCADO RISE

- 1 c. regular long grain rice
 - 1 T. butter or margarine
 - 2 chicken bouillon cubes
 - ¾ t. ground cumin
 - 1 ripe avocado
 - 1-3rd c. picante sauce
 - 2 green onions with tops
- Cook rice according to package directions, adding butter, bouillon cubes and cumin, but omitting salt. Peel, seed and coarsely chop avocado; stir into rice with picante sauce and green onion. Serve with additional picante sauce. Makes four servings.



CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO with this steamed version of Mexico's best-known fiesta dish. Easy Mole Poblano is made with boneless chicken breasts cooked in a distinctive savory sauce made with tomato sauce,

unsweetened cocoa powder, spices and picante sauce. Serve with Cumin-Avocado Rice for an easy fiesta meal that's sure to be a hit at any celebration.



Dear Abby

Blood test is the piece to solve paternity puzzle

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful 1-year-old baby girl and I am not sure who her father is. There are only two possibilities of paternity. One I am engaged to. He is willing to cooperate in finding out who my daughter's father is. The other man is around, and says he will cooperate only if it is absolutely necessary, for he is now married.

I have heard that there is a blood test that can positively determine paternity. If so, please tell me where these men would have to go to take this test, who else would have to participate, and how much it costs.

WAITING TO HEAR

DEAR WAITING: According to the Long Beach (Calif.) Memorial Hospital (Paternity Lab), the test is called HLA, and it involves the mother, the possible fathers and the child. It must be ordered by a physician, and the approximate cost is \$150.

It is 99.9 percent accurate. (No test claims to be 100 percent accurate, so this comes closest.) Have your fiancé take the test. If he is found to be the child's father, the other man is off the hook. However, if your fiancé is not the father, that means the other man is, in which case he may want to take the test because of the legal implications.

DEAR ABBY: You often publish complaints from folks who are miffed because their gifts were not appropriately acknowledged. But you've never given equal space to the other side.

My shelves and closets are overflowing with an accumulation of neckties, watches, cuff links, silly T-shirts I'll never wear, books I'll never read and gadgets I'll never use. And if I get one more pewter ashtray, I'm going to give it to my dog and ask him to bury it. One day some archeologist will probably dig it up and write a dissertation on the rituals and artifacts of primitive homo yuppies.

A cousin of mine and I have an ideal arrangement. Every year he sends me two \$20 bills for Christmas, and I send him the same. Then we both write a note saying, "Thank you for the most thoughtful gift I have ever received. I'll never have to wash it, repair it, feed it, wind it or frame it." Sign me ...

ENOUGH ALREADY

DEAR ENOUGH: Nice arrangement you have with your cousin, but there is no excuse for failing to acknowledge a gift

— however useless. How about giving those white elephants away? One man's leftovers are another man's banquet.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from the woman who was helping her mother-in-law clean out her attic when they came across some souvenirs her father-in-law (now deceased) had brought home from World War II. One was a hand grenade — still intact.

She asked if it would be safe to keep around since after 40 years it had not exploded. You were right to tell her to call the police immediately and have the bomb squad come and remove it.

We live on some land that was formerly a military training center during World War II. This area was used for target practice. Not long ago, three children were playing behind their home when they found an unexploded shell. Not recognizing its danger, they used the sharp point for digging. The shell exploded, killing two children and seriously wounding the third.

The military now inspects this area regularly, and they keep finding live ammunition. We have learned that due to erosion and soil movement, shells and grenades surface even after the most careful search. We've also learned that unexploded shells are not less dangerous as the years pass, but more dangerous because they can explode with changes in atmospheric pressure, temperature or subtle movement.

I pray that your reader follows your advice. Old munitions are not safe anywhere. Just because they haven't exploded yet doesn't mean they never will.

PATRICIA A. SAUNDERS, SAN DIEGO

DEAR ABBY: Between you and me, the most irritating mistake in grammar is "between you and I." I have heard some very well-educated people make this mistake, and I mean schoolteachers, talk-show hosts, radio and TV announcers and clergymen.

Please print this to let people know that nothing is ever between you and I—it's between you and me.

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Longhorns among the toughest critters in Texas, caretaker says

By ANDREW PRATT
Ablene Reporter-News

FORT GRIFFIN, Texas (AP)—A cold winter in the early 1970s, says Lester Galbreath, gave two herds of cattle a survival test.

One was a rancher's commercial herd. They were of a modern breed—developed by man to be short, meaty and heavy.

The other was the state's herd of longhorns at Fort Griffin State Park.

At the time, many ranchers considered longhorns the historical equivalent of the ruins of the 19th century fort—useful only as a memento of Texas' past.

Until the state and federal governments scoured the West for their own herds in the 1920s, longhorns were on the verge of extinction.

In 1952, the state's small herd was moved to Fort Griffin State Park near Albany. There they are free to range on land near the ruins of the fort.

Galbreath came to Fort Griffin as herd manager in 1972. The son of a rancher who "owned a few longhorns," Galbreath already respected the breed.

That winter in the early 1970s increased his respect. Ice and snow covered pastures, Galbreath said.

Ranchers brought feed to commercial herds living near Fort Griffin, Galbreath said. Even with regular feedings, many of the "modern" cattle struggled and grew weak during the frigid winter, Galbreath said. Some died, he said.

No longhorns died from the cold, Galbreath said.

"We fed them, but we didn't need to (keep them alive). Longhorns will scrape down through the ice to get at the rangeland underneath. They'll eat mesquite trees—they'll eat anything" to survive, Galbreath said.

Once again, the longhorn had proved itself one of the toughest critters in Texas, Galbreath said.

Galbreath said longhorns are descendants of black Spanish cattle first brought to North America in the 15th century.

Some cattle escaped, were stolen or released into the wild.

The Spanish cattle found the Southwest wilderness rough. Water holes were miles apart. Cattle endured predators, extreme heat, chilling cold and poor pastureland.

Long and lean cattle able to go many miles without a drink

lived; squat, chubby cattle died. Fast runners were able to flee predators. Slower cattle were caught and eaten.

Longer horns provided a better defense against predators, Galbreath said.

Cattle that survived the perils of the American frontier passed on desirable traits to their offspring, Galbreath said.

By the mid-1800s, when cowboys began herding cattle to markets hundreds of miles north of Texas, the Spanish cattle had evolved into a completely different breed—a hearty longhorn able to survive the hazards of the trail.

Today cattlemen are rediscovering the desirable traits of the longhorn, said Roy Gregg, executive director of the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America.

Longhorns provide meat that is believed to be considerably lower in fat and cholesterol than current beef, Gregg says. Less fat is an attraction to consumers concerned about obesity and heart disease, Gregg says.

Texas A&M University is studying the fat content of longhorn meat to confirm whether the meat is uniformly low in fat, Gregg said.

Cattlemen are mating longhorns with cattle of other breeds to produce offspring that are more rangeworthy, Galbreath said.

Gregg said today there are more than 100,000 registered longhorns spread across every state of the union, with the possible exception of Alaska.

The herds grow by thousands every year. In 1980, there were only 29,000 registered longhorns.



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O But the optimist rejoices with life! He's the one whose a joy to be with. The optimist is like the apostle Paul who wrote: "...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances..." If we work at the attitude of optimism, people will enjoy our company and we'll be happier, too.

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Pampa girls place at Stinnett rodeo

STINNETT - Area youths from Pampa, Miami, McLean and Lefors placed in events over the weekend at the 34th annual Stinnett Senior High School Rodeo.

Two Pampa girls were among the three tying for All-Around Girl honors at the rodeo held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Winning the honor were Amy Cockrell and Amie Greene of Pampa and Nancy Hill of Channing. Brian Casing of Waka was named the All-Around Boy.

Cockrell and Greene placed fourth in team roping with a time of 14.50 seconds, the only girls team to place in the top four teams for the event.

Greene also placed first in the breakaway roping event with a time of 5.88 seconds and first in

goat tying with a time of 10.91 seconds. Cockrell was third in breakaway roping with 13.55 seconds, third in barrel racing with a time of 17.26 seconds and third in pole bending with 22.35 seconds.

In ribbon roping competition, Dwight Thomas of Wheeler was first with 9.37 seconds. Placing second was Monty O'Neal with a time of 10.78 seconds.

Shawn Johnson of Pampa gained first in calf roping with a time of 14.07 seconds. Wheeler youth Drew Thomas was fourth with 20.07 seconds.

In team roping, Johnson and his partner, Randy Martin of Wheeler, were second with 12.50 seconds.

Keziah Rucker of Pampa was

first in goat tying with a time of 15.17 seconds, and Susan Worsham of McLean took fourth place 27.04 seconds.

In barrel racing, Cydney Morris of Lefors was first with a 16.49 second score. Second was Kara Peirce of Miami with 16.60, with Lisa Maddox of Miami placing fourth with 17.29 seconds.

Peirce also was second in the pole bending event with a time of 21.82 seconds, while Maddox gained fourth with 22.55 seconds. Complete results are as follows:

BULL RIDING: 1. Shawn Wright, Clarendon, 65; 2. Brent Herbolzheimer, Fritch, 63; 3. Kelly Wright, Clarendon, 61; 4. Cory Founda, Clarendon, 56.
BAREBACK: Shawn Wright, Clarendon, was the only qualifier with a score of 78.
RIBBON ROPING: 1. Dwight Thomas, Wheeler, 9.37; 2. Monty O'Neal, Pampa, 10.78; 3. Carl Cluck, Spearman, 11.86; 4. Brian Casing, Waka, 12.51.
CALF ROPING: 1. Shawn Johnson, Pampa, 14.07; 2. Bodee Baldwin, Dumas, 14.45; 3. Ray Lerman, Stratford, 17.16; 4. Drew Thomas, Wheeler, 20.07.
TEAM ROPING: 1. Brian Casing, Waka, and Carl Cluck, Spearman, 10.22; 2. Shawn Johnson,

Pampa, and Randy Martin, Wheeler, 12.50; 3. Casing and Cluck, 14.20; 4. Amy Cockrell and Amie Greene, Pampa, 14.50.
GIRLS STEER RIDING: Tracey Littlefield of Fritch was the only qualifier with a score of 56.
BREAKAWAY ROPING: 1. Amie Greene, Pampa, 5.88; 2. Nancy Hill, Channing, 7.66; 3. Amy Cockrell, Pampa, 13.55; 4. Jo Beth Thompson, Happy, 12.86.
GOAT TYING: 1. Amie Greene, Pampa, 10.91; 2. Keziah Rucker, Pampa, 15.17; 3. Nancy Hill, Channing, 21.81; 4. Susan Worsham, McLean, 27.04.
BARREL RACING: 1. Cydney Morris, Lefors, 16.49; 2. Kara Peirce, Miami, 16.60; 3. Amy Cockrell, Pampa, 17.26; 4. Lisa Maddox, Miami, 17.29.
POLE BENDING: 1. Nancy Hill, Channing, 21.82; 2. Kara Peirce, Miami, 21.82; 3. Amy Cockrell, Pampa, 22.55; 4. Lisa Maddox, Miami, 22.55.

PHS Netters eliminated

BROWNWOOD — Sall Mohan of Pampa reached the quarterfinals of boys' single in the Class 4A tennis regionals before being eliminated. Pampa's girls' doubles team of Kellye Wellborn and Stephanie Trollinger failed to reach the quarterfinals.

Mohan lost to Chris Harris of Sweetwater, 6-0, 6-0, in the quarterfinals.

Mohan, along with Wellborn and Trollinger, has finished second in the district meet to qualify for regionals.



SECOND IN SUPER CROSS — Dustin Miller, a Horace Mann fifth grader, placed second in the AMA Amateur Super Cross last weekend at Texas Stadium. Dustin competed in the 85 cc 7 to 11 age division. He also placed fifth in the 65 cc 7 to 11 division. It was his first time to compete in the Super Cross event. Dustin, who has collected over 200 trophies and plaques in his young racing career, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Miller of Pampa. He is sponsored by D & S Suzuki.

TENNIS

Bulldogs outlast Harvesters, 12-11

BORGER — Both teams mounted heavy hitting attacks with Borger coming out the winner over Pampa, 12-11, in a District 1-4A baseball game Tuesday in Huber Park.

Pampa fell to 2-8 in district play while Borger remains alive in the playoff race at 5-4.

The two archrivals traded the lead six times before Colin Robinette's single in the bottom of the seventh broke a tie game and drove in the winning run.

There were 25 hits in the game, but Glen Pruit's two-run homer for Pampa in the second inning was the only extra base hit for the day.

Borger was leading 11-9 when Pampa tied the score in the sixth frame. Both Pampa runs scored without benefit of a hit as Borger booted the ball three times. With two runners on, Borger shortstop Scooter Dickson fumbled away Mark Williams' grounder, allowing both runs to score.

Two runners were on and two were out when Robinette drilled a single to left field, scoring Matt Robinson with the winning run in the seventh.

Pampa committed five errors, but the Harvesters turned in two twin killings and an outstanding defensive play by outfielder Paul Bowers, who threw a runner out

at home in the fourth inning. Borger was charged with three misuses, all coming in the sixth inning.

Robinette and Charles Walker led Borger at the plate with three hits each.

Pruet knocked in four runs for Pampa with a homer and a single. Grant Gamblin and Juan Soto added two hits each.

Robinette was the winning pitcher, taking over in relief of Robinson in the sixth inning.

Bret Mitchell, who relieved Gamblin in the third, took the loss.

Pampa's next game is Tuesday, May 6 at Dumas.

'Twin Towers' pace Rockets' victory

HOUSTON (AP) — The Denver Nuggets have had success at shutting down one of Houston's Twin Towers in the first two games of their NBA Western Division semifinals playoffs.

But each time the other Tower has lit up.

Ralph Sampson was the latest Tower to shine Tuesday night

when he scored a game-high 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Rockets to a 119-101 victory and a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven series.

"The ball was moving from side to side because they were trying to key on Akeem (Olajuwon)," Sampson said. "We ran the same offense, I just got the

ball more."

In Saturday's first game, a 126-119 Houston victory, Olajuwon broke loose for 38 points and 16 rebounds to destroy the Nuggets.

Lewis Lloyd also scored a big assist in Tuesday's victory, scoring 13 of his 23 points in the third quarter when the Rockets built a pair of 20-point leads.

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Teachers think they're underpaid, most don't want year-round work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most teachers believe they are underpaid, but a large majority say they would rather work nine or 10 months than be paid higher salaries to work year-round, according to a new survey.

The survey also concluded that teachers "fare pretty well" when their salaries are compared with earnings of full-time, year-round workers, but that money is less important to teachers than it is to other American workers in judging job satisfaction.

The survey by Emily Feistritzer, director of the private National Center for Education Information, was based on a random nationwide sampling with responses from 1,144 public school teachers and 448 private school teachers. The survey was conducted between Feb. 7 and April 15.

Unlike most working adults who rank a good salary and job security as the most important aspects of their jobs, teachers say the most important things for them are the opportunity to use their minds and the chance to work with young people, the survey showed. Teachers ranked salary fourth, behind appreciation of a job well done.

"The survey revealed that we really do have a teaching force that is dedicated to the development of young children," Feistritzer said in an interview. "It is significant that teachers aren't in it for the money, and even if they

were, they are faring very well in the market place."

The average salary among public school teachers who were polled was \$24,559 this year, which, based on an average 180-day contract, is about \$136 per day. The Census Bureau says the average salary of a full-time, year-round worker with at least four years of college is \$32,216, which based on 250 working days a year amounts to \$129 per day, the study said.

Salaries for female teachers, who make up 89 percent of the teaching force, tend to be higher than those of women with four years or more of college who are working full-time year-round. Male teachers, although generally paid more than their female colleagues, do not fare as well when compared with men of other professions with five years or more of college.

The study notes that teachers are more educated than the general working public. Four out of five public school teachers have completed five or more years of college.

Dissatisfaction with salary was widespread among the teachers surveyed, with 88 percent of the women and 85 percent of the men saying they were underpaid.

But the vast majority of teachers — 84 percent in public schools and 88 percent in private schools — said they preferred their nine- or 10-month contracts to a 12-month contract.

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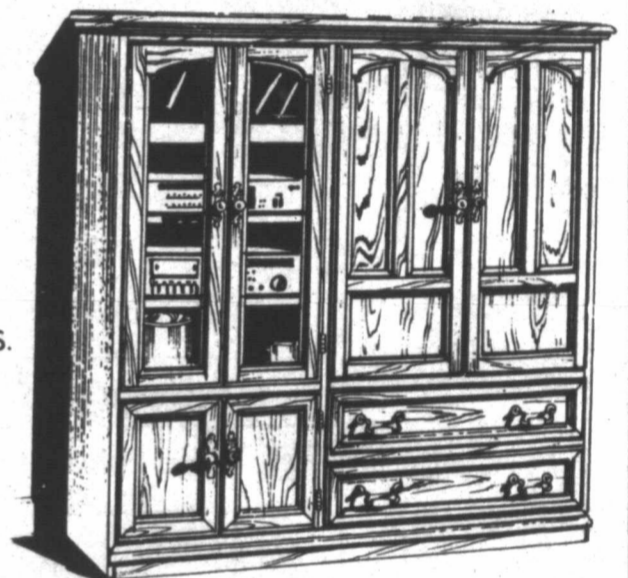
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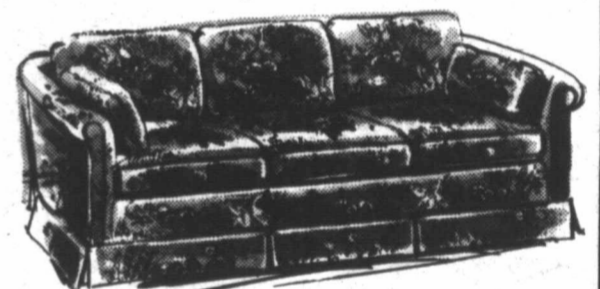


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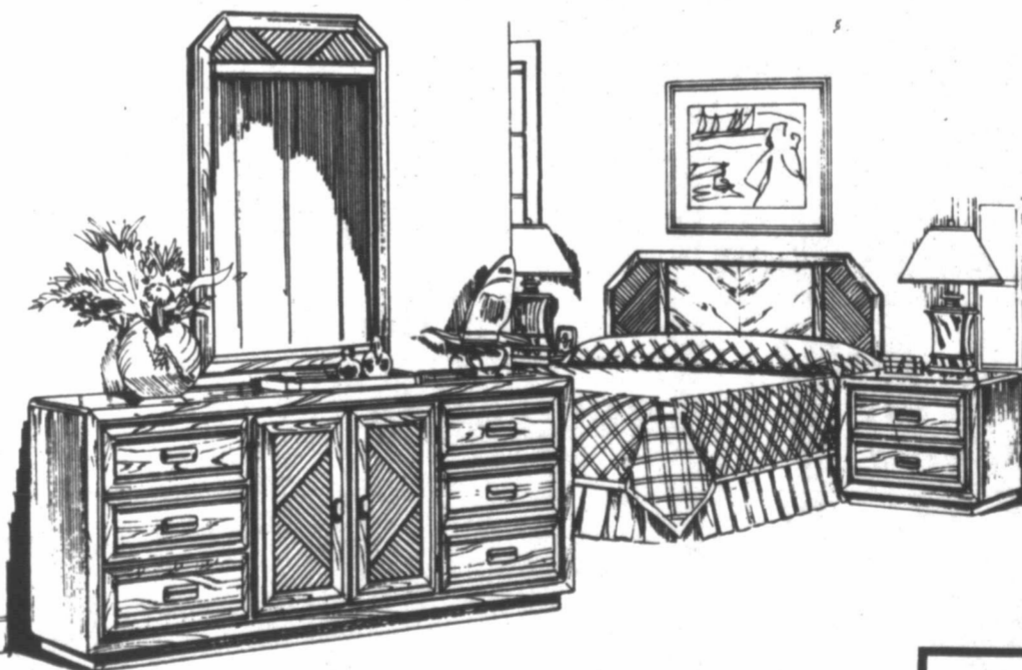
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