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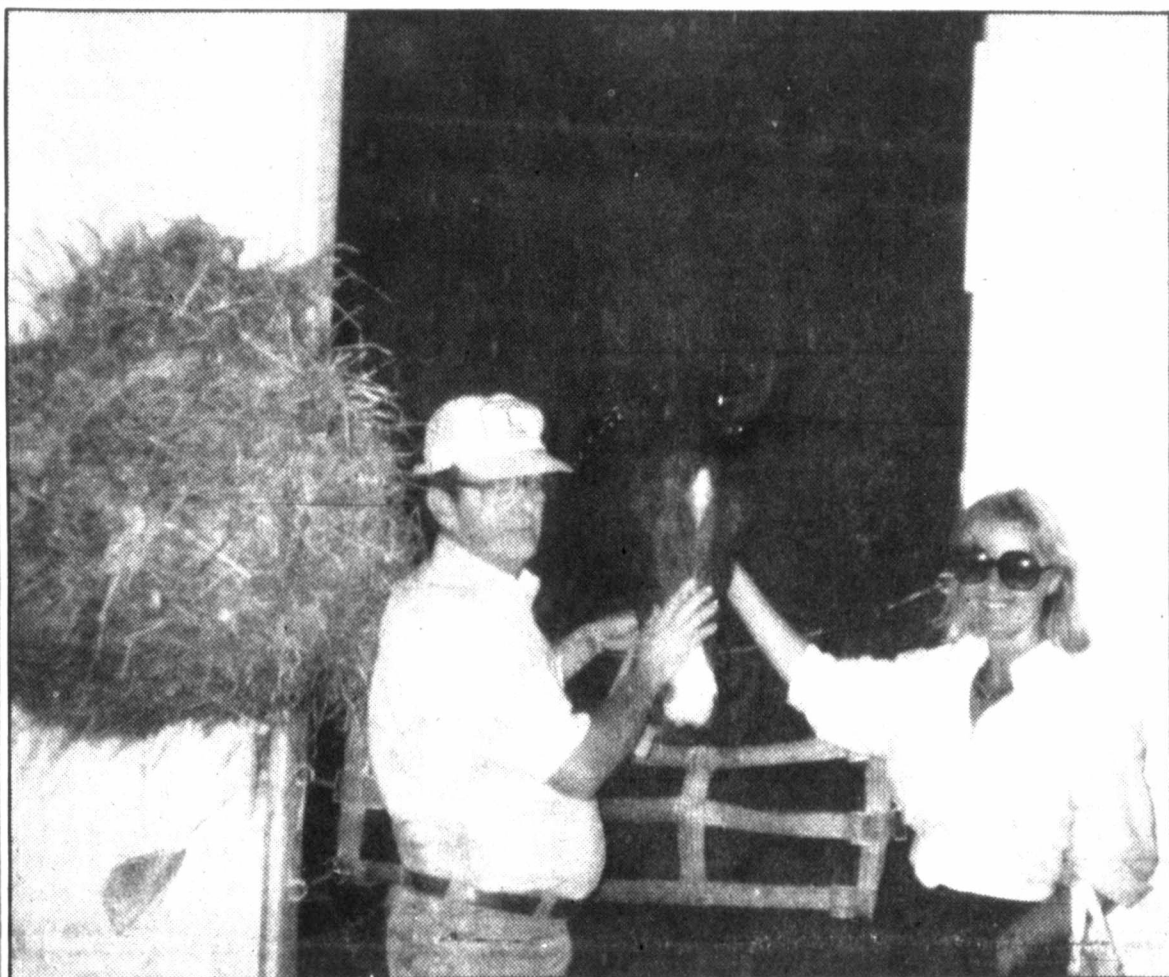


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Horsing around at Churchill Downs



DERBY HORSE—Dick and Gail Waterfield of Canadian visit the stable of their horse, Bachelor Beau, at Churchill Downs.

Races were on

Canadian family was involved in Derby, UIL track meet and politics on same day

BY CATHY SPAULDING
 Staff Writer

CANADIAN — The Waterfield family of Canadian found itself caught up in three races last week.

One could eventually earn father Dick Waterfield a seat in the State House of Representatives. One almost took daughter Gwyn to the Class AAA state track meet in Austin.

The third, held at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., could have earned the family around \$392,000.

The Waterfields are half-owners of Bachelor Beau, a Kentucky-bred horse that won the Blue Grass Stakes in April and made a strong start at the Kentucky Derby last Saturday.

Had the race been less than half a mile, Bachelor Beau could have won half of the Derby's \$784,000 purse for the Waterfields. The gelding was the quickest to break away from the gate and held the lead until the first curve. After that, he got lost in the crowd and ended the 1 1/4 mile race 14th in a field of 16.

To Gail Waterfield, whose brother raised Beau on his Longfield Farms in Goshen, Ky., the quick start and disappointing finish is just the nature of the beast.

"He is a sprinter," she said, explaining that Bachelor Beau runs better in shorter races than the Derby. "He can run a mile to a mile-and-sixteenth."

Waterfield added that Bachelor Beau runs his own race and is not easily controlled or paced by the jockey.

"He set a pace that eventually wore him out," she said. "He is just not a distance horse."

"Beau is a horse that runs his own pace," she added. "A jockey is very important in a race to pace and steer the horse. But with Beau, all the jockeys can do besides steer him, is sit on him."

"Luckily, Beau's jockey, Larry Malason, had ridden Beau before," she said, adding that the horse is considered one of the best sprinters in the country.

As Waterfield saw the Derby race, there were four speed horses: Snow Chief (the favorite), Groovy, Beau and another horse. These horses caught up with and passed Beau in the first leg of the race. Meanwhile, Ferdinand, the horse that won, was held back until he broke loose in the last part of the race.

The horse was also placed with in a bad post position, right with the other speed horses.

"We were not that upset with the post position," the entrants have to draw for the position, and that's just the way it turned out."

Waterfield admitted that she was disappointed that the Derby oddsmakers had moved Beau from 15-1 odds in the early part of the week to 60-1 odds at the start of the race. Another setback was when the field horses, long shots which are con-

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Launch objections led to punishment

Commission shocked by revelations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two rocket-company whistleblowers who tried to stop the launch of the space shuttle Challenger have told a presidential commission they have been punished for disclosing their efforts, and the panel's chairman called their treatment shocking.

The commission Saturday released a transcript of a closed hearing that shows there were objections to the design of the shuttle booster rockets dating back to 1971 — 10 years before the first flight — and that the commission is concerned pressure to resume flying could repeat some of those problems.

The day-long hearing May 2 found commissioners repeatedly taking to task the NASA official responsible not only for supervising the booster rockets but also for repeatedly clearing them to fly despite growing evidence of problems with the rocket joint that is thought to have destroyed Challenger.

That official, Lawrence B. Mulloy, was shifted to a new job by NASA on Friday.

Challenger exploded after liftoff from Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Jan. 28, taking the lives of its crew of seven, includ-

ing teacher Christa McAuliffe. A leak between segments of the right booster rocket is blamed for the accident. The panel investigating the accident must make its report to President Reagan by June 6.

Allen G. McDonald, a Morton Thiokol engineer who had testified to the commission that he and other engineers had argued strongly the night before Challenger's launch that cold weather could cause that joint to leak, said he had been transferred to two new jobs since he spoke out.

Commission chairman William P. Rogers asked him: "Do you have any reason to think you were given another assignment because of the testimony you gave?"

McDonald replied: "Yes, I do. I feel I was set aside so that I would not have contact with people from NASA again because they felt that I either couldn't work with them or it would be a situation that wouldn't be good for either party."

Rogers: "So, you were in effect punished for being right?"

McDonald: "I feel I was." A second Morton Thiokol engineer, who joined in the pre-launch objections, Roger Boisjo-

ly, told the panel: "I, too, have been put on the sidelines."

Rogers asked: "Do you feel that may be in retaliation for your testimony?"

Boisjoly: "I think that is a possibility, a distinct possibility."

Rogers said, "In this kind of an accident, where people come before a commission and tell the truth and then they are treated as he (McDonald) believes he has been treated, which obviously is in some way punishment or retaliation for his testimony, it is extremely serious. ... To have something happen to him that seems to be in the nature of punishment is shocking."

A week later a top Morton Thiokol executive, U. Edwin Garrison, told commissioner investigators, "We have made no attempt to freeze anyone out of the data. We haven't demoted anyone. We've changed a lot of duties ... because we are reorganizing."

The commission heard from William L. Ray, an engineer who had worked on the initial design of the booster rocket, who wrote memos in 1971, 1977, 1978 and 1979 complaining about an unacceptable and inadequate design for the joint seal.

Seisquicentennial longhorn missing, and that's no bull

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Seisquicentennial bull is on the lam.

"Texas USA," a longhorn that a Nebraska woman lent to the Lone Star State to help it celebrate 150 years of independence from Mexico, has vanished from his pasture in Jack County, about 60 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

Larry Smith — who manages the 1,524-pound longhorn that sports a forehead birthmark of sorts in the shape of Texas — noticed the animal was missing from its 297-acre playground Wednesday.

He says he didn't mention it until now "because I didn't want to cause any alarm."

But after days of searching on the ground and in the air, Smith is gathering a posse to help him look for the red-and-white bull with white splotches on his hindquarters and belly and horns at least five feet from tip to tip.

Many fail new state tests

AUSTIN (AP) — Nearly half the students who took a new statewide achievement test failed to show grade-level "mastery" of reading, writing and math, according to a report by the Texas Education Agency.

The agency, in a report to the State Board of Education on Friday, said the results are "benchmarks" against which it can measure future benefits of the 1984 school reforms mandated by the Legislature.

According to the results from 948,600 students in the third, fifth, seventh and ninth grades, 50 percent of the third-graders, 55 percent of the fifth-graders, 56 percent of the seventh-graders and 53 percent of the ninth-graders mastered all three exams in reading, math and writing.

The results mean there are more than 100,000 students at each of the four grade levels who need remedial work, said Keith Cruse, the education agency's director of student assessment.

Cruse said it is a "dramatic finding" that nearly half the students are lacking in a core of knowledge that the agency now prescribes for each grade. But he said the 1985 reports show a higher level of mastery, and the situation can be remedied by better instruction.

Subject-by-subject mastery was stronger than the overall mastery of all three subjects, the TEA report said.

Of the third-graders, 80 percent mastered math, 74 percent reading and 60 percent writing.

Eighty percent of fifth-graders demonstrated mastery of math, 83 percent reading and 64 percent writing.

In the seventh grade, 81 percent of the students showed mastery in math, 78 percent reading and 66 percent writing.

In the ninth grade, 81 percent showed mastery of math, 80 percent of reading and 63 percent of writing.

Statewide dropout increase hasn't hit Pampa

From Staff and Wire Reports

AUSTIN — Student dropout rates are up since statewide school reform legislation was enacted, according to more than 40 percent of high school principals responding to a new survey.

However, in Pampa, High School Principal Oran Chappell said he expects this year's dropout rate to remain about the same as last year.

The survey, mailed to 3,500 school administrators last month by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, generated 1,444 responses.

According to the survey, 43 percent of the high school principals said the dropout rate has increased, while 48 percent said it remained the same.

The survey is among the first statistical evidence available to measure the effects of the 1981 curriculum reform and the 1984 education overhaul enacted by the Legislature.

Harold Massey, executive director of the principals' organization, said an increasing dropout rate was expected because the reforms increased by five the number of classes students must pass to

be graduated. The reforms also raised from 60 to 70 the passing score and instituted an exit test that students must pass to receive a diploma.

Chappell said 88 students dropped out of school last year, representing about 7.7 percent of the student body.

"From my experience, although that's very sad, it's a low number," he said. (But) "I think when you lose even one student you have a dropout problem."

Chappell said the "lack of social promotion" resulting from House Bill 72 has not yet manifested itself at the high school level yet. He predicted it could as more students are held back at younger ages.

The principal said, however, that he has observed some students who were consistently ineligible under no pass, no play, no signing up for extracurricular activities next year. Overall, 51 percent of the principals statewide reported a decrease in student participation in extracurricular activities.

Chappell claimed one reason for Pampa's relatively stable dropout rate is a strong vocational

program that potential dropouts are urged to enroll in. The program graduates 70 percent of its students, a figure Chappell called "phenomenal."

"I'm used to hoping you could get these cases through the tenth grade," he said.

The principal also noted Pampa schools already required more classes for graduation than the state, so that part of the legislation did not have as great an impact in Pampa.

The survey also found that 26 percent of the principals were reporting a decline in average daily attendance. Chappell predicted average daily attendance in Pampa will be down one or two percentage points from last year's "very high" level of 95.6 percent attendance per day.

Chappell said anything above 92 to 93 percent is high "in my experience."

Massey said one surprising result of the survey was that increased academic requirements and higher accountability standards apparently aren't keeping students out of advanced, high-level courses.

The survey found that at most schools, there was no change in enrollment patterns for physics, che-

mistry, trigonometry, elementary analysis and calculus.

In Pampa, Chappell said he has not observed declining enrollment in advanced courses. If anything, he said, enrollment in those courses has increased for next year.

Massey said that many educators believe the school reform legislation was good, but they say some areas need modification. However, 80 percent of those surveyed said they don't believe Texas political leaders are willing to work with educators to improve the reforms.

The survey also revealed:

— 38 percent of the principals reported an increase in the number and severity of discipline problems on their campuses this year and blamed House Bill 72 for diluting the effectiveness of principals in dealing with problem students.

— 47 percent reported an increase in the number of students on their campuses who cause other students to have discipline problems and 63 percent said the administrative time to effectively

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Board postpones career appraisals program

AUSTIN (AP) — A sharply divided State Board of Education on Saturday postponed the beginning of career appraisals for Texas teachers from this September until the spring of 1987.

Supporters of the move said it would relieve the stress teachers have been under from implementation of the 1984 school reform act, including recent mandatory reading and writing tests.

"This is an emergency situation," said board member Carolyn Crawford of Beaumont.

The board also postponed until June, on another close vote, any action on a proposal to make local districts take immediate remedial

action in schools that consistently have failing students.

"This is a very extensive change," said board member Katherine Raines of Cleburne. "We should defer any action until we first have a public hearing."

A public hearing was scheduled before the June meeting of the board.

The board first rejected, 6-7, then approved, 7-6, the plan proposed by Ms. Crawford and Ms. Raines to delay appraising teachers' work four times a year to see if they deserve additional pay and prestige.

The career ladder system was mandated by the 1984 reform act, with teachers getting \$2,000

raises for each step they advance.

The vote provides that the first part of the 1986-87 school year will be used to allow teachers to become accustomed to being judged by administrators and trained appraisers.

Scores for consideration on the career ladder will not begin until 1987.

"Teachers are just now recovering from the literacy tests, which caused a great deal of stress," said Ms. Raines. "They really don't understand the law on these appraisals."

On Thursday, the board heard results of a statewide competency test that showed 96.7 percent of Texas teachers passing. Of the 6,579 failing teachers 6 percent were Hispanic, 18.4 percent black and 1.1 percent white.

"The law calls for a balanced appraisal of the teacher throughout the year," said board member Rebecca Canning of Waco. "If you cut it just to the spring semester that really will put the pressure on."

Education Commissioner William Kirby said the delay in recording scores on appraisals would mean that local school boards could use the appraisals this fall to guide them for contract renewals, but it would be spring before any appraisals

would apply to the career ladder.

Efforts of board member Jack Strong of Longview to bring up the issue of forcing local districts to take immediate action on failing students failed when he got a 5-5 vote.

"This means it will not be effective this September," Strong said.

Strong's proposal, approved by a 2-1 vote in committee, would require that any elementary school student who is consistently failing to advance to the next grade must be placed in a remedial program operated by the local school district.

Strong said earlier that he feared some school boards are

more concerned about the local tax rates than students' minds.

"Too many students get to junior high without knowing how to read," he said.

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Network could help smaller schools

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Lefors school trustees heard a report last week that might help smaller school districts meet some of the educational and training requirements set by the state without having to hire additional personnel.

Speaking to the school board at its regular meeting Thursday night, John Weisher of Houston discussed the opportunities the

Ti-In instructional satellite network is offering to schools across the state and in other parts of the nation.

The network provides classroom television systems which can receive instruction beamed by satellite from Region 20 Educational Service Center in San Antonio. The system allows interaction with the teachers by two-way communication.

The network offers classroom instruction, staff development

and information dissemination, Weisher said. Currently serving 85 sites in Texas and seven in other states, the state-approved educational facilities provide a variety of programs.

Ti-In is "a cooperative venture between education and free enterprise," he stated.

The network can aid in areas where qualified teachers aren't available, he noted. It can also provide inservice related training for teachers and administrators having to meet professional requirements set by the state.

In addition, it also provides State Board of Education reviews to inform staff and school board members of the state agency's activities and decisions.

Ti-In uses "highly motivated, qualified, excellent teachers" for the instructional courses, Weisher claimed.

Presently Ti-In has 18 high school credit courses, including four foreign languages and upper level math and English courses. It also offers 400 hours of professional development courses from August through May. Summer courses are also available, he said.

Under the network system, television set systems would be provided for set-up in a classroom. A teacher or a parent volunteer would be present in the classroom with the students to help them in using the cordless phones to communicate with the teacher and to handle the testing procedures.

The teaching is conducted over the television set, with the students able to view the teacher and his presentations. With a toll free number, charges paid by Ti-In, the students can ask questions of the teacher or make comments, Weisher explained.

Tests are sent over a printer, with the in-class teacher or volunteer making copies if more than one student is taking a course. The tests are mailed to the teacher, with the grades later being sent over the printer. The tests then will be mailed back to the students.

A VHS recorder system also allows taping of some lessons for students who may be absent and

taping of inservice development materials which can be kept in the district's library for later use.

Ti-In also offers honors courses and some college credit courses for high school students and community residents, plus some special education and dyslexic courses.

Also available are student enrichment presentations for K through 12 levels, often used with Gifted and Talented programs, Weisher said. In addition, review training sessions are held for students taking the SAT or ACT college entrance tests. Review sessions are also available for teachers and administrators taking the TEACAT tests.

Some of the additional courses and programs require an extra student fee, Weisher said. Others are offered at no extra charge.

To acquire the system, a district pays \$1400 for a K-band satellite receiving antenna and \$2400 apiece for the television system carts, which become the property of the school district.

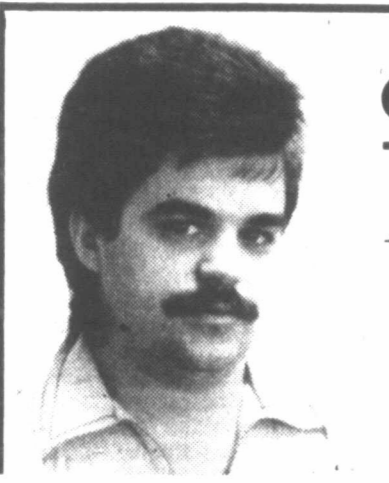
There are also installation, classroom wiring and engineering costs, plus charges for the number of students taking courses.

General costs for the first year, with a minimum of nine student course slots, runs about \$21,000 for two TV units and about \$17,000 for one unit. Yearly costs after that will be about \$11,000, Weisher explained.

But the costs are comparable to and in some cases less than the expense of having to hire new personnel or build additional facilities, he explained.

Districts wanting to get on the network this year have to make a decision by May 30 to allow time for Ti-In to hire the needed teachers, prepare courses and plan scheduling for next fall, he said.

The Lefors trustees took no action on the matter last week but indicated interest in looking into the system.



Off beat
By Paul Pinkham

Have Ohio voters learned?

"Tin soldiers and Nixon's comin'
We're finally on our own
This summer I hear the drummin'
Four Dead in Ohio..."

Neil Young

Sixteen years ago last Sunday, Vietnam's violence touched American soil, leaving four Kent State students dead — shot by their own American troops.

I was but 10 years old at the time, not quite old enough for the shootings to have much of an impact but old enough to realize something was terribly, terribly wrong about the whole thing.

Years later, I attended Kent State University, completing two years of graduate work in journalism and learning much, much more about the massacre that occurred there on May 4, 1970.

Hard as it was for me to believe then that the same scoundrel who masterminded the bloody day in May was still in power in the early '80s, imagine my shock and chagrin when I learned Wednesday morning that Ohio Republicans had renominated him for a fifth term as governor in primary elections held Tuesday.

James A. Rhodes, Wendy's food chain magnate and a name synonymous with the whole concept of police state.

Oh, he accomplished his purpose all right. The silent apathy that spread over Kent State when I was there was almost deafening. On a campus where the true meaning of the term "free exchange of ideas" once thrived, new ideas are now met with a shrug and a "Who cares?"

Chicago Tribune columnist Stephen Chapman, one I seldom agree with and certainly no raving liberal, wrote recently that tolerating the expression of all ideas, no matter how good or bad, "is the only approach befitting a free people." How tolerant was Jim Rhodes to ideas obviously abhorrent to him?

The issue is not now whether Vietnam was a good or bad war. The issue is suppression of ideas.

Granted, some sort of police action was needed to curb the violent atmosphere that shook the tiny town of Kent back in 1970. I've never said that some of the students had not gotten out of hand, carrying their anti-war protest a bit too far, and sending in even the National Guard was probably justifiable.

What was unjustifiable was what happened when they got there. Marching up to the top of a knoll and then, without even trying warning shots, tear gas, smoke bombs — any of which could have scared most of the protesters into subservience — firing live ammunition into a retreating crowd, killing three protesters and an innocent girl that happened to be walking back that way from class.

That's what happens when shots are fired into a crowd with no rhyme or reason. Innocent people die.

Much has been made over how inexperienced the Guardsmen sent to Kent State were. If so, Rhodes had no business sending them without the proper training.

But, knowing the reactionary mentality of a Jim Rhodes, I'm convinced the conversation at the governor's mansion went something along the lines of: "Let's go up there and shut those bleeping yahoos up once and for all."

But long after his bloody mission was accomplished, Rhodes was still firing salvos at the university, almost as if to punish it for the black mark of guilt that must be hanging over his head.

The governor, with his police state mentality (remember, Nixon has never apologized for Watergate either), refused time and time again permission for a memorial to be set up at the campus for the slain students.

And in 1983 when he left the governor's mansion (many of us hoped for good), as if to slap Kent State in the face one more time, he built a monument to himself on the statehouse lawn instead!

(Incidentally, construction on a memorial, to replace the tiny concrete slab that is all that served as a reminder to May 4 for 15 years, did begin under Rhodes' successor.)

And now the murderer wants another term in office. For the sake of free speech and all that's made this country great, let's hope Ohio voters are smarter than they've been in the past.

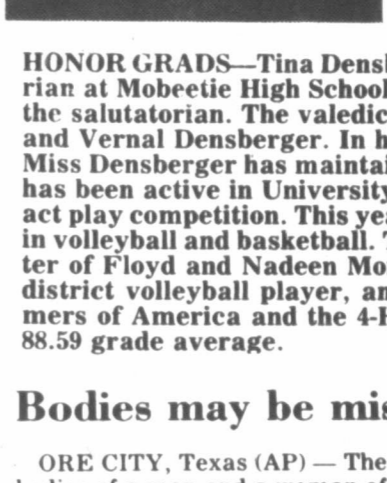
Nothing can ruin a reporter's day worse than waking up in the morning and hearing one of his previous day's stories read verbatim, without attribution, on the radio. Two of my days were ruined thus this week.

I'm not mentioning any names but, to me, this practice by a Pampa Top 40 radio station constitutes broadcast plagiarism. Cut it out guys.

Pinkham is a staff writer of The Pampa News. Views expressed in the Off Beat columns are the individuals' and not necessarily those of this newspaper.



HONOR GRADS—Tina Densberger, right, 's the valedictorian at Mobeetie High School this year and Amy Morris is the salutatorian. The valedictorian is the daughter of Ken and Vernal Densberger. In her four years in High school, Miss Densberger has maintained a 96.9 grade average and has been active in University Interscholastic League one-act play competition. This year, she was named all-district in volleyball and basketball. The salutatorian is the daughter of Floyd and Nadeen Morris. Miss Morris was an all-district volleyball player, and was active in Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Club. She graduates with a 88.59 grade average.



Bodies may be missing couple

ORE CITY, Texas (AP) — The bodies of a man and a woman of "comparable age" to a young couple who vanished during a lake outing were found near this East Texas town Saturday, authorities said.

The bodies were taken to Dallas for autopsies and identification, said Upshur County Chief Deputy James Beasley.

Beasley said he would not speculate as to whether the bodies were of Hawkins residents Bryan Boone and Gina Turner, both 20.

"We can't rule them out," he said. "It could be them. They're of comparable age."

Sheriff's deputies found the bodies about 11:15 a.m. Saturday in a drainage ditch beside Farm to Market Road 1649 about three miles north of Ore City and 15

Woman convicted of burning family

DALLAS (AP) — A Rowlett woman convicted of setting a fire that killed her husband, two daughters and a family friend faces a possible life prison sentence.

A jury convicted Peggy Marie Taylor, 33, Friday of arson in a fire that destroyed her home March 8, 1985.

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Opinion

Texas teacher tests wasted time, money

The politicians and bureaucrats who have supported school "reforms" in Texas were almost ecstatic last week when it was revealed that nearly 97 percent of the public school teachers in the state had passed what has been labeled a "competency test."

"Texas teachers have met the challenge and passed their test with outstanding success," said Gov. Mark White.

Texas Education Commissioner Dr. William Kirby said the results should demonstrate to the people of Texas that their confidence in a vast majority of teachers is justified.

But we think the statement by Charles N. Beard, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, was a more accurate description of what the tests meant.

"These tests underscore the fact that we have just wasted some \$4.7 million of taxpayers' money," he said. "We do not know any more about teacher competency in Texas than we did two months or two years ago."

Beard is exactly right. The Mickey Mouse test didn't prove a thing.

The tests, which were mandated by school reform legislation passed in 1984, don't shed a bit of light on whether teachers are competent or not. They were reading and writing tests. And the biggest portion of the tests were multiple choice questions, a form that assures some correct answers from anyone taking them.

The difficulty of the tests, and whether the state had the right to require further testing of teachers who had previously been given lifetime certification, however, are not the main questions raised in the minds of reasonable people.

The question that should be asked is: "Does the fact that someone can read and write prove that person is a competent teacher?" The answer is obvious.

Those state officials and legislators, who probably are secretly relieved at the outcome of the first testing session, have no reason to boast about the results. A more realistic reaction would be a feeling of shame for spending the incredible sum of \$4.7 million simply to prove that Texas teachers with college degrees know how to read and write about as well as most of the students they teach.

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Forget the Europeans

U.S. raids against Libya should give the Western World pause to examine our rights and responsibilities.

Sixth Fleet activity in the Mediterranean Sea against outlaws is not our first such encounter. From 1801 to 1805 we warred against the Barbary pirates of Tripoli, who had preyed on our merchant ships. We defeated them, but we didn't do it right. In 1815 we had to send Commodore Stephen Decatur, with a fleet of Yankee clippers, to defeat the pirate fleet and force reparations from Tripoli, Tunis, and Algiers. But it wasn't until 1830 when France conquered Algiers that the piracy of the Barbary Coast ended.

In 1916, Francisco "Pancho" Villa, who controlled Northern Mexico, staged several raids across our border. President Woodrow Wilson ordered the U.S. Army, under General Pershing, to cross into Mexico, pursue, and capture Villa. Pershing didn't capture Villa, but he did stop the raids into the United States.

Therefore, precedence, international law, and military power give the United States the right — and duty — to seek and destroy terrorists, the contemporary counterpart of yesterday's bandits.

The most fortunate aspect of the U.S. strike on

Libya is the near-zero support from our Western "friends." The kicker was the official and unofficial condemnation from France, West Germany, Netherlands, England, and Sweden. There were demonstrators everywhere, apparently rested up from their vacation when the Berlin nightclub was bombed, Korean airliner downed, and TWA bombed.

For our European friends who think patience and scolding is the way of dealing with terrorists, I'm thinking of establishing a Neville Chamberlain Club, granting them charter membership. Chamberlain, then prime minister of England, returned from the 1938 Munich Agreement, to deliver pearls like, "There'll be peace in our time." "I think Europe and the world have reason to be grateful to the head of the Italian government (Mussolini) for contribution to a peaceful solution." "I believe there is sincerity and good will on both sides (Hitler and Chamberlain). That is why the significance (of the Munich Agreement) goes far beyond its actual words." During the seven years following Chamberlain's assurances, 35-million people were killed and another 6-million slaughtered in concentration camps, all because the world's democracies were unwilling to defend themselves, opting instead to appease brutal tyrants.

Western response to today's terrorism is just the latest episode of an unwillingness to make the hard decisions and sacrifices to protect itself against aggression. But the U.S. should not be deterred by our allies' moral weakness. Both our freedom and the little bit of it that exists elsewhere depends on our strength, and if Reagan won't say it I will: we should forget the spineless admonitions of appeasement by the Europeans and, if necessary, go it alone.

Western Europe knows that it exists in a hostile environment, and if it weren't for us the Warsaw Pact nations and Russia would eat them alive in a matter of months. Therefore, while they might carry on ugly anti-U.S. demonstrations, they can't break ties with us and survive.

If our European friends have a proposal for dealing with state-sponsored terrorism, other than appeasement, we would be glad to hear it. In the meanwhile, it should be U.S. policy — and duty — to punish, both preemptively and retroactively, terrorism. States must learn that harboring and supporting terrorists is a costly proposition.

By the way, the Neville Chamberlain Club will also be open to eligible members of Congress and officials of the U.S. State Department.

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LYNDON LaROUCHE

Today in history

Today is Sunday, May 11, the 131st day of 1986. There are 234 days left in the year. Today is Mother's Day.

Today's highlight in history: On May 11, 1943, during World War II, American forces landed on Japanese-occupied Attu Island in the Aleutians. In three weeks, the territory was retaken.

On this date: Ten years ago: Former California Gov. Ronald Reagan defeated President Gerald Ford in the closely contested Nebraska Republican primary, while Ford picked up an expected victory in West Virginia. In the Democratic race, Idaho Sen. Frank Church scored an upset victory over front-runner Jimmy Carter in Nebraska.

Five years ago: Singer and songwriter Bob Marley, who brought worldwide acclaim to Jamaican reggae music, died of cancer at age 36 in a Miami hospital.



Lewis Grizzard

Never the twain shall mix

Did you know there was a difference between trash and garbage?

I'm nearly 40 years old, and I didn't know that. I always figured trash and garbage were the same thing, a bunch of stuff you wanted to throw away.

You live, you learn. The other morning, I walked outside my house and noticed the can in which I dump my refuse (a highbrow word for a bunch of stuff you want to throw away) was still full from the previous day.

There was a little note stuck to the can. It said, in essence, that my refuse hadn't been picked up because — and I quote — "trash and garbage had been mixed."

I hate making mistakes like that. I didn't close the cover on a book of matches before striking. It was weeks before I got over the guilt.

I called Georgia Waste Systems, where I have my trash-garbage account, to apologize. They were very nice and said a lot of people make the same mistake I did and they were not planning a lawsuit.

As long as I had somebody on the phone who could explain, I asked, "What is the difference between trash and garbage?"

"Garbage," said a spokesperson, "are things that come from the bathroom or kitchen."

"You mean like bread you leave out for a couple of months and green things start growing on it?" I asked.

"Precisely," she said.

"Trash," she continued, "is basically anything else. We do not pick up leaves, for instance, or old furniture, or boxes of materials that were collected when somebody cleaned out their attic."

The lady said it was up to the individual garbage collectors to decide if there is, in fact, trash and garbage mixed on their appointed rounds.

Somehow, I can't visualize two guys on a garbage truck really spending that much time trying to figure out which is which.

"What is it you have there, Leonard? Is it trash or garbage?" one guy says to the other.

"I can't be absolutely certain, Elvin, but it has green things growing on it."

I will, of course, comply with the waste company's dictum against mixing my trash and my garbage, but don't we have enough complexities in our lives as it is?

Don't we have to deal with international terrorism and the women's movement? Don't we have to battle traffic, computer involvement in our lives and airplanes that never take off on time?

Isn't it enough of a burden that we have to decide what to do about Central America, which long-distance telephone company we want to serve us and which cereal has the most fiber?

Oh, for a simpler time, when the good guys won, a girl could still cook and still would, and trash and garbage were the same, both delicacies as far as a goat was concerned.

It is a wonder that more of us don't tie a Glad-Bag around our heads and tell modern living to go stick its head in the nearest dumpster.

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Wally Simmons

Where will teachers' vote go?

Texas elections are traditionally marked by at least one or two bizarre events. One of my favorites happened four years ago when a dead Democrat decisively defeated a live Republican, or at least one who claimed he was alive.

There wasn't that much off-beat stuff going on in last week's primaries, even though one candidate apparently won because voters got him mixed up with a hospital. One of the most interesting events was a justice of peace election in El Paso where two of the three candidates had to post bond so they could get out of jail on election day and vote, presumably for themselves, and the third operated his campaign headquarters out of a bar.

The guy who campaigned out of the bar won the election. There's probably a moral to that story, but I'm not sure what it is. Maybe the moral is "You're better off drinking beer than going to jail."

But I think most of us already knew that, so about all we learned is that you can get elected justice of peace in El Paso if you provide enough potential voters with free booze. It might even work in other places.

Perhaps the most significant development in the primaries was that almost half of the Democrats who participated voted against Governor Mark White, even though he had no real opposition. And, if White can get only 53 percent of the Democrat vote against token candidates, you have to wonder how he will fare against Republican Bill Clements in the November election if Clements can keep his foot out of his mouth that long.

And one group of voters with a problem will be the school-teachers. What are they going to do in November? Although Gov. White has managed to alienate many teachers, it is hard to visualize them voting for Cle-

ments, the candidate they worked so hard to defeat in the last governor's election.

The teachers are not likely to stay at home, though, not after spending years preaching to students that citizens have a Sacred Duty to march off to the polls every couple of years and attempt to choose the lesser of two evils, and that this peculiar exercise somehow protects our Freedom, even though there is no evidence to support that claim. So the teachers are either going to have to vote for a Democrat they don't like, a Republican they can't stand, or leave the ballot spot for the governor's race blank.

They may have a third choice, but that won't appeal to them either. Libertarian Party candidates will be on the ballot in November if they can overcome all the rules and regulations the Democrats and Republicans have established to keep them off. Some woman, from Austin I

believe, says she'll run for governor on the Libertarian ticket. But she's not likely to get much support from disgruntled teachers because Libertarians don't believe the state should be in the business of operating schools in the first place.

I have a feeling, though, that if she gets on the ballot she'll get a substantial number of votes from Democrats who don't want White and can't bring themselves to vote for Clements.

Actually, voting for third party candidates is not a bad way out for those who can't overcome a compulsion to vote but don't like either the Democrat or the Republican in the race. Third-party candidates never win, and if you vote for one, nobody can hold you responsible for the damage the winner, whoever he is, is certain to do during the next few years.

Simmons is managing editor of The Pampa News.

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Soviets claim radiation levels 'absolutely safe'

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union on Saturday said new radiation readings show Kiev is "absolutely safe" from the Chernobyl nuclear plant's fallout, and a Soviet official was quoted as saying the Kremlin should have announced the accident sooner.

Valentin Falin, chairman of the Soviet news agency Novosti, also was quoted as saying that two more people had died as a result of the accident, which would bring the official death toll to four.

The West German news magazine Der Spiegel quoted Falin as saying the two had been among 18 people who were hospitalized in serious condition after the April 26 accident.

The explosion and fire at the Chernobyl power plant 80 miles

north of Kiev released a cloud of radioactivity over Europe.

In a four-paragraph statement released Saturday, the Soviet government said radiation levels in Kiev and at a radius of 35 miles from the reactor were "absolutely safe."

Kiev is the country's third-largest city, with 2.4 million people. Hundreds of its residents worried about radiation have gone to Moscow, although no panic has been reported.

The statement said radiation was measured at 0.32 milliroentgens per hour in Kiev and at 0.33 milliroentgens per hour 35 miles from the plant, but did not say when the readings were taken. A milliroentgen is one-thousandth of a roentgen, the standard measure of ionizing radiation.

Experts say exposure to 50 roentgens or more per year is dangerous and 400 roentgens per year can be fatal.

"On the country's western border, (the) radiation level is within the limits of the background," or normal level, the statement said.

Soviet officials have said they evacuated people and livestock within 18 miles of the reactor. The statement, distributed in English by the official Tass news agency, did not specify radiation levels at the plant or within the 18-mile evacuation area.

The statement also said that the fire in the graphite of the reactor core was out, as announced Friday by officials of the U.N.-affiliated International Atomic Energy Agency. The graphite is used to slow nuclear

reactions.

"The temperature inside the reactor went down substantially as a result of the ... measures" taken by emergency crews, said the statement.

Der Spiegel quoted Falin, a former Soviet ambassador to Bonn, as saying in an interview, "Viewed in retrospect, it appears to me that it would have been better if the information we released on Monday (April 28) had already been released on Sunday."

But he was quoted as saying, "To see the situation objectively, we have to take into account the fact that initial reports from the leadership at the Chernobyl nuclear plant were incomplete and later proved incorrect."

Western leaders have criticized the Soviet Union for not con-

firmed an accident took place until two days afterward and only then when Scandinavian authorities detected abnormally high radiation.

Soviet officials previously have insisted the statements were issued in a manner to minimize panic and ensure accuracy.

Earlier Saturday, Radio Moscow carried a brief, taped interview with the director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Hans Blix, in which he praised the Soviets' "enormous amount of competence in the nuclear field."

Blix said Soviet authorities "need time to analyze the reason for the accident."

He and two other agency experts returned to Vienna, Austria, on Friday after five days of

talks with Soviet officials and a helicopter flight over the damaged reactor. Blix said on Radio Moscow that international measures should be reached so the whole world "can learn from this accident and thereby improve nuclear safety."

The agency team said Friday that workers were trying to encase the reactor in concrete to prevent further releases of radiation.

The Soviet statement Saturday said simply, "Work is being done to additionally consolidate the reactor's foundation."

The statement did not mention the casualty toll. Previous statements have said two people were killed and 204 hospitalized, with 18 of them in serious condition.

Chernobyl: Soviet disaster causing world to re-examine nuclear power

EDITOR'S NOTE — Day by day, since the Soviet nuclear disaster, reports have come in from around the world of major government reassessments and popular protests on the nuclear issue. Here is a comprehensive look at Chernobyl's impact in other nations.

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
Associated Press Writer

Three Mile Island unsettled a nuclear world. Now Chernobyl has shaken it.

As radioactive dust fell over the Northern Hemisphere last week, governments abruptly scrapped or postponed new atomic-energy programs. Election battle lines formed around the nuclear issue. And anti-nuclear protesters marched by the thousands through the streets of world capitals—including even a handful in Soviet-bloc Poland.

The 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island plant, near Harrisburg, Pa., had a long-term impact. Within a year, for example, Swedes voted to phase out their nuclear-power system, and the Chinese dropped plans for a plant near Shanghai.

But the repercussions of the April 26 disaster at the Soviet Union's Chernobyl plant, history's worst nuclear accident, have reached farther, faster—and promise to be longer-lasting.

Since Chernobyl, three governments—in Yugoslavia, the Philippines and the Netherlands—have put nuclear-power plans on hold or written them off entirely, citing fears raised by the Soviet accident. And, from Taiwan to Mexico to Italy, legislators and editorialists are demanding major reassessments of atomic energy in their countries.

Harrisburg all at once changed the domestic policy scene in Sweden," commented the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter. "Chernobyl is on its way to do the same."

Nuclear power provides one-sixth of the world's electricity. At the end of 1985, twenty-six nations had 374 licensed power reactors operating, 100 of them in the United States, the International Atomic Energy Agency reports.

Reactor safety and radioactive-waste disposal have been troublesome political issues for

decades. A U.S. General Accounting Office study, recently released, reported 151 safety incidents at nuclear plants in 14 countries between 1971 and 1984.

But Chernobyl, a reactor "meltdown," was the first to spew radioactivity out over much of the world. In country after country, the disaster sent government officials, such as Italian nuclear energy chief Umberto Colombo, scrambling to reassure nervous publics.

"An incident of that gravity could not happen in Italy," Colombo said in Rome, just 40 miles from an Italian atomic plant that, like Chernobyl, uses graphite as a chain-reaction moderator.

The experts pointed to a safety margin—concrete containment structures surrounding their reactors—that the devastated Soviet reactor did not have. The containment at Three Mile Island proved to be the difference between threat and disaster.

But anti-nuclear activists, meanwhile, have taken the offensive. "It just isn't good enough to state glibly that our reactors are different from the Soviets," said David Martin, a spokesman for the Canadian Nuclear Awareness group. "Any reactor system can melt down if there's a lack of coolant."

Here is a region-by-region look at other after-effects of Chernobyl:

WESTERN EUROPE

Demonstrators rallied in West Germany, the Netherlands and Spain to demand a shutdown of their countries' nuclear power installations.

In West Germany, which has 20 operating plants and is building or planning 13 others, the issue could help the environmentalist Greens party and the main opposition Social Democrats in national elections next January. The Social Democrats favor a gradual phase-out of nuclear power.

In Sweden, where voters in 1980 decided to shut down their four nuclear power plants by the year 2010, political analysts said Chernobyl could pressure the government into speeding up the process. The first showdown may come over a government plan to spend \$160 million to improve one plant.

Swiss voters in 1979 narrowly rejected a proposal to rein in nuclear power, but environmentalists say they will now use the example of Chernobyl to collect 100,000 petition signatures needed for a new referendum. An opinion poll published last week indicated 45 percent of Swiss oppose nuclear power.

Belgian Premier Wilfried Martens, whose country depends on atomic power for 60 percent of its electricity, told Parliament on Friday he had ordered a strengthening of safety programs.

But in France, authorities said Chernobyl would have no impact on a nuclear program that produces 65 percent of the country's power, and few protests were evident.

EASTERN EUROPE

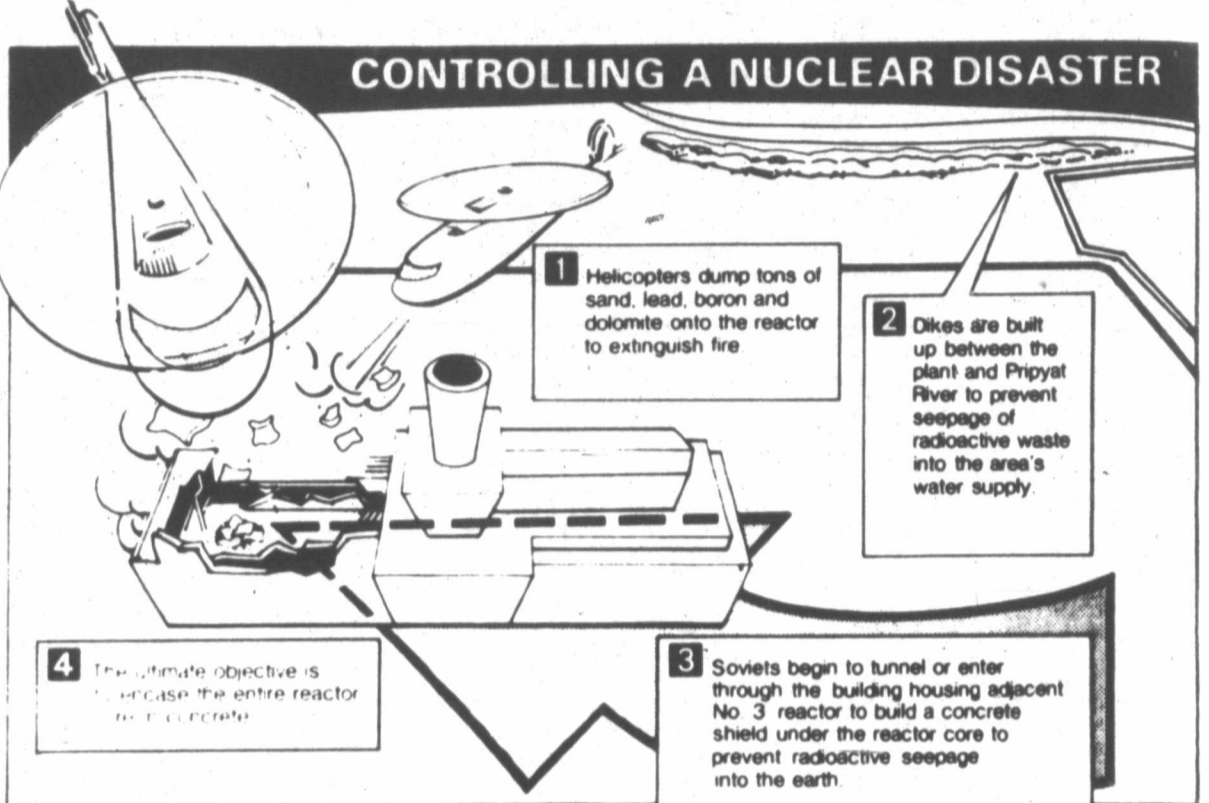
Poland, with Soviet help, is building its first atomic power plant, at Zarnowice on the Baltic coast. Program chief Mieczyslaw Sowinski said the Soviet disaster, which spread radioactivity across Poland, "should not have any impact" on the plans. But some Poles felt otherwise, including 200 who staged a protest in the southern city of Wroclaw behind banners reading, "Zarnowice Will Be Next."

No street demonstrations were reported in tightly disciplined East Germany. But, in Chernobyl's aftermath, the Communist Party newspaper published an article in which scientists said extra safety precautions would be built into East Germany's five power reactors.

Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria also have nuclear power plants, but no public questioning of those systems was reported.

MIDDLE EAST

Negotiations with France for Israel's first power reactor will go ahead despite the Soviet accident, Israeli officials said. But some legislators called for an in-



quiry into whether Israel needs nuclear energy at all.

In Egypt, which has no nuclear power plants but is planning to build eight reactors, an official source quoted in the government-owned press said those plans would be unaffected. Even before Chernobyl, however, President Hosni Mubarak was known to be uneasy over the safety and costliness of nuclear energy.

FAR EAST

The Soviet accident raised concerns in Taiwan, where a generator fire shut down one of three nuclear plants last November. Some legislators now want a thorough review of reactor safety, but government officials say they still plan to proceed with a fourth plant. Taiwan gets 59 percent of its power supplies from nuclear facilities.

Across the South China Sea, near densely populated Hong Kong, the Chinese Communist government is building a nuclear plant at Daya Bay. Hong Kong's British colonial government, to allay local concerns, hastily asked London's Atomic Energy Authority to draw up contingency plans for potential disasters.

The government in South Korea, which draws 18 percent of its electricity from nuclear plants, issued no statements in

Chernobyl's aftermath. But the independent Korea Times newspaper said the accident "alerts Korean authorities to take all precautionary measures to ensure nuclear safety."

In Tokyo, officials said Japan would continue expanding its nuclear power system, which already includes 32 reactors. But one power company official acknowledged that at some point the Japanese, target of a U.S. nuclear attack in World War II, "are likely to respond emotionally against nuclear power."

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

In Mexico, Argentina and Brazil, where nuclear-power plans already were scaled back or in question because of financial problems, commentators suggested that the "Chernobyl factor" also be weighed.

"How well prepared will we be in Mexico to control one of these failures in the Laguna Verde plant?" asked Mexico City's El Sol newspaper, referring to Mexico's almost-operational first plant.

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Don't start spending your tax cut just yet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Its backers say the latest plan to drastically overhaul the federal income tax has so much momentum that it stands a good chance of being passed almost intact by the Senate. But don't count your tax cut yet.

The final version of a new tax law would be written, mainly behind closed doors, by a handful of senators and representatives picking and choosing from among hundreds of provisions in the separate 1,000-plus-page bills passed by the House and Senate.

The list of winners and losers in the final compromise — the size of your tax cut — could be considerably different than under either bill.

"You're going to get a tax-reform bill because nobody should ever bet against the most popular president of our time,"

said David Berenson of the Washington office of Ernst and Whinney accountants. "But the bill will be written in the conference (of senior House and Senate tax-writers). What you see now is not what you'll get."

But this can be said with certainty: If Congress agrees this year on a tax bill, it will be one with radically lower tax rates, fewer deductions and exclusions, a sharply higher burden on corporations, a 100 percent income-tax cut for about 6 million of the working poor, and a tough crack-down on profitable businesses and wealthy investors who have managed to legally duck their share of taxes.

Those elements are included in the bill that passed the House in December and in the version that emerged from the Senate Finance Committee with a unani-

mous vote on Wednesday.

Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., Finance Committee chairman and chief author of the bill, predicts it will suffer no major damage during the Senate debate, even though he acknowledged he is likely to lose some amendments. If everything goes according to plan — and it seldom does in Congress — the final version could be in President Reagan's hands for his signature in early August.

Majority Leader Bob Dole says Packwood's bill — with unanimous endorsement of the Finance Committee and general support from Reagan — is so popular that "it's changed the whole landscape on tax reform." He sees it zipping through the Senate.

Reagan on Saturday described the Senate plan as "a giant step

forward" although he noted it was not perfect.

Here are some of the major differences affecting individual taxes:

RATES: The House voted to cut the top individual rate (now 50 percent) to 38 percent, although most people would pay at either a 15 percent or 25 percent rate. In the Senate version, most would pay 15 percent; on paper the top rate would be 17 percent but some upper-income people could pay around 32 percent because of restrictions in other parts of the bill.

EXEMPTIONS: A \$2,000-per-person exemption is included in the House plan for taxpayers who do not itemize and \$1,500 for those who do. Packwood's bill has \$2,000 for all but the wealthiest, some of whom would get zero.

RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS: The House voted to keep tax-

deferred Individual Retirement Accounts for every worker who can afford one. The Senate plan would restrict a fully deductible \$2,000-a-year IRA to a person not eligible for a company pension plan, although other workers could deposit up to \$2,000 — without a deduction — and the interest would not be taxed until withdrawn. Because this affects more than 20 million families, this proposal has drawn more fire than any other part of the Senate bill.

INTEREST: Although both bills would permit deduction of mortgage interest on one or two homes, other non-business interest would be treated differently. The House bill would allow a person to deduct up to \$10,000 of consumer interest (\$20,000 for a couple) — including automobile and education loans — plus an

amount equal to income from investments. The Senate plan would permit an amount equal to investment income but no deduction for consumer interest.

SALES TAXES: The House would allow itemizers to continue deducting all state and local sales, property and income taxes. The Senate plan would wipe out the deduction for sales tax, but Packwood predicts the full deduction is likely to be in the final compromise.

CAPITAL GAINS: For more than 50 years, the federal government has taxed these gains — profits from the sale of property, such as real estate and stocks — at a lower rate than ordinary income under the assumption that was needed to attract money to important but risky ventures. The top rate now is 20 percent; it can be as low as 4.4 percent. The House voted a 22 percent rate. The Senate plan would tax gains at the same rate as other income — 15 percent or 27 percent.

Reagan praises tax revision plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan said Saturday the tax revision bill proposed by the Senate Finance Committee is "a giant step forward" that could boost the average family's income by \$600 to \$900 a year.

The president's remarks in his weekly radio address from the presidential retreat at Camp David in Maryland were his first detailed discussion of the bill, although administration spokes-

men have said he was pleased with it.

"The people won," Reagan said, speaking of the Finance Committee's work. "America today stands poised to lift off into a new age of opportunity, powered by one of the most exciting economic changes of my lifetime."

He said the bill "will sweep into the trash bins of our past literally scores of unfair, unwise, unproductive tax shelters" and "will

make an enormous contribution toward tax fairness."

"Of course, this bill is not perfect," he said. "But several months ago I wrote several members of the House specifying the conditions that must be met for my support. This bill meets those conditions. As far as I am concerned, it is a giant step forward."



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Kelton names honor grads

KELTON — Superintendent N. Dean Johnson and Principal Ross Coffey have announced the 1986 high school and junior high school honor graduates.

Lacy Buckingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Buckingham is the valedictorian. A member of the Kelton Lions girls' basketball team, she also qualified for the state University Interscholastic League contest in calculator application. She has a four-year grade average of 97.71.

The salutatorian is Teresa Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Moore of Kelton. Her four-year grade average was 94.65.

Eighth grade valedictorian is Shelly Graves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Graves. She is the only eighth grader at Kelton and has an average grade of 90.93 for two years.

The combined graduation ceremony will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 31 at the Kelton School Gymnasium. Miss Buckingham will present special music for the evening. School Baccalaureate will be held at Kelton United Methodist Church 7:30 p.m. May 25. The Rev. Steve Venable, pastor of the Kelton Methodist Church will speak.



SHELLY GRAVES

AMA elects officers

DALLAS (AP) — Dr. David Vanderpool of Dallas was chosen Friday as president-elect of the 25,000-member Texas Medical Association and Dr. Margie Peschel was selected as secretary, an association spokeswoman said.

Vanderpool, a former Dallas County Medical Association president, and Peschel, a pathologist and ex-Tarrant County president, were chosen by the association's House of Delegates during the TMA's convention here, said spokeswoman Lisa Stark Walsh.

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Governor of Louisiana acquitted second time

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Gov. Edwin Edwards and his four co-defendants were acquitted Saturday of all charges in a federal racketeering and fraud case involving state approvals for new hospitals and nursing homes.

The trial was the second for the governor, his brother Marion and three business associates in the case. A trial last year ended in a hung jury, with the jury leaning heavily toward acquittal.

This time, the defendants mounted no case of their own, saying they felt the government's case was too weak to warrant a response.

The governor's verdict was read first and brought immediate screams and cheers from the side of that his face flushed.

The verdict came after about 12 hours of deliberations since the case went to the jury Friday. The jury had sandwiches brought in Saturday and did not leave for lunch.

In the four weeks of testimony in the second trial, prosecutors reduced the number of witnesses while streamlining their presentation. They never produced a witness who saw or heard the men plot the alleged conspiracy.

But they showed that Edwards, a popular two-term governor in the 1970s, made \$2 million while out of office as a co-owner with Wylie and Falgout of four hospital projects.

Prosecutors contended the \$2 million was a bribe paid in anticipation of Edwards' 1983 landslide re-election victory.

On July 30, 1984 — four months after his third term began — Edwards changed rules and issued executive orders resulting in approval of seven projects owned or represented by Wylie and Falgout.

On the same day he ordered an Aug. 1 halt to any further approvals.



Pharmacy Footnotes

by Roger A. Davis

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Britain boots Syrian diplomats in probe of airliner bombing try

LONDON (AP) — Britain on Saturday ordered the expulsion of three Syrian diplomats after the Syrian Embassy refused to waive their immunity and expose them to police interrogation about an attempt to bomb an Israeli airliner.

A Foreign Office statement said Damascus was willing for the three to be questioned inside the embassy, but under the cover of diplomatic immunity.

Scotland Yard rejected the offer, believing that whatever evidence was obtained under such conditions would not stand up in court, and the government ordered the diplomats to leave within seven days, the statement said.

The Syrian ambassador, Dr. Loutof Allah Haydar, denied Syria was involved in terrorism on British soil. He said that since no specific charges were leveled against his staff, there was no reason to lift the immunity that protects diplomats from prosecution.

The Foreign Office did not spell out why it wanted to question the diplomats, saying only that Haydar was asked about "allegations about Syrian involvement in certain terrorist activities in this country."

Haydar told The Associated Press the incident in question was the April 17 attempt to smug-

gle a bomb aboard a Tel Aviv-bound airliner at London's Heathrow Airport. Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe has also told Parliament the matter concerned is the El Al affair.

A 31-year-old Palestinian, Nezar Hindawi, is being held on charges of planting the bomb in his Irish girlfriend's luggage without her knowledge and sending her to board the plane.

London Broadcasting Corp. Radio said that Britain suspected Syrian diplomats of supplying the components of the bomb, and that Hindawi contacted a Syrian diplomat after dropping his girlfriend off at the airport. The Foreign Office declined to comment on the report.

The bomb, which was discovered by El Al guards, would have blown up the plane and nearly 400 passengers and crew, according to police.

A series of meetings between Foreign Office officials and Haydar ended Saturday when Deputy Undersecretary of State Ewen Fergusson told the ambassador the three diplomats had to leave within a week.

They were identified as Zaki Oud, Ahmad Abdul Latif and Mounir Mouna. They are listed as attaches in the register of Syria's 25-member diplomatic corps in London, and Haydar refused to elaborate on their functions.

The expulsions reflect the hard line Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is taking on terrorism in her country. She permitted U.S. aircraft that bombed Libya on April 15 to take off from bases in Britain, and has expelled 22 Libyan students as alleged subversives.

At the Tokyo summit of industrial powers Mrs. Thatcher took the lead in pressing fellow Europeans for tougher anti-terrorism measures.

The expulsions were announced as statements made by Western officials about Arab terrorism shifted focus from Libya to Syria.

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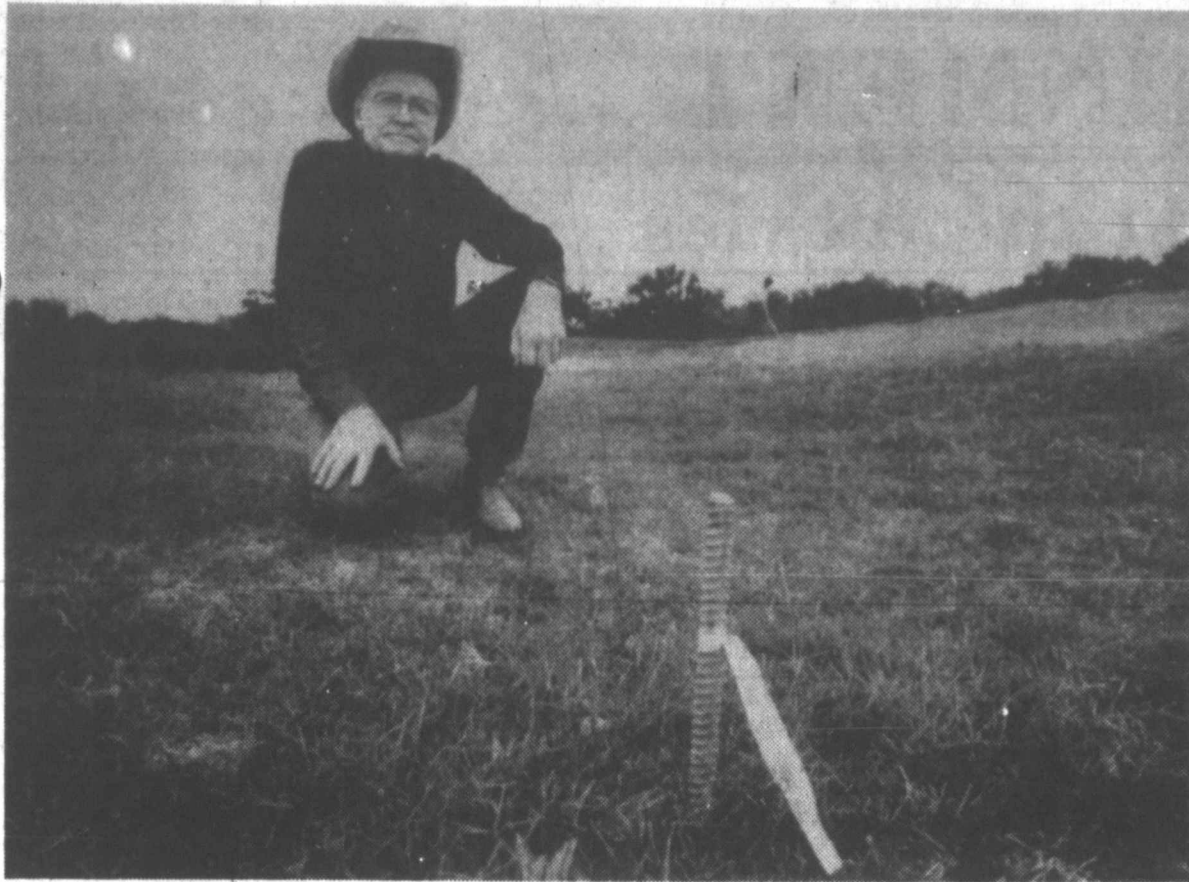
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STUCK IN THE ROUGH — R. A. Duncan, a Denton County rancher, is in the rough these days because part of the back nine of a golf course is in his back woods. (AP Laserphoto)

Rancher battling suburb in court over golf course site

CARROLLTON, Texas (AP) — A Denton County rancher is in the rough these days because part of the back nine of a golf course is in his back woods.

And, like the golfers, he's looking for the green.

R. A. Duncan, 64, is trying to get the city to pay him for 11 acres that were mistakenly included in a 412-acre parcel used in constructing the Indian Creek Municipal Golf Course.

Last month, District Judge John Narsutis ruled that the suburb north of Dallas had built the entire 13th hole and parts of the 11th, 12th and 14th holes on 11 acres owned by Duncan next to the Trinity River.

In addition to establishing Duncan's ownership, the judge awarded the rancher \$32,000 to cover legal fees, lost rents and tree damage on the property.

Roaming the course in a weather-stained cowboy hat, boots, a denim shirt and blue jeans, Duncan looked out of place among the golfers as he pointed out fluorescent orange stakes that mark his property line.

"I want to sell the land to the city," he said. "But I want a fair

market price for my land and I haven't got one yet."

Golfers currently play the four holes on Duncan's land unaware of any controversy. But that may change, Duncan said.

"I went to the city offices on Tuesday and applied for a permit to build a fence on my land," he said. "The permit man was going to give me one until I told him who I was."

The application for the wire hazard is pending, Duncan said.

City officials acknowledged that someone made a mistake when Duncan's land was included in the \$824,000 purchase of the golf course land from Bill Donald in 1979.

"There's little doubt that he owned the land or had title to a portion of it," City Manager Mike Eastland said. "But he originally claimed 19.5 acres, which was reduced to 11. We think his part is smaller than that, but that's for the court to decide."

City officials have joined with Chicago Title Co., which handled the sale, to appeal Narsutis' ruling, Eastland said.

After an initial ruling against the city last October, the city

offered to buy the disputed 11 acres from Duncan for \$80,000, the city manager said. The city, the title company and the parcel seller were going to split the cost of the settlement, but Duncan rejected the payment.

"Their offer is a lot less than what the property to the north and south is worth," Duncan said.

Because of the litigation, Duncan declined to set a price for the parcel, but indicated it would be well over \$100,000.

Duncan said he brought the situation to the attention of city officials in December 1983, several months after his brother noticed that the golf course being constructed on land his family had used for hunting, fishing and timber cutting since the 1880s.

Freed by mistake, driver now eligible for parole

DALLAS (AP) — A drunken driver mistakenly released from prison after serving 10 months of a 10-year sentence for killing a Grand Prairie police officer will be credited with the time he was not in prison, officials say.

That makes Dale Ross Looper, 33, of Hood County immediately eligible for parole.

Despite opposition from police, the Dallas County district attorney's office and the dead officer's family, parole officials said Thursday that Looper will get credit for the last 2½ years, while he has been free, toward his sentence for killing officer Lyndon King in 1982.

Together with the 10 months Looper served in 1983 before an administrative error allowed him to go free, parole officials said Looper has technically served the minimum sentence required for parole consideration.

"It's tragic an individual who kills someone doesn't have to pay

the penalty a jury thought appropriate," said State District Judge Ed Kinkeade, who presided at the involuntary manslaughter trial that resulted in Looper's sentence.

"But when the system messes up, I understand the reason for the law," he added.

Kinkeade was referring to a law requiring officials to credit Looper with the time he was free if his release was the result of a mistake.

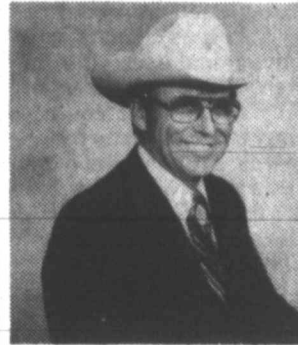
In Looper's case, Dallas County Sheriff's officials said they erred when they sent him to the Texas Department of Corrections instead of holding him in a county jail while he appealed his conviction.

As a result of the error, prison officials weren't informed of the 10-year sentence and released Looper after he had served about 10 months, the minimum required, for an unrelated drunken driving sentence.

The error wasn't discovered until last year. Even then, it took court officials almost eight months to issue an arrest warrant for Looper.

The truck driver was convicted of killing King, who died March 1, 1982, when his pickup truck crashed into the officer who was investigating a minor traffic accident on Interstate 30 in Grand Prairie.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Plans gearing up for city's Fourth of July celebration

Officials are gearing up for Pampa's first-ever, old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration.

Theme of the event, to take place in and around M. K. Brown Auditorium, will be Nostalgia.

Organizer Floye Christensen said the hope is to "revive an old-time fair and carnival atmosphere, celebrating our nation's birthday, the Texas

city band and entertainment stages and, she hopes, an old-time medicine show.

Christensen said organizers are open to other ideas. A meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. Monday at M.K. Brown for those interested in participating.

Auditorium Manager Danny Parkerson said the city is trying to keep prices down "like in the old days." Those

all acts and will be divided into separate age categories, Parkerson said. Preliminaries begin at 8 a.m.

Outdoor activities will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Christensen said. Booths will be furnished with a table and electricity, but booth holders must build and decorate their own booths. Cost for each booth is \$50.

Parkerson said age categories for single performers in the talent search will be 3-6, 7-12, 13-17 and 18 and over. For group performances the two categories will be 3-17 and 18 and over.

A cash prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to the finalist in each age division, individual and group. First runners-up through fourth runners-up will be awarded prizes by local merchants.

There will be no individual categories such as vocal or dance; all types of acts will compete against each other in their age division, Parkerson said. He added that contestants may enter as many times as they like, provided each entry is as a different talent.

Entry fees are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for groups. Deadline for entry is June 30.

Parkerson said those seeking more information may call him at M. K. Brown at 665-4841.



sesquicentennial and the crowning of the Statue of Liberty." Christensen said the city hopes to make the event an annual affair.

She said the celebration will feature booths, games, a flea market, old-time political stands for candidates, old-fashioned Carney games, cake walks, kid's games, old-fashioned food booths, buggy and old-fashioned car rides, a

participating will be adorned in old-fashioned garb, he added.

In addition, entertainment for the festivities will be a talent search that Parkerson said he also hopes to make an annual part of the celebration. Try-outs will go on all day, followed by a show in the evening featuring the five finalists performing for top prizes.

The "First Annual Fourth of July Talent Search" is open to

Actress can't believe her success

By KIM MILLS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If Karen Akers' rise to stardom were made into a movie, it would sound like the sequel to one of those 1930s musicals where the feisty chorus girl gets a break and steals the show.

She's played a major role in Broadway's *Nine*, for which she received a Tony nomination. She gave a solo concert in Carnegie Hall in 1983 and sold out the house. Her first movie was *The Purple Rose of Cairo*, and her second film, opening in July, is *Heartburn*, starring Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson.

Even Miss Akers has a hard time believing her string of successes.

"I've had lots in my life that's not the real world. I mean, it's crazy. To have *Nine*, and to have your first film be a Woody Allen movie, and your second film directed by Mike Nichols..." She trails off.

"Carnegie Hall..." She has a faraway look in her dark eyes.

Some of her success has been serendipity, she admits. But once you've heard her sing or seen this almost 6-foot Nefertiti walk across a room, it's clear she's got something special.

To hear Miss Akers tell it, she used to be painfully shy and serious, afraid to sing in public. Slowly, she ventured out into New York's club scene in the 1970s, becoming a favorite in Greenwich Village clubs.

How she landed her role as

Luisa Contini in *Nine* — which starred 21 women and one man — is the stuff of which theater legends are made.

She began her audition by singing "La Vie en Rose," immortalized by Edith Piaf. When she was asked to do something in English, she sang "I Met a Man Today," a torchy number by Craig Carnelia.

Director-choreographer Tommy Tune approached the stage in tears and asked her to sing something upbeat. So she sang Stephen Sondheim's "Can This Boy Fox-trot," and immediately landed the role.

With *Heartburn* finished, Miss Akers plans to visit the Soviet Union this summer to sing and read poetry. She'll also do another album.

At the movies

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

Sweet Liberty

Movies about the making of a movie have been rare. *Day for Night* was a gem, reflecting Francois Truffaut's lifelong love affair with the cinema. *The Stunt Man*, highlighted by Peter O'Toole's demonic portrayal of an auteur director, captured the frenetic energy of a film location.

Now comes *Sweet Liberty*, written, directed by and starring Alan Alda.

The setting is a small college town in North Carolina. Professor Michael Burgess (Alda) has written a serious, realistic book about the Revolutionary War which becomes a best seller and is bought by a Hollywood studio. A film company invades the town to shoot the movie.

Alda soon learns the lesson of authors from time immemorial: that Hollywood can make a mish-mash of his book.

The director (Saul Rubinek) explains that since 80 percent of today's film audience is between the ages of 10 and 22, films must defy authority, destroy property and take off people's clothes.

Joining forces with the overbearing screenwriter (Bob Hoskins), Alda strives to rescue his creation by midnight rewrites of the script. He induces the stars, Michael Caine and Michelle Pfeiffer, to join the conspiracy.

Meanwhile, romance flourishes. Alda, who has been urging another teacher (Lise Hilboldt) to live with him, falls in bed with Pfeiffer. Caine makes a play for the teacher, the college president's wife and other available women — until his wife arrives on the location.

Sweet Liberty may sound like a merry romp, but alas,

Alda is a talented farceur, but he has shortchanged himself and his fellow actors as writer and director. Alda and Hilboldt bicker tediously until the film company arrives in a flurry of cliches. The dynamic Bob Hoskins becomes the epitome of the devious, slick-talking screenwriter, and Saul Rubinek is repellent as the director.

Alda has added an extraneous subplot about his eccentric and unfunny mother, with Lillian

Gish in a brave attempt at the role trademarked by Ruth Gordon.

The stars of the movie-within-the-movie come off best. Michael Caine is perfectly cast as the airy rake, and Michelle Pfeiffer has unquestionable star quality as the blonde temptress.

The rating of *Sweet Liberty* is PG, with mild swearing and bare male bottoms. Produced by Martin Bregman and released by Universal Pictures. Running time: 107 minutes.

By LEE SIEGEL
Associated Press Writer

Salvador

Two photojournalists walk among the mangled, bloodied bodies of victims of Salvadoran death squads, snapping pictures as they nonchalantly discuss their past exploits in other wars.

The scene epitomizes *Salvador*, a fast-paced look at journalists trying to cover a brutal civil war while maintaining the detachment needed to insulate themselves from its horrors.

"You've got to get close, Rich, to get the truth. But if you get too close, you die," photographer John Cassady (John Savage) tells his colleague, played by James Woods. Woods portrays Richard Boyle, the real-life photojournalist who wrote the script with director Oliver Stone.

In the script, Boyle comes across as a sleazy, conniving photographer on the fringes of respectable journalism during this fictionalized account of war and repression in El Salvador in 1980-81.

Woods plays the part with brilliance and energy, surpassing even his performances in *The Onion Field*, *Once Upon a Time in America* and *Against All Odds*.

Woods' Boyle is a yuppiehating, womanizing, hard-drinking "weasel." He sneaks into the troubled Central American nation with his disc-jockey buddy, Dr. Rock (James Belushi).

When Cassady asks Boyle why he came to El Salvador instead of covering the war in Angola, Boyle replies: "Angola doesn't have any nightlife."

But as *Salvador* relentlessly progresses through a series of

killings — including the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero and the slayings of American nuns — Boyle's hedonistic detachment slowly dissolves, and he tries to save the lives of those he loves.

Despite the gripping action scenes and a mostly witty, mile-a-minute, off-color script, the movie ultimately fails to produce the emotional tug of other films about journalists in war, particularly Roland Joffe's *The Killing Fields* and Peter Weir's *The Year of Living Dangerously*.

The script borders on pompous silliness when Boyle launches into a diatribe on American hypocrisy, and unbelievable sentimentality when Salvadoran rebels are shown in heroic poses as Latin American folk songs ring out in the background.

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ANTICIPATION — After disembarking from a stretch limousine, Pampa High School Senior Rene Eakin, left, and her escort Jerry Finney jauntily enter the 1986 Cotillion Ball, PHS's Junior-Senior Prom.

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Wearing top hats and fancy dresses and arriving in fine carriages, Pampa High School's 1986 seniors gathered at the M. K. Brown Auditorium recently for their prom night at the Cotillion Ball.

Looking forward to their upcoming graduation, seniors and their dates celebrated in dance on Saturday, May 3, going all out for the occasion.

The young men came in top hats and tuxedos, and the young women wore their fanciest gowns. Couples arrived in limousines, polished classic antique automobiles and even a horse-drawn surrey.

Greeted at the door by members of the Junior Class, the Senior Class celebrants were ushered in to a garden-decked gazebo world.

In the ballroom, a flower-decked fountain featured foil swans reflecting light around the walls enhanced with trellises and plants for the garden gazebo effect, white swags framing the gazebo windows.

Centerpieces for the tables were candles and ceramic swans floating on mirror lakes surrounded by angel hair clouds.

Refreshments included swan-shaped cookies and pineapple fruit punch.

In the lobby outside the ballroom, the garden effect was continued, offering various locations for photographs of the couples.

A white, wrought-iron bridge crossed a fountain-filtered pond having live goldfish. In the center, a black drape hung with silver stars and framed by a trellis concealed the statue.

On the north wall of the lobby was a picket fence with greenery. The east wall by the ballroom entrance was covered with paper decorated to resemble a white brick wall with climbing ivy. The west wall had a screen featuring 142 baby pictures of many of the seniors, plus surprise baby photos of Principal Oran Chappell. Student Council sponsor Bill Potts and Senior Class sponsor Richard Peet.

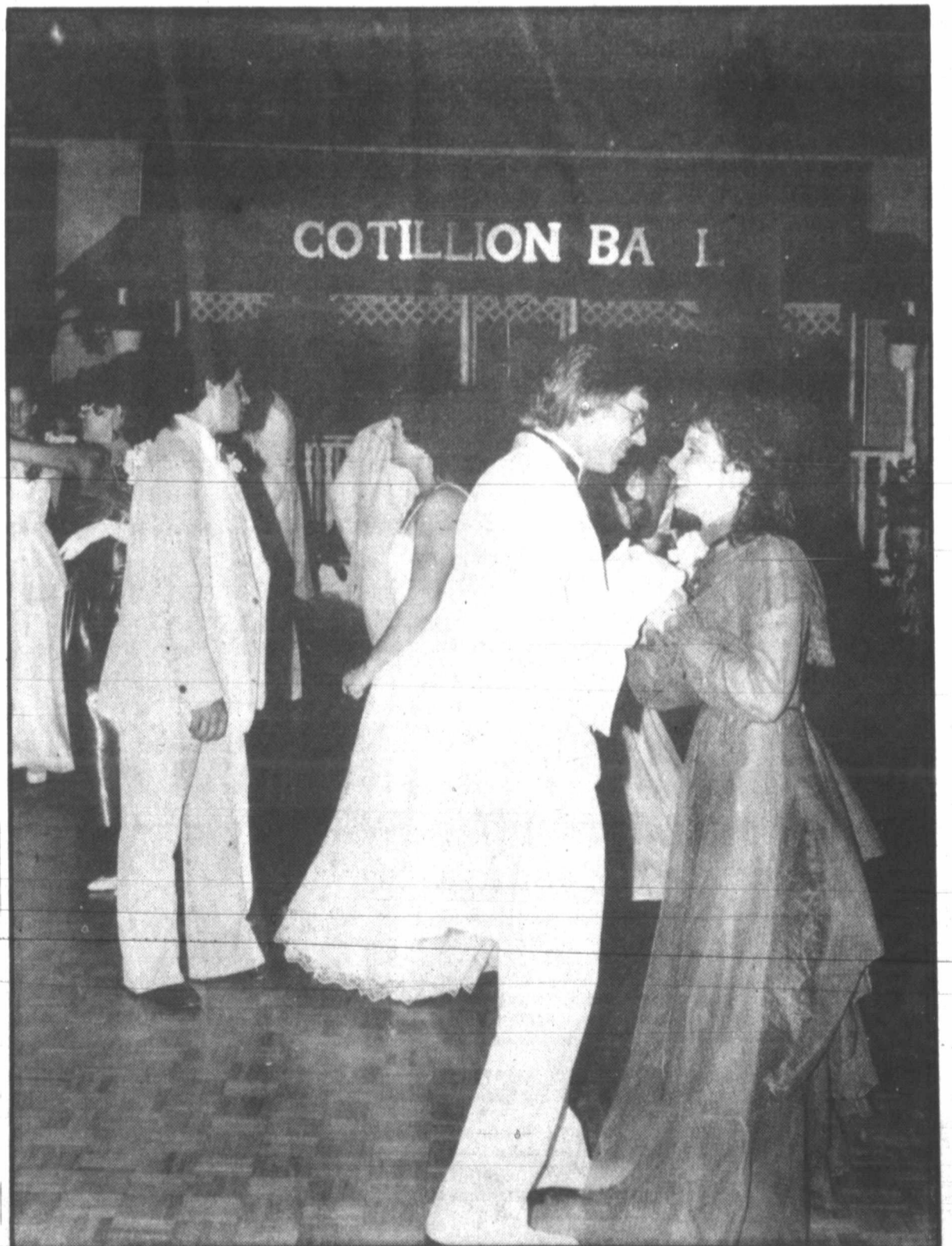
In the southwest corner, a gazebo decorated with floors contained a large wicker chair. The northwest corner featured large white columns with a trellised arch.

Even the restrooms were decorated for the special occasion. Top hats, canes and silver stars highlighted the walls in the men's restroom, while the women's restroom had straw picture hats with ribbons and flowers, with strings of ribbons and flowers on the walls.

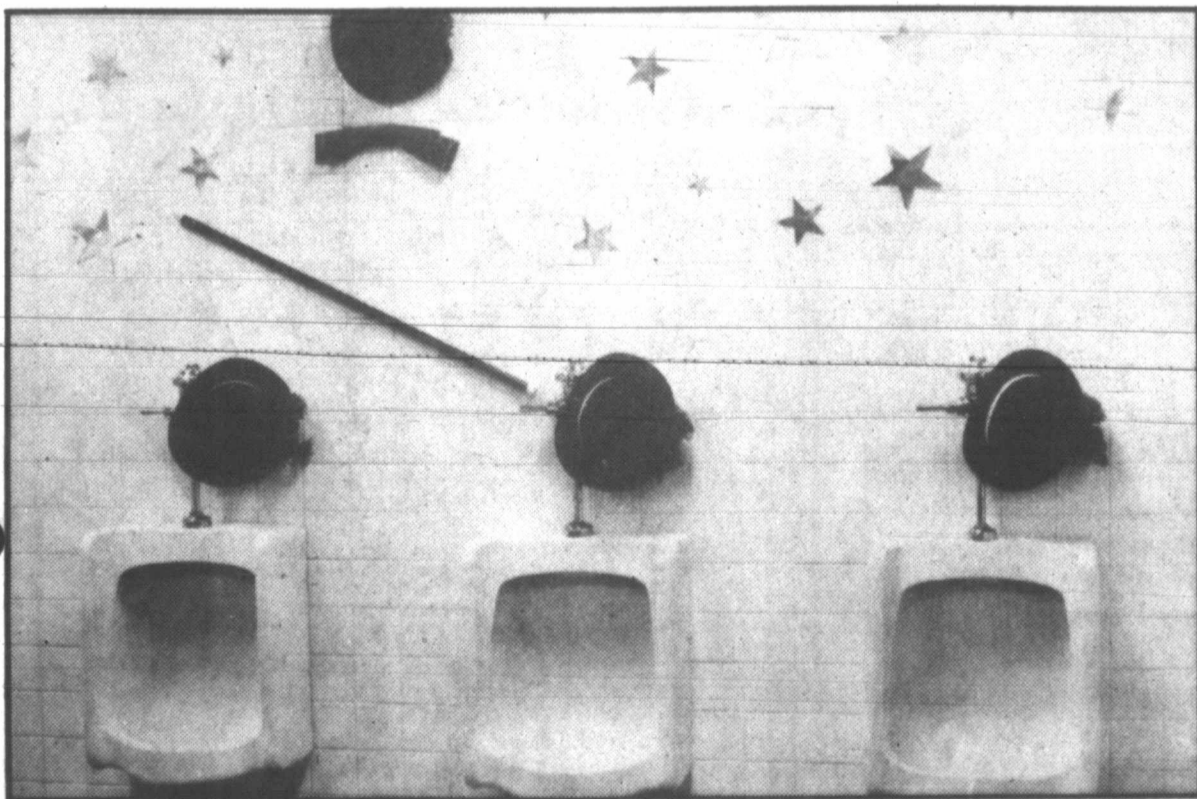
The Cotillion Ball was given by the Student Council and planned by seniors' parents under Potts' direction. Approximately 250 students and 75 adults attended the celebratory dance.

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DANCIN THE NIGHT AWAY — from left, Devin Golden, Bobbie Pairsh, Richard Fishburn and Kristi Shoffner.



DRESSED TO THE HILT — Even the bathrooms got the treatment.

Sixth grader wins 'Mother's Day' contest



'Best Mother' contest winner Troy Avendanio, left, with his mother, Amy Avendanio.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

The date was Jan. 28. From school, Mom met me with swollen eyes. She was crying. All she could say was "She's dead. They're all dead." I did not understand until I heard the news.

The news was sad. But why was Mom overly sad? She explained that Christa McAuliffe was a Mother, and in a few minutes her children were without a mother. All of us were looking forward to her lessons in space. Now it's gone.

Mom showed compassion. From very deep in her heart. Only a Mother can feel that. Only a teacher could. Now I know I have the best Mother in the whole world.

Troy Avendanio, a sixth grader at Pampa Middle School wrote that piece as his entry to the "Why I Have the Best Mother" contest, sponsored by The Pampa News. For his efforts, he received first place award of \$100.

Avendanio is an extremely quiet young man. For all his outstanding ability to express his feelings on paper, he seems to find it almost painful to put them in spoken words. Despite this, he revealed to this reporter that he writes sporadically, as the mood hits him. He does not limit his

literary efforts to essays. He also writes poetry, and has been writing since he was in kindergarten. "We learn about Troy in what he writes," says his mother, Amy Avendanio. "We learned from one essay that he was tired of our car," she adds, laughing.

Mrs. Avendanio and her husband, Dr. Prudencio Avendanio, have three other children in addition to Troy — Burgandy, Bernard and an adopted daughter, Marilyn, who is about to graduate from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Avendanio says he usually writes, "when I get bored." He does not plan to write as a career, only for his own enjoyment. "It usually takes a long time," he says about his writing. "Sometimes it's quick, but most of the time I think real hard."

An A-student at Pampa Middle School, Avendanio's intelligence shows up in his poetry, such as this short piece which appeared in a poetry calendar his class made:

OCEANS
Pounding, violent,
Swinging like dragon's tails
The waves climbing higher and higher
on seas.

His idea for the essay he submitted to the Mother's Day Contest came one evening after he had seen a news report about the

continuing investigation on the Challenger explosion, Avendanio explains. He stayed up late that night writing, then got his father to type his essay for him.

This is not the first contest Avendanio has won with his writing skills. He also won the local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Statue of Liberty essay contest. A newspaper article on Avendanio's win led to the beginning of his favorite pastime, collecting coins, Mrs. Avendanio says.

A Pampa couple, after reading the article, sent Avendanio a coin set, the first of his collection, for his birthday. In the past few months, he has collected an impressive amount of coins, both old and new, and from many different countries. He has also begun a stamp collection.

Two sisters shared second place honors and a \$50 check, Becky and Karen Thrasher, ages six and eight, respectively. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Thrasher of Pampa. They each listed their mother's accomplishments such as Karen's "She reminds me to put the rubberband across my braces (yuk). She reads to me and lets me read to her" and Becky's "She buys Girl Scout cookies from me and lets me eat them. Sometimes we go places together, just me and her!"

Sentiments describe 'the best mother'

Pampa News' "Why I Have the Best Mother" contest winners were selected by four judges. Winning entries were chosen from the 23 entries submitted to the contest. Entries were received from as far away as Chino, Calif., to Dallas, to the many area communities, Canadian, Skellytown, McLean and Groom. Although The Pampa News was able to give only the first and second prizes, the staff wishes to give honorable mention to the following entrants whose testimonies together describe The Best Mother:

Honorable mentions

...because she cares for me. She never tells me a lie unless it is a surprise. She lets me do things that are fun. I love her. — Jamie Barker, McLean.
Perhaps life is not exactly the way she dreamed for me. I've brought her joy, pain and heartache — even neglected her at times, but through it all — she has loved me. — Marjorie Kurz, Chino, Calif., daughter of Lena

Pearce of Pampa.
My mom doesn't need an award to show her that she is the best mom in the world. She can see herself reflected in us! — Charlotte Walker, Pampa, daughter of Dorothy Motre.
My mother isn't necessarily the best cook, the neatest housekeeper or the best dressed. In fact, she's far from it. But my

mother is very special to me anyway because she's there when I need someone to talk to, or need to tell someone a secret, she'll gladly listen. — Valerie Molone, Pampa.

I had nothing to do with her being my mother, but I can choose my friends and she's one of my best friends. — Melvinia Huff Stocking, Pampa.

We never knew when we were growing up that Mother's favorite piece of chicken was not the "back"... — Janetta Lamb, Groom.



SECOND PLACE WINNERS — Proud mother, Ann Thrasher, left, looks on as her daughters, Becky and Karen, accept their \$50 prize as winners of The Pampa News' "Why I have the Best Mother" contest. Presenting the check is publisher Louise Fletcher. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)

Pampan receives 'fighting heart'



Dicky Don Hendricks admires his "Fighting Heart" award.

Dicky Don Hendricks, 28, of Pampa has been named the first recipient of the "Tony Thompson Fighting Heart Award," presented to him May 3 at the Area Special Olympics track and field meet in Canyon.

Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Hendricks of rural Pampa, received the plaque which states the honor is given "for his enthusiasm, determination and courage. A champion in every way."

Hendricks has spent a large part of his life in leg casts and braces. When he was 13 years old, he spent four months in a full body cast, suffering from Legg Perthes disease. This later deteriorated into an arthritic condition.

He began participating in the Pampa Sheltered Workshop program in 1979. Before that he had received training in track and field, bowling and basketball. At the workshop he continued to actively participate in these sports.

In 1983, because of his arthritic condition, Hendricks began to use crutches. They've presented only a minor setback in his athletic endeavors, however. He continues to bowl successfully using a ramp, and he remains supportive of his peers who participate in athletic events with him.

DRT honors Pampan's grandfather

MIAMI — High Plains chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas recently honored Mrs. Louis A. Barns of Pampa and her Texas patriot grandfather, Robert Washington Wright.

As a sesquicentennial project, DRT members have been placing bronze markers on the graves of

all people living in Texas during the period of the Texas Republic, 1836 to 1845.

Robert Washington Wright, whose grave has been marked by the High Plains chapter, was born in East Texas on Oct. 31, 1840. He moved to Roberts County in the 1880s, dying there on

March 26, 1915. Wright's granddaughter, Mrs. Louis A. Barns, arranged the service. A dedication address was given by Mrs. Charlene Ferrell of Borger. Mrs. John D. Ramp of Canadian read from Wright's biography. Mrs. Jeff L. Anderson gave his obituary.

A business meeting was then conducted in Miami with Mrs. Denver Cornelius of Borger presiding. Others in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Anderson of Pampa, Mrs. James Novak of Amarillo, Mrs. John D. Ramp of Canadian and Mrs. Heward Suthers of Arnett, Okla.

Pre-enrollment planned for Austin kindergarten

Pre-enrollment for Austin Elementary kindergarteners for 1986-87 is set for 2:45, May 15, at the Austin School library.

Children are eligible for this pre-enrollment if they are five

years old on or before Sept. 1 and they live in the Austin Elementary School district. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate and a current immunization record.



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Pol. Ad. Paid by W.C. Epperson, Foy Barrett, Treasurer, 516 N. Hazel Pampa, Texas 79065

Correction

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Smuckers 2# Grape Jelly which was advertised in the Safeway insert on Wednesday, May 7 is not available at this time. Smuckers 2# Grape Jam is being offered as a substitute. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Koreans eager to volunteer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The Seoul Asian Games Organizing Committee has a problem many nations' official sports bodies would envy, says Dr. Lee Ha-woo, vice president and secretary general of SAGOC. There are too many enthusiastic volunteers who want to donate their time and effort.

Volunteers are required in 213 different kinds of work during the Games, including interpreters, guides, cooks, clerks, medical staff and technical workers.

A nationwide campaign was launched in October 1985 to encourage the public to help with the Asian Games, from Sept. 20 through Oct. 5 this year,

and with the 1988 Olympics, also to be held in Seoul. Within six weeks, an army of volunteers numbering more than 110,000 had come forward.

A massive initial screening showed that 99.7 percent of the volunteers were suited for the jobs, but SAGOC requires only 16,893 helpers for the Games.

It is a happy dilemma for the organizers, who gladly admit they underestimated the people's zeal and enthusiasm.

"The only sad part is having to turn volunteers away," said Lee, who is also secretary general of the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee.

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Engagements ...weddings ...and anniversaries



KRISTI KAY HUGHES

Hughes-Fatheree

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes of Pampa announce the engagement and wedding plans of their daughter, Kristi Kay, to David Mann Fatheree, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. David Fatheree and grandson of Mrs. Clyde F. Fatheree, all of Pampa.

The wedding date has been set for July 12 in the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Pampa High School. She attends West Texas State University in Canyon where she is majoring in finance. She is a member of the WTSU track team and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Fatheree graduated from Pampa High School in 1984. He attended Oklahoma University where he was a member of the OU golf team. He now attends West Texas State University, majoring in finance. He is a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.



BRENDA DAWN SMITH

Smith-London

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Smith of Pampa announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brenda Dawn, to Joe Carol London, son of Mrs. Rodney B. London of Dallas.

The couple plan to marry on June 28 at the Waller Creek Plaza in Austin.

Miss Smith holds a bachelor of science degree in communications from the University of Texas at Austin. She is employed as assistant manager for Brittons Incorporated in Austin.

London is a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas with a bachelor of science degree in communications and a degree in chemistry. He is owner of One Design Marine in Dallas and The Good Art Company in Austin.



MR. & MRS. JAMES E. LEWIS

Lewis celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lewis of Pampa were guests of honor Saturday at a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in the First United Methodist Church parlor.

Hosts of the event were the couple's children, A.M. "Pete" Lewis, Grover W. Lewis and Janie Jones.

The former Bessie Olive Warren and James Earl Lewis were married May 9, 1936, in Pampa. They have remained residents of Pampa except during World War II when they lived in California. Mr. Lewis has owned and operated several service stations and Lewis Buffetaria.

In addition to their three children, the Lewises have nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



MRS. RICKY PATTON
Jana Hill

Hill-Patton

First Baptist Church of Pampa was the setting for the evening service uniting Jana Hill and Rick Patton in marriage, April 12. The Rev. Darrell Raines read the wedding vows for the couple.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hill of Pampa. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Ronal Patton of Pampa.

Attending the bride were Beth Rice of Dallas, the bride's sister; Alison Payne of Pampa and Misty Harvey of Amarillo.

Groomsmen included Scott Martin of Bryan, Hank Jordan of Lubbock and Royce Bradsher of Dallas. Guests were escorted to their seats by Rory Hill of Pampa, the bride's brother, and Reece Evens of Borger.

Special wedding music was provided by soloist Wanetta Hill and pianist Cloette Henson, both of Pampa.

The couple were guests of honor at a reception in the Pampa Country Club following the wedding. They plan a honeymoon trip to Orlando, Fla., and will make their home in Pampa.

The bride is employed as a respiratory therapist at Coronado Community Hospital. The groom is employed at FMC Corp.



MR. & MRS. JOHN POP
Tammy Wolfenbarger

Wolfenbarger-Pop

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Wolfenbarger of Wyandette, Mich., announce the wedding of their daughter, Tammy, to John Pop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaveril Pop of Detroit, Mich.

The new bride is the granddaughter of Rosella Avery Upton and great granddaughter of Wesley Matlock, both of Pampa.

The couple were joined in holy matrimony at 2 p.m., April 12, in the Fairlane Assembly of God Church in Dearborn Heights, Mich. A reception followed in the American Lebrina Hall in Warren, Mich.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple made their home in Taylor, Mich.

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1. THE PAMPA NEWS will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries.
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Folk hero topic of 'Texas Voices' session

By LARRY HOLLIS
Senior Writer

The concluding session of the Texas Voices group discussion series will concern *With a Pistol in His Hand* by Americo Paredes with a meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium.

Scholar for the discussion will be Patricia K. Knight, professor of English at Amarillo College.

The meeting will begin with Knight's remarks on the book, with the audience breaking up into smaller groups for further discussion of the novel. Participants then will reconvene for summary comments.

Paredes' book concerns folk hero Gregorio Cortez, whose legend was sung in a border ballad or "corrido" along the Texas-Mexico frontier in the early part of this century.

Although the legend of Cortez is rooted in an actual incident that began in Karnes County in 1901, the embellishment of his exploits has created a true folk hero.

Folklorist Paredes has created

a seminal work from the research that separates the man from the myth and collects many versions of the "Ballad of Gregorio Cortez."

The book provides an introduction to the Mexican Americans living along the Rio Grande, including their origins, their values and their life in a society dominated by an Anglo majority. With his training as a folklorist, Paredes details the evolution of the corrido as a musical form that transmits cultural attitudes.

The historical Cortez was born in 1875 on the Mexican side of the border between Matamoros and Reynosa. He moved to the Austin area with his family when he was 12.

Cortez' tranquil life with his wife and children near Karnes City was disrupted when the county sheriff shot Cortez' brother and Cortez in turn killed the sheriff. The tragedy resulted from a misunderstanding linked to cultural and linguistic differences.

With an army of Texas Ran-

gers in pursuit, Cortez became a fugitive whose clever escapes inspired an instant legend.

As the tale was retold, Judas and Robin Hood folk motifs were injected. In some versions, even an anachronistic, non-existent daughter of Abraham Lincoln appears in Texas to fall in love with Cortez and to bargain for his release from prison. Even if Lincoln had sired a daughter, she would have been a full 10 years older than Cortez since Lincoln died a decade before Cortez was born.

One of the most sobering aspects of Paredes' book is his appraisal of the Texas Rangers. His view is contrary to the popular concept of the superhuman, lone lawman applauded for nobility, bravery and a "one riot, one ranger" reputation.

According to a border tradition, "When the Governor of the State wants a new Ranger, he asks his sheriffs, 'Bring all the criminals to me.' And from the murderers he chooses the Ranger, because no one can be a Ranger who has not killed a man."

With disquieting scholarship and fieldwork among the border residents, Paredes offers new perspectives involving several Texas institutions in *With a Pistol in His Hand*.

Born in Holdenville, Okla., which also boasts T. Boone Pickens as a native, Knight moved to West Texas with her parents. Her father worked for Cabot Corporation, and she grew up in a camp located a half-mile from Wickett.

"Sand, snakes and the smell of oil and gas still make up the scenic wonders of Wickett," Knight says.

Like all "Cabot kids," she attended grade school in Wickett and then rode a bus to Monahans to attend junior and senior high school. After four years of playing tennis, marching in the band, writing essays for contests, "sweating algebra and loving English," Knight graduated in 1954.

When she entered Texas Technological College that year, the enrollment was about 6,500 students, and "Lubbock was dry in

every sense of the word," Knight recalls.

Though "a country girl from West Texas," she found opportunities ranging from a job debudding chrysanthemums for 30 cents an hour in her freshman year to being editor of the Tech yearbook, *La Ventana*, her senior year. In 1958 she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in English without any plans to teach.

For the next 10 years she worked as an advertising copywriter, a television program director, a reporter for a livestock weekly and an assistant to the controller of a savings and loan association.

When her husband Noel died, she entered graduate school, earning a master of arts degree in English from Texas Tech University in 1968.

In 1967 she joined the English Department at Amarillo College as an instructor. During the past 18 years Knight has sponsored a sorority, worked briefly as associate director of Student Activities while teaching part-time, served on numerous college

committees and judged events at University Interscholastic League literary meets.

Knight also has completed additional graduate work at West Texas State University and the University of Texas at Austin. She was promoted to professor of English in 1981.

"It's a fair distance from Holdenville, Okla., to Wickett, Texas," she states. "I split the difference when I settled in Amarillo, and I plan to stay here."

Texas Voices is a reading program being conducted as part of the observances of the state's Sesquicentennial celebration. The project is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and is sponsored by the Texas State Library, the Texas Library Association and East Texas State University.

Sponsoring the local discussions are the Pampa Sesquicentennial Committee, the Pampa Fine Arts Association, the Lovett Memorial Library Board, the Friends of the Library and the library staff.

Homemakers News

FDA approves irradiation of foods

By DONNA BRAUCHI
County Extension Agent

For years, Americans have eaten grains and spices that have been treated with low-levels of radiation to reduce possible contamination from insects and to improve shelf life. Although a variety of irradiated food products are available in Europe, approval to use irradiation on foods other than grains and spices in this country was granted just last year.

How does irradiation affect

food? It depends on the dose, the food and the "targeted" organisms in the food. For example, low-dose irradiation is strong enough to inactivate microscopic trichina worms that may be present in raw pork that could otherwise cause trichinosis in people. It is not strong enough to destroy many other disease-causing bacteria and spoilage organisms.

Low dose irradiation is strong enough to slow the ripening and aging of fruit and to prevent harm from insects. For example, irradiation will make it possible

to increase the shelf life of ripe, harvested strawberries from 5-7 days to 30 days.

Are irradiated foods as nutritious as non-irradiated foods? Having no evidence that low-dose irradiation significantly affected the nutrient constituents of food generally, the Food and Drug Administration tentatively concluded that foods irradiated at low doses will have the same nutritional value as comparable food that has not been irradiated. It is known that under certain conditions, high-dose irradiation can result in a loss of some B-vitamins such as thiamine. The only foods likely to be irradiated at high doses in the near future are foods like spices, which we eat in small amounts for their flavor — not their vitamins.

The latest issue related to irradiated food is how to label it so consumers will know what they're getting. The Department of Health and Human Services has approved use of the term "picowave" to describe irradiated food. "Pico" is a term for one-trillionth and "wave" is a term that describes electromagnetic energy.

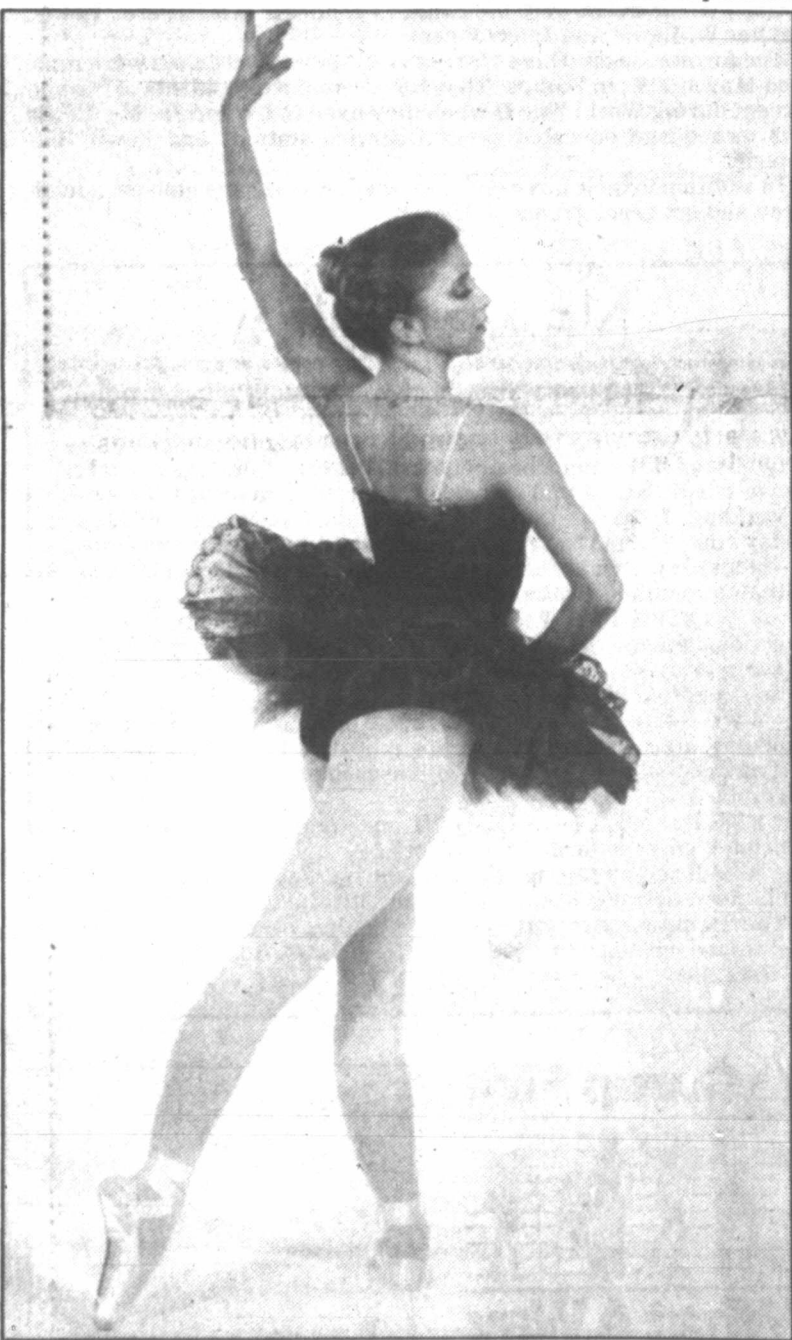
Irradiation is not appropriate for all foods or practical in all situations. For example, grapefruit becomes mushy or discolored at dosages effective to control insects or delay ripening. Processors would not irradiate such foods because consumers

wouldn't buy them. Also, processors are only likely to use irradiation if it is cheaper than the alternatives.

Is food irradiation safe? Gamma-irradiated food does not become radioactive, just as sending your suitcase under the airport scanner doesn't make it radioactive. Gamma rays at the doses used for food irradiation could never make food radioactive because their energy is simply not strong enough to cause nuclear change in the atoms that make up food. Energy many times greater would be necessary.

Gamma irradiation may be compared to turning on a light, illuminating a room, and turning it off again. Gamma rays pass into foods, affect the food, and leave the food. How the rays affect the food depends on the dose and the organisms in the food. In people doses, gamma rays split enough of the molecules in harmful living organisms in food so they are no longer functional without damaging the food itself.

For information about FDA's regulatory actions on irradiation, call 202-245-1144. For general information on food irradiation, write or call: Carole Shore, Food Irradiation Information Center Coordinator, National Agricultural Library, Room 304, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. Phone: 301-344-4368.



KIMBERLY BOWERS

Bowers to dance in 'TEXAS'

Kimberly Bowers, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bowers of Pampa, has been chosen to dance in the outdoor theatrical production "TEXAS" this summer at Palo Duro Canyon.

Bowers, a senior at Pampa High School, is a dance student of Jeanne Willingham of Beaux Arts Studio. She has studied ballet, jazz and Spanish dance for

nine years. She received a scholarship for summer study at Boston Ballet Summer School in 1984.

This year, Bowers received the Director's Award for "Most Potential" at the Miss Amarillo Scholarship Pageant. She plans to major in dance performance at West Texas State University next fall. She has been a member of the Pampa Civic Ballet for six years.



BRIDE OF THE WEEK

Selections are now on display for:

Penny Summers, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Summers, and the bride elect of Mark Hobgood.



CCH to celebrate Texas Hospital Week

Coronado Community Hospital joins with hospitals across the state in celebrating Texas Hospital Week, May 11-17. This year's theme is "Texas Hospitals Make Healthy Neighbors."

"We think that the 1986 Texas Hospital Week theme reflects the role of our hospital in providing the community with health education activities which help improve the standard of living for the entire community," said Norman Knox, hospital administrator. "A part of the hospital's mission is promoting good health and well-being for all people."

In September, CCH opened the Life Long Wellness program which features classes in exercise, smoking cessation, stress management, and nutrition. The

programs, based on the latest medical findings and stressing medically sound exercises, have been offered to the public and to Pampa's businesses and industries. Parenting, prepared childbirth and diabetes management classes are also offered by the hospital.

During Texas Hospital Week, CCH encourages people to adopt healthy behaviors and to learn to use the hospital wisely to stay well.

CCH, along with the Pampa Mall, is sponsoring a health fair at the end of this week, Saturday, in the Pampa Mall. More than 35 exhibitors offer a variety of free health screening tests and information about health related topics from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that

day. Visitors to the fair can have their pulmonary functions and blood pressure tested, or spend the day watching video tapes about diabetes, heart disease, smoking and many other subjects.

Texas Hospital Week is sponsored by the Texas Hospital Association, an Austin-based trade association of more than 5,000 members. Texas Hospital Week coincides with the National Hospital Week celebration of the American Hospital Association.

"Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday." Don Marquis

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For Horticulture Fertilize for successful garden

By **JOE VANZANDT**
County Extension Agent

Anthracnose diseases of sycamore, ash and maple are common problems during wet, cool spring weather. Irregularly-shaped, brown lesions usually found along the leaf veins are the result of such diseases. Anthracnose diseases are not fatal to trees. Heavy defoliation may occur, which can weaken and stress trees. Use of fungicides is not usually warranted for older established trees. Young or stressed trees may benefit from two or three applications of copper fungicide at 10-14 day intervals, starting when leaves are small.

HOME GARDEN FERTILIZATION

A successful home garden in West Texas requires a fertilizer management program.

All vegetables require relatively large amounts of plant nutrients. Most home gardens will have to provide additional nutrients by applying fertilizers or composts.

West Texas soils generally contain an adequate supply of essential plant nutrients, with the exception of nitrogen and phosphorus. In some soils and situations, iron and zinc may be needed in small quantities.

The amounts and types of nutrients required for your garden can be determined from a soil test by a qualified laboratory, such as the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Laboratory at Lubbock. Information sheets and mailing cartons are available in the County Extension Office for collecting and submitting a soil sample.

Over-fertilization, especially with the "complete" fertilizers, not only wastes your money but can cause gardening problems. On many older gardening sites in our region, we find that excessive fertilization with phosphorous has induced zinc and iron deficiency.

If you use a "complete" fertilizer, be careful, because it may contain nutrients you don't need. Some "complete" fertilizers will

contain trace elements or micro-nutrients which may be of limited usefulness for soil application.

The content of most fertilizers is designated with three numbers on the label that indicate the percentage of total nitrogen, available phosphoric acid, and water soluble potash in the fertilizer. As an example, a "complete" fertilizer such as 10-10-5 contains 10 percent nitrogen, 10 percent available phosphorous, and 5 percent water soluble potassium. A nitrogen source, such as 21-0-0, contains 21 percent nitrogen, but no phosphorous or potassium.

Choice of a fertilizer material will depend on the type and amounts of nutrients needed, and the cost of the material. For example, if you are purchasing a fertilizer strictly for its nitrogen content and plan to apply it to the soil and till it in, you should buy the one in which the proper nitrogen amount is the least expensive.

Additional organic matter, such as compost, peat moss or manure, can benefit the home

garden. Organic matter helps improve drainage and aeration in clay soils, and increases the water holding capacity in sandy soils. It will likely improve the general soil fertility of any soil.

Care must be taken with manure application. Nutrients—particularly phosphorous—will be added, but so will salts, which can be harmful. Don't exceed a rate of 10 pounds of dried manure or 50 pounds of feedlot or stable manure for each 100 square feet.

Compost is refuse that has been converted into a "synthetic manure". Leaves, grass clippings, small prunings, weeds, and vegetable matter from the kitchen can all be used. In our region, grass clippings will predominate. Depending on your lawn fertilization practices, compost from grass clippings will be high in nitrogen.

To utilize compost or peat moss, spread about five bushels of the material over 1,000 square feet and mix it thoroughly into the soil.

Helping Hands

American Red Cross

Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers for games at the nursing homes, to man the juice cart at Coronado Community Hospital, and some volunteer work at the Red Cross office. If interested, call Joyce Roberts, 669-7121.

Clean Pampa Inc.

Clean Pampa Inc. combats littering problems in Pampa and publicizes cleanup and beautification projects. Volunteers are needed on committees for business and industry, municipal government, civic and community areas, schools, funding and public relations. For more information call Kathy Massick, coordinator, 665-2514.

Coronado Community Hospital Auxiliary

CCH's Auxiliary program needs persons of all ages to do volunteer work in various areas of the hospital. If interested, call Nancy Paronto, 665-3721, ext. 132, for an interview.

Coronado Nursing Center

Community and church volunteers are needed to teach 30-minute simple exercises and reality orientation classes. Classes meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. For more information, call Odessa East, 665-5746.

Good Samaritan Christian Services

Good Samaritan Christian Services provides food and clothing and referral services to the needy, working with volunteers from its member churches. Volunteers may contact the volunteer coordinator in their church. Food donations through member churches are also needed.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels, located in the basement of the First United Methodist Church, supplies hot meals to the elderly and home bound. This organization needs volunteer drivers and kitchen workers. Amount of time to work is flexible and can be fitted to the volunteer's schedule. For more information, call Ann Loter, director, 669-1007.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Pampa's chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association needs volunteers for fund raising activities. Can be individuals or organizations. For more information call Cliff Henthorn, community chairman, at 665-7613 after 5 p.m.

Pampa Nursing Center

Special need for someone to be in charge of the arts and crafts program for patients. If interested, call Velda Jo Huddleston at 669-2551.

Salvation Army

Pampa's Salvation Army is in need of volunteers to help with their monthly Golden Agers luncheon. For more information call Maggie Ivey at 665-7233.

Tralee Crisis Center For Women Inc.

Tralee Crisis Center for Women Inc. provides emergency and supportive services to battered women and their children. The crisis center is in need of telephone operators, people to work with clients on an individual basis, speakers for public awareness and education, and instructors for personal development courses. Call Tralee at 669-1131 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. for information. The 24-hour crisis "hot line" is 669-1788.

Texas Department of Human Services

The Texas Department of Human Services is in need of volunteers to help with the elderly and disabled who participate in the Community Care for the Aged and Disabled program. Training is provided. To register, contact the Pampa DHS office at 665-1863.

Beauty Briefs

By Florence De Santis

Pigment and tan

Tanning occurs when the pigment mechanism works to defend the skin against the sun. If you can't get an even tan, no suntan product will help. This means your skin is unevenly pigmented to begin with and it can't produce tan where melanin doesn't naturally exist. Naturally pale skin often produces tan in spots—what we call freckles. It's often best to prevent tanning by using a sun block constantly and applying a tan makeup to even out skin tone.

Retraining hair

When your hair has been parted or combed in one way for a long time, it may become resistant to changes.

Long hair, for example, stays in place by its own weight, so when cut short it may need mild teasing and spraying for some time until it lies properly of its own accord. If your new style is a simple one, brushing night and morning can also retrain the hair.

Nose shaping

The teen years are the self-conscious ones, and teens often want their noses reshaped. However, a surgeon may refuse such requests. Sometimes the reason is simply that he finds no surgery called for—a teen can exaggerate a supposed defect. A more serious concern is that the nose continues to grow during the teens, and an operation performed too soon may mean another must be done later.



PRETTY SISTERS—Tandie, left, and Dustie Quisenberry, both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Quisenberry of Pampa, brought home trophies from the Lake Meredith District Cinderella Girl Pageant Saturday in Borger. Dustie, 5, was crowned Cinderella Tot with highest overall score in inter-

view, party dress, sportswear and tot personality divisions. Her sister Tandie, 11 months, was named Photogenic Girl and 1st Alternate in Beauty in the 0-11 division. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)

4-H Corner: summer assistant named

By **JEFF GOODWIN**
County Extension Agent

DATES

May 12—7 p.m., Star Pirate 4-H Club meeting, Lefors Senior Citizens.

May 12—7 p.m., E.T. 4-H Club meeting, Mary Ellen and Harvest Church of Christ.

May 17—6 p.m., Horse Project Playday, Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

This year's county camp and trail ride will be on Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1.

We will be camping on the Morrison Ranch again this year, and we have another fun weekend planned for those interested.

The horseback riders will ride Saturday and Sunday with the County Campers meeting us at the campsite Saturday evening, so even if you don't ride, you can still participate in this camp.

We will furnish food and fun, and we will also have our 4-H band playing again this year.

The cost to each county camp and trail ride participant will be

\$5, to help cover food costs.

Interested people need to sign up at the County Extension office by May 21. Bring a medical release signed by a parent before a notary public.

Gray County 4-H Horse Project group will sponsor a series of three Playdays to be held on May 17, June 7 and June 21, at 6 p.m. each night at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa.

There will be four age groups and entry fees will be \$3 per event. Ribbons will be given at each playday for first through sixth place, and at the last playday, a belt buckle will be given in each event and age group for the average winner of the series of three playdays.

For more information, contact John Oxley at 665-1116.

A Program Assistant has been hired by the extension office for the summer months to help fill in the place of the assistant home economic position which was cut here in Gray County.

Bobbie Skaggs, 23-year-old

daughter of Gaylene Skaggs of Pampa, will be assisting Gray County Extension agents with the many summer activities.

Skaggs, a graduate student in home economics at Oklahoma State University, was an active Gray County 4-H'er while growing up in Pampa. She holds a

bachelor of science degree in home economics from Texas Tech University. She will be assisting with the 4-H and home economics programs.

Skaggs begins work on May 27. We look for her to be an asset to the Gray County 4-H program this summer.

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Peeking At Pampa

Bigger and better than ever! That's being said about the Pampa High School senior prom, Cotillion Ball, held last Saturday evening at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Grateful parents are very much aware of how Bill Potts, Student Council sponsor, and Jo Love make it all happen every year.

While two dozen or so moms and dads worked like beavers, Bill and Jo were the success poor behind the scenes. There was a pond and alcove area, a summer house, baby picture display and much more.

Rae Aud and helpers put together a large water fountain in the ball room. Donna Starnes created flower arrangements with ceramic swans, mirrors and angel hair. Mary Martindale and Pam Ashford decorated the boys' bathrooms, Shari Langen and Marci Welborn, the girls'. Sharon Crosier arranged baskets of flowers.

JOHN STOKES transported Julie Rogers and Plane Jones, Misty Greer and Billy West, Stephanie Jones and Monty O'Neal in a horse and surrey. Skeet Wagner, a senior citizen in age only, drove Stephanie Sanders and Jay Snow in one of his antique cars. Stephanie wore a

deep grape Southern belle dress with white accents. Jay was decked out in white tails with grape accents, white top hat, gloves and cane. Missed the footman's name.

Lisa Coon wore white with black accents and her date Jeff Langen wore black with white accessories. Gene Gates did driving honors there. Georgia and Doug entertained five couples with a champagne pre-party. Guests included Lisa and Jeff, Dierk Milum and Dusti Fritz, Kellye Welborn and Greg Sokolosky, Leanne Taylor, Rick Baird, Kelly Finkenbinder and David Hinkle. Judy Taylor and Shari Langen hosted a breakfast after the prom for the five couples plus Shannon Churchman and Ryan Bass.

BETTY AND KEN Marak hosted a pre-party for any and all seniors. Jan Marak and Arcadio Rivera made a handsome two-

It was a never-to-be-forgotten night for prom participants, moms and dads, and all who had a part.

Hats off to Jo (Mrs. Ron) Love for sharing her many artistic talents with several organizations about town. First of her several events in seven days was chair-

ing Beta Sigma Phi's Founder's Day banquet last Tuesday evening at the Biarritz Club. Her beautiful calligraphy graced the front of the hand-delivered invitations which included a yellow rose corsage. Sandy Clark, outgoing Council president, headed the elegant affair attended by more than 115 sorority members and Woman of the Year. A few of the past WOYs attending included Helen Dimmler, always happy and smiling; Georgia Mack, looking like a valentine in a red suit; Thelma Bray, Marian Jameson. Terry Gamblin was radiant in bright turquoise. Margaret Edmison, in white, received many admiring glances.

WITH THE RECENT marriage of Ora Carter, the last of the children of Nell Carter and the late Ora Carter has left the nest. Nell and her husband, Maurice McClish, make their home in Amarillo, as do Marita and Gay. Laquita lives in Oklahoma City with her husband, and John attends the University of Texas, where he is a student of Russian. The Carters made their home in Pampa for many years.

The Mother-Daughter annual banquet at First Christian Church was really an intergenerational affair. Linda (Mrs. David) Holt and her daughter Susanna played the piano. Listen to this! Jo Love helped organize and narrate the style show.

Several three generation families were represented in the style show: Monta Taylor, Margie Rogers, Dana Mills; Clara Sailor, Brenda Strahan, Samantha Strahan; Kathy Taylor, Shaleene Taylor; Shirley Winborne, Jamie White, Morgan White; Laura and Jeannette Klein, Phyl Cherry; Martha Green, Cheryl and Megan Coutts; Sue and Jenny King, Tiffany and Sharon Florer.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER PAIRS included Martha and Robin Boswell, Rachel Bailey and Helen Barnett, Nancy Broggin and Bernita Nidiffer; Keitha, Mika and Sandy Clark. Other models were Tracey and Kimberly Wyrick and Sarah Depee.

Senior citizens of First Baptist Church, 55 of them, presented a program for the Sunday night service and called it "Saints Alive!" Ladies donned flowing evening dresses and John Glover wore a tux for the program. The audience clapped for and with the participants and gave a standing ovation — a long one. Soloists were Leta Flynt, Lillian Newsom and Wayne Robinson. About two dozen had speaking parts. Lillian sang from a wheelchair because of a broken ankle suffered a week ago, but a little thing like that wouldn't stop a senior! Don't EVER underestimate our seniors!

VIC RAYMOND'S LATEST goal is to mow his roof. He spent last Saturday working hard at fighting the wind to grow the grass he is so anxious to mow.

Lillian and Jack Skelly were seen sharing a dinner table with Ruth Ann and Art Holland at the Pampa Country Club last Sun-

day. Jack spent a few days in the hospital recently.

Karen, Kimberly and David Cory attended a Sherwood family reunion at Cleburne last weekend.

Karen McGahan, Pam Fowler, Charlotte Esch and Sandy Crosswhite of Calvary Baptist Church attended a Youth Evangelism seminar at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth last week.

Sandy and Dr. Ed Williams re-

port a wonderful time in the Bahamas — St. Thomas, etc.

AN ENLARGEMENT on the Texas barbecue served at the Sesquicentennial celebration gives credit not only to the Pampa Shrine Club but to the Knights of Columbus, Coney Island Cafe, Long John Silvers, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hardees, Wal-Mart, Moody Farms, Morrison Ranch, Brainard Ranch, Campbell Ranch, Lee and Irene Harrah, Dr. Terry L. Pulse, Bowers

Ranch, Top O' Texas Cowbelles, Glyn Kirby, Joe and Betty Gordon and D.L. Hale.

Civic Culture Club members recently observed the Texas Sesquicentennial with book reviewer, Kathryn (Mrs. Dudley) Steele, as guest speaker. Kathryn dramatized the popular book, *Texas Dawn* by Phillip Finch. Friends will be glad to know Dudley is getting along fine since his recent surgery.

See you next week. KATIE



ALMOST A CENTURY — Joe Shelton, seated, celebrated his 98th birthday and his years of patronage at First National Bank this week. On hand to mark the occasion

were his daughter-in-law Dorothy Shelton, his son Charlie Shelton and Judy Clendennen of First National Bank. (Staff photo by Terry Ford.)

Dear Abby

Special thanks are due for Mama's special love

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR READERS: The following Mother's Day column has been requested for an annual rerun. I think it's worth repeating, and hope you agree.

DEAR ABBY: I am a long time reader but have never written before. I am enclosing a part of your column that I have kept in my Bible for years. As you can see, it is yellowed and shredded, and half of it is missing. I don't know how many hundreds of times I have read it. It gave me such a feeling of peace and comfort. It was titled "A Prayer for Mama."

Will you please print it again? I would love to have another copy. Thank you.

DOROTHY L. DEAR DOROTHY: With pleasure:

DEAR ABBY: My beloved mother passed away recently, so I called the minister and asked him for the wording of a prayer I could say for my mother. He said, "I'm too busy — and a lot of good prayer will do her now!" You see, Mama went to church long ago, but my father never liked to go, so Mama finally quit going. Abby, I can't believe that heaven is open only to church members.

I've called all the bookstores in town and they say there aren't any prayers for the dead in any of the prayer books they have. I've heard there are places where you send a few dollars and they pray for the dead, but I don't know their

addresses.

Abby, I'd be so grateful if you would print a short prayer I could say for my mother before I go to sleep. Any faith is acceptable. I can't let you send it to my home because my father looks over the mail first and I'm sure I'd never get it. Please don't turn down my odd request. It means the world to me. Thank you, and God bless you, Abby. Sign me ...

A PRAYER FOR MAMA

DEAR PRAYER: I found this prayer in my Union Prayer Book. It is the one Jews recite on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) to honor the memory of a deceased mother:

In Memory of a Mother
"I remember thee in this solemn hour, my dear mother. I remember the days when thou didst dwell on earth, and thy tender love watched over me like a guardian angel. Thou hast gone from me, but the bond which unites our souls can never be severed; thine image lives within my heart. May the merciful Father reward thee for the faithfulness and kindness thou hast ever shown me; may he lift up the light of his countenance upon thee, and grant thee eternal peace! Amen."

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- WEDNESDAY**
Blueberry muffin, applesauce, milk.
- THURSDAY**
Texas toast, honey butter, sliced apples, milk.
- FRIDAY**
Scone, honey butter, fruit, milk.

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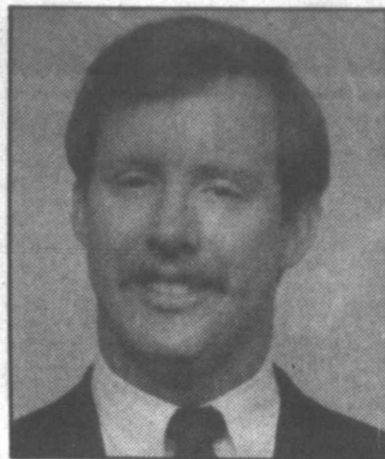
- MONDAY**
Barbecue on bun, French fries, catsup, pickle chips, sliced peaches, milk.
- TUESDAY**
Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, jello, fruit, biscuit, milk.
- WEDNESDAY**
Taco, lettuce & cheese, pinto beans, pickle chips, cookie, milk.
- THURSDAY**
Enchilada casserole, buttered corn, lettuce salad, baked spiced apples, milk.
- FRIDAY**
Chicken patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, applesauce, hot roll, butter, milk.

Senior Citizens

- MONDAY**
Swiss steak or chili rellenos with cheese sauce, new potatoes, spinach, Harvard beets, pinto beans, toss, slaw or jello salad, peach cobbler or lemon cream cake, cornbread or hot rolls.
- TUESDAY**
Liver & onions or chicken cassrole, rice pilaf, buttered broccoli, fried okra, toss, slaw or jello salad, chocolate pie or fruit & cookies.
- WEDNESDAY**
Roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, lima beans, slaw, toss or jello salad, cherry delight or apple cobbler.
- THURSDAY**
Pork roast with dressing and giblet gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, corn on the cob, toss or jello salad, graham cracker banana pudding or pumpkin squares.
- FRIDAY**
Chicken pot pie or fried cod fish, French fries, blackeyed peas, baked cabbage, slaw, jello or toss salad, jalapeno cornbread or tapioca pudding.



JIL BRANAN



TODD CLEMENT



CLINTON EARL HENRY



DENNIS SMITH

NEWSMAKERS

Jil Branan
Jil Branan of Pampa recently exhibited a quilt at "Quilting by the River" in St. Paul, Minn. Her quilt, "Legacy of Liberty" commemorates the centennial celebration of the Statue of Liberty. It is made of nine squares in red, white and blue. Four blocks show different U.S. freedoms, another picture important parts of the Statue of Liberty. Another square reveals the thoughts of being a U.S. citizen. Branan moved to Pampa in 1984. A Georgia native, she holds a bachelor of fine arts from Valdosta State College.

Clinton Earl Henry
Clinton Earl Henry received the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies May 9. Henry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Henry of Pampa, will now serve as church planter at Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga.

Dennis Eugene Smith
Dennis Eugene Smith received a master of arts degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies May 9. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Londonderry, Ohio.

David M. Murry
David M. Murry, son of J. Mitchell and Twila Murry of Canadian, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class. Murry is a financial services specialist at Sheppard Air Force Base with the 3762nd Student Squadron. He is a 1983 graduate of Canadian High School.

Todd Clement
Todd Clement, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clement of Pampa, is scheduled to graduate with high honors from the Texas Tech University School of Law, May 17. He is currently ranked No. 3 out of a graduating class of 168 and was

recently elected to the Order of the Coif, the highest academic honor given at the Texas Tech School of Law. After taking the bar exam in August, he will serve as a briefing attorney for Justice Franklin Spears of the Texas Supreme Court in Austin for one year and plans to practice in Dallas or Amarillo thereafter. He is a 1980 graduate of Pampa High School.

Kurt L. Pounds
Army Pvt. Kurt L. Pounds, a 1984 graduate of Pampa High School, has arrived for duty with

the 9th Field Artillery, West Germany. Pounds is a missile crew member.

Marty Rhoades
Marty Rhoades of Pampa has been awarded a Presidential scholarship at McMurry College for the coming school year. To be eligible for a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry, a student must graduate in the top quarter of his high school class. Rhoades is to be a 1986 graduate of Pampa High School. He is the son of Bobby and Phynelpha Rhoades of Pampa.

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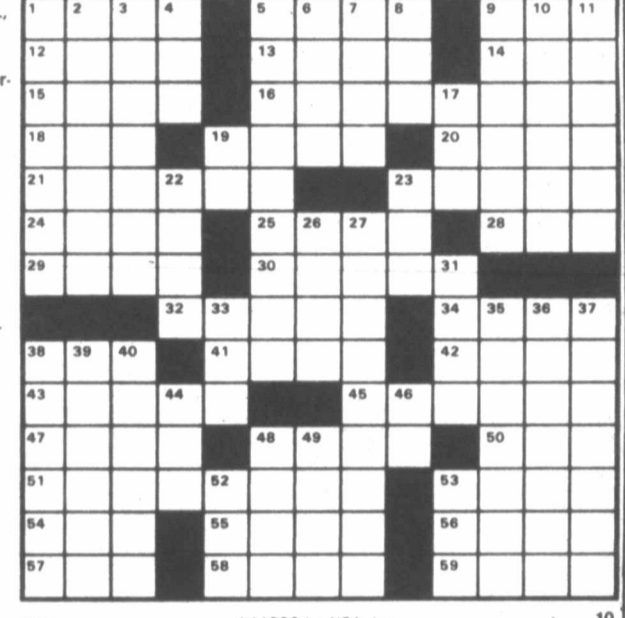
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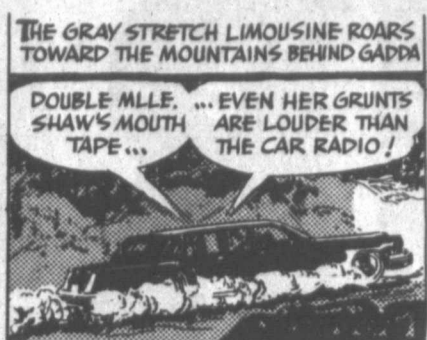
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In the year ahead, you will form a partnership that will prove beneficial. The profits you get will be of the type that can't be measured materially.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Promises you make today must be backed up with sincerity. If you renege on a pledge, it could jeopardize a relationship. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. May \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, Box 1846, Cincinnati, OH 45201. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Commercial deals can be hindered by fuzzy thinking today. Proceed cautiously, and ask questions if you're in doubt.

CANCER (June 21-July 21) You might have to contend with an associate today who you know is envious of your accomplishments. Don't tell this person more than you should.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Expecting things to fall into your lap without expending effort will lead to disappointment today. You must work for what you hope to gain.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually you're straightforward in your conversations with intimate friends, but today you might try to camouflage the basic facts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have what it takes to be successful in the business world today, provided you don't let your self-doubts cause you to believe otherwise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Have alternatives ready today in case someone throws a monkey wrench into your plans. If you get caught off guard, you might get confused.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something profitable could develop for you today from a joint venture. But to reap rewards, you're going to have to be clever.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) At a gathering with friends today someone you're not fond of may get more attention than you. You'll look bad if you react jealously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Little of value will be accomplished today if you divide your time equally between work and pleasure. Put your toys away, and get down to business.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let yourself be drawn into a conversation today with friends who are gossiping about a pal. Introduce a fresh topic.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stand together as a family unit today if something occurs that involves outsiders. Togetherness will supply the strength to resolve the matter properly.

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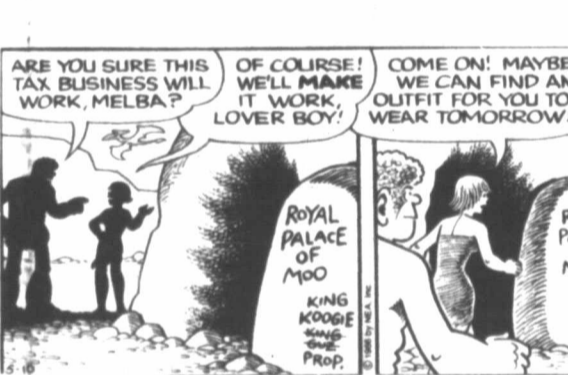
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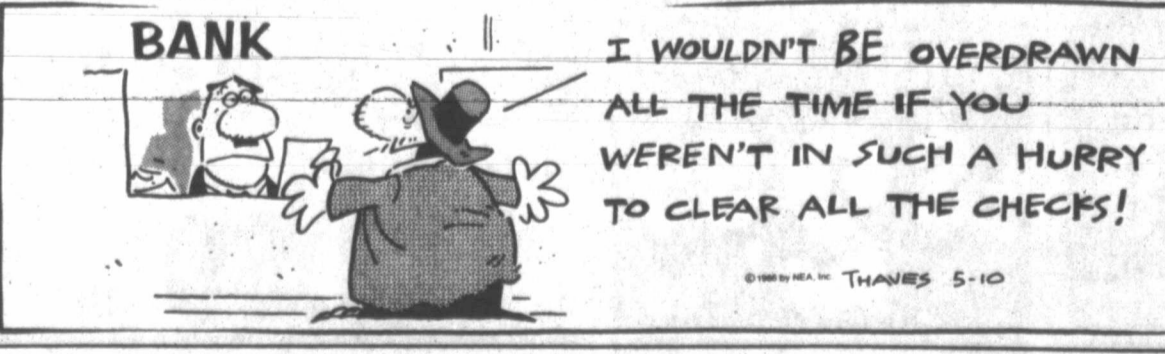
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Texas tourism

About 40 million expected to visit state this year

By MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

From the sun-dazzled beaches of South Padre Island to the urban glitter of Dallas' Southfork Ranch, Texas tourist spots will draw about 40 million tourists in what promises to be a record-breaking year, officials say.

A key factor in the upbeat projections — particularly for the summer months — is the fanfare over the state's 150th birthday.

Such Texas vacation staples as the wild splendor of Big Bend National Park in West Texas and the gentle beauty of the Hill Country make tourism the No. 2 industry in the state, second only to oil and gas, said Dave Allred, information specialist with the Texas Tourist Agency.

He said more than 7,000 events have been planned under the Sesquicentennial umbrella — rodeos, music festivals and quilt displays — in addition to the traditional historical sites of the Alamo in San Antonio and the Capitol building in Austin.

The projected boost in summer tourism stems from a revival of the traditional cross-country driving vacation, tourist officials said.

Falling gasoline prices and a growing reluctance to travel to European airports should send families back to loading up the car and venturing forth, they say.

"The fear of flying will definitely bring more people to us. It's not that we're glad this is happening, but people will opt to stay

home and we're in their backyard," said Viola Espinosa, office manager of the Port Isabel-South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce.

Dallas travel counselor Joyce Sloan said 16 people who booked European vacations changed their mind after the U.S.-Libya clash.

"They're going to cancel out and go to Hawaii instead. They're scared," she said. "That's all it takes. Traveling to a foreign country, you're a little apprehensive anyway. You just add another element like this to it and they'll just say it's not worth it."

Requests for information on driving vacations have risen by about 22 percent at the Dallas office of the American Automobile Association, said Charlene LeFevre, manager of the auto travel department.

Arlington, between Dallas and Fort Worth, boasts the single-largest tourist attraction in the state in the amusement park Six Flags Over Texas, which is expected to host 2.5 million people this summer, said Bruce Neal, park public relations manager.

At Southfork, where Miss Ellie, J.R. and the rest of the Ewing clan strive for ratings on the CBS television show "Dallas," officials expect 500,000 visitors, twice last year's total, said general manager Ken Brixey.

Five dollars buys a tour of the ground and first floor of the house, which actually is in Collin County north of Dallas. For \$2,500, tourists can spend the night at Southfork.

The overnight stays have been available for several months and are popular among people celebrating special occasions or trying to impress out-of-town clients, Brixey said.

Houston, Texas's largest city, offers the Astrodome, the first major indoor stadium in the country, pioneering the concept in the 1960s. Johnson Space Center is about 25 miles south of downtown Houston.

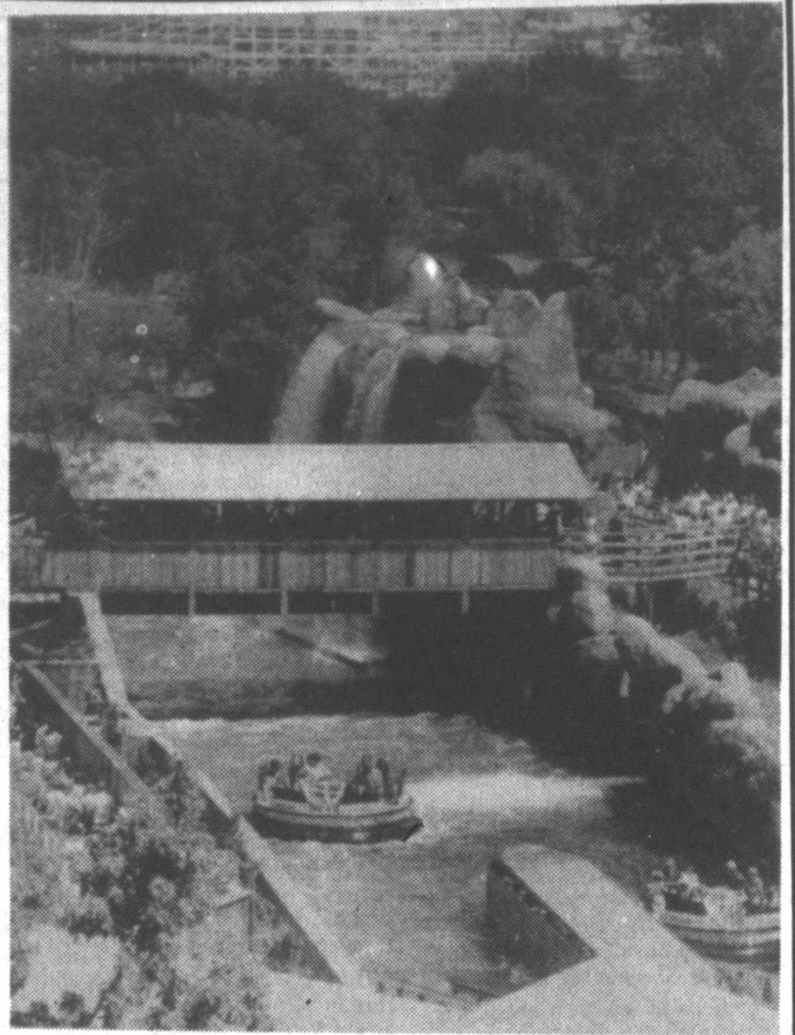
At the National Aeronautics Space Administration's Visitors Center and Museum, there are actual Mercury and Apollo spacecraft and moon rocks on display, as well as space exploration artifacts.

Visitors can inspect the training facilities used during the Skylab program and see the simulators currently used by astronauts to train for space shuttle missions at the Mission Simulation and Training building.

Briefings in the Mission Control Center are conducted hourly by reservation on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the Rio Grande Valley, a new fillip was added to the tourist trade when President Reagan described the city of Harlingen as a gateway to South America during his request for a \$100 million aid package for Nicaraguan contras.

The city received national notoriety and the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce placed ads in major daily newspapers trying to attract visitors.



TOURIST ATTRACTION—Six Flags Over Texas, the single largest tourist attraction in the state, is expected to host 2.5 million people this summer. (AP Laserphoto)

Mexico unimpressed by Texas sesquicentennial

MEXICO CITY (AP) — While Texans celebrate the anniversary of their independence from Mexico with pageants and celebrations, Mexicans are contemplating quietly the events 150 years ago that changed the lives of Mexico and the United States.

Most Mexicans decline to play "what might have been" and instead delve more into what they call the real facts that led to Texas' separation from Mexico in 1836 and the events of the fol-

lowing decade that brought about the U.S. invasion of Mexico in 1848 and the loss of more than half of Mexico's territory.

Remembrance is even more painful to Mexicans because Mexico was warned that Texas was a gem it would lose, and there was still nothing that could be done about it.

"Americans have a tremendous capacity for hypocrisy," says historian Jose Fuentes Mares, a northern Mexican from Chihuahua who has written several books about U.S.-Mexican relations. "They talk about Texas being under Mexican control when the truth is that Texas was part of Mexico, but Mexico could not control it because of its own internal problems at the time."

"Mexico could not control Texas because it could not populate it," Fuentes Mares said,

adding that Mexico could not stem the flow of illegal immigration from the United States. He was interviewed just weeks before his recent death.

Mexican newspapers have noted Texas' independence celebrations with articles about the tragic moments that Mexico lived at the time that Texas decided to pull away, encouraged by expansionist policies of the United States at the time.

But the articles are scattered, and they are rarely on the front page.

"Mexico was the first country to suffer the expansionist tendencies of the so-called North American Manifest Destiny rooted in the European Protestants of the 18th century," historian Enrique Semo said at a recent academic symposium entitled: "Texas: independence or annexation?" It was one of the few public events

here marking the Texas sesquicentennial.

"It is time Texan historians get rid of their chauvinistic attitude and see that there was no conspiracy against Texas by the Mexican government, but that one country (the United States) entered into the conflict to rob another," said Josefina Vazquez, history professor at the prestigious Colegio de Mexico and author of the book, "Mexico face to face with the United States."

Ms. Vazquez also questions the Mexican textbook version of the Texan war, which pins the blame completely on the United States. She says that Mexico 150 years ago was a divided country whose government and ruling classes were torn by conflicts between liberals and conservatives and military leaders.

"We must admit also our weakness, our fragmentation, the absence of national unity and of a national project as a country. In ten years (following Texas' secession) we could not organize an ex-

pedition to recover Texas," she said.

The secession of Texas and the subsequent war with the United States is amply displayed in the National Museum of Interventions in Mexico City's Coyoacan district.

Mexican historians view Texas of the 1800s as a territory isolated by geography and sparsely populated first by Spain and then after the end of the 1821 war of independence by a Mexican government still trying to fight attempts to regain control by Spain and threats by France and England.

Mexicans warned the central government of the threat posed by the Anglo-Saxon immigration, said historian Miguel Soto at the symposium discussing the Texas secession.

"The truth is," he added, referring to the Anglo-Saxon infiltration, "that at the Alamo there were only seven Texans. The others were gringos."

In 1827, six years after independence from Spain, Mexico

sent one of its best soldiers, Gen. Manuel Mier y Teran, a man who loved Texas, to the territory on a military and scientific expedition. Mier y Teran reported on the inability of local governments to control the border and saw the Anglo immigration as a U.S. spearhead.

The Mexican government tried to stem the flow by offering land and subsidies to those moving to Texas because "population was the only defense of the border," said Fuentes Mares. "But the Mexicans of the time, unlike their Spanish grandparents would not emigrate."

The loss of Texas and the war with the United States also wounded Mexican pride. It was a serious loss to the country caused by incompetence of its rulers and what Mexicans view as almost a fatalistic design.

"When we Mexicans manage to shake off the academic dogma that says we were robbed or that Santana sold it, we realize with some sadness that there was no other destiny for Mexico than to lose Texas," said Javier Ibarrola, news director of Impacto, a national news and opinion weekly magazine.

"It was a large Mexico surrendered by Spain with ill-defined limits, a bad political system and a centralist government far away in the highlands around Mexico City. It was a system of dormant social classes that were not about to make any sacrifices to go fight Indians to settle in the northern lands."

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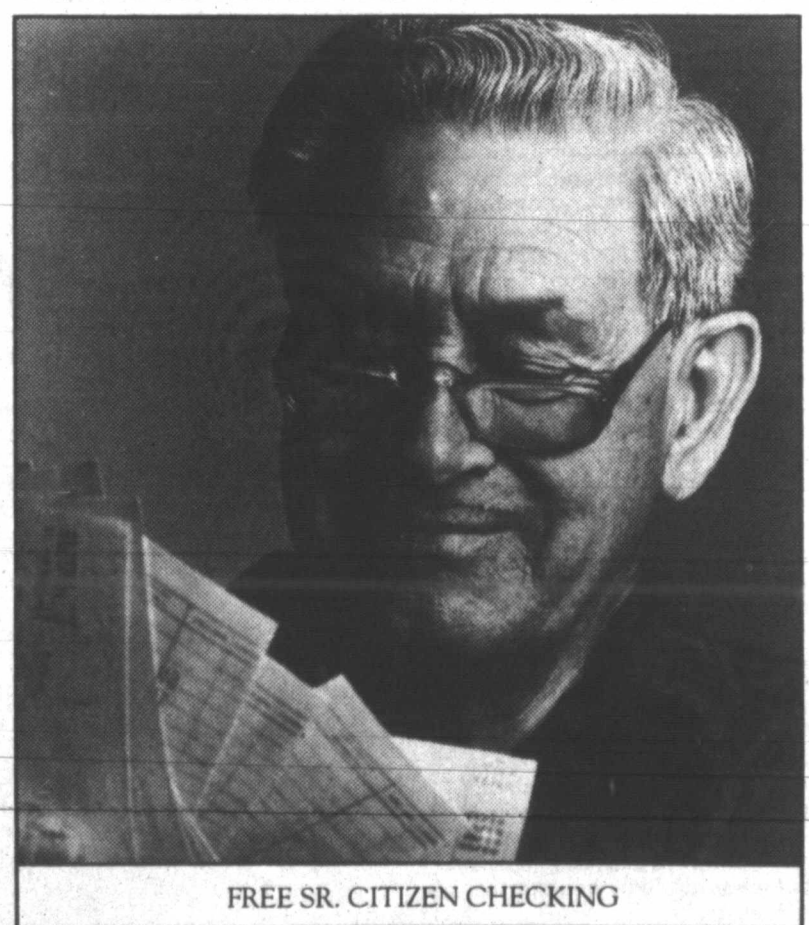
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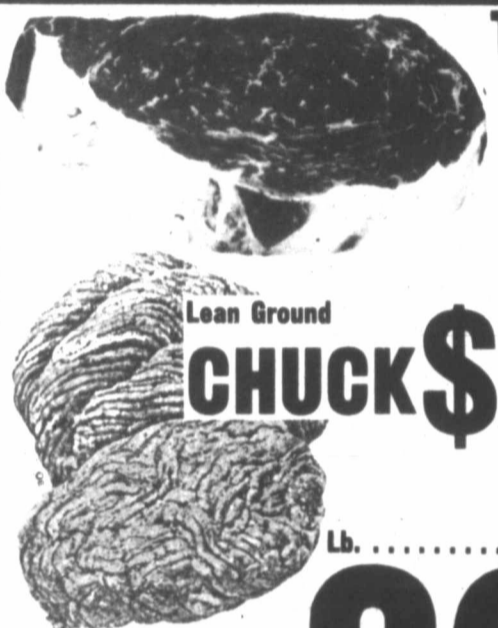
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