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## House okays public vote on race betting

### Bill would allow 1987 referendum

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House, a traditional burial ground for pari-mutuel bills, has voted to let voters decide whether they want to bet on horse and dog races.

In a 78-70 Thursday vote, the House gave preliminary approval to an amended version of a Senate-passed measure that would set a statewide referendum on pari-mutuel gambling.

The bill faces another House vote before returning to the Senate for review of the House changes. Supporters Thursday failed to get the 100 House votes needed to put the referendum on the November 1986 ballot.

Under the House version, the referendum would be in November 1987. If approved in that statewide election, local option elections would follow.

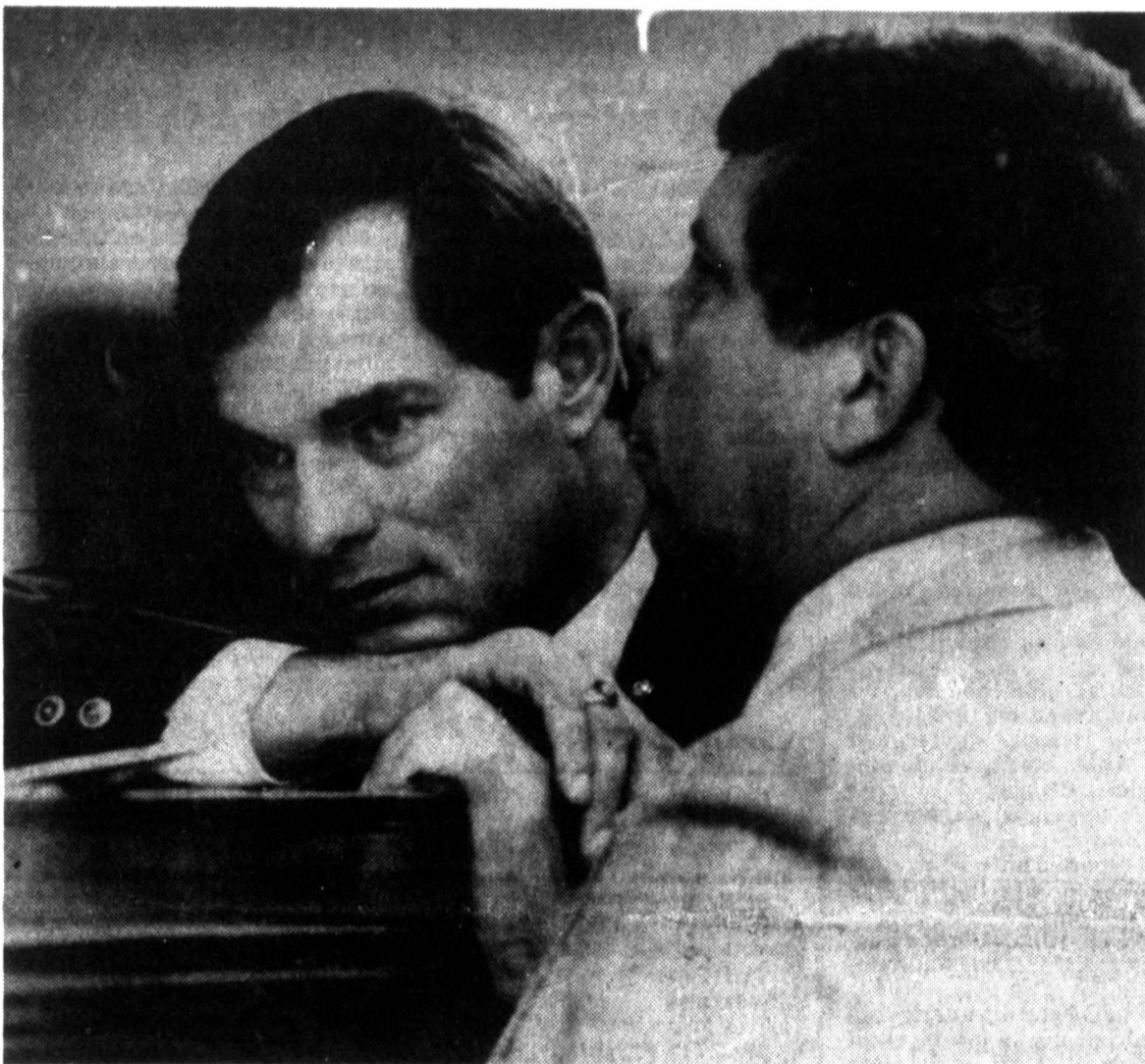
Senate sponsor O.H. "Ike" Harris, R-Dallas, predicted the Senate probably would concur with the changes. Supporters said the bill includes the provisions required by Gov. Mark White — statewide referendum, local option elections and anti-organized crime sections.

"If they have that, I would not veto it," White said after the House vote.

Supporters said pari-mutuel betting could mean \$110 million a year for state government when it is fully operational with horse tracks in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. The bill would allow dog racing only in Nueces, Cameron and Galveston counties.

The state would get 5 percent of the handle at horse tracks, and 6 percent of the money gambled at dog tracks.

"There is no question that this bill in the long term will diversify the economy of this state tremendously. I'm not going to tell you that this is going to be the answer to the financial woes this state currently has, but I can tell you it will provide sufficient money



**LOSING SIDE**—State senators Bill Sarpa, left, and Carl Parker, opponents of a state lottery, look glum after the Senate gave preliminary approval to the proposal. See story, Page 5. (AP Laserphoto)

to help pay for some of the state services," said sponsor Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi.

Berlanga sponsored losing pari-mutuel bills in the House in 1983 and 1985. He said Thursday the state's current money problems — a projected \$3.5 billion deficit — gave the bill the boost it needed.

"Every poll has said the people of this state are willing to vote for alternative sources of revenue (other than taxes) and we're willing to give them the opportunity," he said.

The House looked at about 35 amendments during six hours of debate, much of it concern-

ing some members' fears that pari-mutuel gambling could become legal without the statewide vote.

Rep. Dan Morales, D-San Antonio, said it is possible that a court could rule that the referendum is illegal, and leave the rest of the bill intact. But House members voted 80-67 against an amendment by Rep. Dan Morales, D-San Antonio, that would have said the racing act would expire Dec. 1, 1987 if no referendum had been held.

Berlanga said he expects a court challenge of the bill, and acknowledged it is possible

that the referendum would be stricken from the bill by a judge. But he said that is not his intent.

"We want a referendum," Berlanga said.

Several relatively minor amendments were approved in the House, including one by Rep. Larry Don Shaw, D-Big Spring, that would ban credit card betting and bar automatic teller machines at tracks.

Shaw said a gambler caught up in the excitement of a day at the track could "drain out his family's groceries for the next month" by using a credit card or bank machine.

## Nursing home is decertified

By CATHY SPAULDING  
Staff Writer

For the second time since 1983, the Texas Department of Health has decertified Coronado Nursing Center for "problems in nursing care" a TDH spokesperson confirmed today.

A decertification does not mean the state is closing the nursing home. It means that the state withholds Medicaid funds to the nursing home until the problem is corrected.

Charlene Stowers of the Texas Department of Health also said that the Pampa Nursing Center, located across Kentucky Street from CNC, was decertified in May for 14 deficiencies, but was later reinstated. She said no current deficiencies are recorded at the McLean Nursing Home or at the Edward Abraham Memorial Home in Canadian, which received a Superior rating because the agency found no deficiencies for at least a year.

Stowers explained that CNC was decertified automatically Aug. 8 after being placed on vendor hold (temporary withholding of Medicaid funds) by the Texas Department of Human Services twice in the last 12 months for "problems in nursing care."

She said that the TDH inspected the facility July 17 because of a complaint. They found three deficiencies, each with multiple examples, she said. The deficiencies include:

1. Patients were not provided 24-hour nursing service.
2. Inspectors found 13 out of 20 patients had "bed sores."

The nursing home was first placed on vendor hold Nov. 8, 1985 when a TDH inspector found in October that medicine or the dosages being administered to some patients was not the same as what their doctors prescribed. A deficiency was also written for not honoring residents' food preferences.

While criticizing the administering of prescriptions during the October inspection, the inspectors did praise CNC's program of activities and social

events, and "good bedside care to all patients."

The department lifted the vendor hold on Dec. 10, 1985 and warned the nursing home that if the nursing home is placed on vendor hold again within 12 months for patient care deficiencies, the facility's contract with them will be cancelled.

Fay Lockhart, the administrator of Coronado Nursing Home since Oct. 1985, said that "the problems have since been corrected and we have applied for recertification. She referred any further questions to the main office of Beverly Enterprises, which operates the home.

Company spokesperson Sharon Flippin said that they have requested another TDH inspection. "And we expect clearance from the department," she said, adding that the home just about has to be letter perfect to get recertified.

The nursing center was decertified in April, 1983 after inspectors found problems with food temperature, "too hot" water coming from faucets and paperwork problems. The home was re-certified one month later.

The Pampa Nursing Center's temporary decertification was due to "major plumbing problems" according to Barbara Doctor, who became the center's administrator just last Monday.

"That has since been corrected and we are now deficiency free," Doctor said, adding that at the time of the inspection, the home had 75 patients and that it now has 95.

But Stowers listed 14 deficiencies for Pampa Nursing Center and said "they were not for plumbing." The deficiencies included allowing flammables being allowed in the patients room, improper control a "common towel" and "too high" temperature in the south medication room, various maintenance problems and failure to adequately label prescription drugs. She said the problems have since been corrected and the PNC has been recertified.

## Ex-Pampan Francis granted parole

By PAUL PINKHAM  
Staff Writer

Pampa native Kevin Francis, convicted in Amarillo of soliciting capital murder in the 1977 stabbing death of his business partner, has been granted parole and is scheduled to be released in about two weeks.

Mike Roach, public information officer for the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, said this morning that Francis, 36, probably will be released Sept. 8 or 9. He said the board plans to notify prison officials in Huntsville on Tuesday of its decision, after which Francis will be transferred from the Texas Department of Corrections Coffield Unit in Palestine, where he is currently being held, to Huntsville.

Francis has served about six years of a 40-year sentence. The decision to release him came after two Potter County officials did not protest parole because of a previous sheriff's agreement with the inmate.

The parole board notified Potter County Sheriff Jimmy Don Boydston, 47th District Attorney Danny Hill and 251st District Judge Naomi Harney of the parole consideration Aug. 19, asking them to recommend or protest parole.

But Boydston and Hill said they could not respond because of an agreement made by former Potter County Sheriff T.L. Baker with Francis after Francis agreed to testify in the capital murder conspiracy trial of Amarillo attorney Jim Durham Jr.,

who eventually was acquitted of the conspiracy charges by a jury. Judge Harney could not be reached for comment this morning.

Francis was convicted in of soliciting capital murder in the murder-for-hire death of his Amarillo business partner, Frank Potts, who was found hacked and stabbed to death in Barney's Factory Direct Men's Clothing Store, which the two co-owned in Amarillo. Francis was accused of trying to collect on a \$175,000 life insurance policy the pair had purchased several weeks before the murder.

A Pampa High School graduate, Francis also owned the former Kevin Francis Clothiers on North Cuyler in Pampa. George and Bedale Hicks were

convicted of the actual slaying and sentenced to 99 years in prison in 1980. The husband and wife are eligible for parole in 1991, according to parole board spokesmen.

First Assistant 47th District Attorney Abe Lopez said Hill decided simply not to respond to the parole request because of Baker's agreement, which described Francis as a model inmate. Lopez said Francis was credited with 17 years of good behavior time toward his 40-year sentence and would have been eligible for release in October, 1993, if parole were not granted.

Hill had said he and Boydston were legally bound by Baker's agreement. Boydston said he would have protested had the deal by Baker not been made.

## Spy's helper gets tougher sentence

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Convicted spy Jerry Whitworth is a man who "believes in nothing," said the federal judge who sentenced Whitworth to 365 years in prison, the harshest espionage sentence since the 1953 execution of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

Whitworth, 47, would not be eligible for parole for 60 years, 50 years after John Walker, the spy master who worked out a plea bargain agreement and testified against Whitworth.

In imposing the sentence Thursday, U.S. District Judge John Vukasin called Whitworth "one of the most spectacular spies of

the century" and a man who "believes in nothing."

The gaunt, bearded defendant, who had been silent throughout his 11-week trial, spoke only once during his sentencing, saying in a choked voice, "I just want to say I'm very, very sorry."

Vukasin, who sentenced Whitworth to 365 years instead of the seven life terms he could have received, also specified that Whitworth would be ineligible for parole for 60 years, and fined him \$410,000. A sentence involving any number of life terms would have made

him eligible for parole in 10 years.

Whitworth was convicted July 24 of selling Navy code secrets to John Walker's Soviet-controlled spy ring for nearly a decade. Walker was the star witness against Whitworth, who did not testify.

Walker, confessed leader of the spy ring for 17 years, faced a lesser sentence than Whitworth's. Walker's plea-bargain called for two life terms, with parole possible in 10 years.

"Justice is now going to be turned on her head," said defense lawyer Tony Tamburello.

## Texas projected to pass New York in population

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major reshuffling of the nation's most populous states appears in the offing, with Sun Belt population growth expected to push Texas and Florida ahead of New York by the turn of the century.

California is expected to retain a firm grip on the top spot in the year 2000 with more than 30 million people, according to projections included in the Census Bureau's new State and Metropolitan Area Data Book.

The 1986 edition of this massive volume of statistics was issued Thursday, providing detailed data for a multitude of topics on the states, metropolitan areas and their central cities.

It is the first update of this supplement to the national Statistical Abstract since 1982.

The projections anticipate state populations in 14 years, reflecting the movement to the Sun Belt states that became a major factor in the 1970s.

At least some of those factors were considered by the private National Planning Association last April when it projected population growth through the turn of the century. It called for Texas to supplant New York as No. 2, but for Florida to make it only to fourth place, behind New York.

The Census Bureau projections call for Texas to grow to 20.7 million to rank second in the year 2000, and say Florida is likely to increase from 11.4 million to 17.4 million and skip from No. 6 to No. 3.

New York is expected to drop to fourth place with a population of nearly 15 million in the year 2000.

That would be a decline from the Empire State's current 17.7 million — an outlook not shared by Planning Association. It projected that New York will gain about 913,000 people by the year 2000, giving it a total of more than 18 million people.

The Planning Association's report called for significant gains in some older industrial states like New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, places where the Census report calls for declines in the population.

The Census data anticipates that Pennsylvania will be ranked fifth in 2000, a drop from fourth currently, and Illinois will slip from fifth to sixth place.



# TEXAS/REGIONAL

## Ex Supreme Court justice is sentenced to six years

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Texas Supreme Court Justice Donald Yarbrough was sentenced to six years in prison in a money laundering scheme despite pleas from his attorney that his client needs counseling, not punishment.

"Don Yarbrough is not a bad man. He's a sad man," attorney Mike Brown told U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald before she pronounced sentence Thursday.

"He's never done anything except talk. All he's ever done is talk and try to carry out grandiose plans," Brown said of the 44-year-old ex-justice.

Yarbrough, who resigned from the state's highest court six months after being elected in 1976, entered guilty pleas to conspiracy and bribery last month in a plea bargain before McDonald. Two other bribery charges were dismissed in the bargain.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Lenoir had sought the maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines. Brown pleaded

for probation, and asked if the judge decided on a prison term that it be three years or less.

Lenoir said Yarbrough "blames others for what has happened. The defendant is simply wrong in his view of the world."

The judge also said she would recommend that Yarbrough be sent to a federal prison where he could get psychiatric counseling. A prison was not designated Thursday.

"Society is hurt. Society's respect for justice is hurt," Ms. McDonald said.

Yarbrough stood quietly during sentencing. Several family members, including his wife, were in the courtroom but declined comment after sentencing.

Brown said he was disappointed with the sentence, adding he was not sure of Yarbrough's reaction.

"At this point, I suppose he's resigned to it," Brown said.

Secretly recorded videotapes showed Yarbrough arranging to launder money for a man he be-

lieved was a drug kingpin. The videotaped meetings recorded in May 1985 are among the volumes of evidence officials say they compiled against Yarbrough.

"Yarbrough applied his intelligence, and his professional training and experience as a lawyer and jurist, for the benefit of what he thought to be a large drug-trafficking ring," Lenoir said.

The latest investigation of Yarbrough began two weeks after he was released from the Texas Department of Corrections after serving two years of a seven-year bond-jumping sentence.

Yarbrough and another man, George Neely, 50, were indicted in April by a federal grand jury. The indictments accused the two of offering bribes to a bank president in the money-laundering scheme.

Neely, a Houston used car salesman, pleaded guilty last month to one count of conspiracy. He faces up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. His sentencing is set for today.



**KEEPING THE FLOODWATERS OUT** — Jack Jones and Jenny Henley, behind Jack, make sandbags to try to keep floodwaters out of neighbor's house in Grape Creek, about 20 miles north of San Angelo. The small community suffered through its second day of extensive flooding after thunderstorms dumped over three inches on already soaked Tom Green County Thursday morning. (AP Laserphoto)

## Senator: system's gone awry

AUSTIN (AP) — To prevent further risk to the public, the state's system for policing bad doctors needs major repairs, a state senator says.

"Something is wrong. The system is failing. Because of that, the people of Texas—their health and their lives—have been endangered," Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, said Thursday.

Edwards' comments came before the Senate approved the nomination of seven people to the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Testimony in recent legislative hearings indicated that in the past, the board has failed in many

cases to get bad doctors out of the medical profession.

While not objecting to the new nominees, Edwards said the hearings had raised serious questions about past board practices.

He said the board held secret hearings, issued private reprimands, piled up a huge backlog of cases and, in one instance, failed to remove from the profession a physician who didn't tell his patient she had cancer. The woman later died.

"Why did the board until just last Friday—as a result of pressure from this Senate—keep secret literally hundreds of sanc-

tions against physicians?" Edwards asked.

"Is their job to protect their peers in the medical profession, or is their job to protect the people of this state?"

Edwards also said the medical profession itself should share the blame.

"Why is it that most complaints, 78 percent, come from the public and only 12 percent come from physicians, those people who are best qualified to point out where cases of true malpractice have occurred?" Edwards asked.

Edwards also said the medical profession itself should share the blame.

"Why did it take Cindy Jenkins, a public (non-physician) member of the board, to raise the question about a three- to five-year backlog before the board?"

Sen. Chet Brooks, chairman of the Senate Health and Human Resources Committee, said his panel will recommend legislation—possibly during this special session—that would help solve many of the problems.

Brooks said the state needs a law requiring reporting of suspected malpractice cases, along with legal protections, so that physicians who report their fellow doctors won't face staggering lawsuits.

"There's no liability shield under the present law and they could be sued out of business," Brooks said.

Brooks, D-Pasadena, noted that the state already has a similar reporting law for cases of suspected child abuse.

"Each and every one of us is fully committed to making that board (of medical examiners) work," he said.

## Rain fills reservoirs, floods homes

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — A woman and her two children were rescued from their flooded home and an earthen bridge was washed out as the second day of heavy rains drenched the San Angelo area.

Despite the problems, the water was a welcome sight in this often parched vicinity of West Texas, where a lake bed dried up and caught fire 16 years ago.

A volunteer firefighter rescued the family from their home in Grape Creek, a community outside San Angelo, and once the family was safe, volunteers returned to put furniture on blocks out of the reach of water.

"That home's going to have major loss," Williams said. "Every time we stepped on the carpet it just squished water."

No injuries were reported, but Red Cross workers said furnishings in at least six homes in Grape Creek community had been damaged by the flash flooding.

Volunteer firefighter Robert Goddard said the rains also washed out an earthen bridge about 35 feet high.

"The people there are isolated, but everybody is all right," he said. "About 16-18 people came out when we pulled up with our emergency lights going. We shouted across the wash, and they said everybody was all accounted for, no one was hurt, and everybody was fine," he said.

Goddard estimated between 20 and 30 people live in that area.

Grape Creek, which normally has two branches, became a single waterway Thursday.

"It looked like the North Concho River on a rampage," Goddard said.

By noon, the waters split back into two rolling streams dragging rocks, branches and thick ropes of mud across roads.

In addition to the damage, the rain brought relief.

The O.C. Reservoir, once the butt of a joke, gained 20,000-acre

feet of water by Thursday at 4 p.m.

In 1970, the dry lake bed of the reservoir on the North Concho River just north of San Angelo caught fire, but on Thursday it contained more water than any time since September 1982.

It stood at 14,000 acre-feet Wednesday morning and rose to 34,000 acre-feet by Thursday afternoon. It has been as low as 7,000 acre-feet before rains began last spring.

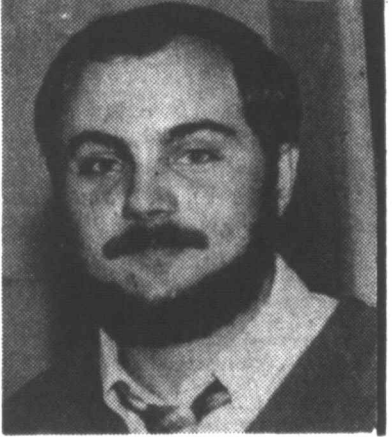
However Thursday's level is far below its 170,000 acre-foot peak, reached in 1957.

San Angelo uses about 16,000 acre-feet, or more than 6 billion gallons, of water a year.

Bald Eagle Creek, which rarely boasts of flowing waters, was running out of its banks late Thursday morning spilling over into a nearby road and pooling adjacent cotton fields.

**Off beat**

By **Dan Murray**



### The logic of government

I suffered a ticket the other day so it's time to wail on about the imminent logic of our government.

The ticket was for not wearing a safety belt. I wasn't committing any other offense, but the DPS pulled me over on Foster, at night, for not wearing my safety belt.

I went to Justice of the Peace David Potter's office and we had a lengthy and enjoyable discussion about stupidity in government and I left feeling better about that ticket, which I have to pay, than some prizes I've won.

Potter and I agreed that: A. Wearing a safety belt probably does increase your chances of surviving a car wreck and it would be advisable to do so. And B. It still doesn't give government the right to say we have to. It's a lot more dangerous to stand in front of a speeding train, but that's not against the law.

But Potter told me the insurance companies and defense lawyers associations spent big lobby bucks getting the seat belt law through the Texas Legislature, and who are we to fight with fat cats like those?

The Leg keeps making itself look more and more foolish, but we play the bigger dunces and keep electing them. Proof you want?

Okay. In recent years the Texas Legislature has passed a safety belt law to keep us from hurting our ourselves. It's for our own good they say. But they don't say anything when you ask 'em why, if it's for our own good, have you also in recent years repealed the motorcycle helmet law?

Undoubtedly your odds for survival are better not wearing a seat belt than not wearing a bike helmet. Ain't our legislature something?

There's hope, but I doubt many of you will do what you should with it. The Libertarian Party made the ballot, and its candidates are running on some platforms I can get into.

The candidate for governor's running on a promise to reduce the powers of the office, but the lieutenant governor candidate has the best platform: To abolish the office.

On the McLean football practice field, what's left of a goal post stands. It's not much, just one support and upright and hardly any of the crossbar. After much puzzlement, I asked head coach Bill Phillips if that was the posts they practiced field goals on.

No, he told me, that's an example of gravity. It seems the Tigers have a relay race that partially entails climbing the goal post, shimmying across the cross bar and sliding down the other support. Pretty nimble business.

Well, one relay team had a 300-pound unnamed member on it, and when his turn came he lumbered up the post and began inching across the bar, hanging upside down.

Gravity Time. With him halfway across, everyone heard two loud snaps, followed by what Phillips said was "The loudest THUD you've ever heard in your life."

Sitting on the ground on his buns was the 300-pound acrobat, and almost all of the goal post lay at his side. Everyone rushed over as the boys rubbed his tush.

"Coach," he said, "I'll be all right as soon as my butt quits hurting."

Ah, the flavor of high school football.

It's pretty amazing, the number of letters that have come in on that Pulpit column. The ones this week (to be published Sunday) have shown considerably more sanity than the first batch. Special thanks one minister for his words, and for sending us a copy of the petition that's going around town asking people to drop *The Pampa News* because they don't agree with our opinions. Again, I limit myself to one comment. Go ahead. Drop the paper. Without that source of information, you'll know even less than you do now.

Murray is a staff writer for *The Pampa News*. Views expressed in the Off Beat columns are the individual's and not necessarily those of this newspaper.

## Second encephalitis case confirmed in Harris County

HOUSTON (AP) — A second confirmed case of St. Louis encephalitis was reported in Harris County, and health officials say further testing will be done to determine if a woman's death was caused by the virus.

Meanwhile, Harris County health officials suspect there may be three other cases. All confirmed and suspected cases are in eastern Harris County.

The second case, confirmed Thursday, is a 24-year-old man from Baytown. Earlier this month, health officials confirmed the first case of sleeping sickness in a 44-year-old woman.

Both were hospitalized in early August, and are now recuperating at home, officials said.

Health officials also suspect the death of a 69-year-old woman from Highlands in eastern Harris County may have been the result of the virus. The woman was hospitalized Aug. 6 and died Tuesday.

Further testing will be done to determine whether her death was caused by the virus, said Mark Canfield, epidemiologist of the Harris County Health Department. He said a preliminary diagnosis showed she may have suffered a stroke or hemorrhage.

Robert Bartnett, head of the county mosquito control, said he expects more cases of the virus to be confirmed in the county, but declined to call it an epidemic.

The most serious outbreak of the virus was in 1964 when 1,088 confirmed and suspected cases resulted in 34 fatalities. Symptoms of the disease include fever, headache, nausea, stiffness of the neck, disorientation or abnormal

sleepiness, and loss of muscle control.

Bartnett warned residents in the eastern part of the county to avoid being outside in the early evening when culex mosquitoes, carriers of the disease, prefer to feed.

The mosquito control district is continuing its program of spraying storm sewers day and night to kill the insects, Bartnett said. Recent rains helped flush mosquitoes out of the sewer by interrupting their life cycle, he said.

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## Opinion

### Pressure against Japan won't work

The administration is said to be pressuring the Japanese government to take various steps, including "stimulating" Japan's domestic economy and pressuring domestic businesspeople, to see to it that more U.S.-made goods are sold in Japan. The hope is that the merchandise trade deficit between the United States and Japan will be reduced, thereby reducing pressure from Congress for the United States to enact even more protectionist measures aimed at Japan.

The action is misguided on several counts. In the first place, the merchandise trade deficit, despite the crocodile tears shed over it, is not a particularly significant figure. It simply means that U.S. consumers buy more from Japanese manufacturers than Japanese consumers buy from U.S. manufacturers. Insofar as this is due to restrictions by the Japanese government, this is deplorable but not especially alarming, nor is it a sign of poor health in the U.S. economy.

Since the U.S. economy is more than twice as large as the Japanese economy, a merchandise trade deficit of some magnitude is to be expected. Insofar as it is larger than some arbitrary number propounded by some economists, it reflects choices made by U.S. businesspeople and consumers. That, too, is a sign of economic health. The more thoroughly an economy is based on consumer choice rather than guidance from government experts, the better chance it has to grow and become more dynamic.

Which brings us to the real reason for opposition to protectionism. Protectionism is unfortunate not so much because some people don't like the word, but because it undermines the system most likely to contribute to the prosperity of all parties and nations concerned—free trade. Free trade implies a maximum of consumer choice and a minimum of government interference and "guidance" of any economy, both domestically and internationally.

To seek to forestall protectionist pressures in the United States, then, by urging the Japanese government to interfere more aggressively in the Japanese domestic economy, is a backward policy. You don't get freer trade by urging more government intervention: you get more government control.

The administration has, at various times, urged the Japanese government to eliminate or reform various restrictions within the domestic Japanese economy that create difficult situations for potential importers, and those efforts are to be commended. It should stick to urging the elimination of restrictions, rather than plumping for more intervention.



James J. Kilpatrick

## Let impeachment begin

WASHINGTON—On July 22 the House of Representatives voted 406-0 to impeach U.S. District Judge Harry Claiborne of Nevada. Unless this felon has the grace to resign the office he has stained, the Senate will have to devote two or three days in September to Claiborne's trial. It would be the first such trial in 50 years.

Federal judges have been impeached before, but Claiborne is unique. He is the first federal judge in history to be sent to prison, while retaining his office, for a felony committed during his tenure on the bench. He is now serving a two-year sentence at a federal prison in Alabama, where he continues to draw his salary of more than \$78,000 a year. He adamantly refuses to resign his judgeship. Under the Constitution, he can be removed only by the process of impeachment.

The process still bears an aura of powdered wigs and beeswax, reflecting its roots in ancient English law. The four "articles of impeachment," similar to the counts of a grand jury indictment, recite that Claiborne "was and is guilty of misbehavior and of high crimes and misdemeanors." These articles are not "presented" to the Senate under the old rubrics; the articles are "exhibited" to the Senate. The sergeant at arms is to begin every day of the trial with a proclamation:

"Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! All persons are commanded to keep silence, on pain of punishment, while the House of Representatives is exhibiting to the Senate of the United States articles of impeachment against Judge Harry Claiborne."

The vice president of the United States could exercise his authority to preside over Claiborne's trial, but it is generally assumed that he will yield to Sen. Strom Thurmond, president pro tempore of the Senate. Before the full-fledged trial begins, a 12-member committee of the Senate, headed by Sen. Orrin Hatch, will receive depositions and shape the issues to be tried. Thurmond will rule on the admissibility of evidence, subject to appeal to the Senate. Because this will be a political trial, not a criminal trial, the requirement of proof "beyond a reasonable doubt" does not apply. Each senator votes his own subjective opinion. It takes two-thirds of those present to convict.

The issues are not in dispute. Prior to his appointment by Jimmy Carter in 1978, Claiborne enjoyed a lucrative private practice as a criminal lawyer. Once on the bench he fell into serious financial straits. It had been his custom to deposit all of his legal fees directly to his bank account. For many years his tax accountant, Joseph Wright, prepared his tax returns.

In 1979, while on the bench, Claiborne received \$41,000 in residual legal fees from his former law firm. He told Wright he had received only \$22,000. In 1980, curiously, he fired Wright and turned instead to another accountant, Jerry Watson, head of a company called Creative Tax Planning. In 1980 Claiborne had received \$88,000 in residual fees. He reported none of this. Later it transpired that Claiborne had been cashing his lawyer's checks at Las Vegas casinos. Watson completed the judge's Form 1040 in pencil,

with erratic marks in the margin and elsewhere. This might have alerted any other taxpayer, but not Claiborne. He signed without a murmur.

While all this was going on, a grand jury was investigating the relationship between Claiborne and one Joe Conforte, owner of a legal Nevada brothel. In 1982, the grand jury indicted Claiborne on four counts of accepting bribes and two counts of tax evasion. The case went to trial, but wound up with a hung jury. At a second trial, the bribery counts were abandoned. A 12-member jury found Claiborne guilty of tax evasion as charged. In July 1985, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit unanimously affirmed the conviction. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the case, and Claiborne went off to prison.

Claiborne's defense was pathetically weak. The jury "found his claims of ignorance disingenuous" said the Circuit Court. It was hard to believe that an experienced lawyer, now a federal judge, did not know the difference between capital gains and ordinary income. Most of Claiborne's defense was technical or procedural. Certain evidence should not have been admitted; certain jurors should not have been impealed.

The federal judiciary is too honorable a body to be stigmatized by Harry Claiborne. The facts of his conviction are as clear as Nevada's summer skies. The Senate should bend promptly to its disagreeable task. Leave Claiborne in prison, but throw him off the bench.

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Paul Harvey

## Saving art for the ages

Visiting the Oriental exhibit at Chicago's Art Institute, I am always subtly reassured by the perpetuity — the continuity — which Oriental art represents.

It puts nettlesome contemporary problems in perspective.

During a recent visit there I saw a muttonfat jade cricket cage — about the size of a banana — perfectly cylindrical — entirely reticulated with a minute pattern of precisely identical openings.

That, the curator told me, cut as it was with an abrasive on a thread, would have to have been the product of at least three generations.

Imagine, three generations meticulously handcrafting this single objet d'art!

Today an equally functional cage for crickets could be extruded and stamped from plastic at a rate of 50 a minute.

I am also a longtime admirer of Navajo Indian jewelry in turquoise, coral and silver. But if you want fine pieces anymore, you have to buy old pieces that have been pawned by somebody.

Much of the new stuff represented to be "Indian jewelry" is marketed by Arabs, made of reconstituted stone in production line factories 6,000 miles from the nearest American Indian.

Americans often buy "estate jewelry," a fancy name for second-hand jewelry, because intricate pieces cannot be reproduced anymore.

True, we now cut diamonds with more precision and more facets, but there are few artisans around able and willing to produce the metal "hardware" required for proper mountings.

Japan is making an earnest effort to encourage perpetuation of some ancient crafts — swordsmithing, boxwood comb-carving and such.

But there, too, the craft is a hobby, not a business. Something old timers are willing to do in their spare time.

And gradually, the secrets handed down for generations are being lost.

Japan's young people are in a hurry. Their grandparents, to become puppet makers, might spend the first seven years just studying puppets' legs. The next seven years might be devoted entirely to the puppets' left hand.

So the traditional puppeteer would first have to study 40 to 50 years.

Japan's government, sponsoring schools and granting subsidies, is trying to prevent traditional crafts from disappearing. Artisans who demonstrate much talent are identified with a title "living national treasure" and subsequently rewarded with higher prices for what they produce.

## Women find credit difficult to obtain

By Rusty Brown

American Express likes to brag that 30 percent of its card holders are women. Visa counters with a full-page ad in Working Woman magazine boasting that it provides cash in five times as many places around the world as American Express. Seems like the money-lenders are knocking themselves out to give credit to women.

Well — yes and no. While the purveyors of plastic are courting women, it is only an illusion that women have equal access to money and credit. In truth, we often don't.

Women have been asked to provide collateral for loans while men with the same qualifications borrow on signatures alone.

I know a woman whose unemployed college-age son had no difficulty getting credit cards, while she, a working, single parent, was turned down for a \$1,500 car loan.

In another case, the Federal Trade Commission charged a credit union with sex discrimination after investigating women's complaints that they were denied loans because they were pregnant.

Even women who own businesses sometimes get the big "No" at banks when they ask for a loan. The Wall Street Journal tells of a Chicago construction firm-owner who complained that even though her company landed \$3.8 million in contracts this year, she couldn't get a \$100,000 line of credit without her husband as co-signer. "He's a lawyer and has nothing to do with the company," she bristled.

A Wichita, Kan., woman was told by her banker not to even bother filling out the loan application for her five-year-old skin-care clinic: "They said they'd give me money to buy a pig or a machine, but not cosmetics."

Women entrepreneurs have, in fact, collected so many similar tales of woe that the National Association of

Women Business Owners is detailing them to present to a White House conference on small business in August.

In addition, while doing research for an article on women and money for Woman's Day, I found that women can get shortchanged in their personal credit histories.

New federal credit laws require that family credit records include the wife as a participant even if she's not employed. Yet, when I went to my local credit bureau to see what kind of rating I had, I was shocked to discover that of the five department stores where my husband and I carry charge accounts, only two rated me as an equal. I am now in the process of making the rounds at store credit departments to get this rectified.

Credit records at banks and department stores should be designated as Joe OR Jane Doe, not Joe and Jane Doe. The "or" means you are both liable for the bills and hence both build-

ing credit worthiness.

If you have doubts about your credit rating, you too may want to check your local credit bureau and for a fee (mine was \$5.20), get a computer printout of your record and have it explained to you.

Women cannot let holes in their credit fabric go unattended. We have to have borrowing power for cars, homes, education and our own businesses. We have to insist on getting credit for the credit we deserve.

### Bits of history

In 1847, Liberia was proclaimed an independent republic. In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began erupting with increasingly large explosions.

In 1961, the official International Hockey Hall of Fame opened in Toronto.

### Berry's World

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**ESCAPE THROUGH THE WALL** — East German officials during the securing of evidence at Checkpoint Charlie, after three people escaped across the Berlin Wall early Friday with a truck through a barrier. At right is destroyed piece of the wall and gate, in the foreground splinters of glass of the truck windshield. (AP Laserphoto)

## Soviets casting new doubt on 1986 superpower summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union is casting new doubt on a 1986 superpower summit after two days of preparatory talks with U.S. officials failed to produce any breakthroughs on regional conflicts around the world.

In a brief statement at the wind-up Thursday, the chief Soviet delegate, Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly Adamishin, told reporters, "We have to decide yet whether the summit would take place because it has to be productive."

Apparently reflecting the views of General Secretary Mikhail S. Gorbachev, he went on to say: "It has to have some results, concrete results. We are not interested in an empty summit."

The talks with a U.S. delegation headed by Undersecretary of State Michael H. Armacost ranged over the wars in Angola, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf, tentative moves by the Soviets to restore diplomatic relations with Israel, and other international developments.

"There were no miracles, no breakthroughs," said a U.S. official who demanded anonymity.

"There is a good understanding of one another's positions, and we may have cleared away some underbrush."

But Adamishin, without going into details, said, "I don't think we have achieved a lot of progress."

The talks at the State Department were part of a series designed to lead up to a summit meeting between Gorbachev and President Reagan by year's end.

U.S. and Soviet groups will meet here next week on nuclear weapons issues, while two other superpower delegations will discuss Afghanistan in Moscow. Then, Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze are scheduled to tackle a summit agenda in a meeting here Sept. 19-20.

The U.S. side responded to Adamishin's remarks with a terse statement saying the talks were not designed for negotiations and had been conducted in a "constructive and businesslike" way.

"There was an agreement these talks would be confidential," Pete Martinez, a State Department spokesman, said, "so we will not enter into the substance of the discussion."

Regional disputes, arms control, human rights and U.S.-Soviet relations are the four areas U.S. policy-makers have selected for consideration at a Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting.

Apart from getting acquainted, the principal result of their "fire-side" talks last November in Geneva was an agreement to hold back-to-back meetings in 1986 and 1987 in the U.S. and Soviet capitals.

Gorbachev had been expected here in early June or July. But he delayed while U.S. and Soviet negotiators were unable to resolve their differences over curbing nuclear weapons.

The U.S. side questioned the Soviets during the two-day session here about actions in Angola and whether the Soviets intended to renew diplomatic relations with Israel after a 19-year lapse, said a U.S. official who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

## Foreign trade deficit surges to new record

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's foreign trade deficit, soaring toward its worst year ever, surged to a monthly record of \$18 billion in July, the government reported today.

Even U.S. agriculture, long a bright spot in an otherwise dreary trade picture, suffered its third straight monthly deficit.

And imports of manufactured goods were up in almost every category measured, despite this year's decline in the value of the dollar, which had been expected to help manufacturing trade.

The deficit for the first seven months of the year now stands at \$101.96 billion — a pace that would bring a 1986 total of \$175 billion, far above last year's record \$148.48 billion.

July's total deficit was the biggest since the \$16.5 billion of January, today's report said.

Imports totaled \$35.7 billion, up \$3.5 billion from June, while exports were \$17.7 billion, down \$1.4 billion.

Trade in agricultural goods showed a deficit of \$248 million following deficits of \$348.7 million and \$71.2 million in May and June.

## Contra leader predicts Central American war

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Nicaraguan rebel leader says he foresees a Central American war to oust Nicaragua's Sandinista rulers unless they abandon their "totalitarian" system.

Arturo Cruz, one of three directors of the rebels' United Nicaraguan Opposition, UNO, predicted Thursday that other Central American nations will attack Nicaragua if its government does not "change to become democratic."

The five other Central American nations, however, have shown little willingness to confront the Sandinistas militarily and several have publicly refused even to permit the United States to train Nicaraguan Contra rebels on their territory.

Nicaragua "is my political forecast, that in the final analysis ... that will happen. ...

"Either (the Sandinistas) change to become democratic or they will face a confrontation with the rest of Central America. ... The real struggle going on (in Central America) is between the center and the totalitarian left."

Cruz, a onetime Sandinista official who is considered a moderate among Contra leaders, first made his prediction in an interview in this month's issue of the "Ripon Forum," a magazine of the Republican Ripon Society.

In that interview, he said, "If the Sandinistas don't agree on a settlement, which I don't think they will, then in due course there will be a military confrontation of the Central American countries with the Sandinistas."

ary and other aid from the United States, a package approved by both the House and Senate and expected to begin flowing this fall.

Cruz said a stronger rebel army will increase pressure on the Sandinistas to negotiate with their opposition — the same argument the Reagan administration has made in urging new military aid to the Contras.

But Cruz differed from some other rebel leaders who have predicted military victory over the Sandinistas within a year once the new U.S. aid arrives.

"I'm not making any predictions of sweeping victory," he said. "It (the strategy) is one of pressures."

Cruz said Central American opposition to U.S. training of Contra forces in the region could mean the rebel troops will be sent to the United States.

Cruz said if the Sandinistas refuse to negotiate, other Central American countries eventually will move toward military intervention to force changes in Nicaragua's political system so the region's interdependent economic systems can work together more smoothly.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Cruz conceded that a unified Central American military strike against Nicaragua is hampered by traditional rivalries between the U.S.-backed governments of El Salvador and Honduras and the absence of an army in Costa Rica.

But he added that an eventual military confrontation between Central American states and

Cruz said such an anti-Sandinista intervention would require U.S. logistical and financial support, but also "maybe military support like a sea blockade."

In the AP interview, Cruz said that despite his prediction of a Central American conflict, he favored the buildup of Contra rebel forces with \$100 million in milit-

Soviet Union had pledged to abide by the terms of the pact even though the accord was never ratified by the Senate. Among the restrictions is a limit of 1,320 on the number of multiple-warhead missiles that each side can possess.

Until Reagan's decision last May, the United States and the

## Modification of bomber is delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Modification work on a B-52 bomber that would put the United States above the limits of the SALT II arms accord has been delayed probably until late December, Pentagon sources say.

The sources, who spoke Thursday night on condition of anonymity, said the modification work on the plane — the 131st B-52 to be so modified — has been moving more slowly than expected because of technical problems.

Nevertheless, the delay raises the possibility that President Reagan will fail to make good on his decision to abandon SALT II before a hoped-for summit meeting this year with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Reagan announced in May he was preparing to abandon the 1979 SALT II accord because of Soviet violations of the pact. At the time, Reagan said he had ordered that two old Poseidon submarines be dismantled to remain in compliance with the accord through the summer. But he said he would allow the Air

Force to continue modifying its B-52s to carry cruise missiles.

Cruise missiles are low-flying, unmanned jets that hug the ground to avoid radar. They can carry either conventional or nuclear warheads.

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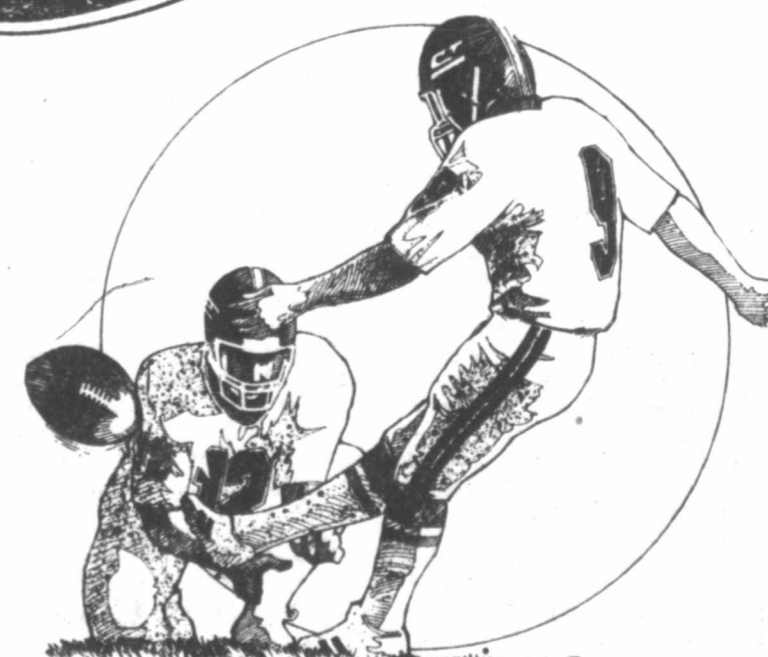
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# Details of H-bomb accident told by crew

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — They can joke about it now, but crew members aboard an Air Force B-36 bomber that mistakenly dropped a hydrogen bomb on New Mexico 29 years ago say it was no laughing matter then.

"It's one of those things that's terrifying at the time, but is funny afterward," George Houston, 61, a radio operator on the flight, said from his home in Orangevale, Calif.

Houston likened the May 22, 1957, accident to the closing scene of the 1964 film "Dr. Strangelove," in which a bomber pilot releases a stuck H-bomb by hand and rides it out of the plane to his death in a nuclear explosion.

In an interview Thursday with The Associated Press, Houston said the accident occurred when the plane hit turbulent air just as an officer was setting a safety pin that secured the bomb for landing.

To keep from falling, the officer grabbed the mechanism the bombardier uses to release the bomb, Houston said.

The 42,000-pound hydrogen bomb fell 1,700 feet. There was no nuclear blast, but non-nuclear explosives in the Mark 17 bomb detonated when it hit the ground 4 1/2 miles south of the control tower at Albuquerque's Kirtland Air Force Base.

The explosion killed a cow and created a crater about 12 feet deep and 25 feet in diameter. No humans were injured in the uninhabited area.

The accident was first confirmed by the Air Force in 1981. But no details were released until Wednesday, when the Albuquerque Journal published an account based on military documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

The El Paso (Texas) Times reported today that the pilot, Richard "Dick" Meyer, 62, a re-

tired lieutenant colonel, said a crewman stationed between the wings and the tail of the aircraft saw what had happened.

"Simultaneously, he called, 'Bombs away,' and the plane lurched upward about 1,000 feet when it lost so much weight at once," Meyer said.

Jack Williams, 54, a flight engineer aboard the craft and now a budget analyst for the Army at Fort Bliss, Texas, told the Times he heard a "dull thud" when the bomb hit.

Jack Resen, an electronic officer, said he was near the bomb bay when the young lieutenant who had been preparing the bomb for landing "came charging out of the bomb bay saying, 'I didn't touch anything. I didn't touch anything.' It really made me laugh."

Houston blamed the accident on what he described as an extremely awkward procedure in which an officer, usually the

navigator, had to climb around the bomb at the start and end of each flight "hanging literally by his toes" to set a large pin that secured the bomb.

When the turbulence began, "He grabbed something to keep from falling and ... it was the mechanism the bombardier uses to release the unit (bomb). The bomb bay doors were closed, but it took them with it," Houston said.

"We were met by quite a group of VIPs when we landed," he added. The 13 crew members were questioned extensively, but none apparently was disciplined.

Williams and Meyer said there was no danger of a nuclear explosion.

"We weren't even carrying all the essential materials needed to arm it for dropping as a weapon," said Meyer. "Only in a wartime configuration would you have everything there."



TINA JOINS THE WALK OF FAME — Grammy award-winning recording star Tina Turner poses with her new star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Thursday. She started her career in 1958 and has recently written her autobiography, "I, Tina." (AP Laserphoto)

# Nuclear industry calls Nader watchdog group's report twisted and inaccurate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A watchdog group's contention that high numbers of nuclear plant mishaps made 1985 the worst year ever for nuclear safety is twisted and inaccurate, industry officials say.

Industry statistics "clearly show that reactor safety has been improving steadily since the Three Mile Island accident" in 1979, said Ed Davis, president of American Nuclear Energy Council, responding to a safety analysis released Thursday by the Ralph Nader-affiliated group Critical Mass.

"How many fatalities were there (in 1985)? Zero. How many catastrophic breakdowns? Zero. Injuries to the public? Zero. Injuries to workers? Zero. (Radiation) overexposures to workers? None for the second year in a row," said Don Winston of the Atomic Industrial Forum, another industry group.

"We keep reactors safe by re-

porting every deviation," he added. "We report them and they're public. And (the Critical Mass analysis) is making a travesty of this."

Critical Mass was founded 12 years ago by Nader and named for the amount of energy required to sustain a nuclear chain reaction.

Its "1984-85 Nuclear Power Safety Report," written by Joshua Gordon and dedicated to victims of the Soviet nuclear accident at Chernobyl, asserts that rising numbers of mishaps, emergency shutdowns and serious or "abnormal" occurrences indicate 1985 was an all-time low for nuclear safety.

Gordon criticizes the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as being too lax in enforcing its standards and inattentive to management problems that lie at the root of many safety lapses. But he concludes that even with improve-

ments, nuclear power would have to be eliminated to completely protect the American public.

"The message from the operating experience of U.S. reactors in 1984 and 1985 is clear: the plants are unsafe and their safety record continues to worsen," Gordon wrote. "The likelihood and consequences of an accident, so dramatically demonstrated by the Chernobyl disaster, strongly argue for rapidly phasing out the nation's nuclear power program."

Among the statistics cited in the Gordon report:

- There were 10 serious accidents — "abnormal occurrences" ranging from high radiation exposures and loss of radioactive material to management problems affecting safety — in 1985, sustaining a trend that began in 1983.
- 2,997 plant mishaps — "license events" ranging from minor

to significant breakdowns in plant systems or procedures — were reported to the NRC in 1985, a 23 percent increase over 1984.

- There were 764 emergency shutdowns at U.S. plants in 1985, a 28 percent rise over 1984.
- Nine plants, accounting for 12 percent of the U.S. nuclear power generating capacity, were closed indefinitely in 1985.

But Davis cited a high number of plants shut down due to management problems, including all seven operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority, as evidence that the NRC is taking a strong stand on that issue.

He also said the higher number of licensee event reports indicates that "utilities are being much more careful in reporting everything to the commission and shows how careful and how thorough utilities are in identifying and analyzing operating data."

# China appears freer, but drawn to Soviet Union

By BARRY SCHWEID  
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decade after the passing of Mao Tse-tung, the enigma that is China remains largely a mystery to American scholars and State Department policy-makers.

Reading the same tea leaves, they come up with varying conclusions about the course of reform under Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and what it portends for U.S. relations with the world's largest country.

Basically, these analysts agree China is a more open society. And yet, "it's still not a government of laws, rather than men," said Harold C. Hinton, political science professor at George Washington University.

"Mao's nuttiness, which developed after a serious illness in 1953, is all gone," Hinton said in a recent interview. "They've got rid of all of Mao's personal barnacles on the ship of state."

But the professor also discerned in the ministry of state security, set up by Mao's successors a few years ago, unpleasant reminders of the Soviet KGB secret police.

"If its name is mentioned," Hinton said, "people look back over their shoulder."

Ray Cline, a former deputy CIA director, said Americans were so impressed with China's recovery from the "pathological situation" under Mao they leap to the conclusion Peking will be a friendly power in Asia.

But, the onetime intelligence specialist said, "the Deng regime makes it absolutely clear they do

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not consider themselves in any way an ally of the United States."

China is equally critical of Washington and Moscow, as it seeks advantages from both sides, Cline said.

Mao's declining years were marked by purges, paranoia and anti-intellectualism. The country's economy faltered. China drew inward. Foreigners and their technology were viewed with deep suspicion.

This has changed in the 10 years since Mao's death on Sept. 9, 1976. Relations were established with the United States in 1979. American firms flocked to China, where they are received warmly.

But they must grapple with a bureaucracy that is long on red tape and short on decision-makers.

Joyce Kallgren, chairman of

UCLA's Center for Chinese Studies, found in China enormous progress, particularly in the countryside. Production is up and the farmers no longer are called peasants.

They are freer to make decisions. And yet, Kallgren, who has visited China almost every year since 1974, saw little interest in democracy.

Interestingly, she found many Chinese yearning for the wares they now can see on television from Hong Kong and Japan. But, the University of California-Los Angeles scholar also detected a fear among some Chinese that in the rush to westernize, the country might lose its special character — a process called "spiritual pollution."

To a State Department official, who was willing to discuss post-Mao China only anonymously, "the major changes are a greater openness to the outside world and a willingness to tolerate differences at home and abroad."

For the average Chinese, he said, there is more individual flexibility — the official pointedly shied away from the word freedom — and "greater latitude for individual initiative."

China's stance toward the Soviet Union worries Cline.

"The Chinese Communists have been quite receptive to the initiative of Secretary General (Mikhail) Gorbachev to put differences aside and to cooperate in the Soviet effort to diminish American influence in the whole region of East Asia and the Western Pacific," he said.

As a result of some Soviet concessions, Cline said, Peking is willing to work in greater harmony with Moscow economically and politically "and that's bad for us."

Kallgren's analysis is that China is warming up its relations with the Soviet Union to have more leverage with the United States.

But, she said, the improvement in relations with Moscow is beneficial to America because it reduces strains in East Asia and could encourage Peking to spend less on a modern military and more on a modern economy.

"The United States cannot pretend that the only way to have good relations with the Chinese is their being enemies of the Russians," she said.

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**ARTIST CREATES KALEIDOSCOPE ART** — Kaleidoscope artist Carmen Gallo Colley looks through one of her jeweled kaleidoscope wheels, each of which is one of a kind and is designed to carry out some theme. (AP Laserphoto)

## Kaleidoscope craftsmen make everchanging art

By MADELEINE HAMM  
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — Sir David Brewster was experimenting with the polarization of light when he created the first kaleidoscope in 1816, and people have been intrigued with the changing reflections of color patterns ever since.

So why aren't there more antique kaleidoscopes around?

"They're hard to find because so many people take them apart to see how they work," said San Antonio artist Carmen Gallo Colley. "I took my first one apart when I was a kid."

Now Ms. Colley is putting them together in fanciful jewel-encrusted forms with hypnotizing combinations of brilliant colors and patterns, and she's selling them to kaleidoscope collectors from New York to California. Each is one of a kind and designed to carry out a theme, such as Mardi Gras or even the Texas Sesquicentennial.

The company name Gallocolley combines Carmen's maiden name, Gallo, and husband Stephen's name, Colley. When they married in 1978, each took both names, so he is Stephen Gallo Colley. Colley is a licensed architect who spends more hours designing kaleidoscopes with his wife than practicing architecture.

"At first, making kaleidoscopes was more like a hobby subsidized by my architecture practice," he said. "We would do one scope a month. But when Carmen started getting lots of orders, we had to really start working at it. Now there are two others helping."

In the crowded garage-turned-studio of their modest San Antonio home, the couple turns out three to five kaleidoscopes a week, depending on their size and intricacy. Each is almost as fas-

inating to look at as to look through.

Tiny objects that relate to one of the 25 or more themes are worked into the design of the stained-glass body. For instance, the "Big Apple" scope includes a tiny part of a New York theater ticket, a souvenir art deco pin, a portion of a map of Greenwich Village and a tourmaline apple. While they may repeat a theme, no two designs will be alike since the objects and patterns vary.

When Carmen began making kaleidoscopes, she created the changing patterns with an external stained-glass wheel, rather than with bits of glass and plastic floating inside. She learned to work in stained glass in classes Stephen taught, which, which was how they met.

"After 10 years as a secretary and bookkeeper, I went to San Antonio College, started out in the psychology department and wound up in art," she said.

Today her scopes have two jeweled wheels to twirl in opposite directions for endless dazzling patterns. The wheels are created with semi-precious stones, glass beads, synthetic stones, fused and sandblasted glass, blown glass pieces — just about any pretty stone or glass that will transmit light.

Carmen's use of jewels in her scopes started the day after John Lennon died. "I was so depressed, so I decided to make a kaleidoscope. For some reason I decided to put one crystal piece in the wheel, and that was it! Since then I've had to have jewels and other pretty pieces in every one I do," she said.

"I've used everything in my scopes from a cloisonne pendant to cobalt glass from a German wine bottle and pink Depression glass. Glass marbles make pretty feet for the scope when it's sitting on a table or shelf. People are always sending me things —

loose stones, glass beads, broken glass. But I can't use plastic," she said.

A native of New Orleans, Carmen enjoys creating scopes with a "Mardi Gras" motif, complete with doubloons and other mementos. One of her newest designs, "Lady Liberty," is a tribute to the Statue of Liberty's birthday celebration. Each large scope is signed and titled and sells for about \$895.

The smaller Gallocolley scope, which is almost 4 inches long and called a "Minnie," can be worn on a chain around the neck like a pendant. While these are stained glass with jeweled wheels, they don't have themes. Each is numbered and sells for \$325.

Donna and Art Milstein, owners of Houston's Hanson Galleries where many of the scopes have been on display this summer, commissioned the Colleys to make a special "Minnie" scope for their daughter Anya's ninth birthday. The design includes one of her baby teeth, a lock of her hair, her birthstone, unicorns, clouds and other things of interest to her. They call it the "Anyascope."

## Lady of Rockies stands tall

By DENNIS E. CURRAN  
Associated Press Writer

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — Looming high above the scars of more than a century of mining in this one-time copper mining center is a 90-foot iron statue of the Virgin Mary, a monument to all women and mothers.

And, in a way, it's a monument to a handful of dreamers and a legion of volunteers determined to work a minor engineering miracle and erect a 51-ton statue high in the Montana Rockies.

The white statue is called "Our Lady of the Rockies," and she stands as mute testament to the power of faith in a city struggling for survival after its primary industry shut down.

"Every time I look at it, I'm in awe of it," says Joe Roberts, one of the dreamers who made the statue a reality just before Christmas last year. "I can't believe it got done."

Roberts, 66, owner of truck and heavy equipment company, emphasizes the statue is non-denominational.

"People of every faith, even a Hindu, helped with time, labor and money," he says proudly.

"The only reason we built it was for love — the love of all women and all mothers," he adds. "We built it to resemble Mary, the mother of Jesus, as a reminder to remember the ones you love."

For six years now, putting a statue on Saddle Rock overlooking Butte has consumed the time and energy of Roberts and his friend, Bob O'Bill, the movers and shakers behind the Lady project.

The idea was conceived in 1979, when O'Bill's wife, J 5-foot statue in a park overlooking the city.

But the project mushroomed until O'Bill, Roberts and a half-dozen other friends were talking about a statue 90 feet high and 48 feet wide from hand to hand, standing on a 425-ton concrete base on the Continental Divide 8,510 feet above sea level and more than 3,000 feet above Butte.

By comparison, the Statue of Liberty is 151 feet above its base, with its torch rising 305 feet above the base.

Roberts noted that Federal Aviation Administration regulations would have required a red light if the statue were any higher, and "that just wouldn't have been right."

Engineer Laurien Riehl helped with the design of the statue, which was patterned after a 10-inch figurine, but it fell to Leroy Lee, 51, an ironworker at Roberts' Rocky Mountain Equipment Co., to find a way to transform the design into a 90-foot statue of iron. He said his answer came one night after he prayed to Mary.

Roberts estimates that more than 300 volunteers helped finish

the design, build the statue, carve a road to the top of the divide and finally erect the seven-piece iron statue.

He was determined to have it in place before Christmas.

"I just had a feeling that if we didn't put it up then, then nobody would believe us and the enthusiasm would evaporate," he says. "I told them, 'If it doesn't go now, it'll never go.' I had hounded everybody practically to death."

For four days last December, ironworkers waited in sub-zero weather as National Guard helicopter crews pushed a Sikorsky Skycrane, flown in from Nevada, to its limits and beyond. The helicopter nearly crashed once and had to make an emergency landing. One of the statue's hands was dented slightly in the process, but there were no injuries.

Piece by piece, the statue's components — weighing up to 9½ tons — were hoisted from the Rocky Mountain Equipment yard to their perch on Saddle Rock, where ironworkers wrestled them into position and bolted them together.

On Dec. 20, the dream was realized; the statue towered over Butte.

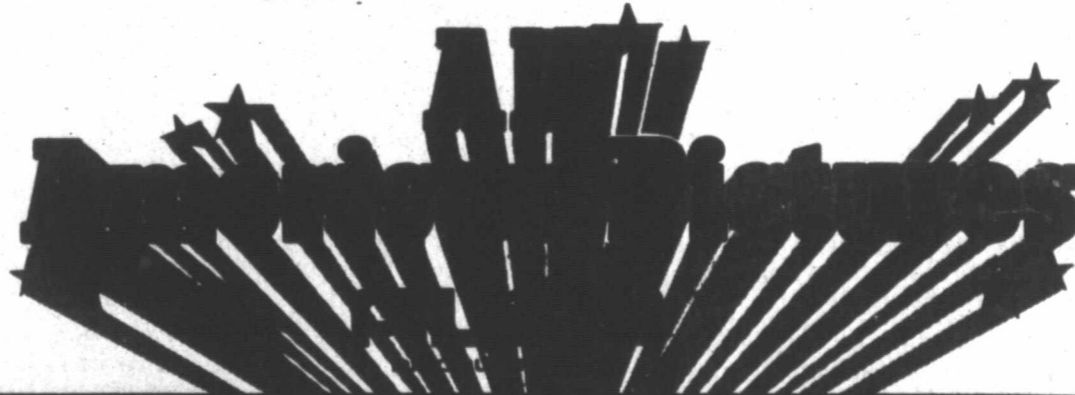
"That night when the lights went on was the greatest day of my life," O'Bill said afterward. "That was payday."

But the dream and work continue.



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# Outdoor opera 'freezes' for passing airplanes

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — She sits at a control panel with her eyes on the sky, like an air raid warden in the Battle of Britain. When a plane comes into view, she presses a switch flashing on a yellow light. Next comes the red light. The music stops and the action onstage freezes. No bombs fall. It's just another stop-and-go performance of the San Diego Light Opera Company.

By JOHN BARBOUR  
AP Newsfeatures Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A warm and pleasant evening. Clear skies. It's 8:30 p.m. Twilight. Curtain time. The announcer says with excitement, "Ladies and gentlemen, the San Diego Light Opera Company proudly presents Meridith Wilson's 'The Music Man.'"

The audience settles back, conductor Milton Greene raises his baton, and the orchestra bounces into a medley of the show's sprightly music. In the middle of the audience at a sound panel, 22-year-old Roxanne Casillas has her eyes glued to the sky over the open-air stage.

Miles away but closing fast, Eastern Air Lines Flight 319 with a load of passengers from Milwaukee has turned on the seat belt sign.

Miles away in the other direction, the tower at San Diego's Lindbergh Field has radioed "PSA 46, you're number two following the DC9 to your right. Eastern 319, you are cleared to land."

The curtain goes up on the light opera's stage revealing a railroad passenger car filled with traveling salesmen discussing the legendary con man Harold Hill.

Roxanne presses a yellow light switch in her hand. Eastern 319 has come into view. Conductor Greene sees the yellow light and picks a spot in the score. Roxanne hits a red light switch and all action on the stage freezes at conductor Greene's command.

Eastern Flight 319, its passengers unaware, flashes overhead at strafe level as it drops toward a landing at Lindbergh, filling the theater with a roar. In seconds it is gone. Roxanne pushes a green light and the company picks up the musical

where it left off. It will happen 30 more times before the show is over.

The light opera company in its 41st season, the oldest such company west of the Mississippi, has found a way to cope with performing outdoors in the glide path for the local airport, and the audience takes it in stride. They should. They have experience.

The company's first two seasons were staged at the Wedgeworth Seal Bowl in the middle of the zoo where they faced less predictable interruptions from screaming peacocks and barking seals.

Now it's at the Starlight Bowl in Balboa Park in the geographical and cultural heart of San Diego. There are theaters like the old Globe and museums and the famous San Diego Zoo. But none of the other attractions is subject to the thunder and roar, the storm and stress, that the Starlight's audience endures.

Yet the light opera continues to fill the 4,324 seats for its summer season with its fitful performances.

When the light opera moved to the bowl in 1946, there wasn't a problem. Lindbergh Field, nestled

in a kind of bowl on the city's waterfront, served mostly small propeller planes that needed a short approach. But along came the jets, and the 10-second blasts became more frequent. The company tried to escape. It tried other outdoor locations. It tried indoors. The audiences did not go along. They liked outdoor locations, and an evening picnic in the park.

So the light opera moved back, and in 1974 began its freeze in a performance of "Fiddler On The Roof."

General Manager Leon Drew says the audience loves it.

Milton Greene, who conducted "Fiddler" on Broadway among other credits, has perhaps the most nerve-wracking job. His decisions are quick and delicate. Usually he will not freeze the company during a dance. It is dangerous if some of them are off-balance, and the dance is visual.

During a song, however, the timing is all important.

"If they stop with me, it's fine," Greene says. "But if they go beyond me, they'll start again in the wrong place."

# Architect shows his concern for the wheelchair-bound

By MARY JO NELSON  
The Daily Oklahoman

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Truett H. Coston never intended to turn American construction practices upside down when he designed two Oklahoma City church buildings to be accessible by wheelchair.

But Hugo Deffner, a persistent, wheelchair-bound parishioner of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, turned Coston's example into a nationwide movement that ultimately brought changes in building design, as well as federal laws requiring public buildings to include access for the handicapped.

"It was my belief then and still is my belief that the old and the handicapped need the church and they need to get into the church. They need an elevator to get to the second floor, and that's what I had in mind," Coston, now living in Thomasville, Ga., said in an interview recently when he returned to Oklahoma City for the wedding of a granddaughter.

Coston was a senior partner

and president of the Oklahoma City firm of Coston Frankfurt and Short when it was picked to design St. Luke's education building in 1947-48; the second about 10 years later. He said he had no reform in mind while working on the designs. But he didn't comprehend the depth of Deffner's determination.

In the earlier St. Luke's building, completed in 1950, Coston designed all west-facing entrances and one courtyard doorway to be flush with the sidewalk.

Some members thought he was crazy for putting an elevator in the two-story building.

For the sanctuary — opened in 1957 — he fashioned a ramp-type sidewalk leading to a broad slate terrace at the main entrance.

"I intentionally designed it not to be so apparent, and secluded it by putting planters around it," Coston said of the ramp.

Manipulating a wheelchair easily through a choice of several entryways didn't seem like a great deal to most of the congregation. But Deffner, a layman and insurance agent, was "absol-

utely delighted," Coston recalls. Once he saw what Coston had done at his own church, Deffner turned into a zealot, the architect recalls.

"Hugo is the first person who became vocal about it," Coston said. "It was his idea to promote buildings designed for the handicapped. He came to me and asked me for architectural assistance. So I helped him with

drawings and in getting materials to (U.S.) Sen. Robert S. Kerr."

A polio victim, Deffner had been in a wheelchair most of his life. Don Davis, retired executive director of the Governor's Committee for the Handicapped, recalls Deffner's "really incredible" campaign.

He remembers that Deffner spent his own money to promote a

systematic eradication of architectural barriers all over the country.

One-by-one, states began to adopt laws requiring access for wheelchair occupants.

"We did it without laws in Oklahoma," Davis said. "Oklahoma City was one of the first cities to install a ramp at city hall."

Eventually, Congress declared that all structures built in whole

or in part with federal funds had to be accessible to all people.

The governor's committee staff and volunteers launched a campaign promoting Deffner for designation as Handicapped American of the Year, an effort that succeeded in 1957 when Deffner was presented the award by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Houston expects student decline

HOUSTON (AP) — An anticipated drop in enrollment of about 4,000 students in the upcoming school year could mean a savings in teacher salaries but a drop in state funding, district officials say.

The estimated decrease is connected to the area's ailing economy, as some families are deciding to leave Houston during the economic downturn, officials said.

The decrease would be more than twice that of 1985-86, when the Houston Independent School District enrollment fell about 1,500 short of the previous year's enrollment.

A decline of 4,000 in HISD's enrollment would represent a 2 percent drop in the student population, and a \$6 million reduction in state funding for the district.

"It could be worse," said spokeswoman Rene Wilkerson of the district's budget department. "But it is probably a fairly good ballpark figure."

One savings could be in teachers' salaries, as fewer edu-

cators will be needed if the decrease is realized, school officials said. But any total savings will depend on the kind of children leaving the district.

It costs more to teach students with special needs — handicapped and students limited in English — than it does an average student, officials said.

Last year, there were about 193,000 students in the district, including about 8,000 students in pre-kindergarten classes for the first time. The pre-kindergarten classes began last year as part of state-mandated school reforms.

Budget officials estimate there will be 500 fewer students in pre-kindergarten in the new school year and about 3,500 fewer in kindergarten through high school.

The school board earlier this month approved a \$66 million budget for the upcoming school year, 4.4 percent less than the previous year. The smaller budget was necessary because of declining revenues, officials said.

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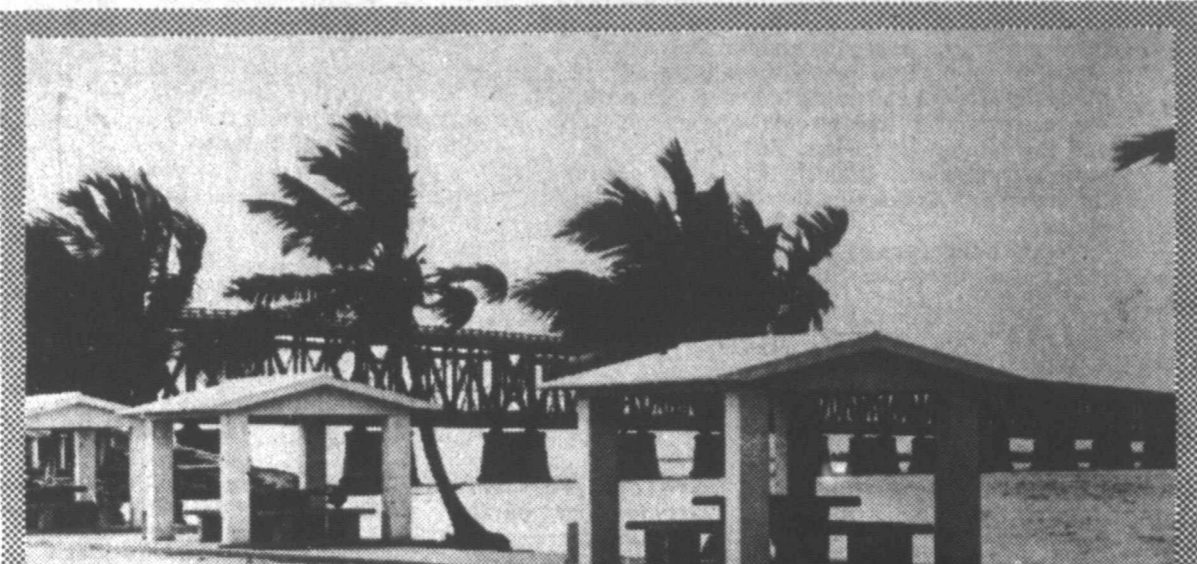
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### Disabled man overcomes ills to be evangelist

Bobby Whittenburg, well-known singer and saxophonist as well as evangelist, will be at the Community Christian Center, 801 E. Campbell, on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

In years past before going into the ministry, Whittenburg played and sang at night clubs and also had a truck driving business.

One day while driving a truck, he was involved in a terrible crash that almost took his life. A rod from the vehicle he was in went through the roof of his mouth and out one eye. Also, his entire body was grossly mutilated in the accident.

He lay in the hospital for weeks and was not expected to live. Even if he did live, the doctors said singing and playing for him was out of the question.

But Whittenburg did live, in spite of the odds against him, and he has been ministering in music and evangelistic work for more than 10 years in churches and other groups across the country.

Whittenburg says that while he was lying on that hospital bed following the accident, he made a lot of promises to the Lord that he is doing his best to fulfill in his ministry service.

He had been single for most of his evangelistic ministry, but a few months ago things changed for him. Because of his handicapped condition, he had not pursued marriage.

Then a young Christian widow and mother of a 16-year-old son said that while she was praying at home one night, she saw in a dream or vision a handicapped young man in a church ministering in music and song. She claimed the Lord spoke to her and told her this man was to be her husband.

A short time later, Whittenburg was ministering in a service the woman attended. As soon as she saw the man, she said she recognized he was the one she had seen in her dream or vision.

She had never seen the evangelist before.

They met following the service and were married a few months later.

### HIS TOUCH

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* (Matthew 19:14 NIV)

The following poem was written for and about my mentor and friend, Garry Schwalk. Garry served for nine years in my church as minister of children, and I had the pleasure of working with him in various ministry endeavors.

Though the Lord has led the Schwalk family to new adventures in New Mexico, Garry's life and work here still exemplifies Matthew 19:14 better than any words I could write. This is his...

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He's great pounding boots at neck breaking pace.

He's a teacher, a friend, a voice in the hall.

He's puppets, and pranks, and jester to all.

Then the look of wonder on an up-turned face;

In somber eyes, the quest for Grace.

A gentle counselor with voice mild,

He's a man committed to the soul of a child.

Although the poem was dedicated to one man, this column is dedicated to all who are committed to ministering to children. May God multiply your blessings.

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### Religion roundup

ATLANTA (AP) — Rev. Raymond E. Crowley of Cleveland, Tenn., chosen as the new leader of the 1.6 million-member Church of God, promises "to lead the church in truth and in the outpouring" of the Holy Spirit.

The denomination, based in Cleveland, Tenn., also rejected a move to change its rules to allow women to vote at future sessions. Crowley urged the denomination "to come together as one body against the power of evil and sin," to unite in worldwide evangelism and serve "wherever there is a need."

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## St. Matthew's Episcopal Church calls Osborne as interim pastor

Jack Reeve, senior warden of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, has announced that the vestry has called Rev. H. Paul Osborne, a retired priest from Garrison, Ky., to be the interim rector of the church effective Sept. 1.

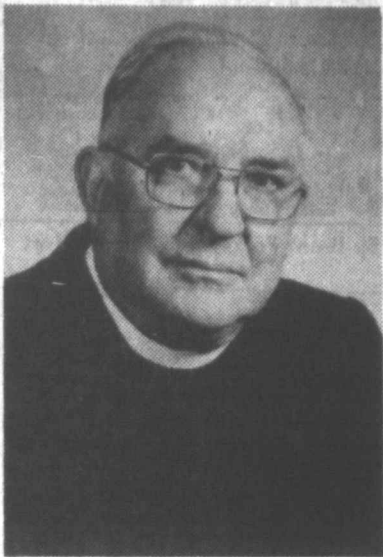
Rev. Osborne will be instituted as interim rector of St. Matthew's at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, by the Right Rev. Sam B. Hulsey, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas, Lubbock.

The first service of Father Osborne's ministry will be conducted on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. He will meet with the Adult Christian Education Class at 11 a.m.

Father Osborne is a native of Kentucky. He has an associate bachelor's degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College, a master of divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary and a master of arts degree from Incarnate Word College.

He also attended the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., and Trinity University in San Antonio.

Osborne was ordained to the Episcopal ministry by the Rt. Rev. Everett H. Jones, retired bishop of the Episcopal



REV. H. PAUL OSBORNE

Diocese of West Texas. He served parishes in Kingsville and Alice and at St. Paul's in San Antonio. He also served churches in South Carolina, Kansas and Massachusetts. His last parish before retirement was St. John's Church in Great Bend, Kan.

Since his retirement, he has served as a stewardship consultant for the Diocese of Western Kansas, the Diocese of Idaho and the Diocese of Eastern

Oregon. He also conducted capital funds and budget campaigns for parishes in Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and New York.

"I raised over \$3 million for the church since I retired," he said.

Osborne has also served as interim rector for churches in Idaho, Ohio and Texas. He has just completed an interimship at All Saints in Portsmouth, Ohio, and prior to that was interim at the Church of the Advent in Brownsville and St. Paul's in Lubbock.

He has been active in the ecumenical movement. He served on the board of the Massachusetts Council of Churches and was ecumenical officer for the Diocese of Arkansas and Western Kansas. He served two terms as president of the Consultation of Cooperating Churches in Kansas.

Osborne and his wife, Gladys, have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have three grown children, all of whom live in Wichita, Kan.

The Osbornes will be living at 1001 N. Sumner, Apt. No. 11, while they are in Pampa.

## Television's Phil Donahue feels a void but still holds to his faith

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—He senses a loss. Not totally, but partly. Television's Phil Donahue says he hasn't lost his faith, but he has lost confidence in the ways of the church that nurtured him. That saddens him.

"The mandate of the people is to reclaim the church," he says, recalling his years of Roman Catholic education, his once devout commitment, his past dedicated work for the church and struggles to implement its principles.

But "the bishops are insulated from the will of the people," he said in an interview. "The church has a lot of atoning to do in its attitude toward women, in its attitude toward homosexuals."

Donahue, 51, a sensitive, thoughtful man in denim shirt and jeans, sat at his desk in his casual, cluttered office at NBC, where he has become a star of studio rap sessions with his audiences. He said he was grateful for his church roots.

"I was very fortunate," he said, arms folded on his chest, his gaze reminiscent.

"I had good teachers, nuns, brothers and priests whom I'll never be able to repay for the time they spent with me, even overtime, trying to give 'little Philly' every opportunity possible.

"But it does not follow that I have a moral obligation to surrender to the status quo in the church. The greatest gift it gave me in 16 years of Catholic education was encouragement to think for myself.

"That, when I'm criticizing the church, is exactly what I believe I'm doing."

Donahue, who has become a sort of popular TV philosopher, grappling frequently with basic issues in his give-and-take discussions with audiences, said theology had fascinated him.

"It was one of my most exciting classes," he said, recalling his days at the University of Notre Dame, a Catholic institution. "I loved it, theology and philosophy."

He said his favorite professor, the late Rev. James Smyth, encouraged students in his theology course to read books on the church's Index of Forbidden Books, since abolished.

"It was exciting and dangerous," Donahue said. "He was a good theologian."

Donahue recalled that he had done a term paper on the "Holy Trinity," a highly complex Christian concept of one God in three manifestations, as Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, and got an A-plus.

However, to the suggestion that Donahue now has a powerful pulpit himself in talking with his TV audiences about various, often serious issues, he leaned back and threw up his hands, exclaiming, "Outrageous!"

"A congregation doesn't get to boo the preacher," he said. "But my audience gets to boo me, and does so often."

He said he had an innate aversion to TV personalities "taking themselves too seriously. Sure, I take issues seriously. I wave my arms and express opinions. But I don't impose them on the audience."

"There are too many messianic people running around thinking they have the answer to everything. I may be one of the last people God talks to. I'm concerned when people say they talk to God everyday and he talks back."

In his early days on radio and television in Dayton, Ohio, variously as announcer, newscaster and reporter, Donahue was devotedly active in his suburban church, serving on the parish council, heading its communications committee, editing the parish newspaper.

He gives a vivid account of it in his candid, often touching autobiography, "Donahue," published by Simon & Schuster, dedicated to his four sons and daughter, and to his second wife, Marlo Thomas.

However, his energetic church life in the civil rights and Vietnam War turmoil of the 1960s, including organizing an activities center for inner-city black youngsters and an integrated summer camp, ran into opposition.

He and some fellow parishioners protested plans of his mainly white suburban parish, the Church of the Incarnation in Centerville, to build an elaborate new church, costing \$1 million, instead of doing more for the needy and blacks.

## Questions arise over prayer to implore an all-knowing God

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Praying—something most Americans say they do—generally is for help about some problem or need. But skeptics say that if God is all-knowing, he must have already known about the situation beforehand.

Why have to remind him? Why keep imploring him about it, if he was already aware of it without being told? What's the use?

That's one of those convoluted peculiarities of religion, which is laced with such paradoxes. Yet whatever curves are thrown at it, they're usually oldies repeatedly explained over the years.

About that prayer conundrum, a common answer is that any transaction in life necessitates participation of those involved, and prayer is the process by

which human beings open and attune themselves to God on the issue at hand.

Such cooperation is essential to any mutual action, and it sometimes takes a lot of praying, church thinkers say, to sensitize the person to God's waiting concern and wisdom about the matter.

Gallup polls find that 87 percent of Americans pray at times, most frequently for guidance, for family, for health for friends and family, and in thanksgiving.

Nevertheless, the old question recurs often—why keep appealing to God about something over and over again if he already knows about it anyhow?

Rev. Curtis C. Mitchell of La Mirada, Calif., cites an added twist about the process—that it calls for "persistence," for continuing to press the case with God.

This is "perhaps the most unpopular concept" about prayer, he says, the idea of bringing the same requests to God over and over again, such repetition seeming to suggest lack of faith.

But whatever the misgivings about it, he says, "persistence is scriptural," an essential quality. "Christ himself taught its necessity and importance," urging "dogged persistence," Mitchell says.

Nevertheless, Mitchell says the rationale behind the need for persistence in prayer may seem baffling, since God already is interested and informed about human welfare.

But two points have to be kept in mind, Mitchell says—that not only must the one knowing the answer be willing to give it, but the one seeking the answer must be able to receive it.

## Lamar Full Gospel Assembly to hear reformed drug addict

Luis Torres will be the speaker in services to be held at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at Lamar Full Gospel Assembly, 1200 S. Sumner.

Torres, who has been seen on the *Praise The Lord* and *700 Club* programs, has been a speaker for conferences and conventions throughout the United States.

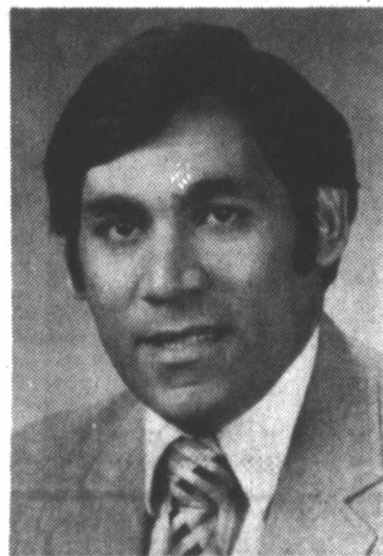
A former drug addict and fugitive from the law, Torres entered the Teen Challenge rehabilitation program in October, 1970. Being a heroin addict for five years caused him to spend time in and out of jails, break into homes, steal from his parents and do everything a drug addict has to do to support his habit.

Then a minister from Teen Challenge came to the jail where he was being detained and told him of Christ's changing power. Torres' life has changed.

Today in much demand, Torres makes his way to high schools, churches, college campuses, camps and conventions telling people about his new hope in Christ. His pulpit ministry of the Word is ever changing young and old alike to a greater knowledge of Jesus Christ and his power to

change, according to Rev. Gene Allen, pastor.

"The New Hope Team will lift you up with their music, as Gail and Luis Torres move with the Spirit of God in their music ministry," Rev. Allen said. "Don't miss coming to one of these services. It will be one service you will always remember."



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- 9 Existed
- 12 Work cattle
- 13 Scent
- 14 Jackie's 2nd husband
- 15 South American ostrich
- 16 Revolution
- 18 Mom's mate
- 19 Shade trees
- 20 Amaze
- 21 United
- 23 Gaggles
- 24 Horse directives
- 25 — wolf
- 28 Crimson
- 29 Icelandic epic
- 30 Piano key
- 32 Shortwave
- 34 Poems
- 38 Compass point
- 41 Tiller
- 42 Autho.
- 43 Vonnegut
- 43 Israeli port
- 45 Line on map
- 47 Roman road
- 48 Habit
- 50 Honshu bay
- 51 Printer's machine
- 53 Month (Fr.)
- 54 Adam's mate
- 55 Singletons
- 56 Actor Lancaster
- 57 Unit of weight in India
- 58 Hostels
- 59 Befuddled

**DOWN**

- 1 Verbiage

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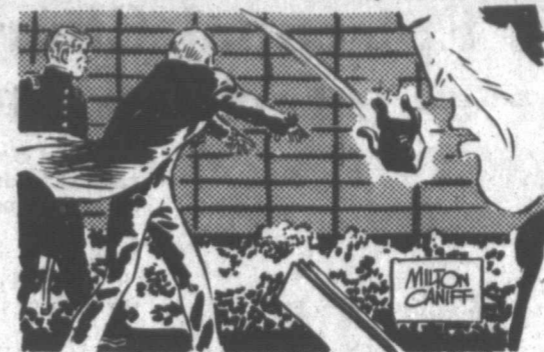
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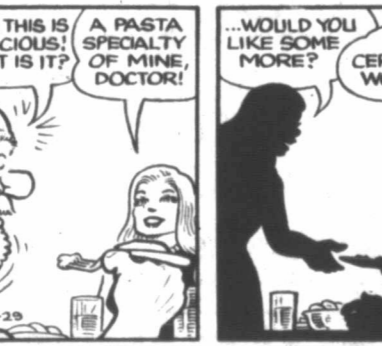
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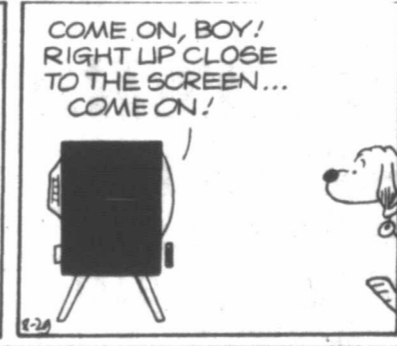
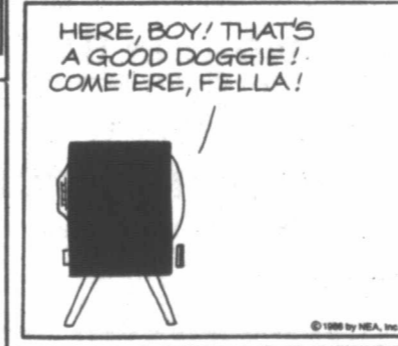
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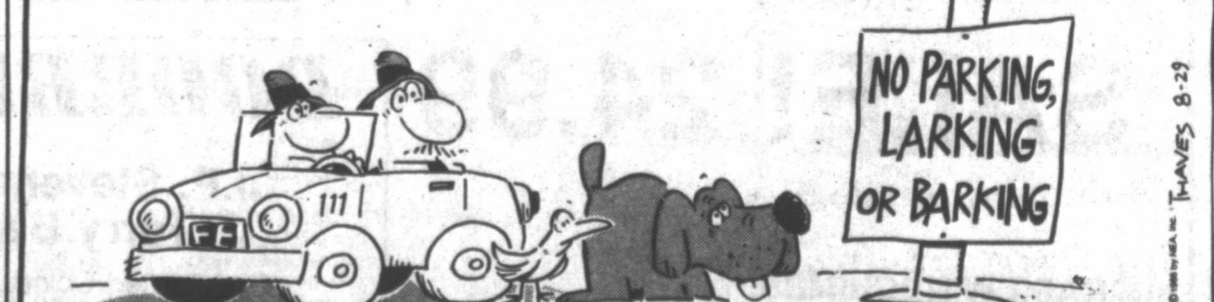
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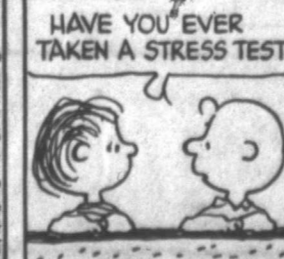
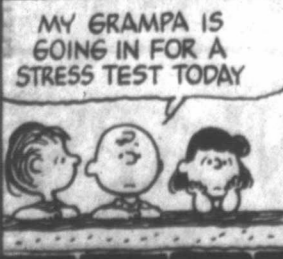
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# LIFESTYLES

## Iris Elder wins nursing home queen title

Iris Elder, 79, was crowned recently as queen during a beauty pageant at the Pampa Nursing Center.

She received her crown from last year's winner, Francis Austin, during the event held at the home Saturday, Aug. 23.

Named as runnerup was Eva Richardson, 97.

Sixteen contestants competed in the pageant, ranging in age from 50 to 97 years of age. Each contestant was presented with a red rosebud.

Serving as master of ceremonies was Jerry Lane, with Debra Stapleton serving as narrator to provide information about each contestant. Judges were Bernita Lockwood, Mary Seedig and Lesta Sloan.

Elder has owned and operated as well as worked in a number of the cafes and restaurants in Pampa. She was raised around a cotton gin and a griss mill. She loves flowers. She recalled riding a jenny (a female mule) and sitting in the rumble seat of old cars.

"I am flat astounded!" she exclaimed upon being named queen.

Runnerup Richardson came to Pampa in a covered wagon when there were still cowboys and barbed wire fences. She became a nurse and worked at Worley Hospital for 20 years. She also cooked for a Methodist camp.

Other contestants included:

- Clara Rhoads, 75, who was a very active woman in the Women's Methodist Union before moving to Pampa a few months ago. From Haskell, she is a

fishing expert, remembering her largest fish catch weighing 2 pounds.

- Estelle Purvis, 85, who was a past winner in the first beauty pageant in 1983. She served the people of the community as a nurse for many years at Worley Hospital.

- Pauline Thornton, 71, who serves as the "Barbara Mandrell" for the nursing home. Raised in Gray County, she sang with her father's band and can remember the words to just about any song written and who sang it.

- Alvena Williams, 83, who has been very active in home demonstration clubs as well as civic clubs in the area. She enjoys plants of all kinds and is now engaged in crocheting an afghan for her bed.

- Susie Nicholson, 90, who was born in Farmersville. She lived in Pampa from 1920 to 1924 and in White Deer since 1924. She was interested in all crafts and took home prizes from the Amarillo State Fair for tating. She has four children.

- Susie Renfro, 83, who was reared on a farm with two brothers and two sisters. She has two children; her son is a minister, and her daughter lives in Pampa. She has two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

- Lota Fielden, 89, who was born in Arkansas. Her grandfather homesteaded a 220-acre farm. With five brothers and four sisters, she still managed to learn to sew and make her own clothes.

- Lovita Upton, 84, who was born on the Brazos River in eastern Texas. She is a charter member of the Harrah Methodist Church in Pampa. She has also taught many young people to tat, a skill she learned when she was 12.

- Daisy King, 76, who was born in Michigan. She is known to many residents as "The Lady at Patrick's," a school hangout for many years in downtown Pampa. She is well-known for her homemade pies. She was a gold medal winner in the recent Junior and Senior Olympics.

- Alta Haddock, 74, who has waited on many Pampa and area residents as a waitress in many of the cafes in the city. She has two

brothers living in Pampa.

- Etha Ruston, 73, who has spent most of her life in the service of others. As a Holiness minister, she taught children on Indian reservations in Utah and Arizona. She also has been a nurse, having worked in hospitals here, most of her time spent in the nursery of Highland General Hospital.

- Alice Prock, 73, who taught school before her marriage. She is an avid domino player. She enjoys television as well and was very active in Senior Citizens.

- Velvia Biggs, 50, whose favorite activity is bowling; she goes once a week. She attends Pampa Sheltered Workshop during the week and has won several medals in the Junior and Senior Olympics. She has been a resident of the nursing home for about 14 years.

Last year's winner, Austin still keeps busy much of the time helping others. She takes care of her roommate, keeping their room "neat as a pin," and visits others as well. She also keeps busy with handwork activities.



PAGEANT WINNER - Master of ceremonies Jerry Lane, left, escorts Iris Elder to be crowned queen during a recent beauty pageant at the Pampa Nursing Center. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)



## Dear Abby

### Girl tries to place blame after boyfriend rapes her

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: A year and a half ago I met my first love. I was 16 and he was 17. In the beginning everything was fine. Then he started to slap me around. Since he was my first love, I thought I couldn't live without him, so I just took it and said nothing. This went on for about a year, then I found out that he was having sex with another girl, too. It tore me apart, but I told him that I wanted no more to do with him and he should leave me alone. He said he would leave me alone if I would have sex with him one more time for old times' sake. I said no, I didn't want him to even touch me. Then before I knew what was happening, he pinned me down and raped me!

When I told my mother about it, she said I wasn't raped; it was my fault for having a sexual relationship with him in the first place. Abby, I thought I was in love. I never dreamed that he would do something like that. I still don't understand my mother's reasoning. I am asking you, was what happened really my fault? Or was I raped?

#### BROKENHEARTED

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: Don't allow your mother to lay a guilt trip on you. You were raped. It makes no difference how many times you willingly had sex with him, if he forced you to have sex with him, it was rape! Since your mother is obviously unsympathetic, I urge you to contact your nearest rape crisis center. The people there can put your mind at ease and advise you.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing for an opinion only. I do not intend to say or do anything. Besides, you will probably tell us to mind our own business, but we all feel so sorry for this poor lady I'll call Agnes.

This is the situation: I work in a public school administration office with Agnes, a lovely woman who is the secretary for two administrators, which in itself is a heavy workload.

However, one of the administrators brings her two children to work for Agnes to take care of. Agnes has been asked to take these children to their swimming lessons, etc., and if she's not chauffeuring them some-

where, they are either in her office or going up and down the halls. They are not here every day, but they have been here two and three times a week since summer began. I have to send my children to day care, as do all the other secretaries who work here, and we don't make nearly as much as administrators.

Don't you think Agnes is being taken advantage of? And isn't the administrator's behavior in poor taste?

#### SORRY FOR AGNES

DEAR SORRY: "Yes" to both questions. A couple of unsupervised children going "up and down the halls" should be a distraction to everyone in the workplace. But let me point out that no one can be taken advantage of without his or her cooperation.

DEAR ABBY: A cat was destroyed yesterday. He was a stray that had been hanging around our house since January. We felt sorry for it, so we fed it. We wouldn't have minded, but the cat wasn't neutered (our two cats are), and he bullied our cats so much they were afraid to go into their own back yard. He also sprayed to mark "his" territory, leaving a very unpleasant odor that attracted more unneutered cats who would fight on our porch.

Since he was too wild to allow us to touch him, neither our vet nor the Humane Society would neuter him. It was very upsetting to us, but in the end there was nothing left but to have him caught and destroyed. Since he was a stray, the county did the job for free, but we paid a price emotionally.

Abby, please tell your readers that responsible pet ownership entails more than feeding an animal once a day. Unless they are raised for breeding purposes, pets should be neutered. My husband and I resent that we had to do someone else's dirty work. Change this any way you wish, but convey my message: "Neuter and spay — it's the kindest way."

#### CAT WOMAN, LOMBARD, ILL.

DEAR CAT WOMAN: I didn't change a word. Your message was purrrfect.

### Elderly needing pneumonia shots

The American Lung Association of Texas is reminding people 65 years of age and older that it is time to get their 1986 immunizations against pneumonia and flu.

Safe vaccines exist but are under utilized, particularly against pneumonia.

In the United States today, pneumonia is still the sixth leading cause of death. There are as many as half a million cases occurring annually, with approximately 54,000 deaths a year.

Older persons and people with chronic diseases are less likely to fight off pneumonia and its complications. Studies show that the death rate due to bacterial pneumonia for people 64-74 years of age is two-and-a-half times higher than the population as a whole.

For those 75-84 years old, the rate is 10 times greater.

The centers for disease control recommend vaccination against pneumonia for adults 65 years and older and for adults with chronic illnesses like lung and heart diseases, Hodgkins disease, liver and kidney diseases, alcoholism and other ailments that increase the risk of pneumonia.

Medicare pays for such immunizations. In the long run, immunization will substantially reduce the \$63 million now paid by Medicare to treat pneumonia in the elderly.

For information about flu and pneumonia, contact the American Lung Association of Texas, 3520 Executive Center Drive, Austin, Texas 78731-1606, or call toll free 1-800-252-LUNG.

### Inventor creates 'a portable hug'

By ANNE FITZHENRY  
Associated Press Writer

OLD FORT, Ohio (AP) — As far as Ron Hill is concerned, nobody can get enough hugs, and he wants to do something about it.

His answer is the portable hug, the next best thing when a squeeze is the only thing that will help, but there's no one around to give you one.

Hill says there aren't enough hugs going around, and he thinks his invention will be welcomed with open arms. He says he could sell a thousand of them, based on the feedback he's received.

"When a child is away at school, or in the service, or you have a friend you really miss, grandparents, aunts, uncles... It's a little more than a card and you can't have too many of them. I don't know of anyone who's been hugged to death," says the 48-year-old Hill.

The portable hug is merely a piece of flexible plastic with hands at both ends. It fits snugly around the waist of the huggee, and one size fits all.

He cut the prototype from an old bucket. The self-hugger can be rolled up into a small box and mailed to whoever the sender thinks needs an embrace.

"We're a huggy family to begin with," said Hill, who raised his four children after he and his wife were divorced 12 years ago.

### Gena on Genealogy

#### Don't forget to check D.C.

By GENA WALLS

In concluding this series, mention must be made of WASHINGTON, D.C.

Although not a state, it is very important in tracing families. Many people are not aware that vital records were kept in Washington, D.C., as early as 1811 and are not found in the surrounding states.

The Marriage License Bureau, U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C., 20001 has marriage records dating from 1811 and will search the records for a fee plus a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Death records from 1855 and births from 1871 are available from D.C. Department of Public Health, Vital Records Division, Room 1025, 300 Indiana Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20001. The staff will make a general search of five years for a non-refundable fee.

Federal records are plentiful in the Washington, D.C., area. The Library of Congress has a volume

of every publication that has a copyright.

The main branch of the Federal Archives and Records Center, Washington, D.C. 20509 has a booklet with suggestions on how to do research at the facility.

If you have ancestors that served as a member of Congress, write your present representative and ask what records are available, especially if your ancestor served on a special committee while in office.

Many of the national hereditary and lineage societies have headquarters in Washington, D.C. Some, for example, the Daughters of the American Revolution, maintain extensive libraries for their members and offer an excellent reason for pursuing membership.

If you anticipate a trip to the nation's capital, do not wait to apply for membership. A delay of several months is usually involved in order to prove the lineage before a new member is accepted.

Lewis and Dorothy (Cox) Gallimore; Claude Brock; Ben Maney.

Borger: Dennis and Myrtle (Higdon) Lane and son George. Liberal, Kan.: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lane and baby. Odessa: Vick and Dorothy McPherson.

Amarillo: Charles and Mary Boyd; Arthur and Barbara (Hamlen) Latham; Kenneth Gossett; Henry and Jerry (McPherson) Williams. Snyder: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Higdon and son R. L. Wichita Falls: Edith (Higdon) Freeman and Cristy.

Canyon: George and Luty Vaughan; Lucille (Knox) Robinson; Jacqueline (Davis) Wren. Happy: Margaret Knox; Lynnell (Knox) Andrews. Cibolo: George and Pauline Sutherland.

Also attending were Ruby Denny, Howard Nease and Richard and Helen McDonald.

### Kellerville residents have reunion

LEFORS - Sunday, Aug. 24, was a fun time for the former residents of Kellerville (which now is the same as a ghost town to some) when 72 met, had a great lunch and talked of today and yesterday in the Lefors Civic Center.

Attending the reunion were: Lefors: Bill and Elsie Earles; Ray and Crestella Gossett; Gertrude Wall; Walter and Joeldine Elliott. Fritch: Gene Mick and Joyce Shirley. White Deer: La Vada Gaffney. Lubbock: Bessie Milum.

Skellytown: Earl and Sadie Lane. McLean: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. D'Spain. Shamrock: Ollie and Vesta McPherson; Pete Evans.

Pampa: Clara Sailor; Norma Tarbet; Marie Boyd; Donald and Patricia (Boyd) Grooms and son Jon; Nora Gabriel; Annie Brown; Everett Scott; Feleise Powell and family; Tris Cox;

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