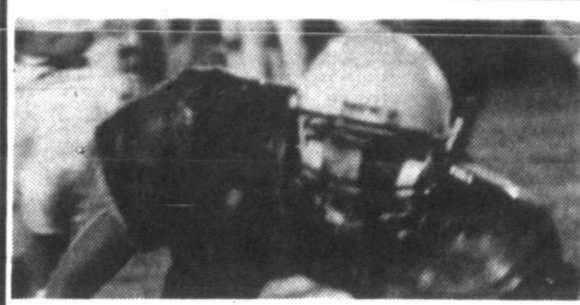


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Educators: Paperwork law a political trick

By CATHY SPAULDING and PAUL PINKHAM
Staff Writers

As he signed a bill to reduce classroom paperwork, Gov. Mark White said the new law should permit teachers to do the job for which they were hired — teach.

But area educators labeled the law a political ploy pushed by a governor trying to garner votes from educators angered by White's drive for education reform.

The area educators also declined to hold their breaths until the time they enjoy an actual reduction of required paperwork.

The bill, which takes effect immediately, directs the State Board of Education to reduce its paperwork requirements and instructs school districts to reduce the amount of paperwork required of teachers. Under the legislation approved Monday, teachers will be required only to fill out paperwork relating to students' grades, textbooks, lesson plans and attendance.

"I don't know what they're trying to get at," said White Deer-Skellytown School Superintendent Tom Harkey, labeling the bill "a good thought and a good vote-getter."

Mike Andrews, president of the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association, echoed Harkey's sentiments.

"My own personal feeling is the (state) bureaucracy may end up creating more paperwork," he said. "There's some inconsistency in this thing. I don't know if we'll end up with less paperwork or not."

"The intent is good (but) some of it may be just for public consumption," Andrews said.

Other area officials agree that, with Texas voters set to decide on White's political future in a little more than a month, the governor picked an appropriate time to sign the law.

"But, I don't think it's going to get him any more votes," McLean ISD Business Manager Shirley Johnson said.

Both Harkey and Johnson praise the intent, but doubt the sincerity and effectiveness of the paper-

work reduction bill.

In a performance report he had to make for the Texas Education Agency last year, Harkey labeled the reduction in paperwork called for by the State Board of Education "a farce."

"All of the information teachers are required to give now is not conducive to paperwork reduction," Harkey said Tuesday.

Johnson has seen it all before. The federal government also has a paperwork reduction bill and, Johnson says, "every form we get is stamped 'Paperwork Reduction Bill.'"

"But you can't even find my desk for the paperwork," she said. "And a lot of it is duplicated. I had to fill out a report for TEA a fourth time because they lost it the first three times."

"But I hope for the teachers that White is sincere," she said.

Paperwork reduction was one of the reforms called for by House Bill 72. But the education reforms also call for teachers to prove that they're teaching the proper "essential elements" in their classes. It is the documentation of these essential elements that many teachers claim requires most of the paperwork.

Andrews and fellow high school teacher Gail Cole said the Pampa ISD has already been working toward reducing teacher paperwork by simplifying lesson plans, report cards and conference procedures and other forms.

"Our school system has really tried on their own to eliminate as much of the paperwork as they can," Cole said. "I've been real pleased."

But two Miami teachers — who asked not to be identified — said teachers there often come to school at 7 a.m. and stay until 6 p.m., just to do the paperwork.

Teachers in other districts said they face similar problems.

"When you have the tests graded, it takes another hour to determine if the students are mastering the essential elements," said Lefors High School English teacher Laurie Daugherty. "We (she and other Lefors teachers) were wondering if the essential elements would be included in lesson plans."

However, John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said the new law will give teachers "the tools to stem this flow of paper."

Flood alert forecast today

From Staff and Wire Reports

Much of West Texas was under a flash flood watch today after a trough of low pressure combined with the remnants of Pacific Hurricane Newton to produce showers and thunderstorms.

The flash flood watch covers the Texas Panhandle, Permian Basin and South Plains.

Forecasters said the ground remained saturated from earlier rainfall, and heavy rains today could cause flash flooding. National Weather Service personnel in Amarillo this morning said the flash flood warnings would last until 7 p.m. today.

In Pampa, rainfalls in the past two days have dropped more than an inch of moisture on ground still drying out from previous showers in the last week.

Pampa meteorologist Darrell Sehorn reported that the city gained 0.86 inch from intermittent showers falling Tuesday afternoon and evening. With the 0.22 inch recorded during Monday showers, the two-day total stood at 1.08 inches.

Sehorn said showers and thunderstorms, some possibly heavy, are likely to continue through Thursday in the Pampa area. Skies were expected to be mostly cloudy today, becoming partly cloudy Thursday.

Pampa's high Tuesday was 83, with a low this morning of 65. High temperatures today and Thursday are expected to be near 80, with an overnight low in the mid-50s. Winds were forecast to be southerly at 5 to 15 mph today, changing to southwesterly at 10 to 15 mph tonight and westerly, 10 to 20 mph and gusty Thursday.

Scattered showers were reported along middle and upper sections of the Texas coast at dawn today, but most were offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

Statewide forecasts called for partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies through Thursday with a chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms over the entire state. The showers and thunderstorms will be more numerous with locally heavy rainfall possible over West Texas east of the mountains.

Pampa students' test scores below nationwide averages

From Staff and Wire Reports

DALLAS — Texas high school students continued to score below the national average on college entry SATs, but at least one school official says that should change now that educational reforms are in place.

Meanwhile, students taking SATs in Pampa topped the state average in verbal scores but remained behind in math, and continued to lag behind the national average in both areas.

The College Board's statistics for the Scholastic Aptitude Test showed Texas students scoring an average 419 out of 800 on the verbal portion and 458 on the math section. Nationally, the averages were 431 and 475.

In Pampa, averages were 425 in verbal and 441 in math, according to high school counselor Don Wallace.

Superintendent Linus Wright of the Dallas Inde-

pendent School District said the statewide results reflect low public education requirements before the Legislature passed a reform bill in June 1984.

Wright said the reforms will improve scores on the test.

"Once we start seeing the youngsters who have been brought under the new standards graduate we'll see the test scores going up," he said.

Texas students who took the test as high school juniors scored on average the same as last year on the verbal section but one point lower than last year on the math portion.

In Pampa, students improved in both areas, scoring two points higher on the verbal test and one point higher in math, even though about 20 more students were tested.

The improved results in 1986 in Pampa followed a combined 50-point improvement here in 1985 average scores.

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Daredevils



Anna Marie Resendiz, 4, daughter of Euodio and Guadalupe Resendiz, 800 E. Gordon, and Eddie Soto, 4, 925 Murphy, grandson of Toni Alvares, practice their

acrobatics recently at Baker Elementary School. Both attend the school's Head Start program.

(Staff photo by Terry Ford)

Commission stamps budget, sets disaster plan

City funds tree spraying in final pact

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners on Tuesday adopted the 1986-1987 annual budget, which has been altered to include funds for tree replacement and chemical spraying programs.

Commissioners also adopted a city property tax rate of 64 cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate as in the previous year.

The new budget is for approximately \$9.48 million, some \$350,000 less than the previous budget and \$500,000 less than the 1984-1985 budget.

City Manager Bob Hart said the Parks Department budget had been altered as a result of the public hearing two weeks ago.

At that hearing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member W.A. Morgan and Chautauqua Committee co-chairman Faustina Curry spoke in favor of including additional funds in the parks budget to handle trees in the city parks system.

Hart said the parks budget had been altered to include \$5,000 for a tree replacement program.

"I believe the \$5,000 is more than adequate and will be about as much as the department could safely handle during the year," he wrote in a memorandum included in the commission meeting agenda packet.

Hart said he also had allocated an additional \$1,000 for chemicals to spray the trees for protection against various pests. Morgan had stressed some effort needed to be made to combat the elm beetle, which has damaged numerous elm trees throughout the city.

The city manager also said funds had been allocated in the Internal Service Fund, Central Garage, to purchase a spray rig for the spraying program.

"These changes have been done by shifting funds and have not altered the bottom line" of the

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Pampa, Lefors plan emergency assistance

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission approved a mutual assistance agreement with the city of Lefors during its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

City Manager Bob Hart explained that the agreement is the result of efforts initiated three months ago by the commission to secure assistance agreements with area cities in regard to emergency disaster situations.

Hart said the agreement with Lefors is the first one to be reached under the directives.

Approved by the Lefors City Council in August, the agreement establishes procedures and assistance between the two municipal governments to be used in case of some disaster situation, mainly in regard to fire services.

The agreement notes that Pampa has a full-time fire department and Lefors a volunteer fire department, both as agencies of the two cities.

"The assistance of the fire department of one party to this agreement may be required to meet fire and related emergencies within the corporate limits of the requesting municipality," the agreement states.

The agreement covers situations in which the cities agree to provide mutual assistance to each other for fire and related emergency services when requested.

Each city agrees to respond to emergency calls initiated by a duly authorized official of the requesting municipality, with such equipment and personnel as are deemed to be available in meeting the need.

The agreement notes that conditions and circumstances at the time of the request may preclude a city responding to a call. There is no implied or expressed obligation to furnish equipment and personnel beyond availability at the time of

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TEXAS/REGIONAL

Clean Pampa trustees adopt two-mile section of highway

Trustees of Clean Pampa, Inc., this week voted to officially adopt a section of highway near Pampa to show their support for the state's Adopt-a-Highway program.

Meeting Monday for their annual meeting, the trustees decided that the organization's participation in the project would encourage others to join the effort to clean up the highway entrances into Pampa.

The program, a project of the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation, is an effort to involve more citizens in keeping the state's highways cleaner and more free of litter and debris.

Clean Pampa trustees voted to adopt a two-mile section west of Pampa, extending the two-mile section on U.S. Hwy. 80 previously adopted by Top of Texas Telephone Pioneers Club No. 55. The Pioneers have taken over clean-up chores for the highway from Dwight two miles west.

The Clean Pampa decision grew out of a recent meeting with James Moss of Amarillo and Joe Duncan of Pampa of the state highway department.

Moss explained the state has decided to support the project volunteers in letting them work on the rights-of-way of the state highways. The state decision was made after studying a pilot project in Tyler.

Under the Adopt-a-Highway program, a civic club, business corporation or interested individuals can adopt a two-mile section of a highway outside the city limits. The adopters agree to pick up litter and debris on both sides of the roadway at least four times a year, Moss said.

Arrangements for participation in the program may be made by contacting Duncan at the Pampa state highway office. Further information may be obtained also from the Clean Pampa office at the new Pampa Community Building.

Moss said the area highway departments will provide red vests for those participating in the clean-up efforts. The department also will have 55-gallon capacity plastic sacks for the litter to be placed in, though the participants will be responsible for dumping them at a landfill site.

The department also will have a state employee present during the project to assist in traffic control, if needed.

Moss said a minimum of four to five people would be needed to cover a two-mile section in four to five hours. He suggested more participants would allow the job to be completed in less time.

He explained that the adopters are not expected to pick up "every little piece" of litter

or trash in the roadway areas off the pavement. Instead, they mainly are expected to pick up paper, boards, nails, glass and metal containers and similar debris.

Clean Pampa's participation in the Adopt-a-Highway program is one of the three main goals set for the organization in the coming year, said Betty Henderson, elected chairman at the meeting this week.

The other two major goals are implementation of the Waste in Place program in Pampa schools — a goal supported by the state Commissioner of Education — and support of the Don't Mess With Texas advertising and public service commercials.

Other officers elected Monday were W.A. Morgan, vice chairman, and Roy Sparkman, secretary-treasurer.

The board also has expanded from five members to eight. New Clean Pampa trustees are Lyn Moulton, Judy White and Larry Hollis, who join Kirk Duncan and Steve Vaughn as other trustee members.

Coordinator Kathy Massick oversees the organization's programs and mans the office, generally on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Clean Pampa was formed to encourage citywide programs to clean up litter and otherwise beautify the city.

Checking out Big Tex



Jess Robinson, 4, checks out the head of Big Tex before it is placed on its body in background. Big Tex, symbol of the Texas State Fair, will great fair goers until Oct. 26.

Canadian officials finally approve lower budget and reduce tax rate

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

CANADIAN — After nearly a month of delays and disagreements, city officials approved a lower 1987 budget and tax rate Monday.

The \$1.48 million budget is about five percent lower than last year's, while the tax rate drops 18 cents to 57 cents per \$100 valuation.

A disagreement on proposed salary increases almost forced the council to set a special meeting for Friday morning to decide on the budget. When the council first voted Monday, the budget was turned down when members Kathy Fuson, Joe Schaeff and Lee Hendershot voted against it.

Schaeff questioned the proposed raises for the director of public services, the water superintendent and the police sergeant. The proposal granted the director of public works a \$2,080 increase, the water superintendent a \$2,100 raise and the police sergeant a

\$2,076 raise.

Fuson declared "we can't really give raises to people when we have trouble providing services elsewhere."

City manager Jody Butler defended his decision and claimed the raise is given as an "incentive for people to strive to do better."

He added that the city made \$66,000 in personnel cuts. Fuson wondered if the cuts were due to attrition, and Butler answered that it was partly due to attrition and partly due to reassignment of staff.

The temporary failure to agree on the budget also delayed action on approving the city tax rate. The council had to decide on a budget and tax rate before tax notices go out Oct. 1, so Butler called a special meeting for 9 a.m. Friday.

Later in the evening council members settled their differences during an executive session and approved the budget unanimously, with the salary

proposals intact. This eliminated the need for a Friday meeting.

The \$1.48 million budget passed Monday is \$85,794 lower than the 1986 budget of \$1.57 million. The General Fund drops \$58,682 to \$714,638, the water and sewer fund drops \$18,410 to \$634,280 and the sanitation budget drops \$8,702 to \$137,573.

In other business, in a switched vote, council members agreed to increase the city's contribution to the fireman's pension fund \$25 per month per fireman in addition to the \$20 each of the firemen currently get.

In August the council voted to pay the firemen \$25 per month, but Butler said that several firemen have returned their checks to Schaeff, who is on the volunteer fire department. He forwarded the checks back to the city.

In the past, the city paid the volunteer firemen's water bills but officials later discovered they could not do that.

Council member Ben Mathers

said he doesn't understand "what's behind their desire for \$25."

"Maybe we ought to see if we want a volunteer fire department," he observed, recalling that when he first got out of college, firemen relied on fund raisers and donations and did not seek compensation from the city.

Mathers moved that they not be paid the additional \$25, to see what happens.

With Hendershot and Schaeff abstaining because of their involvement in the volunteer fire department, his motion passed two to one. Then Schaeff asked if he could vote, and attorney Joe Hayes said they could.

Schaeff's and Hendershot's vote switched the result against the motion.

Butler said he didn't know how proper the switched vote was. He said that while he trusted Hays' judgement, he'll have to research its validity in the Texas State Statutes.

School board buries controversy, Rebel flag

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — The civil war over the Rebel flag is over.

Grand Prairie school officials voted in an emergency meeting Tuesday not to go to court in their bid to keep the Confederate battle flag flying as a football spirit symbol.

The vote came after the Texas Education Agency rejected an appeal and upheld its order to stop sanctioning use of the flag at South Grand Prairie High School or face losing accreditation and state funding.

"It's over," said Superintendent Marvin Crawford.

The decision ends a controversy that began last year when a black football player at

South Grand Prairie refused to play under the flag because he believed it was a racist symbol. He later transferred to another school.

In his letter notifying Crawford the appeal had been rejected, TEA Deputy Commissioner Thomas E. Anderson Jr. said the only other option would be a lawsuit in U.S. District Court.

"Appealing to that court would be sort of a waste of taxpayers' money, wouldn't it?" school board President Jim Swafford said.

School board member Dan Clemson said, however, that if the district had enough money, he would have taken the issue all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The TEA did not find the flag was a racist symbol or discriminatory, nor did it find racial discrimination in the district. But it said racism perceived by some area residents was cause enough to ban it.

Lee Alcorn, president of the local NAACP chapter that filed a complaint against the school district alleging the flag was a racist symbol, said he was elated with the decision.

"That's great," said Alcorn. "It's a real relief to feel this is behind us. We can move on to more important things."

Swafford said he was surprised that the TEA's decision came so quickly — just two weeks after the notice of appeal.

"It's obvious they gave our appeal no consideration whatsoever," he said. "It's another example that local control is zero. We have no local control."

But Anderson said the TEA had considered the Grand Prairie case for some time.

"I guess it depends," he told the Grand Prairie Daily News. "There's no standard time frame for ruling on complaints."

Anderson cautioned officials at other area schools — such as Southwest in Fort Worth and Richland High School in the Birdville school district — not to make too much of the ruling. Both those schools use the Confederate battle flag as a spirit symbol.

Two fraudulent votes investigated in House

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers are among the suspects as House officials open an investigation into two fraudulent votes cast on a major bill.

Freshman Republican Reps. Robert Hunter of Abilene and Gene Haney of Houston were recorded as voting in August against the teacher paperwork reduction bill although they said they voted for it.

The unknown culprit submitted forms to the House clerk asking that the two lawmakers be shown voting "no" on the measure that passed on a voice vote, House Administration Committee Chairman Mike Millsap said Tuesday.

House members are permitted to register votes in that manner, but Hunter and Haney said slips bearing their forged signatures were submitted without their knowledge.

Those fraudulent votes now are issues in their re-election campaigns, the two said.

The House voted Tuesday to change the record to show Hunter and Haney voting for the bills. The fraudulent votes previously submitted had been the only votes against the measure.

"We have been publicly discredited with the teachers of our dis-

tricts over these falsified votes," Hunter said in a personal privilege speech on the House floor.

The House Administration Committee has changed voting procedures and has directed the House General Investigating Committee to find out who submitted the forged votes.

Millsap said handwriting samples would be taken from all House members and employees. He said the handwriting on the two fraudulent votes appears to be the same.

"I can't say I'm sure, but I don't believe it was a House member. I think House members are a little smarter than that," said Millsap, D-Fort Worth. "It's very possible that someone from outside this chamber could have called a sergeant, had the form and said, 'Take this up there and drop it on that desk.'"

Millsap called it "the most serious offense we've had in the House of Representatives in 40 years" and said any lawmaker involved in the fraud could face expulsion from the House.

Hunter said he had no idea who submitted the vote.

"I don't know that you would want to connect my opponent with this particular matter," he said. "I can't suspect anybody."

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TEXAS



Gov. Mark White invites sponsors of an interstate banking bill to join him at the bill's signing ceremony Tuesday.

White signs two banking bills

AUSTIN (AP) — Saying the state needs an economic shot in the arm, Gov. Mark White has signed a bill to allow out-of-state banks to purchase Texas banks for the first time.

White said Tuesday that the change is needed to ensure stability in a banking system that is reeling from the oil-price drop and the troubled farm economy. It could also head off more bank failures, the governor said.

"Our banking system has been weakened by the dramatic fall in the price of oil, the decline of agricultural prices and the resulting shock waves sent throughout the Texas economy," White said.

"Many Texas institutions will face irreversible attrition if we do not take aggressive steps to provide more options for our recovery."

White also signed a bill Tuesday that would set the guidelines for branch banking — if voters in November approve a proposed constitutional amendment to permit branch banks.

The governor said that change is needed to provide good banking service to an increasingly urban state.

"Things have changed since 1904" when the branch banking prohibition was enacted, he said. "We have grown into a modern state, a state with 13 million more people."

Backers of the interstate banking bill, including the state's largest banking associations, noted that 38 other states already permit interstate banking.

They argued that the Texas economy needs the immediate influx of money that interstate

banking would allow, and they noted that deregulation in the banking industry has broken down old, geographic barriers.

Opponents, including consumer groups, said the out-of-state banks won't have the best interests of Texans at heart and would allow large New York-based banks to drain Texas institutions of their deposits.

But in signing the bill, White said the time has come to bring new money into the state.

"Let me point out that our financial institutions which need access to out-of-state capital will gain that option. The vast majority of our nearly 2,000 healthy banks will elect to remain under local ownership," he said.

The branch banking bill White signed will only take effect if voters approve the amendment.

Vote discrepancies probed

DALLAS (AP) — Two state agencies are probing discrepancies found in the computerized voting records of several recent elections to see if there was any fraud, officials say.

Attorney General Jim Mattox and Secretary of State Myra McDaniel said their offices began independent investigations after reviewing complaints filed by the former campaign manager for Max Goldblatt.

Goldblatt lost a close election to Mayor Starke Taylor in Dallas last year.

The investigation involves accusations that computerized voting equipment and programs

used to tabulate state and local elections may have been tampered with, Mattox said.

He added that the investigation could have national significance because several governments use the same computerized voting equipment as Dallas.

"We have been reviewing elections in Dallas and across the state to determine whether or not the allegations of fraud are correct or whether or not there is a method by which you can ascertain on an objective basis whether the elections have been counted fairly," Mattox told The Dallas Morning News Monday.

In addition to the attorney

general's investigation, the secretary of state's office is considering whether more safeguards are needed for the November elections.

Mrs. McDaniel said discrepancies have been found in several recent Dallas elections, including the 1985 mayor's race. But she said the investigation has not determined whether any votes were cast fraudulently.

"If there is a problem, it's a computer problem," she said.

Goldblatt's campaign manager, Terry Elkins, said she has given 18 months of research documenting the discrepancies.

White: horse racing decision today

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White says he will announce today whether he plans to sign or veto a bill that would allow Texas voters to decide the fate of gambling on horse and dog races.

The bill was approved during the special legislative session that ended Sept. 4.

If White doesn't sign it into law or veto it by midnight, the bill would take effect without his action.

But the governor said Tuesday he is close to making up his mind.

"I'm continuing to review the bill and will make a decision and an announcement sometime tomorrow (Wednesday)," he said. "I have not made a final decision on it."

As approved by the Legislature, the bill calls for a statewide vote in 1987 on whether to legalize parimutuel wagering for the first

time in more than half a century.

Such a referendum was one of three requirements White insisted on for him to approve any racing bill.

The other two, which sponsors say the legislation includes, were local option elections in the areas where race tracks would be located and strong protections against infiltration by organized crime.

Pathologist: 9-year-old boy died from cocaine reaction

HEREFORD, Texas (AP) — A 9-year-old boy who had already taken cocaine at least once before suffered a fatal heart seizure during a reaction to a small amount of the drug, an Amarillo pathologist says.

Manuel Saucedo of Hereford died from a reaction to either the cocaine or impurities with which it was mixed, said Dr. Ralph Erdmann, who performed the autopsy.

He said the youth had taken the drug at least once before, but that he couldn't determine exactly how many times.

The child's 16-year-old brother found him unconscious at his home shortly after midnight Aug. 17 and took him to Deaf Smith General Hospital, where resuscitation efforts failed.

Erdmann said Monday that the autopsy report was delayed until results of tests at toxicology labs in Fort Worth and Washington were verified.

Justice of the Peace and acting coroner Johnnie Turrentine said the amount of cocaine detected

normally would not be enough to cause death, but she said an acute sensitivity to the drug warped the normal beating pattern of Saucedo's heart and caused cardiac arrest.

A trace of heroin was also found in the boy's body, said Ms. Turrentine, adding that drugs may have been part of the youth's past.

"I do know that his father spanked him one time because he smelled of marijuana, and his father said he had sniffed gasoline before," Turrentine said.

Extreme reactions to drugs is not unusual, Erdmann said.

"In certain individuals, some can take it all their life and others develop hypersensitivity to it," he said. "This is not uncommon. I've found several cases this year."

Erdmann said, however, this was the youngest victim of a drug-related case he has come across.

"We have no idea who gave him the drugs," said Det. Sgt. Sammy Sanchez, who added that an investigation is continuing.

Fierce battle leaves cabbie's assailant dead

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A cab driver stabbed to death and nearly bit off the nose of an alleged gun-toting robber during a fierce struggle in a West Bexar County field, authorities said.

Tuesday's death of 19-year-old Henry Casarez is being treated as a justifiable homicide, Bexar County sheriff's investigators said.

Mike Morales, the 25-year-old Yellow Cab driver, said a man pulled a gun on him Tuesday afternoon when asked for the fare in advance.

The man then got in the front seat and demanded Morales drive him around, the driver said.

The driver said he stabbed the alleged robber in the throat when he would not release the knife's blade.

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Everyone attending a recent New York City party to celebrate the launch of the Max Headroom home video "Max Headroom - The Original Story" were given Max masks.

The offbeat, arrogant computer generated talk show host was there too — on video displayed on monitors throughout the private club where the party was held.

Plan to increase speed limit gets OK in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Proponents of raising the maximum speed limit to 65 mph, fresh from scoring a limited success in the Senate, now must try to sell the plan to a less sympathetic House.

"It's an example of Easterners foisting a solution on the West that makes no sense in the West," Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., declared Tuesday as the Senate approved 56-36 a move to lift the speed limit — but only on rural interstate highways.

The measure, pushed by senators who say 55 mph amounts to a slow crawl in the vast spaces of the West, would enable state legislatures to raise the limit by 10 mph on rural portions of the interstate system.

The Senate attached the measure, sponsored by Sen. Steve

Symms, R-Idaho, to a \$52.3 billion, four-year highway authorization bill.

Prospects that such a plan could be sent to the president's desk this year, however, remained uncertain. The House on Aug. 8 rejected 218-198 a proposal to establish a five-year test for a 65 mph limit on rural interstates.

That is only one of the substantial differences between the House and Senate over the bill that remain to be resolved in the dwindling time before the Oct. 3 target date for congressional adjournment.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., a critic of the higher speed limit, said during debate that raising the limit would be "signing the death warrants of 500 men, women and children a year

and, in effect, we will be accessories to the maiming of thousands of others."

Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo., warned faster speeds would mean an uptick in paralyzing spinal injuries, while Sen. Robert Stafford, R-Vt., cited a finding from the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. that attributed an increase in U.S. life expectancy in part to the 55 mph limit that was imposed in 1974 mainly to conserve gasoline.

Western senators, however, refused to be placated by such arguments, saying 55 mph was simply too slow.

"If you set out in Texas and drive west at 55 mph you're going to get discouraged before you get there," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said.

Supporters gear up for tax vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day before the House is due to vote on watershed tax-overhaul legislation, Reagan administration officials and congressional supporters of the package are making a final push to assure its passage.

"We can't afford to become complacent," President Reagan told business supporters of the package on Tuesday. "This is the

decisive battle and this is where all we've fought for finally will be won or lost."

Administration officials said Reagan would reinforce the message today with a letter to each House member urging support.

Meanwhile, Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III made two trips to Capitol Hill on Tuesday and was expected back again to

day to continue administration lobbying aimed at heading off any problems.

"We're going to do the work on our side," said House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., declaring his support of the package that is scheduled for consideration on Thursday. "We want the president to do the work" among Republicans.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now all it will take is some presidential ink to make the rose bloom as America's national flower.

The House, trailing behind the Senate by a year, completed congressional action Tuesday on legislation making the rose the official "national floral emblem."

In sending the measure to President Reagan's desk on a voice vote, the House ended an off-again, on-again effort that has been sputtering in Congress since the late 19th century.

And it may have planted a thorn in the memory of the late Senate Majority leader Everett McKinley Dirksen, R-Ill., who waged a long and eloquent campaign for national recognition of the marigold.

Dirksen thought the marigold was "as sprightly as the daffodil, as colorful as the rose, as resolute as the zinnia, as delicate as the carnation, as haughty as the chrysanthemum, as aggressive as the petunia, as ubiquitous as the violet, and as stately as the

snapdragon."

The rose had its champions too. Former Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, R-Maine, who generally wore a rose, introduced legislation to make it the national flower at about the same time Dirksen was talking up the marigold.

Over the years attempts were made to bypass both flowers and crown the dogwood, or the columbine or the aster or the corn tassel or the mountain laurel.

But advocates of the rose persisted.

House votes to end mandatory retirement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The senior citizens of the House came out in force to spearhead the drive to eliminate mandatory retirement and walked away with a 394-0 victory.

"Age alone has nothing to do with an employee's ability to work," said Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., who will be 65 in November.

Finally, we can "let our seniors decide for themselves whether they want to fly south for the winter," said Rep. Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., who will be 64 in December.

The measure passed Tuesday and sent to the Senate eliminates mandatory retirement at any age and requires continuing health

coverage by employers for workers aged 70 and above. But states and local governments would still be able to set mandatory retirement ages for fire fighters and police.

Among the more emotional speeches for the bill was one given by Rep. Claude Pepper, who at 86 is the oldest member of Congress.

Without his job, said Pepper, "I don't think I would have been living for the last several years." He said being a congressman has given him "something to get up for ... the impetus to carry on."

"Do you realize there are over 13,000 people in the United States over 100 years of age?" the Florida Democrat told his colleagues.

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Secret meetings fail to liberate Daniloff

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States and Soviet Union stepped up deliberations over Nicholas Daniloff, seeking a solution to the case of the American newsman whose confinement to Moscow on spying charges has embittered super-power relations.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze and Secretary of State George P. Shultz held two unannounced meetings Tuesday in New York to discuss the case of the 51-year-old U.S. News & World Report correspondent, State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb said.

The first session took place at the United Nations, and the second at the Soviet U.N. Mission, Kalb said.

"No resolution, not resolved," Kalb said following the first meeting, which lasted for 45 minutes.

Kalb later said the two diplomats held their second, 1½-hour session starting at about 7:30 p.m., but declined to comment on the substance of the talks or any results.

There was no comment on the Daniloff case from

Shultz, who took no questions from reporters as he swept through U.N. corridors and hotel lobbies holding a series of talks with foreign ministers in New York for the special session of the U.N. General Assembly.

Shevardnadze, however, again sought to raise hopes that Daniloff, arrested Aug. 30 and released from jail on Sept. 13 into the custody of the U.S. ambassador in Moscow pending trial, could soon be freed.

"There are good chances for solving this problem," the Soviet foreign minister told several reporters who caught up with him. "I've made all my proposals, my conscience is clear."

But the Soviet official provided no details of what he and Shultz said to each other in their talks.

"These are serious and regular discussions, and the less noise the better it is for all because wiser decisions are made in a... calm atmosphere," Shevardnadze said.

The Washington Post, citing unidentified sources, reported today that the Soviets had made

a new proposal, offering to release first Daniloff and then at least one Soviet dissident in exchange for Gennadiy Zakharov, a Soviet U.N. diplomat charged in the United States with spying.

Kalb said late Tuesday he had nothing to say about the report.

Shultz has raised doubts that the two powers could hold a substantive summit meeting unless Daniloff was set free.

President Reagan, meanwhile, has sent two personal appeals to Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev on behalf of the correspondent and defenced Daniloff as innocent of the spy charges.

In the meantime, the Soviets have offered rosy forecasts of a settlement.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Gennadiy Gerasimov, told reporters "there are good chances" of settling the dispute, but that he did not want to elaborate because that would "rock the boat."

At the same time, Gerasimov criticized the U.S. order that 25 Soviet diplomats at the United Na-

tions be expelled under suspicion of espionage. "This obstacle must be resolved," he said.

On Tuesday, a U.S. district court in Brooklyn postponed its hearing until Oct. 3 for Zakharov, a Soviet employee of the U.N. Secretariat arrested by the FBI last month and charged with espionage.

While Reagan and Shultz have publicly ruled out a "trade" for Daniloff, the State Department has privately proposed to Moscow that the newsman be liberated while Zakharov is tried.

If convicted, the arrangement would provide for expulsion of the Soviet physicist in exchange for the release of a number of Soviet dissidents.

Shevardnadze, speaking Tuesday for his government to the General Assembly, was sharply critical of U.S. policies and the Reagan administration.

He accused the president of harboring "evil designs" for a first strike with the "Star Wars" space-based missile defense system, although he also said a "realistic possibility" for a summit meeting still existed.

Newspaper criticizes Chernobyl plant site choice

MOSCOW (AP) — A leading newspaper today criticized the choice of the site for the Chernobyl nuclear power plant as being on the edge of a major water supply and in a flood plain.

The weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta also said Chernobyl officials were unprepared for disaster and firemen and police didn't have needed protective clothing

and equipment.

The article, by Ukrainian writer Boris Oleinik, was the latest analytical piece about the April 26 disaster, which the Politburo blamed on criminal negligence. Soviet authorities said 31 people died from the accident.

Oleinik wrote, "There are many reasons for contemplation. But above all, many people have

started to doubt the correctness of the site which was selected for the plant."

The station was built starting in the mid 1970s about 80 miles north of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev on the banks of the Pripyat River.

Oleinik said the Pripyat is the largest tributary of the Dnieper River both in the size of its basin and in the volume of its water

flow. The Dnieper is the region's major waterway and the source of much of Kiev's drinking water.

"It (the Pripyat) has low banks, which is important during the four-month spring flooding when water inundates significant areas," Oleinik said.

Oleinik did not go into detail on how the Chernobyl site was chosen.

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East Germans swim canal in escape to West Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — Three East German men escaped to the West today by swimming the chilly waters of a Berlin canal, a West Berlin spokesman said.

A man about 40 years old and two men in their 20s swam across the Teltow canal at about 2 a.m., city spokesman Hans Birkenbeul said.

Witnesses in West Berlin reported hearing East German guards loading their weapons, but no shots were fired, Birkenbeul said.

The three men were taken to a West Berlin hospital to be treated for exposure to the cold canal water, Birkenbeul said. They were otherwise unhurt.

A total of seven East Germans have escaped in the past three days across the East German and Czechoslovak borders to West Germany.

On Monday, two young East German border guards defected to West Germany in full uniform and carrying their machine guns.

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 - Compass point
 - Vetch
 - Security
 - "Auld Lang"
 - Bacteria
 - Company (Fr. abbr.)
 - Common practice
 - Bottle top
 - Pounds (abbr.)
 - Moses' brother
 - One or more
 - Dye compound
 - Newts
 - Gravel ridges
 - Flurry
 - Spy group (abbr.)
 - Possess
 - Dance
 - Currency
 - Alpine country
 - Cows
 - German-made pistol
 - Apparition (Brit.)
 - Hebrew measure
- DOWN**
- Oriental
 - Rare gas
 - Wild parties
 - Headland
 - 300, Roman
 - Seeps out

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- Horny plate
- Resentment
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- More competent
- Destitution
- Hawaiian town
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- Language suffix

Astro-Graph

Sept. 25, 1986

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Having too many irons in the fire today could prove detrimental. When you scatter yourself too thinly, desirable results will evade you. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your ego may urge you to bluff your way through today by pretending you are knowledgeable about something you're really not. Don't let pride set your mode of behavior.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If your curiosity prompts you to poke your nose into something today that doesn't concern you, you must be prepared to pay the consequences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An objective you're anxious to achieve can be attained today, provided you don't invite non-contributing associates into the picture. Do it on your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today you might waste a lot of time telling others what to do instead of setting the proper industrious example. If you won't work, why should they?

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Usually, you are an extremely tolerant person who doesn't try to impose your will upon others, but today you might step out of character and be unrealistically demanding.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's best not to make important domestic decisions today if your mate isn't present, or if you haven't consulted with him or her regarding your intentions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The tasks that you try to perform today will suffer if you lack concentration. Consistently focus your attention on what you are doing so that things don't go amiss.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be extra careful today in situations that have an effect on your personal resources. Think twice before gambling or speculating.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) For reasons known only to yourself, you might champion an unpopular cause today. You'd be wiser to wait until you have enthusiastic supporters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Some of the problems you may have to face today could be of your own doing. Don't make things tougher on yourself than they already are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Spending time with extravagant companions will affect your own spending habits today. The good time all will be seeking is likely to cost a pretty penny.

STEVE CANYON By Milton Caniff

THAT'S IT—THE PALACE / THE GUARDS MUST HAVE SEEN US...

STEVE IS DREAMING

...BUT THEY WON'T WAKE UP THE BOSS

HEY! THE GATES ARE OPENING!

MILTON CANIFF

THE WIZARD OF ID By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO WORK WITH THEIR HANDS

THANK YOU, PADDRE!

ARE MY COLLECTION BASKETS READY YET?

EEK & MEEK By Howie Schneider

GEE, I DIDN'T KNOW MEEK WAS AN ATHLETE

HE TOLD ME HE WAS AN ARDENT CHANNEL SWIMMER

THAT'S 'SWITCHER'

A WHAT?

B.C. By Johnny Hart

DOESN'T CLUMSY EVER GET SCREWED UP PITCHING AND QUARTERBACKING DURING THE SAME SEASON?

SOMETIMES.

LIKE WHEN?

LIKE WHEN HE KEEPS YELLING 'HUT-HUT' BEFORE HE THROWS A SLIDER.

MARVIN By Tom Armstrong

WHenever I suck my thumb...

SLURP! SLURP!

I ALWAYS GET SLEEPY

SLURP! SLURP!

THUMBS MUST BE CAFFEINE FREE

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson

"Give me a break...never mind the fly."

KIT N' CARLYLE By Larry Wright

OH CH. I THINK I FORGOT TO FEED MY KITTEN.

ALLEY OOP By Dave Graue

HAS DOC BEEN BURNING A LOT OF MIDNIGHT OIL LATELY?

COULD BE, SAM! HE'S BEEN REDESIGNING OUR LAB EQUIPMENT. SURREPTITIOUSLY, I MIGHT ADD!

...WHY'D YOU ASK?

BECAUSE TOO MUCH WORK AND TOO LITTLE REST MIGHT BE PART OF HIS PROBLEM!

CAN WE SEE HIM?

YES, HE'S IN HIM... BUT KEEP IT SHORT!

WE WILL, SAM! THANKS!

WINTHROP By Dick Cavalli

I'M LOOKING FOR WINTHROP... ANYBODY SEEN HIM?

WHEN I FIND HIM, I'M GOING TO TIE KNOTS IN HIS EARS!

I'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN HERE.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

"He said to veer left at the light, Mommy. Do you know how to veer?"

TUMBLEWEEDS By T.K. Ryan

YOU SHAMELESS FLATTERER, YOU!

WHO WAS THAT, AUNT HILDE?

A SALESMAN, DEAR. HE SAID I REMIND HIM OF JOAN OF ARC!

LET'S SEE... WHERE SHALL WE HANG MY NEW FIRE EXTINGUISHER?

THE BORN LOSER By Art Sansom

AND JUST WHY CAN'T YOU THINK MAMA'S QUALIFIED TO RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL?

BECAUSE THE WOMAN KNOWS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT POLITICS!

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OH, IT HAS ITS DRAWBACKS, BELIEVE ME

NAME ONE

YOU BUNK WITH THE LIZARD

I'M GETTING THE DRIFT

Old bottling plant is still a Pepper

By PAUL LONG
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DUBLIN, Texas (AP) — A photograph of S.H. Prim stares sternly across the office of the 95-year-old Dr Pepper bottling plant in Dublin, directly at a modern-day advertising poster for the soft drink company.

The poster features Ozy and the Space Cowboy — an intergalactic takeoff on previous Dr Pepper slogans.

Prim, pictured in a three-piece suit and watch chain, founded the Dublin bottling plant — reportedly the oldest Dr Pepper plant in the world and one that clings stubbornly to tradition.

Prim was an original Pepper, and he didn't need a T-shirt to prove it.

Billie Kloster has carried on

Prim's tradition for 51 years. Prim hired Kloster in 1933 as a bottle sorter. Kloster was 14, and he sorted those bottles for a dime an hour.

The 68-year-old Kloster is general manager of the bottling plant. It has been at 105 E. Elm since 1891.

Kloster says Dr Pepper was first bottled in Dublin. Company officials say they can't verify that, but they have no records to disprove it. One thing's for sure: Few things have changed at the Dublin plant.

And that's good for Dr Pepper freaks. Kloster still uses pure cane sugar in his brew. Most plants about 10 years ago switched to a cheaper corn syrup blend.

Dublin Dr Pepper tastes like it did in the old days.

But you can only get it within a

40-mile radius of Dublin.

"That comes from way back in the horse and buggy days," Kloster said. "You couldn't deliver very far that way. I'm sure Mr. Prim picked up a pencil and drew a 40-mile circle around Dublin."

That plant serves Erath County, Comanche County, Hamilton County and parts of Hood and Eastland counties.

Kloster said several "regulars" who pass through town on business usually stop at the plant to pick up some old-fashioned Dr Pepper.

"This lady from Waco was in here one day trying to sell me some insurance," Kloster said. "Of course, I didn't need any."

Anyway, I gave her a bottle to sample and handed her a carton for her dad because he was a longtime Dr Pepper fan. Her hus-

band and son wanted to know why she didn't bring some for them. So next time she was here she picked up some for them.

"Another time an ol' boy was in here trying to sell me a copying machine. Of course, I didn't need one. Well, I gave him a couple of cases to take back to Fort Worth. He gave his boss a sample, and next time he was through here he had to pick up some for his boss."

Kloster said his plant and its 10 employees produce about \$1 million a year in sales. Out of about 500 plants nationwide, Dublin ranks 18th in sales, just ahead of Newport, Ark., and behind Mount Pleasant, Texas.

The Dublin plant doesn't put Dr Pepper in cans, just bottles. It would be too expensive to replace the ancient bottling equipment. The new machines wouldn't fit in

the old plant, which also produces Diet Dr Pepper, Sun Crest Orange, Frostie Root Beer, Nu Grape and 2 Way lemon-lime.

When the bottle-washer goes on the blink — a clanky machine made in 1946 — Kloster said he often visits a machine shop to have a part made.

"We just have to improvise," he said. "We use baling wire a lot."

The plant is owned by Prim's daughter, Grace Lyon. She's in her 80s and lives in a nursing home.

"She wants to keep the plant going as long as she's alive," Kloster said. "That's the only reason I'm staying. I could have retired three years ago. I've been here so long, I would hate to see it close. It's in my blood."

He said he doesn't know the fu-

ture of the plant, say, five or 10 years from now. "That'll be up to the lawyers," Kloster said.

The plant is a virtual Dr Pepper museum. It still contains the original hand-crank cash register, and Kloster still uses it to ring up sales. The cash register sits atop the original safe.

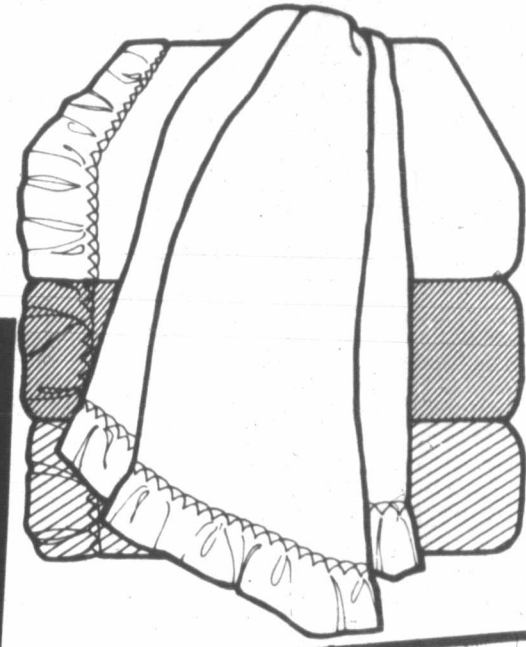
The offices are strewn with bottles from the 1890s and old Dr Pepper advertising posters.

Prim had every reason not to hire Kloster. The Depression gripped America, and employers weren't hiring.

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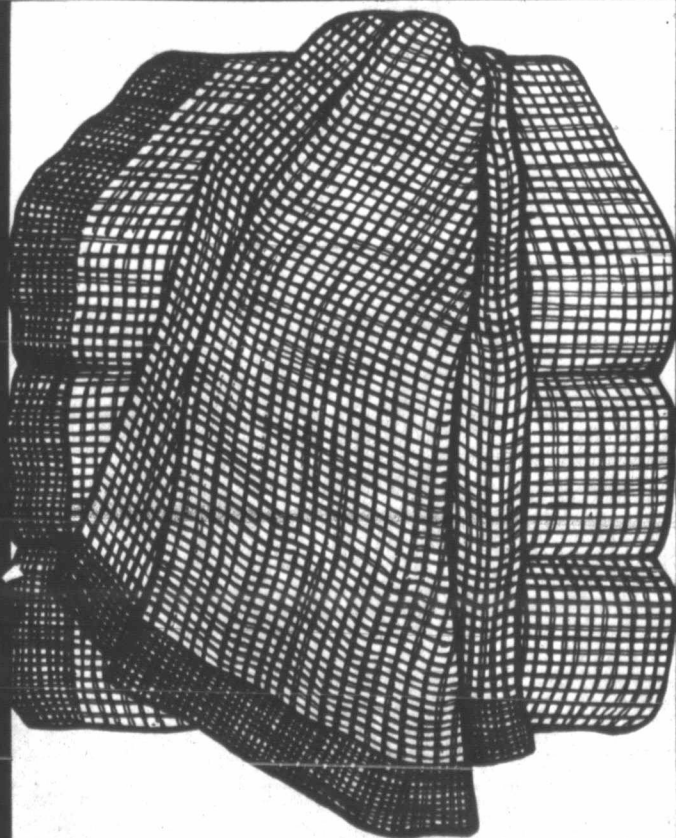
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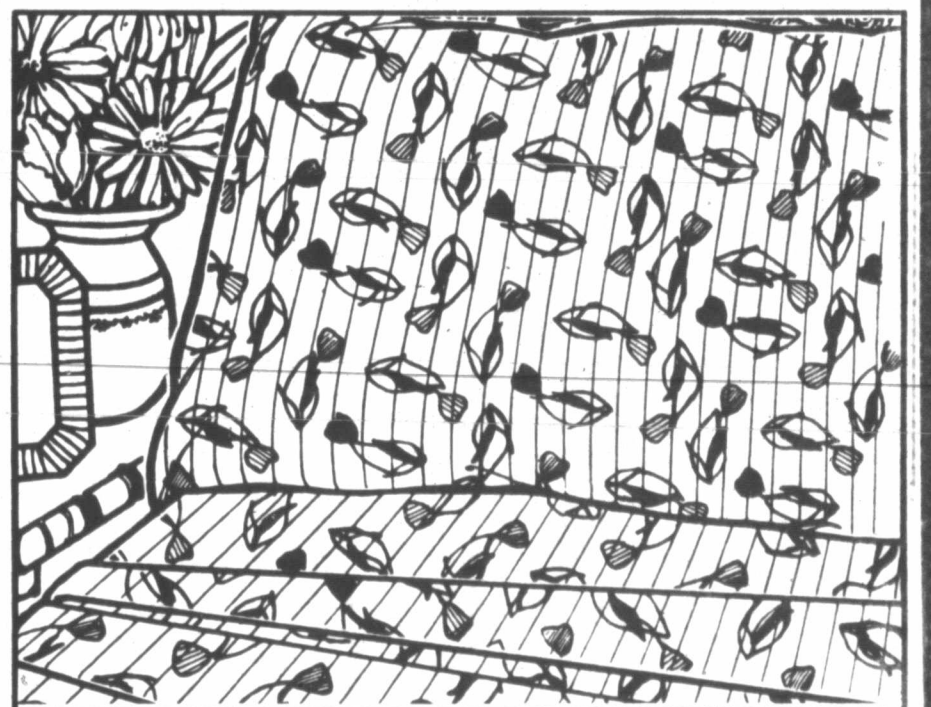
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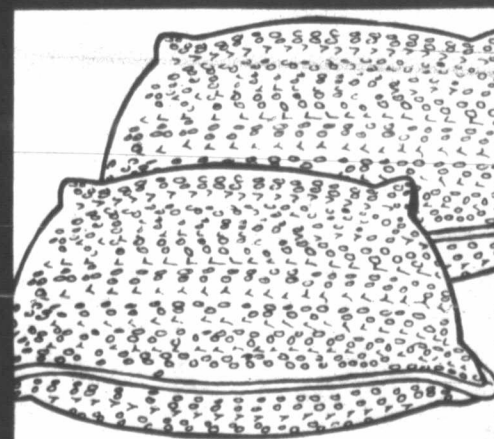
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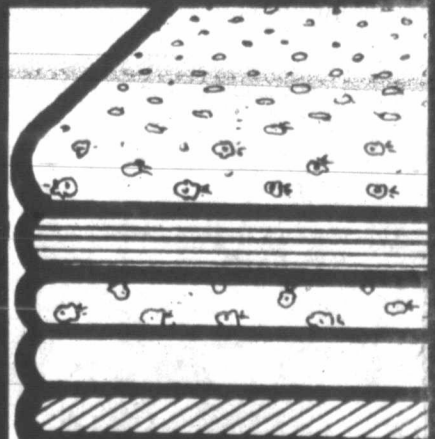
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Susie's devil's food cake

2 c. sugar
1 c. shortening
3 eggs
1 c. buttermilk
1 t. vanilla
1 t. salt

Cream sugar and shortening well. Add eggs, one at a time. Add buttermilk, vanilla and salt. Stir together in a separate bowl:

½ c. cocoa
2½ c. flour
2 t. baking soda

Add to other mixture alternately with one cup of boiling water. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees F. Makes three layers.

FROSTING
1 c. sugar
4 T. water
½ c. light corn syrup
3 egg whites
½ t. vanilla

Boil sugar, water and corn syrup slowly until it spins a thread six to eight inches long. (Soft ball stage on a candy thermometer.) Meanwhile, beat egg whites until stiff. Pour syrup into egg whites with mixer running and beat until it holds its shape or stands in peaks. Beat in vanilla.

"I double the frosting recipe because that's the way my family likes it," Susie Spoonemore adds.



Susie Spoonemore with her devil's food cake.

Pampan chosen finalist in Texas cake bake-off

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

Susie Spoonemore of Pampa has been named one of 32 finalists in the "Best of Texas Birthday Cake" competition for her recipe, "Susie's Devil's Food Cake." As a finalist, she'll now compete in a bake-off, Oct. 6, in the Creative Arts Department of the State Fair in Dallas.

Spoonemore was notified of the honor about three weeks ago. Surprised, she says she responded to the congratulatory phone call by getting choked. "It was several minutes before I could say anything," she explained, laughing.

Though she was surprised, her son, Dr. Randel Spoonemore of Dallas, wasn't. While visiting him this summer, Spoonemore remembered saying that she won't be seeing him again until Thanksgiving. "He said, 'No, you'll be back Oct. 6 for the bakeoff,'" she recalled, adding, "This isn't the first time he's predicted something that came true."

An article in *The Pampa News* led Spoonemore to enter the contest, she said. She read one article that said to enter by putting the information on an 8½x11-inch

sheet of paper and another which said to send in a 3x5-inch card. Just to be safe, Spoonemore did both. Soon she received a telephone call telling her she was thoroughly entered.

Spoonemore's recipe has a bit of a history, itself.

"When I was little we lived in Panhandle. Sometimes we would have to come to Pampa to go to the doctor or something," she remembered. "We didn't have any money, but Mother would take us to Moses (dime store) to buy us a (soft drink). Everytime I went, I'd look at this big devil's food cake sitting there. I knew better than to ask for a piece, but it looked so wonderful. I said when I grew up I was going to learn to make a cake like that."

Which is exactly what Spoonemore did, using a recipe for devil's food cake her mother had developed. When she saw the contest for the Texas Birthday Cake in celebration of the Texas Sesquicentennial, she knew she had to enter this recipe.

"It's big. It's beautiful and it's an old recipe. It's a wonderful cake. To me that's what Texas is all about," Spoonemore said.

As soon as she learned she would be in the bake-off, Spoonemore began practicing. She's

made 12 cakes so far, and quips that she's "gained six pounds just from licking the beaters."

"I've never entered anything before," she said. So she's been receiving help from several Pampans such as Donna Brauchi, county extension agent; Mary McDaniel, homemaker; Gaylene Skaggs, Pampa High School home economics teacher; Gay Weatherford, a professional cake baker; and Ramona Hite, who told her, "I love a good contest!"

Spoonemore and her husband Dean plan to drive to Dallas on Oct. 5, the day before the bake-off, with the almost 40 items (ingredients and utensils) she will need to make the cake. Once there, she will draw for which of the 16 ovens she will use, and to decide whether she will compete in the morning at 10 a.m. or in the afternoon at 1 p.m. "I'm a morning person, so I hope I get morning," she said.

Spoonemore's cake takes 2½ hours to make from start to finish, including the cooling off period. She'll have three hours to bake the cake in the bake-off.

"I think it will be really neat to win," she said. "But it's been so much fun being a finalist, that's been a reward in itself!"

Creole seasoning gives roast a lift

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens
Food Editor

Rub Creole Seasoning, a basic spice blend, on fish and chicken as well as pork.

CREOLE-SEASONED PORK ROAST
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
¼ cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup chopped onion
2 teaspoons Creole Seasoning
One 4-ounce can mushroom stems and pieces, drained
½ cup tomato paste
One 4- to 5-pound boneless pork loin roast, with string removed

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
¼ to ½ teaspoon Creole Seasoning

In a small saucepan melt butter; add green pepper, onion and 2 teaspoons Creole Seasoning. Cook until vegetables are tender; drain. Stir in mushrooms and ¼ cup of the tomato paste. Unroll roast; spread vegetable mixture over surface of roast. Roll meat and tie securely with string. Place meat on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast at 325-degrees for 2½ to 3 hours or until thermometer registers 170 degrees. Remove meat to warm platter; keep warm.

Skim and reserve fat from pan juices; measure juices. Add wa-

ter to juices to measure 1½ cups. Return 2 tablespoons fat to roasting pan (add oil if necessary to make 2 tablespoons). Stir in flour, ¼ to ½ teaspoon Creole Seasoning and remaining tomato paste. Add juices. Cook and stir until bubbly. To serve, slice roast, removing strings as meat is cut. Spoon some gravy over roast; pass remainder. Makes 12 to 15 servings.

Creole Seasoning: Combine ¼ cup ground red pepper, 3 tablespoons salt, 1 tablespoon chili powder, 1 tablespoon paprika, 1 tablespoon ground coriander, 1 tablespoon pepper, 2 teaspoons ground cloves and 1½ teaspoons garlic powder. Store tightly covered in a cool place. Makes ¼ cup.

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SPORTS SCENE

Sports Forum and Agin 'Um

WARREN HASSE



THERE WAS A LITTLE SPARKLE... maybe it was fire... in his eyes as he said he was going down and scout Levelland that night. First-year Canyon High School football Coach Mike Wartes was visiting at lunch last Friday afternoon at the Railroad Crossing in Canyon. Less than 24 hours earlier his Eagles had romped to their third straight victory, a 35-0 shellacking of Lubbock Dunbar in the Hub City.

Levelland was at home last Friday night, and wound up sneaking past Dumas, 7-0, also the third straight victory for veteran Coach Gene Mayfield. The two will clash Friday night at Kimbrough Stadium, a spot where they once worked in another relationship, that of coach and player. And it wasn't always a pleasant, amicable one. They had arrived at high school together in 1976. For Mayfield, his first college coaching job after tremendous successes in Texas high school ranks; for Wartes, a trip eastward a few miles from his hometown of Hereford where he had played his entire career for his father, Larry. The elder Wartes concluded a lengthy and very successful coaching career with his son's final performance for the Whitefaces.

That 1971 season, Mike started as the regular quarterback for the WT freshman team. The next season, he stepped right into the same role on the varsity, guiding the Buffs to a 5-5 record, Mayfield's best to that point (and ultimately, the best over a 10-game season during the six years he coached his alma mater, his entire collegiate coaching effort). But when his junior year rolled around Wartes found he was backing up a junior college transfer, a flashy kid with a strong arm, agile, and erratic, resulting in a 2-9 season. Came the senior year, Wartes was still No. 2, but the starter of the year previous, Don Nava, was now No. 3, as another juco named Tully Blanchard took over. When the final snowflake fell on the last game of that season, played in a Louisville snowstorm, the Buffs wound up 6-5-0, and Wartes concluded a playing career on the bench.

Comparing those three quarterbacks was like comparing apples and oranges. Nava was a wild sort, doing the unexpected, breaking plays and gameplans; Blanchard was a feisty competitor, trying to lead with a rank vocabulary he used to chew out teammates, and desired, as Nava, a colorful long passplay bomb, oft intercepted; Wartes was a quiet, conservative (as Mayfield), intelligent do-as-I-do leader, who got team effort in a positive manner (as is apparently working with his high flying Eagles today). Although he did have a habitual sore arm, according to news releases explaining his lack of playing time, Wartes seldom threw long, generally going to a tight end, with amazingly accurate success. And despite the two-year displacement from starter to bench-warmer, despite the off-field comments from teammates that they

wanted him as quarterback, to his everlasting credit may it be said, that when called upon, under any condition, Mike never gave less than his 100 percent best effort.

That was an unusual Buff team. One of those teammates, John Ayres, has gone on to Super Bowl championship success with the San Francisco 49ers. Three have become professional wrestlers, wearing various world championship belts and earning will into six figures annually. Blanchard, son of San Antonio-based former wrestler Joe Blanchard, is a reigning TV bad guy; affable Teddy DiBiase, son of former wrestling fan 'guy you love to hate' Iron Mike DiBiase, was part of a world tag-team title pair at last glance; and that sure-handed tight end and favorite passing target, Merced Solis, is still the quiet, silent, kid-next-door who wrestles under the name of Tito Santana, and rules the northeast and NYC ring scene. Two former Harvesters on that squad, Garvin McCarrell and Tibby Rogers, can remember those days well.

Several other of those Wartes' teammates went on to become coaches themselves. Some tried the pro route, without the success of Ayres. Others can be found daily, working in the classrooms of the Panhandle as teachers, in the banking business, or construction. Three of the men who were coaches on that staff, one of whom handled the quarterbacks as a prime duty, are now very successful businessmen in the Canyon-Amarillo area. One is a member of the Canyon school board and led the effort to get Wartes to accept the job.

You can pretty well bet your bottom dollar that when they tee that football up Friday night at Kimbrough Stadium, all those coaches and all those players who can make it, will be sitting with the rest of the fans wearing Purple and White pulling for Mike Wartes and his Canyon Eagles. And it won't be due to a lack of affection for the veteran coach Mayfield, but rather out of strong respect for a blossoming young newcomer on the scene who has his first opportunity to pay back two years of bench time many thought was unwarranted.

The final snap Wartes took in college was in freezing weather, a blizzard covering the yard lines, the game scoreless as the third period neared its end. Wartes had been sent in to run one series and let Blanchard warm up for the final period of the season. Wartes fumbled the snap, Louisville recovered, resulting in an early fourth-quarter field goal. West Texas came back to score and gain as 8-3 advantage. On the next series, Blanchard was intercepted at the WT 25, leading to a Cardinal score, and an ultimate 10-8 Louisville victory.

Wartes may have fumbled that last time, but you can bet that he won't fumble this first opportunity in head-to-head competition. The fire in the eye last Friday noon has undoubtedly turned into a controlled inferno by now.

Blocking was key ingredient in Pampa's near-upset of Hereford

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

Pampa Head Coach John Kendall won't soon forget the performance of the Harvesters' offensive line after last Friday's District 1-4A opener against Hereford.

"It's the best I've ever seen a Pampa offensive line play since I've been here," Kendall said. "We were marching right down the field on them."

Pampa lost, 38-26, but it was supposed to be by more than two touchdowns according to pre-game predictions. Kendall gives much of the credit for Pampa's near-upset of Hereford to the blocking of the offensive line.

"The offensive line just had a super performance, especially Derrick Smith (175-pound senior center). It was the best game he's ever had," Kendall added.

Others on that offensive line were guards Shawn Greene (200 pound senior) Albert Hernandez (185-pound junior); tackles Cam Moore (200-pound sophomore), Jorge Hernandez, 180-pound junior; tight end Joel Farina (185-pound senior) and split end Billy Butler (165-pound senior).

Pampa scored on its first two possessions with long drives. The opening score came after a 17-play, 75-yard drive which was almost foiled by penalties. Pampa was penalized three times in the drive and the second flag nullified a 4-yard touchdown run by Mark Williams. Pampa was not to be denied, however, and quarterback James Ellison hit Farina with a 12-yard TD strike three plays later.

Williams, a 175-pound senior, had an outstanding all-

around night for the Harvesters. He led Pampa rushers with 72 yards rushing and scored twice, once on a 90-yard kickoff return. He totaled 128 yards returning kickoffs and punts. Williams' defensive contributions were just as great. He was Pampa's leading tackler with 14 stops (9 assists, 5 unassisted) and also had a fumble recovery, a 21-yard pass interception and a

blocked kick. Williams shared the coaching staff's Big Hit Award with tackle Shawn Greene, who had 4 assisted tackles and 3 solo stops. Williams, along with Ellison and Greene, had third-down stops.

"What a night Williams had, but he paid for it. He's still pretty bruised up," Kendall added.

There were many other

standout performances. Ellison passed for 114 yards and one touchdown and scored once himself on a 41-yard fumble recovery. Butler, 165-pound senior, caught three passes for 80 yards and his diving catch of a 2-point conversion in the third quarter tied the game at 20-all.

One of the most unusual aspects of the game was that there were only two punts, one by each team. Sophomore Dustin Miller's only punt traveled 62 yards and was picked up on Hereford's 5-yard line.

"I think it was really amazing that there were only two punts and that Dustin's punt was such a long one," Kendall added.

Miller, who also played quarterback and end, is averaging almost 50 yards per punt in five attempts.

Scott Rabel, who had 3 individual tackles and 4 assists, caused a fumble and had a quarterback sack. Other top Harvester tacklers were Enoch Phetteplace, 11 (9 assists, 2 unassisted); Farina, 9 (6-3); Jon Roe, 8 (6-2); Tommy Cathey, 8 (6-2); Brad Sokolosky, 8 (6-2); Shawn Greene, 7 (4-3); Ellison, 6 (5-1); and Brad Abbott, 5 (4-1). Kerry Brown had a blocked kick.

In team statistics, Hereford had twice as many first downs as Pampa (21-11), but were held to 150 rushing yards. Hereford was averaging 254.5 yards per game. Pampa had 239 total yards, compared to 379 for Hereford.

Hereford hurt Pampa through the air as quarterback Todd Shire passed for 229 yards, 140 of it to 6-4 split end Bobby Baker.

Pampa, now 0-2 for the season, plays at Borger Friday night in the second District 1-4A game of the season.



Billy Butler...3 catches for 80 yards.

Staff Photo

Tech linebacker SWC's top defender

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Tech linebacker Michael Johnson has been making the most of sharing a linebacking position with James Johnson.

Michael was thrust into the starting lineup last week against New Mexico when James suffered a hamstring injury.

Michael responded with 17 tackles, two quarterback sacks and a crucial tackle late in the game that helped stop a Lobo drive, preserving a 14-7 victory.

Johnson's effort earned him The Associated Press Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Week honor.

The offensive award went to

Houston quarterback Mark Davis, who also came off the bench when starter Gerald Landry suffered a hip-pointer, to lead the Cougars to a 28-12 victory over Oklahoma State.

Michael Johnson leads the Red Raiders in tackles with 37 for three games, including five for losses. Johnson has two quarterback sacks and a fumble recovery.

Johnson had 65 tackles for the entire season last year.

Beating New Mexico helped ease the pain of a 60-11 loss to Miami.

"We wanted to prove to our fans that we could come back and win," Johnson said. "We went out with the idea of executing and I think we did that."

Johnson likely has earned a

starting position. "I felt Michael played an excellent game," Tech Coach David McWilliams said. "His intensity level was where we like to see it."

Johnson and teammate Calvin Riggs tackled New Mexico quarterback Billy Rucker so hard on the Lobo's final drive of the game that Rucker had to leave the game for one play and when he returned, the Raiders stopped the drive.

Davis, the younger brother of former Houston quarterback Danny Davis, completed 6 of 7 passes for 108 yards and touchdowns of 23 and 49 yards.

Danny Davis led the Cougars to the Cotton Bowl berths in 1979 and 1981 with younger brother Mark watching from the stands.

"He was my brother but he also was my idol," Mark Davis said. "I told Coach (Elmer) Redd (Houston assistant) back then that I wanted to be a Cougar."

Davis got a chance to play Saturday while Landry had to sit out the rest of the game.

"I got to play a lot in spring training and that has helped my confidence," Davis said. "Danny told me he was excited about this but that he wasn't surprised. He said he knew I could do it."

If Landry is able to return Saturday against Tulsa, Davis will again be on the sidelines but now there's added confidence. "My confidence has been built up a lot," Davis said. "A lot of the players have told me that they have confidence in me and that helps me a lot."

Major League Standings

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Pampa bowling roundup

(Standings thru Sept. 8) Team Eight, 3-1; Team One, 3-1; Team Three, 2 1/2-1 1/2; Team Five, 2-2; Team Six, 2-2; Team Four, 1 1/2-2 1/2; Team Seven, 1-3; Team Two, 1-3. High Average: Men — 1. Jack Davis, 163; 2. Robert Aguilar, 159; 3. Larry Etchison, 155; Women — 1. Anita Davis and Renee Dominguez, 157; 2. Dwinna Mullins, 153.

Lady Harvesters down Perryton

PERRYTON — Pampa defeated Perryton, 15-8, 16-4, in a non-district volleyball game Tuesday night. "We played considerably better than we did our previous two matches and I was pleased to see that 'want to win' desire in the girls," said Pampa coach Phil Hall. Hall said his team received outstanding serving from Stephanie Jeffrey and Melinda Jackson.

American League owners reject Rangers' sale

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — There apparently are already enough baseball teams owned by television companies to suit major league owners. American League owners voted Tuesday to reject the transfer of ownership of the Texas Rangers to Gaylord Broadcasting Co. because they feared that a superstition operation similar to Atlanta Braves owner Ted Turner's would grow out of the deal.

Going one step further, the group also voted to adopt a rule stating that no television company could purchase a major league team in the future, American League President Bobby Brown said. Rangers majority owner Eddie Chiles had wanted to sell his remaining two-thirds interest in the team to the Dallas-based company, which already owns one-third of the club, as well as its broadcast rights.

Among the Gaylord Broadcasting holdings are KTVT-TV in Fort Worth, Tex., and the Nashville Network, a cable television operation. The primary example is the Braves, one of two teams already owned by television companies. The Braves are owned by Turner's television operation, Turner Broadcasting Systems. The team has suffered annual losses that have been offset by profits the company's television station, WTBS, receives from broadcast virtually every Braves game. WTBS is picked up by cable television systems all across the country.

The other team owned by a television company is the Chicago Cubs, which were purchased by the Chicago Tribune Corp. in 1981. The Tribune Corp. also owns Chicago-based WGN-TV, which

shows most Cubs games and is picked up by many cable systems nationwide.

To pass, the sale would have to

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