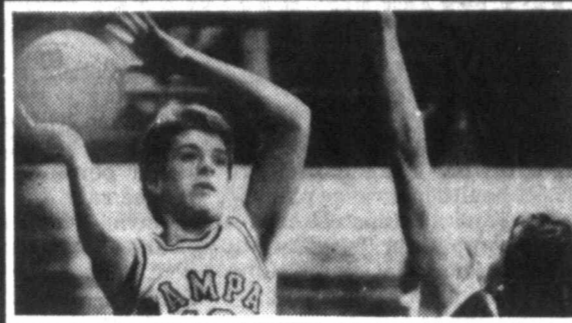


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U.S. sends more Marines to Mediterranean

By MOHAMMED SALAM
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The United States sent additional Marines to join a battle group in the eastern Mediterranean, and some warships were reported within 50 miles of Lebanon in apparent response to rising tensions in the region and kidnappings in Beirut.

The Moslem kidnappers have threatened to kill American hostages if the United States attacks, but Pentagon sources in Washington stressed Tuesday that the battle group did not have

orders to prepare for any military operation.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the carriers Kennedy and Nimitz and a Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group of about 1,900 Marines were steaming on a "routine patrol pattern" south of Cyprus. Cyprus is 100 miles northwest of Beirut.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Tuesday that Israel would consider helping the United States launch a military operation in Lebanon if asked. "I don't think we will be asked, but if we will be asked, we will consider it," Shamir told The Associated Press on a

visit to Kiryat Gat, 35 miles south of Tel Aviv.

The U.S. force consists of about 22 warships. On Tuesday, 1,900 more Marines were moved out of Spain to join the fleet.

Official sources in Cyprus said civilian aircraft flying near the ships had been ordered by radio to veer away from the warships, which were lying in international waters.

Also Tuesday, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman in Tehran as denying a U.S. news media report that hostage negotiator Terry Waite was

held by Iranian Revolutionary Guards in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

The 47-year-old Anglican Church envoy has not been seen since he left his hotel in Moslem west Beirut on Jan. 20. He was believed headed for a meeting with Islamic Jihad, a Shiite Moslem group holding two Americans.

Lebanon's justice minister, Nabih Berri, said in Damascus, Syria, on Monday that Waite had been "arrested" by the kidnappers, but did not elaborate.

Unconfirmed reports last week said Waite was spotted in the Bekaa Valley, a Shiite stronghold and base for about 400 Iranian Revolutionary Guards.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, Cyprus, quoted the Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying the report was "fabricated by imperialist news media" and that Tehran never sanctioned kidnapping foreigners in Lebanon.

Islamic Jihad is believed made up of Shiite fundamentalists loyal to Iran. It holds Terry Anderson, 39, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, and educator Thomas Sutherland, 55, both kidnapped in 1985, and threatened Monday to kill them if the United States attacks Lebanon.

Liberace in coma

Priest gives him last rites

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Liberace was clinging to life after lapsing into a coma, and a priest has been contacted to administer last rites to the flamboyant pianist.

"His pulse has gotten weaker, and his breathing has gotten more labored," the musician's attorney, Joel Strote, said Tuesday evening. "He can't swallow."

Asked how long the 67-year-old Liberace might survive, Strote said "it's hard to estimate, but obviously it's not going to be long."



Strote said Liberace lapsed into a coma Tuesday and that a priest was contacted but had not administered last rites.

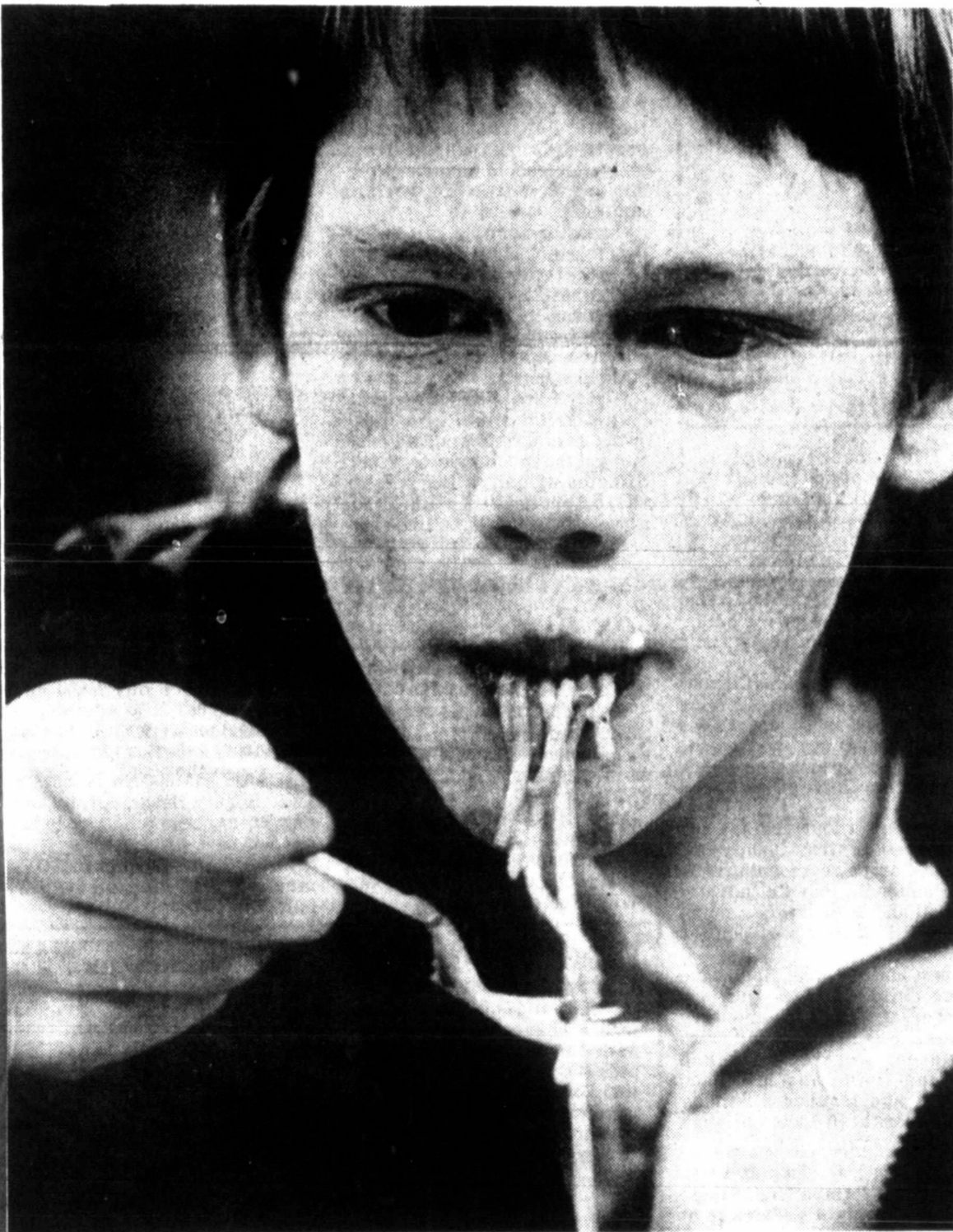
There were no reports on Liberace's condition early today, and a security guard said the attorney for Liberace's estate was asleep.

Liberace publicist Denise Collier said in New York that Liberace suffers from anemia, emphysema and heart disease. A spokesman last week denied a published report that he had AIDS.

"He is very pale but obviously resting very comfortably," Strote said. He's not in any pain and basically his family is here — his sister, his deceased brother's wife, Laura, his sister's daughter and her husband."

Strote said there were no plans to hospitalize Liberace because "there is really nothing that could be done for him in a hospital, and it was his desire to rest comfortably at home."

Ummmm, so good!



Sean Hahn, 12, son of Scott and Jana Hahn, slurps up some spaghetti at the annual spring spaghetti dinner sponsored Tuesday by the Pampa High School Harvester Band in the high school cafeteria.

(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Cowan won't run again; Hupp files for Ward 1

By LARRY HOLLIS
News Editor

A vice president of a local major industry has announced his candidacy for a city commissioner post, but the incumbent mayor has decided he will not seek a second term.

Ray Hupp, a vice president of IRI International, filed Tuesday as a candidate for Ward 1 commissioner in the position being vacated by Bob Curry. Curry has already announced he will not run for a third term.

Mayor Sherman Cowan said Tuesday afternoon he has decided not to run for re-election, citing conflicts between time to perform his business interests and to fully devote the hours he feels is really needed to serve well as mayor.

Hupp, who has not sought political office before, said he decided to run for the commissioner's post to get involved in city government.

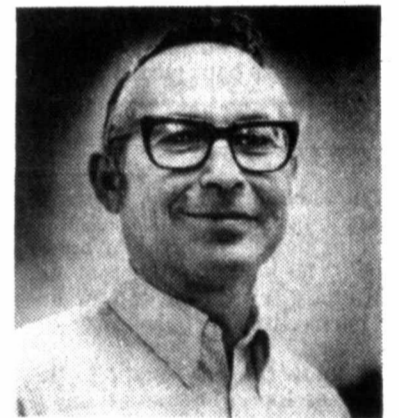
"I feel that due to these difficult economic times, anybody that can needs to get involved," he said.

Hupp, 46, said he has not yet

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Cowan



Hupp

Groom mayor still deciding whether to seek re-election

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

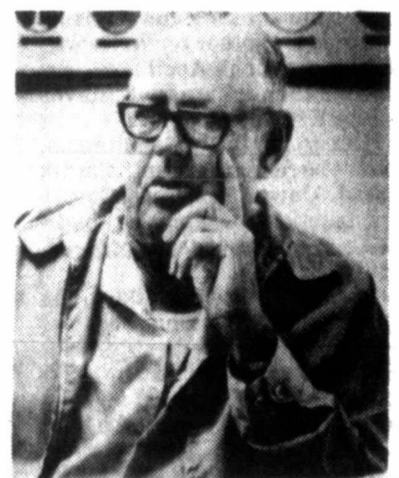
GROOM — City Secretary Pat Ashford reports little interest in the April 4 city election.

"I haven't really been run over with people filing for office," Ashford told council members Tuesday at their regular meeting.

Mayor Alfred Homer and council members Jerry Thornton and Bobby Babcock are up for re-election. But so far, Thornton, 47, has been the only person to file.

Homer said he'll announce his intentions within the next week.

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Homer

Group wants better response from City Hall

By LARRY HOLLIS
News Editor

A group of Pampa citizens concerned about the recent directions of city government adopted a set of six goals during a meeting Tuesday night in the Hughes Building penthouse conference room.

With more than 30 people attending its first meeting, the group — as yet unnamed — expressed comments indicating a desire for city officials to be more responsive to citizens and to place financial indebtedness for the city to a vote in the form of bond elections, instead of resorting to the issuance of certificates of obligation.

The statement of purposes and goals adopted last night says, "It is the purpose of this group to make a sincere, conscientious attempt to promote and preserve a Pampa city government

which is based on representation — protecting the rights of its citizens in a way which is consistent with democratic action and freedom of speech."

The group initially considered a list of seven goals. But after discussion and amendments to wording, the list was narrowed to six stated goals, with two of the goals being combined into one for clarification.

As adopted by the group, the goals are:

- "A city commission which is strong enough and well-informed enough to provide an adequate system of checks and balances for our city government, resulting in a city commission with better leadership capabilities.

- "This group will support candidates that will support changes in our city charter to create a more up-to-date and modern document.

- "A city commission that will represent the expressed wishes of the voters

and citizens of Pampa and will not circumvent the bond election process. This group will not support any city commission decision for the issuance of certificates of indebtedness. This is a method of avoiding a bond election and completely suppresses the taxpayers' right to express their opinion in a democratic voting process.

- "A group of city commissioners that will question and thoroughly examine the proposals set forth by the city manager or others in terms of both present and future impact.

- "A city commission which will enact the necessary policy changes to allow citizens and city employees the expression of grievances without fear of demotion, dismissal or discourteous reception.

- "A city commission which will be in compliance with open meetings and open records laws and will furnish

prompt, courteous access to all records as permitted by law."

After voting on and approving each goal separately, the group then accepted the stated purpose and six goals as the aims for the group.

Presiding over the meeting was Kent Olson, but he stressed, "I am not the spokesman for this group," adding that he was serving only as the moderator.

Olson noted that two previous meetings, "work sessions," had been held by interested citizens in the past 10 days to discuss "what we want the city to be."

Olson explained the group contained citizens who had expressed concerns about the direction of city government in recent years.

He said some of the people had attended City Commission meetings and were not in agreement with some of the actions and decisions. He said some also felt they had not been given fair hearings in expressing their views, and

others said they felt they had even been treated discourteously.

Others indicated they felt the City Commission "had already made up its mind" and was not willing to listen to new suggestions from citizens. Others also expressed complaints about alleged difficulties in gaining access to public records from the city.

A matter noted by a number of citizens at the meeting was a concern that the city commission has given up too much authority to the city manager, with comments that the city charter needs updating to better specify the manager's authority.

Olson and others stated part of the problem is that the charter apparently creates a strong city manager and a weak commission, with the order needing to be reversed.

Others indicated they have no strong objections to the projects that the cc

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Shot to death



(AP Laserphoto)
Donald Aronow, shown in a 1983 file photo in one of his boats, died of multiple gunshot wounds Tuesday as he sat at the wheel of his car near North Miami Beach in unincorporated Dade County, Fla. He designed boats which have set 25 world speed records and won more than 300 races.

Singer saluted for FarmAid concerts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer Willie Nelson, honored for spearheading two concerts that raised \$14 million for farmers, says he never made a penny raising hogs years ago.

Nelson received the 1986 Roy Acuff Community Service Award Tuesday night for the FarmAid concerts in Champaign, Ill., in 1985 and near Austin, Texas, last July 4.

Nelson, who wore a tuxedo at the ceremonies instead of his usual jeans, T-shirt and bandanna, said as a young man he bought hogs at 25 cents a pound and sold them for 17 cents a pound.

"The hog business is shaky," he recalled prior to receiving the award at a dinner in his honor at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

The 53-year-old singer-songwriter-actor said he was accepting the angel-shaped sculpture "for all the entertain-

ers and people who put this (the concerts) together. It should be split into 1,000 pieces."

Nelson said \$9 million was raised at FarmAid I in Illinois and less than \$1 million at FarmAid II in Texas, but pledges totaling "a few thousand a week" continue to be made. The total pledged so far, he said, is \$14 million.

"It's still coming in," he said about pledges.

FarmAid III is set for Sept. 19 at the University of Nebraska football stadium in Lincoln, pending approval of the school, he said.

"There's a lot of farmers with their icebox full of (homegrown) groceries and they can't afford a loaf of bread," said Nelson, whose country-styled hits include "On the Road Again" and "Always on My Mind."

"We hope to get more corporate sponsors," he said. "We

should raise as much or more on No. 3 as for one and two combined."

Nelson received the award from the Country Music Foundation, which cited "his leadership in the development of the FarmAid concerts which brought unprecedented attention to the plight of the American farmer ..."

FarmAid officials have said the money was used for food pantries, telephone hotlines for farmers, loan funds for farmer cooperatives, legal education and assistance, crisis prevention and other projects.

The two concerts featured

dozens of rock 'n' roll, pop and country stars.

Acuff, the award namesake, is the 83-year-old "king of country music" who has been performing on the Grand Ole Opry for almost 50 years. Acuff's public service included entertaining dozens of times for U.S. troops during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

The award was presented a year ago to singer Kenny Rogers for collecting food for the hungry.

The honor is sponsored by The Tennessean, Nashville's morning newspaper, and the foundation — a non-profit, educational organization that runs the Country Music Hall of Fame.

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Greyhound buyer and union reach tentative agreement

DALLAS (AP) — Union leaders representing more than 6,000 employees of Greyhound Lines Inc. have agreed to a tentative three-year contract with an investment group that plans to buy the nation's largest bus company.

Members of the Greyhound Council of the Amalgamated Transit Union voted Tuesday 20-3 in favor of agreement.

The proposal calls for base pay reductions but includes guaranteed job security for drivers and mechanics with at least five years of service and incentive pay, both sides said in a joint statement.

Greyhound union members have yet to vote on the agreement, which was reached with Fred G. Currey, head of the group buying Phoenix-based Greyhound for about \$350 million.

"The council will issue a strong recommendation for ratification of the agreement, which provides for seniority, health and welfare benefits, pension benefits and most important, job guarantees," the statement said.

The contract proposal calls for drivers with 10 or more years of seniority to receive 30 cents per mile for regular routes and 27.5 cents for charter trips. That compares with 37.34 cents for all trips under the old contract.

However, a company spokesman, George Gravley, said the pay cuts would be difficult to calculate, because in addition to basic rates the salary would be determined by incentives and extra mileage pay provisions contained in the contract.

Under the present Greyhound contract, which expired last fall but has been extended to March 19, the top scale for bus drivers is about \$50,000 a year, said union spokesman Dick Simpson. The average annual salary is about \$26,000, he said.

Currey said he will meet with the union's rank and file to discuss the agreement. He called the contract proposal "an innovative agreement that will build productivity, thereby building the company and protecting jobs."

Union members, who rejected a proposed contract with Greyhound late last year, voted overwhelmingly to give their leaders authority to call a strike if the negotiations with the Currey group failed.

Dominic Sirignano, president of the Greyhound union council, said the negotiations were unusual.

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Old-timer



Cookie, a cockatoo, has gone through a lot of moulting seasons at Brookfield Zoo in Brookfield, Ill. At age 55, the white and pink bird is the only animal left from the zoo's 1934 original collection. Cockatoos can live for up to 70 years.

Oysterman follows hard, satisfying path

By ROBERTA SABO
The Brownsville Herald

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Robert Reyes is following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

He knows it won't be an easy life — up at dawn picking oysters from the bay despite the chilling winds and capricious currents. But at the end of the day, Reyes is satisfied that he has met the sea's challenge.

"It feels so ... damn rewarding. It is raining, and you know a norther is coming in, and you go out anyway. ... You get the job done."

"If it is going to take a bottle of Jack Daniels to get the job done, you do it. The thing is to get the job done," he said after a hard day of oyster harvesting.

Reyes was 22 when he took over the family business in April 1982, just two weeks after his father died.

Reyes, the youngest of two sons, describes himself as a "crazy kid," who drove a fast car, got lots of speeding tickets, had tried all kinds of odd jobs and really "did not know what I was doing."

But his father's death prompted Reyes to get his life together and follow his example as an oyster fisherman.

"My father did this for 22 years. He had it all set up, and I couldn't see it all going to waste. Plus, he had taught me all the ways," he said.

And those ways aren't easy. Reyes is out on the bay at sunrise.

"To make a killing, you have to be out there at dawn to take advantage of the tides," he said. "You have to take advantage of those

morning hours. If you haven't done anything by noon, you won't do anything."

Reyes navigates the bay in a skiff that pulls a smaller dinghy behind. After he has gone about 12 miles up the bay, Reyes gets out of the boat and ties the dinghy behind him, pulling it as he slowly walks through the water. His partner generally does the same with the skiff.

When Reyes' trained eye spots a clump of oysters, he reaches down and pulls it up, shaking off the excess mud. Then he takes a steel bar and deftly knocks the dead oysters from the clump, tossing the live ones into the dinghy.

Reyes always picks the oysters by hand. "The waters down here are shallow and really muddy; so if you used a dredge it wouldn't work," he explained. "The oysters aren't on reefs. They are scattered in clusters so it is better to do it by hand. You get a better job out of it."

Reyes doesn't follow any set path as he picks the oysters. He appears just to wander aimlessly through the water until the dinghy is full. Then he loads the oysters into baskets on the skiff and begins again. As the afternoon draws to a close, the skiff usually is full of oysters and an exhausted Reyes heads back to port.

"It's a great feeling, but it really drains you," he added. Reyes now has four years as head of the family oyster business. He is married and supports his wife, Sofia, and 1½-year-old daughter, Celina, with his earnings.

But because of the damage done by the red tide, 1986 was Reyes' most difficult year. He doubts he will break even.

The red tide first hit the bay on Oct. 11 and Reyes was forced to stop harvesting oysters.

"It makes you really learn to appreciate working because you find out that nobody helps you out," he warned. Finally, on Dec. 23, the Texas Health Department lifted the ban on oyster harvesting south of Port Mansfield, since it determined those waters were free of the red tide's toxin, said David Estlack, the agency's field supervisor in charge of oysters.

Ecstatic with the news, Reyes was out picking oysters on Christmas Day.

"I shelled oysters on the 25th. That was my gift, opening all those oysters. At least that's how I look at it," he recalled.

Shelling the oysters often is a family affair. Using sharp knives, his wife, mom and older brother quickly open the oyster shells.

Reyes is one of 13 operators certified to process oysters in Texas. He supplies local restaurants with their oysters and is establishing a retail business.

Although Reyes had a hard year last year, he was better off than most Texas oystermen, whose harvesting was more drastically reduced because of red tide and contamination from heavy rains.

The oyster harvest season for most of the Texas coast only runs from Nov. 1 through April 30 to permit breeding, but harvesting is allowed year round south of Port Mansfield, said C.E. Bryan, Fisheries Resource program director for the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Texas harvests about 5 million pounds of oyster meat per year, about one-tenth of the nation's annual 50-million pound catch.

Learning to dance gives deaf student confidence

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Michelle Santos, a graceful, high-stepping performer with the St. Philip's Tigers dance team, could never do what she does without a little help from her friends.

The 20-year-old computer technology major seems to have been born with the sense of rhythm and personality of a performer. She also was born deaf.

Her friend, Rita Vazquez, a facilitator for the Program for Students with Disabilities at St. Philip's College, pushed Miss Santos into trying out for the dance team.

Miss Santos, in turn, taught sign language to Ms. Vazquez.

Dance team sponsor Joyce Williams puts Miss Santos in a position where she can follow the lead of the other dancers.

"At first I tried counting out the beat, but that didn't work too well," Miss Santos said through interpreter Lonna Ayres.

The other dances on the seven-member team have worked out a way to count the cadence on their fingers or tape it out on Miss Santos' shoulder.

Encouragement and practical help, in the form of interpreters and note-takers, comes from the Program for Students with Disabilities, which provides support for 19 deaf persons and about 200 other students whose disabilities range from mild to serious.

"The students accomplish the things they do on their own. We are conscious of their needs and try to provide help so they can become independent. We don't lower the standards for handicapped students," Raul T. Hernandez, coordinator of the program, says.

Miss Santos maintains a B average, and hopes to continue her education at St. Mary's University.

Moral support comes from Miss Santos' special friend, Brett Haddock, a 22-year-old St. Philip's automotive technology student. He and Miss Santos "have

been dating since they met six years ago when both were students at Sam Houston High School.

Haddock knows about the special problems a deaf person faces in a hearing world. An illness when he was 7 years old left him with partial hearing.

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'Right' not to use seat belt is wrong

DEAR ABBY: My wife refused to wear a seat belt. She said it messed up her clothes, was uncomfortable and, besides, she might be trapped if the car ever went underwater—even though there is no water within 50 miles of here.

Well, she had an automobile accident last May, and now she is paralyzed from the shoulders down. There is no doubt that she could have prevented this tragedy had she worn a seat belt, but she had always said, "It's my right to choose to wear a seat belt or not to wear one; it's my life, and it's nobody's business but my own." (Her exact words.)

Between my job and caring for her, I have no life at all. I'm only 42, and now all our dreams have gone up in smoke. I have all I can do to keep from printing her words on a poster in big block letters and placing it in her bedroom on the wall facing her, then walking out. Abby, at times I feel such hostility toward her, I don't know how much longer I can go on like this. God, give me strength! I've always worn a seat belt; so have our two practically motherless teen-age children.

DISGUSTED IN GEORGIA

P.S. I have a 48-year-old brother in Alabama who is dying from lung cancer. He's been a heavy smoker since age 17, and I find it difficult to feel sorry for him, too, but that's another story.

DEAR DISGUSTED: While your brother's plight may be "another story," the plots are similar in that both tragedies could have been avoided.

People owe it to their families to take good care of themselves. Those who live recklessly—and that includes doing drugs, and breaking the law—will not pay for their selfishness alone; their families and those who love them also suffer emotionally and financially.

Your anger is appropriate, but your wife is the principal victim, so get some counseling and learn how to deal with your anger. And persuade your wife to get counseling, too. Her guilt and anger must be overwhelming.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a grown man with teen-agers of my own, but I can't describe the guilt and shame



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

I felt during my teen years because when I was 13, my mother took me aside and said, "I know you've been 'playing with yourself'" (she couldn't bring herself to use the word "masturbating"), "and if you don't stop it, you will lose your mind and end up in an insane asylum!"

Before Christmas my wife sent for your booklet, "What Every Teen-Ager Ought to Know," and she was so impressed with it, she sent for four more for her sisters to use as "stocking stuffers" for their teen-agers.

This morning I read the booklet, and when I read the chapter on masturbation, I couldn't help but recall the tirade of my mother and how damaging it was to my self-esteem. What a pity I couldn't have read your booklet when I was 13.

Please print that portion of your teen booklet in your column. You'd be helping thousands of young people and their parents as well. Sign me ...

BORN TOO SOON
IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR BORN: Here's the chapter:

MASTURBATION

This will be the shortest chapter in the booklet. Why? Because all you need to know about masturbation is: It is normal. Every healthy normal person has masturbated.

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I repeat, all normal boys and girls (and some adults, too) practice this natural type of sexual gratification.

Now, isn't that a load off your mind?

Pride's top musicians



Pampa High School members of the All-Region Band are, top photo, front row from left, Brenda Graham, Delma Jara, Noelle Barbaree, Anne Colwell and Cindy Whitmarsh. Middle row from left, Roy Wheeler, Dana Malone, Micaela Mendoza, Marla Jett, Byron Black and Chuck Stone. Back row from left, John Sturgill, Tracy Lebow, John McGrath, Roby Conner and Jeffery Lane. PHS All-State Band members are, photo at right, from left: Roy Wheeler, 1st alternate, Percussion I; Noelle Barbaree, 2nd chair French horn; and John Sturgill, 1st alternate, bass trombone.



(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Cancer Society offers 'Reach to Recovery'

The Reach To Recovery program of the American Cancer Society is a rehabilitation program for women who have had breast cancer. It is designed to help women meet the physical, emotional and cosmetic needs related to their disease and/or its treatment. It also provides information and support to loved ones and friends.

Reach To Recovery works through carefully selected and trained volunteers who have fully adjusted to their surgery. After the physician has authorized the visit, an appointment is made with the patient. The volunteer visitor brings a kit containing a temporary breast form, manuals of information and appropriate literature for husbands, children and other loved ones and friends.

The visitor can provide information on types of permanent prostheses and lists of where they are available. No products are endorsed by the American Cancer Society.

Reach To Recovery can provide information to women interested in breast reconstruction, and volunteers who have had reconstruction. Because of the many new approaches to the management of breast cancer, some units have visiting volunteers available who have had radiation, chemotherapy and

other therapies. Carefully selected volunteers may be available to meet a woman before surgery.

Qualifications of a Reach To Recovery volunteer are: She has had breast cancer and has been clear of cancer of a period of one year. She is adjusted and emotionally stable. She has the approval of her physician. She has knowledge of professional ethics. She shows warmth, courtesy, tact and consideration. She maintains confidentiality and agrees to participate in yearly training updates. A woman who meets these qualifications is prepared for the volunteer visitor's role during specialized training sessions.

There is never any charge for Reach To Recovery services. The Gray-Roberts unit of the American Cancer Society has four volunteers: Shirley Wooldridge, Jane Gattis, Linda Hokit and Nadine Fletcher. Any of these Reach To Recovery volunteers will be glad to make a call on a patient after her doctor leaves an order for one.

These services are made possible by the contributions received in the cancer drive each spring and the memorials received. Memorials may be sent to Johnnie Thompson, 100 W. Nicki, Pampa 79065.

Potassium may prevent strokes

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Science Writer

BOSTON (AP)—There may be some truth to the old adage that an apple a day keeps the doctor away, according to a new study of the diets of stroke victims.

Fruits and vegetables are a good source of potassium, and the research suggests an extra serving daily may provide enough potassium to significantly reduce the odds of stroke.

The research was viewed skeptically by some experts who contend it's too soon to conclude that potassium prevents strokes. But even they agree that boosting consumption of fruits and vegetables is a healthy idea.

The researchers at the University of California, San Diego, found that people who got plenty of potassium were more likely

than those with low consumption to "escape strokes."

"The results indicate that one extra serving of fresh fruits or vegetables each day may decrease the risk of stroke by as much as 40 percent, regardless of other known risk factors," said Dr. Elizabeth Barrett-Connor, a co-author of the study.

People following her advice should rearrange their diets so they don't take in more calories. "We probably eat too much meat, so the obvious thing to have it (fruits and vegetables) replace is fatty food," she said.

The study, conducted with Dr. Kay-Tee Khaw of the University of Cambridge in England, was published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

Among those who question the conclusions is Dr. Franklin Ep-

stein of Boston's Beth Israel Hospital.

"It's conceivable to me that the people who ate less, and therefore ate less potassium, weren't feeling well," Epstein said. "Their appetites were poor. This might have predisposed those people to an increased risk of stroke."

Epstein cautioned against taking potassium pills because they might cause heart trouble in people with diabetes or kidney problems.

Barrett-Connor agreed that people should get their potassium from food, because other things in fruits and vegetables may also help ward off disease.

Strokes are the nation's third-leading cause of death after heart attacks and cancer. This year, they will kill an estimated 155,000

people in the United States.

The study was based on 859 men and women between ages 50 and 79 who lived in Rancho Bernardo, Calif. Doctors questioned them about diet and lifestyle and gave them physical exams. Twelve years later, 24 had died of stroke, and the physicians attempted to see how the stroke victims differed.

The researchers found that the stroke risk in men whose daily potassium intake was below 59 millimoles was about three times that of men with higher consumption. For women, the risk for those who took in less than 49 millimoles each day was five times that of women who ate more.

In this study, there were no strokes among men with consumption over 76 millimoles and women over 67 millimoles.

Agape Services seeks volunteers

Agape Health Service is seeking volunteers to help Pampa citizens facing a health crisis.

An organizational meeting of Agape Volunteer Assistance will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis.

Volunteers are needed to sit with an ill patient, help care for a terminally ill person, give rides to physicians, deliver groceries, work in the volunteer office, sit with the elderly, check on homebound persons, do minor home repairs, and pick up drug items. For more information, call 669-1023.

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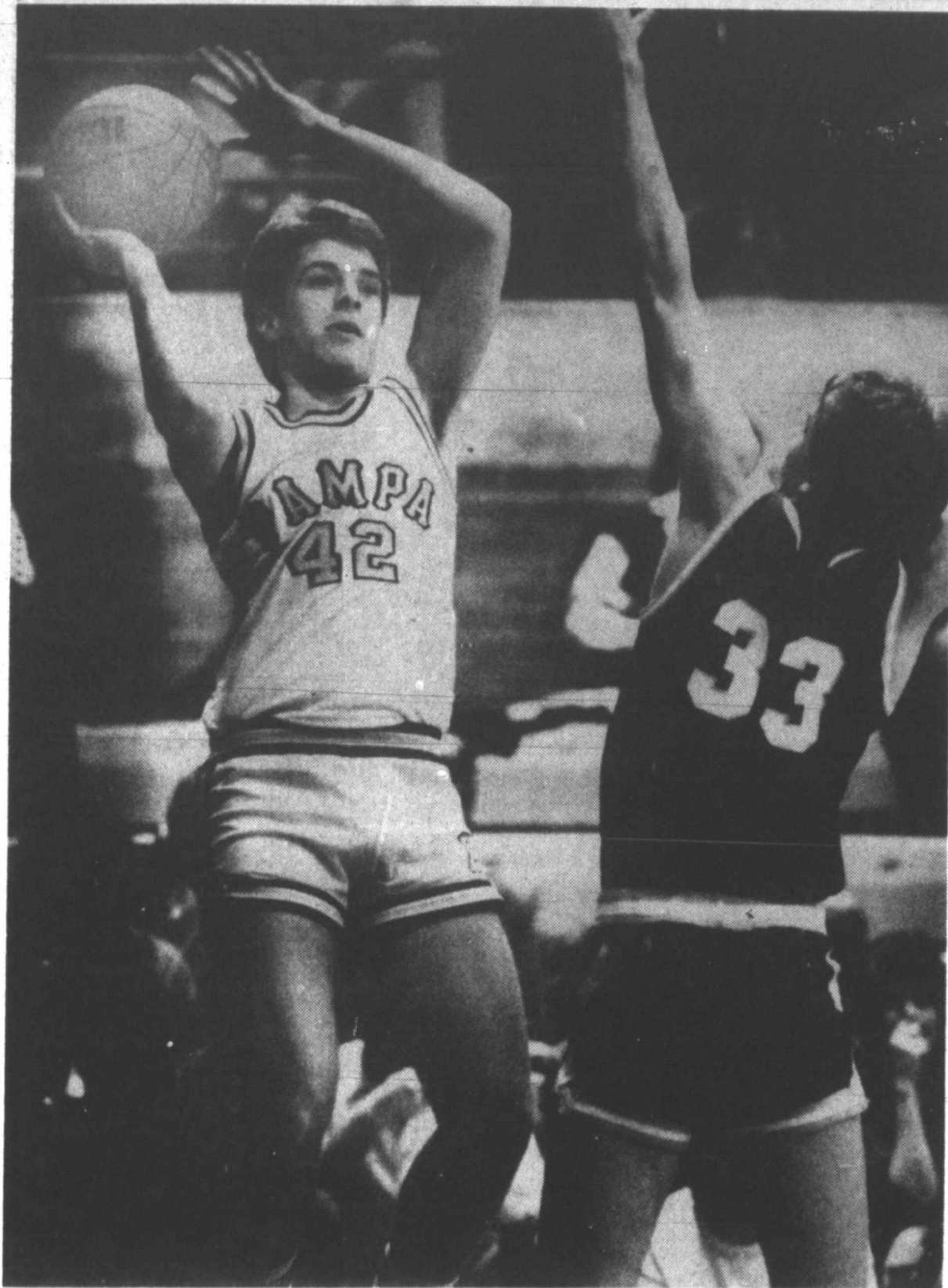
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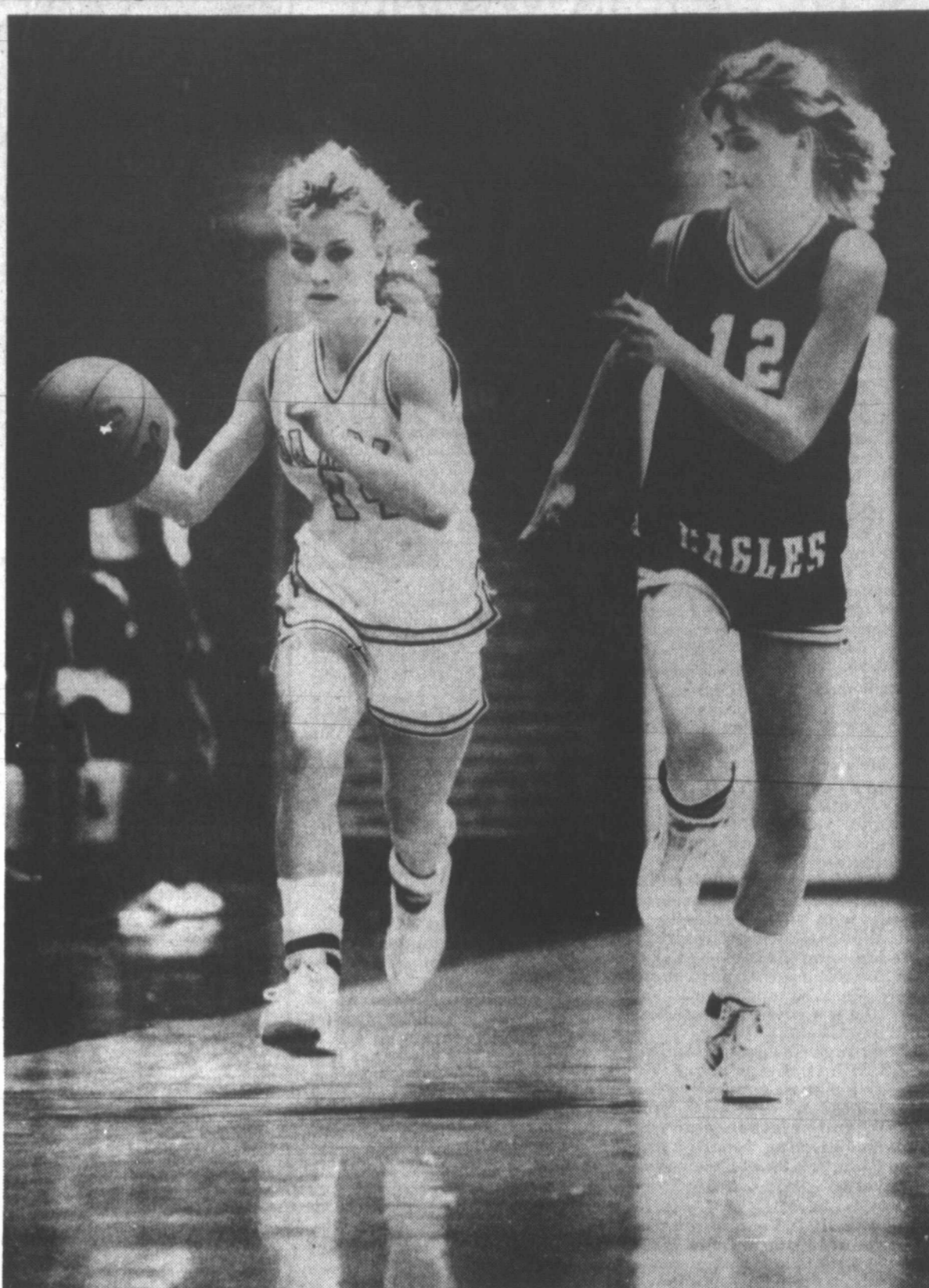
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Sports Scene



Pampa's Grant Gamblin jump passes over a Canyon defender.



Landee Cummings hustles the ball up the floor.

(Staff Photos by Duane A. Laverty)

Harvesters sneak past Canyon 35-34

Canyon's girls too much for Lady Harvesters

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

Whatever the remedy is for stopping powerful Canyon, the Pampa Lady Harvesters won't find it this season. The Eaglettes, displaying deadly shooting and a devastating full-court press that caused 27 turnovers, soared to a 78-42 District 1-4A win in the girls' game Tuesday night.

However, Pampa avenged an earlier 20-point loss to Canyon in the boys' game with a 35-34 low-scoring squeaker in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Although the Harvesters are out of contention for a playoff spot, they played a spoiler's role against Canyon, who came in two games back of Levelland and Lubbock Estacado for the runner-up spot in the district race.

The boys' game was one of those nip and tuck affairs with neither team owning more than a 4-point lead. With Canyon ahead 34-33, Lonnie Mills scored the winning bucket for Pampa on an inside shot with 6 seconds to go. The Eagles turned the ball over

on the in-bounds pass and Pampa had its hard-fought victory by utilizing a patient offense.

"We showed a lot of character in this game. We kept fighting back and fighting back," said Pampa Coach Robert Hale. "We just went out and played hard and never looked at the scoreboard."

How close was the game? Well, the lead changed a dozen times and the two teams were dead-locked eight times before the 6-0 Mills hit the game-winner.

The lead was exchanged five times going into the final three minutes, but Canyon had the advantage in the final seconds when David Thomason went to the foul line in a one and one situation and the Eagles ahead 34-33. But Thomason missed and Pampa's Dustin Miller controlled the rebound with 23 seconds remaining.

Mills' tally came next on a pass from David Duke to give the Harvesters a 4-7 district record and 8-17 overall. A 61-41 loss to Canyon on Dec. 16 made the victory all that much sweeter for the Harvesters, who won the game on Parents Night for both the boys' and girls' teams.

Canyon dropped to 6-5 in district play and 15-12 overall. Mills was the only scorer in double figures for Pampa with 11 points and the muscular senior also pulled down seven rebounds.

Miller chipped in 9 points, followed by Duke with 5, Mark Spain 4, Troy Owens, Chris Evans and Derrick Ryan 2 points each.

Hale also praised Miller, Owens and Spain for teaming up on Canyon's top scorer, Todd Welty, and holding the 6-5 senior to 12 points. Welty entered the game averaging around 16 points per game. Jason Rains and Pat Cannon added 8 and 7 points respectively for the Eagles.

Canyon outrebounded Pampa 23-18, but had 22 turnovers compared to the Harvesters' 18. The Eagles also suffered through a poor shooting night, especially in the third quarter when only three of 14 field goal attempts found the range. For the game, the Eagles were 15 of 38 (39.5 percent) from the floor.

Pampa did well from the foul line, hitting 7 of 11 tries for 77 percent. Canyon never went to the charity stripe the first half and ended up hitting 4 of 9 attempts.

The Canyon girls, shooting 72 percent from the floor (36 of 50) and 86 percent from the foul line (6 of 7) were just too much for the Lady Harvesters to handle.

Pampa shot 35 percent (17 of 48) from the floor and 72 percent (8 of 13) from the foul line.

Canyon, which had four scorers in double figures, led at halftime 40-16.

Pampa had 13 points each from Landee Cummings and Yolanda Brown, but Canyon pulled quickly away with its pressure defense and red-hot shooting.

Top scorer for Canyon was Amy Claborn with 19 points, but she had plenty of help from Tammy Williams (14), Tammy Weatherly (12) and Marsha Eshew (11). Others scoring for Pampa were Shivone Parker with 5 points, Tacy Stoddard and Jackie Reed, 4 each; Camillia Brown 2, and Holly Hoganson 1.

Pampa did have a 22-21 rebounding edge with Brown pulling down 8 rebounds to lead the Lady Harvesters.

Canyon, ranked as the No. 2 team in Class 4A, lifted its record to 12-1 and 16-1. Canyon is second and top-ranked Levelland is first in the district standings. Pampa (9-4 and 16-7) holds down third place and needed an upset to have a shot at the playoffs. Canyon scored an earlier 71-35 victory over Pampa.

Pampa hosts Frenship in a basketball twinbill Friday night with the girls' game starting at 7 p.m. It will be the final home game for the Lady Harvesters.

In the junior varsity game, Chris Hoganson hit two foul shots in the closing seconds as the Pampa Shockers defeated Canyon JVs 51-49.

Mark Wood led Pampa in scoring with 25 points while Greg Ferguson and Greg Wolcott each had 8 points.

The Pampa JVs are now 13-8 overall and 6-4 in district play.

In last week's action, the Shockers were defeated by Hereford JVs 61-46. Ferguson was Pampa's top scorer with 12 points while Hoganson and Wood had 7 points each.

Conner gains vengeance in America's Cup race

FREMANTLE, Australia (AP) — Dennis Conner, the man who lost the America's Cup, won it back today as Stars & Stripes swept Australia's Kookaburra III in four races to raise Old Glory over the Auld Mug again.

It was sweet revenge for the 44-year-old San Diego sailor, who dedicated three years of his life to recapturing yachting's biggest prize — which he lost to Australia II in 1983 in Newport, R.I.

Thousands of spectators lined

the harborfront, welcoming Conner and his crew. As Conner entered the harbor, he pulled down the sails and raised a huge U.S. flag from the mast. His crew, wearing red, white and blue, waved to the crowds and celebrated with huge bottles of champagne.

He was the first American to lose the cup, which had been held by the New York Yacht Club since the schooner America won it in 1851.

Harvester Booster Club meets

The Harvester Booster Club will meet at 8:30 p.m. tonight in the football fieldhouse, club president Ladin Moore announced today.

Club members will discuss changing the Booster Club meeting time following the basketball season and changing the workers at the concession stands.

Future projects will also be discussed, Moore said.

Pampa lady tracksters featured in UIL record book

FROM THE NOTEPAD: With UIL realignment due a year from now, the talk among coaches is that both Canyon HS and the new Valley View HS in north Randall County will be 4A classifications; efforts to protect Amarillo HS athletic strength could force Caprock HS back to 4A... Frenship HS will field its first-ever baseball team this spring, but not compete in District 1-4A competition. "We expect about 50 players, no seniors and only a few juniors," said Tiger Coach Dick Vanderpool... Tod Mayfield, Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame athlete of the year, will do his practice teaching this spring at Caprock HS, and also work with the Longhorn quarterbacks. "I haven't really heard much from the pros yet," said the former Panhandle Panther star, whose capable father is superintendent of schools at Happy. In case the PISD Board is interested... Mark

Lehnick, former PHS top swimmer, will become chamber of commerce president this month at Tucumcari, N.M., where he is a bank official. Father Ed served the Pampa schools very well as athletic director for several years before moving into the same position in Amarillo, where he is helping plan a \$55 million bond issue that will include multipurpose buildings at all high school campuses... He may not have made the big league spring training camps as a player, but ex-Oiler star Deck Woldt "hel-lo's" from the West Coast where "I've been watching some of the Dodgers work out at the Stadium..." The Pampa High state champion girls track team is pictured in the UIL's 1985-86 record book of Champions. The Booker HS girl golfers along with Coach Ron Pinckard (former PHS staff member) and the 5A Amarillo Sandie basketballers also gained

Sports Forum

Warren Hasse



photos... James Jappa, who played his freshman season at West Texas State for Ken Edwards, is averaging 17.7 points per game for the winning Southern Illinois-Edwardsville team this season... It's hard to get a firm opinion out of ESPN's Dick Vitale, but he says former WTSU assistant "J.D. Barnett is one of the guys ready to burst from the shadows in to great recognition for his sideline skills. In order to burst into the sunlight it might be necessary to make a step up to a

little bigger coaching job." Barnett, now at Tulsa, successfully recruited Pampa's Ricky Bunton to Louisiana Tech in 1978, even returning to attend Rick's graduation although he had inked the agreement several months earlier. That's class.

Good to have former NY Titan footballer Buddy Cockrell back home for a visit from his half-million acre ranch in Australia... The Region I Texas High-School Coaches Association meeting will be held in Plainview Saturday

with a main order of business to vote on coaches and players for the annual Coaching School All-Star games... News writer Cathy Spaulding of this paper gets a mention in the current edition of Texas Coach (thanks to friend Putt) for her pun about "Show me a Pampa High athlete who performed overseas and I'll show you an International Harvester." Okay, Cathy. Try Randy Matson, Jim Bond and E.J. McIlvain for openers... We lost a very good man and educator last week when Principal J.C. Randall passed away. He watched the Carver HS Wildcats win a lot of championships... Beginner trivia: Name the former Harvester who played a couple of seasons with the NY Giants before they became the Super Bowl champions from New Jersey... As our state officials desperately seek to open foreign markets for our farm products can you, too, remember

how Pampa state Senator Bob Price was ridiculed by area media with caustic remarks like "Does he think he's the Secretary of Agriculture?" when he initiated a one-man effort to open the same markets over a decade ago!... Former Harvester Dick Bynum was presented a special citation as an honorary member of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce for his longtime dedicated service to the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame. "I just went over and said '1941' to Coach Lynch (Former Amarillo HS football coach) and he knew what I meant," said Bynum. The date marked a 16-12 PHS win over AHS, ending a lengthy Sandie win streak... Randy Clay, one-time all-American from UT-Austin, played for the NY Giants in 1950 and 1953, along with some teammates named Chuck Conerly, Tom Landry and Frank Gifford.



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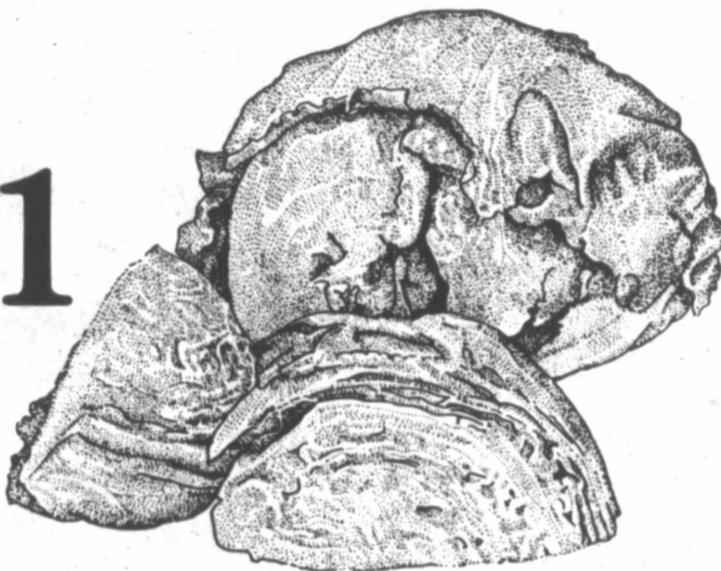
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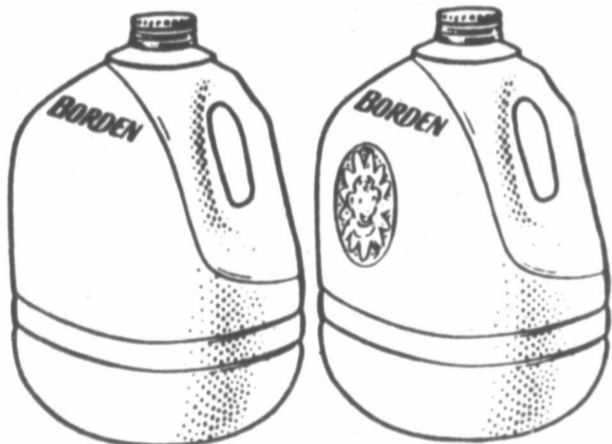
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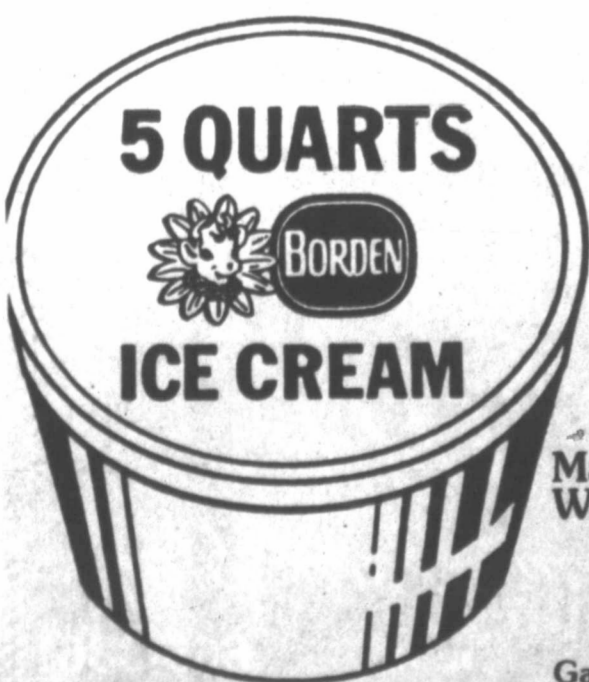
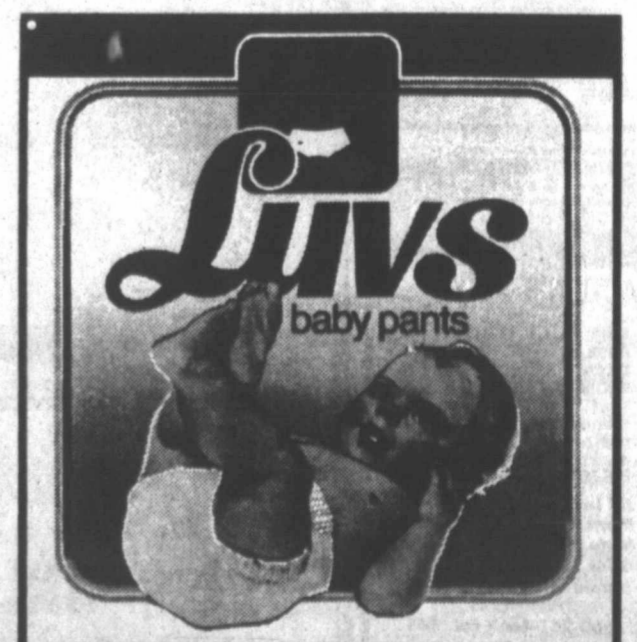
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