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Clements 'proud' of tax increase

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AUSTIN (AP) — Although the budget he has presented to the Legislature will require a \$2.9 billion tax increase, Gov. Bill Clements says he will offer no apologies.

"I'm proud of the plan. I have no apologies to make for the plan. I think it's in tune with the people of this state," Clements said after delivering his State of

the State address Wednesday.

In that 35-minute speech, Clements unveiled his long-awaited state budget, proposing a "hold-the-line" spending plan and acknowledging the need to keep \$2.9 billion from temporary tax increases approved last year.

"The time is past for business as usual, for the old politics of tax, tax, tax, spend, spend, spend," Clements said. "The simple fact is that this budget holds the line on government spending

while we get our economy moving again."

Clements proposed total spending for 1988-89 of \$36.87 billion, an increase of \$766 million over current levels.

In presenting his plan to the Legislature, Clements also endorsed keeping the higher level of tax revenues that began Jan. 1 when "temporary" sales and motor fuel tax increases took effect.

Those hikes — passed by lawmakers

last fall and signed by White — raised the sales tax rate from 4½ percent to 5½ percent and lifted the motor fuel tax from 10 cents per gallon to 15 cents. They are scheduled to expire on Aug. 31.

But Clements said in his 35-minute speech and at a subsequent news conference that the extra \$2.9 billion raised by those temporary levies still will be needed after Aug. 31.

He said he would sign legislation to

keep that additional money flowing into the state treasury.

Clements said he favors restructuring the sales tax system to lower the rate — to perhaps 4 percent or 4.5 percent — while expanding the base to include services not now taxed. He also voiced support for lowering the fuel tax to 13 cents per gallon.

The extra \$2.9 billion is the limit for any tax bill sent him by the Legislature. See PROUD, Page 2

Auto wrecker seeks seized cars' return

Crossroads owner demands property or county payment

By PAUL PINKHAM
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A Pampa salvage lot owner, accused of participating in an auto theft ring stretching from Amarillo to Dallas, is seeking \$170,000 in damages from Gray County for property seized after he was indicted last December.

A letter mailed Monday by attorneys for Woody and Andrea Mitchell, owners of Crossroads Auto Salvage, 120 S. Hobart, asks Gray County to pay \$170,000 for permitting former Assistant District

Attorney David Hamilton's "improprieties to run rampant" or risk facing a \$1.25 million lawsuit in federal court.

Mitchell, 44, 1105 Christine, was arrested Dec. 24, 1985, following a joint investigation by the Amarillo and Pampa police departments and the Texas Department of Public Safety auto theft division. Authorities alleged that vehicle identification numbers were being taken off wrecked vehicles at the Pampa salvage yard and placed on vehicles reported stolen from Garland.

Also arrested the same day in Amarillo was Amarillo police officer Terry Simmons, a former corrections officer with the Gray County Sheriff's Department. Simmons was accused of driving a stolen vehicle.

Mitchell had been indicted seven times in Gray County on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, conspiracy to commit theft, theft, engag-

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State indecision puts lock on Pampa prison proposal

By LARRY HOLLIS
News Editor

The idea of a Pampa prison is penned up at the state level.

The possibility of Pampa's becoming the site of a state prison facility depends on resolution of "a complicated mess" involving the state's indecision over whether to build new prisons and where to put them, City Manager Bob Hart said Wednesday afternoon.

Hart said he learned there's a number of factors involved in trying to locate a prison facility in or near the community. But most of all he learned there's still a lot of uncertainties in the state's plans.

"A complicated mess is all it is now," he stated. Hart, City Commissioner David McDaniel and Pampa attorney David Martindale discussed pris-

on locations with state officials in Austin Monday night.

"There's all sorts of uncertainties floating around out there now" concerning whether the state will even expand its prison facilities into regions other than East Texas, Hart said.

Pampa city and business leaders asked Hart a couple of months ago to begin preliminary inquiries into whether the city should pursue the possibility of being selected for a prison site.

Hart has looked into the matter in the absence of a chamber of commerce manager or an economic development director, noting that's his only involvement at this stage.

After his meeting in Austin, Hart said it seems the possibility of pursuing a prison site is rather premature at this stage.

Hart said one of the main things he learned is

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Bill Homer views remodeled clinic.

Groom clinic ready to open

By CATHY SPAULDING
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GROOM — The long-vacant Groom Memorial Hospital will again be a place of healing — at least on Tuesdays — when Dr. Keith Black moves his part-time clinic there.

Black, a Pampa osteopath who since August has operated a once-a-week clinic in an unused home owned by the school district, will open his new clinic in the old hospital Tuesday.

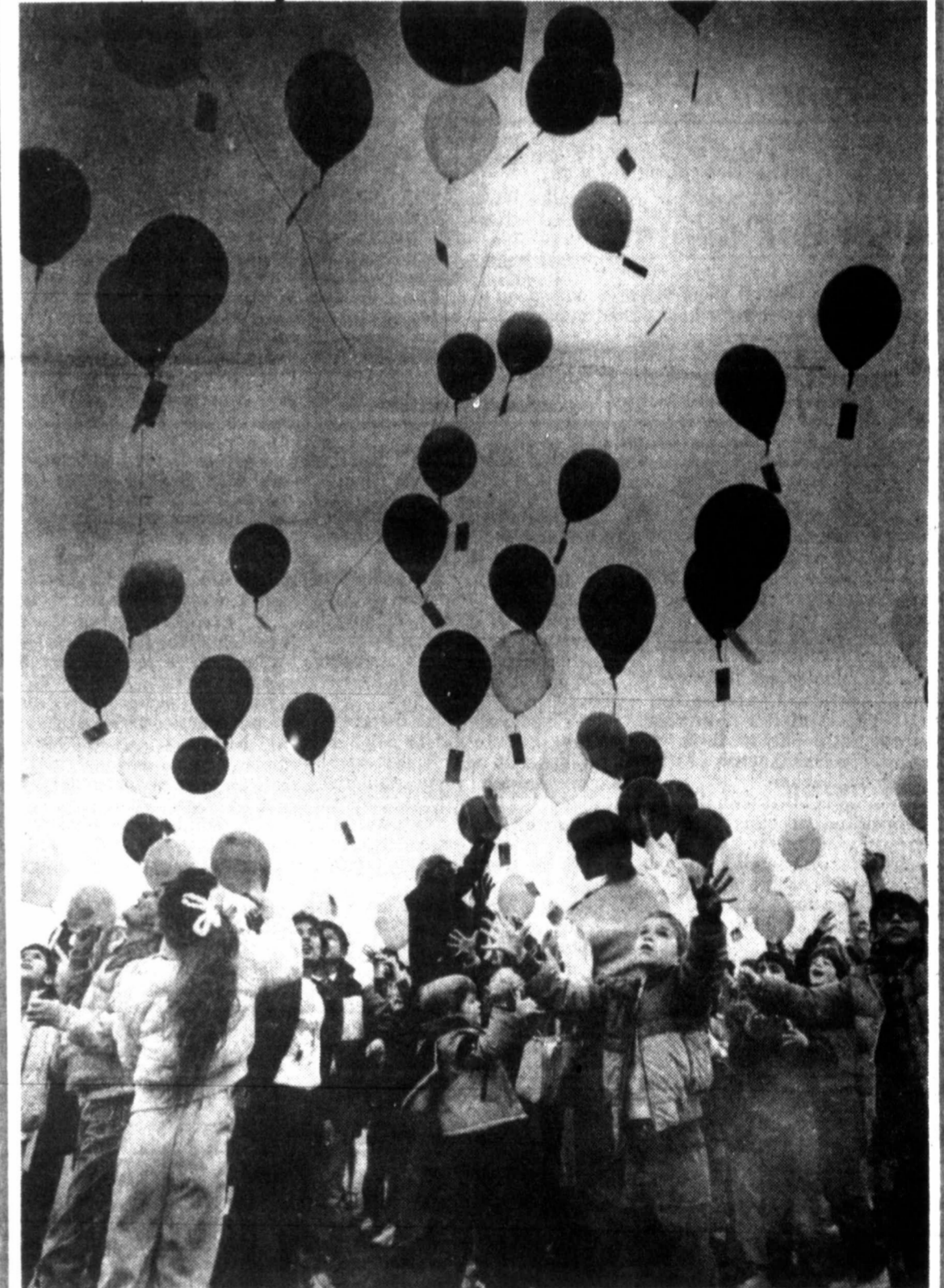
Groom residents are helping the doctor move into his clinic this week and will host an open house at the clinic at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Black will operate the clinic from 4-8 p.m. Tuesdays, the same hours he kept at his office next to Groom School.

With the opening of the clinic, members of the Groom Economic Development Corp. have completed the first phase of their goal to revive the abandoned Groom hospital. Their dream is to turn the 27-year-old facility into a clinic, community center

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Balloons away



Students at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic School release balloons Wednesday in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. About 100 children participated in Wednesday's celebration at the school, 810 W. 23rd Ave.

(Staff Photo by Deane A. Laverty)

Did AIDS kill Liberace?



Liberace

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Liberace, the glittering showman and pianist who captivated fans for four decades with an inimitable personal and musical style, died quietly at home, holding a simple rosary. He was 67.

Fans who kept a vigil at his desert home, Casa de Liberace, and friends in the entertainment community mourned the loss of the man born Wladziu Valentino Liberace on May 16, 1919, in West Allis, Wis.

"Lee was the nicest person in show business," said Shirley MacLaine.

"That he was a consummate artist is not really as important as my telling you he was one of the finest human beings I've ever known," said Frank Sinatra. The entertainer known for

rhinestone-studded costumes and extravagant jewelry died in quiet dignity Wednesday afternoon, surrounded by friends and family, said his publicist, Jamie James. He slipped into a coma Tuesday and never regained consciousness.

The cause of death was cardiac arrest due to congestive heart failure brought on by subacute encephalopathy, an inflammation of the brain, said Dr. Ronald Daniels.

Liberace had been gravely ill for weeks with what aides said was anemia, emphysema and heart disease. Spokesmen denied a report that he had AIDS.

Liberace was one of the nation's most enduring entertainers, a master of pizzazz long be-

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Viewpoints

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EVER STRIVING FOR TOP O' TEXAS TO BE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

Let Peace Begin With Me

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Opinion

Philippine election strengthens Aquino

The bloody outbreak near the gates of the presidential palace in Manila dramatizes the uncertain future of democracy in the Philippines. How much longer the country's political fortunes can hold out against volatile internal opposition, a communist insurgency, and recurring threats of a military-led coup is a question that few wish to ask.

Now that the euphoria from her sudden rise to power has ebbed, President Corazon Aquino is under mounting siege. Conservatives, including some powerful Army colonels, accuse Mrs. Aquino of not dealing decisively enough with communist rebels who have battled government troops for 17 years. Liberals, including leftist labor leaders, attack Mrs. Aquino for reverting to the economic policies of the ousted Ferdinand Marcos, for failing to implement immediate land reform, and for not taking a stand against the American military presence at Subic Bay naval base and Clark air field.

The deadly demonstration outside Malacanang Palace stemmed from leftist demands for swifter distribution of land holdings expropriated by the Aquino government after the overthrow of Marcos.

All of the Philippines' competing pressures came to a head Monday, when voters approved a new constitution. The charter legitimizes Mrs. Aquino's rule for the duration of a six-year term ending in 1992. Consequently, the constitution is more a referendum on President Aquino's 11-month-old administration than a plebiscite on self-rule.

Although the document is flawed by American standards, it probably offers the only immediate opportunity for stability in the Philippines.

Rejection of the constitution likely would have triggered a giant step backward. At the very least, it would have created a power vacuum that an array of conflicting forces would have sought to fill.

An expanding civil war or control of the country by the military were among the risks of a constitutional defeat.

The resounding approval of the constitution, though final totals are not yet in, may have relieved pressure for Mrs. Aquino to call a fresh presidential election. Juan Ponce Enrile, Aquino's erstwhile defense minister and chief rival for the presidency, campaigned vigorously against the constitution in hopes of reviving his political future.

Approval of the constitution finally may have ended uncertainty over who will lead the Philippines government. The mandate likely struck a note of stability in the face of the country's mounting problems.

Not least of these is the communist insurgency led by the 23,000-member New People's Army. The rebels already have declared they will not agree to extend a 60-day cease-fire with the government when it expires Sunday. The insurgents have broken off peace talks that were the centerpiece of Mrs. Aquino's controversial policy to negotiate a settlement of the conflict. The failure of the negotiations further weakens Mrs. Aquino's ability to deal with her critics.

Even though the constitutional election strengthened Aquino's hand, the sore losers will continue challenging the government's stability for years to come.



James J. Kilpatrick

Nude dancers test doctrine

WASHINGTON — In this bicentennial year of the Constitution, we will be hearing a lot of federalism — and a lot of what we hear will be hot air. State sovereignty ain't what it used to be. But out in Oregon, to judge from a recent court case there, the doctrine is alive and well.

The case involved a raid by police on an adult bookstore in Redmond. Officers seized almost the entire inventory of the store, including 73 magazines, 142 paperback books and nine films. The store's owner, Earl A. Henry, was charged with possession of obscene material in violation of a state law. A jury found him guilty, and the trial judge sentenced him to 60 days in jail and a fine of \$1,000.

A couple of weeks ago the case reached the Supreme Court of Oregon. There the conviction was overturned, and Henry was freed. The interesting point is that the case turned not on the U.S. Constitution but on the Oregon state constitution.

The U.S. Constitution proscribes against any law "abridging freedom of speech or of the press." Article I, Section 8 of Oregon's constitution is much broader. It says that "No law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write or print freely on any subject whatever; but every person shall be responsible for the abuse of this right."

The statute under which Henry was convicted was drafted to meet standards established by the U.S. Supreme Court: in what is known as the Miller decision. Under this rubric, material is "obscene" if (1) it depicts sexual conduct in a

patently offensive manner, (2) the average person, applying contemporary state standards, would find that the work, taken as a whole, appeals to a prurient interest in sex, and (3) taken as a whole, the material lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

By these criteria, the evidence seized at Henry's store was plainly "obscene" as a matter of federal law. The Oregon Supreme Court was not concerned with federal law or with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The court looked to state history to determine if "obscenity" had been regarded as an exception to "freedom of expression" when Oregon's bill of rights was promulgated in 1857.

"Oregon's pioneers," said the court, "brought with them a diversity of highly moral as well as irreverent views. We perceive that most members of the constitutional convention of 1857 were rugged and robust individuals dedicated to founding a free society unfettered by the governmental imposition of some people's views of morality on the free expression of others."

In brief, Oregon's pioneers intended to protect freedom of expression "on any subject whatever," including the subject of sex. What is "obscene" under the Supreme Court's Miller test is not obscene in Oregon. "In the state any person can write, print, read, say, show or sell anything to a consenting adult even though that expression may be generally or universally considered 'obscene.'"

The court made it clear that obscenity might lawfully be regulated in the interests of unwill-

ing viewers, captive audiences and minors. Presumably the producers and participants engaged in making sexually explicit films could be prosecuted. The "nuisance aspect" of such material could be regulated, but "obscene" expression "may not be punished in the interest of a uniform vision on how human sexuality should be regarded or portrayed."

Rex Armstrong, a Portland attorney who represented Henry before the Oregon Supreme Court, says that the free speech and free press clauses of the U.S. Constitution have become almost irrelevant in Oregon. Relying upon the state constitution, Oregon courts have held that the state cannot zone bookstores and theaters on the basis of content of expressions, cannot prohibit sexual conduct in a live public show, and cannot prohibit nude dancing and similar "expressive conduct" in establishments that sell liquor.

State constitutions until recently have been relegated to the dusty attics of the law. It is as if they had no function beyond defining the structure of state government. On questions of individual rights and criminal law, federal courts and the U.S. Constitution have reigned supreme. But just a year ago the Washington state constitution figured significantly in a case involving an establishment of religion. Other such cases keep cropping up.

My own thought is that nude dancing in an Oregon saloon stretches the very limits of "the free expression of opinion," but so be it. Diversity is what federalism is all about.

Bits of history

In 1690, the first paper money in America was issued by the colony of Massachusetts. The currency was used to pay soldiers fighting a war against Quebec.

In 1783, Spain recognized U.S. independence.

In 1809, the territory of Illinois was created.

In 1865, a conference aimed at ending the Civil War that included President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens took place on the River Queen off the Virginia coast.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1916, Canada's original Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, burned down.

In 1917, the United States broke diplomatic relations with Germany after the Germans announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died at his home in Washington at age 68.



Lewis Grizzard

Air travel: A massive hoax

A wonderful thing has happened to me. I received notification in the mail recently that I have been invited to join "The Man Will Never Fly Memorial Society."

Until I received my notification, I had no idea an organization existed. But now I am fully aware, and I will be proud to help in the society's primary purpose:

The society is dedicated to debunking the myth of the Wright Brothers and subsequent, so-called man flights.

The society was born on December 6, 1959, when a group of friends had been invited to Kill Devil Hills, N.C., to honor Wilbur and Orville's alleged first flight on Dec. 17, 1903, at nearby Kitty Hawk.

The night before, described by the founders as "a dark and windy night when nothing flew and even the sea gulls bounced from place to place like hoppy toads," the group began to drink heavily. The more they drank, the more they became convinced that men flying is just another cruel hoax being played on society.

The brochure that accompanied my membership offer indicated the myth of men flying has its roots all the way back to ancient times.

"First, came the nonsense of Cupid flying through the air," the brochure reads. "Then, there was the nonsense of Pegasus, the winged horse."

"Next, came the fabled Arabian carpet. And finally, a piece of flummery about a flying stork that dropped babies down chimneys."

"Small wonder that humankind, nourished on such nonsense, would readily believe two bicycle mechanics from Dayton, Ohio, could move through the air like winged fowl."

What, then, of the massive jets of today that are supposed to carry people from city to city at hundreds of miles an hour?

The society has an answer for that: "Airports and airplanes are for the gullible. Little do passengers realize they are merely boarding Greyhound buses with wings."

"While on board these winged busses, passengers are given the illusion of flight when cloud-

like scenery is moved past their windows by stagehands in a very expensive theatrical performance."

So that's how they do it. I further learned the society is involved in several worthwhile projects, one of which is a plan to build an Invisible Museum for UFOs.

Another, being tackled by White Knuckle Chapter (Austin, Texas) is researching the octane rating of chili gas, in case someone eventually does invent the airplane.

I, of course, have long been dubious of air travel, as well as afraid of it. If you share my feelings and are interested in joining the society, write to: TMWNFMS, P.O. Drawer 1903, Kill Devil Hills, N.C. 27948.

All you have to do is send \$5 and make the pledge that is the lifeblood of the society:

"Given the choice, I will never fly, but given no choice, I will never fly sober."

Consultant reaches out for Hispanic vote

By Don Graff

SAN ANTONIO (NEA) — The Hispanic-American vote traditionally has been lopsidedly Democratic, by something like 95 percent.

In the 1984 presidential election, the Reagan-Bush ticket got 47 percent of it by the Republican National Committee's count. The typically strong showing attests to the enormous political appeal of the man heading the ticket.

Lionel Sosa doesn't dispute that. On the other hand, he also thinks he had more than a little to do with it. He handled the Hispanic-focused segment of the Reagan-Bush campaign in '84, as he did in 1980 election.

Sosa heads his own advertising and marketing firm here specializing in the Hispanic market, a specialty he first got interested in via politics. That was in 1978, with the re-election campaign of then Sen. John Tower, Republican Tower won by a microscopic margin of 0.1 percent of the

total vote, to which 36 percent of the Hispanic vote was crucial.

"It was significant," says Sosa of that race, "that we were able to convince the Hispanic to do something contrary to natural inclination."

Sosa has since played similarly successful roles in campaigns of former and now again Texas Gov. William Clements and Sen. Phil Gramm, both Republicans, as well as San Antonio's three-term Hispanic mayor, Democrat Henry Cisneros.

Meanwhile, Sosa was also pioneering the nationwide Hispanic consumer market, currently estimated at more than \$70 billion and numerically the fastest growing segment of the total market. The Hispanic population is increasing at a rate more than six times that of the general population.

One of the most effective ways to tap that market, Sosa frequently advises his clients, is community assistance. So, for example, he is developing a multimillion-dollar scholarship

program for a major food products corporation.

Hispanics are the most undereducated segment of the population. Their high school dropout rate is 50 percent and only 7 percent complete college.

This is not, says Sosa, because of disinterest in education. Quite the contrary, Hispanics want to improve their situation but are uncertain as to how to go about it, in large part because they have what he identifies as "a low self-perception" of their role in the broader American society.

That needs to be changed and can be, maintains Sosa, noting that the low Hispanic college attendance figure, from a 1985 study, nevertheless represents more than a doubling in just three years.

Sosa sees the upcoming 500th anniversary of the discovery of America as a golden opportunity for raising the Hispanic image. The public spotlight will be on an immense contribution to the New World, celebrating a heri-

tage for today's Hispanics who have long felt like second-class citizens.

"It will be an educational thing," says Sosa. "This is where you came from and this is your contribution to this country. Be proud of it!"

He sees a more immediate opportunity in the new immigration law that will legalize the status of millions of aliens who have entered the country since 1982. He is already involved in seeking them out and judges most of those he has talked with to be well above average intelligence.

"They may not be literate because they've never had any formal education," Sosa continues. "But these people know how to figure things out, and they are resourceful enough to be able to get good jobs, to bring their families over here to live a fairly decent life while having to hide."

"They are the risk-takers. They are people who have the American dream, who want to do better based on their own ability to do so."

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Nation

Surrogate mother: 'So what do we do, cut her in half?'

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP)—A surrogate mother threatened to kill the child she bore rather than give the infant to the biological father and then asked, "So what do we do, cut her in half?" according to a tape played in court.

The bitter, sometimes tearful conversation played in Superior Court on Wednesday demonstrated the dilemma that faced Mary Beth Whitehead and William Stern. The custody dispute set the stage for the first court test of the legality of surrogate parenting.

The 40-minute July 15 conversation was taped secretly by Stern when Mrs. Whitehead called from a Florida hide-out where she had fled with the baby. Authorities discovered Mrs. Whitehead 87 days after she ran away, and the infant was returned to the Sterns.

As Stern begged Mrs. Whitehead to return his daughter, she told him, "I

gave her life, I can take her life away."

The cries of the infant, known in court papers as Baby M and now 10 months old, could be heard in the background as Mrs. Whitehead pleaded to be forgiven for renegeing on the \$10,000 contract in which she agreed to be artificially inseminated with Stern's sperm and turn the baby over to the childless couple.

"She's bonded to me, Bill," said Mrs. Whitehead, 29. "I sleep in the same bed with her. ... You tell me, what are ya' going to do when you get this kid screaming and carrying on for her mother?"

Stern, in a calm but quavering voice, answered: "I'll be her father. I'll be a father to her. I am her father."

The tape was introduced into evidence by the Sterns' lawyers, who have been trying to demonstrate that Mrs. Whitehead and her husband, Richard, a

37-year-old garbage collector, do not have the emotional or financial stability to raise the child.

Judge Harvey R. Sorkow is considering the validity of the surrogate contract and whether custody of the baby should go to the Whiteheads or to Stern, a 41-year-old biochemist, and his wife, a 41-year-old pediatrician.

Early in the taped conversation played Wednesday, Mrs. Whitehead said she cannot give up the child: "Bill, it's my flesh and blood, just like yours."

She mentions killing herself or the child several times.

"I want my daughter back," Stern told her.

"And I want her, too, so what do we do, cut her in half?" Mrs. Whitehead replied.

"No, no, we don't cut her in half," Stern said.

"You want me, you want me to kill myself and the baby?" Mrs. Whitehead asked.

Later in the conversation she told Stern, "I'd rather see me and her dead before you get her."

"Don't, Mary Beth, please don't do —" Stern responded.

"I'm going to do it, Bill," Mrs. Whitehead said.

Outside the courtroom, Mrs. Whitehead called the day of the conversation a low point in her life.

"I would never harm my child or anybody else in any way," she said. "I was just trying to make him understand."

Stern said that during the conversation, he had "visions of her being in some rooming house with the baby and taking pills or something. I was frightened."

The Sterns' attorney, Gary N. Skoloff, said it was an extraordinarily emotional time for Mrs. Whitehead.

"But she made terrible threats to herself and to her baby, and made the most terrible accusation of sexual abuse," he said.

In a July 16 taped conversation played in court, Mrs. Whitehead falsely accused Stern of sexually abusing her 12-year-old daughter.

Mrs. Whitehead said outside court her false accusations were "just words that I didn't mean. I was really feeling the pain of losing my child. I wanted Bill to know that."

The Whiteheads' lawyer, Randolph Wolf, said the tape made it evident Mrs. Whitehead wasn't serious about harming herself or the child but that she was desperately afraid of losing the infant.

Some lawmakers determined to close remaining loopholes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Trying to decide between a pleasure boat and a yacht? Go with the yacht, call it your second home and claim a full deduction for the interest.

Chances are that if you pick a mere boat, your interest deduction will be limited — or if you wait too long, eliminated. That's one of the results of the landmark 1986 tax overhaul, and some lawmakers are vowing to change it.

Why, Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo., asked at a Finance Committee session Wednesday, should interest on a yacht be completely deductible while loans for education, automobiles and medical expenses will be non-deductible once the new law is fully in effect?

J. Roger Mentz, assistant secretary of Treasury for tax policy, told the committee he would have no objection if Congress eliminated the deduction for yachts claimed as second homes.

Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., whose state makes more yachts than any other, saw it differently. The yacht provision "is not a scandalous thing," he protested, adding that "there's been so much gobbling up of land in this country" that the government should praise — not condemn — somebody who opted to live on water.

For many years, the tax laws have permitted yacht owners to claim their vessels as a second home and fully deduct the mortgage interest. As long as the boat has cooking and toilet facilities, Chafee said, it can be considered a home. The new law continues that provision, while reducing or eliminating several other benefits that were deemed to be unfair to most taxpayers.

The law gradually eliminates deduction of consumer interest, including loans for education, automobiles and boats that are not homes.

But the owner of a yacht-home may skirt that restriction by borrowing against the value of the vessel — taking out a second mortgage — and, within limits, using the proceeds for any purpose and still deduct the interest.

This provision was not inadvertent; Danforth and others noted it when the Senate debated the bill last September.

Danforth, who voted against the bill, offered this scenario: "Joe Doak ... goes out and borrows money to pay for his wife's hospital bill. He cannot deduct it. Mr. Gotrocks has a 60-foot yacht. He can borrow against that yacht and he can deduct the interest payments against the yacht and use the proceeds to do anything he wants...."

Administration's signals on 'Star Wars' are confusing

WASHINGTON (AP)—In the fight over "Star Wars," supporters and critics can agree on one thing: the Reagan administration has recently sent a confusing series of signals about its intentions and goals.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz said this week that no decision is likely soon on what type of system to build, while Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger disputed Shultz, telling Congress "we are getting close" to making just such a decision.

And Edward Aldridge, the secretary of the Air Force, asked by a Senate committee about Star Wars deployment, answered, "We don't know what it is. ... We don't have one today."

After a White House meeting in which Reagan, Shultz and Weinberger discussed with GOP legislators the Strategic Defense Initiative — as Star Wars is known formally — Senate Republican leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said "there was confusion" about what is going on.

Dole said the GOP leaders believe the administration needs to come up with "a good outline of our policy."

Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., an administration critic, told Weinberger's deputy, William H. Taft IV, "The SDI situation is confusing." Taft agreed.

The problem stems from a lack of specific definition of SDI, according to both supporters and critics. Without that basic definition, SDI's impact on arms control, along with the federal budget, is difficult to pin down.

"SDI has never been adequately defined and people see in it what they want to see in it," said Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

When Reagan announced the program in March 1983 he said it should have the goal of developing futuristic technologies aimed at protecting the United States against attacking nuclear missiles.

No date has ever been set for deployment of a system, although supporters said in SDI's early days they hoped to have something by 2000. Now, they say, a system could be built early in the next decade if only Reagan gives the go-ahead soon.

In the past four years, the Pentagon's SDI office has doled out billions of dollars worth of research contracts to look at the potential of futuristic weapons such as lasers and particle beams.

Administration officials such as Weinberger and Shultz say the research has gone better than expected.

But they offer little public information to back up those statements, saying results are classified.

With Reagan leaving office in two years, some Capitol Hill supporters have argued that he should make a decision before then on what type of weapon to build.

Complicating the debate are the effects of Star Wars on arms control. While both superpowers are researching SDI systems, the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty sharply limits defenses which can be deployed.

Alleged drug kingpin to face charges in U.S.

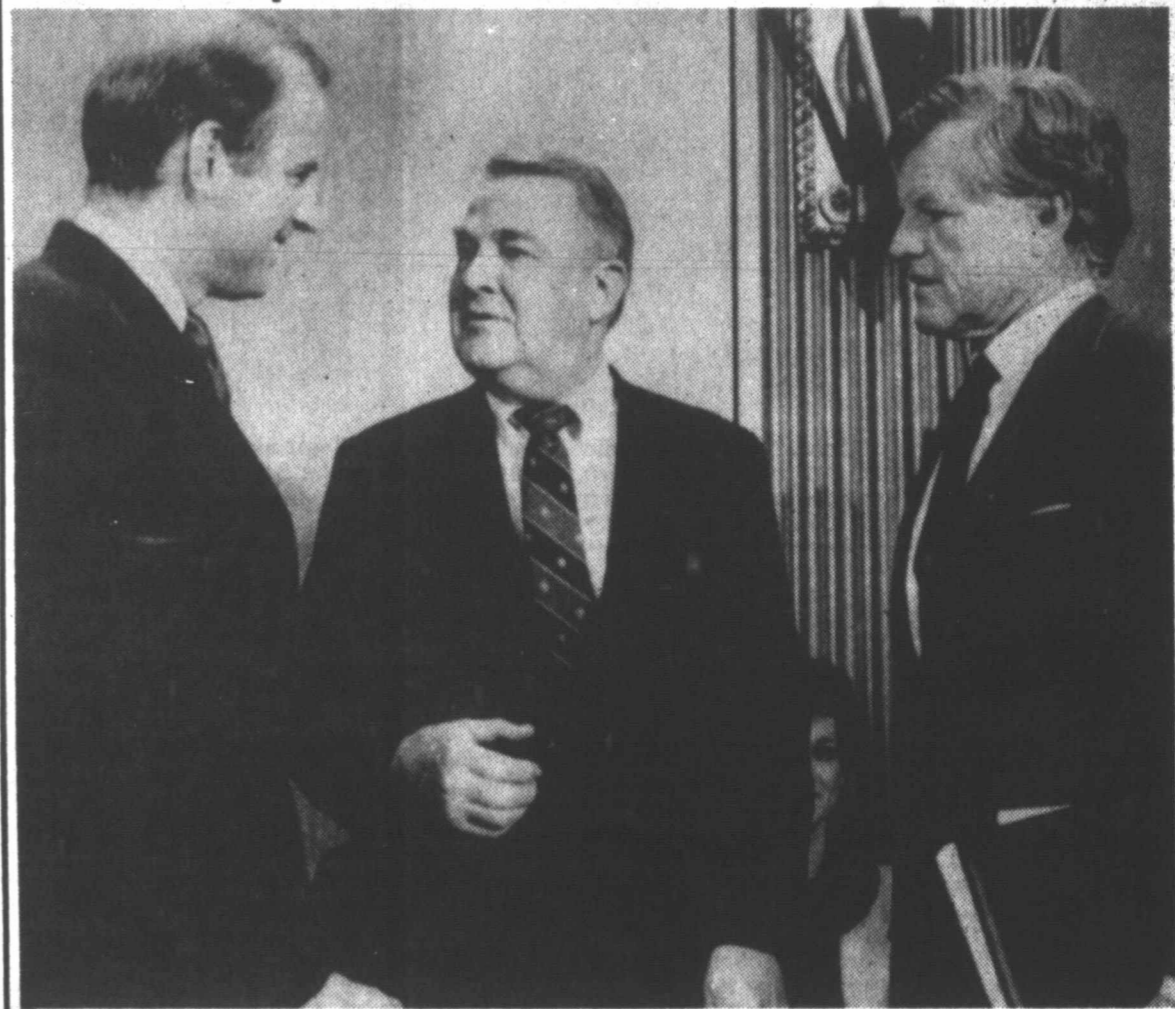
TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Carlos Lehder Rivas, who went from selling marijuana on New York streets to allegedly become one of the world's top cocaine traffickers, arrived here today, a day after being captured in a shootout in Colombia.

Federal authorities said Lehder was to

appear today in federal court in Tampa.

Lehder, 37, is wanted in Jacksonville and Miami on narcotics and racketeering charges. A Miami indictment alleges he is a member of the "Medellin Cartel," which it says is the world's biggest drug smuggling ring, responsible for 80 percent of U.S.

Justice Department review



Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joseph Biden of Delaware, left, and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., right, speak with Attorney General Edwin Meese III before a committee meeting on Capitol Hill Wednesday. The committee is reviewing the Justice Department budget and its operation. (AP Laserphotos)

President's son on ABC

NEW YORK (AP)—President Reagan's son Ron will have a five-part series on ABC's "Good Morning America" next week in which he recreates five acting roles.

In the Monday segment, he takes on the Tom Cruise role in the movie "Top Gun," and finds out what it's like inside an F-14. The segment was taped at Miramar Air Base in San Diego, ABC said Wednesday.

Other roles he recreates are from Broadway's "42nd Street," Burt Lancaster's 1951 movie "Trapeze," Sean Connery's "View to a Kill," and Jackie Gleason's "Minnesota Fats."

The six-year itch to quit

By W. DALE NELSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—At first glance, it may appear that the Reagan administration may be suffering a severe case of the six-year itch, or to be breaki g out with a rash of resignations.

But White House officials insist the patient is in good health considering it has only two years to go. They say departures make way for "new energies."

As happens in an administration whose days are numbered by the no-third-term amendment to the Constitution, a number of officials, most recently White House Communications Director Patrick J. Buchanan, are leaving for new jobs.

White House aides, however, say they are untroubled by the loss of experienced people.

"I think we're healthy and in good shape," said presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

"I'm surprised there aren't more (resignations) here and in the Cabinet," said a White House official speaking on condition he not be identified.

Such resignations are common after an election, this official noted.

When Buchanan's departure was announced Tuesday, it was the third time in four days the White House had disclosed that someone was leaving the administration.

On Saturday, it had been Mitchell E. Daniels Jr., who is stepping out as White House political director to practice law and serve as a think-tank executive in his native Indiana.

On Monday, it was William J. Casey, the ailing director of central intelligence.

Other recent departures have included John Poindexter as the president's national security adviser and Lt. Col. Oliver L. North, a top Poindexter aide at the National Security Council — both casualties of the Iran-contra affair.

Others who have left are White House spokesman Larry Speakes and his deputy, Peter Roussel; Cabinet secretary Alfred Kingon; drug-abuse adviser Carlton Turner; and presidential physician Dr. T. Burton Smith.

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Iranian says reporter handed over to Swiss

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iranian officials have handed Wall Street Journal reporter Gerald F. Seib over to the Swiss Embassy in Tehran in preparation for his expulsion from the country today, an Iranian diplomat said.

Iranian officials announced their decision to free Seib on Wednesday, five days after his arrest on charges of spying for Israel. He had been invited into Iran last month with other Western journalists to report on the Iran-Iraq war.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, Iranian Ambassador Said Rajaie-

Khorassani told a news conference late Wednesday that Seib was handed over to the Swiss Embassy. Spokesmen for the embassy, which handles U.S. interests in Iran, would not comment.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored here, said Wednesday that Seib would be put on a plane out of the country today. It did not say where the Cairo-based journalist would be taken.

Paul Seib, the journalist's brother, said at the family home in Hays, Kan., that relatives were elated. But he added the family won't "take anything for

granted" before hearing definitely that Seib has been freed.

IRNA quoted an unidentified Information Ministry official Wednesday as saying the decision to expel Seib followed "a judicial probe" and that the reporter is banned from ever returning to Iran.

IRNA gave no details of the investigation, but Seib apparently was cleared. Premier Hussein Mussavi told Tehran radio Wednesday, without elaboration: "After being questioned, the issue has been clarified."

Seib's arrest may have resulted from

maneuvers by factions preparing for a power struggle anticipated after the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who is 86. There were rumors that some in the government were extremely pleased with the arrest, while others opposed it.

Seib was among 57 foreign correspondents and photographers invited by Iran to tour the battle zone where Iranian forces have pushed into Iraq toward its southern provincial capital, Basra. The Persian Gulf neighbors have been at war since September 1980. He had been in Iran for 10 days when

he was seized Saturday outside his Tehran hotel. The other journalists were allowed to leave.

State Department spokesman Charles E. Redman said Swiss diplomats interceded; but beyond that "I am not in a position to go into the various channels that have been used."

Three other Westerners held by Iran on espionage charges remain in prison: American telecommunications engineer Jon Pattis, Canadian engineer Philip Eng and British journalist-businessman John Cooper, all arrested in 1986.

Snow Festival opens



A snow sculpture of Buddha towers over spectators in a preview of the 38th Sapporo Snow Festival in Sapporo on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. The seven-day festival opened Thursday with 308 elaborate works, the largest numbers ever, to compete in the annual snow and ice sculpture contest of the festival.

Mexican peso just a whisker away from 1,000 to the dollar

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican peso currency, badly battered in recent years by the nation's serious economic woes, is just a smidgen away from breaking the barrier of 1,000 to the U.S. dollar.

Private analysts looked for the peso to deteriorate to that level on Friday since banks were closed Thursday, a national holiday.

In Mexico City, bank-owned exchange houses ended business Wednesday offering 987 pesos for those wanting to exchange a dollar on the free market and demanding 997 pesos for those wanting to buy one.

Private exchange houses in Mexico City quoted rates of 988 to 999.

The free-market rate is used in tourism and most border transactions.

A second rate, regulated by the government, stood at about 992 pesos to the dollar on Wednesday. It was expected to open Friday at 1,002.5 pesos to the dollar, according to a spokesman for the Bank of Mexico, the central bank.

The controlled rate, which is set daily by the central bank and commercial bankers, is used in about 80 percent of commercial transactions.

Despite the further weakening of the currency, private analysts were unconcerned about the peso's hitting the 1,000 mark.

"It's a non-event, other than psychological," said MBank vice president Don Shuffstall in El Paso, Texas. "The fact it's hitting 1,000 is (only) a milestone."

Jonathan Heath, senior economist at the private Mexican forecasting project of CIEMEX-Wharton in Philadelphia, said the steadily declining peso has helped the economy by making Mexican goods more competitive to foreign buyers.

"Mexican exports are way much more attractive," he said.

Exports of non-petroleum goods were up 32.9 percent in 1986, to a value of \$9.4 billion, he said.

The increase in export sales has brought in badly needed foreign currency to Mexico to help offset sharply falling revenues from oil sales.

But the declining currency also has boosted the prices of imported goods needed for manufacturing, adding to the nation's soaring inflation rate.

For Mexican consumers, the weak peso has made imported goods and foreign trips much more expensive and out of reach for many.

For U.S. and other tourists, the lower rate means they can get more pesos for their dollars or other currencies, often making travel and purchases cheaper.

The peso's value has deteriorated sharply since February 1982 when it was 26 to the dollar. That year the nation's economy plunged into a serious crisis it has yet to fully recover from.

At the end of last year, the peso traded at 936 to the dollar, after beginning the year at about 450.

Rates along the border between Mexico and the United States are often higher than those in the capital. But it appeared Wednesday the rates were similar.

Shuffstall said the El Paso bank offered rates of 985-997 on the free market.

Elizabeth Aguayo of the Valley National Bank in Nogales, Ariz., which handles exchanges for the National Bank of Mexico, a commercial bank, also quoted rates of 987-997.

At Capin's department store in Nogales, Arturo Cruz, an official who handles peso exchange, said customers were charged 1,000 pesos for \$1 worth of merchandise.

Heath predicted that the government would maintain the current exchange policy in the coming months but then perhaps slow the rate of decline. At year's end, he said, the peso rate would likely be close to 1,900 to the dollar.

The Center for Economic Studies for the Private Sector, a prominent research group, issued a forecast earlier in the week that the currency rate would be 1,700 to 1,800 by the end of the year.

Harvest now 55 days behind schedule

SANTA ROSA, Texas (AP) — An unusually wet fall and winter have dampened this year's sugar cane harvest in the Rio Grande Valley and forecasters say more rain is possible through the end of the month.

This year's harvest has been set back 55 days because of wet weather or fields so soggy they don't support thrashing equipment, said Jack Nelson, president of the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers Inc.

An average harvest misses 30 days because of rain and the crop is usually in by mid-March.

Last year's smaller crop was harvested by Feb. 20 and only eight days were lost because of the weather. Nelson says the cooperative hopes this year's harvest, valued at about \$35 million, can be completed by mid-April.

But the National Weather Service on Wednesday predicted a substantial chance of rain through Friday and forecasters said that February may continue a four-month trend of above normal precipitation.

"We'll just have to wait and see," Nelson said Wednesday. "We can't manage the weather."

The Valley has been beset by unusually wet weather since October, when monthly rainfall totals began climbing above average.

Nelson said 52 percent of the Valley's 31,400 acres of sugar cane remain to be harvested.

In the past two months, the harvest was shut down between Dec. 10 and Jan. 5, and then again between Jan. 12 and last Sunday.

NWS forecaster Alfredo Vega in Brownsville said rainfall was more than 10 inches above normal between October and January.

"Harvesting late has some effect on next year's crop," Nelson said.

Young trio nominated for Grammy

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The young female trio Pandora has capped its quick rise to musical success with a Grammy nomination for Best Latin performance.

"We're very excited to be going, but with our feet firmly on the ground," Fernanda Meade, a member of the trio, said at a news conference here Wednesday. "Just being on the list already is very important for us."

The nomination for their hit song "Como te va mi amor," or "How Is It Going My Love?" matches Pandora against such standbys of the Latin pop scene as Puerto Rican Jose Feliciano and Mexican stars Jose Jose and Yuri.

Pandora plans to attend the awards ceremony Feb. 24 in Los Angeles, taking a break from an extensive South American tour.

The other members of the group are sisters Isabel and Mayte Lascurain.

Their first album, titled simply "Pandora," made up mostly of romantic ballads, has sold more

than 300,000 copies since its debut in 1985, which makes it a triple gold disc in the Mexican system.

Their second album, "Pandora Otra Vez," or "Pandora Another Time," was released last July.

In addition to their Grammy-nominated song, their hits have included "Solo El y Yo," "Just He and I," and "Como una mariposa," or "Like A Butterfly."

The trio has had some top moments for a young group. Pandora appeared last year at a Los Angeles benefit for the homeless from the September 1985 Mexico City earthquake on a bill that included Frank Sinatra, Julie Andrews and Placido Domingo.

"When we were in Los Angeles last August we learned a lot from Frank Sinatra and Julie Andrews. They were very nice to us," said Mayte.

The group, whose members are in their early 20s, has been invited to appear later this month at the Vina del Mar festival in Chile, one of the major hemispheric song festivals.

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The homeowner's dilemma

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Homeowners are facing an odd dilemma, one produced by good fortune.

Their good fortune is the fall in rates on home mortgages.

Their dilemma is whether to hold on to even lower variable rate mortgages in the hope the rates might fall even lower — or to act now, nail down a fixed-rate mortgage and thus secure the future against any upturn in rates.

Homeowners are not unique in having a dilemma. Stockholders, for instance, have a problem of their own in deciding whether to take their profits now, or take the chance they can ride the rampaging bull without getting dumped.

But stock market people are investors, or even speculators or traders, while homebuyers generally are not. They are common folks with the primary goal of keeping a roof over their heads, and only secondarily of making a bundle.

Making the dilemma especially painful are factors such as these:

- Mortgage rates, having dropped to their lowest levels since 1978, could fall some more. Many housing people think they will, but not by very much, and probably not beyond this spring.
- There is a big difference in monthly payment costs between fixed-rate mortgages at about 9 percent and variable rate loans, which might be a full point lower. To transfer would mean immediately higher monthly payments.
- To transfer from a variable to a fixed-rate loan also would mean one-time, up-front processing

charges and points. Two points on a \$50,000 mortgage costs \$1,000, although it often can be included in the total amount financed.

The question to be answered by many families distills to this: Is it better to accept a relatively small amount of financial pain now in order to be safe from the possibility of a great deal of financial pain in years to come?

Those "years to come" put a dimension on the dilemma that many people find difficult to deal with. A difference of just \$100 a month can mean \$24,000 over the life of a 20-year loan. That is almost a year's pay for the typical family.

But the difference can be much greater if the loan is larger than \$50,000 or the spread expands between future variable rates and existing fixed rates. And the betting is that it will.

One critical factor should be remembered — it never will be forgotten by some folks — and it is that variable rates can vary upward. While most have caps, they can rise by several points in a few years.

So, is it wiser to pay \$1,000 or more in one-time charges, plus \$100 a month extra, to nail down a rate you know you can afford? Or is it better to take the chance that rates will fall, or not rise very much, over months to come?

Some factors that might influence your decision:

- Are you now close to the limit of your ability to pay?
- Do you have a cash reserve?
- Is your job secure? Remember, rising rates could accompany big layoffs.
- Do you intend to sell your house in the next few years, or keep it for the rest of your life?

Condemned killer hoping for stay

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A man facing death next week for the 1982 slaying of a Beaumont jeweler says he has been denied a fair chance in proving his innocence.

Elliot Rod Johnson, of Port Arthur, a 10th grade dropout who later was discharged from the Army because he could not cope with military life, faces lethal injection Feb. 11, but he hopes a stay will be granted.

"I don't think I'm getting a fair chance at this whole ordeal," the 28-year-old inmate said during an interview Wednesday on death row. "I'm due justice no matter how they look at it. I want to live."

Johnson has had two previous execution dates, and Attorney General Jim Mattox has said that the death row inmate is likely to be put to death next

week.

If executed, Johnson would be the second Texas inmate to be put to death this year and the 22nd since the state resumed executions in 1982. Convicted killer Ramon Hernandez was executed last week for a slaying in El Paso.

Johnson's attorney, Sam Dunn of Orange, filed an appeal Wednesday with the U.S. Supreme Court. The motion was assigned to Justice Byron White but no action was taken immediately.

Johnson, who has two previous marijuana possession convictions, and three other men were accused of killing Joe Granado, the owner of the downtown jewelry store, and a co-worker, Arturo Melendez. Johnson and Maurice Andrews received the death penalty, while the two others received lesser sentences.

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- 44 Coal product
- 45 Entertainer
- 46 Sailing vessel
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- 58 Very small
- 59 Chemical suffix
- 60 Novelist
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- 63 Holiday suffix
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- 6 Ear (comb. form)
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- 10 Disagreeable child
- 11 Belonging to Lincoln
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Others will give up guessing on how to please you today if you ask for one thing, yet expect something else. Don't play games.
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to keep your financial affairs in proper balance today. Funds which you have earmarked for essentials shouldn't be wasted on frivolous activities.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If your objectives are fuzzily defined today, you're not likely to accomplish your aims. Be very specific about that which you hope to achieve.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) An associate with ulterior motives might try to pump you today regarding something which was told to you in confidence. Guard your replies.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Before passing gossip on to friends today, verify what was told to you through other sources. You may find the stories don't match.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you might be erroneously swayed by a pal with poor judgment. Before accepting any counsel, consider the adviser along with the advice.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is not a good day to attempt do-it-yourself projects which you've never tried before. Your thumb could get in the way of your hammer.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It isn't a wise policy today to loan something that isn't yours to another without first consulting the owner. You wouldn't like it if it happened to you.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Where major issues are concerned you and your mate are likely to be in accord today, but a dispute could arise over something rather petty.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your industriousness may be at a low ebb today. You'll do small tasks grudgingly, but you might not even attempt the big ones.

MARVIN
By Tom Armstrong

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH WINTER AROUND HERE...

MARMADUKE
By Brad Anderson

TOO MUCH SLUSH AND NOT ENOUGH MUSH

KIT N' CARLYLE
By Larry Wright

IT'S AMAZING HOW POOR YOUR HANDWRITING GETS WHEN YOU HAVE A KITTEN.

WINTHROP
By Dick Cavalli

MY UNCLE HARLEY, THE MAGICIAN, CAME UP WITH A NEW TRICK.
HE MADE THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE DISAPPEAR.
A LOT OF PEOPLE IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE TAKING SWIMMING LESSONS.

ALLEY OOP
By Dave Graue

DONE? WHAT'S ALL DONE?
THE CHANGE-OVER!
AVA AND I BUILT THE NEW COMPONENTS WHILE YOU WERE IN THE HOSPITAL!

SNAFU
By Bruce Beattie

I have to get into a top college. Otherwise, I won't ever make enough for my kids to go.

TUMBLEWEEDS
By T.K. Ryan

I NEED A VOLUNTEER FOR A VERY DANGEROUS MISSION!
I.E., TO SNEAK INTO THE FORT AFTER DARK!
HOSTAGES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE, FERMISHER.

THE BORN LOSER
By Art Sansom

DID I BORROW YOUR SNOWBLOWER WHILE YOU WERE AWAY?
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME NOT TO WITHOUT PERMISSION? BESIDES...
... IT WAS OUT OF GAS.

FRANK AND ERNEST
By Bob Thaves

ASSEMBLE THE HYENAS... I FEEL A JOKE COMING ON.

PEANUTS
By Charles M. Schultz

I COULD HAVE HAD AN OLDER SISTER TO LOOK UP TO...
OR I COULD HAVE HAD A YOUNGER SISTER WHO WOULD HAVE LOOKED UP TO ME...
INSTEAD DID I GET?
I KNOW THE ANSWER!

GARFIELD
By Jim Davis

MAYBE SEEING OPIE WILL JOG YOUR MEMORY
WHAT A SWELL LOOKING POG. PUT 'ER THERE
YIP! YIP! YIP!
I WONDER IF I'M GOING TO LIKE THIS GARFIELD?

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Lifestyles

Today's sunglasses provide attractive looks, protect vision

You don't need Jim McMahon or Jack Nicholson to tell you shades are hot. Slick sunglasses perch on notable noses everywhere in films, videos, magazines and on TV.

Wearers also seem to be getting hip to the functional benefits of quality sunwear. Consumers are realizing sunglasses that look good should also work well.

Sunglasses are a year-round accessory with protective be-

downstairs. Sunglass manufacturers have been offering more fashionable products lately, combining colorful frames with "optical-quality lenses."

To avoid vision distortion, non-prescription optical-quality sunglasses lenses should be made of ground and polished glass, just like prescription glasses.

Good sunglasses will block out at least 65 percent of the visible light and even more of the ultraviolet light. Plastic sunglasses lenses that have been "polarized" are also a viable choice, unless you'll be in bright glare from snow, water or strong sun.

A test at the sunglass counter: If you can see your eyes without difficulty when looking in the mirror, the glasses aren't dark enough. Hold the glasses up to a fluorescent light. If the lines you see are wavy, not straight, try another pair.

However, dark glasses are not always good glasses. In fact, the opposite may be true. "Dark glasses that don't screen out enough ultraviolet light will cause the pupil to dilate — to get larger. This lets in even more damaging light," warns optician Brian Shiffman, of Shiffman Guild Opticians of Flemington, N.J. The result, he says, can be tearing, eyestrain and even cataracts.

Even among the best-quality, ultraviolet lenses, there are lot of colors and that can make choices confusing. "The best protection is in gray, green or brown lenses. These are the most absorbent," says Barry Tannen, assistant clinical professor at the New York State College of Optometry. "Yellow and rose don't absorb as well and are really just fashion colors. Blues and purples should be avoided," he says.

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day and everything looks cloudy."

"Top-quality sunglasses can actually sharpen your vision and that's important on the slopes," she continues. Alley is also looking forward to the recently developed nylon frames that don't get cold next to your skin.

Even manufacturers like Carrera, Bausch & Lomb and Vaurinet, makers of optical-quality sunglasses, are moving away from severe-looking frames with dark or metallic rims.

Carrera, for example, is selling what it calls "funglasses" in neon colors and pastels. These frivolous-sounding frames come with lenses that have many high-tech advantages. The lenses are also numbered, much like sun screen. The higher the number, the greater the ultraviolet protection.

Bausch & Lomb has taken its classic Ray-Ban aviator glasses — a best-seller with men — and restyled them in 10 "Flying Colors" to appeal to women. Even the dark "Wayfarer," darling of the denim set, now comes in a choice of colors — with the same dark, optical-quality ultraviolet

lenses.

In addition to competing with the many high-fashion sunglasses on the market today, these companies aim to capitalize on the public's willingness to buy more costly and better-made sunglasses for daily use.

The billion-dollar sunglasses industry is seeing a steady increase in the average retail price consumers are willing to pay to protect their eyes — in style. In 1987 about 38 percent of all sunglasses bought in the United States will be priced between \$15 and \$25, according to a projection by Accessories Magazine. Another 31 percent will cost even more.

You could pay from \$10 to \$100 for good sunglasses. Optical-quality glass sunglasses start at about \$40. There are also many well-made polarized styles for half that price.

When you hesitate to pay the price for good sunglasses, think what you'll pay for a blouse you wear once in a while, then think again about what you're willing to pay for something you'll wear every day to protect your eyesight.



Sunglasses from Carrera are numbered to denote different degrees of ultraviolet protection.

nefits that work on the ski slope, beach or street. They should be chosen carefully, but the choice isn't always easy.

Sunglasses should not only keep out visible light, they should keep out the sun's ultraviolet rays. These rays are intensified in harsh winter glare.

Some of the finest sunglasses were originally designed for winter-sports enthusiasts who needed high-performance gear.

Select sunglasses first by the lens, then by the look. Also make sure they don't slip or pinch.

Fortunately, you no longer have to look like you skied to the office or parked your race car

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Bausch & Lomb now makes its classic Ray-Ban aviator frames in 10 colors with optical-quality lenses that screen out 85 percent of visible light and almost all ultraviolet rays.

American History Month



(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty) Pampa Mayor Sherman Cowan signs a proclamation designating February as American History Month in Pampa. Mrs. Tom Cantrell, American History Month chairman and member of Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Republic, watches the signing. The group is working to obtain passage of a congressional resolution for national observance of American History Month in February. The DAR started American History Month in 1956.

Girl Scout cookie sales extended through Sunday

Girl Scout cookie sales have been extended through Sunday, Feb. 8 in the Quivira Council.

Inclement weather at the beginning of the sale made it hard for the scouts to get out and sell the cookies, according to Celia Fowler, executive director. Arrangements have been made through Little Brownie Bakers for the sale to be extended one week.

Scouts will be taking orders for Samoas, Trefoils, Thin Mints, Chocolate Chunks, Pecan Shortees, Do-Si-Dos, and Tagalongs. Cost is \$2 per box, with girls earning incentives for the number of boxes they sell.

Troops also benefit from the cookie sales. The amount retained by the council goes directly to girl programs, camp development and maintenance, and camperships which enable girls to attend resident and day camps.

Cookies will be delivered from March 9 through March 23, and customers will pay for them at that time. Interested individuals who are not contacted by a Scout may order by calling Terry Harrison, Service Unit Cookie Chairman, or the Council Office at 669-6862. Phone orders will be given to a troop for credit.

AIDS threat thins blood bank supply



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: As a volunteer for the American Red Cross for many years, I have an important favor to ask. First, let me explain that the Red Cross Blood Bank is practically drained! I am sure the public is not aware of how serious this blood shortage is.

Many people have quit giving blood because they are afraid they might get AIDS from donating blood. This is not true. The fact is that the AIDS virus was found in some of the stored blood that was to be used for transfusions, but that threat is at a minimum since there is a new screening process.

I am enclosing a column that you ran May 7, 1985. After this came out in the Chicago Tribune, we had blood donors standing in line. Please help us again.

WORRIED VOLUNTEER

the wrong place at the wrong time.

A blood donor is good for people who are in a lot worse shape than most people you know.

A BLOOD DONOR IS GOOD FOR LIFE.

DEAR ABBY: This is to thank you for an article you wrote about a year ago in praise of the National Stuttering Project. I wrote to the address you mentioned, and I was sent information and a local number to call. Since then, I have attended several meetings.

I had been a stutterer all my life, and this group not only helped me to understand why I stuttered, but how to overcome it. If any other stutterers have not inquired about the NSP, I encourage them to do so. Please print the address again for those who may have missed it the first time.

I'm signing this letter along with the other members of the Sacramento Division. It's our way of saying thank you, Abby.

ARTHUR, KEN, LES, BILL, GERI, STEVE AND TERRI

DEAR ARTHUR, ET AL: The National Stuttering Project is a non-profit organization. Interested parties should write to NSP, 1269 Seventh Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94122. Be sure to enclose a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY CHINESE FRIENDS: Gung Hay Fat Choy!

(For Abby's booklet, "What Every Teen-Ager Ought to Know," send a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

DEAR WORRIED: Consider it done:

WHAT GOOD IS A BLOOD DONOR?

A blood donor is good for people who go through windshields and red lights. For somebody with leukemia. For people being operated on. For barefoot kids who aren't careful. For people who are into feudin' and fightin'. For hemophiliacs and daredevils. For people undergoing dialysis while waiting for a kidney transplant. For people who fool around with guns. For little kids who manage to uncup a bottle of something poisonous.

A blood donor is good for people who have been badly burned. For new mothers who need transfusions. For new babies who need a complete change of blood supply. For people having open-heart surgery. For cancer patients. For people with severe hepatitis and anemia. For kids who fall out of trees or whatever. For anybody any age with bleeding ulcers. For people who were in

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Sports Scene

Stewart hopes to redeem himself in Hawaii

HONOLULU, Hawaii (AP) — Payne Stewart kept his word. After another bitter defeat at Pebble Beach last Sunday, Stewart fled the golf course with but one comment: "I'll talk to you guys in Hawaii."

"I was mad. I thought all day long I was going to win the golf tournament and I didn't. I was mad. I was abrupt. And I apologize," the affable Stewart said



Tom Watson

before teeing off today in the first round of the \$600,000 Hawaiian Open.

His near miss at Pebble Beach, a one-shot loss after he had bogeyed the 71st hole from a bunker, was only the latest in a growing string of the big ones that got away.

In each of the last three years, he's lost a title in a playoff. In one of those, he led by two shots play-

ing the 72nd hole — and made double bogey.

Last year he was a runner-up three times and led the PGA Tour in top-10 finishes with 16. He was third on the money-winning list with \$535,389.

And he did not win a tournament. In fact, he hasn't won since 1983.

Is this getting to be a problem? "No, not really," Stewart said.

"Look at last week. Obviously, I misclubbed on the 17th. But (in the last round) I really only hit one bad shot. I guess it was just time for Johnny (Miller) to win one.

Among the other major contenders for the \$108,000 first prize are defending title-holder Corey Pavin, five-time British Open champion Tom Watson, Lanny Wadkins and West German star

Bernhard Langer.

Other major challengers include Ben Crenshaw, Mac O'Grady, Calvin Peete, John Mahaffey, Curtis Strange, Phoenix Open winner Paul Azinger and Japanese veteran Isao Aoki, a former Hawaiian Open winner.

Portions of the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday will be televised nationally by NBC.

Baylor upsets Horned Frogs

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

WACO (AP)—Now the Texas Christian Horned Frogs know how the 1981-1982 Texas Longhorns felt.

Texas was fifth-ranked six years ago. TCU was 15th ranked Wednesday night.

In both cases, 14-game winning streaks were shattered by the Baylor Bears in Heart O' Texas Coliseum.

In other SWC games Wednesday, Texas Tech beat Rice 79-63 and Texas defeated Arkansas 78-73.

The win gives the Red Raiders a record of 12-9 overall and 7-3 in

started," said TCU Coach Jim Killingsworth. "We let them take the boards away from us and we didn't play very quick."

"Baylor should be happy," said TCU guard Carven Holcombe. "We mainly just beat ourselves by not being ourselves. We just weren't the same team out there tonight."

TCU only shot 43 per cent from the field compared to 54 per cent for Baylor, the best a team has shot against the Horned Frogs this year.

"I can't honestly say this is the biggest win in my coaching career, but it's certainly the most important since I've been at Baylor," said Bears' Coach Gene



(AP Laserphoto)

SWC roundup

conference play and drops the Owls, with their fourth straight loss, to 7-14 overall and 1-9 in conference play. Texas rises to 11-2 overall and 4-6 in SWC play, while Arkansas falls to 13-10 and 4-6.

TCU went into Wednesday's game with a perfect Southwest Conference mark of 9-0, the longest winning streak in the school's history, and a No. 15 national ranking.

Five seasons ago, Abe Lemon's Longhorns were stunned 69-59 after center Mike Wacker broke his leg in the first half.

TCU starting center Tony Papa stayed at home Wednesday with the flu, and the Horned Frogs fell 66-63 before 8,294 fans as Michael Williams scored four late baskets including a slam dunk with a second left.

TCU leads the SWC by two games over Baylor and Texas Tech. The Frogs must travel to College Station on Sunday.

"We just waited too long to get

Iba. "TCU is very, very good. They showed that by coming back strong.

"They did everything they needed to do to win except take care of the ball at the end of the game."

TCU suffered its first SWC loss in 10 games and dropped to 19-4 overall. The Bears improved to 7-3 and 12-8.

"Both teams played great pressure defense," Iba said. "I was very proud of our defense."

Williams finished with 15 points for Baylor while Jamie Dixon had a game-high 23 points for the Horned Frogs.

"I thought I was fouled down there at the end of the game," Dixon said. "I waited for a whistle but they just didn't call anything."

Killingsworth said the Frogs missed the 6-foot-9 Papa. The team two weeks ago also lost Carl Lott, who suffered a broken finger.

Sheehan won't defend Sarasota golf crown

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—Patty Sheehan, winner of the Sarasota Classic the past two years, hopes people will understand her decision not to return to Bent Tree Country Club to defend her title in the \$200,000 LPGA tournament.

Instead of entering the 72-hole event that runs today through Sunday, the veteran of seven tour seasons opted for a ski trip to Switzerland with her father, a former U.S. Olympic ski team coach.

"You figure it has to be a deep commitment to her father to pass up playing a place where she always plays well and is on the leader board," said Jim Webb, the LPGA's director of operations. "This tournament has been worth anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000 to her."

Sheehan won the 1986 Sarasota Classic by three strokes over Pat Bradley and Juli Inkster, becoming the first two-time winner in the tournament's 11-year history. She also won in 1985.

The 30-year-old Los Gatos, Calif., golfer said she hopes her choice will be understood.

"It was a hard decision to make," Sheehan told the Sarasota Herald-Tribune before leaving for Switzerland. "Some folks won't understand, I know that. But I only have one father. It's difficult to turn my back on someone who is so important in my life."

Sheehan is missing from the field, but six former Sarasota champions return, including Nancy Lopez, who won her first LPGA title here nine years ago. Kathy Postlewait, winner of last week's 1987 season-opening Mazda Classic, and 1986 Player of the Year Pat Bradley are also here.

Lopez, who played in only four tournaments in 1986 when she took time off to have a baby, needs one more victory to automatically qualify for the LPGA Hall of Fame.

She finished in a tie for 19th last week.

Texas Tech's Mike Nelson of Pampa passes to a teammate. Pampa hopes for more revenge

Pampa High basketball teams host Frenship in District 1-4A action Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse and the Harvesters will try and gain some more revenge.

The Harvesters avenged an earlier loss Tuesday night when they slipped past Canyon 35-34. Canyon had whipped Pampa earlier 61-41, as did Frenship 43-41.

"Frenship isn't as big as Canyon, but they do have a couple of strong-looking kids," said Pampa Coach Robert Hale. "Frenship has the type of team that gains confidence as they go along if you don't control the game and play smart basketball."

Pampa is 4-8 in district play and 8-17 overall. Frenship, the newest member of the league, was 3-8 going into Tuesday night's game against Lubbock Dunbar and 9-17 overall.

"Our last game with them went right down to the last shot," Hale said. "We're expecting another good battle with them."

The Harvesters will have to contend against Clint Shields, who is averaging around 20 points per game. He scored 15 points against Pampa in the first meeting.

Lonnice Mills leads the Harvesters in scoring, averaging 14.2 ppg.

Hale felt a great deal of satisfaction in Pampa's hard-fought win over Canyon, coming on Mills'

basket as time was running out.

"The players played extremely hard. They showed a lot of character. We don't have a lot of talent, but we've got the type of players that never give up," Hale said.

The lead changed a dozen times in the low-scoring game as Pampa's patient offense paid off with a victory.

"The kids are playing as good or better than they've played all year. They're starting to play the type of game I want them to play. I guess you might say they're taking on my personality," Hale said. Hale said some teams have a tendency to let up as the season winds down, but not the Harvesters.

"It shows a lot of character for them to be playing so hard this late in the season," Hale said. "They're finding out it's worth the effort to do a good job."

Hale is still fighting off the pneumonia that has gripped him since December.

"I can tell you it's not a pleasant experience. I think I'll probably see the end of the season before I see the end of this," Hale said.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters are also expected to be in a battle with Frenship girls. Pampa hung on for a 51-45 win in the last game.

Friday night's games begin at 7 p.m. with the girls tipping off first.

Indiana tops Michigan State as Alford hits for 42 points

By The Associated Press

Indiana Coach Bob Knight used eight players in the Hoosiers' victory over Michigan State. Three escaped the coach's wrath; the rest are in for a change.

Steve Alford scored a career-high 42 points, setting an Assembly Hall scoring record, as the No. 2 Hoosiers beat the Spartans 84-80 for their first victory over Michigan State in Bloomington since the 1982-83 season.

The victory gave Indiana an 18-2 record and allowed it to keep a one-game lead over Iowa in the Big Ten with a 9-1 mark. However, Knight was still upset with most of the team.

"We won this because Steve Alford plays for us," Knight said. "Without Alford, Michigan State wins the ball game going away."

"I thought he got a lot of help from Darryl Thomas. Thomas really hung in there. Joe Hillman did a good job of getting the ball around. But I was disappointed with the rest of them."

"We will make some changes in our next lineup. And we'll get some people sitting ... on the bench until they decide they want to play."

Alford made 12 of 19 shots from the floor, includ-

ing four of five 3-pointers, and hit 14 of 15 free throws in besting former Indiana star Steve Downing's 14-year-old Assembly Hall scoring mark by one point.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night, No. 4 Iowa beat Minnesota 78-47; No. 8 Oklahoma downed Nebraska 80-66; No. 9 Alabama defeated Mississippi State 76-55; No. 12 Clemson edged Maryland 80-79; No. 13 Pittsburgh beat Villanova 58-57; Baylor defeated No. 15 Texas Christian 66-63; No. 16 Duke downed Virginia 75-61; No. 18 Kansas needed two overtimes to beat Kansas State 80-75; and Kentucky defeated No. 20 Auburn 75-71.

The Hoosiers led 72-59 with 8:58 remaining but the Spartans, 8-12 and 3-7, outscored Indiana 10-2 over the next 5:14 to close within five. But Alford made eight free throws over the final 1:51 to secure the victory.

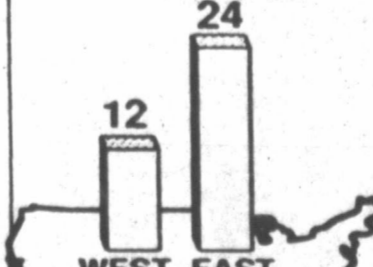
Vernon Carr led Michigan State with 25 points, 17 in the second half, while Darryl Johnson had 21.

No. 4 Iowa 78, Minnesota 47.

Iowa used its pressure defense and depth to crush the visiting Golden Gophers and improve its record to 20-2.

All-Star Game Facts

Series Wins 1951-1986



Oldest All-Star
1986: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Age 39

Youngest All-Star
1982: Isiah Thomas, Age 20

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All-Time Scorers

Player	POINTS
Oscar Robertson	246
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	227
Bob Pettit	224
Elgin Baylor	218
Julius Erving	199

Slam-Dunk Champions
1986: Spud Webb
1985: Dominique Wilkins
1984: Larry Nance

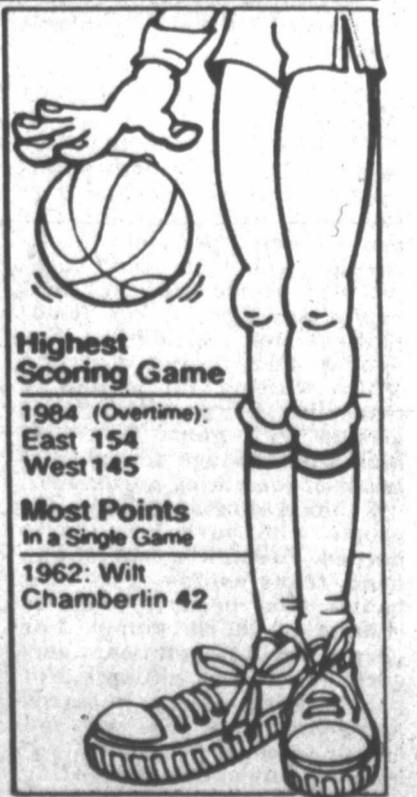
Long Distance Shootout Champions
1986: Larry Bird

Highest Scoring Game
1984 (Overtime):
East 154
West 145

Most Points In a Single Game
1962: Wilt Chamberlin 42

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Stars & Stripes' victory sets off wild celebrations

By The Associated Press

Stars & Stripes' victory in the America's Cup touched off wild celebrations, earned skipper Dennis Conner and his crew an invitation to the White House, and triggered another competition — the one to become host of the next America's Cup.

President Reagan said he won an Australian bush hat in a bet with that country's prime minister, Bob Hawke.

"I'm pleased to report that my head will remain warm and dry during my next visit to the ranch," he said in a congratulatory telegram to Conner, whose boat defeated Kookaburra III in Fremantle, Australia, Wednesday to take the best-of-seven series 4-0.

At the Norfolk Hotel in Fremantle, Australians joined Americans in toasting Conner after he recaptured the Cup he lost to the Aussies in 1983.

"I'm bitterly disappointed we have lost the Cup to the Americans, but we might as well enjoy ourselves," said Chris Haleva, a college student from Perth, Australia.

New Yorker Walker Mason said the party at the hotel reminded him of a U.S. event.

"I was in New Orleans for the Super Bowl last year and this is the same kind of atmosphere over a longer period," he said. "The Australians have been amazingly friendly. It's a fun, drinking, crazy kind of crowd, but there is no hostility at all."

Champagne also flowed freely at Robert Dereck-

tor's Yacht Builders in Mamaroneck, N.Y., where Stars & Stripes was built.

"We were all very confident in the job we had done," employee Basil Kontis said. "We knew it was a winner."

In San Diego, Conner's hometown, city officials finalized plans for a parade later this month that will start with an armada of boats outside the San Diego Yacht Club and continue with bands and a float on downtown streets.

At Conner's drapery business, the 37 employees hung hand-lettered signs in Spanish and English to celebrate their boss' victory.

"The staff shared in the excitement," said Frank Trovato, Conner's business partner. "They felt like they were part of the team."

Meanwhile, officials in San Diego and Newport, R.I., started their campaigns to land the next America's Cup in 1990.

San Diego is considered the favorite to host the competition. But reports that Conner is concerned about light winds and thick kelp off the San Diego coast have fueled speculation about other sites.

"They're talking all kinds of different things, that maybe the Cup (races) won't be here," said Michael Arrington, manager of a gas station near Conner's business. "I hope it stays here. It would bring a lot of good tourists."

Mayor Maureen O'Connor has said the city will do anything short of spending city money to support the races.

Mavericks have Sonics' number

DALLAS (AP) — It appears that the Dallas Mavericks have the Seattle SuperSonics' number this season.

Dallas beat Seattle for the fourth time in as many meetings, 124-94, Wednesday night at Reunion Arena.

In those four games the Mavericks have outscored the Sonics by a total of 80 points.

Those victories have enabled Dallas to tie the all-time series between the teams at 17 games each. In addition Dallas has beaten Seattle in 12 of the last 14 meetings.

The Mavericks became the third team to reach 30 victories this season, joining the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics. Dallas has its best record in franchise history at the All-Star break.

"I think the Mavericks own us or something," said Seattle forward Tom Chambers, who led his team with 19 points. "We've played well against everybody but them this season."

"They come out and just take us out of our offense and shoot the heck out of the ball. They bring out the worst in us. I don't know what we're going to do if we ever meet them in the playoffs because we're going to have a hard time."

The Mavericks were never threatened, leading 64-40 at halftime. Seattle shot a miserable 39 percent from the field for the game to Dallas' 55.8 and was out-rebounded, 55-41.

"We came out tonight and made sure we didn't have a let-down," said Mavericks guard Rolando Blackman, who joins teammate Mark Aguirre as members of the Western Conference All-Star team.

"We knew they had been playing well and we just tried to apply pressure on their guards. It really worked tonight."

Although his team is playing its best of the season, having won six of its last eight, Dallas coach Dick Motta is ready for a break.

"I'm ready to get away from the players for a few days," said Motta.

Rockets' Sampson may miss rest of season

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The season that started for the Houston Rockets with the sweet afterglow of reaching the NBA finals and joining the league's elite has turned to brimstone.

Ralph Sampson's knee injury in the first quarter of Tuesday's 107-105 loss to Denver likely ended the 7-4 Twin Tower's season.

The incident added a chapter to the long list of bad news that has sent the Rockets crashing from the heights to the depths.

"You would never think all that's happened to us could happen to a team in a full season and ours is just half over," Rockets forward Rodney McCray said.

"There's nothing you can do about it. We just have to stick together and fight back."

Guard Robert Reid says the Rockets aren't ready to close the books on the 1986-87 season.

"We wouldn't be the Rockets if we folded our tents and told the fans, 'that's it for this season folks, see you next year,'" Reid said.

"Our young guys are going to have to come through now. We have to play smart. No more silly mistakes."

Sampson's injury was described as a large tear of the lateral cartilage in his left knee that will require surgery to repair.

Sampson says he's out for the season and the Rockets fear he is too but they are holding out hope until Sampson gets additional medical advice.

"I'm probably out the rest of the season," Sampson said. "Now I have to get mentally tough to get ready for the rehabilitation, having a cast on my leg or whatever is necessary."

Sampson started Houston's season of misfortune by missing 11 of Houston's first 13 games with ankle injuries.

Akeem Olajuwon sprained an

ankle Nov. 25 and missed seven games. Guard Robert Reid missed seven games after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery Dec. 8.

The next bombshell came Jan. 13 when guards Lew Lloyd and Mitchell Wiggins, key figures in last season's title push, were banned from the league for life for using cocaine.

Each time the Rockets have appeared to be putting their woes behind them, they've been slapped down once again.

Their season has included a 56-point loss to Seattle and several fourth quarter fizzes, including a loss to Phoenix when the Rockets led by 21 in the second half.

The Rockets had made a charge since losing Lloyd and Wiggins.

They have a 13-5 record since Dec. 30 and Coach Bill Fitch was named NBA Coach of the Month after the Rockets went 11-4 for January.

Now they are back at the bottom and trying to climb.

"I am shocked, we'll just have to try to win every game," Olajuwon said. "When it happened, I didn't think it was that serious. Ralph just twisted his knee trying to keep up with his man."

Sampson appeared to slip on The Summit court with six minutes to play in Tuesday's game. He tried to return in the second quarter but could not get full extension of his knee.

Rockets trainer Dick Vandervoort said Sampson wanted to get more medical advice before deciding on treatment.

"I just told him it was very important to get it done as soon as possible," Vandervoort said.

Regardless of the surgery, Sampson will return at 100 percent, Vandervoort said.

"It is in no way a career-threatening situation," Vandervoort said. "At this point, we don't feel there is any ligament damage."

Winning pair



Gillian Wachsmann and Todd Waggoner of the University of Delaware won the short program competition Wednesday in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Tacoma, Wash.

Optimist roundup

The Suns routed the Spurs 46-24 in recent Optimist Club boys' basketball action.

Jason Brantley led the Suns in scoring with 16 points while Shelby Landers and Chester Jackson each had 12.

Embers had 21 points for the Spurs.

In a B team game, the Suns won over the Spurs 14-4.

Tommy Moen, Matt Finney and Ted Whitley had 4 points each to lead the Suns.

In girls' action, the Bears won over the Longhorns 36-9. Charity Dewitt tossed in 16 points to lead the Bears in scoring while Audra Baumgartner led the Longhorns with 4 points.

In a B girls' game, the Bears downed the Longhorns 14-6. Misti Plunk led the Bears with 6 points.

In other boys' action, the Sixers rolled past the Bulls 58-9.

Dwight Nickelberry led the Sixers with 28 points while David Potter scored all 9 points for the Bulls. Chris Poole added 10 points to the Sixers attack.

Pampa eighth-graders drop basketball contests

Pampa Red lost to Valley View Blue 39-38 in eighth-grade basketball action earlier this week.

Top scorer for Pampa Red was Patrick Jackson with 16 points, followed by Justin Cross with 10, Larry Reed 7 and Guy Savage 5.

Pampa Blue closed out the season with a 39-23 loss to Borger White in the other eighth-grade boys' game.

Quincey Williams was Pampa's top scorer with 10 points.

Also scoring for Pampa were Logan Hudson 4, Jared Thompson 4, Steve Hawkins 3 and Tyson Beck 2.

Pampa Blue finished the season with a 9-5 overall record and 4-3 in district play.

Both Pampa seventh-grade teams play at home Thursday night. Pampa Blue hosts Borger White at 5:30 p.m. and Pampa Red goes against Valley View Blue at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school gym.

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Art class gives color to lives of head-injured students

By A. PHILLIPS BROOKS
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN (AP) — Painting with oils has brought color back to the lives of many of the head-injured art students who attend classes at a local recreation center.

Theresa Mosely, an Austin artist who teaches the classes, said the students with disabilities, similar to the paintings, have come alive after a little stroking.

"I started out with one student, Dean Correll," she said. "He was sitting in a terminally ill unit at a

nursing home with people waiting to die. Dean was only 29."

A head injury from a motorcycle accident had paralyzed Correll on his right side and impaired his speech, Ms. Mosely said. "He could only say 'Hi' when I met him, but his lively brown eyes said to me, 'Give me what you've got.'"

Ms. Mosely said after meeting Correll she knew she would teach him and other people with disabilities to paint. "Dean was my teacher also," she said. "He taught me how to meet the needs of the people I wanted to help."

Ms. Mosely met with Correll and other persons

who had suffered head injuries and began classes in September 1985.

Correll, who has been painting for more than a year, has sold many of the 30 landscapes he has painted, Mosely said.

Several other students in the class have also sold paintings.

Diana Webster, who has been confined to a wheelchair since 1982, has sold three paintings in the past year. "They ranged between \$55 and \$85. I was even commissioned to paint a landscape," she said.

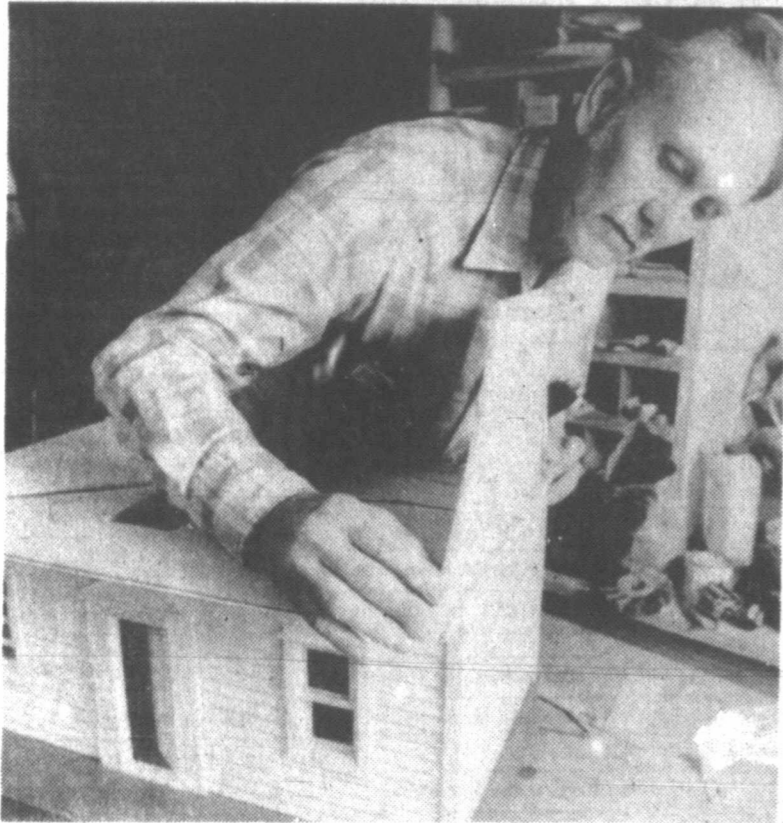
"Painting has been good for my hand control and

spiritual outlook," Ms. Webster said.

Ms. Webster, like the other art students in the class, had never taken lessons before meeting Ms. Mosely.

"Theresa is donating her time to us. She has been an inspiration to us and is an excellent teacher," said Don Hachenberg, another student in the class. "She is really an angel to us."

Ms. Mosely said her goal was to teach the students to paint in order to restore their self worth. "My second goal is to help them become self sufficient by selling their work."



Thomas Smith pieces together a Victorian-style doll house in his workshop. (AP Laserphoto)

Silsbee couple builds dreams in doll houses

By DAVE SAELENS
Beaumont Enterprise

SILSBEE (AP) — The doll house Thomas and Faye Smith built was no small feat.

A little rocking chair no bigger than a parakeet rests beneath a small wooden awning on an even smaller front porch. Overhead, tiny paper flowers sprout from matchbox-sized window boxes.

Inside, a minute ceiling fan twirls above a baby, baby grand piano. And miniature Christmas tree lights in a tiny chandelier sparkle above an elegant dining room table set with china and wine goblets no bigger than matchsticks.

A miniature wooden staircase leads to the master bedroom, which is furnished with a brass canopy bed the size of a baby's shoebox.

And in the room next door, a tiny rubber plug smaller than a fingernail hangs from a shiny gold chain above a little brass drain in a miniature bathtub.

For the Smiths, it's a smaller world than usual. But for the retired couple who turned their two-car garage into a workshop three years ago, a hobby of building elaborate, Victorian-style doll houses have turned into more than a small-time business.

"When I first saw an old doll house in a store window a while back, well it was just too much," says Faye Smith, arranging thumb-sized pillows on a four-poster bed in a doll house the couple saves as a "show house" for customers.

It's a smaller-than-usual business that both the Smiths take credit for.

Smith does the carpentry and electrical work, making sure polished, hardwood floors lay flat and tiny electrical fixtures keep their projects well-lit.

Mrs. Smith takes over when the construction ends, picking wall-

paper and furnishings ranging from gumball-sized bird cages to bentwood rockers which fit into the palm of her hand.

"It's like we're playing all the time, sort of like a second childhood, I guess," she said.

He builds some doll houses from a kit, but prefers building them from scratch.

During the holiday season the couple focuses on building basic, two-story homes without furniture, since that's what most of the grandmothers shopping for their granddaughters prefer, Mrs. Smith says.

But during the year, the bigger projects start, such as building a house for a Beaumont doctor's daughter that is an exact replica of the doctor's home, complete with winding wooden staircases and chandeliers.

"We get our share of parents, but plenty of collectors, too," Smith says. "You'd be surprised at the number of grown-ups we sell to."

Tiny boxes with dozens of tiner furnishings line the shelves of one workroom in their home — doll house goodies the couple orders from a Chicago firm that specializes in miniaturizing just about anything.

But Mrs. Smith has learned a few tricks of her own in furnishing her houses.

"The backs of earrings can make light-fixtures, and little beads can be used for doorknobs," she says, explaining how rolled, painted bread dough can become a tiny bouquet of roses.

Some of the houses the couple builds resemble log cabins — a popular variety since they are sturdy enough to support the weight, and subsequent abuse, of a youngster.

But Mrs. Smith says most customers prefer the Victorian-style houses.

"There's just something about them that's so ginger-breadish," she says.

Rail buff's job suits him

KINGS MILLS, Ohio (AP) — Although he has just turned 80, Lewis Brown says he has no plans to quit his year-round job as operator of the steam-powered railroad trains at the Kings Island amusement park.

"I take care of everything," he said. "When I went there, they told me to run the railroad. That's what I've tried to do."

Brown, a longtime railroad buff and specialist in equipment maintenance, applied for a job on the park's railroad attraction two years before Kings Island's 1972 opening.

"I didn't intend to take care of the train. I just thought I'd ride it in the summer," he said in an interview. "But I was there a couple of days and they asked me to run the railroad. That was fine with me."

He traveled around the nation during a 40-year career with American Bakeries Co., where he supervised maintenance of boilers, plants and equipment for the company.

Through his longtime interest in amusement parks, Brown learned of plans by Taft Broadcasting Co. of Cincinnati to build

Kings Island some 20 miles north of Cincinnati, not far from Morrow, the town where he has lived since boyhood.

He landed a job as an engineer for the park's railroad, which includes two propane-fueled locomotives, 12 cars and one and one-eighth miles of track. The rolling stock was built for Kings Island and was new when the park opened.

Brown had about two months of idle time on his hands between his retirement from American Bakeries and his start at Kings Island.

"That two months off was too long. I don't like loafing," he said. As the railroad's chief engineer, Brown operates the trains, performs or supervises all maintenance on them and schedules the employees' work shifts. He says he particularly enjoys the mechanical work, including preparation for annual inspections by the state and insurance companies on the engines, boilers, cars and tracks.

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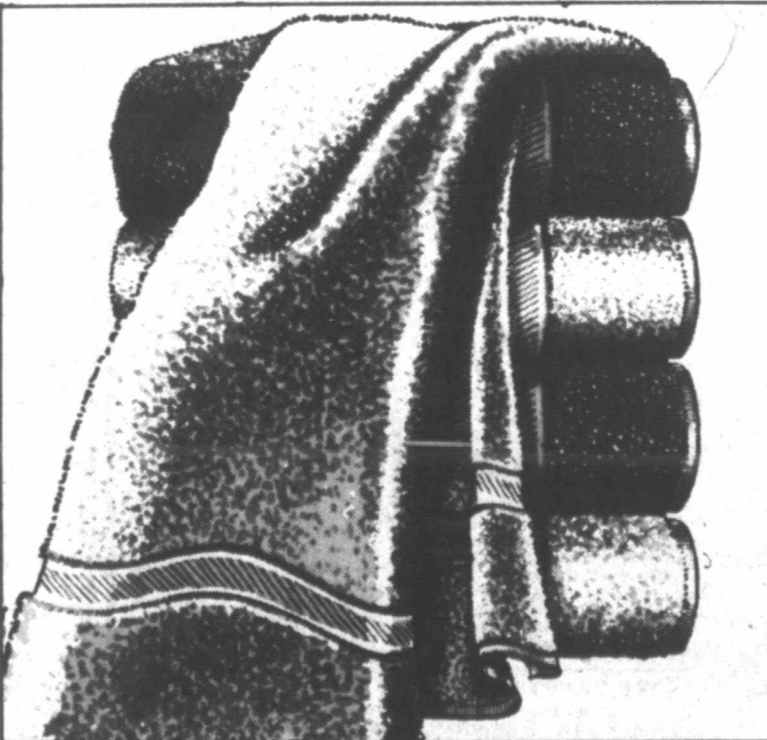
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