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## Budget hits \$1 trillion

By ALAN FRAM  
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WASHINGTON — The Senate passed a \$1 trillion budget today that sets a collision course with President Reagan, holding military spending to the inflation rate and relying heavily on that dirty word at the White House: Taxes.

The lawmakers gave final approval to the Democrat-written spending plan by a 56-42 vote shortly after midnight this morning after a debate that began at 10:30 a.m. EDT Wednesday. The blueprint calls for \$119 billion in new taxes over four years and has more domestic spending than the administration prefers.

"The budget passed by the Senate is realistic... (and) down to earth," said Senate Majority Leader

Robert Byrd, D-W. Va., taking a slap at some of the proposals Reagan included in the budget he offered in January. "There are no gimmicks, no garage sales of assets, no attempt to use the next generation's credit card to pay today's bill."

All but one of the Senate's 54 Democrats voted for the measure. Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., did not vote.

All but four of the chamber's 46 Republicans voted against the proposal: John Chafee of Rhode Island, Robert Stafford of Vermont and Lowell Weicker of Connecticut voted for it, and Larry Pressler of South Dakota did not vote.

"I'm confident now this party of mine has demonstrated it can do the job," Byrd said after the final roll call.

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## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are highlights of the fiscal 1988 budget approved by the Senate. Figures were supplied by the Senate Budget Committee.

■ **Total spending:** \$1.06 trillion.

■ **Taxes and revenues:** \$927.8 billion, including \$18.5 billion in unspecified tax increases in fiscal 1988, \$118.8 billion over four years. Adds annual \$1.6 billion in "user fees" for assorted government energy, pension, coast guard and other services. Increased enforcement of income tax laws would bring in \$1.8 billion in fiscal 1988. Early repayment by holders of Rural Electrification Administration loans would bring in estimated \$7.2 billion.

■ **Deficit:** \$133.6 billion, \$25.6 billion above the \$108 billion limit set by the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law. Plan claims to meet law's

ultimate goal of a balanced budget in fiscal 1991.

■ **Defense:** \$290.6 billion in cash outlays, \$301.5 billion in total new spending commitments. At about 3 percent above current levels, military spending would keep pace with inflation. President Reagan requested 3 percent over inflation. Plan would cut \$7 billion from defense totals if president vetoes tax increases.

■ **Social Security and Medicare:** \$220.7 billion in Social Security spending would give recipients regular cost-of-living increase in January. Medicare spending of \$80.1 billion would maintain benefits but restrain payment increases to providers of care. Provisions made for catastrophic health insurance plan now being considered by Congress.

■ **Agriculture:** \$28.6 billion total would be \$1.6 billion below current levels but nearly \$4 billion above president's recommendation.

## Vets launch rabies shot campaign

Pampa's annual citywide rabies vaccination drive will be held Friday and Saturday for dogs and Monday for cats, city veterinarian Dr. Kenneth Roysse announced.

The rabies vaccinations will be given at each of the four local veterinarian offices during regular office hours for the three days of the Pampa drive.

In addition, local veterinarian Dr. M. W. Horne will be in Lefors Thursday, May 14, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department building for the vaccination drive there.

Groom will have its annual rabies vaccinations from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. May 16 at City Hall.

White Deer pets will be vaccinated May 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the White Deer volunteer fire station. Skellytown's rabies drive will be that afternoon at the fire department.

Other Pampa veterinarians participating in Pampa's vaccination drive are Dr. Ron Easley and Dr. Ronald Hendricks.

Rabies vaccinations will be given at prices reduced from the regular \$8 to \$6 during the Pampa drive. Other vaccines for pets will also be available at reduced prices, including distemper at \$8; parvo, \$6; and corona, \$6.



Trisha Lebow, left, and Dr. Roysse give a patient pooch his rabies shot.

(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

The annual drive has been held each year since 1968 in conjunction with Pampa's citywide Clean-Up Campaign. This year it also coincides with National Pet Week from May 3-9.

Dr. Roysse said the World Health Organization encourages communities to try to get at least 70 percent of the pet population

vaccinated to prevent an epidemic of rabies.

Vaccination of dogs and cats will help decrease the chances of a rabies epidemic even if rabies should come into the area by wild animals, such as skunks, foxes, raccoons and coyotes, Roysse said.

Pampa has a city ordinance re-

quiring that all pets be vaccinated by the time they are 4 months old, with an annual vaccination within each 12-month period thereafter.

Though veterinarians and health officials would like to see all pet cats and dogs vaccinated, they are aiming at the 70 percent goal set by the WHO.

## Gov. Clements changes stance on tax increase

By MICHAEL HOLMES  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements and top legislative leaders were in a bargaining mood after Clements said he is willing to back down from his no-new-taxes pledge to obtain a balanced 1988-89 state budget.

Emerging from a two-hour meeting with Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, House Speaker Gib Lewis and Comptroller Bob Bullock on Wednesday, Clements said he is being flexible in agreeing to a tax bill that could exceed the \$2.9 billion limit he set earlier this year.

Under the proposals being considered by the leaders, Clements said, the sales tax rate would be lowered. At the same time, the base would be broadened to include items and services not now taxed.

If that raises more money than the \$2.9 billion he previously said was the maximum he would approve, that's all right, Clements said.

"It's entirely possible. You betcha. That would hopefully be an objective, that we might increase our revenues and at the same time reduce the rates," Clements told a news conference.

Asked about his oft-repeated threats to veto any tax plan that wasn't "revenue neutral," Clements replied: "Well, we're not going to dwell on that."

Clements announcement came the day after he concluded a 17-city tour launched to rally public support for his position against higher taxes.

Aides said the change was a move by Clements to end the impasse that has kept the governor

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## Secord denies any profit from deals

By JIM DRINKARD  
and DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON — The congressional hearings into the Iran-Contra affair turned testy today as retired Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord insisted that he never made a personal profit from his involvement in arranging arms sales to Iran and for the Nicaraguan rebels.

"I did not come here to be badgered," said Secord, who was testifying under oath without immunity as the joint House-Senate televised hearings entered their third day.

Under questioning from Senate counsel Arthur Liman, Secord said he forswore any profits generated by the deal and left them to his business partner, Albert Hakim "to do with what he wished."

"Of course, it's the fact or I wouldn't have testified to it," Secord shot back at Liman at one point when the lawyer questioned him about information he had provided to the committee on Wednesday.

At another point, Secord dismissed Liman's questions as focusing on a "technical" book-keeping question when there

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## Area bands compete in Colorado meet

By CATHY SPAULDING  
Staff Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Three Pampa area high school bands are heading for the mountains today to compete in the Fifth Annual Cavalcade of Music.

Bands from Shamrock, Miami and White Deer join 116 other high school bands, choirs and jazz groups as part of this musical mountaintop experience. Stratford High School in

Sherman County is also scheduled to compete.

According to Cavalcade director Diana Larsen, musical groups from Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and California are coming to the contest.

"We're breaking a lot of records with attendance," Larsen said, adding that more than 5,000 band students are expected to fill music halls and, city officials hope, to take in the famous tourist attractions and shops in

the Colorado Springs-Pikes Peak area.

Daryll Kaire's Irish from Shamrock has been there before, taking first place honors at the first contest five years ago.

"We are in tight competition with White Deer and Stratford going," Kaire said. "But we hope to come home with first, second or third."

"It looks like it's grown," he observed.

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## Medicare funds care in program with certification

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Special to The Pampa News

"Hospice care is expensive because so many team members are needed," said Hazel Barthel, instructor of a hospice class at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. Sources of funding must be found to pay for this expensive care, Barthel said.

Most hospices are funded by a combination of private pay, insurance and donations.

Another source of funding available is Medicare's hospice benefits, which became available in a permanent program on Oct. 31, 1986. Hospice Medicare is available for people who are 65 years or older or disabled and who are eligible for Medicare, Barthel said.

"However, the patient must choose between the two," she said.

In other words, the patient must choose between receiving regular Medicare benefits or the Hos-

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■ **Friday:** As death nears and the dying teach  
■ **Sunday:** Grief, the family copes and hospice in Pampa.

## Some cancer specialists equate hospice with digging early grave

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Special to The Pampa News

Finding drawbacks to hospice care wasn't easy. No one interviewed for this series was dissatisfied with hospice care.

Two cancer specialists, however, published papers that present a critical view of hospice care and give possible remedies to their perceived dilemmas.

"Hospice care is not acceptable or appropriate for all patients," points out Dr. Andrew B. Adams, director of oncology and medical director of Hospice at Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital in Binghamton, N.Y. Patients who are undergoing specific treatment are not candidates for hospice, he said, even though their diseases ultimately may kill them. "It is only when their disease progresses, despite therapy, that they should be considered hospice candidates," he said.

Hospice focuses on easing the problems of dying rather than prolonging life. This is often interpreted by the attending physician and the patient as "doing nothing," Dr. Adams said. "This atti-

tude leads to a feeling of guilt on the part of the physician and a sense of abandonment on the part of the patient. Obviously, as long as effective treatment is available, the goal should be cure or long-term survival."

Dr. Adams said that when treatment of symptoms only is offered, it often implies that the dying patient has no choice. "Only rarely is it presented as an equal choice to no treatment and in many instances no treatment may be the better choice," he said.

It's difficult for a physician to decide to stop trying to heal the patient and begin treating the symptoms, Dr. Adams said. "It is at this point that I perceive the patient as 'dying' and a true hospice patient," he said.

Another problem with hospice is cost effectiveness, Dr. Adams said. "Hospice adds services that are often not reimbursable, making it necessary to find ways of accomplishing cost control," he said.

However, he said hospice is made cost-effective by decreasing measures that prolong life, by using volunteers whenever possible and by keeping the

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**TAYLOR, Margaret E.** - 10 a.m., Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, San Angelo.  
**KOETTING, William Goswin** - 10 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Groom.  
**BARNES, Vada Sharp** - 11 a.m., Minton Memorial Chapel, Borger.  
**HIETT, Jack** - 2 p.m., Eleventh Street Baptist Church, Shamrock.

## Obituaries

**VICKIE SUE TAYLOR**  
 Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors for Vickie Sue Taylor, 40, who died early today.  
 She moved to Pampa in 1947 from Chickasha, Okla. She was a 1965 graduate of Pampa High School. She was a Baptist.  
 Survivors include two sons, Tommy W. Taylor and James M. Taylor, both of Pampa; her father, Gordon S. Taylor, Pampa; a sister, Cathy Taylor, Pampa; and two brothers, Gordon E. Taylor, Crosbyton, and Dennis Taylor, Pampa.

**JACK HIETT**  
 SHAMROCK - Services for Jack Hiett, 82, will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Eleventh Street Baptist Church at Shamrock. Officiating will be Elder Don Martin, pastor of Tulia Primitive Baptist Church; Elder Jack Hays, pastor of Wheeler Primitive Baptist Church, and James Martindale, pastor of Howardwick Baptist Church.  
 Burial will be in Dozier Cemetery under the direction of Richerson Funeral Home.

**BORN** Nov. 7, 1904 in Tarrant County, he moved to the Dozier Community in 1913 from Tarrant County. He married Mary B. Martindale on Sept. 19, 1920 at Dozier, where he was a farmer and a rancher at Dozier. They moved into Shamrock from Dozier in 1958. He served as Wheeler County Justice of the Peace in Shamrock from 1962 to 1966. He was a member of the Wheeler Primitive Baptist Church, where he was a deacon.  
 Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; a daughter, Ruby Smith, Clovis, N.M.; two sons, J.B. Hiett, of the home, and Bill Hiett, Tulia; a brother, Elmer Hiett, Wellington; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**WILLIAM GOSWIN KOETTING**  
 GROOM - Funeral mass for William Goswin Koetting, 77, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom with Rev. Richard Neyer, pastor, officiating.  
 Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery at Groom under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel of Amarillo.  
 A rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today in the church.  
 Mr. Koetting died Wednesday.  
 He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was a member of the National Letter Carriers Association and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

**MARGARET E. TAYLOR**  
 SAN ANGELO - Services for Margaret E. Taylor, 83, of San Angelo, a former Pampa resident, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens at San Angelo.  
 Mrs. Taylor died Tuesday evening in a San Angelo nursing home.  
 Born June 2, 1903, in Garland City, Ark., she was a dietitian for the Pampa Independent School District for many years.  
 Survivors include three sons, W.H. Taylor, San Angelo; D.J. Taylor, Springfield, Ill.; and J.W. Taylor, of The Netherlands; a daughter, Mary Ellen Collins, Kingwood; seven grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

**VADA SHARP BARNES**  
 BORGER - Services for Vada Sharp Barnes, 82, of Borger, mother of a Pampa resident, will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Minton Memorial Chapel with Rev. Wyatt Carpenter, Keeler Baptist Church pastor, officiating.  
 Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Borger under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors.  
 Mrs. Barnes died Tuesday.  
 A native of Indian Territory (Oklahoma), she had been a resident of Borger since 1927. She was a retired cook at North Plains Hospital. She was a member of the Eastside Baptist Church.  
 Survivors include three daughters, Joyce Duke, Borger; Mary Ferguson, Pampa; and Barbara Brittain, Maricopa, Ariz.; a son, Billy Ray Sharp, Houston; a sister, Mamie Lindsey, Randall, Okla.; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

## Hospital

**CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions**  
 Fannie Bradstreet, Wheeler  
 Iona Cornwell, Skellytown  
 William Frost, Pampa  
 Karma Hammonds, Pampa  
 Alouis Mattiesen, Wheeler  
 Danielle McGee, Pampa  
 Jeannette Miller, Pampa  
 Debbie Mohica, Pampa  
 Jean Patton, Pampa  
 Mary Tambunga, Pampa  
 Vicky Taylor, Pampa  
 Floyd Watson, Pampa

**Births**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Pampa, a boy

**Dismissals**  
 Freddie Detchan, Pampa  
 Melissa Gardner, Pampa  
 Debbie Harris, Pampa  
 Carla Howard and infant, Mobeetie  
 Laura Kelley, Pampa  
 Travis Mix, Skellytown  
 Bonnie Scribner, Pampa  
 Claude Seitz, Miami  
 Jana Wendt, Pampa  
 Bernhard Wolf, Pampa

**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL**  
 Not Available

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**WEDNESDAY, May 6**  
 Joyce Phipps, 421 Graham, reported an attempted burglary at the address.  
 Jean Hicks, 441 Graham, reported a burglary at the address.  
 Keith D. Stowers, 1829 Holly reported antennas damaged on a motor vehicle at the address.  
 Colin P. O'Neal, 1840 Holly, reported burglary of a motor vehicle at the address.  
 Dave S. Alexander, 128 N. Nelson, reported tires punctured on a motor vehicle at the address.  
 Bob Crawford, 805 S. Cuyler, reported a window at the residence broken with a rock.  
 Belinda Waldrip, 708 E. 14th, reported a burglary at the address.

**Arrests-City Jail**  
**WEDNESDAY, May 6**  
 Brunetta Lynn Miller, 29, 706 N. Zimmers, was arrested at the address on a warrant and later released upon payment of fines.

**THURSDAY, May 7**  
 Mario Alberta Luna, 35, 622 N. Russell, was arrested in the 600 block of North Cuyler on a charge of public intoxication.

## Minor accidents

**WEDNESDAY, May 6**  
 A 1987 Ford, driven by Joseph D. Chase, 1927 Dogwood, and a 1982 Honda, driven by Lloyd R. Harvey, 307 Linda, collided in the 100 block of Decatur. No injuries were reported. Chase was cited for improper backing. Harvey was cited for failure to provide proof of financial responsibility.  
 An unknown vehicle collided with a legally parked 1986 Buick, registered to Stewart Major Jr., 810 E. Denver, in the 800 block of East Denver. No injuries or citations were reported.  
 A 1978 Chevrolet, driven by William F. Gaines, 510 N. Wells, collided with a properly parked 1982 Toyota, registered to Carl E. Prater, 2429 Fir, in the 1000 block of West Harvester. No injuries were reported. Gaines was cited for backing without safety.  
 A 1977 Chevrolet, driven by Patsy Kerr Hinds, 408 N. Dwight, collided with a legally parked 1981 Oldsmobile, registered to Jerry Lynn Hood, Route 1, in the 400 block of North Dwight. No injuries were reported. Hinds was cited for backing without safety.

## Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported no fire runs in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

## Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa	
Wheat	2.43
Milo	2.81
Corn	3.52
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation	
Damson Oil	1/4
Ky. Cent. Life	5/8
Serfro	5/4
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa	
Amoco	8 1/4
Aroco	22 3/4
Cabot	37 1/4
Chevron	59 1/4
DIA	47 1/4
Halliburton	37 1/4
HCA	38 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	82 1/4
KNE	18 1/4
Kerr-McGee	35 1/4
Mapco	50 1/4
Mesa Ltd	15 1/4
Penney's	48 1/4
Phillips	16 1/4
SLB	45 1/4
SPS	27 1/4
Tenneco	49 1/4
Texasco	33 1/4
London Gold	47.40
Silver	8.38

## Emergency numbers

Energas	665-5770
Fire	669-1177
Police	669-1177
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881
Ambulance	669-1177

## Colorado

"We see bands from Wyoming, Utah, California, quite a few from Texas."  
 But, Kaire said, it's worth it.  
 "They give out some nice, large trophies," he said. "It's the biggest one in the band hall."  
 Kaire's group is putting out three songs in their effort for another big trophy including Wagner's "Under the Double Eagle" and Jared Speer's "Westwood Portrait."  
 Kaire explained that the contest focuses on concert performance and does not involve marching.  
 This will be the first Colorado visit for the Miami and White Deer bands. But, the directors say, the members have been working hard for the trip.  
 In efforts to raise the \$2,200 needed to send the 28 band members to the hills, Miami band members and supporters hosted volleyball tournaments and a celebrity basketball game and have sold baked goods and sweatshirts.  
 Each band member will also chip in about \$65 of his own money for the trip.  
 Miami band director Jeff Witcher said his students have been enthusiastic about the contest.  
 "We even have T-shirts for the trip," Witcher

said.  
 Witcher's students also have three pieces prepared for the contest — John Erdman's "Command March," Leroy Jackson's "Little English Suite" and Eric Osterling's "Austrian Rhapsody."  
 White Deer director Dana Reynard left with more than 50 contestants Wednesday. And he believes he has tough acts to follow.  
 "Stratford, Shamrock, Miami, they're all pretty good, but I feel the kids are prepared," Reynard said, adding that with the sights to see in Colorado Springs, "winning at the contest will be icing on the cake."  
 Reynard said his students have worked hard to raise the \$4,800 needed for the trip. Band members have sold international foods, run concession stands and sponsored a "car bash" to raise the money. Reynard said the school board helped by providing transportation.  
 Reynard said the Buck band will play two of its contest pieces, "Invicta" by James Swearingen and "Winchester March" by Edmondson.  
 Among the sights area band directors plan to see before they return Sunday are Pike's Peak, the Cave of the Winds, the Royal Gorge, the Hall of the Presidents, gold rush ghost towns and Indian ruins.

## Secord

were more important matters to attend to.  
 "I've got a special prosecutor over here across the street who's trying to throw us all in jail for performing our duty as we saw it," Secord said, referring to independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh who is investigating the Iran-Contra affair.  
 "I haven't focused on some technical issues like you're bringing up here. This is crazy," Secord said.  
 From the moment it began with a brisk, "Good morning, Mr. Secord," Liman's questioning was more intense than the exchanges Tuesday and Wednesday between Secord and House

lawyer John Nields, who basically permitted Secord to lay out his version of the affair.  
 And it provoked several protests from Secord and his attorney, Thomas Green. "I don't think you should harass him," Green said at one point.  
 That drew a rebuff from Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, presiding over the committee. Inouye informed Green that if he wished to object he should do so to the chairman, and not the lawyer. Green promptly did so.  
 Secord said Wednesday that, based on statements to him by top presidential aides, he believed that President Reagan was aware of his involvement in the sale of arms to Iran and diversion of some of the proceeds to the Nicaraguan Contras. The White House promptly denied that Reagan knew of any diversion.  
 Documents released on the second day of House-Senate hearings into the scandal also contained the first indication that private donors made direct deposits into Swiss bank accounts controlled by Secord and his business partner, Albert Hakim.  
 Secord repeated Wednesday that he believed Reagan knew of his activities, having been told so by former National Security Adviser John M. Poindexter and others. And he said he believed that knowledge extended to the use of funds from the arms sales to aid the Contras, something Reagan has consistently denied.  
 Secord said he was recruited by fired National Security Council aide Oliver L. North.

## Budget

The budget, composed by Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, would result in a \$134 billion deficit according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office — well beyond the \$108 billion ceiling imposed in the Gramm-Rudman balanced budget law. But opponents aimed much of their fire at the taxes and Pentagon spending in Chiles' plan.  
 The proposal would provide \$290.6 billion for defense next year, enough to keep up with inflation. But Chiles tacked a condition to \$7 billion of that amount: It would only be available if the president approves \$18.3 billion worth of new taxes for 1988.  
 "This is a tax-raising measure, not a budget based on any kind of fiscal restraint," said Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., the senior Republican on the budget panel.  
 "By passing this budget, the Senate is saying we will raise America's taxes to continue our uncontrollable, profligate ways," said Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif.  
 But Chiles countered, "This debate is whether we're going to borrow more money, or start living a little bit within our means."  
 And Weicker, arguing for the proposal, said, "It is far more predisposed to the business of life than

any other budget... of life, of science, of health, of those matters that have been on the back burner for too long."  
 The House passed a similar budget, but without the extra defense spending, in April. Rep. William H. Gray III, D-Pa., chairman of the House Budget Committee, said he linked the Senate approach and thought the two chambers could work out their differences quickly in conference committee meetings that should begin next week.  
 "I think you see here both houses saying, 'Look, Mr. President, we differ with your domestic priorities and without significant revenues for defense buildup, you can't continue that buildup,'" Gray said.  
 Reagan has frequently made clear his opposition to tax increases. The budget does not require presidential approval, but separate spending and revenue laws putting the budget into effect do. Domenici predicted that the president would veto a bill containing the higher revenues, saying, "We are handing him a victory on a silver platter."  
 But Democrats complained that they have simply been unable to get the president to work with them.  
 "We can't get the president to cooperate. We can't get the president to help us with the budget," said Byrd, so Democrats were forced to "go it alone."

## City briefs

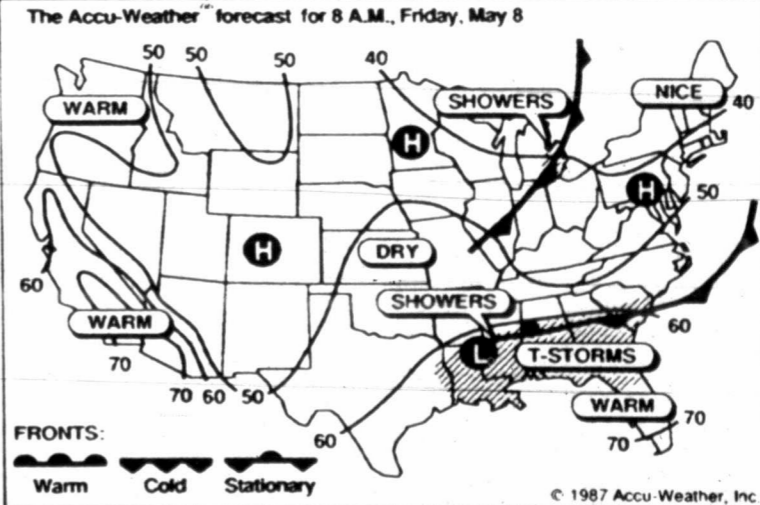
**OPEN NOW!** Tanning Beds at Hairhandlers, 1319 N. Hobart, 669-3277. Open Early and Late. Up to 60 minute tanning. Adv.  
**PRICE Sale!** Entire stock of Shoes, Bags, Jewelry and all Accessories. 3 days only. The Pair Tree. Adv.  
**FRANKIE McWORTHER** playing for your dancing pleasure Saturday night, 9-1. Members and guests welcome. Moose Lodge. Adv.  
**FENCEWALKER WILL** be at the Catalina Club Friday and Saturday night. Come party with us. Adv.  
**REMEMBER MOM** with a gift from Joy's Unlimited, 2137 N. Hobart. Adv.

**COME IN** and meet our new Manager at Maurices, and receive extra 10% off your purchase Saturday only! Pampa Mall. Adv.  
**DAVID L. Martindale**, Attorney at Law, Office relocation, Combs Worley Building, Office 207. 665-0807. Office hours, 9:00-5:00. Adv.  
**GIFTS OF Love** for Mother, the country look, simmering hot pourri, candles and spray. Las Pampas Galleries, 110 N. Cuyler. Adv.  
**PAMPA'S ANNUAL Rabies Vaccination** given at reduced prices at each Veterinary Office. Given Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Adv.  
**REMEMBER MOM** with a gift from Rolanda's. Large selection of new silk flower arrangements, rose bud vases, green plants and many gifts ideas. Rolanda's in the Pampa Mall. Adv.  
**RUMMAGE SALE:** 701 S. Cuyler. Friday-Saturday, 9-6. Adv.  
**WIN A Condo.** \$100,000 Condo to be given away by Coldwell Banker. Register at Pampa Mall Saturday. Adv.  
**ABLE BODIED** family man desperately needs employment. Wash windows, service evaporative coolers. 669-1943. Adv.  
**CHO'S MARTIAL Arts.** Curious? Call 665-KICK. 312 W. Foster. Adv.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Partly cloudy and warmer Friday with a 20 percent chance of isolated showers. High Friday near 80. Low tonight near 40. Southerly winds at 5 to 10 mph. High Wednesday, 59; low this morning, 47. Pampa received 0.03 inch of precipitation in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
 West Texas — Mostly partly cloudy through Friday. Isolated showers or thunderstorms tonight and Friday. Warmer most sections Friday. Lows tonight 40s most sections, except 50s south. Highs Friday 70s southeast and mountains to 80s elsewhere.  
 North Texas — Mostly cloudy east tonight with a slight chance of showers. Fair elsewhere tonight. Partly cloudy Friday. Lows tonight in the mid 50s northwest to near 60 elsewhere. Highs Friday in the upper 70s to low 80s.  
 South Texas — Flood watch in effect for extreme south. Mostly cloudy through Friday with scattered mainly afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms, more numerous south and east. Highs today and Friday near 80 north to the 80s elsewhere. Lows tonight 50s Hill Country. Otherwise near 60 north to 60s and near 70 south and coast.



**EXTENDED FORECAST Saturday through Monday**  
 West Texas — Partly cloudy throughout the period with no important temperature changes. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms Panhandle Saturday and all sections except southwest Sunday and Monday. Panhandle and South Plains, highs around 80 and lows around 50.  
 North Texas — Partly cloudy Saturday. A slight chance of thundershowers Sunday and Monday. Lows in the middle 50s to lower 60s. Highs in the 80s.  
 South Texas — Partly cloudy Saturday. A slight chance of thundershowers north and east Sunday and over most sections Monday. Lows in the 60s, highs in the 80s

except in the 90s southwest.  
**BORDER STATES**  
 Oklahoma — Partly cloudy through Friday. Lows tonight mid 40s Panhandle to mid 50s east. Highs Friday 78 to 84.  
 New Mexico — Partly cloudy days and evenings becoming mostly fair during the morning through Friday. Isolated afternoon and evening showers north mainly near the mountains. Widely scattered afternoon and evening showers or thundershowers south. Slightly warmer Friday. Lows tonight 30s to near 40 mountains and northwest with 40s to low 50s lower elevations east and south. Highs Friday warming to the mid 60s to mid 70s mountains and north with upper 70s to lower 80s lower elevations central and south.

## Tax

The governor said the tax reform plan being negotiated would emphasize fairness and equity by adding to the tax rolls about 150,000 Texans who now escape paying taxes, while lowering or eliminating taxes for others who the governor says pay too much.  
 The sales tax rate — currently 5 1/2 cents — would be lowered. Bashur said Clements favors a rate around 4 1/2 cents.  
 "What we're trying to do here is come up with a broader base and lower the rate. If we can't come out of here with a lower rate, then our sessions are not going to be successful," Clements said.  
 All three leaders said no final deal has been struck.  
 "We are considering the various alternatives," he said, adding that "it's far too early to get into those details" on exactly how far above \$2.9 billion the new revenue total will go.  
 "Those decisions will be made in due course," he said.  
 The leaders said alternatives are being discussed that would retain essential state services and provide a major overhaul of the tax structure that has been

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outdated as the state's economy increasingly becomes service-oriented.  
 "I personally think we will need to raise additional revenue above what we now have to address some of the needs. We're going to be moving posthaste on trying to solve this problem," Lewis said.  
 Hobby noted that other options being considered include changes in the franchise tax and other levies paid by businesses.  
 As a deal is negotiated, Clements' aides said the governor might gain several things he has wanted from lawmakers. Among items being discussed, they said, are:  
 ■ Increased power for the governor over state spending in emergencies, the so-called budget execution authority that Clements has sought since taking office Jan. 20.  
 ■ An "inspector general" appointed by the governor to oversee education spending.  
 ■ A "rainy day fund" to give the state a financial cushion to help weather economic downturns.  
 ■ A ban on personal or corporate state income taxes.

and the Legislature at odds for months. It comes less than four weeks before lawmakers end their regular session.  
 "You show leadership by compromise and trying to solve problems, not by drawing lines in the dirt," said Reggie Bashur, the governor's press secretary.  
 "He's trying to be flexible. He's trying to accommodate in the pursuit of solving the problem and doing it without a special session," Bashur said.  
 The impasse developed after Clements proposed a \$36.9 billion budget that would require the \$2.9 billion in extra taxes. Then the Senate approved a \$39.9 billion budget that needs nearly \$6 billion more, and the House approved a \$39.4 billion spending plan.  
 "What I have done here is once again demonstrate my flexibility. I've been telling ya'll all this time how flexible I am, but you wouldn't believe me. And now you have positive proof of it," Clements told reporters Wednesday.

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## Senate sends tort reform measures to House

AUSTIN (AP) — One of the 70th Legislature's hottest potatoes, tort reform, has been passed on to the House.

Legislation calling for wide-ranging changes in courts' handling of personal injury cases and in regulation of liability insurance were approved in daylong Senate debate Wednesday.

"Few Texans realize the importance that tort reform will play in the revitalization of the Texas economy," Gov. Bill Clements said.

Clements had promised to call a special session if this session did not produce a good reform effort.

The two key bills sent to the House on voice votes were:

■ An omnibus tort reform measure that sets new rules on who can sue and who can recover damages in personal injury cases.

A comprehensive revision of procedures for regulation of liability insurance in Texas with a new division added

to protect the consumer.

A half dozen other bills were approved to supplement and strengthen the two larger measures.

Generally the tort reform bill says no one who is held more than 50 percent responsible for an accident can recover damages. In product liability cases, the limit is 61 percent negligence. Currently a person 90 percent responsible for an injury can sue for damages.

Unless a defendant is found to be more than 20 percent responsible for an accident, he cannot be made to pay for more than his share of the negligence. Currently, a defendant found only one percent responsible can be forced to pay 100 percent of the damages if the other defendants have no money.

The three opposing lawmakers, who tried unsuccessfully to change the measure, were Sens. Ted Lyon, D-Rockwall, Craig Washington, D-Houston, and Gonzalo Barrientos, D-

Austin.

A total of 25 amendments were proposed to the compromise bill negotiated by Sens. John Montford, D-Lubbock, and Kent Caperton, D-Bryan.

A number of the decisions came on 28-3 votes.

"This bill addresses the major concerns in the civil justice system that have arisen during the liability insurance crisis," Montford said. "It outlines a new structure for comparative responsibility in deciding personal injury cases."

One of the biggest battles came over an amendment by Lyon to remove a provision that a person held more than 60 percent negligent in an accident could not file suit for damages.

"This is an amendment aimed at the 'big boys,'" Lyon said. "I mean Ford and Exxon and Dalkon Shield and others who manufacture products that are found by juries to be unreasonably

dangerous. This just says they can't get out of paying, just because the plaintiff was partially responsible."

"This amendment goes to the very heart of our agreement with all involved," said Montford. "If this goes on, the wheels will come off."

There was another battle over a proposed amendment by Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville, to say that juries could not levy punitive damages more than 10 times larger than the actual damages, or \$200,000, whichever was greater. Montford's bill called for a 4-to-1 limit. "This is telling jurors we don't trust them," said Uribe. "This limits the rights of jurors."

The amendment lost, 26-5.

A proposed amendment by Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, to put the state's eight city-owned hospitals in a special category for liability insurance failed 21-10.

Lyon also failed 28-3 on another

amendment that would let juries, not a judge, decide what happens to persons filing personal injury lawsuits as harassment or on bad faith.

The effective date of the changes in civil justice law if finally approved would be Aug. 31.

The establishment of Consumer Protection division in the State Board of Insurance was proposed by Caperton and approved 26-5.

"We know we have a liability crisis. We are making changes in civil justice. We are making changes in insurance regulations and we must make changes to protect the consumer," Caperton said.

The new division and counsel would be financed by a 5.7-cent surcharge on each insurance policy sold.

The bill would create a new Texas Nonprofit Organization Liability Insurance Underwriting Association to provide liability insurance.

## Republicans: Texans counting on Clements

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans are counting on Gov. Bill Clements to stand by his campaign promise to be a blockade between them and higher taxes, says a Republican lawmaker.

And another GOP legislator says he and his Republican colleagues won't necessarily fall in line with their governor if he waives from that vow.

Clements, working on a budget compromise with legislative leaders, said Wednesday he might sign on for a program that would take more taxes from Texans by reducing the sales tax rate, but expanding it to cover services that are now exempt.

The comments from Clements, who had previously promised to veto any new tax that was not revenue neutral, created concern among Republican members of the House, where tax bills must originate.

"The governor attempted to show that there was a difference between a Democrat's approach to government and a Republican's approach. Certainly, if the governor should

change his position it would be weakening the distinction between the two parties," said Rep. Gerald Geistweid, R-Mason.

About eight GOP House members met with Clements Wednesday afternoon to discuss the day's developments.

"It sounds like it," Rep. Bill Ceverha, R-Dallas, said when asked if Clements was backing down from his no-new-taxes pledge. "It would be a little disappointing to a lot of people."

"Basically, he said there is no deal, but we are talking," Ceverha added.

Geistweid said Clements, who has taken a no-new-taxes tour to 17 cities in the past three weeks, "is winning the hearts and minds of the people out there. They don't want new taxes."

"At a time when public support is growing, I can't believe he would change his position and I'm hopeful he will stay with us," Geistweid said.

"Everyone who voted Republican last time

is still counting on him to do that ... to be the man that keeps us from raising taxes. He won't violate that trust, I'm sure. He is going to remember what got him elected, and that was his pledge for no new taxes," he said.

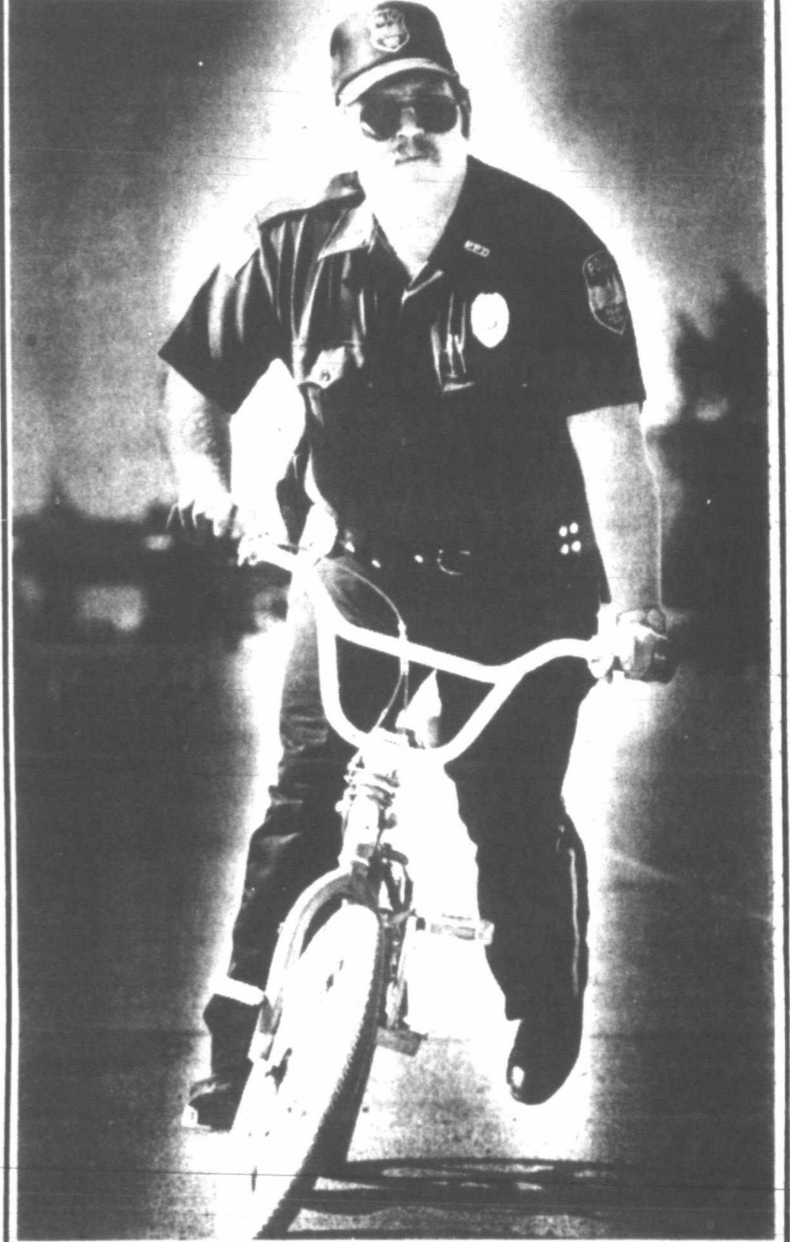
Rep. Mike Toomey, R-Houston, said House approval this week of a \$39.4 billion 1988-89 spending bill might have forced Clements' change of heart. The governor is pushing a \$36.9 billion spending plan that now seems unattainable, Toomey said.

But a higher budget does not necessarily mean higher taxes, he said.

"We need to have some additional dialogue with other Republicans in the House and him. There are a lot of other revenue measures still on the table that could produce the additional revenue we need, including a lottery and a bunch of other things," Toomey said.

"He's governor and he gets to say what he wants, but that doesn't mean the Republicans necessarily are going to follow lockstep, either," he said.

## Demonstration



(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Pampa officer Danny Lance demonstrates how to ride the obstacle course recently during a safety clinic at the Coronado Shopping Center parking lot.

## Homeowners support second home mortgages

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to allow homeowners to borrow — or not to borrow — against their equity "offers all Texas homeowners the best of both worlds," says the chairman of the board of the Texas Credit Union League.

Not so, counters the president of the Texas Consumer Association.

Chairman Clyde Choate of the Dallas-based Credit Union League said Wednesday if a homeowner chooses not to borrow against equity, he or she can file a document with the county clerk reinstating constitutional protection for a three-year period, with automatic renewal after each three years.

Homeowners could change their mind at the end of one of the intervals and make a home equity loan, Choate said in a statement distributed at a news conference.

Texas is the only state that does not allow

homeowners to borrow against home equity, he said. He also said home-backed loans draw lower interest rates and the interest can be deducted from federal income taxes.

"In effect, Texans would have to pay a higher federal income tax and higher interest rates if we do not pass the home equity bill," Choate said.

Sen. Cyndi Krier, sponsor of the proposed constitutional amendment to remove the restriction against second mortgages, said Texans should be allowed "to determine whether they — like all other Americans — should have a right to use equity built up in homes."

Brad Wiewel, consumer association president, said credit unions had been "manipulated by the large out-of-state banks into backing this terrible piece of legislation."

He said a record number of people have been forced out of their homes by lenders

during the current financial downturn, and the mortgage measure would "only lead to even more foreclosures in the future."

Wiewel said he could not believe that "the credit unions want to get themselves in the position of foreclosing on their members' homes, something that the proposed legislation would make inevitable."

Ms. Krier, R-San Antonio, said a recent study by Texas A&M University shows that borrowing against home equity would create 34,000 new jobs, earn \$29.6 million a year for those job holders and generate \$354 million for the state treasury each biennium.

She urged the media "not to listen just to the horrors of 'what-if stories.'"

If two-thirds of the House and Senate approve, the proposed constitutional amendment would be placed on the ballot.

## Sponsor unhappy about anti-hazing bill change

AUSTIN (AP) — Supporters of an anti-hazing bill say an amendment tacked on by the House could perpetuate the ring of secrecy that makes it difficult to prosecute perpetrators.

The bill won tentative approval Wednesday in the House, but only after Rep. Bill Ceverha successfully offered an amendment doing away with a provision that would allow jail terms for failure to report hazing incidents.

Ceverha, R-Dallas, said he supports the concept of the bill, but contended the mandatory reporting provision would be inconsistent with other state laws.

"If somebody sees a drunken driver and doesn't report it, he doesn't get punished. If you see a burglary being committed and don't report it, you don't get punished. But under this bill you could do six months in county jail if you simply see a hazing incident ... and don't report it," Ceverha said.

The amendment, approved 82-63, was opposed by lawmakers who viewed the reporting provision as a key to curtailing hazing on college campuses.

"I would point out that as long as we have the cloak of secrecy and the protection of

silence we are not going to address this problem," said Rep. Larry Don Shaw, D-Big Spring.

Rep. David Patronella, D-Houston and bill sponsor, said, "I think the amendment makes it less likely that individuals will report incidents of hazing."

"We'll never hear about it," he said.

The bill, as amended, was approved in a non-record vote. It faces another House vote that could send it back to the Senate for review of House changes.

Patronella said there have been five hazing-related deaths at Texas universities in the past nine years.

"The hazing statute as it now stands has not proven sufficient in deterring the practice. It is a law that has largely been unenforced," he said.

The latest anti-hazing push was sparked by the 1986 death of University of Texas freshman Mark Seeberger, who died of an alcohol overdose after a Phi Kappa Psi fraternity activity.

Travis County grand jurors said they could find no violation of state law although evidence showed Seeberger was encouraged to

drink a fatal amount of rum during a fraternity "ride."

The anti-hazing bill allows stiffer penalties for such activities, including two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine for incidents that result in death.

Current state law allows fines up to \$250 and up to three months in jail for hazing. It applies only to state colleges. The Patronella bill would apply to state and private colleges, and high schools.

Ceverha, who lives four blocks from the Seeberger family, said he supports the anti-hazing effort.

"But just because it's right to do that doesn't make everything we do right. I have to believe this bill goes a little far," he said. He said his amendment did not hurt the bill.

"It doesn't effect the penalties. It doesn't effect the clamp-down on hazing. It just says if you happen to see (a hazing incident) and don't report it in writing you won't be a criminal," said Ceverha.

Ceverha also won approval for an amendment taking out a section of the bill that would allow fraternities to be fined if even a single member of the organization was involved in hazing.

## Perryton humorist guest speaker at Groom annual awards reception

GROOM — Perryton humorist John Erickson, creator of Hank the Cowdog will be featured speaker at the second annual Academic Awards Reception at the Groom School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

All high school, grade school and middle school students will be recognized for their participation in University Interscholastic League academic events. A reception sponsored by the Groom Parent Teacher Organization will follow the presentation.

Erickson is creator of the Hank the Cowdog books, the first of which has been produced as a cartoon for the CBS Storybreak television series.

The books focus on the humorous antics of the canine head of ranch securities. The seventh book in the series has just been released.

But Erickson does not just limit his tales to the famed cowdog. Other books, published through his own Maverick Books company, are a collection of cowboy humor and tales. They include *The Devil in Texas*, *Cowboys are Partly Human*, *Alkali County Tales* and *Cowboys are a Separate Species*.

A member of the Texas Institute of Letters and the Philosophical Society of Texas, Erickson has spoken at the Library of Congress and is a board member of Western Writers of America.

## Governor approves new 65 mph speed limit

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements signed the proclamation that will raise the speed limit on rural interstate highways to 65 mph, beginning Saturday.

"Any federal bureaucrat who thought the 55 mph limit was reasonable never drove a highway mile in Texas," Clements said after signing the measure Wednesday.

The new speed limit, authorized earlier by Congress and the state highway commission, takes effect this weekend.

It applies to about 2,441 miles of the 3,147-mile interstate highway system in Texas, the stretches outside urban areas. It does not apply to federal or state highways, where the maximum limit re-

mains 55 mph, officials said.

Clements also autographed a 65 mph highway sign like those being posted across the state this week. He said he believes the action will be a popular one with motorists.

"Texans have wanted the speed limit changed to 65 mph virtually since the day the federal government lowered the limit from 70 mph to 55 mph in the early 1970s," he said.

Clements also said the lower speed limit, enacted during the Arab oil embargo, had caused difficulties for Texans.

"The reduced limit didn't have much of an impact on smaller states like Rhode Island or Delaware. It had a major impact in Texas.

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### Opinion

## Licensing scheme raises legal fees

Entry into the monopolistic legal profession. Most people accept the ritual as if it were a phenomenon of nature. A person goes to college, goes to law school and takes the State Bar exam. Then he or she's set. He or she becomes an officer of the court, and the courts allow them to practice.

But suppose a person is self-educated and has a talent for advocacy or negotiation and doesn't want to jump through the hurdles or become an officer of the court? Sorry. The courts won't allow that person to practice. The State Bar will initiate legal proceedings against that person if he does anything resembling lawyering, even though he may be perfectly competent at it, and his clients are satisfied.

Ask that former legal secretary in Florida — who probably knew more about standard forms than most lawyers — who tried to offer simple legal forms and rudimentary advice about how to use them. Her prices were considerably below that most lawyers charge. The Florida bar harassed her unmercifully, and bars around the country stand ready to harass anybody who poaches on the territory ceded to them by legislatures.

Like most licensing schemes, the State Bar serves in practice to limit competition in the financial interests of its members. Why should it have such power? Why not let anyone who wants to call himself a lawyer hang out a shingle and let the customers decide? Most consumers would probably avoid those without a proper education. The State Bar could still give an exam, and those who passed would probably enjoy higher income. But why would it have the power to interpose itself between a person offering a service and a customer?

One other thought while school officials lobby legislators: Under the present system, a lawyer who jumps all the hurdles becomes an officer of the court, responsible to the court system and theoretically required — in some instances — to serve the interests of the court even before the interests of a client. Such a person is thus tied to the judicial branch of government.

If an officer of the court runs for the legislature and wins, he becomes a member of the legislative branch. Is there not a conflict of interest here, a violation of the constitutional doctrine of separation of powers? Just asking.

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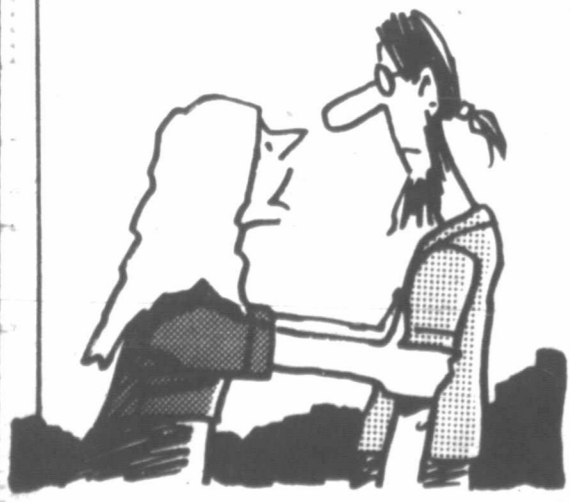
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## Unknowns seek top office

WASHINGTON — By this time, nine months before the Iowa caucuses, almost everyone who cares about politics has heard about the biggies in the race. Before we get swept away by the oratory of the leading candidates, something should be said for those whose names are not yet household words.

As of mid-April, the Federal Election Commission had received filings (some of them from draft committees) on behalf of 112 candidates for president and three candidates for vice president. The notification lineup includes a dozen heavy hitters — Bush, Dole, DuPont, Haig, Kemp and Robertson for the Republicans; Hart, Babbitt, Gephardt, Simon, Bradley, Biden, Cuomo, Dukakis and Iacocca for the Democrats. You'll be hearing more than you may really want to know about some of these ambitious gentlemen.

Incredible as it may seem, roughly 100 others have let their aspirations be publicly known. Most of these candidacies are in fact incredible, but hope springs eternal. My thought is that three unknowns look at the prospective field; they see themselves riding in Air Force One and dining in the East Room; they know that, as president, they never again would have to wait on an elevator or search for a place to park. After they have thought upon these things, they look in the mirror and find the prospects enchanting. They ask of the mirror, "Why not me?" So they form a committee.

Thus we have a stable of horses invisibly dark. Among the hopefuls is Edward Matthew Balcik of Ripon, Wis., candidate for the Nouveau Century Party of America. Kenneth

George Robichaux of New Orleans intends to head the ticket of the Prix Party. From Indianapolis, James H. Ricketts Sr. will be the nominee of the Army of the Reconvention.

At least two candidates hail from Wyoming: Al Hamburg of Torrington, spearheading War Veterans Against Nuclear Weapons, and Mickael Lee Hamburg of Hawk Springs, on behalf of the Jobs for Students, Jobs for Youth Party. Punch B. Burger of Chapel Hill, N.C., will be the choice of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Voters. From Jackson Heights, N.Y., comes the nominations of Charles J. Ott, on behalf of Chuck Ott's Believe It or Not, Serious Presidential Committee.

Texas is big this year. Roughly a dozen Texans have tossed their Stetsons in the ring, among them Rickey Lynn Swinney of Fort Worth, Candidate of the American Dream Party.

Women are as hopeful as men. Seeking the Democratic nomination are Mrs. Frank Stewart of Centre, Ala.; Peggy Ann Childers of Madison, Tenn.; Mildred Glover of Atlanta; and Dolores Yolanda Gutierrez of Sunnyvale, Calif. Across the aisle, campaigning for the Republican prize, is Alice Feggins Sheppard of Freeport, N.Y. Concetta Marie Lagamo of Streator, Ill., heads the new Israel With Concetta Marie Party. Mrs. Nell K. Fiola of Burnsville, Minn., carries the banner of the New Millennium Party. Karen-Lee Blauvelt of Billerica, Mass., is running for president on her own.

Three of the 1988 prospects have advised the FEC that their ambitions are a bit more modest.

Alfonzo Jones of Detroit, William M. Daguman of San Francisco, and Samuel Dale Darnell of Durant's Neck, N.C., are not seeking the Oval Office. They are running for the vice presidency only.

Well, I say the more, the merrier. In the fairly recent past our presidential elections have seen an astonishing number of parties actually get on ballots here and there. In 1980, by way of example, Barry Commoner ran in 36 states as nominee of the Citizens Party. John R. Rarick represented the American Independent Party. Maureen Smith got on the California ballot for the Peace and Freedom Party. Harley McLain ran in North Dakota for the National Peoples League. In New Jersey, Bill Gahres carried the banner of the Down With Lawyers Party; he got 1,718 votes.

I'm all for the Army of the Unknown. Most of the FEC's obscure candidates may be oddballs or screwballs, but some of the hopefuls have ideas worth trotting out for inspection. Back in the 1920s, we regularly had candidates from the Socialist Labor and Farmer Labor Parties, many of their campaign planks eventually wound up in the Democratic platform. The Prohibition Party started fielding presidential candidates in 1872 — and look what happened. They got the 18th Amendment. Single taxers, populists, right-to-lifers and reformers of various hues have gone for the presidential prize.

"Let the winds of doctrine blow!" That was Milton's sage advice. And if the winds blow hard in 1988, the blowhards of this world deserve a little recognition, too.

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Lewis Grizzard

## Viewers miss PTL comedy



The good news regarding the recent scandals involving the television evangelists is that they have provided the opportunity for much needed humor.

They have even revived some old material. Remember the joke about Oral Roberts starting his own record company?

It's going around again: "Hear about Oral Roberts starting a record company?"

"No, what happened?" "He went out of business. The hole in the middle of his records kept healing shut."

I like the one about Jerry Falwell running into Jimmy Swaggart in an airport one day. They began to chat and quite naturally the conversation got around to money.

"How, Brother Falwell," began Brother Swaggart. "Do you decide what part of the money you get from your believers each week goes to the Lord and how much you keep for yourself?" "Very simple," Brother Falwell explained.

"Each week I take all the money my flock has sent in and put it into a large cardboard box. Then, I go into my office where I have a line drawn on the floor. I throw all the money up into the air and what falls to the left of the line I give to the Lord. What falls on the right I keep."

"Very good," said Brother Swaggart. "I have a similar system of deciding how much I give the Lord and how much I keep. I also go into my office with all the money, and I also throw it up into the air and whatever the Lord catches he can keep."

I know people who are now admitting publicly they were regular watchers of the PTL Club. They didn't watch for the salvation, however. They watched for the humor.

"Jim and Tammy Faye were the best husband and wife comedy team since Burns and Allen, and I miss them," a friend was saying.

"My favorite routine of theirs was when Jim and Tammy Faye both dressed up in sailor suits, and Jim begged for money to pay for the water-slide at Heritage Village while Tammy Faye cried. After she had cried for a few mo-

ments she looked like Soupy Sales had just hit her in the face with a mascara pie."

"I really miss both of them," my friend continued. "Watching PTL now is nothing like it used to be."

Richard Dortch and Jerry Falwell both look like they're constipated, and I can't stand to watch Jimmy Swaggart. He seems to be in such pain. Maybe he has the same problem as Dortch and Falwell.

I remain convinced humor is just as good for the soul as watching a television evangelist, and I close with the following gems currently making the rounds:

■ Did you hear Oral Roberts died? The check bounced.

■ How is Tammy Faye Bakker's face like a ski slope? Five inches of base, six inches of powder.

■ Did you hear about the television evangelist who is a cross between Jim Bakker and Oral Roberts? If he doesn't have sex within the next two weeks, he is going to die. Say goodnight, Tammy Faye.

## Safety hits the ditch with some big rigs

By Robert Walters

DALLAS (NEA) — Day and night, the massive tractor-trailers rumble across the interstate highways that intersect here — I-45 to the Gulf Coast, I-35 to Mexico, I-30 to Fort Worth and I-20 to the West Texas oil fields.

For most motorists, competing for highway space with those trucks is unnerving — but confronting the big rigs would be even more terrifying if the occupants of passenger cars knew more about the tractor-trailers.

It's not unusual to find truck drivers with licenses that have been permanently revoked, tractors whose front brakes have been purposely dis-

abled and huge double rigs carrying so much cargo that they weigh as much as 20 automobiles.

There are "western doubles," longer "Rocky Mountain doubles," even longer "turnpike doubles" and, in a few states, "triples" — a single tractor pulling three swaying trailers.

Efforts by some states to ban longer, wider and heavier trucks were nullified by a 1982 federal law that allowed them unrestricted use of the 42,000-mile-long interstate highway system.

There is a price to be paid — in Texas and elsewhere — as the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety discovered in a two-year study of 734 trucks involved in crashes on inter-

state highways.

The principal finding reported earlier this year by IIHS, a non-profit research organization based in Washington, D.C., and financed by the insurance industry:

"Compared with their numbers on the highways, double-trailer trucks are two to three times more likely to be in crashes than are single-trailer trucks."

"If the use of doubles becomes more widespread throughout the interstate highway system and connecting roads, an inevitable result will be increased truck crashes...."

"Doubles jackknife more often than single-trailer trucks and it is common for the second trailer of a double-

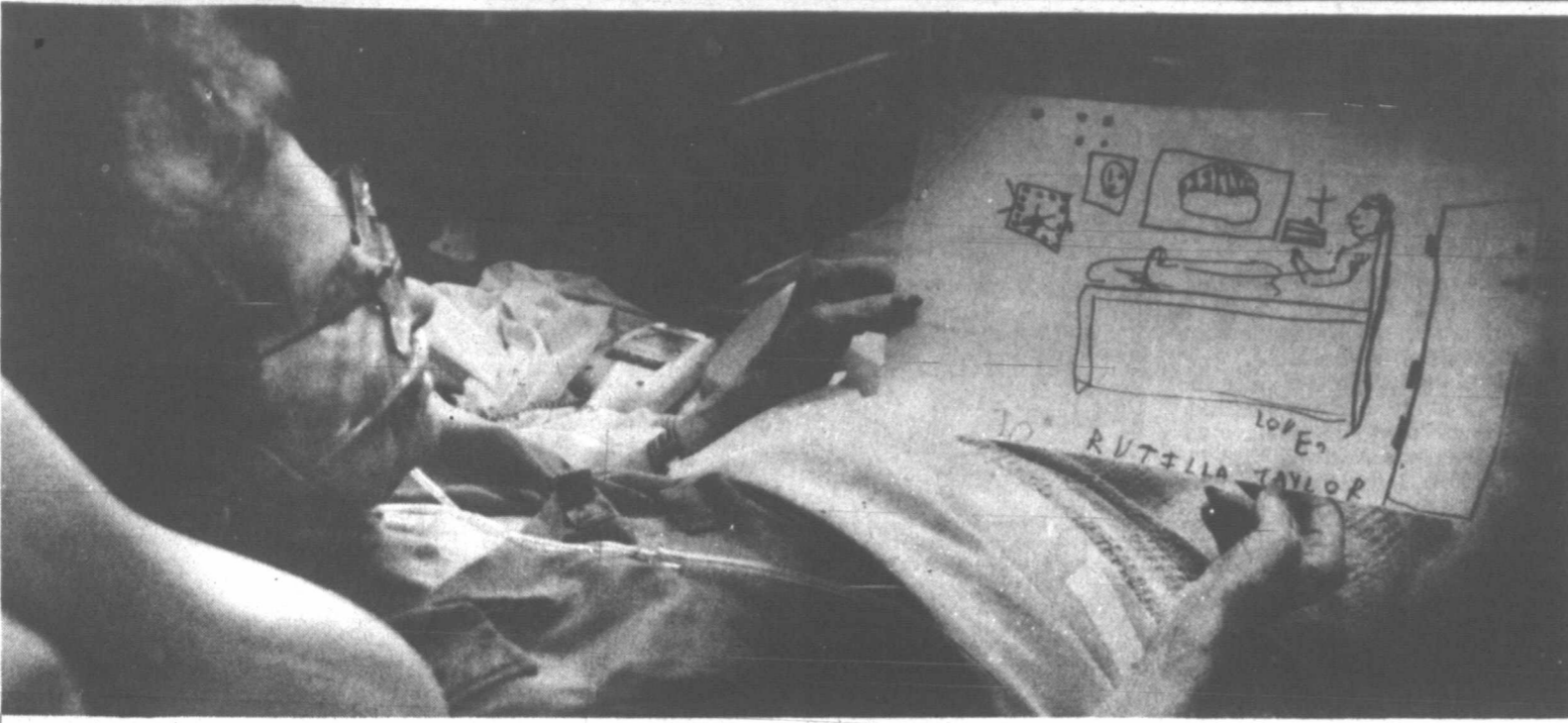
trailer combination to break free as the result of a crash."

An earlier study, conducted by the National Research Council, assumed that doubles would be more accident-prone but that their greater cargo capacity would reduce total truck mileage by 10 percent, thus more than offsetting the expected higher crash rate.

But IIHS says that hasn't happened.

Finally, there's the matter of driver licensing. Many states administer thoroughly inadequate tests before qualifying people as drivers of rigs that weigh up to 80,000 pounds. Many drivers avoid suspension or revocation by obtaining licenses in several states.

HOSPICE



St. Anthony's Hospice patient Clara Hobgood of Amarillo admires her great-great granddaughter's drawing of her room.

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Grave

patient at home as long as it is right and acceptable to everyone involved. "This means consideration of dying at home whenever possible," he adds.

"Hospice care is creating a major impact on the practice of oncology," said Dr. Neil MacDonald, director of Cross Cancer Institute and Division of Oncology at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Because he was intrigued by the hospice movement in Canada, Dr. MacDonald spent a year working with hospice programs.

"I came away with a deep appreciation of the humane nature and skill of the people involved with hospice care," he said. "I also came away with a concern that our cancer programs may be defaulting on their responsibilities, thus creating a demand for alternative programs."

Dr. MacDonald said he saw four areas that may prove to be potential problems in hospice care — continuity of care, access to oncology services, privacy and research.

"In some instances, continuity of care is lost," he explained. "The patient becomes separated from physicians who have provided care through the earlier phases of illness, causing the patient to feel abandoned."

Dr. MacDonald argued that many doctors can, with the help of other professionals, contribute to the spiritual and emotional needs of

the patient. Nor should it be assumed, he said, that only hospice workers have the needed compassion to do that job.

"In some hospices, the provision of oncology services is inadequate," said Dr. MacDonald. He believes patients should have access to well-organized laboratory services and consultations from oncologists and that hospice physicians should have sufficient training in oncology to understand cancer and to be certain that all avenues of anti-cancer treatment have been considered before the patient is placed on a program based only on symptom control and counseling.

Another concern of Dr. MacDonald's is the privacy of the patient. "It seems paradox, but the hospice movement may sometimes create a problem with maintenance of human dignity," he said. "The emphasis on family involvement may lead to a tendency to share the diagnosis, prognosis, and recommendations with the family to the exclusion of the patient."

Dr. MacDonald also fears that the team approach carries the risk that in the course of team discussions, matters that are ordinarily private between patients and physicians will be "widely communicated." Discussion of some topics, such as infidelity or socially undesirable characteristics, with many health workers present, he said, "does not contribute to the maintenance of human dignity."

The fourth area of concern to Dr. MacDonald is research. "Some of the major hospices are interested in research, but many are not," he said. "Their emphasis is clearly on day-to-day patient care." While Dr. MacDonald said he sees that this is appropriate, he also maintains, "The problems of the dying cancer patient are legitimate subjects for research."

"The opportunity for hospice patients to participate in research may not only keep open the door of hope, but also contribute to their need to maintain a sense of dignity," he said. This dignity is brought about by allowing the patient to participate in the fight against cancer, he said.

Medical oncologists and hospice physicians exist as two solitudes, Dr. MacDonald said. "Oncologists sometimes regard the hospice movement as an association of psalm singers who ease cancer patients into their graves prematurely," he explained. "On the other hand, hospice physicians sometimes react as if oncologists are thoughtless automatons without compassion or human insight."

Dr. MacDonald said he believes hospices and oncology programs should be linked together in order to bring the best qualities of both to the patients and their families.

"Continuity of care will then be established," he said. "Patients and families will benefit, and we, the professionals — regardless of our disciplines — will profit."

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— MacDonald



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Breast cancer linked to moderate drinking

BOSTON (AP) — Two studies today link breast cancer with as little as three drinks a week, prompting one expert to recommend that overweight women and others at high risk of the disease consider reducing alcohol consumption.

The studies, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that women who drink modest amounts of liquor, beer or wine are more likely to get breast cancer later in life than those who don't drink.

The new research does not prove that alcohol causes the disease, the most common form of cancer among American women, striking one in 10 at some time in their lives.

However, Dr. Walter C. Willett, principal author of one of the studies, estimated alcohol could be responsible for 10 percent to 15 percent of the cases.

In an editorial published with the studies, Dr. Saxon Graham of the State University of New York at Buffalo said whatever can be done to reduce the risk of the disease should be done.

"One might recommend, then," he wrote, "that women at especially high risk for breast cancer, such as those who are obese, who have had few children, who were first pregnant when they were older than 25 or whose mothers had breast cancer, should curtail their alcohol ingestion."

The principal authors of the two studies said the data are still too murky to be used to recommend changes in the drinking habits of American women.

"I think decisions are going to have to be made on an individual level with the realization that there is some uncertainty still involved here," said Willett, who directed one of the studies at the Harvard School of Public Health.

It would be reasonable for a woman to wait until more information is available before deciding whether to change her drinking habits, Willett said.

"But I also think it's a rational decision to say, 'Yes, there is some uncertainty, but I'm going to play it safe and reduce my drinking.'"

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# Nation

## Hart says he's told the truth, now leaves it to the voters

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — Gary Hart, no longer the front-runner in this state with the first presidential primary, says he told the truth about his relationship with a part-time actress, but "if you don't believe me, there's nothing I can do about it."

The Democratic presidential candidate is back on the campaign trail after four days of raging controversy over his friendship with Donna Rice, 29, of Miami.

Admitting mistakes, but declaring "I am not stupid," Hart also said he has "nothing to hide."

With his wife, Lee, at his side for the first time in a week, Hart started Wednesday to try to put his campaign back together with a speech and town meeting. He was buoyed by a town meeting in Littleton, where none of the dozen questions dealt with the controversy.

Hoping to end the furor, Hart held a 51-minute news conference in Hanover, answering questions on subjects ranging from adultery to minute details of his weekend activities with Rice.

"I can just tell you the facts and we'll leave it up to you and the public to believe them," he told the packed news conference. "If you don't believe me, there's nothing I can do about it."

His voice intense with anger at times, Hart called for fairness. And he continued to point out what he called flaws in Sunday's Miami Herald story that said Rice spent Friday night and most of Saturday with him at his Washington townhouse while his wife was in Denver. Hart and Rice deny the story.

"Now I'm going through this and I will continue to. I want to answer questions and I'm doing my best and I intend to continue to do my best," Hart said. "You can ask me about adultery. You can ask me about any question you want. And believe me, my wife and I have answered more personal questions than I think anybody in public life. And we will probably have to continue to, to my regret."

"But I am going to demand this system be fair. And I have a right to demand it. And if someone is going to follow me around, they better follow me around. And they better print all the facts."

As Hart made his first campaign trip since the Herald story, the news from the polls was not good. A poll of 400 likely New Hampshire primary voters conducted for The Boston Herald and WBZ-TV said Hart has slipped in New Hampshire from a tie at 32 percent with Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis a week ago to a 27 percent to 17 percent Dukakis edge.

Hart acknowledged the damage from the controversy, but said the damage, like the jokes, would be only short-term.

"Jokes only last so long," he said.

Although Hart said he considers adultery immoral, he adamantly refused to answer questions about whether he had ever committed adultery.

"I don't have to answer that question because you get into some fairly fine definitions," he said. But asked specifically if his statements meant he had not had sexual relations with Rice, Hart answered: "That's correct."

Hart, author of two spy novels, contended his actions were not those of a man having an affair.

"If I had intended a relationship with this woman, believe me—I have written spy novels—I am not stupid. If I wanted to bring someone into a house or an apartment or meet with a woman in secret, I wouldn't have done it this way."

Hart's wife flew to New Hampshire on Wednesday. In an interview before leaving Denver, she said she believes her husband did not do anything wrong and that the rest of the country should brush the matter aside as well.

But she added: "If I could have planned his weekend schedule, I think I would have scheduled it differently."



Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart and his wife Lee greet well wishers during a campaign stop in New Hampshire Wednesday. This is the first time the two have been together since the controversy erupted over the weekend.

### Lee Hart rejoins husband in campaign

LITTLETON, N.H. (AP) — Lee Hart quietly joined her husband, Gary, on the presidential campaign trail after saying she loves him and believes him when he says "nothing happened" between him and part-time actress Donna Rice.

The Democratic front-runner and former Colorado senator introduced his wife to an overflow crowd of more than 100 at a community hall Wednesday night, kissed her on the cheek and called her "the bravest wife in the world."

Mrs. Hart stood several feet behind her husband as he briefly mentioned the controversy over his association with Rice, 29, a sales representative and former model from Miami. He reiterated he had made a mistake a judgment in socializing with her.

Hart, 50, then fielded several questions on foreign and domestic policy from the receptive audience. He was not asked about a Miami Herald report that he spent Friday night with Rice in his Capitol Hill townhouse while Mrs. Hart was in Denver.

Mrs. Hart, 51, made no statement at the community hall and did not answer reporters' questions as she and her husband of 28 years made their way, arm in arm, to a waiting car.

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# World

## Anti-apartheid candidates battered in election

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The white electorate shifted sharply to the right in a parliamentary election, keeping President P.W. Botha's Nationalists in power while strengthening the hand of parties that oppose even modest concessions to blacks.

The anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party suffered a crushing defeat, going from 27 elected seats in the outgoing white chamber of Parliament to at least 19, according to near-complete returns from Wednesday's election.

It was supplanted as the official parliamentary opposition by the Conservative Party, a staunch supporter of race segregation.

With 158 of 166 races decided, Botha's National Party, which has governed for 39 years, had 117 seats.

Twelve seats of the 178-member, dominant white chamber of the tricameral legislature are filled by appointment, and the Nationalists were expected to receive 10 of them. They also were sure to win some of the eight seats still undecided, putting them beyond the 127-seat majority they had in the previous Parliament.

The Conservative Party, formed five years ago as a breakaway from the Nationalist Party, had won 20 seats by mid-morning. The New Republic Party won one seat and one went to an independent.

Extreme rightist parties received 29 percent of the votes — nearly double their total in the last white election in 1981 and far ahead of the 18 percent garnered by an informal alliance of anti-apartheid candidates.

"Clearly we will have to re-examine our role and function," said Progressive Federal Party leader Colin Eglin, who was re-elected easily.

About 66 percent of the slightly more than 3 million registered white voters cast ballots. By mid-morning today, 1,987,503 ballots had been counted.

More than 1 million of the country's voteless blacks joined a nationwide strike Wednesday to protest the election.

Scattered unrest was reported in black townships during the polling, and police said there were two explosions early today at the Johannesburg headquarters of the Congress of South African Trade unions, causing damage but no injuries. The 600,000-member black labor federation helped organize the two-day general strike that began Tuesday.

Parliament includes chambers for people of Indian descent and those of mixed race, but elections for those chambers are scheduled for 1989.

By law and custom, apartheid establishes a racially segregated society in which the 24 million blacks have no vote in national affairs. The 5 million whites control the economy and maintain separate districts, schools and health services.

The 71-year-old Botha, who has governed for 11 months under a state of emergency voiding key constitutional guarantees, called the election two years early to seek a mandate for gradual reforms that would eventually give blacks a limited role in national policy-making.

## Study says a new AIDS virus may cause epidemic

BOSTON (AP) — A lethal relative of the AIDS virus is likely to spread from Africa to the rest of the world, which could seriously complicate the already difficult job of finding an AIDS vaccine, researchers say.

The microbe, HIV-2, also could raise questions about the accuracy of AIDS tests.

HIV-2, discovered in 1984, genetically resembles HIV-1, the virus that causes AIDS found in the United States, and SIV, the virus that causes an AIDS-like disease in monkeys.

In a report in today's New England Journal of Medicine, doctors from the Pasteur Institute in Paris showed that HIV-2 can cause acquired immune deficiency syndrome indistinguishable from that triggered by HIV-1.

"It seems to be localized at the

moment" in West Africa, said Dr. Francois Clavel. "But there is no reason why this epidemic would not spread over Africa or Europe or other countries like HIV-1 did, unless we are very vigilant and can detect carriers of the virus."

Earlier, Pasteur researchers reported finding HIV-2 in two AIDS patients. Clavel said the latest study, documenting HIV-2 infection in 30 people, provides strong evidence that the virus actually causes the disease.

The two viruses appear to attack the body in similar ways. Clavel said that while some parts of HIV-1 and HIV-2 are genetically alike, others are different, and the overall genetic similarity is about 40 percent.

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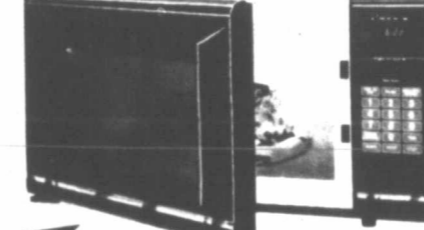


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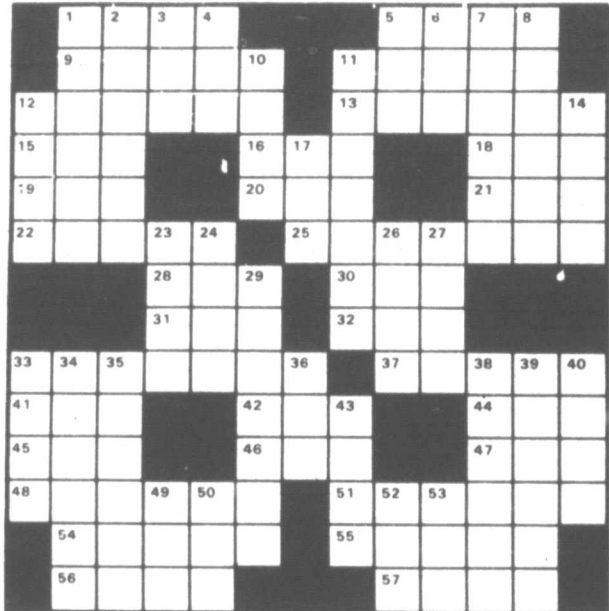
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- 41 Fodder
- 42 These (Fr.)
- 44 Poverty-war agency (abbr.)
- 45 Inner self
- 46 Animal flesh
- 47 Naval abbr.
- 48 Of mountains
- 51 Rubs out
- 54 Sea duck
- 55 Swallowed
- 56 Return envelope (abbr.)
- 57 Snug retreat

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- 2 Forever
- 3 Suffer remorse
- 4 450, Roman
- 5 Wool fiber
- 6 Trouble
- 7 Winner
- 8 Repetitive
- 10 This (Sp.)
- 11 Dark pigment
- 12 Man's nickname
- 14 Shoe part
- 17 Beverage
- 23 Pertaining to dawn
- 24 Singer Horne
- 26 Cheat
- 27 Olympic gymnast
- 34 Predatory birds
- 35 Defective vision
- 36 \_\_\_\_\_ for two
- 38 Submerges
- 39 Feel indignation at
- 40 Long times
- 43 Diving duck
- 49 Mental components
- 50 By birth
- 52 Raced
- 53 Consumed food

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### STEVE CANYON



By Milton Caniff

### Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol  
Friday, May 8, 1987

Money may not be dropped in your lap in the year ahead, but if you're willing to extend yourself, your prospects look good. Make the most of each of your opportunities.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A familiar situation that you usually manage with relative ease could prove to be annoying today, but it won't defeat you. Keep your chin up. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Matchmaker set can help you understand what it might take to restore the relationship. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If your mate unearths an issue today that has been a bone of contention, pretend you didn't hear him. Without fuel, the flame will be extinguished.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You might have a chance to test your salesmanship today; you may try to alter an associate's opinion about something he is dead set against.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Things you press too hard for could be denied you today. The secret to acquiring is to be grateful, not greedy.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A smile and a kind word will encourage others to do your bidding today. Harsh or assertive tactics will evoke an unpleasant reaction.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Let bygones be bygones today if you have to deal with a person who disappointed you in the past. If the grudge seeps into your involvements, dissension will follow.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Don't expect co-workers, even the ones you've bent over backward to help, to do things for you today that are beyond their capabilities.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** In gratifying your ambitious aims today, don't use methods you'll later regret. Momentary gains won't be worth the price you may have to pay.

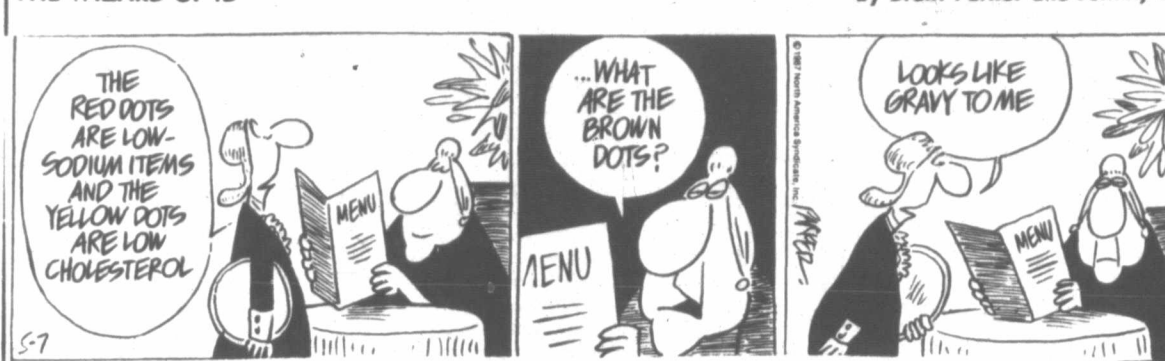
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Guard against tendencies today to see something that confronts you as more difficult than it actually is. Think positively and get the true picture.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Use your charm and wit today to soften up one who is pertinent to your present needs. This person isn't half as tough as he appears.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Don't let a business associate's bleak outlook affect your optimism today. Conditions are more promising than he perceives them.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You'll be motivated to perform better today if you focus on the rewards rather than the problems. All of your dilemmas are solvable.

### THE WIZARD OF ID



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

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By Howie Schneider

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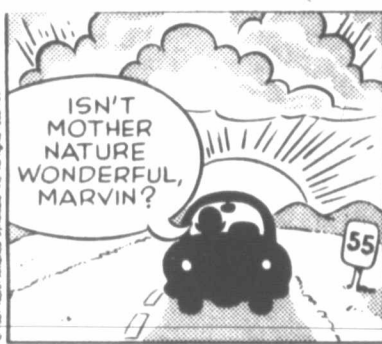
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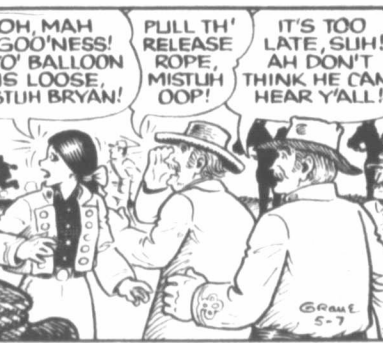
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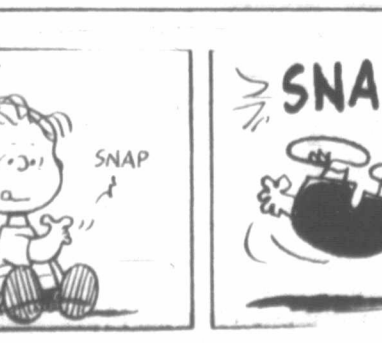
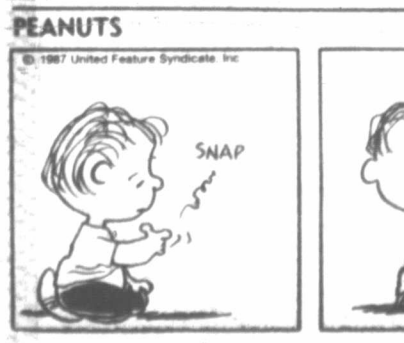
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### THE BORN LOSER

### GARFIELD





# Lifestyles

## Country Squire Dinner Theatre presents 'See How They Run'

"See How They Run," a 1940s English comedy, is being presented now through May 30 at Country Squire Dinner Theatre in Amarillo.

The dinner theatre is at 135 Sunset Marketown. The buffet is open from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 358-7486.

"See How They Run," a farcical comedy of manners, has swift action and involved situations. The cast of nine is directed by Joe Barone of Los Angeles, with Curtis Logsdon as production-stage manager.

Penelope Toop, a vicar's wife, is the leading female role. Played by Heather Hollingsworth, a Lubbock native who recently

appeared in "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," Penelope goes on an innocent date with an old friend, Clive, who is a serviceman stationed at a nearby base.

They attend a play they once both acted in, with Clive in disguise because he wasn't supposed to be in that part of town in uniform. The problem is that he is wearing her husband's clothes. This triggers a crazy chain of events with Penelope in the middle.

Rik Reppe of Tulsa, Okla., portrays Corporal Clive Winton. George Addison of Dallas, previously seen on the Country Squire stage in "Pajama Tops," is the Rev. Lionel Toop.

Kim Turner of Dallas, who also appeared in "Dirty Work at the Crossroads" and "Pajama Tops" at Country Squire, plays Ida, the maid.

Tami Logsdon, last seen as the "tipsy gypsy" in "Cookin' With Gus," portrays Miss Skillon.

Others in the cast are Hamilton Henson from Okmulgee, Okla., making his first appearance on the Squire stage; Don Rouse and Steve Jones, both of Amarillo; and Regi Fowler, a long-time Country Rogue, on stage as the Rev. Arthur Humphrey.



Rik Reppe and Heather Hollingsworth, cast members of 'See How They Run.'

## Sad canary owner knows why her caged bird sings

DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful yellow canary who sings every day, all day long, rain or shine. His song makes me both happy and sad, and when I look at him, I could cry.

You see, he has no feet — he just scoots around on the bottom of his cage on the little balls at the end of his legs. I've had him for three years. Just before last Christmas, I was cleaning his cage and noticed that the bands on his legs were very tight. I tried to cut them off, but they were so tight, I feared I would injure his legs, so I just left the bands on.

About three weeks ago, his legs became infected and swollen around the bands, and then his little feet just dried up and he pecked them off!

I realize that birds are banded to show they've passed inspection for health and shipping; now I am asking you to please print something in your column asking pet shop owners to cut off those horrible bands once the bird has been sold to an individual owner.

I prayed that my little darling would go to sleep and never wake up, but God let him live, and healed those swollen legs minus the feet, so he could sing again for me. Abby, please try to save other little singers



Dear Abby  
Abigail Van Buren

from this fate.  
A VERY SAD READER

DEAR READER: With a lump in my throat I am printing your letter with the hope that your warning will be heeded by pet shop personnel and bird owners whose days are brightened by the song of their little feathered companions. But had you taken your canary to a vet to have the bands removed, perhaps you wouldn't be singing such a sad song.

DEAR ABBY: Early this year, my sweetheart and I were married in a beautiful wedding chapel where

people go to be married in a church atmosphere. I recently heard that the minister who performed our marriage ceremony is not a real minister — he's the owner of the chapel, and obtained his minister status by mail order.

I am very much concerned about this. Are we legally married, or are we living in sin?

UPSET

DEAR UPSET: If you have a valid marriage certificate, and the person who performed the ceremony is authorized to perform marriage ceremonies, you are legally married.

If the minister is not authorized to perform marriages, you are living in sin, and the minister could wind up living in jail.

CONFIDENTIAL TO YOUNG READERS: This Sunday is Mother's Day. You didn't realize it was so soon? You're broke? Don't sweat it. Sit down and write her a letter, telling her how much you appreciate her, and don't worry about getting too sentimental. I promise you she will appreciate it more than a \$100 gift. (And I'll bet she saves it.)

## Donation



(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club has donated \$3,800 to The Opportunity Plan, Inc. of Canyon to be used for student loans. OPI makes loans available to college students in the Panhandle area. The donation was earned by the study club at its 25th annual

Antique Show and Sale, held recently in M.K. Brown Auditorium. From left are Koell McKay, club president; Anne Campbell, club vice-president; Stacey Kelly, OPI developmental officer; and Cathryn Wright, OPI executive vice-president.

## Genesis House landscaping



(Staff Photo by Cathy Spaulding)

Pampa Garden Club, assisted by John Dresner, horticulturist, is landscaping the Genesis House grounds at the corner of Ward and Buckler Streets. Trees and shrubs were planted this week, with more plants and

shrubs to be planted in future weeks. Some of the Genesis House residents are helping Dresner with the planting. Shown are, from left, Nancy Gonzalez, Dresner and Lisa Dorsey.

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# Sports Scene

## Celtics take 2-0 series lead against Bucks

### Ainge sparks Boston attack

By HOWARD ULMAN  
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Milwaukee played much better than it did the night before. Unfortunately for the Bucks, so did Boston's Danny Ainge.

His deadly outside shooting kept the Boston Celtics in Wednesday night's playoff game until they could win it in the final minute 126-124. Despite their improvement, the Bucks trudge home trailing the best-of-seven NBA series 2-0.

"We're going before a favorable crowd," Milwaukee Coach Don Nelson said. "If we play the caliber of ball we played tonight, we'll have a chance."

Especially if Ainge doesn't play in Friday night's third game the way he played in Game 2.

Boston's guard hit just one of nine shots and scored four points in a 111-98 victory in Tuesday night's opener in which Milwaukee shot poorly and handled the ball carelessly.

But on Wednesday night, he scored a career playoff high 30 points as he hit 11 of his 14 field goal attempts, including four of six three-pointers. He also had eight assists, four rebounds and three steals.

"I was probably thinking too

much about defense and (Bucks' playmaker John) Lucas in the previous game," Ainge said. "I guess it affects your offense."

"They were trapping DJ (Dennis Johnson) to keep the ball away from Larry (Bird)," he said. "They gave me more opportunities."

"Against any team we rely on cutting off the inside game. We've been doing that the entire year," Milwaukee guard Sidney Moncrief said. "When you play Boston, you have to give up something. Tonight we gave up the outside shot."

Despite that, the Bucks almost snapped Boston's five-month home winning streak. The victory was the Celtics' 33rd in a row at home since they lost to the Los Angeles Lakers on Dec. 12.

It also was their ninth victory in a row, including five in the playoffs, and tied the record of 14 consecutive home playoff victories set by the Minneapolis Lakers from 1949 through 1951.

"Sooner or later, if we're hanging around, they've got to lose here once," Bucks' center Jack Sikma said.

That wouldn't be enough for Milwaukee. The Celtics must lose the remaining two games here while dropping two of three on the road for the Bucks to advance to the Eastern Conference finals.

The game was the only one played Wednesday night. Tonight, Houston, trailing 2-0 visits Seattle, and Golden State is

at the Los Angeles Lakers. The Lakers lead that series 1-0.

Bird shared game scoring honors with Ainge with 30 points, while Robert Parish added 24 and Johnson 21 for the Celtics.

The Bucks, who dropped their ninth straight game at Boston Garden, were led by Terry Cummings with 28 points, Ricky Pierce with 20 and Sikma with 19.

Boston came about as close to losing at home as it has in any other game during the streak. It trailed most of the first half before a late flurry in which Ainge hit consecutive three-point field goals to tie the game 64-64 at intermission.

The Celtics last trailed 79-78 midway through the third quarter, but Milwaukee stayed close and tied the game 122-122 when Moncrief's two free throws capped a 7-0 run with 43 seconds left in the game.

Johnson, who was driving in the lane, was fouled by Sikma and made two free throws with 29 seconds to go. Then Milwaukee's Paul Pressey drove toward the basket. Three Celtics converged on him, he missed the shot and Bird got the rebound with 14 seconds remaining.

With six seconds to go, Cummings fouled Fred Roberts, who iced the victory with two free throws. Sikma's basket with three seconds remaining accounted for the final margin.

Said Bird: "Overall, I think we did well in just winning and that's what counts in the playoffs."



(AP Laserphoto)

The Bucks' Terry Cummings looks for help.

### Front Row Seat

By Jimmy  
Patterson



□ Kudos to several area high school athletes that have been honored in the past week at awards banquets.

Wheeler High School held its banquet last week, and among those recognized were:

Outstanding Tennis Girl — Marlo Hartman; Outstanding Tennis Boy — Cody Wiggins and Bobby Sword; Outstanding Track Girl — Tammy Helton; Outstanding Basketball Girl — Marlo Hartman; Outstanding Basketball Boy — Bubba Smith; Outstanding Defensive Lineman — Hale Hughes, Charlie Miller; Outstanding Offensive Lineman — Stephen Meadows; Outstanding Defensive Back — Grayson Benson; Outstanding Offensive Back — Cody Wiggins; Mustang Award — Bridgett Wallace; Mustang Award — Richard Smith.

□ Shamrock High School also honored its top athletes and presented the following awards:

Most Valuable Player, Football — John Terry, Chad Troxell, Toby Torisk, Eddie Garcia; Fighting Heart Award — John Terry; Spirit of the Fighting Irish Award — Chuck Dougherty; Basketball Rookie of the Year — Ruben Garza; Basketball Most Valuable Player — Chuck Dougherty; Basketball Fighting Heart Award — Pete D'Arcy; Girls Basketball Rookie of the Year — Jennifer Torisk; Girls Basketball MVP — Missy Robinson; Girls Basketball Fighting Heart Award — Judy Cogburn and Tammy Stone; Outstanding Golf Award — Pete D'Arcy; Clover Award (Out-

standing Tracksters) — Paige Pasley and Anita Robinson.

□ Dates for awards banquets at the remaining area schools include:

May 8 — McLean; May 12 — Kelton; May 16 — Briscoe; May 19 — Groom; May 21 — Mobeetie; May 23 — Canadian, White Deer; May 25 — Miami.

□ BASEBALL TRIVIA: Where is the New York Mets' Carolina League farm team located, and who is their president? Answer follows.

□ One correction needs to be made. In Sunday's Sports Scene, in the article entitled, "Optimists switch to Bambino baseball," it was incorrectly stated that the reason there was no city baseball tournament last year was that the Bambinos are not allowed to play against another sanctioned league.

In fact, the Little League is not allowed to play against another league — not the Bambinos, who welcome inter-league play.

□ Early tabs on the National League Most Valuable Player would have to go to Cincinnati's Eric Davis. Incredibly, Davis leads the NL in batting average, hits, RBI, stolen bases and homers. He is also second in doubles.

If the Reds win their division, it would be largely due to the play of Davis.

□ TRIVIA ANSWER: The Mets' farm team in the Carolinas is the Lynchburg (VA) Mets. Lynchburg, of course, is widely known as the home base for the Jerry Falwell ministry. The president of the Lynchburg team is Calvin Falwell.

## Optimist coupon books available

Glo-Valve Service and Rotary were neck and neck at the first check-in of the Optimist Baseball Coupon Books at Optimist Park Tuesday.

The two teams sold \$800 and \$760 respectively to lead all Optimist teams in sales. The total for the first check-in was \$4,420, according to a tally certified by John Charles Cooley, C.P.A.

Brandon Knutson with \$500 and Jason Brantley and J.B. Horton with \$260 each are the top sellers in the contest, which has 10 more days to go.

"We are very pleased with the response of the community to this project," said John W. Warner, general chairman.

"The project is unique in that it is a plus for everybody concerned. We are selling books which have value for nearly everybody of far more than the purchase price. Our merchants have over 700 ambassadors of good will helping promote their businesses with the coupons. We are offering the best deal in prizes that we have ever been able to offer to our players."

"I am going on vacation soon and I will get my money back on a tire rotation alone," said Jo Hicks as she purchased a book. "I will get my money back on the first five coupons when my wife and I go out to eat," exclaimed Ron Rogers. "The variety of

coupons offered, ranging from free meals to free services such as television, vacuum and lawn mower services, have caused people to really get excited about our project," Optimist President Harley Knutson said. "Most people may not use the entire \$450 in value, but will more than get their money's worth from the free food items alone."

Merchants are starting to see the coupons come in. Holmes Gift Shoppe and Sports Center reported over \$200 in sales Saturday from their discount coupon in the book.

"One player saved \$16 alone on a pair of baseball shoes, which he probably would not have bought without a coupon," Ronnie Holmes said.

The top 10 sellers are Brandon Knutson (\$500), Jason Brantley (\$260), J.B. Horton (\$260), Clint Ferguson (\$240), Mike Gandy (\$240), Robert Taylor (\$220), David Gamblin (\$160), Tom Moen (\$160), Kelley Dewey (\$140) and Garrett Scribner (\$100).

The top five teams are Glo-Valve Service (\$800), Rotary (\$760), New York Life (\$500), Razorback No. 6 (\$480) and Bowers Ranch (\$400).

The next check-in is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, at 8 p.m. at the Optimist Club.

## Major League standings

By The Associated Press  
All Times CDT  
NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division					West Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	13	11	.540	—	California	16	12	.571	—
St. Louis	13	11	.540	1/2	Kansas City	13	11	.542	1
New York	13	12	.520	1	Minnesota	14	12	.538	1
Pittsburgh	11	12	.479	2	Seattle	14	14	.500	2
Montreal	12	14	.462	2 1/2	Oakland	12	16	.429	4
Philadelphia	8	17	.320	6	Chicago	10	14	.417	4
					Texas	10	14	.417	4

Late Games Not Included  
Wednesday's Games  
Montreal 6, Atlanta 2  
New York 3, Cincinnati 2  
Houston 3, Philadelphia 2  
St. Louis at San Diego, (n)  
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, (n)  
Chicago at San Francisco, (n)  
Today's Games  
St. Louis (Forsch 2-1) at San Diego (Hawkins 0-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Kipper 2-2) at Los Angeles (Honeycutt 0-1), 9:35 p.m.  
Chicago (Lynch 1-1) at San Francisco (Downs 2-1), 9:35 p.m.  
Only games scheduled  
Friday's Games  
Houston at Montreal, 6:35 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 6:35 p.m.  
Chicago at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.  
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 9:35 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 9:35 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	20	6	.769	—
Toronto	17	10	.630	3 1/2
Baltimore	15	10	.600	4 1/2
Baltimore	12	15	.444	8 1/2
Baltimore	11	15	.423	9
Detroit	10	16	.385	10
Cleveland	9	18	.333	11 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	16	12	.571	—
Kansas City	13	11	.542	1
Minnesota	14	12	.538	1
Seattle	14	14	.500	2
Oakland	12	16	.429	4
Chicago	10	14	.417	4
Texas	10	14	.417	4

Late Games Not Included  
Wednesday's Games  
Detroit 7, Seattle 5  
California 3, Milwaukee 0  
Boston 4, Oakland 2  
New York 4, Chicago 1  
Baltimore 6, Minnesota 0  
Kansas City 6, Toronto 3  
Texas 7, Cleveland 7  
Today's Game  
Baltimore (Flanagan 0-4) at Minnesota (Vielma 1-4), 1:15 p.m.  
Only game scheduled  
Friday's Games  
Minnesota at New York, 6:30 p.m.  
California at Boston, 6:35 p.m.  
Kansas City at Cleveland, 6:35 p.m.  
Oakland at Detroit, 6:35 p.m.  
Baltimore at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
Seattle at Milwaukee, 7:35 p.m.  
Toronto at Texas, 7:35 p.m.

### Golf instructor to be in Pampa

The Pampa Country Club will host the Chuck Cook Golf School May 21-23.

Cook, who is the Director of the Academy of Golf at Austin, has taught the game throughout the world while working with the Golf Digest Instruction Schools. He has given over 30,000 lessons to students of all kinds and has published 14 articles on teaching in national magazines such as Golf Digest, PGA Magazine, The Golf Club and American Flyer. His most famous students include Tom Kite, Ben Crenshaw, John Mahaffey, Dave Stockton and Donna Caponi.

Mickey Piersall, PCC golf club pro, said classes are full here for Cook's school, but tentative plans are to invite the instructor back each year.

### Final BR signups tonight

Registration for the Senior Babe Ruth Baseball League will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. tonight at the Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven.

Only players who turn 16 years of age after July 31 are eligible to compete in the league. A player can't be 19 before Aug. 1.

Registration fee is \$20 and must be turned in before the first game. More information can be obtained by calling Gerrel Owens at 665-2220, Mike Summers 665-2956 or Wayne Barkley 669-7725.

### Police sponsoring special track meet

The Special Invitational Track and Field Meet, sponsored by the Pampa Police Department, is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at Harvester Stadium.

The meet, which starts at 9:30 a.m., involves individuals from the Pampa Sheltered Workshop and students of the Pampa Independent School District's special education program.

### TRACK

The day's events also include a media tug-of-war to be held after the lunch break. Participants include members of the Pampa News and KSNZ and KGRO radio stations.  
The tug-of-war will be officiated by McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog.  
The Sandhill River Band from Garden City, Kans. will also be performing during the noon hour.  
The public is invited to attend free of charge.

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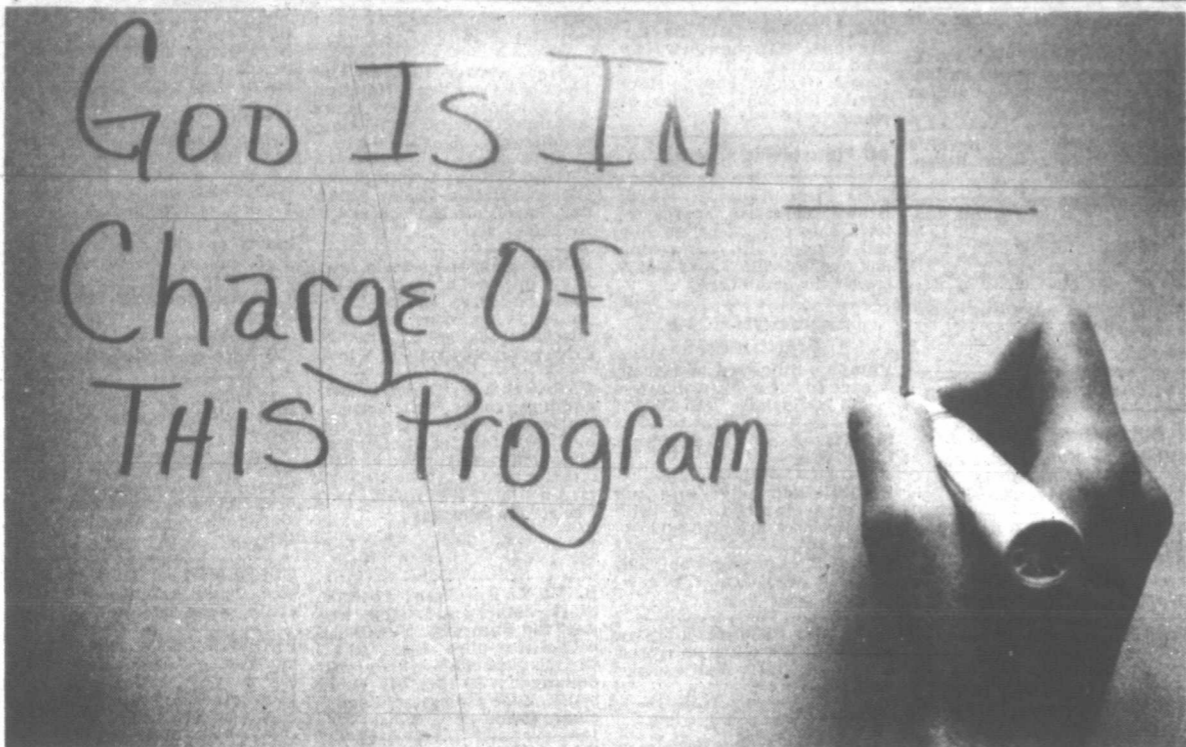
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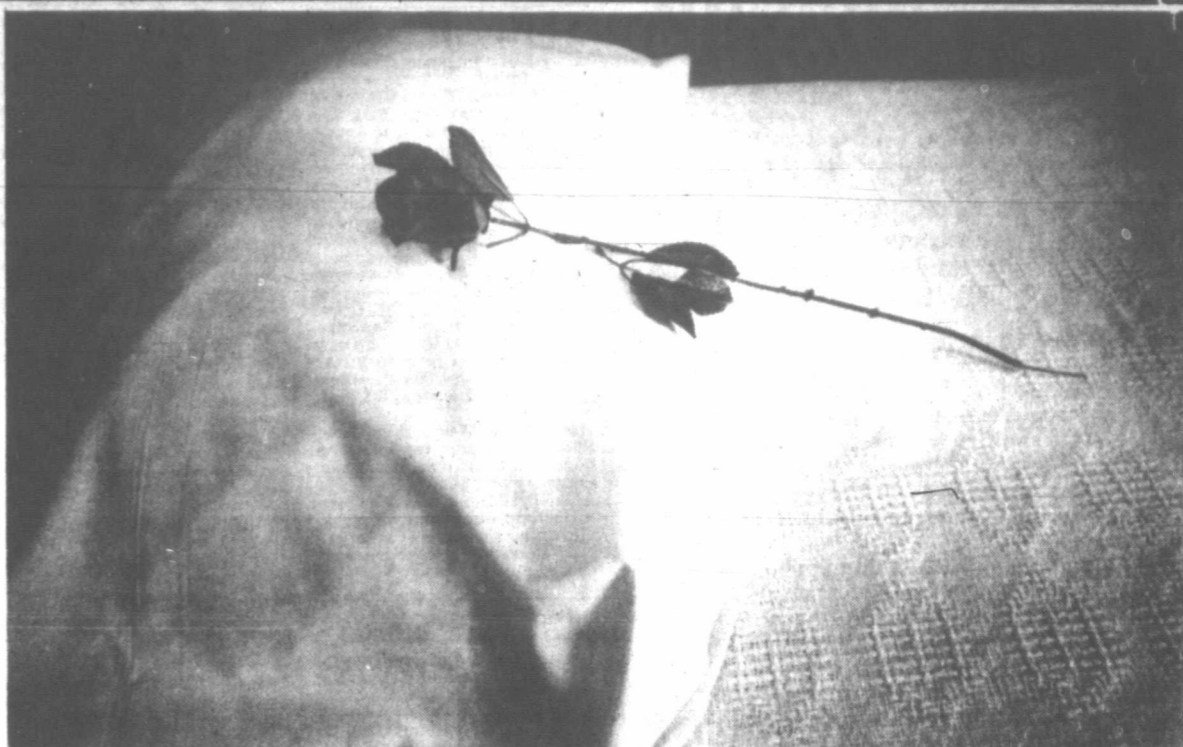
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HOSPICE



A message on a board at St. Anthony's Hospice.



A single rose is placed on the bed of a patient who died.

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Medicare

He cannot receive both at the same time.

Hospice care first became a Medicare benefit, temporarily, on Nov. 1, 1983. Congress made the benefit permanent on Oct. 31, 1986, and since that time more than 34,000 patients have taken advantage of the program.

One requirement of the hospice benefit is that the care be given by a Medicare-certified hospice program. Of the 1,500 to 1,700 hospices in the United States, only a few more than 300 have received the certification. St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo is one of those having certification.

Here are the highlights of Medicare's hospice benefit:

♥ Those who are eligible must be entitled to Medicare Part A and be certified as terminally ill with a life expectancy of six months or less by two doctors.

♥ Two 90-day periods of care and an additional 30-day period are given. If care is needed beyond this time, the hospice must provide it at no charge to the dying person.

♥ Medicare pays a hospice an average of \$7,391 per patient. That does not limit patient care to that amount, nor does it mean that the patient will pay any amount over that. The law requires that if care costs more than the maximum limit, the hospice must continue to provide care whether or not the accepted patient is able to pay.

♥ In order to use the hospice benefit, the patient must give up any curative Medicare benefits.

♥ If they want, individuals can leave hospice care to receive curative care. At that time, regular Medicare coverage begins again.

♥ Services that are provided within the home could include those of a doctor, nurse, social worker, counselor, physical or occupational therapist, homemaker-home health aide, and medical appliances and supplies, including drugs for pain relief.

♥ Short-term respite care in a hospice facility is covered only when the person who is caring for the

patient needs relief.

♥ Medicare hospice coverage also includes bereavement services for the family after the patient dies.

When services are given through a Medicare-certified hospice, Medicare pays almost the entire cost with the exception of some limited co-payments on outpatient drugs—either 5 percent or \$5, whichever is less—and inpatient respite care.

Barthel said that not all insurance companies cover hospice care, although some do cover hospice Medicare-certified programs. "Many times, if you go to your agent and show them how much less expensive hospice home care is than hospital care, they will find a way to cover it," Barthel added.

Dr. Jerry Holman, medical director of St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo, said Hospice Medicare is "one of those rare federal government programs where everybody wins."

One of St. Anthony's drawbacks, however, is that the facility cannot provide hospice home care outside a 30-mile radius of Amarillo. "If patients live in Pampa, and they need special care, they can be signed into the hospice for a short term," Dr. Holman explained.

Seventy percent of St. Anthony's patients come in under traditional means of reimbursement, Dr. Holman said. The other 30 percent come in under Medicare's hospice program. "Our goal is to make that 50-50 percent," he said. St. Anthony's also had four or five patients receiving charity care at the time of the interview. Despite the 30-mile limit for home care, St. Anthony's Hospice facility has had dying patients from as far away as New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

"There's no money to be made in hospice care," said Barbara Dorman, who helped found Hospice of the Plains in Plainview. Hospice of the Plains, a non-profit organization, relies on individual donations and grants to help pay for its services, she said, in addition to what the facility receives from Hospice Medicare, insurance and private pay.

"It's very easy to become a part of business," Dorman said. "But if you lose sight of why you're there, you've lost everything."

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# Bentsen: More trouble for U.S. milk exports to Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP)—Less than two weeks after a temporary solution to a Mexican ban on U.S. milk, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen is urging the United States trade representative to prepare for retaliation against price controls.

The controls come in the wake of stepped-up health regulations on imported milk, which effectively sealed the Mex-

ican-Texas border to exports from American dairies.

A confrontation was avoided when the Mexican government agreed to allow U.S. dairies 60 days to comply with the new regulations.

Bentsen, D-Texas and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee chairman, reacted Wednesday in a letter to

U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter.

"The price controls which have been imposed only on U.S. milk are in effect a new ban on U.S. milk imports," Bentsen said in his letter. "Such an action, like the earlier ban, is a clear violation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade."

Bentsen said the Mexican action should not be treated lightly, particularly considering the earlier agreement.

"The president of the United States has the authority to impose immediate retaliation to deal with trade problems such as these," Bentsen wrote Yeutter. "This would clearly seem to be an

appropriate case to consider the use of this authority."

Yeutter told the senator that the new barrier arose on May 5 and involves two-tier price controls on milk in Mexico.

"In practice the lower price set for imported milk acts as a barrier to entry for U.S. milk exports," Yeutter said.

# NRC wants details on Comanche Peak repairs

GLEN ROSE (AP)—The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said it will ask the company building the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant to explain how it is repairing and reworking plant components to see if the reworking is being done according to NRC guidelines.

Christopher Grimes, director of the Comanche Peak division of the NRC's office of special projects, said the agency is drafting a letter asking for detailed explanations of the programs and how they relate to questions that have been raised about the troubled plant near Glen Rose, about 45 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

TU Electric Co., builder and primary owner of the plant, will be asked to respond by the end of May.

Grimes said Tuesday it is uncertain whether efforts to repair, replace and retest plant components, at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars, are in compliance with regulatory requirements.

He said it has not been proven whether the work is being done to required standards.

But TU Electric spokesman Dick Ramsey said the corrective action and design rework programs meet all commission standards.

Grimes said the NRC should have halted work three years ago on the plant. But he said the NRC is not considering an order to stop work now because "the momentum has gotten to the point that it would probably do more damage."

Comanche Peak, originally budgeted at \$779 million, is now nine years behind schedule and expected to cost at least \$7.7 billion. Its owners have failed twice to convince the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the plant is safe enough to be allowed to operate.

In 1984, the utility asked for a suspension of hearings on the operating license and began a huge reinspection and rework effort known as the Comanche Peak Response Team.

But by last fall, the utility had found such extensive problems with the plant's design that it began a separate effort to examine and correct design problems.

It also eliminated part of its original rework plans and replaced them with "corrective action plans" to fix problems found around the plant.

"When we get through, we're going to have a high level of assurance of safety, I think the highest level of assurance any nuclear plant has ever had," Ramsey said.

Grimes' comments came in response to questions in an April 27 letter to the NRC from Comanche Peak opponents alleging rework efforts do not comply with regulatory standards and are being done without commission supervision.

The letter from Billie Garde, attorney for Citizens Association for Sound Energy, asked the commission to find answers to questions about the various rework programs.

Grimes said the regulatory commission does not agree with all of Garde's allegations, but wants answers to the same questions.

James Keppler, director of the commission's special projects office, said it would have been better if a plan of action had been approved at the beginning of the rework program.

"In some ways, the project is being handled differently than I would have done it," he said. "But he said it would be unwise to try to change its course dramatically now."

TU Electric was predicting as late as last month that licensing hearings would start again by June. Ramsey told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Tuesday that the utility has no idea when hearings will resume.

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