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Monday

Easter fire destroys Lefors Baptist Church

By LARRY HOLLIS and PAUL PINKHAM Staff Writers

LEFORS - A day after an Easter Sunday fire destroyed the First Baptist Church, congregation and fire department members were trying today to assess the damages and determine the cause of the five-hour blaze.

Most of the church building, located at 315 E. 4th, was destroyed by the

flames that continued to burn throughout the structure for approximately five hours Sunday afternoon.

Lefors Volunteer Fire Department Chief Eddie Joe Roberts said this morning that the building was considered totally destroyed. He estimated damages would probably run between \$350,000 to \$400,000, though no exact figures had been determined yet.

Roberts said the biggest part of the building is still standing but parts of the

roof and other sections of the structure had fallen in.

He said the call came in to the department about 2:25 p.m., with most of the department and its equipment all on the scene before 3 p.m. to concentrate efforts against the burning building.

Roberts said no definite cause has been established yet. Fire Marshall Lanny Atchley was on the scene this morning assessing damages and trying to determine the cause of the fire.

Atchley said this morning that he has not yet determined the exact cause. But the most severe burns and damages are near and around where the church's central heating unit is located, he said.

Atchley said he plans to spend today and Tuesday digging through the rubble to determine the exact cause.

Roberts was one of two firefighters receiving minor injuries Sunday during the firefighting efforts. He said he was hit in the eye by a stream of water from

a 2½-inch hose with 250 gallons of water a minute coming from the hose.

"I was knocked down," he said.

He said another department member, Loretta Caughey, was treated for smoke inhalation.

Both were taken to HCA Coronado Hospital in Pampa, where they were treated and released.

Department member Karen Lake reported this morning that the church

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Trustees to receive parents' petitions

Petitions protesting the possibility of students attending school on Memorial Day are expected to be presented to Pampa school trustees when they meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Carver Educational Center, 321 W. Albert.

Susie Edwards, 1936 N. Zimmers, said Friday that she plans to present petitions containing about 240 names of parents who disagree with the possibility of school being open on Memorial Day weekend to make up two days of school missed as a result of last month's blizzard.

Edwards is not on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting but said she plans to present the petitions during the unscheduled presentations section at the start of the meeting.

The board has requested a waiver of the two days from the Texas Education Agency in Austin, but Interim Superintendent Tommy Cathey had received no response from the TEA by late Friday. He said he doubts he will

get an answer from the agency in time for Tuesday's meeting.

TEA has set a 175-day minimum for Texas public schools and failing to make up the two weather days would put Pampa schools under the limit.

In other business Tuesday, trustees plan to:

- grant an easement dedicating an extension of Crocker Street, south of Horace Mann School, to the city of Pampa;

- meet with Latch Key Director Londa Snider to receive a progress report and discuss extending the program to meet the needs of more students;

- receive a budget report from Business Manager Jerry Har- alson; and

- discuss personnel matters in a possible executive session, including reassignments, resignations and retirements, substitute teachers, leaves of absence and employment.

Trustees also plan to meet again at 6 p.m. Wednesday with incoming superintendent Harry Griffith, who will conduct a school board training workshop.

Innocent plea entered for Nicky Britten

By PAUL PINKHAM Senior Staff Writer

A former Pampa car dealer told a district judge this morning he plans to hire a lawyer to defend him against charges of illegally selling a car to a Kansas woman.

Nicky Britten, owner of the defunct Nicky Britten Pontiac-Buick-GMC at 833 W. Foster, also waived reading of the indictment and had a plea of innocent entered for him, during his arraignment before 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhany.

Britten, now of Amarillo, was indicted twice in March on charges that he sold two vehicles off the Pampa car lot without the consent of Citizens Bank and Trust in Pampa, which had a security interest in the vehicles.

The indictments listed a 1986 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am, sold to a Kansas woman, and a 1982

Chevrolet van, sold to Tralee Crisis Center for Women, in Pampa.

Assistant District Attorney Harold Comer said that, because the van was worth less than \$10,000, it is alleged to be a misdemeanor offense. McIlhany has already signed paperwork to send the case to county court, where Britten faces a maximum sentence of a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine if convicted.

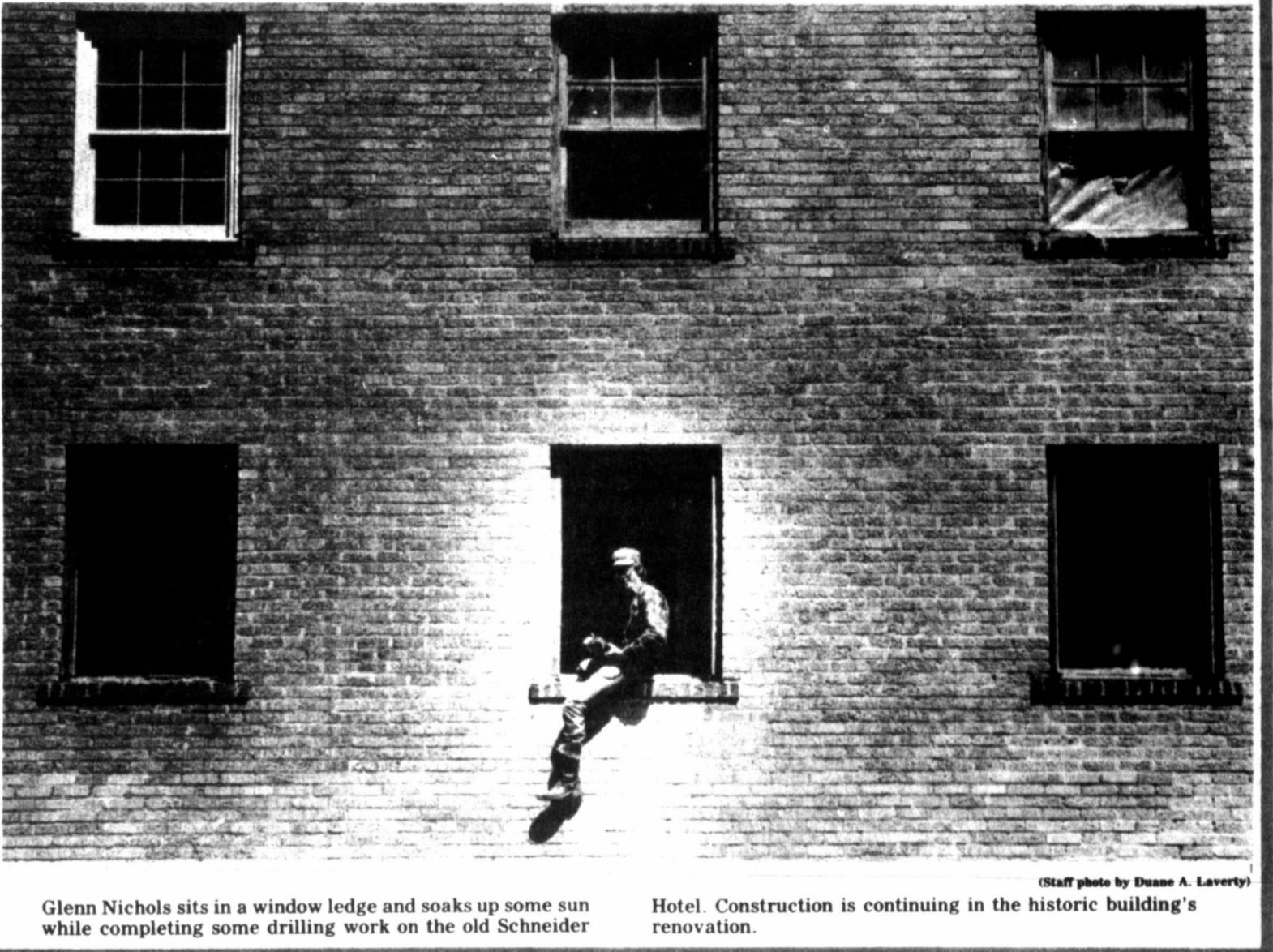
On the charge involving the Trans Am, an alleged third degree felony, Britten faces a two- to 10-year prison sentence and a \$5,000 fine if convicted.

Britten apparently owed Citizens about \$12,000 on the Trans Am and \$7,000 on the van when the vehicles were sold.

He remains free on \$2,000 bond. Britten sold his new car dealership to Culberson-Stowers Chevrolet, 805 N. Hobart, last

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Sittin' in the sun



Glenn Nichols sits in a window ledge and soaks up some sun while completing some drilling work on the old Schneider

Hotel. Construction is continuing in the historic building's renovation.

(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Officials are cautious on arms control

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet and American officials are warning that although there has been dramatic progress in the search for an arms control agreement, last-minute problems could endanger the disarmament process.

Despite those notes of caution Sunday, one Soviet official said he believed that at last week's visit to Moscow by Secretary of State George Shultz, groundwork was laid for a summit meeting this year between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"We suggested to Mr. Shultz, in fact, an exact deal that would lead to the meeting of Mr. President with our general secretary, in the autumn or at the end of the year," Viktor Karpov, the chief Soviet arms control offi-

cial, said on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley."

Karpov added: "I think that there is a possibility now to reach an agreement, if there is a real willingness to do so without raising any artificial obstacles. We are removing on our part ... any obstacles."

On NBC-TV's "Meet the Press," Richard Perle, the assistant defense secretary who oversees Pentagon arms control matters, expressed similar guarded optimism.

"I would think the chances are quite good for a summit ... provided we settle the issue of verification, and provided we get a satisfactory solution to the short-range missile problem," Perle said.

The United States is considering a proposal discussed last week by Shultz and Gorbachev

under which each country would eliminate their medium-range missiles in Europe, while keeping up to 100 of the weapons on their own respective territories. So far, the two sides have not agreed on how each would verify that the other is abiding by the agreement.

Gorbachev also proposed eliminating short-range missiles in Europe, an idea that has raised concerns among some NATO allies and American lawmakers wary of the Soviet conventional force advantage in Europe.

Gen. Bernard Rogers, departing NATO supreme commander, said in a Newsweek magazine interview released Sunday that the Soviet proposal will make Western Europe "safe for conventional war."

U.S. wants action, not words from Japan, Yeutter says

TOKYO (AP) — U.S. trade representative Clayton Yeutter was quoted today as saying Japan's efforts to stimulate its domestic market were insufficient and that the United States wants action rather than words.

In a meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Tadashi Kuranari, Yeutter said Japan's first priority should be to stimulate domestic demand to reduce its massive global trade surplus.

"To carry that out is important and in the past year, this has been insufficient," a Foreign Ministry official quoted Yeutter as saying.

"Frankly speaking, we need action rather than debate," he was quoted as saying. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, reported Yeutter's remarks as translated into Japanese.

Yeutter arrived in Tokyo on Sunday for trade talks with Japanese officials and to attend a private forum on U.S.-Japan relations. His visit follows a U.S. decision to implement \$300 million worth of tariffs on Japan's computers, power tools and other products in retaliation for its alleged violation of a trade agreement.

Yeutter later told the private forum, the Shimoda Conference, that the United States was not singling out Japan in an effort to resolve its trade deficit.

The Foreign Ministry official quoted Yeutter as telling Kuranari that Japan should expand imports from the rest of the world and especially from the United States and developing nations. He also said Japan needed to change its economic structure to promote imports.

Kuranari agreed that these points must be pursued, the official said.

The United States had a \$58.6 billion trade deficit with Japan in 1986, according to U.S. figures.

The United States alleges that Japan broke the 7-month-old accord by selling computer chips at unfairly low prices in third countries and by failing to open its semiconductor market to U.S. products.

Japan denies it has violated the pact and called the U.S. sanctions unfair and discriminatory.

The Foreign Ministry official quoted Kuranari as saying today, "We hope for the earliest possible settlement" of the dispute.

Kuranari also said the government was making efforts to promote purchases of U.S.-made supercomputers and to allow foreign companies to participate in Japan's construction and telecommunications markets, the official said.

He said Kuranari handed Yeutter a set of guidelines for Japanese government and related organizations' purchases of supercomputers. The Kyodo News Service said the guidelines stated Japan would make sure foreign bidders are given equal treatment with Japanese companies when public organizations buy supercomputers.

Kuranari also was quoted as saying Japan was drafting measures to promote foreign participation in the construction of a new \$7 billion international airport in Osaka.

So far, four U.S. companies have been awarded contracts by the company in charge of the New Kansai Airport.

"As Washington has a strong interest in the project, we hope to receive specific measures leading to a market truly open to the world," Yeutter was quoted as saying.

Later today, Yeutter told the Shimoda Conference in Oiso, which promotes U.S.-Japanese ties, that the United States is pursuing trade problems with other countries as well as Japan.

"When we sign agreements, we expect them to be fully implemented. With a \$170 billion trade deficit, we will aggressively pursue solutions in other disputes too," he said.

"We will, of course, do the same with our other trading partners. Witness our similar stance with the European Community on an agricultural dispute in January."

In that dispute, the United States threatened to impose a series of import restrictions in January on about \$430 million worth of Common Market goods. A last-minute agreement averted a threatened trade war.

Yeutter said that if Japan does not expand imports, it will soon find it difficult to expand exports. "This could lead the Japanese economy into recession, a development that would harm both Japan and its trading partners," he said.

Texas/Regional

Memories of twister still strong one year later

SWEETWATER (AP)—Bad weather is a cause for panic for Maria Castro. A year ago, a tornado ripped her mobile home apart and hurled her three blocks away.

"When I know the weather's going to get bad, I panic. It really bothers me," said Mrs. Castro, who was paralyzed from the chest down by injuries from the April 19, 1986 twister.

The storm struck at about 7:15 a.m., killing an 87-year-old man and injuring about 100 others. The tornado ripped through the town, causing millions of dollars in damage.

Mrs. Castro's husband, Eddie, had

just left for work when the tornado struck. Mrs. Castro was trying to turn over a sleeper sofa as a shelter for her 10-month-old daughter, Amanda, when the home's windows imploded.

She remembers clutching Amanda to her chest.

"The wind had me," she said. "I was bumping against the furniture. The last thing I remember was hitting the TV."

When her husband found her about 10 minutes later, she was lying on her back, partially covered by debris, with Amanda tucked safely between her legs.

Amanda wasn't hurt, but Mrs. Castro

required emergency back surgery at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital. During the next three months, doctors operated on her lower back 10 times to combat infection.

Doctors could cure the infection, but they could do nothing to repair Mrs. Castro's spinal cord.

Stormy weather also scares Mary Shumaker. During the months following the tornado, "if it started raining, we'd get paranoid and head for a cellar," said Shumaker, whose mobile home was destroyed.

Mrs. Shumaker's husband, David, suffered only a slight head wound. But

Mrs. Shumaker's brother, Albert West, who was living with them, suffered injuries that left him paralyzed below the neck.

When the tornado hit, Albert West "ran into the bedroom and told us to hang on to something because a tornado was coming," Mrs. Shumaker said. "You could feel the trailer going up in the air. After it went up, it exploded."

The tornado disintegrated the mobile home, depositing the three men on the roof of a neighbor's home while throwing Mrs. Shumaker into the neighbor's living room.

After collecting what remained of

their belongings—two rifles and a television that later worked perfectly—the Shumakers moved into a mobile home with Shumaker's mother.

"We didn't stay there long," Shumaker said. "I don't like trailer houses—they get torn up in tornadoes." Shumaker said he purchased a house with the help of a \$17,400 loan from the Small Business Administration. "When we bought the house, we made sure it had a cellar," he said.

In the past, Shumaker said, "when they'd say there was a tornado warning, I would just go out there and watch."

But now, he said, "if it's a warning, we go to the cellar."

Clements begins 'no taxes tour'

LAREDO (AP)—Gov. Bill Clements, vowing that Texans can live within their means, aimed his sights on South Texas as a place to embark on a no-new-taxes tour.

The state faces a projected \$5.9 billion deficit in 1988-89 if spending is not cut or taxes are not raised. But Clements has warned legislators he will veto any budget proposals above \$36.9 billion.

The governor was scheduled to begin his 17-city austerity tour this morning in this border city and planned a stop in Harlingen this afternoon.

"The people of Texas do not want higher taxes period. So I'm going out on the road, and I'm going to preach the gospel that we're going to live within our means and there are not going to be any new

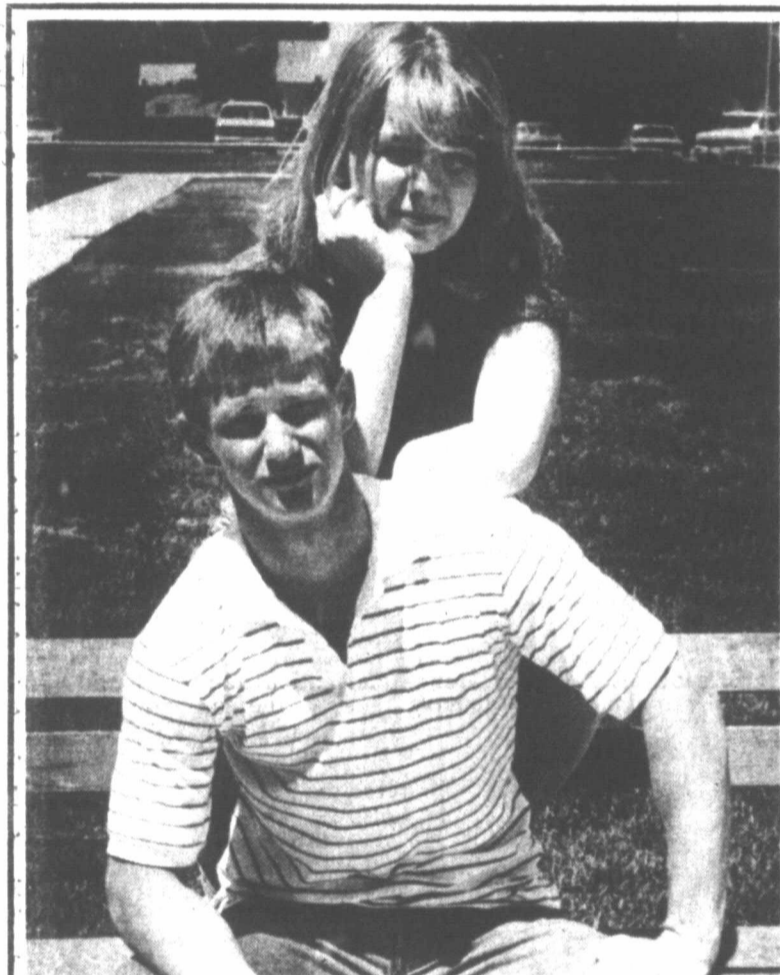
taxes," Clements said last week in announcing his tour.

A House Appropriations Committee tentatively approved a budget of about \$38.4 billion. The full House is expected to take up the bill later this month.

The Senate, meanwhile, has approved a \$39.9 billion spending plan.

A conference committee of the two houses will work out the differences.

But Clements, who supports the continuation of the temporary sales and motor fuels tax increases now in effect, does not want new taxes in the budget.



(Staff Photo by Cathy Spaulding)

Swenson and Lafferty face future.

Uncertainty is facing White Deer graduates

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — The future facing high school graduates is not a yellow brick road leading to an emerald future, but a forest full of winding paths and uncertainty.

White Deer valedictorian Vicki Swenson and salutatorian Ladd Lafferty are well aware of this uncertainty—neither one of them have set a career goal or even a major.

But the two school leaders say they're willing to face the future in spite of their doubts.

Swenson, 17, the daughter of Harvey and Laura Swenson is president of the WDHS chapter of the National Honor Society and is vice president of her senior class. She is involved in Future Teachers of America, student council and Future Homemakers of America.

She hopes to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, or West Texas State University in Canyon. She said she's still deciding between education or English as a major.

Lafferty, 17, son of Owen and Cinda Lafferty, is the sentinel for the WDHS Future Farmers of America chapter. He has been active in the National Honor Society, football and basketball. He also participated in one act play competition, in which he was a member of the state qualifying cast of *Waiting for Godot* in 1985. He was named to the All State Crew last year.

Despite this theatrical experience, he does not plan to major in theater when he attends college. Instead, he said he's leaning toward a business major.

Lafferty has his sights set on Texas Christian University in Fort Worth or Westminster

College in Fulton, Mo.

Other plans, Lafferty joked, would be to "marry a tall girl so my kids can be good in the long jump."

Despite the size of her class, Swenson said she doesn't feel her "small school" education will put her at a disadvantage in college.

"It didn't hurt last year's valedictorian, Dave Nicholas," she said. "He's making A's at Yale."

She added: "I know people from bigger schools take a wider variety of classes than those of smaller schools, but they don't have a chance to do as many things as we do in small schools."

"Another advantage of a smaller school is that you know everybody," Swenson said.

Lafferty agreed that closeness is an advantage at a smaller school.

"You can talk to people a lot better," Lafferty said, adding that the closeness "can be the other way around."

Still, Lafferty said he cannot compare his White Deer education with others because "I've never gone anywhere else."

Swenson admits she's a bit nervous about going to college and that she's "going to have to learn how to study."

Lafferty said he'll have "learn how to keep from getting spring fever."

The future beyond college seems even more uncertain for the two.

"I'll have to wait and see what comes along," Swenson said.

But Lafferty has a more optimistic outlook: "Start with a smile and work my way up with a smile."

Legislators off today

AUSTIN (AP)—Most legislators took the day off today as part of a long Easter weekend, although Gov. Bill Clements planned to travel to Laredo and Harlingen on his statewide campaign swing against new taxes.

The only committee to post a hearing was House State Affairs, which scheduled testimony on seven bills and three resolutions. Items under consideration include a proposed constitutional amendment to establish English as Texas' official language.

The Senate on Wednesday passed, 28-3, a two-year budget that totals \$39.97 billion. The House Appropriations Committee on Thursday finished work on its version of a spending plan, calling for appropriations of about \$38.4 billion.

The conservatives' proposal, a series of spending and tax schemes known as "Stan's plan," will be presented as an alternative to the budget measure finished on Thursday by the House Appropriations Committee.

Women lead 3 of largest Texas cities

DALLAS (AP)—Three of Texas' seven largest cities have female mayors after weekend elections in which Dallas elected a woman for the first time as the head of city government.

Annette Strauss, who has served as mayor pro tem for four years, said her election Saturday shows the state's second-largest city has erased the prejudice that once hindered women and minorities.

Kathy Whitmire was elected mayor of Houston, Texas' largest city, in 1981.

Also Saturday, Corpus Christi voters elected Betty Turner as their first female mayor, turning back a Hispanic leader's bid for the post. The coastal city is the state's seventh largest.

Mrs. Strauss, the sister-in-law of Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss, defeated businessman Fred Meyer by a margin of 55.9 percent to 44.1 percent in a runoff election. She will take office May 4.

Wearing a hat with the slogan, "Ms. Mayor. Lace Over Steel," Mrs. Strauss said,

Safeway workers expect to lose jobs

MANSFIELD (AP)—About 8,000 Safeway supermarket employees from Big Spring to the Louisiana and Oklahoma borders may be out of work after the chain closes 131 of its Dallas division stores this week.

The chain is also closing processing and distribution systems in the Dallas suburb of Garland on Friday.

Only a few management personnel are expected to be transferred to other Safeway divisions.

"They're cutting us loose," said Gary Chatman, 45, who has been a meat cutter with the firm for more than 20 years and now makes \$15.69 an hour as manager of the meat department in Mansfield.

"We were prepared for a pay cut," Chatman said. "We were not prepared for Safeway packing up and leaving."

Safeway spokesman Brian Dowling said the chain has no idea how many of its former workers will get jobs with the buyers of the stores.



(AP Laserphoto)

Tom and Sheila Eveland of Corpus Christi with their sons Joshua, 5, and Zachary, 8, relax on the beach at Mustang Island State

Park Sunday where a 16-year-old girl lost her arm in a shark attack Saturday.

Beaches stay open despite shark attack on teen-age girl

PORT ARANSAS (AP)—Beaches along Mustang Island remained open to thousands of Easter weekend visitors despite a shark attack that left a teen-age girl without an arm, officials said.

"We've had people bitten before, but nothing as major as this," Nueces County Commissioner J.P. Luby said of April Dawn Voglino being attacked by a 5-foot shark Saturday.

Ms. Voglino, 16, of Kingsland, remained in serious but stable condition Sunday after undergoing surgery at Memorial Medical Center in Corpus Christi, nursing supervisor D. Brown said. Her arm was severed about six to eight inches above the elbow in the attack.

Luby, whose precinct covers 2 1/2 miles of beaches, said the attack was probably an isolated

case and he would not order the beaches closed.

Andre Landry, a fish behavior expert from Texas A&M University at Galveston, said there have been between 13 and 15 documented shark attacks along the Texas coast within the last 100 years.

"We have one incident happening like this and this arouses the concern of bathers, but it's a freak occurrence, something that should not induce fear among the bathing populace," Landry said Sunday.

The fish expert said it is the time of year sharks swim in shallow waters to raise their young.

The holiday weekend has drawn crowds to the beaches. Luby said about 100,000 people were in the area and about 150,000 were expected.

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Opinion

Minimum wage law adds unemployment

One can understand those with an institutional interest in government growth or those who have bought the notion that good things happen only when government forces them into being. Such people don't really need reason for increasing government power; any fair rationalization will do.

Thus it is not surprising that Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts is leading congressional Democrats on a crusade to raise the minimum wage, from \$3.35 an hour to \$4.65. The amazing thing is that such proposals garner any support at all except from a few legislators or bureaucrats who stand to benefit directly from the growth of government power.

How many times does it have to be repeated that the minimum wage increases unemployment among the least skilled workers and that every time it is increased it drives a certain number of people into permanent joblessness? You can't find a reputable economist who will say anything else.

George Stigler, who later won the Nobel Prize, predicted such an effect way back in 1946, and experience and subsequent studies have borne him out time and time again. President Carter's Minimum Wage Study Commission noted that every 10 percent increase in the minimum wage causes a 1 to 1.25 percent reduction in the number of jobs available for teen-agers. Even the good, gray *New York Times* has seen the light, and come out in favor of repealing all minimum wage laws.

So why would anyone want to raise the wage? Well, Sen. Kennedy says that somebody earning minimum wage today will end up with only 77 percent of the poverty level for a family of three and 60 percent of poverty level for a family of four. "In America in 1987, the minimum wage is not a subsistence wage." Thanks for the news flash, Ted.

What the senator apparently fails to understand is that not everybody seeking a job is responsible for a family of four. There are unskilled, entry-level jobs of the sort that most people who don't have family connections or a college education take at some time or another to get started. Many are sought by teen-agers for pocket money. And while they don't pay much, they do establish a work record and teach the importance of good work habits and reliability, qualities most valued by employers.

When the minimum wage is forced upward, you don't find the same number of jobs available at magically higher wages. You find that certain jobs just disappear — and that the people who need jobs or work experience the most to have a chance for upward mobility are most likely to lose them. The kindest thing to be said for such a policy is that it is unspeakably cruel.

Do advocates of raising the minimum wage really want to assure that millions of low-skilled, disadvantaged, minority, and inexperienced workers will never have a chance to get into the work force and thus will be dependent on welfare all their lives? Are they simply playing crass, populist politics? Or are they just invincibly ignorant? Those really seem to be the only choices.

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Stephen Chapman

Monopoly raises mail costs

The Postal Service has announced that next year it will ask for an increase in the 22-cent price to mail a first-class letter. Whether the agency gets exactly what it wants when it wants, odds are that sooner or later the price of a stamp will rise — occasioning some grumbling but eventual resignation among the people who have to pay it. What the rising cost of mail ought to evoke is a new look at how we get our mail delivered.

This proposal is hardly out of character for the Postal Service. Since 1971, the price of a first-class letter already has risen from 6 cents to 22 — outstripping the consumer price index by nearly a third. The increase exacts costs from the economy that go beyond the direct burden of higher prices, which amounts to about \$1 billion for each penny increase.

But the phenomenon is an anomaly in an economy characterized by intense competitive pressures. While deregulation and foreign rivalry have stimulated greater efficiency in a range of other industries, mail delivery has grown less efficient. The disparity is no mystery. While other industries have had to innovate and improve to survive, the Postal Service is largely shielded from such unpleasant necessities.

If you want to compete with United Airlines in delivering passengers from Washington to Chicago, all you need is a few planes, some landing slots and a willing labor force. If you want to compete with the Postal Service in delivering first-class mail from Washington to Chicago,

the first (and probably last) thing you need is a good lawyer, because it's against the law. The market is reserved entirely for the Postal Service. Monopolies are not famous for serving the interests of consumers, and this one hasn't altered their reputation.

There is nothing about mail delivery that makes it unsuited to the market system we rely on elsewhere. In fact, in other types of mail, where other providers are allowed, the results have been gratifying. Express mail, which didn't exist 20 years ago, now is taken for granted by most businesses. It was built by private firms like Federal Express, which still deliver more express mail — and do it faster and more reliably — than the Postal Service.

Packages are another example. United Parcel Service now handles 70 percent of the parcel market. How did it grow so big? The General Accounting Office says the explanation is simple: "UPS provides faster, more consistent and more highly predictable parcel delivery than the Postal Service does." One academic expert told *The Wall Street Journal*, "you never see anybody sitting on his duff at UPS. The only place you see the same commitment to productivity is at Japanese companies."

It isn't surprising that in the first-class market, the absence of competition for the Postal Service has produced deteriorating service and rising costs. "In the past 15 years," noted a study by the Washington-based Cato Institute, "The U.S.P.S. has intentionally slowed mail delivery, pulled back on mail collection pickups,

shortened the target zone for overnight delivery, reduced business deliveries, imposed strict requirements on the size of letters it will accept, and begun the abolition of home delivery." It also has proposed ending Saturday deliveries. When it has adopted valuable new technology, it has lagged behind private firms.

Meanwhile, not only its prices but its costs have climbed. In the past 15 years, the Postal Service has gotten \$20 billion in subsidies from Congress. One burgeoning expense is labor costs. In 1985, reports Stephen Moore of the Washington-based Heritage Foundation, the average Postal Service worker made \$19.11 an hour, including benefits — which over the course of a year adds up to more than \$38,000.

According to reliable estimates, that's about one-third more than postal workers could make doing comparable work in the private sector. The rate increase now being contemplated is needed, the agency says, to cover the cost of a \$2 billion boost in employee pensions.

There's no reason postal workers shouldn't be well paid. But the only way to ensure that their compensation reflects the economic value of what they do — and not simply strong unions and complacent management — is by allowing consumers the option of buying from other companies.

That approach also ensures that the quality of service will be determined by the needs of the public, not the convenience of the Postal Service. In mail delivery, monopoly has been found sorely deficient. Why not try competition?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 20, the 110th day of 1987. There are 255 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On April 20, 1902, scientists Marie and Pierre Curie succeeded in isolating the radioactive element radium.

On this date:

In 1812, the fourth Vice President of the United States, George Clinton, died in Washington at the age of 73. He was the first vice president to die in office.

In 1836, the Territory of Wisconsin was established by Congress.

In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau, Austria.

In 1893, comedian Harold Lloyd was born in Burchard, Neb.

In 1945, the U.S. 7th Army captured the German city of Nuremberg.

In 1948, Walter P. Reuther, United Auto Workers president, was shot and wounded at his home in Detroit.

In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1971, the Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.



Paul Harvey

Gangsters offer terrorism

Chicago has hosted a succession of underworld overlords since before the city was a city.

Now, added to the traditional syndicate mobsters are a new breed of criminals not even they can control.

Street gangs, a painful, festering cancer. Nobody knows how many street gangs there are in Chicago, at least 135. Nobody pretends to have an accurate census of their growing membership, but each gang numbers from five to 4,000 members.

I've sat in on meetings that were addressed by "experts" on social problems. But when the subject of gangs is introduced into the discussion, the "experts" shrug their shoulders in helpless dismay.

Of 17,990 arrests in Chicago last year, 10,454 were gang-related.

The city has tried using former gang mem-

bers as social workers, and all that did was to funnel millions of grant dollars into gang coffers.

Thus gangs were turned from street punks into conglomerates, controlling enormous investments in everything from real estate to drugs.

Now we learn that one of the most sinister of Chicago's gangs, the El Rukns, tried to sell their services to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

For \$2 million, the El Rukns promised to spread terrorism in the United States — blowing up buildings and planes, attacking government buildings in 35 cities.

Three El Rukns took along videotapes showing their capability for carrying out terrorist acts.

According to news stories, Jeff Fort, reputed leader of the gang, is doing time in a federal prison on drug charges — but from inside prison

he is said to have masterminded the Libyan meetings.

Late August a raid on El Rukns headquarters in Chicago resulted in confiscation of more than 40 weapons including three submachine guns and one anti-tank rocket.

Gang activity is not peculiar to Chicago, of course. The street gangs in all cities are more fat than heretofore on drug money and more vicious as the stakes get higher.

Chicago, as I say, has been at the mercy of merciless hoods for longer than any Chicagoan can remember — but drugs are the new factor — enriching the dons and turning the peons into monsters.

If we've learned anything from all this it is that when President Reagan warned last year that Gadhafi was preparing to terrorize the United States — the president knew what he was talking about.

Affirmative action hurts innocent parties

By Sarah Oyerstreet

The Supreme Court's recent ruling on affirmative action, allowing employers to give special preferences in hiring and promoting women, left me with feelings of both hope and hopelessness. Hope, because of the good it can mean in so many lives; hopelessness, because affirmative action is a principle many of us will never accept. And yes, because it is a principle that punishes the innocent.

I have always supported affirmative action because of what it represents and what it does. What it represents is the recognition that some subgroups of people have been oppressed by more powerful subgroups. At its most righteous, affirmative action refuses to let us forget that America engaged in the cruelest form of oppression known: slavery. It forces us to acknowledge that the consequences of forced enslavement and its subsequent poverty have followed blacks for generations. And now, the

Supreme Court has formally acknowledged the employment deprivation women have encountered over these same generations.

What affirmative action does is give jobs and opportunity to people who would not have this opportunity without it. I've watched it work effectively time and again, especially among the handicapped. I've seen talented and capable handicapped workers go jobless for years, until affirmative action programs were put into place to override the prejudices of the comfortable, selfish and mean-spirited.

But all the good brought by affirmative action can't erase the truth that affirmative action does, in large part, bring the sins of the fathers to visit on the sons. Put more simply, the people who suffer from affirmative action aren't the ones who did the discriminating in the first place. Affirmative action is the bill no one wants to pay, because we weren't around when the debt was incurred.

The payment is always personal: One person qualified for a job is passed over in favor of someone of a different skin color, sex or physical condition. The hurt is intensified when the person being turned down for the job comes from less privileged circumstances than the minority worker who gets it. I've often wondered if I stood in those shoes, would I have the courage to make the personal sacrifice in favor of equalizing the scales and making up for past collective sins?

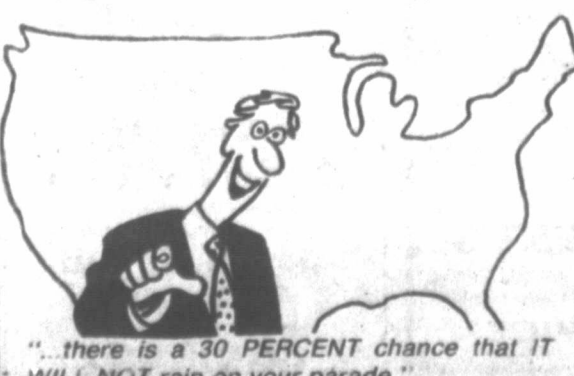
And sadly, some employers make a joke out of affirmative action. They defiantly follow the letter of the law, with no understanding of its spirit. They hire "token" workers, often for the most menial positions available, just to meet quotas. Or they try to create minorities, for the books, where none exist. A friend of mine who has the same percentage of Indian blood that I have — 1/32nd — and who never suffered a day because of his minority ancestor, was listed by his em-

ployer as a "minority."

So, if we decide affirmative action is unwieldy and treats unfairly a whole new generation of people, and if we throw it out the window, what do we put in its place? If we are a nation of people who recognizes its wrongdoings and makes amends, we have to do something. It is not simply all right that the powerful among us robbed others of economic prosperity just because they could.

It's a policy question that has bogged greater minds than mine; the only way I can look at it is personally. I stand in the employment line a few points ahead of some, and a few points behind others. I am the white child of parents who gave me a college education, yet I am a woman trying to make it in a profession long dominated by men. The bottom line on my scorecard is that with all its imperfections, affirmative action has done much more good for the victims of discrimination than it has done harm to the privileged.

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Court restudying internment of Japanese-Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, prepared to write a postscript to what one president called "a sad day in American history," is restudying the mass detention of Japanese-Americans in U.S. prison camps during World War II.

The court scheduled arguments today over the Reagan administration's attempt to kill a 1983 lawsuit stemming from the placement of 120,000 U.S. citizens and resident aliens of Japanese descent in the internment camps.

A federal appeals court here ruled that the government must defend itself at trial against claims for compensation of property losses suffered by those

imprisoned. Those losses are estimated in the billions of dollars.

The issue before the justices is simply whether the 1983 lawsuit was filed too late. Administration lawyers say it was.

But the case also presents the court with its first opportunity to comment on its own 1944 decision condoning the internment.

In the wake of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the federal government forcibly removed from their homes Japanese-Americans and Japanese citizens living in California and part 9 of Oregon, Washington, Arizona.

They spent as long as four years in the internment camps.

Such action was authorized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, advised by military leaders that people of Japanese descent could not be trusted.

Before the Roosevelt administration decided to end the internment program, the Supreme Court upheld it as a constitutionally acceptable military necessity.

Government documents discovered later indicate no such military necessity existed.

In 1976, then-President Gerald R. Ford called the internment program one "of our national mistakes." He called

Roosevelt's order authorizing the imprisonment "a sad day in American history."

"We should have known then (that) not only was the evacuation wrong, but Japanese-Americans were and are loyal Americans," Ford said.

In 1983, 19 people — prison camp survivors and the descendants of those interned — sued the government. They sought to represent everyone who was imprisoned and the descendants of those interned who have died.

The appeals court said the government may have to pay "just compensation" for property losses suffered by those imprisoned and not among the

28,000 people compensated under a 1948 law providing some benefits.

The appeals court, however, ruled that the government is immune from being sued for alleged violations of constitutional rights.

In urging the justices to uphold the appeals court ruling that the 1983 lawsuit was not filed too late, some organizations emphasized the opportunity to discredit the 1944 high court ruling.

The American Civil Liberties Union, the American Jewish Congress and others joined in stating, "This court now has an opportunity — perhaps the only opportunity it will ever have — to correct this monumental injustice."

Overpopulation effort urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — If people turn their backs on the overcrowding of the world, their children and grandchildren will face catastrophic consequences, a population researcher warns.

"We will be poorly thought of by future generations" if this threat is not dealt with, said Werner Fornos, president of the private Population Institute.

He said overpopulation threatens to cause worldwide starvation and illness. Other threats include depletion of forests for firewood, increase in deserts from damaged farmland, creation of environmental hazards ranging from acid rain to atmospheric changes and destruction of habitats for plants and animals, Fornos said.

He issued the warning along with a new study, "A Blueprint for World Population Stabilization," released Sunday to mark the beginning of World Population Awareness Week.

More than a billion new people are expected on Earth in the coming decade, he said at a news

conference. Fornos' warning comes only days after a separate group, the Population Reference Bureau, reported that births have begun increasing again, after a brief period of decline.

While birthrates have fallen in the more industrial, wealthier countries, growth continues at a rapid pace in the poorer nations least able to contend with explosive increases, Fornos said.

"This is not a liberal or a conservative cause, it is not a Democratic or a Republican cause, it's a humanitarian cause," he said.

In the history of the world, it took until 1830 for the population to reach 1 billion, Fornos said. That doubled to 2 billion in the following century. The third billion was added in 30 years, by 1960, and the 4 billion mark was reached in 1975. Now the total is 5 billion and the next billion could arrive in nine years, he warned, with the world's population growing to 6.2 billion by the year 2000.

Happy retirement: Find a log cabin? Take up tap dancing?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Connie Goldman traipsed around America trying to divine the key to happy aging. She found no one secret, only people like a retired baker turned tap dancer and a former social worker who croons folk songs.

For them, growing old means the best is yet to be.

Ms. Goldman interviewed scores of men and women who struck out in new directions after what most people consider retirement age, and found they all had tapped into some kind of magic lode.

What she did not find is a single, step-by-step method for finding joy and happiness in a second life.

It turns out there are as many secrets as there are people in her 65-part "Late Bloomer" public radio series.

Take Helen Schneyer, for example. This Washington-area clinical social worker planned her "retirement" for 16 years, figuring down to the penny what she would need to move to that Vermont log cabin.

It's home now, but she spends most of her time touring as a folk singer.

At the other end of the spectrum is Charlie Volkart of Ojai, Calif. A retired baker, he took up tap dancing on a lark at age 66 when a friend happened by and asked him to go to a class.

"He proved to be a natural," said Ms. Goldman. "He's tall and good-looking. He didn't even realize he was a performer."

Four years later, Volkart is going strong "and loving it," she said. He dances at state fairs and wins prizes performing with his teacher.

But his favorite is dancing at old-age residences. "He says he hopes somebody will perform for him when he gets old," said Ms. Goldman.

That illustrates the one common thread Ms. Goldman found: These people don't "feel" old.

"They all have that," she said. The trick, she said, is to focus on something with meaning, whether volunteer work, going back to school, a part-time job or babysitting.

"They all say a similar thing," she said. "They have something that is important to them. It's part of that whole physical-mental health cycle."

"People think there is a whole different set of rhythms and values for older people. That just isn't so."

Captured condor



A team of six biologists, representing the national Audubon Society, the California Fish and Game Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, plus a veterinarian from the Santa Barbara Zoo, captured the last remaining California condor Saturday. Here, the condor is being transferred to the quarantine aviary at the Wild Animal Park in San Diego Saturday.

5 years after movie crash, closing arguments near in manslaughter case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Five years after Hollywood's worst movie set disaster, an answer may be at hand to the question of who was at fault in the "Twilight Zone" helicopter crash that killed three actors as six cameras rolled.

Final arguments in the 9-month-old manslaughter trial of director John Landis and four associates were expected to begin Tuesday and last about a week.

Superior Court Judge Roger Boren will then instruct jurors in the law and give them the case, which is being watched closely by the movie community.

The prosecution contends the defendants, in setting up the Vietnam War scene that went awry, took too many risks; the defense, arguing the disaster was unforeseen, has accused a special-effects man of bringing down the helicopter by setting off explosions too soon.

Landis, production manager Dan Allingham, associate producer George Folsey Jr., special effects supervisor Paul Stewart and helicopter pilot Dorcey Wingo are charged with involuntary manslaughter. If convicted, each could receive up to six years in prison.

Democrats plan action on arms control measures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic leaders, back from arms control discussions in Moscow, plan House action this week on nuclear weapons amendments designed to push President Reagan toward an accord with the Soviets.

But the administration is threatening to veto the action, not only because it doesn't want restrictions put on its arms talks but also because Reagan considers the underlying legislation a budget buster.

With U.S.-Soviet discussions also in high gear, the House Appropriations Committee has added a pair of nuclear arms amendments to an \$11 billion spending package scheduled for House action on Wednesday or Thursday.

The bill would eliminate almost all tests of U.S. nuclear weapons. The Democrats also would require the United States to comply with the unratified SALT II nuclear arms control treaty.

That language, however, generated just a small portion of the 14-page list of objections the White House has sent to Congress about the bill.

The bill provides slightly less in new spending than requested by Reagan to cover changes planned in government operations for the remainder of fiscal 1987. But the president had also included offsetting spending cuts to keep his request from increasing the deficit.

The administration's cuts were rejected by the House committee, however. As a result, the White House says the Democrats' package would add \$3 billion to the fiscal 1987 deficit, which is already expected to exceed the \$144 billion target in the Gramm-Rudman law by \$30 billion.

While the House moves forward with what is a wrap-up spending package for fiscal 1987, the Senate is expected to begin debate on the first fiscal outline for next year — the fiscal

1988 budget. The \$1 trillion plan approved by the Senate Budget Committee calls for raising \$11.5 billion to \$18.5 billion or more in new taxes, while scaling back Reagan's defense buildup.

The Senate budget is similar to a plan already passed in the House, which the Reagan administration labeled a "blackmail budget" because, officials said, it was holding the president's defense budget hostage to a tax increase.

Before the Senate takes up the budget, it is expected to act on a bill that would make law a Federal Communications Commission policy called the Fairness Doctrine.

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World

Arafat ditches pact with Jordan in effort to unify PLO

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Yasser Arafat scrapped an accord with Jordan as he tried to reunite his fragmented PLO guerrilla movement, but rejected a demand by hardline rivals to break off relations with Egypt.

Khalil Wazir, deputy commander of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said the PLO chairman agreed Sunday to abrogate his 1985 accord with Jordan's King Hussein calling for a joint peace approach to Israel. Hussein himself discarded the pact last year, and Arafat's move was significant chiefly for its impact on Palestinian unity.

Palestinian sources said the 14-member PLO executive committee

likely will ratify the decision today.

"The rift is over. I would say that 95 percent of all the points of difference have been resolved," Wazir, one of Arafat's closest advisers, said at the end of an eight-hour meeting of leaders of eight guerrilla factions.

But he said Arafat refused another demand by the hardliners that the PLO sever all ties with Egypt, the only Arab nation to have a peace treaty with Israel. Syria backs the hardliners' demand.

The issue of PLO-Egyptian links has been referred to the Palestine National Council, the PLO parliament, according to Wazir.

The 426-member council is scheduled to open today in Algiers in its first meeting in four years. It is expected to endorse Arafat's moves and map out a new military and political strategy in its fight against Israel and to establish a homeland for the 5 million Palestinians.

Arafat's Fatah faction, the Democratic Front and Popular Front together make up 80 percent of the PLO's hard-core guerrilla strength.

PLO officials, who spoke on condition they not be identified, said Arafat still was hoping a compromise could be hammered out over Egypt to woo smaller radical factions based in Syria back into the PLO fold.

But the issue could be a major stumbling block because breaking links with Egypt as well as Jordan would mean Arafat would be cutting loose from his moderate Arab backers.

Hussein scrapped his pact with Arafat in February 1986, saying the PLO reneged on a pledge to accept a U.N. resolution that tacitly recognized Israel's right to exist.

Arafat's success in wooing the Democratic and Popular Fronts back into the PLO is a major triumph for him and the Soviets. Moscow has been spearheading the drive to reunify the Palestinian movement as a cohesive force in advance of a proposed international Middle

East peace conference. The Soviet Union hopes to attend such a conference as a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council.

But the concessions Arafat had to make, such as giving the Popular and Democratic Fronts a voice in the PLO's executive committee, signal an end to his so-called moderate policies that began when Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982 and drove him out.

The new militancy was underlined Sunday when the Israelis reported Fatah guerrillas infiltrated northern Israel from south Lebanon and killed two Israeli soldiers. Israel said three guerrillas also were killed.



Rebel army officers emerge with a flag from the Infantry School at the Camp de Mayo army base outside Buenos Aires Sunday after they surrendered. (AP Laserphoto)

President brings dramatic end to three-day military mutiny

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Raul Alfonsín flew to an army base and talked dozens of officers into ending a three-day mutiny, bringing a dramatic and peaceful end to the worst crisis of Argentina's fledgling democracy.

"Our house is in order and no blood has run in Argentina," Alfonsín told 400,000 cheering Argentines upon his return to the capital Sunday.

There was no immediate indication whether Alfonsín made any concessions in his meeting with the officer who led Argentina's second military rebellion in four days. Both rebel groups demanded amnesty for officers accused of human rights abuses during the military regime that ended with Alfonsín's 1983 election.

Alfonsín said the rebels would be "arrested and turned over to justice." But he said some were heroes of Argentina's 1982 Falkland Islands war with Britain who had taken a "mistaken position" and who assured him they were not trying to provoke a coup.

The rebels had held nearly 2,000 troops at bay after occupying an infantry school Thursday at the Campo de Mayo army base 19 miles west of Buenos Aires. They declared their support for about 130 soldiers who rebelled Wednesday in Cordoba, 438 miles northwest of Buenos Aires. That mutiny failed Friday.

Sen. Adolfo Gass said there were 57 rebels at Campo de Mayo, but rebels said they numbered about 150.

The mutineers occupied the school's two-story main building and four barracks behind it, deploying light tanks and machine-gun positions around the building.

Troops loyal to the government dug in about 150 yards from the school. There were no reports of shots being fired by either side.

Sunday afternoon, Alfonsín appeared before about 400,000 people in a plaza beside Govern-

ment House, announced his intention to negotiate with the mutineers and boarded an army helicopter for Argentina's largest army base.

Returning to Government House a few hours later, the beaming president stepped to a balcony and told the crowd: "Happy Easter, fellow countrymen. The mutineers have changed their attitude."

He said rebel leader Lt. Col. Aldo Rico agreed to surrender in a meeting at a neutral site within the wooded compound. Details of the meeting were not available.

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Israel attacks Palestinian camp after infiltration

MENARA, Israel (AP) — Israeli soldiers killed Palestinian guerrillas who entered from Lebanon on a hostage-taking mission, and the military later rocketed a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon in apparent retaliation.

Two Israeli soldiers also were killed Sunday in fighting with the infiltrators in an apple orchard, army officials said. They did not say how many guerrillas were involved, but news reports said there were three.

It was Israel's bloodiest infiltration battle in seven years, and followed a week of violence in northern Israel.

The army said the strife was linked to meetings in Algeria of Palestinian leaders who are patching up factional differences and planning new political and military strategies against Israel.

At sundown Sunday, two Israeli helicopter gunships fired rockets at the Rashidiyeh refugee camp near the south Lebanon port of Tyre six miles north of the Israeli border. Lebanese police said two Palestinians were wounded. Palestinian guerrillas operate out of the refugee camps.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, meanwhile, about 5,000 Palestinians demonstrated Sunday at Islamic University. Nine students were hospitalized after Israeli soldiers beat them with clubs, Palestinian sources said.

The army identified the infiltrators as members of Yasser Arafat's Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has stepped up military activity recently in an apparent effort to regain the support of hardline Palestinians.

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Agents from the U.S. Treasury Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI inspect damage to a Missoula City, Mont., detective's car caused when a bomb that was planted in the car exploded Sunday morning. No one was injured in the blast that also broke several windows in buildings near the car, including the Missoula City Hall. A man claiming connections to the white-supremacist group, the Aryan Nations Church, claimed credit for the bombing. He has not been found.

Environmentalists eyeing forest legislation

CONROE (AP)— Environmentalists are opposing state forest legislation that they say may hamper the living conditions of the already endangered Red Cockaded woodpecker.

The proposed legislation would allow the Texas Forest Service to trade off woodland that it no longer wants.

At the center of the controversy is the Jones State Forest, a 1,725-acre expanse of pine located in southern Montgomery County that's previously been the target of divestiture.

If the bill passes, the forest service would be able to trade the land for other land of equal value. And since a lot of East Texas forest land is inexpensive — sometimes as low as \$300 an acre — the service could end up with a lot more wooded land than it started with.

The forest service is the only state agency that doesn't have the power to sell or exchange its land, said Jon Comola, an aide to the Rep. Rick Perry, D-Haskell, who introduced the bill.

The forest service, an extension of the Texas A&M University System, supervises the management of the forest, but timber companies bid for the rights to harvest the timber, said James B. Hull, associate director of the forest service. The agency uses that money to offset budget shortfalls and pay expenses.

The service teaches forestry management, provides fire protection throughout East Texas and operates five state forests totaling 6,982 acres.

Under present law, the forest service must get specific legislative approval to sell or trade its land.

The new bill would still require legislative approval for any land sale, but would give A&M's board of regents permission to exchange forest service land for other service land "if the board determines that the exchange will result in greater economic

return of scientific value to the people of Texas."

A large portion of the Jones Forest cannot be used for demonstration of forestry techniques — its original purpose — because of its proximity to populated areas and repeated protests by conservation groups, Hull said.

Regardless, environmentalists want the forest left alone to prevent anyone from destroying the endangered woodpecker.

"It's very important that we save what species we have left, especially when it's this easy," said Ned Fritz of the Texas Com-

mittee on Natural Resources, a conservation group active in environmental causes. "All we have to do is leave the habitat alone. It doesn't cost us anything."

A similar bill specifically addressing the Jones Forest was introduced in the 1985 legislative session, but was abandoned when public outcry became too intense, Hull said.

The present legislation is awaiting review and a tentative April 21 public hearing by the Senate's State Affairs Committee, Comola said.

Officials unsure how many illegal aliens carry voter registration cards

LUBBOCK (AP) — Thousands of illegal aliens may trek to the polls throughout Texas next year to vote in both the presidential primaries and general election.

Odds are they will go unchallenged by polling officials, according to a report in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Just how many illegal aliens carry voter registration cards is a question that authorities can't answer.

"It's a heck of a good question," said Randy Erben, assistant secretary of state. "We have no way of knowing how serious the problem is, but I would tend to say that it likely is very serious."

Mark Jordan, assistant general counsel for the elections division of the Secretary of State's Office, said he has no idea how many illegal aliens may have received voter registration cards.

There are no provisions in Texas law requiring applicants for voter registration cards to prove to voter registrars or county clerks they are bona fide residents, he said.

Although voter registrants are subject to be charged with a felony if they perjure themselves on application forms, there are no standard provisions for follow-up checks by officials to certify the applicant's information is accurate.

"In Texas, you may apply for a voter registration card by mail," Jordan said. "There is no opportunity to question someone at all about residency. There isn't much we can do unless the law is changed."

"And if the law were changed, I'm fairly certain the U.S. Department of Justice would object."

The only time a challenge to a voter's qualification would likely arise would be after the fact in contested races where a candidate might choose to go to district court contending he was defeated by unqualified voters, Jordan said.

The most recent test of that came in February when a candidate challenged enough ballots in Falfurrias in Brooks County to make up the difference, he said.

Jordan said that among those challenged were Mexican nationals who had obtained voter registration cards through false applications.

"I've heard there are about a quarter of a million illegal aliens in the state," Erben said. "And how many are registered to vote? I don't know."

"But there are more than we know about," he said. "We would prosecute any we find, but proving it is like looking for a needle in a haystack."

Erben admits there are holes in the system to assure only qualified voters are registered, but added there's a very fine line between possible discrimination against minorities and guaranteeing all qualified residents are encouraged to register to vote.

"When an illegal alien votes, however, he's disenfranchising the vote of a qualified voter," he said. "It's that simple. So how do we police it?"

"Right now, you have to take people's word for it — until some better system is devised to prove U.S. citizenship," Erben added.

The Voting Rights Act was intended to guarantee every citizen a right to vote, but Erben said it has shortcomings like precluding any effective mechanism to

assure an individual is a U.S. citizen.

"We're in a box unless the Legislature can come up with a carefully enough worded law that would not discriminate," he said. "I'm for anything to assure proper qualifications to vote, but the question is whether the Legislature could come up with something. I'm skeptical the Legislature can."

There was an incident, Erben said, in the San Antonio area where a uniformed Immigration and Naturalization Service officer showed up at his designated voting place and half the people standing in line to vote scattered and ran.

"What was he to do? Go up and ask each of 'em if they were illegal aliens? That might well be harassment and discrimination," Erben said. "Heck, all the officer was there for was to vote where he was supposed to."

Don Vaughan, resident agent for the U.S. Border Patrol in Lubbock, said it was not uncommon to pick up illegal aliens and find them with voter registration cards.

He said 300,000 illegal aliens were picked up in Texas last year.

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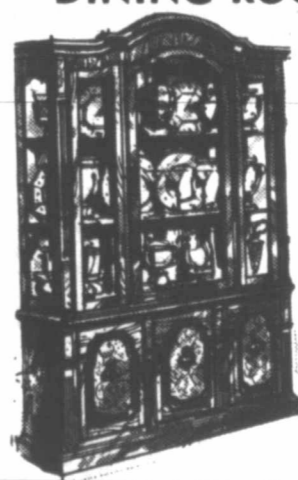
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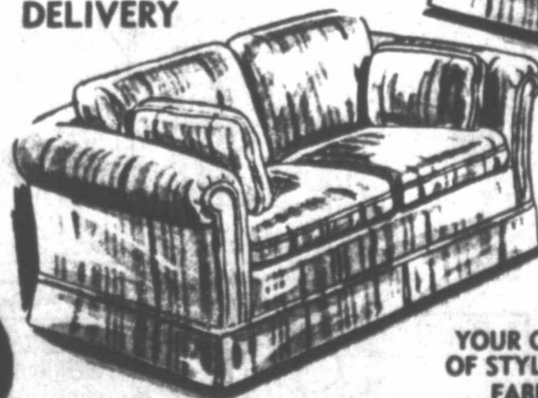
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Today's Crossword Puzzle

Release in Papers of Monday, April 20, 1987

- ACROSS**
 1 Lumps
 5 _____ and void
 9 Military school (abbr.)
 12 Gumbo
 13 Heraldic border
 14 Poverty-war agency (abbr.)
 15 Orderly
 16 Manufactured
 17 School organization (abbr.)
 18 Of summer
 20 More learned
 22 Assistance
 23 Boat gear
 24 Behave theatrically
 27 Blackest
 31 Bare
 32 Stupid person (sl.)
 33 Edible tuber
 34 Full of (suff.)
 35 Tidings
 36 _____ about
 37 Indistinct
 39 Social rank
 40 Scrap
 41 Over (post.)
 42 _____ Zimbalist
 45 Aversion
 49 French yes
 50 Irish islands
 52 Cornelia Skinner
 53 Deadly snake
 54 _____ and key
 55 Welshman, e.g.
 56 Born
 57 Watches
 58 Kiss Me

- DOWN**
 1 Nobody
 2 Hawaiian instruments
 3 Disagreeable child

Answer to Previous Puzzle

HUE	NUTS	NEBS
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- 35 Standards
 36 Rowboat part
 38 Stag's mate
 39 These (Fr.)
 41 Pig sounds
 42 Pertaining to dawn
 43 Blend
 44 Mature
 45 Small European fish
 46 Virginia willow
 47 Scottish skirt
 48 This (Sp.)
 51 Species of deer

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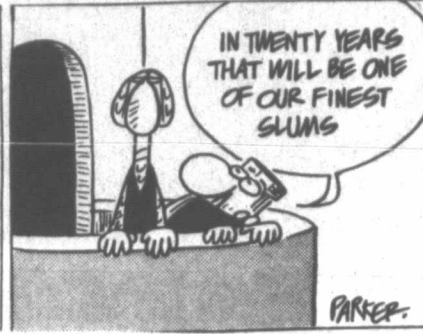
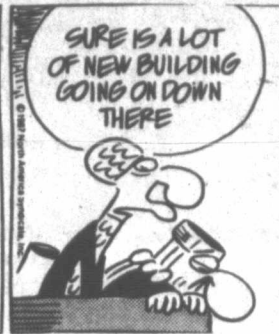


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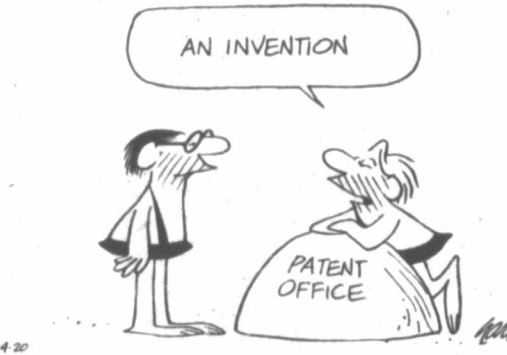
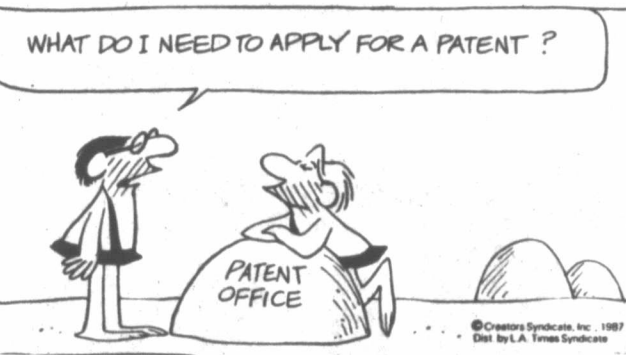
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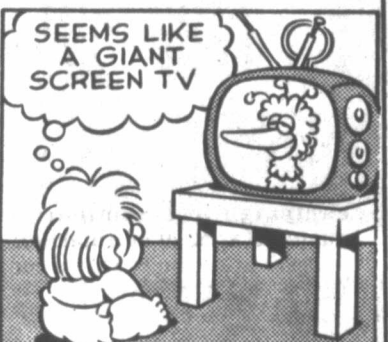
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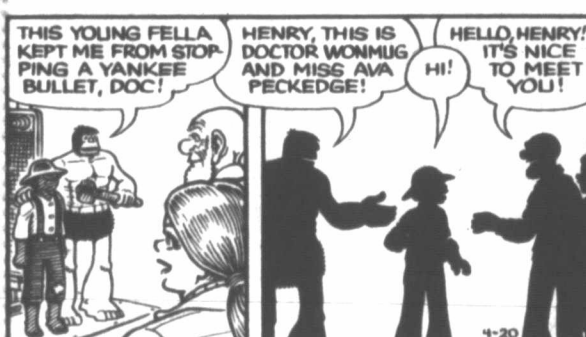
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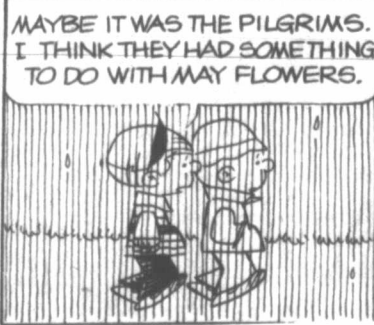
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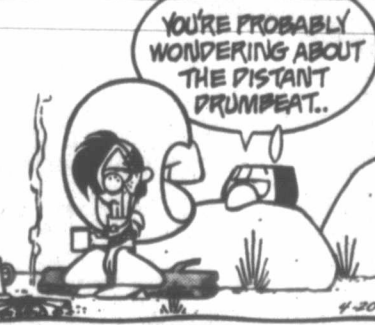
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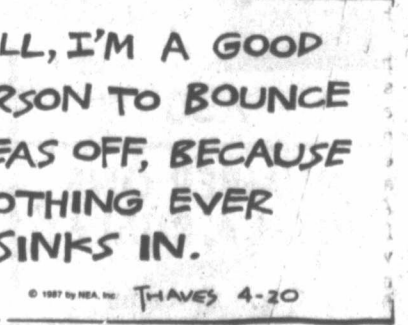
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Tuesday, April 21, 1987

A rise in status, both socially and professionally, is in the offing for you in the year ahead. You have won the respect of key people who will do all they can to help you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your status in the eyes of your contemporaries is ascending, starting today. Nice things, of which you'll be unaware, are being said about you. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker set instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll be operating at a very imaginative level today, and it's important to follow through on new ideas that pop into your head.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are lucky for others today and they, in turn, will be lucky for you. This is why joint ventures in which you're involved should work out successfully.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things you can't achieve on your own today can be accomplished with a competent partner. Link up with a winner whose aims parallel yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't hesitate to talk about career matters to big shots you may rub elbows with socially today. They'll be receptive to what you have to say.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A repeat performance is possible regarding something that turned out fortunately for you in the past. The scenario is the same today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your material aspects will start to look encouraging again as of today. Profitable possibilities are back in the pipeline.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is one of those days when you are likely to be luckier dealing with big issues than you will be with smaller ones. Don't waste valuable time on trivial matters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Friends will want to do nice things for you today, so don't impede their efforts. They know you're not looking for a free ride.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Conditions look very fortunate for you today, especially in the involvements you'll have with people you respect and cherish. Make these your priorities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A short jaunt to somewhere fun and different will help quell your restless spirit today. Try to get an early start, and be sure to take a pal along.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something good which will awaken fresh hopes is in the offing for you today. Others will be involved, but you'll be the principal initiator.

Lifestyles

19th-century toothpaste lids tell dental history

By RALPH and TERRY KOVEL
Ever wonder how your ancestors cleaned their teeth? Collectors often learn strange bits of history from their purchases. Pot lids have been a popular collectible in England, and they are now attracting collectors in America.

The lids measure about 3 inches in diameter. They were the covers for shallow ointment pots shaped much like our cold cream jars. The covers of the pots were printed with advertising or pictures that identified the product.

The first of these pottery containers were made in the 1830s. They went out of fashion after World War I because of less expensive packaging methods. Lids offered bear grease (used on the hair), cold cream, cure-alls, shaving cream, food stuffs and toothpaste. The most common type held toothpaste.

Interest in keeping teeth clean seems to have started in the 17th century. By the 18th century, tooth powder or dentifrice was sold to "scour the teeth, sweeten the bath, and preserve the gums and mouth from cankers and imposthumes." The poor used salt applied to a toothstick with a rag at one end.

Toothpaste and toothbrushes came into general use in the early 19th century. While almost all of

the toothpaste was made the same way, with betel nut flavoring, it was sold either white or pink. By the late 1800s it was scented. The collapsible toothpaste tube was introduced in the 1890s.

Q. What is a press cupboard? Is it the same as an armoire? When was it popular?
A. The English used the press cupboard in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. It was made for storage. It was usually about 4 1/2 feet wide, 2 1/2 feet deep and a little over 6 1/2 feet high. The top part had doors with sliding trays on the inside for "pressed" clothes. That is how it was named. There were also drawers below the door. The press cupboard is now being used in a bedroom for storage or even in the living room. The armoire usually had two large doors. Behind the doors there are a few drawers or trays and hanging space.

Q. My mother has a wonderful set of dolls. It contains five babies with bottles plus a nurse with a stethoscope. They have movable arms and legs, painted hair, eyes and mouth. Could these be the famous quintuplets?
A. Yes. The Dionne Quintuplets were born May 28, 1934. They be-

came world famous, and many companies made sets of dolls portraying quintuplets. Your set may be the one that was packed

in a small suitcase. It was made by Ralph Freundlich in 1935. The set included the dolls, bottles, stethoscope and a nurse.



W. Woods of Plymouth, England, made toothpaste and packaged it in a small pot with this printed lid about 1890.

Q. My reverse painting on glass is made with crinkled metal foil. It pictures flowers and a man and woman. The back has a note that says it is a 19th century "tinsel" picture.
A. Tinsel pictures were popular in England in the mid-19th century. Some were sold completed and framed. Others were made from do-it-yourself kits. Famous actors and actresses were often shown in pictures that were ads for plays. The picture was painted from the back and then the blank spaces were filled in with small pieces of crinkled colored tinsel or foil. They were inexpensive and decorative but were not considered art.

TIP: To remove the odor in a closed chest or trunk, try spreading cat litter on the inside. Close the drawer or lid for several days. Repeat until the odor seems gone. Then wash the inside and let it dry.

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Candy pail, tin, Queen of Hearts, Lovell & Covel story tin, \$60.
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Fulper perfume lamp, parrot, \$325.
Beth doll, googly eyes, Heubach, 7 inches, \$700.
Sheep toy, wool covering, wooden wheels, Steiff button, c. 1910, 12 inches, \$800.
Jukebox, Wurlitzer No. 1100, \$2,600.
High chair, walnut, slat back, 18th century, \$5,225.

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Attending annual meeting



Pampa Desk and Derrick Club members attending the annual Region V meeting, April 24-26 in Roswell, N.M., of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs are, front row from left, Maxine Morgan, alternate delegate; Doris Odom, ADDC corresponding secretary; and Martha Sublett, ADDC president. Back row from left are Brenda Wade, club member; Betty Nabors, Pampa board member; Linda Slaybaugh, club member; and Carla Schiffman, club secretary. Not pictured are Scena Snider, club member, and Marilyn Lewis, delegate.

Cornelison to head Rotary's district PolioPlus campaign

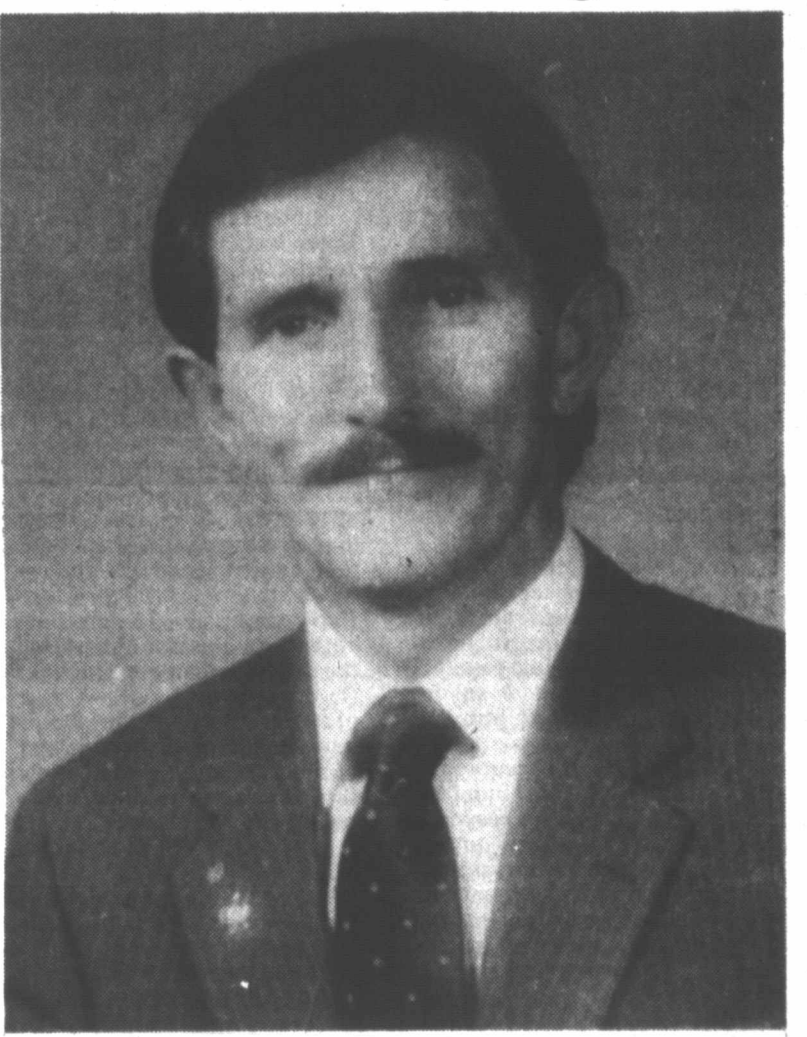
Lee Cornelison of Pampa, a member of Pampa Sunrise Rotary Club, has been appointed an area coordinator of Rotary's PolioPlus Campaign in District 573. He will coordinate fund-raising activities in four Rotary Clubs in the district.

Cornelison is one of 13 area coordinators leading the fund-raising campaign in the district. These Rotarians are among about 3,100 who are working as volunteer fund-raisers in 447 Rotary districts around the world. The area coordinators for District 573 received training for the campaign in a seminar conducted March 20 in Amarillo.

The worldwide organization of Rotary Club's PolioPlus Campaign is an effort to immunize all children in the world against polio. Rotarians in 160 countries are conducting a \$120 million fund-raising effort to reach the immunization goal.

The campaign goal is the estimated amount needed to purchase all the polio vaccines for the 60 to 70 million children who go without polio protection in developing countries each year. In the fight against polio, Rotary International is working with the World Health Organization and supports the WHO goal of conquering all six dreaded childhood diseases that can be prevented by vaccination: polio, measles, tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus.

While poliomyelitis has been virtually eliminated in industrialized countries, it remains a serious health threat in developing nations. It is a special danger to children under 3 years of age. Each year some 275,000 children become its victims in the Third World. Ten percent of them die, and about 70 percent suffer



LEE CORNELISON

permanent paralysis or residual weakness of affected muscles.

In eight years, Rotary International has made grants totaling \$37,415,200 for polio immunization projects in 42 countries. When all 42 are completed (most projects last five years), a total of 240,733,000 children will have been protected from polio. The first Rotary grant to fight the disease was \$760,000 made for the 1979 beginning of a project in the Philippines. The organization's hope is that immunization of all children will be completed by no later than 2005, the year of Rotary's 100th anniversary.

Graduate wants to ride gift horse right onto Wall Street

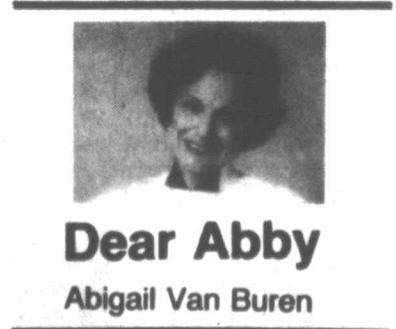
DEAR ABBY: I am graduating from high school in June and plan to send graduation announcements to friends and relatives, although many people think sending such announcements is just like asking for a gift. (I don't look at it that way.) The majority of my friends and relatives do not know my taste very well and tend to give things I honestly neither need nor want.

It has been a long-held desire of mine to invest some money in the stock market, talk with stockbrokers of my own ideas, and have more of a vested interest in the nation's economy — obviously on a small scale. Therefore, my question, Abby, is: Would it be inappropriate for me to include a note stating my wishes in the graduation announcement, asking friends and relatives for money — instead of things — to be used for the sole purpose of investment? Maybe even including a clause asking for their advice on how to invest it?

Please hurry your answer; I have to send my announcements out soon.

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Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Recently I ordered three of your booklets and enclosed three long, self-addressed, stamped envelopes. Inadvertently, I sent an endorsed check for \$10,000 in one of the envelopes. (The money was a loan to a friend.) I'm sure I don't need to tell you the turmoil I experienced while looking for that check for two days. On the third day, I received via overnight mail my check for \$10,000. With it came this letter:

"Dear Mrs. R: We fill orders for Dear Abby's booklets. Upon filling your order, we found this endorsed check for \$10,000. I wanted to telephone you immediately to put your mind at ease, but your telephone number is not listed, so I am returning your check express mail at our expense in order to get it to you as quickly as possible. — Bob Bull, Kable News Co. Inc., Mount Morris, Ill."

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MRS. R.,
BELLFLOWER, CALIF.

DEAR MRS. R: Thank you for writing as you did. To say that you made my day is an understatement. And to Bob Bull and all the fine people at Kable News Co. Inc., my profound gratitude.

DEAR ABBY: My son is in the eighth grade, and I was horrified by the following comment his English instructor wrote on his assignment: "Is this original? What does this get to do with insects taking over?"

Abby, I am neither a literary genius nor an English grammarian, but I do know the difference between correct and incorrect grammar.

I wrote a note on the back and corrected her blatant error, but my son refused to give it to her. What are your thoughts?

APPALLED IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR APPALLED: I think you overreacted. The teacher obviously made a careless error. I think your son used excellent judgment.

Reunions

PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1947
A meeting to plan the 40-year reunion of Pampa High School Class of 1947 will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 in Pampa Community Building.

All local and area class members and interested persons are welcome to attend.

Those who have information on the following missing class members are asked to call Reba Fagan Eubanks at 669-9219; Max Louvier, 669-2770; or Betty Myatt Bohlander, 665-3400.

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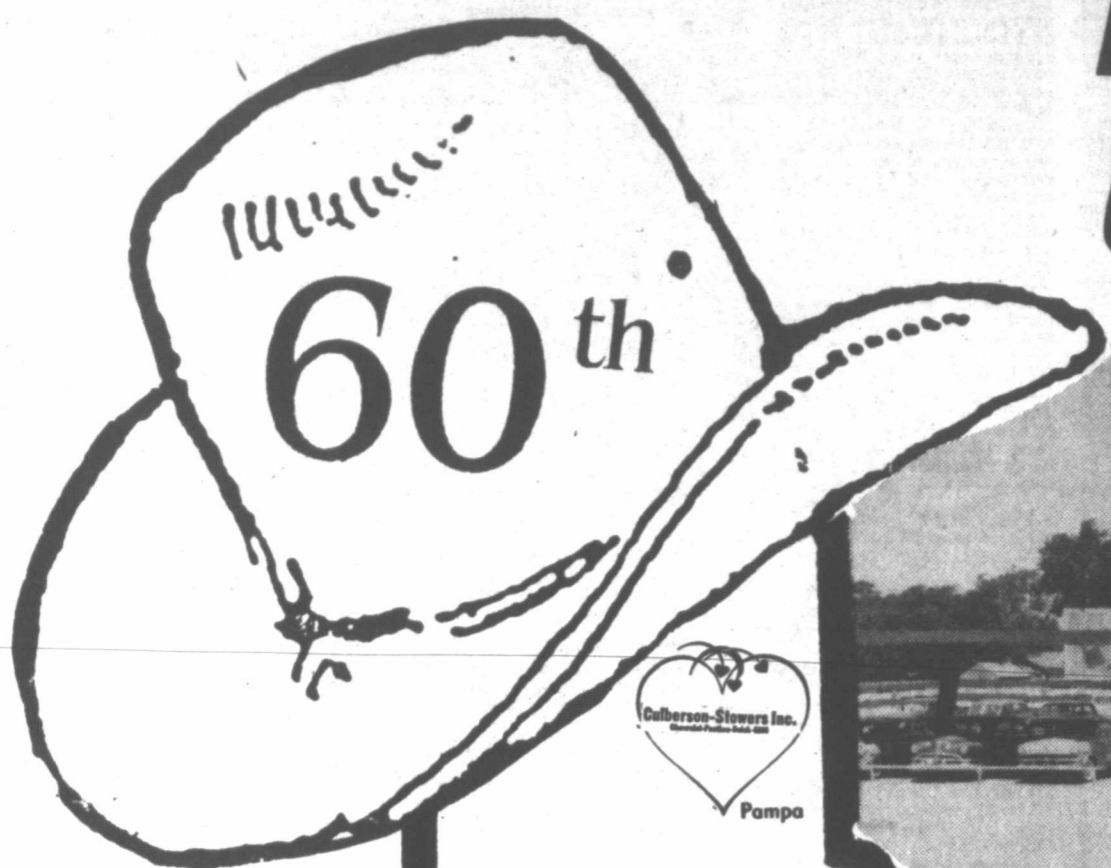
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Lady, an eight-year-old golden retriever, pauses on her way to the living room with a can of beer she fetched from the refrigerator of her owner David Munson in Baton Rouge, La. Lady was practicing her tricks for an appearance on the *Late Night with David Letterman* television show. She opens the refrigerator door by tugging on the towel that is tied on the handle, background, grabs a can with her mouth, closes the door and takes the brew to Munson.

Spotlight on closed-end funds

By CHET CURRIER
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Thanks to a recent takeover bid, a quiet corner of the financial world is getting some unaccustomed public notice these days.

The object of attention is the publicly traded investment company, or "closed-end fund," industry.

Closed-end funds operate in much the same manner as their better known cousins, mutual funds. But there is an important difference between the two.

When mutual fund investors buy or sell shares, the price is determined by the fund's net asset value at the time of the transaction. The fund can issue new shares or retire old ones at will.

Closed-end funds, by contrast, have a fixed number of shares that are bought and sold, just like common stocks of companies in other industries, on stock exchanges or in the over-the-counter market.

Thus, the prices of their shares can fluctuate independently of the funds' net asset values, trading either at a premium or a discount to their theoretical worth.

On April 23, shareholders of one such company, the Japan Fund, are scheduled to vote on a proposal to convert it to a no-load mutual fund.

The process was set in motion when the fund, which owns a portfolio of Japanese securities, received a takeover bid in late February from a group of investors that included T. Boone Pickens III, son of the noted oilman and financier.

The group offered to buy the Japan Fund's assets at a price 5 percent below net asset value — terms that were bound to provoke a response, since the fund had been trading at a significantly

larger discount (about 27 percent as of the end of 1986).

The fund's directors soon countered with the plan to convert to mutual fund status, which would eliminate the discount altogether.

The story provided a classic example of one of the special opportunities available to followers of the closed-end fund industry. The Pickens group, which said it owned 1.4 million Japan Fund shares, stands to make a tidy profit on its investment.

At the same time, it demonstrated the frustrations faced by most managers of closed-end funds in this country.

People who run a fund that earns a good investment return would naturally like to see their efforts rewarded by having the shares of the fund trade at a premium. But American investors, by custom, are reluctant to accord them that premium on any consistent basis.

Thomas Herzfeld, a broker and money manager who is recognized as a leading expert on the industry, usually advocates a strategy of buying closed-end funds when they sell at substantial discounts and considering them "fully valued" when they trade at premiums.

In a recent letter to *Barron's* magazine, Barry Ziskin, president of the New York-based Z-Seven Fund, complained about this kind of approach.

In some other countries, he said, closed-end funds get more attention from investment firms and often trade at premiums based on their expected future investment results.

With Z-Seven's own operating results, he argued, "a strong case can be made that the fund's shares deserve a premium multiple."

Guitarist walking jukebox of country songs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — It's hard to select a country song that folk musician Ivan Dodge doesn't know.

The 71-year-old Dodge is a walking, talking, playing and singing collection of country music.

"He's like an old-time jukebox when it comes to country songs," says Floras Lamb, who has worked with Dodge. "The only difference is that you don't have to put in a nickel, but he'll play those country songs — even those made in the Civil War era."

Area music enthusiasts call Dodge the "grandfather of traditional old-time country music in central Illinois."

Dodge, who has been blind since early childhood, recently received the Central Illinois First Citizen of Song award from Prairie Grapevine, a group of local folk music fans.

Dodge is a self-taught guitarist who has also mastered the mandolin, the harmonica, the dobro, the fiddle and the ukulele.

His career spans nearly 60 years of performances with bands and as an itinerant street musician. He has performed at bars, clubs, dance halls and festivals throughout Illinois and several other Midwestern states.

"The breadth of his knowledge of old-time country music is remarkable," says Bill Rintz, who is host of a Saturday morning folk music program on Springfield radio station WSSR. "You can ask him to perform any country song made, up to the 1970s."

Dodge makes his audiences test his memory, asking them to select the songs he will play.

"I just like to have fun when I perform," he says. "The best way is to play exactly what

they want, but every now and then they get me."

After singing in his deep, rich bass voice, Dodge waits for the audience to make a request for his next selection.

Sometimes he just sits, cuts a joke or two and strums a few chords on his guitar until the audience loosens up.

Born in Laomi in 1915, Dodge suffered a visual impairment resulting from an accident at birth. He lost all of his sight a few years later.

Dodge says he used to listen to his parents, relatives and friends singing old standards when he was young.

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