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VALERIE MOLONE ...  
Miss Wheatheart 1988

## Pampa resident crowned as 1988 Miss Wheatheart

Valerie Molone, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Molone of 121 N. Starkweather, was crowned 1988 Miss Wheatheart of the Nation Saturday at Perryton.

Molone, who is also 1988 Miss Irish Rose and first runner-up in the 1988 Miss Top o' Texas Scholarship Pageant, edged out 13 other contestants to win the title. She also won the interview portion of the Miss Wheatheart pageant, and had won the swimsuit competition of the 1988 Miss Top o' Texas pageant.

The Miss Wheatheart of the Nation Scholarship Pageant is a part of the Miss America Scholarship Pageant System. As Miss Wheatheart, Molone will compete in the 1989 Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant. Winner of the Miss Texas title earns a chance to try for the Miss America crown.

The Miss Wheatheart pageant included competition in interview, swimsuit, evening gown and talent divisions. For her talent entry, Molone sang "Cry."

She had sung "The King of Who I Am" at the Miss Top o' Texas pageant. She plans to sing in the talent portion of the 1989 Miss Texas pageant.

The 5-foot 7-inch blue-eyed blonde is a 1988 graduate of Pampa Christian School and plans to attend Clarendon College-Pampa Center in the fall for her freshman year. She will then transfer to Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where she plans to major in broadcast journalism.

Her chances of winning the Miss Wheatheart title were on shaky ground because "she had sprained her ankle last week and was limping 'till the last minute," said her mother, Mrs. Malone.

"It hurt to walk in those high heels," the new Miss Wheatheart said.

Her hobbies are singing, playing volleyball and writing. Her current ambition is to win the Miss Texas title; if she does not win the crown in 1989, she said, See WHEATHEART, Page 2

## Commissioners to consider resolution for Horse Alley

City Commissioners will consider a resolution Tuesday night instructing the staff on procedures for resuming water services to the so-called Horse Alley property on the southwest edge of the city.

Water lines to the area have been shut off due to leaks and possible health and safety hazard problems, including possible contamination to public water supplies.

City commissioners have met with lot owners in the area at previous commission meetings and during a tour of the Carter Line-Horse Lot area facilities July 27.

The resolution, if approved during the regular meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, will permit property owners in Horse Alley to make application for water taps, with the city restoring water service to the main supply line when repairs are made and health and safety violations are corrected. In other matters, the commis-

sion will review the direct mail campaign and the economic development video developed through the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce under the TEXCEL economic development program.

In business items, commissioners will consider:

- adopting an ordinance establishing traffic control regulations around the public schools;
- selecting an accounting firm to conduct the annual city audit and preparation of the comprehensive annual financial report;
- authorizing a contract with Operations Management International Inc. (OMI) relative to the operation and maintenance of the city's water and waste water treatment plants;
- awarding bids for the purchase of a backhoe and trailer; and
- reappointing three persons to the Electrical Advisory Board.

Commissioners also have scheduled an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

## U.N. chief says he expects gulf war truce in two weeks

By VICTORIA GRAHAM  
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar says he expects a truce in the Iran-Iraq war in two weeks, now that Iran has agreed to Iraq's compromise proposal that direct peace talks quickly follow a cease-fire.

Perez de Cuellar's announcement that he would today set a cease-fire date capped a weekend flurry of diplomatic activity that ended a deadlock in nearly two weeks of U.N.-mediated truce talks.

"I have informed the Security Council that the two sides agreed with a cease-fire followed by direct talks under my auspices," he told reporters Sunday after a full day of talks with Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran and Ambassador Ismat Kittani of Iraq.

"In principle, I will announce the cease-fire tomorrow," he said.

The U.N. chief said it would take about two weeks to deploy the 250 United Nations peacekeeping troops from 24 countries who will monitor the truce along the 730-mile front.

The cease-fire announcement was expected this afternoon, when the Security Council convenes to consider the logistics of setting up a \$40 million peacekeeping force.

Perez de Cuellar has said he



Velayati speaks to reporters.

also expects to announce dates for other provisions of Resolution 598, the cease-fire and peace plan passed by the Security Council a year ago.

The plan's provisions include troop withdrawal to international boundaries and repatriation of prisoners taken in the 8-year-old war, which has claimed an estimated 1 million dead and wounded.

The U.N. chief said the date and place for direct talks had not yet been decided.

His announcement came after Velayati delivered what amounted to Iran's formal acceptance of the compromise proposal Saturday by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that a cease-fire be followed rapidly by direct talks on a lasting peace.

The U.N. chief said, which be-

gan after Iran reversed itself and announced July 18 that it would accept Resolution 598, had faltered over Iraq's demand for face-to-face talks before a cease-fire.

Iraq's compromise accepted, Kittani declared Sunday as he entered a meeting with Perez de Cuellar: "It's a very good day. I think we are on the road to peace."

As he left, he said he had a good meeting, but when asked if he was satisfied, he said, "That's something else."

Before offering the compromise, Iraq said direct talks were needed to test Iran's intentions. It accepted Resolution 598 last year and said it would not now be stampeded into a cease-fire.

Badly battered by a string of battlefield defeats, Iran had been pressing for an immediate truce.

In the past few weeks, Baghdad has launched repeated attacks in which Iran says at least 1,700 of its people were injured by chemical weapons.

Iraq had been urged by many nations to compromise and agree to an early cease-fire and peace settlement. But a major factor, U.N. diplomats said, was the Security Council's assurance to Iraq last week that its five permanent members would guarantee a peace settlement.

The five — the United States, Britain, China, France and the Soviet Union — promised Iraq that they would insist that Iran not exploit a truce.

## Writers end strike, ratify new contract

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Writers are back to work trying to salvage the fall TV season after ratifying a contract that ends one of Hollywood's longest strikes, but it could be weeks before scripts reach producers.

Some scriptwriters sat down in front of word processors and typewriters after the Writers Guild of America overwhelming ratified the four-year contract Sunday.

"A lot of them are already going to work and they will be working night and day now. Business is going to be booming," said Cheryl Rhoden, spokeswoman for the Writers Guild of America. The guild approved the pact with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers by 2,111 to 412, or 83.7 percent, said guild President George Kirgo.

The 22-week walkout by the 9,000 members crippled Hollywood and will delay the start of the fall TV season, perhaps until November.

Ratification came in the 154th day of the longest strike ever to cause a major disruption of film and television production. Hollywood has endured a more protracted strike, involving musicians, but the Writers Guild's longest previous walkout, in 1960, lasted 153 days.

The impact of the strike, which began March 7, reached beyond writers, producers and behind-the-scenes personnel, affecting businesses including equipment rentals and caterers and has cost the television networks tens of millions of dollars.

Producers are "pleased that the WGA membership has ratified the new agreement and we are able once again to get this industry back to work," said Nicholas Counter III, president of the 217-member alliance.

Divisiveness, however, was expected to linger, Rhoden said.

"It was a very difficult time. Over a period of time, some of the rancor and anger will be forgotten. I don't think the spirit will be forgotten, though. They (the writers) will remember this for a long time," she said.

The median income for working union members is \$43,000, although the guild does have some millionaires.

In arguing for acceptance of the proposal, guild negotiators said the pact would provide writers more creative control over scripts and over the re-acquisition of original screenplays. But the union acknowledged it was not very successful in winning larger payments for

reruns of television programs sold to foreign markets, a major strike issue.

"We went in looking for modest improvements and we made achievements in all those areas," Rhoden said.

Writers will choose between the existing formula, which pays a maximum of about \$4,400 for a one-hour show rerun abroad, or a plan that pays 1.2 percent of the producer's foreign sales, within a range of 85 percent to 130 percent of the current payment.

Television producers usually make up production costs with their share of payments for reruns of prime-time shows.

Rising production costs and reduced demand for expensive hourlong shows prompted the

producers to propose revisions for domestic reruns.

Under the new formula, payments for domestic one-hour reruns would be tied to sales of the show as opposed to a set dollar amount.

Writers have been earning about \$16,000 for one-hour programs, but under the new system that could range from \$8,000 to \$24,000, depending on the syndication sales. Writers can seek a return to the fixed-payment formula through binding arbitration if the syndication market improves.

The contract also calls for salary increases of 5 percent in the first 18 months, another 5 percent in the next 18 months and 4.5 percent the fourth year.



Writers Guild members, from left, Brian Walton, George Kirgo and Del Reisman smile at end of strike.

## Labor Department program to help migrants hurt by drought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department today unveiled a \$14.8 million package to help thousands of migrant and seasonal farmworkers who have been unable to work because of the drought.

"The severe drought in some parts of the nation has had a devastating effect on migrant farmworkers and their families," said Labor Secretary Ann McLaughlin. "Some are stranded without work or money to return home, while others face extreme hardship at their home base. Their plight calls for swift, concerted action by the federal and state governments and private organizations."

Mrs. McLaughlin said the Labor Department would marshal funds for "emergency and supportive services" and promised to be flexible and quick in making decisions about spending.

"And I am writing to state governors and agencies to recommend special employment services

and unemployment insurance consideration for migrant farmworkers," she said in a statement. "These measures are necessary to help migrant farmworkers through the economic and human crises caused by this year's drought."

McLaughlin said she has authorized existing migrant worker programs operating under Labor Department grants to use up to 15 percent of their current funding for emergency services such as health care, transportation and temporary shelter. The agency said up to \$9.5 million could be spent.

She said another \$5 million has been set aside from a Job Partnership Training Act reserve account for dislocated workers to be used specifically for migrant farmworkers hurt by the drought.

States with significant problems may submit proposals for funding, even for activities beyond

the usual scope of dislocated worker projects, such as unlimited relocation assistance and extensive support services, the Labor Department said.

She said a \$300,000 discretionary fund is being set up to provide additional emergency and support services for areas that have exhausted other resources.

The Labor Department also plans to write state employment service agencies asking them to certify that a problem exists in their state and to assess the needs of farmworkers affected by the drought. The letter will ask them to establish contingency programs for migrants and their families to provide labor market information, outreach, job referral, training and support services.

The agency said it would also encourage states to facilitate receipt of regular unemployment insurance benefits to eligible migrant and farmworkers. Portions of some states may be declared dis-

aster areas, triggering the disaster unemployment insurance program for which such workers may be eligible.

Twenty-two states have asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to be designated drought-disaster areas. These states have an estimated 200,000 migrant and seasonal farmworkers, the Labor Department said.

They are Alabama, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Rep. Albert Bustamante, a Texas Democrat and former migrant worker for 23 years, had called on administration to help the migrant workers, many of whom are U.S. citizens from the nation's border region with Mexico.







# Curfew enforcement leads to police clash with protestors

By BILL STIEG  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Graffiti at a Lower East Side park entrance reads "Go Home Yuppie Scum."

But neighbors say the reasons for a riot that pitted hundreds against police go beyond the gentrification, drug-dealing and homelessness.

Thirty-eight people, including seven police officers, were slightly injured in confrontations early Sunday at Tompkins Square Park; nine were arrested on riot, assault and disorderly conduct charges, authorities said.

Six brutality complaints were filed against police, who were wearing riot gear and were bolstered by mounted officers and helicopters.

"I hope you saw what ... was going on because we didn't start this," said Police Capt. Gerald McNamara. "We did everything in our power not to provoke an incident. They didn't charge the crowd until the bricks and bottles started flying."

The riot started as police tried to enforce a curfew at the Manhattan park. Some residents had

asked that police do so, saying the park is a nighttime hangout for drug dealers, rowdy drunks, homeless people and so-called punk rockers, who dress in black leather and spike their hair.

Protesters, bystanders and reporters and photographers complained of random attacks by police with billy clubs. Police complained they were pelted with rocks, bottles and sticks. Firecrackers exploded and at least one fire was set.

Estimates of the crowd ranged from around 100 to the Police Department's official estimate of more than 700. The police force started at about 100 and swelled to 450.

"Police were calling people scum, twirling their nightsticks. And the kids were inciting them, too, but they weren't throwing bottles or anything," said Dan Kelley, 26, who lives in the neighborhood also known as the East Village.

The riot started as police attempted to enforce a 1 a.m. curfew that applies to all city parks but is rarely enforced. Police said residents had complained that they were having trouble sleeping because of noise from the park.

"It's noisy, there's rampant drug dealing, drug

use, all night revelry," said Kim Yarbrough, 41, who lives nearby. "And the place looks like a dump."

Some park habitues, however, saw the police effort as part of a vague conspiracy of developers and city officials who want to rid the area the poor, punk-rockers and squatters, and make it more attractive to affluent whites.

"It's being totally gentrified, taken over by the upper-middle-white-rich class," said Mike Huckleberry, 18, a squatter in a nearby abandoned building.

## 'Horses were charging in a sense and then bottles started flying.'

"That's yuppie-bashing," said Lee Kelly, who attributed the clash to hot weather and frustrated police who panicked.

"You'll talk to 50 people and get 50 explanations," she said. "But the fact is nothing's happening."

After Sunday's riot, Mayor Edward I. Koch said

the park would remain open for the rest of the summer. Another demonstration, protesting the police action and the curfew, was held Sunday night, but police reported no problems.

The decision to enforce the curfew was made July 11, and an informal coalition of residents homeless people, punk rockers and self-styled revolutionaries held at least two protests during the past month. Police cleared the park but allowed the homeless to sleep in one corner.

On Saturday evening, anticipating a large demonstration, police turned out in force. At 11:15 about 250 demonstrators marched around the park, with police standing by while firecrackers were thrown, McNamara said.

As the demonstration continued, blocking traffic, officers were hit with flying debris, he said. McNamara ordered officers on foot to form a phalanx, led by mounted officers, which charged the crowd at about 1 a.m.

"The crowd went nuts," Kelley said. "Horses were charging in a sense and then bottles started flying. People started getting hit by billy clubs. I ran across the street. I was really afraid of getting trampled."

# Hussein says he would recognize a Palestinian government in exile

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — A week after abandoning any claim to the Israeli-occupied West Bank, King Hussein says he would recognize the establishment of a Palestinian government in exile and welcome a PLO embassy in Amman.

The Jordanian monarch made the comments to reporters Sunday as draft documents calling for an independent Palestinian state circulated in Israel's occupied lands, where the uprising entered its ninth month today.

By severing administrative ties with the West Bank, Hussein has challenged the PLO to make good on its claims to leadership in the territory that Israel seized from his family's control 21 years ago.

Without hesitation, Hussein told foreign reporters on Sunday that he would "immediately" recognize a Palestinian government in exile.

In Israel on Sunday, U.S. envoy Richard Murphy indicated the United States had not abandoned hope Hussein will play an important role in the peace process.

"Jordan has been and will remain a strategic anchor for peace in the region," the assistant secretary of state told reporters. "(Hussein's) interest is in peace, and I assume his actions were taken toward that goal."

U.S. policy under the Reagan administration has relied heavily on Jordan as a stand-in for the PLO, which Israel refuses to recognize.

Murphy was scheduled to travel to Jordan today for talks.

He said dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization is possible, but Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told Mur-

phy that U.S. contacts with the PLO would only lead to further violence in the occupied lands.

Despite the Israeli occupation, Jordan has maintained heavy economic and political ties with the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Its dinar is the dominant currency and many Palestinians carry Jordanian passports.

In the past two weeks, the king has scrapped a \$1.3-billion development plan for the territories, laid off or retired 21,200 Jordanian employees there and shut the separate ministry for territorial affairs in his government.

He said Sunday the option of reversing these measures "does not exist."

"We are in a new reality of position," the king said in a somber tone, adding: "Jordan has no sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza ... both belong to the Palestinian people."

It is not clear how Hussein's moves may affect the Palestinian uprising in the occupied lands, which has claimed the lives of at least 237 Arabs and four Israelis.

But Palestinians and others have suggested Hussein is trying

to pressure the PLO to make good on its claims of Palestinian leadership. If the PLO fails, the argument goes, Jordan might be ready to step back in.

Commenting on measures to be taken regarding citizenship, the king said that "passports will all remain (with Jordanian citizens of Palestinian origin) until a Palestinian state is created and they can choose their own citizenship."

Hussein also denied media reports that both bridges linking Jordan with the West Bank are to be closed down.

"Bridges are the lifeline," he said. "We have no intention to close them ... nor has it (the idea) crossed our minds."

The king said he hoped to see the PLO's mission in Amman "enjoy the diplomatic status like other missions ... like an embassy."

He said, however, that "we have nothing to say to the PLO delegation" that is due to visit Jordan later in the week, though adding "we shall keep in touch in the future ... there are no differences between us."



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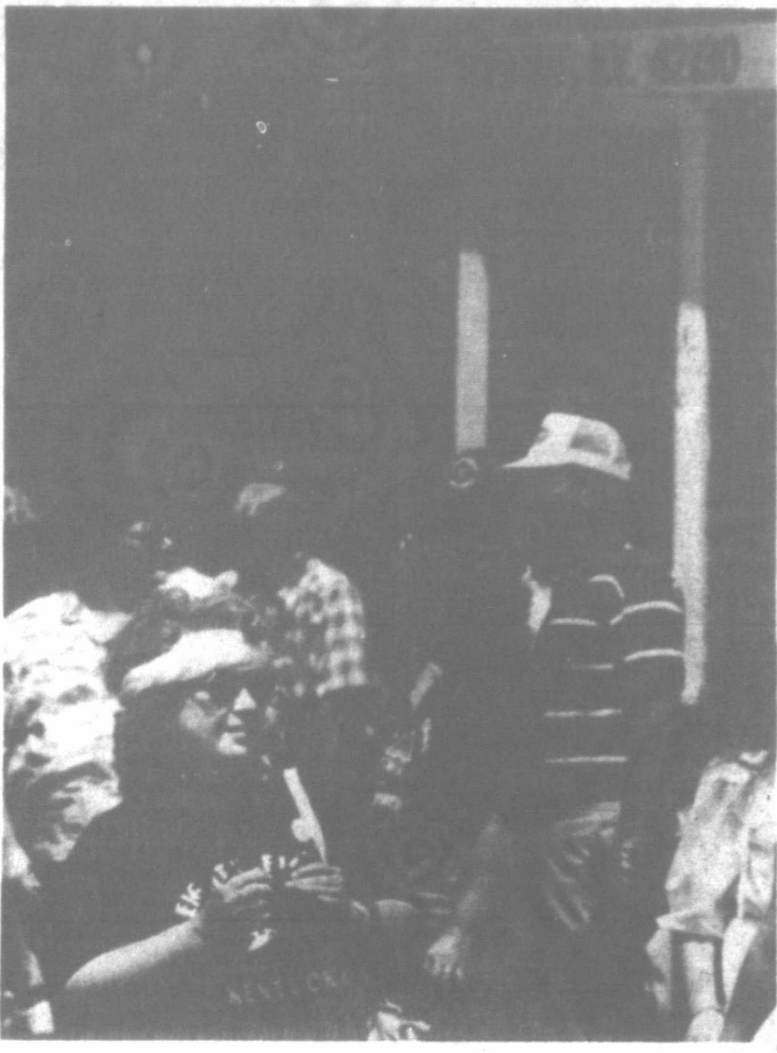
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# Eighty Eight, Ky., goes wild over 8-8-88



(AP Laserphoto)

Pearl Russie views Eighty Eight parade.

**EIGHTY EIGHT, Ky. (AP)** — Today's 8-8-88 and residents of Eighty Eight, the southwestern Kentucky town 8.8 miles south of Glasgow, have gone eight-wild.

The U.S. Postal Service has sent a mobile post office from Louisville to help with today's once-in-a-century chance for the special post mark.

ABC's *Good Morning, America* was set to broadcast today's show from this small farming community of 150 residents.

And, at 8:08 p.m., a couple from Casper, Wyo., plans to wed.

Legend has it that Eighty Eight was named by Dabnie Nunnally, a postmaster in the 1860s. He wanted to give the town a digital name, reached into his pocket, found 88 cents in change, and that was it.

Much of the revelry began Sunday, when, in anticipation of the date, residents and visitors clogged the town's only thoroughfare to watch a parade, buy souvenirs and have a piece of a commemorative cake—8 feet, 8 inches long, 8.8 inches wide and 8.8 inches high.

There was even a special commemorative menu at the Eighty Eight Market.

"I got a special 88-cent hamburger," said Pearl Russie of DeKalb, Ill. "Four cents tax makes 92, so there's 8 cents change. Good."

Russie, 45, was among Sunday's early arrivals. She drove up to the front steps of the market in her Oldsmobile. A Delta 88, of course. Her license plate read "ANY 88."

"I'm an 88 freak," said Russie, a custodian at Northern Illinois University.

She had to buy a new set of tires to make the 500-mile trip, but, "when I heard there was a town called Eighty Eight, I had to come here," she said.

The most talked-about part of the celebration was tonight's marriage of Tom Accardo and Deborah Muhlbeier.

The couple had not yet set a date when they learned of the town located about 40 miles east of Bowling Green from a television news report.

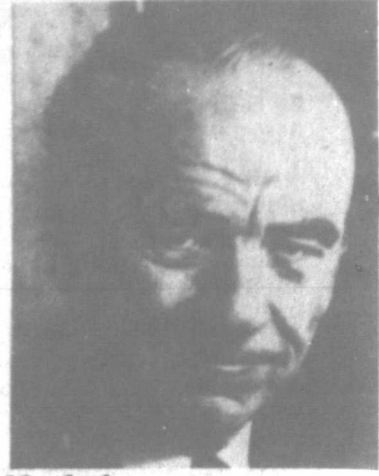
"Deb just looked at me and said, 'Wouldn't that be fun to go in there and get married on 8-8-88 in Eighty Eight, Kentucky?'" recalled Accardo, 29, a sales representative for a supply company owned by True Industries.

The couple tried to write the mayor of Eighty Eight, soon learning there wasn't one, Accardo said. They heard instead from Donnie Sue Bacon, the postmistress. Plans for an outdoor wedding, performed by a county magistrate, soon took shape.

"It's fun. We won't ever have this happen again," said Bacon.



Annenberg



Murdoch

## Murdoch to pay \$3 billion for Triangle Publications

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Rupert Murdoch has agreed to buy Triangle Publications Inc. for \$3 billion in one of the most expensive media deals ever and one that would add *TV Guide*, the nation's largest-selling weekly magazine, to his empire.

The purchase of the privately-held company from Walter Annenberg includes two other publications: the *Daily Racing Form* and *Seventeen* magazine, Murdoch said Sunday.

"These publications are the most valuable and prized publishing properties in the world," Murdoch said in a statement announcing the purchase by his News Corp.

The purchase of *TV Guide* raises anti-trust questions because of Murdoch's ownership of the Fox Television Network, said Andrew J. Schwartzman, executive director of the Media Access Project, a Washington, D.C.-based public interest telecommunications firm.

But a spokesman for Murdoch said *TV Guide* would be run separately from Murdoch's other holdings, which include newspapers and magazines on four continents.

Murdoch began negotiating with the 80-year-old Annenberg for Triangle a month ago.

"They (the Triangle publications) have been developed brilliantly by Ambassador Annenberg and we plan to make them the cornerstone of a great American publishing company," Murdoch said.

Annenberg, chairman of Triangle, said in a statement: "I am very happy that my publications are passing to Mr. Murdoch's company. I now plan to devote the rest of my life to educa-

tion and philanthropy." His past philanthropies include the establishment of the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania, to which he has given one-third of Triangle's stock over the years.

Murdoch and Annenberg were in Los Angeles and would have no further comment, said Murdoch spokesman Howard Rubenstein. The spokesman declined to say who initiated the talks for the sale, which is contingent upon signing of a final contract.

The largest media takeover was Capital Cities Inc.'s \$3.5 billion purchase of ABC in 1986.

Annenberg, who was U.S. ambassador to the Court of St. James in London during the Nixon administration, took over Triangle from his father in the 1930s. He founded *TV Guide* in 1952 and it quickly became Triangle's flagship, earning an estimated \$75 million per year.

*TV Guide* has an audited circulation of more than 17 million copies.

Triangle was valued at about \$1 billion last year by Wall Street analysts.

"The three best businesses in America are the *Daily Racing Form*, *TV Guide* and the *Wall Street Journal*," Annenberg said in a 1987 interview, when he indicated that the three publications would be sold before 1990.

Murdoch, 58, is perhaps best known in America for his work at the *New York Post*, which he purchased in 1976 and converted from one of the country's most liberal dailies to a conservative paper with screaming headlines.

He sold the *Post* earlier this year to conform with federal regulations.

## U.S. keeping eye on falling Soviet satellite

By **NORMAN BLACK**  
AP Military Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Federal officials have begun contingency planning in case an out-of-control Russian satellite powered by a nuclear reactor plunges to earth inside the United States.

At the moment, "we don't anticipate at all that it will land on the United States," says Peg Malloy, a spokeswoman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "But we need to have our act together to respond to any catastrophic emergency, so we're coordinating an inter-agency effort right now."

The planning work has drawn together representatives from the Departments of Defense, State, Health and Human Services and Energy in addition to the Environmental Protection Agency, the spokeswoman added.

The various agencies are working to tailor FEMA's general "Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan" to deal with the

possibility of radioactive satellite pieces being spread across the countryside, Malloy said.

The agency's radiological emergency plan was originally developed in the wake of the Three-Mile Island nuclear plant disaster, she added.

The concern of the planners is a nuclear-powered, ocean-surveillance satellite launched by the Soviet Union last December 12 to keep track of U.S. Navy vessels. The satellite, designated by the Soviets as Cosmos 1900, began its life in space in a low circular orbit about 160 miles above the earth's surface.

Soviet controllers unexpectedly lost radio contact with the craft in April and the Russian news agency Tass reported May 11 that the satellite could fall to Earth in August or September.

Soviet officials have insisted there is no reason to fear radioactive debris from the spacecraft's re-entry. But according to Pen-

tagon officials, the Soviets have apparently been unable to separate either the nuclear reactor or the fuel section from the rest of the satellite — two common safeguards.

That raises the possibility Cosmos 1900 could re-enter the atmosphere in one piece, meaning it might not burn up completely. That could spread harmful radioactive debris, just as Cosmos 954 did over Canada in 1978.

"At the moment, it's still a one-piece satellite," Navy Cmdr. Dugald Gillies, a spokesman for the U.S. Space Command, said recently.

While the U.S. Space Command is not yet prepared to predict when the Russian satellite will re-enter the atmosphere, the European Space Agency in Paris said last week it thought the plunge would occur in mid-September.

"Cosmos 1900 is expected to re-enter around the middle of September, give or take four weeks," the agency said in a statement.

## Big cars have fewer accident claims

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The owners of 1988 passenger vans and large sedans are likely to have fewer damage claims and lower repair bills, while those who own sports cars and some compact cars may not be as lucky, according to an insurance industry report.

The study by the Highway Loss Data Institute, an insurance research group, examined both the frequency of insurance collision claims and the average amount of the claim for 60 new cars that had repairs paid through insurance policies during the first nine months of the 1988 model year.

"Even among cars of the same size class and body style there were large variations in results," the insurance group said. But it said that in general, larger cars had a better collision loss record than smaller vehicles.

The average claim payment ranged from \$800 to \$3,500, depending on the type of vehicle. The frequency of claims ranged from six to nearly 17 per 100 vehicles, the study said.

The study did not provide dollar amounts for all vehicle claims, but said the average repair bill for the 60 cars was \$1,921. The average number of claims filed was 11.1 per 100 insured vehicles.

It singled out the Chevrolet Astro van as having the lowest average loss payment per claim, 60 percent lower than average for all passenger vehicles examined. The Jaguar XJ6 had the highest, 83 percent higher than average for all cars, while the Mazda MX-6 and the Ford Mustang also had average repair costs per claim that were at least 50 percent higher than average.

The study said the passenger vehicles with "substantially better than average" results in both frequency of claims and average cost of repairs also were vans — the Plymouth Grand Voyager and Dodge Caravan — and two large, 4-door sedans — the Chevrolet Caprice and the Mercury Grand Marquis.

All four of these vehicles had claim frequencies and loss payments at least 30 percent below the average for all cars.

The least number of claims per vehicles on the road involved the 4-door Cadillac DeVille which had 46 percent fewer claims than average for all cars.

At the other extreme, the cars with the poorest showing in both claim frequencies and repair costs were the Ford Mustang and Chevrolet Camaro, both in the

"sports-specialty" category, and the 2-door Mazda MX-6 in the small car category.

All three had claim frequencies and loss payments more than 20 percent above average. The Mustang had more than twice the average repair cost than reported for all cars — the highest among the 60 cars — and 32 percent more claims.

The 2-door Toyota Celica had the most number of claims, 53 percent more than the average for all cars.

While both the number of

claims and the average cost of repairs ranged widely among vehicles of different size and design, the insurance group said they also varied significantly within groups of basically similar cars.

For example, the frequency of claims among the "small" cars ranged from 12 percent below average for the Mercury Tracer to 53 percent above average for the Toyota Celica and 46 percent above average for the Pontiac LeMans.

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# Lifestyles

## Art nouveau is easy style to identify

By RALPH and TERRY KOVEL

Art nouveau was a popular style from about 1895 to 1905. Although many art nouveau pieces are not labeled as such, it's an easy style to identify.

One famous firm that made pewter pieces in the art nouveau style signed some with the initials WMF. The company, Württemberg Metal Goods Factory of Germany, made a variety of pewter and silver-plated tea and coffee sets, knives, mirror frames, vases, bowls and smoking accessories. They also made metal-mounted glass decanters and vases.

The strange curved handles, flowerlike stoppers and flowing designs using human forms identify the art nouveau style even

when no initial mark can be found. Several European companies made art nouveau metal and glasswares, but nothing as elaborate was made in the United States.

**Q. Which are older, brass beds or iron beds?**

A. The tubular brass bed was popular in America from about 1890 to 1920. The same designs were used for many years. The less expensive painted tubular iron beds were made at the same time.

**Q. How old are book matches? When did they start saying, "Close cover before striking?"**

A. The friction match was invented in 1827 by an Englishman named John Walker, who used

### Antiques

wood splinters. The paper match was an improvement made by a Philadelphia patent attorney, Joshua Pusey, who dipped cardboard strips in a combustible solution and stapled them to a cardboard holder. He patented the idea in 1892. The Diamond Match Company purchased the patent for \$4,000 and hired Pusey as their patent attorney.

About 1894, the striking surface of the match was placed on the outside and the matchbooks were marked "Close cover before striking." In 1962, federal safety laws required that the striking surface be on the back of the matchbook.

The "close cover" warning no longer appears on most matchbooks.

**Q. My teapot is decorated with small flowers. It is marked "Porcelier, vitrious Hand Dec. China, made in U.S.A." When and where was it made?**

A. The Porcelier Manufacturing Company started in East Liverpool, Ohio, in 1927 and moved to South Greensburg, Pa., in 1930. They continued in busi-

ness until 1954. The company made hand-decorated china teapots and other dinnerwares. Your teapot is marked with a logo that was used after 1931.

**Q. My great-grandmother's black cast-iron bank is shaped like a St. Bernard dog. Its leg is stamped "Copyright July 20, 1900." A band around the stomach is made up of the words "I hear a call."**

A. Your bank is called the Water Spaniel bank. Some of these banks had a moving tongue. A St. Bernard bank was made by the A.C. Williams Company of Ohio, a company that made many toys and banks and was in business from 1872 to 1977.

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Spring Wheat Flour match safe: \$15.

Tin toy, Ford coupe, Schuco, plays music, 6 x 4 inches: \$50.

Candy container, airplane, Spirit of Good Will: \$95.

Roseville bowl, sunflower, mottled green, gold sunflowers, 6 1/2 x 8 inches: \$150.

Seth Thomas commemorative clock, Great White Fleet, original paper label: \$235.

Handwerck #109 doll, blue sleep eyes, pierced ears, original wig, redressed in dress, jacket and hat, 19 inches: \$495.

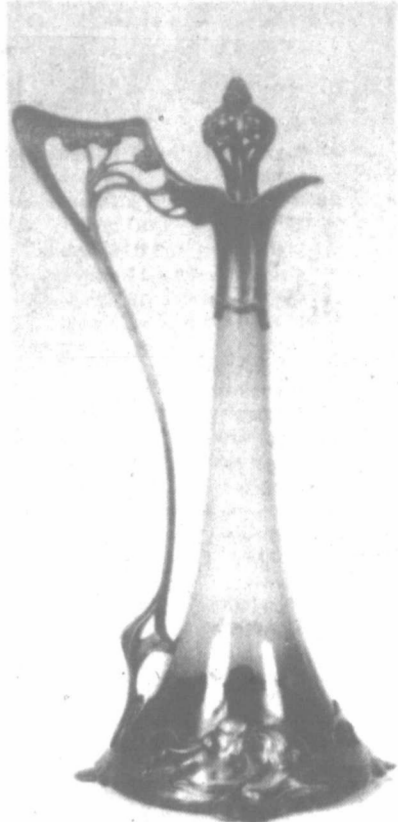
Sleepy Hollow chair, carved back crest, fluted stretcher, horsehair upholstery, c.1880: \$330.

Gone With the Wind lamp, satin finish clear glass, roses, electrified, 24 inches to top of shade: \$640.

Aeolian player organ, model 1500: \$1,500.

Faberge cup, vodka, silver, enameled red band, Guilloche, marked, 1 1/2 inches: \$3,850.

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This art nouveau decanter is made of green glass and pewter. Though unmarked, it can be identified as the work of the Württemberg Metal Goods Factory of Germany.

## Hogg sisters a hoax



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm afraid that you, too, were taken in by that old, durable hoax about the Hogg sisters, Ima and Ura Hogg.

James S. Hogg was a wealthy leading citizen of Houston who served two terms as governor of Texas in the '90s. He had one daughter whom he named "Ima"; "Ura" is a pure invention, but it makes a cuter story.

Ima Hogg, who never married, died recently. She was one of Houston's best-loved citizens, a generous philanthropist and a patron of the arts.

My name is Robert Hogg, but as far as I know I am not related to the Hogg family. I've been told by various people that they had a friend who knew the Hogg sisters personally, but no one could remember the name of the friend who made that claim.

I'm sure you meant no offense when you responded to the letter signed "Ima Flopp" with: "Personally, I'd rather be a Flopp than a Hogg," but there are many Hogs in the United States, Canada, Scotland and England who are proud of their heritage. As for me, I would rather have that name than any other.

ROBERT HOGG, ISSAQUAH, WASH.

DEAR MR. HOGG: I am inundated with letters from readers who hasten to set me straight on the Hogg family. For example:

DEAR ABBY: Don't feel too bad about the Hogg "sisters" mistake. I imagine that half of Texas believes there was a "Ura" Hogg. Another third probably heard that there was a third sister named "Sheza." Actually, Ima had three brothers — William, Mike and Thomas, but no sister. Ima died in 1975 at the age of 93.

Thanks for letting me separate the facts from fiction.  
LAURA GUTSCHKE, LUBBOCK

DEAR ABBY: I, too, am glad that your name is not Hogg. You would have done no credit to the name. Also, you need to research the Hogg family of Houston; then perhaps you could make some authentic

statements. In my estimation, Ura No. 1 Flopp.

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DEAR ABBY: With regard to the Hogs of Texas: There was an Ima, but no Ura. The name Ima Hogg is well-known throughout Texas. She was a very fine and generous woman who was cherished for her good deeds. Each spring when the azaleas were in bloom, thousands of tourists would go through her stately old mansion and view her beautiful gardens in Houston.

I am sure the Hogg family was very proud of its name or they would have changed it. How would you like to be referred to as "Van Burro" since you have made an ass of yourself on this issue?

Frankly, I think most of your supposedly cute quips are out of line for a woman of your age. You can call me ...

MR. ED OF ALVIN, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: According to Stephen Birmingham's book, "The Grandes Dames" (Simon & Schuster, 1982), James and Sallie Hogg named their daughter "Ima" in all innocence, seeing nothing odd about the combination of names. A few years before Ima's birth, James Hogg's brother, Thomas Elisha Hogg, had published a beautiful poem about the Civil War titled, "The Fate of Marvin." The heroine of that poem was "Ima," so the child was named "Ima" to honor her uncle's memory.

Rumor had it that Sallie Stinson Hogg's father, on learning that his granddaughter was to be named "Ima," was furious, saddled up his horse and rode as fast as he could to protest that name. But he was too late. The christening had already taken place.

JEANNETTE CASEY, EXETER, N.H.

DEAR JEANNETTE: Thanks for the input. This should put an end to all the Hogg-wash.

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## Baptist church embroiled over pastor's ouster

LIBERTY (AP)—A state judge is asking members of the Trinity Valley Missionary Baptist Church to cast ballots this week to decide whether to keep a controversial preacher locked out of his church.

A court order has allowed the Rev. Melvin Lewis inside the church where he has preached since 1986 for just 30 minutes each Wednesday and Sunday for the past several weeks.

That time limitation continues until State District Judge Clarence Cain determines whether the preacher's ouster early this year was legal.

The judge has called for an election on Monday and Tuesday for all valid church members to decide if Lewis should go or stay.

A law enforcement officer was called to the church July 31 to remove Lewis when he continued sermonizing—calling his detractors pigs and goats—past the appointed half hour.

After being escorted peacefully from the premises, Lewis decided to hold his prayer session Wednesday at a supporter's home.

About 50 members met after church Feb. 28 and voted unanimously to terminate Lewis. They then changed the locks on the 118-year-old church's front doors.

But Lewis declared the meeting illegal because he said it wasn't properly posted.

According to members, he told them, "Nobody can make me leave except God."

According to a lawsuit filed by several church members, he broke the locks, reclaimed the church and surrounded himself with young men to "intimidate anyone who might attempt to remove him again."

The lawsuit asks that Lewis be banned from coming onto the property.

Typically, in Baptist churches, the minister serves at the will of the congregation.

Meanwhile, the court order limits his time at the church.

"We're just going to pray through the situation. We're leaving it to God," Lewis said of the rift, declining to comment any further.

Since Lewis left his duties as an associate pastor at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Houston to come to Liberty, he has had a rather fiery relationship with his congregation.

Those who oppose him complain that he dismissed many church leaders and refused to allow funerals for three long-time church members to be held at the church because the families wanted another minister to conduct the services.

They also claim Lewis was negligent in keeping up with utility bills, including phone service and electricity, and lambasted members from the pulpit who disagreed with him.

"Our church was slowly dying. All we want to do is be able to go to our church in peace," said Bernadine Williams, a long-time member. "Everybody here will pay to keep this church going."

But his supporters call most of the accusations lies. And church member Gussie Baldwin believes most who oppose Lewis do so because they fear change.

"I know he's doing a good job," said Baldwin, 54, a nurse whose grandfather was the first Trinity Valley pastor.

"The man is dedicated. Out of all the times he's been here, I doubt he's taken home his salary (\$200 per Sunday) eight times, maybe."

Baldwin said she believes Johnny Dugat Jr. is leading the ouster move because Lewis blasted the tavern Dugat owns.

"Anytime you take a stand against the devil, you get opposition. It's (the tavern) been the scene of numerous deaths. Do we want our children to hang out there?"

But Dugat, who resigned as church treasurer when Lewis came and wants him ousted, said the tavern issue is a smoke screen.

"He wants to run the whole thing," Dugat said of Lewis. "He wants the money and not let anyone else have a say."

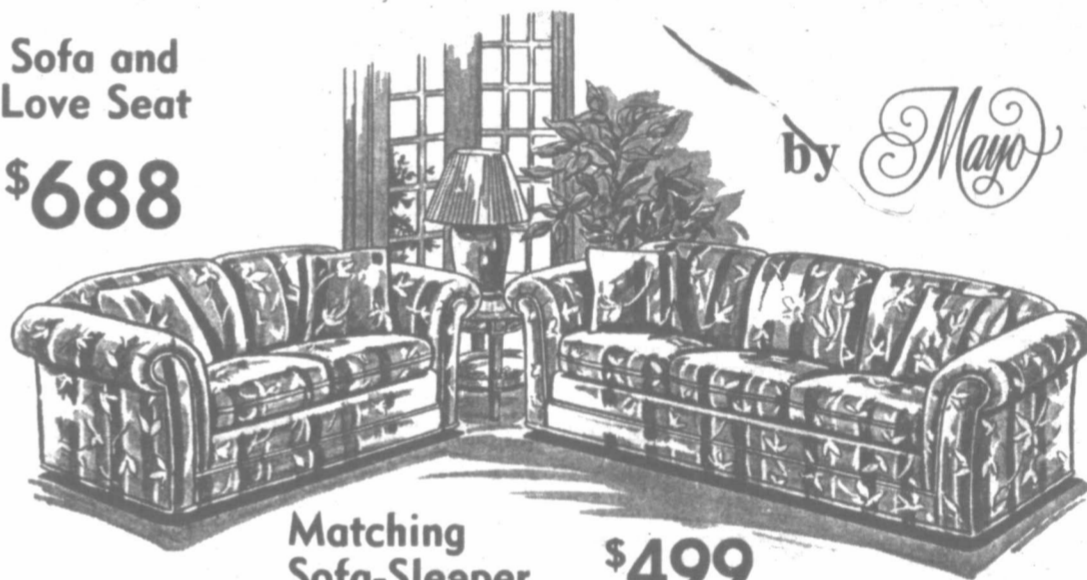
Those who oppose Lewis claim they outnumber his supporters 100 to 15.

His supporters would not say how many people they believe will vote against his ouster, but they claim that the opposition is dredging up members who haven't attended church since Lewis began preaching.

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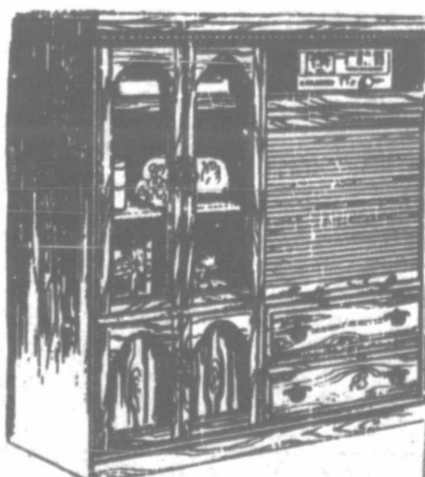


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