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(AP Laserphoto)

Shevardnadze, right, shakes hands with Afghan foreign minister Wakil in Geneva today.

### McLean lawmen seize marijuana worth \$112,000

McLEAN — More than \$100,000 worth of marijuana was seized on Interstate Highway 40 Tuesday after an observant highway patrolman noticed a marijuana seed on the floor of a car he stopped for speeding.

Two Michigan men were released from the Gray County Jail on bond Wednesday, facing charges of possession of more than 50 pounds of marijuana, Gray County Sheriff Rufe Jordan said today.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety reports, DPS Trooper Ronnie Shank of McLean noticed a 1988 Pontiac speeding along Interstate 40 west of McLean shortly after noon Tuesday. The car initially was stopped for speeding. Its occupants — Ralph W. Dollar, 34, and Clyde D. Vadnais, 39, both of Marquette, Mich. — were reportedly en route from Arizona to Detroit in the rented vehicle, reports indicate.

While he had the car stopped, Trooper Shank reportedly noticed a marijuana seed on the floorboard and obtained a search warrant from Gray County Justice of the Peace R.C. Parker of McLean. A search of the car turned up about 160 pounds of marijuana, with an estimated street value of \$112,000.

Shank was assisted in the search and subsequent arrest by fellow trooper John Holland and Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Wayne Carter, both of McLean. Seized along with the marijuana was about \$5,000 cash, the DPS reported.

Parker set bond at \$5,000 each. Sheriff Jordan said the two men posted cash bonds Wednesday morning and left Pampa by bus. "Someone sent them the money," Jordan said.

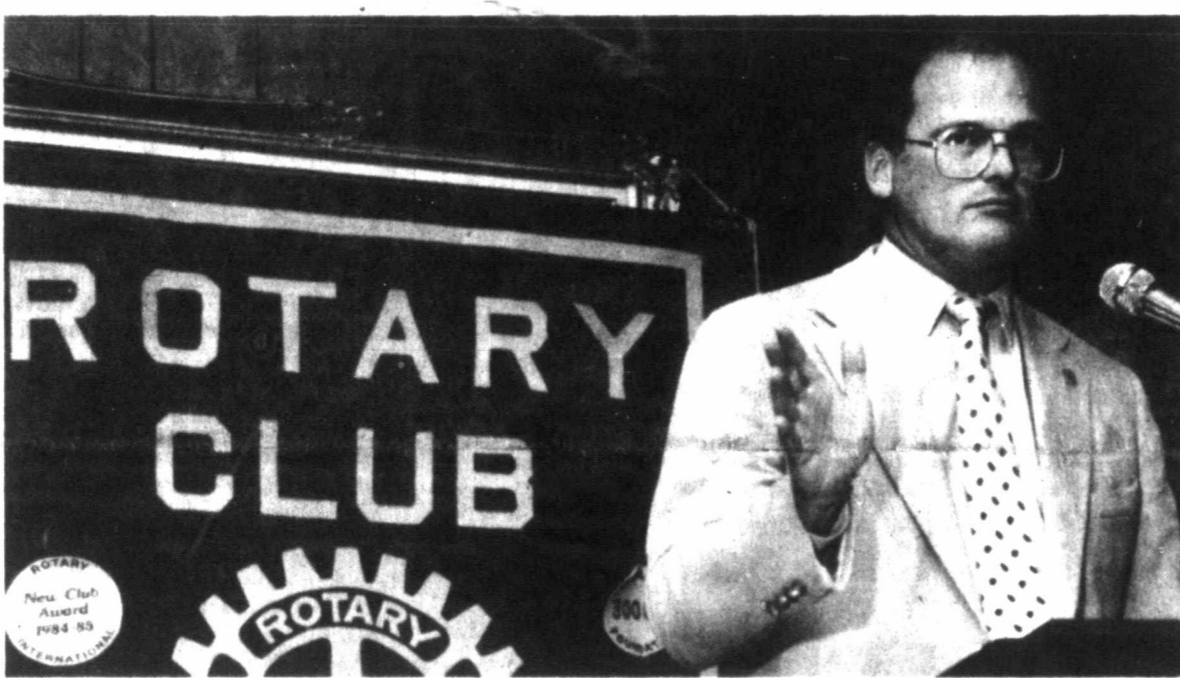
The cases are expected to go before a grand jury later this month. Possession of more than 50 pounds but less than 200 pounds of marijuana is an aggravated offense carrying a sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison and a maximum \$50,000 fine.

### Gray County to consider revised golf course plan

Final approval of a revised golf course agreement with the city of Pampa will be considered by Gray County commissioners when they meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

Commissioners gave preliminary approval to the agreement in a special meeting April 5, pending several changes requested of city commissioners. City officials went along with the changes and signed the agreement last week.

County Judge Carl Kennedy said the expected signing of the agreement Friday is essentially a formality. If signed, commissioners would end a controversy that has festered for seven years.



(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Mayor McDaniel speaks to Noon Rotary Club.

### Economy's looking up, mayor says in state of city address

By PAUL PINKHAM  
Senior Staff Writer

Things are "looking up" for Pampa's economy, Mayor David McDaniel told the Pampa Noon Rotary Club in what he billed as his "state of the city address" Wednesday afternoon.

McDaniel noted that city sales taxes are beginning to pick up, a sign that the economy may finally be on the mend. He also pointed to Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group's decision to rebuild its plant west of town, and the city's involvement in the TEXCEL economic development program.

But he urged the Rotarians to be patient with the city's economic development efforts.

"You don't start yesterday and expect somebody in today," he said, adding that several small business prospects have expressed an interest in the city recently.

McDaniel said city commissioners and City Manager Bob Hart have a commitment to economic development.

He said this year's "hold-the-line" type city budget runs contrary to the feelings of city officials who desire to move ahead.

"But the economy was such that we did approach this year with an idea of maintaining — with an emphasis on economic development," McDaniel said.

"Pampa is beginning to be recognized among the cities our size as a leader," McDaniel said. "I'm very proud of that. I hope that you are."

McDaniel said the development of Memorial Park, the widening of Hobart Street and Clean Pampa's Adopt-A-Park program are all significant changes he foresees in the upcoming year. He also praised the cooperative effort between the city and Gray County for construction of a public golf course, even though he personally voted against the agreement for unrelated reasons.

McDaniel also highlighted events of the past year during his

## Soviet Union agrees to leave Afghanistan

GENEVA (AP) — The Soviet Union, the United States, the Marxist Afghan government and Pakistan signed an agreement today to withdraw an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

The agreements were signed by Secretary of State George P. Shultz, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil and acting Pakistani foreign minister Zain Noorani in a formal ceremony at the U.N. building in Geneva.

The agreements, which will take effect May 15, commit Pakistan and Afghanistan not to support "directly or indirectly, rebellious or secessionist activities" directed against each other.

Pakistan represented Afghan guerrillas at the talks. The Moslem insurgents, who have been fighting the Soviet-backed government for 10 years, have said they will not sign the accord.

Shultz arrived in Geneva about two hours before the scheduled

signing and praised the accord. "Through their blood and sacrifice, the Afghans have earned the opportunity to resume their independence," Shultz said. "Let us help them realize it."

Shultz arrived about an hour before the ceremony, and was scheduled to meet with Shevardnadze afterward. The fourth summit of President Reagan and Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Mikhail S. Gorbachev begins May 29 in Moscow.

The United Nations estimates 1.5 million Afghans have been killed in the war, which began after an April 1978 Communist coup. More than 10,000 Soviets have died since they became involved 1½ years later, Western sources estimate.

The agreement, under which the Soviet pullout would begin in a month, was worked out over six years in U.N.-sponsored indirect talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan, which claimed to represent the U.S.-supplied rebels.

The guerrillas, however, have

rejected the agreement and vow to continue fighting.

Gorbachev told American business leaders in Moscow on Wednesday that the Afghan accord may have international implications on a par with the superpower treaty signed in December to ban medium-range nuclear missiles.

"We believe that the situation has changed for the better, that a window of hope has opened a little," he said in remarks carried by the state-run Tass news agency. "The possibilities of finding solutions to complicated issues engendered in the years of the Cold War have become more apparent."

The Afghan agreement provides for withdrawal of all Soviet troops, pledges by Pakistan and Afghanistan of non-interference in each other's affairs, and the safe return of about 5 million refugees from Pakistan and Iran. Moscow and Washington will guarantee Afghanistan's future non-alignment.

## Gore, Dukakis argue over nuclear weapons in New York disputes

By ROBERT GREENE  
Associated Press Writer

Michael Dukakis and Albert Gore Jr.'s fight for votes in next week's New York primary turned into a clash over foreign policy, with Dukakis claiming his views on when to use nuclear weapons were misrepresented by Gore.

Gore, in turn, said Dukakis showed foreign policy inexperience with an "unwise and irresponsible" statement that he would reserve the right to respond with nuclear force if the Soviets invaded Western Europe.

Gore said Dukakis was advocating a nuclear first strike, a term that never appeared in an interview Dukakis gave with the *New York Daily News*.

Dukakis, in his response, said he had merely restated a long-standing NATO policy.

The dispute boiled over Wednesday as Jesse Jackson appeared in Albany, N.Y., with Gov. Mario Cuomo.

Cuomo called Jackson a "singularly important Democrat," and Jackson thanked Cuomo for holding off on any endorsements until after the primary season June 7.

"Gov. Cuomo, just keep a freeze on all endorsements and keep extending your support," Jackson said.

Jackson continued to be plagued, however, by hostility from the Jewish community — and from President Reagan, who said politicians have withheld their criticism of Jackson for fear of being called racist.

Republican George Bush called during the final day of a three-day swing in New York for mandatory death penalties for certain drug-related crimes, reflecting the prominence of the drug issue in this year's campaign.

Gore stirred the new foreign policy controversy after Dukakis told the *Daily News* "we reserve the right to use nuclear force" in the event of a Soviet invasion of

Europe "when there appears to be no other alternative."

He added, "I don't think that's going to happen."

Gore, battling for survival, quickly jumped on the Massachusetts governor and said he had "made a significant mistake in saying that he would launch a nuclear strike against the Soviet Union under... specific circumstances."

At a news conference in Boston, Dukakis said Gore "ought to get his facts straight."

"The policy I advocated has been the policy of the government of the United States for many, many years," he said. "It's the policy of the NATO alliance."

At an appearance Wednesday night before Westchester County, N.Y., Democrats, Gore said the transcript of the interview showed Dukakis had been asked whether he could conceive of the first use of "strategic" weapons. "NATO has purposely refused to respond to that hypothetical," Gore said. "The president of the United States has traditionally refused to respond to that hypothetical."

James Steinberg, defense and foreign policy adviser to Dukakis, said Dukakis started answering the question thinking he was being asked about tactical nuclear weapons and that after Dukakis started speaking the questioner made reference to "strategic."

The transcript shows a comma before the phrase "as a strategic weapon?"

Steinberg said he assumed Dukakis would have given a different answer had he understood the question to be about strategic nuclear weapons.

Jackson, dogged by a number of positions and remarks perceived as anti-Israel and anti-Semitic, was greeted by about 75 protesters when he appeared at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

## IRS prepared for the last-minute filings

AUSTIN (AP) — Noting that only about 50 percent of the expected tax returns have been filed, Internal Revenue Service officials say they are prepared to handle the rush of last-minute returns.

"It's no problem for us. We're prepared to handle the remaining returns because this has been kind of a trend for the past several years," said Sally Sassen, public affairs officer for the IRS in Austin. "We're getting more and more returns in the last week."

Deadline for filing 1987 income tax returns is midnight Friday. The IRS Service Center here processes returns from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico,

Arkansas and Louisiana. In the five-state region, about 12 million income tax returns are expected. About 6 million had been received by Wednesday, Sassen said.

"A lot of people wait to file late because they owe money, and most feel there's no reason to give the government money earlier than you have to," she said.

Some people are waiting for their returns to be completed by professionals, while others just naturally wait until the last minute, she said.

Because this is the first set of returns based on the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Sassen said, more people might have questions about their returns. The

IRS has extended its hours for taxpayer assistance for those with filing problems, she said. "We want to make sure we have plenty of people around to answer questions," she said. "In the past, people who have waited this long have been on their own."

"Friday is our 'taxes round-up day,'" Sassen said. "We're going to rope in those ol' tax returns."

To celebrate, IRS employees will be dressed in Western attire, she said.

Persons unable to file a return by deadline can request an extension form, which allows four additional months to file, she said.





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## Three men indicted in Fort Worth car bombing

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man who had been trying to impress people that he had ties to the Mafia has been indicted along with two other men in connection with a car-bomb killing a week ago at a barbecue stand.

A federal grand jury in Dallas Wednesday indicted Steven Michael Gerkin, 26, and two other men in connection with the death of Giovanni Mancini Jr.

Two other men were identified as Steven Ray Turner, 20, of Ardmore, Okla., and Ralph Michael Lanfranca, 27, of Kansas City, Mo.

Gerkin, who was born in Waterloo, Iowa, has used several Italian aliases and used the surname of Gambino in the

Fort Worth-Dallas area. Gambino is the name of a prominent New York family linked to organized crime.

But investigators say they are not certain if Gerkin has any Mafia ties. "He apparently was at least trying to give that impression to people," Fort Worth police Sgt. Paul Kratz said.

The victim in the April 7 car-bombing also cultivated a gangster-like aura. Mancini often wore heavy gold jewelry, told many stories about himself and his alleged wealth and had a flashy lifestyle, according to acquaintances and police.

On the day Mancini died, he greeted Gerkin with a kiss on the cheek when they met at the Truck Box Barbecue in

northeast Fort Worth, witnesses told police.

Mancini told Gerkin that he loved him and that it was time to resolve a year-long feud, according to an arrest warrant affidavit. Police said the feud was the apparent motive in the bombing. They declined to comment on the cause of the feud, but said it was linked to some sort of business transactions.

Chris Nelson, assistant special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Dallas, said Lanfranca uses the alias Joe Luca.

All three men are charged with conspiracy, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Gerkin and Lanfranca also are

charged with destruction by explosion that resulted in the death of Mancini. That charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison and a \$250,000 fine, Nelson said.

Mancini, 26, who had lived in North Texas about a year, died when a pipe bomb triggered by remote control exploded in his rental car as he left the barbecue stand, police say.

He had told his girlfriend, Vicki Lynn McBride, that he was going there to meet Gerkin, according to an arrest warrant affidavit written by Fort Worth police Detective C.W. Riley.

"Mancini told Vicki McBride that Gambino (Gerkin) had just been released from a drug treatment program

and that they were friends now and Gambino wanted to pay Mancini for the damage he (had) done to Mancini's car when he blew it up last year," the affidavit said.

Mancini's car was firebombed at a Dallas apartment complex in November shortly after his feud with Gerkin flared, Kratz said. No arrests were made in that case, he said.

Earlier last year, another girlfriend of Mancini's was shot in the face and died. He was charged with murder but pleaded guilty Sept. 14 to involuntary manslaughter and was given 10 years' probation.

Officials say Gerkin is being held in the Oklahoma City Jail.

## Assistant police chief put on leave

DALLAS (AP) — A day after the police chief quit, troubles continued at the beleaguered police department with an assistant police chief placed on administrative leave pending an investigation of job brokering for off-duty officers.

Acting Police Chief Louie Caudell put Assistant Police Chief Charles R. Busby on leave Wednesday "pending the resolution of legal issues relating to how he has arranged for the service of off-duty officers to work off-duty jobs," police spokesman Ed Spencer said.

Tuesday, Police Chief Billy Prince announced he was retiring as head of the department, following controversy over police shootings of minorities, the deaths of three officers this year and a struggle with City Council members over police accountability.



Roxanne Hernandez is escorted by her parents, Joel and Sonia Hernandez, Wednesday after she testified about being mauled by a lion.

The Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies told police officials Wednesday that Busby may have been operating a private security business without a license by arranging the off-duty jobs for which he charges a fee.

Busby has operated the company, which uses off-duty officers as security guards, since 1985. He has said that while he schedules officers for off-duty jobs, he does not employ them and therefore his firm is exempt from state licensing law.

Busby has said he has done nothing wrong by charging an administrative fee for coordinating the off-duty jobs. He said he coordinated the security jobs on his own time.

The Dallas Morning News reported earlier that Busby controlled access to most off-duty jobs at the Dallas Convention Center and Reunion Arena for more than 15 years.

Busby's superiors said they gave him a monopoly in 1985 over scheduling officers who would escort houses being moved through the city. But last month, police officials allowed other officers to compete for scheduling duties last month after receiving a legal opinion from the city attorney that called Busby's monopoly a "poor practice."

## State rests case after girl, mother testify about attack

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A woman testified she screamed for help and tried to pull a lion away from her daughter as the animal wrestled the child to the ground and ripped off part of her skull.

Sonia Hernandez was the last witness called before the prosecution rested its case Wednesday in the trial of Gary Durkovitz, 35, of Houston.

Durkovitz, whose trial was moved on a change of venue, is charged with injury to a child after his lion named "Samson" attacked 8-year-old Roxanne Hernandez at the Texas Flea Market in Houston on Oct. 10, 1987.

The lion was at the flea market as part of an exhibit and Durkovitz was walking it out of the flea market on a chain when the attack occurred.

The lion bit into the girl's skull, exposing her brain. Roxanne has undergone reconstructive surgery and faces more operations to correct part of a missing skull and a bald spot on her head.

Roxanne and her mother, both

testified Wednesday, but the girl said all she remembered about the attack was that "the lion got me. I didn't know what it was."

Mrs. Hernandez testified that they went to the flea market last October to buy a gift and that the attack occurred shortly after they entered the building.

"The lion was wrestling with my daughter and I was pulling it trying to get it off my daughter," Mrs. Hernandez said. "I was screaming out for her and she was screaming out for me."

"I was screaming for help and she would call out my name, 'Mom, Mom, help me,'" she said.

Mrs. Hernandez said she pulled the lion's mane, but to no avail and that the animal tried to put the girl's head into its mouth.

"I saw the lion when he took her scalp off," Mrs. Hernandez said. "I felt really helpless at that time and at that moment I felt it was going to kill her."

She said a security guard shot the lion and it loosened its grip on her child. It later was destroyed.

She said several men told her to lay the child on the ground and

she tried to calm her daughter for 15 minutes before an ambulance arrived.

"I was telling her that I loved her and she said that she loved me and I told her everything was going to be fine," she said. "She had blood all over her head and she was pale."

Mrs. Hernandez said her daughter was in the hospital a month before she went home. Roxanne had a homebound teacher until February when she returned to school.

"She has trouble concentrating on her work during the day and she has trouble following directions," Mrs. Hernandez said.

Roxanne, wearing a light green dress and a white sailor's cap to cover her injured head, was on the witness stand for only 15 minutes and answered mostly "yes" and "no" questions.

Defense attorney Robert Scardino, who has called the lion attack "a tragic accident," did not question the mother and daughter and state prosecutors immediately rested their case.

Scardino also complained to State District Judge Ted Poe of Houston that the media coverage of the trial was intense and was "pro-prosecution."

Earlier in the day, David Ruhter, mammal curator at the Houston Zoo, testified that lions seek out children, but are intimidated by adults.

"It attacks its prey because it moves," Ruhter said. "It's his livelihood. You see it in 9-week-old cats when they attack a ball."

## Feds will investigate Texas Air management, Eastern's safety record

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Department says concerns about the economic health of Texas Air Corp. prompted its investigation into the management and finances of the country's largest airline company.

Transportation Secretary Jim Burnley announced the investigation Wednesday as the Federal Aviation Administration also disclosed a proposed \$823,000 fine against a Texas Air subsidiary, Eastern Airlines, and a separate safety probe of the Miami-based carrier.

Texas Air called both investigations unwarranted and blamed them on pressure from union leaders who "have mounted a continuing campaign of distortion and lies" about safety at both Eastern and another subsidiary, Continental Airlines.

Continental is the country's fourth largest airline, while Eastern is the sixth largest. Together they carry nearly 20 percent of the nation's air traffic.

Eastern has for months been embroiled in a bitter confrontation with its labor unions, which are resisting management's call for significant contract concessions and which accused Texas Air of syphoning off the most profitable parts of the airline.

In announcing the two-pronged action against Texas Air and its airline subsidiaries, Burnley cited evidence in recent company filings to the Securities and Exchange Commission that both Eastern and Continental "are under substantial, increasing financial pressure."

The department wants to determine if Texas Air and its management are "fit, willing and able" to carry commercial air traffic, Burnley said at a news conference also attended by FAA Administrator Allan McArdor.

McArdor said the new FAA safety review of Eastern was being conducted because of concern about the "continuing pattern of fines, safety violations and apparent insensitivity of some of Eastern's officials" to FAA safety regulations.

The FAA inspection would include examination of each of Eastern's 267 aircraft over the next 30 days.

The \$823,000 civil penalty against Eastern comes 14 months after Eastern agreed to pay \$9.5 million in penalties because of earlier safety infractions. FAA officials said the latest fine stems from record keeping and maintenance infractions similar to those found in the earlier action.

The latest fine is based on findings from an investigation last September and October, but Eastern now has an opportunity to challenge it. If the airline can produce evidence the FAA considers valid, the fine could be reduced.

In Miami, Phil Bakes, Eastern's president, called the latest FAA action unfair and expressed concern that it may prompt some travelers not to fly Eastern. Last month passenger revenue at Eastern dropped 20 percent compared to March 1987, he said.

Texas Air Corp. had record losses of \$466 million last year and has an overall debt of about \$5.4 billion. Nevertheless, the Houston-based company said in a statement Wednesday that it "remains financially strong with over \$850 million in cash at the end of the first quarter."

But news of the federal investigation caused Texas Air stock to drop more than \$1 a share, to \$10.75, on the American Stock Exchange during trading Wednesday. The stock finally closed at \$10.87, down 87 1/2 cents from Tuesday.

There has been increasing sentiment in Congress in recent months for a closer examination of Texas Air. A resolution urging such a probe has gained the support of more than 150 congressmen.

"The recent activities of the Texas Air Corp. and its carriers — particularly Continental and Eastern — raise questions concerning whether the carriers can and are disposed to comply with the safety and economic rules applicable to air carriers," the department said in its order for an investigation.

## Settlement agreed to in case involving an alleged mouse in beer

AUSTIN (AP) — A man who said his life changed for the worse after he found a decapitated mouse in his beer has reached a settlement with Adolph Coors Co., attorneys said.

Ted Gerardi sued Coors in 1982 after finding the mouse's remains in a beer he was drinking during a get-together at his Richard Hills home.

The Texas Supreme Court on Wednesday set a May 4 date to hear arguments in the case brought by Gerardi against Coors. But C. Tony Wright, a Dallas attorney representing Gerardi, and Michael Jung, a Dallas lawyer representing Coors, said Wednesday the parties have settled and are working to finalize the agreement.

If it is finalized, the Supreme Court appeal would be dismissed, a Dallas appeals court order for a new trial would stand and the trial judge would enter a ruling in favor of Coors in the case, Jung said.

In return, Coors has agreed to a "substantial" settlement, Wright said. The attorneys said they could not discuss details of the settlement because of a non-disclosure agreement.

Court records in the case say Gerardi became ill after finding the mouse and continued to suffer incidents of vomiting for at least two years.

Gerardi, a Watauga public safety officer, said he was teased by fellow officers about the mouse. He said the incident inter-

ferred with his job because he could no longer stand to be near intoxicated suspects, according to records.

In addition, records indicate, Gerardi became terrified at the sight of rodents and was no longer able to go hunting because of that.

Coors disputed that Gerardi found mouse remains in the beer. The company added that precautions taken during the bottling process would prevent such a thing from happening. If a mouse had been in the beer, it argued, the rodent did not get there while the beer was being bottled.

A Dallas jury awarded Gerardi \$50,101 for actual damages — including pain, suffering and mental anguish, and medical treatment — and \$500,000 in exemplary damages. The trial judge granted a motion by Coors to eliminate the latter award.

The 5th Court of Appeals in Dallas reversed the judgment and sent the case back for a new trial. It said the trial judge was wrong to strike the exemplary damages, but the judge also should not have allowed the introduction of evidence, over Coors' objections, about the beer company's profits for 1981-85.

The Supreme Court agreed to hear Gerardi's argument that the appeals court erred in ruling against introduction of evidence of profits. Gerardi said evidence of a defendant's financial condition is relevant to the issue of exemplary damages.

Listeners respond with donations

DALLAS (AP) — A disc jockey who asked his listeners to send him \$20 as an experiment, says he doesn't know what to do with the \$240,000 that poured into the station.

Ron Chapman asked his audience on March 31 to send him the money. "I told the audience that if I did it the next day, on April 1, they wouldn't believe it," he said. Chapman said the request was an experiment.

"We're absolutely stunned. We're flabbergasted. We never promised anybody anything. That's the joy of this. We just said send the money," he said.

The next morning, a Friday, 4,000 checks for \$20 each arrived in the mail. On the following Monday, an additional 5,000 checks arrived.

"Obviously, it was getting out of hand," Chapman, a longtime morning disc jockey, said.

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# Nation

## Reagan says he didn't know about the fabricated quotes

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Reagan insists that he was never aware his spokesman concocted quotes for him and says he is getting tired of "kiss-and-tell books" written by his former aides.

Reagan, answering questions at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, also said Jesse Jackson's policies have not been scrutinized adequately in the Democratic presidential race because it might be "misinterpreted into some kind of racial attack."

In a wide-ranging question-and-answer session on Wednesday, the president commented for the first time on two issues—the sensitive topic of race in the 1988 presidential race and the controversy over the new book by his former spokesman, Larry Speakes.

Speakes, in his book "Speaking Out," reveals that he twice gave quotes to the press corps claiming the words were Reagan's when in fact they were not. One incident occurred after the downing of a Korean Air Lines jet in 1983, and the other came during the 1985 Geneva summit between Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

When the story surfaced earlier this week, Reagan aides described the president as angry to learn of the deception. Speakes, however, said in subsequent interviews that Reagan knew at the time of the practice and did not object.

On Wednesday, Reagan said, "I was not aware of that and just learned it recently, as all the rest of you did, and I can tell you right now that I have no affection for these kiss-and-tell books that are being written, and I find it entirely fiction."

Reagan did not directly answer the question of whether he approved of the practice or would allow

it to continue. His current spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, has condemned the practice.

Reagan's reference to "kiss-and-tell" books evidently refers not only to Speakes' book, but to "Behind the Scenes," written by his former deputy chief of staff, Michael K. Deaver, and a forthcoming volume by former chief of staff Donald T. Regan.

The president also was asked about Speakes' contention that he "does not read many newspapers thoroughly."

"Well, I begin with the comics," Reagan said, confirming part of Speakes' account and drawing a laugh from his audience in the process.

The president said that was "a lifetime habit," and that he then turns to the editorial pages. He said he also looks through news clippings prepared by his staff because of the volume of papers published outside of Washington.

"But he's wrong when he implies that I don't read the papers. Yes, I do," Reagan said.

Later, discussing the presidential campaign and Jackson, Reagan said: "I hope that race will not be a part of this campaign in any way."

Reagan went on to say of Jackson, "It seems that more attention is being paid to the difference in color than is being paid to what he is actually saying."

"And I have to believe that a great many of us would find ourselves in great disagreement with the policies that he is proposing and would perhaps be more vocal about them if it wasn't concern that that'd be misinterpreted into some kind of a racial attack," Reagan said.

## Biological mother, foster family to fight tribe over Navajo baby

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—A couple who sought to adopt the baby of an unmarried Navajo woman have agreed to give the girl back but vow to fight alongside the mother to regain custody of the child from tribal authorities.

Despite the wishes of Allyssa Kristian Pitts' 21-year-old mother and the couple that has cared for her since her birth July 20, a judge has ruled that the child must be turned over today to Navajo authorities.

Patricia Keetso, who gave up Allyssa so that she could have a life away from the reservation in Arizona, says she'll fight to get her back and return her to the would-be adoptive parents, Cheryl and Rick Pitts.

"I love my baby and want her to get something out of life," she said tearfully at the Pitts' home Wednesday.

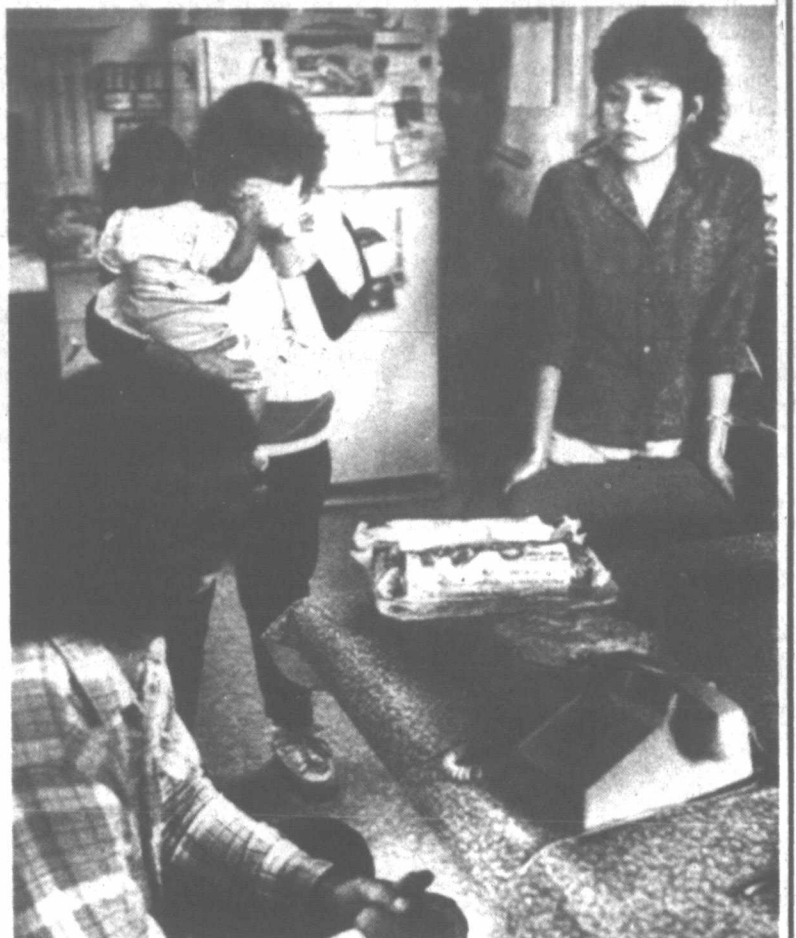
The Pittses, saying they are "devastated" by the prospect of losing the baby they love and helped bring into the world, still hope to get her back but aren't sure what will happen next.

Keetso said her mother, who was brought to California for the court hearings, was threatened with prison if the baby were not returned.

"They've hassled my whole family," said Keetso, who has eight brothers and sisters.

The Navajo Nation's Tribal Department of Justice, citing the Indian Child Welfare Act, filed a complaint in Santa Clara County Superior Court in February to gain jurisdiction of the case and stop the Pittses' adoption petition.

Navajo officials said the adoption was illegal and demanded the baby be sent to the reservation.



Cheryl Pitts, center, holds her adopted baby Allyssa and covers her face after her husband Rick, left, talked by phone with their lawyer who informed them they must give up the baby. At right is the child's birth mother, Patricia Keetso.

After two hearings, Judge Leslie Nichols ordered the Pittses to give up the child, ruling that Keetso was under tribal jurisdiction and legally resided on the Arizona reservation she has visited only occasionally in recent years.

Rather than appeal Nichols' ruling, the Pittses decided

Wednesday to drop their adoption petition and fight to return custody of Allyssa to Keetso. Eventually, they hope to get Allyssa back.

Keetso and Mrs. Pitts planned to accompany Allyssa back to Arizona and try to persuade Navajo authorities to let them care for the baby.

## Gold becoming economic benchmark

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gold, the magical metal, is easing its way back on the world monetary stage after a 15-year absence.

The latest move is admittedly a small one, far short of returning to the gold standard which ruled world currency values for almost three decades following World War II.

But the top finance leaders of the seven major industrial nations did endorse a plan Wednesday to use the price of certain commodities to help them coordinate economic policies.

Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III, who is pushing the idea, has singled out gold as one of the commodities which should be included as a barometer in guiding policy decisions by the world's largest economic powers.

The so-called Group of Seven, including the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy, also agreed at their Wednesday meeting to continue efforts aimed at preventing the dollar from declining any further.

The United States and its six allies decided in

September 1985 to push the dollar lower to correct America's huge trade deficit, but the countries have been trying since February 1987 to halt the currency's decline.

The effort did not meet with much success last year, and the steadily deteriorating dollar was cited as one of the reasons the world's financial markets were thrown into turmoil last October.

But since Dec. 22, the major industrial countries have crafted a new strategy to stabilize the dollar and that agreement has held for the past four months, backed up by periodic intervention in currency markets, the process of buying the dollar to prop up its value.

In early trading in Tokyo, the dollar dipped marginally as analysts said the Group of Seven statement contained nothing which had not been expected.

Baker first unveiled his commodity price indicator at the last meeting of the seven countries' finance leaders in September.

## Nation's trade deficit soared in February

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. trade deficit widened dramatically in February to \$13.8 billion, its biggest shortfall since October and the second monthly jump in a row, the government said today.

The excess of imports over exports rose \$1.4 billion from January's \$12.4 billion imbalance.

Analysts, who had largely predicted that the February deficit would shrink slightly, said that a widening deficit would put sharp downward pressure on the value of the U.S. dollar.

For the first two months of 1988, the deficit is running at an annual rate of \$157.6 billion, below the record \$171.2 billion of last year but still worse than second highest imbalance of \$156.2 billion in 1986, the Commerce Department said.

Imports of foreign manufactured goods, oil and farm products increased by \$2.3 billion in February. Leading the surge were imports of electrical equipment from abroad, up \$323 million, and auto and truck parts, up \$298 million.

U.S. exports also rose, but by a smaller \$1.3 billion from January.

Analysts had anticipated an improvement in the trade balance in February because of the normally slack winter demand for imported goods, lower oil prices and the fact that the month is the shortest of the year.

On the eve of today's report, Allen Sinai of the First Boston Co., a New York economic consulting firm, said any deficit above \$12 billion in February would be viewed as a sign that the nation's trade problems are far from over and that the deliberate 36 percent devaluation of the dollar over the last three years is not having the intended effect on the trade imbalance.

As a result, Sinai said, "the dollar is going to come under considerable pressure" toward further devaluation despite the renewed commitment Wednesday by the finance ministers of the world's seven largest industrial powers to keep it at its present level.

U.S. oil imports jumped 1.2 million barrels a day in February to 8.1 million, the highest they have been since September 1986. As a result, the trade deficit with members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries shot up by \$270 million over January to \$1.3 billion.

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# No sign of breakthrough in 10-day-old hijacking

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Thirty-two passengers remained trapped inside a hijacked Kuwaiti jumbo jet for the 10th day today, and Algerian mediators said attempts to negotiate an end to the ordeal had reached a stalemate.

Negotiations were suspended after mediators were unable to persuade Kuwaiti officials to meet the hijackers' demands, a ranking Algerian official said. Talks with the hijackers were called off at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday (6:45 p.m. EDT) to give negotiators time to rest, and there was no sign of a breakthrough.

The hijackers, thought to number about eight, are armed with grenades and guns and have threatened to blow up the

plane and kill their hostages.

The Algerian mediation team, headed by Interior Minister Hedi Kherdiri, and a delegation of nine Kuwaiti officials led by Mohammed Saud Al-Osaimi, a deputy foreign minister, were expected to meet again today.

The Algerians met at least twice on Wednesday with the hijackers, who have killed two hostages in a bid to force Kuwait to free 17 pro-Iranian extremists jailed for bombing the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait in 1983.

Kuwait has refused and its defense minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah, on Wednesday affirmed his country's "unwavering and principled stance of rejecting blackmail," Kuwait's news agency reported.

"If they merely wanted to restate their known position, there was no need for them to send their high-level delegation to Algiers," an Algerian official told The Associated Press on condition he not be further identified.

He said Kuwait's "intransigence" had brought the negotiations to a standstill. The remarks appeared to confirm unofficial reports that Algeria was trying to pressure Kuwait into a more flexible position.

Food and water were taken Wednesday afternoon to the blue-and-white Boeing 747, which the hijackers call the "plane of martyrdom." It baked under the North African sun on an isolated patch of tarmac at Houari Boumediene airport.

At 7 a.m. today (2 a.m. EDT), the hijackers agreed to allow the jet to be moved about half a mile to allow the plane of Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda to land safely for a state visit.

Asked by the control tower if the plane might be moved, the hijackers replied, "No problem, no problem." But they insisted their plane be returned to the same position later.

The Kuwait Airways jumbo jet was hijacked April 5 on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait with 112 people aboard. It was diverted to Mashhad, Iran, where 57 people were freed, then Larnaca, Cyprus, where the hijackers killed two Kuwaiti hostages and freed 13 passengers. On Tuesday, the hijackers forced the plane to Algeria. Three members of

the extensive Kuwaiti royal family remain aboard.

One freed passenger who returned to Kuwait from Cyprus, Adnan Rashi Majjki, told the AP six gunmen took over the aircraft and another joined them in Iran.

Another passenger, Ramadan Ali, told the NBC's "Today" show Wednesday the gunmen also were supplied with new weapons, explosives and ropes while in Iran.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat, in an interview on Wednesday with Cable News Network from North Yemen, said some of the gunmen are Lebanese and "some of them belong to the Iranian government."



(AP Laserphoto)

Francisco Perez, a member of the Panamanian Human Rights Commission, is confronted by police during demonstrations in Panama City Wednesday. Perez was one of seven people reportedly arrested during the demonstrations.

## Panama's military says Marines shot at 'non-existent enemies'

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Panama's military rejected a report that U.S. soldiers engaged up to 50 intruders in a two-hour firefight at a fuel depot.

Maj. Edgardo Lopez Grimaldo of the Panamanian Defense Forces told reporters Wednesday night the U.S. Marine sentries had "confused the swaying of tropical palm trees with non-existent enemies."

He also accused the Marines of moving 100 yards into Panamanian territory during the incident and called it the "24th Gringo military invasion of Panamanian soil."

The U.S. Southern Command said about 100 Marines were involved in the firefight with between 40 and 50 "unauthorized personnel" first spotted at dusk Tuesday at the 800-acre Arraijan Tank Farm, an underground fuel depot located near Howard Air Force Base outside Panama City. There apparently were no injuries on either side, said U.S. spokesman Col. Ron Sconyers.

He added that Marines who swept the area after daylight found no evidence of injuries and no equipment the intruders may have left behind.

On Monday, a Marine sentry was shot to death during an attempted break-in at the depot by six to eight people dressed in camouflage, U.S. military officials said. He was apparently shot accidentally by another Marine.

Sconyers said there was no evidence in either incident that the intruders were Panamanian military personnel, but said that on Tuesday they all were "reported wearing dark uniforms."

The two reported shooting incidents drove to a new low already tense and bitter relations between the United States and the government controlled by Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, chief of the 15,000-strong Defense Forces.

Noriega, the power behind the civilian government, is under federal indictment in the United States on drug trafficking charges. For months, he has resisted efforts by the internal opposition and Washington to oust him.

## Florida officials want official state pie

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — State officials aren't quite ready to file for a patent, but they're definitely taking a "pro-pie-etary" interest in Key lime pie.

Under a bill approved in committee Wednesday, the creamy

concoction would be designated the official state pie. Key lime pie, legislators explain, is "properly" made only with limes from the Florida Keys.

State symbols are serious business in identity-conscious Flor-

ida, which already has a state tree, beverage, shell, stone, gem, animal, freshwater and saltwater fish, marine and saltwater mammal, air fair, festival and litter control symbol.

## Psychology professor wants to use cartoons to teach reading

EL PASO (AP) — A researcher plans to take a comic approach to teaching English to Spanish-speaking pre-schoolers, using cartoon strips to help the youngsters recognize words.

University of Texas-El Paso psychology professor Edmund Coleman hopes to draw on a government grant to fund his teaching method.

Words taught using Coleman's "pictograph" method are drawn to look like what they mean.

For example, in one comic strip, a small child cuts eye-holes out of the two e's in the word "see." In another, the three letters in the word "egg" resemble hard-boiled eggs.

Coleman has applied for a \$150,000 Department of Education grant that would pay for printing and advertising small cartoon booklets that parents could use in conjunction with televised, non-animated comic strips.

The teaching method was tested two years ago when the El Paso Herald-Post and an independent city TV station teamed up in a literacy project. Coleman said he has refined the process during the last two years.

"Man, they (the comics) work," he said. "Children 3 and 4 years old learn to read almost instantly."

He said some children have learned up to 10 words a day during experimental teaching sessions.

The strips are extremely skimpy as far as plot and character development, but Coleman said education—not entertainment—is the point of the comics. Most of the strips are drawn by two artists Coleman hired.

Two years ago, the Herald-Post printed the simple comic strips on the page with the television

log. KCIK-TV ran 30-second spots between weekday-afternoon animated cartoons in which that day's comic strip was pictured while a narrator pronounced the day's word.

Coleman applied for a grant from the Education Department's bilingual education program, but he said the teaching method is equally successful at

teaching English-speaking children to read their native language.

"If you think of reading as a staircase of books, the first-grade reading classes aren't at the ground floor," he said. "It's as though our first 40 or 50 steps on the staircase are missing. This method supplies those missing steps."

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Robyn Holmes from Korumburra in the state of Victoria, Australia, is pictured draped by three giant Gippsland earthworms. Called "The great Gippsland gurgling earthworm," they are so named because they make the sound of a bathtub draining water when they burrow. They also stretch to a length of up to 12 feet, have 16 hearts and are both male and female.

## Jury rules in favor of state over javelina

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The owner of Bubba, a chocolate-loving javelina, says the civil trial over the creature's disappearance could have been avoided if game wardens had treated the animal more humanely.

A jury on Wednesday said Texas Parks and Wildlife supervisor Frank Kelso acted properly in ordering the seizure of Bubba, who was later released into the wild and has not been seen again.

Buddy and Patsy Thorne had sought \$500,000 in damages, claiming they sustained

mental anguish, loss of earnings, physical impairment and medical expenses after losing Bubba, a peccary, or piglike animal.

Wildlife regulations forbid individuals from taking an animal out of the wild. Thorne acknowledged he kept the animal after finding it abandoned during a hunting trip 11 years ago.

The state district court jury deliberated more than four hours before ruling in favor of the state.

The Thornes' attorney, Phil Westergren,

said that since the suit was filed, game wardens keep a seized animal at a public pound for 10 days.

"If they had just done that with Bubba, we probably wouldn't have been through all this," Buddy Thorne said.

"If we had lost, what would I go back and tell my men?" Kelso said.

Thorne said, "I'm disappointed. I just don't feel like the whole story was told to the jury."

## Lady Bird recounts efforts to beautify America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lady Bird Johnson breezed into a Georgetown townhouse Wednesday and realized her black patent leather pumps were still in the car.

"You want to see what old ladies wear?" the wife of former President Lyndon B. Johnson asked in her Southern drawl as a coterie of journalists, gossip columnists and society mavens gathered around.

The 75-year-old Texan, who once worried about being shy and insecure as first lady, pulled her coat aside to reveal a pair of sturdy walking shoes.

Later, armed with a new coat of lipstick and the proper shoes, Lady Bird was ready to talk to the women who had covered her years in the White House and who had recounted in dispatches for their newspapers what she wore and where she had been.

Wednesday's story, however, was of her love affair with the Texas bluebonnet and the Indian paintbrush, the pink evening primrose and the Mexican hat.

Nature, she said, "has been my sustenance, pleasure, my joy."

She told of coming back from overseas trips when her husband was president, inspired to cloak Washington in daffodils, tulips and azaleas. She spoke of returning to Texas after he left office and turning a weed and debris-choked riverfront in Austin into a riverwalk where blooming trees now make the perfect backdrop for wedding portraits and family pictures.

And she talked of helping nurture the National Wildflower Research Center.

"I pushed and shoved, encouraged and aided and did everything I could," she said of the center in Austin, where she spends time away from the LBJ ranch in Stonewall.

"A lot of you might think this is a lightweight proposition in a world of heavyweight questions, but we're going to live, I feel, and I just think it gives joy to live in a more beautiful world."

The nation is now thanking Mrs. Johnson for trying to beautify the countryside from Jackson Hole, Wyo., to Cape Cod, Mass., and to paint it in native flowers.

In what is being called "A Jubilee Celebration" marking the year of her 75th birthday, Mrs. Johnson will be given a Congressional Gold Medal at a White House ceremony, and honored with receptions, a concert and black-tie dinner April 28-30 in Washington.

The jubilee committee's honorary co-chairmen rank among the country's most powerful and famous — President and Mrs. Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carter, House Speaker and Mrs. Jim Wright, Jaqueline Kennedy

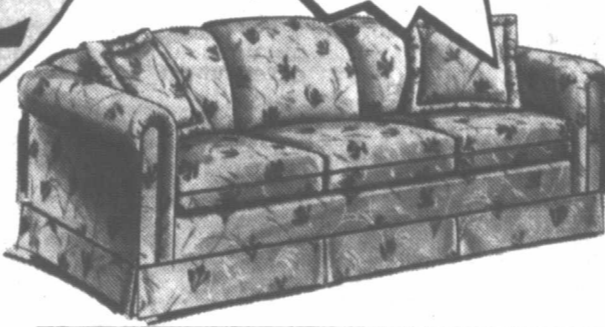
Onassis, Muriel Humphrey Brown.

Dorothy Pierce McSweeney, a native of San Antonio who with her husband came to Washington to work in the Johnson administration in the 1960s, said the celebration is timed to coincide with Washington at its most beautiful — the time of year when cherry blossoms float in the air like clouds, and tulips and daffodils decorate traffic circles.

"It best reflects all her contributions to the city," Mrs. McSweeney said at Wednesday's coffee to promote the jubilee activities. "It's the time of year that shows it off the most."

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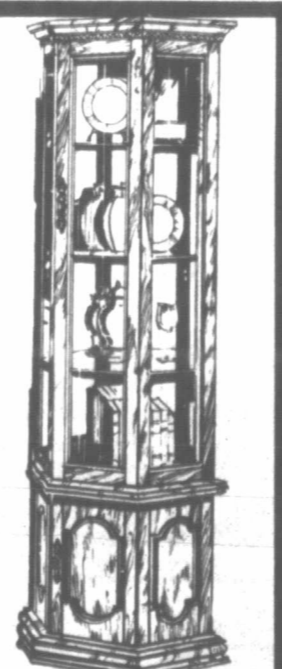


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Bromme is scheduled to sing with MGV-Datteln-Meckinghoven during its tour of the United States this summer.

## Transplanted Texan will have chance to sing again with German chorus

By ANTON RIECHER  
Palestine Herald-Press

PALESTINE (AP) — Heinz Bromme has never left Germany far behind, despite living in the United States for the last 17 years. He still drives a Mercedes. And he still sings.

On May 14, he will get the chance to sing with a German chorus once again. MGV-Datteln-Meckinghoven, a 30-man German chorus, will make its fourth tour of the United States this summer with a stopover in Palestine.

"The group visited the U.S. for the first time in 1973 and made me an honorary member," Bromme said. "They said that wherever we are, they would visit and play."

Until last year, home for Bromme and his wife, Ursula, was Los Angeles. Now he lives in south Anderson County near Alderbranch.

"So now, they are coming here," Bromme says.

The Palestine Chamber of Commerce and numerous local businesses are handling ticket sales for the concert at the Texas Theater. The show is called "Sangeslust," which is German for "joy to sing."

Other stops on the chorus' tour include Las Vegas, San Francisco and Calgary, Alberta. The

Palestine stop will be its only performance in Texas.

The chorus' repertoire includes opera, operetta, show tunes and folk songs.

"It's going to be a thrill to see them," Bromme said. "The last time we sang together was 1984."

Datteln and Meckinghoven are towns near Cologne in the industrial heart of Germany. The chorus was formed in 1950 with 23 people and today includes 63, Bromme said.

Bromme was a full-fledged member from 1955 until 1971, when he decided to emigrate to the U.S.

"I had two sisters living in the U.S.," Bromme said. "I visited one sister in Long Island in 1970, and she talked me into coming over."

Bromme had worked 20 years as a coal miner in Germany. The Brommes began a new career in the U.S. as sausage makers in a German delicatessen in Los Angeles.

That came to an end in 1987. "Our boss sold our company to the Japanese and we got fired," Bromme said. "At my age, I couldn't get another job, so we came here to live near our children."

The Bromme's son-in-law and daughter operate a convenience store in Elkhart. Bromme, 57,

works as a prison guard at the Texas Department of Corrections' Beto I prison unit.

"It's the only choice anybody gave me here," Bromme said. "No one wanted me in my profession."

Bromme has never given up his singing. In Palestine, he joined the Dogwood Express, a 30-member chorus that gathers every Tuesday at Southside Baptist Church.

Dogwood Express also has one of 1,900 quartets registered with the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber-shop Quartet Singing in America. The Sangeslust performance will benefit the society's work to aid adults and children with handicapped speech, Bromme said.

Ticket sales will also help defray the German chorus' expenses.

## Natural gas supply is Texas' hope

By MARIA HALKIAS  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — Texas has enough natural gas to satisfy the nation's energy needs for decades, and the state's gas industry is launching a widespread campaign to convince potential customers of that fact.

In Texas, natural gas production decreased by 1.85 percent last year, and according to preliminary numbers from the Texas Railroad Commission, exports of Texas-produced gas in 1987 declined 6.24 percent from the previous year.

Nationwide, the industry has lost one-fourth of its market in 15 years. Natural gas represented 33 percent of U.S. energy consumption in 1970 and continued losing market share. Last year, natural gas represented 22 percent of U.S. consumption.

Regulatory constraints, higher prices, shortages and fierce competition from other sources of fuel together contributed to declining markets. But now many are viewing natural gas as the half of the oil and gas industry that will provide future growth.

Increasing natural gas markets would be a boost to the state's lackluster economy, putting people back to work in the oil patch. The idea has many supporters.

The Texas Railroad Commission has appointed a 12-member committee from the state's natural gas industry to study and comment on current rules affecting the industry.

Last month, the subject dominated comments from energy sector executives speaking before the commissioners at the railroad commission's annual state of the industry meeting.

Bruce D. Frolich, vice president of supply and distribution for Chevron U.S.A., told the commissioners, "The future course of the natural gas industry is taking on much greater significance not only for the energy industry in general but also for Texas."

"While 12 percent of the nation's oil supplies originate in Texas, about 40 percent of the U.S. gas supply comes from this state," Frolich said.

Frolich and others scolded segments of the natural gas industry for becoming adversaries over the years.

"We must resolve the problems of the past before we end up shooting each other in the foot and lose the confidence of customers in the process," he said.

David W. Biegler, president of

Lone Star Gas Co., said recently, "It is time that we begin acting like an industry."

In 1986, coal moved ahead of natural gas as a supplier of energy in the United States. Just 10 years ago, gas use was 44 percent greater than coal use, Biegler said.

"It is not coincidental that the coal industry presents a more unified effort to regulate and market its product than does the gas industry," he said.

Although the industry is in a self-critical stage, some believe the segments of the industry are slowly unifying behind the same goal of expanding markets.

"It's a sharing in the misery of a very poor market," said Tom Haywood, executive director of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association.

And some believe that many of the industry's regulatory problems "would go away if it had more markets," said Haywood.

The industry has "scared customers away," Haywood said. "If you want a company to make a commitment to your product, you don't tell them you're going to be running out."

Talk of impending shortages and gas bubbles last winter hurt the industry, many believe.

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# Lifestyles

## Membership rally



(Staff Photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Gray County Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) held a membership rally at its regular monthly meeting Monday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, with Tom Reid, left, state legislative committeeman of Amarillo AARP, as guest speaker. Music was provided by Richard Brantley of Pampa, fiddle; O.V. "Bill" Bailey of Pampa, bass fiddle; Dee Williams

of Clarendon, piano; and Creed Smith of Clarendon, electric guitar. Other musicians not shown were Mrs. Creed Smith, harmonica; Don Travis of Claude, mandolin; and Bill Cox of Pampa, rhythm guitar and vocalist. Gray County Chapter of AARP meets at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the center. For more information, call Cox at 665-3667.

## Red Cross seeks aid for Africa

Although public attention concerning the African famine has lately focused on relief distribution problems, more than a million famine victims are being fed by the Red Cross and development programs are being conducted in 16 African nations, according to Richard F. Schubert, American Red Cross president.

"Ignoring successful famine relief operations in Africa has become one of the great tragedies to afflict that continent this year. More than a million famine victims are being fed right now by Red Cross, while most of the public attention has been focused on political and relief distribution problems in one area of one country," Schubert said in an appeal for further aid to the famine victims, who are in the midst of another drought.

"Americans responded with great compassion three years ago when the famine struck so hard in Africa. The gifts they gave did much to help millions of hungry people in 23 countries. Not only did Red Cross and other relief organizations save many lives, but we began to put development programs in place," Schubert said.

The Red Cross has ongoing development programs in 16 African nations, including feeding programs for school children and orthopedic centers and workshops for the war-disabled.

"Now the drought is back, perhaps worse than before, but the people and the countries have a better chance this time thanks to those gifts three years ago. Famine victims in eight nations have turned to us for help. The difference is that this time, we have the opportunity to prevent the kind of scene that prompted those earlier contributions, the scenes of despair and hopelessness, the faces of the children starving before our eyes. Isn't that an opportunity worth taking?" Schubert asked.

Red Cross is conducting relief operations in Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niser and the Sudan.

Anyone wishing to help the famine victims in Africa may do so by sending a contribution earmarked "African Famine Relief" to the local Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 1036, Pampa, 79065.

## Donation



(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Ricky Spiller, left, and manager Fred Woods of Wal-Mart present \$665 to Detective Terry Cox of Pampa Police Department. Wal-Mart Associates raised the funds in conjunction with community drug awareness programs. The money will go to purchase two slide presentations and one video to be used in schools to educate children about drugs. Another slide presentation will be purchased to educate teachers and parents about drugs, and a drug identification kit will be bought to be used in community displays.

## Man wants good old days when wives stayed at home

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I saw you on the Phil Donahue show and ended up in a big fight. You read from a book you had written in 1962. In it you said that wives should manage to live on what their husbands earn, because a career woman is a potentially good candidate for divorce. You also said that when a woman becomes financially independent, she neglects her husband and children, and her marriage falls apart — or words to that effect.

Then you said, "Oh, isn't that awful? I can't believe I wrote that!" I told my wife that you were right on in 1962, Abby. She said I was full of it.

I know it's not possible to turn back the clock, but here's one man who wishes we could. Marriages were much healthier when women stayed home and took care of their husbands and raised their own kids.

ONE MAN'S OPINION  
DEAR ONE: Judging from my mail after the Donahue show, a surprising number of men — and women, too — agree with you.

I maintain, however, that the days when men controlled women by keeping them poor, pregnant and barefoot are gone forever — thank the good Lord. If a woman chooses to stay home and live on what her husband can provide, fine. But today, because more women can support themselves, they have a choice. I stand my ground, and rest my case.

DEAR ABBY: My brother has four grown children. He is divorced



Dear Abby  
Abigail Van Buren

from their mother and is now married to a great girl. His ex-wife has also remarried. All his children are married, except "Tina," his youngest daughter, who is planning a big wedding. Tina was 5 years old when the divorce occurred.

As far as I know, my brother supported all four children until they were 18.

Tina has asked her stepfather to escort her down the aisle, which has hurt my brother deeply. For this reason he has refused to attend her wedding and has asked me and the rest of our brothers and sisters not to attend Tina's wedding out of loyalty to him.

Abby, Tina is still my niece and I'd like to attend her wedding, but if I go, my brother will probably disown me.

What should I do?  
UPSET AUNT

DEAR UPSET: Do whatever you want to do. If your brother doesn't want to attend Tina's wedding, that's his business. But he has no right to ask anyone else not to attend out of "loyalty" to him — or for any other reason.

DEAR ABBY: Will you please use the power of your column to put an end to advertising that ridicules the deaf and hard of hearing?

In recent years, I have seen advertising that depicts an older person straining to hear the name of a product, so it is repeated several times — LOUDLY. I understand, of course, that an excuse is needed to repeat the name of the product in order to make a lasting impression on the buying public, but, Abby, where is the sensitivity to the problem of hearing? No one would think of laughing at a blind person who cannot clearly see the product. And who would be amused at an arthritic who cannot hold the product? So, why do we see advertising that ridicules the deaf and hard of hearing?

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ACROSS 59 Playing cards

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- 15 27th president
- 16 Writer of fiction
- 18 Cuckoo
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- 20 Satiated
- 21 Squabble
- 23 Aquatic animal
- 24 Reclined
- 25 Of aircraft
- 28 Sea bird
- 29 Grafted, in heraldry
- 30 Toots
- 32 Author H.G.
- 34 Rowing tools
- 38 Marie
- 41 Bandleader Ar-naz
- 42 Wind instrument
- 43 Spree
- 45 "The Blue waltz"
- 47 Girl of song
- 48 Follow orders
- 50 Place
- 51 Resident of Selma
- 53 Actress Lillian
- 54 Sudden muscular contraction
- 55 Soapstone
- 56 Revelers' cry
- 57 Compass point
- 58 Paris airport

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- 1 Subject to balloting
- 2 Persian
- 3 Balance-sheet loss
- 4 Superlative suffix
- 5 Old and respected
- 6 Opera prince
- 7 Pigeon
- 8 Ibsen character
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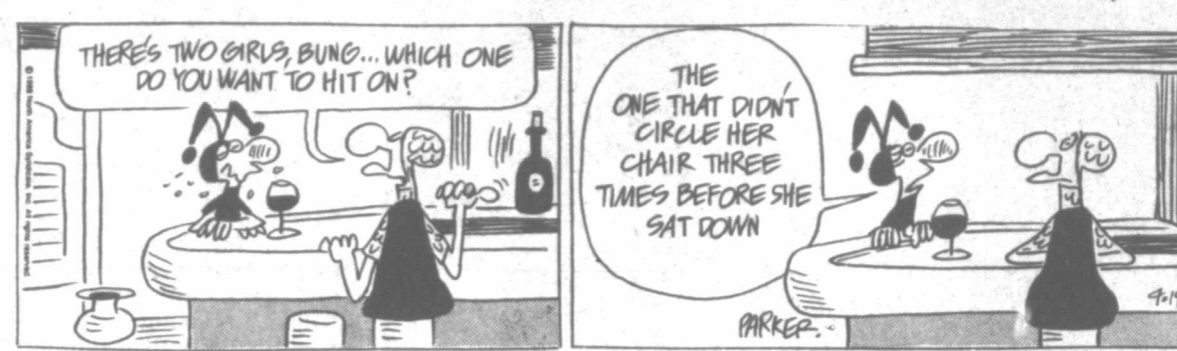
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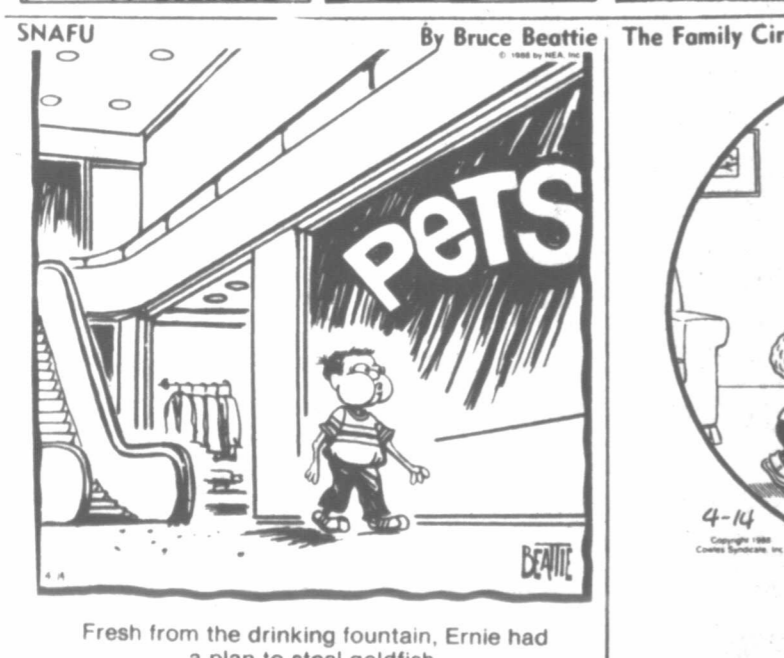
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## Astro-Graph

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In the year ahead, you are likely to become involved in several new ventures. Although each one will be small, their collective returns could be surprisingly large.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You'll know better than others what's best for you today. Arrange your own schedule instead of letting anyone talk you into doing something you won't enjoy. 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.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Guard against tendencies today to talk openly about information that should be kept confidential. There's a possibility you may reveal something to the wrong person.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** There are strong indications you may receive some important information today that will raise your hopes and expectations. It pertains to a new interest.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You will not be easily dissuaded today once you zero in on a specific objective. This is good, because the target you'll select will be worth hitting.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your thoughts and suggestions today to talk openly impact with your peers today. You may not say much, but what you do say will be valuable to listeners.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** If something you've been trying to do hasn't worked out for you, it's time to revise your thinking. Don't saddle yourself with unproductive concepts and procedures.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** If you enter into a legal agreement today, read all the fine print. It's going to be the little details that will prove to be important in the long run.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This is a good day to get all the small tasks that have been piling up out of the way. Clear the decks now for the important projects that will follow.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You have a marvelous faculty today for managing those younger or less experienced than yourself. Use this talent where needed.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** It looks like you are going to be the one who will have the last word regarding a controversial issue between you and your mate. Express it with grace.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** An important matter that has been hanging fire that required discussion with an associate can be resolved today. You're both on the same wavelength now.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Think in terms of small profit today. Every penny saved has a way of adding up. Concentrate on finding little bargains you'd ordinarily disregard.

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## 4-year-old drummer keeps up with group

VICTORIA (AP) — Four-year-old Ivan Trevino of Victoria may be the youngest professional drummer in the nation.

If he isn't the youngest now, he had to be a couple of years ago. Ivan's dad, Fred, who leads the band, said his son has performed on stage since he was 14 months old.

Trevino agrees Ivan has to be one-of-a-kind. As the member of a contemporary Christian music group, the Texas Praise Band, Ivan is seen regularly at benefits, concerts, weddings and church events.

He played with the band on Easter weekend at the annual Victoria Parks and Recreation Eggstravaganza. Like the hundreds of children at the holiday activity, Ivan hunted for eggs, but he was ready when it was time to go to work, said his dad.

"I bought him a \$175 set of drums when he was 12 months old because he was always banging on things," Trevino said. "One of my daughters played the drums and taught him a bit. He caught

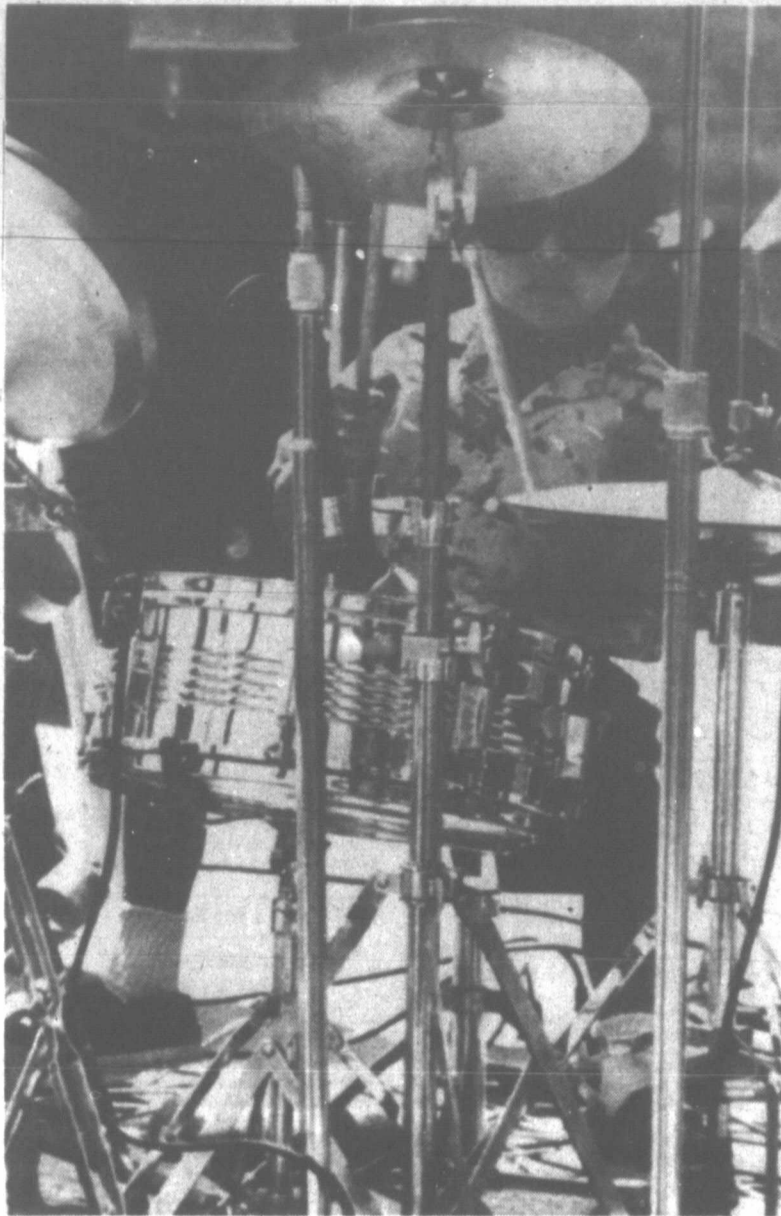
on real fast."

Having graduated to tapping out rhythms on a \$2,000 set of electric drums, Ivan recently accompanied the Texas Praise Band in recording a new tape at Victoria sound studio. He also takes a hand in musical arrangements.

"He can do any kind of rhythm you play. When he was one or two he couldn't understand what you were trying to say, but once you got started he could play with you," said Trevino.

Ivan practices on his drums for 45 minutes to an hour each day. That's the only time he's really noisy, said his father. The rest of the time he's a calm 4-year-old who likes to play children's games and watch cartoons on television. Trevino said Ivan is a student at St. Mark's Methodist Pre-School, and he "really loves learning."

For some time he has shown an interest in the piano and guitar, and Trevino says he believes Ivan will become accomplished at those instruments as well.



Ivan Trevino, 4, plays the drums as a member of his father's contemporary Christian music group. (AP Laserphoto)

## Many events planned for 100th anniversary

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas will mark the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Capitol on May 6-7 with a ball, a commemorative ceremony, a parade, hot air balloons and more, according to organizers of the Capitol Centennial Celebration.

The Capitol was dedicated on May 16, 1888, not May 6 or 7.

But Ann Ramsey, celebration coordinator, said several factors such as the end of school influenced the decision to hold the centennial celebration earlier.

The biggest public event will be May 7, when a parade featuring

horse-drawn carriages and wagons bearing committee and government officials, accompanied by bands and other marching units, will take to the streets.

At noon, the official ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of the dedication will take place on the south steps of the Capitol.

Houston Daniel, son of former Gov. Price Daniel and a descendant of Sam Houston through his mother, will deliver excerpts from the speech of another ancestor, Temple Houston, who in 1888 delivered the dedication speech.

## Archaeologists excavate underwater island port

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Nearly 300 years after an earthquake buried part of a pirate port called the "wickedest city" of its time, undersea archaeologists are hauling up a booty of history.

Before its partial destruction in 1692, Port Royal, located across the bay from modern day Kingston, Jamaica, rivaled Boston as a center of British commerce in the Americas.

About half the port was submerged when a roughly 30-minute series of tremors dropped blocks of the city into the sea, killing about 2,000 people.

During seven seasons of excavation, researchers have found numerous artifacts from the sunken city. The project will be featured May 2 in the PBS series, "Underwater Discoveries."

Among other items discovered was a partial skeleton of a child, probably no older than 6, said project leader Dr. Don Hamilton, a Texas A&M faculty member and a conservation specialist with the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, which is affiliated with Texas A&M.

The child appeared to have been crushed by a falling wall as he attempted to flee toward safety, but Hamilton said the quake's rubble made it impossible to determine if the child was fleeing for the safety of outside or inwards through a door to the perceived safety of home.

Other finds indicate residents and visitors apparently liked tobacco because a fourth of the nearly 5,000 artifacts recovered have been pipes or parts of pipes, Hamilton said.

Of particular interest in the most recent round of excavations, however, is what appears to be part of the living quarters of well-to-do merchants. Remains of a window complete with its slender lead frame have been recovered where the front of a two-story house smashed to the street during one of the tremors, Hamilton said.

From what is probably the kitchen have come brass cooking pots, sieves, pewter bowls, a woman's handmade gold ring, candlesticks and porcelain dishes. The almost-intact remains of a cricket were found in an unbroken wine bottle excavated where mud had trapped the insect.

Much conservation of the artifacts takes place at Port Royal but numerous items are temporarily brought back to Texas A&M in College Station for further conservation and as teaching aids before being returned to the Jamaican government, he said.

Port Royal, once home to English buccaneers and to a young naval officer named Horatio Nelson, boasted a well-to-do population of about 8,000 at the time of the quake. But more earthquakes, fires and hurricanes blocked attempts to rebuild the port to its former glory, he said.

The town still served as a vital stop and was a temporary stop for some of the British troops on

## Slowing aging

NEW YORK (AP) — A 10-year study has found that regular aerobic exercise will not only protect you from heart disease but will also slow aging, says the Reebok Aerobic Information Bureau.

The University of Florida's Center of Exercise Science tested 25 exercises with an average age of 62 over a 10 year period. It found their aerobic capacity, a measure of aging, was better than that found in non-exercising 25-year-olds.

their way in 1814 to fight the Americans at a little-known canal just outside of New Orleans. Later, it became headquarters for Britain's Caribbean fleet, but the town never regained its previous importance, Hamilton said.

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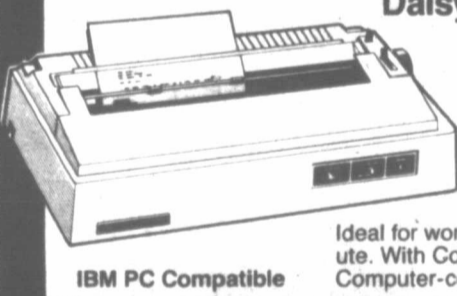
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