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New FmHA policies to allow for debt restructuring

WASHINGTON (AP) — New regulations to reshape the Farmers Home Administration's loan policies will cost \$8.7 billion and push as many as 64,800 farmers into liquidation or foreclosure, the agency says.

The FmHA, an agency of the Agriculture Department, is scheduled to open the proposed changes to public comment this week. A summary of the agency's proposal was made available to The Associated Press.

Cheryl Cook, a lobbyist and lawyer for the National Farmers Union, said she had not had an opportunity to study

the FmHA's proposal in detail but indicated that the figures cited by the agency appeared to be in line with estimates.

"If they had used the authority that they had gotten in the 1985 farm law to restructure this debt, we wouldn't be in a situation now where it was too late for 64,800 people," she said.

The FmHA is often called the government's farm lender of last resort because loans are made only to those who cannot qualify at banks or other commercial sources. Overall, the agency's farm loan portfolio totals around \$26 billion to 250,000 borrowers.

With loan delinquencies rising, FmHA was directed by Congress in last year's Agricultural Credit Act to re-write many of its regulations so that borrowers would be given a greater opportunity to restructure or spread out payments and still hold onto their land.

In many cases, debts far beyond the ability of farmers to repay would be "written down" to manageable levels or forgiven entirely.

Basically, the write-down would reduce a farmer's FmHA debt to the level of his assets, depending upon his ability to operate with enough cash flow there-

after to repay the new loan balance.

The proposed regulations are scheduled for publication this week in the Federal Register, the government's official rulemaking document, and will be open for public comment for 30 days.

In its summary, the FmHA said about 118,000 borrowers "were delinquent or in some other default status in early 1988." Those included 16,000 borrowers who have been "accelerated" by the agency, a process that leads to forced liquidation or foreclosure for hopeless cases.

But the agency estimated that about

37,000 of the 118,000 delinquents "will be able to resolve repayment problems through normal servicing procedures" such as the rescheduling of loan installments and other alternatives.

"The remaining 81,000 borrowers would be eligible for consideration of restructuring with write-down of debt," the report said. "Based on an earlier survey of borrowers eligible to restructuring with write-down of debt, an estimated 20 percent (16,200) of the 81,000 borrowers are able to show repayment on remaining debt and qualify for the write-down."

Outstanding band achievers are honored

Pride of Pampa band members, staff and friends gathered Saturday in M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium to honor the outstanding achievers among them at their annual banquet.

Top honors went to seniors Chuck Stone and Ashlee Russell, who won the Nona S. Payne Scholarship, and to Jeff Lane, who received the John Phillip Sousa Scholarship for outstanding achievement by a graduating senior.

First National Bank in Pampa President Don Babcock presented the Payne scholarships to Stone and Russell, while Assistant Band Director Brent Colwell presented Lane's award. The Sousa award is chosen annually by the band staff.

Other honors also were handed out Saturday by Band Director Charles Johnson.

John Sturgill was chosen outstanding boy musician, and Amy Kelso was picked outstanding girl musician. Lane was named best boy marcher while junior Noel Barbaree was chosen as best girl marcher.

The top boy and girl marchers and musicians were voted on by the band, Johnson said.

Johnson presented Band President Kenny Smith with the president's gavel and later announced

that Barbaree would be next year's president. Other officers also were named for next year, including Chad Grant as senior drum major, and Johnson also announced next year's color guard and drill instructors. Michele Williams will lead the color guard next year.

Graduating seniors were presented with pen and pencil sets and band dolls. They were: RaNita Barnett, Brenda Graham, Gwen Hokit, Manuel Jimenez, Kelso, Lane, Tracy Lebow, John McGrath, Eddie Rivera, Smith, Tammy Stephens, Stone and Sturgill. Johnson also noted that Russell had performed on piano with the band.

Band letter winners, also honored by Johnson, were: Amy Babb, Gina Barnett, Gary Brawley, David Broome, Dawn Duree, Angela Frazier, Anthony Gilreath, Jessica Hall, Traci Harding, Wendy Jenkins, Charles Killebrew, Heather Kludt, Tammy Lane, Bill Larkin, Cheri Layfield, Jonathon Mize, Tammy Parsley, Chantelle Rohrbacher, Connie Rutledge, Jenni Shufelberger, Amy Turner, Mary White, Doug Williams, Michele Williams and Brandon Wood.

A special presentation was made to outgoing band Booster

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Ashlee Russell, left, and Chuck Stone received the Nona Payne Scholarships at Saturday night's banquet honoring the Pride of Pampa Band.

(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Golf course pact back to city panel

Pampa City Commissioners will be back on the green Tuesday evening to consider a supplemental agreement with the Gray County Commissioners Court relative to a contract for development of a municipal golf course.

Questions concerning the legality of the original contract between the two governing entities arose earlier this month in a letter to Rep. Foster Whaley from Texas Legislative Council representative Mark Brown.

The letter expressed concerns about whether the contract could be legal since the county's responsibilities for joint operation weren't clearly stated and about whether the golf course would be a general benefit for the county.

Brown's letter also suggested that amendments to the contract might clear up the questions and also recommended that an Attorney General's opinion be sought.

The county commissioners considered the amended contract at their May 13 meeting but did not take any action, instead tabling their plans for approval of the rough draft of the new agreement.

The new agreement specifies

the benefits accruing to the county, noting the course will be open to all county residents. The agreement also indicates the city and county will enter into an agreement whereby the city, through its Parks and Recreation Department, will manage and operate the facility.

The two bodies also would have the option of creating a golf course advisory board, with members appointed by each body. The city also would make its golf course records available for county inspection and would make an annual report to the county regarding the operation of the course.

In other business at the 6 p.m. meeting, city commissioners will consider:

- taking any action necessary to the Pampa: 2000 strategic planning effort;
- establishing dates and times for work sessions;
- presenting certificates to former members of advisory boards and commissions;
- adopting a resolution expressing appreciation to the Friends of the Library for its efforts at Lovett Memorial Library.

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Jeff Lane, left, is presented the Pride of Pampa Band's John Phillip Sousa Scholarship Saturday night by Brent Colwell, assistant band director.

(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Blue-ribbon panel cites progress lack for blacks, other minorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — A commission of political, civic and education leaders said today America "is moving backward" in efforts to achieve equality of opportunity for blacks, Hispanics and American Indians.

The panel, including former Presidents Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter, called for renewed efforts to close the economic, educational and social gaps between members of those minority groups and the white majority.

Leaders of The Commission on Minority Participation in Education and American Life were releasing the report, "One-Third of a Nation," at a news conference at the National Press Club.

The commission was chaired by Cornell University President Frank H.T. Rhodes.

Without blaming any one party or sector of society, it said, "In the last 10 years, not only have we lost the momentum of earlier minority progress, we have suffered actual reversals in the drive to achieve full equality for minority citizens."

"America is moving backward — not forward — in its efforts to achieve the full participation of minority citizens in the life and prosperity of the nation," the commission declared in its 10,000-word report.

The commission called for forging "a new vision of affirmative action around which a broad national consensus can be formed."

Two national education groups, The American

Council on Education and the Education Commission of the States, established the commission last fall to address "a shared deep concern over the faltering pace of minority advancement."

The panel included business executives, college presidents, three former secretaries of state (Edmund Muskie, William Rogers and Cyrus Vance), Coretta Scott King, former Secretary of Education T.H. Bell, baseball commissioner Peter V. Ueberroth, Ted Koppel of ABC television, and the governors of Missouri, Arkansas, Minnesota and New Jersey.

However, Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft declined to sign the final report. A spokesman for the governor, Randy Sissel, said late Sunday in Jefferson City that Ashcroft would have no comment until today.

A spokesman for the American Council on Education, David Merkwitz, said he didn't know why Ashcroft refused to sign.

The commission said the entire nation will face a grim future unless it finds ways to overcome disparities between minorities and whites in education, employment, income, health, longevity and other basic measures of well-being.

"The goal we suggest is simple but essential: that in 20 years, a similar examination will reveal that America's minority population has attained a quality of life as high as that of the white majority. No less a goal is acceptable," it said.

Middle School honors top students

Pampa Middle School honored its top students during an awards ceremony Friday.

Named at the assembly were the Top 10 eighth graders. Listed alphabetically, they are Troy Avendano, Jocelyn Chen, Tony Fields, Amanda Miller, Sameer Mohan, Crystal Patrick, Lori Sutton, Susan Thornton, Shelley Vinson and Christina Wingert.

Awards also were given in various subjects. Winners were: art, Patricia Lawrence; girls athletics, Bridgett Mathis; boys athletics, Jason Levi; band, Shannon Harper; choir, Joe Welborn; computer literacy, Niels Berzanskis; English, Krystal Barker; history, Lisa Jeffery; industrial arts, Lisa Maul; math, Tanya Elms; occupational investigation, Kerry White; girls physical education, Heather Kitchens; boys physical education, Michael Ditmore; publications, Leslie Forister; science, Aaron Rainey; Spanish, Andy Cavalier; and speech, Carianne Dewey.

Athletic awards were presented to Dwight Nickellberry, Troy Reeves, Will Winborne, Chad Giles, Joshua Nix, Ross Johnson, Danny Hendricks, Justin Cornelsen, Kurt West, Chris Poole, Dennis Graham, Lamont Nickellberry, Craig Kirchoff, Joe

Yurich, Todd McCavit, Chad Augustine, Jason Levi, Randy Nichols, Sameer Mohan, Sammy Laury, Brent Skaggs, David Johnson, Kristen Becker, Shana Greene, Rhea Hill, Leigh Ann Lindsey, Jennifer Topper and Shannon Harper.

Band awards were presented to Amanda Miller, Michele McGivern, Leslie Forister, Ladonna Sumpter, Lori Sutton, Regina Caldwell, Kerry White, Julie Powell, Sameer Mohan, Richie Thompson, Andy Utzman, Ryan Parnell, Monica Hokit, Troy Avendano, Jeremy Stone and Trene Oneal.

Choir awards went to Joe Welborn, Jennifer Mohot, Andrea Haines, Kristi Simpson, Lorie Breithaupt, Laura Williams, Edric Kelley, Jay Wyatt Earp and Samantha King.

Winning Patriot awards were: best girl citizen, Julie Smith; best boy citizen, Brent Skaggs; B&PW award, Michelle Alloy; best all-around girl, Summer Ziegelgruber; best all-around boy, Joe Yurich; outstanding girl Patriot, Brandi Ellis; outstanding boy Patriot, David Johnson.

The middle school stage band performed during the assembly.

Revenge is called motive for federal judge's assassination

PELHAM, N.Y. (AP) — A retired policeman who assassinated a federal judge and then committed suicide was seeking revenge because the jurist last week dismissed a \$2.5 million lawsuit filed by the man's daughter, authorities say.

Charles L. Koster, 67, left a suicide note at his Bath, Pa., mobile home saying he was acting alone after he was notified of U.S. District Judge Richard J. Daronco's decision in the sexual harassment case, said the FBI's James C. Esposito.

"The Koster family was totally consumed with this case and it had become a crusade in their lives," Esposito said Sunday.

Koster's wife said her husband killed the judge "out of love" for his daughter, Carolee.

On Saturday, Daronco was gardening when Koster burst through a hedge and opened fire with a .38-caliber revolver, striking the judge several times, Esposito said.

It was only the second time this century a federal judge was assassinated. On May 29, 1979, Judge John Wood was shot by a sniper outside his San Antonio, Texas, home.

"I need help! I need help!" he shouted, according to a neighbor who heard but did not see the attack, The New York Times reported today.

The 56-year-old judge ran into his study, closed the door and barricaded himself as the gunman followed, Esposito said. Daronco collapsed and died in the study.

"When he was satisfied the judge was dead, he turned the gun on himself," said Esposito, adding that Koster was found in the foyer a few feet away with the revolver in his hand.

Esposito said Koster's 38-year-old daughter filed the lawsuit in 1981 against Chase Manhattan Bank and her boss, Allan Ross.

She rejected a large settlement offered by the bank before the trial began March 23, the Times reported.

Koster, who retired from the New York City Police Department in 1969 after 20 years and was a security guard from 1971 to 1981 at the bank where his daughter worked, spent much of his life savings on the case, Esposito said.

In an interview Sunday night with The (Allentown, Pa.) Morning Call, Koster's wife, Mary, portrayed him as a kind, well-liked family man who was driven to violence by the lawsuit.

Koster's daughter said she had been fired in 1980 from her \$28,000 a year job as vice president in the personnel department after earning five promotions.

"It was like night and day after I ended the relationship," she said, according to today's New York Daily News.

The judge rejected her argument that she was denied a transfer out of the personnel department because a relationship she had had with Ross was over.

In dismissing all of Ms. Koster's claims against the bank and Ross, the judge also ruled that she was "responsible for her own termination" of employment at the Chase bank because she "overstated her experience and potential, refused to accept management's contrary assessment and declined the only position at the time for which she was qualified," the Times said.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No funeral services were reported to *The Pampa News* for Tuesday.

Obituaries

BARNEY M. BATEN

CLARENDON — Funeral services for Barney Mack Baten, 72, brother of a Pampa man, will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Truman Ledbetter, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors. Mr. Baten died Sunday.

Born in Greenwood, he was married to Jean Gregory in 1944 at Clarendon. He had worked as a farmer, rancher and heavy equipment operator. He lived in Clarendon from 1944 to 1946, when he moved to Hall County. He lived there from 1946 to 1982 before returning to Clarendon in 1982 after living in Guymon, Okla. for seven years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Donley County Senior Citizens Association, American Legion Post 175 and First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, of the home; one daughter, La Quitta Perry of Lubbock; one sister, Barneta Perdue of Amarillo; one brother, Arnold Batman of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Donley County Senior Citizens Center or a favorite charity.

LAURA JOSEPHINE SKAGGS

WILMINGTON, Del. — Laura Josephine Skaggs, 84, a former White Deer resident, died Sunday in Wilmington, Del.

Funeral services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Skaggs was born at St. John, Kan., and moved to White Deer in 1928. She was White Deer city administrator for 25 years, retiring in 1969. She was a 1927 graduate of Wesley Hospital Nursing School in Wichita, Kan., and worked several years as a registered nurse in Pampa. She moved to Wilmington, Del. in 1986 from White Deer. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of White Deer.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Lou Ford of Wilmington, Del.; 19 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

ROBERT HOLLOWELL

Funeral services for Robert Hollowell, 74, who died today, will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Delbert Priest, associate pastor of the Assembly of God Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Nathan Hopson, pastor of Highland Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with arrangements by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hollowell moved to Pampa in 1944 from Canadian. He was married to Gladys Freeman on Aug. 4, 1934 in Cordell, Okla.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys, of the home; two daughters, Rosalie Spies of Perryton and Kathy Irvin of Pampa; one son, Bob Hollowell of Panhandle; three sisters, Louise Heath of Akron, Ohio, Myrtle Anderson of Eakly, Okla. and Addie Ruth Cain of Cordell, Okla.; one brother, Gene Hollowell of Canton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Calendar of events

PAMPA SINGLES ORGANIZATION

Pampa Singles Organization will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24 at 515 Magnolia for a game night. Those attending are asked to bring games and snacks. For more information, call 665-6054.

PAMPA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Pampa Parent Support Group using Toughlove meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday in the library of Pampa High School. Toughlove is a self-help program for parents troubled by their children's behavior; confidentiality is stressed. For more information, call 669-2786 or 665-6815.

Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa			
Wheat	2.73	Engron	15 1/2
Milo	3.10	Enron	39 1/2
Corn	3.80	Halliburton	32 1/2
		HCA	32 1/2
		Ingersoll-Rand	35 1/2
		Kerr-McGee	35 1/2
		KNE	16 1/2
		Mapco	50 1/2
		Maxxam	6 1/2
		Mesa Ltd.	12 1/2
		Mobil	44 1/2
		Penney's	44 1/2
		Phillips	16 1/2
		SBJ	36 1/2
		SPS	25 1/2
		Tenneco	40 1/2
		Texaco	45 1/2
		London Gold	659.00
		Silver	6.78

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion

Magellan	43.43	SPS	25.4
Puritan	12.24	Tenneco	40.4
		Texaco	45.4
		London Gold	659.00
		Silver	6.78

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa

Arco	85 1/2	du/s
Cabot	34 1/2	du/s
Deyron	47 1/2	du/s
Engron	15 1/2	du/s
Enron	39 1/2	du/s
Halliburton	32 1/2	du/s
HCA	32 1/2	du/s
Ingersoll-Rand	35 1/2	du/s
Kerr-McGee	35 1/2	du/s
KNE	16 1/2	du/s
Mapco	50 1/2	du/s
Maxxam	6 1/2	du/s
Mesa Ltd.	12 1/2	du/s
Mobil	44 1/2	du/s
Penney's	44 1/2	du/s
Phillips	16 1/2	du/s
SBJ	36 1/2	du/s
SPS	25 1/2	du/s
Tenneco	40 1/2	NC
Texaco	45 1/2	du/s
London Gold	659.00	du/s
Silver	6.78	du/s

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TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Sixty-six women will vie for the Miss Universe crown Tuesday at a suburban sports stadium in a glittery program brought to Taiwan after the government lifted a 23-year-old ban on beauty contests.

The 37th-annual Miss Universe pageant was scheduled for 9 a.m. (8 p.m. CDT Monday) so it can be broadcast live in the United States.

Consequently, the audience in Taipei will be forced to wear tuxedos and evening gowns at a time more appropriate for breakfast.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Ethell B. Coble, Pampa
Tad Coombes, Pampa
Bessie W. Lewis, Pampa
Alice S. Raines, Pampa
Myrtle Smith, Pampa
Delma L. Thorne, Pampa
William Ellis, Pampa
Susie Floyd, Pampa
Russell Franklin, Pampa
Pauline Skidmore, Panhandle
Thomas Word, Pampa

Dismissals

Melvin R. Baker, McLean
Alva Boaz, Pampa
Janice Elaine Dills and baby girl, Pampa
Thelma T. Finson, Pampa
Karla J. Ledbetter and baby boy, Pampa
Theresa M. Petree, Pampa
Kelly Porter, Pampa
Mary E. Preston, Pampa
Alice S. Raines, Pampa
Georgia L. Smith, Pampa

Pampa

Devonna Stabel and baby boy, Pampa
Hershel L. Stevens, Pampa
Louise Stone, White Deer
Steve Vinson, Pampa
Martha V. Walker, Pampa
Barbara Brumfield, Pampa
Walter Coffee, Pampa
Elizabeth D'Jesus and baby girl, Pampa
Irma Silva, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions

Cindy Tice, Erick, Okla.
Randy Clancy, Shamrock
Christy Bressler, no address
Clifford Aaron, McLean

Dismissals

Billy Lax, Shamrock
G.B. Harris, Shamrock
Ella Dayberry, Shamrock
Patsy Redmon, Erick, Okla.
Esther Stowe, Shamrock

Police report

Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, May 21

Debra Sue Organ, 912 N. Somerville, reported simple assault at the residence.
Othel Lee Hicks, 632 E. Craven, reported burglary of his residence.

An intoxicated driver was reported in the 500 block of North Hobart.

SUNDAY, May 22

Utility Oil Company, 501 W. Brown, reported burglary of the business.

ARRESTS

Clayton R. Cotney, 36, 2111 Chestnut, was arrested in the 900 block of South Hobart on charges of public intoxication. He was released on cash bond.

David Edward Heuston, 30, 1824 N. Banks, was arrested in the 500 block of North Hobart on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released to the county on cash bond.

DPS

FRIDAY, May 20

Douglas Allen Drake, 21, 341 Miami, was arrested nine miles south of Pampa on Texas 70 on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Minor accidents

Pampa Police Department responded to the following minor accident during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, May 21

10:25 p.m. — A 1988 Ford pickup driven by David E. Heuston, 1824 N. Banks, came in collision with a 1978 Ford LTD driven by Jerry W. Brunson, 1324 Coffee #3A in the 500 block of North Hobart. Heuston was cited for turning improperly from the wrong lane and taken into custody on charges of driving while intoxicated. No injuries were reported.

DPS

SUNDAY, May 22

5:58 a.m. — A one-vehicle accident occurred on Interstate 40, 2.91 miles west of Alanreed involving a 1982 International tractor-trailer rig driven by Harold L. Paris Jr., 22, of Willard, Mo. According to DPS reports, the vehicle was traveling west on I-40 when it turned to the left into the median. The driver apparently over-corrected and the vehicle overturned and slid into the median. Paris and a passenger, William Margan Jr., 24, of Springfield, Mo., were both taken to Shamrock General Hospital with possible injuries but were not admitted, according to hospital authorities. One citation was issued.

Dukakis campaign working to build business support

BOSTON (AP) — George Bush, with his entrepreneurial background and Republican pedigree, has a ready-made base of support in the business community. But supporters of Michael Dukakis aren't ready to cede the business vote to the GOP nominee-to-be.

The Dukakis campaign is working to sign up at least 5,000 executives from around the country to form a national business coalition in support of the Democratic front-runner's candidacy.

And Dukakis has made his management skills and budget-balancing record as governor of Massachusetts a key selling point in his campaign — a stance that makes him more attractive to the business community.

Organizers of the business coalition, to be officially announced when leadership roles are filled, say the venture into what's generally considered Republican territory has been well received because of dissatisfaction with the Reagan administration's handling of the trade and budget deficits.

"The conventional question about the Democratic Party's candidates is their ability to make the hard economic decisions, the business decisions," said Robert Farmer, Dukakis' top fund-raiser. "For the first time in 20 years, we've got a candidate with credibility on the economy and a record of fiscal responsibility."

The effort to woo business backers has been proceeding in a businesslike manner. Farmer has given Richard Giesser, who is organizing the coalition, lists of past contributors who have ties to the business world, and they're being asked to get involved.

"If you already bet \$2 on a horse race you're apt to root for that horse all the way around the track," Farmer said.

Giesser, chairman of the Massachusetts Port Authority, declined to list prospective members of

the Dukakis business group. However, among Massachusetts businessmen working with Giesser are Joe Henson, president of Prime Computer Inc., and John J. Cullinane, the founder and president of computer software maker Cullinet Inc.

Another recent addition is prominent New York businessman John Dyson, who promised to recruit 400 to 500 business officials in his state. Dyson met with Dukakis last week.

"Much of the Republican Party takes business for granted," said Dyson.

Norman Ornstein, a political analyst at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, said it was unlikely that Dukakis could draw the support of top business leaders away from Bush.

"But I think you're going to find that Dukakis is going to have some success in getting serious business support," he said.

Hensen and Cullinane are among Dukakis' top business backers in Massachusetts — proponents of public-private partnerships Dukakis has promoted to steer companies to economically struggling areas of the state.

Many other high-tech officials have long battled Dukakis on issues ranging from state spending to environmental policy, and small businessmen lately have criticized a measure Dukakis recently signed into law that requires most employers to give workers health insurance by 1992.

Even his detractors believe Dukakis will have at some success in lining up business support, despite growing publicity about his budget woes this year in Massachusetts.

"We've been saying for some time that he has been overspending," said Howard Foley, chairman of the Massachusetts High Technology Council.

City swimming pools open Saturday

By BOB HART
Pampa City Manager

Both M.K. Brown and Marcus Sanders swimming pools will open this Saturday, May 28.

Both pools will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. daily. The admission fee at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, located at 701 E. Kentucky, will be \$1, and the admission fee at Marcus Sanders Swimming Pool, located at 438 W. Crawford, will be 50 cents.

The Summer Recreation Program will begin registration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, and Wednesday, June 1, at Austin Elementary School's gymnasium, 1900 Duncan.

Classes include arts and crafts, tennis, gymnastics, cheerleading, soccer, basketball, track, computers, karate, volleyball and water aerobics.

The classes are organized to teach the basic rules and fundamentals of each recreational activity. All school age students, grades 1-12, are eligible, with limited classes offered to adults.

Session 1 classes run from June 13 through June 24, with Session 2 from June 27 through July 9.

For more information concerning either the operations at the swimming pool or the Summer Recreation Program, please contact the Parks and Recreation

Department at 665-0909.

Perhaps you have noticed the final repair work being done on Somerville Street.

While the street was constructed in 1987, we experienced some problems in the street construction itself. Temporary patches were made several months ago, and the permanent repairs to the street began last week.

The contractor anticipates completing the repairs late this week or early next week.

We are pleased with the permanent repairs that have been done thus far and hope the inconvenience to you is minimal while you are traveling on the street.



Sometime between Sunday, March 13, at 6 p.m. and Monday, March 14, at 8 a.m. four vehicles at Top-O-Texas Used Cars, 503 E. Atchison, were vandalized.

The vehicles were damaged by a person or persons making deep scratches in the paint.

Damage to the vehicles is estimated at \$4,000.

Crime Stoppers of Pampa will pay \$500 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this crime.

If you have information about this crime or any other crime, you can report it and remain anonymous by calling 669-2222.

Rewards are available for other crimes not listed in this announcement.

The board of directors of Crime Stoppers urges citizen involvement in reporting crimes in our community.

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Band

Club Presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lane, who were recognized for serving two years as booster presidents. The Lanes will con-

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- implementing the option of installment payments for delinquent tax collections;
- adopting policy guidelines for disposal of property in which the city serves as trustee;
- awarding bids for purchase of grass seed and for PVC pipe and assorted fittings;
- appointing new members to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment and Traffic Commission; and
- approving the April list of disbursements.

City Briefs

BOOTH FOR rent at The Hair Hut. 665-0831 or 665-6058 after 5 p.m. Adv.

CLARENDON COLLEGE Pampa Center will be offering Substance Abuse Training Class. Open to the public. Beginning Thursday, May 26, 7-8:30 p.m. 9 week class. Enroll now! Adv.

APPETITE CONTROL Patch. Fully guaranteed. 665-6317. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Mostly fair tonight and Tuesday with a low in the upper 40s and a high Tuesday in the upper 70s. Winds will be light and variable tonight changing to the southeast at 5 to 15 mph Tuesday. High Sunday was 58 and the low, 50. Pampa received .04 inch of rain in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

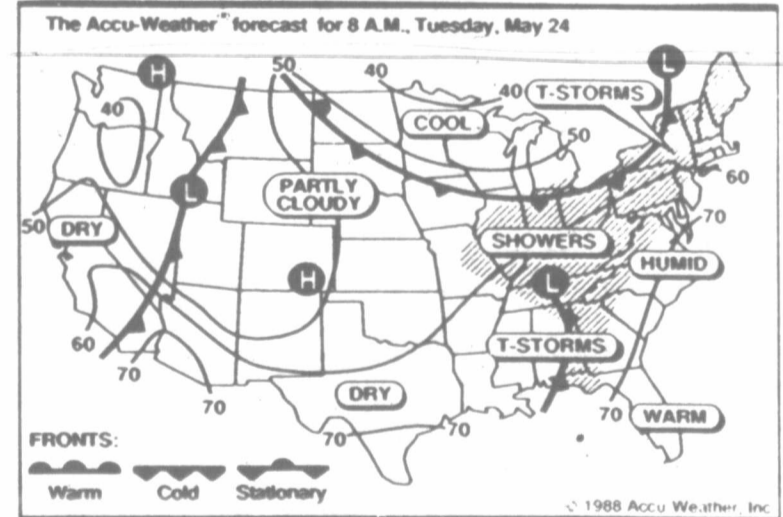
REGIONAL FORECAST
By The Associated Press
West Texas — Clear and cool tonight, partly cloudy Tuesday with isolated thunderstorms far west late Tuesday afternoon. A little warmer each afternoon. Lows tonight mid 40s Panhandle to mid 50s Concho Valley and lower 60s Big Bend. Highs Tuesday mid 70s Panhandle to upper 80s Concho Valley and mid 90s Big Bend valleys.

North Texas — Fair tonight. Lows 54 to 59. Sunny Tuesday with highs 79 to 84.

South Texas — Tonight partly cloudy south and fair skies north. Tuesday partly to mostly cloudy. Highs each day from the 80s east to the 90s south and west. Lows in the 50s north to the 60s south and near 70 along the lower coast.

EXTENDED FORECASTS
Wednesday through Friday
West Texas — Fair Wednesday. Widely scattered late afternoon thunderstorms Thursday and Friday.

Panhandle: Highs low to mid 80s. Lows in the 50s. South Plains: Highs mid 80s to near



90. Lows in the 50s. Permian Basin: Highs mid 80s to the low 90s. Lows mid 50s to near 60. Concho Valley: Highs mid 80s to the low 90s. Lows upper 50s to the mid 60s. Far West: Highs around 90. Lows mid to upper 50s.

North Texas — Little or no rain expected with a warming trend. Lows will be in the low to mid 60s Wednesday warming to the upper 60s to near 70 Friday. Highs will be in the mid 80s Wednesday warming to around 90 Friday.

South Texas — Some nighttime and morning clouds with mostly sunny afternoons. Lows in the 60s except 70s along the coast. Highs in the 80s except 90s inland south.

Big Bend area: Highs mid 80s mountains to around 100 low r valleys. Lows lower 50s

mountains to mid 60s lowlands.

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Oklahoma — Tonight, considerable cloudiness with widely scattered showers northeast, clearing elsewhere. Lows from the mid 40s panhandle to the mid 50s east. Tuesday, partly cloudy and cool with widely scattered afternoon thundershowers mainly east half. Highs in the 70s.

New Mexico — Partly cloudy east Monday tonight with variable high clouds in the west. Partly cloudy Tuesday with isolated afternoon thundershowers over the mountains. Highs Tuesday 60s and 70s mountains and northeast with upper 70s to near 90 elsewhere. Lows Monday night 30s and 40s mountains and north to 50s south.

Texas/Regional

Pye successful in first year as president of SMU

DALLAS (AP) — When A. Kenneth Pye was chosen last year as president of scandal-plagued Southern Methodist University, he insisted he was no "miracle man."

Although he may not be working miracles, colleagues say Pye has had many successes, the Dallas Times Herald reported Sunday.

Pye's first year has been marked by subtle changes and major advances — everything from new uniforms for the maintenance staff to a \$5 million down payment on an arts library.

"It's almost as if he's been preparing for this all his life," said SMU chaplain Will Finlin. "He's done everything we expected him to and has restored a level of confidence that hasn't been known at least for the eight years I've been here."

Faculty members say his reputation

for honesty and integrity quickly restored credibility to the school, rocked by the pay-for-play football scandal.

SMU was put on probation by the National Collegiate Athletic Association in August 1985, after it was disclosed that some football players received improper payments from school boosters.

But the practice continued, and the NCAA imposed the so-called "death penalty," barring the team from 1987 competition. The school subsequently canceled the 1988 season as well.

Some faculty members say another test of Pye's leadership is on the horizon. Early in his tenure, Pye appointed two committees — one to study finances and the other to study academics. The second is expected to produce vigorous discussion about whether SMU should trim or cut some programs so it can

strengthen and expand others.

Pye's hope is to make SMU a nationally renowned liberal-arts school with top-notch professional and graduate programs and a student body that is racially and religiously diverse; an institution where values are taught to engineering students and technology to liberal-arts students. At the same time, he wants to keep the university on sound financial footing.

"He's gotten a great deal of cooperation, and frankly I'm surprised that the honeymoon period has lasted this long," said former SMU Faculty Senate President Peter Winship.

Educators believe that the 56-year-old president has made significant advances in one year:

- The SMU Board of Trustees paid \$1.8 million to cover the cost of the investigation of the athletic scandal, a

move advocated by Pye.

- Pye hired athletic director Doug Single and head football coach Forrest Gregg. Of 14 players already recruited, 11 are honors students.
- Pye closed a \$4 million budget deficit, caused by declines in enrollment and gifts, by eliminating planned salary increases, raising tuition 8 percent and landing four donations of \$1 million or more, including \$5 million for the arts library.
- Pye supported broadening the membership of the SMU trustees and establishing \$1 million in scholarships for minority arts students. Increased financial aid is being offered to transfer students from community colleges, and SMU is stepping up its efforts to recruit minority faculty and students.
- Although he is a Roman Catholic, Pye has done more to restore the

school's ties with the United Methodist Church than anyone in the past decade, church officials say.

Despite the advancements, faculty and staff are wary of Pye's views of SMU's academic future, especially in light of his methods as chancellor at Duke University.

In the early 1970s, Pye balanced Duke's budget and trimmed the university staff. A plan to bolster the school's strengths meant concentrating on the arts and sciences, adding an Institute of Policy Studies, a political science "think tank," and a public affairs school and bolstering the graduate business school. It also meant eliminating the nursing school and doctoral program in education.

Pye favors a similar approach for SMU.

Bishop visits Saragosa one year after devastating tornado

SARAGOSA (AP) — A year after a tornado leveled this town, residents are looking forward instead of back, but a Catholic bishop said the task of renewing Saragosa is a long way off.

On Sunday — exactly one year after a tornado ripped through this Mexican-American farming town and killed 30 people — about 250 worshippers gathered outside Saragosa's cemetery to hear Bishop Raymundo Pena's memorial mass.

Standing under a cloudless sky, Pena urged the survivors to thank God for the strength "to bear our cross and to rebuild, not only our town, but also as we begin to rebuild our lives."

To that end, the Church has allocated more than \$300,000 for counseling services during the next five years to help survivors recover from the tragedy, Pena said.

"Psychologists tell us it takes five years for people to recover from a trauma of this type," the bishop said. "The slightest little wind causes much fear in some people."

The physical rebuilding is almost complete. The tornado destroyed more than 60 houses, and the Red Cross, Texas Department of Community Affairs and Catholic diocese rebuilt most of them.

After Sunday's mass, Pena walked around the town and blessed the houses, both new and old.

Houses weren't the only structures destroyed by the tornado. It destroyed the community center,

which was filled at the time with friends and relatives attending a pre-school graduation ceremony. Also reduced to rubble was the church, whose brown brick replacement is scheduled for completion in late June.

The new church, which will seat 276 in its sanctuary, will be designated a shrine to the Virgin of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico. It will be the first such shrine in the El Paso diocese, Pena said.

The new community center will house 300 in its basement tornado shelter.

Some Saragosans said they wanted to reiterate a message contained on a sign put up recently on the south edge of town by the side of Highway 17: "Thank you, America, for helping rebuild Saragosa."

"We're all very happy," said Julian Olivas, 34, of Saragosa. "We thank people who helped us in one way or another. It's just a little town; it wasn't even on the map. Now we have a lot of publicity everywhere."

Jose Candelas, whose grocery store reopened less than three weeks ago, said he is happy now but often feels a vague sense of foreboding. Still, he feels optimistic that the town won't die.

"I think the future of the town is better," he said. "When this town is totally rebuilt, we'll see which road we'll take economically."

Young boy gives up friends to give account of alleged gang rape

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A 12-year-old boy who volunteered key testimony in the assault of a woman who told police she was raped by more than 10 men has lost his friends and his health in the two months since, a newspaper reported.

Since he came forward — on his own and without his mother's knowledge — the boy has developed a heart condition, suffered nightmares and has been pulled out of school. He and his family also have been threatened, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Sunday.

Ten men were indicted in connection with the alleged kidnapping and rape of a woman who told authorities she was abducted while walking home from a relative's house. The woman said she was taken to a ranch where a cockfight was being held and was assaulted by several men.

Authorities reported that while the boy was at the ranch north of the South Texas community, he heard the woman plead with her attackers to leave her alone. About 30 men attending the cockfight also witnessed the assault, but none came to the woman's assistance, officials said.

"I knew that they were all going to be caught ... And that maybe (the woman) saw me there," he said, adding that he did not want to be mistaken for one of the attackers.

The young witness now stays home and is accom-

panied by a family member or family friend on the occasions he does venture outdoors, the newspaper said.

The attack stunned residents of this small community of about 5,600 in South Texas.

The boy's identity and that of his family are being withheld.

"We'd play on skateboards," the boy said, in Spanish, referring to friends. "And we'd wrestle. There were only two times that I won."

Seeing the local woman sexually attacked and stress caused by the threats he and his family have received have been traumatic for the child, his mother and a junior high school counselor said. The child has developed an enlarged heart.

The child's father died six months ago.

The youth said his testimony resulted in the loss of his best friend, a 14-year-old local boy who has been implicated in the case. Duval County Attorney Abelardo Garza said officials are investigating the friend's role.

The boy's mother described her son, one of seven children, as having been a boisterous, vivacious boy, who at times got into mischief. "He wasn't like this. He wasn't the type of person to be quiet," she said. "Now, he doesn't talk much ... and has gotten sick."

Pampa to Austin by dirty napkin

To those of you who still believe that it is possible to get to Austin from Pampa by car, I'm in your corner.

Don't worry about the fact that you must change highways 175,000 times between Abilene and Brownwood. Simply remember to bring along the notes you recorded last year in that combination log-book Dairy Queen napkin when you traveled over the same route.

These notes, which were jotted down en route, seem to have been made with an unsharpened pencil dipped in Brown Derby chocolate. It would be fun to dig up that pencil today, just to take a look at it and see where the chocolate stopped and the lead began.

To make things harder you apparently recorded the notes while steering with one knee, traveling approximately 73 mph, at a 63 degree angle uphill and passing an 18-wheeler. They are clearly the work of a man who is fighting desperately to stay in the driver's seat.

But no bother. That is the value of a log-book. It makes the second trip seem so much more exciting.

The first entry says, as nearly as you can make out, simply, "Childress-no sp." The "Childress" part seems fairly self-explanatory, so you move on to "no sp." As your mind is somewhat hazy from having slept some 365 times since it was written, the second portion of the note requires no small bit of memory work.

Obviously it is some sort of warning or reminder that there is "no sp" in or around Childress, but if you could only remember what "sp" was, it would likely make navigating through Childress a more pleasant task. The lack of "sp" must have caused you some discomfort last year or you wouldn't have gone to the trouble of making a note of it.

The flashing red lights behind you bring it all back in an instant. Of course — "no sp" means "no speeding." Be sure to make a note of it in your log-book, and better luck next year!

In Aspermont, you had what was denoted as "lunch" at the "Casbah," presumably a restaurant. But, according to the log-book, you also

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By
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"lunched" at the "Animal Farm" in Abilene. It must have been a pretty good "lunch" to have encompassed two restaurants — but upon reflection, it may have been a quick reminder to avoid them both.

You certainly don't remember any quality dining experiences near Abilene. Or perhaps you merely jotted down the names of those attractions which, due to time constraints, you were forced to pass up last year. At any rate, you have no choice but to try them both.

Following lunch, you denote the quality of the food, service and atmosphere by placing a large X over the names of both restaurants.

The fuel gauge indicates that it is time to stop for gas, but there is no entry concerning refueling in the log. Here the creative motorist can make amendments and revisions. Don't forget, there's always next year, and you want that trip to be just as enjoyable as this one has been.

You check the oil after filling up with gas, because nothing can ruin a trip faster than hitchhiking. You grab a stray napkin out of the car, wipe the dipstick, the oil's fine.

As you toss the napkin into a nearby waste can, you notice with horror that it is a Dairy Queen napkin. But not just any Dairy Queen napkin — the log-book Dairy Queen napkin!

But again, don't worry. You made it the first time without the wisdom and guidance of some crusty log-book. Besides, the world's round, right? You'll get there.

Band dolls



Mary Lou Lane of the Pampa Band Boosters looks over two of the handmade band dolls that were on display at Tarpley's Music Store last week. The dolls, which represent each of the graduating members of the Pride of Pampa Band, were made by parents and booster club members and were presented to the seniors at the band-banquet Saturday night.

Testimony: Shortcuts by TU electric leads to chaos at Comanche Peak

DALLAS (AP) — The minority partners of the Comanche Peak nuclear plant, who claim majority owner TU Electric has mismanaged the \$9.1 billion project, stand to get almost \$1.5 billion in refunds if a court rules in their favor.

In 900 pages of testimony submitted by two small rural electric utilities that are minority partners in the plant say TU Electric ordered manpower shortcuts that resulted in organizational chaos at the plant still under construction about 85 miles southwest of Dallas.

The minority partners, Brazos Electric Power Cooperative Inc. and Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas Inc., which together own 6 percent of the plant, could get an immediate exit from the project and almost \$1.5 billion in refunds and damages if the court rules in their favor. If not, the two must pay TU Electric their share of the project.

TU Electric and its partners are scheduled to go to court in October.

Stephen Roberts, a utility

analyst for Moody's Investor Services Inc. in New York, said settlement of the lawsuit probably is just a matter of time.

Expert testimony presented by the minority owners depicts a project run by overconfident and inexperienced utility managers, designers and main contractors who were pressured to achieve schedules at all costs and then were overwhelmed by the construction's complexity.

Testimony claims that policies instituted by inexperienced TU Electric managers created a vicious cycle in which design delays led to inadequate construction. By the time the utility finally admitted the severity of the problems in 1984, it was too late, the experts said.

TU Electric spokesman Dick Ramsey said the utility objects to the claims.

"You really have got to go back and take a lot of time to find the source of their material and to determine if it's complete, if it's just part of the story, or if it's somehow out of context," Ramsey said. "It's really tough to get

into those kind of details, and that makes it very difficult to confirm or deny the charges."

Brazos spokesman Frank Bushnell said he could not comment on the expert witness testimony, which he said "must stand on its own."

— Five years after signing a contract to pay Gibbs & Hill Inc. of New York \$2.29 million plus the company's cost to design Comanche Peak, TU Electric added a clause to the contract that would penalize raising design costs and reward cost cutting.

— In 1977, TU Electric cut the budget for its construction company, Brown & Root Inc. of Houston, by \$67 million and reduced the workforce from 3,000 to 2,500. Within four months, the utility reversed its position and ordered an increase in labor productivity

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

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Opinion

We're moving fast toward trade wars

The U.S. government has reached a delicate stage in its efforts to get the Japanese government to open its markets to more imports. It has found there are risks inherent to the strategy of pressure, bluster and veiled threats of market-restricting retaliation.

Trade relations between the United States and Japan are pretty good, but the United States is threatening unspecified retaliation unless the Japanese give in on several disagreements. In response to their powerful farm lobby, the Japanese have long maintained quotas for imports of beef and oranges, both expensive in Japan. U.S. producers could probably sell beef and oranges there at much lower prices and still make a huge profit.

The United States wants to take the issue to the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trades, but Japan threatens to block GATT consideration of the issue. U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter has broken off trade talks and is threatening U.S. retaliation — probably quotas or tariffs on some Japanese commodity. Such toughness can be self-defeating, showing little sensitivity to Japanese domestic politics.

Every country that has experienced the transition from an agricultural to an industrialized economy has a powerful farm lobby that has extracted heavy subsidies and concessions from the government, and the subsidies seem to increase the farther we get from an agricultural economy. The U.S. dole for farmers increased from \$8.8 billion in 1980 to more than \$31 billion in 1987, under the supposedly budget-cutting Reagan.

Almost everybody knows these agricultural subsidies and market distortions are disastrous in the long run. At the last economic summit, all the leaders promised to start phasing out agricultural subsidies. So far, none has made any progress. Everybody keeps saying, "You first," and delaying.

In asking the Japanese to eliminate their agricultural quotas — which would unquestionably be good for most Japanese consumers — we are demanding something the United States itself is unwilling to do. If we respond to a Japanese quota program that hurts Japanese consumers with a U.S. quota program that primarily hurts U.S. consumers, what will have been accomplished?

A better approach would be to dismantle our own agricultural quota and subsidy programs, while phasing out tariffs and import quotas. Doing so would reduce the cost of living for American consumers and stimulate productive economic activity. Eventually, the Japanese would have to loosen up their controls to stay competitive in world markets.

Yeutter and other U.S. trade honchos probably don't want a trade war, but they are moving dangerously close to one. They should remember that not everybody thinks the way to prove you're tough is to shoot yourself in the foot.

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What a miserable game it is

WASHINGTON — With the presidential nominees effectively chosen, political speculation has turned to the choice of vice presidential running mates. As several scribes have sadly observed, it's the only game in town.

And a miserable game it is. Talking of vice presidents is like playing penny ante poker or dancing with your sister. This is near beer. As a topic for political commentary, the vice presidency ranks with those stupid polls showing that in May, Mike Dukakis is two points ahead of George Bush in November. Newspapers have to have something to wrap around the Sunday ads.

I have said it before and must say it again: Except in rare instances, vice presidential nominees don't matter. Truly they don't matter. After vice presidents have been elected, they still don't matter, unless they turn out to be such embarrassments as Spiro Agnew or Henry Wallace.

One of our better known vice presidents, Thomas Marshall, once remarked that a vice president "is like a man in a cataleptic state: He cannot speak, he cannot move, he suffers no pain, and yet he is perfectly conscious of everything that is going on about him." Marshall wasn't famed for that observation. He was famed for asserting that what this country needs is a really good 5-cent cigar.

Search the records, if you please, since Harding and Coolidge swamped Cox and Roosevelt in 1920. You will not find a single instance in which the vice presidential nominee might be credited with winning the day for his running mate. The example of Lyndon Johnson in 1960 often is cited, but the example is unconvincing: John F. Kennedy would have won even if Texas had gone to Nixon.

Other citations of precedent are equally unim-



James J. Kilpatrick

pressive. In 1928, Joe Robinson carried Arkansas for Al Smith; in 1944 John Bricker carried Ohio for Thomas Dewey and Harry Truman carried Missouri for FDR. So what? Smith lost in a landslide to Hoover, and Roosevelt swamped Dewey. The vice presidential nominees weren't important factors.

The negatives are more persuasive: Lodge couldn't carry Massachusetts for Nixon in 1960; Agnew couldn't carry Maryland for Nixon in 1968; four years ago Geraldine Ferraro couldn't carry even her own congressional district for Walter Mondale.

But! We play the only game in town. This much may be said with certainty about the Democratic ticket: The vice presidential nominee will not be Jesse Jackson. Next to this peacock, Dukakis would seem the merest sparrow. Let Jackson write the party platform — nobody will pay attention to it anyhow — and be done with the fellow.

If not Jackson, who? Georgia's Sen. Sam Nunn is an obvious first choice. The Democrats must reclaim Southern electoral votes. Such is the respect for Nunn, based on his encyclopedic knowledge of national defense, that his place on the ticket might be helpful. But listening to

Monotone Sam has all the excitement of declining a Latin noun, and his voting record would affront the party's bleeding hearts.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen might carry the 29 electoral votes of Texas, and then again he might not. If a Westerner were desired, Rep. Tom Foley of Washington or Rep. Pat Schroeder of Colorado would qualify. Schroeder has no conservative credentials, but she is a woman of charm and forcefulness. She might attract women voters who reportedly are not much enchanted by George Bush.

The names of Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee and Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri are mentioned. Lately we have heard a boomlet for Sen. John Glenn of Ohio. You can forget Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas. Dukakis will need someone with congressional experience.

On the Republican side, Bush will be looking for a running mate who simultaneously can help him in California, give him a fighting chance in the Midwest, hold conservative votes in the South and West, appeal to women and ethnic minorities, rally the young voters who went to Reagan overwhelmingly in 1984, and provide a little comic relief without seizing the spotlight. No such nominee is in sight.

But, again, it doesn't greatly matter. Only a tiny fraction of the electorate will be influenced by the choice of vice presidential nominees. The November election will pit Michael Dukakis against George Bush, and that will be it. Period. End of quote.

Maybe we ought to care more deeply about the person who will serve within a heartbeat of the Oval Office, but we don't. The presidency itself is the main event. The vice presidential contest is no more than a minor added attraction.



"The representatives from Ohio are here, sir. They want you to pardon Pete Rose."

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 23, the 144th day of 1988. There are 222 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

Two hundred years ago, on May 23, 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the Constitution.

On this date:

In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English.

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

In 1701, William Kidd was hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1873, Canada's North West Mounted Police force was established.

In 1911, the New York Public Library building on Fifth Avenue was dedicated by President William Howard Taft.

In 1915, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary in World War I.

In 1934, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush as they rode inside a stolen Ford Deluxe on a road in Bienville Parish, La.

In 1937, industrialist John D. Rockefeller died in Ormond Beach, Fla.

Has the eagle turned chicken?

It's been two and a half years since the Challenger tragedy and Americans are still intimidated — hesitant again to challenge the high frontier — for fear. That's not like us — U.S. Has the American eagle turned chicken?

Last year the United States launched eight space vehicles. The Soviets launched 95. They launched one heavy-lift rocket with four times the payload of our biggest shuttle.

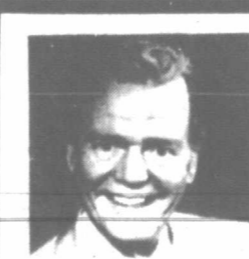
We don't even have a heavy-lift rocket on the drawing board yet.

Very soon — possibly during our president's visit to Moscow in late May — the Soviets plan to hurl into orbit their newest "Kosmolyet" designed to fly itself and land itself automatically on a long runway stretching across the Asian desert.

What difference does it make that they are racing ahead of us into space?

The nation that builds a reliable space-transportation system and masters the arduous task of living and working in space will lead the world in the commercialization of space — both service and manufacturing.

Further, that nation will have a perhaps in-



Paul Harvey

surmountable advantage militarily, with ground war increasingly dependent on space communication, observation and weapons.

U.S. News recently observed that if any nation's space-based systems were knocked out, "the military apparatus of that nation would be struck blind and dumb."

Today it's the Soviets who have "the right stuff." They have captured all space endurance records. They have kept a space station permanently manned and automatically resupplied.

President Reagan is encouraging rocket makers to contract directly with satellite owners — thus to bypass lethargic government in getting our rocket assembly lines back in action. But, at best, we will be years catching the Soviets in the ability to move hardware in space.

Meanwhile, our General Motors is asking our State Department for permission to launch our satellites aboard the Soviet Proton.

Next year — 1989 — our nation will need a president who comprehends the significance of our nation's space mission. We still have technology vastly superior to anything the Soviets have developed.

Major science missions that have been on hold since 1986 are scheduled for renewal.

Our Hubble space telescope, when in orbit, will permit us to see seven times farther into the universe than any terrestrial telescope.

We have learned a bitter lesson about sending civilians into space. Any misstep gets magnified by the average American's disproportionate empathy for "civilians."

When the American eagle soars again it will be a professional performance.

Rose and Regan: who's the real hero?

By CHUCK STONE

"That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet" — and would run the bases as swiftly as a par amour pursued by an angry cuckold.

Peter Edward Rose: Record-holder for most hits, most singles, most games and most at-bats. Second in doubles, second in hitting safely in consecutive games and Time magazine cover-story subject, Aug. 19, 1985 ("Cincinnati's Wondrous Rose").

A. Bartlett Giamatti: Record-setter for the dumbest suspension in baseball history.

Dave Pallone: Record-setter for umpire buffoonery in an argument.

The videotape of the Pallone-Rose verbal barbecue about the comparative merits of their visual acuity is as clear as a windshield-wiped glass in between swishes. Pallone appears to stick his finger in Cincinnati manager Rose's face. Rose instinctively reacts by showing Pallone.

Rose's tepid response recalled one

of my father's favorite anecdotes from Moran & Mack, two minstrels from the 1920s.

"What made you knock that boy down, jump on him and stomp him?" asked an incredulous Mack.

"The Lord told me to do it."

"The Lord told you to knock him down, jump on him and stomp him?"

"No. The Lord told me to knock him down. Jumpin' on him and stompin' him was my own idea."

An umpire is supposed to diffuse the battle, not aggravate it. After a belligerent Pallone stuck his finger in the direction of Rose's eye (a scratch under Rose's eye supports Rose's accusation), Rose should have knocked him down.

His right to such an appropriate response is justified by what is known as the "fighting words" doctrine.

In *Chaplinsky vs. New Hampshire* (1942), the Supreme Court discussed "epithets likely to provoke the average person to retaliation ... words which by general consent are 'fighting words' when said without a disarming

smile." Rose and Pallone were not smiling.

But it may have been the violent response of Cincinnati fans after the Rose-Pallone blow-off that frightened National League president Giamatti. The classical scholar envisioned a 20th century reprise of the lions and the Christians. He responded by wrapping his mind in a Roman toga, signaling, "Thumbs down" and sacrificing Rose to the den of lions.

But heroic reputations always survive the stench from the toxic dump of bad judgments. And Pete Rose is an authentic American hero.

By comparison, Donald T. Regan is a notary-public-certified, all-American-documented rapscallion. The former White House chief of staff's book is less "kiss and tell" than it is "hiss and smell."

Consider this quintessential paradox: One of America's most successful corporate executives spends two years as chief of staff to the free world's most powerful head of state.

And what top-secret national security information is revealed in his 397-page itinerary? That the president's wife occasionally consulted an astrologist about decisions of state!

Hallelujah! Until little boy blue's published diatribe, I thought that the Reagan-Regan-Reagan regime (read that the Ronald-Donald-Nancy romper room) had sole responsibility for some of their bizarre decisions. At least, they reached for the stars.

Obviously, astrology isn't a science, but the movement of the stars is. The problem comes from assigning values to those movements. Nancy Reagan merely joins millions of Americans who believe that galactic reliability supports a seer's guesses about their lives.

But Nancy's honest faith is no worse than Regan's reptilian pragmatism. If any doubts lingered about the wisdom of his dismissal, the sore-headed hellion has removed them.

Only the Pete Roses stay heroes forever.

Berry's World



"Boy, oh, boy! The ol' memory is going. I guess you've been having that problem lately, too — eh, George?"

Nation

Coast Guard, Customs have built drug-fighting armada

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has provided for a state-of-the-art civilian air and sea force to hunt down drug boats and planes even as lawmakers try to draft a reluctant Pentagon to lead the fight against narcotics smugglers.

Customs Service and Coast Guard patrols use some of the nation's most sophisticated radars, patrol boats and aircraft. Customs has helicopters with "bust" teams that swoop down on drug planes as soon as they touch down.

The Customs air wing now has 87 aircraft, 37 of them with the sophisticated equipment or speed to spot a suspicious aircraft, track it on radar, pursue it, and move in for the kill with Army Blackhawk helicopters.

A P3 turboprop surveillance plane to be delivered to Customs next month will

have high-tech radar with a full 360-degree range. Customs has four other P3s with sophisticated radar systems.

Customs also operates four tethered radar balloons, called aerostats, and has four on order for the nation's Southwest border from Texas to California — currently the most porous area in air coverage against drug smugglers.

The Coast Guard uses much of its 245-cutter fleet for drug missions, and also has new, fast patrol boats — 16 in service and 21 on order. The agency also utilizes three fast boats that skim the water, similar to hovercraft; two E2C surveillance planes, which are the Navy version of the Air Force's AWACS; and 22 long-range C130 turboprop surveillance aircraft. Nine twin-engine Falcon jets are being refitted

with interceptor radar.

The Coast Guard also operates an aerostat with another four on the way, and flies helicopters for Bahamian law enforcement teams fighting drug smugglers.

To ensure sophisticated communications, coordinated radar coverage and up-to-the minute intelligence, the federal government is building three command, control, communications and intelligence centers in the Miami area, Oklahoma City, and at March Air Force Base in Riverside, Calif.

Despite this formidable buildup, agency officials and lawmakers agree that it hasn't stopped drugs from pouring into the United States.

Congress is trying to even the playing field with legislation that would require

more help from a military that has been wary of draining its resources and reluctant to take on a civilian law enforcement role.

Both houses have passed legislation by wide margins to force the Pentagon to do more, notwithstanding the 16,288 hours the military says it flew in support of drug law enforcement in 1987.

Final language will be worked out in a House-Senate conference on the Defense Department budget authorization bill.

The civilian buildup, while significant, has been anything but steady.

The Coast Guard operating and acquisition budget for the drug war grew just from \$509 million in fiscal 1984 to a

high of \$557 million in fiscal 1987.

But the figure for fiscal 1988 is down to \$514 million, and has forced a 55 percent cutback in hours devoted to drug patrols.

"The drug people have to know our vessels are at the dock and planes are not flying," said Vice Adm. James Irwin of the Coast Guard. "Seizures are down."

His agency is waiting for Congress to pass a \$60 million supplemental appropriation so that full patrols can resume.

The Customs air wing has had better luck, with a budget that grew from \$64.8 million in fiscal 1984 to \$163 million in fiscal 1988.

Trail of arsenic-laced snacks adds to puzzle behind rampage

WINNETKA, Ill. (AP) — A trail of arsenic-laced snacks complicated the psychological puzzle left by a baby sitter who killed an 8-year-old boy at an elementary school and wounded six other people in a shooting spree, authorities say.

A memorial service was planned today at a synagogue for Nicholas Corwin, the youngster killed at Hubbard Woods Elementary School. A memorial assembly was to be held at the school, where today's classes were canceled.

Laurie Dann, 30, killed herself after she opened fire on a second-grade class. Earlier Friday, she had set fire to a home and delivered tainted treats to two college fraternities and several homes where she had worked as a baby sitter.

Many of those who received the treats were on a list found in Ms. Dann's apartment in Madison, Wis., according to police. They said no one was seriously sickened by the poisoned fruit juice and cereal snacks.

"This is a seriously destroyed individual who lost control and acted out all of her delusions," said Dr. Harold Visotsky, professor and chairman of the department of psychiatry at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago.

"She acted on all the elements of revenge she wanted to play out. Once you begin imagining injury or pain, everyone has to be punished," he said Sunday.

Ms. Dann probably saw herself as a victim and sought revenge against those who had "diminished her sense of self-worth," Visotsky said.

"There obviously is a connection with children here. We don't know what," Police Chief Herbert Timm said.

At Sunday religious services in the quiet Chicago suburb, worshippers were asked to pray for Ms. Dann and her victims. Six people remain hospitalized, four in fair condition, one in critical condition and one listed as serious.

"Today we will pray for Laurie Dann because, for what she did, she could not have been in her right mind," said the Rev. Mike Weston of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. "And because she was once a child and a Christian and ... because Jesus prayed for his enemies."

Visotsky and police agreed that the trigger for Friday's violence appeared to have been Ms. Dann's discovery that a family for whom she worked as a baby sitter planned to move away.

On the morning of the shootings, Ms. Dann set a small fire in the family's house and gave tainted milk to two of the family's children.

She then drove to the school and shot a boy in a bathroom and brandished a handgun in the classroom, wounding five children, including young Nicholas.

A substitute teacher, Amy Moses, grabbed Ms. Dann in trying to stop her from shooting the entire classroom of youngsters.

Ms. Moses, 29, refused to follow Ms. Dann's orders to herd the 24 children together, and grabbed her handgun before Ms. Dann pulled another weapon and began firing.

"I just acted instinctually. I just wanted to protect the children," said Ms. Moses, adding that she "just went on automatic pilot."

Ms. Dann then fled the school, crashed her car and ran to a home a few blocks away, where she wounded a 20-year-old man and barricaded herself inside for several hours before shooting herself in the head.

Ms. Dann, daughter of a wealthy suburban family and former student at the University of Arizona in Tucson, was due to stand trial in Madison on charges of shoplifting several women's wigs March 14.

She also was being sought by federal authorities for making threatening telephone calls in three states to former friends and members of her ex-husband's family.

Officials say no agreement on Noriega

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan remains undecided on approval of a deal for Panamanian ruler Manuel Antonio Noriega to step down although the United States has put the plan "on the table," says national security adviser Lt. Gen. Colin Powell.

The proposal calls for the United States to continue recognizing ousted President Eric Arturo Delvalle as Panama's legitimate leader rather than Noriega's handpicked choice and the current president, Manuel Solis Palma, Powell said Sunday on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation."

Secretary of State George P. Shultz, interviewed on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley," also denied reports that the Reagan administration had agreed to recognize Palma as part of the deal for Noriega to step down.

"No, I don't know where you get that understanding. There's nothing to that," Shultz said.

The secretary also said the United States "has had a lot of discussions" with Noriega, "but we haven't concluded any agreement."

Powell, who attended a 2½-hour session at the White House on Saturday with Reagan, Shultz and other senior advisers, said U.S.-Panamanian negotiations are "on hold," but the adminis-

tration has proposed a deal.

"It's on the table. All the elements have not yet come together, the president has not yet made a decision," Powell said.

"The president has agreed for the deal to be put on the table, but it has not gone to closure," he said.

Powell said Reagan has not yet decided on the deal because "dropping an indictment of this nature is a very serious matter."

Michael G. Kozak, the State Department's deputy assistant secretary, spent virtually all of May in Panama trying to work out an agreement.

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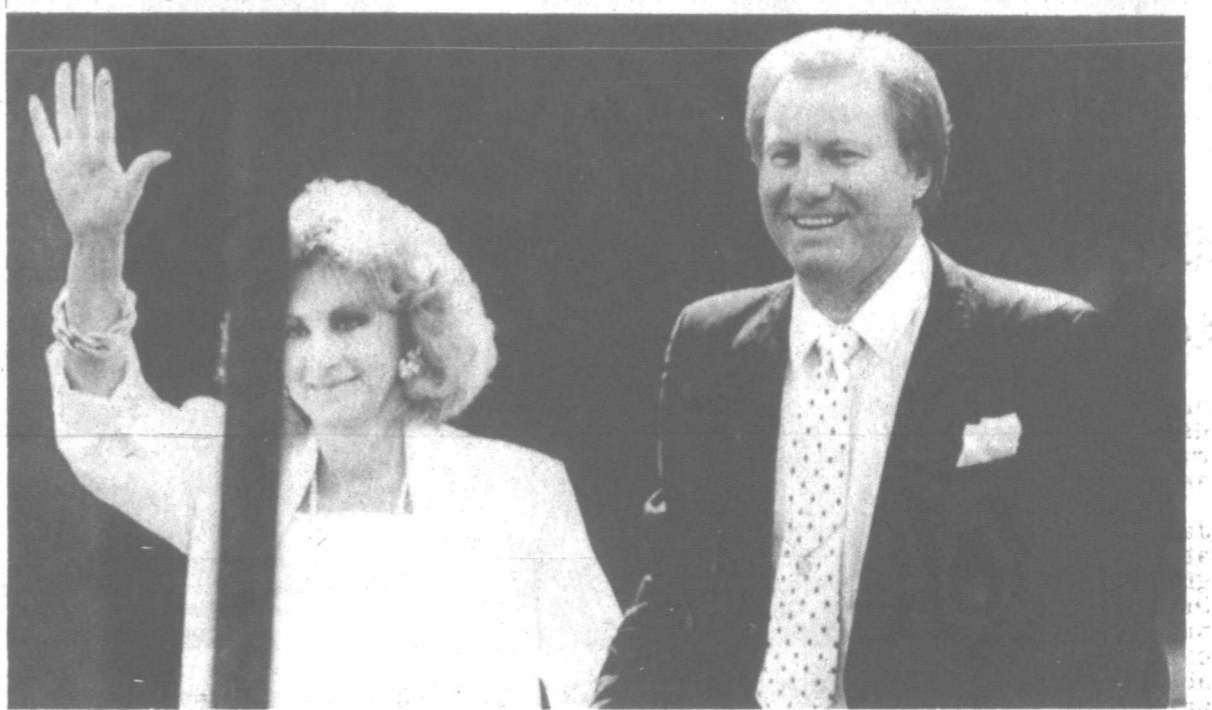
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Television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart and his wife Frances wave to reporters as they enter church Sunday in Baton Rouge.

Swaggart returns, but concedes not everyone will forget actions

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Saying "what's passed has passed," defrocked evangelist Jimmy Swaggart ended his three-month exile from the pulpit but conceded that not everyone will forgive him for his sins with a prostitute.

"I am sure there will be many ... that will see to it that I don't forget. I realize it will be the hardest task," Swaggart said Sunday.

In his first sermon since tearfully confessing on Feb. 21 to unspecified sins, the television evangelist reclaimed his pulpit with fire-and-brimstone fervor before 5,000 followers.

"Once you look up into his (God's) face, you will never be any cleaner than you are right now," Swaggart said.

"I want to serve notice on the whole world: What's passed has passed.

"Even looking back is not fit. I am reaching forward for those things that are before. I am serving notice on demons and devils and hell — the best is yet to come!" he shouted.

His initial appearance at the pulpit drew a polite response, but as he preached, the congregation

became more enthusiastic and gave him several loud, standing ovations.

Swaggart, stripped of his credentials as an Assemblies of God minister, returned after a three-month suspension.

National leaders of the Pentecostal denomination defrocked him in April after he refused to accept a sterner banishment of at least one year from the pulpit for a reported encounter with a prostitute, Debra Murphree, who says Swaggart paid her to pose nude for him at a New Orleans motel.

Marvin Gorman, a defrocked minister who claims in a lawsuit that Swaggart ruined his ministry by spreading false stories about adulterous affairs, reportedly hired private detectives to photograph Swaggart outside the motel.

After a Sunday service at his Metropolitan Christian Center in suburban New Orleans, Gorman said Swaggart needs to fast and pray.

"I would hope he is already doing that, but if he hasn't, there will be no way he can make it through the battles not only he has faced, but he will be facing in the future," Gorman said.

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Army reopens elementary schools in occupied lands

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank (AP) — The Israeli army today reopened hundreds of elementary schools in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip after keeping them shut for nearly four months because of the Arab uprising.

Military officials said the move was in response to a marked decline in violent incidents in the disputed territories in the last few weeks.

On Sunday, however, three Palestinians died in one of the worst days of violence in the occupied territories this month.

"If they (the children) are in school

then they won't be in the streets, but that is not what motivated us to open the schools," Brig. Gen. Shaikha Erez, head of the army's Civil Administration which runs daily affairs in the West Bank, told Army radio today.

"The whole education system was examined. Teachers who were connected with the rioting are not teachers today," he said.

Israel's Supreme Court, meanwhile, began hearing an appeal today of a deportation order against Mubarak Awad, an Arab-American advocate of civil disobedience. Israel jailed Awad earlier this month and said he would be expelled for helping lead the Arab up-

rising.

Also today, Israel radio reported that the government charged two women editors of the Israeli newspaper Derech Hanitzotz with being members of a terrorist organization and having contacts with foreign agents.

The two women, Roni Ben Efrat and Michal Schwartz, were jailed pending trial and could face up to 40 years if convicted of the charges.

The government charges said the two were recruited to start the pro-Palestinian newspaper by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical PLO faction. The radio

said four other journalists for the Hebrew-language paper also were jailed but not yet charged.

In the West Bank, elementary school girls in gray-striped uniforms and boys in street clothes could be seen trudging the roads to schools.

The army said high schools in the territories will open next week if the relative calm persists.

Israel Television reported that some classes also would resume today at Gaza's Islamic University, a key site of protests when the Arab uprising began on Dec. 8. More than 190 Arabs have been killed since the uprising started.

An Israeli soldier and an Israeli teenager also were killed.

The Israeli army shut nearly 1,200 schools in Gaza and the West Bank on Feb. 2, at the height of unrest, keeping about 475,000 Palestinian children and teenagers away from their classrooms.

On Sunday, city officials reopened 31 public schools in Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem, also in response to a decline in the number of protests in the city. Up to 70 percent of 16,000 students attended classes, which proceeded without disruption, said Amir Cheshin, the city's advisor on Arab Affairs.



(AP Laserphoto)

Janos Kadar, longtime Secretary General of the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party, stepped down from his post at a party congress in Budapest Sunday.

Reformer replaces aging party chief in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — The selection of Premier Karoly Grosz as the head of the Communist Party is a victory for reform and a clear shift from the staunch ideology of Janos Kadar, whose 32-year grip on power had become an obstacle to progress, party officials said.

Grosz replaced Kadar as general secretary on Sunday night in a sweeping reshuffle of party leadership that favored the reformists, who now will get their chance to solve Hungary's deepening economic crisis. A Politburo member said Kadar had asked not to be nominated for the party leadership.

"There was no real reform possible as long as (Kadar) was in power," said a prominent party member who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Kadar, who turns 76 Thursday, was named to the newly created honorary post of party president at the end of a three-day party conference in which delegates assailed the veteran leader in a manner unprecedented in the Soviet bloc.

"This conference marks a radical change," Grosz told Hungarian television minutes after being named new general secretary of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party.

Grosz, 57, is viewed as a leader in the mold of Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev. Grosz has gained a reputation as a pragmatist willing to face unpleasant truths about Hungary's economic stagnation.

"Mr. Grosz's greatest merit is that he has not been afraid to make decisions that are highly unpopular," said Sandor Demjan, president and general manager of the Hungarian Credit Bank.

"I think he will personally responsibility and push for the removal of those who are incompetent and who have thwarted reforms," Demjan said.

Reformers were clearly on the offensive throughout the conference.

In debates that were often lively and critical, delegates relentlessly assailed Kadar and called openly for new faces and new policies.

Leading reformists in the party have argued

openly for months that economic recovery would fail without political change. Inflation in Hungary reached 18.5 percent in the first quarter of this year, and its gross foreign debt is \$18 billion, the highest per-capita foreign debt in Eastern Europe.

Several of the most vocal advocates for change advanced to key policy-making roles.

Grosz becomes party leader of a revamped Politburo trimmed of aging bureaucrats and stacked with reformers. In the sweeping overhaul, the Politburo shrank to 11 members from the previous 13.

Eight old members of the Politburo were dropped in the reshuffle. A new 108-member Central Committee replaced the former 106-member body, with about one-third of old members failing to gain re-election to the new body.

In a stunning comeback, Reszo Nyers, who fathered Hungary's pioneering economic policies in the 1960s was re-elected to the Politburo. He was ousted from the ruling body in 1973. Another leading reform advocate, Imre Pozsgay, also advanced to the ruling body.

Pozsgay, leader of the communist-sponsored Patriotic People's Front, has been a vocal supporter of efforts to allow Hungarians more of a voice in shaping economic and political affairs.

Kadar was dropped from the new Politburo. But the standing ovation he received when word of his appointment as president was announced signaled he still enjoys affection and respect among many party members.

"This is an exceptional day for Hungary," said a prominent party official who supports reform. "Kadar was a great leader but was clearly no longer competent to hold power."

Politburo member Janos Berecz told a news conference that Kadar asked not to be nominated for the party leadership, citing his age and what Berecz termed "the need for renewal." Berecz said Grosz nominated Kadar as party president but that the veteran's leader exact duties are not yet clear.

Gorbachev says long-range missile treaty could be signed by January

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev said a U.S.-Soviet treaty reducing long-range nuclear weapons could be signed by January but that he will not set aside disputes over the "Star Wars" program to reach such an accord.

The Soviet leader also said his policy of "glasnost," or openness, includes freedom of speech, but he condemned a leading dissident as a "parasite" and accused him of "sponging on the democratic process."

Gorbachev's comments came in a pre-summit interview with two American news organizations. The Soviet news agency Tass on Sunday ran a partial transcript of the interview with The Washington Post and Newsweek.

Radio Moscow's English-language foreign service also carried a report about it as its lead item on Sunday. Soviet television's widely watched evening news program "Vremya" mentioned as its lead item that the interview had been published in Washington and would appear in today's Soviet newspapers.

The 90-minute discussion, in which Gorbachev also proposed a joint U.S.-Soviet trip to Mars, covered a wide range of foreign and domestic issues.

The interview, conducted in the Kremlin on Wednesday, produced a startling Biblical reference by the head of the officially atheistic state.

When asked about how far glasnost should go and about criticism of dictator Josef V. Stalin, the 57-year-old Communist Party leader said:

"Jesus Christ alone knew answers to all questions and knew how to feed 20,000 Jews with five loaves of bread. We don't possess that skill, we have no ready prescription to solve all our problems quickly."

The interview was conducted 11 days before President Reagan's arrival in Moscow for a five-day summit with Gorbachev. It will be their fourth meeting.

Communist party central committee begins plenum

MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist Party Central Committee today opened a plenum to study plans for an important party conference next month that is expected to tighten Mikhail S. Gorbachev's hold on the party apparatus.

The official Tass news agency issued a one-paragraph dispatch shortly after noon (4 a.m. EDT) announcing the start of the plenary session held by the Central Committee, the party's 300-plus member policy-making body.

The meeting, Tass said, is being held "to discuss the draft theses of the CPSU (Communist Party) Central Committee for the 19th All-Union Party Conference."

Gorbachev, the party's general secretary and Soviet leader, is expected to use the first party conference held since 1941 to rout Communist Party officials who are hostile or indifferent to his ambitious program for "perestroika," or economic and social restructuring.

Although the Tass transcript included much of the interview, it deleted a reference to Yegor Ligachev, the Kremlin's No. 2 man. It also left out a reference to Gorbachev's wife, Raisa.

Ligachev, considered more conservative than the Soviet leader, reportedly wants to slow Gorbachev's policy of "perestroika," or restructuring, of the Soviet economy and society.

Gorbachev acknowledged a lively debate between the two but said "to present these discussions — which are a normal part of the democratic process — as division within the leadership would be a great mistake itself."

Gorbachev expressed optimism that a super-power agreement to cut strategic, or long-range, nuclear weapons will be completed by the time Reagan leaves office in January. "We want to have that signed," he said.

If the agreement "comes to be drafted under the present U.S. administration, I see no reason why President Reagan and I should not sign it. I would certainly welcome that," Gorbachev added.

However, he cautioned that he has no plans to set aside disputes to hasten an agreement. "If we sign with one hand a treaty reducing strategic offensive forces in one area and at the same time launch an arms race in space or at sea, what would be the point? That would be senseless," he said.

He reiterated his opposition to Reagan's "Star Wars" missile defense program, known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, saying the leader who promotes an escalation of the arms race in space "is committing a crime against the people — his own people, and others."

U.S. and Soviet officials have said they don't believe the long-range nuclear weapons treaty will be completed by the end of Reagan's term.

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Lifestyles

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By RALPH and TERRY KOVEL

What does the ship the *Lusitania*, the "Message to Garcia" and a large soap company have in common? They were all parts of the life of Elbert Hubbard, the early 20th-century genius who founded the Roycroft community.

Hubbard, born in 1856, joined John Larkin to found the Larkin Soap Company in 1875. The company became a huge success, partly as a result of their policy of giving away premiums in return for their soap labels. Collectors are searching for the Buffalo Pottery and Larkin desks that were given away by the company.

By 1899, Hubbard decided he had enough money. He wanted a new lifestyle, so he sold his interest in the company to become a publisher. His magazine, *The Philistine*, was another success. He used the money he earned to create a community of workmen to make books, leather items, copper, silver, brass, rugs, baskets and furniture.

In 1901, the first Roycroft furniture was offered for sale. Mission-style pieces of heavy oak with the Roycroft name branded on each piece. Hubbard was a commercial success again.

In 1899, he wrote a pamphlet, "Message to Garcia," which eventually sold over 90 million copies. This successful businessman and lecturer continued working until 1915, when he and his wife died in the tragic war-

Antiques

time sinking of the *Lusitania*. Few of today's collectors of Mission furniture, Larkin Soap premiums or Roycroft copper realize that Elbert Hubbard was the mind behind them all.

Q. I have a piece of cardboard with holes punched in it. The holes have been embroidered with the words "Remember me, 1861." The paper seems to have been punched out by a machine. The embroidery is uneven and looks handmade. Is this some special kind of Victorian handicraft?

A. The Victorian home was filled with decorations. Housewives made quilts, embroidered pillows, Berlin work pictures, needlepoint covers for footstools, beaded trim and many other types of stitchery.

Bristol board was a stiffened paper that was punched with small, regularly-spaced holes. It was made in a variety of sizes.

The cardboard, which did not have to be hemmed or mounted, was especially useful when making small embroidered gifts like bookmarks. Children found it much easier to sew on the stiff Bristol board than on floppy pieces of linen or canvas.

Bookmarks like yours were made after 1850. Many were cut in the shape of a small cross or had religious messages stitched

to the board. Ribbons, beads or small paintings were often added to the finished bookmark.

Patterns for bookmarks were printed in the women's magazines of the day. By the 1870s, Bristol board bookmarks were among the most popular crafts for young women, though by the 1890s the hobby had fallen out of favor.

Q. I have a vase marked "Lotus Ware." It is a ruffled white vase with a crown in gold on the front. How old is it?

A. Lotus ware is very similar to Belleek porcelain. It has a wet-looking, cream-colored glaze. Lotus was made by Knowles, Taylor and Knowles Company of East Liverpool, Ohio, from 1890 to 1900.

Q. What is "French jet" jewelry? Is it jet?

A. French jet is a name that originated about 1820. Real jet was in short supply, so the French began making black glass that could be used in mourning jewelry. The name has continued to be used in describing old black glass jewelry. Jet is a natural mineral similar to coal.

Q. My grandfather's clock is 8 1/2 feet high. It has an oak cabinet. The works were made by J.E. Caldwell & Company of Philadelphia, Pa.

A. James E. Caldwell worked in Philadelphia from 1840 to 1850.

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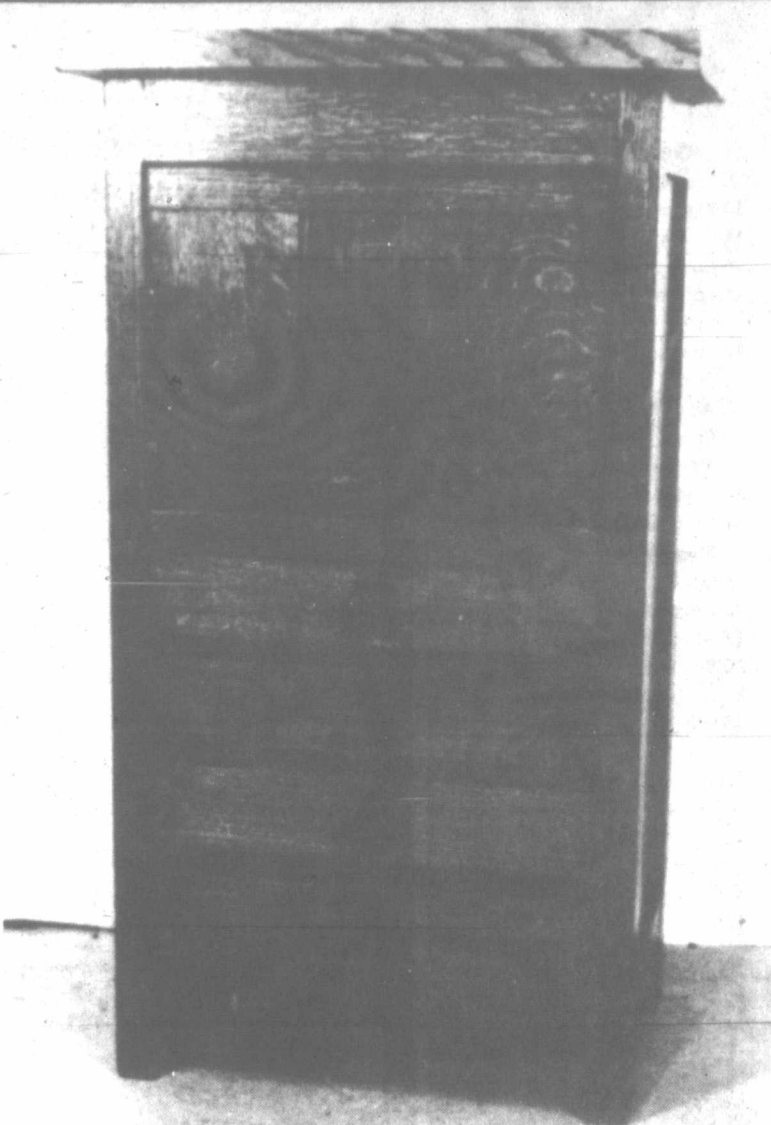
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Desk, S-roll, raised panel oak, 60 inches: \$4,000.

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This Roycroft chest was made of oak about 1912. It is 43 inches by 24 inches by 19 inches. (David Rago, Trenton, N.J.)

Grandma's birthday check reaches the wrong party

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, who lives in another state, sends a \$50 check to each of us on our birthdays — this includes our three adult children. Last January, "Mom" sent our son, Todd, a check for \$16 made out to the telephone company! Todd realized that his check had gone to the telephone company by mistake, so he returned the one he received to Grandma.

After three weeks Todd heard nothing from Grandma, but my husband phoned her on another matter, and in the course of the conversation he asked if the telephone company had ever returned the \$50 check she sent them by mistake. She said, "No. When I called to tell them about the error, they said they had already endorsed my check and deposited it as 'credit' for future telephone service!"

My husband didn't ask his mother if she intended to send Todd another birthday check because he assumed that she would. Well, it's been five months, and she hasn't done so. First, I'm surprised that the telephone company could endorse and deposit a check that was not

made out to them. Also, I feel sorry that Todd received no birthday check from Grandma this year.

Should I let the matter drop? Or when I get my birthday check from Grandma in June, should I give it to Todd and tell Grandma what I've done?

SORRY FOR TODD
DEAR SORRY: If you want to reimburse Todd for the botched birthday check, do it quietly, with no mention to Grandma. Assuming her memory isn't impaired, she's aware of the mix-up, and if she chooses to ignore it, so be it.

DEAR ABBY: A woman recently wrote to you and signed her first name and last name, and then "Esq." As an Englishman, I must protest.

Abby, the suffix "Esquire" comes from the old French or English form of address, relative to knighthood or gentry ranking just below a knight. It is never used to identify oneself, only by others who are aware of that person's standing. Also, it is never, never used as a feminine



Dear Abby

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form of address, so I find that writer guilty on two counts.

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DEAR MR. ROGERS: I phoned you, asking permission to use your letter and your name. (Obviously, you said yes.) I also wondered if you were that famous Dale who married Roy Rogers. I learned that you are definitely a male who for years has been confused with Dale Evans. Thanks for an

interesting item.

DEAR ABBY: Last evening I went to my daughter's "open house" at her school. Her English teacher posted all the students' names and their grades where the visitors could see them. My daughter, fortunately, is a good student, but some of her classmates got D's and F's.

I think the students' grades should be a private matter between the student and the teacher — not something to be put on display. The students who didn't do well were humiliated, and their parents were sorry they came. I am sure after this open house, some parents will not show up for another one. What do you think?

LONG BEACH PARENT

DEAR PARENT: An open house should be a positive experience for parents and students. Your daughter's teacher could use some lessons in diplomacy and common sense.

DEAR ABBY: In August 1969, I enrolled my daughter, Sandy, in the University of Maryland at College Park. (It happens to be my alma mater.) Although Sandy had been accepted to several other fine colleges, Maryland was her first choice.

When we arrived, I was dumbfounded to learn that my daughter had been assigned living quarters with three other girls in half of a trailer — the other half was going to be occupied by four young men!

Well, I charged up to the office of the dean in charge of housing and asked why my daughter was not assigned to one of the dorms. He told me they were all filled — then a lecture on the "advantages" of trailer life on campus followed. He

stated that his own daughter was going to live in one, whereupon I said, "Mister, you can aid in the corruption of your daughter if you want to, but I'll be damned if you're going to corrupt mine!" Then I demanded that he refund my money for room and board. He did.

That afternoon we found a lovely apartment in the home of a very nice woman who offered Sandy the run of her home. (She was the only student in the house.)

Abby, when more people stand up and tell these liberal idiots that they are not going to tolerate this kind of thing in our institutions of higher learning, the moral climate will change.

If you use my letter, please use my full name. I do not write anonymous letters.

COL. BENJAMIN S. SILVER (RET.), GATESVILLE, TEXAS

Every teen-ager should know the truth about sex, drugs and how to be happy. For Abby's booklet, "What Every Teen-Ager Ought to Know," send a check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. Postage and handling are included.

Tri-State Fair to include literary contests again

AMARILLO — The Panhandle Professional Writers group of Amarillo has announced deadlines for its annual writing contests.

Categories are writing for children, articles, short stories, poetry and book-length manuscripts. Entries must be received by the contest chairman on or before June 15.

Awards will be announced at the annual Frontiers in Writing Conference Aug. 13 at Amarillo College.

Category rules are as follows:

Writing for Children: Maximum 1,500 words, must identify age group. Category A: Ages 4-8; Category B: Ages 9-12; Category C: Young Adult. Entry fee: \$5. Two stories may be entered, provided an entry fee accompanies each story.

Articles: Maximum 2,800 words, any subject. Fee: \$5. Two articles may be entered, but an entry fee must accompany each article.

Poetry: Maximum 50 lines, any form or subject. Fee: \$5. Two short stories may be entered, pro-

vided an entry fee accompanies each story.

Short stories: Maximum 3,500 words, may be short-short. Fee: \$5. Two short stories may be entered, provided an entry fee accompanies each story.

Book-length manuscripts: Submit summary and three chapters, fiction or non-fiction. Fee: \$10. Two books may be entered, but an entry fee must accompany each book.

The contests are open to all writers. Entries will be returned at

the August conference. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for entries to be returned by mail.

Submit original or copies. Submissions must be typed, double-spaced and on one side of white 8 1/2 x 11 paper.

Author's name must not appear on manuscript. A cover sheet, listing contest category, title of manuscript or poem and name of author should accompany each entry. All manuscripts will be critiqued by the judges.

Certificates and cash prizes will be awarded. Prizes for children's stories, articles, poetry and short stories are first place, \$25; second place, \$20; and third place, \$15. Prizes for book-length manuscripts are first place, \$50; second place, \$25; and third place, \$15.

Mail entry with fee to arrive on or before June 15 to PPW Contest Chairman, P.O. Box 19803, Amarillo, 79114. Checks should be payable to Panhandle Professional Writers.

Panhandle Professional Writers sponsor contest

Literary contests will once again be featured at this year's Tri-State Fair, with entries due by Aug. 8.

Entries in poetry and prose will be accepted. Categories in poetry are sonnet, nature, humorous or light verse, narrative and character study of a person. Prose categories are essays, short-short story, how-to articles, humor and nostalgia.

A children's classification for young authors up to 16 years old will offer competition for young writers. First place winner in this contest will receive \$25 from the Writers Association of the Golden Spread.

Grand prize winners chosen from the five first place winners in the other poetry and prose categories will receive \$25 from Hi-Plains Poetry Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas and the Panhandle Professional Writers (formerly Panhandle Pen Women). Rosettes and \$5 cash prizes will be awarded to first; ribbons and \$3 to second; and ribbons and \$2 for third place winners in the different categories.

Entry fees are \$2 for poetry and \$5 for prose. The fee covers one, two or all five entries in each class. Funds go to pay the judges and help provide cash prizes. Only one entry per category is

allowed. Entries must be typed. Poetry is to be single-spaced; prose, double-spaced. Entrants may send copies and keep their originals. Non-winning manuscripts will be destroyed.

No author identification is to be included on the entries. Division and category entered are to be in the upper left corner of the manuscript.

Work must be original, unpublished and cannot have been money winners in any other contests.

First, second, third and honorable mention manuscripts will be displayed at the literary booth during Fair Week, Sept. 19-24. Prizes may be picked up on Sunday, Sept. 25, between 1 and 4 p.m., or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with entries for a winners' list and prizes.

Length limits are 40 lines, any form or pattern, in all but the sonnet category of poetry; 600 to 1,500 words in each of the prose categories.

Superintendent of the literary



Pampa Christian School Graduation

Valerie Molone, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Molone, 121 N. Starkweather, will be the graduating senior of Pampa Christian School. Commencement exercises was at 7 p.m. Friday, May 20, in the Bible Baptist Church auditorium with Rev. Richard Martin of Amarillo as the special speaker.

department of the Tri-State Fair is Marianne McNeil, assisted by Helen Luecke. They will serve as contest chairmen and will also display the winning poems, stories and articles, along with information on writing organizations and opportunities in the area.

For more information or a complete set of contest rules, contact the Tri-State Fair, Literary Department, P.O. Box 31087, Amarillo, 79120-1087, or Marianne McNeil, 7003 Amarillo Blvd. East, Amarillo, 79107. Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 58 Roofing tiles

- 1 ... Creed
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- 13 Big lizard
- 14 Of the eyes
- 15 Comes after
- 16 Legislative body
- 17 Townsman (abbr.)
- 18 Actor Ron
- 20 Cry of affirmation
- 21 ... jacket
- 23 Egyptian deity
- 24 Stupid person (sl.)
- 25 Australian birds
- 27 Antidote
- 30 Bend the head
- 32 Hit (sl.)
- 33 College deg.
- 34 Sound of contempt
- 35 Electrical switches
- 38 Fishing aids
- 41 Piece of merchandise
- 42 Regarding
- 44 Female soldiers (abbr.)
- 46 Football coach — Parseghian
- 47 Turf
- 48 Medieval poem
- 49 Part of a sonnet
- 52 Place in the middle
- 55 Be agreeable to
- 56 From there
- 57 Method

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- 1 Close relative
- 2 Set on fire
- 3 Usage
- 4 ... de cologne
- 5 Compass point
- 6 Loom bar
- 7 Inquisitive
- 8 ... cube
- 9 Play on words
- 10 Participated in game
- 11 Diner
- 12 Terror
- 19 Ape
- 22 Lump
- 24 Close relative
- 26 Living-room item
- 28 Abate
- 29 Mournful sound
- 31 Direction
- 35 Infrequently

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 37 Theater sign (abbr.)
- 39 Knack
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- 41 Stinging insects
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The year ahead should be a very gratifying one for you, even though it may take some unusual turns. Areas where you were previously unlucky could now prove to be your most fortunate ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Things have a way of working out to your ultimate advantage today, especially matters over which you have direct control. Expect to be successful. 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, 44101-2428.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conditions in general look quite good for you today, especially arrangements where there are friends involved. Each person should be lucky for the other.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) More propitious conditions appear to exist for your business dealings today than they do tomorrow. Keep in step with the trend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Somewhere far removed from where you presently reside, beneficial developments are stirring that will turn out to be to your advantage. You might get some signals today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Thoughtfulness that you showed to another could be repaid today. Your reimbursement might be on a grander scale than you gave.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An influential contact may help you attain something today that you couldn't acquire on your own. You won't mind sharing your success with this person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Ambitious aims that have been previously thwarted have good chances of being fulfilled today. Don't be reluctant to make a second effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An involvement that you have that is already quite good looks like it is going to be improved on. This is because Lady Luck may take a more active interest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Something that you have been wanting to change isn't really as difficult as you have led yourself to believe. Today, you might discover why.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) What you can't achieve on your own today can be accomplished with a competent ally. Don't make the mistake of thinking you have to do everything alone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This can be a very rewarding day for you in ways you would least expect. Think in terms of being helpful and of service to others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should do rather well today in situations that have elements of chance as well as competitive components. You'll enjoy having your mettle tested.

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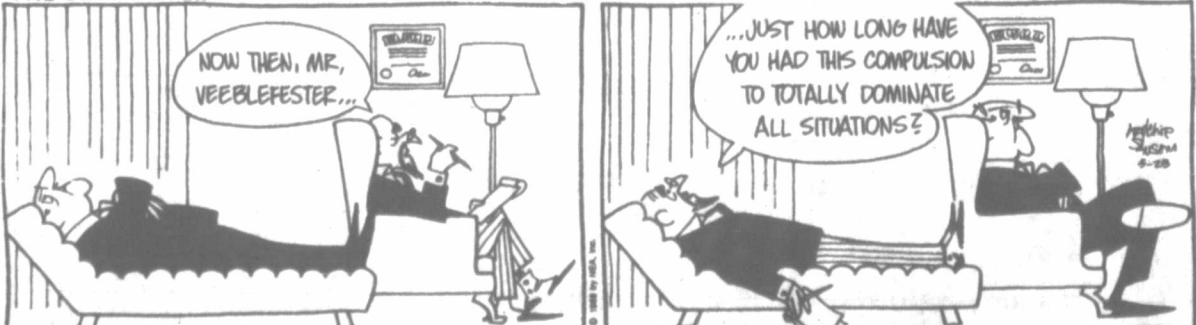
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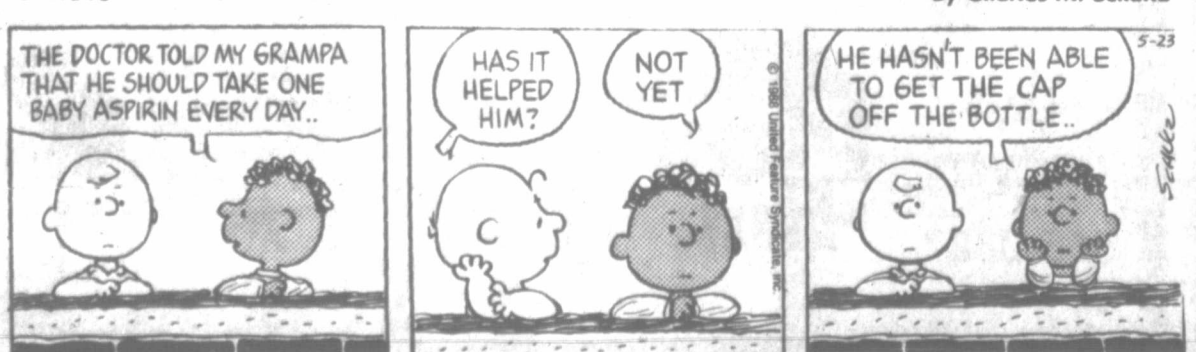
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Sports

Wadkins rallies to win Colonial title

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH — For longer than he'd like to admit, Lanny Wadkins' romance with one of golf's grand old dames was a stormy affair, one-sided and a little embarrassing.

That ended Sunday with a Hollywood flourish.

Five shots off the pace entering

the final round, Wadkins lashed an 8-iron to within three feet of the pin on the final hole, dropped the putt and escaped with a dramatic one-stroke victory in the \$750,000 Colonial National Invitation championship.

"It wasn't pretty," he said of the winning putt, "but fortunately they don't have to be pretty to be effective."

The bold, brash Wadkins, 38,

fired a 5-under-par 65 in Sunday's windswept finale to beat Ben Crenshaw. Mark Calcavecchia and Joey Sindelar by a shot and earn his second title of the year and his 18th since joining the Tour in 1971.

His 67-68-70-65—270 was 10 under par and worth \$135,000.

The top prize hiked his 1988 winnings to \$447,465 and his career earnings to \$3,538,546, fourth be-

hind Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson and Tom Kite.

"It's special to win here, and winning in your backyard is exciting," said Wadkins, who lives in nearby Dallas and spent Friday and Saturday nights at home after checking out of his motel on Friday.

"Force of habit," he quipped, implying that he was so accustomed to missing the cut here

that he routinely headed home after two rounds.

In 11 previous encounters with the challenging Colonial Country Club course, Wadkins merely flirted with a sub-par score, never embraced one. He played 35 competitive rounds without breaking par and finished no higher than 24th.

"Hey, I never disliked this course," he said after Sunday's

nationally televised cliffhanger. "I love the course. I just didn't play it good."

In what several players described as an incredible afternoon of pressure golf under nightmare conditions, Wadkins overtook third-round leader Clarence Rose with birdies on three of the first four holes and then gunned down Crenshaw, Calcavecchia and Sindelar in the stretch.

Bird's barrage lifts Celtics past Hawks

By HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Larry Bird wasn't going to miss. Not with the season on the line. Not with Boston's hopes on his shoulders. Not even with Dominique Wilkins and a host of Hawks on his back.

Bird, one of the NBA's best players at any time, was driven and deadly at the most important time. Bird simply wasn't going to miss a shot or a chance at another NBA title.

In a game exceptionally well-played by both teams, Bird scored 20 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter, made his last six shots and carried the Celtics into the Eastern Conference finals with a thrilling 118-116, seventh-game victory over Atlanta on Sunday.

shootout with Bird.

"He made some spectacular shots," Bird said. "We played Dominique the best we possibly can."

Bird made just four of nine shots in the first half and had only 14 points after three quarters.

But in the fourth quarter Sunday, he decided to take over the game before Atlanta took it away.

"The only way they could have stopped Larry down the stretch was to kill him," said Boston's Kevin McHale, who had 33 points, 13 rebounds and four blocked shots.

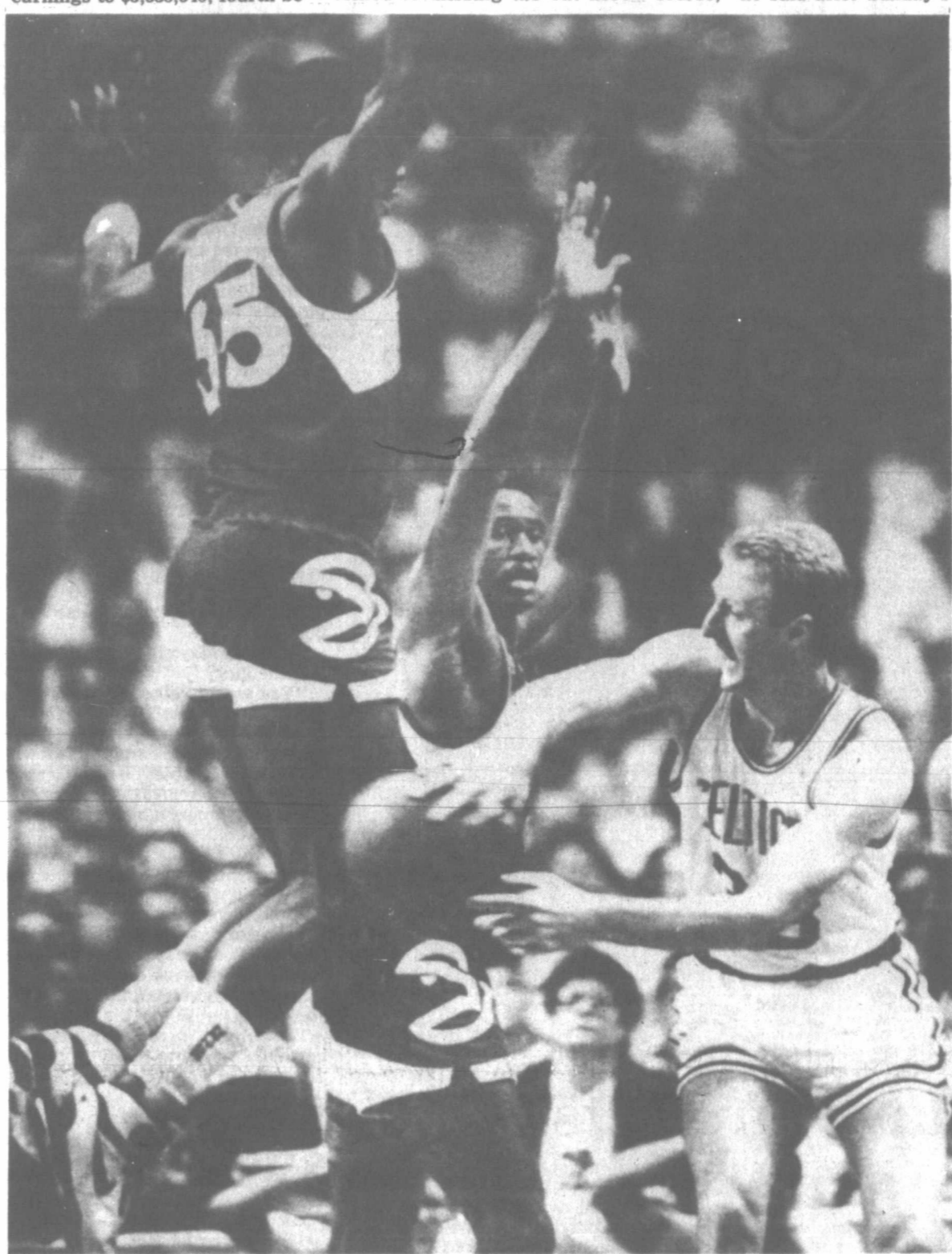
A long jumper by Atlanta's Randy Wittman, who had 22 points, tied the game for the 20th and final time, 105-105, before Bird gave Boston the lead for good on a jumper with 3:34 to play. McHale then hit two free throws and Bird buried a 3-pointer from the left corner to open a 112-105 lead with 1:43 remaining.

"Larry's 3-pointer was the backbreaker," Wilkins said. "I had a hand in his face."

Wilkins hit a 14-foot turnaround and two free throws to close the gap to 112-109 with 47 seconds to play. Then Bird plowed through several defenders to sink a lefthanded scoop shot in the lane, but Wilkins came right back by rebounding his own missed shot and putting the ball in with 20 seconds remaining. The Celtics led 114-111.

With Boston ahead 118-115, Danny Ainge fouled Wilkins just past midcourt with a second to go. Wilkins made the first shot and deliberately missed the second, but Atlanta couldn't get the ball back before the buzzer.

In Boston's 102-100 victory at Atlanta Friday night, Cliff Levingston missed an off-balance driving shot with a second left and Boston got the rebound.



Larry Bird (right) passes around a pair of Hawks.

Basketball camp starts June 19

The Top O' Texas Boys Basketball Camp will be held June 19-24 in Pampa's McNeely Fieldhouse (high school gym).

Tuition is \$55 and a pre-registration fee of \$20 paid before the final day of school (May 28) qualifies players for a gold game basketball.

Final registration and orientation for players and parents will be Sunday, June 19, starting at 1:30 p.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Bubba Jennings, former All-Southwest Conference player from Texas Tech, will return as a camp instructor.

Players within the Pampa Independent School District must be in the third through incoming ninth grade to be eligible to participate. Area players — also starting in the third grade — who have not played high school varsity basketball, are eligible to enroll.

Enrollment forms and more information are available by contacting Robert Hale at 669-6447 (home) or 669-2322 (office). Middle school basketball coaches also have enrollment forms.

AAU track meet to be held in Pampa

An organizational meeting for the Pampa AAU track program will be held Tuesday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Harvester Fieldhouse.

The West Texas AAU track meet will be held at Randy Matson Field June 25 with the top four finishers in each event advancing to the AAU Regionals in San Antonio.

The West Texas meet had been held in Borger in previous years.

The National AAU meet will be held in Lawrence, Kansas this year.

All parents, whose children will be competing in summer track, in addition to persons who would like to help with Pampa's AAU meet, are urged to attend the organizational meeting.

For additional information, call Terry Moore at 665-0071.

Intensity key to Mavericks' hopes

DALLAS (AP) — The key to the Mavericks' success against the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA Western Conference finals will be their level of intensity, Dallas coach John MacLeod says.

"Rebounding intensity, defensive intensity, offensive intensity, free throw shooting intensity, everything will have to be higher. You can't just play well against the Lakers and expect to win. You have to be above that line," MacLeod said.

The best-of-seven series begins at 7:30 p.m. PDT Monday in Los Angeles. Game 2 will be in Los Angeles Wednesday night, with the third and fourth games in Dallas on Friday and Sunday.

If necessary, a fifth game will be in Los Angeles on Tuesday, May 31, followed by a sixth game in Dallas on Thursday, June 2, and a seventh game in Los Angeles on Saturday, June 4.

The winner will play the Eastern Conference winner for the NBA title.

MacLeod said he feels good about the Mavericks' chances against the Lakers.

"I'm confident that we have not maxed out yet," MacLeod said. "We haven't had that situation where everybody has clicked at once. We haven't had that time

when everybody was razor-sharp for two or three weeks."

Dallas center James Donaldson said he looks for improvement in the series.

"You always strive for perfection," Donaldson said. "We've gotten better as the playoffs have gone on. Hopefully, the time will come during this series that everything will come together and we'll show what the Mavericks are really made of."

Dallas got a few days off the playoff grind by beating Denver in six games, while Los Angeles had to go seven games to eliminate Utah.

Mavericks general manager Norm Sonju said, "We've always gone out there the first game dead-tired. We're fortunate. If nothing else, (the Lakers) have got to be tired."

Mavericks guard Derek Harper said he is happy to have the opportunity to play the Lakers, but admitted he was pulling for an upset by the Jazz in Utah's semifinals conference series against the Lakers. Dallas would have the home-court advantage in a series against Utah.

"Naturally, you want to play on your floor more times than the opponent's," said Harper, who watched "bits and pieces" of

Saturday's Lakers-Jazz game.

"But now that it's the Lakers, we have to prepare for them."

Harper added: "The rest should help us a little bit, but people will play tired at this point in the playoffs. I expect Los Angeles to play great basketball like they've always done. We're the underdog, so that's a little bit of an advantage. It's going to be important for us to stay confident regardless of what happens in the first two games."

Harper said he looked forward to a playoff series with Los Angeles last year, but it didn't happen because the Mavericks were beaten by Seattle.

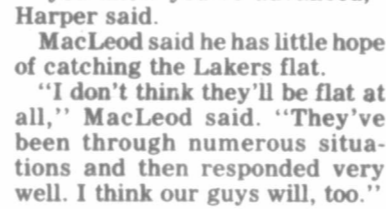
"A lot of people thought last year it would be an automatic Western final. We got sidetracked, though. Now it's reality. It's going to happen. It's exciting."

"I've always wanted this, be-

cause you know when you meet the Lakers — especially this late — you know you've advanced," Harper said.

MacLeod said he has little hope of catching the Lakers flat.

"I don't think they'll be flat at all," MacLeod said. "They've been through numerous situations and then responded very well. I think our guys will, too."



Summer cage league planned

A summer basketball league for players at the high school level and older is being planned in Pampa.

An organizational meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 31 at McNeely Fieldhouse and both interested players and coaches are urged to attend.

New York Life slipped by Sullins Plumbing 4-3 in a recent Babe Ruth 14-15 year old game at Optimist Park.

Winning pitcher was Tony Bybee, who struck out six walked six and gave up two hits. Quincy Williams pitched in relief, striking out five, walking one and giving up one hit.

Dwight Nickleberry had a double, Paul Brown and Jason Williams had one base hit apiece for New York.

Tye Snapp had a double while Donnie Medley and Zach Thomas had a base hit apiece for Sullins.

In an earlier game, Sullins Plumbing outlasted Bowers Ranch 19-15.

Phillip Sexton was the winning pitcher and he helped his own cause with a home run and double.

Zach Thomas had four hits to lead Sullins while Eric Dickson and Pete Towles had one double each; Jon Clark, Andrew Ramirez, Jade Brown and Rafael Dickson, one single each.

Chris Archibald led Bowers with two singles and a double. Sanders had a double and single while Bryan Ellis and Tyson Beck had two doubles each and Wayne Cavanaugh, a triple.

League standings are as follows: New York Life, 3-0; Sullins

Optimist roundup

Plumbing, 2-1; Grant Supply, 1-2; Bowers Ranch, 0-3.

Glo-Valve Service's sleeping bats awakened Friday against Rotary, resulting in a 10-4 win in Optimist Major League Bambino action.

Keith Stewart and Rodney Scott led a 10-hit Glo-Valve attack. Stewart was three for three while Scott was two for two.

Glo-Valve runs were scored by 10 different players.

David Potter limited Rotary to three hits in five innings to pick up the mound win. He struck out nine and walked six. Dale Noble pitched a scoreless inning in relief for the winners, striking out three and walking one.

Eric Zamudio went all the way for Rotary and was charged with the loss. Zamudio struck out one and walked four.

Rotary's Cameron Black, Tim McCavitt and Jeff McCormick collected the only hits off Potter.

Chad Dunnam with two hits, Potter with a ground rule double, and Michael Gandy and David Kludt rounded out the hitting for Glo-Valve.

Glo-Valve evened its season record at 3-3 while Rotary fell to 2-4 in first half action. First half play ends Tuesday.

Indy qualifying creates nerve problems for Rutherford

By STEVE HERMAN
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Rick Mears, the fastest qualifier in the history of the Indianapolis 500, and Johnny Rutherford, possibly the most nervous, will start the May 29 race at opposite ends of the 33-car field.

In between will be six other former winners and five rookies. Bumped from the lineup by the final qualifier on Sunday was two-time winner Gordon Johncock, along with crash-prone half-brothers Pancho Carter and Johnny Parsons and veterans Gary Bettenhausen and George Snider.

Mears' record for four qualifying laps of 219.198 mph was never in jeopardy, but Sunday's fourth and final day of qualifying was compelling nonetheless. With three spots in the field up for grabs, the drivers tried to beat the heat and an expected rainstorm which never came, all the while playing an agonizing game of guessing how

much speed would be sufficient.

Rutherford, a three-time Indy winner who crashed in practice a week earlier and then suffered a series of engine failures, filled the first open spot with a year-old Buick-powered Lola. The car averaged 208.442 mph even though Rutherford forgot, in his admitted nervousness, to shift to high gear the first two laps.

"That was about as nerve-wracking as any month of May I've ever had here," the 50-year-old Rutherford said.

Rutherford, whose 23 Indy starts ranks second only to A.J. Foyt's record 30, wasn't the only nervous driver.

Howdy Holmes was the 32nd qualifier, alongside No. 33 Stan Fox, who took over another Foyt backup car in place of Snider. With the 33 spots filled, bumping of the slowest qualifier began. The first to go was rookie Scott Atchison, whose 205.142 average couldn't hold off Ludwig Heimrath Jr.'s 207.215.

Then Johncock, the 1973 and 1982 500 winner, went 206.693 to push aside Rich Vogler's 206.463.

As the 6 p.m. qualifying deadline approached, Vogler jumped into his backup car and took a shot at Johncock.

"I was hoping it wouldn't happen," Vogler said. "When it happened, I knew I'd have to go out and do my job over again. I knew the car was capable."

Indeed it was, going four laps at an average of 207.126 mph. Johncock was out again — and for good.

"Nobody likes to get bumped," Johncock said. "But he was capable of doing it. He was in once. We bumped him out; he bumped us back out. That's racing."

The three bumps left Holmes, as the slowest in the field at 206.970 mph. The 33 cars averaged 210.188 mph.

Ed Pimm, who completed two qualification laps at about 205 mph, crashed on his third lap Sunday and was briefly hospitalized for observation and

later released.

Mario Andretti began the speed chase on the first day of time trials when, as the first in line to qualify, he turned in an average at 214.692, plenty fast to make the lineup but far short of the 221 mph laps he was turning in practice.

Mears and his two Penske Racing teammates, Danny Sullivan and defending champion Al Unser, later qualified faster than Andretti, dropping the 48-year-old veteran of 22 previous Indy 500 races to a start from the inside of the second row.

Unser's son, Al Jr., will start from the middle of the second row, and Arie Luyendyk of the Netherlands, the rookie of the year in 1985, will start on the outside.

Besides Rutherford, the three Penske teammates and Andretti, other former winners in the field are 1983 champion Tom Sneva, 1986 winner Bobby Rahal and Foyt, whose record four victories was matched last year by the elder Unser.

later released.

Mario Andretti began the speed chase on the first day of time trials when, as the first in line to qualify, he turned in an average at 214.692, plenty fast to make the lineup but far short of the 221 mph laps he was turning in practice.

Mears and his two Penske Racing teammates, Danny Sullivan and defending champion Al Unser, later qualified faster than Andretti, dropping the 48-year-old veteran of 22 previous Indy 500 races to a start from the inside of the second row.

Unser's son, Al Jr., will start from the middle of the second row, and Arie Luyendyk of the Netherlands, the rookie of the year in 1985, will start on the outside.

Besides Rutherford, the three Penske teammates and Andretti, other former winners in the field are 1983 champion Tom Sneva, 1986 winner Bobby Rahal and Foyt, whose record four victories was matched last year by the elder Unser.

Sports



(AP Laserphoto)

Atlanta Braves manager Chuck Tanner (center) loses his job.

Tempers flare in Mets win

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

The New York Mets swung their bats and won while Pedro Guerrero threw his bat on a lost weekend for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Unbeaten David Cone dodged Guerrero's bat and survived a bench-clearing incident, Darryl Strawberry homered again and the Mets extended their winning streak to seven by beating the Dodgers 5-2 Sunday, wrapping up a three-game sweep.

"The melee was just a courtesy show of support," Mets manager Davey Johnson said.

The Dodgers lost shortstop Alfredo Griffin with a fractured right hand in a brushback battle Saturday night and saw Fernando Valenzuela make the shortest start of his career Sunday.

The biggest problem, however, could be Guerrero, who faces a possible suspension for flinging his bat at Cone after being hit by a pitch in the sixth inning.

Elsewhere, Atlanta manager Chuck Tanner was fired after the Braves stopped Pittsburgh, Houston beat St. Louis 2-1, Chicago downed Cincinnati 5-1, San Diego defeated Philadelphia 9-2 and San Francisco topped Montreal 7-2.

With a 5-0 lead, Cone struck out Kirk Gibson to start the sixth and then threw two pitches high and inside to Guerrero, who glared back. Cone followed with a curveball that hit Guerrero in the shoulder, and Guerrero instantly threw his bat with both hands toward the mound.

The bat sailed wide and wound up near shortstop Kevin Elster. Guerrero began walking toward Cone but was held back by catcher Barry Lyons as both benches emptied. There were no punches or fights.

"I told him that was a curveball. I didn't understand anything he said to me," Cone said. "I was consistently inside all day. The pitch that hit him

was a 70 mile an hour curveball. He was staring at me all day."

Guerrero was ejected and left the clubhouse without comment. The bat throwing could result in a suspension by league president Bart Giamatti.

Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda did not want to speculate on the possibility of a suspension. He was still too upset about Saturday night's incidents.

Leading 4-0, Dwight Gooden hit Griffin with a pitch, putting him on the disabled list. Brian Holton of the Dodgers then hit Howard Johnson with a pitch and was warned by home plate umpire Dave Pallone.

"I'd like to know how an umpire knows how two guys aren't throwing at a hitter, but one guy is," Lasorda said.

Cone, 6-0, gave up four hits in six innings and Roger McDowell finished for his fifth save.

Valenzuela, 3-5, went 1 2-3 innings and made the quickest exit of his career. He allowed five runs on six hits and walked two.

Braves 6, Pirates 4

Atlanta fired Tanner and replaced him with Russ Nixon, who was managing the Braves' Class AA team in Greenville, S.C. The Braves are 12-27, the worst record in the league. Nixon managed Cincinnati for part of the 1982 season and all of 1983.

The Braves won their final game under Tanner, whose 19-year record is 1,352-1,381. He is 20th on the all-time victory list.

Dale Murphy tripled and Dion James, Gerald Perry and Bruce Benedict doubled during a five-run first inning as Atlanta beat Pittsburgh.

Astros 2, Cardinals 1

Chuck Jackson's RBI double in the ninth inning gave Houston a win in St. Louis.

Alex Trevino singled with one out for his fourth hit and Jackson followed with a double off Ken Dayley, 0-1.

Rangers drop twinbill to Twins

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Minnesota Twins outthit the Texas Rangers in one game and outpitched them in the other.

The Twins posted season highs for runs and hits in a 15-5 rout in the opener of a Sunday doubleheader. Gaetti's grand slam off reliever Mitch Williams and eight shutout innings by Frank Viola gave the Twins a 4-2 victory in the nitecap.

"It would have been a shame to have wasted a game like that," Gaetti said. "I'm sure Texas is feeling the same way."

Viola, 7-1, won his sixth straight game with ninth-inning relief from Jeff Reardon. Pete Incaviglia slammed a two-run double off his first pitch, but Reardon retired the final two Rangers to earn his seventh save.

Texas pitcher Jose Guzman, 4-3, took the hard-luck loss.

"The whole thing is confidence," said Viola, who has joined the ranks of the league's dominant left-handers after struggling early in his career. "When you go out and feel good

about yourself, your teammates feel good about you. That and getting ahead of the hitters are very important."

The Twins unloaded an offensive barrage in the first game, pounding out 16 hits.

Tim Laudner's two-run homer, four RBI and three hits and Kirby Puckett's three hits and three RBI keyed the Twins attack.

With two outs in the ninth in-

ning of the second game, Randy Bush walked, Puckett singled, then Kent Hrbek worked a walk off Williams.

Gaetti then crushed Williams' first pitch, a fastball down the heart of the plate, into the center-field stands.

Texas, second in the AL West, slipped 7 1-2 games behind Oakland. The Rangers started the day having won 11 of their last 13.

Major League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE								
East Division					East Division								
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB					
New York	27	14	.659		New York	30	11	.732					
Cleveland	27	14	.659	1/2	Pittsburgh	25	17	.595	9 1/2				
Detroit	26	15	.634	1	St. Louis	21	21	.500	19				
Boston	22	17	.564	4	Chicago	20	21	.488	19				
Milwaukee	21	20	.512	6	Montreal	18	22	.450	11 1/2				
Toronto	18	24	.429	9 1/2	Philadelphia	15	24	.385	14				
Baltimore	5	34	.129	19 1/2									
West Division					West Division								
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB					
Oakland	29	12	.705		Houston	24	17	.588	3 1/2				
Texas	21	20	.512	7 1/2	Los Angeles	22	17	.564	1 1/2				
Kansas City	20	22	.476	9	San Francisco	22	21	.512	3 1/2				
Minnesota	18	22	.450	10	Cincinnati	15	21	.417	14				
Chicago	18	23	.438	10 1/2	San Diego	15	22	.409	14				
Seattle	18	25	.419	11 1/2	Atlanta	12	27	.308	11 1/2				
California	17	26	.395	12 1/2									
Sunday's Games					Sunday's Games								
Boston 12, California 4	New York 3, Oakland 6	Baltimore 7, Seattle 2	Minnesota 15-6, Texas 5-2	Detroit 3, Chicago 1	Cleveland 8, Kansas City 7	10 Innings	Milwaukee 7, Toronto 1	Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 4	Chicago 5, Cincinnati 1	Houston 2, St. Louis 1	New York 5, Los Angeles 2	San Diego 7, Philadelphia 3	San Francisco 7, Montreal 2

Oilers close in on crown

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Hockey Writer

BOSTON — Esa Tikkanen got the goals. Wayne Gretzky got the assists. The Boston Bruins got steamrolled — again.

Tikkanen scored three times, Gretzky had four assists and the Oilers' defense did the rest as the Edmonton Oilers downed Boston 6-3 Sunday night to take a three-game lead over the Bruins in the Stanley Cup finals.

The Oilers can clinch their fourth Cup in five years with a victory in Game 4 Tuesday night.

"I don't think anyone can stop us," said Tikkanen after leading the Oilers charge at the Boston Garden. "Everybody is doing their job."

If nothing else, the Oilers have history on their side. Only one NHL team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit in the Stanley Cup finals — the 1941-42 Toronto Maple Leafs did it against the Detroit Red Wings.

But the Oilers show no signs of letting Boston get back into the series. Following a second-place finish in the Smythe Division behind overall points champion Calgary, the Oilers have blitzed through the playoffs, losing only twice in 17 games.

They are 10-0 at home and 5-2 on the road, including their victory Sunday night in which they dominated from the middle of the first period on.

"I don't think anyone in this dressing room doubted the way we can play," said forward Craig Simpson, who scored his 11th goal of the playoffs midway through the third period, helping short-circuit Boston's comeback bid.

If it was a night for the Oilers to shine again, it was also a night for Tikkanen to outshine his more illustrious linemate, Gretzky, for a change.

Gretzky performed his playmaking magic — as usual. The four assists gave him an NHL-record 167 for his career. He's also No. 1 with 247 playoff points, and leads all scorers this year with 27 assists and 38 points.

But on Sunday night, Tikkanen had the hat trick — and the glory.

"Esa was involved in the play tonight, and had some great goals," Gretzky said after setting up a second-period goal by Tikkanen and two more in the third, including an empty-netter with 20 seconds left.

Tikkanen has played with Gretzky and Jari Kurri for most of the past three seasons, but has taken a back seat to his high-scoring linemates.

"I was really nervous when I first started playing with him," Tikkanen said of Gretzky. "He's the best player in the game and you really have to work hard to keep up with him."

While developing on the line with Gretzky, Tikkanen also developed his own style as a defensive forward who always seemed to get in the way of the opposition, by hook or crook.

Sunday night was no different, with Tikkanen sticking his nose and his stick in all over the ice.

The Oilers figured they would be in for a tough battle coming into the Boston Garden, where they are 2-10-2 in regular-season play.

Longhorns capture SWC championship

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Texas freshman Brian Dare, who was 0-1 before Sunday, took the mound in the second inning against Texas A&M in the final game of the Southwest Conference tournament with his Longhorns trailing 4-0.

Dare gave up nine hits — but only three runs — and his Texas teammates rapped 17 hits to give Dare his first victory, 12-7 over the Aggies, and Texas its eighth SWC tournament championship in 12 years.

Dare got help from Curry Harden, who retired the side with the bases loaded in the ninth.

Rain delayed the finish of the game for 1 1/2 hours. The loss was the first in five decisions for A&M's Keith Langston.

Leading Texas at the plate were Scott Bryant and Craig Newkirk, who each earned three RBI and homered.

Terry Taylor paced the Aggies with three hits in five trips, including his 17th home run of the year. Texas, which had already been awarded a NCAA regional tournament, which begins Wednesday in Austin, was expected to be one of the top eight seeds nationally in the NCAA tournament when pairings were announced today in Omaha, Neb.

The Longhorns advanced to 55-9 overall while the Aggies dropped to 50-13.

A&M is ranked fifth nationally by ESPN-Collegiate Baseball and was expected to win an at-large NCAA berth.

Canadian athletes honored

Canadian High School held its annual All-Sports Awards Banquet Saturday night at the new Canadian Elementary School Auditorium. Money for the banquet was raised by the C Club, made up of parents of the students.

Coaches Paul Wilson, Burns, Hester, Lee, Dyess, Jet Wilson, and Hiemstra presented the following awards recognizing outstanding athletic achievement:

- Tennis: Melinda Morehead—Girls' Most Valuable Player (MVP); Terry Case—Boys' MVP
- Golf: Denise Cleveland—Girls' MVP; Chad Rogers—Boys' MVP
- Track: Kari Burns—Girls' MVP; Scott Walker—Boys' MVP
- Basketball: Lindy Sparks—Girls' MVP; Chad Robbins—Boys' MVP
- Football: Lance Cates—Lineman of the Year; Jeff Kirkland—Back of the Year; Kim McEntire—Girls' Best All-Around Athlete; Christy Peery—Girls' Fighting Heart Award; Paul Coll—Courageous Athlete of the Year; Robert Cervantes—Boys' Best All-Around Athlete; Duane Clark—Fighting Wildcat

Each of the following athletes received a \$500 scholarship from the Canadian Booster Club: Jennifer Beebe, Mike Smith, Marty Evans

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Rescue plan for state's insolvent thrifts attacked

HOUSTON (AP) — Critics of a plan designed to rescue Texas' insolvent thrifts say the Federal Home Loan Bank Board should change tactics and copy strategy used to salvage failing banks.

Criticism leveled at the Southwest Plan includes complaints that it will increase the cost of solving the industry's problems, which will be passed on to taxpayers.

But the FHLB board, regulator of the nation's savings and loans, expected the criticism.

"No matter what you do, people are going to throw stones," a Dallas savings and loan consultant told the Houston Chronicle.

The aim of the plan is to keep the cost to a minimum by merging sick thrifts

into healthy ones. Regulators would have to bear most of the cost, but by creating larger, more efficient institutions, outside capital would be easier to attract.

More than a third of the state's savings and loans are insolvent. Estimates of the cost to restore the net worth of Texas institutions and protect depositors from losses range from \$15 billion to \$64 billion.

If the plan reaches its conclusion, Texas will have about 100 fewer savings and loans and 400 fewer branch offices than there are now.

George Kaufman, a finance professor at Loyola University in Chicago said the Bank Board should take an approach similar to the method used by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to

clean up failed banks.

When a bank fails, the FDIC generally strips it of bad loans and sells the healthy remainder to an investor or another bank. The FDIC's costs are realized immediately and the healthy part of the bank becomes the burden of the bank that bought it.

The FDIC plan approach would cost a lot of money up front, while the Southwest Plan basically defers costs. The Bank Board is reluctant to adopt the FDIC approach because it would mean a rapid depletion of its already withered fund.

"I'm just disgusted by the whole thing," one area savings and loan consultant said of the Southwest Plan.

As the plan enters its third week, two more deals appear near, the Chronicle

reported Sunday.

One involves the acquisition of troubled thrifts by Metropolitan Financial Savings & Loan Association, an institution in Dallas with \$833 million in assets.

The other involves Olney Savings Association, a \$1.3 billion institution in West Texas. The 17th largest thrift in the state, Olney has plenty of capital and 37 branches stretching from Abilene to Wichita Falls.

A small Houston thrift, Houston Savings, also is reportedly close to striking a deal, sources told the Chronicle.

The influence of critics of the Southwest Plan is small. But if Congress adopts the same tone, and some congressmen already have shown signs of objecting, then the pace of the plan is likely to slow.

If that happens, the rescue of the Texas thrift industry could be pushed into 1989 and become the burden of the next president, who might choose a different approach, including a taxpayer bailout, observers said.

"If regulators get a lot of criticism, especially from Congress, then they'll slow down," said Robert Bartell, chairman of Houston's San Jacinto Savings Association, which itself has applied to buy sick thrifts under the plan.

Two weeks ago, the Bank Board unveiled its first deal, merging four ailing thrifts into Houston-based Coastal Banc Savings.

Last week, regulators rolled four other insolvent institutions into Southwest Savings Association of Dallas.

The economy through dark glasses

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Are things really that bad?

Is the economy ready to swell into inflation and plunge into recession? Are interest rates about to soar? Are we helpless against the enemy? Or are there tools for dealing with problems?

During the past week, a cloud of pessimism descended upon those who look into the future. It blotted out the sun and obscured vision, and it induced a lot of people into stating that the dark ages had returned.

Good news became bad news. Small, fractional increases in various economic measurements were projected to the extreme. Tools to contain inflation, soften recession or keep interest rates in check suddenly seemed useless.

Contradictions were presented as wisdom. If interest rates were to soar, for instance, how could the economy simultaneously turn into a runaway bull? Wouldn't the sky-high interest rates prevent that?

Faith was abandoned. What ever happened, for example, to the notion that growth needn't be inflationary if based on productivity gains? Or that the economy could be influenced by the Federal Reserve, albeit with great limits?

What became of restraint? Does a small increase in interest rates mean that huge increases will follow and persist for years? Or that the economy will pitch forward into the worst recession ever?

A lot has to do with the perspective, and that perspective has been marked for years by wariness, weariness, doubt and probably mean-spiritedness.

Economist Paul Craig Roberts says one reason for the gloomy perspective is that supply-side economics was supposed to fail; the recovery wasn't supposed to happen and interest rates and inflation weren't supposed to fall.

Gene Jay Seagle, vice president of Gruntal & Co., a securities firm, says that positive events have left so many forecasters with egg on their

faces that it is hard for them to be pleased with the economic recovery.

It is similar in the securities markets, as described by John D. Connolly, senior vice president at Dean Witter. He observes that "two of the casualties of the stock market crash last October were analysis and imagination."

Rather than assessing the interplay of forces for change and the inertia of the status quo, he says, a "great deal of energy has been expended in trying to force the present into some historical mold."

It won't fit, he says. "Chronicling the surface similarities between now and 1929 was an amusing exercise, but it has lost its persuasiveness since the economy has refused to contract."

"Therefore, the hunt is on for another analogy, this time including overheating and inflation. The analysis and imagination brought to bear involve annualizing the last numbers." That is, extrapolating them to the extreme.

Nobody knows what the economy holds in store. It might be recession. It might be high interest rates. It could mean lower stock prices. And all these possibilities could be faced in the extreme.

But if all this happens you may be sure that recovery will follow. If there is one thing known for certain about all industrial economies it is that they are cyclical. Ups and downs precede and follow each other.

While today's consensus seems to view the world through dark glasses, you can still find some rosy-tinted views, such as this encouraging observation from Gerald W. Perritt, publisher of the newsletter Investment Horizons.

He writes: "Do not be frightened by bear markets. On the contrary, since they present a rare opportunity to accumulate the shares of good companies at bargain prices you see in a favorable light."

"Remember, the only time you want stock prices to be at their peak is the day you plan to sell. In the meantime, you should be glad that the stock market periodically places its merchandise on sale."

Electric Grand Prix



(AP Laserphoto)

No roaring cars, strange shapes, but the same agonistic impetuosity as in a regular Formula 1 Grand Prix; it's the first ever Grand Prix in Italy for electric and solar-powered cars on a track made ready for the

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