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(Staff Photos by Duane A. Laverty)

Three young women perform ancient Chinese umbrella dance.

Up With People entertains standing room only crowd

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Up With People's opening number "Too Many People" described M.K. Brown Auditorium Thursday night as hundreds of people packed the building for the group's performance. As much as a hundred more waited in the lobby for seats that might become available at the last minute.

Those who were able to see *Time for the Music* were not disappointed. Seasoned by six months of traveling through the Mid West together, Cast A presented a polished program of energetic dance and sound with a thought-provoking theme.

Though packed like tuna in a can, the audience saw fit to give Up With People three standing ovations — two during the performance and a third at the conclusion.

The first number to bring the observers to their feet was a gospel number, "Speak to Me, Lord," from the award-winning movie *The Color Purple* and featuring an outstanding performer identified only as "Jackie" of Albany, Ga. Her full alto voice and apparent understanding of the "soul" of gospel inspired not only her fellow cast members but the audience, too.

An Up With People favorite, "What Color Is God's Skin?" elicited a second ovation. A cast member named Willie used sign language to portray the song while it was being sung and also signed the words solo in a moving portion of the song. At the end of the number, Willie was joined by the other cast members singing and signing "What Color Is God's Skin?"

A whirlwind tour of the world marked the first hour of the program with the intent of promoting better understanding of other peoples.

"Maybe we're young and want to believe that the way it was the way it will be... where we'll lay down our arms and live as

friends," one of the songs went.

The audience was taken to Scandinavia, where a humorous gymnastics dance turned into a fast-paced modern number, "Lay It on Me." While in Mexico, a brightly colored folk dance was followed by the popular Spanish hit, "La Bamba."

Everyone, including the program-goers, linked arms and swayed side to side during a song from Flanders. Then South China was represented by an amusing umbrella dance.

Up With People's accomplished dancers were featured in the whirling "Tarentella" from south Switzerland. And one of the cast members from Japan sang a rock song, "Can't Live Without You, Baby," first in her native language and then in English. And hot steamy Southern nights were represented in the Deep

South gospel mentioned earlier.

"You're the Voice" voiced the hope that young people today can make a difference. "We believe we can make it better. We're not gonna sit in silence; we're not gonna live in fear."

Some of the audience's younger members were called to the stage to participate in a "Big Top" experience when clowns from around the world cavorted across the stage in a "Birthday Celebration." How those two young women appeared in the circus wagon at the end of the number is anyone's guess.

The show's signature tune "Time for the Music" was entertaining, but not as hard hitting as one would have thought it would be. A contemplative song, "Out of My Head," and an African folk tune, "God Bless Africa," were

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Cast members jump into the air in '50s rock 'n' roll dance number.

Family friend criticizes handling of search for missing man

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

As the family of a missing Alzheimer's victim focus their search on Amarillo, a woman who saw the man less than an hour after he was reported missing is not convinced the Pampa Police Department followed through on her sighting.

Brook Vise, a resident of Wheeler and a former Pampan, said she saw Bob French, 66, at about 8:45 p.m. on Tuesday evening, Feb. 21.

His wife Frances had reported to an off-duty police officer that he was missing about 45 minutes earlier.

Vise said her parents live near the French residence, 1805 Beech, and were used to seeing him walking around looking for aluminum cans. When she saw him on Hwy. 60 east of the city, she said she immediately tried to notify someone.

"It was about 8:45 and I drove about two miles to try to get in range to call my mother on the two-way radio and tell her to call

the police," Vise said. "When I couldn't get her on the two-way, I turned around and came back. My Suburban was loaded because I was moving, so there was no room for him to get in."

Vise said she then drove back into Pampa to notify officials she had seen French.

"I was afraid someone would pick him up who didn't know him and might take him away. I drove into town to the police station — (French) was still on the highway," the woman said. "When I told the dispatcher where he was, she said, 'Oh, we've been looking for him.' I stood there waiting for her to call someone. She didn't. She acted very uncaring."

Vise said she became convinced the police would not help her pick French up and return him to his residence.

"So I drove down by Texas Furniture and there was a police car sitting there; just sitting there. If he got a call, why didn't he go check into it? As I drove back toward Wheeler I saw a black Monte Carlo pick (French) up and then stop on the Y toward

Wheeler," Vise said. "I was going to stop and tell him to drive him back to Pampa, but before I could get turned around the Monte Carlo headed back to town."

"I feel guilty I didn't follow the Monte Carlo back into town, but I figured the guy knew he picked up someone who had something wrong with him and (the driver) would take him to the police to get help. The next day I went to the sheriff's department and they acted like it was the first they knew of him even being out on the highway."

Vise said she has since learned that at least one other person also reported French being on Hwy. 60 that evening.

"Not only had I reported where he was, but another person saw him at the Taylor Mart by Baker School and reported it to the police. What I'm saying is two people reported where he was. Why didn't the police get him that night?" Vise asked. "Also, if they had dispatched someone while I was there (at the police department) that black Monte Carlo

Senate rejects Tower

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic-controlled Senate is striving to put the rancorous debate over John Tower's failed nomination behind it, but many Republicans say the wounds are deep and will not easily heal.

"Never in all my years in the Senate have I encountered anything like the feeling of outrage that exists today among my former Republican Senate colleagues," Quayle said in a speech prepared for delivery today in Indianapolis. "Never have I encountered such anger and bitterness in the Senate chamber."

"This goes into the memory banks," said Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, after the Senate scuttled Tower's bid to become defense secretary and prepared to begin the confirmation process anew for the replacement President Bush will soon select.

Quayle accused Tower's critics of engaging in "a McCarthyite mud-slinging campaign" that he said had "degraded the Senate."

Tower's 53-47 rejection on Thursday, just 49 days into Bush's presidency, represented a major setback for his administration and opened the floodgates of speculation on who might be the next choice to run the Pentagon.

On various lists were: former defense secretaries Donald Rumsfeld and James Schlesinger; Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, a principal defender of Tower in the Senate debate; and former Rep. Jack Edwards, R-Ala.

Other names mentioned were Sen. John Warner, R-Va., a former Navy secretary; Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H.; former Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis; Frank Borman, onetime astronaut turned business executive; and Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's national security adviser and a Bush supporter in the presidential campaign. Brent Scowcroft, Bush's national security adviser, also was mentioned although he said he would stay in his current post.

Warner, asked on NBC's *Today* show this morn-

ing whether he would be interested in the job, said: "I can best serve my president and also the people of Virginia by staying where I am. I'm pledged to fill out this Senate term, and I'm going to stand for re-election (in 1990)."

The naming of a new candidate for defense secretary gains added urgency in light of evidence the Pentagon is close to bureaucratic paralysis because of the time lost in the bruising battle over Tower.

Decisions need to be made across the Pentagon, including the staffing of key positions. Bush's plan to cut almost \$6.4 billion from the Pentagon budget, and on a special 90-day strategic military policy review the president has set in motion.

In a statement he read minutes after the Senate vote, Tower said: "I will be recorded as the first Cabinet nominee in the history of the republic to be rejected in the first 90 days of a presidency and perhaps be harshly judged."

"But I depart from this place at peace with myself, knowing that I have given a full measure of devotion to my country," he continued. "No public figure in my memory has been subjected to such a far-reaching and thorough investigation nor had his human foibles bared to such intensive and demeaning public scrutiny."

In the Senate, Democratic leaders turned to damage control to limit the impact of Tower's rejection on the bipartisan spirit that seemed about to bloom in the days immediately after Bush's inauguration.

But many Republicans said the bitterness would linger.

Dole had much to say, condemning a confirmation process he said had become a "hotbed of character assassination" and "a pitched partisan battle."

"The partisan taste of this debate is going to linger," said Sen. Robert Kasten, R-Wis. "This is going to make it damn tough for us to act in much of a bipartisan manner in the months ahead."

"Bipartisanship is not going to be automatically restored unless the majority wants it restored," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska.

Appraisal board OKs contracts with Lefors for tax collections

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Newly elected Gray County Appraisal Board member Bill Kindle was sworn into office Thursday by County Judge Carl Kennedy prior to the appraisal board's March meeting.

Once sworn, Kindle took his seat, joining other appraisal board members as they considered and approved tax collection contracts with the city of Lefors.

Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said his office was contacted about entering a contract with Lefors for tax collections prior to a special meeting of the Lefors City Council. Bagley said he and the appraisal district's collection manager attended the meeting and presented the council with a proposed contract for the appraisal district to provide the entity with tax collection services.

"I want to point out that we are not soliciting business in any way," Bagley commented. "I think it's the neighborly thing to do to help out when a taxing entity needs it."

Bagley said Lefors city mayor and council chose to discontinue collecting their own taxes because of the rising costs of certification for an employee to collect the taxes.

"It's not a large amount and

would not encumber us in any way," Bagley explained. "We do everything except mail out and collecting the taxes already. And it will help distribute the costs of collections between the entities."

The contract with Lefors is patterned after a standard collections contract taken from the appraisal board of directors' manual, Bagley said.

Board members also approved the Lefors City Council's request that the appraisal district contract with Perdue, Brandon and Fielder law firm, based in Amarillo, for collection of delinquent taxes for the city of Lefors. Bagley said the firm had previously contracted with Lefors for delinquent tax collections.

A resolution was passed authorizing Kindle to sign expenditure checks when President Ken Fields or Sam Haynes, secretary, were not available.

Board members also unanimously approved minutes from the Feb. 9 meeting and expenditures for February.

In his chief appraiser's report, Bagley told board members that some major renovation and repair was needed for the appraisal board offices at 815 N. Sumner. Money for the work is budgeted, he said, probably through depreciation and contingency fund.

"We acquired this property at an extremely reasonable price, realizing these things needed to

be done," commented Bob Curry, board member.

Bagley said painting, patching and repairing of the building's exterior was necessary. Of special concern, he said, is brick veneer at the rear of the building which is pulling away from the building itself.

"I plan to get estimates of the cost for the repairs when the weather gets better and something can be done, and I'll report back to you," he said.

Bids may be necessary for the brick veneer problem, he said. Also needed are a ramp and curbing work for the handicapped and resurfacing of the parking area, Bagley said.

The chief appraiser proposed paving a part of the lawn area to expand parking, necessary for peak collection times and during Appraisal Review Board hearings.

"I would suggest that we try to include the bids together to see if we can save money in the process," Bagley said.

Bagley reported that the appraisal district agreed to accept health insurance by Woodman through Duncan Insurance Agency and also is considering a dental plan.

At the conclusion of the meeting, board members Curry, Jim McCracken and Kindle reported on a recent conference they attended in Austin.

never would have picked him up. However, dispatcher records indicate that Mandy Chavis, the dispatcher on duty, did immediately notify the Gray County Sheriff's Office of Vise's report.



Frances French

Chavis said she did not dispatch a policeman because the report indicated French was out of the city limits.

"It was in the county, so the sheriff's office has the jurisdiction. I called the S.O. and told them, and they said they would go check," Chavis said.

"I felt the dispatcher was very unconcerned. I have talked to Mrs. French because I knew (Bob French) and I feel he should have been treated with the same concern as a missing child. He has Alzheimer's," Vise said.

By Vise's calculations, Mrs. French reported her husband missing around 8 p.m., Vise reported sighting him on Hwy. 60 by 9 p.m. and another motorist reported seeing him by 10 p.m.

However, police reports show French was not reported missing until after midnight.

A police detective who lives near the French residence said Mrs. French came to his home at about 8 p.m. while he was off duty and said her husband was missing. The French family did not file an official missing persons

report, however, until after midnight.

"I was in an off-duty status," said officer Jay Lewis. "She was wondering what to do, so I called the dispatcher and told them Bob had wandered off. (Sheriff's Deputy) Terry Cox came by the next morning and asked if I had any idea where French might be. I said, 'You mean he's not home?'"

Lewis emphasized that speaking to an off-duty officer about a situation is not the same as filing a missing persons report.

Vise was still critical of law enforcement authorities, believing they did not fully appreciate the seriousness of the situation.

"I feel something is wrong here. If someone had reported a child missing and after 14 days he was still missing, you would be extremely upset," Vise suggested.

She urged the police to be equally concerned about someone with a degenerative mental condition such as Alzheimer's, which renders a person virtually

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Services tomorrow

BALDWIN, Eula Dell — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.
VOYLES, Mattie Holder — 2 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Live Oak, Fla.

Obituaries

IVO DENSON
Ivo Denson, 77, died early today. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Denson was born April 3, 1911 in Buffalo, Kan. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1939. She married Malcom Denson on Oct. 27, 1939 at Wichita, Kan. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Service Guild. She was a charter member of the WSCS and the United Methodist Women, serving as district treasurer for four years. She was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. She was executive secretary for the Pampa Kiwanis Club for seven years. She was a retired bookkeeper and tax preparer.

Survivors include her husband, Malcom; two sons, J.B. Denson of Abilene and Wayne L. Denson of Richardson; two brothers, Irl Weaver of Placerville, Calif., and William Wayne Weaver of La Puente, Calif.; one sister, Laurabel Myers of Orangevale, Calif.; and two grandchildren.
The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society or First United Methodist Church.

MATTIE VOYLES

LIVE OAK, Fla. — Mattie Holder Voyles, 80, mother of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday at Tallahassee, Fla., Memorial Hospital. Services are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Live Oak with Bishop Jeff Hackney officiating. Burial will be in Rocky Sink Baptist Cemetery by Daniels Funeral Home.

Mrs. Voyles was born in Jasper, Fla. She married Joseph Brack Voyles in 1933. He preceded her in death in 1983. She was a resident of Live Oak for 56 years, where she was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include a sister, Sadie Neveils of Margate, Fla.; four sons, Kennard Voyles of Atlanta, Ga.; Augmond Voyles of Tallahassee, Fla.; L.B. Voyles of Pampa, and Gene Voyles of Weatherford; 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

EULA DELL BALDWIN

Eula Dell Baldwin, 85, died Thursday.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Baldwin was born in Aquilla. She moved to Pampa in 1926 from Minlow. She married Ernest Alvin Baldwin on March 28, 1923 at Mountainaire, N.M. She was a cook at First Baptist Church for 16 years. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Lela Beckham of Pampa; two sisters, Vera Ashley and Fay Brannon, both of Post; a brother, Glenn Donohue of Waco; four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.
The family will be at 1828 N. Zimmers.

Calendar of events

TOP O' TEXAS KENNEL CLUB
Top O' Texas Kennel Club is sponsoring a Fun Match at 10 a.m. Sunday at the National Guard Armory. Trophies and prizes will be awarded. A border collie sheepherding demonstration is also planned.

PAMPA SINGLES ORGANIZATION
Pampa Singles Organization members are to meet for snacks and games at 7 p.m. Saturday at 518 N. Nelson.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police	911
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
Ollie Dear, Pampa
Diane Dunn, Pampa
Ora Edwards, Pampa
Wendell Hinton, Miami
Ruby Jones, Pampa
Helen Miller (extended care), Pampa
Dismissals
Maudie Wheeler (extended care), Pampa
O.C. Cox Jr., Pampa
Mariza Garcia and baby boy, Pampa
Helen Hamilton, Pampa
Helen Miller, Pampa
Anna York, Pampa
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Willie Roy Clancy, Shamrock
Dismissals
None

Police report

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

THURSDAY, March 9

The Pampa Independent School District reported criminal mischief at Horace Mann Elementary.
Randy's Food Store, 401 N. Ballard, reported a theft at the business.

Pampa police reported a domestic dispute.

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DPS, Pampa, issued a "wanted by outside agency" report.

Arrests

THURSDAY, March 9

Willie Lee Carter, 46, 910 Schneider, was arrested at the intersection of Albert and Osborne on a charge of public intoxication.

Cecil Ray Williams, 37, 228 Eshom, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart on a warrant.

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James Lyle Gardner, 36, 107B Price Rd., was arrested in the 1000 block of West Wilks on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving left of center.
Julian Long, 22, 309 S. Gray, was arrested in the 500 block of North Faulkner on warrants.

Joseph Wilson Jr., 21, 1117 Starkweather, was arrested in the 400 block of East Harvester on charges of driving while license suspended and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following minor accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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3 p.m. — An unknown vehicle struck a legally parked 1982 Chevrolet Silverado in the Coronado Center parking lot. The case is under investigation.

3:50 p.m. — A 1987 Mercury driven by Mary McNeil, 1137 Juniper, collided with a 1976 Chrysler driven by Doris Reed, HCR 03 Box 19, at the intersection of Nelson and 23rd streets. No injuries were reported. McNeil was cited for turning right from the wrong lane.

6 p.m. — A 1984 Datsun driven by Rebecca Thiry, 1816 Beech, collided with a bicycle being ridden by a juvenile at the intersection of 18th and Sumner streets. The juvenile was treated and released at Coronado Hospital. No citations were issued.

Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, March 9

7:39 a.m. — Grass fire was reported 1 mile west of Price Road on Kentucky; 10 acres burned. One unit and two firefighters responded.

11:39 a.m. — Grass fire was reported at Alram, Hwy. 152 west of the city; two acres burned. One unit and two firefighters responded.

4:00 p.m. — A grass fire at 2507 Mary Ellen was out on arrival. One unit and three firefighters responded.

Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa	Arco	89 1/2	dn 1/4
	Cabot	43 1/2	dn 1/4
	Chevron	51 1/2	dn 1/4
	New Atmos	15 1/2	dn 1/4
	Milo	4 25	dn 1/4
	Corn	4 80	dn 1/4
	HCA	49	dn 1/4
	Ingersoll-Rand	38 1/2	up 1/4
	Kerr-McGee	41	dn 1/4
	Phillips	22 1/2	dn 1/4
	Enron	37 1/2	dn 1/4
	Maxxus	7 1/2	dn 1/4
	Mesa Ltd.	12 1/2	dn 1/4
	Mobil	48 1/2	dn 1/4
	Pennsylvania	53 1/2	dn 1/4
	Phillips	22 1/2	dn 1/4
	Magellan	54 32	dn 1/4
	Puritan	13 53	dn 1/4
	SPS	26 1/2	dn 1/4
	Tenneco	47 1/2	dn 1/4
	Texaco	52 1/2	dn 1/4
	New York Gold	387.00	dn 1/4
	Silver	6.05	dn 1/4

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also enjoyable but not as outstanding as some of the show's other numbers.

The second half opened with 1950s rock and roll in a medley of songs from the "doo-wop" years. The audience couldn't help but respond to Elvis Presley's "Jail House Rock," Little Richard's "Tutti Frutti" and particularly by Jackie Back again singing the Isley Brothers' "Shout."

A comment on the de-personalization of the world was made through "The Mailman's Song," a true song written by a letter carrier who mourns the personal letters and notes that used to fill his bag each day.

Police hope to make arrest in assault

Police are hoping to make an arrest today in the Wednesday evening assault of a 79-year-old Pampa resident who was attacked in her home.

At about 9 p.m. Wednesday, Pampa police were summoned to 909 N. Somerville where Madeline Rowntree reported a man had entered her home and attacked her.

Det. Tracy Norwood said the motive for the attack was still under investigation.
He said the alleged assailant was known to the woman and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

there'd be a lot less people to worry about and a lot more people who care."

As part of Up With People's ongoing public service commitment, reduced ticket prices were offered to anyone bringing a canned food to be donated to the Salvation Army.

Lt. Don Wildish reported today that the canned food drive brought in 401 cans for Pampa's needy. "I really want to express my appreciation to the community for their great response to this campaign," Wildish said.

The almost 180 members of Up With People, cast and staff, were to resume their tour early today. Soon they will begin the European part of the tour in Denmark, Sweden and the Netherlands.

Rowntree was transported to Coronado Hospital after the attack by Rural/Metro Ambulance. She was listed in stable condition at press time today.

Norwood said the man accused in the attack is from another state and reportedly has a violent criminal history.

Missing

incapable of communication and reason.

Dispatcher Chavis said she was concerned, but that "if you take everything real seriously, you'd have a nervous breakdown. Nobody calls us with good news. Every call we get is because something is wrong."

She said when the second person called to report French on Hwy. 60, she did not call the sheriff's department again because they had already been dispatched.

"It's like my own officers, you have to trust that when you dispatch them, they've gone to the call. Since this happened, we've had hundreds of calls and we've checked every one of them out," Chavis said.

Bob French's oldest son, Lee, announced Thursday he is focusing his attention on his father possibly being in Amarillo.

He said several sightings of his father west of Pampa indicate it would be the most likely place he could be.

"We're going to make all the missions, and if we get any sightings we might start an organized search," Lee French said.

The French family chose not to comment on statements that Pampa police officers either were not told or did not respond to reports of French being spotted shortly after he was declared missing.

"We want to talk to the chief. He's out of town. But we need

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their help and don't want to say anything at this time to alienate them," the eldest son said Thursday.

He denied rumors that his father had wandered off from home several times in the past, and said if such stories are being circulated they should be disregarded.

Several members of the original search party that was organized by Gray County Sheriff Jimmy Free said they were told by city officials they shouldn't be too concerned because French had disappeared before but always wandered back home.

"That's not so — but I don't want to get into that. We just need the help of the police department and anybody else who might have sighted him," Lee French said.

He speculated his father would now have a full growth of beard and that reports indicate he may also have a cut on one cheek.

French was last seen wearing a

brown plaid shirt, tan vest, blue jeans, telephone company cap and safety glasses. He has three front teeth missing.

Because of the Alzheimer's disease, he is unable to think clearly or communicate, which would preclude his ability to get a message to his family.

Lee French also said his mother and three siblings were aware their husband and father could be dead somewhere.

"We're at the point where even if we found a body, it would be of some comfort because it would put an end to it," he said. "If we find him we will probably have to hire an attendant or put him in a retirement home for people with Alzheimer's."

Anyone who sights French should attempt to deliver him to the nearest law enforcement agency or notify the Pampa Police Department, 665-8481, or the Gray County Sheriff's Department, 669-8022, immediately.

Kilgore man dies in accident

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man who died when his car slammed into an 18-wheeler never went faster than 20 mph while being pursued by police, authorities said.

Eddie Lynn Spencer, 25, of Kilgore died early Thursday morning when he tried to elude police who were attempting to stop him for a traffic violation.

"Radar clocked him at 18 mph," said a police spokesman who declined to identify himself. Forest Hill police officer Clint

Turner began following Spencer's vehicle in Southwest Tarrant County after he noticed it moving erratically in an east-bound lane of Interstate 20, police said.

Turner told investigators he watched the vehicle stop at an exit, then continue on I-20 at the point where it veers off into Interstate 820.

While following the car, Turner saw it stop two more times.

The truck driver, who was not held, was uninjured, police said.

Residents asked to use fire caution

Spring winds and dry conditions have contributed to an increasing number of grass fires in recent weeks, leading Pampa Fire Marshal Tom Adams and the Pampa Fire Department to caution Pampans to be particularly careful in coming weeks.

"It's very dry this time of year and we're having a lot of grass fires," Adams said.

Pampa Fire Department firefighters have responded to

35 grass fires since Jan. 1, he said.

"The tall grass and weeds are very flammable and with the windy season here, can be dangerous and troublesome for the Fire Department to put out," the fire marshal said.

Grass fires can be costly both in loss to property but also to livestock, Adams said.

"We would like to urge everyone to be extra careful

while using a cutting torch or welding," he added. "Also when smoking a cigarette, please do not discard it in tall grass or weeds."

Citizens owning vacant lots could help lower the incidence of grass fires by keeping tall grass and weeds mowed, the fire marshal explained.

"We would like everybody to be very fire conscious and help us battle this menace," he said.

City briefs

WILD COUNTRY, Friday night, 10th, Razy Bailey, Saturday night, 11th, City Limits. Adv.

LAS PAMPAS is offering Complimentary Facials on a New Skin Care Product. By Appointment, Thursday 1-5:30 p.m. Saturday 1-5:30 p.m. 110 N. Cuyler, 665-5033. Adv.

DANCE TO Silvercreek, Saturday 11th, Moose Lodge. Members and guests. Adv.

GUIDE TO Enlightenment Seminar with Pierre Gallardo Metaphysical minister, Amarillo Unity Church, Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. Pampa Community Center. 665-3164. Adv.

SHEPARD'S NURSING Agency Home Health Care - Licensed Nurses - Certified Aides. "We care for those you love." 665-0356. Medicare approved. Visa, Mastercard accepted. Adv.

ARREST A Friend for MS. For information contact Jeanie Ritchie 665-7510, or City Limits, 669-9171, before this Friday! Adv.

AUCTION OF new merchandise and band jam for MS. Sunday 1 p.m. City Limits. Adv.

ADDINGTON'S JUST arrived Wrangler cowboy cuts in colors for spring, and spring shirts. Open til 8 p.m. Thursdays. Adv.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING course. Saturday 11th from 8 to 5. Bowman Driving School. 669-3871. Adv.

GARAGE SALE, 8-6, March 10-11, Friday and Saturday, 800 W. Kingsmill. Sponsored by the Youth Division Central Baptist Church. Adv.

MS BENEFIT - Dance to Donny and Sharon Duree Friday night, Knight Lites, 618 W. Foster, 665-6482. Adv.

JUST ARRIVED at Rolanda's ... A large shipment of New Silk Flowers in Designer colors. Many new baskets, too. Rolanda's, Pampa Mall. Adv.

REGINA WOODS formerly of Hair Benders now at Mayfare. Perm special \$25, now thru Easter. Call or come by, 669-7007. Adv.

STILL RIVER at the Biarritz, Friday, Saturday nights. For reservations call 669-2737. Adv.

FAMILY VIOLENCE, ask for help, Tralee Crisis, 669-1131. Adv.

A.C.L.D. MARCH 13, 7 p.m. Highland Christian Church. Speaker Ginny Gross. Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome. Open to the Public.

GLENDIA'S TAX Service and Bookkeeping. 665-0310, 274-2142. Adv.

ROUND-UP weed spray in stock at Watson's Feed. Highway 60 East Loop 171. Adv.

ONIONS FRESH shipment on slips and sets including 1015 Y Supersweet. Seed potatoes and bulk garden seed also in. Watson's Feed and Garden. 665-4189. Adv.

PRE-EMERGENT weed killers, fruit tree spray and all kinds of fertilizers now in stock. Watson's Feed. 665-4189. Adv.

CERAMICS AT Laketon. Open Saturday and Sunday. 1-5. 669-6054. Adv.

D.A.V., D.A.V. Auxiliary meeting 7 p.m. tonight. 515 W. Brown. HAVE THE Easter Bunny visit your home. Call Beta Alpha Zeta for details. 669-3755 or 665-2989. Adv.

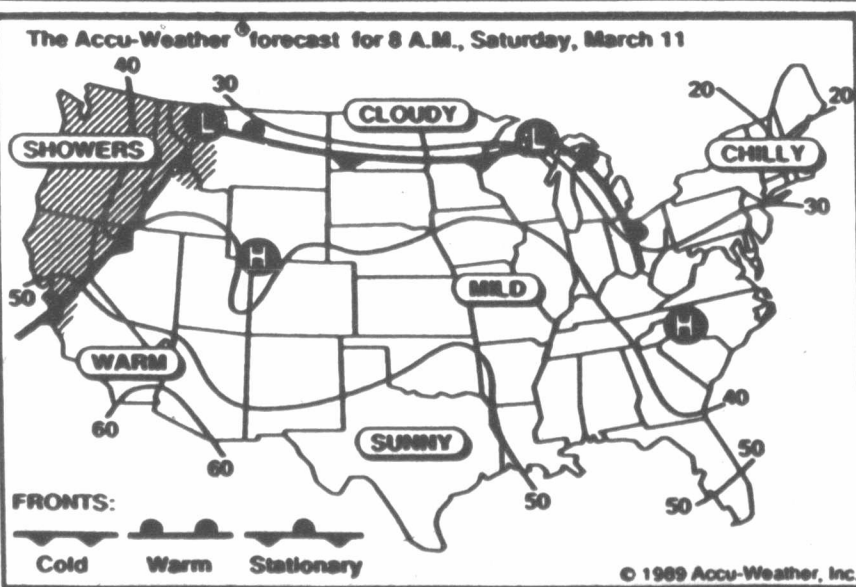
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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Clear tonight with a low of 42 and southwest winds at 10 to 15 mph. Saturday, sunny and warm with a high of 82 and southwest winds at 10 to 15 mph. Thursday's high was 79; the overnight low was 50.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas — Sunny and very warm through Saturday. Clear and mild tonight. Los tonight low 40s far west and Panhandle to upper 40s Concho Valley except mid 30s mountains. Highs Saturday low 80s Concho Valley, Panhandle and mountains to mid 80s elsewhere except low 90s Big Bend.
North Texas — Sunny days and mostly clear at night through Saturday with a warming trend. Lows tonight 45 southeast to 55 southwest. Highs Saturday 78 to 84.
South Texas — Late night and early morning low clouds and dense fog mainly coastal plains, southeast and south central Texas, otherwise fair and not as cool tonight, mostly sunny and warmer Saturday. Lows tonight in the 40s Hill Country and inland Southeast Texas, around 60 coastal barrier islands, 50s rest of South Texas. Highs Saturday in the 70s and 80s, near 90 Rio Grande plains and Lower Rio Grande Valley.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Sunday through Tuesday West Texas — Fair with temperatures remaining well above normal each day, but



partly cloudy and a little cooler north Tuesday. Panhandle: Lows low to mid 40s. Highs low to upper 70s Sunday and Monday, dropping back to the mid 60s on Tuesday. South Plains: Lows upper 40s to near 50. Highs upper 70s to low 80s Sunday and Monday, with mid 70s Tuesday. Permian Basin: Lows in low 50s. Highs near 80 to the mid 80s Monday and Tuesday, with upper 70s Tuesday. Concho Valley: Lows mid 50s to near 60. Highs low to mid 80s. Far West: Lows around 50. Highs from mid 80s to low 90s. Big Bend: Lows from near 40 to the mid 40s mountains and from the upper 50s to low 60s lowlands. Highs from low 80s mountains to the mid 90s near the Rio Grande.

BORDER STATES
New Mexico — Fair and unseasonably warm through Saturday. Highs both days 65-75 mountains, 75-85 lower elevations. Lows tonight 25-35 mountains, 35-45 elsewhere.
Oklahoma — Mostly sunny days and fair at night through Saturday. Warmer and unseasonably warm west Saturday with temperatures near record levels. Lows tonight 40s. Saturday high mid 70s northeast to near 90 west.

Tuesday. Highs in the 80s. Central and East: Partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s Sunday and in the 60s Monday and Tuesday. Highs in the 80s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Partly cloudy with mild nights and warm afternoons. Lows Sunday in the 50s and 60s, highs in the 70s and 80s. Lows Monday and Tuesday in the 60s, highs in the 80s except near 90 southwest.

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Texas/Regional

Congressmen question whether INS detention policy can last

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House immigration committee says he foresees "impending disaster" in South Texas if Central American refugee-seekers continue crossing the Rio Grande by the hundreds and the federal government runs out of detention space.

But Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Alan Nelson says he's confident the agency's new get-tough policy will curb the number of refugees seeking political asylum.

If the INS runs out of detention space at its center near Port Isabel, however, Nelson said contracts with county jails and arrangements with military facilities would be considered for detaining the Central Americans.

Harlingen City Manager Gavino Sotelo complained in Thursday's congressional hearing into the situation that Rio Grande Valley cities are being asked to "warehouse" the asylum-seekers in facilities that would not meet local codes for detaining the numbers suggested.

He said the warehousing would be on a temporary basis, but city officials are not being told what

temporary means and have not been told of any alternate plans by INS.

"These facilities do not meet city codes for the number of people being housed and are, at best, a very temporary solution for a potentially long-term problem," he said. "As cities, we have little reason to believe INS will do what is needed to develop a long-term solution."

"We are in effect being told to trust the same people who ignored a crisis in our communities for over two months when this crisis was a direct result of federal policies," Sotelo said.

Rep. Bruce Morrison, chairman of the House subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law, said the number of asylum-seekers is growing "at a rate of hundreds a week" despite the INS' new policy of detaining Central Americans while their petitions for political asylum are adjudicated.

Morrison, who spent two days in the Rio Grande Valley earlier this week, said he doesn't believe it will be long before the INS' detention facility and tent-city outside Port Isabel will be filled to its maximum 6,850-person capacity.

"It looks to me like an impending disaster," Morrison said during a hearing by his committee.

Morrison said there were already 1,700 Central Americans being detained as of Monday at the facility, with another 837 people in a quasi-detention Red Cross shelter in the Rio Grande Valley. Nelson said only 103 refugees have been deported or agreed voluntarily to return home.

Rep. Solomon Ortiz, a Corpus Christi Democrat, testified that unidentified sources have told him another 2,500 to 3,000 Central Americans are waiting across the Rio Grande in Matamoros, Mexico, to come into the United States.

According to his sources in Mexico, Ortiz said Central American refugees have filled up all the hotels, are "staying in alleys all over Matamoros, and are standing on the riverbank waiting to see if the Border Patrol will be lax (in catching people)."

"This is their goal. They have been assaulted, raped, beaten, murdered, drowned. They are so close. They have traveled hundreds of miles, thousands of miles, and they are not going to give up."

The number of Central American refugee cases rose from 7,000 in fiscal year 1985 to 50,000 in fiscal 1988, and was projected to reach 100,000 this fiscal year, Nelson said.

Before the INS began its show of strength on the border last month, 2,000 refugees a week were

crossing the Rio Grande at Brownsville.

With the new policy in place, Nelson said, "I am confident we'll be able to turn that around. Clearly, these people are economic migrants" and do not have valid asylum claims.

Only refugees who can show political persecution are entitled to asylum, but those coming to better themselves economically are not eligible. The INS claims the vast majority of claims are frivolous.

But Rep. John Bryant, a Dallas Democrat, said that between 1983 and 1987, 2.7 percent of Salvadorans were granted asylum, compared with 53 percent of Nicaraguans.

Bryant called it a "shocking discrepancy," especially in light of El Salvador's known death squads. "All I can say, something extraordinary is going on," Morrison said.

Sotelo criticized the INS for failing to respond quickly to the flood of Central Americans and said the refugees have hurt tourism in the economically depressed Valley.

"The specter of thousands of people wandering in the Valley and living in fields without shelter has had a negative impact on this industry," Sotelo said in prepared testimony.

Senate confirms racing commissioners

By JACK KEEVER
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A senator whose request had held up a vote on six appointees to the Texas Racing Commission said he was giving them the benefit of the doubt in casting a vote for their confirmation.

"I had some serious problems with the speed at which racing has been brought to Texas," Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, told the Senate.

Parker said State Comptroller Bob Bullock had projected that if the commission had moved with "adequate dispatch," the state could already have raised \$9 million.

"We've brought in nothing," Parker said. "But I think we should give these appointees the benefit of the doubt."

Parker joined colleagues Thursday in confirming, 28-0, Glenn Blodgett, King County; James Clement, Kleburg; Hilary Doran Jr., Val Verde; Hugh Fitzsimons Jr., Dimmitt; Demarius Frey, Nueces; and A.L. Mangham Jr., Nacogdoches County.

The senator had requested and received a week's delay on the vote, saying he had reason to look into the execution of contracts that appeared to not have been

strictly enforced according to the law.

He said there had been allegations that the commission had violated open meetings and open records laws.

Parker also said he was "concerned that in an effort to have high-quality racing at all levels that it would be mistaken for an elitist move where only jockey club-type facilities for the ultra rich would be created."

Parker said after looking into the matter, "I am persuaded at this point, that if errors were made with state contracts, they were not intentional, deliberate violations of the law" but were merely technical violations, in good faith.

He said he was also persuaded that the commission would move "with deliberate speed" in getting racing started. "I am assured that we will have at least Class 2 racing in Texas by this summer."

Class 2 tracks are restricted to 44 days of pari-mutuel horse racing a year.

If Texas is going to have racing, Parker said, "we ought to start reaping benefits from it for the state. And I'm assured that that will begin to happen this summer and money will start to



(AP Laserphoto)

Sen. Carl Parker

flow in the state till at that time."

He also said if the Senate should reject the nominees, "that would only further delay racing in Texas."

Parker said the nominees had told him "if they're going to err, they want to err on the side of

being overly cautious — to set traps up to make sure we don't have doped horses, that we don't have organized crime owning tracks or having controlling interests in them, that they want to provide for safety and integrity in this business."



Local Moose lodge to aid Yellowstone Park project

Members of Pampa Moose Lodge #1385 and Women of the Moose are joining with the national Loyal Order of Moose in raising \$1 million to help with efforts to rehabilitate Yellowstone National Park.

The national organization has asked each Moose lodge to raise funds to be used in projects for the park that was ravaged by huge, devastating forest fires last year.

The nationwide fund-raising effort is being called the Moose International Yellowstone Recovery Fund.

The Pampa lodge will be giving away a full camping package in an April 22 drawing at Wal-Mart. The package will include a four-sleeper tent, two Coleman stoves, a Coleman lantern, a rod and reel, and two sleeping bags.

Local Moose members will begin accepting the \$1 donations Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Wal-Mart. The tickets will be on sell at various other locations and from Moose members until the

April 22 drawing date.

Two committees from the Pampa Moose Lodge and one committee from the Women of the Moose are coordinating the fund-raising for the Yellowstone National Park project.

All funds raised through the Moose campaign will be used directly for specific projects designated by the fraternity, including assistance to wildlife and the moose herd in Yellowstone.

The park, renowned for its hot springs, geysers, geological features and wildlife, had nearly 1 million of its more than 2 million acres devastated by the summer fires of 1988.

Despite full fire suppression efforts, eight major fires continued burning well into September. The habitat of Yellowstone's wildlife living within the burned-out areas were materially affected by the disaster.

Local Moose lodge representatives said other fund-raising projects for the Yellowstone campaign will be organized later.

Residents don't want park

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) — If there was any doubt before the town meeting, there's no doubt now — residents of the Davis Mountains don't want their home to be transformed into a national park.

About 400 people — a quarter of Jeff Davis County's population — crowded into a church auditorium and about 20 others stood outside the windows Thursday night to hear about and register their objections to a National Park Service study of the mountains.

The park service started this week in its study of the area's plant and animal life, geology, scenic value and history to deter-

mine whether it would be a good idea to establish a national park, monument, scenic area, scenic parkway, national trail or recreational area.

The service has until Sept. 30 to present to Congress the results of its study and a list of options. One of the options would be to do nothing and allow landowners to keep using their land as they choose.

That option suits the area's ranchers just fine.

"The landowner does a better job of not only managing the land but preserving wildlife," John Wasman, a representative of the Texas Exotic Big Game Hunters Association, said during Thursday night's meeting.

U.S. Rep. Ron Coleman, D-Texas, requested the study at the behest of four unidentified landowners of Jeff Davis County. The study area includes about 1.4 million acres that include most of Jeff Davis County and parts of Reeves, Pecos, Brewster and Presidio counties.

It is some of the most scenic, spectacular terrain in Texas. It is mountainous and green, unlike most of the territory west of the Pecos River. Mountains covered with live oaks rise more than a mile high. Limpia Creek runs through grassy valleys. Cliffs of brown basalt rise 500 feet in some places. State highways 17 and 118, which run through the area, are some of the state's most scenic drives.

Residents want to keep it that way, and they fear interference from the National Park Service could destroy their beautiful, sparsely settled land.

Others said they worried about commercialism and overcrowding.

Why would they want to see it?

"I had some of my friends comin' over to spend the night so I rented it. We watched it for a while and two of the guys got sick and one of 'em puked. It was neat."

That was the testimonial I got from a local teenager on his experience with the video *The Faces of Death*, a movie he told me was "the real thing. People really get killed in it."

Nah. Can't be. Nobody is gonna rent what amounts to a snuff film in little ol' Pampa, Texas. Are they? Well, are they?

I'm afraid they are. I went down to my local video dealer and looked for myself. "Banned in 46 countries! Not for the young or the weak of heart! If you are offended by real scenes of death and dismemberment, do not watch this film!"

So what did I do? I rented the film. I couldn't believe our society had fallen so far that we actually let 16-year-olds (or anybody else, for that matter) watch people die on the living room TV while munching a little popcorn and drinking a Pepsi.

Faces of Death comes in three installments, each lasting about two hours. The narrator, a real-life pathologist who seems to double as a real-life screwball, opens the first video with something like, "My colleagues say I am obsessed. Some say I am demented. You be the jury."

After watching a few minutes of this movie, my verdict was: guilty as charged.

This very sick person, named (can you believe it?) Dr. Gross, takes us around the world to see rotting corpses, actual electrocutions in which the guy's eyes pop out of his skull and gourmet diners in some unnamed country killing a monkey with a hammer, splitting its head open and eating its brains.

The only people sicker than Dr. Gross are the hordes of local folk who have made *Faces of Death* one of the top video rentals in the city.

"It's cool to see this stuff. It's not fake like all the other horror movies they have. This is real. It proves whether you are a wimp or not," said the teen-ager who told me about this movie.

Great. Our young people now consider it a test of masculinity to sit and watch the most depraved acts imaginable and not wof your cookies.

Off Beat

By
Bear
Mills



I called around and found out this disgusting excuse for a film is available from several local video dealers.

"I don't know what people see in it. I get sick to my stomach just reading the box where it describes what the thing is about," a lady at one video place told me.

"It's not illegal and it is popular. That's why we rent it," a gal at another store said.

You're right. It's not illegal. This is not a "real" snuff film per se. Nobody was lured into the movie only to be knocked off. This is worse.

I am told that in a snuff film there is usually one murder, done at the end of the film as a climax. The movies are illegal and the makers are the worst kind of lunatics.

This is one step worse. There are dozens, if not hundreds of deaths. There are scenes of cannibalism and other scenes in which something as accepted as killing a chicken or a cow and butchering them are turned into disgusting acts of sadism via an ultra-melodramatic soundtrack.

I'm not suggesting that these movies necessarily should be banned. But there is one good way to get movies like this out of our community. Don't rent them. Don't let your kids rent them.

I broke the first rule by contributing another \$1.99 to the cause. I had to see for myself. I'm very sorry I did.

Take my word that *Faces of Death* is as disgusting as advertised. Then do me a favor: tell me what we're coming to as a society when a movie like this is one of our most popular videos.

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Opinion

Why don't they just leave Nevada alone

Nevada legislators must be drooling over a report that they are undertaxing their subjects. Lawmakers were told recently that a Price Waterhouse-Urban Institute study of state tax systems ranks Nevada third for its potential for tax revenue, but last in the per capita amount of money collected.

You might think that would be good news, that Nevadans would love to tout their state as a low-tax haven. But consultant after consultant trooped in to talk instead about ways to increase the tax burden. The emphasis, as it so often is in tax discussions, was not on ways to spend money, but on ways to collect it.

Nevada legislators were told that to meet national averages for spending on education, public health and police, they would have to spend \$2,615 per resident, an increase of \$1,194 per resident. Not to worry, they were told. If Nevada taxed residents at the national average for all taxes, it could raise \$3,882 per resident. Thus the real problem: How to spend all that extra loot?

It's a familiar refrain, one we heard a lot during the discussions about how to fund various city, county, state and federal government entities. The emphasis almost always is on the money that can be generated, not on the ethics of paying only for what each individual uses.

In the Nevada presentations, consultants repeatedly emphasized the state's standing in comparison to national averages, failing to note that if Nevada brought its taxing and spending up the current average, those averages themselves would increase. You can bet the consultants then would return to sing the refrain all over again.

Sometimes, the advisors seemed to contradict themselves. Brad Case, a Price Waterhouse consultant, said Nevada could raise as much as \$300 million a year by imposing or increasing sales taxes on such things as hotel rooms and business services. But another Price Waterhouse consultant said lawmakers should reduce their dependence on gaming and mining for revenues and suggested a broad-based business tax that would raise \$70 million a year. Even in conflict, though, the common theme was a tax increase.

Nevada legislators may be worried that they're missing out on a lot of potential revenue, but we'd be willing to bet the average Nevada resident isn't upset. How about a new state motto: Don't worry, be happy.

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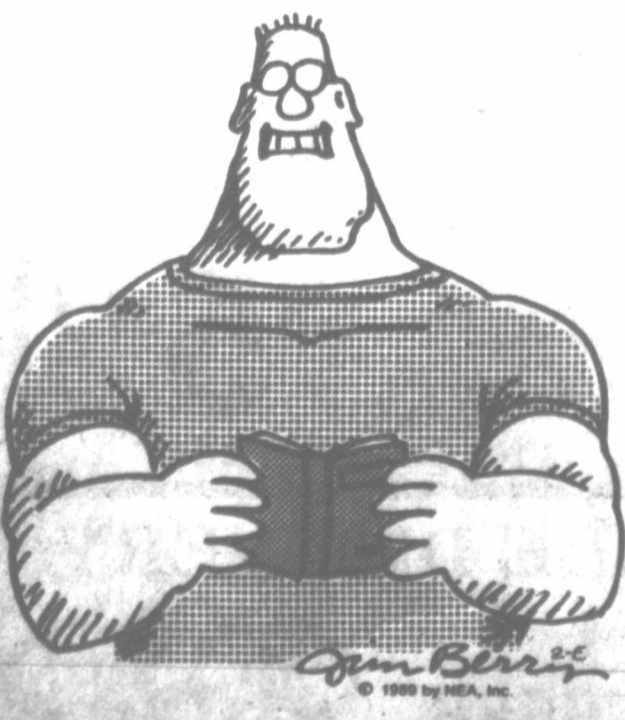
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'Pay as you go!' good advice

WASHINGTON — John Randolph of Roanoke, one of the most neglected figures in American history, once leaped to his feet in the House of Representatives. Interrupting debate, he cried out, "Mr. Speaker! I have discovered the philosopher's stone! It is this, sir — pay as you go! Pay as you go!"

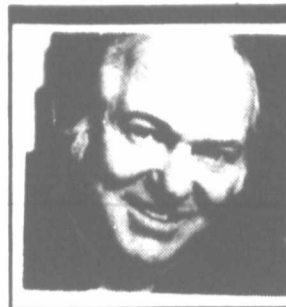
If Congress could summon the fortitude to follow that philosophy, great strides could be taken toward balancing the federal budget. At the very least, those who benefit directly and personally from federal goods and services ought to pay their own way.

In a recent publication, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) provided examples of what might be done in the area of public lands. We the people own more than 700 million acres, much of it available for commercial or recreational use. The land brings in substantial revenue, but without imposing great hardship on anyone these resources could bring in a great deal more.

The government owns and manages 119 national forests. Last year private contractors cut 12.6 billion board feet of lumber from the land, for which they paid roughly \$1 billion. This income was offset by \$750 million in management expenses, leaving a net of \$350 million.

The net would have been much larger if three of the nine forestry regions were not operating at a loss. On some of the forests, the government pays \$3 in upkeep for every dollar of revenue, a practice that makes no sense. By phasing out these unprofitable operations, CBO estimates that \$255 million could be saved over the next five years.

Our national parks are among the nation's most popular tourist attractions. Everybody loves them. But it is asking very little to ask that



James J. Kilpatrick

park visitors pay for the services they receive.

This year the National Park Service will spend an estimated \$180 million on visitor services but will recover only \$56 million in fees. A realistic policy of "pay as you go" would lower net federal costs of park maintenance by an estimated \$780 million over five years.

One argument against such an increase in fees, as the CBO report acknowledges, is that the poor and the elderly might be priced out of an opportunity to visit the parks. This objection might be overcome by "free days" or by other means, but the principle is sound. People who go to sports events or to a movie expect to pay a fair price. People who seek recreation at a national park should expect the same commonsense rule to apply.

The Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management lease grazing rights on more than 300 million acres of public rangelands. Fees are based upon a complex formula involving animal unit months of grazing. Under this formula, fixed by Congress, the government's income is substantially less per unit than the government

spends on management. The revenue is vastly less than the going rate for forage on non-public land.

The system, says CBO, "represents a large subsidy for a relatively small group of ranchers." A realistic revision of the formula could produce \$150 million over the next five years.

It will come as a surprise to many readers of the CBO report to learn that mineral prospectors have 150,000 active claims for mining on public lands. On close examination, it appears that "active" is an elusive adjective. Prospectors still pay the same \$100 a year "diligence" fee that was first imposed in 1872. That is all they pay, for the government receives no fees or royalties on whatever minerals may be extracted.

An annual fee of \$1,000, roughly equal to the value of \$100 in 1872, would produce an additional \$75 million annually, and would clear the books of thousands of claims that are not being mined actively at all.

The CBO report suggests dozens of such opportunities. The Coast Guard spends \$860 million a year on services that directly benefit shipowners. A phased-in program of realistic charges would produce \$3.7 billion in revenues over a five-year period. To open additional areas in Alaska for oil and gas leases could bring in \$1.3 billion by 1994. Other billions could be saved by targeting student aid only to the truly poor and needy.

Is Congress willing to live by Randolph's maxim? Surely we have seen no evidence of such willingness in recent years. On the contrary, Congress bends to every wind that blows. As long as that easygoing attitude prevails, we can forget about balancing the budget. It won't happen.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, March 10, the 69th day of 1989. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first telephone call, telling his assistant in an adjoining room in Boston, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you."

On this date:
In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the New World as he left Hispaniola for Spain.
In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament. He would not call it back for 11 years.

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.
In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico.
In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the Civil War.
In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England.



Must the music get louder?

As a onetime skeet-shooter I learned to protect my ears from explosive sound with earplugs and ear muffs designed for the purpose. At a social gathering, however, when the dance band turns up the amplifiers, I am unprepared and uncomfortable.

Vittoria Hohman of St. Petersburg went to one rock concert with her young daughter — a performance by the heavy metal rock band Motley Crue.

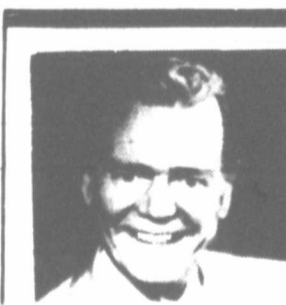
Mrs. Hohman is now completely deaf in one ear and endures continuous pain.

What is the appeal of very loud music? I'm told that the booming music activates the peripheral nervous system, stimulating a rush of adrenalin that makes us crave even louder music ... we "get high" on the even louder music ...

But as with excessive drinking, it allows us to tolerate noise levels higher and higher until it is more than our ears can stand without damage.

Entertainer Billy Joel will not allow his own daughter to attend his own concerts without wearing earplugs.

Researcher Lowell Ponte, for a recent *Reader's Digest* article, discovered that hearing loss



Paul Harvey

"is not caused by getting older. It is caused by disease or by noise."

Demonstrating that hearing loss is not a byproduct of aging, Ponte notes that 60 percent of incoming college freshmen have diminished hearing — mostly from rock concerts and/or Walkman headsets.

John Koss manufactures stereo headphones; he is vigorous in educating his customers to the danger of hearing loss.

MIT's Dr. Amar Bose has developed anti-noise headphones. They were worn by the crew of the round-the-world Voyager flight in 1986 purposely to allow them to hear essential communications while, at the same time, protecting

their ears from the external engine noise. So we are not doing nothing about the health hazard.

We are learning to combat noise with anti-noise that eventually will make jet planes quieter and areas around airports more liveable.

Our Navy, to protect its submarines from detection, is accelerating anti-noise technology. Ponte believes that we are on the threshold of being able to "flip a switch and erase noise in the air of a car or a room as we erase pencil marks from paper." It's called "noise cancellation." It has already proved feasible; will become economically practical.

One more significant observation: The din of the disco is less annoying if you are drinking, but no less harmful.

Alcohol impairs your acoustic reflex — which is the ears' equivalent of the eyes' eyelids — a muscle contraction that reduces the impact of loud noise up to 99 percent. When we are drunk, alcohol dulls this reflex and exposes the inner ear to up to 12 times more damaging noise than a sober listener would tolerate.

So the music always gets louder at closing time.

State regulators let S&L woes develop

By ROBERT WALTERS

DALLAS (NEA) — A fast-talking, high-spending wheeler-dealer buys a stodgy financial institution, allegedly loots the company's treasury to support his profligate lifestyle, then flees the country when regulators belatedly uncover the scheme.

State investigators discover that before he absconded to Switzerland, the suspect purchased a \$2.6 million yacht berthed in Monte Carlo, a \$3.4 million nine-seat helicopter with gold-plated door handles, a fleet of private aircraft and a pair of decorative sterling silver saddles valued at \$100,000 apiece.

The company, drained of virtually all its resources, is declared insolvent and its 170,000 customers anxiously await a \$40 million publicly financed bailout to recover funds owed to them.

The story may sound familiar, but there is one important difference from similar tales of recent months: The allegedly plundered establishment was not a savings and loan association.

It was the National County Mutual Fire Insurance Co., one of Texas' largest underwriters of property, casualty and auto insurance before it closed last fall \$56 million in debt.

There is, however, one especially disturbing similarity between National County's collapse and the disintegration of Texas' S&L industry — a scandalous absence of supervision by state regulatory authorities.

Much of the public's attention in the continuing S&L scandal has been focused on the federal agencies that regulate the thrift institutions and insure their deposits — the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.

But many of the failed S&Ls were state-chartered institutions whose activities were supposed to be monitored by state regulators. Moreover, a disproportionately large number of failed S&Ls are in two states — Texas and California — whose oversight agencies are notoriously inept.

"Although defenders of the Texas thrifts justifiably argue that the problems in Texas were caused by the economic downturns in oil and gas, and then real estate," notes one analysis, "it's clear that inadequate state regulation also played a major role."

In Texas, as many as 150 of the state's 280 S&Ls eventually may have to be bailed out of financial troubles.

In California up to one-quarter of the state's 200 S&Ls may eventually require some form of federal assistance — even though the state has experienced an uninterrupted boom throughout the 1980s.

Texas and California are not alone. The regulatory agencies that supervise commercial banks in 20 states are so deficient that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. will not accept their examination reports.

The conference of State Bank Supervisors launched a program in the early 1980s to improve the quality of the regulators' work but only 10 states thus far have qualified for accreditation — Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. (Georgia and Virginia are among the other states with reputations for high standards.)

Meanwhile, the State Board of Insurance here in Texas is beset by scandal and permeated "with waste, inefficiency, cronyism and patronage," according to a report based on an investigation conducted by the state legislature.

The commissioner in charge of the board, Doyce Lee, placed on his payroll both his former minister and a carpenter who remodeled his home. He was suspended from his post after the Dallas Morning News revealed that the regulators knew for years of National County's problems but took no remedial action.

Lee eventually quit under fire. Earlier this year, a deputy commissioner, Lee Powell, resigned in disgust and charged that the regulatory agency was "inefficient, incompetent, indifferent and inactive."

More than 130 Texas-based insurance companies and agencies already are in the process of being liquidated and another 40 are under close supervision — but Powell says twice as many companies are "in possible trouble."

World

Opposition praises creation of elected legislature in Poland

By DEBORAH G. SEWARD
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WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Opposition leaders praised a government agreement to create a new national legislature with freely elected members, but they say open elections on the local level must be the next step toward true democracy.

Government and opposition negotiators, in a breakthrough that could give Poland the first democratic national elections in the communist bloc, agreed Thursday to add a second chamber of parliament open to all candidates.

The agreement also calls for 35 percent of the seats in the existing parliament, the Sejm, to

be open to opposition candidates. Additionally, the sides agreed in principle to establish a post of president who would be elected by a majority of both chambers of Parliament, which would form the National Assembly.

Opposition figures cautioned that the tentative reforms only are a first step toward substantive democratic reform.

"If the process of the democratization is to work, it must include solutions of such problems as local governments which would be elected in completely free elections," said Bronislaw Geremek, head of the opposition group negotiating with the government on political reform.

He also called for opposition access to mass media and freedom

to create associations.

"Such reform cannot begin and end at the top authorities," opposition negotiator Zbigniew Bujak told state television late Thursday. "It must also be made from the bottom."

Authorities have insisted on elections in June, leaving the independents little time to mount effective campaigns.

Candidates for the new parliamentary chamber, provisionally called the "senate," can be nominated by an existing group or gather 5,000 signatures to run, said Janusz Reykowski, a government negotiator.

Reykowski is the leader of the government side on the working group dealing with political reforms, part of the broader talks

between opposition and the government on Poland's future.

Opposition negotiators said the number of members in the future senate still remained to be negotiated.

They also said the agreement on free elections to the senate was part of a trade-off for conceding that Poland would have a strong presidency, which likely would remain in Communist Party control.

The powers of the president still are to be debated, but the idea is to combine in the presidency powers now held by the Council of State.

China tightens rein on Tibet

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese troops rounded up suspected separatists and kept a tight lid on Tibet today as the embattled region marked the 30th anniversary of a failed attempt to cast off Chinese rule.

Police and the military already had detained many Tibetans in house-to-house searches and planned to move swiftly to crush any demonstrations to commemorate the anniversary, according to Tibetan and foreign sources.

A Tibetan woman, contacted by telephone today, said the capital was calm and that the army occupied all roads.

"There are new arrests... There are many, but we don't know how many," she said.

China imposed martial law in Lhasa at midnight Tuesday to quell three days of anti-Chinese riots that took 16 lives, according to official count. Western travelers say most Tibetans put the death toll at between 20 and 30. Some estimates ranged much higher.

All foreign tourists, a major source of income for China's poorest region, were ordered to leave Lhasa by Thursday. It was believed the last group departed this morning.

Another Tibetan woman reached by telephone Thursday evening from Beijing said Chinese troops began rounding up large numbers of Tibetans soon after most of the foreigners left.

"Soldiers are all over the place and they're grabbing everyone," she said.

New martial law orders issued Thursday demanded the immediate surrender of anyone who instigated or took part in the riots or is harboring criminals or hiding looted goods.

It said anyone knowing of "separatist activities" must report to authorities and will be protected. "Those who take revenge on those who report will be severely punished."

China's national radio today said large groups of protesters turned themselves in and that police said those who gave themselves up would be treated with leniency.

During the riots, mobs of Tibetans demanding independence from China and chanting loyalty to their exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama threw stones, ransacked Chinese-owned shops, set fire to Chinese property and attacked government office buildings.

Foreign Ministry spokesman

Li Zhaoxing on Thursday accused the "Dalai clique" of engineering the violence.

For the Chinese, the March 10 anniversary marked the beginning of "democratic reform" in Tibet, the institution of Communist political and economic systems in the remote Himalayan region.

Tibetans remember the day in 1959 when tens of thousands converged on the Dalai Lama's palace to prevent what they thought was a Chinese military attempt to kidnap their god-king.

A week later, the Chinese allegedly fired two mortar shells into the palace ground, and the Dalai Lama and his family fled secretly that night, eventually reaching India. The Dalai Lama and about 100,000 followers now reside in exile in northern India.

Following his flight, the Chinese army moved in to destroy the Tibetan resistance, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands, before order was restored.

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Nation

Eastern's bankruptcy leaves agents, ticket holders confused

By MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Thousands of Eastern ticket holders, suddenly transformed into creditors, scrambled to get refunds or fly on other carriers as the strike-grounded airline fulfilled its threat of filing for bankruptcy protection.

The action by the nation's seventh-largest airline, announced Thursday on the sixth day of a punishing strike by Eastern's Machinists union, was the fifth biggest Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in history in terms of company assets.

The move sparked a new wave of denunciations by union leaders, who called Eastern chief Frank Lorenzo a "robber baron."

Machinists also called for a public boycott of Eastern's sister carrier, Continental Airlines, set up pickets against Continental in

Houston, and said they would oppose Eastern's reorganization plan and any sale of assets.

Angry and confused passengers, meanwhile, confronted Eastern ticket agents as well as travel agencies, often getting little satisfaction as they learned they might have to wait on a long line of unsecured creditors for a refund or pay higher fares on other carriers.

But many service people, as well as travel agents, were as confused as the ticket holders about the effects of the action in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York, which temporarily frees the airline of the debt obligations.

"This has been one of those days that we all hope would never happen," said Phil Davidoff, president-elect of the 23,000-member American Society of Travel Agents.

In Miami, ticket agent Marion Gordon and two co-workers at Eastern's office could only re-

spond to angry customers by saying they had no money for refunds.

"I am an old lady and I'm stranded on Miami Beach," said Rose Aolt of New York City. "I have no money for another ticket."

"You'll just have to wait and see," Gordon answered.

Under the Chapter 11 filing, the bankruptcy court must approve ticket refunds, said Eastern spokeswoman Karen Ceremsak, adding that she did not know how the process would work. The would-be passengers, who hold about \$200 million worth of tickets, fall behind bigger, secured creditors in priority in the eyes of the court.

But chances remained good that if the passenger's destination were a popular one, another carrier would honor the ticket, although possibly at a higher price.

In addition, passengers who



Lorenzo bought tickets with a major credit card probably won't have to stand in line at the courthouse since a federal law protects consumers who make credit card

purchases but fail to receive goods or services.

The best passengers could do was to trade Eastern tickets for travel before March 15 for seats on its sister airline, Continental.

Eastern, meanwhile, said it will attempt to get as many planes back in the air as possible in order to make "old tickets good." The company also plans to renegotiate agreements with other carriers to honor Eastern tickets.

As late as Wednesday, Miami-based Eastern had insisted that a Chapter 11 filing remained a last resort in its effort to survive the strike, which is costing the airline about \$4 million a day.

Lorenzo, at a news conference Thursday, blamed "the damage that has been caused by the pilots' union" for the decision to seek protection. The machinists' strike, which started Saturday following a 17-month dispute over wage concessions, has been hon-

ored by most Eastern pilots and flight attendants.

The 3,600 pilots are critical to Eastern's operations, and their support of the 8,500 machinists forced the airline to shut down virtually all its operations Monday and lay off some 9,500 non-union employees.

The airline faces a "cash crisis" that can only be averted and stabilized by turning to the bankruptcy court, Eastern President Phil Bakes said.

The bankruptcy filing is designed to give Eastern a reprieve from debts and the threat of lawsuits by creditors while it tries to restructure and extricate itself from the worst crisis in its 60-year history.

Eastern management, listing more than \$4.5 billion in net assets, \$3.39 billion in liabilities and 15,696 creditors, insisted it intends to restore the company through the bankruptcy proceeding, though in a smaller form.

Unemployment down to 5.1% in February

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's unemployment rate in February plunged to 5.1 percent, the lowest point in 15 years, as employers created 289,000 new jobs in a sign of the economy's continued strength, the government reported today.

The jobless rate was down 0.3 percentage points from January, hitting 5.1 percent for first time since May 1974, the Labor Department said. The rate last was lower in December 1973, when it hit 4.9 percent.

Overall, the civilian labor force contracted by 247,000 people last month to 123.2 million, while 142,000 workers found jobs, according to the department's monthly sample of households, from which the jobless rate is calculated.

With the rise in employment, 62.9 percent of working-age Americans held jobs, matching the record high level set in January.

February's job growth was paced by gains in service-producing sectors, while employment in goods-producing industries de-

creased slightly due to a weather-related decline in construction.

There were 321,000 new jobs in the service-producing sector of the economy, including gains in health and business services.

Construction employment was down 22,000 jobs due to harsh weather after a strong surge in January that had been attributed largely to mild weather.

Manufacturing employment was down 8,000 jobs after steadily increasing since September.

In figures closely watched for signs of inflation, the report showed that seasonally adjusted average hourly earnings of non-supervisory employees were up a slim 0.1 percent and average weekly earnings declined 0.2 percent in February.

A separate unemployment calculation including the 1.7 million members of the armed forces stationed in the United States also stood at 5.1 percent in February, down from 5.4 percent a month earlier.

In the civilian population, the jobless rate among whites was 4.3 percent last month, down from 4.6 percent in January, while the unemployment rate for blacks was 11.9 percent, down from 12 percent.

The jobless rate among Hispanics plunged to 6.8 percent from 8.4 percent in January.

The rate for teen-agers dropped by 1.6 percentage points to 14.8 percent, while the unemployment rate for young adults aged 20 to 24 fell 1.2 points to 8.1 percent.

Analysts have long been forecasting an economic slowdown, but most reports at the start of 1989 have indicated the economy continues to demonstrate strong momentum.

"We've had strong growth in employment that suggests we're going into the first quarter with significant gains already in our pocket," economist James Annable of First National Bank of Chicago said in advance of today's report. "We're not going to get a significant slowdown in growth in the first quarter."

Justice joins Northrop suit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Justice Department has joined a \$60 million lawsuit against Northrop Corp. that alleges the defense contractor falsified tests, raising fears that many of the 1,764 nuclear missiles aboard U.S. bombers may fail.

"Northrop has delivered a guidance system for a nuclear weapons system that very well may not work if used. That is the bottom line," said attorney Rob Kilborne.

Documents released Thursday by U.S. District Court Judge David Kenyon revealed that the federal government joined forces on Feb. 15 with two ex-Northrop employees, whom Kilborne represents, in a \$60 million civil lawsuit brought against the aerospace concern in 1987.

The U.S. Attorney's Office, entering the case under terms of the federal False Claims Act, also

charges Northrop with breach of contract and fraud.

A federal grand jury in Los Angeles reportedly is conducting a separate criminal investigation of the alleged fake tests, a probe begun by the FBI and Air Force.

"It is alleged Northrop's Western Services Department in El Monte systematically falsified test data, failed to perform certain tests and manipulated test equipment to obtain false results on the guidance system of the nuclear warhead missile," said Mary McMenimen, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Robert Bonner in Los Angeles.

Guidance system failure means a cruise missile and its nuclear warhead could miss its target, Kilborne said.

The cruise missile is a subsonic, jet-powered missile with small wings and a range of up to 1,500 miles. It is designed to fly close to terrain to avoid radar detection, and can carry conventional or nuclear warheads.

Federal prosecutors said Northrop falsely certified it had performed critical stress tests on flight data transmitters for the U.S. bomber fleet's 1,764 missiles between 1981 and 1986.

Production of the \$9,000-per-missile guidance systems started in El Monte in suburban Los Angeles and moved later to Pomona, 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

"These are critical guidance and flight control systems parts for the air-launched cruise missile," said Ms. McMenimen. "These units are on B-52 and B-1 bombers stationed both in the U.S. and overseas."



Dr. Springer speaks at news conference.

Scientists say common cold may be treated by fooling it

BOSTON (AP)—Scientists reported today that the next best thing to a cure for the common cold—a way to prevent it—may have become possible at last by using a kind of cellular illusion to trick the relentless virus.

Two teams, working separately, have deciphered the chemical hitching post that about half of all cold viruses use when they latch onto cells in the nose and infect them.

This seemingly arcane discovery may be an important key to defeating one of humanity's most universal miseries.

"It is clearly feasible to develop a treatment based on what we have learned," said Dr. Timothy A. Springer of the Center for Blood Research in Boston.

Their anti-cold strategy is simple: Fool the virus.

The scientists have developed a detailed picture of the rhinovirus receptor on the cells that make up the lining of the nose. A cold occurs when a virus attaches itself to one of these receptors and infiltrates the cell.

Researchers have isolated the gene responsible for making the receptor, and as a result, they can produce it in limitless quantities.

They believe they can keep people healthy by flooding their noses with copies of the receptor. If a cold virus wanders by, it will harmlessly attack a dummy receptor and never find a susceptible nose cell.

No one knows for sure whether this ploy will work, although it looks promising in a test tube. A similar scheme is being tested against AIDS.

"If it works, it would be very exciting," commented Dr. Richard Crowell, a virus researcher at Hahnemann University School of Medicine in Philadelphia.

Even if the scientific hunch is right, it will be several years before such treatment is available.

"This is not a cure. It is a scientific step," said Dr. Michael E. Kamarck of Molecular Therapeutics in West Haven, Conn.

Reports on the two teams' conclusions were published in the journal *Cell*.

One study was conducted at the Center for Blood Research, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals in Ridgefield, Conn., and the other at Molecular Therapeutics, part of Miles Inc., a pharmaceutical firm.

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Feminist's business review article causes stir

By ARLENE LEVINSON
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — A feminist who works to advance career opportunities for women caused a stir by writing in the *Harvard Business Review* that female managers cost corporations more than male ones do.

Felice N. Schwartz also urged employers to recognize two kinds of woman managers: those who put their careers first and those who want to balance career and children.

"The cost of employing women in management is greater than the cost of employing men," Schwartz wrote in the review's January-February issue in her article, "Management Women and the New Facts of Life."

"This is a jarring statement, partly because it is true, but mostly because it is something

people are reluctant to talk about," she wrote.

Published by Harvard Business School, the review has 210,000 subscribers, about 95 percent of them in business. Since the issue was published, furious debate has ensued, said managing editor Alan Webber. Woman managers are talking about it at business conferences and the magazine has received a dozen letters. "It struck a nerve," he said.

Schwartz supports her stance with two unnamed sources. One is a study by a multinational corporation that found turnover among its best female managers was 2.5 times that for men. The other, identified only as a large producer of consumer goods, reported that half the women who take maternity leave come back to work late or never.

The greater cost of employing

women managers is caused by interruptions because of childbearing, of staying at a plateau rather than rising in the corporate ranks, and leaving the company altogether after training there, Schwartz wrote. She didn't provide statistics, however.

U.S. Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., said the article gives ammunition to opponents of women's advancement.

Webber said the reaction he has received generally touches on two themes. "A lot of people say it is a mistake to categorize the issue as a women's issue, that it's a family issue. ... Younger men who are interested, as a generation, in raising children are facing pressures not unlike those facing women," he said.

Other letter-writers said they were glad someone opened debate on the subject. "It's been kind of a dirty little secret," Web-

ber said.

Schwartz, who said she has three sons and four grandchildren, is founder and president of Catalyst, a non-profit research and advisory group in New York that works with corporations to foster women's careers.

In the article, Schwartz said heightened sensitivity to charges of sexism, as well as fear of lawsuits, prevent people from discussing the matter.

In an interview from New York, Schwartz said that those who attack her ideas need to read her article more closely.

Her point was that corporations need to adjust to demographic facts: "There are not enough good men to go around," she said.

She disagreed that corporate executives would use her article as an excuse to keep women back.

Gramm says program provides homes to 384

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost 400 low- and moderate-income families across Texas have become first-time homebuyers under a pilot program that allowed them to purchase repossessed homes with low-interest loans, Sen. Phil Gramm says.

Gramm declared his "Texas Home Ownership Initiative" a total success and said it had been completely subscribed in less than two months. Now he wants Jack Kemp, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to consider expanding the program nationwide.

"I have asked Jack Kemp to make a thorough evaluation of the Texas Home Ownership Initiative and to use it as a blueprint to establish an American Home Ownership Initiative," Gramm said.

He said there are approximately 60,000 repossessed HUD homes across the country that could be sold through a national program. Kemp is "excited" about the program and may go to Texas and visit one of the new homeowners, Gramm said.

Standing in front of a Dallas house that had been repossessed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Gramm announced Jan. 14 that \$17 million in low-interest financing was available to help low- and middle-income Texans become

first-time homebuyers.

"The pilot program I developed was aimed at those people who have all the characteristics of homeownership, who hold jobs, pay their bills, and save money, but don't earn enough to buy a home," Gramm said.

Gramm said the program was designed to help even those Texans who earn as little as \$15,000 buy one of the 12,000 single-family homes HUD has repossessed in Texas, Gramm said.

Gramm said he set a target date of April 20 for finding enough buyers for the pilot program, but that all funds had been used by March 4 and there is now a waiting list.

Of the 384 families selected, 29 percent live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, 28 percent are in Houston, 27 percent are in San Antonio and Austin, and the remainder are scattered across the rest of the state, Gramm said.

Under his program, the federal government guaranteed bonds issued by the Texas Housing Authority used to provide the low-interest financing. Private real estate agents were used to show the homes and close the deals.

"It didn't cost the federal government anything," Gramm said. "I prefer homeownership to another government housing project that people tear up and don't take pride in."

House panel OKs budget balance plan

AUSTIN (AP) — "Bookkeeping measures" designed to move \$1.2 billion more into the general revenue fund are needed to help balance the state budget, a state lawmaker said.

This week, the House Appropriations Committee voted 16-3 to send the proposal to the full House.

"Without it, we are in trouble in balancing the budget," Rep. James Hury, the bill's author said.

The bill would allow the state comptroller to transfer reserves from more than 200 special funds on the last day of the next biennium into the general revenue fund. The transferred funds would be returned after several days.

Combined with payment delays into the retired teachers' pension fund, the "paper transfer" would raise the estimate of revenue available for spending by about \$1.2 billion.

This means lawmakers could appropriate \$1.2 billion more than is actually expected in revenue for the two-year budget period beginning Sept. 1.

Key lawmakers have said measure is needed because the current revenue estimate is about \$1 billion less than the amount needed to maintain the current level of government services.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock introduced the plan earlier in the legislative session, saying lawmakers could use the bookkeeping measures to avoid raising taxes.

Bullock says a tax increase would inhibit the state's economic rebound from the collapse in oil prices.

Hury, D-Galveston, said legislators hope the economy will be strong enough to make up the \$1.2 billion. If not, lawmakers in the next regular session, beginning in January 1991, will have to grapple with the problem, he said.

"There's no question we would have to deal with that," Hury said.

During a hearing on the bill, appropriations panel members said they wanted assurances from Gov. Bill Clements that he would accept the proposal.

Hury said he wouldn't carry the legislation unless he was certain the governor approved of it.

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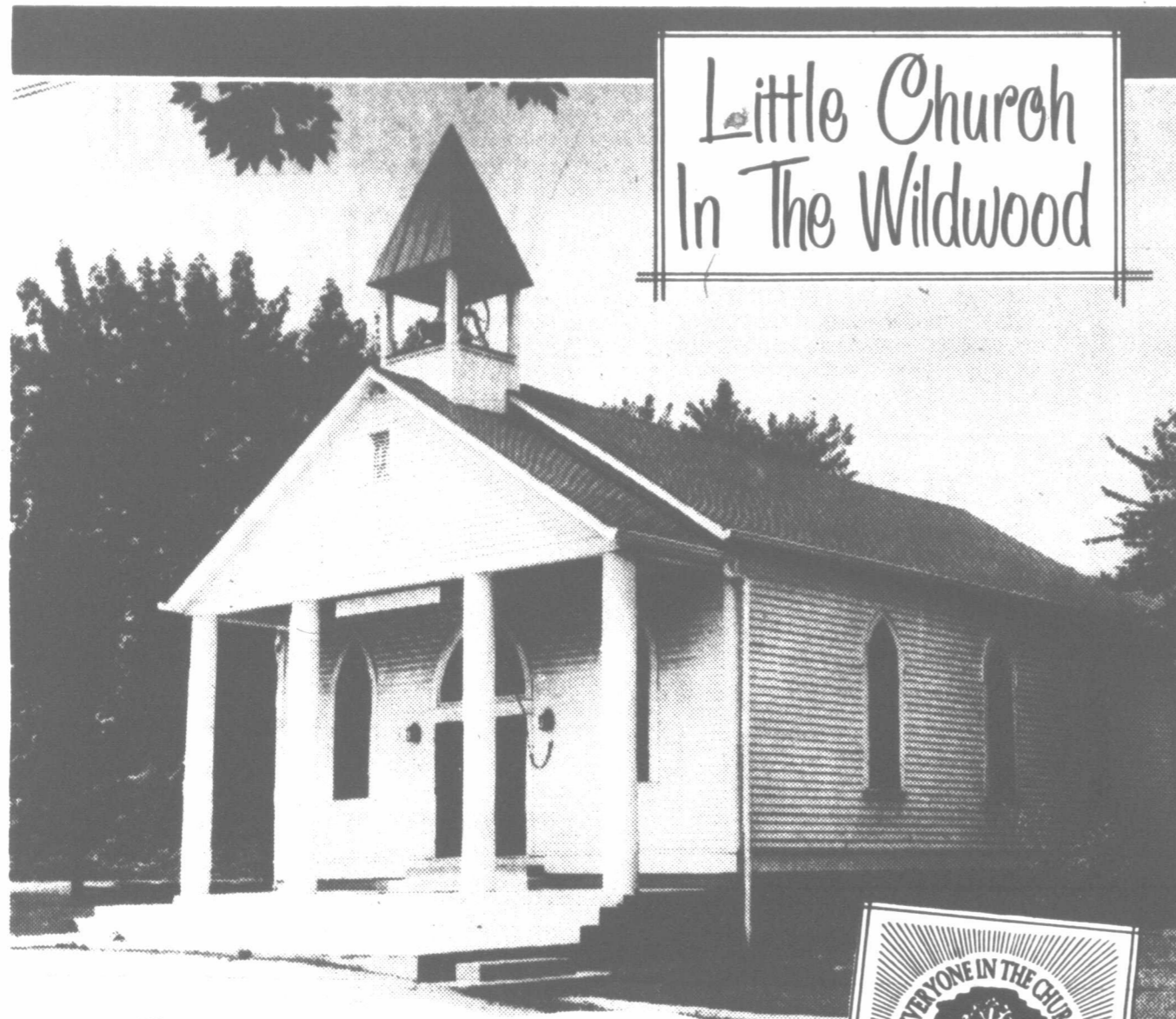
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Teen Challenge Choir to be at First Assembly

The Teen Challenge Training Center Choir will present a program of contemporary Christian music, testimony and drama at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler.

The choir is composed of young men from all over the United States and Puerto Rico. The young men come from a background of drugs, alcohol and/or crime.

Each member, with his own story from heroin addiction to murder, testifies to the miracle working power of God's love.

The choir represents more than 200 students residing at the Teen Challenge Training Center in Rehrersburg, Pa. Teen Challenge is the largest non-profit rehabilitation program in the world, with more than 85 induction centers in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

The choir has shared music and ministry in churches, on street corners, prisons, high schools, military bases, coffee houses and on radio and television.

They have appeared in Washington, D.C., on the Capitol steps and at the Washington Monument and in Philadelphia at the Liberty Bell and in Independence Square. They have also appeared on television on both the 700 Club and P.T.L. Club.

Teen Challenge is a ministry started in the 1950s by David Wilkerson, author of *The Cross and the Switchblade*. It is coordinated nationwide by the Division of Home Missions of the Assemblies of God.

Rev. Herb Peak, pastor, invited the congregation and public to attend.

"You are sure to be touched as they sing, perform and testify of God's transforming power, which has delivered them from the perils of drug and alcohol abuse," he said.

His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *You hem me in— behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.* (Psalm 139:5-6 NIV)

A recent trip to San Antonio gave my husband and me a chance to go to the new Sea World which opened about a year ago.

The weather was not good tourist temperature, but at least we didn't have to fight our way through the crowds. Once we got enough clothes on to keep from turning blue, we enjoyed the sights.

The park is beautiful and the creatures are magnificent. I'm convinced porpoises are disguised humans and killer whales are adorable pussycats.

My favorite attraction was the coral reef. It is housed in a dark room with only the building-sized, glass tank lighted.

The tank housed such tranquil splendor words are inadequate description. Colorful coral fans, ruffles, and laces and gracefully swaying water plants set a delicate scene suitable for a deep sea fantasy world.

Slicing elegantly through the water was a stunning array of every color and shape of small fish imaginable.

I think I could have easily spent the remainder of my days in that room, watching in enthralled wonder and in awe of the incredible intellect of the Creator.

I never cease to be amazed Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of all things with all their individual intricacies and requirements, loves you and me! I just can't get over it!

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Religion roundup

NEW YORK (AP) — The Ecumenical Ministry Minority Bail Bond Fund, which since its establishment in 1977 has posted \$791,000 in bond for 44 defendants, says that for the first time it has had to forfeit an accused man's bail money.

The fund's policy board said the forfeiture was ordered in the case of Eddie Hatcher, a North Carolina Lumbee Indian, who failed to appear in court Jan. 17 but that he reportedly intends to repay his \$25,000 bond.

"We have always recognized the risk involved, and will continue to assume the risk of failure on behalf of racial minority persons to guarantee them their constitutional right to bail," the board said.

Hatcher was charged in a 1986 incident in which he and another Indian held hostages for 10 hours in a Lumberton, N.C., newspaper office in demanding a state investigation into alleged official corruption and racial injustice.

Religion



The Florida Boys

Florida Boys to sing at Briarwood Church

The Florida Boys, southern gospel singing group, will be in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, at Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester.

The group has roots going back more than 40 years, with talent, persistence and dedication guiding the members from their years of experience in the past to continued popularity in the present.

Members are Les Beasley, lead; Glen Allred, baritone and guitar; Derrell Stewart, piano, red socks and comic antics; Buddy Liles, bass; Greg Cook, tenor; and Tim Lovelace, various musical instruments.

J.G. Whitfield began the Gospel Melody Quartet in 1947. Allred joined in the fall of 1952, and Beasley came aboard in the spring of 1953. The name of the group was changed to The Florida Boys in 1955.

Stewart was added to the group two years later, and Liles came with the group in 1972. Cook and Lovelace are the two latest additions.

Along the way in their long musical career, The Florida Boys have established some landmarks. They were the

first gospel group to have a nationally syndicated television program.

Their *Gospel Singing Jubilee* eventually won a number of Dove Awards for the best gospel singing program. They were the first southern gospel group signed by Canaan Records when Word Records began that division in 1964.

Though they have stayed around for 40 years, their past history is not all they have to call on. The Florida Boys still deliver concerts 50 weeks of the year all across the United States.

They have been in more than a dozen countries. They also co-host an annual gospel singing fest at The Spirit of the Suwanee Camp at Live Oak, Fla., along with co-hosting a singing cruise each year to the Bahamas. They also perform at most of the key events in southern gospel music year after year.

Forty years later, they still please crowds of people with their music, their message and their integrity.

Pastor Gene Allen invited the public to attend the special concert.

Catholic staff getting new headquarters

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

The national staff of U.S. Roman Catholicism is moving into a new home with a new chief and a newly consolidated crew to trumpet the church's message to Americans.

Structures on the grounds symbolize the accent on spreading the Word: a tall statue of Jesus as "light of the world," and the great bulge of a satellite communications dish.

They stand beside the new Washington office building that on April 3 becomes headquarters of the U.S. Catholic Conference, the church's national action agency.

"If Jesus were on Earth today, he would use all the contemporary ways of explaining his message to the world," says the Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle, director of the new Office for Media Relations.

Doyle, 48, a priest-attorney-journalist from Albany, N.Y., was named to his new post as a spokesman for U.S. Catholicism in a reorganization in January of communications operations.

As head of a key section, media relations, Doyle's job is to channel information about the church's positions, activities and personalities to secular news outlets.

"The church has a very positive story to tell, and we're trying in every possible way to get that

story out," he said in an interview, adding that he intends full openness in doing it.

Conceding that the church sometimes has been reluctant about that in the past, he said, "You don't ever have to shy away from the truth. Any organization is going to have disagreements and at times difficulties."

He noted that even in biblical times, the early church had its conflicts and difficulties, which were thoroughly and openly reported in the Book of Acts and the Epistles.

He said that in the church's American cultural setting of "freedom, openness and dealing with educated people," they "expect reasonable explanations of church events and positions."

The communications reorganization comes at the time of a change-over in management of the conference and its preparation to move into its new headquarters.

Taking over as the new general secretary, the conference's chief executive, is the Rev. Robert Lynch, 47, who oversees the conference's approximately 20 departments in various ecclesiastical and social fields.

Lynch succeeds Monsignor Daniel F. Hoyer, 43, of Fall River, Mass., who held the post seven years.

Lynch, from Miami, has been associate general secretary since 1984, and accompanied Pope

John Paul II on his two trips across America.

The conference, with about 300 employees and an operating budget of \$10.7 million, has been housed at 1312 Massachusetts Avenue in northwestern Washington for 42 years, but had far outgrown the space.

Doyle, former bureau chief in Rome for National Catholic News Service, has for the past three

years been based in the New York state capital of Albany as director of government relations for the state Catholic conference.

In the new national setup, Richard W. Daw, 54, who for 12 years has been editor in chief of National Catholic News Service and who formerly was an Associated Press bureau chief, heads the new Communications Department.

Medical insurance taking bite from church budgets

By RON GEORGE
Corpus Christi
Callier-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Medical-insurance premiums are taking larger bites out of local church budgets, programs and ministers' pockets.

In some cases, there are anguishing consequences.

Escalating medical-insurance costs forced the Rev. Jose Ramirez, pastor of Templo Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, to drop his policy in 1984.

Neither Ramirez, whose salary was \$800 a month, nor the congregation of about 80 members could afford the skyrocketing premiums, said Templo Treasurer Julian Garcia.

Ramirez could scarcely afford rent, Garcia said. To save money, he said, the pastor and his wife moved into her father's home.

Two years later, Ramirez, then 56, became a cancer patient with a \$10,000 bill at Memorial Medical Center.

Ramirez died in 1987, leaving his wife, Elizabeth, with the hospital bill and a small church pension to help support her.

"That's the worst case of people not having insurance that I have ever seen," said the Rev. Bill Frazier, executive director of the Corpus Christi Baptist Association.

Another Corpus Christi pastor, the Rev. J.R. Aldape, says he will drop his medical insurance next year if premiums rise an additional estimated \$75 a month.

"A lot of churches are hurting more than ours," said Aldape, pastor of Goliath Baptist Church. But medical-insurance premiums, he said, are "depleting our resources."

Aldape said he cut nearly \$600 from his salary this year rather than ask his financially strapped congregation to pay all of a 37-percent increase in the pastor's medical insurance premiums.

Aldape is 62. Medical coverage for the pastor and his wife, purchased through the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, will cost \$4,440 this year. Last year, he said, the same coverage cost about \$3,240.

Premium increases for South-

ern Baptist medical insurance have averaged 12.7 percent annually since 1980, ranging from 4.9 percent in 1986 to 25 percent in 1983 and 20 percent last year, said Tom Miller, senior vice president for public relations with the Southern Baptist Annuity Board in Dallas.

"The cost of medical insurance is threatening the mission of the church," Miller said. "The more you have to spend to support the local church, the less you have for missions."

Higher deductibles and decreased benefits mean ordained ministers and other church employees must pay more out of their own pockets for medical care before receiving insurance benefits, Miller said.

"There is a tremendous temptation (for ministers) to gamble" by choosing not to pay high insurance premiums in the hope that neither they nor their dependents will become seriously ill, Miller said.

Each year, he said the Southern Baptist Annuity Board provides \$600,000 in relief funds to retired ministers without pensions and widows whose minister husbands died without pensions or medical insurance.

Frazier said the Corpus Christi Baptist Association, area churches and the Southern Baptist Convention have helped Elizabeth Ramirez maintain her home — her father died last October — and have provided some financial support.

Those who know Elizabeth Ramirez say she is remarkably undaunted. At 58, she is not yet eligible for Social Security. She said her monthly income is about \$340 in pension benefits and donations from local churches.

"I'm cheerful because the Lord gives me a lot of strength," she said. She needs strength, she said, because, "I have a lot of debt, and no job, now."

The hospital bills remain to be paid, said Frazier. Fortunately, he said, "the hospital does not harass people."

Ministers customarily are provided medical insurance as part of their compensation. But church insurance plans are as vulnerable to rising medical costs as their counterparts in private industry.



Saints and Sinners

George Plagenz

'When in doubt, do right'

On the same day I saw "Eight Men Out," the movie about the old Black Sox baseball scandal, the newspapers were publishing the news that Olympic hero Ben Johnson had been stripped of his gold medal in Seoul, South Korea. Tests showed he had set his world record in the 100 meters with the help of drugs. Disgraced, he returned to his home in Canada.

A week earlier, a Big Ten football star told a federal grand jury in Chicago that he had illegally accepted money from some fast-talking sports agents.

Suddenly 1919 didn't seem so long ago and far away. Times hadn't changed. Only the dates on the calendar had.

Even the excuses of the accused followed a predictable pattern going back to the Garden of Eden.

"The woman you gave to be with me, she gave of the tree," said Adam to the Lord God. Eve countered with, "The serpent deceived me."

Ben Johnson's improbable story was that someone had spiked his Gatorade.

And the football player said: "I wasn't thinking of myself when I took the money. I was thinking of my two younger brothers. I wanted them to have the things we used to wish for when we were kids."

Nearly 70 years earlier, eight players of the American League champion Chicago White Sox (forever after known as the "Black Sox") conspired with gamblers to throw the 1919 World Series to the Cincinnati Reds. Some of them faulted Chicago owner Charles Comiskey. He was a miser, a skinflint who paid starvation wages to his players.

After the deal, some of the players had second thoughts about the fix. But

it was too late to get out. With the Reds leading the Series four games to three (it was best-of-nine that year), Claude "Lefty" Williams was up to pitch for Chicago. He had thrown the second game. If he lost the crucial eighth game (as planned), the Series would be over.

The day before Williams had found \$5,000 in a sack under his pillow in his hotel room. He had expected 10 grand. But if he was thinking of returning the double-cross, he promptly reconsidered when the gangsters approached him before the game that afternoon and threatened to kill him if anything went wrong.

It didn't. Williams quickly gave Cincinnati five runs in the first inning and the Reds went on to win, 10-5. The Series was over.

Williams was one of the players who signed confessions after the details of the fix were exposed a year later. But the confessions were stolen from the Illinois attorney general's office and the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty." The unrepentant players celebrated with a wild old time at an Italian restaurant on Chicago's West Side.

But their merriment would be short-lived. All eight of the players involved in the fix were banned from baseball for life by Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who was elected the game's first commissioner in the wake of the scandal.

Like Olympic star Ben Johnson and the Big Ten football player in this story (as well as Adam and Eve), the Chicago players had time to think over their choices before they acted. But they forgot a simple, five-word maxim that can save us from a similar fate: "When in doubt, do right."

St. Patrick's Gospel Concert to be March 18 in Shamrock

SHAMROCK — The Shamrock Ministerial Alliance will sponsor the St. Patrick's Gospel Concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Shamrock High School Auditorium.

The concert will feature Curtis Coleman, evangelist and singer. He directs "Growing Strong," his discipleship ministry of the Curtis Coleman Evangelistic Association of Little Rock, Ark.

His music is featured in two albums. *Songs for the Storm* features

"Joy Comes in the Morning," "Peace in the Midst of the Storm," "He Will Carry You," "It Is Finished," "More Than Conquerors," "It Is Well" and other popular gospel songs.

His *Cornerstone* album features "Jesus Is the Cornerstone," "Jesus (He Is the Son of God)," "Statue of Liberty," "Victory in Jesus" and others.

Admission is free. A love offering will be taken.

Long-play albums and stereo cassettes will be available at the concert.

Religion Roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Catholic Conference has urged approval of a U.S. Senate bill to raise the minimum hourly wage from its present \$3.35 to \$4.65 in gradual steps over the next three years.

Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M.

Sullivan of Brooklyn, chairman of the USCC's committee on domestic policy, says support for the increase is based on church tradition of a "just wage" sufficient to support families "in dignity."

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Lifestyles

Local band directors to perform Sunday

Pampa schools band directors are to be presented in a concert sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Pampa Middle School Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend the free concert featuring Pampa High School band director Charles Johnson, Pampa High School assistant band director Brent Colwell, Pampa Middle School band director Bruce Collins and Pampa elementary school band director Jeff Hogan.

People get to see the directors' students perform in concert but seldom get a chance to hear the directors themselves perform, according to organizers of the concert. For this reason, the Pampa Fine Arts Association decided to present the city's band directors in a concert of their own.

All four directors are accomplished musicians themselves — Johnson on flute, Colwell on trombone, Collins on clarinet and

Hogan on saxophone.

Hogan grew up in Dallas, graduating from Newman Smith High School in 1981. He attended Wayland Baptist University from 1981 to 1987. He was a member of the Wayland Symphonic Band and Spirit of America. While at Wayland, he served as band president and drum major. In 1987, Hogan was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. He graduated in 1987 with a bachelor in music education degree. He is in his second year as elementary band director here.

Collins has been band director at PMS for three years. His prior experience includes one year as director of bands for Gruver schools and seven years as an assistant director/junior high director at Robert E. Lee High School and Alamo Junior High in Midland. He is a graduate of Clovis, N.M., High School where he was a member of the outstanding high school band program directed by Narvil Howell, now

coordinator of music for Clovis schools. He is a graduate of West Texas State University where he served as drum major for the WTSU marching band. He completed his graduate work in 1984 and now holds a master of arts degree.

Colwell was raised in Pampa and is a graduate of Pampa High School where he played euphonium in the high school band. He is a graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity. He is presently in his fifth year as assistant band director in Pampa.

Charles Johnson, a graduate of West Texas State University in Canyon, began his teaching career in Pampa as a private woodwind instructor. He served as assistant band director for two years before being named head director. He has directed Pampa High School bands for seven years.



From left: Hogan, Colwell, Collins and Johnson.

(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

G-T students qualify for state competition

A team of Pampa gifted and talented students are to compete at the state Odessey of the Mind contest, April 8, at West Texas State University in Canyon.

Seven students competing in the "Ye Gods" category placed second at the regional competition March 4 at the Canyon college, which earned them a berth in the state contest. The winning team members produced their version of a commercial for Narcissus dolls.

The "Ye Gods" problem addresses mythology and how these stories have inspired plays, works of art and films. Students must present information surrounding one or more Greek mythical characters and use this information to create a related advertising campaign.

"Ye Gods" team members include Jennifer Jones, Nicole Griffith, Amber McCullough, James Barker, Bobby Venal, Christa Mohout and Amanda Sims. Coaches for the team are Mary Sims, Jane Mohout, Jennifer Mohout and Kay Crouch.

Also placing in the regional meet was the "Just In Time" group of Pampa students. Members of this team were Megan Hill, Serenity King, Michael

Plunk, David Dennis, Bryan Hanks, Bradley Haralson and James Thaxton.

These students developed their problem around a cops and robbers theme. They were assisted by five battery-powered vehicles in forming a transportation system to deliver costume parts to each of the other team members.

Coaching the "Just In Time" team were Mr. and Mrs. Greg Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Haralson, Patty Plunk and John Thaxton.

A third team which placed fourth in the regional event was called "Fabulous Fables." These students used a series of morals to write a script about a group of animals who received words of wisdom from a knowledgeable owl. Members of this team were Erin Alexander, Debra Smith, Karen Thrasher, Ann Carmichael, Heather Garner and Cami Cameron.

"Fabulous Fables" coaches were Judy Cameron and Kay Smith.

Winner of the state Odessey of the Mind Contest in April will be traveling to the world competition scheduled at Boulder, Colo., in May.



(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

This team of Gifted and Talented students recently won second place in the Odessey of the Mind Regional Contest at West Texas State University. The group now qualifies to compete at the state level at WTSU in April. Pictured are, front row, from left: Christa Mohout, Amber McCullough, James Barker, and Bobby Venal. Back row, from left: Amanda Sims, Nicole Griffith, and Jennifer Jones.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

School children roll up their sleeves to clean up country

DEAR ABBY: You need to know how much good you do with your column. I teach a class of special children. There are 12 children, grades 1 through 5, at Skeen Elementary School in Leesburg, Fla.

A letter in your column stimulated them to get involved. We call our program "Litter Perfect."

"They want you to know what they (along with family and friends) have done about cleaning up their surroundings since Nov. 29, 1988.

I am enclosing a letter from that class. I hope you have room for it.

THEIR TEACHER

DEAR TEACHER: I made room. Here's their letter:

DEAR ABBY: Our class is studying ecology. We read your list of how long it takes things to rot.

We are helping to clean up America. We are recycling. We have recycled 140 1/2 pounds of cans, 23 pounds of scrap aluminum, 966 pounds of glass and 4,370 pounds of newspaper. Sincerely,

EDDIE DAY

MRS. AYIS' CLASS

DEAR EDDIE: Hooray for your class. And congratulations to Mrs. Ayis. You may have given other teachers and students an excellent idea.

DEAR ABBY: How does Surgeon General Everett Koop propose to care for all the elderly people who are going to live to be 100 because they quit smoking?

Is the government preparing for the strain this will have on Social Security and Medicare reserves? Is Dr. Koop really concerned for the public's health or just irritated by a habit that he finds disgusting?

MRS. ROY G. DUNCAN, WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

DEAR MRS. DUNCAN: I cannot answer for Dr. Koop, but his excellent record speaks well for itself. To suggest that perhaps

we should encourage people to smoke so they won't live "too long" is both foolish and inhumane. We do know, however, that the quality of life for most people who are not addicted to tobacco is infinitely better.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are both well-educated, but we grew up with different lifestyles. Her household included full-time help; my mother did all the housework, and we kids did the dishes.

We were always required to "clean our plates" — and were told it was a "sin" to waste food. My wife was brought up to believe that it was considered bad manners to eat everything on the plate, and to this day she insists that it's bad manners to do so.

Any comment?

MR. CLEAN PLATE

DEAR MR. CLEAN PLATE: It's bad manners to mop up every drop of gravy with a piece of bread, but to deliberately leave edible food on one's plate for "appearance's" sake is both wasteful and foolish.

DEAR ABBY: I'm female — 68 years young — and want to share my recent experience.

While visiting my son and his family, my daughter-in-law asked me to pick up her birth control prescription at a local pharmacy. When the gentleman at the counter gave it to me, he hesitated for a moment, then asked, "Are these for you, madam?"

I said, "Yes." Then he told me, I was entitled to a senior citizen's discount — so he changed the price!

Now, how many 68-year-old women get a senior citizen's discount for birth control pills? He made my day.

What a country!

IDA IN KENT, WASH.

Lefors schools release honor rolls

LEFORS — Officials from Lefors Elementary School recently released the honor roll list for the fourth six-weeks grading period. Following are the Lefors students who qualified for the "A" and "A & B" honor rolls.

First grade

"A" — Misty Downes, Jeremy Pierce, Candid Ray and Michael Steele.

"A & B" — Tracey May, Melody Seely, and Cindy Velasquez.

Second grade

"A" — Sheila Berry, Dana Crutcher, Kody Franks, Scott Glass, Angela Huckins, and Grady Story.

"A & B" — Heather Howard, Len Lock, Gwen Nolte, Jared Story and Bobbie Stover.

Third grade

"A" — TeJay Steele.

"A & B" — Nikki Bockmon, Katisha Jackson, Brett Ward, and Aaron Whitney.

Fourth grade

"A" — Kisha Crain, Tenille Franks, Scott Weibling, and Jennifer Williams.

"A & B" — Justin Howard, Jennifer Lock, Mandy Mata, and Craig Seely.

Fifth grade

"A" — Bryan Bockman and Jerimey Howard.

"A & B" — Josh Akins, Mandy Day, and Angie Turpen.

Sixth grade

"A" — Arlinda Dowling and Shawna Lock.

"A & B" — Keli Crockett, Re-

nea Gilbert, and Jason Winegeart.

Lefors students who were placed on the secondary school honor roll for the fourth six weeks include the following:

Junior High

"A" — Ginger Hannon.

"A & B" — Tiffanie Franks, Alta Joslyn, Dennis Williams, Jaime Ledgerwood, Michelle Shedeck, Andy Swires and Sean Weibling.

High School

"A & B" — John Call and Jennifer Moore.

Adobe Walls Dancers plan demonstrations

BORGER — Adobe Walls Dancers will be hosting Winter Night Ceremonials tonight and Saturday at the Hutchinson County Library Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Because of the large number of requests from classroom teachers for Indian outreach programs to the schools, the Explorer group has decided to make the programs available to everyone. They will host a two-hour special event.

This is a pageant of Southwest and Plains Indian dances, including Hopi, Zuni, Jemez, and a number of the Rio Grande Pueblo Indian dances. New dances and costumes have been prepared including the Laguna Shield dance and the Sunbasket dance.

Girls in the group have produced black manta dresses in the traditional Hopi styles. Members have also reproduced the woven kilts and sashes that the Hopi men wear for ceremonial dress.

The library auditorium, an original adobe building with beamed ceiling, will be transformed into a ceremonial kiva. Reproductions of a Zuni Ceremonial altar and a four foot Kachina doll carved from a Cottonwood tree, along with numerous Hopi woven ceremonial costume items will be on display as a part of the ceremonies.

Some of these items have been loaned from the Kwahadi Indian Museum of Amarillo. Blankets and animal heads, shields, and

other colorful objects will give a festive glow to the Indian ceremonies.

Dances performed during the first half of the show represent dances done throughout the Rio Grande pueblos during the winter months. Christmas tree greenery is used by the dancers to symbolize winter. Second half dances are Kiowa and Comanche dances of the Plains Indians. Thirteen dances round out the two-hour program, with intermission. Other dances which have been enlarged and improved for the 20 member group are Comanche, Eagle, Pawnee Two-step, Hoop, Winning, Buffalo, Kiowa Shield, Freestyle, and Friendship Dance.

Admission donation is adults \$2.50; students under 18, \$1.50; groups of 6 or more \$1 each. Admission donations go to improve the program.

Adobe Walls Dancers is a co-educational Explorer Scout Post, and is sponsored by the Hutchinson County Museum. In its sixth year, the group performs for audiences both large and small and also assists with the Indian outreach programs to the schools from the museum.

Sausage dinner set

AMARILLO — St. Francis Catholic Church is sponsoring their annual German sausage dinner on Sunday, March 12, in the St. Francis Parish Hall.

Serving time will be from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children, and those under six years of age eat free. The menu includes German sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade bread and homemade cobbler.

A Country Store will feature many homemade items. Sausage will be sold and a drawing will be held.

St. Francis is located 10 miles east of Amarillo on Highway 60 or one mile east of Iowa Beef Packing Plant.

4-H'ers gain top sewing honors

Four Gray County 4-H'ers came away with top honors at the Natural Fibers showcase in Ft. Worth, March 4.

Heather Kludt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fran Kludt of Pampa, was named first place winner in the Youth-Senior Division (ages 14-19). Becky Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe VanZandt earned second place honors in the same division. Approximately 19 young people competed in the

Youth-Senior Division.

Amanda Kludt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fran Kludt, of Pampa, earned the top award in the Youth-Junior Division (ages 9-13) with a wool jacket and skirt. Also, making a good showing from Pampa was Heidi Phetteplace. Heidi placed third in the Knitted or Crocheted Garments division.

Heather Kludt was also awarded \$100 for the "Best Cot-

ton" garment in the contest and Becky Reed was awarded \$100 for the "Best Wool" garment.

First place winners received a plaque, a Vogue Sewing Book, and some fabric.

Garments entered in the competition must be a minimum blend of 50 percent cotton or 50 percent wool/mohair up to 100 percent natural fiber. Judging is based on construction, appearance, and the total look.

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Austin's black college still strives to compete in lean times

By A. PHILLIPS BROOKS
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN (AP) — Set on a hill above bustling East Seventh Street traffic and noise is a college so quiet it goes unnoticed by many in Austin.

But Huston-Tillotson College is attempting to become more visible in the community as it combats the same problems being faced by many black colleges across the nation — low enrollment, tight finances and limited academic growth.

The college's new president, Joseph T. McMillan Jr., took office in July. He since has instituted rapid changes he says will at last pull the college into the 1980s and begin to make it more competitive in the years beyond.

But many question whether institutions such as Huston-Tillotson — which were created to educate newly freed slaves after the Civil War and later educated blacks legally barred from other institutions — have outlived their purpose.

While desegregation increased black enrollment at public colleges and universities during the 1970s, it drastically reduced the numbers of blacks attending traditionally black institutions.

Such colleges found themselves competing for the first time for America's brightest black students. Huston-Tillotson and other black colleges were not prepared for what followed — a drop in enrollment compounded by cutbacks to government-sponsored grant programs.

"One moment we were keeping step with other small colleges in the state in terms of our academic programs and facilities. The next moment we were a step behind, then three, then five. When we looked again, we were many footsteps behind the pack," said Walter Stafford, a Huston-Tillotson graduate who is vice president of institutional affairs for the college.

Stafford and McMillan said this year is pivotal for the college, which is in the two-year accreditation process of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

A report detailing the college's performance in all areas and a



McMillan poses on the college campus in Austin.

five-year plan stating Huston-Tillotson's objectives will be issued by April 1990.

Huston-Tillotson, with its 23-acre campus a mile east of downtown, is a private undergraduate institution that traces its origin to two former colleges: Tillotson College, founded in 1875 by the Rev. George Jeffrey Tillotson, and Samuel Huston College, organized in 1876 as Andrews Normal School in Dallas. The campus moved to Austin in 1890, operating under Huston's name.

In 1952, the two institutions merged to form Huston-Tillotson. The college is jointly supported by The United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

Many former students said the college peaked in the late 1950s and the 1960s when buildings were new, enrollment was up and student activism was high. It was a time, they say, when Huston-Tillotson's academic credibility rivaled that of the more prestigious black colleges across the nation.

College records show enrollment climbed to 834 students in 1968 — its highest since the merger — then started to decline during the 1970s as integration took place.

But few physical or academic changes have been made since

at that time, college officials said.

A tight economy and reduction in federal money to higher education brought on by the Reagan administration further strained black colleges, whose students typically rely on financial assistance.

Many of the college's 16 structures are in disrepair, and the institution is without three Ph.D.-level faculty needed to maintain its accreditation.

Moreover, the college did not aggressively recruit students or market its programs, and many students were turned away when financial aid sources dried up, college officials said. Nor did Huston-Tillotson play a major role in the black community in addressing issues of the 1980s such as drugs, unemployment and teen-age pregnancy, they said.

Critics say Huston-Tillotson and many other historically black colleges are locked in the 1960s and are like dinosaurs — irrelevant and living on yesterday's accomplishments.

But McMillan and other supporters say that while the mission of black colleges may have changed, the need is greater than ever.

"My answer to those who say that Huston-Tillotson and other

black colleges should close is, emphatically, no," said James L. Hill, a graduate of the college. Hill is the director of the Southwest Regional Office of Educational Testing Services in Austin.

"Blacks need to have options other than the University of Texas. Many students will not meet admission standards at such colleges, while others have needs that cannot be met at these large, predominantly white institutions," Hill said. "But black colleges need to become more competitive. They have to offer quality programs to prepare students for business, industry or graduate school."

"Once you shut down these institutions, you are cutting off opportunities," he said, noting that the bulk of black professionals and politicians in the state came from black colleges — a trend mirrored nationwide.

Hill's points are backed by the American Council on Education and the United Negro College Fund.

Fall enrollment at 35 of the 42 United Negro College Fund member colleges is up by 3.4 percent over last year, a 1988 report by the organization said. The report cited effective recruiting, lower tuitions, smaller classes and the increase in racial incidents at

predominantly white institutions as reasons for the increase.

Average tuition at a private black college is 52 percent of the average at other private colleges, the report stated, a fact that has led to an increased number of whites enrolling in black colleges.

In addition, enrollment at all 104 historically black colleges and universities increased slightly over the prior year. Despite earlier declines, these institutions still enrolled one out of every six blacks seeking higher education as of 1987, according to a recent report by the American Council on Education.

Enrollment figures for 1987 indicate that historically black colleges are "gradually recouping some of their losses," the report stated.

Black students attending historically black colleges obtain their bachelor's degrees at a higher rate than those attending other institutions.

Six years after entering a public four-year institution, just 25.6 percent of black students had received a bachelor's degree, compared with 48 percent for white students, according to a report by the American Council on Education compiled based on 1986 figures.

At private institutions, the completion rate for blacks was slightly higher at 28.5 percent, compared with a 56 percent completion rate for white students.

By contrast, the completion rate for blacks attending historically black colleges was 79 percent, according to 1985 figures compiled by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

The main reasons cited for the greater success at black colleges were the supportive environments and the presence of black role models at the institutions.

Nineteen percent of entering black freshmen at UT received a bachelor's degree after four years, according to the university's most recent figures. The figures show cumulative averages for the completion rates of blacks after five and six years were 35.5 percent and 42.3 percent respectively. While no official statistics were

available from Huston-Tillotson, officials estimated the current completion rate for black students to be about 36 percent to 38 percent after four years.

McMillan said the relatively low graduation rate indicates the college's current physical and academic plight. Dilapidated dormitories and the lack of counseling and early intervention services for students who are prone to dropping out are the primary causes of the problem, he said.

This fall, McMillan developed a task force on student retention, completed \$1 million in renovations to one of the two residence halls, and changed the grading system to tackle the dropout problem.

Despite the problems, dozens of students, faculty and alumni cited the family atmosphere, small classes, tutorial programs and personalized instruction of the college as the ingredients that set Huston-Tillotson apart from other institutions. Typically, classes range from three to 30 students.

"You don't have to search and search for help when you need it. There is always someone there to help," said 21-year-old Kim Colbert, a junior from Houston.

Ann Buxkemper, a 24-year-old junior from Austin, prefers Huston-Tillotson to UT. "I attended a semester at UT and I hated it," she said. "The classes were too big and I felt like a number. I was turned off with TAs (teaching assistants) grading my papers who didn't know or care about me," said Buxkemper, who is Anglo.

Students also praised the cultural vitality of the college.

"Academically, I feel the college does a fine job because it encourages students to achieve while maintaining a strong cultural link to black heritage," said Betty Momany, a senior from Kenya.

Nevertheless, there is a growing consensus among blacks that four-year public institutions and community colleges — with lower tuitions, quality programs and greater resources — can do a better job at educating minority students.

Trained monkey helps quadriplegic with his everyday tasks

By ELIZABETH CAMPBELL
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

RENDON, Texas (AP) — One of Maggie the monkey's most important jobs is getting Lance Scott something to drink.

Maggie uses a blend of high-tech and ingenuity to help Scott, 29, a quadriplegic who cannot speak. Her cues are a police whistle and laser beam, which are attached to a bar running across the front of Scott's wheelchair. With his mouth, Scott can easily reach the whistle and the switch used to control the beam.

If he wants a bottle of juice, he puts the lever controlling the laser beam in his mouth, turns it on and focuses it on the refrigerator door. He blows the whistle to attract Maggie's attention so she will look at where the beam is pointing.

When Maggie runs to the refrigerator and opens the door, Scott points the light to the bottle of juice. Maggie takes the bottle and places it in a special holder so Scott can drink easily. She unscrews the cap and puts a straw in the bottle.

When Scott finishes, he shines the beam on the bottle and blows the whistle. He then points to the trash can and Maggie throws the bottle away.

Maggie, a clever, inquisitive Capuchin monkey, gives Scott a greater sense of independence and companionship. Besides getting beverages from the refrigerator, she also puts tapes in his video recorder and turns on lights.

She is one of only 15 monkeys that Helping Hands, an organization based in Boston, has trained and placed with quadriplegics since it was founded in 1979.

Monkeys are used because they are good, stable companions and generally live 30 years, during which the quadriplegic and monkey develop a close bond, said Judi Zazula, Helping Hands program director.

Maggie is more unique than the others. She's the first to be trained to work with a non-vocal person, Zazula said.

To Scott, the monkey is far more than a pet or servant — she is like a member of the family. When she is not working, Maggie perches on his shoulder, strokes his hair or plays with rattles, bells and other toys.

In a letter to Helping Hands after he received Maggie, Scott wrote: "Thank you very, very much for the gift of my daughter Maggie and for believing in me and for making my dream come true."

Scott, who lives with his parents, Scotty and Carol, on a farm near Rendon, was para-

lyzed in a diving accident six years ago. He was under water for several minutes, and the lack of oxygen to his brain also damaged his speech center.

When Maggie is not in her cage, she is on a leash attached to Scott's wheelchair.

Besides blowing the whistle to attract her attention, Scott makes several sounds. If he drops his mouth stick, he makes a ticking noise that tells Maggie to pick up the stick and position it in his mouth.

To reward Maggie for her hard work, Scott had a special peanut butter dispenser designed so that he can put the treat on a small mouth stick and give it to her.

"I never dreamed that Maggie would be so terrific," he said.

Although Scott can't speak, he uses a mouth stick to type his thoughts into a computer. His words show determination, affection for Maggie and enthusiasm for life.

A speech synthesizer is connected to the computer so others can hear what he is typing. The computer is Scott's only tool to express himself to family and friends. Without the machine, he

can only cry out or shake his head yes or no.

"Having Maggie is a joy and a blessing. She is really a godsend to all of us," Scott said.

He is determined to live as independently as possible. Family members help him do things such as getting in and out of bed, dressing and cutting his food.

"I just can't begin to say how much of a difference Maggie has made in all of our lives," his father said. "He teases me and says he is going to replace me with Maggie."

"Maggie really enriches everyone's life," Scotty Scott said. "She brings more freedom and independence to Lance, and she makes all of us laugh when she chatters or makes funny faces."

The monkey came to Texas shortly before Thanksgiving, but the quest to bring Maggie and Scott together began more than three years ago after he saw a segment on the CBS news program *60 Minutes* describing how monkeys were trained to help quadriplegics live more independent lives.

Scott didn't waste any time writing letters to Helping Hands

telling of his interest in improving his life.

"I was extremely touched by his letter," Zazula recalled. "I was struck by Lance's personality and the support of the family. I was impressed by his family's complete dedication to help him live a fulfilling life."

"Believe me, it was an honor to work with him. It was a pleasure and a delight for me."

When Zazula received Scott's letter, she was not certain whether he could qualify for a monkey because monkeys often need verbal feedback and are often given spoken cues to do their tasks, she said.

Applicants must meet several requirements. Quadriplegics need a stable home environment because family members or an attendant also have to be responsible for feeding monkeys and cleaning their cages.

People requesting the monkeys must be out of school and spend most of their time at home because monkeys are trained to work there.

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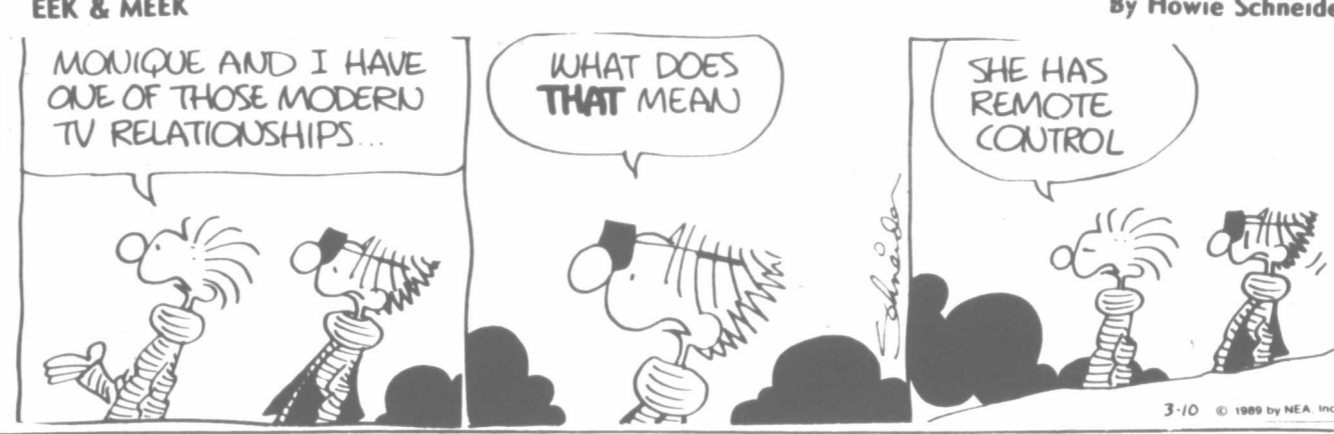
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is the type of day when you're apt to feel restless unless you have a lot to do. Usually it's not wise to do several projects simultaneously, but today could be an exception. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't feel guilty about focusing in on situations today that could spell personal gain. Sometimes it's necessary to look-out for ourselves even if it excludes others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is one of those days when you may innately know what to do and say to make good things happen. Your bubbling personality will automatically pump pep into any proceedings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone with whom you've been friendly for a long time will deeply appreciate hearing from you today. If you can't drop in for a visit, at least phone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're not apt to be comfortable today associating with people who have narrow perspectives. Seek companions who are open-minded and free from prejudice and bias.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There are indications that you are likely to be a shade or two superior to your competition today. If or when you win, accept your laurels with grace and humility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you truly have faith in yourself today it will be obvious to others and serve as an inspiration to those of fainter hearts. Think positive and encourage by example.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It is not necessary for you to accept the status quo at this time, because you have the wherewithal to change conditions more to your liking. Be a victor, not a victim.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're a self-sufficient person who usually prefers to operate as independently as possible. However, today your best successes are likely to come from partnership arrangements.

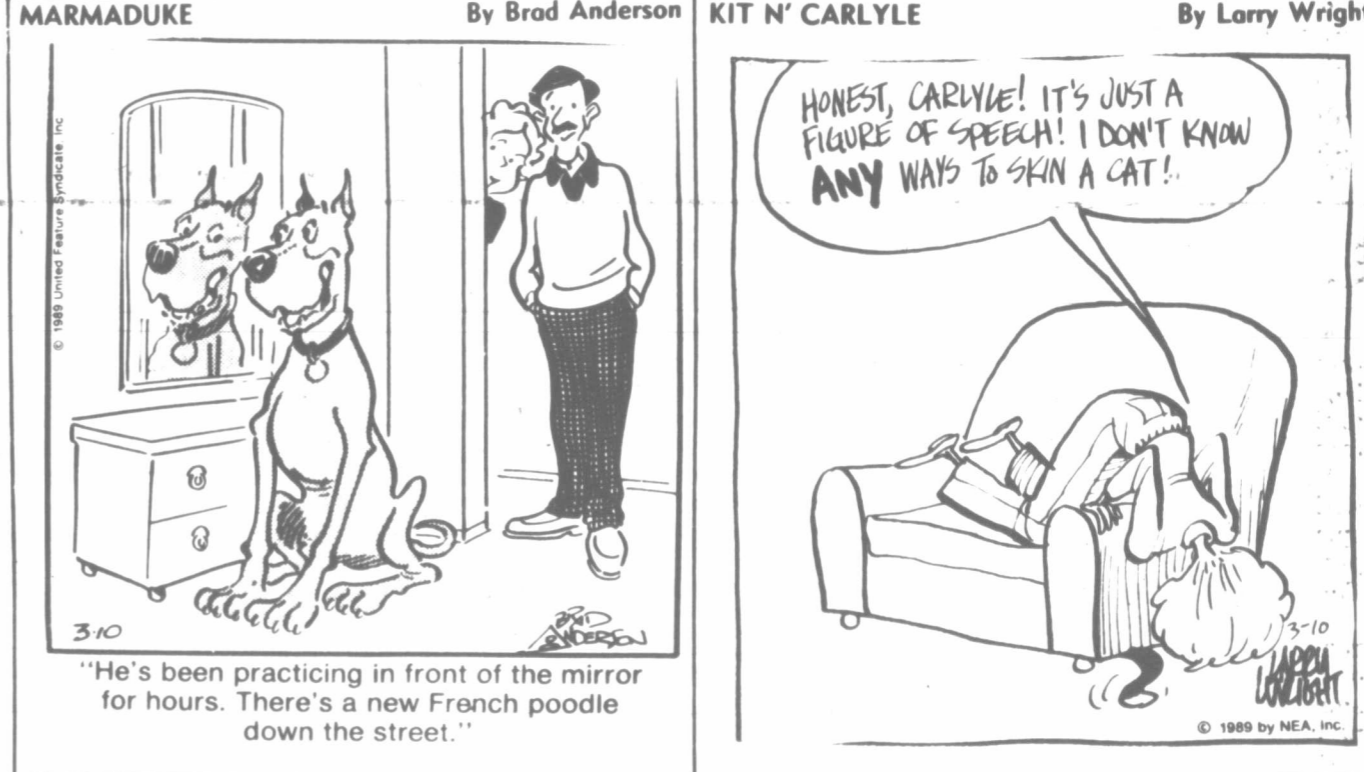
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You're not likely to be happy today if your hands and mind are idle. Try to involve yourself in meaningful projects that will provide you with a sense of accomplishment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There's a possibility you'll be in a more sociable and gregarious mood than usual today. If you can't be near the people you love, at least appreciate the people you're near.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Family-oriented involvements will be the ones that are likely to afford you the greatest pleasures today. It's OK to have friends around, provided you focus the action on your home court.



By Tom Armstrong



Sports

Port Arthur Lincoln reaches 4A finals Andrews falls to Austin Travis

AUSTIN (AP) — Port Arthur Lincoln squeaked to its ninth consecutive State Tournament win with a 57-55 victory over Highland Park in a Class 4A semifinal game, setting up a chance for a fifth state title.

The Bumblebees counted on the stretch shooting of Brandon Tyler, who scored eight of the team's last 12 points including two free throws with four seconds left Thursday.

Lincoln, 30-7, will face Austin Travis in the 4A finals on Saturday after the Rebels defeated Andrews 73-62 in the other semifinal.

In Class 3A games Thursday, San Antonio Cole beat Hearne 69-56 and Clarksville defeated

Brownfield 61-53. In Class A, Moulton beat New Home 65-61 and Fannindel was an 82-72 victor over Eula.

Class 2A semifinals scheduled today include Farwell vs. Edgewood and China Spring vs. Tidehaven. Class 5A semifinals this afternoon were San Antonio Jay vs. Dallas South Oak Cliff and Fort Worth Southwest vs. Houston Clear Lake.

Finals in all classes are scheduled Saturday at the University of Texas' Frank Erwin Center.

Lincoln has never lost a game in the state tournament, but had to rally from behind to beat Highland Park, 31-4.

Travis will be making its first trip to the final after coming into

the tourney with the worst record of any team, 24-12. Andrews, 31-5, got as close as 61-58 with 3:27 remaining, but the Rebels responded with eight straight points.

Unbeaten San Antonio Cole was led by 7'0" center Shaquille O'Neal, who scored 38 points and had 20 rebounds, in beating Hearne, 31-4. The 35-0 club faces Clarksville, 29-2, in the final.

Clarksville sank six 3-pointers in the third quarter to pull away from Brownfield, 31-4, after being tied 32-32 at halftime.

Moulton, 33-4, was sparked by Eddie Nieto's 25 points, including four during a go-ahead run in the fourth quarter, to overtake New Home.



Andrews' Scott Collins (left) comes away with a rebound.

Guards give Spurs a lift

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are a different team with Alvin Robertson and Johnny Dawkins in the starting lineup.

The Spurs proved that again Thursday night as they took a 112-98 NBA victory over the New Jersey Nets with Robertson scoring 29 points and Dawkins adding 4 points and nine assists.

It was the second game they had started together since Robertson missed 17 games because of a sprained right knee and Dawkins missed 16 straight games and 30 of the last 33 with problems with his left leg and foot.

While the starting guards were out the Spurs won only 2 games and lost a franchise-record 13 straight games. The Spurs have won 2 of their three games since Robertson returned.

"Alvin's presence on the court is good to have back," Spurs coach Larry Brown said. "Johnny and Alvin aren't back to full potential yet, but they bring back more dimensions to our game."

"Alvin did a great job out there," Dawkins said. "I'm so happy to be back in the game with him. Now I can realize how much we count on each other."

It was Robertson's first game without a brace to protect his knee.

"My main fear was reinjuring it," Robertson said. "I didn't know how the leg would feel without the brace, but once I got out there I really felt comfortable."

San Antonio had 19 steals against New Jersey.

Indiana wins berth in NCAA tourney

By The Associated Press

Bob Knight has coached Indiana to three NCAA basketball championships, but it's doubtful any of them pleased him more than the Big Ten crown the Hoosiers are wearing this season.

The Hoosiers lost four of their first seven games, with three opponents scoring more than 100 points, a level reached only once previously in Knight's first 17 years.

But Indiana came back to win 22 of its next 24 games, capped by Thursday night's 75-64 victory over Wisconsin that gave the Hoosiers a record 10th outright Big Ten championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament.

"They came back to just give us all, everyone associated with Indiana basketball, one of the greatest treats I've ever seen a group of people give anyone," Knight said.

Rutgers (Atlantic 10), Middle Tennessee (Ohio Valley) and Arkansas-Little Rock (Trans America Athletic) also

earned NCAA berths with victories in conference tournaments, making 16 clubs that have won their way into the 64-team field.

Rutgers 70, Penn State 66
Rick Dadika made two key 3-point shots in the final 3:14 as Rutgers capped a phenomenal comeback season under new Coach Bob Wenzel and won the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Middle Tenn. 82, Austin Peay 79
Kerry Hammonds made a close-in basket and free throw with six seconds left, lifting Middle Tennessee to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament crown.

Ark.-Little Rock 100, Centenary 72
Jeff Cummings keyed a 14-0 run at the start of the second half that powered Arkansas-Little Rock to the Trans America Athletic Conference championship.

No. 8 Michigan 88, Northwestern 79
Glen Rice scored 26 points, Sean Higgins got 12 of his 14 points in the second half and

No. 8 Michigan survived a late scare. The Wolverines led 64-45 with less than 12 minutes left, but Northwestern twice got within six points.

No. 18 UNLV 102, UC Irvine 82
Stacey Augmon, Greg Anthony and Anderson Hunt made consecutive 3-point shots during an electrifying display of transition basketball and Nevada-Las Vegas used a later 22-4 run to bury UC Irvine 102-82 in the quarterfinals of the Big West Conference tournament.

In other WAC quarterfinals, Cedric Ceballos, who had 27 points, drove the baseline and scored on a slam dunk with 11 seconds remaining in overtime to give Fullerton State an 87-86 victory over Utah State; Mike Doyle scored 19 points to lead UC-Santa Barbara past Long Beach State 69-57; and New Mexico State edged Fresno State 60-59.

Southeastern Conference
Freshman Litterial Green scored 30 points, including 16 of 17 free throws, to lead Georgia past Mississippi State 83-

68. Gerald Glass scored 31 points as Mississippi beat Auburn 80-68.

Pacific-10 Conference
Brian Quinnett had 18 first-half points and Harold Wright scored 12 in the second half to carry Washington State past Oregon 78-56. Chris Moore scored 31 points as Southern Cal beat Arizona State 94-82.

Western Athletic Conference
Rob Robbins scored 25 points, including five 3-point shots, as New Mexico beat Air Force 74-60; Prince Stewart's 3-point goal in the second overtime triggered a 9-0 run as Texas-EI Paso outlasted Wyoming 88-81; Terry Houston scored 21 points to lift Hawaii over Brigham Young 72-69; and Colorado State nipped Utah 52-50 on two free throws by Pat Durham with 22 seconds left.

Big East
Dana Barros set tournament records with 38 points and eight 3-point field goals as Boston College beat St. John's 81-74.

Umpires clinic

The Pampa Softball Umpires Association has scheduled a rules clinic for Monday, March 13, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Gray County Court House.

Attendance is mandatory for all softball members, those returning from previous years, as well as any prospective new members.

The clinic will be taught by umpire Anthony Mendez of the Amarillo chapter. Location of the clinic will be the second floor court room of the court house.

The field mechanics clinic will be held the following evening, Tuesday, March 14, also at 7 p.m. at the Hobart Street ballpark.

For more information, call Scott Hahn at 669-8009 during the day or 669-2380 at night.

Bowling

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK — Men — Bill Downs, 656; Women — Ruth Swearingim, 609.

- MEN'S PETROLEUM LEAGUE**
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- High Average:** 1. Tommy Florer, 187; 2. David Wortham, 185; 3. Steve Williams, 184.
- High Scratch Series:** 1. Steve Williams, 709; 2. Fred O'Hara, 666; 3. David Wortham, 664.
- High Scratch Game:** 1. Steve Williams, 259; 2. John Thaxton, 251; 3. Terry Ellis, 244.
- High Handicap Series:** 1. Steve Williams, 763; 2. Butch Henderson, 740; 3. John Carroll, 735.
- High Handicap Game:** 1. John Thaxton, 283; 2. David Taylor, 281; 3. Harold Ellison, 279.

Area track meets slated

After last weekend's inclement weather caused numerous meet cancellations, area track athletes are set to give it another try today and Saturday under near-perfect weather conditions.

Canadian will host the Wildcat Relays beginning with junior high track events and varsity field events at 4 p.m. today. Junior high field events will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, followed by varsity track prelims at 9:30. Finals for both junior high and varsity track events are scheduled to begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Lefors and White Deer teams will compete in the Panhandle Invitational on Saturday, while Miami travels to Denver City. The remaining area teams are open this weekend.

Lady Harvesters entered in Hereford meet

After claiming easy victories in their first two meets, the Pampa High girls' track team will be put to the test Saturday at the Hereford Invitational.

The Lady Harvesters will be without Yolanda Brown in the sprints, relays and triple jump, plus the Cash twins, Staci and Taci Cash, in the shot and discus.

"Without these people, we're really going to have to get after it or we'll find ourselves on the short end of the stick," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez.

Brown will be visiting various

colleges for the next three weeks to consider basketball scholarship offers. The Cash twins are involved in a school function at Midland this weekend.

Even without the versatile Brown, who has been sidelined with a thigh pull, the Lady Harvesters ran away with the Dalhart XIT Track title last weekend. The Lady Harvesters racked up 165 points while Dalhart was a distant second at 97.

"Katrina Morgan, filling in for the injured Brown on the 400-meter

relay team, helped them to a first-place finish at Dalhart.

"Katrina was one of the young girls who came through for us again," Lopez said. "She did a good job of stepping in for Yolanda."

Also capturing first-place medals at Dalhart were Brooke Hamby, 200-meter dash; Nikki Ryan, high jump; Tara Hamby, discus, and Joyce Williams, shot put.

"Overall, it was a good team effort. We didn't have any one person carrying the team," Lopez said.

Four returnees will help take up the slack at Hereford. High jumper Jennifer Bailey returns after an ankle injury kept her out of the Dalhart meet. Relay team member Lisa Johnson and distance runners Tonya Osby and Michelle Whitson will compete.

The Hereford meet gets under way at 9 a.m.

"All of our district teams will be there, plus Tascosa, Palo Duro and Clovis, so we'll have a preview of what our district is going to be like," Lopez said.

Roberts takes first-round lead in Nestle Invite

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Memphis, which often produces the hottest weather on the PGA Tour, is 1,000 miles and five months away.

Golf's touring pros are ready for it right now.

"We haven't had any good weather this year," veteran Tom Kite said Thursday on the coldest day of what the tourists agree has

been, overall, the coldest start in memory.

"We're ready for Memphis. We're ready to start sweating," Kite said after battling brutal cold, biting winds, bone-chilling fog and mist at the \$800,000 Nestle Invitational.

"The coldest it's been this year," said Loren Roberts, who extracted a remarkable, 5-under-

par 66 from the miserable conditions and established a 1-stroke first-round lead.

"That's flat out as good as I can play," he said. "Considering the conditions, that may be my career round."

The conditions were miserable. "By far the worst I've been in this year," said Ted Schulz.

"The coldest I remember in a long time," Kite said of a wind-chill factor reported at 25.

Nick Price, wearing gloves, a ski cap and five layers of clothing, birdied the last three holes for a 67 that left him one stroke back.

The day's play was delayed 30 minutes by fog.

Pro shop construction



Doug DuBose works on the interior of the pro shop Thursday at the Pampa Public Golf Course. DuBose, a retired minister, is construction supervisor of the facility, which will include a snack bar, offices, utility room and cart barn. A work party is scheduled for

9 a.m. Saturday at the golf course and volunteers are urged to bring a hammer with them. Painters are also needed and interested persons can contact Buddy Epperson at 669-6291.

Barber on a hot streak

PHOENIX (AP) — Miller Barber is on a roll and looking for his third PGA Seniors Tour win of the year in the \$300,000 Arizona Classic.

Barber, who became the first player to surpass \$2 million in earnings on the Seniors Tour with last Sunday's victory in the Vintage Invitational, is now tied with Don January for most victories — 26. It was his second win of the year.

Barber, who turns 58 later this month, says he's enjoying life more now than he did in 22 years on the PGA Tour.

"It's a lot more fun," Barber said. "The guys are a lot closer than we were, a better atmosphere. It's not as serious although we're playing for some big bucks. Everybody is having a good time. If they're not, they're missing a hell of a chance. At our age, we're on the back nine."

Barber ranks first on the combined career money list with \$3,616,837.

This year, he has won the Tournament of Champions, tied for second place in the PGA Seniors Championship, tied for eighth at the Suncoast Classic and placed third at the Aetna Challenge.

On the PGA Tour, Barber won 11 titles, including the 1971 Phoenix Open.

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North's lawyer attacks credibility of Contras fund-raiser

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oliver North's lawyer Thursday attacked the credibility of a fund-raiser for the Contras, saying he gave inconsistent accounts of a conversation in which North allegedly said he didn't care whether he went to jail or lied to Congress.

North lawyer Brendan Sullivan said Carl "Spitz" Channell never even mentioned North's alleged comments in interviews with government investigators on Jan. 9, 1987, and March 12, 1987.

Channell first mentioned the alleged North remarks to Texas billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt on April 25, 1987, three days before Channell entered a plea agreement with the government under which he is cooperating with the prosecution in exchange for admitting to a single felony charge.

"You told prosecutors that ... North was willing to lie if his activities became public," but there was no mention of Congress, Sullivan told Channell in relating his April 25, 1987, interview with prosecutors.

But in the prosecution's redirect examination, lawyer Michael Bromwich brought out that Channell never had been asked about the "jail" and "lying" conversations in those interviews.

Bromwich also showed through questioning that some of the earlier statements presented to Channell were summaries, not stenographic transcripts.

"Were you ever told in words or substance, 'Give us Ollie North,?' " the prosecutor asked.

"No," said Channell.
"Were you ever told your sentence depended on whether North would be convicted or acquitted?" Bromwich asked.

"No, I've been told just the opposite..." said Channell.

Channell said also that he never had control over the millions he raised but that North and Rich Miller did.

In congressional testimony it was brought out that Miller's firm helped funnel money raised by Channell to secret Swiss bank accounts controlled by North and others.

Channell testified four times in June 1987, but said that it was Hunt who asked North two questions and North simply answered yes to each.

On Wednesday, Channell had testified that on Sept. 11, 1985, after dinner at the Petroleum Club in Dallas, Hunt asked North if he was worried about "getting in trouble" for his activities on behalf of the Contras.

"I don't care if I have to go to jail for this, I don't care if I have to lie to Congress about this," North

said, to which Hunt "just chortled," Channell recalled.

Hunt made two contributions of \$237,500 each, one of them a loan, but after another solicitation in 1986 and even after meeting with the president, he declined to give more, the witness said.

NEPL originally had been set up to educate the public about American political and social institutions.

"I was aware we had varied from our mandate" in 1985 and 1986 by raising private Contra aid, said Channell. "But I felt that was something we could resolve." Channell said he had no evidence that the money being raised was going for lethal aid.

On cross-examination, Channell told North lawyer Brendan Sullivan that North never sent any potential contributors to Channell and that Channell never made a point of telling North of the tax-exempt status of his organization.

Group seeking reversal for Roe vs. Wade

AUSTIN (AP) — Even if the U.S. Supreme Court does not strike down the landmark decision legalizing abortions, the high court will chip away at the ruling, both anti-abortion and pro-choice representatives say.

Bill Price, president of the 100,000-member Texans United for Life, gave even odds the Supreme Court would overturn Roe vs. Wade in its deliberations over a Missouri law that restricts abortions.

"If the court overturns Roe vs. Wade we will be able to make abortion illegal in Texas," Price said.

But, he added, "If it decides not to go that far, but instead simply upholds the Missouri law, it will allow us to make abortions more difficult to obtain."

Phyllis Dunham, executive director of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League, agreed.

"Roe vs. Wade will probably be taken apart in piecemeal fashion," she said.

Price said 43 Texas legislators signed a brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn Roe vs. Wade.

The landmark decision of 1973 struck down state laws prohibiting abortions, calling them an invasion of privacy.

U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh has asked the court to review Roe vs. Wade in considering the Missouri law.

Price said legislators who signed the friend-of-the-court brief believe the issue of abortion should be decided by state elected officials.

"They are unanimous in their belief that this issue is one that does not belong in the courts but belongs with the elected representatives of the people," he said.

Including Texas, about 250 lawmakers from 13 states signed the brief, which was filed last month.

'... This issue is one that does not belong in the courts but belongs with the elected representatives ...'

Among the Texas legislators who signed the brief, 29 were Republicans and 14 were Democrats.

Lawmakers are better able to determine appropriate abortion rules for their home states, Price said.

"We could hash out our differences for exceptions on rape and incest and things like this on the floor of the Legislature. That's where it belongs and not in the hands of unelected judges," he said.

But Dunham disagreed. "If we see Roe vs. Wade overturned, we are going to see 50 problems," she said, noting the laws may vary from state to state.

"It's a very difficult and divisive issue within state legislatures," she said.

Two lawmakers at the anti-abortion news conference, state Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, and Rep. L.B. Kubiak, D-Rockwall, said abortions should not be allowed under any circumstances.

Leedom said only God should determine life and death.

Asked how he would respond if one of his daughters were pregnant from a rape, Leedom said, "I really believe their (his daughters') genes would have some influence on the child and if it didn't, the environment afterward I'm sure would have."

"I have no difficulty with my daughter having a child that was not happily arranged for," Leedom said.

"That's an extreme view," said Dunham. "Most people realize that while we are not pro-abortion, we are pro-choice, and abortion is a choice."

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