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Refreshing drink



Cory Davis, 13, takes a refreshing drink while riding his bicycle near Central Park during the recent warm spring weather. The warm weather, however, turned to rain this

morning — a welcome sight for many following the dry winter. Cory is the son of Gordon and Cathy Davis of Pampa.

(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

City Commission to meet Tuesday

Pampa city commissioners will meet in regular session Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. in City Hall.

The meeting will be preceded by a work session at 4 p.m.

Among the items of new business on the agenda for the regular meeting are the consideration of the All-American City application and adoption of a resolution relative to the appointment of a coordinator for the joint emergency plan.

The city is also recommending the commission accept a bid of \$27,181.70 from Scott's Pro Turf for turf fertilizer, fungicide and

spreaders for the municipal golf course.

The city is planning to start planting grass seed at the course during the month of April, according to city officials.

Commissioners will also consider adoption of a resolution relative to transferring municipal functions to the county for maintenance of birth and death records.

During the work session, commissioners will continue to discuss what to do with three wading pools in the city parks that have proven to be an insurance liability.

They will also discuss grant ap-

plications for Recreation Park and a softball concession bid.

John Williams, general manager and secretary treasurer of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, will also address the commission on a plan to reduce the salt content in Lake Meredith.

The plan Williams is proposing on behalf of the CRMWA includes the drilling of a well or wells into the shallow brine artesian aquifer and pumping from those wells to reduce the artesian pressure.

No action is scheduled for any of the items addressed in the work session.

Tass lists Boris Yeltsin among election victors

By JOHN THOR DAHLBURG
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Voters gave Boris N. Yeltsin a resounding victory in his campaign against top-level privilege and the economic failures that have emptied Soviet store shelves, according to preliminary election results released today.

The official Tass news agency said preliminary returns from Sunday's elections showed Yeltsin received 89 percent of the vote in his race to represent the city he once ran as Moscow Communist Party chief.

The 58-year-old Yeltsin, a popular reformer, had become the most visible symbol of opposition to the party establishment. His race against Yevgeny Brakov, the director of the ZIL limousine factory, typified the more democratic politics that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev has brought to the Soviet Union.

On Sunday, Soviet voters had a choice of candidates for the first time in seven decades as people across this vast country of 11 time zones voted to elect 1,500 deputies to the new 2,250-seat Congress of People's Deputies. The rest are being chosen separately by members of officially-sanctioned organizations.

Tass did not release preliminary vote totals, but said "Boris Yeltsin... was named a People's Deputy of the U.S.S.R. from Moscow's city national territorial district No. 1."

"In the competition against ZIL automobile plant General Director Yevgeny Brakov, Yeltsin gained 89 percent of the votes," the agency said.

"It's hard to say what my spirit is more full of, joy or concern about what I realistically can do to help Muscovites," Yeltsin told a



Yeltsin

gathering of several hundred workers. The State Construction Committee, where he is first deputy chairman. The workers applauded warmly.

Yeltsin has pledged to quit his job in the Construction Committee and be a full-time legislator. He will be Moscow's sole representative in the new congress, which will meet once a year to choose the country's president and elect about 400 of its own members to a new full-time legislature, the Supreme Soviet.

Yeltsin was fired as Moscow party boss in November 1987 after criticizing the party's style of leadership and warning that a Stalin-like cult of personality could form around Gorbachev. He lost his position as a candidate member of the ruling Politburo and was transferred to the State Construction Committee.

He campaigned against the special supplies of food and consumer goods, cars and drivers and other services that top Mos-

cow government and party officials receive, and criticized what he said were economic reform efforts that did not go far enough.

Four years into Gorbachev's effort to reform the Soviet economy, store shelves are more bare than they were before the reforms started.

Yeltsin's campaign drew thousands of enthusiastic supporters who held marches and demonstrations in the weeks just prior to the election.

In 74 percent of Sunday's races, voters had a choice between two or more candidates, the Central Election Commission said. However, 82 percent of the candidates were Communist Party members, the weekly *Moscow News* reported, guaranteeing the Communists will dominate the new assembly.

Still, this was the first time since the Soviet Union's earliest days that the people were afforded a choice.

The Central Election Commission said about 190 million of the Soviet Union's 285 million people were eligible to vote. Tass said more than 80 percent of Moscow's 6.7 million eligible voters took part in the election.

The Kremlin faced strong challenges from independent candidates in republics like Lithuania where nationalist sentiments are strong.

In the Baltic republic, the grassroots Sajudis or Lithuanian Restructuring Movement said unofficial returns showed its candidates finished strongly against those endorsed by the Communist Party.

Gorbachev, who came to power in 1985, is assured of a seat in the new congress, and the elections are unlikely to produce any major upheaval in the power structure.

Antarctic action could change coastline for Gulf of Mexico

GALVESTON (AP) — Buoyed by evidence, a geologist envisions the day Galveston Island will be a fraction of its current size and the Gulf of Mexico coastline will be 5 or 10 miles farther inland.

As in the past, the changes in the Texas coastline will be caused by events in the Antarctic, Rice University geologist Dr. John Anderson said.

"We've had these very rapid rises in sea level long before there was a greenhouse effect," Anderson told *The Dallas Morning News*.

Anderson said he has evidence that a similar event occurred along the upper Texas coast about 6,000 years ago. Seismic work and core sampling of the sea bottom from a university-owned ship show that the coast at Galveston moved as much as 20 miles inland within 1,000 years, and it could have happened within as little as 200 years, Anderson said.

"We can tell it happens pretty fast because there's nothing in the way of a coastal barrier between Sabine Bank and the present shoreline," Anderson said. Sabine Bank is about 20 miles offshore under 30 feet of water.

The traditional view has been that sea level climbed slowly, that Galveston Bay filled inch by inch over thousands of years. The water was provided by the slow retreat, or melting, of the world's ice sheets — in the Arctic, where the bulk of ice that could affect sea level is now gone, and the Antarctic, where considerable ice remains.

Anderson has gathered evidence in the Antarctic

and along the Texas coast that he said supports the idea that a rise of 250 to 300 feet in sea level after the end of the last ice age 18,000 years ago was not a long, even process.

Underwater sandbanks off the Texas coast — ancient barrier islands that were submerged virtually intact rather than eroded — indicate sea level at times has risen rapidly, not slowly, Anderson said.

Other scientists have found similar evidence of rapid rise in sea level elsewhere, he said.

"There's enough unstable Antarctic ice now to raise sea level... 30 feet," Anderson said.

A rise of just 10 feet would submerge most of Galveston Island and would move the Gulf Coast inland as far as Texas City and Port Arthur, according to U.S. Geological Survey maps. A rise of 30 feet would cause Galveston to disappear and the coast to move even farther inland.

Mean sea level on tidal gauges along the Texas coast has risen one foot in the past 100 years, but 90 percent of that change is due to subsidence, Anderson said. The possibility of a faster rise in sea level is another reason to consider stronger regulation of coastal development, he said.

Dr. Bob Morton, senior research scientist at the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology, agreed that more regulation is needed.

Morton cited the increased threat of storm flooding in low areas, but said that ultimately portions of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, farmland and man-made structures could be permanently inundated.

Uncertified crewman at helm when oil tanker ran aground

By SUSAN GALLAGHER
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VALDEZ, Alaska (AP) — The captain was in his cabin and a crewman without proper certification was in command when an Exxon tanker ran aground, causing the nation's biggest oil spill, the company said.

"It's Exxon's policy that in the waters that the ship was located in, the captain should have been on the bridge," Exxon Shipping Co. spokesman Brian Dunphy said Sunday. "There's a problem there in that he was not there."

Dunphy said he didn't know why Capt. Joseph Hazelwood wasn't in command when the Exxon Valdez slammed into a reef early Friday, sending an estimated 10.1 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound. He said the captain was consulting an attorney.

Alaska's governor on Sunday declared the wildlife-rich sound a

disaster area and said he would seek federal funds to help with the spill, which the Coast Guard estimates has affected about 100 square miles. Oil has washed up on two islands, and sightings were reported of dozens of crude-coated birds.

Also Sunday, officials said the government authorized use of chemicals and fire to combat the massive slick.

Exxon Shipping President Frank Iarossi said officials planned to use a C-130 aircraft today to spray chemicals to disperse patches of oil in a 5-square-mile area of the sound. The company also planned to burn "fingers" of the slick by igniting them with a laser.

"The volume of oil released in the water is, for all intents and purposes, beyond control by mechanical means alone," Iarossi said.

At the time of the disaster Friday, third mate Gregory Cousins

was in command and his actions violated federal regulations, said company spokeswoman Sharon Curran-Wescott.

"He didn't have a proper pilot's license for that. He wasn't authorized by the company, nor was it legal," she said.

Neither Hazelwood nor Cousins could be located in Valdez by The Associated Press for comment.

The National Transportation Safety Board took over the investigation Sunday, one day after issuing subpoenas for Hazelwood, Cousins and helmsman Robert Kagan, the third member of the bridge crew. Results of routine drug and alcohol tests administered to the three weren't immediately available, officials said.

Hazelwood was relieved of his command, but to give him rest, not as a disciplinary measure, officials said.

The 987-foot tanker Exxon Valdez, carrying 1.2 million barrels

of North Slope crude oil, ran onto a reef 25 miles from port early Friday after swinging out of a traffic lane to avoid ice. Valdez is at the southern end of the 800-mile Alaska oil pipeline.

Estimates put the spill at 240,000 barrels of oil, or about 10.1 million gallons, making it the biggest U.S. spill on record. The only larger oil-related accident in U.S. waters involved 10.7 million gallons of oil when two ships collided in Galveston Bay in 1979, but that oil burned as well as spilled.

Gov. Steve Cowper declared the sound a disaster area, freeing state resources for cleanup and paving the way for a federal disaster declaration.

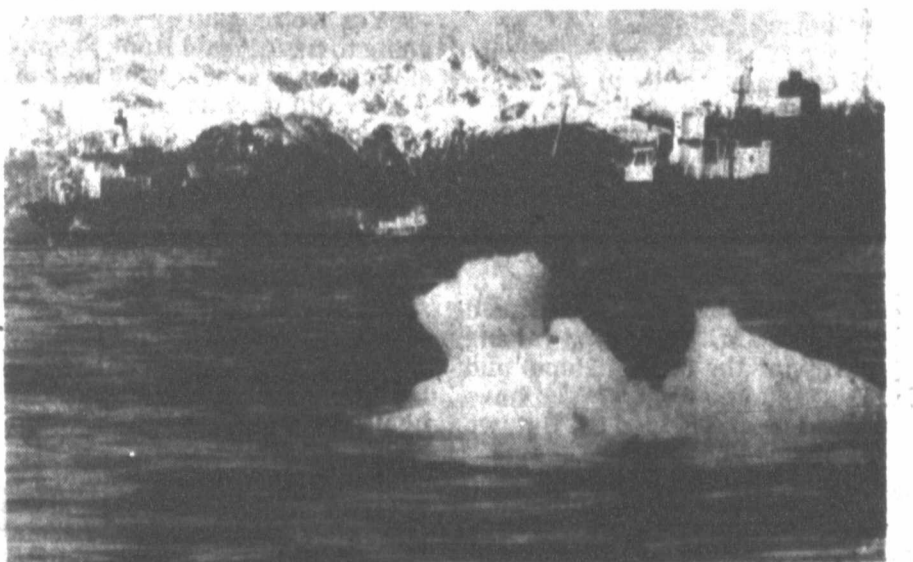
A wildlife specialist toured the sound and observed 75 ducks and two otters coated with oil, said U.S. Department of Interior spokeswoman Pamela Bergmann.

A station was set up to clean birds, and a mammal-cleaning

station also was planned.

More than four miles of floating boom has been placed in an effort to contain the oil, the Coast Guard said. Skimming boats worked to remove the oil.

The transfer to a second ship of oil remaining aboard the Valdez resumed during the weekend, and the Coast Guard said it could take seven days to unload the damaged vessel.



Tanker's pump oil spill from Exxon's Valdez ship.

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Opinion

President stood up to the big spenders

Last year congressional Democrats hornswooggled Ronald Reagan into creating the National Economic Commission. It was supposed to find ways to reduce the federal budget deficit. But at first it was stacked with such big-government, high-tax advocates as Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca, AFL-CIO boss Lane Kirkland, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and former Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss.

Their "solution" was not hard to guess: more taxes. Happily, President Bush refused to be ambushed. By last year's agreement he got to pick two members of the panel, and chose former Sen. Paul Laxalt and former Democratic Rep. Thomas Ashley, both anti-taxers. Bush also insisted he would ignore any call by the panel for a tax increase.

The result was a division on the NEC that resulted in two conflicting reports, issued yesterday. Seven members produced a majority report backing Bush's no-new-taxes pledge and his call for a cut in the capital-gains tax. They also recommended streamlining congressional budget committees, giving the president the line-item veto, adopting a two-year budget process and amending the Constitution to require a balanced budget.

The minority report was concocted by the six members allied to the Democratic leadership in Congress. They attacked Bush for sabotaging the panel's efforts. In other words, they were upset that Bush didn't let them call for increasing taxes. Said Rep. William H. Gray, the former House Budget Committee chairman: "The president didn't want a bipartisan deficit-reduction plan. He wanted his own plan, the flexible freeze, and he insisted on it from Republican members." The flexible freeze is Bush's policy of increasing spending only as fast as inflation rises; it allows economic growth to reduce the deficit gradually.

There was another victory for taxpayers. The six minority members criticized Bush's flexible freeze, but they also refused to call for new taxes. Even the big spenders now realize that Americans don't want higher taxes. And so far Bush hasn't fallen into the flim-flam that big spenders lured Reagan into at least 10 times: support for a tax increase in return for "promised" spending reductions.

The NEC was a waste of money. But it could have been worse, leading to billions in higher taxes. And one thing was accomplished. It showed Bush that he can defeat the tax-raisers by standing up to them.

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Kafka could have written this

WASHINGTON — In Franz Kafka's chilling novel *The Trial*, an obscure bank clerk awakens one morning to learn that he has been accused of crime. What crime? It is forbidden to tell him. Who is his accuser? That too is unknowable. All Joseph K. can learn is that at some time, before some tribunal, he must stand trial for an undescribed crime he knows nothing about.

For the past five years, unidentified officials in the federal bureaucracy have been working on an extensive order that Kafka might have drafted. Under this proposed decree, a federal employee could be denied a security clearance without an explanation and with no right to obtain an explanation.

Fortunately, this bizarre proposal now has been put on hold for at least six months of reconsideration. President Bush, one is told, "may never issue the thing at all." Surely this is good news for those who believe in certain elementary principles of fair play and due process of law.

A nearly final draft of the proposed order was leaked in February to *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. These news accounts prompted a House subcommittee to hold hearings on the matter.

On March 20, five members of the committee united in a bipartisan letter to the president, asking his assurance that the order would not be issued in its present form. The following day brought word that nothing will happen any time soon. A sigh of relief is in order.

At the root of this affair is a problem that has troubled administrations since the days of John Adams and the Sedition Act. We begin with the undeniable proposition that government has a right to keep certain secrets. The Constitution



James J. Kilpatrick

itself grants to the houses of Congress a right to withhold information; Congress is to publish its proceedings "excepting such parts as may in their judgment require secrecy." The Senate held just such a secret session the other day in the matter of Judge Alcee Hastings.

The people have a right to know a great deal about what goes on in the chambers of government, but the people have no right to know everything. They have no right, by way of example, to know the keys to military and diplomatic codes. They have no right to a transcript of Cabinet meetings. They have no right to attend the private deliberations of the Supreme Court.

If secrets are to be kept inviolate, persons with access to confidential information must be cleared. Within every agency, some human beings must be assigned responsibility for granting or denying clearances. In this process mistakes will be made: The master spy John Walker had full clearance for naval encoding machines. He did incalculable harm.

Under existing rules, each federal agency establishes its own procedures for security clearance. In 1960, president Eisenhower issued an order governing clearance for employees of

government contractors. Generally speaking, a person who is denied clearance now has a right to demand an explanation and to offer evidence in rebuttal.

The proposed executive order would have made fundamental changes in the present arrangement. In the area of national security, every department head would be granted "wholly discretionary" power to grant or to deny Applicants for clearance would have "substantive or procedural rights or privileges" to obtain an explanation. In certain instances, applicants could be required to submit to polygraph or lie-detector examinations, but they would not be entitled to know the results.

The draft order would authorize denial of clearance to any person found to have "exploitable vulnerabilities," by reason of alcohol or drug abuse or sexual misconduct, but again, the subject would not know of such a finding.

Applicants could be rejected upon a decision that they had failed to demonstrate "unquestioned loyalty to the United States." They would have no access to the information, true or false, on which so fateful a decision was based.

A person who is denied security clearance, or whose clearance is revoked, is stigmatized for life. Granted, the government has an obligation to grant clearances carefully — one John Walker was one too many — but our traditions demand a certain respect for due process of law. Those who would serve their country in sensitive positions must be protected against bureaucratic caprice or personal malice.

The draft order has been shelved, at least for the time being. Its Kafkaesque provisions ought to be shelved for good.



An altered gem is still a gem

When you bring out the color of beautiful wood with an overcoat of wax and varnish, is this "misrepresentation"? Assuredly not.

Similarly most leathers, furs and fibers are "treated" in one way or another.

Yet, most of us have been led to expect fine gemstones to be unaltered. Very few are.

Heating creates desirable color changes in sapphires, rubies, aquamarine, tanzanite, citrine, topaz and zircon.

Irradiation — a peaceful use of atomic energy — can change the color of diamonds to fancy pinks and blues and yellows.

Almost all "pink pearls" are dyed that color. There is an extremely rare pearl that is naturally pink that comes from the waters of the Tay River in Scotland.

Cultured pearls are nearly all immersed in a light pink dye to give them a rose tint and to make it easier to match colors.

Lapis, jade and coral are nearly all dyed to ensure uniform coloring. Black onyx and carnelian are most often "manufactured" rather than mined.

The logical question arising from all of this is: Why buy a so-called "genuine" stone when an equally beautiful man-made stone (cubic zirconia) is available at a fraction of the price?

A trusted jeweler friend explained the difference like this:

"Given a choice between a painting by Rembrandt and a precise copy, you would still prefer to possess the original."

Then, however, the next questions becomes: "What if the original Rembrandt has been retouched?"



Paul Harvey

Can you tell when a gemstone has been altered?

In some instances, even the experts can't tell. Rubies and sapphires can be heat-treated — even to alter imperfections. At least nine different processes can be employed, sometimes simultaneously. And some of these treatment methods correspond so closely to natural processes that they may leave no identifiable evidence.

One New York laboratory encountered what may be a new high in potential deception. A round, brilliant-cut cubic zirconia was found with a laser hole that reflected in several pavilion facets. At least one licensed appraiser was fooled into thinking he was examining a diamond.

When a New York diamond dealer decided to repolish a fancy orange marquise diamond because of the myriad odd scratches on the pavilion, he was hardly prepared for the result: The stone lost all orange color and proved to be faint yellow. The stone had been "painted."

Currently, there are no routine gemological tests available that can definitely determine whether the color of the topaz is natural or the

result of treatment.

Topaz occurs naturally in a wide range of colors; sometimes it's colorless.

For generations the color grading of diamonds depended on unreliable human eyesight. Today diamonds are graded by machine, eliminating subjective comparison. But even spectroscopic instrumentation cannot entirely accommodate the color absorbency of different stones.

The diamonds you buy today are more artfully faceted. We have learned how to flatten prismatic surfaces of diamonds to achieve maximum "brilliance."

By comparison, the old "mine-cut stone" and the more recent "European cut" have less internal "fire."

But we have now gone beyond the artful reshaping of diamonds to face-lifting them electronically.

Laser technology can actually "whiten" an internal "black spot" in a diamond.

Further, General Electric has now created "real" diamonds in its laboratories — flawless, colorless — as well as colored — diamonds of one carat and more.

So far, however, the cost of "diamond manufacture" is prohibitive.

DeBeers is working with GE to make mass production possible. This, accomplished, would reduce the price of a cut and polished diamond to \$1,000 a carat.

There ought to be a law? There is.

The FTC guidelines are the industry's "10 commandments."

Now's the time to turn to Jim Wright

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

And now, as another of Washington's incredibly lovely springs begins, attention turns from John Tower to James Wright, and we shall soon learn whether there is to be one law for the Medes and another for the Persians — or, to drop the metaphor, whether the congressional Democrats are willing to apply to themselves the high standards they have been imposing lately on the Republicans.

They're quite a stiff-necked bunch, these Democrats, where Republicans are concerned. Judge Robert Bork had, concededly, one of the finest minds in the entire federal judiciary; but he differed with Sens. Edward Kennedy and Howard Metzenbaum on various fine points of constitutional interpretation, so his nomination by President Reagan to membership on the Supreme Court was rejected by the Democratic Senate.

And, under the Ethics in Government Act, a small army of high Republican officials in the executive branch, including such close Reagan

confidants as Mike Deaver and Lyn Nofziger, were turned over to the tender mercies of special prosecutors for the alleged commission of acts which that law defines as crimes — unless they were committed by a congressman, in which case they are perfectly legal.

Ed Meese was actually subjected to the attentions of special prosecutors twice, though both concluded that he had committed no crimes whatever. Oliver North and John Poindexter, with the main charges against both of them already dismissed, are still being crucified by yet another special prosecutor on a string of lesser counts.

Finally, as we know, John Tower was forced to walk the plank as secretary-designate of defense. The accusations of "womanizing" were substantially dropped; the charges of alcoholism went thataway when Tower calmly offered to stop drinking altogether if confirmed. So the Senate wound up rejecting him mostly — though it's hard to be sure — on the

theory that he had made too much money in the private sector, as a consultant to defense industries, to be trusted now as defense secretary.

Now let's see how the Democrats treat one of their own good ol' boys. Speaker James Wright hasn't (yet) had to face a special prosecutor, though the House Ethics Committee, whose Democratic members are Wright appointees, did hire an outside counsel to look into the charges against him. The counsel's report has been submitted to the committee, which is now deciding what, if anything, to do about it. Unlike the FBI's reports to the Senate Armed Services Committee on John Tower, no damaging drop of information in it has yet been leaked to the media.

But if counsel did his job, the report must be a doozy. Wright was up to his ears in favors for Texas savings and loan institutions years before they collapsed, and the cost was passed along to America's taxpayers. He invented ways of getting cash from lob-

bysts that deserve the equivalent of a chess tournament's brilliancy prize.

What the Wright case cries out for, though, is a special prosecutor — a steely-eyed investigator with an ample staff and budget and all the time in the world to look into the life and activities of Jim Wright. The proposal is not only fair; it isn't even unprecedented. The criminal division of the Justice Department has already asked Attorney General Richard Thornburgh to name a special prosecutor to investigate the appointment, by District of Columbia Delegate Walter Fauntroy, of the son of Illinois Congressman Gus Savage to a sinecure in Fauntroy's office.

Interestingly, the House Democrats, most of whom are not overly fond of Jim Wright, probably wouldn't mind seeing him step down as speaker, as he would certainly have to do while the investigation went forward. His successor would be House Majority Leader Tom Foley, who is widely liked and respected on both sides of the aisle.

NRA members load up as gun sales curbs heat up again

By MIKE ROBINSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Rifle Association, traditional heart, soul and bankroll of the nation's gun lobby, is digging in for a test of its vaulted political power amid rising pressure to curb sales of assault weapons.

"When less than half the convicted felons ever spend a day in jail, why should we be taking firearms away from law-abiding people?" declares James Jay Baker, federal affairs director for the 118-year old NRA.

Demands for restrictions on military-style, semiautomatic firearms are escalating, however, in the aftermath of the Stockton, Calif., schoolyard tragedy Jan. 17 in which a deranged gunman with an assault rifle left five youngsters dead and 30 other persons injured.

So intense is the clamor that, as often as the NRA has crushed or blunted gun control bills in the past, many doubt that it can prevail this time with its strategy of blaming the murder wave sweeping cocaine-ridden communities not on firearms but

"our crumbling criminal justice system."

"We're certainly going to try," says lobbyist Baker.

Even Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who urged Democrats to softpedal the gun issue after the 1988 election, says public opinion is ripe for action on semiautomatics. "I think the NRA is stubbing its toe here," he says. "The appearance of being unwilling to deal with assault rifles has hurt them."

From its modern headquarters on Rhode Island Avenue in downtown Washington, a few blocks from the White House, the NRA deploys lobbyists to Capitol Hill and statehouses across the nation, provides generous campaign contributions to its political friends and generates tons of literature to fill the mailboxes of America's gun enthusiasts.

With annual revenues of \$70 million and a staff of 365 employees, including 65 in its lobbying department, the NRA is well equipped to fight its political battles. It also has powerful friends. President Bush is a member. And its roots go deep in the fabric of American life.

Last year, the NRA got the House to shelve a proposed seven-day waiting period for would-be

gun buyers. Failure of the bill named for former presidential spokesman James Brady, brain damaged in the 1981 attempt on President Reagan, spurred Brady's wife to urge readers in full-page magazine ads to help "break the NRA's death grip on Congress."

The real secret of the NRA's power has long been its ability to mobilize hundreds of thousands of gun owners across the nation to write and telephone lawmakers. "Please open immediately. Legislative alert," trumpets a mailing that went to Virginia gun owners in February.

It warns of an impending bill in Richmond in which "the anti-gunners ... have launched an all-out attack on semiautomatic firearms in line with their goal of banning all firearms."

"Your immediate action is needed to defeat this dangerous bill," it says. But the General Assembly nevertheless approved the measure calling for a background check of would-be gun buyers. California lawmakers are expected to pass a more stringent measure and bills are pending in Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Texas.

A number of cities, including Los Angeles and Cleveland, also have approved restrictions on semiautomatic weapons. And on Sunday, the International Association of Chiefs of Police announced its opposition to the public sale and distribution of the guns.

The chain reaction has led to a further question of NRA power. "The NRA is being forced increasingly to the fringes of this debate," says Dr. Garen Wintemute of Sacramento, Calif., who treated AK-47 assault rifle wounds as a doctor in a Cambodian jungle hospital in 1981. On coming home, he was shocked to find the same AK-47 wounds in the United States.

"More and more people are willing to come out and say, the emperor has no clothes, meaning the NRA," says the doctor, who has become an outspoken critic of assault-rifle sales.

Others are more skeptical about the alleged erosion of NRA power.

"The NRA members haven't lost anything with me," declares Rep. Harold Volkmer, D-Mo. Few if any House members take a dimmer view of gun control.

Confusion exists over fusion claim

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Two researchers who claim to have produced nuclear fusion at room temperature at a University of Utah laboratory have sent details of the experiment to a British journal amid a deluge of calls from scientists worldwide for more information.

B. Stanley Pons, chairman of the university's chemistry department, and Martin Fleischmann, professor of electrochemistry at the University of Southampton, England, completed the manuscript on their findings and sent it by express service Friday to the science journal *Nature*, which will publish it in May.

The pair stunned the scientific community last week with the announcement that they had achieved nuclear fusion inside a small metal rod with a "cold-temperature" process that produced a surplus of energy for periods of up to 100 hours.

It was previously thought that temperatures in the tens of millions of degrees would be necessary for fusion reactions. Such reactions power both the sun and thermonuclear bombs.

Pons' and Fleischmann's findings, if confirmed, may lead to a relatively clean and safe source of energy in which the principal raw material is water.

The scientists had wanted to experiment more before going public, but the magnitude of the discovery made it difficult to wait.

"We've been under intense pressure to publish," Fleischmann said shortly before boarding a flight to Great Britain.

The University of Utah has submitted applications for a patent on the process, "but it's too soon for any kind of patent office action," said James Brophy, university vice president for research.

Gov. Norm Bangert announced he would call a special session of the Legislature, probably next month, to grant \$5 million for development and commercialization of the scientists' breakthrough.

Brophy said the university also expects to receive a Department of Energy grant for the project that would provide \$600,000 over the next three years. The first five years of research were funded by \$100,000 from Pons and Fleischmann.

Meanwhile, nuclear-fusion experts are still groping with the possibility that two relatively unknown electrochemists could solve what has been their most perplexing problem since thermonuclear bombs were invented

in the early 1950s. Scientists have sought a practical application of fusion for about 35 years. Existing nuclear reactors are powered by nuclear fission.

Telephone switchboards at the university have been inundated with calls, some from as far away as England, Italy and Brazil, since the announcement, said spokeswoman Barbara Shelley.

"Many people called and said they were rich millionaires and owned big companies and wanted to support the U.S. fusion research," she said. "Many people wanted more information. We have sent out 400 press releases to people, companies and institutions all over the world."

Shelley said more than two dozen scientists called to ask if they could come to the university and collaborate with Pons, try the experiment themselves or help the research team in some way.

The announcement has been met with skepticism because it goes against the current understanding of the physics of fusion and has not been verified by other scientists.

However, one of the calls the university received was from Edward Teller of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in California. A pioneer in fusion research, Teller said the experiment "sounds extremely promising."

Pons and Fleischmann have said more research is needed to determine whether their process will work on a large scale. If so, it would provide a safe, relatively clean and virtually inexhaustible source of energy.

In the process, an electrical current is used to drive nuclear particles through a lattice of palladium and platinum electrodes, forcing positively charged particles to fuse together and create a new atom.

Pons said the amount of deuterium—the source of the deuterium particles used in the process—contained in one cubic foot of seawater could produce as much energy as 10 tons of coal.

Chan Choi, a fusion researcher at Purdue University's School of Nuclear Engineering, said most cold-fusion research involves using a subatomic particle as a catalyst to start the fusion reaction, while the main thrust of fusion research has involved heating particles to superhot temperatures of more than 1 million degrees while simultaneously compressing them.

"The low temperature is quite a departure from the norm. If the (research) is correct, that's quite an achievement," he said.

Lawyer says suspect will answer peso scam charge

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—A Tulsa attorney says reports his client collected \$150 million from thousands of investors in 11 states through a pyramid scheme are exaggerated.

"It was \$10 million or less," Attorney Larry Gullekson told the *Tulsa World* in a story published Sunday.

Gullekson also denied published reports that Robert Leslie Johnson is fighting extradition from Las Vegas, Nev. "That's just not true," he said.

Gullekson said Johnson has signed papers agreeing to return to Dallas where he and William Wayne Gray of Grapevine are charged with failing to register their "peso exchange program" with the Texas Securities Commission.

Gullekson said he hoped Johnson would be able to appear before a judge today to waive extradition.

"We certainly want to get to Dallas as soon as possible," he said.

Johnson, arrested Tuesday in Las Vegas, is being held without bail in the Clark County Detention Center.

Police seized \$870,000 in cash and cashier's checks, including

one for \$200,000 payable to the Las Vegas Tropicana Hotel, when they arrested Johnson in a \$2,500-a-month penthouse.

Gullekson said Johnson intended to put the check on account at the hotel and gamble with it, hoping to make money to dig himself out of his financial plight.

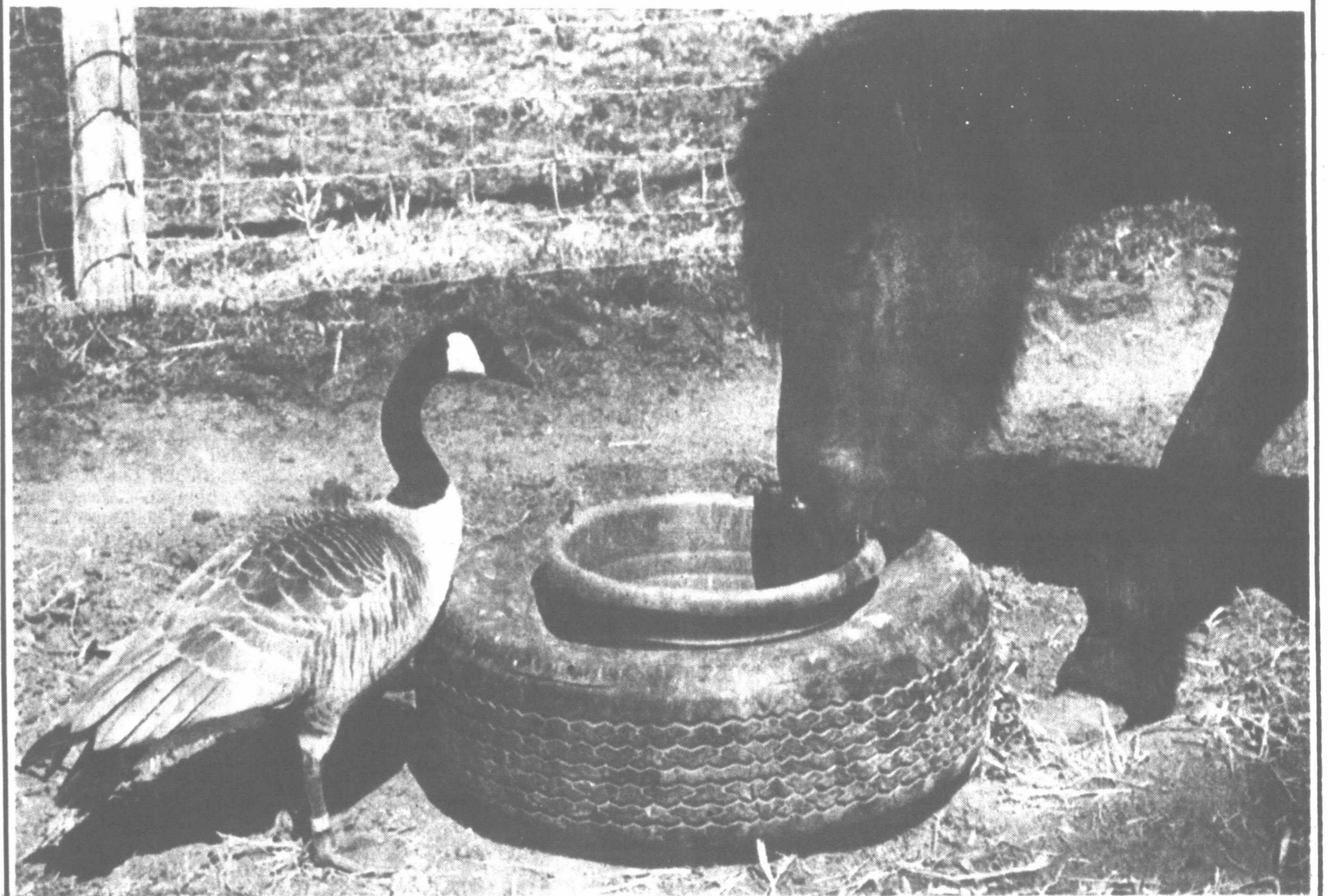
Authorities say investors were drawn by promises of 12 percent weekly returns on their money, which supposedly would be used to purchase pesos at a discount from Mexican businessmen.

But authorities believe much of the money invested actually went to repay investors who asked to receive their earnings during the eight months the program was in operation.

Gray has admitted that he and his brokers used money from new investors to repay old ones during the last two months of the program.

"This was a legitimate, square-John deal," Gullekson said. "When it started to go sour, like a lot of people in the speculative markets, he panicked and started borrowing from Peter to pay Paul. He tried to resurrect it by legitimate means."

Unusual attraction



A Canada goose eyes a Shetland pony the goose has taken a liking to. The horse-loving honker flew onto the Jump Over the Moon Training Center ranch at Waterloo, Neb., about

one month ago and stayed. Ranch worker Mike Gottsch said Sunday the goose won't leave the pony alone.

Strikes, summer travel raise air fares

HOUSTON (AP)—Summer travelers can expect to see higher air fares and more restrictions for their vacations this year as Eastern Airlines remains on the brink of collapse and the country moves into its busiest flying season of the year.

Airline officials insist bargains are still available provided the traveler plans at least two weeks ahead, is agreeable to stops along the way and will travel at off-peak times. But there could be a significant sting for business travelers who must make last-minute travel arrangements.

"Airlines are getting so sophisticated in their yield management programs that they can go into their computer system and tell a week in advance how many seats they'll sell for that flight," said Tina Ruffeno, president of

the Texas Passenger Travel Association in Houston.

"Then they'll take out all the cheap or discounted seats and force the corporate traveler to pay it or travel on a less-traveled flight they're trying to fill up. And two days before that highly traveled flight leaves, they'll go back into the system and see they haven't sold as many seats as they wanted and discount the fare again," she said.

Before the 1978 Airline Deregulation Act began to phase out government involvement in the airline industry, the cost of an empty seat was passed on to all the other passengers, said David Swierenga, assistant vice president for the Air Transport Association, which represents the country's largest airlines.

Under the "yield manage-

ment" system now in use, air carriers continually switch prices based on the number of booked passengers. Carriers reserve a few seats for the last-minute flier at a higher price and reward passengers who buy tickets in advance with lower fares. The practice has created super-low discount fares and skyrocketing standard fares.

"It just plain stinks," Dan Smith, spokesman for the International Air Passenger Association in Dallas, told the *Houston Post*. "The prices assigned to each seat can change on a daily basis."

It's also common for customers to be quoted two different prices within a day.

The losers in this game of supply and demand are corporate and emergency travelers who don't

have the luxury of planning their trips weeks in advance or the flexibility to comply with fare restrictions, industry observers say.

"The business traveler is in an 'I gotcha,'" Ruffeno said. "They're frustrated because they don't have a lot of choice. The airlines know that and take advantage of it by jacking up the price."

A traveling salesman at Houston Intercontinental Airport last week lamented the price of his \$860 round-trip ticket from Washington.

"I try to plan in advance to keep the fares low," said Willie Brown of Reston, Va. "Yet sometimes a customer says, 'Be here tomorrow,' and you have got to go. It's cheaper to fly to Hong Kong. I flew there, round trip, for \$729."

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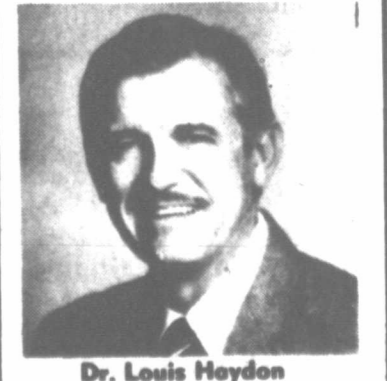
Of all the bones in the spinal column, none are more easily injured or more vulnerable than the seven vertebrae in the neck. None are moved more often. We are constantly turning our heads to look at people and things.

Neck stiffness can have many causes, from sudden and violent accidents to such simple activities as painting a ceiling or just sitting reading a book for a long time. But there's nothing simple about the pain.

A careful examination will reveal the source of the pain and how best to treat it. Any misaligned vertebrae in the spinal column should be properly adjusted so there will be no abnormal pressure on your nervous system. Treatment may also include exercises for the cervical muscles such as gently rotating your head in all directions. This can help restore muscle strength and tone.



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- 5 Rolls out
- 9 Greek letter
- 12 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- 13 Surrealist painter
- 14 Throw slowly
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- 17 Macaw genus
- 18 Barbra Streisand movie
- 19 Cinema house
- 21 Part of a shoe
- 23 12. Roman numeral
- 24 Hardware item
- 27 Marquis de Lafayette
- 29 Boil slowly
- 32 New York City
- 34 Flood
- 36 Four score and ten
- 37 Type of barge
- 38 _____ time (never)
- 39 Stimulate
- 41 Sixth sense (abbr.)
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- 44 Vast period of time
- 46 Small goose
- 49 "The Thinker" sculptor
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- 43 Spring bloomer
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- 46 Fermenting agent
- 47 _____ Khayyam
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- 50 Actress Arlene
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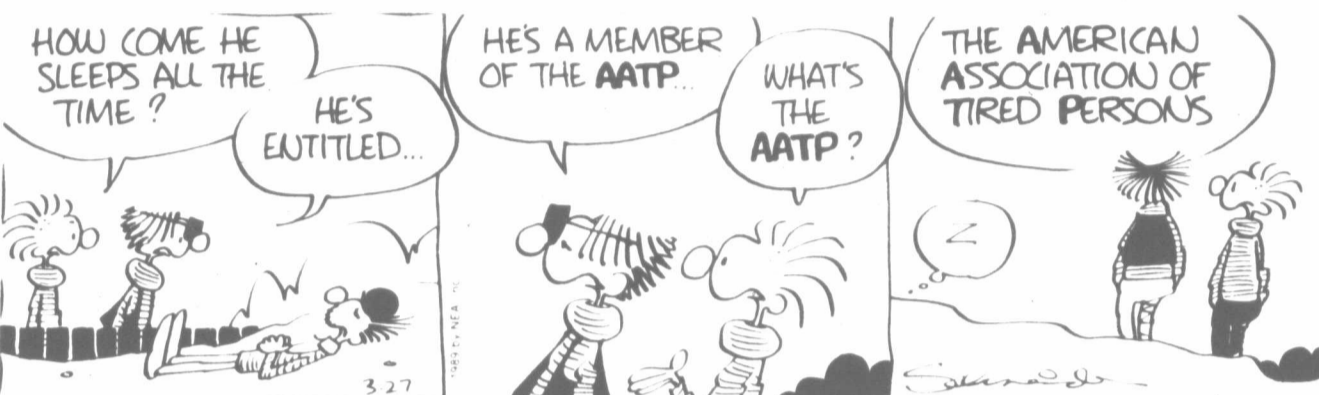
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Things should run very smoothly for you today if you treat whatever occurs philosophically. If you tell yourself that all will work out well, and truly believe it, the end results should reflect this. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which sign are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An important career objective can be achieved today, but not necessarily on the first try. When you encounter resistance, use this as a motive to increase your determination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This could be a fortunate day for you regarding involvements that you share with partners or associates. Put "we," not "me," foremost in your thoughts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There could be some very interesting developments today that will enable you to further your personal ambitions. When you see the first glimmer of opportunity, grab it and hang on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try not to make this an all work and no play day. Relaxing a bit shouldn't be viewed as frivolous, instead think of it as something essential for refreshing your psyche.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't be overly concerned today as to how a particular situation in which you're involved is going to work out. Keep visualizing a positive ending and proceed toward it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is a good day to catch up on matters that require some form of communication. Clear up old correspondence or, at the very least, make some of those phone calls you've been putting off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Lady Luck tends to favor you today where your material interests are concerned, but she might not treat those with whom you're involved as kindly. Call the shots in joint ventures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Avoid people today you know from past experiences who tend to make heavy demands on your time and talents. You'll not be effective if you feel weighted down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Not what you do for yourself, but what you unselfishly do for others will afford you the greatest satisfaction today. Let your compassionate instincts govern your behavior.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If there was something important you wanted to do yesterday, but had to postpone until today, you could be rather lucky now if you give this matter top priority.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Challenges tend to awaken your better qualities today. Instead of plugging you with doubts, they should infuse you with optimism, telling you that you can succeed. Believe your instincts.

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Sports

Duke, Illinois round out Final Four elite

Laettner paces Duke to third Final Four berth in 4 years

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Because Christian Laettner won the battle of the freshman centers, Duke earned a return visit to the Final Four.

Laettner dominated his more-heralded counterpart, Alonzo Mourning, as the Blue Devils survived a late Georgetown rally to earn their third Final Four berth in four years with an 85-77 victory Sunday in the final of the NCAA East Regional.

The victory moved the Blue Devils, 28-7, into a meeting with West champion Seton Hall, which finished second to Georgetown in the Big East.

It was a bad day for Mourning, who was outscored 24-11 by Laettner and was victimized by an in-your-face dunk by Phil Henderson with 9:32 to play. When the Hoyas rallied late in the game, Mourning was on the bench, watching.

Duke did it all. They outshot Georgetown, outrebounded them and blocked just as many shots as the NCAA's all-time leading shot-blockers.

Duke outplayed the Big East champions, who came into the NCAA tournament after winning their conference tournament by

an average of 20 points per game.

"The expectations we had placed upon us were deserved expectations because of the way we won the Big East and the Big East championship," Georgetown coach John Thompson said. "We've won on hard work, and lost to an excellent ball club that has a very good possibility of winning the national championship."

Georgetown, 29-5, and Duke played a seesaw first half, with the Hoyas taking a 40-38 lead on a 3-point shot Mark Tillmon with four seconds left.

There was one lead change and two ties in the opening six minutes of the second half — and then the unexpected happened.

Laettner began to dominate the inside while Mourning, generally considered the best freshman in the country, disappeared.

With the score tied at 52, Quin Snyder drove the right side and banked a shot high off the boards and over Mourning for a 54-52 lead. Henderson, who finished with 23 points, then snuck inside and put in a rebound of Robert Brickey's miss for a four-point lead.

Mourning left the game and Duke continued its run as Danny Ferry, the regional's most outstanding player, hit two foul shots and Henderson got a basket on a goaltending call.

That got Mourning back into the game and Georgetown responded with four points to move to pull within 60-56.

But any thoughts of a comeback evaporated as Henderson made a quick move down the lane and jammed over Mourning's belated block attempt. Laettner followed with six straight points for a 68-56 lead.

Mourning said he did not see Henderson coming until there was almost nothing he could do.

However, Mourning said there was a lot more he could have done for his team in the second half, but didn't. He played just 11 minutes and scored only three points.

"I just felt like I was moving in slow motion," Mourning said. "I just couldn't get clicking like I wanted to. The intensity wasn't there. I have no one to blame but myself."

But the Hoyas weren't dead. With Mourning on the bench, Georgetown mounted a 12-0 run to draw within 75-73 on two free throws by Dwayne Bryant with 3:22 to go.

The Blue Devils stopped Georgetown's momentum at the foul line. Duke made 10 of 12 free throws in the final 3:11, while Georgetown made just two of eight from the field and missed both its free throws.



(AP Laserphoto)

Duke's high scorer Christian Laettner celebrates his team's 85-77 win over Georgetown Sunday.

Illini overcome 13-point deficit to drop Syracuse

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — They're rather small for a major college team, their players seem interchangeable and they've endured their share of problems this season.

But when you step onto the court with Illinois, you're in for a battle — literally. The Illini will run, press, scrap, claw and whatever else it takes to win a game.

And that's why they're going to the Final Four.

Led by Kenny Battle and Nick Anderson, Illinois overcame a 13-point deficit to beat Syracuse 89-86 for the NCAA Midwest Regional championship.

"They've been doing it all year," said Illinois coach Lou Henson, who has been criticized in the past for losing in the early rounds of NCAA play with talented teams. "They will not die. They just keep coming back."

The victory sends Illinois, 31-4, against Big Ten Conference rival Michigan in the national semifinals next Saturday at Seattle — the

site of Illinois' last Final Four appearance 37 years ago.

Michigan advanced with a 102-65 rout of Virginia in the Southeast Regional on Saturday — a performance that left Henson awestruck.

"Michigan right now is playing the best ball of anybody in the NCAA," said Henson, who has no player taller than 6-foot-8. "I saw the game yesterday and they were unbelievable. They could have beaten a pro team."

Yet, during the regular season, Illinois defeated Michigan twice — 96-84 at home on Jan. 14 and 89-73 at Ann Arbor, Mich., in the regular-season finale. Illinois finished second in the Big Ten and Michigan was third. Indiana won the league title.

"Michigan's tall and does a lot of things right," Henson said. "If they play like they've been playing, nobody's going to beat them."

Of course, Henson could say the same thing about his own team, the only No. 1 seed to make the Final Four.

On Sunday, Illinois shot 74 percent in the second half — making

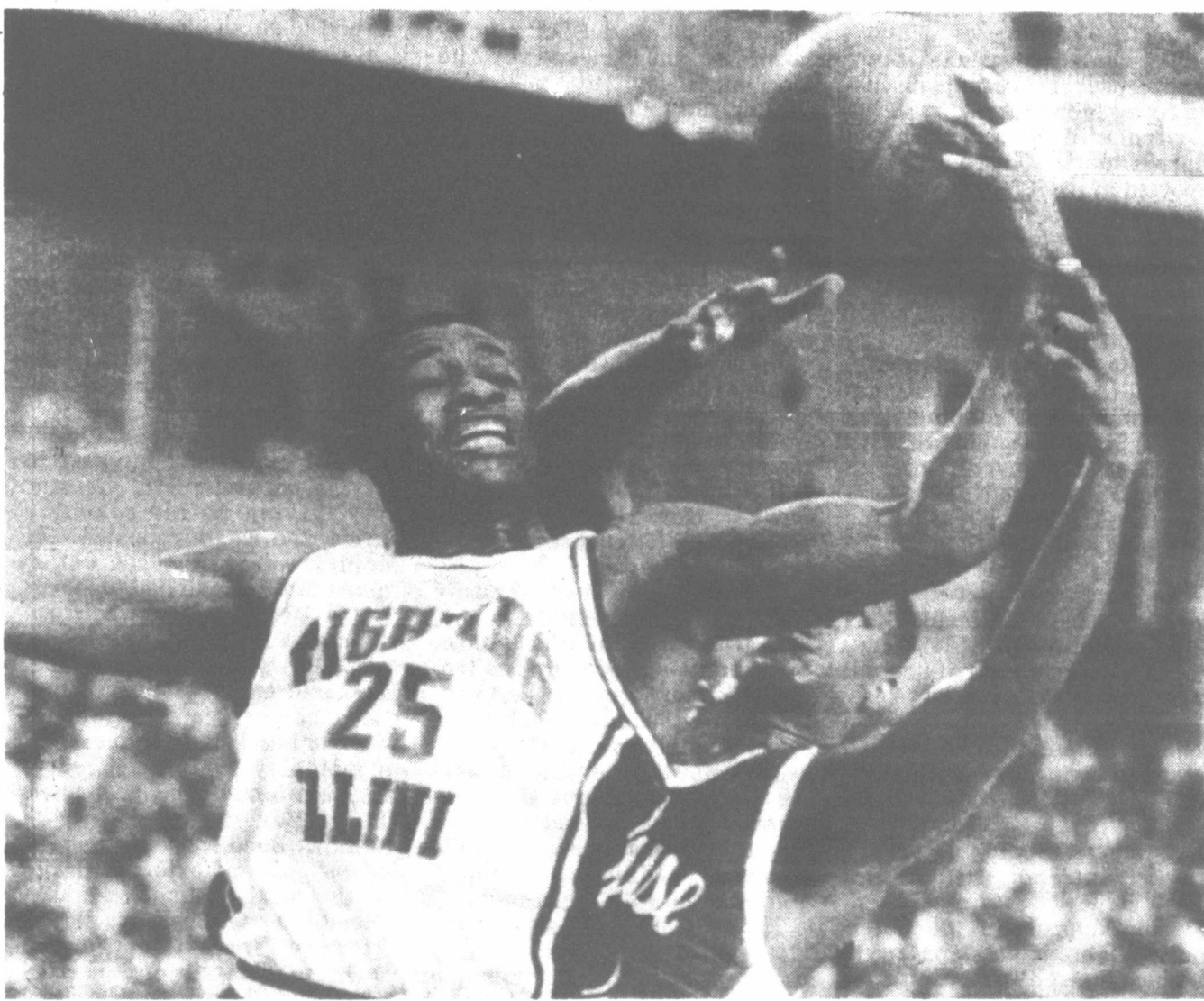
20 of 27 shots — and hit 64.6 percent for the game. The Illini also outrebounded their taller opponent 38-29 and kept Syracuse's dangerous fast break under control in the second half.

"The difference in the game was on the offensive boards," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "We had trouble with the same thing against Missouri, but we overcame it the other night."

"We got hurt badly on the offensive boards when they took the lead, but we came back in the game and had a chance."

Battle, Illinois' inspirational leader, scored 28 points Sunday and showed no ill-effects from a bruised knee that limited him to four points in an 83-69 semifinal victory over Louisville on Friday night.

Anderson, voted the outstanding player in the regional, added 24 points — 16 in the second half — and pulled down 16 rebounds. Nine of Anderson's rebounds came on the offensive end, including two in the spurt that gave Illinois the lead for good, and the Illini finished with 19 offensive rebounds in all.



(AP Laserphoto)

Nick Anderson, selected the game's MVP, stretches in front of Syracuse player Billy Owens to grab a rebound.

Simpson wins USF&G

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tim Simpson was giving his golf career one last chance, and it paid off.

Simpson shot a final-round 69 Sunday for a 274 total and his first tournament victory since 1985 in the \$750,000 USF&G Classic. His 2-stroke margin over Greg Norman and Hal Sutton was worth \$135,000.

Before this season started, Simpson said he wrote to his wife and his parents, telling them he wanted to play his way back into the Masters.

"I told them I was going to play very heavy up until the Masters, because I'm not in the Masters and I wanted to be," he said. "I also said — and I'm not usually much of a predictor — that I would win a tournament and be back in."

"I told my wife that if I couldn't win this year, I was coming home," he said.

Simpson said he is emotionally and physically drained by his heavy schedule, so he's skipping this week's event at Houston to rest up for the Masters.

"Maybe about the middle of the week, I'll go to Augusta and play a practice round. It's only three hours from my home," said Simpson.

"That tournament means more to me than almost anything. Since I was old enough not to make noise, my mom and dad started taking me there."

"I'm really, really thrilled. For the past two years, I've been struggling with my confidence, wondering if I'd ever win again," he said.

It was only the second professional victory for Simpson in a career that began in 1977. He won the Southern Open in 1985.

The tournament was played over the 7,106-yard, par-72 course at English Turn. It was the inaugural professional event at the course designed by Jack Nicklaus.

Simpson went into the day a stroke behind Norman, who shot 72 on Sunday, while Sutton had a 70. Each earned \$66,000 for second place.

After 66 holes, Simpson and Norman were tied at 13 under par.

Simpson took the lead for good with an 8-foot birdie putt on 13 and made it a 2-stroke lead with a birdie putt on 15.

Simpson bogeyed No. 17, but so did Norman.

"I guess fate determined that Greg Norman was not going to win this tournament, and that's that," Norman said.

Norman had a 35-foot putt for an eagle on No. 15, but that rolled three feet past the hole, and he missed the second putt as well before tapping in for par.

He missed a 9-foot birdie putt on 16 and missed another shot at a birdie on 17.

He bogeyed 17, giving Sutton the chance to move up for the tie with his birdie.

Sutton opened his round with a bogey, then recovered that lost stroke with a birdie on No. 6. He played par golf for the next eight holes, then closed strong, hitting a 6-foot putt for a birdie on 15 and a 12-footer for a birdie on 17.

Brown, Johnson earn All-State honors

Yolanda Brown of Pampa was named to the Class 4A All State second team for her role in pacing the Lady Harvesters to a 17-11 finish in 1989.

In three seasons with the Lady Harvesters, the 5-11 senior set school records with 1,553 points and 1,338 rebounds and led the team in this season in scoring (21.2 ppg), rebounding (11.4 rpg), field goal percentage (54 percent) and steals (1.19). This is her second consecutive year to be selected to the All-State team.

Noel Johnson of Kelton, a 5-7 sophomore, was selected to both the TABC and TSWA Class 1A All-State first teams. As a guard for the Lady Lions, Johnson averaged 29.8 points, 14.2 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 6 steals per game. She has been named All-District during both of her high school seasons.

Following is a list of Texas Girls All-State basketball teams as selected by the Texas Sports Writers Association and compiled by The Associated Press.

- CLASS 5A**
First team
Cinetra Henderson, Duncanville, 6-4, Sr.; Lori Davis, Lewisville, 6-1, Sr.; Lorraine Cordway, Rosenberg, 5-9, Jr.; LaTonya Conley, Houston Forest Brook, 5-6, Sr.; Dana Evans, Deer Park, 5-5, Sr.
- Second team
Courtney Canavan, San Antonio Clark, 6-0, Sr.; Lisa Ferguson, Pearland, 5-11, Sr.; Traci McKinley, Weatherford, 6-1, Sr.; Shantell Cole, Houston Sharpstown, 5-7, Sr.; Antoinette Isaac, Houston Yates, 5-6, Jr.
- Third team
Jody Thompson, La Porte, 5-8, Sr.; Christy Boyd, Alief Elsik, 6-4, Sr.; Denise Parker, Arlington Martin, 5-8, Sr.; Andra Borris, Con-



Yolanda Brown...All-State selection two years running.

roe, 5-9, Sr.; Shantell Thomas, Duncanville, 5-10, Sr.; Ruth Garcia, McAllen, 5-4, Sr.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Cinetra Henderson, Duncanville, averaged 18.2 points, 9 rebounds a game; player of the year as a junior; team won consecutive state championships; most highly recruited player in the state.

CLASS 4A
First team
Carol Bailey, Levelland, 5-10, Sr.; Travena Gant, West Orange-Stark, 6-1, Jr.; Tanna Matthews, Highland Park, 6-1, Sr.; Rachel Hesse, Levelland, 5-8, Sr.; Jennifer King, Pflugerville, 5-7, Sr.

Second team
Yolanda Brown, Pampa, 5-11, Sr.; Yvone Catala, A&M Consolidated, 6-0, Sr.; Paige DuBois, Calallen, 6-0, Jr.; Veronica Hunter, Jacksonville, 5-9, Sr.; Cynthia Jackson, Houston King, 5-8, Sr.

Third team
Rosie Holt, Paris, 5-10, Sr.; Twyllana Harrison, Levelland, 5-10, Soph.; Erica Edwards, Wilmer-Hutchins, 5-8, Sr.; Pam Anderson, West Orange-Stark, 5-7, Sr.; Amy Paren, Aledo, 5-8, Sr.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Carol Bailey, Levelland, averaged 16.4 points, 7.2 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals a game. Levelland was 101-3 in her three years as a starter.

CLASS 3A
First team
Yatisha Basha, Hardin Jefferson, 5-9, Sr.; Holly Graham, Devine, 6-1, Sr.; Kellie Fitzgerald, Canton, 5-10, Sr.; Ramona Jones, Hardin Jefferson, 5-5, Sr.; Sharonda Cyrus, Mexia, 5-7, Sr.

Second team
Natalya Janca, Sealy, 5-11, Sr.; LaShunta Jackson, Navasota, 5-9, Jr.; Tessa Smith, Sharyland, 5-10, Sr.; Missy Grazi, Canyon, 5-8, Sr.; Jennifer Clark, Quitman, 5-6, Sr.

Third team
Beth Burket, Jourdanton, 6-1, Jr.; Sherry Elias, East Chambers, 6-0, Sr.; Melinda Ray, Groesbeck, 5-7, Soph.; Sondra Ancelet, Orangefield, 5-6, Jr.; Thea Woodruff, Decatur, 6-1, Sr.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Yatisha Basha, Hardin Jefferson, averaged 30 points, 9 rebounds, 7 assists and 6 steals per game. 131-7 record in her four years. Twice all-state 3A-1 record and state champion.

CLASS 2A
First team
Trenia Tillis, Grapeland, 6-0, Sr.; Heidi Gil-lingham, Pth, 6-7, Jr.; Anita Dunn, Edgewood, 5-11, Jr.; Lane Brown, Grapeland, 5-6, Sr.; Dawn Bolner, Marton, 5-4, Jr.

Second team
Jennifer Thomas, Abertamy, 5-8, Sr.; Skeitha Horsley, Hughes Springs, 5-11, Sr.; Tabitha Trudsdale, Rosebud-Lodi, 5-9, Sr.; Keli Mueller, Marion, 5-7, Sr.; Robin Sloan, 5-8, Sr.

Third team
Angela Aldridge, Abertamy, 5-7, Sr.; Kelly Lloyd, China Spring, 5-11, Sr.; Debra Martin, Kerens, 6-0, Sr.; Sandra Jackson, Kerens, 5-7, Sr.; Sandra Chapa, Benavides, 5-4, Sr.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Trenia Tillis, Grapeland — averaged 27 points, 12 rebounds, 6 assists per game. Twice all-state Grapeland was state champion.

CLASS A
First team
Daria Leavitt, Nazareth, 6-0, Jr.; Mira Richburg, Roscoe, 5-10, Sr.; Doris Harris, Rexton, 5-9, Sr.; Stephanie Brockman, Nazareth, 5-8, Sr.; Noel Johnson, Kolton, 5-7, Soph.

Second team
Carol Kirby, Roby, 5-9, Sr.; Jenna Stockett, Happy, 5-7, Sr.; Becky Hinojosa, Lorenzo, 5-6, Jr.; Tiffany Bryant, Jayton, 5-10, Sr.; Tonya Davis, LaPorta, 5-6, Jr.

Third team
Valerie Smith, Sundown, 5-10, Sr.; Stacy Norvell, Martin's Mill, 5-11, Sr.; Kristi Har-rove, Sudan, 5-10, Jr.; Brandy Richardson, Vega, 5-8, Sr.; Jackie Simper, Houston, 5-4, Sr.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Daria Leavitt, Nazareth, averaged 18 points, 7.5 rebounds, 3.6 blocked shots, 4 steals. Team won 10th state championship in 12 years.



Allison Finney rejoices after sinking a four-foot putt on the 18th hole to finish with a four-day total of 10-under par.

Finney shoots even par to win Turquoise Classic

By WALTER BERRY
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Beth Daniel only made one mistake all day, but it was all Allison Finney needed to get her first LPGA victory.

Finney shot an even-par 73 in a rain-plagued final round Sunday and capitalized on Daniel's double-bogey on the second hole to win the \$400,000 Turquoise Classic by one shot.

"If I shoot even-par, I would have won the tournament. But if you don't play well, you don't deserve to win," said Daniel, who was seeking the 15th title in her 11 years on the tour. "I have champagne all over me and it wasn't even for me."

It was the first win in seven years on the tour for Finney, whose previous best was a second-place tie in the 1985 Mazda Hall of Fame Championship.

"I can't even believe it's happened yet. It's going to take a

while before it sinks in," said Finney, who placed eighth in this tournament in 1987 and tied for 11th in 1986.

Finney, 30, finished with a 10-under-par total of 282 to take the \$60,000 top prize, which nearly equaled her entire winnings for 1985 (\$60,559) and 1987 (\$66,972).

Daniel, who started the day one shot ahead of Finney, parred every hole except the par-3 second, where she four-putted for the double-bogey. She had a 2-over 75 on Sunday for a 9-under 283 total.

"I just didn't make the putts today," Daniel said.

Jody Rosenthal, seven shots off the lead after three rounds, came in third at 285 after firing a 3-under 70 on the 6,514-yard Moon Valley Country Club course, which was soaked by an inch of rain Sunday morning. The final round was played mostly in cool, drizzly weather.

Penny Hammel, two shots behind after 54 holes, was 11 under

following birdies on Nos. 7, 8 and 9. But she suffered bogeys on 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 and then double-bogeyed the par-4 17th in a round of 5-over 78 to finish at 288. Patti Rizzo and Rosie Jones tied for fourth place at 287.

Finney, the leader after each of the first two rounds, shot 74 on Saturday to fall behind the 32-year-old Daniel, who was trying to win her first tourney since the 1985 Kyocera Inamori Classic.

Daniel, who won this event in 1982 when it was played at nearby Sun City and was trying to become the first two-time champion in the tourney's 10-year history, double-bogeyed the par-3 second hole to fall to nine under.

Finney parred her first six holes before making a birdie putt on No. 7 to reach 11 under. Bogeys on the 12th and 15th and a birdie at the 14th dropped her to 10 under, but she saved par on the last three holes to win the title.

Rangers hammer Chicago, 11-2

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Veteran catcher Carlton Fisk seems ready for opening day, but that's not the case with some Chicago White Sox pitchers.

Fisk hammered a home run in Sunday's 11-2 loss to the Texas Rangers, making him 2 for 4 since returning Saturday from a jammed finger that had kept him out of the lineup since March 11.

"Amazing. He comes right back swinging the bat. He's quite a specimen," White Sox manager Jeff Torborg said of the 41-year-old Fisk. "And he really knows how to handle pitchers."

Torborg was less impressed with his pitchers.

Bill Long, 0-2, gave up eight runs and nine hits in 4 2-3 innings. The Rangers drilled six

extra-base hits, including homers by Ruben Sierra and Jim Sundberg.

Tom McCarthy was touched for a run in 1 1-3 innings, and Bobby Thigpen gave up two in an inning. Don Pall held Texas scoreless in his only inning.

Texas pitcher Brad Arnsberg, who is trying to make the staff after having a ligament transplanted from his left wrist to his right elbow last April, allowed only three hits and one run in five innings.

Rick Leach drove in two runs and scored three. Mike Stanley doubled twice and drove in two runs.

Prior to the game, Texas placed pitchers Edwin Correa and Jose Guzman on the 21-day disabled list, reducing their roster to 31 players.

Correa, still troubled by a shoulder injury that has kept him from pitching since July 1987, remains uncertain as to the cause of the pain. He was examined Sunday in Winter Haven, Fla., by Boston team physician Dr. Arthur Pappas, who operated to remove a torn cartilage and bone fragments from the shoulder last June. Pappas said it appeared that Correa was now suffering from a looseness of the shoulder socket.

On Monday, Correa will go to Vero Beach, Fla., to be examined by Los Angeles team physician Dr. Frank Jobe, who diagnosed the looseness last March and said there was a 50 percent chance Correa would pitch again if he underwent corrective surgery.



Greg Walker of the Chicago White Sox slides safely home before Rangers' catcher Jim Sundberg can get the throw.

Rift between regents chairman and A&M president disclosed

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A rift that developed between Texas A&M regents chairman David Eller and school president William Mobley over the investigation of head football coach Jackie Sherrill pushed Mobley close to resigning, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported in a copyright story.

Only efforts by regent William McKenzie of Dallas and A&M chancellor Perry Adkisson kept Mobley from stepping down last November, sources close to Mobley told the Eagle.

Less than two weeks later, however, several regents discussed firing Mobley because of his insistence in dealing with the Sherrill matter, the newspaper reported in its Sunday editions.

The sources close to the administration and to the regents requested anonymity for fear of reprisals, the newspaper said.

Sherrill resigned on Dec. 12 amid continuing controversy stemming from a Nov. 18 story in The Dallas Morning News quoting former A&M running back George Smith as saying Sherrill sent cash to him several times after Smith threatened to reveal repeated NCAA infractions during his tenure with the team in the early 1980s.

The Eagle reported that tensions grew between Mobley and Eller after the president concluded in December that Sherrill either had to resign or be fired.

At A&M expense, Smith flew to College Station and appeared at a Saturday night news conference after the Nov. 19 football game between Texas A&M and Texas Christian to recant his earlier claims that Sherrill paid him "hush money."

Mobley appeared at the conference with Smith, but appeared to distance himself from Smith.

Mobley opened the media conference by saying an internal investigation would be conducted into the matter, then left "for a previous engagement," preferring not to lend dignity to Smith's

appearance by remaining at the media conference, sources said.

A day later, Mobley pledged to continue the probe into the Sherrill allegations that had surfaced two days earlier, saying he was resolved to get to the bottom of the matter.

However, at the same time, Eller was telling reporters he saw no need for further investigation, that Smith's new statements settled the matter.

Mobley apparently was unaware that Eller had contradicted him until he read Eller's statements in the newspaper the morning of Nov. 21.

Eller had told reporters, "I'm not sure we have one (an investigation) going on."

Eller added:

"I am 100 percent in support of Jackie Sherrill and his efforts to build an excellent program and I think he has done that. There is really no more thought to doing anything to Jackie Sherrill today than there was a week ago. I was proud of him a week ago and I'm still proud of him."

Administration sources say an angry Mobley arrived at his Coke Building office shortly after dawn on Nov. 21 and personally typed out his letter of resignation, the Eagle reported.

Mobley, who had become A&M's 20th president on Aug. 1, less than four months before, apparently was prepared to tender his resignation letter to regents later that day at their regular bi-monthly meeting.

The same sources said, however, that Adkisson arrived shortly after Mobley and asked the president to delay his decision until the chancellor had time to attempt a compromise with the regents.

Throughout the regents' morning meeting, McKenzie — who is expected to be elected chairman of the board at Tuesday's meeting of the regents — shuttled in and out of the board room. Sources said he was playing the role of peacemaker between Eller and Mobley.

Finally, a statement written in large part by Mobley was released. The statement said the disparity in the two positions came about because the two men were interviewed separately. Eller and Mobley expressed complete support for each other.

The tensions between Mobley and Eller continued, however, as Mobley's investigation proceeded. A private investigation firm was hired to dig into the Sherrill matter, and Mobley is reported to have decided that Sherrill had to go, the Eagle said.

According to the A&M sources, Sherrill said he should resign because he had "become a lightning rod for the media and the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association)." What Sherrill apparently meant, however, was that he was willing to accept a buyout of his full 5-year contract, which would have cost A&M about \$1.6 million.

Mobley, sources said, was firm in his desire to pay Sherrill only through the remainder of this school year.

As negotiations continued, Sherrill expressed interest in staying on as athletic director only, giving up his coaching duties, the Eagle reported, but Mobley was said to be determined that Sherrill had to leave.

At a Dec. 8 meeting between Eller and Mobley that was described by witnesses as hostile, Eller told Mobley that his proposed one-year contract buyout was "unfair to Coach Sherrill," and Mobley was instructed to work out a better deal for Sherrill, the Eagle reported.

James Bond, deputy chancellor for legal and external affairs for the A&M System, and A.W. "Head" Davis, Sherrill's Bryan attorney, spent the weekend working out details of the settlement, and Sherrill's resignation was announced on Dec. 12.

The agreement with Sherrill paid him \$684,000, slightly more than the amount he would make for two years of his contract.

Astros stop Pirates

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Mike Scott allowed one hit in seven innings and Terry Puhl hit a two-run homer to lead the Houston Astros to a 5-1 exhibition win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Scott struck out eight and did not allow a hit Sunday until Ken Oberkfell hit a pop up in front of the plate that fell between Scott, catcher Craig Biggio and first baseman Greg Gross.

Biggio singled and Steve Lombardozzi doubled in the second to put runners at second and third before Scott singled to left to score both runners and give Houston a 2-0 lead.

Puhl put the Astros in front 4-0 in the sixth inning when he hit a home run over the center field fence after Gerald Young was hit by pitcher Doug Drabek. Houston's final run came later in the inning when Craig Reynolds singled home Billy Hatcher, who reached base when he also was hit by Drabek.

Hatcher stole second and went to third on a throwing error before scoring on Reynolds' single.

The Pirates' only run came in the ninth inning off reliever Dave Smith when Sid Bream singled home Julio Peguero, who had advanced to third on a single by Rennie Stennett.

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NBA standings

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Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	44	23	.657	—
Philadelphia	37	30	.552	7
Boston	34	32	.515	9½
Washington	32	35	.479	12
New Jersey	23	45	.338	21½
Charlotte	17	51	.250	27½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
v-Detroit	49	17	.742	—
v-Cleveland	49	18	.731	½
Milwaukee	42	23	.646	6½
Chicago	40	26	.606	9
Atlanta	39	27	.591	10
Indiana	26	47	.353	29½

Western Conference				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Utah	42	25	.627	—
Denver	37	30	.552	5
Houston	36	30	.545	5½
Dallas	31	36	.463	11
San Antonio	18	50	.263	24½
Miami	12	56	.179	30

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
L.A. Lakers	49	20	.708	—
Phoenix	45	24	.652	3½
Seattle	39	27	.591	7
Golden State	38	28	.576	8
Portland	32	34	.485	14
Sacramento	19	49	.279	27½
L.A. Clippers	14	52	.212	32

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Boston 115, New York 111
Philadelphia 135, San Antonio 122
Detroit 112, New Jersey 96
Utah 102, Houston 99
Denver 114, Dallas 105
Chicago 126, Portland 113
Saturday's Games
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Washington 111, Indiana 108, OT
Detroit 113, Charlotte 101
Miami 107, San Antonio 105
Atlanta of New York, (n)
Golden State of Houston, (n)
Cleveland of Milwaukee, (n)
Denver of Utah, (n)
Chicago at Seattle, (n)
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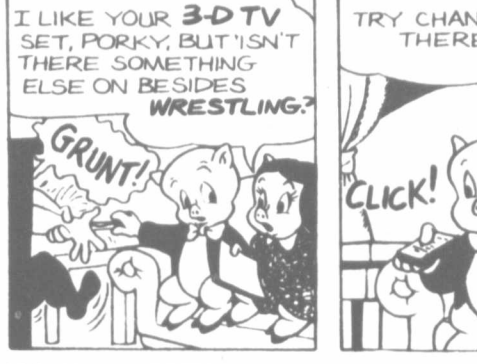
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Neglect at seed bank threatens defense against famine

EDITOR'S NOTE — Agriculture is under constant assault from drought, pests and disease. A key defense is genetic material in seeds that can alter and fortify species. The seed banks that store this material, called germplasm, thus stand literally between world plenty and famine. But chronic neglect at America's largest seed bank threatens the precious hoard.

By LEE MITGANG and PAUL RAEBURN
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FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Thousands of irreplaceable crop seeds are dead or dying in an antiquated, underfunded federal seed bank, imperiling the future of U.S. agriculture.

Furthermore, the United States is jeopardizing access to new seed samples by banning seed trade with six countries it considers adversaries.

These are principal findings of a three-month Associated Press investigation of U.S. policies affecting germplasm, the plant genetic material needed to breed heartier crops able to resist drought, pests, disease and the global warming trend called the greenhouse effect.

American farmers are reaping four times the corn and potatoes per acre that they could 50 years ago. Wheat and rice yields have doubled. At least half of these gains come from higher-yielding crop varieties bred with germplasm from around the world.

Germplasm is "as important as air, food or water," said Henry L. Shands, national leader of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's germplasm program.

The National Seed Storage Laboratory, housed in a three-story yellow building on the Colorado State University campus in Fort Collins, is the world's largest seed bank. Its nine concrete, subfreezing storage vaults bulge with 232,210 seed samples in paper and aluminum packets.

But the AP found that in tests conducted within the last five years, only 28 percent of the samples, or 64,036, met a government standard that 66 percent of the seeds in a sample will sprout.

Fully 72 percent, 168,174 samples, either haven't been tested in at least five years, contain too few seeds to risk testing or failed to meet the 66 percent standard. "I would maintain that these



(AP Laserphoto)

Marcella Cecil examines some seeds stored in a cryogenic preservation tank.

seed banks are seed morgues. What goes in isn't going to come out alive," said Major Goodman, a crop geneticist at the University of North Carolina.

Many untested samples are certainly dead or dying, either because of improper storage or failure to regrow them quickly enough, said Garrison Wilkes, a crop scientist at the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

And efforts to replenish the collection are being jeopardized by U.S. foreign policy, an AP examination of hundreds of pages of government documents revealed.

Despite an official policy supporting the free flow of germplasm among all nations, the United States has quietly banned germplasm trade with six countries it considers unfriendly: North Korea, Cuba, Cambodia, Vietnam, Nicaragua and Libya.

Some USDA officials have fought the embargoes, fearing a backlash in which other Third World countries would deny germplasm to the United States. Developing countries are the birthplace of most important food crops, and it is there geneticists must go to search for desirable new traits.

The issue is expected to flare April 17-21 at a meeting in Rome of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources, part of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

Recent advances in genetic engineering have further raised the stakes. The ability to swap genes among different species will greatly reduce the time it takes to breed new crop varieties.

Jeremy Rifkin, a well-known activist who has won important court battles to regulate biotechnology, filed suit in 1987 charging the USDA with harming the environment by failing to safeguard its seed samples. A decision is expected soon.

A visit to the Fort Collins lab found no guards or alarm systems protecting the seeds or costly lab equipment. The vaults are protected by a metal gate secured only with a common padlock. Campus police patrols provide the only insurance against thieves or terrorists.

Even critics acknowledge, however, that conditions have recently improved.

For much of its 31-year existence, the lab operated on budgets of less than half a million dollars. Funding more than doubled in

1988 from \$927,580 to \$2 million. Much of the credit is given to Shands and Steve A. Eberhart, a research geneticist who became the lab's director in March 1987. Under Eberhart, staff has been increased, and vital seed data are being transferred from file cards to computers.

But even Eberhart concedes it will take years, and millions more dollars, to correct the lab's failings.

A computer analysis performed by USDA officials at the AP's request found that 104,135 samples — almost half of the lab's entire collection — contained too few seeds to risk testing them, Eberhart said.

As a consequence, lab officials were unable to say with any accuracy how many of their seed samples are alive.

Rep. George E. Brown, D-Calif., chairman of the House subcommittee on Operations, Research and Foreign Agriculture, called the U.S. germplasm system "lousy, measured against the importance of the problem."

Each seed vault at the Fort Collins laboratory can hold 15,000 to 30,000 seed packets. Six cryoge-

nic tanks contain wheat, barley, oats, lotus and other grains supercooled with liquid nitrogen, a process pioneered here in hopes of extending the life of seed samples indefinitely.

Eight of the nine vaults are full, and the last vault is nearly so, according to the lab's annual review written in February.

The USDA computer analysis found that in five years only 82,538 seed samples, or slightly more than one-third of the lab's total, had been tested to see what percentage of seeds in each sample remained alive, said Loren Wiesner, the laboratory's curator.

Twenty-two percent of those tested, or 18,502 samples, were below the USDA's 66 percent standard, Eberhart said.

Furthermore, 3,770 samples had deteriorated to the point where no more than a quarter of the seeds would sprout, Eberhart said.

Of the 104,135 samples that contained too few seeds to be tested, 94,680 are duplicated at other U.S. seed banks, he said.

But the National Seed Storage Laboratory "is designed to be the

principal storage facility for agricultural crop seeds," noted a 1987 report by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment. "Ideally all plant varieties are stored at NSSL as base collections."

The four other seed banks where many of the Fort Collins samples are duplicated are in trouble themselves, according to figures in minutes of a September 1986 meeting of the USDA's Plant Germplasm Operations Committee.

At the Ames, Iowa, seed bank, 35 percent of samples are "in critical need of regeneration," as are 25 percent at Pullman, Wash., 33 percent at Experiment, Ga., and 50 percent at Geneva, N.Y. These are the most recent figures available, said Shands.

Donald Duvick, director of research for Pioneer Hi-Bred International and one of the deans of the U.S. seed industry, said:

"Our national stinginess in collecting, storing, renewing and describing the collections is inexcusable, not only in regard to our national obligations, but also in regard to our responsibility to the entire world."

Super collider project faces anti-Texas backlash on funds

By JENNIFER DIXON
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers smarting over Sen. Phil Gramm's sharp criticism of their home-state projects and simmering anti-Texas sentiment in Congress threaten the tenuous future of the super collider, says a member of the House Budget Committee.

The troubles of Speaker Jim Wright, a Fort Worth Democrat under investigation by the House ethics committee, could also potentially jeopardize the super collider, says Rep. John Bryant, a Dallas Democrat.

"To the extent Wright is weakened by any events related to this ethics committee thing, it will also weaken our ability to get the super collider," said Bryant, who does not believe Wright will be wounded by the panel's findings.

But a loss of Wright's influence in the House because of unfavorable findings by the ethics committee "could be devastating" to the super collider's chances of being built, Bryant said.

Bryant said the future of the \$4.6 billion particle accelerator is rocky for many reasons — "the kind of budgetary pressure we're experiencing is unprecedented and there is not a lot of good will right now toward our state."

The Energy Department wants to build the collider south of Dallas, but Congress has yet to agree to authorize its construction. The project would create thousands of jobs and bring international prestige to its host state.

Bryant said Texas is receiving the blame for the bailout of the savings and loan industry, which regulators expect will cost in excess of \$100 billion, and points to a base closing plan that leaves all Texas installations intact except the Navy's home port at Galveston, which is under construction, while some states face big losses.

In fact, Texas stands to gain more jobs from the military realignment than any other state, according to Rep. Dick Army, a Copper Canyon Republican and sponsor of the base-closings bill.

Texas also would gain from construction of a space station, and members of its congressional delegation are traditionally at the front of efforts to fund the budget of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Bryant said.

"There is a general perception, with a president, speakers and all of these cabinet members (from Texas) and all of our (congressional committee) chairmen, that we have too many things going our way," Bryant said. "And we have to overcome that perception."

Bryant said Gramm, sponsor of the deficit-reducing Gramm-Rudman Act, is yet another obstacle.

Gramm, a Texas Republican, has opposed many of his fellow senators when their home-state projects come to a vote, and now those senators are not looking too kindly on Gramm as he asks them to pay for the super collider, Bryant said.

"Gramm attacks every proposal here regarding spending, even those that were worthy proposals, and he's not receiving a very favorable reception from other senators when he goes and asks for his

project," Bryant said.

Another Democrat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said "a lot of senators are looking to get their comeuppance with Phil Gramm, and it makes him a large liability. And not just in the Senate, but the House, too," where Gramm served until his election to the Senate in 1984.

Gramm has accused Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., of being weak on defense; told the Senate that a coal purchase proposed by Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., was "felony theft of the taxpayers' money, perpetrated by special interest groups who have spokesmen right here on this floor"; and repeatedly criticized the Weed Science and Technology Center at North Dakota State University as a pork barrel project that could bust the budget.

At a recent hearing on the super collider, Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said the project was not high on his list of priorities.

"Here you are," Conrad told Gramm, "one of the foremost advocates of being tough on spending, in here advocating a spending project that would benefit your constituents. ... It's high on your list because it would benefit your state."

Sen. Wendell Ford, D-Ky., chairman of the Senate subcommittee on energy research and development, said of the exchange between Gramm and Conrad: "He (Gramm) was against North Dakota getting a damn thing, and now he's in here wanting it all for Texas."

Gramm spokesman Larry Neal said Gramm stands by his criticism of Heinz, Moynihan and the North Dakota weed research institute.

"The weed research institute was a budget buster, all the indexes on defense suggest where Moynihan is, to the detriment of Texas specifically," Neal said.

"Every time the Democrats trot out these old moth-eaten criticisms we're forced to remind them about projects like the new Veterans Administration hospital in Houston, the new Navy Homeport in Corpus Christi and the new Treasury Department currency plant in Fort Worth, all of which Sen. Gramm brought to Texas," Neal said.

He said Bryant's position is "particularly odd" because the congressman has come out against foreign funding of the super collider.

"In fact, the refusal to seek funding from other countries could very easily doom our effort to build the superconducting super collider. That of course would be a tragedy," Neal said.

Rep. Tom Beville, chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on energy and water development, said that Congress will insist on knowing how much foreign countries are committed to spending on the collider before authorizing construction.

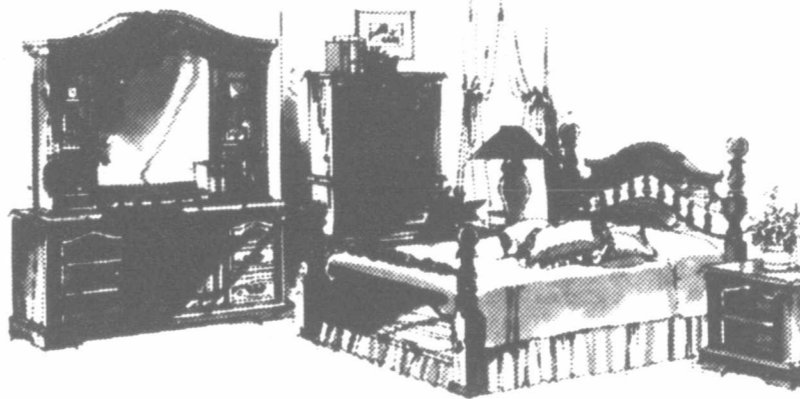
Bryant said he is opposed to letting foreign countries pay a fraction of the cost of the collider in exchange for "access to all of the fruits of the research" of the particle accelerator.

"I'm tired of seeing us hand over free of charge technology to Japan and other countries that we've paid a tremendous amount to develop, and watch them profit," Bryant said. "I think it's a mistake to give away our technology for a pittance."

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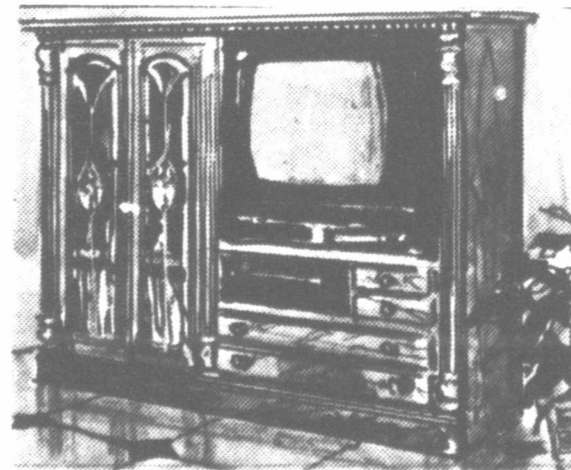
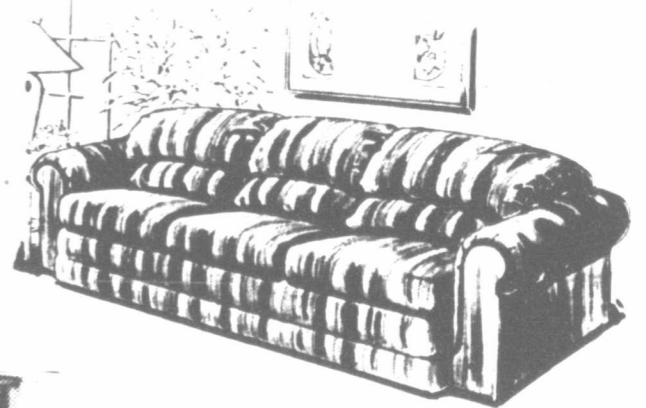
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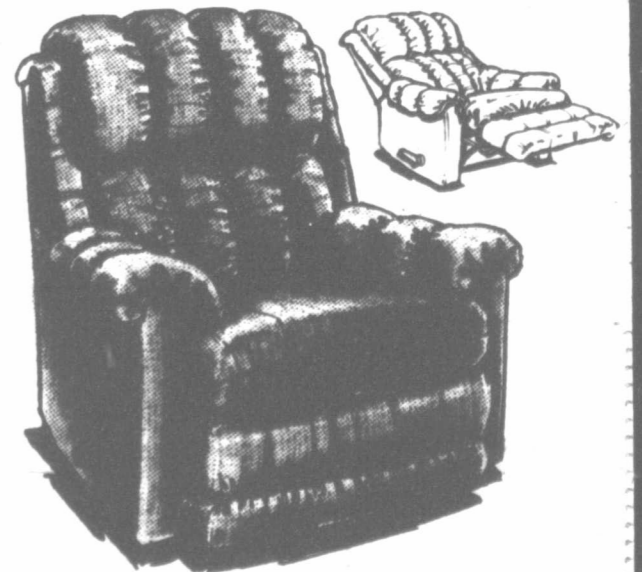
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