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Former justice named to handle Celanese suit

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HOUSTON — A former Texas Supreme Court justice will be the special master of chancery in a complex suit stemming from explosions that rocked the Hoechst Celanese chemical plant and killed three people.

Former Justice William Kilgarlin was named Tuesday by State District Judge Eugene Chambers to handle the case against Celanese, which operates the chemical plant in Pampa. Actual damages being sought total \$500 million, and unspecified punitive damages also are being sought.

The plant blew up in November 1987, and so far more than 400 plaintiffs have joined in the suit alleging negligence by Hoechst Celanese, said Tom Upchurch, the attorney for the plaintiffs.

"The court finds this to be an exceptional case," Chambers said in his order Tuesday naming Kilgarlin, of Austin, who was defeated in a re-election bid last November.

The suit, filed in December 1987 and so far amended six times, accuses the company of releasing harmful chemicals into the air and water from the two explosions.

Attorneys also are seeking to

have the plaintiffs' suit certified as a class action accusing the firm of contaminating the air and water with such carcinogens as benzene, asbestos and chromium chemicals. Upchurch, of Amarillo, said that request would be delayed until yet another amended suit is filed.

Celanese officials have denied all the charges, saying only trace amounts of benzene have been found in isolated areas beneath the surface of the Pampa plant.

Plaintiffs gathered last week in Pampa to hear experts talk about possible dangers from chemicals at the plant, which produces acetic acid.

The plaintiffs include dozens of railroad workers, at least 25 current Celanese employees, and residents of Pampa and nearby Kingsmill.

Kilgarlin said this morning he had not been officially informed that he would be involved in the case and had not had the opportunity to discuss with lawyers involved in the suit when motions would be heard.

Upchurch said Tuesday that the judge in the case had suggested attorneys from both sides begin presenting evidence within the next 10 days.

North trial arguments continue

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was "natural instinct" for Oliver North to destroy documents because he was engaged in some of the government's most secret operations, the former White House aide's lawyer told a jury today.

"It's a reasonable thing to do," Brendan Sullivan said of North's decision to destroy records as he prepared to leave the National Security Council staff in November 1986.

In final arguments to the jury at North's criminal trial, Sullivan said "the act of destroying documents" would be the "natural instinct of anybody running a covert operation."

"Colonel North had charge of running some of the most secret operations" in the government, said Sullivan.

The former NSC aide is accused of altering, destroying, concealing and removing documents as the Iran-Contra affair emerged publicly in November 1986.

North testified that among the documents he destroyed were memos reflecting the diversion of funds from the sale of weapons to Iran to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. One memo reflecting a planned diversion that North neglected to shred was found in his files on Nov. 22, 1986 by an aide to then-Attorney General Edwin Meese III.

Beginning his final arguments Tuesday, Sullivan said prosecution comparisons of North to Nazi Germany's Adolf Hitler are "sick and twisted." He contended the government is "turning life up-

side down" in its zeal to win a conviction.

In his closing arguments, prosecutor John Kecker accused North of being a liar who stole money from his office safe.

North is charged with 12 criminal counts of lying to Congress and the attorney general, misappropriating government money and defrauding the Treasury through a tax scam to support the Contras. Conviction on the charges carries maximum prison terms totaling 60 years and \$3 million in fines.

Kecker, declaring that North consistently misled Congress in an attempt to cover up the Iran-Contra affair, called the former White House aide the "Joe Suza of government" — a reference to a television-commercial character who tells outrageous lies.

He also told the jury that "North and (then-national security adviser) Robert McFarlane were following Adolf Hitler's old strategy, which is the victor will never be asked if he told the truth."

Sullivan countered that the reference to Hitler illustrates the "extraordinary drive, push ... of the government" to get a conviction.

"You should be offended by it," he told the jurors. "It's sick and twisted in my view."

He said North "consumed his life by trying to protect the freedom fighters" battling the leftist government of Nicaragua.

As Kecker and Sullivan clashed, two senators asked President Bush to investigate whether the Reagan administration in 1987 failed to turn over to Congress documents which pertain direct-

ly to Bush's role in the Iran-Contra affair.

The documents emerged during North's trial and focus on the administration's secret quid pro quo arrangement with Honduras. President Reagan approved slipping more than \$110 million in extra aid to the country if it would support the Contras during a period in which direct U.S. aid to the rebels was banned.

Bush subsequently told the Honduran president of the extra aid, but it isn't clear whether Bush knew that it was in exchange for Contra support. Bush has refused to comment on what he knew.

"We respectfully request that you direct an immediate and thorough investigation and report to determine whether any

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North (left), accompanied by a bodyguard, leaves his attorney's office Tuesday.

School board viewing alternative high school

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Administrators with the Pampa Independent School District revealed plans to the school board Tuesday night regarding a federal grant application to start an alternative high school program for dropouts, behavior problems and teen-age parents.

Dr. Harry Griffith, superintendent of schools, said Pampa High School has experienced a dropout rate of around 41 percent over the last several years.

"What are your chances of graduating if you're in the ninth grade?" Griffith asked. "Around the state it's three out of 10 that you won't. In Pampa it's four out of 10. In the last three graduating classes we've lost 492 students."

He said Pampa High School provides a good learning environment but that it offers "stereotyped comprehensive programs" that do not meet the needs of many students.

"We have many hundreds of students who do not fit," Griffith said.

High school Principal Daniel Coward said many bright students are underachievers that need to be reached with special programs.

"It would be nice to create an environment where students relearn how to be excited about learning," Coward told the board.

Under the alternative high school plan, the basement of Clarendon College Pampa Center would be used to house the project, which would eventually include as many as 120 students.

Administrators emphasized that putting the program on the high school campus would defeat the purpose since it would be requiring students to return to the surroundings and peer groups that may have partially contributed to their initial problems with fitting into the mainstream.

Sally Griffith, director of the At-Risk program for the PISD,

said the grant would seek nearly \$313,000 to start the alternative high school.

She said such schools would require students to apply for admission and be screened to make sure they were serious about a second chance at a high school education.

Mrs. Griffith said such programs, already in place in other school districts, require an 80 percent mastery of skills before a student could advance and that failure is simply not accepted.

"They would say, 'You're not going to fail. You may get a lot older, but you're not going to fail,'" she said.

Several high school staff members were at the meeting to express their concerns and frustrations about the dropout problem. Pat Farmer, an assistant principal at the school, said at least half a dozen seniors had dropped out in the last two weeks.

"We've seen 17-year-old kids sitting in classes with 14-year-olds (because they are only on freshman level work) and they've stuck it out this far," Farmer said. "But this time of year they say they can't take it any more and drop out. It's really tragic," she said.

Mrs. Griffith pointed out that many students reconsider coming back to school after dropping out, but choose not to return because they would be placed in classes with teen-agers several years younger.

"They don't fit in and don't want to fit in, so they won't blend," said English teacher Tonya Burton. "There's several students who don't fit into any category."

According to the alternative high school plan, child care would be provided as part of the program, as well as heavy emphasis on child development skills, since many of the potential students are teen-age parents.

Assistant Superintendent Dawson Orr said the program would

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Carrying a U.S. flag, a student leads the first lap of 'Walk Across America' at Wilson School.

Wilson students out to 'Walk Across America'

A delegation of local officials, including Pampa Mayor David McDaniel, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Harry Griffith and Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele, kicked off the first lap of Wilson Elementary School's Walk Across America campaign Monday morning.

The project is an attempt to collect enough laps around the school playground all students to equal the approximately 2,807 miles from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

Ray Thornton, Wilson principal, said the walk was aimed at improving physical fitness and conquering a challenge.

"By various means people have faced challenges to this great country of ours," Thornton told the students. "And there have been a variety of reasons for people to venture east to west or west to east across streams, over mountains and through deserts and wooded area. Today we in America and we in Pampa have many challenges to face — from social ills

to keeping pace with technological advances to financing our desires and needs."

The goal of the walk is to collect enough laps to cover the 2,807 miles by the end of the school year.

Thornton and physical education teacher Todd Carnegie said next year the walk would also be connected with social studies lessons regarding where the students' mileage took them. Thornton also said language arts, math and art lessons would be associated with the project.

Houston principal vetoes article about pregnant valedictorian

HOUSTON (AP) — The 1989 Jack Yates High School valedictorian, who has one child and is pregnant with another, may not get her story told in the school newspaper but she will get to participate in graduation ceremonies.

Yates Principal Chester Smith vetoed publication of an article about Carrie Mae Dixon, 17, saying Tuesday that the report was too personal for the high school paper.

The article, written by a student reporter and titled, "Against all odds ... Student becomes valedictorian despite motherhood," documents Miss Dixon's personal life and scholastic achievements.

Miss Dixon is a straight-A student who carries a full load of honors classes, including physics, calculus and economics. She also takes computer math and word processing — an elective she chose so she could learn to type faster than her boyfriend, who also is a senior honor student.

After graduation, she plans to study chemical engineering at the University of Houston. She has two scholarships.

But she also was shuffled among relatives after her mother died and her stepfather deserted her and eight siblings.

Since she has no one to baby-sit her 18-month-old daughter while she studies, Miss Dixon said she keeps the child occupied with paper and pencil.

"She writes while I write," she said.

Now, at five months pregnant, Miss Dixon dreams of a "middle-class home and a middle-class life."

A school reporter first tried to do a story about Miss Dixon last year after she was spotted on a cold, rainy day standing at a bus stop, holding an umbrella over her daughter, Terrisha KeAndrea, while she was studying a math text. A school official nixed the story idea.

Miss Dixon said she had doubts she would be allowed to give the valedictorian address June 10 because of her pregnancy, but Houston Independent School District Superintendent Joan Raymond said Tuesday that she can make the speech and participate in any graduation activity.

According to newspaper editor Shuronda Robinson, Smith rejected the story last Thursday when she submitted the newspaper for approval. On Friday, Smith made his final decision to reject the story during a meeting with Miss Dixon, the woman with whom she lives, the journalism teacher, and the editor, Miss Robinson said.

Raymond said Tuesday she agreed with Smith's decision.

"Mr. Smith made the decision not to print the article in the student newspaper about the valedictorian because, in his judgment, the article was too highly personal, sensitive to the young lady,"

she said.

"I support his decision completely and it will stand and I believe he did the appropriate thing. I have read the article myself, and I will further tell you that I would have made the same decision," Raymond said.

HISD spokeswoman Ria Griffin noted that the final decision regarding the story hinged on Miss Dixon's guardian's refusal to sign a waiver to print it.

But Miss Dixon, who will be 18 on April 29, said the woman with whom she lived from age 5 until several months ago is not legally her guardian and had agreed to sign the release if references to her were deleted.

"Mr. Smith told us that even if she signed it, he would still not allow it to be printed," Miss Dixon said. "He just kept saying something about the community wouldn't accept it."

Aspin warns against 'end runs' on military base closing plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee is warning lawmakers not to try any "end runs" around a plan to mothball 86 domestic military bases now that it has cleared Congress.

"It is incumbent upon all of us to make sure this base closing list is implemented, that we not have any end runs in the appropriations process, that we not have any language stuck in some continuing resolution somewhere," Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., told his colleagues Tuesday.

The House, by an overwhelming margin of 381-43, rejected a resolution to disapprove the recommendations of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

That meant the recommendations now go into effect. The law creating the commission required that the entire package take effect unless both

houses of Congress voted to disapprove it.

But Tuesday's House vote also could set the stage for an appropriations fight, with lawmakers trying to save individual facilities in their home districts. Congress still must appropriate the money for short-term expenses associated with closing the bases.

In total, the commission's recommendations affect 145 military installations by closing 86, reducing the operations at five and altering the mission of 54 others.

By virtue of its action, the House gave Defense Secretary Dick Cheney the go-ahead to implement the recommendations beginning in January.

Aspin warned that he will be watching carefully to make sure "there's no fooling around with this list," and said any legislative trickery could cause the plan to collapse.

"You cannot end run this list and make an excep-

tion in the appropriations process for one base without unraveling the whole package and making a case for other people adding their bases as exceptions," he said. "Pretty quick we're right back where we started from."

In the final hours of debate on the resolution, representatives from New Jersey, Illinois and California argued that the commission overestimated the savings when it said the plan would save \$694 million a year at first, and \$5.6 billion over a 20-year period.

"In terms of savings, I don't believe they're there. In terms of expenditures, I believe they're underestimated," said Rep. Jim Saxton, D-N.J., who opposed the closing of Fort Dix in his home state.

Saxton cited a report by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, that said savings in closing Fort Dix had been overesti-

mated by \$20 million.

Rep. Terry Bruce, D-Ill., said the estimated savings rely on major defense policy changes, including reductions in personnel, and not on the closing and realigning of bases.

"The whole tone of the commission was based on manipulating data, changing ratings, fudging dollar figures and misleading both Congress and the public," Bruce said.

Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., a member of the House Armed Services Committee, conceded that the GAO reported errors in the committee's work, but said the bottom line was the savings.

"Maybe we don't save as much money on some of the bases, maybe we disagreed with the model that was used, but they never said on one of these bases that it was going to cost money to close them if you look at it over a six-year period," Schroeder said.

Quinn College homes auctioned off by IRS

WACO (AP) — Two homes owned by Paul Quinn College, including that of its president, have been sold at auction by the Internal Revenue Service in an attempt to collect delinquent taxes owed by Texas' largest black private college.

The homes were auctioned Tuesday after the IRS filed \$303,129 in liens against the school in January.

McLennan County resident Gene Chapman purchased Paul Quinn President Warren Morgan's residence and 14 acres for \$60,000. The minimum bid was \$37,910.99. Chapman declined to comment on his purchase.

Elizabeth Price, also a local resident, bought the school's other residence for the minimum bid of \$29,332.91. That residence is home to Van Allen, Paul Quinn's assistant to the president and director of federal relations.

Price said she hopes the school would be able to buy it back from her in the next six months.

"I'm an investor, but I do hope they can possibly buy it back," she said.

Paul Quinn College has 180 days to buy back the properties at the prices the new owners paid, plus 20 percent interest.

Morgan and Allen have six months before they must leave the properties unless Paul

Quinn buys them back, according to the IRS, which will issue the deed at the end of 180 days.

School business manager Joe Fortson, declined comment on what the home sales mean for the college or what the school is doing to raise money to pay the IRS.

Paul Quinn Trustee Monte Hulse of Waco said he is disappointed the IRS went through with the auction.

"We had hoped something could be worked out with the IRS and that we could avoid this action," he said. "But Paul Quinn is still optimistic that it can get financing and needs worked out. Maybe within the six-month period the college can get its affairs in order."

The college administration, through the board, will have to come up with some additional funds or "take drastic steps to cut back its activities to get the college back to where it can live within its budget," Hulse said.

Trustee Jack Bryant, vice president-affiliate relations for the National Black Network in New York, described the sale of homes as "unfortunate."

"I was hoping it did not get to that point and there were measures taken to try to prevent that. It's unfortunate it did get to that point."

He said he believes the trustees are satisfied with Morgan's leadership.

Russian ship to help in oil spill cleanup

By PAUL JENKINS
Associated Press Writer

VALDEZ, Alaska (AP) — The tentacles of America's worst oil spill washed up on a beach nearly 200 miles away at Seward, where officials were staking hopes on a huge Soviet oil-skimming ship.

The ship was scheduled to arrive today at the end of 30-mile Resurrection Bay in Seward, the first town outside Prince William Sound to have oil wash up on a beach.

The bay is in the Gulf of Alaska, where seas recently have run as high as 12 feet, far higher than in the scenic, island-protected sound where the Exxon Valdez ran aground March 24.

The relatively small ships used previously to suck away the slimy residue are designed to work in waves of no more than 5 feet. But the 11,400-ton Soviet ship

Vaidogubsky can tackle far higher seas and can potentially scoop up more sludge.

"If they can capture oil out there and pick it up before it blows on shore, that's much to our advantage," Seward deputy city manager Darryl Schaefermeyer said Tuesday night. "Our goal is to get the oil picked up and not wait until it gets on beaches, and then have to clean beaches."

Coast Guard Adm. Paul Yost, who is coordinating the cleanup, left Valdez on Tuesday to brief President Bush.

He said he was instructed to improve oil skimming operations and communications, which he said had been done. He was also ordered to get Exxon to come up with a shoreline cleanup plan, which the company produced Saturday.

"I think we have that plan ... a

start on the plan," Yost said. But he said he still had reservations about whether Exxon could work at the necessary pace to clear at least 300 miles of shoreline by winter.

Yost's concerns were shared by Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Dennis Kelso.

But Lawrence Rawl, Exxon's chairman and chief operating officer, angrily challenged such reservations and blamed governmental red tape for the cleanup's sluggish start.

"Now I'm not going to tell you that if you go up there a year from now you won't find some black places on some rocks, but we're going to make every effort to get it off," he said at a news conference in New York.

"I am telling you that a year from now the toxicity will be eli-

minated."

Yost said he was glad Rawl thought the cleanup could be accomplished by the promised Sept. 15 deadline.

"I'm on his side," Yost said. Yost turned over the cleanup to Vice Adm. Clyde Robbins, who characterized the plan as a draft and said, "It will be expanded very quickly."

The company has until May 1 to add strategies for getting rid of the oily materials left over from the cleanup, and for cleaning beaches along the gulf.

The oil that washed ashore near Seward was a taffy-like goop mixed with seaweed, and was cleaned up Tuesday. But more oil was in Resurrection Bay, and still more reported on nearby islands and headlands of the Kenai Peninsula, including at Kenai Fjords National Park.

Bill would raise nursing homes Medicaid cap

AUSTIN (AP) — Passing a bill to increase the state Medicaid income cap for nursing homes shows lawmakers care about the elderly, despite the cost, a state representative supporting the measure says.

Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, said the bill "shows we care in this body and that we intend to see that (nursing home residents) are taken care of."

"We spend millions and millions of dollars on things like Sematech and on the super collider," Lewis said. "But yet, we're

here arguing about \$40 million to take care of those senior citizens out there that established this state, that made it as great as it is today.

"I'm saying to you, this is a very small price to pay, to help those people out there, who have been kind enough over the years to take care of us," Lewis said.

After Lewis and several others joined in debate on the bill by Rep. Betty Denton, D-Waco, the House tentatively approved the measure in a 135-10 vote. Another vote is needed for final passage.

The bill would raise the state's income level for Medicaid assistance from \$715 per month to the federal maximum of \$1,104 per month.

The approval came despite warnings from Jim Rudd, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, about future costs.

Rudd, D-Brownfield, "reluctantly" urged lawmakers to vote against the measure.

"I think the House must be aware of what it's doing," Rudd said. "This bill sets into law what

the federal government will hand down from now on concerning nursing home payment increases."

He said the bill would cost the state \$35 million to \$39 million.

"I can assure you, members, this will continue to rise," Rudd said. "And you will be asked to pass a tax bill shortly" to pay for it.

"I will not vote for it, because I like to have that control in this Legislature and in this state," Rudd said.

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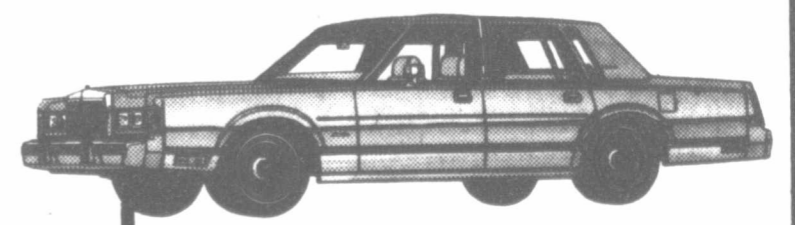
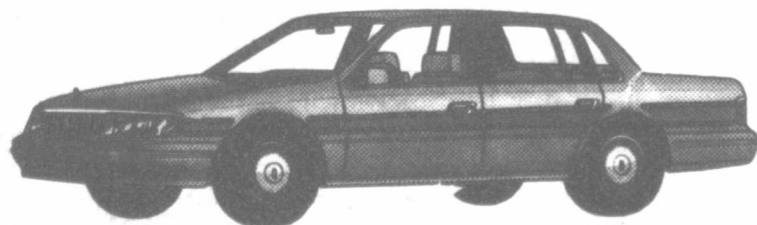
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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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 - 7 Electorate
 - 13 Kitchen appliance
 - 14 Spotted wildcat
 - 15 Jimmy
 - 16 Inflammation
 - 17 Zumwalt
 - 18 Select
 - 20 Suppose
 - 21 Light
 - 23 Ruth's companion
 - 27 Curious
 - 32 Ease
 - 33 "The Thinker" sculptor
 - 34 Yacht parts
 - 35 Buzz
 - 36 Accuses
 - 39 Small island
 - 40 Rapidity
 - 42 Slump
 - 46 Grassy area
 - 47 Twofold
 - 51 Tire
 - 53 African land
 - 55 Lead
 - 56 Fighting ships
 - 57 One who goes by
 - 58 Fly
- DOWN**
- 1 Sotto
 - 2 Semiprecious stone
 - 3 Length of office
 - 4 Not out of
 - 5 Victory symbol

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 24 Actor Alda
- 25 Having an offensive odor
- 26 African land
- 28 High hills
- 29 Pagan god
- 30 Movie
- 31 Dill seed
- 37 Higher
- 38 Compass point
- 41 Sarcastic remark
- 42 Trickle
- 43 Genus of frogs
- 44 Racetrack term
- 45 Pope's name
- 47 Pianist Brubeck
- 48 Fixed quantity
- 49 Beverages
- 50 Emit coherent light
- 52 Perfect serve in tennis
- 54 House fuel

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GEECH By Jerry Bittle

GEE, MR. PURVIS, I GUESS YOU'VE ABOUT SEEN IT ALL, HUH?

ALL OF WHAT?

WELL, EVERYTHING, I GUESS. I MEAN, CONSIDERING YOUR AGE AND ALL.

OH, YEAH...

AND I GUESS I'VE ABOUT FORGOTTEN IT ALL, TOO. I MEAN, CONSIDERING MY, UH... UH, MY... MY...

AGE?

AND ALL.

THE WIZARD OF ID By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

I'M TAKING A MEDICAL SURVEY...

WHAT ONE PAIN RELIEVER WOULD YOU WANT IF YOU WERE ON A DESERT ISLAND?

SCOTCH

ECK & MEEK By Howie Schneider

I HAD DINNER LAST NIGHT WITH THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

REALLY?

HE SAID I HAD A GOOD SHOT AT THE WOMEN'S TITLE.

I DIDN'T KNOW WOMEN BOXED.

WHO'S TALKING ABOUT BOXING?

B.C. By Johnny Hart

SHOW ME A GIRL WHO CURLS UP WITH A GOOD NOVEL EVERY NIGHT...

AND I'LL SHOW YOU A BROAD WHO LIVES IN A BOOKMOBILE.

Astro-Graph

Large organizations, clubs or groups could be rather lucky for you in the year ahead. If you don't belong to any at present, it might be wise to request a few application blanks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your mate or partner might feel obligated to make all the big decisions today. Be firm and let your counterpart know you're also entitled to a voice. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't put additional strains on your physical well being today. Observe sensible eating and drinking habits and try to avoid all forms of overindulgence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Complications with friends could develop today if they are too determined on having their way. If companions are rigid, you be flexible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A very ambitious associate might try to prod you to do something today that will benefit him more than it will you. Let him know from the start you're aware of his ploy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What starts out as a friendly discussion on philosophy or politics could turn into something rather serious causing you and your opponent to get hot under the collar.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A joint venture in which you're presently involved could pose a problem today if one of the parties feels the other is not contributing as much financially or intellectually as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be on extremely shaky ground today when you have to deal with others on a one-on-one basis. Be guarded in your reactions and try not to be arrogant or dictatorial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If there is something essential that you are honor or duty bound to do today, don't neglect to take care of it. What you ignore could produce unpleasant ripple effects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In your social involvements today make it a point to share the stage with others. You'll make a poor impression if you don't let all of the characters have at least a few lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Outsiders and in-laws should both be outlawed today where confidential family affairs are concerned. If they are allowed to participate they could turn a bad situation into something worse.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An associate with a forceful personality might attempt to downgrade your ideas and suggestions today. Don't be intimidated just because this guy has a big mouth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't let a user outmaneuver you today when it comes time to pay the check. Have another cup of coffee and wait until the staller picks up the share.

MARVIN By Tom Armstrong

MOM SAYS THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF AT THE CAR WASH.

SHE SAYS IT'S ALL IN MY IMAGINATION.

WELL, IF WE'RE NOT IN ANY DANGER...

THEN HOW COME THEY PUT UP THAT BIG SIGN?!!

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MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson

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ENJOY YOUR BREAK, PARTNER! I'LL BE BACK A LITTLE LATER!

MUNCH MUNCH

SNAFU By Bruce Beattie

Wilbur decided to drive the neighbors crazy while he was away on vacation.

WINTHROP By Dick Cavalli

YOU'VE BEEN UP THERE... YOU SHOULD KNOW...

WHAT DOES GOD LOOK LIKE, HUH? WHAT?

NOW HE'S ARGUING WITH SNOWFLAKES.

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THE (HIC) FAR SIDE OF (HIC) THE GLASS? (HIC) HOW DO I (HIC) DO THAT?

YOU HAVE TO BEND YOUR HEAD WAY OVER.

OH (HIC) I SEE.

(HIC) THANKS. NOW I'VE GOT THE HICCUPS AND WATER UP MY NOSE.

I THINK MOST HICCUP CURES WERE REALLY INVENTED FOR THE AMUSEMENT OF THE PATIENT'S FRIENDS.

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Lifestyles

April is child abuse month

"It should not hurt to be a child," yet the Texas Department of Human Services annually confirms more than 50,000 cases of child abuse and neglect. April is Child Abuse Month in Texas. In Gray County those statistics translate into 16 new referrals for February affecting 34 children and 12 new referrals for March affecting 17 children. Currently there are 14 ongoing cases affecting 32 children. According to Bonnie Simpson, supervisor, the Gray County office of the Texas Department of Human Services has legal custody of 28 children.

In 1987 there was a total of 154 reports of abused and neglected children in Gray County, of that number there were 84 confirmed cases. There were 248 alleged victims of abuse or neglect and 142 confirmed victims.

Some cases of child abuse and neglect are easily recognized: an infant left alone in a hot car, a three-year-old with multiple facial bruises, a child who is repeatedly locked out of the house for long periods of time. However, these cases represent only a frac-

tion of the children who are in desperate need of help.

What about the more subtle forms of abuse or neglect? - verbal abuse, poor supervision, overly strict discipline. What about physical abuse that occurs behind closed doors, is obscured or concealed by clothing, is attributed to "accidents," is denied or concealed by the victim? The key to early identification is public and professional educational in the ways in which children can be abused or neglected and the signs to look for.

If you have a reason to believe that a child has been sexually abused or neglected, there are several steps you can take.

First, believe the child. It is extremely rare for children to lie about sexual abuse, and it is vital that you do not deny or ignore what the child is telling you. If in doubt, err on behalf of the child.

Protect the child immediately from the suspected offender. You can start repairing the damage at once by assuring the child that the abuse will not continue.

Reassure the child that it is not his or her fault and that you are

glad that you were told. Many children feel guilty and have been told by the offender that the abuse was their fault and they will be blamed for it.

Report the suspected abuse at once. You can not get into trouble yourself for reporting suspected abuse, even if it turns out not to have happened, as long as you make the report "in good faith."

The Texas Department of Human Services takes the information they receive, determine if it is a case of abuse or neglect then begin an investigation. They talk with family members, provide for physical examinations, arrange for counseling if necessary and offer parenting classes. The goal of the department is to keep the family together if at all possible and correct the situation by educating all parties involved.

The discovery of sexual abuse, especially if it's incest, is a terrible upheaval for a family. Know that you're not alone and life can return to normal after a time.

For more information regarding the Texas Department of Human Services call 665-1863 or visit their office at 1511 N. Banks.

Students plan art exhibit



Francis Hall, teacher, discusses with student Mary Cotton some techniques to use in completing her painting for the student art exhibit to be held April 23-25 at Lovett Memorial Library.



Edyth Jackson puts the finishing touches on one of her entries in the April 23-25 exhibit. Sunday hours for the show will be 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Tuesday hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show is open to the public free of charge.

Grandmothers playing favorites don't go unnoticed by cousins

DEAR ABBY: You will be blessed from coast to coast if you publish this open letter to all grandmothers:

DEAR GRANDMOTHERS: Please don't play favorites. If you buy a gift for the children of your daughter, please buy a gift of equal value for the children of your son. These children are cousins, and cousins play together, and when they see the expensive toys, books and clothing that Grandma has given their cousins, they become jealous because Grandma has never given them such grand gifts. She gives them cheap little trinkets — or nothing at all.

I am the mother of the cousins who get very little from Grandma, and I have looked into the sad eyes of my children when we visit their cousins who have been showered with expensive gifts from Grandma. It is always the daughter's children who are favored. I have friends who are in the same situation, so I am not imagining this.

Realize that there are some grandmothers who are fair to all their grandchildren, but I am sorry to say that they are the exception.

I hope that this letter will cause the grandmothers who are guilty of this kind of favoritism to change their ways. Most children don't "need" anything — but they are hurt when their cousins always get the peaches and they get the pits.

Thanks for listening.

YOUR SON'S WIFE
DEAR ABBY: We have a very kindly neighbor who makes jellies and jams all summer long and gives them out to everyone she knows. We appreciate her generosity; however, we do not eat her gifts because she doesn't can properly. She just cooks the fruit and puts it in any old glass jars she has around. She doesn't sterilize them — no seal, no waterbath, nothing. Of course, most of it is already spoiling by the time her neighbors get it.

Our concern is that she puts so much effort into it, we haven't the heart to tell her she might poison someone — much less tell a 60-year-old woman that she doesn't know how to can properly.

Please help us, as she is such a dear sweet friend.

ELSIE AND LOUISE (NOT OUR REAL NAMES)

DEAR ELSIE AND LOUISE: Can't you offer to "help" her can one day? Then introduce her to some "newfangled ideas" such as special jars, sterilized sealing, waterbath, etc.? You would be doing her an enormous favor and, who knows, you might even save a life!

DEAR ABBY: When I met the man I later married, I told him I was born in 1925. Actually, I was born in 1919. Throughout my life, I have used 1925



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

as the year of my birth on everything.

Now I want to file for Social Security. (I could have done so years ago, but didn't.) Will it make any difference which year I use? My husband would be shocked and disappointed if he knew I lied. Please help me.

DESPERATE IN SKOKIE

DEAR DESPERATE: Don't be so sure your husband would be "shocked and disappointed" if you told him the truth now. I

advise you to come clean, starting with the people at the Social Security office.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter is being married soon. We have exchanged visits with the groom's parents, but our families have not met yet. Because our daughter and her fiancé have both been in medical school out of state, neither family knows more than a few of their classmates and colleagues.

Would it be improper to provide name tags for family members and guests at our daughter's wedding reception? They would certainly be helpful.

FATHER OF THE BRIDE

DEAR FATHER: Improper? I think it's ingenious! I promise that more guests would bless you than blast you. And if anyone criticizes you, tell 'em that Abby said it was a great idea.

Samaritan Center seeking counselor

As a result of continuing growth in counseling services at the Samaritan Counseling Center in Pampa, a decision has been made to call a full-time pastoral counselor to live in Pampa and serve the Northeastern Panhandle. The full-time office here has been renamed the Pastoral Counseling Center of Pampa (A Samaritan Center) to emphasize its roots in the community. The new office will remain a part of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Amarillo's corporate operation and structure.

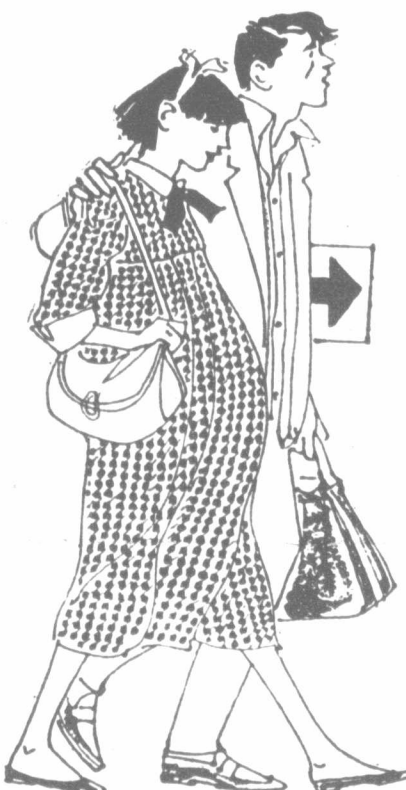
The Samaritan Center first began to serve the Pampa office in 1985 with one counselor going to the office one day per week. Two of the Center's counselors now travel to Pampa one day per week, and there continues to be need for more counseling assistance. The Pampa office has also served persons from Perryton, and under the newly formed plans, the Pampa counselor will travel to Perryton one day per week.

A governing committee of Pampa and Perryton leaders has

begun to work to raise necessary funds to underwrite this expanded program. Members of the governing committee include: Dr. Wil Beck, Phil Gentry, Suzie Wilkinson, Dawson Orr, Vanessa Buzzard, Rev. Bin Gilbert, Dr. Max Browning, Judy Warner, and Rev. Bill Bailey. Dr. Browning also represents the area on the Samaritan Center's Board of Directors.

Over \$11,000 has already been raised toward the necessary \$25,000 start-up cost for this expanded program. Financial support so far has come from local churches (including a \$5,000 commitment from the Board of Deacons of First Presbyterian Church), and a \$5,000 grant from the H. E. and Inez McCarley Foundation.

A full-time counselor could be on the scene by September 1 of this year.



New birthing room highlight of Fair

A tour of the new Birthing Room at the Coronado Hospital will be the highlight of the Maternity Fair planned for Saturday, April 22 at the hospital. Expectant parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to the free afternoon session.

Participants will also attend a brief session on the business side of having a baby, presented by the hospital business office, to answer questions about costs and insurance for the new parents.

The nursing department will teach new parents techniques of infant CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) during the afternoon.

Dr. Ann Herral, a Pampa obstetrician/gynecologist, will conduct the tours of the Birthing Room and answer parents questions about the new room.

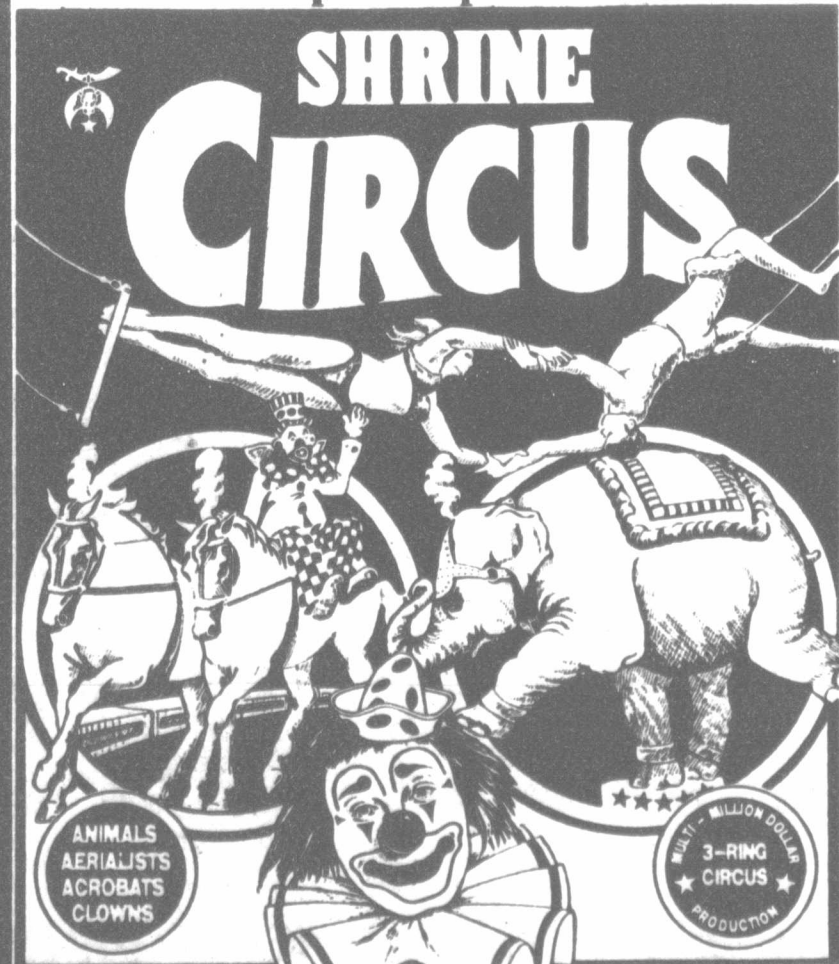
The birthing room, a former

patient room on the obstetric floor, has been remodeled to allow the patient to have her labor and then deliver in the same room. Equipped with most of the same technology as the delivery room, the birthing room features a warm atmosphere, with carpet, drapes, and cherry-wood furniture.

The birthing room concept is one that has been used successfully in other parts of the country, according to hospital officials, and several patients had requested a room at Coronado.

Participants may pre-register or get more information by calling 665-3721, extension 123. Each participant should sign in at the hospital lobby that afternoon to be eligible for two infant car seats which will be given away during the afternoon.

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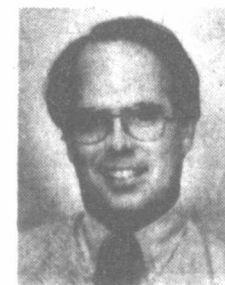
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Food



Beef salad stir-fry - no time to cook? Slice meat and tear the greens. Place in plastic bags and refrigerate. They'll be ready to use when you're ready to cook.

A stir-fry recipe for busy cooks

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens Magazine Food Editor

Old-fashioned wilted lettuce or spinach salad gave us the idea for this main-dish salad of cool greens topped with hot stir-fried beef and vegetables.

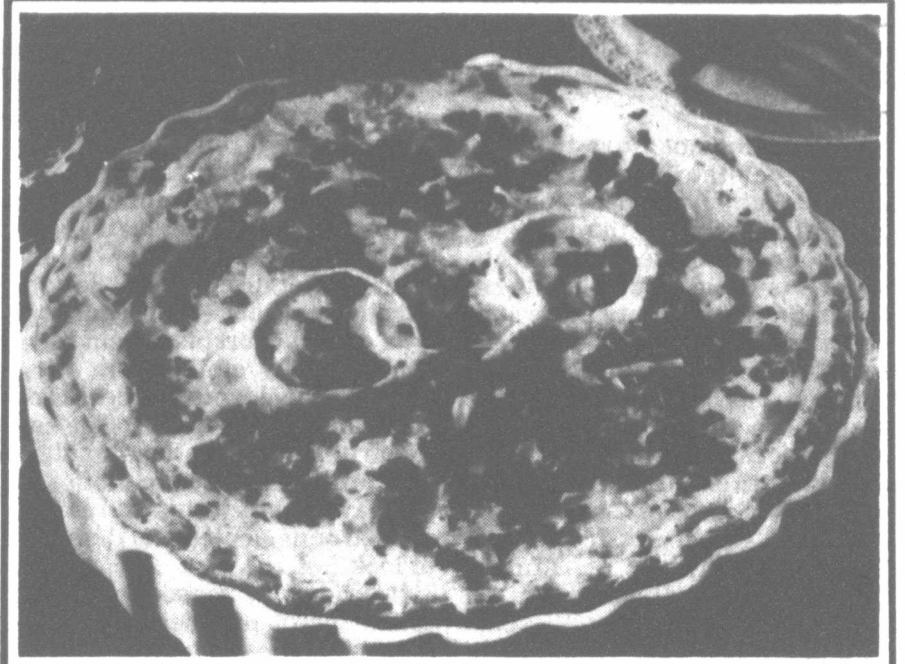
If you know dinner will be rushed, take a few minutes the night before to slice the meat and tear the greens. Place each in a plastic bag and refrigerate until time to begin dinner.

- BEEF SALAD STIR-FRY**
 ¼ pound boneless beef top round steak or beef flank steak
 ¼ cup teriyaki sauce
 2 tablespoons water
 2 teaspoons cornstarch
 Dash ground ginger
 6 cups torn mixed greens
 ¾ cup cashews
 1 tablespoon cooking oil
 One 6-ounce package frozen pea pods
 4 cherry tomatoes, cut into wedges (optional)

Thinly slice beef across the grain into bite-size strips. Set aside. For sauce, in a mixing bowl stir together teriyaki sauce, water, cornstarch and ground ginger. Set aside. In a large salad bowl toss together torn mixed greens and cashews. Set aside.

Preheat a large wok or skillet over high heat. Add cooking oil. Stir-fry beef in hot oil 2 to 3 minutes or until done. Push beef from center of wok. Stir sauce. Add sauce to center of wok. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Add pea pods. Cook and stir 2 minutes more. Immediately transfer hot beef mixture to the salad bowl. Toss lightly to coat greens. Garnish with cherry tomato wedges, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 349 cal., 27 g pro., 17 g carb., 20 g fat, 54 mg chol., 627 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 38 percent vit. A, 36 percent vit. C, 18 percent thiamine, 20 percent riboflavin, 25 percent niacin, 27 percent iron.



Onion-bacon quiche is perfect for a brunch or party appetizer.

Onion-bacon quiche tasty and inexpensive

By Aileen Claire
NEA Food Editor

The quiche is a favorite luncheon dish or party appetizer. It's an especially tasty and attractive buffet course for brunch, which has become a popular way of entertaining less expensively. The rich onion-bacon classic is enhanced by creamy Swiss cheese and egg custard.

- SPANISH ONION QUICHE**
 3 slices bacon
 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
 3 cups thinly sliced sweet Spanish onions
 1 cup grated Swiss cheese, divided
 Unbaked pastry for 9-inch quiche dish
 3 eggs
 1½ cups half-and-half
 ½ teaspoon basil

¼ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon white pepper

In a large skillet, cook bacon until crisp and brown. Remove and crumble bacon. Set aside. Add butter to bacon drippings in skillet. Add onion slices and saute over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes, or until golden. Sprinkle half of Swiss cheese over bottom of pastry shell. Spoon onions into shell; top with remaining cheese.

In a medium bowl, beat eggs with half-and-half and seasonings. Gently pour over onions and cheese in pastry shell. Sprinkle with reserved bacon. Bake in a 400-degree oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees. Bake 20 to 25 minutes longer, or until pie is lightly browned and center is firm. Cool for 10 minutes before cutting into wedges. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 6 entire servings, or 18 appetizers.

Surprise mom with breakfast-in-bed

NEW YORK (AP) — Surprise Mom with breakfast-in-bed on Mother's Day — or any day. The following recipe is simple enough for Dads — or older children — to prepare without spending all morning in the kitchen.

- UNUSUAL WAFFLE TREAT**
 2 eggs, beaten
 2 cups buttermilk
 2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 ½ teaspoon salt

- 1-3rd cup oil
 1 cup shredded Gjetost cheese
 Sweetened whipped cream
 1½ cups halved strawberries
 Preheat waffle iron according to manufacturer's directions. Meanwhile, combine eggs, buttermilk, flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and oil. Blend well. Stir in cheese. Pour batter into heated iron. Bake until steaming stops. Remove and keep warm. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve each topped with whipped cream and strawberries. Makes 4 to 6 waffles.

Oriental-style entree ready in ten minutes

Set your timer: You can have this enticing Oriental-style entree ready in 10 minutes. There's no slicing, no chopping, no frying, and not much measuring. Serve with quick-cooking rice, fresh fruit, sherbet and almond cookies.

- CASHEW SHRIMP**
 One 8-ounce can pineapple chunks (juice pack)
 2 tablespoons vinegar
 2 teaspoons soy sauce
 1 teaspoon instant chicken bouillon granules
 ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
 ¼ cup water
 One 8-ounce package frozen peeled and deveined shrimp
 4 teaspoons cornstarch
 One 6-ounce package frozen

pea pods
 1 cup cashews or peanuts
 Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Mix juice, vinegar, soy sauce, bouillon granules, ginger and 2 tablespoons of the water; add shrimp. Simmer, covered, 2 minutes. Mix cornstarch and remaining water; add to mixture. Add pineapple. Cook and stir until bubbly. Add pea pods. Cook and stir 2 minutes more. Add nuts. Serve with hot cooked rice, if desired. Makes 3 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 434 cal., 25 g pro., 37 g carb., 23 g fat, 115 mg chol., 478 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 30 percent vit. C, 19 percent thiamine, 11 percent riboflavin, 17 percent niacin, 31 percent iron.

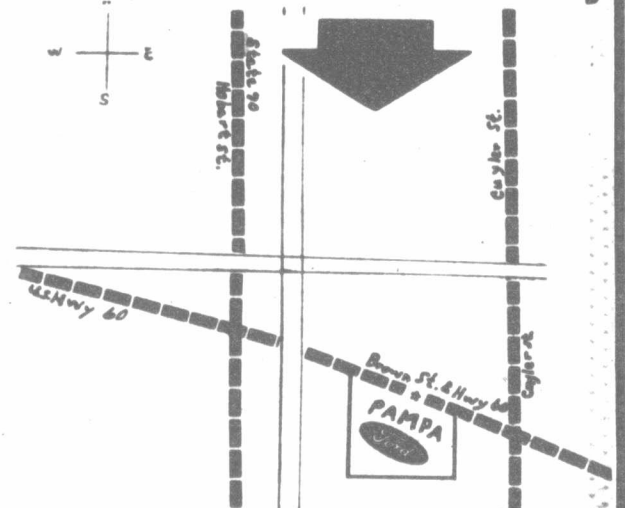
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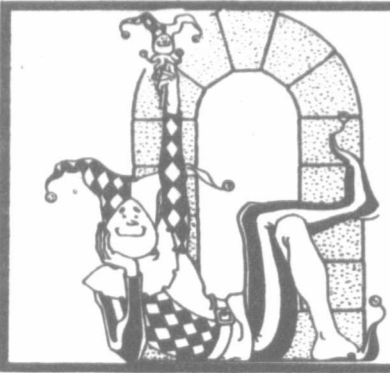
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Walesa, Jaruzelski meet to acknowledge union's legalization

By JOHN DANIZEWSKI
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WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and Communist Party chief Wojciech Jaruzelski met Tuesday for the first time in more than seven years, a day after the trade union was legalized.

"I feel satisfaction. We have come a very difficult and long way," Gen. Jaruzelski told reporters after the meeting.

He said that "reconciliation is a process, not an act," and cited the broad agreement on political and economic reform reached between communist authorities and the opposition.

"Today we only put another seal, in a way, on that accord," he said.

Walesa left the meeting without talking to reporters.

Walesa and Jaruzelski began the meeting with a

handshake inside a reception room of the parliament building near downtown Warsaw, said an official photographer who was present at the meeting. He requested anonymity.

The two men then sat on a sofa and had a long conversation during the first part of the one-hour reception, reported Solidarity activist Zbigniew Bujak, who was among the approximately 30 people present.

The deliberately low-profile meeting was requested by the government, according to an opposition source who demanded anonymity.

Walesa and Jaruzelski last met Nov. 4, 1981, about a month before Jaruzelski imposed martial law and had Walesa jailed.

Walesa attended Tuesday's meeting as a member of the Arbitration Commission, which was appointed to oversee implementation of the economic and political accords between the Solidarity-led opposition and the government.

The commission included 13 opposition delegates, many of whom also had been jailed at Jaruzelski's order. In addition to Jaruzelski and Prime Minister Mieczyslaw F. Rakowski, the leaders of Poland's two communist-allied political parties also were present at the meeting.

On Monday, Walesa had breakfast with Foreign Minister Roland Dumas of France and said Poland must focus on solving its economic crisis now that his union is legal.

"We have achieved half a victory for the moment. Now it's a question of seeing if we can take advantage of all the possibilities," Walesa told Dumas.

Arriving in Warsaw on Monday night, Walesa praised President Bush for announcing an aid package for Poland's economy the same day.

"Bush is a great man and he knows the Polish situation very well," he said.

Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz said

an independent union press, including the resurrected *Solidarity Weekly*, should begin operating legally by the end of the month and that Solidarity will get a new national headquarters in Gdansk.

The three-judge panel in a Warsaw provincial court registered the reborn Solidarity on Monday in the same room where the union led by Walesa had its original charter approved in November 1980.

Solidarity's initial 16-month legal existence ended when Jaruzelski imposed martial law in December 1981 and the union movement was outlawed the following year.

Party and government officials admit that by legalizing Solidarity they hope to encourage the West to provide economic help to Poland, which is burdened by a \$39 billion foreign debt.

In the far-reaching April 5 accords, the government agreed to legalize Solidarity and to create the first freely elected legislative chamber.



(AP Laserphoto)

Lucille Ball, right, appears with Bob Hope during Academy Awards presentation in March.

Lucille Ball in guarded condition following high-risk heart surgery

By JEFF WILSON
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lucille Ball, the zany redheaded queen of comedy, was in guarded condition today after seven hours of emergency high-risk cardiac surgery during which she received heart tissue donated from a 27-year-old man.

The 77-year-old comedian suffered a heart attack at her fashionable Beverly Hills home Tuesday, and arrived at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center with her husband, Gary Morton.

"She came out of the surgery OK," said Ron Wise, the hospital's spokesman.

Miss Ball suffered a tear in her aorta, the main artery in the body, said her surgeon, Dr. Robert Kass.

During the operation, her heart was stopped for two hours, said Kass. With the heart stopped, blood was pumped through her body by a machine as Kass replaced part of her aorta and aortic valve.

The donor was a 27-year-old man, Kass said. No other details were released about the donor.

Ball was listed as guarded after the "high-risk procedure with a fairly substantial mortality rate," the surgeon said.

"The fact that she came through this leaves me optimistic," Kass told reporters late Tuesday. "The major risk is in the operating room, at least initially."

Ball probably will be in intensive care for several days and remain hospitalized for weeks, Wise said.

As word of Ball's heart attack spread, the hospital's switchboards were jammed with calls from well-wishers and news organizations around the world. Wise said that flowers also were arriving.

Ball, who has been in ill health in recent years and suffered a mild heart attack May 11, was conscious when she arrived at the hospital. She complained of moderate chest pains and shortness of breath.

"I told her the nature of the condition she had, that it was life-threatening and that we had to operate immediately," Kass said.

Her last public appearance was introducing a

production number with Bob Hope at the March 29 Oscar presentations. Wearing a slit skirt, she appeared to be in good health and giggled throughout a brief routine.

"Lucille Ball is one of the most wonderful women I have ever known," Hope said Tuesday night.

"I'm shocked, especially since we worked together so recently at the Academy Awards and she was so full of energy. There's only one Lucy. You don't meet many people like her. Like the rest of the world, Dolores and I are praying everything will be all right," he said of his wife.

Ball and her late former husband, Desi Arnaz, starred in *I Love Lucy*, one of the most popular TV shows of all time, from 1951 to 1957. The show is still seen around the world in syndicated reruns.

In 1950, Ball and Arnaz started their own production company, Desilu, on a shoestring budget of \$5,000. The Arnazes were divorced in 1960, and two

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years later Arnaz sold his share of the studio to Ball for \$3 million. In 1967, she sold the company for \$18 million.

The Arnazes had two children, Lucie and Desi Jr.

Ball married nightclub comedian Morton in 1961. He became her executive producer.

In 1962, she starred in *The Lucy Show*, which became *Here's Lucy* in 1968 and went off the air in 1974.

Ball had less luck with her 1986 TV series, *Life With Lucy*, in which she again teamed with longtime sidekick Gale Gordon. It was pulled because of low ratings.

Arnaz died that year.

Hoffman death ruled suicide

By CAROLYN LUMSDEN
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WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—A coroner ruled Abbie Hoffman died from a combination of drugs and alcohol but his brother insisted the 1960s radical's death was an accident rather than a suicidal surrender.

"I just think he took a little too many (pills) and he took a good slug of booze," Jack Hoffman said. "My brother had a very strong love and affection for me and he wouldn't have left me alone like this."

Abbie Hoffman, 52, was found dead at his home near New Hope, Pa., on April 12. A peace march and memorial service were planned for today in Worcester, where he was born Abbot Hoffman, the son of a pharmaceutical

supplies salesman.

"I want it to be a celebration," said Jack Hoffman at a news conference Tuesday in this Massachusetts city 40 miles west of Boston. "I want everybody to be singing and swinging and

swaying."

The peace march from their childhood home to the service at Temple Emanuel, which Hoffman attended as a child, was to be led by folksinger Pete Seeger.

On the eve of the service, a coroner ruled that Hoffman's death was a suicide caused by an overdose of barbiturates mixed with alcohol.

"I can only conclude that he took a huge amount of pills all at once," said Thomas Rosko, Bucks County, Pa., coroner.

Rosko said he detected about four to five grams of phenobarbital in Hoffman's stomach, the equivalent of about 150 pills, several times the lethal dose even without the presence of alcohol.

In addition, Rosko said, Hoffman's blood alcohol level was 0.20, twice the legal limit in Pennsylvania.

"I think it is likely that he literally fell asleep and died in his sleep. Other than that, what occurred in his last hours is strictly speculation," the coroner said.

Phenobarbital is a long-acting

sedative and an anticonvulsant.

But Jack Hoffman denied his brother was suicidal, despite having earlier admitted that the founder of the Yippie movement had been showing signs of disenchantment in recent months.

Hoffman was a manic-depressive who often washed down medication with whiskey, his brother said.

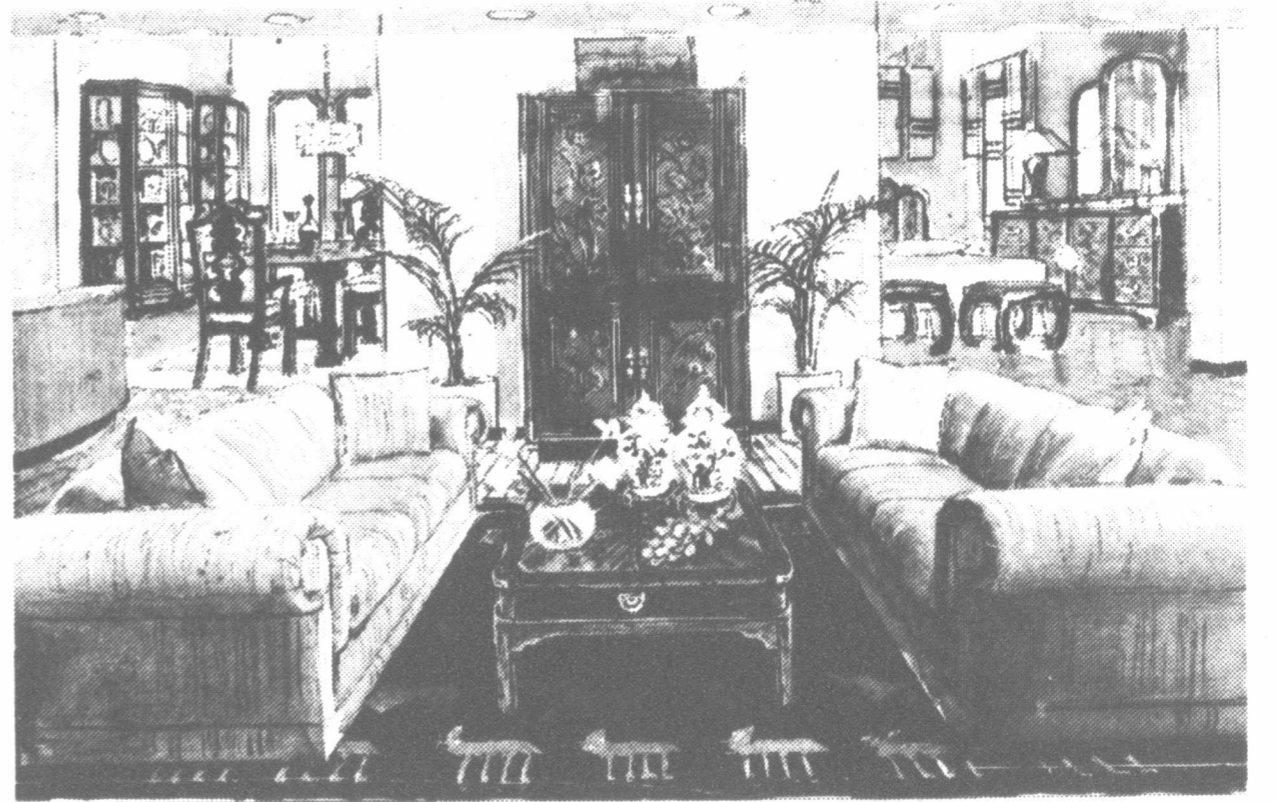
"Abbie, as many of you know, was somewhat careless with pills and we always warned him about this kind of thing," he said.

Abbie Hoffman rose to prominence with the Chicago Seven, a group of radicals tried on charges of conspiring to disrupt the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

He went underground in 1974 to avoid trial on cocaine possession charges and emerged nearly seven years later, saying he had lived in upstate New York and undergone plastic surgery.

Jack Hoffman said his brother died nearly broke, despite his book contracts and success on the lecture circuit.

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