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THURSDAY

Report: EPA failed to protect water supplies

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WASHINGTON (AP) — An Environmental Protection Agency draft report concluded EPA failed to protect American water supplies from chemical contamination, but higher-ranking officials changed the conclusions to make them more favorable, a comparison of agency documents shows.

An accurate picture of the protection program is crucial to 120 million Americans whose drinking supply comes from groundwater. They depend on EPA and the states to enforce laws to prevent hazardous waste dumps from poisoning their water.

EPA issued its final report last October on groundwater monitoring at 58 of the nation's 1,447 hazardous waste disposal facilities.

Some of the hardest-hitting staff criticism of the enforcement program was deleted from the September 1987 draft of an agency task force on groundwater monitoring. Other conclusions were softened.

Among the deletions was a task force conclusion

that enforcement of groundwater monitoring was so poor that EPA and state officials "potentially compromise the level of protection provided to the public and the environment."

Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., whose House Energy and Commerce subcommittee was reviewing the reports at a hearing today, said the moni-

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Kathie Stein, an attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund, told the committee in written testimony that EPA officials initiated "a much-needed, critical self-review of the groundwater monitoring program" and then "appeared to have become intimidated" by the preliminary findings.

Jonathan Z. Cannon, acting assistant EPA administrator for solid waste and emergency response, said the officials responsible for the changes have left the agency and he did not know why the reports differed.

But he conceded, "They're clearly different." The September 1987 staff report said each of the facilities it investigated had "significant deficiencies with their ... detection monitoring systems." That conclusion was omitted from the final report.

The earlier report said the task force found "that while most facilities were found to have groundwater contamination, very few have any active groundwater cleanup program in progress and none of these programs meet (the law's) standards."

The final report left out that "most facilities" contaminated nearby groundwater and said: "With respect to corrective action, the task force found that of those facilities that had groundwater contamination, few had active groundwater cleanup programs in progress."

A staff report conclusion, deleted in the final version, said EPA enforcement personnel and

managers "do not elicit, cannot understand, or sometimes do not heed, recommendations from qualified technical personnel, which would improve the level of compliance and quality of actions."

The draft said that "none" of the facilities investigated has characterized the extent of its contamination as required by law. The final version deleted the "none," and said, "The task force found ... that inadequate groundwater monitoring efforts at many sites often resulted in unsatisfactory ... definition and groundwater remediation efforts."

The groundwater monitoring program is required by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, which governs the operation of 1,447 hazardous waste sites where the owner can be identified.

The owners of the sites must pay for cleanup of leakage and efforts to prevent contamination.

The program is separate from the government-financed Superfund hazardous waste cleanup program, where the owner is usually unknown and the sites are long-abandoned.

Missing Pampa Country Club funds object of probe by DA

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Results of a probe concerning allegedly missing funds from Pampa Country Club may be presented to the Gray County Grand Jury in mid-May, District Attorney Harold Comer said today.

Comer confirmed today that his office is investigating the possibility that funds have been illegally taken from the Country Club over a period of time.

"Our attention is focused on a former club secretary," the district attorney said. "We do not know yet how far it extends." He said the woman had been employed with the Pampa Country Club since 1982.

Following the paper trail of what could be white collar crime is a difficult and time consuming process, the district attorney explained.

"Right now we do not have

enough concrete evidence to take to the grand jury," he said. "I can't be sure whether there'll be enough by the next grand jury meeting."

Grand jurors are expected to meet on either May 15, 16 or 17, depending on when 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhenny will be in Pampa, Comer said.

The Country Club's approximately 300 stockholders were briefed of the developments in the organization's funds at a meeting April 6, the district attorney said.

The club's board of directors had been looking into allegations that checks had been altered and funds were missing for approximately two months, he said.

One source, who asked not to be named, said that the Country Club manager and bookkeeper resigned in early March after the club was notified that it would be audited by the Internal Revenue

Service. That audit was to have been completed yesterday, the source said.

Comer said the club manager's resignation was not due to any criminal wrongdoing. The former club manager has reportedly begun work as manager of Quail Creek Country Club near Austin.

"He's not guilty of any criminal act. He was just the captain of the ship," he said. "We have no evidence to indicate the club manager participated in any criminal activity at all," Comer said today.

The source also said that the Pampa Country Club had not been audited for a number of years.

Club officials have said that the club board of directors are handling the majority of the club's financial matters and a club employee is taking care of the billing and issuing of statements.

Pampa's Coyle Ford honored as a '7 Who Care' volunteer

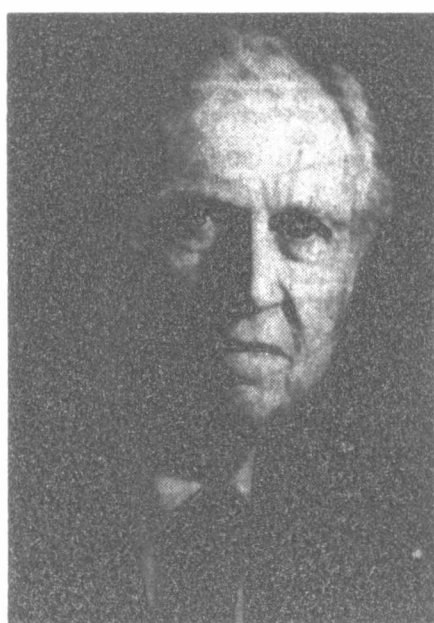
By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Pampa's Coyle Ford will be among the seven outstanding volunteers featured in the Fifth Annual 7 Who Care Awards ceremony at 7 p.m. today on KVII-TV Channel 7 of Amarillo.

Ford was chosen for the honor from approximately 300 nominations. Other winners include Gloria Danette Blakemore of Shamrock, Bill Colvin of Amarillo, Mary Elizabeth Ewing of Panhandle, J.M. Ferrel of Memphis, Dollie Mae Wilson of Wellington and Charles Campbell of Leedey, Okla.

7 Who Cares honors outstanding area volunteers for their service to people of their community. Recipients are awarded \$500 in cash and the 7 Who Care sculpture. KVII-TV also donates \$500 to the organization designated by each award recipient.

Jimmy Stuart Runner of Logan, N.M., received the first New Generation Award. This award is given to a young person who has demonstrated the spirit of volunteerism and set an example for other youth.



Coyle Ford

Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola of Amarillo, The New Generation Award is designed to encourage youth through age 18 to give their time and service toward improving their communities. Pepsi Cola of Amarillo awards the winner \$250 in cash and the 7 Who Care New Generation plaque and also donates \$250 to organizations

designated by the nominee.

The actual 7 Who Care Awards banquet was held Saturday in Amarillo. The program was videotaped for presentation Thursday.

"It was the biggest deal I've ever been in. It really shook me up," Ford said, adding he felt overwhelmed by the number of people who attended, especially his own family and friends from Pampa.

Ford was instrumental in purchasing "No. 28," a school bus equipped with facilities to take residents of the Pampa nursing homes on outings. His individual acts of kindness have also earned him a reputation for giving to his community.

"I guess I've got a soft spot for old people and kids," Ford explained. "I like everybody, but older people, especially in the nursing homes, they're so starved for attention. They need somebody to hug 'em and entertain 'em a little, take 'em somewhere for picnics."

Ford said living without helping others is like driving a five-ton truck to church.

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Clowning around



Pampa Brownie Emily Curtis, 6, reacts to the antics of Ronald McDonald as he prepares to do a magic trick with her help. Ronald paid a visit to Pampa recently for a

short stop to entertain members of Pampa Girl Scout and Brownie troops at Santa Fe Park as a part of Girl Scout Leader Day.

(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverly)

City officials won't change rules on right-of-way violations

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Officials with the city of Pampa are refusing to issue an apology or change their regulations on enforcement of right-of-way violations by businesses on Hobart Street.

The matter came to light after Randy Stewart, owner of Stewart Specialties, a computer store at 323 N. Hobart, told commissioners he was the victim of selective enforcement regarding a sign he had erected that was too close to the street.

Stewart was taken to court by the city in October of 1987 and found guilty after he refused to move the sign. He argued that other business signs along Hobart Street were also in the public right-of-way and that it was unfair to fine him unless everyone in violation of the law was fined.

"We couldn't find anything that would indicate selective enforcement or grandfathering," said attorney Glen Hackler, an assistant to the city manager. "It (grandfathering) is a term that was used by (former City Manager) Bob Hart, but it was not accurate."

According to city staff members, Hart may have told Stewart other businesses did not have to move

their signs immediately because they had been there for so long, hence the term grandfathering.

According to legal verbiage, grandfathering refers to situations in which a law is not applicable because a situation existed before a given law was passed. City officials said every business whose sign is in the right-of-way will eventually be forced to move it when Hobart Street (Hwy. 70) is widened, which could begin in 1990.

In a memo to the City Commission, Hackler points out that other businesses, including Pak-A-Burger, Shed Realty and the Cheese Chalet, which is no longer in business, were all cited for violations of the right-of-way laws.

City officials said Stewart's case was tried in court because he refused to comply with the law and requested a trial. Director of Community Services Steve Vaughn said city staff members had told Stewart when he placed the sign only 5 feet from the curb that he was breaking the law.

"To my knowledge it has always been the position of the city of Pampa to maintain the integrity of the right-of-way at its existing level as of June 1, 1979," Vaughn wrote in a memo to commissioners. "I have repeatedly visited with persons in asking

for their cooperation in removing their signs from the right-of-way, using the reasoning that two wrongs don't make a right."

Vaughn told commissioners the Stewart family had been upset with the city and the Texas Highway Department dating back to the time Hwy. 70 was originally built because it affected their homestead.

He said there was a great deal of "bitterness" felt by the Stewart family toward the city and state since the original acquisition of a state right-of-way through the area.

Vaughn said Stewart had been uncooperative in attempting to work with the city on the issue. City officials said they recognized that violations of the right-of-way laws do still exist, but that each one would be dealt with and that any business that refused to obey the law would be cited.

Hackler, in his memo, said it was the intention of the city to not let "new obstructions continue to crop up" while the older problems are being worked through with business owners.

Stewart still contends the city has chosen to pick on him because of his business sign and is threatening to sue the city unless they immediately order

every other business on Hobart Street to move the signs that are in violation.

"They are messing with people who will not let this slide," Stewart said. "I have a list of 45 or 46 violations of this on Hobart Street. They let the big guys get away with it because they bring in a lot of revenue and are picking on the little ones."

"I don't intend for the younger generation to have to put up with this," he said. "To let NBC (National Bank of Commerce) sit out there with a sprinkler system in violation is clear discrimination."

Stewart conceded that his family does have hard feelings toward the city and state regarding the original homestead issue, saying that they have "forgiven but not forgotten the matter."

"It did open old wounds. As far as I'm concerned, they are sticking their foot in their mouths every-time they open it," he said.

The reason for waiting a year to again approach the matter with the city, according to Stewart, was to give them a year to make good on their promise to enforce the law with the other businesses in violation. He said that has not happened, so he is preparing to take legal action.

President talks of cowboys, capitol during visit to Texas

By MICHAEL HOLMES
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AUSTIN (AP) — While admitting that he once didn't know what a chicken-fried steak was, President Bush talked like a Texan when he addressed the Texas Legislature.

He spoke of cowboys and outlaws, cattle and oil. He praised the 101-year-old Capitol building in which he spoke. He even became an honorary Texas Ranger.

"From the Pecos to the Pedernales, from the Rio Grande to the Red River, there is no place on Earth like Texas," said Bush, who calls Houston home.

Bush's speech Wednesday, which amateur historian Gov. Bill Clements says was the first to the Legislature by a sitting president, touched on serious subjects. He endorsed construction of the super collider, urged increased domestic oil production and called on Congress to pass a savings and loan bill.

But he devoted much of his address to reminiscences about his 1948 move to Texas and his deep affection for the state.

Raised in Connecticut and owner of a home in Kennebunkport, Maine, Bush took some ribbing from Democrats during the 1988 campaign over his claim to Texas, where his address now is a Houston hotel.

"Let me just say a few words about what it means to be a Tex-



President Bush speaks to joint Texas Legislature session.

an. My credentials," Bush said. "I have my driver's license here. I have my Texas hunting license here. And somewhere, my voter registration slip."

"And it is true, I like Kennebunkport. But I am a Texan. I just want to clear the air and say a few words about that."

Unlike Alamo hero Davy Crockett, Bush said, he didn't ride to Texas on a horse but in a red Studebaker.

"And more than 40 years later, that trip is still a vivid memory. Highway 80. Neon Pearl Beer signs appearing in the desert twilight ... And stopping at a cafe."

"I'll admit it. I didn't know if a chicken fried steak was a chicken fried like a steak or a steak that tasted like a chicken. But I've learned," he said, winning laughter from his lawmaker audience. Bush praised the work of one of "my favorite writers," Texan Larry McMurtry.

"In *Lonesome Dove*, he described the mythic Texas and conjures that sense of the place we all know so well. I am inspired by a man who can convincingly adopt the voice of the cowboy and the outlaw — men whose only schooling was in dodging bullets, whose only lessons were in how to run or rustle cattle."

And he hailed the Texas Capitol. "Nor is there another capitol in American quite like this one — built with this rose-tinged granite

that blushes in the low sun. And this being Texas, we had to build a capitol that is exactly one foot taller than the one in Washington. "So I hope it's not too much of a cliché to say that Texas stands tall in the heart of this president."

Clements, who escorted Bush into the House chamber for the speech, said the event was historic.

"It's a very special occasion for us in Texas ... Never before have we had a president of the United States address us in this chamber as a president," Clements said, offering Bush a memento that he said was another first.

"This has never been given to a president of the United States before. This is the Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers, making you a captain in the Texas Rangers," the governor said, handing Bush a badge.

Then, referring to the president's son, George W. Bush, who is part of a group that recently bought the Texas Rangers baseball team, Clements added:

"I know there's another George Bush that is connected with a Texas Ranger organization. And I'm not sure, George, whether you're going to get a baseball bat and be associated with that, or whether you're going to get a gun and be part of a law enforcement organization."

Former cook sentenced to three life terms

CLEBURNE (AP) — An attorney for a former pizza cook says a jury, shown genetic test results before convicting and sentencing his client in three stabbing deaths, needed to consider other experts on the evidence.

A state district judge on Wednesday formally sentenced Ronald Trimboli to three consecutive life terms for the June 17, 1985 slayings of Danielle Lemieux, 14, and her 12-year-old sister, Renee, both of Arlington; and John Bradley, 17.

Defense co-counsel Lee Joyner said he believed DNA testimony presented by prosecutors convicted Trimboli despite testimony from forensic experts. Comparisons between DNA taken from samples of the 44-year-old man's blood and from semen found on the bed where Danielle Lemieux's body was found didn't match, they said.

"Jurors have given some mystical aura to scientists who testify for people like Lifecodes," the DNA testing lab, Joyner told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, adding he would appeal the conviction.

"If Lifecodes isn't the finest example of corporate America, I don't know what is. ... This ain't the FBI doing this. This isn't crime labs in the county and state. This is a corporation. ... Basically, they are corporate America. They are paid for results. And they get them."

Joyner, in closing arguments, told jurors he still believed Trimboli was innocent.

"I believe in my heart and soul he is not guilty, even though I can't argue with your

verdict. I believe a terrible mistake was made," Joyner said.

Cindy Trimboli, the defendant's 17-year-old daughter, ran crying from the courtroom as the judge read the sentence. Weeping uncontrollably, she beat the marble courthouse wall with her hands and repeated, "He didn't do it. He didn't do it. He didn't do it."

Trimboli, after conferring with his attorneys and the judge, told family members, many of them in tears, "I love you. I'll see you. I love you." He was led away in handcuffs.

Reading a statement before State District Judge John MacLean, Trimboli said he would trust the court's decision and held no animosity toward MacLean or jurors.

"You were not present to hear evidence supporting my innocence and the motive of other suspects," Trimboli said. "... I feel that if you had heard and saw all the evidence that I would not be here today in front of you. I hope you will find peace in your decisions you have made."

The teen-age boy had moved into the girls' home the day before the slayings.

The slain girls' mother, Joann Lemieux Carley, dabbed her eyes and bowed her head as Trimboli made his statement to the judge.

"We're just relieved that everything's done," said Carley as she left the courthouse with her husband.

Johnson County jurors, in the third panel to consider the case, deliberated less than an hour before returning the sentence.

"It was a very difficult decision," one juror told the *Star-Telegram* as he left the courthouse.

Jury foreman Gene Paul Roy said no single piece of evidence, including genetic testing, outweighed any other in the jury's decision.

"There was just a pile of evidence," said Roy.

The foreman, asked if he believed the prosecution's DNA experts, said, "I did. I'm not speaking for everyone."

"There was no disagreement in our decision," he said.

Trimboli's first trial in Tarrant County ended in mistrial when it was learned a relative of one of the victims had talked to a juror. A second case, also in Johnson County, ended as a mistrial when jurors could not reach a verdict.

MacLean ordered Trimboli to serve the life terms consecutively, meaning he will serve 20 years on each count — or a total of 60 — before becoming eligible for parole.

Co-defense counsel Bill Lane said the conviction would be appealed.

"We're not through yet," said Lane. He was brought into the case following the defense's receipt of results from the genetic test they had requested after Trimboli's second trial ended with a deadlocked jury.

"I still believe that the test conclusively showed that he (Trimboli) was not the semen donor," said Lane. "Sure, we'll appeal. There are a lot of issues that need to be reviewed by a higher court."

Three killed in ambush

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An apparent ambush left three men dead and one seriously wounded in what police described as a drug-related shooting spree, officers said.

San Antonio Police said some of the victims were shot several times late Wednesday at a home on the city's west side.

The victims were identified as Ricardo Lopez Jr., 23, Arturo Sanchez, 27, and Raul Cruz, 18, all of San Antonio.

Mario Flores, 24, was in serious condition early today after surgery at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, said hospital spokesman Bob MacNaughton.

Officers were searching for a yellow pickup truck seen leaving the shooting scene, according to Police Sgt. A.M. Zalesky. Zalesky said Cruz was still alive when officers arrived, but

he died at 2:02 a.m. at the U.S. Air Force medical facility, MacNaughton said. Officers were not able to talk to Flores immediately because of his condition, authorities said.

Although at least two of the men were found outside the home, Police Sgt. Pete Velasquez said all four were shot in the house.

"There's a lot of blood all over the house," Velasquez said. Officers said shell casings from weapons of two types were found in the house, leading officers to believe more than one person was involved.

Velasquez said some heroin and cocaine was found in the house, but no firearms.

"You know it's funny but there were knives everywhere in that house, and it looks like not one of them were touched," Patrolman Alex Ortiz said.

Music, anti-pornography, organ bills approved

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate has approved bills to place heavy penalties on those who cheat musicians or deal in child pornography.

Senators also voted Wednesday to make it easier to donate human organs, and to require prompt acceptance of resignations from public office.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin, a center for the music industry in Texas, sponsored the bill to prohibit unauthorized duplicating, bootlegging or labeling of recordings and live performances.

"What we're going to do, folks, is to increase penalties and stop the ripping off that's going on," the Democrat said.

Violators could be convicted of a felony, with fines of up to \$250,000 and varying lengths of prison terms.

Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, won passage of a bill that would make the offense of possession of child pornography a third-degree felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison. The crime is now a misdemeanor, with maximum punishment of one year in jail.

He said child pornography and child prostitution is a "half billion to billion dollar industry in this country, and we've got to go after the suppliers of those materials."

Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, said his bill restoring an organ donation statement on the Texas driver's license would correct what appeared to be an inadvertent omission when the state switched from a two-year to four-year driver's license.

Currently, there is a more complicated procedure for donating

organs that involves registering at local Department of Public Safety offices. The DPS wants to go back to the system that was "much simpler for everyone," Brooks said.

Edwards also offered a bill that would specify that resignation of a public officer may not be refused by the appropriate authority, and is to be considered accepted eight days after it has been received.

A situation arose in 1988 when a San Antonio appeals court judge submitted his resignation in June, effective Jan. 1. Gov. Bill Clements had not accepted the resignation by August 1988, and the Democratic Party's nominee for that vacancy was prohibited from having his name placed on the November ballot.

A lawsuit was decided by the

Texas Supreme Court in the nominee's favor, according to a bill analysis.

Sen. Cyndi Krier, R-San Antonio, suggested that the bill would only solve half the problem and also should require a person offering a resignation to follow through in a timely manner.

"That may or may not be a reasonable thing to do," Edwards said, but he suggested a separate bill.

All four bills were sent to the House on voice vote.

The Senate also approved and forwarded to the House a bill that would allow school districts to charge student driver education fees based on actual costs.

A bill to allow the attorney general to sue in Travis County to recover damages for wildlife violations was amended.

Lubbock racetrack owner ready for move to pari-mutuel facility

By WENDY E. LANE
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Plans are off and running for transforming the 20-year-old Lubbock Downs racetrack into a modern facility for both quarter horse and thoroughbred racing now that the track has won a Class 2 pari-mutuel license.

Between now and March 2, 1990, when pari-mutuel racing premieres here, \$4.2 million will be spent on a new racetrack, grandstand and other facilities, said track owner and Lubbock businesswoman Jean Arnett.

The fourth track to be licensed by the Texas Racing Commission, Lubbock Downs is the only one west of Abilene to receive a license so far.

But how its betting windows pay off for the track's investors will depend in part on whether a racetrack in Randall County near Amarillo also is granted a Class 2 license.

"That's an unknown for us right now," Mrs. Arnett said.

The existence of a competing track so close to Lubbock Downs

could lead to saturation, she fears.

"We are counting on drawing from 125 miles away, but if we were to have a second track that would probably cut into some of our market," she said.

Despite possible competition, Arnett said her financial forecasts show the racing enterprise making a profit its first season.

After the racing commission awards a set number of racing days to Lubbock Downs next month, Arnett will begin enrolling investors in hopes of raising \$3.5 million towards transforming the track into a pari-mutuel facility.

Construction is scheduled to begin in August on the new track, pens, paddocks, jockey quarters and bleachers.

"It's almost like starting from scratch because we have opted to move the track to the east side of the property in order to give more parking space," Arnett said, "plus it's the only way we'd have room to build a six-furlong chute that the commission required."

A grandstand should be completed in time for Lubbock

Downs' second pari-mutuel season in 1991, housing a private club serving alcoholic beverages, 80 betting windows and a restaurant.

Total seating capacity should be about 4,500 when the facility is finished, said Arnett.

Lubbock Downs, currently drawing an average of about 450 people on 20 year-round racing days, will stop racing this year in July so that construction can begin. With pari-mutuel, first-year attendance should expand to at least 3,400, and the track has asked the commission for 107 racing days in 1990, Arnett said.

However, marketing surveys have shown the track could average as many as 15,000 people a day.

"I think we have been very conservative in our projections," said Arnett. "I like surprises on the up side."

The racing commission allows Class 2 tracks to race only 44 days a year, but because no Class 1 tracks will be operating until 1993, smaller tracks will be granted more racing days until then.

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Opinion

Soviet Georgia also seeking its freedom

First the Baltic nations — Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Then Kazakhstan and Armenia. Now Georgia is in revolt against the Soviet Empire. Red Army soldiers have been called in to suppress protests, leading to the deaths of at least 19 people.

According to Aeda Archivadze, a Georgian activist who witnessed the Red Army assault in Tbilisi: "They threw themselves on our people like beasts, and our people couldn't do anything." Lana Gogoberidze, a Georgian filmmaker, lamented: "My God, it is so tragic, so awful and tragic. Young girls and boys are dead. The situation is very dangerous here."

The commissioners in Moscow, including Mikhail Gorbachev, may have thought Georgia would be the last place such protests would occur. Georgia is the home of Josef Vissarionovich Dzhugashvili, who went under the alias of Stalin ("steel" in Russian). To this day statues of Stalin stand in Georgia, though they were pulled down elsewhere in the Soviet Union more than 25 years ago. Some old Georgians still admire the "local boy" who "succeeded" in becoming the world's greatest butcher.

But, as in the other ancient nations that the Soviet "Union" has swallowed, the people's ancient desire for autonomy and freedom lies just below the crust of apparent servility to communism. Thousands of people began hunger strikes and protests to demand independence from Moscow, leading to the assault by the Red Army. The Georgians claim, quite rightly, that Moscow has imposed on them a foreign language, culture and political system.

The Georgians also know that, separated from the Soviet Union, their land would become a wealthy nation. Situated on the southeastern shore of the Black Sea, its weather more resembles that of California than Siberia. It produces fruit and vegetables in vast quantities. Georgian farmers drive their goods north to Moscow, Leningrad and other cities, hawking them in public markets.

Some Georgian farmers have become unofficial "millionaires," though the Communist regime sporadically cracks down on such capitalist outcroppings, sometimes even executing offenders. Shorn of communism and Moscow's controls, Georgia would become the fruitbasket of Russia.

The Georgian independence movement also worsens the "nationalities" problem facing Gorbachev. Like the tsars, every new Soviet boss must find a solution to the never-ending "nationalities" problem. Past bosses have cracked down ruthlessly. Gorbachev so far has given limitless autonomy to the Baltic states, apparently combined with increased KGB activity.

Gorbachev's reforms, real and imagined, may be emboldening nationalist movements. Whether he can live with such rebelliousness cannot be predicted.

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Britain could learn from us

Britain is the mother democracy, but in recent years she's been anything but maternal. When it comes to the flow of information and ideas, which are essential to government by the people, British freedom is in danger of becoming an orphan.

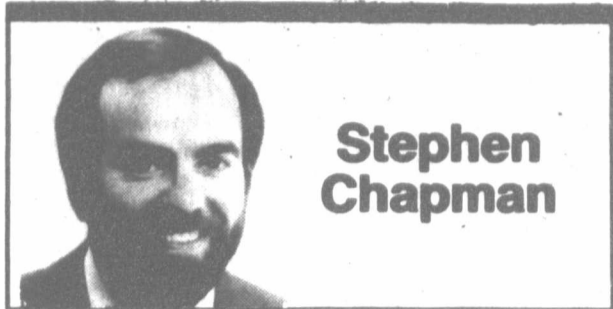
An obsession with protecting every imaginable government secret from the eyes of mere citizens is common among communist regimes and Third World strongmen, but the strange fever also grips the brain of Margaret Thatcher. She seems determined to prove that in keeping the public ignorant, Britain can match any backward dictatorship.

By now, everyone has heard the absurd story of the book *Spycatcher*, an insider's look at British intelligence written by a former agent. Even after it was in bookstores in the United States and elsewhere, and even after thousands of copies had found their way back home, Thatcher used every possible means to keep the book from being published in Britain.

Never mind that enemies abroad had already been able to inspect the book's revelations. The government was not about to let the British people in on the news. It even banned *Pravda* — think about that — for mentioning *Spycatcher*. It took two and one-half years of litigation before the book was allowed to see print.

Thatcher's admirers may give her the benefit of the doubt on national security questions. They forget that her demand for secrecy can undermine safety, since it would prevent an agent from uncovering, for instance, Soviet infiltration of the intelligence service.

Besides, the policy extends to disclosures that have no more to do with security than a Buddhist has to do with Passover. Recently the *London Observer* published a story about a government inquiry into the 1985 sale of Harrods department



Stephen Chapman

store to some Egyptian businessmen. That may sound innocuous, but it sent the British government into its impersonation of Gen. Noriega.

It immediately went to court to stop the *Observer* or any other publication in the country from so much as mentioning the report, and the court agreed. Though there were 250,000 copies of the newspaper on the street, and though anyone in Britain with any interest had learned all the juicy details, an iron curtain of censorship clanked down on any further coverage of the report.

Here we see the difference between the reporting of government secrets in the United States and in Britain. In the 1971 Pentagon Papers case, the courts only briefly postponed the disclosure of secrets about the prosecution of the Vietnam war — while the war was still going on. Britain's rulers, by contrast, can silence discussion of secrets that in America wouldn't even be secrets.

U.S. law tilts strongly toward the press's right to publish and the people's right to know, giving short shrift to the government's desire to escape scrutiny. Every doubt is resolved in favor of openness. In Britain, especially under Thatcher, the main priority is keeping the people from finding out anything the government doesn't

want them to know.

Her administration is working on a revision of the notorious Official Secrets Act. That law, which Thatcher has been happy to use, makes it a crime to reveal such sensitive matters as the prices on menus in government cafeterias. But the "liberalizing" changes are only modest improvements, as you'd expect from a prime minister with her record.

In addition to prosecuting anyone revealing state secrets, Thatcher has treated broadcasters as if they were supposed to be arms in the ministry of propaganda. The venerable British Broadcasting Corp. has repeatedly been shackled when it tried to air programs embarrassing the government.

Other matters have also been censored. Thatcher's government prosecuted a defense official who gave Parliament (Parliament!) information about the sinking of an Argentine battleship during the Falklands War long after the war was over.

It has also banned radio or TV interviews with anyone connected to pro-terrorist groups in Northern Ireland, including one man who was inconveniently elected to Parliament. Try to imagine a U.S. ban on broadcast interviews with a member of Congress. Joe McCarthy might have gagged on that.

All these incidents reveal a deep distrust of the robust debate required for the nourishment of a healthy democracy. The British, unlike Americans, have neither a Bill of Rights to protect the people from the government nor a strong attachment to freedom of speech and the press.

They need to develop both. Centuries ago, America learned democracy from Britain. Today it's obvious that Britain has a lot to learn about democracy from America.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 27, the 117th day of 1989. There are 248 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover concludes at sunset.

Today's highlight in history: On April 27, 1937, the nation's first Social Security checks were distributed.

On this date: In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Italian state of Venice.

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1791, the inventor of the telegraph, Samuel Morse, was born in Charlestown, Mass.

In 1805, a force led by U.S. Marines captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer "Sultana" exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 Union prisoners of war.



It's got to be Greg Norman

If you took a poll, I think you would find most American sports fans wanted an Australian named Greg Norman to win the recent Masters Golf Tournament.

He came close. A bogey on the last hole of the tournament cost him a spot in the sudden death playoff, eventually won by Nick Faldo.

I don't have anything against Nick Faldo, but he simply isn't the individual we need — a professional golfer to emerge as a superhero.

We really haven't had a golfer we could adore since Arnold Palmer and the glory of the late '50s and early '60s, the years that immediately predated the destruction of Camelot, the turmoil of the Civil Rights movement, the agony of Vietnam, Nixon and the American League's decision to adopt the designated hitter.

Palmer was our kind of guy, a guy who rarely played it safe. He always attacked even when the smart money said not to.

He was Merriwellian and Ruthian and he was, of course, The General and his Army. General George Patton, if you want a name.

But Palmer's putting eye went, and a fat kid named Jack Nicklaus started winning all the tournaments that Palmer once had.

But we never took to Nicklaus like we did Palmer, and it was only in the last years of Nicklaus' prime did we accept him and give him his due respect.

But who do we have now? Lee Trevino thrilled us with two good rounds at Augusta recently,



Lewis Grizzard

but his was a fairy tale that lasted for only half the tournament.

Gentle Ben Crenshaw is, well, just too gentle to succeed a Palmer. Tom Watson's best is behind him. Tom Kite wears glasses. Mark Calcavecchia lacks the regal style to be a general. Steve Ballesteros has the aura of a pouter. Nick Faldo has proven he can play a lick — but trust me, Nick Faldo ain't it.

It's got to be Greg Norman. He even carries himself on a golf course like Palmer. He charges like The General of old. He is a man who lives for challenge.

I played in a foursome with Norman once. He was an absolute gentleman. A friend was caddy-ing for me and after Norman had hit his drive on a par 5, my friend said to him, "This is the only par 5 on the tour that *Golf Digest* says no pro can hit in 2."

"Oh, really?" said Norman, asking for a 3-

wood and flying his ball completely over the green on his subsequent shot. My friend was speechless.

Sports heroes, I still believe, are good for us. They are escapes from otherwise mundane lives. They inspire the youth. They offer relief from news of environmental disasters, schoolyard massacres and something else that causes cancer.

And golf is where we should look now for this sort of individual.

Basketball and football? Too many guys on dope. Baseball? There seems to be too many major league players with too much testosterone and too little judgment, and now they're saying Pete Rose made as many bets as base hits.

I can call on my experience as a sportswriter to tell you that of professional athletes I health with, golfers were easily the best educated, the best mannered, the best groomed, the most eloquent, and the least likely to spit or scratch in an inappropriate place while appearing on national television.

The rap on Greg Norman is he can't win a major tournament. Well, there are three left in this golfing season: the United States Open, the British Open and the PGA, and wouldn't it do him, not to mention the rest of us, a lot of good if he'd win just one of them?

C'mon, mate. We need you.

Berry's World



Cable TV firms given too sweet a deal

By ROBERT WALTERS

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Until the mid-1980s, municipal officials empowered to grant cable television franchises in their communities also had the authority to rule on rate changes the cable operators sought to impose upon their customers.

In the hectic final days immediately before adjournment five years ago, however, both houses of Congress approved the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, which stripped local governments of their right to approve or disapprove of rate changes.

The law stipulated that deregulation would be delayed for two years. When it finally became effective at the end of 1986, the unrestrained rates for cable television service throughout the country began to spiral upward.

"Nationally, basic cable rates have risen 32 percent since deregulation," says Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, who recently presided over hearings on the issue. During those hearings a representative of the Con-

sumer Federation of America offered this disturbing analysis of a deteriorating situation:

"The cable industry is rapidly coming to dominate one of America's most important entertainment and cultural activities, television viewing."

"Because this service is provided by an increasingly concentrated oligopoly of companies disciplined neither by competitive market forces nor by government regulation, consumers are being ruthlessly overcharged for cable television viewing..."

"Cable franchises have developed into nearly perpetual, exclusive monopolies beyond the regulatory control of local governments... The black hole of public policy that results is a monopolist's dream and a consumer's nightmare."

When a House subcommittee chaired by Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., held hearings on the subject one year ago, members of Congress from both political parties cited the discontent with cable operators in their districts.

"Cable rate increases and service

failures are a problem," said Rep. Matthew Rinaldo, R-N.J. Cable prices in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, increased 44 percent in 1987, the year immediately following deregulation, complained Rep. Thomas Tauke, R-Iowa.

"We are hearing increasing reports of the cable industry ... making programming available only at unreasonably high prices," added Rep. Frederick Boucher, D-Va., who cited a doubling of rates for basic cable service in his district.

Rep. Dennis Eckart, D-Ohio, noted that in his district one city experienced a 60 percent increase while another had a 42 percent increase.

Some background: Although cable television dates back to the late 1940s, it first became lucrative in the 1970s and early 1980s. Local government officials then began insisting upon exorbitant franchise fees from potential cable providers.

The cable operators, however, challenged those demands in the federal courts and at the Federal Communications Commission. They secured rulings that generally capped the

franchise fees municipal authorities could collect at 3 percent of the cable companies' gross annual revenues.

When the 1984 legislation was being fashioned, the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and other groups that should have been protecting the public interest agreed to relinquish the local governments' rate-setting authority — in return for an increase in the franchise fee ceiling to 5 percent.

The 1984 law did allow continued local regulation of cable rates in communities where there was no "effective competition." But the FCC neutralized that provision by defining "effective competition" as the availability of three grade B over-the-air television signals. These typically produce weak, fuzzy images from stations 100 miles or more distant.

Thus, there is more than enough blame to share among cable operators, municipal officials, legislators and regulators. Congress, which is now reconsidering the matter, should act swiftly to remedy the problem.

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North jury has 363 exhibits to review

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jurors in Oliver North's trial are plowing through 363 exhibits totaling some 1,300 pages as they consider the fate of the former White House aide in the Iran-Contra affair.

The office of U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell on Wednesday reported that all of the jurors were bearing up well, following earlier health problems with several members.

Since Monday, when juror Jean Johnson complained of high blood pressure problems, courthouse nurses have made regular visits to the jury. They also gave non-prescription medicines to two jurors who complained of chest colds.

The jurors have put in 27 hours of deliberations since last Thursday.

The trial, almost 3 months old, produced 187 government and 176 defense exhibits that

are in the courtroom with the jurors as they debate the charges.

The jury has to decide on each of 12 felony counts against North, including lying to Congress to cover up the Iran-Contra affair, illegally converting traveler's checks from a Contra leader to his personal use, and conspiring to defraud the Treasury.

On seven of those counts, if North is found innocent, the jury also must decide whether or not he is guilty of aiding and abetting in the activity, another felony.

Nine of the charges carry maximum penalties of five years in prison and fines of \$250,000 each. The other charges have maximum penalties each of 10 years, 3 years and 2 years, along with \$250,000 fines — a total of 60 years and fines of \$3 million as a maximum if he is convicted on all counts.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department is seeking a federal appeals court order that Gesell conduct a further hearing on a motion by The Associated Press and nine other news

organizations to inspect a sealed trial exhibit.

The exhibit is a stipulation summarizing top secret intercepts by the National Security Agency concerning a November 1985 CIA-assisted shipment of Hawk missiles to Iran. North's lawyers used the stipulation in an attempt to show the jury that top Reagan administration officials knew at the time of the plane's cargo.

North's defense of one of the charges against him is that his superiors knew Hawks were aboard the flight, but tried to cover up by saying that no one at the CIA knew until January 1986 that the missiles had been shipped.

The Justice Department wants a further hearing to "afford the government the opportunity to establish a basis for denying the press the access it now seeks" to the document that was shown only to jurors, the department said.



'I Love Lucy' stars, clockwise from top left: Vivian Vance, Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz and William Frawley.

Fans remember legacy left by daffy redhead

By JOHN HORN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An outpouring of sympathy from presidents to childhood neighbors followed the death of Lucille Ball, but many said the queen mother of comedy will live on through television reruns and her influence on comedy.

The daffy, redheaded comedian whose harebrained schemes drove her television family crazy and delighted viewers for four decades died Wednesday of a ruptured abdominal artery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. She was 77 and died eight days after emergency heart surgery.

A private burial was planned, reportedly with no funeral services in accordance with Miss Ball's wishes.

"God has her now, and, thanks to television, we'll have her forever," said comedian and long-time friend Bob Hope.

Hospital switchboards were swamped with condolence calls and thousands of cards after Miss Ball's death, spokesman Ron Wise said.

Miss Ball maintained her sense of humor even when she was critically ill. Following her operation last week, her first words to her daughter, Lucie, were: "Wouldn't you know — this is the day I was going to get my hair done."

Miss Ball had been improving steadily from the heart surgery, so her death came as a shock.

"She had been walking, her spirits were up. Her family was with her," Wise said. "She responded as well as anyone could respond to that kind of surgery."

He said she woke up early Wednesday complaining about a sudden pain in her back, and in a matter of seconds went into a full cardiac arrest that was caused by a ruptured aorta.

Miss Ball and her late former husband, Desi Arnaz, starred in *I Love Lucy* from 1951 to 1957. In

the ground-breaking show, still seen in syndication worldwide, the late Vivian Vance and William Frawley played their neighbors, Fred and Ethel Mertz.

"Probably a lot of what she did rubbed off on what I do," said actress-comedian Jane Curtin, star of the sitcom *Kate and Allie*. "But it couldn't be helped, because I memorized her shows."

The show, one of the most popular in television history, was distinguished by Miss Ball's faultless timing, rubber-faced expressions, wide-mouthed wails and extravagant pratfalls.

"Working with Lucy was like receiving an M.A. or a Ph.D. in comedy," recalled Joan Rivers.

Bob Rosati, who lives down the street from the Beverly Hills home Miss Ball shared with husband Gary Morton, said he was watching a rerun of *I Love Lucy* on Wednesday morning when the screen went black and the words "In Memory of Lucille Ball, 1911-1989" appeared.

"I felt I had lost someone in my family. I couldn't believe it," said Rosati, 40.

On Hollywood Boulevard's Walk of Fame, flower arrangements were placed on Miss Ball's two stars — one for her film work, one for television.

Admirers included President Bush, in Southern California at the time of Miss Ball's passing, and former President Reagan.

"Lucille Ball possessed the gift of laughter," Bush said. "But she also embodied an even greater treasure — the gift of love. She appealed to the gentler impulses of the human spirit. She was not merely an actress or comedienne. She was Lucy and she was loved."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Hospital spokesman Wise said that the family has asked that donations be sent to the Lucille Ball Foundation, in care of Irella-Manella, 1800 Ave. of the Stars, Suite 900, Los Angeles, CA. 90067.

Wright promises 'surgery' on spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Jim Wright is promising "corrective surgery" on a \$4.7 billion emergency spending bill that failed when members of his own party broke ranks on the first major budget vote of the year.

Wright and his leadership team will have their first opportunity to recoup next week, when they plan to bring to the floor their plan to implement a separate deficit-reduction pact with President Bush.

In the meantime, Wright promised to retool the emergency spending measure that was labeled a "budget buster" and rejected Wednesday by Republicans and Democrats at both ends of the ideological spectrum.

The bill to expand current spending for veterans, anti-drug programs and other popular in-

itiatives was forced back to committee after a leadership amendment to address the budget-busting complaints was defeated 252-172.

The timing of the defeat was bad for Wright, D-Texas, who is trying to show he can still command the House while besieged by an ethics committee probe into his personal finances. Only a day earlier, Wright had confidently predicted passage of the legislation.

However, lawmakers of both parties doubted Wednesday's vote was a direct reflection on Wright's powers.

"I don't think it reflects on leadership problems," said Majority Leader Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash. "This is not a vote of confidence issue."

Foley had proposed in the

amendment to trim other programs — including \$1 billion from the military — to help offset the cost of the new bill.

But White House budget director Richard Darman sent lawmakers a statement in which he said he would urge Bush to veto the "fiscally irresponsible" measure.

And in a letter to House Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill., Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said the military cuts would force the Pentagon to stop paying reenlistment bonuses, reduce training hours, eliminate five to 10 construction projects, lay off scientists and engineers and curtail weapons testing.

"This would have very serious consequences for the manning of our forces," he wrote.

The chairman of the House

Democratic Caucus, Rep. William H. Gray III of Pennsylvania, said the vote was largely decided by the defense issue and individual members' concerns about specific domestic programs.

If there was any indication about the Democratic leadership, it might be that the party vote-counting in the House was made a little inaccurate from the lack of legislative activity so far this year, he said.

"Because we have not been really focused legislatively, members haven't been giving accurate readings" on their position, he said. The Republicans, meanwhile, were free to exercise rebelliousness because they "have no responsibility," he said.

Republicans were actively participating, however, in closed-door drafting sessions.

'Jane Roe' listens to latest abortion arguments

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Jane Roe," a Texas cleaning woman whose pregnancy led to the 1973 landmark decision legalizing abortion, watched quietly as the Supreme Court revisited her case 16 years later.

Recently emerged from the anonymity that had concealed her real name and kept her away from the court when it decided in her favor in 1973, Norma McCorvey was inside the Supreme Court on Wednesday as an observer during its arguments on whether to overturn the Roe vs. Wade decision.

"I'm very overwhelmed," she said later. "I was just looking around and trying to listen to the arguments. I was thinking, I should have been there in 1973."

McCorvey, as Jane Roe, agreed to become a test case in the legal challenge of anti-abortion laws when she became pregnant with a second child in 1970.

McCorvey, 41, answered questions with great difficulty and stumbled through a nine-line written statement as she met with reporters. Her present attorney,

Gloria Allred, assisted her and told reporters that McCorvey has only a modest income, cleans other people's homes for a living, and has a 10th grade education.

Allred, a feminist lawyer from Los Angeles known for her flamboyance, has helped McCorvey put together a movie deal about her experience. McCorvey is being paid as a consultant to the project.

She has been in hiding since April 4, when shotgun blasts were fired at her Dallas home. She suspects abortion opponents were trying to intimidate her.

McCorvey disputed suggestions she has been used in the new case and said she stepped forward at considerable risk because she still believes in the cause of a woman's right to an abortion.

"Our law is in jeopardy for all the women of the United States," she said. "I have to protect Roe vs. Wade."

McCorvey said she considered an illegal abortion in 1970 but was revolted by conditions at a back-alley abortionist's office she visited.

She didn't have an abortion. Instead she gave birth and put her child up for adoption. Her lawyer said McCorvey considered the experience "far more traumatic to her than an abortion would have been."

Yet McCorvey said she has recently begun efforts to locate that adopted child, whose conception triggered the landmark case.

Allred insists there's no irony or inconsistency there. "The whole point is it's about a woman's right to choose," she said.

So what would Norma McCorvey, once Jane Roe, say to this child?

"Well, I obviously wouldn't discuss politics right away," she said. "I'd just say, 'I'm your mom. How about a hug?'"

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Gorbachev rebukes critics for losing faith in his reforms

By MARK J. PORUBCANSKY
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Communist Party leaders warned in a heated debate over their losses in balloting for a new legislature that the party is in danger of losing both its unity and its hold on the Soviet people.

In response, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev rebuked several officials, including non-voting Politburo member Yuri F. Solovyov of Leningrad, for losing faith in his reform campaign.

Statements of Central Committee members published today in the party newspaper *Pravda* revealed an unprecedented open dispute in the party's policy-making body about the party's political course.

Gorbachev told the meeting of the committee during a closed-door session Tuesday that the election results were a victory because they showed the people back his reforms.

The party cannot afford to slow down or lose control of the reform process it started, he said.

"If we lose initiative, allow a lagging behind, serious if not irreparable damage will be done to the cause of restructuring with the resulting additional moral, social, political and economic confusion," Gorbachev said.

The debate took place in a meeting where the Central Committee accepted the resignations of 74 of its 301 members, most of whom through age, illness or political disgrace had lost the government or party job that entitled them to membership. The move strengthened Gorbachev's grip on the policy-making body.

Solovyov was among at least three dozen senior party and government officials who went down to an embarrassing defeat in March 26 elections to the Congress of People's Deputies.

It was the country's first contested vote in seven decades.

Gorbachev also criticized the Leningrad party for a lack of openness and failing to push reforms hard enough.

Perestroika — the program Gorbachev laun-

ched four years ago to overhaul the Soviet economy and society — remains the proper course, he said, but reforms are not being properly enacted, particularly by local leaders.

"I think, comrades, and this is opinion of the entire Politburo — that we can no longer put up with mismanagement that literally compromises perestroika and does a tremendous damage — economic and moral — to the whole of society."

Gorbachev said that in many areas the economy has deteriorated and food and housing shortages are increasing, in part because economic reforms were not fully thought out before implementation.

He said many problems can be traced to wasteful government spending.

"The food problem is far from solved," the president said. "The housing problem is acute. There is a dearth of consumer goods in the shops. The list of shortages is growing."

People "see all these ugliest facts of mismanagement and justly demand a strict punishment of the culprits, not because of vengeance but to assert the realization that it is inadmissible and impossi-

ble to throw the people's resources to the winds," Gorbachev said.

"The state's financial position is grave," the 58-year-old leader said. The budget deficit is expected to hit \$162 billion this year, economists say.

In one pointed attack, Gorbachev singled out those responsible for particular failures, such as importing millions of syringes with no needles.

The construction industry "has been shoveling billions of rubles into the ground and is creating actual ruins." Building a factory to produce detergent is in its ninth year, while people face daily shortages of soap and detergent, he said.

Individual workers share the blame, he said. "Many forgot how to work. They got used to being paid often just for coming to work."

Gorbachev blamed poor agricultural production on "the work level, initiative and responsibility of local leaders." He said the problem became especially acute after the central leadership began delegating some power and decision-making to the local level.

Teens' vicious attack on jogger shocks those who know them

By RONALD POWERS
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NEW YORK (AP) — The vicious attack and rape of a jogger in Central Park by a gang of teenage hoodlums has left many New Yorkers trying to make sense of a senseless crime.

The victim, a 28-year-old investment banker, remains in a coma. Eight of her alleged attackers, ages 14 to 17, are in custody. Two were indicted Wednesday and indictments against the others were expected today.

But by some accounts, the youths seemed unlikely attackers although several came from broken homes and all lived in a Harlem neighborhood surrounded by drugs, alcohol, crime and poverty.

"I deal with kids in trouble, these were not kids in trouble," said Bernard Diamond, principal of the junior high school two of the boys attended. "They come from homes of parents who care, parents who are as shocked as we are."

Their victim was on a solitary jog in the northern end of the park the night of April 19. She was beaten unconscious with a lead pipe and rock, raped and left bound and nearly naked. She was found several hours later.

Doctors at Metropolitan Hospital, where she has been in critical condition in a coma since the attack, say that although she may survive it's unlikely she will ever recover completely.

The woman apparently was one of several targets of the gang as it went "wilding" through the park that night.

The term was a new one to the police, but not the activity. For years, loosely organized packs of marauding youths have roamed the streets and parks bullying, robbing and attacking victims at random.

"I ain't going to say it's fun. It's getting your anger out at some-



(AP Laserphoto)

These are the teens charged with beating and raping a jogger: Upper row, from left, Briscoe, 17; Salaam, 15; Wise, 16, and Santana, 14; bottom row, from left, Richardson, 14; Lopez, 15; Thomas, 14, and McCray, 15.

body. It's like stealing fruit. It's not 'cause you are hungry," a 15-year-old boy who said he was a friend of one of the suspects told *The New York Times*.

The assailants reportedly used racial epithets in one of eight assaults during the rampage and discussed "getting whitey" or "getting a white jogger." The victim is white and the accused attackers are black.

However, law enforcement experts say victims of the so-called

"wolf packs" are more often black than white, and the lawyer for one of the youths denied the boy suggested the gang go after a white victim.

The suspects are being held on charges of attempted murder, rape and assault and could face other charges.

Police said only one of the suspects — 17-year-old Michael Brisco — had a police record. But friends said he was a frequent churchgoer.

After their arrests, Brisco and Kharey Wise, 16, were roughed up in an attack by several other inmates and Yusef Salaam, 15, was attacked by another youth at the Spofford Juvenile Center.

Tim Burns, a 15-year-old schoolmate of suspect Anton McCrary, 15, said: "He's a good kid, he just followed the wrong crowd. If you're in the wrong crowd, this could happen to anybody. You have to make your own decisions, that's all."

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Lifestyles

4-H'ers win at district

Gray County 4-H'ers took home gold, silver, and bronze medals from competition in the District I 4-H Consumer Decision-Making Contest conducted Saturday at Western Plaza Mall in Amarillo.

Earning a trip to Texas 4-H Roundup to compete in the Statewide Consumer Decision-Making Contest were Heather Kludt, Becky Reed, Laura Williams, and Lori Sutton of Pampa. They won first place as a team in the senior division. In addition, Heather Kludt was high point individual with Becky Reed coming in second.

The junior team of Kim McDonald and Amanda Kludt of Pampa plus Clifford Martin and David Fuller of McLean also earned first place honors. Kim McDonald received a medal for second high individual. Junior 4-H'ers competing in the individual competition were Moriah McCracken, Pam Martin, and Lori Hefley, all of McLean.

The intermediate team of Kirk McDonald, David Kludt and Grace Sutton of Pampa, and Erin McCracken of McLean brought home third place medals.

This competition was the ending to an eight-week 4-H consumer education project which helped 4-H members learn the decision-making process, how to make market-place decisions and justify their decisions, learn the various purchase options, comparison shopping techniques and savings and checking accounts.

PFAA announces artist of the year

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Pampa Fine Arts Association members named Rosemond "Posie" Winborn as the 1989-90 Artist of the Year at the organization's annual banquet Monday in the Pampa Country Club.

A longtime member of the Pampa Fine Arts Association, Mrs. Winborn is a proficient artist in a variety of mediums such as oils, acrylics, watercolors and pastels. She is especially known for her landscapes and florals.

Mrs. Winborn has studied under a number of noted artists including Dr. Campanero, Dord Fitz and Stephan Kramer.

Duane Harp presented Robert Wilson, president of Citizens Bank and Trust here, with the Patron of the Year award. Citizens Bank has hosted the PFAA Members Art Show for the past nine years, in addition to providing space for the association's numerous displays and exhibits.

Also, Citizens Bank has supported PFAA through substantial donations and by allowing bank employees to staff PFAA events and to serve on the association's board of directors.

PFAA members also elected officers for the coming year. Betty Hallerberg will be heading the association as its president. Also serving for 1989-90 will be Eddie Burton, vice president; Wayne Klosterman, treasurer; Wayne Fletcher, secretary; and Barbara Benyshek, membership chairman.

Burton, Klosterman, Joyce Field and Richard Steele were unanimously elected to a three-year term on the PFAA board of trustees. Elizabeth Carter was chosen to serve an unexpired two-year term, and Peter Berzanski and Cynthia West are to complete two one-year unexpired terms on the board.

Standing committee chairmen were elected as follows: Field, arts and crafts; Steele, visual arts; Carter, miscellaneous arts; Susie Wilson, musical arts; and West, junior fine arts.

Nominating committee members are to be Natalie Reeve, Dan Snider, Hallerberg - chairman, Linda Haynes, and Burton.

Outgoing Artist of the Year Richard Steele was recognized for his artistic talent and contributions to the fine arts.

Cynthia West was recipient of the door prize, one of Steele's watercolor paintings.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by tiny violinist Andrew Grabato, 5-year-old son of Drs. Rene and Teresita Grabato. Andrew played three classical selections accompanied by Phoebe Reynolds on the piano. At the conclusion of his performance, he was rewarded with a standing ovation.

Andrew has been a student at the Suzuki School of Music at Amarillo College since he was three years old. He recently played for the Amarillo Fine Arts Association and is often called on by his instructors to illustrate the Suzuki method of teaching children to play musical instruments.

Amy Avendanio opened the evening's entertainment with a song sung in her native Phillipino language, followed by her English translation of the words. Her second number was sung in English, accompanied by Reynolds on the piano.

Dr. Joe R. Donaldson had arranged a display of paintings by renowned artist Kenneth Wyatt for PFAA members to admire following the banquet.

For 23 years, the Pampa Fine Arts Association has promoted, encouraged and fostered fine arts. PFAA has brought many fine programs to Pampa which included arts of design, the performing arts and the literary arts.

Of the 17 presidents who have served the organization over the years, 14 remain as current members. The other three have moved from the community.

During the 1988-89 year, PFAA sponsored the annual Chautauqua celebration in Central Park on Labor Day. And President Brainard instituted a new program, the History of Arts lecture series at Lovett Library.



Lilith Brainard, left, is the outgoing president for the Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Rosemond Winborn with husband, Bill, is the PFAA 1989-90 artist of the year.



Andrew Grabato, 5, performed for the Pampa Fine Arts Association Banquet. He is the son of Drs. Rene and Teresita Grabato.

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A piano recital featuring Pampa native E.P. Simmons was sponsored this year by the association in addition to Troissant, an Amarillo-based instrumental group.

PFAA and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce brought the West Texas State University choir to First Christian Church for a public yuletide concert.

This spring, Pampa's school band directors were featured in concert and on May 14 at 3 p.m. Dr. Judson Maynard, professor of organ at Texas Tech University, and Polly Maynard, instructor of classical guitar at the University of North Texas, will be present in a joint recital. They are father and daughter.

In the visual arts, former Pampa sculptor Richard Thompson and Don Ray of Channing presented a show of bronzes and oil paintings. Richard Steele, artist of the year, was honored with a reception and art exhibit April 8.

The 1988 PFAA Arts and Crafts Festival was held Oct. 8-9 at M.K. Brown Auditorium and the Members' Art Show at Citizens Bank and Trust featured 26 area artists.

The Photography Workshop and Photography Show were both successful events as was the Shakespeare Festival held during March at Lovett Memorial Library and M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Three Junior Fine Arts Workshops were completed this past year with Cile Taylor conducting a water color workshop, Holly Burger teaching a pottery workshop and The ACTION Creative Dramatics Workshop presented by Hallerberg, Kayla Pursley and eight other teachers.

Parents in standoff about sitting for son

DEAR ABBY: Please, please print this as soon as possible so my husband and I can stop fighting about it. I'm sure you will see it my way.

I work days and my husband works nights. We have a 5-month-old baby boy who my husband takes care of during the days and I take care of at night.

My husband accuses me of being too protective of our son. He may be right, but I will let you be the judge. One day, I was talking to my husband on the phone and he said, "The baby is sleeping — I think I'll run over to get a pizza and bring it home." I flipped out! Abby, the pizza parlor he wanted to "run to" is two blocks from where we live.

I told him he shouldn't even think of leaving the baby alone for two minutes — ever! Then he started in again with how overprotective I am, and we had a huge fight on the telephone.

He never did get the pizza that day, but I worry now, wondering if he has ever left the baby alone without telling me. Or maybe he would do so in the future. I wanted to ask friends and family what they think so I could prove my point to him, but I don't want any of them to know that he even considered leaving our baby alone. Please settle this. I am desperate.

MASSACHUSETTS MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: A baby should never, never be left alone. If you have the slightest doubt that your husband has left your baby alone for as much as five minutes — or that he would do so in the future — don't trust him to look after the baby. Get a sitter.

DEAR ABBY: A while back you had a letter in your column from someone who wanted to know if it was OK to ask "who else will be there" before accepting or declining an invitation. There could be a good reason.

I am a 56-year-old successful professional woman with a rather unusual handicap I've never been comfortable disclosing to others: I am unable to remember the names of casual friends and acquaintances. Once a person has been identified for me, my memory of that person returns, and from then on, I'm fine. I have a good memory and function well in other areas. I have been psychoanalyzed up one side and down the other, so I know this condition isn't caused by emotional problems.

When I attend a social event, if I know in advance who will be there, I can recognize them. Otherwise, I must wait until someone uses their name, which doesn't always happen. This has caused me endless embarrassment. I cannot very well say, "Who are you? I've only seen you 100 times."

So, please, Abby, don't condemn those who ask, "Who else will be there?"

DRAW A BLANK

DEAR DRAW: Obviously, knowing in advance who else will be there has its advantages. I had in mind those who inquired before accepting an invitation in order to decide whether to accept or not. For a valid defense of that inquiry, read on:



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: What's wrong with asking, "Who else will be there?" I am not anti-social; I thoroughly enjoy the company of friends with whom I can exchange some meaningful conversation. But I consider it a waste of time to make small talk with a collection of strangers I may never see again. If I know in advance who will be there, I can always stay home.
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- 17 By way of
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- 41 Strong cloth
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- 46 Thing in law
- 48 Obtuse
- 51 Betrayer (sl.)
- 52 Wriggly fish
- 55 College cheer
- 56 Short tempered
- 59 Flightless bird
- 60 Atomic weapon
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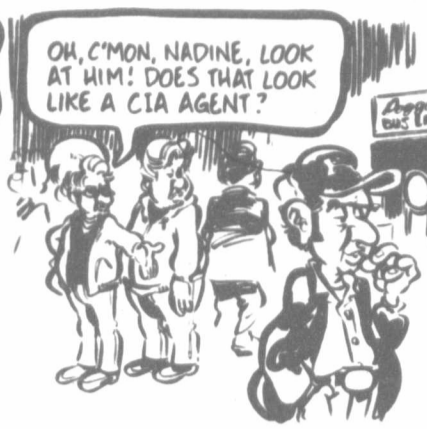
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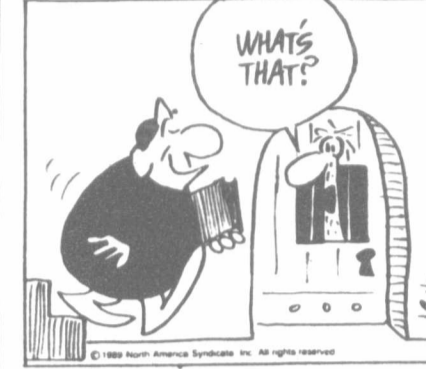
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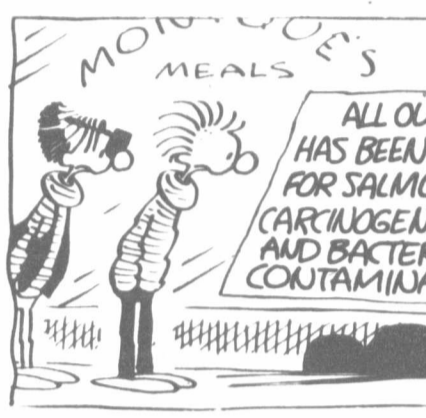
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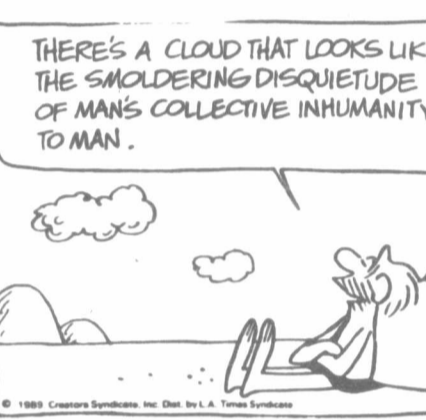
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In the year ahead you may be offered a number of interesting commercial proposals. They must be screened very carefully, because for each good one you'll get there could be two bummers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's best not to get too deeply involved today with career contemporaries whose objectives are dissimilar to yours. It could create a situation that will seriously impede your progress. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Guard against premature negative judgments of people or developments today. Your assessments could be erroneous and you might create complications for yourself that needn't occur.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be extremely careful today how you handle others. If anything goes wrong, you will be held accountable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your work habits might be a bit slovenly today, especially if you're asked to do something you think is beneath your rank or dignity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be firm today if a strong-willed individual tries to make decisions for you that you feel do not serve your best interests. If you fail to protect your positions, you could have regrets later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It could prove unwise to attempt to do several important assignments simultaneously today. All might suffer and you may end up with a bigger muddle than when you started.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In order to be a good guy you might make some promises today you won't really mean. You're apt to be taken up on them and it will be difficult to fulfill.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This might not be the right day for you to tackle tedious, mental tasks. Your thoughts may not be as well organized as usual and major mistakes could result.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone you like, even though rather extravagant and unreliable, might put you on the spot today with a request that could be both costly and inconvenient if you comply.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you may have more than your usual share of responsibilities with which to contend. Try to meet these matters head-on, because, if you sweep anything under the rug, it might be tougher to handle later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you expect something done right today, it looks like you are going to have to take care of it yourself. People to whom you delegate aren't likely to give your directives proper priority.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's a possibility you might meet opposition today pertaining to an issue about which you feel strongly. Should this occur, neither you nor your opponent is likely to yield.

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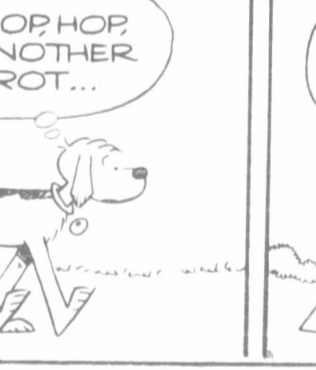
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Senators give Cheney some high marks

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— The chairman and ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee Wednesday gave Defense Secretary Dick Cheney high marks for crafting cuts in the Pentagon budget, but expressed concerns about some of the specific reductions.

Sens. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and John Warner, R-Va., commented a day after Cheney outlined planned reductions, delays and cuts totaling \$10 billion before the House Armed Services Committee. The savings were required to meet the fiscal 1990 budget level of \$295.6 billion for the Defense Department agreed upon by the White House and Congress.

"I think Defense Secretary Cheney and President Bush stepped up to the plate and made some tough decisions here under very rough circumstances," Nunn said on ABC's *Good Morning America*.

But, he said, he is "very concerned" about the decision to scrap the Marine Corps' V-22 Osprey, a battlefield aircraft designed to take off like a helicopter but fly like an airplane.

"That has very strong implications for future commercial aviation as well as for the military," Nunn said.

The Pentagon had hoped to spend \$25.9 billion on 663 Ospreys, including \$1.3 billion in 1990. Cheney called the decision to drop it his most difficult.

Warner, interviewed with Nunn, gave Cheney "very high marks" and added, "I think we're going to follow the Bush-Cheney plan very closely."

However, Warner, a former secretary of the Navy, said he is concerned about heavy cuts falling on that service.

"I'm concerned about our deployments beyond the United States, where our young men in many instances and now women

aboard ship have to be gone for six and seven months, and the stress that puts on families," he said.

If the strategic assessment Bush has promised to send Congress the first week in May "tells us we can cut back on some of those deployments abroad and the time, then I think the impact is somewhat less severe," Warner said.

Navy cuts outlined by Cheney included retiring the Coral Sea, one of the last two World War II-era aircraft carriers; transferring to the reserves 10 frigates; retiring seven destroyers; canceling production of the F-14D fighter, and scrapping the purchase of the last Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine.

Cheney also got a generally approving reaction from the House Armed Services Committee during his day-long presentation Tuesday.

"Now there's much in what you presented that I don't like, some of which I disagree with, but I'm willing to buy it as a package," Rep. Bill Dickinson of Alabama, ranking Republican on the committee, told Cheney.

Among Cheney's proposals were a reduction for the Army, Navy and Air Force in active-duty strength of more than 2.1 million by 16,800 men and women. The defense secretary left intact a proposed 3.6 percent pay hike for those in the military.

Cheney, who has been on the job just 39 days, said the process "for the ultimate Republican hawk," was extremely difficult, but he knew of no other way to cut the budget.

Among the big-ticket items facing major changes were:

- "Star Wars," the program pushed by Ronald Reagan to develop lasers and other exotic weapons to shoot down enemy nuclear missiles, will lose \$1 billion from its proposal 1990 budget, giving it a new total of \$4.6 billion.
- The B-2 stealth bomber will have its production pushed back a year to 1993. Almost \$4.1

billion is being cut from the fiscal 1990 and 1991 budgets for the radar-evading plane. Recent estimates of \$500 million per plane make it the most expensive in history.

- The National Aerospace Plane, a joint project with NASA, will be scaled back drastically. The high-speed transport could fly around the world in just hours. Cheney decided to cut the project's fiscal 1990 budget by two-thirds, from \$300 million to \$100 million.
- The Midgetman nuclear missile, a single-warhead missile that would be small enough to be carried and fired from a truck launcher, will be held to \$100 million despite President Bush's decision to develop the missile in addition to a rail-based version of the MX nuclear missile.

Spending for the MX in fiscal 1990 would total \$1.2 billion, with another \$2.2 billion earmarked for fiscal 1991.

Democrats and Republicans expressed their opposition to the elimination of the V-22 Osprey, arguing that the technology associated with the program makes it an aircraft whose time has come.

Rep. Solomon P. Ortiz, D-Texas, said he "wouldn't be surprised if 10 years from now we were buying the technology from someone else," and Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., asked Cheney to provide the documentation he used in deciding to kill the Osprey.

"You're going to hear much more about it," Weldon said. "This program has strong support in the Congress."

But Cheney stood by his decision, reminding House members that Bush and Congress agreed on the total defense budget and in light of the program's lack of affordability, he had no other choice.

"I urge you to work your wiles and come out with another \$27 billion," Cheney told the panel after at least five lawmakers had criticized the decision.

Earlier, Dickinson had cautioned the defense secretary against weakening his stand.

Chinese students vow to take to the streets

BEIJING (AP)— Students said Wednesday that government threats to suppress the largest student movement in Communist China's history have only increased their resolve to make the country's leaders embrace democratic reforms.

Student leaders said a class boycott that began Monday had spread to 41 universities and colleges around Beijing, involving more than 70,000 students. At least four more schools joined the

protest Wednesday, they said.

Two protest leaders said students were ready to take to stage street demonstrations again as they did when they began their campaign 10 days ago.

Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping on Tuesday ordered authorities to crack down on the protest, said a journalist at the *People's Daily*, the voice of the ruling Communist Party.

"The peasants support us, the

workers support us, the army supports us, so why should we be bothered by students," the journalist quoted the 84-year-old Deng as saying.

Student leaders pledged to defy the government's warnings and said they were ready to go back to the streets to protest if the government does not heed their demands for negotiations.

"If the government does not agree to a dialogue we will march

in the streets," said Beijing University student leader Wang Dan at an open-air meeting attended by 2,000 students at the Political Science and Law College. "That is our right. We will take the movement to the people."

Since early last week, tens of thousands of students have been agitating for fundamental reform of China's political system, including a free press and the publication of the financial records of China's leaders.

Woman Discovers Shopping Mall in Her Front Yard

Finds hundreds of businesses on doorstep

Local resident Gladys Whirlee revealed on Monday that the city's largest shopping mall is right at her front door. "Every business in town, every bargain in town is right here," she proudly proclaimed while holding a copy of the local newspaper. "I don't have to get in the car to go shopping anymore!" Mrs. Whirlee remarked. "I read the newspaper, so I don't waste gas and my time driving all over town looking for the best bargains or finding what I need." She said all her neighbors did the same, and considered the newspaper the best shopping mall in town. The Newspaper Advertising Bureau indicates most people agree with Mrs. Whirlee, confirming 8 out of 10 shoppers find it easier to compare prices in the newspaper.

Mrs. Whirlee was later heard to comment "Without the paper, I wouldn't know where to get the best buy. I can't imagine shopping anywhere else." A recent Consumer Data Service report disclosed that the Whirlee woman was typical, with 10 times more people choosing the newspaper over radio or television for "Best Buy" shopping information. The report also revealed that almost 60% of shoppers decide where to shop from the newspaper, and 82% say newspapers allow them the best comparison of goods and prices. "It's the smart thing to do," Whirlee said. "Why even my boss shops the paper. And he's wealthy." Mrs.

"I found I could save time, and even more money, by making my shopping decisions at home with my newspaper."

Whirlee is employed by Clyde Perkins, a noted local philanthropist and businessman. When confronted with the fact that newspaper readership increases as income increases, Mrs. Whirlee replied, "About all Perkins does is read the paper. That must be why the rich get richer." Perkins was unavailable for comment.



Woman confesses she would rather shop close to home with newspaper

Birds of a feather



Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, left, greets U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle as he arrives at Fairbairn Base in Canberra Wednesday at the start of a five-day visit to Australia. Quayle also will visit Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand before returning to the United States.

Heard Jones

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