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(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Large trash cans fill with leaking water from the roof at K mart Thursday evening as employees try to mop up the flood.

High winds, rain damage section of K mart's roof

By BEAR MILLS Staff Writer

High winds and driving rains dumped an estimated 300 gallons of water in the K mart store at Pampa Mall Thursday evening after a section of the mall's roof was blown off.

Portions of the roof were found lying tattered around the mall parking lot, leaving water free to run into the building and flow through ceiling tiles.

The water began running into the store shortly after 5:30 p.m. as the strongest portion of a major spring storm swept through the central portion of the Panhandle, leaving the entire region under a thunderstorm warning and tornado watch.

Weather reports on KGRO radio estimated local winds reached 60 mph, while driving winds and hail severely reduced visibility for just under an hour. Pampa received 0.89 inch of moisture from the storm.

The flood of water into the K mart knocked out a large number of ceiling tiles near the center of the store in the boy's wear and domestic departments. Much of the water fell on shelves of yarn and rugs, while racks of clothing in the boy's department were moved out of the way of the fall-

ing water.

Store manager Don Gross estimated the cost of the damage to merchandise in the store was in the \$7,000 to \$8,000 range. Mall managers had not reached a damage estimate on the structure.

The damage also caused the K mart to be evacuated for a time as Pampa firefighters discovered a gas leak near the rear of the store. Officials with Energas were called out to cut off gas service and employees were hustled back in to resume the fight against the ankle-deep water.

Twenty-five gallon trash cans were set under the heaviest areas of falling water; however, they quickly filled and several times they overflowed before employees could empty them.

"Almost everybody that was out here handled themselves very well," store manager Gross said. "The mall owners and firefighters were very cooperative. The employees were very helpful. We were very fortunate no one was hurt. It's a real credit to the organization that everybody did so well."

He said the store was open today for business. No other store in the mall reported serious damage from the storm or flooding.

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(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Animal Control Director Sandy Burns, left, and Officer Dan Berry show two furry adoption prospects now available at the Pampa Animal Shelter.

North vows to fight verdicts

By PETE YOST Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Blast-ing prosecutors and vowing to "fight hard, for as long as it takes," Oliver North says his conviction on three felonies in the Iran-Contra affair will eventually be overturned.

The first person to go on trial in the scandal that rocked the last two years of the Reagan administration, North lost his \$23,100-a-year Marine pension as soon as the jury delivered its verdict Thursday.

Ex-President Reagan, who successfully resisted a defense subpoena to testify at the trial, declined to comment after the man he once called a national hero was found guilty.

North was acquitted of nine of the 12 criminal charges against him and prosecutor John Keke-apper less than satisfied with the decision.

Still, Keke said, "Colonel North has been convicted of three very serious charges. The jury has spoken." North called it "a partial vindication."

North, to be sentenced June 23 by U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell, faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and \$750,000 in

finer. As a first-time offender with an exemplary 20-year military career, North almost certainly will get penalties far less severe than that. Court appeals could take years.

The National Security Council's former "action officer" on Central America counterattacks less than two hours after walking out of the federal courthouse. He defiantly criticized the cost of pursuing him through the legal system and suggested the prosecution had overstepped the bounds of fairness.

"After more than two and a half years and over \$40 million of our taxpayers' money spent on investigations, congressional inquiries and now a special prosecutor who has likened me to Adolf Hitler, we now face many months and perhaps years of fighting the remaining charges," North said, reading from a statement.

"As a Marine, I was taught to fight and fight hard, for as long as it takes to prevail," he added. "We will continue this battle and with the support and prayers of the American people, we will be fully vindicated."

In closing arguments last month, Keke said North and his former boss, national security

adviser Robert McFarlane, "are following Adolf Hitler's old strategy. The victor will never be asked if he told the truth."

North won't get his military pension back unless his conviction for altering and shredding sensitive NSC documents is overturned on appeal.

North was found innocent of charges that focused on lying and obstructing Congress in 1985 and

1986 by denying he was assisting the Contras.

But North was found guilty of aiding and abetting an obstruction of Congress as well as shredding and altering documents in November 1986, crimes that occurred after the Iran arms sales had been publicly disclosed. North also was found guilty of accepting a \$13,800 home security system in mid-1986.



(AP Laserphoto)

Police clear a path as North and wife Betsy leave his lawyer's office Thursday evening.

Reed, Dixon campaign for Ward 3 seat

By BEAR MILLS Staff Writer

The issue of time to dedicate to the job has become a major campaign theme in the race between incumbent Joe Reed and challenger Robert Dixon for the Ward 3 Pampa City Commission seat.

Dixon has charged Reed with not being "that faithful in attending" the commission meetings.

However, Reed said he checked city records and found that over the last four years and 92 meetings he has missed only 16 times and that each absence was excused because of business or health reasons.

"In the past four years I cannot think of one time when Robert Dixon has been there to see what's going on," Reed said. "He's coming out of the blue with accusations he got from other people."

Reed said the fact that Dixon works in Amarillo would mean he would have a very difficult time being faithful to the business of Pampa.

"Robert said he was concerned about my attendance, but he spends his days in Amarillo," Reed charged. "When does he get to know about Pampa? Does he have the time to do all the other things that go with being an elected city official and all the time to travel to national League of City meetings and TML (Texas Municipal League) meetings?"

"Training is vital to doing a professional job. There's a lot of state and federally regulated rules. I've spent hours learning the home-rule system."

Dixon countered, "Even with 'oe's' experience — I know experience cannot be discounted — knowing the city like I do, I feel

like I could overcome that lack of experience. Experience is not all that big a factor. Attendance is a big factor."

"I think of all the by-gone City Commissions that got by without training," Dixon said, on the issue of TML training for commissioners.

He said his job did allow him the flexibility to be in Pampa to take care of city business and his employer was supporting his decision to seek office.

Dixon stated he was not confident current economic development plans to bring new industries to Pampa will ever come to fruition and that the focus of such plans might need to be changed.

"It's always nice to say you are bringing in new business," Dixon said. "There is competition for that. What I would suggest is working with the industries we already have to get them creating jobs in companies already committed to Pampa."

Reed said Dixon had been too vague in how he would execute such a plan and restated his position that tax breaks to businesses "at the taxpayers' expense are not the answer."

"The way to help retail business," Reed said, "is to increase the industrial business. We have three very strong bites on industry that may come here and more are on the way as a result of TEXCEL and the publicity over emergency mangement."

Dixon said two years ago when he was narrowly defeated by Reed for the City Commission post then-City Manager Bob Hart assured him a new industry would be locating in Pampa within weeks after the election.

"That would have been a great political deal if it had come in."

Dixon said. He added that rumors of new industry are frequent and have all proven to be false so far.

Both candidates said a new sense of pride in Pampa was essential to the success of the city.

Dixon recommended a push toward more volunteerism in the city and working around liability issues that hinder civic groups taking a more active role in the management of city parks.

Reed said if re-elected he would work toward town hall meetings that give citizens an active hand in setting city policy while it is still in the discussion phases.

"Pampa has always been a community that works together," Dixon said. "There's ways to work around anything, including the liability thing. We need to have a meeting of the minds. There's a lot we can do to dress up this city that don't cost a lot of money."

Reed said any plans by Dixon to "get around" liability matters for the city were dangerous and not well thought out.

"You can do a song and dance and avoid the issue," Reed said, "but when it comes down to the wire, this is a sue-happy country and more times than not you will lose in court. The city must be protected. The entire City Commission can be held personally negligent if an accident occurs."

Years of work with the Optimist Club, according to Dixon, are his basis for a strong belief in the power of volunteer efforts. He said Optimist Club saves the city over \$100,000 annually by managing programs like little league. "And it's all done on slave labor," he said.

"They (citizens) are hindered (in volunteering more time and effort to the city) by what they cannot do because of the liability

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Dixon

Reed

Pampa to observe Be Kind to Animals Week

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Pampa Animal Shelter and local veterinarians are observing the 74th annual Be Kind to Animals Week, May 7-13, by sponsoring a Rabies Drive May 12, 13 and 15.

Dogs will be vaccinated at reduced prices on Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13, and cats on Monday, May 15.

And to help reduce the cost of the vaccinations further, Pampa Animal Shelter has placed \$1 Off coupons in local bank statements.

During these days, dogs' vaccinations are \$7 for rabies, \$6 for parvo and \$8 for distemper. Cats' vaccinations are \$7 for rabies, \$8 for distemper and \$13 for feline leukemia.

Vaccinations are available at Easley Animal Hospital, North Loop 171 and Texas 70; Gray County Veterinary Clinic, 1329 S. Hobart; Hendrick Animal Hospital, 1912 Alcock; and Royce Animal Hospital, 1939 N. Hobart.

Fortunately, Pampa has had no confirmed cases of rabies in recent months, reports Sandy Burns, director of Pampa Animal Control. The nearest confirmed case of rabies has been in Lubbock, she said.

"That's pretty close when it comes to rabies," she said.

Burns said she sees having pets vaccinated is a form of insurance policy for the owner.

"If the pet comes in contact with rabies, the first person who gets it will be the owners," she explained.

"Some people think that since their dog never goes out of the house, it can't get rabies," she said. "They have to go to the bathroom. When they go out in the backyard to go to the bathroom, they may come in contact with an animal with rabies."

City ordinances require that all pets must be vaccinated by the time they are four months old with an annual vaccination thereafter. State laws also require that pets be vaccinated and that the pets, including cats, wear a rabies tag.

Having a pet wear the tag, while complying with the law, also provides identification if the pet is lost. And it may also save a victim of an animal bite from having to get rabies shots.

Be Kind to Animals Week was established in 1915. Each year, the American Humane Association designates a special theme for this event. This year the theme is "Adopt a pet from your local animal shelter."

Pampa Animal Shelter charges a \$10 fee to adopt a puppy or kitten less than three months old and does not include rabies shots or disease vaccinations, Burns said. Pets under three months are too young for the rabies shot, she said.

A \$20 fee plus an \$8 charge for rabies shot is needed to adopt an adult dog or cat from the

local animal shelter. The rabies shot fee is paid at the shelter. Burns said, and the pet owner is given a receipt that will be accepted at any of the local veterinary clinics.

Persons who wish to adopt a dog are asked to fill out an affidavit and questionnaire which is held for 24-hours while Animal Control officers inspect the prospective owner's home to be sure it is suitable for the pet.

"If we revoke the contract because the site is not suitable, we will give the person the opportunity to fix the problem," Burns said.

Cat adoptions are not as strict, she said, but the animal control officers do try to see that the adoption is suitable and encourage the owners to have their new pets spayed and neutered.

Presently, Pampa Animal Shelter finds homes for only five percent of the 300 to 500 animals brought in each month, Burns said. A number of that five percent are animals reclaimed by owners, she said. The rest are killed.

Local animal control authorities are using the adoption contract as one way to cut down on the number of abandoned and poorly treated pets in the city.

Animals that have been abandoned as construction workers have left the city have caused a serious wild dog problem in the southern portion of the city, Burns said. These animals pose the city's greatest rabies threat, she said.

Large voter turnout expected for area city, school elections

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

If absentee voting is any indicator, area towns can expect a large turnout in city and school elections Saturday.

Absentee voting in the Canadian school board elections was the highest in the area with 70 voters. More than 40 absentee votes were posted in the Canadian city elections, also.

Miami city-school elections brought out 40 absentee voters in the school board race and 35 in the city council.

Groom's local election showed a "better than usual" absentee vote with 22 voters casting absentee ballots in the city elections and 29 absentee voters in the school elections.

A state six-man track meet in Comanche may have some influence in the greater than normal number of absentee votes. Groom, McLean, Lefors and Miami all have athletes competing in the state event Saturday.

Chief Tax Appraiser Debbie Stribling of Miami said that although Miami showed a higher than usual number of absentee voters, only a few of those were teachers and none were of parents of athletes. Stribling said usually Miami has around 14 absentee votes in city-school elections.

However, Groom election officials said they believe the track meet could be contributing to the increase in absentee voting.

Skellytown election officials reported a "pretty good turnout" with nine absentee votes for the small community's city council race.

On the other hand, Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District did not register a single absentee vote and Alanreed ISD reported only one absentee vote.

Allison ISD, though small in population, reg-

istered 22 absentee voters, far more than election officials expected.

High voter interest is due in part, officials surmise, because of the turbulent year recently experienced by the present members of the school board. Last June, superintendent Dr. Nora Hutto resigned after several sparring bouts with the school board.

Then the newly hired superintendent, David Mims, resigned in January, contending he would not be forced to take actions he considers unethical. Four Allison-area residents are vying for two three-year terms and one unexpired term on the Allison school board.

In Lefors, six residents have filed for school board positions left vacant by the retirement of three long-term school board members, Walter Jackson, Arnold Story and Leon Goldsmith, with board tenures ranging from 13 to 18 years.

McLean's City Council race should prove to be interesting with Mayor George Green resigning his position so he can run for a council seat. Meanwhile, his wife, Shermana Sue Green, has filed for mayor opposite former mayor Sammy Haynes.

Gary Britten had filed for a seat on the Groom school board; however, he was found to be ineligible because of the school district's nepotism clause. Britten is related to a school district employee who has been employed for less than six months, officials said.

Following are the candidates whose names will be appearing on the area city-school election ballots Saturday:

CANADIAN

City Council (2 seats) — Jim Waterfield, incumbent; Wyvonne McDaniel, incumbent; and Pam Spencer.

Mayor — Theresa Abraham, incumbent, unopposed.

ISD Board of Trustees (3 places) — Tom Moore, incumbent; Richard Northcott, incumbent; Dr. Joe Leonard, John Talley, Estella Frey Campbell, Monte Lusby and J. Mitchell Ashley.

MIAMI

City Council (2 seats) — Royce Bailey, incumbent; Joe Bill Seuh, incumbent; and Tom O'Laughlin.

Mayor — Newton M. Cox, unopposed.

ISD Board of Trustees (2 places) — Greg Nite, Ken Gil, Chris Gil, Steve Hale, Leslie Mayberry, Keith Morris and Lonnie Trout.

LEFORS

City Council (3 seats) — Derl Boyd, incumbent; Larry Daniels, incumbent; Wendell Akins and James Berry.

ISD Board of Trustees (3 places) — Terry Dunn, Barry Jackson, Dennis Williams, Merray Stroud, Keith Roberson and Larry Daniels.

McLEAN

City Council (2 seats) — James Dale Glass, incumbent; Harold Smith, incumbent; George Green, Raymond A. Smith, Joe Doyle Billingsley and Allen Ray Mixon.

Mayor — Samuel A. Haynes and Shermana Sue Green.

ISD Board of Trustees (3 places) — 2 full terms: John Holland, incumbent; Lana Stump, Joe McGee and Steve Brass; 1 unexpired term: Bill Thomas, unopposed.

GROOM

City Council (2 aldermen) — Jerry Thornton, incumbent, and Ronnie Fields, incumbent.

Mayor — Alfred Homer, incumbent, and John Alan Holman.

ISD Board of Trustees (3 places) — Dennis Babcock, incumbent; Howard Britten, incumbent; Bill England, incumbent; Ken Burger, Adela Kotara and Tony Treadwell.

SHAMROCK

City Council (2 aldermen) — James Reneau, incumbent; Charles Shields, David Kindrick, Billy Frank Payne, Jerry Berten, J.L. Pepper and Finis Kidd.

South Wheeler County Hospital District Board (2 places) — H.C. Weatherby and M. Glenn Richerson.

ISD Board of Trustees (3 places) — Doug Mitchell, incumbent; Ken Wischkaemper, incumbent, and Kent Payne, incumbent.

WHEELER

City Council — Place 1: Walter Simmons; Place 3: Barbara Koelzer; and Place 5: Jess Sheets, incumbent, and Eddie Richardson.

ISD Board of Trustees (2 places) — Gail Ledbetter, incumbent; Velda Miller; and Harrison Hall.

WHITE DEER

City Council (3 places) — Bill Abbott, incumbent; Lloyd Collis, incumbent; Dean Wyatt, incumbent, and Randy Barrett, incumbent.

ISD Board of Trustees — Place 3: P.R. Stiles, Terry Lewis and Johnny Freeman; Place 4: Raymond Hanover, incumbent, and Steve Huckins; and Place 5: Bruce Brame, incumbent.

ALLISON

ISD Board of Trustees (3 places) — 1 unexpired term: Kenneth Keyes, unopposed; 2 full terms: Joe Rucker, Winston Rainey and Joe Grayson.

ALANREED

ISD Board of Trustees (1 place) — Keith Calhoun, incumbent, unopposed.

KELTON

ISD Board of Trustees (4 places) — Mike Bryant, incumbent; Larry Lister, Jerry Ray and Garland Moore.

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS

ISD Board of Trustees (2 places) — Troy Ritter, incumbent; Gary Babcock, Larry Stephens and Melvin Wills.

Bill would abolish common law marriages

AUSTIN (AP) — Although one opponent dubbed it "the yuppie-shacking-up insurance bill," a measure abolishing common law marriage won preliminary House approval.

The bill, tentatively passed Thursday with a 72-61 vote, requires another House vote to be sent to the Senate. It would affect people living together before Jan. 1, 1990.

Rep. Patricia Hill, sponsor of the bill, said 1 million unmarried couples live together in Texas.

"I dare say most of them — certainly not all of them — do not want to be married and they do not intend to be married," said Hill, R-Dallas.

"And I don't think Texas ... should be a big brother, trying to impose marriage on people who don't want it, never intended it and would probably be shocked to find out that was the situation,"

she said. Hill, an attorney, said only 12 other states still recognized common law marriages.

Rep. Ron Wilson opposed the measure, calling it anti-family and saying it would harm women and children.

"The only folks that have a problem with common law marriages are some of these yuppies ... who are deciding — after they go and hold themselves out to get their new condominiums as being married — that the law does in fact presume them to be married," said Wilson, D-Houston.

Hill told of a case in which a woman, who had lived with a man only three days before he died in an air crash, was awarded the man's estate under Texas' common law marriage statute.

She said even if couples keep separate bank accounts and keep property separate that a court

could declare them married under common law if they live together for any period of time.

For a common law marriage, state law requires couples to agree to consider themselves married, hold themselves out as married and live together.

House Speaker Gib Lewis, who did not vote on the bill, said he would have voted against it because the common law statute "has been tried and proven in the court several times."

Rep. Greg Luna, D-San Antonio, said, "I'm not interested in the yuppies ... I'm interested in the kind of people I get asking for survival benefits."

He said abolishing common law marriages would allow men to father children and leave the responsibility for raising them to women, and he urged lawmakers to vote against the bill "in a sense of justice."

Hazardous training



Firefighters from Pampa and Canyon as well as Department of Public Safety troopers receive training at the Santa Fe depot in Pampa Wednesday morning on dealing with chemical spills that might occur in the event of a train derailment. Ed Chapman, manager of hazardous materials control for Santa Fe Railroad, led the course. The session was monitored by a representative of the federal Department of Transportation, who termed it some of the finest hazardous materials training available anywhere.

Proud band



Pampa Middle School Band director Bruce Collins proudly displays the trophy the band won at the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo last weekend. The PMS Band won a first division rating and was named outstanding Class CC band. It received the

Beth Kelly Award as the outstanding overall junior high band in all classes. This is the second year in a row the band has won the award and the first time a middle school band has won the overall award.

Pit bull kills child

CLUTE (AP) — A 3-year-old child has died of injuries he suffered when he was mauled by a pit bull terrier owned by his grandparents, authorities say.

Dustin Webb, son of Steve and Debbie Webb, died Thursday at John Sealy Hospital in nearby Galveston, a day after he was attacked by the dog as he played in the backyard of his grandparents' home, officials said.

Clute Police Chief Mark Wicker said the boy was playing in the backyard while his grandmother, Geraldine Webb, was in the house.

State's jobless rate up sharply

DALLAS (AP) — Texas' unemployment rate skyrocketed to 7.4 percent last month, but federal labor officials today said the April increase and the previous month's decline were likely overstated.

Joblessness had fallen in March to 6.0 percent, its lowest point in more than four years.

"We went too low in March and came back too high in April," said Nic Santangelo, an analyst with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. He cited sampling errors and seasonal adjustments for the volatility in the recent figures.

An estimated 621,000 Texans were looking for jobs last month, the agency reported. The increase from 495,000 in March put the figure at virtually the same level as April 1988, when the unemployment rate was 7.5 percent.

Total employment in the state last month came to 7.729 million.

"As you average out these fluctuations, the numbers take on a realistic view that shows a continuing slow, steady growth in the Texas economy," Santangelo said.

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The Versailles Chateau is illuminated by fireworks after the reenactment in 18th century costumes of a key event in the French Revolution — the opening of the Estates

General — which attracted some half a million spectators in suburban Versailles on Thursday.

(AP Laserphoto)

Border Patrol cuts back its agents as alien influx drops

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

McALLEN (AP) — The Border Patrol reports a significant drop in apprehensions of Central Americans, and has cut by nearly half the extra forces brought into far southern Texas to stop the influx of asylum-seekers.

From January to March, the Border Patrol's McAllen Sector added 192 extra agents to stem a flood of Central Americans entering the country illegally. The bulk of the extra agents brought in from other parts of the country patrolled mainly in the Brownsville area, the closest border crossing point to Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

The agency began detaining nearly all of those apprehended, rather than releasing most on their own recognizance, as it had been doing.

Its crackdown accompanied an Immigration and Naturalization Service policy that began Feb. 21, in which asylum applicants are processed in one day and immediately detained if their initial claims to refugee status are denied.

American apprehensions in South Texas have fallen from 200-250 a day in early March to a current level of 50-60 a day, said E.J. Vickery, assistant chief of the Border Patrol's McAllen Sector.

The number of extra Border Patrol agents in South Texas has been cut to 102, and may be reduced further if apprehensions continue to drop, Vickery said. There are 395 agents permanently stationed in the McAllen Sector.

Vickery said the word of a crackdown has reached Central America.

"There's no free pass," Vickery said Thursday. "If you're caught here you are detained, then your case is heard immediately. It's not like it was before when they were released and traveled north never to be heard from again."

The INS considers most Central Americans' asylum claims "frivolous" because the applicants do not show a well-founded fear of persecution, and are here mainly for economic reasons.

Vickery said the patrol has not seen a significant increase in

apprehensions at other points on the border.

INS officials also say the number of people turning themselves in voluntarily to apply for political asylum has plummeted from 500 a day in January to a current level of fewer than 10 daily in South Texas.

"In fact, on Tuesday of this week, we didn't have any applicants," said Virginia Kice, spokeswoman for the INS' Harlingen District.

The number of detainees at the INS' Port Isabel Sermice Processing Center 20 miles northeast of Brownsville has dropped from a high of 2,436 in mid-March to 1,433 as of midnight Wednesday, Kice said.

Asylum applications have increased through the Harlingen immigration court, the Executive Office of Immigration Review, where those apprehended may apply. EOIR spokesman Jerry Hurwitz said exact figures were not available.

INS Deputy Commissioner James L. Buck said Wednesday in Washington that Mexico also has helped slow the flow of illegal Central American immigrants.

Goodbye to the stern doctor with Amish farmer's beard

By MIKE FEINSILBER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — His critics pictured Surgeon General C. Everett Koop as a national kook when he arrived in Washington. Now, as he prepares to leave, he has a reputation as a national scold.

For seven years, Koop, the stern family doctor with an Amish farmer's beard, wagged a finger and preached good health practices in direct language that made people squirm.

He came to office under suspicion from liberals for his impassioned anti-abortion views, for calling women "girls" and for telling graduating high school seniors that motherhood completed the "whole vocation" of being a woman.

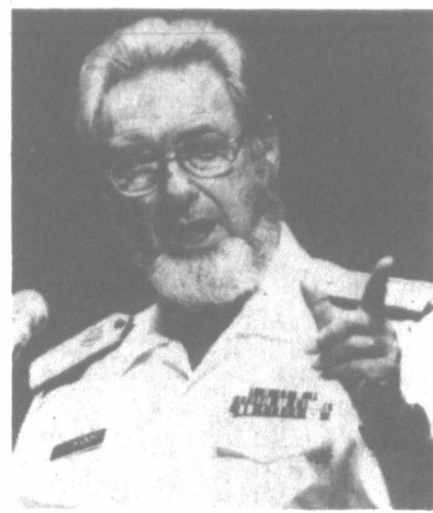
By the time he announced on Thursday that he will retire this summer, he had pacified liberals and gained a fresh set of critics among conservatives.

Urvashi Vaid, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said Koop helped educate the country by having "carved out a moderate, consensus position on AIDS."

But Koop's views antagonized such conservative activists as Phyllis Schlafly and March for Life leader Nellie Gray.

Mrs. Schlafly recoiled from Koop's if-you-must-have-sex, use-condoms views on AIDS and concluded that Koop had become indifferent to promiscuity.

Liberal Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the House subcommittee on health



Koop

and the environment, said he had been dead wrong in 1981 when he said, "Dr. Koop scares me. He is a man of tremendous intolerance."

"One of the great surprises of the last eight years is how wrong I was," Waxman said Thursday. "If they could find a clone of Koop, they ought to appoint him (as successor)."

And Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., a leader in the liberals' unsuccessful nine-month fight to block Koop's confirmation, said Koop had turned out to be "perhaps the best surgeon general ever."

The office gives its occupant the right to wear a uniform as head of the 7,200-member commissioned corps of the Public Health Services, but not much statutory authority. An ability to persuade is the chief source of his power.

At that, the 72-year-old Koop — with a square-shouldered presence and the voice of a prophet — excelled. He was frequently on television talk shows, attaining celebrity status.

In office, he:

- Issued a surgeon general's report that told smokers they were addicts, as hooked on nicotine as dopeheads are on cocaine.
- Wrote and mailed to every household in America a pamphlet on AIDS which described in frank terms how the disease is acquired but drew no moral conclusions.
- Mrs. Schlafly said Koop's report did not make enough of a distinction between the use of condoms and abstinence from out-of-wedlock sexual behavior. William Bennett, then secretary of education, took issue with Koop's recommendation that sex education and AIDS education start with young children.

■ Jarred conservatives by refusing to issue a report requested by then-President Reagan on abortion's psychological effects on women. He said the evidence was too sparse "to reach scientifically sound conclusions."

Koop's decisions surprised all sides in the abortion argument because he had come to Washington as a passionate evangelical Christian known for praying at the bedside of his young patients and for traveling the country denouncing abortion.

Koop had been a distinguished pioneer in pediatric surgery, reversing the 95 percent mortality rate on many surgical procedures performed on newborns.

'Silence-for-money' deals debated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disclosure of "silence-for-money" deals between builders and workers at nuclear power plants has touched off a debate among federal regulators over whether to ban such agreements.

Members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission acknowledged Thursday that they could not agree on the legality of one such agreement, which included restrictions on a nuclear plant workers' right to testify at NRC licensing hearings.

The commission chairman, Lando W. Zech Jr., said he has instructed the agency's legal counsel to study the issue and recommend ways of clarifying NRC policy.

Joseph J. Macktal, a former electrician at the Comanche Peak nuclear plant in Texas, told a Senate panel Thursday he signed a labor settlement with the plant's builder that rewarded him for not telling the NRC about alleged safety flaws.

Macktal, who is challenging the legality of the 1987 agreement, said his former lawyers "browbeat" him into signing, and that he was misled about its terms.

In sworn testimony to a Senate Environment and Public Works subcommittee, Macktal said he believed "the agreement prevented me from talking to anybody" about safety problems he said he observed during nearly 12 months' work at the plant.

The subcommittee is investigating how many

such secret deals have been made at the nation's 110 licensed commercial nuclear power plants. Officials said earlier this week the panel knows of one other and is seeking details of a third.

Louis Austin Jr., president of Brown & Root, the company that built the Comanche Peak plant near Glen Rose, Texas, told the subcommittee he believed the Macktal deal was legal. But he added that the company wished the law were more clear.

Macktal signed the agreement to settle his complaint with the Labor Department that Brown & Root had unfairly dismissed him as a result of his allegations about unsafe conditions. He said the deal gave him \$15,000, and his lawyers got \$20,000.

Zech said he personally believed that such deals are illegal but that some of the four other commissions disagreed.

"Something has to be done about it," Zech said, adding that late last month he asked all nuclear utilities and vendors to report any such deals to the NRC by July 31.

James R. Curtiss, a member of the commission, told the subcommittee he was not convinced the Macktal agreement was illegal. He stressed that although it contained some restrictions on Macktal's right to testify before the commission, it did not explicitly stop him from contacting the NRC staff about safety matters.

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Dear Citizens of Pampa,

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This letter is not a statement against any candidate currently involved in the upcoming elections, but rather a few personal observations. We submit these facts in the hope that the better informed the electorate, the better leaders we can look forward to in the future.

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Quayle, left rear, and Skinner, pointing, inspect oil-soaked beach on Smith Island.

Quayle visits oil spill site on Smith Island

By SUSAN GALLAGHER
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Vice President Dan Quayle toured sludge-fouled beaches on his return from a 12-day Pacific tour, and said today Exxon must do more to clean up the devastation wrought by the nation's largest oil spill.

"It's going to be an enormous effort," Quayle said Thursday as he looked at a beach on hard-hit Smith Island, an important haul-out area for seals. Workers have been laboring for days to wash the beach clean.

Then at a news conference early today, Quayle said it appears Exxon believes its cleanup plan is adequate. "But I believe Exxon's going to have to do more than they think they're going to have to do," he said.

Quayle, accompanied by his wife, Marilyn, and joined by Coast Guard Commandant Paul A. Yost Jr. and federal Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner, ended his Pacific trip Thursday with a six-hour, wind- and rain-swept tour of the spill zone.

The vice president's jet arrived from Japan at the fishing town of Cordova, about 50 miles from the site of the March 24 spill, when the tanker Exxon Valdez slammed into a charted reef outside shipping lanes and poured 10.1 million gallons of crude through

its shattered hull.

Oil from the slick has been spotted more than 520 miles southwest of Valdez past the tiny village of Chignik on the Alaskan Peninsula. Environmental officials said Thursday the oil is moving in some areas at the rate of 17 1/2 miles a day.

The ship's skipper, Joseph Hazelwood, has pleaded innocent to operating the vessel while drunk and is being investigated by a grand jury for potential felony charges. His trial is set to begin June 20 in Valdez.

Before the news conference, Quayle, dressed in jeans and a flight jacket, met with Democratic Gov. Steve Cowper and more than a dozen mayors and leaders representing areas affected by the spill.

Quayle told reporters that although President Bush has not personally visited the spill sites, he has expressed his concern by sending top federal officials to Alaska.

Quayle earlier met with two dozen local officials at Cordova, who urged him to support the expansion of a local salmon research facility to study the effects of the spill. "You can count on it," Quayle told one resident.

Traveling in helicopters, Quayle and his entourage then went to the USS Juneau, the Coast Guard's command center for the cleanup, and to Smith Island.

Oil from the spill has spread to the spec-

tacular Katmai National Park, a wildlife refuge. Exxon officials Thursday proposed arming the guards of their work crews with shotguns to protect them against the bears. Currently, guards are carrying chemical sprays to fend off animals.

But state and federal environmental officials were concerned that inexperienced guards might shoot the bears needlessly.

Exxon, which is financing the cleanup, has offered a plan to clean 364 miles of Alaska coastline by mid-September. But nearly 200 of those miles would be left untouched by cleanup crews and allowed to be cleaned by natural wave, wind and rain action.

The company also says it may require exemptions from Alaska's strict environmental laws to dispose of the waste it collects, either through burning, burying or wastewater treatment.

The state, responding to a request from Yost to evaluate Exxon's revised cleanup plan, was sharply critical of the proposal, saying it was inadequate and didn't provide for enough personnel to do the job.

Exxon President Lee R. Raymond, at a news conference in his New York City offices, denied the company was trying to cut corners in the cleanup. But he complained that as many as 14 government agencies may be involved in approving and carrying out the final plan.

Sugar, salt and soap: Soviets still rationing

MOSCOW (AP) — Caught between President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reforms and old iron-fisted bureaucratic habits, the Soviet retail trade system "is literally breaking apart before our very eyes," published reports said.

In the town of Kimry, soap rationing began in April, limiting each man and woman to one bar of household soap and 1 1/4 pounds of bath soap in local shops. Not each week or month, but each year.

The residents of Ufa, a city of 1 million people in the Urals, are loading up on salt and matches due to rumors of pending shortages.

Sugar rationing went into effect in Moscow on May 1 for the first time since World War II, and even the Soviet minister of trade, Kondrat Terekh, has been issued a card entitling him to 4.4 pounds of sugar per month and no more.

Those tales of consumer woe, and more, were cited in state-run newspapers Thursday, including the weekly *Moscow News*.

Gorbachev's campaign for "perestroika," or economic and social renewal, has coincided with shortages in the consumer sector nationwide, and some Soviets say the reforms, now in their fifth year, are the direct cause. Others blame bureaucrats hostile to Gorbachev and his reform drive.

"In a word, they're telling us: choose either the old order, with tea and sugar, or perestroika and just boiled water with glasnost," wrote Georgy Afanasyev in *Moscow News*. He opted for water and glasnost.

In a speech last week to the Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee, Gorbachev acknowledged his reforms had failed to improve the average citizen's economic lot,

and admitted what most shoppers already know: Shortages of consumer goods are not shrinking under perestroika, but growing.

The Soviet leader blamed runaway government spending, people who "forgot how to work" and top government and party organs — including the ruling Politburo, which he heads.

Last month, Deputy Trade Minister Suran Sarukhanov told a Soviet weekly that the equivalent of \$8 billion had been added to a \$32.1 billion fund for imports of consumer goods, and that the Kremlin would buy 15 million pairs of shoes, 300 million razor blades, detergent, soap and other goods abroad.

Twenty-six residents of the Krasnoyarsk region of Siberia

who wrote *Pravda* might well envy the people of Ufa. The Siberians are forced to bring meat to their village store in exchange for goods, they wrote, and in such quantities "that for a family of 3-4 people to get shoes and clothe itself, it needs to give 4-5 cows." A sweatshirt costs 220 pounds of meat, they said.

Pravda said money originally earmarked for heavy industry, traditionally a big priority, should be diverted to help meet consumer demand.

But a group of economists and journalists writing in *Moscow News* called for less government interference and an end to price controls and subsidies. The group, called "Against Inflation," said the country was in the grip of an "inflationary crisis."

Jobless rate jumps to 5.3%

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate shot up 0.3 percent last month to 5.3 percent as job growth in the economy slowed to its lowest level in nearly three years, the Labor Department reported today.

The April jobless rate was the highest since January and moved civilian unemployment off the 15-year low of 5.0 percent posted in March.

The report was likely to be greeted by financial markets because analysts have said a rise in unemployment is the quickest way to ease wage inflation that has been pushing up overall inflation.

The department's survey of business found the addition of 117,000 non-farm payroll jobs in April, the lowest number since the government reported a drop of 92,000 positions in June 1986. The department also revised March payroll growth to 171,000, down from 180,000, in yet another

sign of a slowing economy.


The slower job growth contrasts sharply with the average monthly payroll growth of 300,000 in the 12 months that ended in February.

The number of unemployed workers also increased in April after two months of decline, rising about 420,000 to 6.5 million, according to the Labor Department's separate household survey.

The business survey found that the average work week in the non-farm private sector rose 0.4 hours to 35 hours, while the manufacturing work week grew by 0.3 hours to 41.3 hours. Manufacturing overtime edged up 0.1 hour to 4.0 hours.

However, the department said those figures may well be revised downward because the formula for seasonally adjusting the figures does not take into account that the Easter holiday fell in March this year instead of April.

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Creative Houston-area commuters may take colorful routes

By STEVEN LONG
Houston Chronicle

GALVESTON (AP) — Most bosses like to see their employees put a "shoulder to the wheel." But David Canright's shoulders get a workout before he even gets to his job.

At 7:30 a.m. each workday, Canright, 43, rows to work.

He walks from his apartment on Galveston's Strand, climbs into his rowboat at the Elissa dock and rows across the Ship Channel to Todd Shipyard.

"I've always wanted to row to work," said Canright, a contract employee with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department who photographs every phase of the restoration of the 74-year-old Battleship Texas.

Lately he has been greeted each day by dolphins. Unlike most Houston-area workers, Canright has beaten the freeway blues.

Hundreds of thousands of us hit the freeways each workday, endure stalled traffic, listen to traffic reporters with funny names like "Capt. Eddy" on the radio, and bare white knuckles on our steering wheels.

Some travel up to 170 miles per day to get to

work.

To these country commuters, getting away from urban life while still working in the city is worth facing problems that others on the freeway may never see.

For Canright, commuting means understanding winds and currents. In a southerly breeze, he can row home fast. When the wind blows from the northeast, he faces choppy water.

But for those who face freeways instead of waterways, country commuting means learning to cross a bridge covered with ice. It means dodging bales of hay fallen from a truck on a rural freeway at 65 mph. It means getting home later and more fatigued than your colleagues. It means high gasoline bills, and praying, unlike the rest of Houston, that oil prices stay low. It also means ankle cramps if your car isn't equipped with cruise control.

Don Jobs, assistant general manager of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, commutes from De Walt on Texas 6 because the rural lifestyle is an essential part of his life.

"I'm a country boy. I wouldn't live in town," he said. Jobs has been traveling to his office in the Astorhall for 15 years. "My drive is 40 miles each day. You have to work harder to live in the country, but it's worth it," he said. Fortunately, the country

is close by for Jobs. "In the morning, it takes me 35 minutes to get here. I enjoy it."

Jobs takes a different trail often, but most of the time he drives Texas 6 to Fresno, then cuts into Houston on Texas 521. In his years of commuting he has seen some pretty unusual things on the highway. "There was an alligator on Highway 6 last fall," he said.

But another factor in commuting is a healthy dose of fear — fear of other drivers, fear of being waylaid on the road by a criminal. Jobs has that fear the most.

"The thing that bugs me more than anything is attempts to pull me over, with robbery in mind. That has happened to me on 521," he said. "That really worries me."

Stockbroker Fred Escudier isn't worried about his commute from Galveston. Just bored. "I do it because I have no choice. I got transferred up here," he said. He worked for Rotan Mosle in NCNB Center in downtown Houston. "It was either work up here or be transferred farther away."

"I like living in Galveston, and it's worth it," he said. "I also car pool so I only have to drive half the time."

"I told my wife after about four months of it that I was going to have to quit commuting," he said. "I

saw maniacs. People were actually crazy, weaving in and out of traffic which was moving at 65 miles per hour. Some of them were passing at 90 on the shoulder of the highway. People who have to drive like that have to be psychotic."

Escudier didn't miss a day of work during last winter's ice storm, which froze over scores of bridges and overpasses between Houston and Galveston. "My car didn't have a de-icer. My windows froze up and I had to hang my head out of the window to see," he said.

But ice and road conditions aren't Escudier's main problem. Passing the time on the 55-minute ride bothers him most. "You look at all the cars and all of the people. Pretty soon you get to know the cars," he said.

Kevin Herndon drives through thunderstorms, fog and sleet in his 120-mile-per-day commute from West Columbia, on the banks of the Brazos River. He has been making the drive since August 1988 in his blue BMW with cruise control. Herndon buys and sells natural gas for LaSER Marketing in the Texas Commerce Tower. Before he moved to the country, his trip to work was shorter.

"My commute was about five minutes. I went from next door to next county," he said. "It might as well be West Columbia, South America."

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A subcontractor's employee polishes rocks with an oil-absorbent cloth on Smith Island in Prince William Sound during the cleanup of oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez. Coast Guard officials have criticized the tedious method as ineffective.

Court rules in favor of gay Army soldier

By BOB EGELKO
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A homosexual allowed by a federal appeals court to re-enlist in the Army says the constitutionality of military bans on homosexuals will not be settled until more gay soldiers come out of the closet.

"It's an issue that's probably going to take a class action-type suit before a court makes that broad a ruling, 10 or 12 people in the military who are willing to stand up and say they're gay," Perry Watkins said after this week's ruling.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' decision on Wednesday that the Army erred when it denied him re-enlistment was a "wonderful ruling," said the 14-year veteran, who is now working as a U.S. Forest Service clerk in Seattle.

Civil rights lawyers who supported his case said the ruling was important despite its limited scope.

"It is not a sweeping constitutional decision, but it is a first step that recognizes the value of

the services of openly gay soldiers," said Nan Hunter of the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which helped Watkins.

Lt. Col. Greg Rixon, an Army spokesman, declined to comment on the ruling, but said there had been several other cases that have supported the ban against homosexuals from military service.

He said any decision concerning an appeal would be made by the solicitor general, the Justice Department's top litigator, who has not reviewed the ruling.

If the Army doesn't appeal Wednesday's ruling, Watkins said he would like to re-enlist.

The court ruled in Watkins' favor on narrow grounds, saying he was entitled to reinstatement because the Army was aware of his homosexuality when he had previously re-enlisted.

Watkins, of Tacoma, "has greatly benefited the Army, and therefore the country, by his military service," said Judge Harry Pregerson in the majority opinion.

But Judge Cynthia Holcomb

Hall said the Army never promised Watkins an indefinite exemption from its ban. She also said a court ruling prohibiting a service branch from applying one of its regulations would have "a disruptive effect on military discipline."

Seven of the 11 judges voted in Watkins' favor, but only two addressed the constitutional issue that a smaller panel of the court had cited in a now-withdrawn February 1988 decision.

That ruling was the first by any federal appeals court to declare that homosexuals, because of longstanding persecution and political powerlessness, were entitled to be protected against discrimination to the same degree as racial minorities. By sidestepping that issue Wednesday, the court left it unresolved.

In the decision, the court said it

would be unjust to allow the Army to enforce its anti-homosexual policy against Watkins because he said he was a homosexual when he was drafted in 1967 and had been drafted and allowed to re-enlist three times while the policy was in effect.

After two tours of duty in Korea, he became supervisor of the Fort Lewis, Wash., personnel administration center.

Defense Department regulations prohibited the enlistment or re-enlistment of homosexuals throughout that period. New regulations were added in 1981 to require the discharge of soldiers whose homosexual conduct was discovered while they were in the military.

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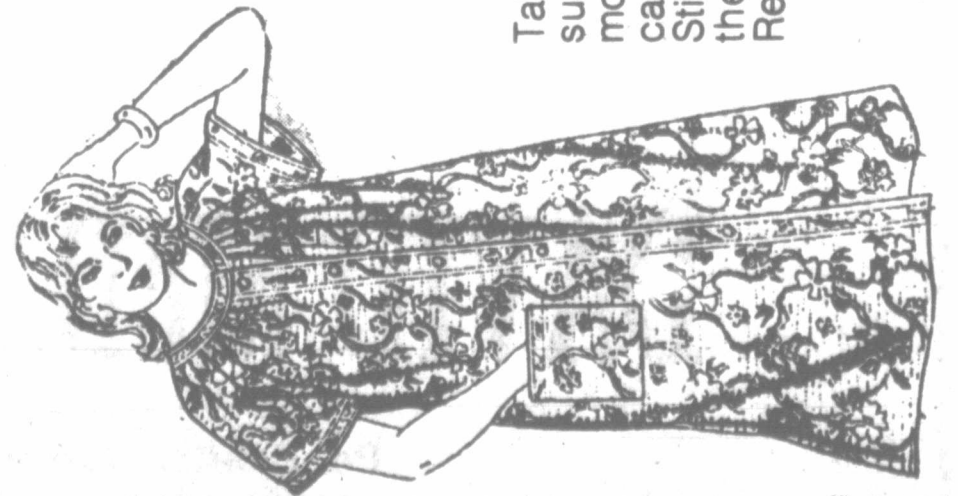


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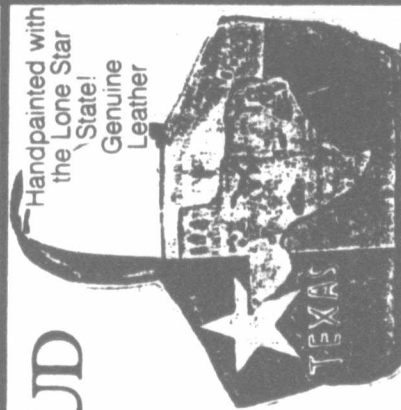


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Legacy of war, they yearn to start a new life in America

EDITOR'S NOTE — They are part of the legacy of the 2.7 million Americans who went to Vietnam to help fight a war, the sons and daughters of fathers who left years ago. Unwanted and scorned in the land of their birth, many abandoned by their Vietnamese mothers, they yearn to start a new life in America. U.S. officials say help is on the way for the 10,000 or more Amerasians remaining in Vietnam, but the question is whether their fathers will welcome them.

By **GEORGE ESPER**
AP Special Correspondent

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) — The war was still raging that day 15 years ago when Vietnamese nuns heard the cries of a baby boy stuffed in a garbage can and took him inside their orphanage to raise.

Today, Nguyen Thanh Binh, the son of a black American who went home and a Vietnamese mother who abandoned him, shares the plight of thousands of Amerasian youths languishing in the decay of Vietnam, desperately trying to get out and find their fathers.

"My circumstances are miserable," says Lam Anh Hong, 18, whose mother gave her away to a relative. "I always live with hope. I don't give up hope."

Like Binh and Hong, many of the Amerasians born of American fathers and Vietnamese mothers were abandoned by both parents, left in orphanages or with relatives or friends, often to fend for themselves.

Many of the Amerasians are jobless, homeless, uneducated, unwanted, barely able to speak English. They sleep at night on the sidewalks and in the parks. Some turn to prostitution to stay alive.

Blacks like Binh also are vic-

tims of a Vietnamese caste system. White Americans may be at the bottom in the clannish Vietnamese society, but they are at the top within the Amerasian society. The black Amerasians are at the bottom.

All suffer the taunts of their Vietnamese peers, "Amerasians no good. Go to America."

Charlie Brown Phuong, at 25 one of the older Amerasians, was one of those abandoned by their mothers. "She don't want I be her son," he says.

Phuong was raised in a Catholic orphanage in Da Nang but ran away when he was 11 and boarded an evacuation ship to Ho Chi Minh City as North Vietnamese forces swept southward to conquer South Vietnam in 1975.

Now he sells newspapers, cigarettes and bread and sleeps in a park. "Nobody helps us," he says. "Look at my eyes. They are very old because I work very hard."

But some get lucky. Nguyen Thi Thu Huong, an 18-year-old wearing a blue ribbon in her brown hair and pink slippers on her mud-caked feet, was found one day selling post cards for nickels and dimes, washing herself in a fountain in the center of the city. Her father left Vietnam when she was 2.

"Only foreigners help," she says. "I feel lonely. I feel sad. I want to be in the U.S. to study, work and have friends. I go, I have a job and a good house."

Then, a short time later, she is a Cinderella, on her way to America with her mother, one hand carrying a suitcase, the other affectionately wrapped around her 8-year-old Vietnamese half-brother. A small group of Amerasian street kids went to Tan Son Nhut Airport to see them off.

U.S. officials say help is also on the way for the 10,000 Amerasians they estimate still remain.

Vietnamese authorities put the estimate at 16,000 but that's hard to pin down because no official census has been taken. More than 6,000 Amerasians and 11,000 of their relatives have left Vietnam legally since the start of the U.S. Orderly Departures Program in 1980.

Bruce A. Beardsley, director of the Orderly Departures Program in Bangkok, Thailand, has cut much of the bureaucratic paper work and persuaded the Vietnamese to do the same.

"I have been pushing the best I can to get departures to go at a much more rapid rate," he says. "We're trying to expand the transportation net."

At one point early this year, 5,500 Amerasians and their family members already approved for resettlement in the United States were awaiting transportation.

Some of the Amerasians camp out in a park next to the Foreign Ministry, awaiting the roll of the dice, the anticipated approval that will be their ticket to America. In the interim, they hang out in front of the hotels, clinging to American tourists, begging not only for money but for affection.

The Amerasians are the legacy of some 2.7 million Americans who served in Vietnam until the last of them were withdrawn in 1973. Other Americans, including

both military and civilian employees of the U.S. Embassy, remained until the U.S.-supported Saigon government of South Vietnam fell to Communist North Vietnam in 1975.

Many Amerasians and their fathers have been trying for years to find each other. But some Amerasians were rejected by fathers who want nothing to do with them. Some of the fathers, already married, came back to their American families. Others returned and married American women after the war and started new families. Some may be unaware that they left offspring behind.

The Vietnamese government lately has been cooperating more in efforts to send the remaining Amerasians to America, promoting it as a humanitarian gesture. But U.S. officials say the real motive is to establish better relations with the United States in hopes it will lead to diplomatic recognition and badly needed American aid.

In efforts to help the dirt-poor Amerasians in the countryside who could not otherwise afford the travel and lodging for their interviews in Ho Chi Minh City, the United States has approved in principle a Vietnamese proposal to establish an Amerasian transit center to be financed by the United States. The center would provide transportation and a place to

stay for the Amerasians and their families while they are being processed.

For many Amerasians, the desperate search for their fathers is futile.

"We have been contacted by probably just over 200 men who are looking for kids or know where their kids are at," says Bruce Burns, a San Jose, Calif., attorney and tracer of Amerasians and their fathers. "If you compare that to how many Amerasians there are, it's a very small number."

Burns has been successful in locating some fathers. But many of them have settled into the "real world," as opposed to what they saw as the unreality of Vietnam.

"In most cases," Burns says, "the father said, 'I don't want anything to do with the child. Don't bother me. I don't want to disrupt my family or my life. That was a long time ago when I was young and I want to forget about it.'"

Burns recalls helping one girl find her father, an Army chaplain during the war. She was attrac-

tive, bright, fluent in English, and a medical school student.

"He's still a minister in the United States," Burns says. "He just told her to get lost. He didn't want anything to do with her. He didn't want her to infringe on his life. He acknowledged that this is his child but he didn't care about her."

Beardsley says the United States has cut the documentary requirements for an Amerasian to leave Vietnam to a minimum.

"Essentially an Amerasian's face is his passport," he says. "If you look like an Amerasian, we don't care if you have any documents at all. You don't have to have an identified father to move somebody out."

Luu Van Tanh, vice chief of the Consular Section, denies his government discriminates against the Amerasians, but concedes that other Vietnamese children mock them and other Vietnamese discriminate against them.

Some of the mothers later married Vietnamese men who forced them to choose between them and their Amerasian children.

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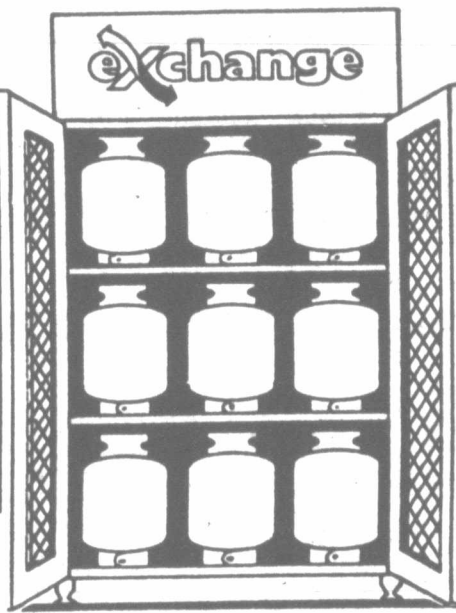
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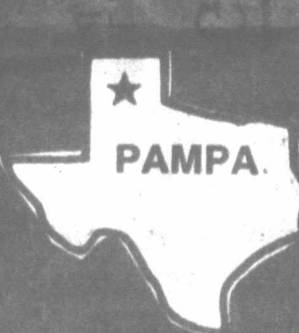
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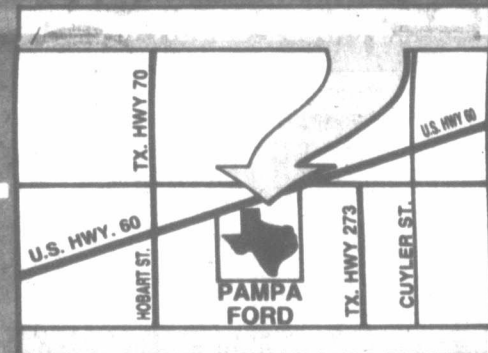
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Pampa soccer standings

Standings and scores after six weeks in the Pampa Soccer Association spring season are as follows:

Under 6
Cruisers, 8-0-1; Ducktails, 7-0-1; Dragons, 6-0-2; Monster Squad, 6-2-0; Tornadoes, 4-4-0; Purple People Eaters, 3-3-1; Stompers, 3-4-1; Thundercats, 3-5-0; Jets, 1-8-0; Hot Kickers, 0-7-0; Sharks, 0-8-0.
Scores: Ducktails 3, Purple People Eaters 0; Dragons 6, Sharks 1; Tornadoes 2, Sharks 0; Ducktails 15, Stompers 0; Thundercats 4, Hotkickers 0; Monster Squad 6, Tornadoes 2; Cruisers 5, Jets 0.

Under 8
Renegades, 6-0-0; Battle Stars, 6-1-0; Spitfires, 6-1-0; Gremlins, 3-3-0; Panthers, 3-3-0; Stingrays, 2-4-0; Wildcats,

2-5-0; Giants, 1-6-0; Texas Tornadoes, 0-6-0.
Scores: Battle Stars 4, Stingrays 1; Giants 3, Texas Tornadoes 0; Spitfires 3, Panthers 1; Gremlins 3, Wildcats 0.

Under 10
Hurricanes, 6-0-0; Scorpions, 4-1-1; Tigers, 3-1-2; Panthers, 2-2-2; Torpedoes, 1-3-2; Wildcats, 1-4-1; Fireballs, 0-6-0.
Scores: Scorpions 3, Wildcats 1; Tigers 2, Fireballs 0; Hurricanes 3, Torpedoes 1; Wildcats 0, Torpedoes 0; Scorpions 6; Fireballs 1.

Under 12
Blitz, 8-0-0; Rebels, 3-2-3; Raiders, 3-4-1; Blue Knights, 2-4-2; Scorpions, 0-6-2.
Scores: Blitz 2, Blue Knights 1; Raiders 4, Scorpions 3; Rebels 1, Scorpions 1; Raiders 4; Blue Knights 2.

Levi takes lead in storm-ravaged TPC

By BOB GREEN
AP Golf Writer

DALLAS — Wayne Levi's 62 was the best score of his 13-year PGA Tour career, provided him with the first round lead in the \$1 million Byron Nelson Classic and set a record on the storm-ravaged TPC at Las Colinas.

But it could have been better, Levi said; maybe even should have been better.

"I left two putts short dead in the heart of the hole," he said Thursday. "And there was that par-five. I was just in front of the green in two and I didn't birdie."

"That's three strokes right there," he said.

And it was by that margin — three strokes — that he missed the PGA Tour's all-time single-round scoring record, 59, set by Al Geiberger in 1977.

But Levi promised that he would reach that mark eventually.

"I know that before I finish I will shoot in the 50's ... definitely," said Levi, who scored the last of his eight career victories in 1985.

Levi tied the course record set by Bob Lohr in 1987 with a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole, a putt he said he probably shouldn't have attempted.

"It was so dark, I couldn't really see the line on the putt. I probably shouldn't have putted it, ut I

didn't want to come back at the crack of dawn tomorrow," said Levi, who was with Lee Trevino in the last group to complete play before darkness fell.

Trevino, the 49-year-old gearing up for the Seniors Tour, had a five-under-par 65 on the saturated course.

The start of the day's play was delayed four hours by severe early-morning thunderstorms that left the course dotted with pools and puddles of casual water.

It backed up the starting times so much that 60 players were

stranded on the course and were scheduled to return at daylight today to complete first-round play.

Craig Stadler was among the group that did not finish.

Larry Nelson, 41, a former U.S. Open winner and a two-time PGA champion, was mud-splattered to the knees when he finished a 63 that left him in second place.

"The golf course was very wet. I hit out of places today I wouldn't normally hit from, just because I couldn't find a place to drop the ball," Nelson said.

A special occasion at Boys Ranch

It was obviously a special occasion.

For 35 years I had been driving up to Boys Ranch to emcee the sports banquet. In the early years, Cal and Mimi Farley would be waiting to take me on a tour of The Ranch, meet some of the boys. Since their deaths in 1967, Supt. Garland Rattan or AD Roger Waldrip would constitute the welcoming party. I could park anywhere.

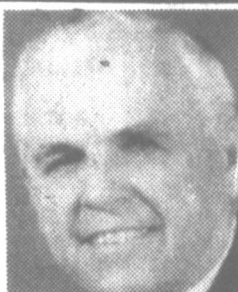
But Tuesday night, arriving as usual 45-60 minutes early, there were cars everywhere. Visiting adults, rarely visible at the affair, were bustling around. The Ranch boys, who normally got to the cafeteria 10 minutes before we began, were hurrying down the street in droves, tying ties, one hobbling with one shoe on and one off, trying to get a lace unknotted. The generally absent Amarillo media was on hand, cameras and pencils in action.

Cowboy coaching legend Tom Landry commands, though unlike his JJ & JJ successors, doesn't demand an audience.

And the near 500 guests (an invitation only affair) who jammed the facility weren't disappointed. It was the second visit for Landry as guest speaker, the first 20 years prior. At that time he was simply the Cowboy head coach, leader of America's team, the greatest professional football team in the world. Not many guests showed up. Now he was returning as the maltreated hero, turned out to pasture by new owners with total insensitivity. Many of the complaining media types had earlier been suggesting, even demanding, that Landry hang them up. It was the manner in which the end came that changed attitudes.

Landry himself had been planning for next season, possibly more. He'd have the Cowboys back, he vowed. But the ax fell first. One would think it would have been devastating to he and

Sports Forum By Warren Hasse



his charming, lifelong bride Alicia. Not so. Landry learned in 1957 how to face adversity, and he told of that experience.

"I was all pro defensively in 1956, we won the world championship (at NY), but something was missing. Life is a matter of priorities. Football was No. 1 until 1957. That was when I met God, at age 33. I am proud to say I became a born-again Christian in 1959, the year before I took over the Cowboys.

"The motivation for the team and myself comes from the Living Bible. You don't have to be a Christian to read it (Landry is on the Board of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes). Apostle Paul would have been a heckuva football player. He was a tremendous competitor." Last year, one of Landry's stars spoke at the BR banquet. Drew Pearson, he of the "hail Mary pass in '75", told the Ranchers what he had learned under Landry. He told of a sign in the Cowboy dressing room which he lived by. Landry, saying he was not one for slogans, reiterated that sign: "The quality of a man's life is in direct proportion to his commitment to excellence."

That's one reason Landry's sports hero was Joe Dimaggio; why he loved Walt Garrison; and Roger Staubach, "who in 20 of 24 opportunities brought us back to win in the final two minutes of games. It was Roger's positive attitude that made it happen."

Speaking of adversity, Landry admitted being fired was diffi-

cult. "But Alicia and I were in California resting two weeks after it happened, when we got a call from Jerry Tubbs. (Tubbs was possibly Landry's closest friend on the coaching staff). His 24-year old daughter, a school teacher in New Jersey, had been critically burned in a home fire. She died soon thereafter. That's adversity."

Adversity? "In 1960 they (the NFL) gave us a team. We had no draft. Each team listed its eight worst players, and we got to pick three from each. Twenty-four players. Nobody wanted to carry the ball. After we lost to the Chicago Bears, 45-0 in the Cotton Bowl, Coach Halas came over, shook hands, and told me something I already knew. 'You're going to lose every game.' I knew that, but Halas explained why. Everytime you break huddle, one of your backs comes out white as a ghost. We knew who was going to carry the ball."

"We never use all the talent God has given us," challenged Landry. It was a good message for the boys, as well as the adults present. Three standing ovations testified to the love and respect The Legend has created. There was no mention of future plans, political office or coaching. From a character, ethical standpoint Landry wins at the drop of a vote.

An outstanding speaker he is. But this corner gives a slight advantage to his former ace receiver Pearson in that respect. Drew's life related to the Ranchers. The Boys kept the player around until 11 pm handing out autographs and answering questions. Landry probably got done by 10 o'clock, possibly because adults crowded many boys out to get near Landry.

But I've got to agree with Mrs. Ethel Clay, who's all-American footballing son Randy, played with Landry at both U-Texas and the New York Giants: "A finer man never lived."

Everyone who was present for Landry's visit Tuesday night concurs.

Cowboys' White gets chance

IRVING (AP) — Veteran quarterback Danny White says he is pleased to get a chance to compete for a roster spot with the Dallas Cowboys for next season.

White emerged from a meeting with owner Jerry Jones and coach Jimmy Johnson Thursday with a chance to compete for a roster spot with no guarantees.

He said he expects to sign a contract before the start of a voluntary quarterback school May 15. White, a free agent, is expected to make far less than the \$605,000 he made during the final year of his contract.

Earlier the Cowboys had declined to pick up the option year of his contract.

Pampa Tennis Open scheduled June 8-11

The Pampa Tennis Open will be held June 8-11 at the high school courts.

Entry fees are \$8 for singles and \$16 for doubles. Entry blanks can be picked up by calling Jay Barrett at 806-665-9442 or by writing him at 522 N. Dwight, Pampa, Tex. 79065.

Starting times are 8 a.m. for juniors June 8 and 8 a.m. for adults June 10. Matches will consist of two out of three sets with a

12-point tiebreaker at 6-all in each set. There will be no add scoring through the quarter-finals.

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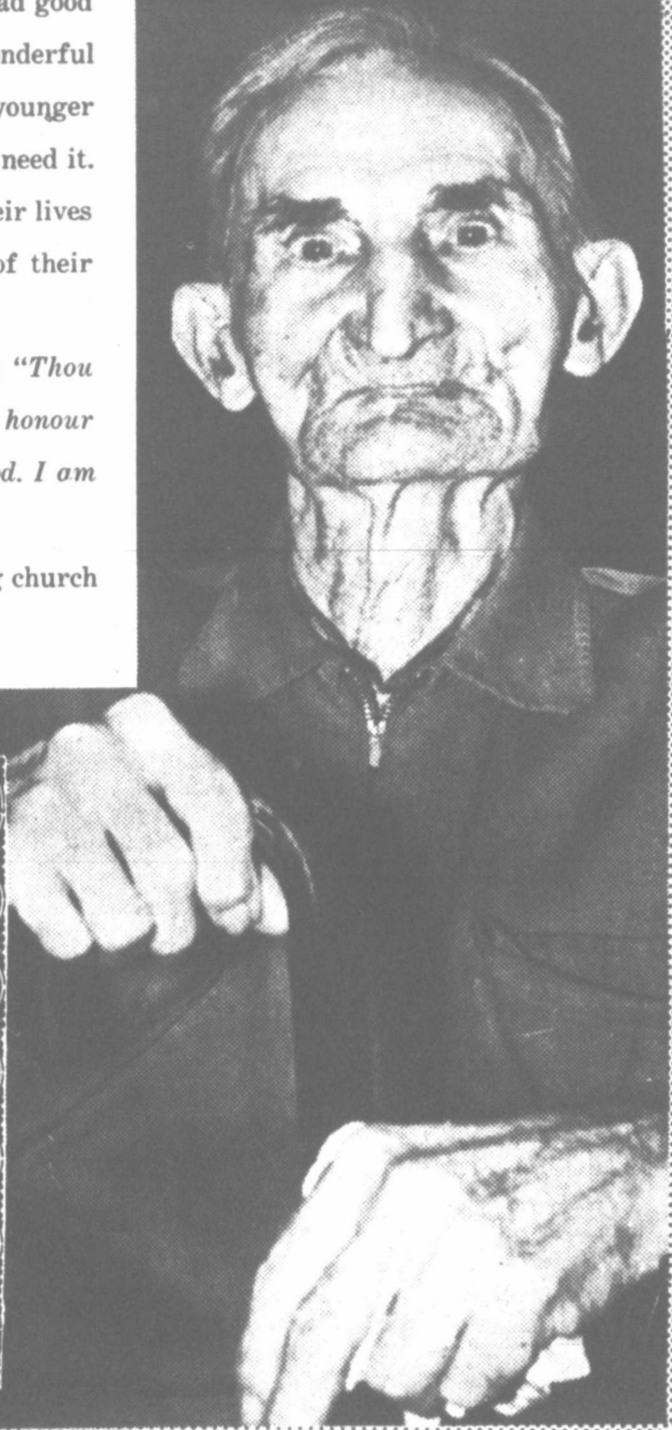
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Honor the older ones, too, by attending church this week and taking them with you.



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Bible seminar to be Saturday

The Walk Thru the Bible New Testament Seminar is still open for late registration for those wanting to attend the Saturday program at First United Methodist Church in Pampa, 201 E. Foster.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the course sessions beginning at 9 a.m.

Taught by Walk Thru the Bible instructor Jerry Hull, the seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. A nursery will be available, but children must be picked up for the noon break.

Using hand motions, group reviews and catchy phrases, the seminar will inform participants in a fun and challenging manner about the 400 "silent years" between the Old and New Testament periods as well as the life of Christ and the acts of the apostles in the New Testament period.

Included in the lessons will be material on the geography, politics, culture, personalities and events of the period, along with New Testament events.

Late registration fees are \$25 for a single adult, \$18 for senior citizens (65 and over), \$37 for a married couple, \$47 for a family and \$10 for a student. The fee includes a seminar notebook.

His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.* (Romans 8:5 NIV)

Over a year ago, my husband decided to graduate from the little Apple IIe home computer we had to an IBM compatible computer.

I agreed to the switch on the condition he could transfer all my writings from the old computer to the new one. Well, he's been all this time finding someone to make the transfer.

A week ago, I finally got to see my past writings on the new computer. They are all there, but the Apple computer commands which are still imbedded in them are now useless.

All the commands I worked so hard to learn and apply and which were absolutely vital to proper formatting are now just so much trash to be deleted from the manuscripts.

Deletion of the commands is a painstaking process which requires careful attention and whole eras of time. And just when I think I have a manuscript cleaned out and reformatted, I discover I've overlooked several old commands.

Christian conversion graduates people to a new, higher level of existence and understanding. Many preferences apparent in our pre-Christian lives, preferences which we have developed through careful acquisition and practice, are still imbedded in us; however, because of Christ's presence and work within us, our spiritual consciousness is peaked.

We become alert to old habits which are no longer appropriate for us and which have become just so much undesirable trash.

Through Christ's power and vision, we begin the painstaking task of cleaning up our act. It requires an attentive ear to the guidance of the Spirit and an attitude of obedience.

Try as we may, we will repeatedly become aware of wrongs we failed to identify and eliminate. Though we may become discouraged by our seeming lack of discernment, this gradual revelation is actually a perpetual reminder of God's attentiveness to our nurturing.

His nudging keeps our minds alert on the desires of the Spirit. God is refining us into all He knows we can be. What a future!

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Religion roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Catholic bishops have made a grant of \$200,000 to restore pastoral services and classwork and to buy Bibles in the Bluefields, Nicaragua, area ravaged by October's Hurricane Joan.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Broadcaster Bill Moyers received a special Wilbur award at a Religious Public Relations Council convention recently for "outstanding, creative material which communicates values and which stands out in the competitive clutter of the media today."

Religion

Churches' shareholder clout having impact on corporations

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Corporate America rarely admits that its business decisions are swayed by demands of religious idealists. But the churches keep trying and see evidence of results.

The effects often aren't immediate, and defeats are numerous, but ministers, priests and nuns stick to prodding the stockholder meetings, and eventually, company changes come, by degrees.

"It's a cumulative impact," said Timothy Smith, executive director of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. "The churches also have become more sophisticated about it and are working with a broader network. They're having a more powerful influence on companies."

The religious persistence has loosed a stream of 166 church-sponsored shareholder resolutions into scheduled meetings this year of 124 corporations, pressing for various actions.

Some of the requests are expected to be settled in advance through negotiation without coming up for a vote, indicating the consideration given church proposals.

"From a fourth to a third of the resolutions are withdrawn in negotiations through a meeting of minds," Smith said. "It has become standard wisdom for companies to be open to these talks."

Altogether, the 22 Protestant denominations and agencies and 220 Roman Catholic orders and dioceses working to influence corporate policies hold stock worth a total of \$25 billion.

"The religious community is challenging corporations to raise their standards and make accountability to society and community a part of their success formula," Smith said.

When the movement first began 18 years ago, churches could seldom garner the 3 percent of the votes needed to keep an issue on the ballot for the next meeting.

but now they regularly win 10 percent to 25 percent.

"That's of pretty strong significance, and can't just be ignored," Smith said.

The church clout has been strengthened by combining on many issues with various other institutional shareholders, public and private, bringing the total shareholder leverage to more than \$260 billion.

Reflecting results of the efforts, a total of 117 U.S. companies in the last five years have sold their holdings in South Africa, repeatedly targeted by church resolutions because of its system of racial separation.

That still was a prime concern this year, with 100 companies asked to end business ties with that country, such as extended bank loans and trade or franchise arrangements, even though many of the companies have quit direct operations there.

"The business climate is changing in regard to South Africa, and companies are seeing it's best to disengage," said Diane Bratcher, communications director of the interfaith coalition.

"We're no longer just little shareholder resolutions, but selective buying and other profit forces are at work."



Saints and Sinners
George Plagenz

Bible revisions sometimes may bend some meanings

I suppose it is too much to expect that the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be called the King George Version when it is released next year.

The fact remains, however, that two of the changes that will appear in the new revision are mine. If you want to try your hand at Bible revision, read Luke 13:32 and Numbers 11:12 in the RSV and see whether you can spot the errors.

If you can, you have a sharper eye than the Bible scholars on the original RSV committee who let the mistakes get by in the 1952 edition and the 30 members of the current committee who almost missed the errors this time around.

A couple of the revisions being made have a humorous twist to them. In Psalm 50:9, the King James Version says, "I will not take a bull from your house nor goats out of your field." These are words of God addressed to the Israelites about their practice of offering animal sacrifices to the Lord.

God says that what he wants is their praise, thanksgiving and right conduct. "Will I eat the flesh of bulls," he asks, "or drink the blood of goats?"

The 1952 RSV changed "I will not take a bull from your house" to "I will accept no bull from your house." The revisers feel now that sounds too much like a modern slang expression and have made it read, "I will not accept a bull from your house."

A modern reader might be inclined to think of St. Paul as a drinker after reading the RSV (or King James) rendering of II Corinthians 11:25 where the apostle says "Once I was stoned." The NRSV will render that, "Once I received a stoning."

One wonders why the 1952 RSV editors chose to change Luke 19:32 from "Those who were sent departed," as the King James has it, to "Those who

were sent went." But that's what the translators did. Now they are reverting to the original "departed."

As for the change I proposed in Luke 13:32, the present text has Jesus saying to the Pharisees, "Go and tell that fox (Herod), 'Behold, I cast out demons ...'"

If a spokesman for the Pharisees had done what Jesus, in this sentence, says to do — that is, if he had gone up to Herod and said, "Behold, I cast out the demons" — it would have meant the Pharisee, not Jesus, had cast out demons.

The sentence has to be changed to "Go and tell that fox that I said (or 'Go and tell that fox for me'), 'Behold, I cast out demons.'" The 1990 revision will carry that change.

Numbers 11:12 portrays Moses as being fed up with his role as leader of the rebellious Israelites and complaining to the Lord, "Did I conceive all these people ... that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries the suckling child, to the land which thou didst swear to give their fathers?'"

Obviously "thou" must be changed to "I" or the words attributed to the Lord must end after "child." A change will be made in the 1990 revision.

The NRSV editors will anger the feminists and those in favor of inclusive language for leaving intact all male references to the deity. God is the Father, Jesus is Son. If the ancient manuscripts use "man" or "he," that is how it will appear in the NRSV.

Some other revisers have capitulated. In the new Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, the translator has changed "he" in Psalm 1 to "they" ("Blessed is he" becomes "are they"). Strangely, the fool in Psalm 14 remains masculine: "The fool hath said in his heart ..."

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Bible conference

MOBETIE — The First Baptist Church of Mobetie begins a special Bible Conference/Revival Sunday, with six area pastors scheduled to speak at services next week.

Services will be held daily at 7 p.m. Sunday through Friday, with area residents invited to attend the special series.

Scheduled speakers for each day are Rev. M.B. Smith of Pampa, former pastor of Wheeler First Baptist Church, Sunday; Dr. Winfred Moore, Amarillo First Baptist Church pastor, Monday; Rev. Jim Fox, Pampa Hobart Baptist Church pastor, Tuesday; and Denzil Leonard, pastor of First Baptist Church in Laverne, Okla., Wednesday.

Concluding the series will be Rev. Jeff Messer, McLean First Baptist Church pastor, Thursday, and Rev. Norman Rushing, Pampa Central Baptist Church pastor, Friday.

Briarwood Church

Down by the Creek Bank is exactly what the title suggests ... a musical experience into the world of children, in their setting, sung by children but enjoyed by everyone.

Briarwood Church's Junior Choir will present this delightful musical Sunday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at the church, 1800 W. Harvester.

"You will want to see and hear all about the crickets, tadpoles, turtles and frogs. Of course we must not forget the invisible dog. That's down by the creek bank by the old hollar log," a church representative said.

The public is invited to enjoy this musical with the Briarwood Church family.

St. Mark CME Church

The men of St. Mark CME Church, 406 Elm St., will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast "with everything that goes with it."

The breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

"Come one, come all, and dine with us in Christian fellowship," said Rev. H.R. Johnson, pastor, inviting the public to attend.

Donations will be accepted. More information on the breakfast can be obtained by calling 669-6743. btain

On Sunday, the general church is sponsoring its Women and Men Day program at 3 p.m., with the public also invited to attend the special service. Guest speaker will be Rev. I.L. Patrick.

Miami First Christian to observe its birthday

MIAMI — Each year on the first Sunday in May, the First Christian Church of Miami celebrates its birthday.

The "Welcome" banner is out and plans for the May 7 celebration includes a gathering of members, former members and friends for a special 11 a.m. worship service. A covered-dish dinner will follow the worship service.

There will be special music on Sunday, short talks by members and a message by Minister Kevin Hollowell.

Hollowell's service with the church began June 15, 1984. His family includes his wife, Lynda, and children Teri and David.

Sixty charter members organized the church May 3, 1923. Memories of past years will be recalled on Sunday.

The 1923 services were held in the Miami school house. A building committee was appointed Feb. 24, 1924 and the very next Sunday, groundbreaking services were conducted at the church lots which had been purchased earlier.

A basement was the first construction. Basement walls were

done and a temporary roof constructed; windows and doors were set just in time for the third church birthday.

Baptismal services at that time were held outdoors. Later, of course, the baptistry in the basement was finished and used.

The basement continued to serve as the church. When World War II ended, the church began to think about finishing the building. May 7, 1950 the newly completed sanctuary was dedicated. That was truly a "happy birthday," members recall.

May 1, 1983 marked the 60th birthday, and to coincide with that birthday the church dedicated a newly completed educational building.

Members have a well-deserved name of serving "abundant and tasty basket dinners" each first Sunday in May. The tradition began in 1923 when the fellowship met in the old Fritch Hotel for the first dinner.

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Veteran pilot modest about his exploits in 50 years of flying

By ANTON RIECHER
Ennis Daily News

ENNIS (AP) — Robert Mason insists he has never had a close call in more than 50 years as a pilot. Except for the time he ...

- Parachuted from an airplane that mysteriously exploded over Arkansas during World War II
- Spent six days stranded on the Alaskan tundra after a forced landing
- Buzzed an oil platform seconds before it blew up

"I don't like a lot of personal publicity," Mason said. "I don't like to talk about that kind of stuff because it always sounds like a made-up war story."

Mason's wife, Sherry, operates an Ennis insurance company and is a pilot with nearly 800 flying

hours to her credit. Her husband, former manager of the Ennis Municipal Airport, has more than 20,000 flying hours.

His aviation career included supervising the control tower at an Anchorage, Alaska, airport, working as a commercial pilot and serving as a lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol.

Mason, 69, minimizes his aerial exploits, interrupting any of his wife's attempts to elaborate with "ah, the man doesn't want to hear about that." But, with a little coaxing, he will provide the details.

Born in Detroit, Mason said he does not remember how he caught the aviation bug. No one in his family flew as passenger or pilot.

"It was just a kid's love of airplanes," Mason said.

He attended a high school in Detroit that offered courses in aeronautics. On weekends, he worked at the local airport in return for flying lessons.

Mason was married and driving a city bus in Detroit when World War II gave him the chance to move full-time into aviation.

"I thought as long as they were paying someone to fly those big airplanes, let me get in line," Mason said.

He spent the war flying multi-engine Army transport airplanes across the United States. But not all of his flying was purely routine.

On May 5, 1944, a twin-engine trainer that Mason was piloting exploded in midair over Arkansas. Mason escaped by parachute, but his copilot did not survive.

"I have no idea why the plane blew up," Mason said.

Mason became a member of the Caterpillar Club. Initiation requirements are that you have to have parachuted from an airplane to save your life, he said.

After the war, Mason joined Eastern Airlines as a pilot. Even then, Eastern's employees had trouble with the management.

Eddie Rickenbacher, World War I flying ace and founder of Eastern, was so tightfisted that if someone asked for a new pencil, "you almost had to have the stub of the old one to show him," Mason said. "And it had better be used to the last inch."

After a few months with Eastern, Mason struck out on his own. He led a gypsy existence as a pilot for the numerous non-scheduled airlines operating in the late 1940s.

"There was a beer joint in Chicago where all the pilots hung out," Mason said. "Getting a job was a matter of someone sticking their head in the door and saying 'hey, I need a copilot for this C-46.'"

The usual reply from the pilots was a desperate chorus of "me, me, me," Mason said.

In 1948, Mason joined the Civil Aeronautics Administration as tower chief for Anchorage. His authority was eventually expanded to include several other airports.

"There was no official manual governing float planes," Mason said. "A friend and I wrote one up and submitted it to Washington. But the manual that came back from Washington had someone else's name on it."

In 1951, Mason joined the volunteer Civil Air Patrol in Alaska, participating in literally hundreds of search and rescue missions.

"By the time you got the reports written up on one rescue, you were gone again on another," Mason said. "You never really got to know any of the people you rescued."

His more harrowing rescue story was an attempt to rescue an 84-year-old cannery worker in Seldovia who broke his hip when he fell from a roof while clearing snow.

The temperature was 30 degrees below zero when Mason left Anchorage in a skiplane. Three hours of backbreaking work were required just to start the engine.

"We used to use gasoline heaters to preheat the engines so they would start," Mason said. "It was so cold we had to preheat the heaters before they would start."

The small unheated airplane had room enough only for the pilot in front and the patient stretched out in back. During the trip, the blankets slipped off the elderly passenger's feet.

"His feet were frozen when he arrived in Anchorage," Mason said. "The old boy never complained once about it the whole trip."

On one occasion, it was Mason who was looking for help from his Civil Air Patrol friends. He and a friend were on a moose hunting expedition when the engine of their airplane suddenly quit.

The pair landed in an isolated, mountainous region of Alaska. It was three days before a search

plane spotted them and dropped instructions telling them to walk to a nearby lake where a landing could be made.

"We made it to the lake, but a windstorm blew in and it was three more days before they could land," Mason said. "We had eaten all the moose meat and were starting to get a little hungry."

The borrowed airplane was never recovered, he said.

Mason also tells of the time he agreed to pilot for a television crew wanting aerial shots of Cook's Inlet in Alaska.

"I buzzed an oil platform just as there was an explosion on the ground," Mason said. "The cameraman was so upset about my flying that he never got a shot of the explosion."

In 1963, Mason moved back to Michigan and worked as a commercial pilot. Answering an ad in a trade journal, Mason visited Ennis in 1973 and took over as airport manager.

"I've always been kind of tomboyish," Mrs. Mason said. "I had worked for a Dallas insurance agency that did aviation work and got interested."

The Masons married in 1980 after the death of Mason's first wife.

Walleyes from Lake Meredith produced almost half of stock

AMARILLO — Walleyes captured from Lake Meredith by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists produced almost half the young walleyes stocked in Texas reservoirs this year.

Biologist Joe Kraai said personnel from the Canyon Fisheries Lab collected about 200 adult females walleyes and strip-spawned them to obtain eggs.

The program this year resulted in production of some 4.5 million walleye fry produced from Lake Meredith brood fish and 6 million received from out of state sources.

They were placed in Lake O.C. Fisher near San Angelo (5.4 million), White River Lake in Crosby

County (4 million) and Diversion Reservoir in Baylor County (1 million).

Kraai said the few hundred female walleyes collected for egg production do not represent a significant loss for the fishery, since anglers harvest about 18,000 walleyes from the lake each spring.

"Annual egg production in the lake is far in excess of the number of walleyes the lake can support," said Kraai.

"Also, our data show that walleye fishing has been better during years when we were collecting broodfish than during years when none was collected," he said.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Cairo's river
- 5 Bites
- 9 Change thoroughly
- 12 German submarine
- 13 Develops
- 14 Proportions
- 16 Shreds
- 18 Weapons
- 19 Caustic substance
- 22 Designer Calvin
- 24 Rested in chair
- 25 Biblical king
- 27 Forget
- 29 Frigidly
- 31 Next
- 35 Bagging
- 37 Chest with shelves
- 38 Vertically
- 40 Needle case
- 41 Young man
- 44 Encouraged
- 46 Printer's measures
- 47 Having an offensive odor
- 49 Yellow fever mosquito
- 51 Eradicate
- 53 Mediterranean nation
- 57 Ergo
- 58 Group of nine
- 59 and crafts
- 60 Take out

DOWN

- 1 Firearm owners' gp.
- 2 Comparative suffix
- 3 56, Roman
- 4 Direction
- 5 Basketball org.

- 6 Least bit
- 7 Duos
- 8 Tiny opening
- 10 Submissive
- 11 Religious poem
- 12 Bearlike
- 15 Fast aircraft (abbr.)
- 17 Hire again
- 19 Superman's girl
- 20 Non-profit org.
- 21 Greenland's colonizer
- 23 Biblical hero
- 26 Actress Chase
- 28 Loyal
- 30 Cry of pain
- 32 Diminutive suffix
- 33 Surface coating
- 34 The one here
- 36 Deny
- 39 Small anchor
- 41 Baseballer Gehrig

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 42 It precedes beta
- 43 More serious
- 45 Actor Bruce
- 48 Negative command (cont.)
- 50 Mail
- 52 Military school (abbr.)
- 54 Wide shoe size
- 55 Tech
- 56 Netherlands commune

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be alert today because both small and significant opportunities could develop for you where your financial interests are concerned. Make every effort to capitalize on this fortunate trend. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may grieve with remarkable resiliency today. With this ability to bounce back, you could enjoy exceptional success in situations that you personally direct.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should be able to achieve the results you are hoping for today, because it looks like you'll have the right people backing you when the chips are down. Their support is a critical factor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be optimistic regarding new enterprises or ventures you launch today. Conditions in general are more promising than usual, giving you just cause for your enthusiasm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Goals you were unable to achieve earlier in the week could be attained today. Re-examine your objectives and focus on the ones which are most meaningful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll learn something of value from all of your important encounters today. At later dates you'll find useful applications for the knowledge you acquire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't interfere today with one who is presently managing a matter successfully for you. As long as this person is serving your best interests, it's best to remain on the sidelines.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Good things could be in the offing for you today, but they are apt to be due in large part to the efforts of people with whom you'll be associated. Their luck rubs off on you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Situations might take a surprising turn for you today where your career is concerned. Where you were previously stymied, opportunities could now suddenly develop.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Social involvements could be more significant than usual today. There is a possibility something beneficial may result through people with whom you'll exchange pleasantries.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't anticipate negative results today in a situation for which you have adequately prepared. Things look good and the end results should please you. Be positive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll be happiest today if you can stay on the go and move about unrestricted. In fact, even mundane errands could turn into some type of pleasant adventure.

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Cowboys on horseback follow old ways in spring roundup

By ED TODD
Midland Reporter-Telegram

MIDLAND (AP) — The Hereford momma cows and their calves were bellowing with the cacophony of a dozen string orchestras tuning up on different keys.

And the cowboys, who looked as if they had been riding the range for a fortnight, were sweaty, dusty and full of Bob Hedrick's sourdough biscuits, tenderly cooked beef and strong coffee. But they were having a rousingly good time in their day's work on the ranch.

The cattle, especially the bull calves, had cause to be upset. Even if their mothers had forewarned them, there was little they could do but struggle and complain. How does a little ol' 200-pound calf outwit, outrun and outpull a hefty 1,200-pound horse and seasoned cowboys who are wise to the ways of momma cows and their calves?

It was roundup time on Ralph Powell's ranch. And it was time for the bull calves to be branded with the fiery-hot branding iron with Powell's PL brand, cut, dehorned, and vaccinated.

With Bobby Matthews' deft cuts with his sharp pocketknife, the bull calves, one by one, in an in-

stant became steers. Matthews is ranch foreman over at the neighboring Lazy Z Ranch.

The calves, whose fate is to be fattened on the range and feedyards before they get carted off to the butcher's shop and to dinners as hamburger and steak, seemed no worse off. They were a bit bloody from the dehorning and the cutting and, in their bellowing, seemed to mewl and whine.

Powell and his cowboys round up cattle the "old traditional way," noted Joe Carr, a cowboy by birthright and deputy sheriff for pay. "It's done on horseback. Mr. Powell pretty well sticks with the olden way of doing things as far as cattle are concerned."

Out on this mesquite-infested flat-lands, there are no helicopters or those noisy little land-roving machines, including motorcycles, rounding up cattle. Saddle-up cowboys and ranchers and their horses do the work.

"I just make living, living on what I make," said Bud Lea, who works the soil and cattle for a living. "It'll get better."

Both full-time and weekend cowboys helped Powell with the roundup, branding, doctoring and cutting.

Jerry Lee, who was raised on a ranch but who

now flies the helicopter for Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter, did his bit in heeling and heading — roping the calves and, with the pulling power of a horse, drag the stubborn calf to the hot branding iron and razor-sharp knife.

Last year, an anxious old cow in a frightened herd "attacked" Lee's helicopter and upset Lee and the aircraft. Lee survived. The helicopter took a rough tumble.

"I feel lucky," Lee said. "I think it was luck and the Good Lord flying with me."

Don Braly, an inspector for the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, also did his bit with the rope and horse. Martin County Deputy Sheriff Mike Welling got into on the branding act, as did J.L. Sawyers. Bobby Holt's ranch foreman, Cec Whatley, watched the goings-on with the perception of an old cowman who had seen many a roundup. And Stanton banker Joe Hodges dropped by the ranch, which is in Martin County, to check on his collateral — the cows and their calves.

"We work with Ralph in financing his cattle operation," said Hodges, who is president of Stanton National Bank.

In recent years, the weather and market have favored cattle ranchers, who earlier in the 1980s

were beset by the drought, low beef prices and high interest rates. "Of course, right now, everybody is praying for rain — cotton farmers and ranchers," the banker said.

"Still (in good times)," said Hodges, "a man has to be a good operator and know what he's doing."

Powell does. "He's a throwback to the olden days," said Hodges. "Ralph learned it (ranching) from the ground up."

And the Midland rancher is a "natural" across the border. The 51-year-old Powell, who ranches in West and South Texas, is also a volume cattle buyer. He travels to Mexico to buy thousands of Mexican steers through Mexico rancher Pepe Mierles for Paul Engler's Dumas-based Cactus Feeders — the largest cattle operation in the United States.

Each year, the operation puts 800,000 beef steers on pastures and then fattens them up for market in seven feed yards in Texas and Colorado.

In and out of the branding arena, the cowboys and the ranchers, such as Powell, Bob Midkiff, and Lazy Z rancher George Glass, radiate a fast and sure camaraderie and obviously enjoy their work.

Doctor sometimes feels guilty about mysteries

EDITOR'S NOTE — He's a physician by profession, and when he started writing novels about a sleuthing antique dealer he took a pen name that means worthless in the slang of antique dealers. John Grant, the doctor, sometimes feels guilty about the time he spends away from his medical work as Jonathan Gash, the writer, but for him it sure beats golf.

By MARY CAMPBELL
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Lovejoy, you see, is this sometimes shady antique dealer who is always broke, a know-it-all sleuth with an eye for women who almost always have an eye for him.

He's also a knight errant in setting right challenges that range from murder to the plight of a stutterer.

Needless to say, he is always in trouble, which is the trademark given him by his creator, the ebullient English author, Jonathan Gash.

Gash acknowledges that his dozen books that feature Lovejoy abound in plots and subplots that defy the most analytic reader.

"The Swedes, who measure such things, say there are an average of 4½ major plots and 13

He married Pam, a nurse, when he was 21. "Pam was affluent," Gash says. "She had 7 pounds in the bank. I'd never seen so much money in my life. We lived in a garret, really. It didn't seem especially brave."

Since writing *The Judas Pair* in 1977, Gash works without an outline and sometimes has more than one book under way at once.

Gash's latest book, *Jade Woman*, published by St. Martin's Press, is set in Hong Kong where Gash and his family lived in the 1960s and where he was director of clinical pathology at Queen Mary Hospital and working in infectious diseases at Hey Ling Chau leper colony.

"I feel like an intruder into the whole literary scene," Gash

says. "If I had the time I would go to Cambridge and do a degree in English lit. Think how marvelous that must be. We go to medical school. Six years later we emerge, blinking at the light, never having seen anybody but doctors and patients. We're highly trained. We're not educated. There's something a wee bit wrong about that."



Grant/Gash

minor plots per book," he says. "They say the usual is two major plots and three subplots."

Gash doesn't plan his stories that way. He just writes away.

Actor Ian McShane plays Lovejoy in 10 televised episodes, shown in the United States on cable. "They picked out plots and subplots from five books," Gash says.

When he's not inventing plots for Lovejoy, the 55-year-old author is inventing plots for himself.

He's a full-time physician, Dr. John Grant, specializing in infectious diseases, on the faculty of the Institute of Tropical Medicine at the University of London and a visiting professor at half a dozen Middle Eastern universities.

When he was in medical school and needing money, he recalls, "I got a job in Petticoat Lane ... It was an antiques market in those days."

"The Cockney antique dealers were angels. I feel like sending them my M.D. sometimes. They kept me alive. They paid me for the work I did and never saw me go hungry. As soon as they knew I was a medical student, they couldn't do enough. With that and a couple of night jobs, I made my way through college."

It was in Petticoat Lane that the doctor-in-training got his pen name, Gash.

"If you go among street markets in London, it's one of the commonest words you'll hear," he says. "It means good for nothing. It has a bit of a joke in it. I couldn't find another author whose name was Gash. It's the same initial as my name. And it's one I could remember."

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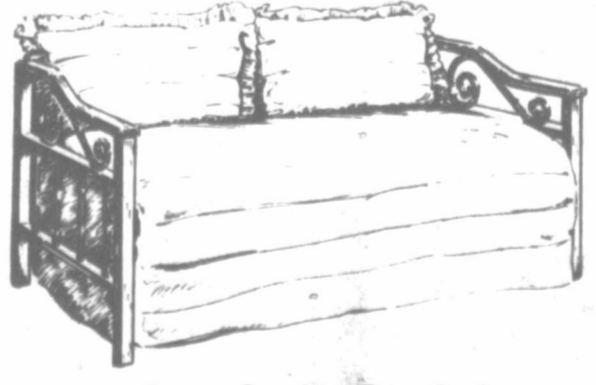
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