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To the victor



Members of the Pampa High School Choir return to school Monday afternoon from a trip to Nashville, Tenn., where they competed in the Heritage National Music Festival over the weekend. The choir won the overall sweepstakes award, designating them the best musical group of any

kind, band or choir, to compete at the festival. Choir director Fred Mays said that the competition is one of the most respected in the United States and that several hundred bands and choirs from 11 states competed at the national festival.

(Staff photo by Rear Mills)

Bush denounces Panama election

By GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today met with the observer team he sent to monitor Panama's voting, while U.S. officials denounced the elections and weighed military and financial pressure to depose Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

"We are deeply concerned by evidence pouring in of electoral fraud on the part of the pro-Noriega forces," the State Department said Monday night, joining members of Congress in criticizing the elections.

Bush brushed aside reporters' questions today as he sat down with his observer team to get a firsthand report on what they saw during and after Sunday's balloting.

Bush huddled with top advisers Monday to weigh what steps the United States should take next in its efforts to oust Noriega.

An administration official who asked not to be identified said one possibility discussed at the meeting is to beef up the U.S. military presence in the former Canal Zone to protect U.S. citizens.

Some 10,000 U.S. military personnel are based in Panama at military installations which remain under U.S. control despite the decade-old treaty that cedes control of the Panama Canal to that Central American country at the end of the century.

Also under consideration, in addition to beefing up the U.S. military presence, are further economic sanctions, the official said.

The president met Monday with Vice President Dan Quayle; Defense Secretary Dick Cheney; White House Chief of Staff John Sununu; Director of Central In-

telligence William Webster and other aides to weigh U.S. options.

The State Department quoted Rep. John Murtha, R-Pa., head of the U.S. election observer delegation in Panama, that he saw Panamanian authorities resort to "fraud and manipulation" to ensure victory for the pro-Noriega presidential candidate, Carlos Duque.

Murtha's charges were backed up by Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., who said he witnessed "overwhelming support for the opposition" during his weekend visit to Panama as an election observer.

He said members of the Noriega-led Defense Forces were allowed to vote multiple times because, unlike other Panamanians, they were not assigned to a specific voting station.

"People who were dead (were) all of a sudden reappearing on rolls, when they had been dropped off," said Rep. Larry Smith, D-Fla. "So dead people could vote, but live people couldn't."

"I hope there will be a worldwide outcry against this dictator stealing the election from his own people," said former President Jimmy Carter, an invited observer.

He said voting records stolen Sunday night and early Monday by forces loyal to Noriega were substituted with bogus replacements not signed by opposition party members. Official results had yet to be released.

Sunday's vote was considered a referendum on Noriega, Panama's de facto leader and chief of the 15,000-strong Defense Forces. The United States has been trying to oust him for more than a year.

Panamanian Defense Forces troops and armed men in civilian clothing broke up Monday's opposition march.

Kelton names valedictorian, salutatorian

KELTON — Kelton High School and Junior High students are to graduate in joint ceremonies at 7 p.m. May 26 in the Kelton school gym.

Valedictorian for the Senior Class is Brett Buckingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Buckingham of Kelton and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hink of Pampa. Buckingham is graduating with a four-year grade point average of 93.15.

Chad Caddel will serve as the salutatorian for the 1989 graduating class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Coffey of Kelton and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Davenport of Pampa. His four-year grade average totaled 91.44.

Third-ranking student is Sue Ann Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of

Kelton, with a grade point average of 90.40.

Other graduating seniors include Scott Bodine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bodine of Kelton; Karla Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris of Kelton; Chris Macmillan, son of Mrs. Phyllis Macmillan of Kelton; and Andy Singleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Singleton of Kelton.

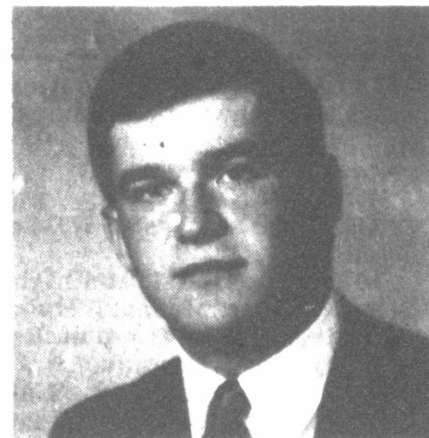
Boyce Crownover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crownover of Briscoe, has earned the honor of eighth grade valedictorian. Crownover holds an average of 94.29 for the seventh and eighth grade school years.

Salutatorian for the eighth grade class is Misty Lewis, daughter of Mrs. Jeannie Lewis of Shamrock, Darrell Lewis of Wheeler, and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conner of Pampa.

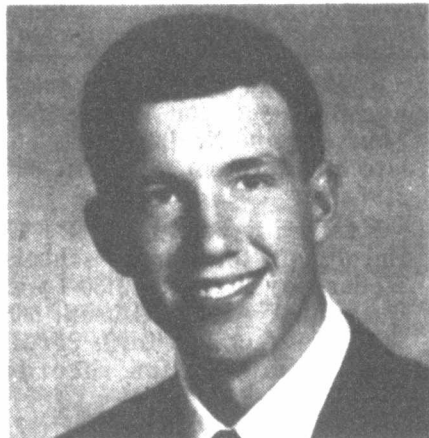
She earned a grade average of 91.95 for the seventh and eighth grades.

Third-ranking eighth grade student is Kristi Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wheeler of Kelton, with a grade point average of 90.05 for the seventh and eighth grades.

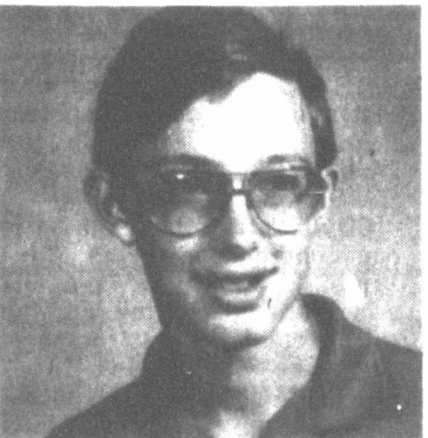
Other Kelton eighth graders are Renee Atherton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Atherton of Wheeler; Gary Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bryant of Kelton; Julie Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson of Kelton; John Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of Kelton; Isabel Lopez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lopez of Kelton; Jamie Stewart, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Densel Reed of Kelton; and Rosie Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Taylor of Kelton.



BRETT BUCKINGHAM
Senior valedictorian



CHAD CADDEL
Senior salutatorian



BOYCE CROWNOVER
8th grade valedictorian



MISTY LEWIS
8th grade salutatorian

Guatemala crushes military coup attempt

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — The civilian government of President Vinicio Cerezo announced it quashed a coup attempt today by air force officers and soldiers.

The announcement came several hours after tanks and troops moved into the capital, and the U.S. State Department said a coup attempt was under way.

About 6:30 a.m. troops and soldiers surrounded the

home of the defense minister, Gen. Alejandro Gramajo. Military planes and helicopters flew overhead and tanks were parked strategically nearby.

In May 1988, a military coup attempt failed when Gramajo refused to join it and backed the civilian government.

By 8:30 a.m., most of the troops had returned to their barracks and the aircraft returned to their bases. Morning rush-hour activ-

ity had returned to normal in the capital.

Carlos Anleu, a Presidential Palace spokesman, said in a telephone interview, "Everything is under control."

He said the coup attempt was staged by a tactical unit of the air force from the southern Guatemala City. He said the unspecified number of soldiers who participated were jailed. He described them as reserve officers.

The coup apparently was crushed by soldiers loyal to the government who entered the city earlier in tanks and helicopters.

Military planes and helicopters flew around the home of the defense minister, Gen. Alejandro Gramajo. Troops, many wearing blue handkerchiefs around their necks, marched beside tanks outside his house.

There were no sounds of shooting.

Soviets, U.S. litter ocean floor with nuke weapons, reactors

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and the Soviet Union together have littered the ocean floor with at least 48 nuclear weapons and 11 reactors, according to data compiled by the Greenpeace environmental movement.

The biggest sensation in a Greenpeace report disclosed Monday was the loss of a U.S. warplane with a hydrogen bomb aboard 80 miles off the coast of Okinawa, an island part of Japan. Japan is strongly anti-nuclear because the United States dropped two atomic bombs on it in World War II.

Most of the warheads and reactors, however, were lost at sea by the Soviet Union, which despite its new-found openness remains far more secretive about its nuclear armaments than does the United States, according to Greenpeace data.

The most recent Soviet loss was a Mike class submarine off the coast of Norway on April 7, with two nuclear reactors aboard, said Joshua Handler, one of the Greenpeace activists who prepared the report.

The most serious loss was a Soviet Yankee class submarine that sank Oct. 6, 1986, off the coast of Bermuda in the Atlantic Ocean. Yankee-class subs are believed to carry 16 SS-N-6 ballistic missiles, with two warheads apiece, and to be powered by two nuclear reactors, according to Western defense analysts.

The Navy acknowledged in 1981 that it had lost a B-43 bomb aboard an A-4 attack plane off the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga on Dec. 5, 1965, as the ship steamed toward Japan after bombing missions off the coast of Vietnam.

In its statement then, the Navy said that the incident had taken place "more than 500 miles from land ... at sea in the Pacific."

However, Handler and William Arkin, defense analyst for the Institute for Policy Studies, a liberal, Washington-based research center, discovered from Ticonderoga log books that the accident occurred in international waters about 80 miles from the closest point of the Okinawa island chain and only about 200 miles east of the heavily popu-

lated island of Okinawa.

At the time of the accident, Okinawa was under U.S. control. It was returned to Japan in 1972, 27 years after Japan's defeat in World War II.

The Navy said the jet "rolled off the elevator of a U.S. aircraft carrier and fell into the sea" and that the pilot, plane and bomb were lost.

Arkin said there was little danger of detonation from the one-megaton bomb, which has a force of 1 million tons of TNT, although he said the 15 kilograms of plutonium in bomb could threaten the environment as it deteriorates over time.

U.S. forces did not use nuclear weapons during the Vietnam war, but at the time, the Ticonderoga and other aircraft carriers had a strategic requirement to be ready "to launch a nuclear strike when and where directed by the president," according to a newly declassified memo released by Arkin.

The A-4 was the Navy's main deep-strike aircraft at the time, and an undisclosed number on each U.S. carrier would always be equipped with B-43 hydrogen bombs, Arkin said.

Handler, interviewed by telephone, declined to

provide a complete list of the 48 nuclear weapons and 11 reactors he believes are on the ocean floor. But the known incidents include:

- A Soviet Mike class submarine, April 7, 1989, with two reactors.
- A Soviet Yankee submarine in 1986, with 32 warheads and two reactors.
- A Soviet November class submarine in 1970, with two reactors.
- The U.S. submarine Scorpion, in 1968, with one reactor.
- The U.S. B-43 bomb from the Ticonderoga in 1965.
- The U.S. submarine Thresher, in 1963, with one reactor.

A complete list of the nuclear devices that Greenpeace believes are on the ocean floor will be released in June, Handler said.

The Navy on Monday maintained its policy of not commenting on whether its ships carry nuclear weapons. Arkin and Handler said they planned to release a report early next year providing evidence that Navy ships continue to carry nuclear weapons, even into allied ports.

Six sailors killed in U.S. ship fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six sailors were killed and five were injured today when fire broke out aboard a U.S. Navy supply ship in the South China Sea, a Navy spokeswoman said.

"It appeared to be a fuel leak," the spokeswoman said, declining to be further identified. The ship was identified as the USS White Plains, which normally carries a crew of about 403 enlisted men and 25 officers.

The White Plains is a food stores ship and is part of the battle group assigned to the aircraft carrier Constellation. That group is sailing home after duty in the northern Arabian Sea supporting the naval task force in the Persian Gulf.

According to a Navy source who asked not to be named, the White Plains and other ships of the battle group left Hong Kong on Monday after a port call. The ship was only about 100 miles off the coast when the fire broke out, the source said.

The spokeswoman said the fire broke out at 1 a.m. CDT in the main engine spaces "while conducting operations" in the South China Sea. She said the five injured, who suffered burns and smoke inhalation, were evacuated by helicopter to the USS Sacramento.

In the Philippines, U.S. Air Force Capt. Donna Eggleston

said the injured then were flown to a hospital at Clark Air Base 50 miles northwest of Manila. "My latest information is that all five are in stable condition," she said in a telephone interview.

"The fire is out and the ship is under tow by the ... Sioux," the Navy said in a written statement. The Constellation, the cruiser Fox and the frigate Ouellet all assisted in the firefighting effort, it said.

"An investigation will be conducted to determine the cause of the fire. Identifications of those killed is being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin," the statement added.

A Navy official who asked not to be identified said preliminary information suggested the fire involved "a fuel leak in the boiler manifold intake on the No. 3 boiler."

The source said it was unclear at this point whether the failure involved human error or an equipment failure but added the resulting fuel fire was so hot that sailors were limited to just five-minute stints in fighting the blaze.

The source said it took the crew about an hour to knock down the fire.

The ship is said to be capable of steaming at 20 knots and is powered by three boilers which drive steam turbines.

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Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time Tuesday.

Obituaries

No obituaries were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time Tuesday.

Police report

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

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Police reported an aggravated sexual assault. Michael S. Rabel, 1428 Hamilton, reported impersonation of a peace officer.

Diane Neihardt, 851 S. Banks, reported an assault at the residence.

A 17-year-old female reported harassment in the 800 block of Harvester.

Texas Department of Corrections, Huntsville, issued a "wanted by outside agency" report.

Melissa Garner, 700 E. 17th, reported a burglary at 2121 Duncan.

Neva Dyer, 2100 N. Zimmers, reported a theft at 1421 N. Hobart.

Connie Lockhart, 403 Purviance, reported a burglary at 112 W. Craven.

Panhandle Community Services, 322 S. Cuyler, reported theft from a motor vehicle at 112 W. Craven.

Marie P. Martinez, 602 E. Kingsmill, reported theft from a motor vehicle at the residence.

Arrests - City Jail

MONDAY, May 8

Walter Reynolds, 32, 116 1/2 W. Foster, was arrested in the 400 block of North Hobart on a charge of parole violation and warrants.

Jason Wood, 18, 2119 N. Banks, was arrested in the 700 block of South Cuyler on warrants and charges of speeding and no driver's license.

Kevin Wayne Young, 28, 118 W. Albert, was arrested at the residence on a warrant for simple assault.

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Jeannie L. Oliveira, 33, 314 S. Houston, was arrested in the 400 block of South Finley on charges of driving, while intoxicated, failure to maintain a single lane and no liability insurance.

Arrests - DPS

SATURDAY, May 6

Dennis Ray Hogue, 24, White Deer, was arrested five miles west of Pampa on Texas 152 on charges of driving while intoxicated, first offense, and no seat belt.

Alonzo Roy Birbaum, 40, Foreman, Ark., was arrested five miles south of Pampa on Texas 70 on charges of driving while intoxicated, first offense, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, no driver's license and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL		Births	
Admissions		To Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hansen of Pampa, a girl.	
Melvin Asberry, Groom		Dismissals	
Velma Batteas, Pampa		J.L. Cooper, Pampa	
Myrtle Dearing, Wheeler		Patsy Duncan, Pampa	
Jim Edminster, Pampa		Randy Estep, Pampa	
Oren James, Pampa		Gabino Garcia, Pampa	
Aline Johnson, Pampa		Jo Dean McFall, Pampa	
Owen Mangus, Pampa		L.M. Quillen, Pampa	
Imogene Melton, Pampa		Billie Tindol, Canadian	
Louise Milner, Pampa		Melvin Asberry (extended care), Groom	
Vernicer Parker, Pampa		Sidney Mansel (extended care), Groom	
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL		Admissions	
Admissions		None	
Gladys Smith, Pampa		Dismissals	
Joy Turner, Pampa		None	
Bertha Fulks, Pampa			
L.M. Quillen (extended care), Pampa			

Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa			
Wheat	4.00	Amoco	43 1/2 up 1/8
Milo	4.25	Areo	90 do/8
Corn	4.75	Cabot	43 1/2 NC
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation			
Occidental	27	Chevron	52 1/2 up 1/4
Ky. Cent. Life	10 1/4	New Atmos	15 1/2 up 1/8
Serfco	5	Enron	43 up 1/4
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation			
Magellan	57 1/2	Halliburton	29 1/4 up 1/8
Puritan	13 1/2	Ingersoll Rand	28 1/2 up 1/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa			
		Kerr McGee	48 1/2 up 1/8
		KNE	21 1/4 up 1/8
		Mapco	69 1/2 NC
		Maxxus	7 1/2 NC
		Mesa Ltd	10 1/2 NC
		Mobil	50 1/2 up 1/8
		Penney's	38 1/2 up 1/8
		Phillips	22 1/4 up 1/8
		SBJ	38 1/2 up 1/8
		SPS	25 1/2 NC
		Tenneco	52 1/2 NC
		Texasco	54 NC
		New York Gold Silver	376 25 5/6

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Fire report

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

MONDAY, May 8

10:53 a.m. — Fire was reported at the city landfill. One unit and two firefighters responded.

Alco filing for reorganization; Pampa's store to remain open

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Duckwall-Alco's announcement of the company's Chapter 11 reorganization filing in Federal Court at Topeka, Kan., Monday is "strengthening" news for the Pampa Alco store, officials said today.

The announcement also means, however, that 52 other stores will soon be closed.

"I'm pleased about Duckwall-Alco's commitment made to this store and this community," said store manager Bob Chambers today. "I look at these moves as a real vote of confidence for this community."

Duckwall-Alco officials said in a news release today that the Chapter 11 move gives the company time to implement a strategic plan which includes closing approximately 52 Duckwall-Alco stores and strengthening 100 remaining stores with improved product selection and increased support from headquarters.

Pampa's Alco, Texas' original Alco store, according to Chambers, will be one of those targeted for stronger headquarters support, he said.

Many of the closings involve stores obtained since 1983 in the acquisition of the David's chain in Wichita, Kan., the Hornsby chain in Illinois, and the Sterling/Magic Mart chain in Mississippi and Arkansas.

"It's clear top management of Duckwall-Alco had to make some tough decisions," Chambers said. "These moves mean we will have a stronger operation here in Pampa."

"We wanted to take this step now, with our new management team in place," said Glen Shank, Duckwall-Alco president since June 1988.

"We reviewed the emergence of heavily financed competitors in many of our markets, the setbacks suffered in the economies of rural areas and small towns and the heavy debt structure of the company," he said. "We determined this was the best approach to ensure the health of the entire

Duckwall-Alco organization."

"I hope the people in this community realize the investment Duckwall-Alco is making here," Chambers said. "It's going to mean more merchandise, more service and more support for our store. It means we're going to be able to serve the people of Pampa even better in the months ahead."

Shank said the operations in the ongoing stores will be enhanced by a number of changes and improvements in various departments. In addition, plans call for increasing staffing in the ongoing stores, as well as the general office, in the weeks ahead.

"We have made an in-depth review of our variety of merchandise and our merchandise strategy," Shank said. "We'll be making changes in the weeks and months ahead to further increase sales and profitability in the ongoing stores."

Chambers said local consumers will not see any drastic changes in the Pampa store with the exception of more modern equipment and some new merchandise lines.

A new computerized check-out system is planned for the store, the store manager said, and he expects to expand his merchandise lines as they become available.

Duckwall-Alco officials said managers of the closing stores will be offered positions in ongoing stores, as soon as the sell-downs and closings are completed at the stores.

Chambers has offered the assistance of the Pampa store to any managers who are losing their stores in the Chapter 11 move, he said.

"I've been here since Alco came and I don't plan on leaving," he added.

Duckwall-Alco presently employs approximately 5,000 people. The Pampa store employment varies from 40 to 60 workers, Chambers said.

Duckwall first came to Pampa in the early 1960s, Chambers said. It was changed to Alco in April 1977. Alco then expanded by 50 percent by moving into the former Montgomery Ward store at Coronado Center, its present location, in April 1986.

Oil spill price tag at \$95 million

VALDEZ, Alaska (AP) — Exxon says it has spent more than \$95 million to clean up the Alaska oil spill and could have contained much of the crude if authorities hadn't blocked the early use of chemical dispersants.

A top state official, however, accused Exxon of spreading a "fabrication," and said the oil giant had not sought to employ dispersants.

Also Monday, Gov. Steve Cowper signed a bill raising state taxes on the nation's two largest oil fields, both on Alaska's North Slope. He said the spill had helped make the hike possible.

Exxon executives disclosed their cleanup costs at the end of a stormy two-day congressional subcommittee hearing in Valdez. The \$95 million figure doesn't include the cost of government operations or fishermen's losses.

The executives told the five-member subcommittee of the House Interior Committee that they could have contained perhaps half of the spill had they been allowed to use powerful chemical dispersants soon after the accident.

They said the Coast Guard and

the state's Department of Environmental Conservation rejected their requests to use the chemicals widely.

"We came to Alaska to use dispersants," Exxon Shipping Co. President Frank Iarossi said. "I was pleading on my part to begin dispersal use ... we were very aggressive."

"We're confident that had we obtained prompt permission to use the dispersant, the environmental damage would have been mitigated," Exxon USA President Bill Stevens said.

Dennis Kelso, commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, called Exxon's account a "fabrication." He said the state had pre-approved the use of dispersants in parts of Prince William Sound before the March 24 spill.

"Dispersants were not used extensively in the three days following the tanker accident because the winds and seas were too calm to provide the turbulence necessary to mix them with oil," Kelso said in a statement.

The day before, Kelso told the subcommittee that Exxon and Alyeska, which operates the

trans-Alaska pipeline, spread "disinformation" by contending they sought to use dispersants. Kelso testified that Exxon did not request permission to use the chemicals.

Vice Adm. Clyde Robbins, the Coast Guard's No. 2 man in the spill zone, said Exxon and Alyeska did not urge the use of dispersants. Small-scale tests of the chemicals proved inconclusive.

"Neither of them had the equipment on site to deal with it, either through mechanical means or chemical means," he added.

He also said a contingency plan at Alyeska was inadequate to deal with a major spill, but Stevens said the state earlier had endorsed the plan.

The former captain of the vessel, Joseph Hazelwood, 42, is accused of operating the ship while intoxicated and faces trial June 20 in Valdez.

Cowper signed the new tax bill after the Senate approved it by 11-9. The bill will bring in \$235 million in revenue next year and more than \$2 billion during the next two decades based on current oil prices.

Write-in elected Skellytown mayor

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Write-in candidate Tommy Owens squeaked past Skellytown mayoral hopeful Ken Cargill to gain the community's highest public post by two votes Saturday.

Cargill, who had run unopposed until shortly before the election, has announced he will not seek a voter-recount despite the closeness of the election results.

Owens, retired from the U.S. Air Force and Getty Oil Co., acceded to public pressure to run as a write-in candidate shortly before the elections, he said today.

He and his wife Sue, a Skellytown native, moved to the community in 1971 following his retirement from the military.

"I have no other plans other

than to see the city grow, and I'll be doing everything needed in working towards that," Owens said. Plans in progress include a community park and upgrading the community's water supply, he said.

Owens will be succeeding former Mayor Neal McBroom, who has served as mayor for the past three years. McBroom first took office as mayor pro-tem following the death of Mayor Wesley Russell. He was then voted into office in May 1987.

New aldermen on the Skellytown City Council will be Lovell Kennard, a Carson County Deputy Sheriff, and Dwayne Hall, an oilfield pumper. Kennard received 80 votes and Hall, 69.

Freida Sturgill earned 49 votes; LaDonna Ramming, 44,

and Jimmy Wise, 34. Wise had been appointed to serve out the term vacated by Red Harris, who had been transferred from the community.

Newly elected Wheeler City Council representatives are to be Walter Simmons, Place 1, with 139 votes; Barbara Koelzer, Place 3, 135 votes; and incumbent Jess Sheets, who will remain in Place 5 with 88 votes over opponent Eddie Richardson's 62.

In the Wheeler ISD board of trustees elections, incumbent Gail Ledbetter retained his seat at Place 6 with 203 votes. He was unopposed. Velda Miller will take Place 7 after defeating opponent Harrison Hall, 139 votes to 94.

Wheeler election officials recorded 164 total votes in the Saturday elections.

Document challenges drug data

HOUSTON (AP) — A U.S. Customs Service anti-drug effort with a history of dismal results was funded by Congress based on misleading information supplied by the service. *The Houston Post* reported today.

A 1987 Customs audit says Congress approved the service's \$7.13 million request for its marine module for fiscal 1985 based upon Customs figures that dramatically overstated the program's accomplishments, the newspaper reported in a copyright story.

The audit was obtained by *The Post* under the Freedom of Information Act.

According to the audit, Congress acted due to a Customs report that the program's boats

made 26 drug seizures in a 90-day period. But the boats were not directly involved in 25 of the 26 seizures, according to the audit. In fact, 16 of the 26 seizures did not involve the use of any Customs vessels at all.

'There was never any attempt or plan by anyone in Customs to mislead Congress. Any inaccuracies were based on the best information available to Customs management at the time.'

Marine modules make up the heart of Customs' anti-drug effort on the waters off the U.S.

coast. A module consists of large radar platform boat and several small "go-fast" boats working together to locate potential drug-smuggling boats coming into the United States.

Customs spokesman Craig Smith acknowledged Monday the possibility of "inaccuracies" but said they were not known by the service's officials at the time they were given to Congress.

"There was never any attempt or plan by anyone in Customs to mislead Congress," he said. "Any inaccuracies were based on the best information available to Customs management at the time."

It is unclear whether Customs ever corrected its statements. Staff members on three subcommittees which deal with Customs said Monday they do not remember that Customs amended its claims.

The audit, written by an unidentified assistant commissioner at Customs' internal affairs office, paints a bleak picture of Customs' overall Marine Enforcement Program, an anti-drug initiative whose budget ballooned to \$73.8 million from \$5.9 million between 1984 and 1987.

"The Marine Enforcement Program is an ill-defined, fragmented program, sometimes using ineffective strategies and incorrectly defined resources," the audit says.

Soon after the 1987 audit was completed, an internal follow-up report was issued outlining measures Customs was taking to address the problems. Customs turned down two FOIA requests by *The Post* for that report.

Hungary's party leadership strips Kadar of last posts

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Communist Party leaders have stripped former longtime party boss Janos Kadar of his last posts, saying the man who took over when the Soviets crushed a 1956 popular revolt is too ill to carry on.

The 76-year-old Kadar, replaced as Hungary's leader last year, was stripped by the party's governing Central Committee Monday of the post of honorary party president and his seat on the committee.

The state news agency MTI said Kadar was retired "on the basis of information received" about his state of health.

But the action followed disclosure of Kadar's role in past political repressions and increasing public criticism of his failure to keep pushing reforms during his 32 years in power.

MTI said the Central Committee "addressed a written message" to Kadar, indicating he did not attend Monday's meeting, and that its contents would be published later.

Kadar had been replaced as party chief by Karoly Grosz, who is leading a slow transition to the politics of competing parties and who criticized the role Kadar played after Soviet forces crushed the 1956 popular revolt.

City briefs

BE YOUR Own Boss in the fastest growing, newest salon in Pampa. McBride and Co. Hair Designs. 809 W. Foster. 665-HAIR. Ask for Mike. Adv.

COME TO Sands Fabrics for our monthly sewing club. May 9, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Nothing to bring but yourself. Leota Black, Instructor. 225 N. Cuyler, 669-7909. Adv.

A MOMENT'S Notice needs 2 hairstylists with or without clientele. No smoking shop. Call Lesa or Jo, 665-6514. Adv.

ANNUAL CITY Wide Rabies Clinic. Rabies and other vaccinations given at reduced prices. Dogs, Friday and Saturday. Cats, Monday. Given at all 4 Pampa veterinary offices. Adv.

JEWELL POWELL is back in her Beauty Salon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Early and late appointment. 669-2451, 669-2197. Adv.

KINDERGARTEN PRE-Enrollment for Pampa schools, Wednesday May 10th, 2:30-4 p.m. Questions? Arlene Gibson, 665-2376. Bring child's birth certificate, immunization records. Adv.

CLUB PARADISE, 600 S. Cuyler, Open under new management. Grand Opening! Specials all week. Excellent country, rock band, Crawdad, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Adv.

MELISSA DAY is now associated with L&R Hair Design. 669-3338. Adv.

CALLIGRAPHY BY Don Jonas, now shown at Las Pampas Galleries. Special Mother's Day pieces. Adv.

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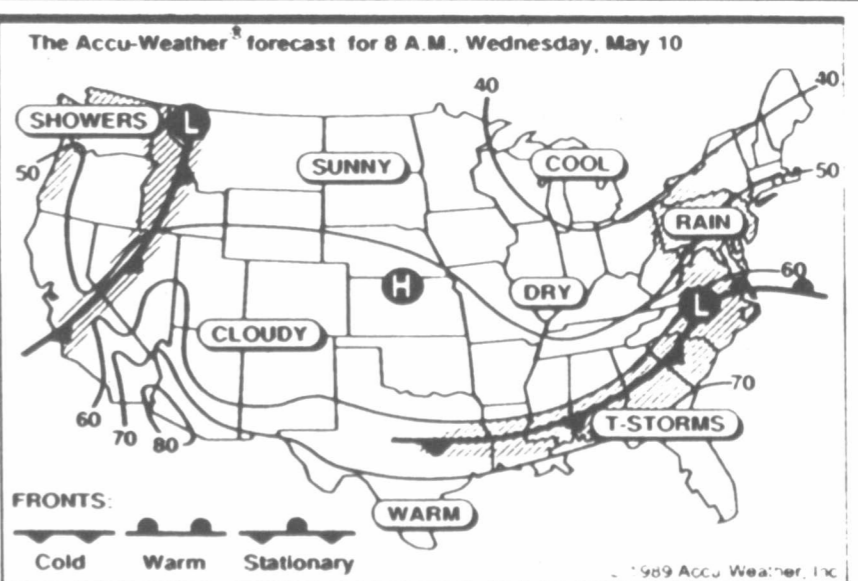
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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Mostly cloudy tonight with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Cooler tonight with a low in low 50s and east winds at 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high in the low 70s. Winds will be from the southeast at 10 to 20 mph. Monday's high was 93; the overnight low was 58.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas — Cooler all sections tonight and Wednesday. Widely scattered thunderstorms tonight and scattered on Wednesday. Otherwise mostly cloudy on Wednesday. Lows tonight 51 Panhandle to 63 south and upper 60s Big Bend valleys. Highs Wednesday 72 Panhandle to 85 far west and upper 90s Big Bend.
North Texas — Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms east and south central tonight with lows 55 to 60. Partly cloudy and cooler Wednesday with highs 77 to 81.
South Texas — Partly cloudy tonight with widely scattered thunderstorms north, more numerous South-



east Texas. Partly cloudy Wednesday with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms south central and along the coast. Cooler north. Lows tonight 60s Hill Country to 70s south and along the coast. Highs Wednesday mainly in the 80s except near 90 in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma — Partly cloudy and cooler statewide tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight upper 40s to mid 50s. Wednesday high 70s.

New Mexico — Widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers east and isolated thundershowers west. Partly cloudy and breezy statewide Wednesday with a chance for mainly afternoon and evening thundershowers. Cooler especially south and west. Lows tonight mid 30s and 40s mountains and north to mostly the 50s lower elevations south. Highs Wednesday upper 60s and 70s mountains and east to the upper 70s and 80s lower elevations west.

Astronauts back home; probe speeding on target to Venus



By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A robot probe was flying right on target to Venus and Atlantis' astronauts landed here after a successful four-day space shuttle mission that put U.S. planetary exploration back on track.

At Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., initial inspections of the shuttle showed little damage to the thermal tiles, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said.

"The vehicle looks as clean as any one that I've ever seen," said Navy Rear Adm. Richard Truly, NASA's acting associate administrator for space flight.

Commander David Walker, pilot Ronald Grabe, and mission specialists Mary Cleave, Mark Lee and Norman Thagard were greeted at Ellington Field late Monday by 200 relatives, friends, co-workers and even a few of the family dogs.

"It's really nice to have the mission finished and we couldn't have done it without you," said Ms. Cleave, who helped deploy the Magellan probe.

She said the astronauts had a great time and it was good to be back knowing that there's a spacecraft en route to Venus and "we were all a part of it."

After returning to work today, the crew planned to view photographs taken during

their 1.68-million-mile journey, Johnson Space Center officials said.

On Wednesday, the astronauts will begin briefing officials.

The 97-ton Atlantis glided to a smooth landing as scheduled at 5:43 p.m. CDT Monday afternoon.

Twelve minutes before touchdown, the crew was ordered to land on a concrete runway rather than a hard-packed clay runway because crosswinds on the runway were too high.

"Obviously this mission was an outstanding success," NASA science chief Lennard Fisk told reporters at Edwards Air Force Base.

"Magellan is on its way to Venus. The deployment was very successful. The trajectory is about as accurate as you can get. The spacecraft is working without any difficulties whatsoever."

Truly praised the performances of the crew, the shuttle and the Magellan.

"With all these things coming together, it's really hard not to have a big grin on your face and be proud of what we're doing," Truly said.

About 27,500 spectators, the smallest crowd ever to attend a shuttle landing, witnessed the 90-degree heat to watch. The smallest previous crowd was 35,000, in 1985. An estimated 460,000 were here for Discovery's

landing March 18.

Thursday's deployment of Magellan was the mission's primary goal.

The \$550-million Magellan mission is the first U.S. planetary probe launched in 11 years and the first ever from a shuttle. In October, another Atlantis crew is to start the Galileo on its way to Jupiter.

Early today, Magellan was more than 676,000 miles from Earth and was zipping along at a rate of nearly 6,000 mph. It will travel 806 million miles and loop 1½ times around the sun before reaching Venus in August 1990.

Once in orbit above the cloud-shrouded planet, the probe will use its high resolution radar to map up to 90 percent of the Venusian surface.

The radar images to be collected by Magellan are expected to show features as small as a football field and be 10 times clearer than pictures obtained by earlier spacecraft. The pictures should provide an avalanche of data that could help scientists discover how Venus evolved so differently from Earth.

The weight of the probe and its rocket booster — 45,000 pounds — restricted the number of experiments the shuttle could carry.

The crew did work on an experiment involving crystallizing a metal sample in a furnace and photographed lightning and pollution on Earth.

Atlantis crew (from left, Walker, Grabe, Lee, Thagard and Cleave) gather at Houston's Ellington Field Monday night.

Women guiding top three cities in Texas

By DAVID SEDENO
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — By June 1, Texas' three largest cities will have woman mayors and they say they look forward to when such a feat won't be given a second thought.

Dallas Mayor Annette Strauss was re-elected to a second term and former San Antonio Mayor Lila Cockrell was returned to office Saturday, joining Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire, who will seek a fifth term in November.

"I think it's good now that a woman being elected mayor is not a novelty and that women can do the job and are accepted as such," said Whitmire, who is president of the Texas Municipal League and this summer will become president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

"Texans have always been open-minded and wanting to try new things. Our cities are dynamic and aggressive and willing to allow anyone who is capable and committed to seek a leadership role," Whitmire said.

Barriers are being broken, said George Shipley, an Austin political consultant who worked for San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, Cockrell and Strauss.

Meanwhile, Cockrell and Whitmire said the election of more women mayors signifies that attitudes are changing, that proven skills are more important than gender and that they will serve as role models for other women entering politics.

On June 1, Cockrell, who was mayor between 1975 and 1981, will succeed Cisneros, who chose not to seek a fifth term amid a troubled marriage and the ill health of his son.

Cockrell, 67, won 59 percent of the vote in a seven-candidate field. She said when she first took office in 1975 she was one of a handful of woman mayors for large metropolitan cities.

"I worked very hard as mayor trying to move in such a way that other women could follow and also to serve as a role model for other councilwomen throughout the state," she said.

Strauss, 65, supported by the

business community that shunned her initial campaign two years ago, won 73 percent of the vote in a four-candidate race.

In El Paso, the state's fourth largest city, City Councilwoman Suzie Azar will face fellow councilman Ed Elsey on May 27 in a mayoral runoff.

Galveston also is led by a woman, Jan Coggeshall, and Corpus Christi's mayor is Betty Turner.

"There is a pattern being broken where major political jobs have been overwhelmingly male-preserved," said Richard Murray, a pollster and political science professor at the University of Houston.

"Now there are important local positions that women are competing for and winning some of them and are encouraging other women to look at political careers as an alternative," Murray said.

Shipley said he hoped the mayors would take a lesson from Cisneros.

"I would hope that the mayors would adopt some of the lessons from the Cisneros years and that

was that the cities of Texas work best in partnership and not against the other," he said.

The problems that the Houston, Dallas and San Antonio city administrations will face will be different.

The Dallas and San Antonio mayoral jobs are, by charter, ceremonial, but Whitmire receives a \$115,000-a-year salary and the El Paso mayor receives a \$25,000 salary.

Strauss will have to try to mend fences with minority leaders and police, both critical of city leaders over five Dallas police shootings in 1988.

Police said there was not enough public officials' support for the force, while minorities insisted on increased citizens review of police.

She also will try to spur economic development as will Cockrell in San Antonio, which prospered economically during Cisneros' years.

Cockrell now wants to concentrate on quality-of-life issues she says were ignored during the city's growth spurt.

Carmina recovering



Three-year-old Carmina Salcido climbs through a children's tunnel at a park in Petaluma, Calif. She is recovering from the trauma occurring when she was found in a nearby dump site over two weeks ago with her throat slashed. Her father, Ramon Salcido, is charged with her attempted murder.

Dallas Gay Alliance tries to rebound from fire

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — When a thief stole vital computer files from the Dallas Gay Alliance and set its building on fire, theories were plentiful on possible motives.

But as time passes, leaders of the alliance and its AIDS Resource Center are trying to stop theorizing on the burglary and arson and instead concentrate on programs that have continued and even expanded since the blaze.

"I went crazy speculating and I quit speculating," said William Waybourn, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance, located in the city's Oak Lawn neighborhood. "As each day goes on I am less and less optimistic that they will find the person who did this."

The fire quickly spread through a common attic in the strip shopping center on Feb. 23 and did damage estimated at \$750,000.

Capt. Randy Sanders of the Dallas Fire Department said Monday that investigators initially had several leads in the case, but the probe has sputtered.

"It's pretty much a stone wall," Sanders said. "We got some initial information — nothing was ever very strong."

Far from crippling the Dallas Gay Alliance, the blaze sparked community support and donations that helped it immediately relocate down the street and continue offering services.

The center went ahead with the startup of a new legal clinic for people with AIDS and other ter-

minal illnesses. And it is launching the Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic for AIDS Research, a center to test experimental drugs for treatment of the disease.

The clinic, which needs \$300,000 for its first year of operation, has received a \$100,000 grant from the American Foundation for AIDS Research. In addition, the alliance has planned a Dallas Symphony concert, expected to raise up to \$150,000, and has applied for a \$100,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Two full-time doctors will staff the clinic and receive referrals from more than 30 participating physicians, Waybourn said.

The aim is to make available experimental drugs to AIDS patients in Texas, Oklahoma,

Louisiana and Arkansas who previously have had to travel to the East or West Coasts for the medications, Waybourn said.

"The advice we give people who have money and who have AIDS is to leave Dallas, because the experimental therapies are not available in Dallas," Waybourn said, citing the need for the clinic.

The Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic for AIDS Research is named for William H. Nelson Jr. and his "life-partner" Terry Tebedo, who both built national reputations as AIDS and gay activists, Waybourn said. The clinic is scheduled to get under way in July, with research trials starting in early 1990.

One of the alliance's other programs for AIDS sufferers, its food bank, also has progressed despite the damaging fire.

Currently there are 400 people a month receiving food through the program, an increase from 100 at this time last year, Waybourn said. At the current growth rate, the food bank is expected to feed 1,200 a month at this time next year, he said.

As for the permanent location of the alliance and AIDS Resource Center, an estimated \$95,000 will be spent when they move back to their former facilities in August.

Likening his organization's predicament to the unsolved arson fires at three Dallas abortion clinics on Christmas Day last year, Waybourn said he is not optimistic that investigators will discover who is responsible for the burglary and fire.

Two hicks in Chinese restaurant

I like to think of myself as a guy with more culture than buttermilk. But there are those times when the word HICK seems to be written in bold type on my forehead.

Caryl and I were in Lubbock recently and decided to have dinner in an oriental restaurant that came highly recommended.

"Look, honey," I said as we pulled into the parking lot, "they have barbecue here. What a deal."

"How's Mongolian barbecue different from the regular kind?" Caryl asked.

"They probably don't use hickory. I bet they use a real oriental wood like weeping willow."

Once inside she became suspicious.

"I don't think we really want to eat here," she whispered. "They serve some pretty weird stuff. LOOK!"

Down past the menu regulars like sweet and sour pork and almond duck was something called pu-pu.

"Let's go to Burger King," Caryl suggested, "cause I'm not eating anything called poo-poo."

It turned out the pu-pu plate was a combination of appetizers in one order. Being the adventurous type (what can a man who eats turkey fries and frog legs have to be afraid of?), I ordered a plate of pu-pu to get us warmed up.

Then it was time for the main course.

"We'll have two orders of Manchurian barbecue."

"We no have Manchurian barbecue."

"What kind do you have?"

"Mongolian."

"Two orders. And extra barbecue sauce please."

"You not come here before, yes?"

"Yes, er, no."

"You go get black bowl off table and serve self."

"Great, it's all you can eat," I told my wife as we approached the buffet. Suddenly, she grabbed my arm.

"I have eaten pu-pu, but I will not eat that," she said. Before us was a massive selection of uncooked beef, pork and chicken.

I looked around and saw dozens of diners fishing food out of black bowls that looked just like ours.

"Dear, there are about 50 people here all eating raw chicken," I told her. "Don't they get 60 Minutes in Lubbock?"

Off Beat

By Bear Mills



"You serve self. Get all you can eat," the waiter said, pointing at the uncooked meat.

We filled out plates with the raw food. "I ain't eatin' this. I am not eating this. I will not eat this," Caryl kept saying.

"Don't make a scene. We'll just fill our plates, slide back to the table, pay our check and get a Whopper."

After we returned to the table, the waiter came up with a worried look on his face.

"You not eat raw food. That needs to be cooked."

"You ain't a kiddin' mister. Why didn't you think of that before you set it out there?"

"You take food to back to be cooked."

"This guy doesn't want a tip very bad," I told Caryl. "He's making us go cook our own food."

In the back was a line of other diners watching starry-eyed as a guy with a double order of those Ginsu knives you buy off TV sliced, diced and whooped up on their food before sliding it back in the same bowl it was in when raw.

"You think that chicken and pork got cooked enough to get the gunk out?" Caryl asked me. Three other diners a lot more well-bred than us shot icy stares.

"This is one of the fine restaurants in West Texas," a lady said. "They have the finest pu-pu anywhere."

I told her I came from Pampa and if she wanted poo-poo there were several feed lots in the area where she could fill up.

The check for our little experiment with pu-pu and raw chicken came to almost 40 bucks. You'd think for that kind of money they would have the good sense to cook the food first and not name it after something a baby does.

I know, I know. HICK.

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Opinion

Free trade also links nations up

Last month marked another leap in new technology. The first fiber-optic cable stretching across the Pacific began operation. It connects the United States to Japan and can carry 40,000 simultaneous transmissions. It replaces copper wire cables and satellite links that carry only 6,000 transmissions.

The new cable joins an older fiber-optic cable linking the United States to Europe across the Atlantic, as well as many such cables strung across the continental U.S. Fiber-optic cables operate on laser pulses, making them free of distortion. More such cables are planned across the Pacific, Atlantic and the U.S. Soon a call anywhere in the world will be virtually distortion free. As the networks multiply, they will reduce phone costs and be used as audio and video hookups. Interfaced with computers, the impact of these technologies can only be imagined.

The new fiber-optic cable provides a symbolic linkup as well. Japan and the U.S. are two partners in a race of technological innovation and product development. The U.S. remains pre-eminent in the world in theoretical research and concepts. The Japanese are pre-eminent in practical applications and mass production.

This is something the protectionists should keep in mind. Just because the Japanese have taken large steps in such fields as auto and consumer-electronics production, that doesn't mean they have the lead in other areas. As *The Economist* has noted, "Japanese genius flowers where consumers are impatient for improvement." In contrast, "America's inventive brilliance comes from stretching out for the almost unachievable. 'Can-do' American firms are ready to risk stumbling if that gives them a chance to reach a more exhilarating plane."

Given all this, we should remove all trade barriers. This would make it easier for us to encourage Japan — and other countries — to open their borders to our newest products. It would also open America up to cheaper foreign consumer products, lowering the amount Americans spend on such goods and leaving us more money to put into investment and research.

Our high-flying technology companies work best when they get the best products, foreign and domestic, at the cheapest price. We need a free-trade policy across both the Pacific and Atlantic that's as clear as a fiber-optic phone call.

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"OK, MANI GIMME AN HONORARIUM!"

Drawing a line in law is hard

On June 28, 1983, a Beecher, Ill., man picked up his son, who had been born minutes before with a cleft palate and a harelip, and killed him by repeatedly smashing his head against the delivery room floor.

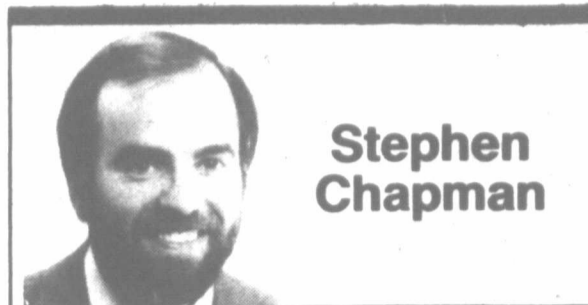
Recently, a Cicero, Ill., man entered an intensive care unit at a Chicago hospital, ordered nurses out at gunpoint, disconnected the life-support systems attached to his comatose 15-month-old son, and held him until the boy was dead.

The law, on its face, treats both fathers the same: as murderers. At first glance, the two cases may look the same. In fact, they fall on opposite sides of a divide. Killing a child because his life will not be normal should be forbidden. Refusing to prolong a life that has slipped irrevocably into a twilight world just this side of death should not.

Drawing a line in theory is easy enough. Drawing it in the law is hard. The problem is how to permit the death of those who are beyond help without causing the death of some who are not.

Samuel Linares, the child who died recently, apparently was beyond help. A balloon he swallowed last August had shut off the flow of oxygen to his brain, causing massive and irreparable damage. Doctors say he was in a "persistent vegetative state" — with just enough brain activity for some ordinary body functions.

Illinois law allows the prompt removal of life support from patients who are "brain dead." Linares was not. Although there was no reasonable hope of his regaining consciousness, the hospital didn't want to take the risk of ending treatment without a court order. Rodolfo Linares could have taken the legal route to disconnect his son. Instead, he took the speedier illegal



Stephen Chapman

one, endangering innocent people on the way.

When a child has no better prospect than months or years in a coma before succumbing to death, his parents ought to be free to choose not to postpone the inevitable. The choice, however, shouldn't be a quick and simple one. The law may now err on the side of caution, but in matters of life and death, too much caution is vastly better than too little.

One problem is making sure that an "irreversible" coma is truly irreversible. Doctors aren't infallible in such judgments, and occasionally a patient thought to be beyond hope surprises everyone by waking up. Insurers require second opinions for surgery; it's not too much to insist that a medical evaluation like this deserves several opinions.

A bigger problem is that when we define a category of people who may be denied medical care and allowed to die, the category tends to expand. The central factor shouldn't be the preference of the parents but the interest of the child.

Only when the child gains nothing by being kept alive, as seems to have been the case with Samuel Linares, should the parents have a right to let him die.

But the law shouldn't rest on the faulty

assumption that parents will always do the right thing. Parents often make choices that endanger their children. That's why we have no qualms about forcing Jehovah's Witnesses to allow their children blood transfusions when necessary or about removing children from neglectful or abusive families.

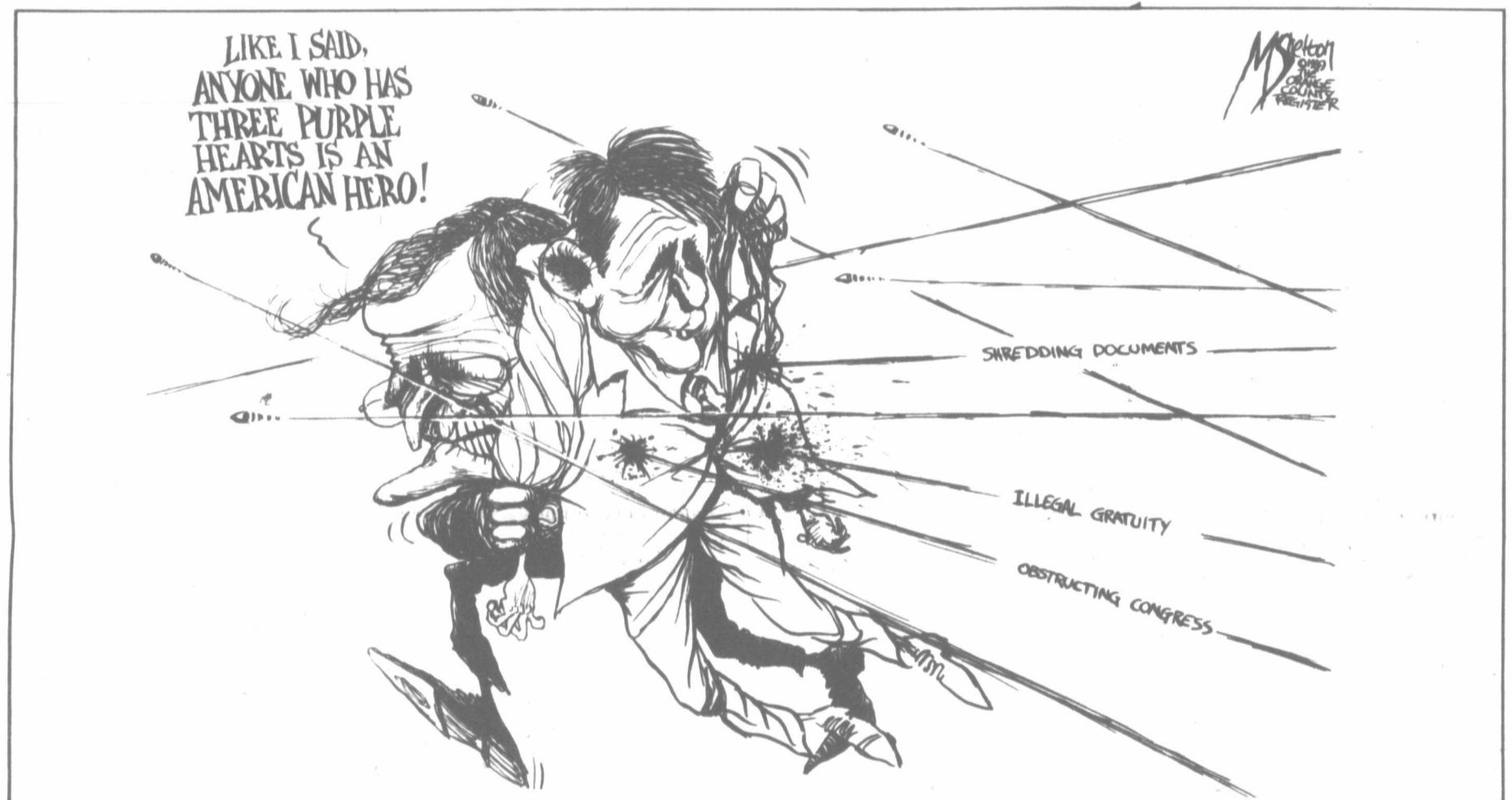
The obvious danger is that one children are allowed to die because they are irreversibly comatose, they'll be allowed to die for lesser reasons — because they're handicapped, or mentally retarded, or in need of endless medical care. In grim circumstances, parents burdened by grief and expense may place their own needs above those of their child.

The Beecher man who killed his deformed son in the delivery room is only one example. The Indiana couple who in 1982 refused an operation needed to save the life of their child born with Down's syndrome and an incomplete esophagus are another.

There's no shortage of cases. Not all of the parents who think their children are better off dead than imperfect are guilty of bad motives. But in their shock and despair, they may be unable to see or do what is best for the child.

That's why we need cumbersome safeguards that may look pointless and cruel to a parent like Rodolfo Linares, whose child probably gained nothing from those procedures. It's not enough to minimize the suffering of families like the Linares. We also have to preserve the lives of children in less hopeless straits.

In those cases, the child needs and deserves the unyielding protection of society. The Illinois law made it hard for Rodolfo Linares to bring about a result that most of us would agree was the best one. It's not clear that the law made it harder than it ought to be.



Perfect for opossum races

Rarely do I make bold fashion statements. I prefer to remain quietly traditional when it comes to my apparel.

As a matter of fact, I stick by quite a rigid set of rules when it comes to the way I dress.

- I never wear anything with a picture of an opossum on it.
- I never wear anything that glows in the dark or frightens small children.
- I never shop for my clothing at a place that also sells tires.
- And, under no circumstances, will I wear pastels before Easter — a virtual fashion-hanging event.

However, I recently decided to make a daring move. I bought myself a pair of white Gucci loafers. I sold one of my cars to get the money.

I'm not certain where or when the seed was planted to take such a risk.

I am fully aware that the only men who wear non-athletic white shoes are used-car dealers, baseball writers and opossum trainers.

Unlike that group, though, I did not buy a white belt to match my shoes. Keep an eye on a man who wears white shoes with a belt to match. He will stick you with a bar tab, deflower your daughters, rig opossum races and sell you a 1962 Ford Fairlane with a bad transmission.

"How correct are these loafers?" I asked the Gucci salesman, a tall severe man named Lamont, who obviously knew his way around a leather grip shoehorn.



Lewis Grizzard

"It depends, sir," he said.

"On what?"

"On how much you value your reputation, friends and employment," he answered.

"It's that big a risk?"

"The last man I sold a pair of white loafers to," said Lamont, "was president of a billion-dollar corporation. Now, he's a short-order cook at a Waffle House and his wife ran off with his chiropractor."

"That's terrible."

"One other thing," said Lamont. "If you decide to purchase these shoes, we ask you to sign a disclaimer which states we cannot be held liable for any misfortune which might befall you as a result."

"If white loafers can lead to such hard results, why do you continue to sell them?" I asked.

"The boss used to train opossums."

"Enough said," I replied.

Despite the dangers I had been warned about, I went ahead and bought the shoes and began to think of when I should debut them. Certainly it would have to be after the arrival of spring.

I thought maybe I would go to the Breakers in Palm Beach and they'd be just the thing for a polo match. But what if I were to step into pony leavings?

After that, I considered debuting my new shoes at the fashionable Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. Certainly I would be invited there for several spring functions. But I moved recently. That's probably what happened to my invitations.

But what about the Beverly Hills Hotel? Maybe I could put on my new shoes and head down to the pool and lounge in my cabana making deals with guys named Irv and Marty.

But do you know what a room costs at that place? I wouldn't have enough left for gin with Burt and Johnny.

So what I finally decided to do with my white Guccis is introduce them at the Waffle House down the street where I often have breakfast.

Grover, the cook, probably put it best: "Where in hell," he asked, "did you get them shoes?"

After breakfast I went back home, took off my new white Guccies and put them in the closet.

Opossum racing season begins soon. They'll be perfect for that.

It's time to get tougher with drug users

By SARAH OVERSTREET

The drug war is making a battleground of our inner cities, and a joke out of police protection programs in metropolises like Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. Like no other crime in recent American history, drug abuse guarantees a living hell to innocent citizens unlucky enough to live in the battle zone.

Our government's answer to this nightmare has been appallingly inadequate, while the Reagan administration carried on its front-page "Just Say No" media campaign, it cut rehabilitation programs at home and played footsie with drug-peddling regimes abroad. Yet the most ardent liberals, trying to fight a forest fire with a garden hose of leftover '60s sentiments, had no better solutions.

Most constructive ideas for dealing with the drug problem have been offered out of the limelight of either

media or government attention. The administration wasn't into studying anything that would cost more than "Just Say No" buttons. And the media, for its part, wasn't interested in giving major attention to anything that wasn't said at a press conference — that is, until Jack Kemp became housing secretary.

Kemp's idea is this: He plans to make illegal drug use or sales a specific violation of public housing leases. In other words, if you don't say no, you go.

A superficial act? One that doesn't get to the root of the problem? You bet. A good step? I believe so without reservation. Kemp's job is not to find a cure for the drug crisis but to better the lot of Americans who need public housing. It's no favor to residents of public housing to leave them held in terror by their drug-peddling neighbors, if you can call them that. Someone who'll shoot your little girl in the

crossfire of a drug war gun battle gives new meaning to the word "neighbor."

It's a small step, but one that's sorely needed. What we need is many more such small steps, all toward the same end. If I could devise a scenario in which several branches of government did something toward eliminating the drug wars, it would be this:

If you're a first-time drug offender, you'd be out of the projects but into a mandatory drug rehabilitation program. The intensity of the program's courses would be determined by the severity of the offense. The programs would incorporate psychological counseling and therapy with job training. Sound too liberal? Then try this on for size:

After going through the rehabilitation program, if you sell drugs or commit any drug-related crime, you're not only out of the housing project, you're in prison, no argument, no

slick big-city lawyer, no nothing. Citizenship and public assistance require responsible behavior, and everyone has the right to live without being terrorized by his neighbors.

Somewhere along the line we have given people — even ourselves — the idea that citizenship is an entitlement with no strings attached. After that came the idea that food and shelter also come free of obligation. I don't believe in either — even given the enormous crimes big business has wrought on our economy, tax revenues and environment in recent years. A crime in one echelon doesn't make another in a different strata any more acceptable.

The public has a right to expect at least decency for its public assistance tax dollar. That we haven't required it until now is part of the reason why the drug wars are as violent and uncontrollable as they have become.

Cult 'godmother' says she was held hostage

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The woman police call the "godmother" of a drug smuggling cult that killed 15 people said she was held hostage by group members after the ritual slayings were discovered.

Sara Aldrete Villarreal on Monday said she belonged to the cult and described its leader as "enigmatic and mysterious." But she again denied any role in the mutilation slayings at a ranch in Matamoros near the U.S. border.

"I have never in my life participated in a human sacrifice," the 24-year-old woman said at a news conference. "I am sorry because of all the things that happened, I'm sorry because of all the killing."

"I don't know how I got into this without knowing what it was," she said.

Mexican authorities said Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo and Aldrete, a former honor student at Texas Southmost College in Brownsville, directed the human sacrifices and other rituals, including mutilations and boiling of brains and organs.

Authorities said the rituals were meant to bring occult protection to the drug ring, which allegedly trafficked in marijuana to the United States.

Aldrete and four others were arrested at a

Mexico City apartment Saturday after a gunfight with police.

Constanzo, 26, and his right-hand man, Martin Quintana Rodriguez, were killed. Alvaro de Leon Valdez, 22, one of those arrested, said he shot the two to death on Constanzo's orders.

Aldrete said Monday she was watching television with Constanzo, known as the cult's "godfather," at a Mexico City apartment on April 12 when she learned of the killings.

"He said, 'They've found the bodies, we have to leave,'" Aldrete said. "I said, 'What are you talking about?' And he said, 'OK, you want to know, I'll tell you.' And he told me how he did it and why."

De Leon Valdez told reporters Monday that Aldrete was not involved in the killings, discovered April 11.

At a news conference on Sunday he discussed the slayings and said he watched earlier this year as Mark Kilroy, 21, a University of Texas pre-medical student, was killed with a machete chop to the head and his spinal column removed for a necklace.

Aldrete said she, Constanzo and other cult members fled briefly to Brownsville, just north of Matamoros, after police began digging up the bodies of victims.

"Living in Brownsville, it was like hell," she said. "They treated me like a prisoner. I was scared."

Aldrete said the group returned to Mexico City a few days later and stayed in small towns near the capital. She said that several weeks ago the group moved into the apartment in a quiet middle-class Mexico City neighborhood where police closed in Saturday.

She did not describe how group members kept her from escaping or from contacting authorities.

Aldrete said she was fascinated with Constanzo ever since she met him in June 1987.

"He would order you to do something and you would do it, but I don't know why," she said. "He was like a leader or something. We were like followers."

Aldrete said Constanzo initiated her into the Christian Santeria cult last year. Santeria, an offshoot of voodoo, is a blend of Catholicism and old African beliefs that include animal sacrifices.

Aldrete and the others arrested on Saturday were booked on charges including homicide and criminal association. The attorney general's office said Monday said another two women had been arrested in the case but gave no further details.

U.S. law enforcement officials had expressed skepticism about whether Constanzo really was dead. A U.S. Embassy official who spoke on condition of anonymity and Mexican authorities said Constanzo's body had been positively identified.



(AP Laserphoto)

Aldrete tells reporters Monday she had no role in the drug cult slayings.

Showdown on cold fusion gives more heat than light

By LEE SIEGEL
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A parade of chemists presented evidence suggesting they created a nuclear fusion reaction in a jar at room temperature, but they failed to convince critics who contend the findings are delusion.

"There is no fusion" in University of Utah experiments by chemists B. Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann, said their most vocal critic, California Institute of Technology chemist Nathan Lewis.

"I don't think anything has been proved. It's going to take time to sort it out," Ralph Brodd, former president of The Electrochemical Society Inc., said after Fleischmann and Pons spoke to 1,800 scientists attending the group's Monday night meeting.

Last week, University of Utah Vice President James Brophy had promised that Pons and Fleischmann would present new evidence at the meeting. However, the only significantly new information they offered was a report that their latest experiments produced even more excess heat than their earlier one.

Fleischmann and Pons acknowledged some problems in their research, but said they still believed they achieved fusion in a jar.

"I have always been ready to acknowledge the fact our experiments could be faulty," Fleischmann, of England's University of Southampton, told reporters. "If we turn out to be wrong, I'll be the first to admit it."

Fleischmann and Pons, of the University of Utah, disputed Lewis and others who accused them of sloppy measurements. Pons said scientists who have been unable to duplicate their experiments failed to use large enough electrodes made of the metal palladium.

The two chemists shocked the world March 23 when they announced they created fusion by sending electrical current through a device in which an electrode of palladium metal was wrapped in platinum and soaked in heavy water. Heavy water is made from oxygen and a form of hydrogen called deuterium.

Such an accomplishment, if confirmed, could lead to a cheap and virtually inexhaustible source of energy. Previous fusion research focused on multimillion-dollar efforts to create fusion under extreme pressures and high temperatures.

Pons and Fleischmann said Monday their latest experiment produced 10 to 50 times more energy with their device than the amount they put into it. The energy was emitted as a burst of heat that lasted two days, they said. In their initial announcement, they said they had produced four times more energy than was used.

Several other scientists also said they successfully produced excess heat or other signs of fusion, such as neutrons, but stopped short of saying their studies proved fusion had happened.

"Something real is happening here," said Stanford University's Robert Huggins.

Legal team begins preparing Wright's defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — The legal team assembled by House Speaker Jim Wright to defend him against 69 alleged House rules violations faces a growing list of questionable financial dealings levied against the Texas Democrat.

Wright's three-pronged legal team scheduled a media briefing for Tuesday to disclose the legal arguments it will use in making his case before the ethics committee, the full House and the public.

The team expects to file defense motions later in the week contesting some aspects of the charges. Wright will then have to defend himself beginning late this month at a trial-like disciplinary hearing.

One of the 69 charges alleges that Wright accepted free housing from a business partner that enabled him to collect more than \$25,000 in extra income by renting out the duplex he owned in Fort Worth, House records show.

Financial disclosure documents show that Wright rented out the house from 1979 through most of 1983, and then sold it for more than \$250,000.

Wright, who with his wife had moved their belongings to housing provided by Fort Worth real estate developer George Mallick, reported rental income of \$5,000 to \$15,000 in each of those years.

The House ethics committee valued the housing Mallick provided, first in an apartment building and later a condominium, at \$53,488 for the period 1979 through 1988.

The precise value of the rental income could not be determined from the disclosure documents because members of Congress are required to report their finances only in broad ranges.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported Monday that Wright accepted a number of free flights aboard corporate planes of a financially troubled nursing home business in which he held a \$100,000 interest.

The practice apparently violates House rules against accepting gifts worth more than \$100 from individuals with a direct interest in legislation, said the newspaper, citing an unidentified former official of the company, Jewell Enterprises.

Wright said of the company's owner, T.R. Jewell: "Mr. Jewell gave me a ride but it wasn't on any airplane. He took me for a ride." Wright was referring to his loss of most of his \$100,000 investment when the company went bankrupt.

"I have absolutely no recollection of ever being on any airplane I thought was owned by anybody connected with that firm," Wright said.

He refused to respond to a question about whether Jewell, an official of the Arlington, Texas, bank that loaned Wright the money to buy into the nursing home venture, had helped him secure the loan.

Wright also took issue with testimony at a federal fraud trial in Dallas involving allegations that officials of Commodore Savings Association raised illegal corporate political contributions for a 1985 special House election in which Wright took a personal interest.

The speaker's office announced Monday that his legal defense team would include Democratic patriarch and former defense secretary Clark Clifford as senior legal and political adviser; Stephen D. Susman of

Houston, expected to handle questioning at the disciplinary hearing; Rep. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., adviser and emissary to House Democrats; Robert Altman, a Washington attorney and associate of Clifford; and Neal S. Manne, a former counsel to the

Senate Judiciary Committee who is a member of Susman's firm.

William C. Oldaker, who has handled the case for Wright thus far, will continue to map out Wright's overall legal strategy, along with co-counsel Lyn Utrecht and Eric Kleinfeld.

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Ann Harrol, M.D. "Diseases of the Breast"
Dr. Harrol is also an obstetrician/gynecologist. She came to Pampa in 1988. She received her medical degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1983 and interned at Texas Tech Health Science Center, and completed her residency in obstetrics/gynecology at Texas Tech in 1988.

Lou Ann Hall, PhD. "PMS, The Witch's Disease"
Dr. Hall is Behavioral Sciences Coordinator in the department of Obstetrics/Gynecology at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Amarillo. A native of Borger, she received her Bachelor of Arts in music at Southern Methodist University, and performed coast to coast as a singer-actress before returning to school for a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from the University of Oklahoma. She completed her PhD dissertation study on PWS at National Christian University of Missouri.

Jan Fry, RD. "Fads and Fallacies of Dieting"
Mrs. Fry is the clinical dietitian in the department of OB/GYN and Internal Medicine, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, Lubbock. A lifelong resident of Lubbock, she holds both a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from Texas Tech University and a Master of Science degree in Home Economics with a major in Food and nutrition from Texas Tech.

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Judge orders VA to reconsider claims for Agent Orange

By BOB EGELKO
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A judge ordered the U.S. government to reconsider the Agent Orange health claims of more than 31,000 veterans because existing rules "sharply tipped the scales" against those exposed to the toxic defoliant.

U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson struck down the Department of Veterans Affairs' regulations that denied Agent Orange service-related benefits for cancers and all other diseases except one non-fatal skin condition.

In a ruling on a nationwide lawsuit brought on behalf of Agent Orange claimants, Henderson said the department was wrong to require direct proof that the dioxin-containing herbicide caused various diseases.

The department, formerly known as the Veterans Administration, should give claimants the benefit of the doubt, he said.

Veterans' advocates praised the decision, which was made public Monday.

"This is a major victory with far-reaching implications," said Mary Sout, president of Vietnam Veterans of America.

"The ruling validates what Vietnam veterans have been saying for years, that the VA has failed to give Agent Orange victims a fair hearing. ... I am optimistic that Congress will now act quickly to resolve this most painful legacy of the Vietnam War."

Vietnam Veterans of America again will sponsor legislation to require Agent Orange benefits for two types of cancer — soft-tissue sarcoma and non-Hodgkins lymphoma — and establish a new, independent scientific panel to study the herbicide's health effects, said Barry Kasinitz, spokesman for the 35,000-member group.

A similar bill was passed by the Senate last year but died in the House, Kasinitz said.

The veterans department was represented by the Justice Department. Justice spokeswoman

Amy Brown declined to comment on the ruling, saying department lawyers had not seen it.

The United States used Agent Orange to defoliate forests in Vietnam. Its health effects are sharply disputed.

In 1985, the VA ruled that only a non-fatal skin malady, chloracne, could be considered an effect of exposure to the herbicide. The agency based its ruling on a review of studies of Agent Orange's effects by an 11-member scientific committee.

Henderson rejected an attempt by the veterans' group to challenge the scientific panel's review. But he said the standards the VA used in making its rules violated a 1984 federal law designed to help Vietnam veterans get health benefits.

The VA improperly required proof of a cause-and-effect relationship between the herbicide and a disease for which benefits were sought, the judge said. Instead, the agency should have required only that statistics show a significant correlation between dioxin exposure and a disease, or an "increased risk of incidence," he said.

The federal law does not spell out the proper standard, but members of Congress who helped pass the law indicated they opposed an overly stringent standard and felt that cause-and-effect proof was unnecessary, Henderson said. The law's "remedial purpose" also favors a lenient standard, he said.

The judge noted that the VA had relied on statistical relationships, without requiring proof of causation, in granting benefits to veterans who were amputees and developed heart disease.

Henderson also said the VA erred by refusing to apply to its Agent Orange regulations the same "benefit of the doubt" policy it used to review individual benefit cases, which favors the veteran in close questions.

Henderson's ruling does not require the government to add any diseases to the service-connected list for Agent Orange. But Kasinitz said he was encouraged by the performance of Veterans Affairs Secretary Edward Derwinski.

U.S. vessels transport nuke weapons into Japanese territory

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. naval vessels are transporting nuclear weapons across Japanese territorial waters even though Japan forbids "introduction" of such loads, a researcher says.

"There is no doubt in my mind that U.S. ships still transit Japan with nuclear weapons aboard," researcher William Arkin of the liberal Institute for Policy Studies said Monday in an interview.

Arkin made the comment after releasing evidence about a 1965 accident in which the Navy lost a

bomb-bearing aircraft and its pilot 80 miles off Japan's Okinawa island chain.

Japan Monday formally requested an explanation from Washington about the 1965 accident.

"This happened in international waters so we have no right to make a loud demand," said a senior Foreign Ministry official who declined to be named. "We are just asking the United States to give us an explanation."

The research Arkin did with the environmentalist Greenpeace group concluded that the United States and Soviet Union have littered the ocean floor with at least

48 nuclear weapons and 11 nuclear reactors.

Two days after the airplane fell off the elevator of the USS Ticonderoga, the aircraft carrier docked at the Japanese port of Yokosuka, Arkin said.

The report, which first came out over the weekend, was prominently featured in Japanese newspapers and on television. Leaders of anti-war and anti-nuclear groups and opponents of the U.S. military presence on Okinawa immediately issued denunciations.

Arkin asserted Monday the United States sidesteps the Japanese ban by arguing a tem-

porary transit or port call by a ship does not amount to the "introduction" of nuclear weapons.

A Japanese Embassy official in Washington said Monday on condition of anonymity: "It is our understanding that we would receive prior consultation with the United States before U.S. forces bring nuclear weapons to Japan. So if there has been no consultation, we assume there has been no introduction of nuclear weapons."

The Navy declined comment on the findings, saying it refuses to confirm or deny the presence of nuclear weapons in specific locations.

Arkin and Joshua Handler, a Greenpeace member who helped prepare the report, said their research showed a different version of events from the one given by the Navy in 1981 when it disclosed the incident.

The Navy said in a statement then that the incident took place "more than 500 miles from land

... at sea in the Pacific."

Arkin and Handler said log books kept by deck officers showed that the accident occurred in international waters about 80 miles from the closest point of the Okinawa island chain and only about 200 miles east of the heavily populated island of Okinawa.

'Broadway,' 'Black and Blue' lead in Tony nods

By MICHAEL KUCHWARA
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Two musicals revues — *Jerome Robbins' Broadway* and *Black and Blue* — dominated the 1989 Tony nominations even though musical categories for book and score were eliminated this year.

Each show received 10 nominations Monday, including nods for best musical. They will compete against *Starmites*, a campy space-age musical that received six nominations.

Winners will be announced June 4 during a ceremony broadcast on CBS-TV from the Gershwin Theater.

The 1988-89 Broadway season was the poorest in terms of quantity and quality for musicals in several years. Only seven new musicals opened, compared with 14 a year ago. And several of this season's shows, particularly *Carrie* and *Legs Diamond*, were well-publicized flops.

The decision by the nominating committee to eliminate the two

categories was unusual but not unprecedented. *Black and Blue* and *Jerome Robbins' Broadway* use old songs and have no book.

Lend Me a Tenor, a farce by Ken Ludwig about an indisposed opera star and the nebbish who replaces him, garnered seven nominations, including for best play. Its best-play competition includes Wendy Wasserstein's *The Heidi Chronicles*, winner of the 1989 Pulitzer Prize; *Shirley Valentine*, Willy Russell's comedy about an unfulfilled English housewife; and *Largely New York*, Bill Irwin's play without dialogue that picked up four other nominations.

Irwin also was nominated for best acting in the play, for direction and for choreography, which he did with Kimi Okada.

Other best actor nominations went to dance superstar Mikhail Baryshnikov for his portrayal of man who turns into a dung beetle in *Metamorphosis*, and to Philip Bosco and Victor Garber for *Lend Me a Tenor*. *Jerome Robbins' Broadway*

picked up multiple nominations in two categories. Jason Alexander and Robert La Fosse were nominated for best actor in a musical and Jane Lanier, Faith Prince and Debbie Shapiro were chosen in the featured actress in a musical category.

Besides Robbins' nod for best director of a musical, the show, which features numbers from some of his greatest works, also got nominations for Charlotte d'Amboise (actress in a musical), Scott Wise (featured actor in a musical), Jennifer Tipton (lighting design).

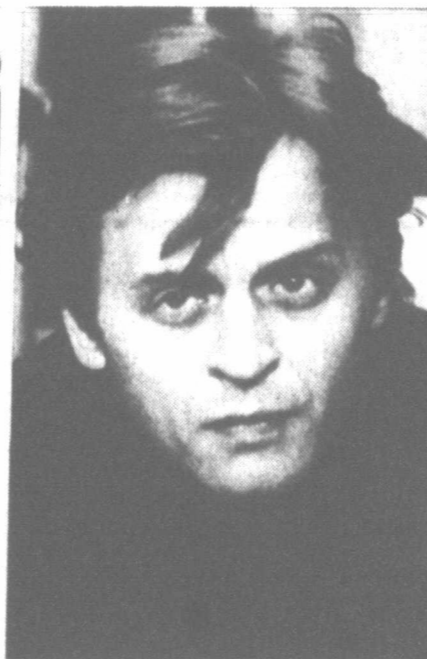
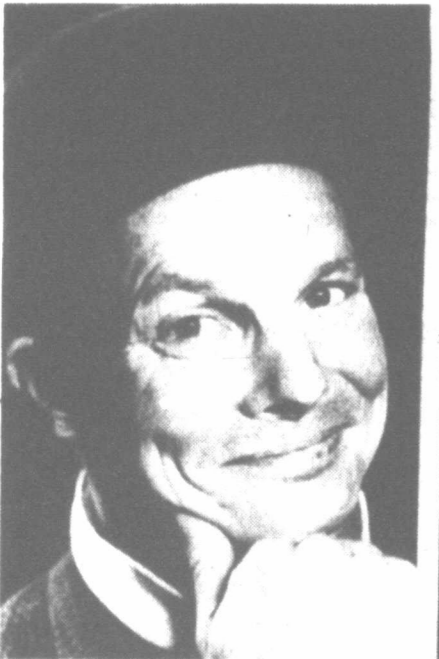
Black and Blue, a tap dancing and blues revue, received nominations for its stars, Ruth Brown and Linda Hopkins (actress in a musical), for two of its featured performers, Bunny Briggs and Savion Glover; its lighting design, Neil Peter Jamopolis and Jane Reisman, and its choreography, by Cholly Atkins, Henry LeTang, Frankie Manning and Fayard Nicholas.

The producers of *Black and Blue* — Claudio Segovia and Hec-

tor Orezzoli — were nominated for two other awards — lighting and direction of a musical.

The nominees for best actress in a play were Joan Allen, *The Heidi Chronicles*; Pauline Collins, *Shirley Valentine*; Madeline Kahn, *Born Yesterday*; and Kate Nelligan, *Spoils of War*.

Irwin's competition for best director of a play includes Gregory Mosher, *Our Town*; Daniel Sullivan, *The Heidi Chronicles*; and Jerry Zaks, *Lend Me a Tenor*.



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Unusual Tony nominees include, from left, Bill Irwin, for a comedy with no dialogue; Wendy Wasserstein, for her Pulitzer Prize winning play; and dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov, for his acting role.

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Inadequate medical care legacy of war for innocent children

EDITOR'S NOTE — Innocent victims of the years of war in Vietnam are millions of children without enough to eat, many being treated in hospitals without enough medicine and supplies. Inadequate medical care is one of the legacies of the Communists who won the war but didn't know how to manage the country in peacetime.

By **GEORGE ESPER**
AP Special Correspondent

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) — The Vietnamese mothers stand patiently in the bare, overcrowded wards of Pediatric Hospital No. 1, holding their babies in their arms, trying to soothe the onslaught of illness and pain.

In these wards are the innocent victims of five decades of war and a failed economy that has left Vietnamese hospitals drained of even simple supplies such as sutures, X-ray film and anesthesia.

The signs of malnutrition are everywhere: shriveled children weighing only half what they should, their bellies swollen, their muscles wasting away, their skin peeling and scabbed, their eyes blinded.

In the burn ward, tiny bodies wrapped in gauze soaked with ointment writhe in pain, their hands tethered to keep them from contracting and deforming, their faces fixed with fear.

A typical provincial 400-bed general hospital in Tay Ninh west of Ho Chi Minh City has a budget of only \$32,500 a year to treat more than 100,000 patients.

These children were born into a political and economic schism that has isolated Vietnam from most of the Western world and the aid it needs so badly. The Vietnamese government spent years subsidizing war against the French, Japanese, Americans, Chinese and Cambodians instead of investing in medicine, science, education and the care of its 64 million people.

North Vietnam won the war in 1975, two years after U.S. military forces left South Vietnam for good, but its aging communist leadership lost the battle to manage the country in peacetime. After the war, Vietnam closed itself off from the outside world and did little to improve its socialistic lot.

Indeed, many hospitals such as Pediatric No. 1 are old and ill-equipped, inviting infections. Plaster roofs are caving in, air-conditioners are covered with rust and water seeps across the floors. Most hospitals haven't received any new equipment since the end of the war.

A typical provincial 400-bed general hospital in Tay Ninh west of Ho Chi Minh City has a budget of only \$32,500 a year to treat more than 100,000 patients and pay a staff of nearly 500 people. Despite a 100-bed surgical ward, it has less than half of the surgical tools it needs, forcing patients to wait for surgery. Surgeons earn a base pay of only \$6 a month, what an American teen-ager makes in an hour or two at McDonald's.

"The most important problem for us is the problem of equipment," says Dr. Nguyen Huy Phan, a plastic surgeon and leading member of the State Committee for Science and Technology.

"It's desperate," says Dr. John Constable, a plastic surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston who was in Vietnam on

his 11th visit to study the effects of Agent Orange and to teach.

Vietnam was distracted from building its economy, its trade and its institutions in 1978 when its armed forces invaded and occupied Cambodia and later fought China in a northern border war.

Western nations, including the United States, ostracized Vietnam for its occupation of Cambodia. The United States refuses to establish diplomatic relations with Vietnam and give it aid until it pulls all of its forces out of Cambodia, elections are held and Cambodia is neutral and non-aligned.

Vietnam claims it has withdrawn all but 50,000 of its troops and will have those out by Sept. 30. Acknowledging its economic policies have failed, Vietnam is courting the United States and its capitalism as a prelude to what it hopes will be the lifting of an American trade embargo and the return of economic, medical and management aid.

Vietnam now survives on aid from the Soviet Union and some humanitarian aid from some Western countries. Some assistance comes from non-government charitable organizations and individuals in the United States, including the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, a Quaker group, and World Vision, a Monrovia, Calif., Christian agency. Increasingly, Vietnam veterans are lending a hand.

Seven American plastic surgeons and two other physicians, the first group of American doctors to work in Vietnam since the end of the war, operated on 101 children in February to correct mouth deformities, including cleft lips, as part of "Operation Smile," a Norfolk, Va., based charitable agency.

"Every time I come, I bring them a couple of thousand dollars worth of sutures," says Constable of Massachusetts General. "They go very fast."

"It's a social economic problem, not only a medical problem," says Dr. Tran Ngoc Manh, a vice director of Pediatric Hospital No. 1, which cares for children from birth to age 15 in Ho Chi Minh City and 14 provinces to the south.

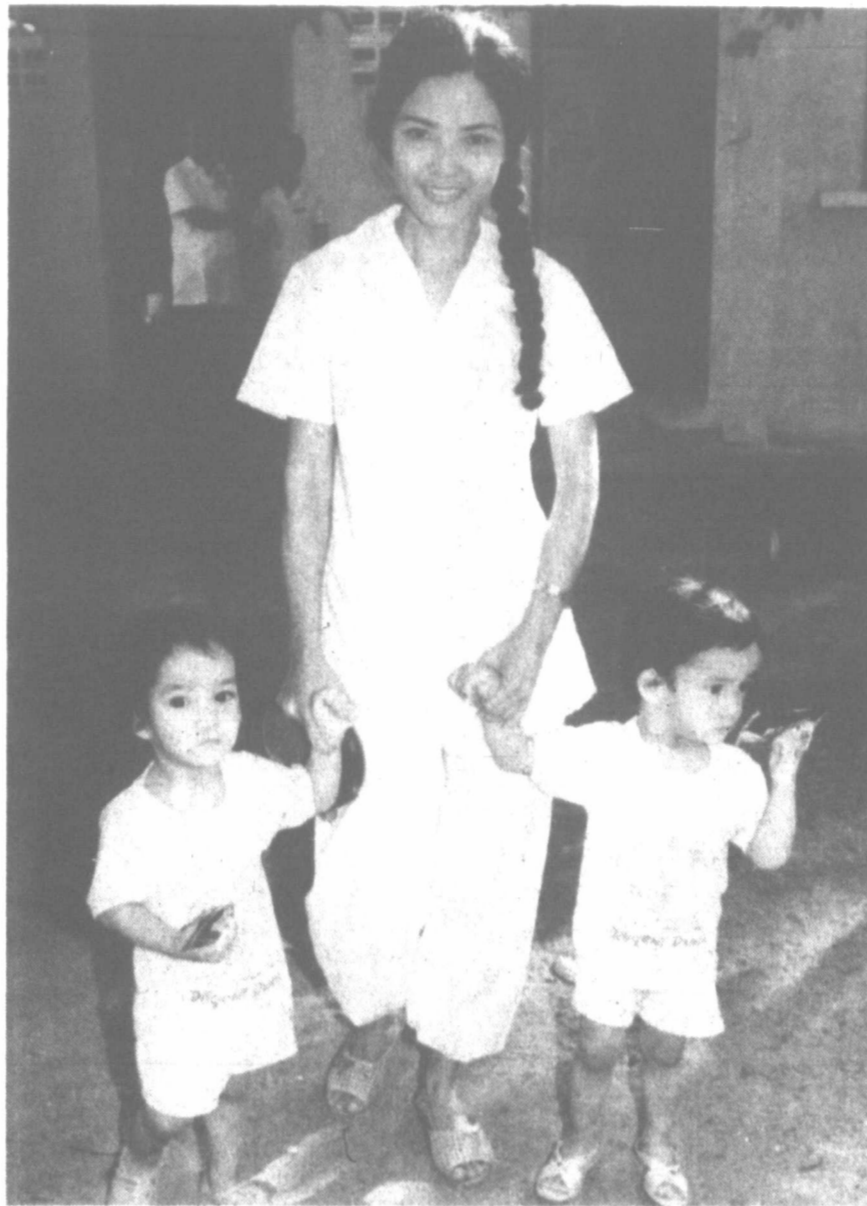
Vietnam is so poor that most babies have never known the taste of cow's milk, barely surviving on a steady diet of water and rice. Many so helpless they are unable to escape the companions of malnutrition: pneumonia, bronchitis, diarrhea — and, too often, death.

"If they are malnourished, they can have pulmonary diseases," says Dr. Tran Tan Tram, another vice director of Pediatric Hospital No. 1. "Where you have pulmonary infections, you can have malnourishment."

A 2-month-old child reared on rice soup since birth is unable to open its eyes. "In our country, many patients are blind because of a lack of vitamin A," Manh says.

UNICEF, the United Nations Childrens Fund, estimates that about 40 percent of Vietnam's 9 million children under age 5 are suffering from malnutrition. Vietnamese medical experts report that despite education programs, there has been no substantial improvement in the last 25 years.

Eighteen percent of Vietnam's children are born underweight at 5½ pounds or less, and are more likely to be malnourished and vulnerable to other diseases. "This is a very high figure, very dramatic, one of the highest of



Kim Hue, a nurse at Pediatric Hospital No. 1, accompanies two Vietnamese children under her care in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

(AP Newsfeatures photo)

any country in the world" says Leo Goldstone, a senior adviser at UNICEF in New York.

"The country is short of food because of a series of crop failures and some natural disasters like cyclones. The people don't have enough incentive to grow food. The first people to suffer are the mothers and children."

Worse yet, Vietnam's infant mortality rate is seven times that of the United States. Of every 1,000 children born in Vietnam, 91 die before age 5 and 65 die before age 1. In the United States, of every 1,000 children born, 13 die before age 5 and 10 die before age 1.

Unrelenting infectious diseases ambush the malnourished and unvaccinated children of a medically indigent country: pneumonia, polio, measles, diphtheria, diarrhea, tuberculosis, rabies, plague, leprosy, tetanus. A major killer is pneumonia, responsible for one-third of childhood deaths. The huge river basins of Vietnam spawn fatal doses of malaria.

The antiquated medical system, short of hospitals, vaccine, antitoxin, antibiotics and vitamins, is unable to launch an effective counterattack. Only half the children and their mothers are immunized. A \$15 series of shots could save lives, but who can afford them in a country where the per capita income is not much above \$100 a year?

So short of everything are the hospitals that they sometimes gamble with antibiotics outdated in the United States, such as streptomycin, ignoring its possible side effects of deafness and

dizziness. Sometimes the treatment of a patient may depend on the family bringing in its own drugs. Vietnamese children are still stricken with poliomyelitis and rickets that vaccines and vitamins vanquished long ago in the United States.

Even those who are lucky enough to recover from meningitis, encephalitis and poliomyelitis are often left deaf, blind, retarded, paralyzed or disfigured, requiring repeated surgery and long-term therapy.

Thousands of disabled children 7-to-15 years old have lost their arms or legs in accidents, to dis-

Vietnamese children are still stricken with poliomyelitis and rickets that vaccines and vitamins vanquished long ago in the United States.

ease and to mines and unexploded shells left over from the war. So dirt-poor are the children, they are willing to risk the dangerous task of rummaging through old American bases for valuable shell casings which can be sold for scrap metal.

Because Phan is the only plastic surgeon in the entire country, the children with severe burns who need skin grafts suffer unnecessarily, skin meshed to skin, contracting itself, immobilizing their joints.

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Sports



Eddie Johnson of the Phoenix Suns is the winner of the NBA's Sixth Man Award

Bulls challenge Knicks in second round of playoffs

Suns seek second win against Golden State

By The Associated Press

The opponent has changed. The approach remains the same.

The Chicago Bulls, fresh from upsetting Cleveland in the first round of the NBA playoffs, are in New York tonight to open a best-of-7 series with the Knicks. New team, old challenge.

"Against the Knicks, we have to be very enthused and motivated, like we were for Cleveland," said Michael Jordan, who averaged 39.8 points against the Cavaliers.

"I think the playoffs have brought a different atmosphere to this team. I don't think we were as prepared as we should have been throughout the season. We didn't believe in ourselves."

But Jordan believed and even predicted the Bulls — 0-6 against Cleveland during the season — would win the opening round in four games. It took five, partly because Jordan missed a key free throw late in Game 4 and Cleveland came back to win in overtime.

"I knew that prediction would get back to Cleveland," he said. "But I wanted to instill belief in my teammates that we could beat this team. You have to believe it before you do it."

As for the Knicks, Jordan said he is "retiring as a predictor. I did that to get my teammates involved. But I might do it again if I see there's a need to inspire them."

The other NBA playoff game tonight has Phoenix at home against Golden State and holding a 1-0 lead in the series.

Wednesday night, it will be Milwaukee at Detroit in Game 1 and

the Los Angeles Lakers playing host to Seattle, whom they beat Sunday in their opening game.

Warriors-Suns

Golden State might try something old and new after being routed by Phoenix in the series opener. The old is former starting and star center, 7-foot-4 Ralph Sampson. The new is teaming him with 7-7 Manute Bol to form the "Thin Towers."

Sampson has been buried on the Warriors' bench and didn't play at all in the first-round sweep of Utah. He got onto the court in Phoenix's 130-103 victory, scoring six points, grabbing two rebounds and making one steal in 10 minutes. But the Suns were way ahead when he got in.

"I tried to be an inspiration or boost for the guys," Sampson said. "I have no control over when I play. I have no idea what's going on."

Coach Don Nelson does, but isn't saying. "I'm not going to go over strategies," he said.

The Suns, who swept Denver in the first round, made 50 of 98 shots against Golden State.

Phoenix doesn't seem to care whether Golden State turns to Sampson.

"That will slow the pace down, make it a half-court game. That's fine with us. We've been adjusting all year," said Eddie Johnson, named Monday as the NBA's best sixth man.

SuperSonics-Lakers

Maybe the Lakers should practice with tackling dummies for the rest of this series.

"We've got to flip the switch from a finesse team to one that's going to be playing in the trenches," Coach Pat Riley said after the two-time defending champions won the opener 113-102. "They are one of the most aggressive teams in the league. They fight and compete for everything."

The Sonics committed 31 fouls to only 16 for the Lakers in Game 1. Los Angeles made 37 of 46 free throws, while Seattle was 18-for-25. The Sonics actually had more field goals, 41-38.

Seattle power forward Michael Cage thinks his team can be more physical.

"I don't think we were fresh," he said. "Give us a couple days to prepare and I think we can play four full quarters. The fourth quarter, we were just standing around."

Bucks-Pistons

Milwaukee is banged-up physically but riding an emotional high after beating Atlanta in five games. Detroit will have an eight-day layoff between games.

The Bucks eliminated the Hawks at Atlanta without leading scorer Terry Cummings and versatile Paul Pressey.

Cummings strained a tendon in his right ankle in Game 4. He is expected to miss at least Wednesday's first game at Detroit. Pressey hasn't played since dislocating his right shoulder against the Pistons on April 9.

The Pistons also have injuries — center Bill Laimbeer has a sore ankle, guard Joe Dumars a mild groin pull and Isiah Thomas a sore shoulder and broken left hand.

Playoff glance

By The Associated Press

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)

Eastern Conference schedule TBA

Saturday, May 6

Phoenix 130, Golden State 103, Phoenix leads series 1-0

Sunday, May 7

L.A. Lakers 113, Seattle 102, Lakers lead series 1-0

Tuesday, May 9

Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10

Milwaukee at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.

Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Bucks' coach named

By SONNY BOHANAN Sports Writer

Dennis Carpenter was named to succeed Windy Williams as White Deer's head football coach and athletic director during the May meeting of the White Deer Independent School District Board of Trustees Monday night.

Carpenter, who has served as a varsity football assistant for the past four years at Class 5A Texas City, is tentatively scheduled to take over his first head coaching position next Monday.

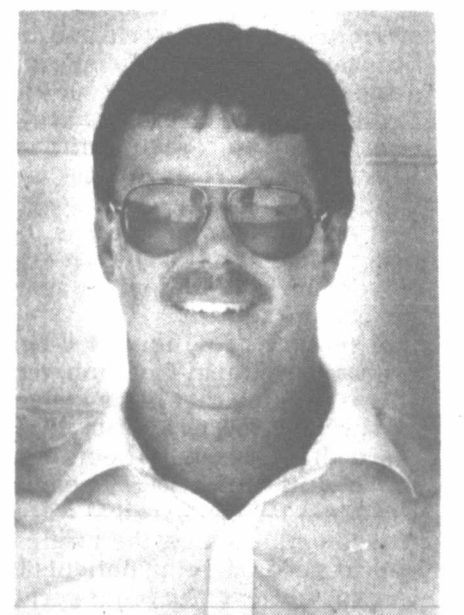
"His board is meeting tonight to discuss releasing him from his contract for the rest of the year," White Deer superintendent of schools David Sharp said Tuesday morning. "Unless there's a hitch there, he should be here Monday."

Carpenter, 36, was lured to White Deer by the prospect of heading up a successful athletic program, and he was satisfied with what he found after one visit to the town.

"I feel like this is a great opportunity and a great place to get started," Carpenter said Monday afternoon. "This is my first stint as a head man, and from all the people I've met, this seems like a real good situation. You can walk through the hallways and see that they take pride in their school and themselves. They're obviously getting some leadership."

After earning a bachelor's degree and playing collegiate football at Sul Ross State University, Carpenter returned to his hometown, San Antonio, to accept a position as an assistant football coach at East Central High School in 1974.

He remained there for seven years, and in 1981, Carpenter returned to Sul Ross to work toward his master's degree while serving as a graduate assistant. He spent the next year as an assistant at Lorenzo High School, then was rehired at Sul Ross in 1983 as a full-time offensive coordinator.



Dennis Carpenter

Carpenter moved to Texas City in 1985 when Sul Ross head coach Joe George left his college post to take the reins of the Texas City football program. Two years later, Carpenter began searching for his own program.

"I've been looking for the opportunity to be a head football coach for the last couple of years," Carpenter said. "I didn't limit myself — I looked at a lot of schools. I heard about White Deer through a coach-finder, and after coming out here and visiting, I knew this was what I was looking for."

Carpenter will replace former coach Windy Williams, who took the head football and athletic director's position at Dalhart after leading the Bucks to a perfect 15-0 record and the 1988 Class 1A state championship.

"Coming off a state championship, you know they've got a good program," Carpenter said. "One of the questions I got right away was, 'What are we going to do offensively and defensively?' I don't plan to make any wholesale changes. Continuity in a program is a plus, especially with a new coach coming in."

"These kids already know how to win, and they know what it's all about. I've been with some programs that didn't know how to win, and it's hard to get them over that hump."

After coaching at both the high school and college level, Carpenter has no difficulty in choosing between the two.

"I always wanted to coach in college, and I got that opportunity. It was a great experience, but I'm sold on high school football. You're more involved, and the kids that play high school football are a little bit more coachable and team-oriented. You get in on the ground floor of teaching fundamentals and you see more development."

Area track girls in gold-medal hunt

By SONNY BOHANAN Sports Writer

If two is company and three is a crowd, what is six? In this case, it's the number of area high school girls that qualified for the 79th annual UIL state track and field meet scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Austin.

It's also twice the number of area girls that managed a state berth a year ago. It remains to be seen if this season's crop is twice as good, but at least two of the six have legitimate shots at winning their events outright.

There are no guarantees of course — anyone can pull a muscle or a Mary Decker Slaney at any given moment. But barring mishaps and acts of God, Kim McEntire of Canadian and Jill Brown of White Deer will be in the gold-medal hunt.

That's nothing new for McEntire, who will make her fourth state appearance in the 800 Saturday. After runner-up finishes the past two years and a bronze-medal performance in her freshman season, this is her final bid for the gold.

She clocked 2:15.8 — still her career best — in Austin last year, one-tenth of a second behind state champion Monica Vigil of White Deer. As a senior, McEntire is undefeated and has a season-best 2:25.8, which she ran in the regional prelims.

"There will be five girls there (at Austin) that are within a second-and-a-half of each other, from 2:24 up to 2:25 and 2:26," Canadian girls' coach Jackie Burns said. "It's going to be pretty tight, but Kim is competitive and this is her fourth year at state. Two of the girls with good times are freshmen, and it will be an eye-opener for them."

"I think Kim's competitiveness and her being a senior will help her."



(Staff Photo by Sonny Bohanan)

Jill Brown of White Deer will make her state track debut Saturday in the 100 hurdles.

Brown of White Deer, a junior, will make her debut at the state meet Saturday after three consecutive trips to regionals in the 100 hurdles. She got an early look at the field she'll face in Austin during last weekend's state qualifiers meet in Abilene, where she clocked a career-best 15.59.

That time puts her third among Class A state qualifiers, behind Racheal Honea of Irion County, who posted a state-leading 14.92 at the Region II-A meet, and Cathy Wilde of Munday, who covered the hurdles in 15.0 earlier this

season. Brown went up against both Honea and Wilde at Abilene, and all three finished in the 15.5 range, although in different heats.

"I ran right with both of them in Abilene," Brown said. "The girl from Munday three-steps and she was really having to stretch on the last couple of hurdles. I know that if I can stay up with her until the end, I can get her."

Darla McAnear of McLean is also a strong contender in the 100 hurdles. She went the distance in a personal-best 16.17 seconds last Saturday at the six-man state track meet,

which puts her in a good position to place in her first state outing.

Noel Johnson, a sophomore from Kelton, cleared 5-4 in the high jump for the first time this season at regionals, good enough for a silver medal and her first trip to Austin. You can bet it won't be her last.

Tammy Helton triple-jumped 33-10 at Levelland to become the Wheeler girls' only state qualifier in the last six years. She failed to qualify in what is normally her strongest event, the long jump, although her season-best 35-2 1/4 triple jump is one of the top in the state.

"We really thought she'd go in the long jump," Wheeler girls' coach Jan Newland said. "She always jumps consistently in the 16s, but 15-3 was the furthest she got at regionals. We weren't prepared for the triple jump."

Cassie McNeese of Canadian, a newcomer to state competition, was something of a darkhorse prior to the district meet. She had never surpassed the 100-foot mark until a month ago, when she hurled the discus 106-11 1/2 to qualify for regionals. She earned Saturday's state berth with a toss of 105-4, and has since topped 110 feet in practice.

"Since the regional meet, coach (Jim) Hester has been working with her and they've corrected two or three timing techniques," coach Burns said. "He has her throwing 110 and 112, and that should give her a shot at placing."

For area girls, the field event competition begins Friday with the Class 1A triple jump at 3 p.m. The 1A high jump is slated for Saturday morning at 8, followed by girls' 2A discus at 9 a.m.

In the running events, the girls' 1A 100 hurdles will start at 1:10 p.m., while the 2A 800 begins at 7:20 p.m.

Texas League roundup

By The Associated Press

Kevin Garner drove in two runs in the ninth inning to lead the Wichita Wranglers to a 3-0 Texas League baseball victory over the Jackson Mets.

In other Texas League action Monday night, Tulsa edged Midland, 9-7, Shreveport defeated San Antonio, 7-1 and El Paso defeated Arkansas, 7-3.

The other Wichita run came in the ninth inning when Dave Hollins walked with the bases loaded, forcing home pitcher Omar Olivares.



Pictured (l-r) are Matt Reeves, Michel Reeves, Dennis Williams and Johnny Murrell.

County youngsters win rifle meet

Gray County won the championship in the Junior Division of the District 14-H Rifle Meet held recently in Amarillo.

The team, consisting of Michel Reeves of Pampa, Dennis Williams of Lefors, Matt Reeves and Johnny Murrell, both of Pampa, came out on top in the team standings.

They competed against seven other District 14 Junior 4-H rifle teams in each of three positions — prone, standing and kneeling.

In individual standings, Michel Reeves was second in prone, first

in standing, first in kneeling and second high point overall.

The team is coached by Ted Reeves of Pampa.

Earlier, a team composed of Michel Reeves, Dennis Williams, Matt Reeves and Thomas Hart competed in a National Rifle Association sponsored 3-position sectional match also held in Amarillo. The team placed first out of the four sub-junior teams competing.

Michel Reeves was first in individual standings while Dennis Williams placed fifth individually.

Lifestyles



McLean Elementary students visit the Sheriff's department in Pampa on a recent field trip. Sponsor Linda Fuller and Principal

Jerry Cook listen as Sheriff Free and Deputy Sheriff Wayne Carter answer questions from the group.

McLean Elementary students take a field trip to Pampa

McLEAN — The first and third grade classes of McLean Elementary School recently took a field trip to Pampa.

Their first stop was at the Gray County Courthouse, where Precinct 4 Commissioner Ted Simmons took them on the tour. He introduced the students to Tax Assessor/Collector Margie Gray, County Clerk Wanda Carter and County Judge Carl Kennedy.

After touring the offices, the classes met with Judge Kennedy, who gave them a presentation on county operations and answered students' questions.

The children also visited the Gray County Sheriff's Office while at the courthouse. Deputies Wayne Carter, Dave Keiser and Steve Green gave them a thorough tour of the department. The students were introduced to Sheriff Jim Free, who visited with them. The sheriff and deputies discussed the criminal justice system and procedures with the students.

Their next stop was the Pizza Hut. All three classes had achieved their goal of 100 percent participation during the four months of the Pizza Hut Book It Reading Program. They re-

ceived free pizza during each month of the program and a class party upon reaching their class goal.

After lunch, the students visited the Central Fire Station in Pampa. The firefighters took two separate groups and discussed their equipment and fire safety. Each child received a sack of safety information. Students especially were impressed with the new aerial fire truck.

The teachers said they wish to thank the Book It Mothers, sponsors and others who helped coordinate and assist the classes on the trip.

Parent education opportunities being developed in Gray County

By Donna Brauchi
Home Extension Agent

(Editor's note: This is part two in a series continued from Monday's *The Pampa News*.)

"Partners In Parenting," is a project being developed by the Gray County Extension Home Economics Program Advisory Committee in cooperation with community resource people representing the Texas Department Health, Department of Human Services, Tralee Crisis Center for Women, high school home-bound program, Baker and Lamar Elementary School At-Risk coordinators, and Clarendon College. "Partners In Parenting" will be a volunteer program helping first-time parents through parenting support and education. Volunteers will be trained to work one-on-one with a new parent to help the parent develop personal responsibility, positive self-esteem, self-confidence, and a basic knowledge of child care and development as well as community resources.

A grant proposal to Children's Trust Fund of Texas has been submitted by Tralee Crisis Center for Women. The proposal features development of a similar program to "Partners In Parenting". If funded, Tralee Crisis Center For Women would establish a parenting education and support program for single parents. A program director would be hired to organize and conduct the program which would utilize

volunteers working one-on-one with single parents. Dauna Wilkinson, executive director for Tralee, indicated that the project was proposed because of the number of single parents that have utilized services of Tralee Crisis Center. The Center felt that organized parenting education could be an important extension of their support services for women.

Another exciting parenting education opportunity on the horizon is for teen-agers. Miriam Lynch, Pampa High School home economics teacher, is offering a parenting course starting next fall called PARENTING AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT. The course will be offered to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. It will be one semester in length, but will be offered both in the fall and spring. The course will focus on practical parenting skills with hands-on experience with young children. Teen-age parents as well as other students will be encouraged to take the course.

Being initiated statewide next fall at the middle school level will be a "Life Skills" course. Hopefully young people will gain skills and knowledge in personal decision-making, relationships, stress management, money management and social health issues that will effect their lives from now into the future.

On a statewide basis, a collaborative effort between the Children's Trust Fund of Texas and The Texas Agricultural Ex-

tension Service has been initiated. The program "Partners For Parenting" will establish a parenting education curriculum library available through the Extension Service for use by groups conducting community-based parenting education programs.

Gray County citizens and agencies are concerned about the future of our children. They are willing to take some risks, be innovative, and to try to increase the opportunities for parents to develop skills that we, as a society, expect them to have. These efforts are not without costs. Some projects are minimizing monetary costs through utilization of trained volunteers. This approach then increases the need for volunteer manpower.

Several agencies involved in parenting education efforts utilize county and/or state tax dollars. Others depend on community support and donations. Research indicates, however, that prevention is cost effective. It has been estimated that even if parenting education and health care services were successful in reducing the level of serious physical abuse by only 20 percent, some \$362 million could be saved each year in reduced foster care costs, hospitalization and medical costs, rehabilitative services, juvenile court costs, and lost future productivity.

For additional information or to volunteer your services, contact your Gray County Extension Office.

May is 'Better Sleep Month' among other things

The month of May is filled with many activities like proms, banquets, planning vacations, to name of few. Here are some things about the month of May you might not have been aware.

May is Better Sleep Month and there is an organization devoted to helping people who can't get to sleep. The Better Sleep Council, now in its eleventh year, has set up a 24-hour toll free number to call during May. Dial 1-800-223-NITE and hear the pajama'd superhero, Mattress Man, give sleep tips in a 90-second adventure that's sure to put you to sleep. Tips range from when to replace your mattress to mind games that will help you relax into sleep.

May is Older Americans Month so designated by President Bush.

Governor Clements signed a proclamation naming May 14-20 as Texas Senior Centers Week. "The elders who nurtured us in our childhood, counseled us in our young adulthood and remained our valued friends in maturity are deserving of our sincerest expression of gratitude," says Clements.

May is High Blood Pressure Month and residents of the Panhandle are encouraged to get the low-down on high blood pressure. The American Heart Association Panhandle Regional office offers a number of programs and information which include tips on high blood pressure control. Pamphlets and materials for training individuals to screen blood pressure are available by calling the AHA at 374-

8291. May is National Sight-Saving Month. The Texas Society to Prevent Blindness suggests that if you have not had a thorough eye exam recently, set aside some time this month to get one. Purchase safety eyewear suitable to your family's sport, gardening or recreational activities, and make a family pact to use it. For more information or materials call the Houston office at (713) 526-2559.

May is also National Arthritis Month, National Digestive Diseases Awareness Month, National Mental Health Month, National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, National Barbecue Month, National Home Decorating Month, and National Photo Month. A little something for everyone.

Fans' frenzy can be lethal



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: "Help!" "God, I can't breathe!" "Get them to stop pushing!" "This is insane!" were the cries heard in Sheffield, England, on Saturday, April 15, when 93 people were killed and more than 200 injured by an unruly mob at a soccer game. These were also the cries heard by me at a rock concert at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium that same day when hundreds of unruly fans rushed the stage. One story made headlines, but the other easily could have.

The auditorium was overflowing with what must have been a double-capacity crowd. Some fans were seated comfortably at the rear of the hall, but hundreds were pressed forward against the stage by throngs of enthusiastic fans in the back, hell-bent on getting closer to the performers. Speaking as an unfortunate member of that audience, I can tell you that it was an unnerving ordeal. Bodies were pressed so tightly together that breathing was difficult and it was stiflingly hot. Crazy kids (either stoned or high) began pushing others around them, thus sparking off a potentially lethal chain reaction — not unlike the one in Sheffield. Only when you have been caught in such a churning riptide of humanity can you understand it.

Appeals to security personnel at the auditorium to do something about the situation produced no results; neither did a call to the fire department. There should have been far fewer tickets sold, and far more security people present to control the crowd. It is true that no one died in Santa Monica that night. The floodgates may have held this time, but they may not always. And while the concert promoters in Santa Monica count their dollars, in Sheffield they count their dead.

TYLER FOSHE,
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DEAR TYLER: Thanks for your letter. It answered the questions that occurred to many: How could this bizarre tragedy have occurred? And what can we do to prevent it from happening again?

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I agreed to chip in with a group of friends to buy a 50th wedding anniversary gift for a couple we have known for many years. The group giving this gift consists of eight married couples and one widow.

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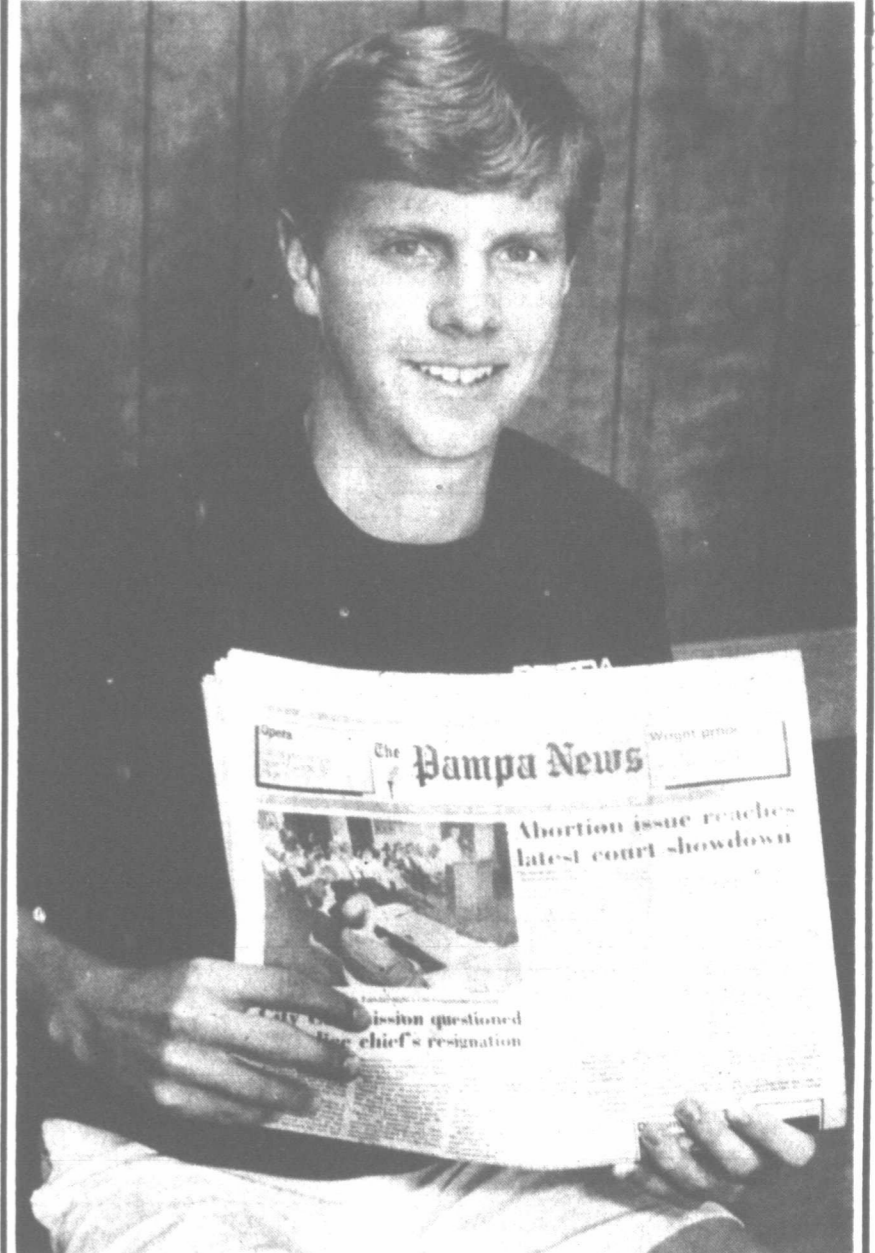
by nine.

What do you think?

IN DOUBT IN ARIZONA

DEAR IN DOUBT: Is the widow's deceased husband going to be at the anniversary party? Of course not. Therefore the cost of the gift should be divided by 17 — each couple paying two shares, leaving the widow with one.

Carrier of the Month



(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

March Carrier of the Month is Chris Poole. He is the son of Virgle and Patsy Poole. He has been a carrier for *The Pampa News* for 4 1/2 years. Poole is an eighth grade student at Pampa Middle School and his activities include the student council, football, basketball and track. When asked what he has learned from his experience as a paper carrier he says responsibility, how to mix with people and money management.

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ACROSS

- 1 Commandment
- 4 Author Emile
- 8 Cairo's river
- 12 Entertainer
- 14 Khayyam
- 15 Rodent
- 16 Cutting at angle
- 18 With a leg on each side of
- 20 Americans (sl.)
- 21 Human being
- 22 Actress
- 24 Patron
- 26 Gazed at
- 27 Guardian spirit
- 30 At the back
- 32 Urgently
- 34 Turned
- 35 Mystery
- 36 Always (poet.)
- 37 Deities
- 39 College official
- 40 Actor Richard
- 41 Skin problem
- 42 Moslem sacred book
- 45 Got on
- 49 Arm strap
- 51 Light feather
- 52 Alphabets
- 53 Sioux Indian
- 54 Cheer
- 55 "Do as"
- 56 Stupid person (sl.)
- 57 Actor Brynner

DOWN

- 1 Northern constellation
- 2 Nursemaids

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 33 Cowboy
- 38 Public
- 46 discussion
- 40 Boastful
- 28 Walked in water
- 42 Bridge on the River
- 50 voyage
- 43 Globes
- 44 Costa
- 46 about
- 47 Jacob's twin
- 48 Actress Arlene

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GEECH

ONLY THREE MORE DAYS UNTIL FRIDAY.

SO? THERE'S ONLY SIX MORE DAYS UNTIL MONDAY.

OH, YEAH...

YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN TO THINK AHEAD.

ONLY 7,156 MORE DAYS UNTIL RETIREMENT.

THE WIZARD OF ID

I HEAR RODNEY IS GOING TO BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE SPORTSMAN'S BANQUET.

I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE.

THEY MUST'VE GONE OVER-BUDGET ON THE FOOD.

EEK & MEEK

ALL THROUGH CIVILIZATION MAU HAS SOUGHT THE TRUTH.

OF COURSE HE HAS...

IF HE DOESN'T KNOW IT, HOW CAN HE LIE ABOUT IT?

B.C.

I'M THINKING OF GETTING A FACE LIFT.

I DON'T BELIEVE IN THAT STUFF!

YOUR BODY IS LIKE A HAND OF CARDS! YOU SHOULD LIVE WITH WHAT YOU WERE DEALT.

THAT'S CAUSE YOU GOT THE ROYAL FLUSH AND I GOT STUCK WITH THE PAIR!

MARVIN

GRANDPA AND I TAKE A LOT OF NAPS.

THAT'S 'CAUSE HE'S RETIRED.

...AND I'M PRE-TIRED.

ALLEY OOP

DO YOU THINK AVA HAS SOLVED OUR PROBLEM YET, OSCAR?

WELL, THAT BIG GRIN I SEE IS CERTAINLY INDICATIVE OF SOMETHING!

WELL? NO FAIR KEEPING US IN SUSPENSE, YOUNG LADY!

WHILE ALLEY GETS BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH HIS NEW FOUND FRIEND...

DOC AND OSCAR ARE GREETED BY A SMILING AVA WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE TIME-MACHINE LABORATORY.

...ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!

ALL RIGHT!

REALLY?

"I never heard of a baby wanting chopped liver before, but if it will make him happy..."

SNAFU

"This is how far I can get the speakers off the ground with the volume only half way up!"

The Family Circus

"I'm glad our car's insides don't stick out like that."

MARMADUKE

"I never heard of a baby wanting chopped liver before, but if it will make him happy..."

KIT N' CARLYLE

I HATE IT WHEN SHE EATS IN HERE. IT MAKES THE FOOD SHE DROPS TOO HARD TO GET AT!

WINTHROP

HI, TERRY.

ER... HI!

DID WINTHROP JUST COME BY HERE?

I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING.

CALVIN AND HOBBS

THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG NIGHT.

MY HEART JUMPS AT THE SLIGHTEST SOUND. IT'S ALMOST 2, AND I'M WIDE AWAKE.

WHEN SOMEONE BREAKS INTO YOUR HOME, IT SHATTERS YOUR LAST ILLUSION OF SECURITY. IF YOU'RE NOT SAFE IN YOUR OWN HOME, YOU'RE NOT SAFE ANYWHERE.

A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE, BUT IT SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE A FORTRESS.

THE BORN LOSER

WILL YOU ACCEPT A COLLECT CALL FROM TIERRA DEL FUEGO?

WH-WHO DO I KNOW IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO?

WELL, I... UH... YEAH, I GUESS SO...

HI-I-I-I, ANYBODY... -HIC-

FRANK AND ERNEST

IN ATHENS THEY'RE PUTTING A GOLF COURSE NEXT TO AN ANCIENT GREEK TEMPLE.

WHAT'LL THEY CALL IT... "THE PARTHRENON"?

PEANUTS

"STAY TUNED FOR MORE NEWS AT ELEVEN... THANK YOU FOR JOINING US..."

I DIDN'T JOIN YOU... I JUST HAPPENED TO BE SITTING HERE!

GARFIELD

HERE I STAND ON TOP OF THE WORLD. MASTER OF ALL I SEE.

NONE PARE CHALLENGE ME, UNLESS OF COURSE THEY BE FOOLS, OR...

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede oso

New paths could open for you in the year ahead that might make it possible to fulfill a secret ambition. Your target will be aesthetic, rather than materialistic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions look favorable for you today where your financial or material interests are concerned. You should be able to add to your resources or holdings. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Charm, wit and thoughtfulness are tools that you will be able to skillfully use today to win others over to your way of thinking and doing things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you've been hesitant about requesting a favor from a friend who can help you with something rather confidential, it's time to revise your thinking. Your pal can be trusted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Companions will have an enormous effect upon your outlook and attitude today, so try to involve yourself with upbeat people. Don't wait for them to find you, go find them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you are likely to be one who is able to keep your head when all about you are losing theirs. You'll see the folly of making a big fuss over nothing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Use gentle measures on people with whom you'll be involved today either socially or businesswise. They will be far more effective than issuing forceful directives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be in for a pleasant surprise today when someone you thought never noticed you makes a grand gesture showing actually that this person thinks highly of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will function much more effectively in business situations today if you can be objective rather than emotional. Stand back a bit and analyze things logically.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Strive to be agreeable in relations with your mate today. One way to keep peace in the household is not to override vetoes on financial matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Early in the day there is a possibility that you might take yourself a trifle too seriously. However, these inclinations should pass in the afternoon and you'll be all fun and games.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An associate in your present field of endeavor might be instrumental today in generating something beneficial for you where your career is concerned.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone who likes you may be cooking up some special plans in which you'll figure prominently. You should hear about them soon.

Legislature considers bills on hospital districts, health care

EDITOR'S NOTE: During the remainder of the time that the House is in session, Rep. Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, will send this information about current bills that he feels are of interest to the people of our district.

Several bills and one constitutional amendment are pending in the Texas House of Representatives now that should be of interest to the people of Pampa and the surrounding area.

CREATION OF HOSPITAL DISTRICTS

Because of the problems in health care in many of our communities, the Legislature is currently considering several bills to impact those problems. The constitutional amendment and its implementing bill should be of major interest.

Currently, the creation of a hospital district requires that the Legislature pass special legislation, which must subsequently be approved by a majority of the taxing voters in the district.

The constitutional amendment (HJR 85 by McKinney) would allow the Legislature to authorize the creation of hospital districts by general or special law, to be approved by a majority of the qualified voters.

Supporters say that HJR 85 and its implementing legislation HB 2244 would put the authority and responsibility for creating a hospital district where it really belongs... in the hands of the people who will be using the facility and paying for it.

Those in favor of the bill say that the current procedure wastes time and creates problems for local residents who must wait until the Legislature is in session before they can begin the process of establishing a hospital district.

Under the new proposal, the Legislature could establish procedures for the local creation of hospital districts without having to enact a new special law to create, change or abolish each hospital district.

Opponents to the bill say that the authority to create hospital districts should remain in the hands of the Legislature. Those opposed to the bill also say that one result of this change could be a proliferation of hospital districts established in haste to handle some temporary problems.

The companion enabling legislation, HB 2244, sets the procedures for creating the district, starting with the submission to the county judge of a petition signed by at least 100 registered voters in the area involved. HB 2244 would require that the hospital district supply care and treatment to indigents.

EXPANSION OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM

A second bill dealing with health care in Texas is HB1345 by Wright which calls for an expansion and revision of the Medicaid program in the state. Medicaid,

which is a program to provide medical assistance to the poor, is funded by the state and by the federal government.

Since the federal government provides about 62 percent of the funding, Medicaid is the single largest source of federal money in the state budget.

Federal law establishes eligibility standards based on percentages of the federal poverty level. This bill would require the Department of Human Services to expand Medicaid eligibility, establish a medically needy program for certain groups who fail to qualify for Medicaid, change Medicaid reimbursement formulas for hospitals and doctors and increase state aid for hospitals caring for large numbers of indigents.

Supporters say that the bill would improve the Texas Medi-

caid program, expanding coverage to more needy Texans and increasing reimbursement payments to doctors, hospitals and nursing homes.

Chisum report

Even though Texas contains 7.5 percent of the nation's poor, the state receives only 3.6 percent of federal Medicaid dollars because other states have more liberal eligibility standards. This bill would deliver more medical services and recapture some of the federal tax dollars which are going to other states.

Opponents say that the bill would cost the General Revenue Fund almost \$185 million for the 1990-91 biennium and lock in even

higher spending for the future. Those opposed to the legislation say that the money could be spent to equalize public school finance or to construct new prisons.

RURAL HEALTH CARE, MEDICAL LIABILITY LIMITS

HB 18 by McKinney would set limits on the civil damage liability of certain medical providers, change certain procedures in medical liability actions, establish a new office of rural health care in the Texas Department of Health, prohibit denial of certain emergency care, expand Medicaid hospital reimbursement and encourage new physicians to practice in underserved areas.

According to supporters, this bill would implement many of the recommendations of the Special Task Force of Rural Health Care Delivery, but opponents claim that it is an attempt to sneak "tort

reform" in the back door. **TEXAS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Another bill which may of interest to the people of this area is the Texas Rural Economic Development Fund bill (HB 613 by Waterfield). The Texas Rural Industrial Development Fund currently makes direct loans to local industrial development corporations to promote and develop industrial enterprises in rural areas.

This bill would abolish The Texas Rural Industrial Development Fund and establish the Rural Economic Development Fund which would guarantee loans, rather than make direct loans. Also, the Fund would give preference to food and fiber processing industries.

Supporters say that this bill

could help increase the processing capabilities in Texas by guaranteeing loans to finance new ventures in agricultural processing. The new fund would have greater flexibility to provide greater incentives to build new facilities in Texas.

Opponents say that the state government should not spend public money to subsidize private businesses. What would ultimately happen, according to the opponents, is that private lenders would seek the guarantee on loans they would have provided anyway, resulting in only a shift of the risks from the lender to the state.

For more information about these bills or other legislation or to express your opinions, please write Rep. Warren Chisum, Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769 or call 1-800-692-1389.

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Layoffs plague Caltex workers

IRVING (AP) — Hundreds of New Yorkers who came to Texas when their international oil company fled Manhattan for spacious quarters in this exclusive Dallas area business development can't go back now that they're getting layoff notices.

Either economics or their hearts say they can't return to the hustle and bustle of the Big Apple.

Caltex Petroleum Corp. moved more than 600 employees when it relocated in 1986 from Manhattan to Las Colinas, a planned business development in the Dallas suburb of Irving.

But corporate staff will fall below 200 next month when Caltex completes restructuring. And some of those who will be let go have more than 25 years of service.

None of this was expected three years ago when the employees jumped at the chance to live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area on New York salaries and own their first homes and first cars.

The relocation "was a good move for all of us," said Carole Morizio, who has been with Caltex for 30 years. "But now, in this economy, there is no way we're going to match our salaries. And we can't afford to move."

Morizio said the home she and her husband sold in Long Island in 1982 now is out of reach. "It's triple what I sold it for," she told *The Dallas Morning News*.

Anita Lauria, a 17-year company veteran, said the economic downturn that forced the trimming also means she may lose her house along with her job.

The Dallas area job market "offers me entry-level positions that would result in me losing my house," Lauria said.

Caltex, a 50-50 joint venture between Chevron Corp. and Texaco Inc. dating to 1936, historically has had a stable work force characterized by longevity of service.

But when oil prices collapsed to \$9 a barrel in 1986, that all changed.

African pygmies getting their first glance of United States

By MICHAEL BEZDEK
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — A Pygmy singing troupe that had never been but a few miles from their village in northern Zaire is entertaining American audiences in their first performances before anyone but their own people. They came at the risk of being exploited as spectacle, of not being able to communicate their simplest wants if they got lost, and of not being able to deal with a first airplane trip that lasted for eight hours.

The Batwa-Ekonda Pygmies are dancing and singing their polyphonic music as part of *Africa Oye!*, a 10-week U.S. tour by 52 African performers. The tour opened at the Boston Opera House on Thursday. It is now playing in New York and will travel to Baltimore, Washington, D.C., San Antonio, Texas, and Los Angeles.

The Pygmies give good early reviews to the venture. Mpata Lopoma and Botika Ekalaka, among five Pygmies in the troupe, said so far they have liked the big-city buildings and all the bustle. They didn't care much for some of the food, especially American sandwiches, but they liked the rice from Chinese restaurants, Danish pastry, fried chicken, and the breads.

But mostly what they have liked so far are the people.

"We like that they like our music," said Lopoma.

The Africans' performances in Boston often prompted hoots of delight, rhythmic clapping and standing ovations.

The Pygmies and other performers — such as the magnificent drummers of Guinea and the Kanouri of Niger, who through circular breathing can

play a horn for as long as they like without noticeably drawing a breath — often responded with smiles and waves of mutual appreciation.

Other acts include Papa Wemba, one of Africa's most popular pop artists, and singer Kandia Kouyate, who is famous throughout Africa for her lyric voice in which she tells the centuries-old history of her Mandingue people in song.

The show, two years in the making, got off to a shaky start. The troupe's trip to Boston was delayed in Dakar, Senegal, because of bloody ethnic riots. And the Pende mask dancers of northwest Zaire created a little stir there when, feeling uncomfortable, they built a fire outside their hotel.

And Ekalaka said the Pygmies were a bit unsettled by the long flight.

"We thought it would fall in the water," he said through a translator.

But once here, they were happy to be making music.

Mel Howard, producer of the show, said he had counted on that feeling to make the Africans feel comfortable. He said modernization and the influence of missionaries in Africa have stirred feelings there over the years that much of the indigenous music and dance of Africa have become outdated.

Ekalaka and Lopoma said they were aware of those feelings.

"But we love music. We sing every day there is a reason to sing, a marriage, funeral, any ceremony," Ekalaka said.

The Pygmies were the least spectacular of the acts.

They live in northern Zaire, and for many years have been assimilated into the Ekonda people. And their music reflects the change.

Women take more sick days

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sickness keeps women away from their jobs slightly more often than men, according to a study by the National Center for Health Statistics.

A study between 1983 and 1985 of the health of workers found that women averaged 5.5 sick days annually, compared with 4.3 missed days of work for men. The study found that 11.2 percent of women took eight or more sick days a year, while 7 percent of men had eight or more days of lost work.

Reasons were not included, however. "There could be many possibilities," said John Gary Collins, one of the authors.

The Labor Department, however, did suggest reasons in a 1985 survey that found 3.7 percent of men and 6.3 percent of women missed a day of work in a given week.

"Understandably, women have higher incidences of absenteeism during their child-bearing years, especially women with children under age 6," the department's analysis said. "For most women the period of lost time increases with the presence of children."

Time taken off to give birth does not count in the absenteeism statistics, Collins said.

The health figures for men and women issued Monday are the first published portion of a more extensive analysis that will eventually include comparisons of health and sick time by income, education and other variables.

Collins said that comparative figures for men and women, which the center has not collected before, were included in this study because women now comprise such a large portion of the work force: 44 percent at the time of the study.

The analysis was based on a survey of 117,000 households containing 303,000 people.

Public Notice

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES: You are hereby notified of the opportunity for written public comment concerning the application for continuance of permit No. R-634 by McLean Cattle Company, Inc. for a cattle feeding facility in McLean, Donley County, Texas. The location is 4 1/2 miles south of 140 on Highway 273. This facility is emitting the following air contaminants: Feed Mixtures and Dust, Odor, Nitrogen Oxides, Carbon Monoxide.

A copy of all materials submitted by the applicant is available for public inspection at the Texas Air Control Board Lubbock Regional Office at Brier-croft South #1, 5302 South Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79412, telephone (806) 744-0090, and at the Texas Air Control Board, 6330 Highway 290 East, Austin, Texas 78723. All interested persons may inspect these materials and submit written comments to the Executive Director of the Texas Air Control Board by May 25, 1989. All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the Texas Air Control Board office in Austin.

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2 Museums

WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special tours by appointment.
PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon, Regular hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 2-6 p.m. Sundays at Lake Meredith Aquarium & Wildlife Museum. Fritch Hours: 2-5 p.m. Tuesday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturday. Closed Monday.
SQUARE House Museum: Pampa, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturday. Closed Monday.
PIIONEER West Museum: Shamrock, Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Saturday and Sunday.
ALANREED-McLean Area Historical Museum: McLean, Regular museum hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.
ROBERTS County Museum: Miami, Summer Hours: Tuesday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Sunday 1-5 p.m. Closed on Monday and Saturday.
MUSEUM Of The Plains: Peryton, Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekends during summer months, 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
RIVER Valley Pioneer Museum: Pampa, Monday thru Thursday, 8-4 p.m. Friday, 8-5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday 1-5 p.m. Closed Monday thru Sunday 1-5. Closed Wednesday.

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10 Lost and Found

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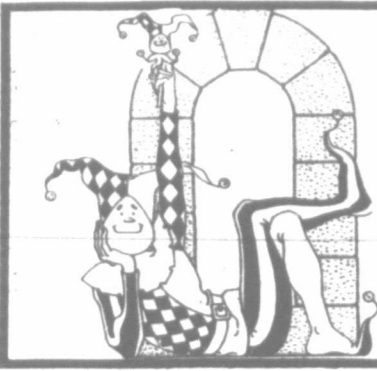
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Presidential race without Jesse?

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just about everybody in the Democratic Party seems pleased at the prospect that Jesse Jackson might run for mayor of Washington in 1990 — and not for president of the United States in 1992.

"It's a great idea from a Democratic point of view, a strategic point of view, and for Jesse and the city," said Donna Brazile, a political consultant who has worked for Jackson and other Democratic presidential candidates.

After two groundbreaking presidential campaigns that altered Democratic politics, Jackson is tantalizing party leaders with hints he might forgo a third campaign and run instead for mayor of Washington. He has said he would consider the race only if his friend Marion Barry does not seek re-election.

"It's a win-win-win situation, for everybody except Mayor Barry," said Al From, executive director of the Democratic Leadership Council, a group of moderate Democrats, many of them Southerners.

The idea has won enthusiastic if tentative support from nearly all parts of the Democratic Party, and carries appeal for both Jackson's backers as well as his detractors.

By taking himself out of the presidential race, Jackson would release his monopoly on black votes in the primaries, open up the party to other potential contenders and, some believe, make it easier for Democrats to unite in the fall and win back the White House.

"It would incredibly change the dynamics of the nominating process in 1992," said From.

Jackson could provide a high-visibility replacement for the scandal-plagued administration of Barry — who is viewed by some as becoming a national embarrassment to the Democratic Party. Jackson could direct his motivational abilities to help stem the drugs-and-death epidemic in the pre-

dominantly black city, should he win. Such a change would require a lowering of political sights for Jackson. But some argue it would make sense for him, as he could escape a likely third presidential defeat and gain a reliable local base — something he doesn't have in Chicago, where he has backed two losing mayoral candidates.

And in the process Jackson could pick up some government experience which, if successful, could help him in a future national race.

In keeping with Jackson's style, however, his intentions remain unclear and are shrouded in carefully worded answers and cryptic signals.

Jackson has until November, a year ahead of the mayoral election, to shift his legal residence to the District if he is to be a candidate.

Several political activists who are close to Jackson said the preacher and civil rights leader is seriously considering the mayoral race and has held lengthy discussions on the subject.

But it is the impact on the national political scene that makes the mayoral race such a subject of intense interest.

Frank Greer, a consultant to Democratic candidates, said Jackson's exit would trigger "a collective sigh of relief" among Democrats, eliminating what many see as a polarizing influence.

While creating an opening on the party's left, Jackson's exit might also allow room for another candidate to put together a biracial coalition, such as Jimmy Carter did in 1976.

From said potential 1992 candidates such as Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore, Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, Sen. Chuck Robb of Virginia and Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas have demonstrated an ability to appeal to black voters and might be given an opening by Jackson's exit.

And, From argues, all the Democratic candidates might have the chance to gain more attention and escape the "seven dwarfs" image that dogged the party in 1988.

Seed samples



Paul Mickelson, right, senior seed analyst at the Minnesota Crop Improvement Assn., examines a sample of germinated soybeans. Last summer's drought cut seed production by as much as 15 percent.

Literary hoax on Hughes to be auctioned

HOUSTON (AP) — The manuscript on the fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes that landed author Clifford Irving in prison is being sold at an auction later this month.

Simpson's Galleries in Houston will include the manuscript in a scheduled May 21 auction of memorabilia relating to Hughes. It conducted a similar auction of such items in February.

In 1972, a court ordered Irving's publisher, McGraw-Hill, and *Life Magazine*, which planned to serialize the Hughes autobiography, to destroy all their copies of the manuscript and any proofs of the work.

But Irving said the court order didn't apply to him and kept a copy of the manuscript he possessed, consisting of about 1,000 type-written pages.

"It moldered away in a carton in my farm house in Spain for more than 15 years until I crated it and other papers to this country two summers ago," Irving wrote Ray Simpson, proprietor of Simpson's Galleries.

Editorial comments and changes in the text are in the forged handwriting of Hughes.

Irving's literary hoax to publish the Hughes autobiography 17 years ago fell apart with him, his wife, Edith, and co-conspirator Richard Suskind all going to prison.

Irving, assisted by Suskind, invested lots of time and effort doing research and writing Hughes' fictional memoirs. After his release from prison, he reaped some profit from all the work by writing a book entitled *The Hoax*, his story of how he carried out his scheme.

Irving, reached in California, said he referred to this manuscript in his book in this passage: "Dick (Suskind, his collaborator) clutched the briefcase which contained one copy of the transcript — the most valuable one, for it had been hand corrected by Howard to add to its authenticity. 'Five years from now,' Dick said jubilantly, 'we can sell it to the University of Texas for \$100,000.'"

"Maybe that was a bit of hyperbole," Irving said laughingly. He said the germ of his idea for the Hughes autobiography may have been subconsciously planted when he wrote an earlier book, *Fake, the Story of Elmyr de Hory, the Greatest Art Forger of Our Time*.

"I have always believed that had I gone to trial I would have won because to disprove the authenticity of the autobiography they would have had to bring in Howard Hughes, and he was not going to appear in court," Irving told the *Houston Chronicle*.

He said he elected to plead guilty because his wife was admitting her guilt and because there was a possibility Suskind would become a government witness.

"I didn't think it (faking the autobiography) was such a terrible thing, and doing it was a lot of fun," said Irving, who has resumed his career as a writer.

Among other items being auctioned is a tape recording of a Jan. 21, 1972, conversation between Hughes and one of his attorneys in which he complains about another phony autobiography being published.

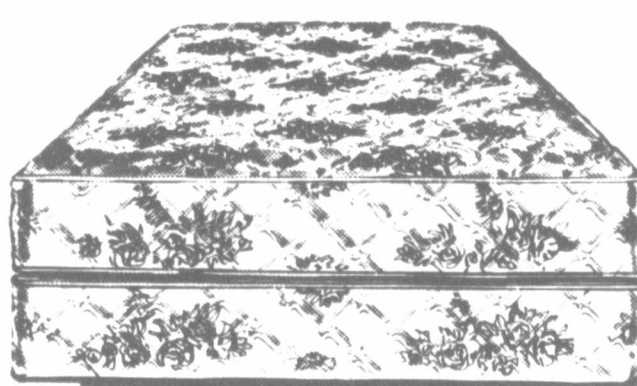
Simpson said he had hoped the auction would also include a 1941 Cadillac limousine Hughes used in Houston but was uncertain whether its restoration could be completed in time.

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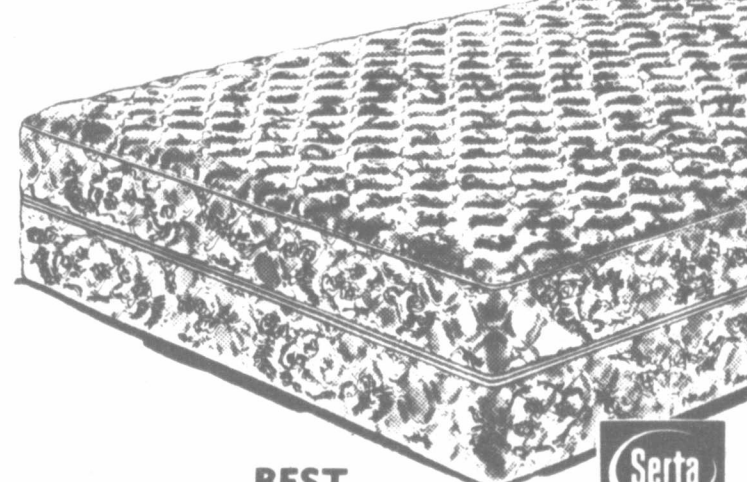
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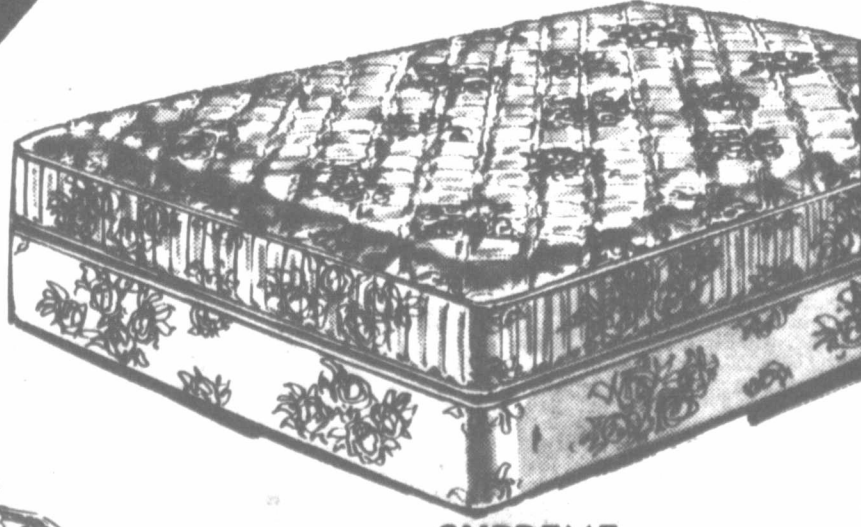


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