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THURSDAY

## Captors extend deadline for killing hostage

By FAROUK NASSAR  
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BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The kidnapers of Joseph Cicippio extended the deadline to kill him by four hours today and released a videotape in which the American hostage read a statement urging freedom for a Shiite Moslem cleric held in Israel.

The videotape was released by the radical Shiite Revolutionary Justice Organization along with a statement that said the deadline had been postponed until 10 p.m. (2 p.m. CDT).

"I appeal to each person having honor who can move to release Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid. Don't be late, because they (the captors) are very serious ...," Cicippio said.

Cicippio, 58, of Norristown, Pa., was acting controller of the American University of Beirut when he was abducted from its campus on Sept. 12, 1986.

Obeid was captured by Israeli commandos in south Lebanon on Friday. On Monday, a Shiite group claimed it killed U.S. Marine William Higgins in retaliation. A second group then threatened to kill Cicippio unless Obeid were freed.

Cicippio, with a bushy beard, was shown from the waist up as he read from a statement. The statement's poor English suggested it was prepared by the kidnapers.

He was wearing eyeglasses and a blue track suit. "My dear wife and people and all the human society and especially the Red Cross, don't leave me," Cicippio said.

"So to help me move I demand from the American people, oblige Israel to release Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid immediately because his kidnapping is not human," Cicippio said.

He looked haggard and distressed, and he read the statement slowly. The statement and the 90-second tape were delivered to a Western news agency in Beirut in the afternoon.

Cicippio's captors had initially said they would kill him unless Israel freed a Shiite Moslem cleric it kidnapped by Tuesday at 6 p.m. (10 a.m. CDT). The group subsequently moved the deadline back 48 hours.

Israel has refused to free the clergyman. Cicippio ended the appeal with a message for his Lebanese wife, Elham, saying: "Goodbye, my wife. If you don't hear my voice and see my face again I want you to look after yourself and don't be sad and always remember me."

The 34-word handwritten statement from the group said in Arabic: "In response to Cicippio's request to delay the execution until 10 p.m., in the hope that his appeal would be fruitful and useful, it has been decided to grant a delay in the new deadline."

"May victory be to the oppressed in the march toward liberation and justice. May glory and immortality be to our martyrs."

The deadline extension came amid a flurry of diplomatic activity aimed at canceling the death threat.

Shortly before the deadline was extended, Marrack Goulding, U.N. undersecretary-general for peacekeeping operations, held a closed-door session in Beirut with Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, Hezbollah's spiritual guide.

Hezbollah is Iran's main ally in Lebanon and is believed to be the umbrella organization for Shiite Moslem factions holding foreign hostages.

U.S. warships were reported heading for the Mediterranean, and Sheikh Abbas Mousawi, a

senior leader of the Iran-supported group Hezbollah, suggested today that his group would launch a new wave of terrorism if an attack takes place.

Mousawi, speaking to local newsmen in a south Beirut slum, referred to reports of U.S. warship movements and said: "The party's reprisal will be ruthless if America undertakes a military action against hostage-holding groups."

"President Bush must think a million times before embarking on such a reckless adventure. I don't think he has forgotten the truck bombing of the American Marine base at Beirut airport," Mousawi said.

Mousawi was referring to the Dec. 23, 1983, attack by a suicide driver who crashed an explosives-packed truck into the U.S. Marine base in Beirut, killing 241 U.S. servicemen.

"We've heard the reports about the 6th Fleet movements. We're not frightened. We shall continue to press for the unconditional release of Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid," Mousawi said.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said on Israel television Wednesday that hope existed for the hostages because Hezbollah was under strong pressure "from all directions."

"I think that at this moment there is a good possibility that our activities will bring about the release of hostages," he said.

Marrack Goulding, U.N. undersecretary-general for peacekeeping operations, flew to Beirut today and held a closed-door session with Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, Hezbollah's spiritual guide.

U.N. spokesman Timor Goksel said Goulding was to investigate Higgins' death and try to find his body.



(AP Laserphoto)

Cicippio: 'Don't be late, because they are very serious.'

### Two for tennis



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Kerry Phillips, left, and Summer Ziegelgruber take a break from their tennis game Wednesday to bandy a few words across the net. Pampans fill the city's tennis courts on pleasant summer evenings, but recent rainy nights have dampened some of the enthusiasm.

## County delays selecting prison study firm

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
News Editor

Gray County commissioners are back to square one today after deciding this week not to accept bids first submitted towards upgrading the county's jail facilities.

Commissioners had set Aug. 1 as the day to select a firm to begin the first phase in the process. At the meeting Tuesday, however, the Commissioner's Court wasn't able to make that decision, realizing that none of the eight bids actually fit what the commissioners were wanting.

After more than a month of visiting jail facilities representing work done by the bidders, the commissioners had narrowed the list down to A&S Steel Buildings of Amarillo and Jail Planners Inc. of Corsicana, said Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy.

A&S's bid was for the first phase only, Kennedy said, but signing Jail Planners' document would have committed the county all the way through completing the jail.

"You know we wanted to have a name by Aug. 1," Kennedy said. "But as we moved along we realized we must do Phase 1 first and it should be separate from Phase 2."

Since neither A&S nor Jail Planners' bids fitted the commissioners' changed expectations, they agreed to send the documents back and ask all eight firms to resubmit their bids for the first phase only.

Kennedy explained that the first phase would include a feasi-

bility study on the county's options — whether to build a new jail, renovate an existing building or renovate the present jail — and make a recommendation. Preliminary plans for the jail would be included, he said.

"Basically what we're asking is 'What will you do for a fixed fee basis on just Phase 1?'" Kennedy said.

Commissioners are to open the new bids at the Aug. 15 commission meeting.

A separate account has been established for jail expenses, Kennedy said, with an initial deposit of \$50,000. More than \$3 million remaining from the sale of Highland General Hospital has been earmarked for building a new jail. The \$50,000 was transferred from the HGH fund, according to the county judge.

More than two hours of the 5½ hour meeting Tuesday was devoted to discussing the 1990 county budget.

Commissioner received the 1990 budget requests from the various county office holders and other agencies seeking support from the county, Kennedy said.

Though a total number has not been reached, the county judge said budget requests have increased 20 percent over the present budget.

"That's not an unusual amount," Kennedy said. "It's 'Give us your shopping list with the understanding that you may or may not get all that you ask for.'"

"We've targeted Sept. 15 for setting the budget and approving the tax rate," he added.

As discussion begins on the 1990

budget, officials are still wrestling with this year's budget. Commissioners authorized the transfer of funds from the HGH account to the general fund to cover cost overruns for 1989 at the meeting Tuesday, an action they will in all likelihood continue to take as the '89 budget year comes to a close.

Interest revenue plus the principal from the sale of HGH has provided a cushion for Gray County for many years that's precluded raising taxes. However, commissioners are aware that they will soon lose the cushion to the jail.

In fact, Judge Kennedy has repeatedly warned that upgrading the jail facilities, plus the ever-increasing costs of the sheriff's department and effective law enforcement, will eventually have to be passed on to the taxpayers. In other words, a tax increase is to be expected.

Commissioners Tuesday also considered a new source of revenue that they've previously rejected — a county vehicle license plate fee.

A letter from the Texas Department of Highways said the county fee — not to exceed \$10 — can be added to the state license plate charges.

Kennedy said a "guesstimate" of the additional revenue the fee could bring in would be approximately \$150,000 a year.

"This would reach some of the people who own vehicles but do not own property in the county," Kennedy said. "They use all the county's services but don't pay ad valorem taxes."

Action was tabled on the matter until the Aug. 15 meeting, he said.

Commissioners did take action on the following items during the meeting Tuesday.

- Approved payment of salaries and bills totaling \$276,718.
- Granted County Tax Collector-Assessor Margie Gray's request to attend a conference in Corpus Christi on Sept. 16. Gray is to be recognized as a certified tax administrator at the conference.
- Authorized County Treasurer Scott Hahn to change his computer system to Jordan & Associates.
- Agreed to allow the Soil Conservation Service to make repairs and additions to four McClellan Creek Watershed sites. The project will cost approximately \$35,000.
- Approved advertising for an independent audit for the 1988-89 juvenile probation records as required each year by the state.
- Authorized Commissioner Ted Simmons to sign papers along with Lee Hibler of Wheeler to place the farm land surrounding McLean Airport in the federal conservation reserve program. Kennedy said the county is to share half of the federal land furrough funds from the program with Hibler who leases the 60 acres.
- And allowed Justice of Peace Bob Muns and Sheriff Jim Free to transfer funds within their budgets.

Next meeting is to be at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 15 in the second floor courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse. The meetings are open to the public.

## School administrators relearn their jobs

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Administrators from the Pampa Independent School District are spending this week relearning their jobs.

School officials have said much of their current job descriptions will be obsolete by the end of the upcoming school year.

The PISD is involved in a new approach to education that gives classroom teachers more authority than they have ever had and puts administrators in the role of teacher and parent-facilitators, rather than rule-makers.

Principals and other key district personnel are becoming acquainted with their new responsibilities at a "retreat" this week at the Pampa Community Building.

The purpose of the exercise, which involves such activities as working in small groups and practicing positive criticism, is to teach administrators how to relinquish some of their authority in favor of allowing teachers more room to decide what's best for their students and their school.

High School Principal Daniel Coward said the activities he and other administrators are participating in will then be taken to the campus level to help teachers adapt to their new roles.

"We're asking them to exhibit certain skills in planning and implementation," Coward said. "We have to work on those things as well."

He added, "The days of principals standing

up and saying 'Do this' are gone. Our role now is to bring all those (classroom) experts into the picture."

Horace Mann Elementary Principal Tom Lindsey said using this week for planning how to implement more teacher authority is crucial to the plan's success.

"We are going about this the best way possible. What we're doing is very important for our plans of the next few years," Lindsey said.

Under the school reform plan, which has been termed a model for the state and the

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nation, administrators seek to help teachers and parents learn to work together in designing rules and programs best suited for their students.

The same concept has brought teachers from around the district together this summer to reorganize the district's math curriculum so it is suited for new computers being placed in schools.

Such a way of organizing curriculum replaces the days when teachers were told what to teach and expected to do it, without any real voice in deciding the material, district

officials have said.

"Our mission and objectives are designed to achieve the success of every student in the system," Lindsey said. District administrators are convinced giving teachers and parents more of a voice in decisions regarding students is one of the best ways to achieve such goals.

Dr. Harry Griffith, superintendent of schools, said working toward more teacher involvement is one of the reasons the district has gone from having to hire 60 new teachers three years ago to only having to hire 16 this summer.

"It's the school board that initiated a lot of this," Griffith said. "I personally can think of a thousand ways we are a good school district. We want there to be more."

"In a lot of school districts the administrators hide. We want to be out front and accountable for helping our teachers."

Administrators are using the week to come up with concrete plans that will be put in place when school begins Sept. 1 to put teachers on each campus in key roles of authority and make parents a bigger part of the education process.

"On our last day (Friday) we will then begin to rewrite our job descriptions," Griffith said, "so that they reflect our new role in helping teachers."

Monday administrators learned that their plans, which are part of the Pampa 2000 Project, earned them the role of model school district for the state, as decided by education experts at the University of Texas.



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Pampa High School Principal Daniel Coward, left, and Lee Carter, district computer specialist, participate in a learning exercise at administrators retreat.

# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**CARVER, Thelma L.** — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church.  
**SCOTT, Paul Lee** — 2 p.m., Hartfield Funeral Home Chapel, Belton.

## Obituaries

**THELMA L. CARVER**  
 PERRYTON — Thelma L. Carver, 90, died Wednesday. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in First Baptist Church at Perryton with the Rev. Ted Latham, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m. in Canadian Cemetery in Canadian. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Perryton.

Mrs. Carver was born in Mobeetie and moved to Ochiltree County in 1913. She had lived in Canadian. She was a member of First Baptist Church. Her husband, Tom, died in 1951.

Survivors include two sisters, Lurline Shirley and Imogene May, both of Perryton; and several nieces and nephews.

**PAUL LEE SCOTT**  
 BELTON — Paul Lee Scott, 70, died Wednesday at Temple. Services are to be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hartfield Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Darrell D. Biggs officiating. A military graveside will follow at North Belton Cemetery. Arrangements are by Hartfield Funeral Home.

Mr. Scott was born in Tucumcari, N.M. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II on Feb. 26, 1949. He married Margie Irene Brown in Price, Utah. He has lived in Belton for the past 25 years. He was a member of Belton VFW.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; five sons, Paul Mack Scott of Sayre, Okla.; Leamon Scott of Gonzales, La.; Bobby Joe Scott of Mayland, Garry Burke of Buda and Ronnie Burke of Belton; four daughters, Gerri Stowers of Pampa, Margie Fluharty of Killeen, Wendy Schwarz of Skidmore and Patricia Allen of Killeen; 32 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

**CLEO COLLINS WYLIE**  
 Cleo Collins Wylie, 73, died Tuesday. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Born Aug. 11, 1915 in Marlow, Okla., Mrs. Wylie had been a Pampa resident for 45 years. She married Ed Wylie in February 1979 at Pampa. She was a member of Pampa Senior Citizens Center and First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; five daughters, Aquilla Gowen of Electra, Jennie Howell of Arlington, Georgia Mason of Tyler, Jean Urbanczyk of Pampa and Sue Leveritt of London, England; three brothers, E.E. Alexander Jr. and A.J. Alexander, both of Marlow, Okla., and Earl Alexander of Duncan, Okla.; a sister, Jewell Davis of Lawton, Okla.; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**RUTH CROSSMAN**  
 Ruth Crossman, 84, died today in Pampa. Services are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Frank N. Winfrey, pastor of First Christian Church. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Crossman was born Aug. 5, 1904. She married George D. Crossman on Sept. 22, 1934 in Amarillo. She moved to Pampa in 1959 from Panhandle. In 1954 the family acquired the John Deere dealership, Crossman Implement Co., where she was the bookkeeper for 20 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Panhandle.

Survivors include one son, Gabe Crossman of Pampa; three sisters, Edna Holly and Elsie Carraway, both of Lubbock, and Ailene Lackey of Azle; two brothers, Clayton Wells of Sudan and W.W. Wells of Pampa; one grandson, Ken Crossman of Pampa; and one granddaughter, Shelly Kelley of Saint Louis, Mo.

Memorials are requested to be to First Christian Church or to the Family Life Center.

**L.B. STUDEBAKER**  
 L.B. Studebaker, 80, died today. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Studebaker moved to Pampa from Minco, Okla., in 1935. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He married Iva Parker on Feb. 22, 1932 at Cordell, Okla. He retired from Texaco in 1934 after 30 years of service.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Bill Studebaker and Russell Studebaker, both of Tulsa; four sisters, Mrs. Ewing Cobb of Pampa, Kezia Bull of Kermit, Lena McDaniel of Austin, and Lorene (last name not given) of Vancouver, Wash.; two brothers, Glen Studebaker of Alameda and Wesley Studebaker of Salt Lake City, Utah; one granddaughter, Susan Rush; and two great-grandchildren.

**Fire report**  
 The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance ..... 911  
 Energas ..... 665-5777  
 Fire ..... 911

## Bush threatens to veto S&L bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today threatened to veto the \$157 billion bailout of the savings and loan industry nearing a final vote in Congress, saying it sets a precedent that could undermine a budget-balancing law.

In a letter to congressional leaders, Bush called for a compromise on the thorny issue before the House and Senate adjourn for the August recess, perhaps as early as Friday.

But Democratic leaders vowed to press ahead with a final vote. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said Bush's plan for calculating the cost of the bailout was "fiscal gimmickry at its worst" that would increase the cost by \$5 billion.

Bush sent his veto warning a few hours before the House was scheduled to vote on the plan,

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions**  
 Margaret Back, Miami  
 Alice Brown, Pampa  
 Rickey Brown, Pampa  
 Lucille Carney, Pampa  
 Barbra Craig, Pampa  
 Emaloy McCravens, Canadian  
 Charlotte Shockley, Borger  
 William Kretz (extended care), Pampa

**Births**  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Rex Haney of Borger, a boy  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tony Scoggin of Lefors, a girl

**Dismissals**  
 Ophia Allen, Borger

Betty Barnett, Pampa  
 Suzanne Gattis, Pampa  
 William Kretz, Pampa  
 Oneal baby girl, Pampa  
 Jimmy Smith, Pampa  
 Mark Thompson, Mobeetie  
 Lula Taylor (extended care), Pampa

**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions**  
 Nancy Ann Warren, Wheeler  
 W. A. Crenshaw, Shamrock

**Births**  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stacy of Shamrock, a boy

**Dismissals**  
 Dave Skidmore, Shamrock

## Police report

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

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2**  
 Helen Jordan, 840 Murphy, reported an assault at the residence.  
 Lillian Raines, 337 Canadian, reported disorderly conduct at 712 Naida.  
 Brent Bradford, 444 Hughes, reported a burglary at the residence.  
 Timothy Gama, 716 E. Scott, reported theft of an automobile at the residence.  
 Neoma Wall, Skellytown, reported criminal mischief at 318 Sunset.  
 The Food Emporium, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a theft at business.  
 Ailsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported a theft at the business.  
 Kenneth Cox, 2128 N. Zimmers, reported criminal mischief at 851 S. Banks.  
 Ray DeWitt, 450 Hughes, reported criminal mischief at the residence.  
 Freddy Romines, 1601 W. Somerville #716, reported burglary of a storage building at 100 N. Naida #126.  
 Frank Behannon, 408 W. Harvester, reported theft of a bicycle at the residence.  
 Gary Kelton, 2217 N. Sumner, reported a theft at the residence.  
 Peggy Ivey, 1821 Coffee, reported an assault at the residence.

**THURSDAY, Aug. 3**  
 David Tomaszewska, 436 Crest, reported an assault at the intersection of 19th and Hobart.

**Arrests**  
**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2**  
 Donald Provence, 42, 840 E. Murphy, was arrested at the residence on a warrant for simple assault.  
 Bobby E. Broadbent, 31, 121 N. Sumner, was arrested at 1233 N. Hobart on a charge of theft. He was released on bond.  
 David Lynn Ivey, 29, 1821 Coffee, was arrested at the residence on a warrant. He was released on payment of fines.

## Minor accidents

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

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2**  
 8:45 a.m. — A 1983 Chevrolet driven by Kelley Walker, Plainview, collided with a 1988 GMC driven by F.E. Dyer, 2100 N. Zimmers, in the 1900 block of Christy. Walker was cited for failure to yield right of way and no proof of liability insurance.

6:02 p.m. — A 1980 Buick driven by Carol Harper, 520 Yeager, collided with a 1982 Yamaha motorcycle driven by Calvin Farmer, 1601 Duncan, in the 1100 block of Duncan. Harper was cited for failure to yield right of way. Nonincapacitating injuries were reported.

## Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa	Amoco	46	up 1/2
	Aroco	97 1/2	dn 1/2
	Cabot	39 1/2	NC
	Chevron	54 1/2	NC
	Milo	3 7/8	up 1/8
	New Atmos	15 1/2	up 1/8
	Enron	48	NC
	Halliburton	36 1/4	NC
	Mappo	38 1/4	up 1/4
	Ingersoll Rand	47 1/2	NC
	Kerr-McGee	48 1/2	up 1/4
	KNE	22 3/4	up 1/4
	Mobil	38 1/4	up 1/4
	Maxxus	8 1/4	NC
	Mesa Ltd	11 1/4	NC
	Probel	50 1/2	up 1/2
	Pruney's	62 1/4	dn 1/2
	Phillips	22 1/4	dn 1/2
	SBJ	43 1/2	dn 1/2
	SFS	29 1/2	NC
	Tenneco	60 1/2	up 1/2
	Texaco	52 1/2	dn 1/4
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa	New York Gold	389.50	
	Silver	5.22	

## Calendar of events

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**  
 The Red Cross office will sponsor a free blood pressure screening Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 108 N. Russell, downtown Pampa.

# Cub Scouts plan school nights

Local Cub Scout leaders have scheduled school nights for each of the six Pampa public elementary campuses on Thursday, Sept. 14. Santa Fe District membership chairman Rutley Chalk has said.

The meetings are tentatively scheduled to begin at 7:15 p.m. and will be an opportunity for those already in scouting to invite friends to join.

"We're asking the Cub Scouts and Tiger Cubs to attend Scout night," Chalk said. "There will be incentives this year. The boy already in scouting who brings a new boy will receive a patch and the leader who participates will receive a mug."

Jane Steele, school night membership chairman and an assistant superintendent for the Pampa Independent School District, said all boys who sign up for scouting or who are already in scouting and attend school night will also receive food coupons from the local Burger King and Pizza Inn, redeemable when they receive their scout membership card.

Chalk said local Boy Scout troops will conduct open houses

at their unit headquarters throughout the month of September.

"In Pampa we're looking at new units at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Salvation Army, United Pentecostal Holiness Church and First Presbyterian Church to get started by or shortly after school starts," Chalk said of local scouting growth.

In addition to that, new Explorer posts are being considered for Coronado Hospital, the Pampa Fire Department and First United Methodist Church, as well as enlarging the post sponsored by the Pampa Police Department, scouting officials have said.

"We have nine new units over 1988," Chalk said, "and 146 more youth involved. By the end of the year we will probably have nine to 10 new units. Potential charter partners are calling us all the time to get information."

Steele said training for new adult Scout leaders will be scheduled shortly after the completion of school night. New leaders will be contacted with that information.

"This program has increased

immensely for young men, to the point there will be a Camporee in November and an outdoor activity for Cubs in conjunction or close to that," Chalk said.

He added, "We will be doing Explorer activities on a council-wide basis by spring."

Among the activities currently being considered is an Explorer ski trip to Colorado.

Steele and Chalk said members of the community are currently being contacted regarding serving on the District Committee, which manages the affairs of the local scouting program.

"That group of people will come from community leaders," Chalk said, explaining the goal of local volunteers should be to work District Executive Keith Cook "out of a job."

"As district executive, his role is to help work himself out of a job. When he does that, scouting is where it should be — a volunteer organization," Chalk said.

Steele said the current explosion of new members into the local scouting program has created unlimited opportunities for expansion and activities, such as the Camporee.

# McPherson won't pursue DWI charge

Gray County Attorney Bob McPherson said he will not pursue driving while intoxicated charges against an Amarillo television weatherman involved in an accident on I-40 in mid-June.

Pampa Department of Public Safety officials filed the charges against Leonard Marion Slesick, 55, of Amarillo Tuesday.

The DWI complaint was presented to the County Attorney's Office after DPS officials received results of blood tests taken following the accident from the Lubbock DPS laboratory. Slesick was also cited for violation of the open container law.

DPS officials would not release

the level of alcohol in Slesick's blood, but informed sources said the amount was almost twice the legal limit.

McPherson said DWI charges would not be filed since Slesick had agreed to start counseling and had joined Alcoholics Anonymous.

According to DPS reports, on June 16 at 6:45 p.m. Slesick was driving a 1984 Chevrolet Blazer owned by KVII-TV of Amarillo on I-40 2.4 miles west of Alameda when the Blazer was involved in a one-vehicle accident.

The television station Blazer was reportedly traveling east on I-40 when the vehicle turned to

the right onto a paved road, traveled 33 feet south on the grass and eventually ran into a man-made ditch, according to the accident report.

Slesick was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital of Amarillo by McLean Ambulance Service following the accident. He was reportedly suffering from non-incapacitating injuries.

An open bottle of vodka wrapped in a brown paper sack was found in the vehicle following the accident, sources said.

Trooper John Holland of the Texas Highway Patrol investigated the accident.

# Bone remains support claims of cannibal

DENVER (AP) — An analysis of the remains of five gold prospectors who died in 1874 supports cannibal Alfred Packer's claim that he killed only one, experts say.

Packer, who had led the gold expedition in the Rockies, said one man killed the four others with repeated hatchet blows while Packer was away from

camp.

Packer said he killed that man in self-defense and survived the winter on the flesh of the dead.

"Four of the five were repeatedly hacked," James Starrs, professor of law and forensics at George Washington University, said, summing up the laboratory findings. "If ever there was demonstrative evidence of overkill,

this is it."

The analysis at the Human Identification Laboratory at the University of Arizona also concluded that knife marks on the bones appear "consistent with a conscious effort to deflesh the deceased bodies," Starrs said.

Packer was convicted of manslaughter in all five deaths and served a prison term.

## City briefs

**NEED CONTROL** of spiders, roaches? Call Eugene Taylor Spraying, 669-9992. Serving the Panhandle 25 years. Adv.

**BACK TO SCHOOL** Special. \$20 off all coats. This week only. Bette's 708 N. Hobart. Adv.

**BETTE'S SUMMER** Clearance continues with savings of 50% and 75%. 708 N. Hobart. Adv.

**2 BEDROOM** apartment for rent, 1321 Coffee, stove and refrigerator, furnished. \$100 deposit, \$225 month. 665-2426 after 7 p.m. 665-2122. Adv.

**SUMMER SALE** continues 10-50% off. Painting supplies 25% off. Rhinestones and beads 25% off. Bandanas \$1.39. Sunshine Factory. Adv.

**FIVE QUILTS** for sale, \$200 each. Come by 1008 S. Dwight, or call 665-3589. Adv.

**PRE-ESTABLISHED** clientele for the right person. Experienced operator only. Apply in person to Joan at Total Image Hair Salon, 329 N. Hobart. Adv.

**KRAKT FRIDAY**, Saturday nights. Ladies Night, Wednesday. City Limits Club. Adv.

**SEAFOOD BAR** each Friday 5 p.m. to close at Western Sizzlin Restaurant, 23rd St. and Hobart. Adv.

**LAS PAMPAS** Gift table 1/2 price, all summer apparel, 1/2 price or less. Hurry in! 110 N. Cuyler, 665-5033. Adv.

**QUITTING BUSINESS** Sale is going on now. All merchandise marked down. AAA Pawn Shop, 512 S. Cuyler, Pampa. Open everyday 8-5:30 p.m. Sunday 1-6 p.m. Adv.

**ADDINGTON'S SIDEWALK** Sale. Saturday, August 5th, at 9:30. Something for everyone. \$3 to \$20. Kids, mens and ladies jeans, coats, shirts, belts and much more. Adv.

**MICHELLE'S FINAL** Mark Down on Summer merchandise. Check our \$5, \$10, \$15 racks. 201 N. Cuyler. Adv.

**JAKE'S COFFEE** Shop, 732 E. Frederic. Tuesday thru Sunday 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Breakfast anytime. Dinner specials Tuesday thru Friday and Sunday. Adv.

**SAVE! SAVE! Save!** At the Clothes Line, 109 N. Cuyler. Sidewalk sale Saturday. Adv.

**600 PAIR** of Childrens shoes on racks. \$16.97 and up. Brown's Shoe Fit. Adv.

## Weather focus

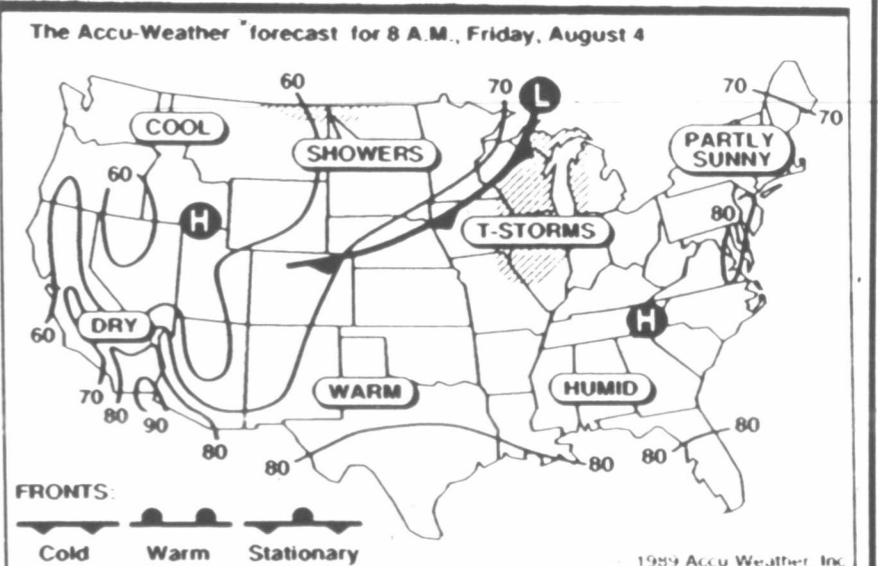
**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Tonight, there will be a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms with a low in the upper 60s. Friday, sunny and warmer with a high in mid 90s. Winds southwesterly 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Wednesday's high was 83; the overnight low was 68.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
 West Texas — Widely scattered mainly late afternoon and evening thunderstorms lingering in the far west on Friday. Decreasing cloudiness tonight and mostly sunny Friday. Very warm to hot afternoons. Highs Friday in the 90s except near 105 Big Bend. Lows tonight 68 Panhandle to 72 Concho Valley except mid 60s mountains and mid 70s Big Bend.

North Texas — Partly cloudy warm and humid through Friday. Lows tonight 72 to 76. Highs Friday 93 to 99.

South Texas — Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Widely scattered showers or thunderstorms near the coast and Southeast Texas Friday. Hot afternoons to warm at night. Highs Friday upper 80s to near 90 immediate coast to the 90s inland with 100 to 105 inland south and west. Lows tonight near 80 immediate coast to the 70s inland.

**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
**Saturday through Monday**  
 West Texas — Isolated thunderstorms mainly Panhandle and Far West, otherwise fair Saturday through Monday with temperatures near or a little above normal. Panhandle: Highs low 90s to near 90.



Lows upper to mid 60s. South Plains: Highs mid 90s to low 90s. Lows upper 60s. Permian Basin: Highs near 100 to upper 90s. Lows around 70. Concho Valley: Highs near 100 to upper 90s. Lows low 70s. Far West: Highs upper to mid 90s. Lows around 70. Big Bend: Highs from 90 to 95 mountains, from 100 to 104 near the Rio Grande. Lows from 60 to 65 mountains and 70 to 75 near the Rio Grande.

North Texas — Mostly sunny and warm days, fair nights. Highs in mid 90s. Low in low to mid 70s.

South Texas — Mostly cloudy mornings. Partly cloudy hot afternoons and warm at night. Hill Country and South Central: Lows in the 70s and highs in the 90s. Texas Coastal Bend: Isolated coastal thunderstorms. Lows near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs in the 80s coast and 90s inland. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Lows from

near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs near 90 coast to near 100 inland. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast: Lows near 80 coast to the inland. Highs in the 80s coast to 90s inland.

**BORDER STATES**  
 New Mexico — Fair to partly cloudy through Friday. Scattered thunderstorms across the south this afternoon and evening with only isolated thunderstorms scattered northern mountains and northeast. Thunderstorms scattered northern mountains and west Friday afternoon with isolated storms in southeast. Highs in the 70s and 80s mountains to between 87 to 102 at lower elevations. Lows tonight in 40s and 50s mountains and upper 50s and 60s at lower elevations.

Oklahoma — Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Low tonight mostly 70s. High Friday mostly 90s.

# Mattox discredits time-sharing company singing his praises

SAN ANTONIO (AP)— Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox says a letter-writing campaign to newspaper editors by a time-share company singing the attorney general's praises is really an attempt to discredit him.

"You know the old adage, 'With friends like this who needs enemies,'" said Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Mattox said Wednesday. "It fits perfectly in this situation. Except this company is not our friend," Dusek told The Associated Press.

Officials of the firm, Freedom Financial Corp. of Dallas, say the letters are to thank Mattox for work on new laws aimed at curbing real estate and time-share abuses, the *San Antonio Light* reported Wednesday.

The company, which has been prosecuted for federal and state fraud, said legislation passed during this year's regular session is "good for the consumer and good for the industry."

But Dusek said the letters are an attempt to discredit Mattox because the attorney general's office pursued the company on fraud charges.

"It was one of our biggest and most important cases. We got the maximum penalty that state law

would allow. We also went on *60 Minutes* and embarrassed that company and its owners publicly," Dusek said.

Freedom Financial recently paid \$1.5 million to the federal government and \$89,000 to the state for fraud charges.

"It appears that they are now attempting to embarrass the attorney general," Dusek said, referring to the company.

In addition, the newspaper reported, Freedom Financial officials gave Mattox \$12,000 in campaign contributions while the attorney general was pursuing deceptive trade practices penalties against the company.

Freedom Financial pleaded guilty in 1988 in Beaumont to federal conspiracy and mail fraud charges involving Texas and Missouri promotions for time-share properties that implied people had won cars, cash, jewelry, furs or other valuable prizes.

At the same time the company agreed to settle the state's consumer protection lawsuit and paid \$50 restitution to each defrauded Texas consumer. Campaign finance reports filed with the Texas

Secretary of State show Freedom Financial officials Penelope M. Wilson and Gary Nation contributed \$6,000 each to Mattox's campaign while the attorney general was pursuing action against the company in 1987.

A separate source with access to Mattox's financial data said Tuesday that Mattox also received \$10,000 from Robert Mead, the company's president in 1986, the *Light* reported.

When state lawmakers this year tried to strengthen consumer protection laws, Freedom Financial was among several firms that lobbied fervently to water down proposed changes, the newspaper said.

Jack Odum, Tyler-based vice president of Freedom Financial, now operating as Ascension Reports, told the *Light* he appreciated Mattox's efforts in connection with changes in the legislation sponsored by Rep. Billy Clemons, D-Pollock.

"We met with Jim Mattox and worked with him to formulate legislation that is good for the consumer and good for the industry," Odum said, according to the newspaper.

Compromise legislation, which passed, made

such consumer protection violations misdemeanor offenses instead of felonies.

But Dusek said Mattox sought tougher penalties when the legislation was being crafted.

"The Legislature watered it down. We asked for tougher laws. What we got was a possible improvement, but not with the teeth that Mattox wanted in the law," Dusek said.

Dusek said he doesn't know why the company made campaign contributions to Mattox. "If the motive was to try and influence the attorney general it failed because Mattox nailed this guy," he said.

Odum told the *Light* he asked his employees to write letters to the editors of several Texas newspapers after he saw an article criticizing Mattox for "tooting his horn" on consumer protection issues.

The *Light* received 20 of the letters from Freedom Financial in the past few days. The *Dallas Morning News* received identical letters: from some of the same people. Odum said he also asked employees to write newspapers in Austin and Houston.

## Panel studies Lake Meredith desalinization

WASHINGTON (AP)— Sen. Lloyd Bentsen says failure to remove naturally occurring salt pollution from Lake Meredith could leave the Panhandle reservoir useless, threatening the region's economic future.

"Loss of a reliable water supply will make future economic growth very difficult, and the loss of Lake Meredith would threaten the existing economic base," Bentsen said Wednesday in prepared testimony before a House committee.

Bentsen and Reps. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, and Bill Sarpius, D-Amarillo, are asking Congress to approve a desalinization project in which the federal government would share one-third of the cost while local sponsors would finance the balance.

Bentsen said the project would cost about \$6.4 million but the federal portion would only be about \$2 million.

In a letter to Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources subcommittee on water and power, Bentsen said increasing salt pollution "is severely degrading the quality of the available water and is threatening to make this key water source totally unusable."

Bentsen, D-Texas, who is asking Bradley to schedule a hearing on his Lake Meredith desalinization legislation, said the reservoir supplies drinking water to 430,000 West Texans.

Drought cycles have produced chloride levels as high as 400 milligrams per liter, while health and environmental agencies generally recommend maximum chloride levels of 250 milligrams per liter for drinking water, Bentsen said.

In a statement submitted during a hearing of the House Interior and Insular Affairs subcommittee on water, power and offshore energy resources, Bentsen said the desalinization project is essential "if the Texas Panhandle is to have an adequate supply of acceptable quality drinking water for the future of the region."

Joe D. Hall, acting commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, said the administration has not had time to form a position on the bill.

According to Combest, a shallow water aquifer in New Mexico is responsible for pumping water almost as salty as sea water into the lake.

Hall said the Bureau of Reclamation believes the most cost-effective solution is to intercept the brine at the source by well pumping and disposal by deep well injection.

## Summer reflections



From left, Angelina Uglade, 14; Aracely Lopez, 16, and Maritz Blanc, 15, pause en route to summer school at Belmont High in Los Angeles, Calif., to do some last-minute primping — with the help of mirrored windows in a nearby office building. (AP Laserphoto)

## Stowaways 'men without a country'

BEAUMONT (AP)— Two stowaways being held in handcuffs and chained to a wall aboard a ship in dry dock at the Port of Orange are as close to being men without a country as is possible, says a Southeast Texas legislator who visited the men.

State Rep. Al Price, D-Beaumont, made the comment Wednesday after he and a minister of the Tanzanian embassy to the United States were among people who visited the stowaways aboard a Lykes Line ship.

The minister, Mathias P. Rwitunga, said he could not establish that the two, ages 19 and 17, were citizens of his country because they have no passports or other documentation.

Rwitunga said he will return to Washington today to try to gain more information about their status by using information they gave him during three-hour interview Wednesday.

Authorities say the ship had just returned from Dar-es-Salaam on the East African coast where the youths likely stowed

away. "Even if this ship went back to Dar-es-Salaam, they couldn't get off," Price said. "It's the closest thing to men without a country I've ever seen in my life."

The legislator said he felt revulsion when he visited the youths where they had spent most of their time since the ship docked nearly a week ago.

Maritime law requires that they be restrained while the ship is in port.

Price said they have been kept in a bathroom. When he first saw them, he said, they had been moved to a larger room and had just been allowed to shower.

The men were shackled to each other and their handcuffs led to a chain that was bolted to a wall. He said they had no bed but had to sleep on a mat on the floor. The only furniture is a urinal and a stool, Price said.

"There's no ventilation, no windows. They're like that 24 hours a day, at least while they are in port," Price said.

Rwitunga said he talked to the

stowaways and obtained pictures of them that he will send to Tanzania in hopes of getting them identified.

"The embassy can only get them travel documents if they are citizens. We are trying to determine if they are Tanzanians," Rwitunga said. "I talked to the boys, that's all. I am unable to establish their citizenship."

Price said he went aboard the ship to see the youths in hopes of finding a way to "break the logjam and get them ashore."

"The major problem is their lack of documentation," Price said. "They've given several stories. They have said in the past they were from Tanzania. Now, they say they're from Uganda."

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Stevens of Beaumont, who also visited with the stowaways Wednesday, said they appeared to be healthy and had no complaints.

Stevens said he told the crew members he disapproved of a rusty bucket used to supply the youths with water.

## Photo exhibit displays migrant workers' life

By JENNIFER DIXON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— Rep. Kika de la Garza says migrant farm workers are no longer "the forgotten people in agriculture," but a Capitol exhibit of photographs sponsored by the Texas Democrat shows migrants seeking shelter underground and in a cardboard shanty.

De la Garza, the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, says the exhibit of black and white photographs "tells the story of the migrant farm worker at home, in the field and en route."

De la Garza said he hopes the traveling exhibit by photographer Alan Pogue of Austin will also tell the rest of the country the story of migrant workers and their children.

"The shacks are in the background, but there's a little boy on a bicycle," the Texas Democrat said Wednesday, the day after the exhibit opened, pointing to a photo.

"He's smiling. He's happy. So that's I think the thrust of all of this — that little boy's smile continue as he's growing up, but we need to remove the shack so that he doesn't lose that innocent smile he now has. We can't let the surroundings erase that smile," de la Garza said.

Included in the exhibit is a photograph of a cardboard house, plunked on a huge tomato field, furnished with milk cartons, shelves of scrap wood, and a butane stove.

Also pictured is an underground shanty furnished with a car seat, and a migrant river camp inside the San Diego city limits, where water used for drinking and bathing is pesticide-contaminated runoff from the fields.

Another picture shows a 15-year-old mother in her second trimester of pregnancy receiving her first prenatal care, and a woman from the Rio Grande Valley who left the hospital to return

to her migrant camp the day of her baby's birth in Indiana.

While the photos tell the story of "the shack and the terrible conditions," the exhibit is also "telling the strength of the people, the joy of the people, the pride of the people, the success that they feel themselves," said Sonia M. Leon Reig, director of the migrant health program at the U.S. Public Health Service. "These are happy faces."

Ms. Reig said she hopes the exhibit can help establish "a dialogue" between federal and local officials to help improve the health and living and working conditions of the migrant worker.

"If we don't do something with the environment and become advocates for environmental changes — living, working conditions, education conditions, then I don't think we'll see improvement in the status of migrant farm workers," she said.

The National Migrant Referral Project in Austin commissioned Pogue's exhibit of photographs, taken in 1988 and 1989 in Florida, Texas, California, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

Director Bobbi Ryder said that while the migrants are "less forgotten" than 50 years ago, many people today still don't realize the occupational risks they face and that legislative protections have many loopholes that discriminate against the farm worker.

De la Garza, who is sponsoring the exhibit at the Cannon House Office Building, said he hopes it can eventually be seen in all 50 state capitols.

"The worst problem now that we have (helping migrant workers) is that the funds don't get cut. Just maintain what we have," de la Garza said. "We've got the minimum wage. We've got the migrant health program. ... It's not like you do something. ... It's what do you continue doing and how do you enhance it?"

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## 'Lonesome Dove' tops Emmy nominees

By JERRY BUCK  
AP Television Writer

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP)— The CBS miniseries *Lonesome Dove* dominated television nominations for Emmy Awards today, closely followed by NBC's *L.A. Law* and the ABC miniseries *War and Remembrance*.

*Lonesome Dove*, based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning Western novel by Larry McMurtry, received 18 nominations, including best miniseries and acting nods to Tommy Lee Jones, Robert Duvall, Diane Lane, Anjelica Huston, Danny Glover and Glenn Headly. It also received nominations for directing and writing.

NBC's *L.A. Law* took 17 nominations as best drama series and in eight acting categories, including Michael Tucker, Susan Dey and Jill Eikenberry as best lead actors and Larry Drake, Jimmy Smits, Richard Dysart, Michelle Greene, Susan Ruttan and Amanda Plummer in supporting roles. The show also won two directing and three writing nominations.

The 30-hour miniseries *War and Remembrance* won 15 nominations, including best miniseries and lead acting awards for John Gielgud and Jane Seymour and supporting honors for Polly Bergen. It also was nominated for directing.

Other major winners of nominations were ABC's *The Wonder Years* with 14 nominations, ABC's *thirtysomething* with 13, CBS' *Murphy Brown* with 11, NBC's *The Golden Girls* with 10 and Fox's *The Tracey Ullman*

Show with 10.

The syndicated series *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and CBS' *The Beauty and the Beast* each got eight nominations.

The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences handed out 364 nominations. NBC received the most with 103, followed by CBS with 95 and ABC with 85. Other nominations: PBS 32, syndicated shows 21, Fox 12, Home Box Office eight, Disney two and Lifetime, Turner Broadcasting Systems, Turner Network Television and USA cable networks with one each.

The late Lucille Ball has been voted the academy's Governors Award.

ABC's *The Wonder Years* was nominated as best comedy series and its young star Fred Savage was nominated as best lead actor in a comedy series. Robert Picardo was nominated as best guest actor in a comedy series for his role as the gym instructor Mr. Cutlip and Maxine Stuart was nominated as best guest actress as Mrs. Carples. It also received three nominations for directing and four for writing.

*Murphy Brown* got the only other writing nomination.

Other nominees for best miniseries were NBC's *I Know My First Name Is Steven*, PBS' *A Perfect Spy* and ABC's *The Women of Brewster Place*.

CBS' *Beauty and the Beast*, ABC's *China Beach*, ABC's *thirtysomething* and CBS' *Wiseguy* were nominees as best drama series along with *L.A. Law*.

Comedy series nominees along with *The*

*Wonder Years* were NBC's *Cheers*, CBS' *Designing Women*, NBC's *The Golden Girls* and NBC's *Murphy Brown*.

Selected to compete for the best drama or comedy special were ABC's *David*, CBS' *Day One*, HBO's *Murderers Among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story*, ABC's *My Name Is Bill W.* and NBC's *Roe vs. Wade*.

Nominated as best lead actor in a comedy series along with Savage were Ted Danson for NBC's *Cheers*, Richard Mulligan for NBC's *Empty Nest*, Michael J. Fox for NBC's *Family Ties* and John Goodman for ABC's *Roseanne*.

Goodman's nomination was the only acting nod for the highly rated show. Star Roseanne Barr wasn't nominated.

Lead actress nominees were Blair Brown for Lifetime's *The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd*, Candice Bergen for CBS' *Murphy Brown*, and Betty White, Beatrice Arthur and Rue McClanahan, all of NBC's *The Golden Girls*.

Ron Perlman was nominated as best lead actor in drama series for CBS' *Beauty and the Beast*, along with Edward Woodward of CBS' *The Equalizer*, Carroll O'Connor for NBC's *In the Heat of the Night*, Ken Wahl for CBS' *Wiseguy* and Michael Tucker for *L.A. Law*.

Perlman's co-star in *Beauty and the Beast*, Linda Hamilton, was nominated as best lead actress in a drama series as were Dana Delany in ABC's *China Beach*, Angela Lansbury in CBS' *Murder, She Wrote* and Susan Dey and Jill Eikenberry in *L.A. Law*.

# Viewpoints



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## Opinion

### Accept proposals, but keep guard up

As Soviet boss Mikhail Gorbachev visited Paris on the eve of the bicentennial of the French Revolution, he compared his own *perestroika* and *glasnost* programs to the upheaval in France in 1789. This is an odd thing for a self-confessed Marxist-Leninist to say.

In a "Letter to American Workers" of August 1918, Lenin — exercising some ideological duplicity — called the French Revolution an operation by the "French bourgeoisie," for whom "Terror was just and legitimate when used for the purpose of substituting one exploiting minority for another exploiting minority." For Lenin, his 1918 Bolshevik revolution was the culmination of history, the justification for a reign of terror on a scale even greater than the French saw in the 1790s.

Gorbachev's announced solidarity with the French Revolution seems to guillotine Lenin's criticism of that revolution. An interesting ideological development. In general, Marxist-Leninists do place the French Revolution in the great historical dialectic in which the oppressed throw off the oppressors, though Lenin found it necessary to condemn the bourgeois leaders of France's early revolutionary period. Gorbachev's statement means we now must have yet another revolution. His.

In Paris Gorbachev said that Poles and Hungarians are free to determine their own political future. This apparently means that the Red Army tanks won't roll westward, as they did during the 1956 Hungarian revolt and the 1968 Prague Spring. Gorbachev predicted communist countries would develop "a new quality of life within a socialist system, a socialist democracy." Since Gorbachev himself still maintains absolute power, enforced by an unshrunk KGB, we may wonder what this means for his own Soviet subjects. But he seems to realize that the peoples of Central Europe can no longer be forced to allow a communist ideology long discredited.

Yet, Gorbachev remains the commander-in-chief of the world's most powerful nuclear and conventional forces. At his word, the tanks roll and the bombs fly.

His game seems to be to loosen things up a bit, while maintaining a capability to retrench if necessary. The loosening might entice Western nations to send credits and investments, to forestall the Soviet bloc's economic collapse. Simultaneously, Gorbachev is trying to disarm the Western nations: He wants to be able to threaten them should they balk at the cash transfers somewhere down the line.

Our task seems clear: Welcome his proposals, but keep up our guard. See to it that western taxpayers don't bail our socialism. Gorbachev should feel the full weight of socialism's failure.

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## Stealth really not a bargain

When the Air Force sent the Stealth bomber on its maiden flight July 17, it hoped that the sight of the boomerang-shaped lane vaulting into the sky would evoke cheers on Capitol Hill. Instead, the spectacle roused Congress to ask inconvenient questions that have no good answers.

When a plane is going to eat up \$70 billion of a shrinking defense budget, it's not enough to be revolutionary in design and eye-catching in appearance, which this plane is. It's not even enough for it to perform precisely as designed, which it may or may not.

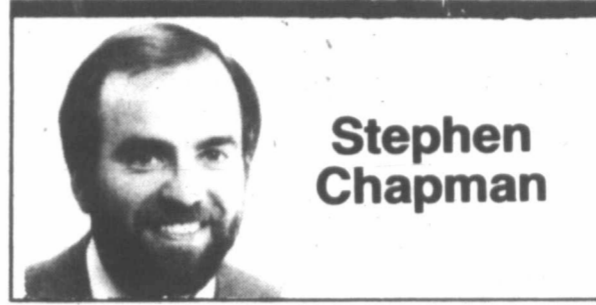
The Stealth, as Joshua Epstein of the Brookings Institution puts it, is like a gleaming, fully loaded Porsche: Desirable, yes; necessary, no.

The Pentagon says it's indispensable. But the case for the Stealth is as elusive as the plane is meant to be, which is why the House and Senate voted to cut its funds. The House also voted to cut the size of the eventual fleet by half. This is the first step away from the Stealth, and probably not the last.

The B-2, as it is known, is the latest manned bomber designed to deliver nuclear warheads deep inside the Soviet Union. Pentagon officials say that failing to buy it will mean abandoning the bomber option. As Deputy Secretary Donald Atwood puts it, that means "scrapping the strategic triad and jeopardizing arms control."

The triad, which at the Defense Department is roughly as sacred as the Trinity, is the three-pronged nuclear arsenal of land-based ballistic missiles, submarine-based ballistic missiles, and aircraft. Its virtue lies in the hideous complications it presents to Soviet planners contemplating attack — or defense.

But who's talking about junking bombers? Has the Pentagon lost the keys to the B-1? It was



Stephen Chapman

one thing to argue that we needed a new bomber to supplant the B-52, which arrived on the scene about the same time as Elvis Presley. But the first B-1 squadron didn't roll out until 1986.

The Air Force has been known to claim that it can penetrate Soviet air defenses beyond the turn of the century. Has the B-1, once the bomber to induce cold sweats in the Kremlin, become harmless overnight? If not, why are we rushing to replace it?

The question becomes even more perplexing when you consider that even after the B-1 becomes easy pickings for Soviet air defenses, it can retreat to safer skies and lob hundreds of super-accurate cruise missiles from outside enemy territory.

Cruise missiles will be no easier for interceptors to find than the Stealth. And, being inexpensive, they can be launched in great numbers — making the Soviet task akin to trying to stop a swarm of locusts with a shotgun.

The Pentagon argues that this bomber is the best bargain since the Louisiana Purchase. Yes, we're told, \$70 billion sounds like a lot, but it's a smaller share of the defense budget than the B-52 consumed in the 1950s or the B-1 did in the early 1980s.

The comparison leaves out the crucial facts.

The B-52 was bought before the federal government had to find ways to pay for hundreds of social welfare programs. The B-1 piggy-backed onto an extravagant defense buildup. The Stealth isn't so lucky.

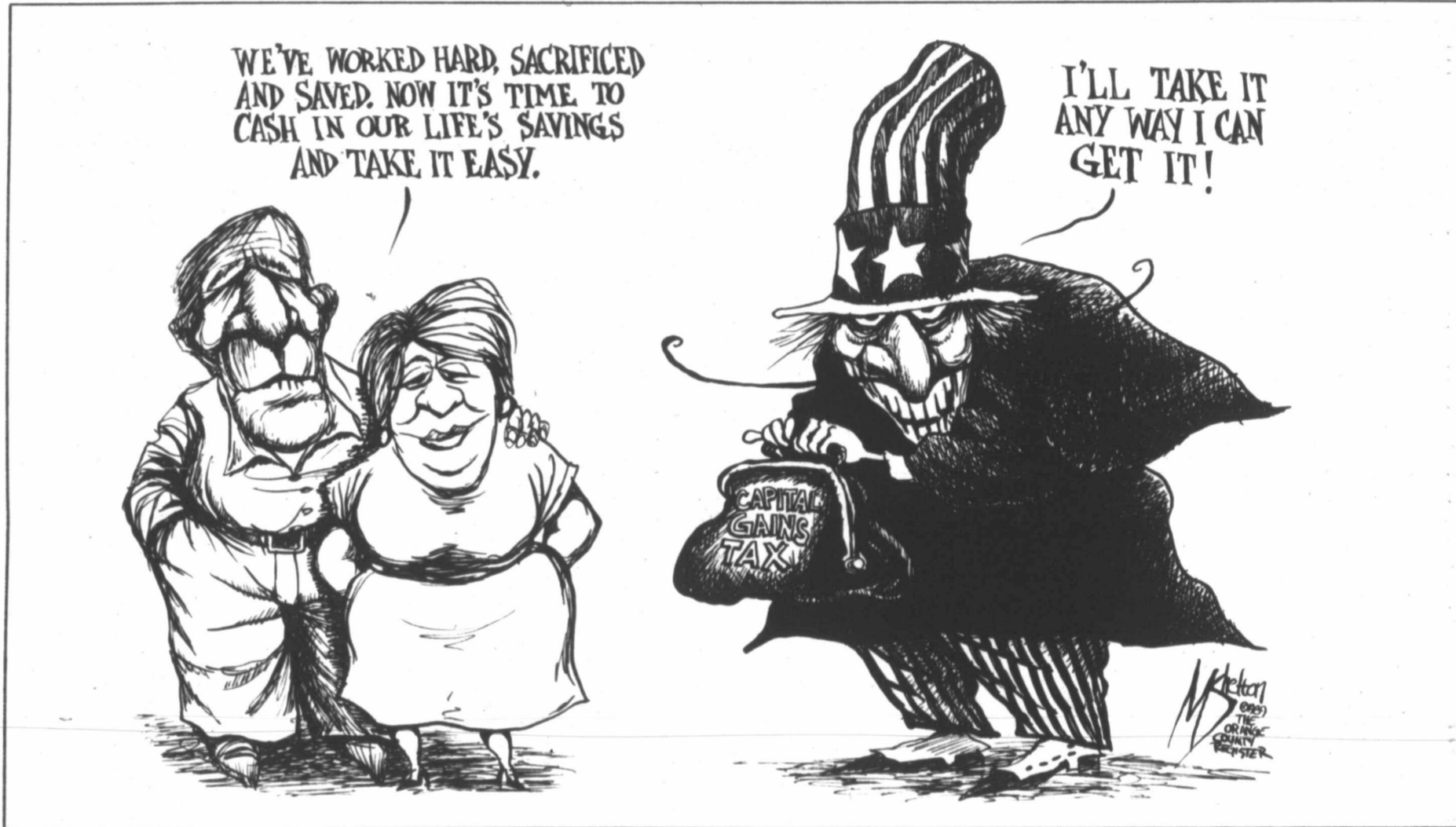
The plane's admirers say it's worth the money because it will make a \$200 billion Soviet investment in air defenses worthless. But what is that investment worth now, given its acute vulnerability to the B-1 and the cruise missile? Do we really need to spend huge sums to defang a threat that is wearing dentures?

Having failed to answer questions like these, the Pentagon has fallen back on excuses that could have been used to justify the retention of the horse cavalry. The Stealth, it says, is essential to forcing the Soviets into serious arms cuts, and it can be used against other adversaries in non-nuclear wars.

In fact, the obstacle to huge cuts in the superpower arsenals is not Soviet resistance to giving up their missiles, but American resistance to giving up Ronald Reagan's dream of missile defense. The Stealth isn't going to make the Soviets any less anxious about Star Wars, which means it isn't going to generate progress toward arms control.

Sure, the Stealth could be used against Third World adversaries, just as a Porsche will get you to the 7-Eleven. But in both cases, the job could be done by a less expensive vehicle. And no one is going to risk losing the most expensive plane in history to drop a few bombs on Khadafi.

The Pentagon is right on one thing: Money is not the crucial issue. If the Stealth were essential to deterring nuclear war, it would be worth every cent. But a plane that adds nothing important to our security would be no bargain at half the price.



## Revenge best way to get even

A reader named Louise Penberthy of Atlanta, who described herself as a Northerner, was concerned about a recent column in which it was my intent to get even with some dimwit in Chicago who circulated a bogus "Application to Live in North Carolina." This putrid piece went the rounds among the employees of Sears in Chicago after it was rumored the company might be moving to Charlotte.

The move has since been called off, but it was a nasty little thing, the bogus application. As a Southerner, it offended me.

The application dealt in numerous Southern stereotypes and in my offended and wounded state, I decided to do the only sensible thing. Take revenge.

So I wrote a column dealing in Northern stereotypes (Northern women don't shave their legs, etc.), and reader Penberthy responded: "As a Northerner, I was appalled to read the nasty stereotypes put forth by Northerners concerning Southerners."

"However, there was no reason for you to turn around and do what you decried so loudly and at such length."

*Au contraire* — which is French for an Amer-



Lewis Grizzard

ican word involving the horned bovine. In the first place, taking revenge is the best way I know to get even, and getting even is one of life's greatest pleasures.

After I wrote the aforementioned column, my spirits lifted and I celebrated by burning a copy of *The New York Times*, which the Supreme Court recently ruled was OK as long as you weren't pregnant and thinking of having an abortion.

In the second place, the stereotyping and insulting balance has hung in favor of the North for over a century.

It was H.L. Mencken who described the South as an "intellectual Gobi," or words to that

effect. (You aren't reading George Will here.) I was reading a book recently by a man from the North who traveled the country by train. In one section, he dismissed the South as the rest of the country's "poor cousin."

Southerners have been called red-necks, hicks, hillbillies and worse. We've been humiliated in movies that depict us as one great collection of drawing, drooling, dregs of the earth.

And I'm tired of all that, so no matter what Louise Penberthy has to say, I wasn't about to miss out on the opportunity to demonstrate two can play the game of peering-down-a-nose.

Charlotte's a nice town. The roads are paved there and I doubt a single resident allows pigs in his or her home.

You can even fly nonstop to London from Charlotte. There's a major league basketball franchise there, and from the mountains in the west to the shore in the east, North Carolina is filled with good people who do not deserve the treatment that came out of Chicago.

Suddenly my spirits are lifted again. One of my neighbors in Atlanta is originally from Milwaukee. I think I'll go over to his house and kick his dog.

## How agribusiness drank the rivers dry

By ROBERT WALTERS

ORANGE COVE, Calif. (NEA) — At first, the vast sub-surface aquifers provided more than enough water to irrigate the crops grown in California's San Joaquin Valley. That was in the early decades of agriculture here — the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

But as the corporate farms grew and more wells were sunk, the volume of water drawn to the surface far exceeded the amount restored underground through natural recharge mechanisms.

When the aquifers were depleted, agribusiness turned to the San Joaquin River, diverting for its own needs 98 percent of its water. Today, the once-proud river that gave the valley its name is a garbage dump.

Its almost dry bed now serves as a receptacle for used tires, abandoned mattresses, empty motor oil containers, unwanted beer bottles and assorted other refuse.

"Agriculture has its right to exist and needs its water to do so. ... Most of our economy spins around it," notes

Jim Wasserman, a columnist for the Fresno Bee. "But it galls me to no end that the greedy buggers just flat out grabbed the whole river, shut it off entirely and sent it all to the fields."

With the groundwater exhausted and the region's largest river drained, the rapacious farmers successfully demanded that rivers elsewhere in California be diverted to irrigate their crops. Today, a network of concrete-lined aqueducts, constructed as part of expensive federal and state water projects, carries surface water into the region from rivers hundreds of miles away.

Although residents of the Los Angeles area, for example, often find themselves accused of wasting water to fill their swimming pools, water their lawns and wash their cars, five of every six gallons of water consumed in California are used for agricultural purposes, primarily for irrigation.

When federal money was first appropriated for water projects in 1937, the growers in Orange Cove were among the earliest to organize them-

selves into a reclamation district and qualify for government-funded water.

As its name implies, Orange Cove's leading product comes from its ubiquitous orange trees, although other crops are grown in the orchards, vineyards and fields of the community almost 30 miles southeast of Fresno.

In 1949, the Orange Cove Irrigation District became the first recipient of water from the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation under terms of a 40-year-long contract.

Now that agreement is the first of more than 300 federal water service contracts to come up for renewal during the next 12 years. The struggle over its extension is likely to set a precedent applicable to farmers receiving hundreds of billions of gallons of water annually not only in California but throughout the West.

More than a dozen environmental organizations and a small but influential bipartisan group of senators and representatives insist that the Orange Cove contract should not be renewed without a formal determination of its environmental impact.

The Environmental Protection Agency shares that position, placing it in opposition to the Interior Department. That unusual conflict could require a decision on the issue from President Bush.

One example of the environmental problems associated with the water projects: The excess water that flows through the valley's soil emerges laced with arsenic, selenium, cadmium, lead, strontium, silver, mercury and other toxic heavy metals as well as pesticides, herbicides and other agricultural chemicals.

Much of the contaminated water was long drained into the marshy Kesterson Wildlife Refuge at the northern end of the valley — but the birds born there since the early 1980s often have stunted wings, twisted beaks and single eyes.

Because selenium is suspected of causing those and other deformities, the drainage has been closed and the polluted water is being shunted south again. "The valley," notes one observer, "is stewing in its own salts."

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# Government: Charges against 46 traders only 'first step'

By DAVID DISHNEAU  
AP Business Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Indictments of 46 commodities traders represent only the opening salvo in the government's crackdown on corruption at the world's two largest futures exchanges, according to the prosecutor.

"This is an ongoing investigation, not a concluded investigation," U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas told reporters Wednesday.

"This is the first step in what we will be doing," he said, adding the investigation "will continue as long as there are viable allegations of misconduct."

After a 2½-year undercover FBI investigation, 46 traders at the Chicago Board of Trade and Chicago Mercantile Exchange were accused of systematically conspiring to skim profits from customer accounts and attempting to hide earnings from the Internal Revenue Service.

"This probe is part of an expanding Department

of Justice crackdown on white-collar crime in all its various guises, from Wall Street to (Chicago's) LaSalle Street to Main Street with all stops in between," said U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, who came to Chicago to announce the indictments.

"The activities uncovered at these exchanges, the largest of their type in the world, cannot be tolerated."

The four separate indictments, covering 1,275 pages and 608 counts, allege that brokers trading for their own accounts as well as customers' accounts systematically and illegally cheated customers with the cooperation of "locals" — traders trading only for their own accounts.

Sixteen of the defendants were charged with violating the federal Racketeer Influenced, Corrupt Organizations Act, which carries the stiffest penalties, up to 20 years in prison. These charges also empower the government to freeze defendants' assets before trial for seizure upon conviction.

Most of those indicted are charged with multiple counts such as pre-arranged trading, racketeering conspiracy and income tax fraud in schemes that allegedly bilked hundreds of customers out of profits in thousands of trades, said Valukas.

He wouldn't say how much money customers may have lost to the alleged fraud but called the amount "significant."

Fourteen of those charged have agreed to plead guilty and cooperate with investigators, according to government sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Some futures traders and defense lawyers characterized most of those indicted as small-time players and guessed that the government was using them to net bigger prey.

"These appear to be small fish who extended the rules and regulations at times that Big Brother was watching," said one trader who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Attorney Thomas Royce, representing indicted Japanese yen futures trader Gary Wright, said he

expects the investigation to widen.

"The government doesn't spend millions — as they did here — and bring in the attorney general and the FBI director if they're only seeking 46 guys," he said.

Thornburgh, FBI Director William Sessions and Wendy Gramm, chairman of the federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission, flew into Chicago for the news conference.

Ms. Gramm called the indictments the "first results of the most extensive and aggressive law enforcement effort in the financial area, ever."

Four undercover FBI agents secretly taped, observed and even participated on exchange floors in the illegal transactions, the indictments say.

Futures are contracts to buy or sell by a future date at a specified price commodities and financial instruments such as soybeans, pork bellies, Treasury bonds and baskets of stocks.

The charges involve trading in the Swiss franc and Japanese yen currency futures pits.

# Boy keeps great-grandfather alive while lost

By HAL SPENCER  
Associated Press Writer

CENTRALIA, Wash. (AP) — The 10-year-old boy's voice dropped to a tired whisper as he told how he helped keep his great-grandfather alive in the woods after their truck ran off a remote logging road.

"I picked berries. I snuggled up by him," Mike Combs said from his hospital bed, where he was being treated for dehydration and exposure.

Mike and his 84-year-old great-grandfather, John C. Eveland, were lost for 4½ days in a remote area in southwestern Washington state. The pair was found by searchers early Wednesday.

Eveland was listed in serious but stable condition after suffering

dehydration, and possibly a stroke, said Jennifer Stroyk, a spokeswoman at Providence Hospital in Centralia, 80 miles south of Seattle.

Eveland's great-grandson could be released today, nursing supervisor Molly Oster said Wednesday night.

"As far as I'm concerned, this little fellow saved my daddy," said Joy Norton, Mike's grandmother.

She stroked the boy's hand as he struggled to stay awake long enough to answer reporters' questions. "He's a hero in my book."

The two got lost Friday after Eveland finished a sheep-shearing job in the small town of Doty. They were found about 20 miles to the south, the opposite

direction from the boy's home in Centralia and Eveland's in Rochester.

The elderly man backed his truck into a ditch while turning around on a remote road, Lewis County sheriff's officers said, stranding the two without food, water, or matches to build a fire.

When the pair tried to walk out for help, Eveland's knees gave out and he fell down a rock hill, the youngster said. After that, Eveland fell several more times and became increasingly disoriented, authorities added.

Their truck was found by bear hunters Tuesday and a bloodhound helped find the pair about a mile away before dawn Wednesday.

Mike said he remembered his father's advice if he ever got lost

in the woods: "Stay close to the road and eat berries." ... That's what I did."

"There was a creek far away but I didn't want to go there," said Mike, adding he stayed close to his great-grandfather.

The two slept under a tree and on the road, he said.

"It rained lots," and the two were often cold and wet, the boy said. Overnight temperatures dipped into the 40s.

"I prayed that someone would come. Last night I prayed that the rescue mission ... would come," Mike said.

Searchers said the pair apparently walked in circles trying to stay close to the old logging road.

More than 100 volunteers helped in the search, family members said.



Mike Combs, 10, talks from his hospital bed with reporters Tuesday about his ordeal of being lost.

# Police convention deeply divided on gun issue

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Some members of the Fraternal Order of Police endorsed new restrictions on semiautomatic weapons. Others were sticking by their guns as the organization prepared to vote on gun control resolutions.

"It's a very emotional issue for this group and the delegates are really polarized," Steve Cain, president of the Oklahoma Fraternal Order of Police, said Wednesday.

Some delegates — many from Eastern cities — expressed support not only for restrictions but also for waiting periods on gun purchases. Other delegates, however, backed the National Rifle Association's blanket opposition to more gun controls. The NRA, a national gun lobby, has more than 3 million members.

One of the resolutions — which could go to a vote today at the

organization's national convention — would direct the FOP's national legislative committee to support "sensible" legislation on the sale of semiautomatic weapons such as the AK-47, the Uzi and the AR-15.

Another calls for lobbying efforts against any attempts to liberalize laws on machine guns and silencers.

A third resolution supports the concept of waiting periods on gun sales.

Don Cahill, chairman of the legislative panel, said he was confident about the chances of the resolutions being passed by the 5,000 attending the convention.

He added that the FOP has been inaccurately portrayed as "anti-gun ownership."

"That is not the case," Cahill said. "We're sportsmen and we're marksmen. But some guns have no legitimate use other than

to kill other people, including police officers. All we want to do is to slow down the proliferation of weapons obtained by the criminals."

Cahill of the Prince William County, Va., police department said some of the strongest opponents of the resolutions are from sparsely populated Western states "where you could shoot off a cannon and it wouldn't hurt anybody."

"But the majority of our cops are not in those locations. They are in densely populated areas," Deputy Sheriff C.R. Powell of Tucson, Ariz., said he fears passage of the resolutions ultimately will lead to police officers not having access to weapons with the firepower that criminals have.

He said the Pima County Sheriff's Department is constantly fighting drug runners from near-by Mexico who are armed with

semiautomatic weapons.

"I don't want to be facing the bad guys with just a .45," Powell said.

Charles J. Oshinsky of Charleston, S.C., a retired police and security officer, said his position is "no gun control whatsoever." He backs the NRA position that outlawing weapons infringes on the constitutional right to bear arms.

The NRA, though present at the convention, is prohibited from lobbying at its booth in a building across from the State Fair Arena, site of the convention's main business.

Jody Thomas of the NRA said the association was notified in writing to refrain from political activity at the booth. She said the NRA has been advancing its cause at a hospitality suite near the convention.

Inside the hall, numerous FOP members espoused the NRA.

# Leading index drops again

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government said today that its chief economic forecasting gauge fell in June for the fourth time in five months, providing fresh evidence that the U.S. economy is entering a period of sluggish growth.

The Commerce Department's Index of Leading Economic Indicators dipped 0.1 percent in June. While the amount of the decline was small, the weakness was widespread, with seven of the index's 11 individual indicators flashing negative signals.

The small decline had been expected by analysts, who are debating whether the economy's slowdown will worsen into a recession.

Traditionally, the signal for an economic downturn has been three consecutive monthly declines in the leading index. The index, however, rose in April, breaking the string of declines.

The forecasting gauge dropped in February and March, then

rose 0.6 percent in April before plunging 1.3 percent in May. That was the biggest one-month setback since late 1987 following the stock market crash in October of that year.

Economists note that the index is not infallible. The index declined for five consecutive months in late 1987 and early 1988. But no recession followed and, in fact, economic growth accelerated to its fastest pace in four years.

Some forecasters, however, now believe the economy is on the verge of a recession, even if the index has not yet dropped for three consecutive months.

"We are seeing a mild recession developing in the United States right now," said Bruce Steinberg, an economist with the New York brokerage firm of Merrill Lynch.

Steinberg said he believed forthcoming data would show that the economy went into a slump.

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A store owner tapes his storefront in Old San Juan as Puerto Rico gets ready for Hurricane Dean.

## Hurricane Dean nears Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Islanders from Puerto Rico to the eastern Caribbean boarded up windows and stocked up on emergency supplies today in preparation for the onslaught of Hurricane Dean and its 85 mph winds.

Dozens of vacationers at a resort in the British Virgin Islands were among those evacuated, and the National Guard in Puerto Rico prepared to evacuate nearly 2,000 others living along flood-prone areas in the east part of the island.

Dean, the second hurricane of the Atlantic season, strengthened overnight as it moved irregularly in a west-northwest course

through the Leeward Island chain, avoiding striking the nearest island, Barbuda.

By late Wednesday it began veering northwest, giving many residents and vacationers hope the hurricane would harmlessly go out to sea. But just as quickly, the hurricane darted back west and toward land.

"This is dangerous storm and should not be taken lightly even though it is a minimal hurricane," said an advisory from the National Weather Service in San Juan.

Police were on alert and at least 60 American and Canadian vacationers were evacuated late Wednesday to hotels from a mari-

na resort on the east coast of Tortola in the British Virgin Islands.

The National Hurricane Center near Miami posted hurricane warnings for the Leeward Islands from Antigua to the U.S. Virgin Islands, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

At 6 a.m., forecasters reported the center of the storm was at latitude 19.3 north and longitude 62.5 west. Its latest position was 235 miles east-northeast of Puerto Rico.

The hurricane was moving west-northwest over warm tropical waters at 12 mph, down from the 20 mph it had sustained much of Wednesday.

## HUD funds financed racing, lawsuit says

DALLAS (AP) — More than \$790,000 in federal housing funds allegedly embezzled by an Arlington escrow agent was used to buy race cars, parts and other equipment for three racing firms, a federal lawsuit says.

The lawsuit, an amended complaint filed by the U.S. Justice Department, says the racing firms and two men received \$792,000 that was illegally diverted from the sale of homes owned by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Irwin Cerf, James Daniel Peace, Ripit Racing Inc., D.P. Motor Sports Inc. and Goodyear Challenge Racing of Texas received more than a third of the money allegedly taken by the Arlington agent and used most of it for auto racing, the lawsuit says.

month in U.S. District Court in Fort Worth, says Reba Louise Lovell, and her Fort Worth company, Kenlo Inc., diverted \$2,527,369.65 from 55 home sales. The suit seeks triple damages, civil penalties and additional unspecified damages.

The suit seeks a temporary restraining order to prevent Peace and the firms from transferring any assets to hide embezzled funds.

Ms. Lovell was indicted in June by a federal grand jury in Fort Worth on charges of diverting money from the sale of repossessed homes in Dallas and Tarrant County. She has pleaded innocent.

As a contract escrow agent, Lovell handled paperwork and funds for the agency. The lawsuit contends that instead of forwarding the receipts to HUD, Lovell deposited the money in personal bank accounts and used some of it to buy real estate, cars and guns.

Federal investigators and members of Congress have cited Lovell's case in their criticism of mismanagement and poor oversight at HUD.

Investigators contend that Lovell and a Maryland escrow agent were able to embezzle millions because HUD officials never noticed the agency wasn't receiving money from home sales. The Maryland agent also has been indicted.

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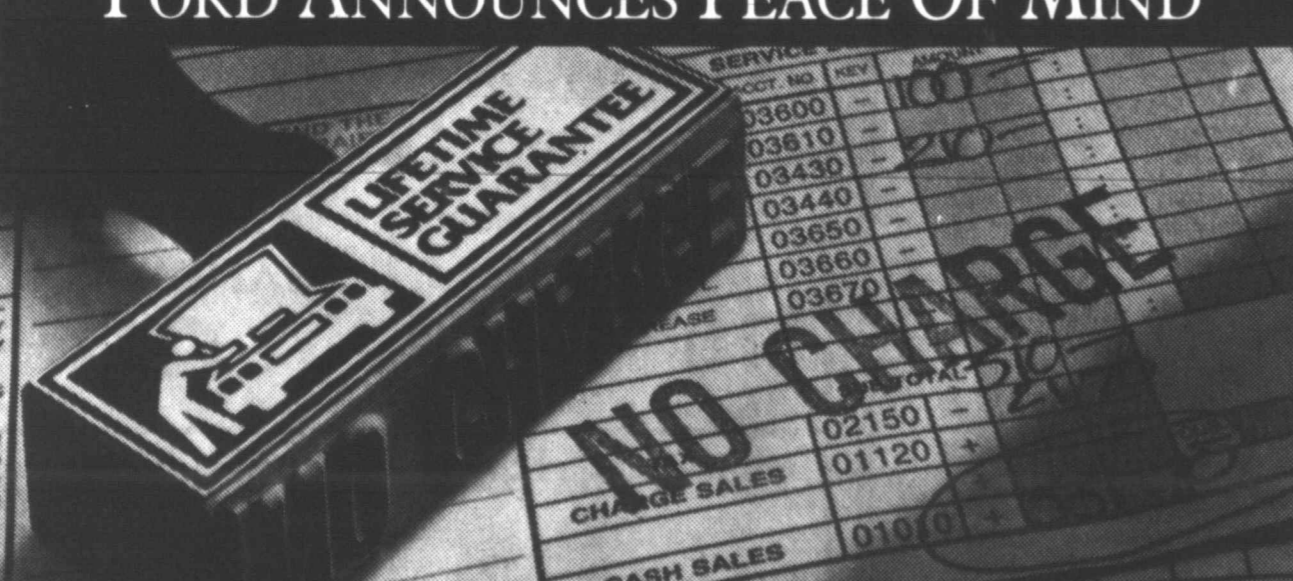
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## Truce halts feuding families

By AMANDA DAVIS  
Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A feud between two families erupted in gunfire before city officials negotiated a truce, hoping to halt a 20-year squabble that had neighbors taking sides.

Fistfights, threats and arguments between the McDonald and Jones families have been common since the late 1960s. Last weekend, the tension exploded into a series of shootings in the inner-city neighborhood that left both houses pockmarked but no one injured.

"We're extremely lucky over the weekend that someone wasn't killed," Sgt. Greg Mills, a police spokesman, said Wednesday. "The way the violence was escalating, it was just a matter of time before someone was seriously injured or killed."

The families said many of the arguments during the past 20 years began between children. But no one can remember what specifically started the feud, shortly after the Joneses moved to the neighborhood 23 years ago.

"One of them would get into it with one of my daughters and she would curse her and then naturally I'd say something," Clarence Jones explained. "It just got bigger. We've had fights and arguments but never guns."

"It stayed between the kids before," Barbara McDonald said as she stood on the front porch of her home.

After the gunfire Saturday, police called the city's human relations department. Director Alvin Brooks met with 22 members of both families Monday. On Tuesday, Mrs. Jones and Ms. McDonald

signed an agreement aimed at ending the feud. It calls for the families to discourage violence, threats or hostile remarks. It also said the families won't use weapons and will be responsible for actions of people who visit their homes.

The agreement requires both families to discourage neighbors from getting involved in any disputes, as they had in the past.

Brooks said the feud will end up in court if either family violates the pact. Mrs. Jones and Ms. McDonald said they will abide by the agreement.

"I think we can end it. I think it's pretty much over right now," Ms. McDonald said Wednesday.

The weekend gunfire resulted from a children's argument during a football game more than a week ago. Police reported a shootout Friday night, and two more episodes the next night. Three people were arrested, one juvenile and two adults who were charged with assault.

Mrs. Jones said she just missed being shot when the shooting began Friday on Flora Avenue, which is interspersed with vacant, weed-choked lots. Bullet holes cover the front door of her small beige home, and she pointed out bullet marks in the dining room, curtains and windows.

"My nephew came and grabbed me from the dining room. I would have been dead. Everybody just hit the floor," she said.

Across the street, gunfire broke the windows of Ms. McDonald's neat brown and yellow house and holes dot the exterior.

The city will stay involved as long as it needs to, Brooks said.

"It's dangerous for all of us, especially with the little kids around," Cheryl Jones said.

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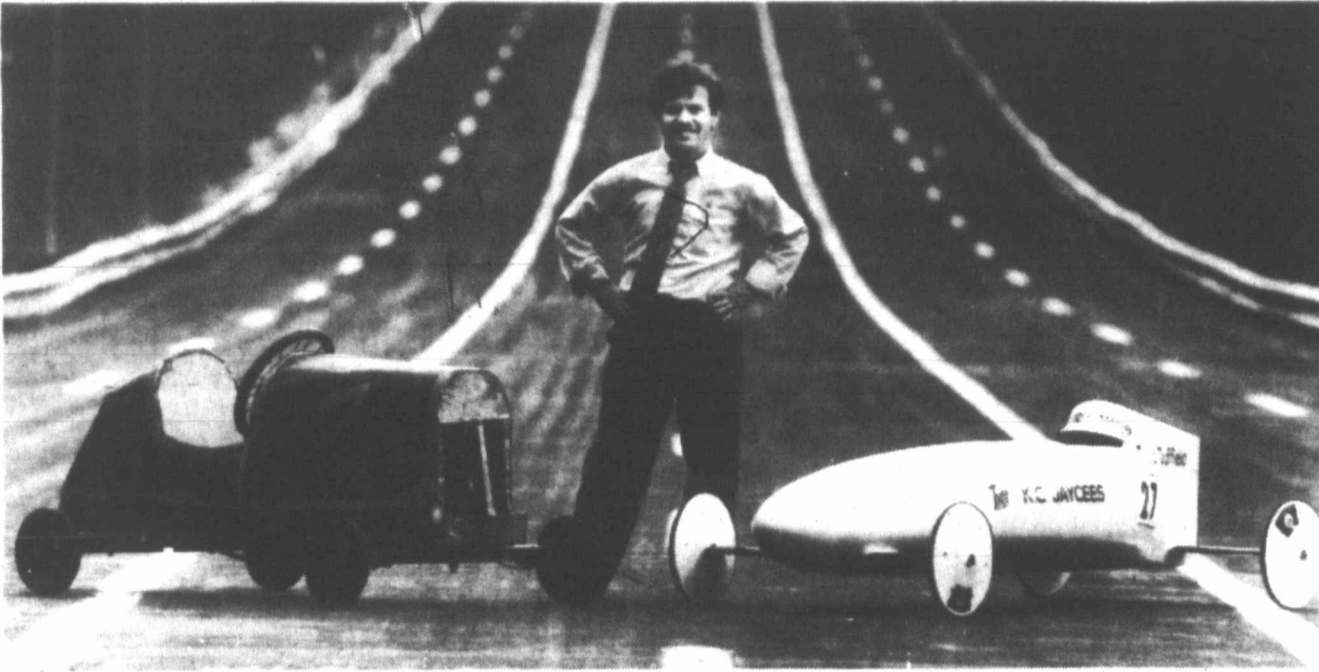
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Jeff Lula, manager of the All-American Soap Box Derby, at Derby Downs with the winning car from 1933, left, and the 1988 Master's World Champion car. (AP Photo by Greg Dredzdon)

## All-American Soap Box Derby set for August 12

**By Dwight Woodward  
Associated Press Writer**  
AKRON, Ohio - Boys who raced in the first Soap Box Derby are old enough to be grandfathers now, but the competition is as keen today as it was when it began more than a half-century ago.

This year, some 5,000 boys and girls at 90 sites attempted to qualify for the right to race at Derby Downs on August 12. Some 175 youngsters from 32 states and five foreign countries made it.

The race began in Dayton in 1933 for local kids, with cars made of orange crates, sheet tin and baby buggy wheels. Now the All-American Soap Box Derby is run in two divisions in cars made from kits or from scratch—but all with regulation wheels.

Competitors aged 9 to 16 can enter the kit car division in which they buy designs and components for a derby car and buy wood or fiberglass for the body, says Jeff Lula, derby manager.

"With the kit car, they have to build the kit. It's a sit-up car. There are different body designs, but they are all pretty similar," Lula says. "For \$73, you get everything but the wood and the wheels - brakes, a steering wheel, stabilizer bars, a bracket - you used to have to drive all over town to find the components."

The master's division for ages 12 to 16 also offers kits, but more than half of the competitors build their own designs - for somewhere around \$350 - and 95 percent of those put the driver in a

prone position, Lula says. Some of the luckier contestants get sponsorship from local businesses to help defray building costs, and local derby sponsors pay transportation to Akron for qualifying cars and drivers. Cars must arrive in Akron in time to pass muster before the race.

"They are inspected for safety and to make sure no one gets an unfair advantage," Lula says.

Race officials supply fiberglass wheels to ensure equality of competition.

This year, competitors from Canada, Guam, the Philippines, Ireland and West Germany are entered, and Lula says there could be other last-minute entries.

"Last year, the Venezuelans called 10 days before the championships and said their car was on the way," he says.

Competition in the All-American is on a 953-foot-long raceway. Three racers compete in each heat of the single-elimination competition. Heat winners advance to finals where the winner in each division receives a \$5,000 college scholarship and air fare for three to any U.S. city.

Through the years, Lula says there have been some unusual stories connected with the event.

In 1938, Bob Berger, of Omaha, Neb., found a racer's edge. "He wasn't as fast as this other kid," Lula says, "so he took off his shirt and put grease on his back."

"He won by three inches," Gilbert Klecan of San Diego, the 1946 winner, put graphite all

over his body because his car was so rough, Lula says.

Joe Lunn won in 1952—despite two crashes. Lunn, "the rambling wreck from Georgia," crashed into a guard-rail when his steering cable broke after winning a preliminary heat.

"He patched up his car with Scotch tape, tin, wire and cardboard from a box lunch," Lula says.

After the initial race in Dayton, the Soap Box Derby drew sponsorship from Chevrolet Motor Co. and went national. In 1935, it left Dayton, partly because John S. Knight, publisher of the Akron Beacon Journal, promised Chevrolet a permanent derby track. The track was completed in 1936 as part of a WPA project.

Most winning cars are displayed in a warehouse near the track. Lula says foreign competitors often abandon their cars rather than pay to ship them home. Organizers use them as test cars or promotional material.

Chad Curtis, 13, of Akron, has tried and failed four times in his quest to be a derby contender. Already he's at work on next year's model.

Not only does he change the design each year, he changes techniques.

"I've used two-sided tape on the nose because they said it will give you pull," he says. "Some people say you should scream when you go down to keep the vibrations down."

"I've tried it once or twice but I don't think it works."

## Could it be twins?



(Staff photo by Kayla Pursley)

The signs in front of 2223 Chestnut read "It's a boy" and "It's a girl" but entrepreneurs Larry and Linda Starnes are only advertising their sign rental business. Linda wanted to do something special for the birth of her first grandchild and made two signs, one in case it was a girl and one in case it was a boy. Friends who knew of the project wanted to rent the signs for themselves and when

Johnathan Chadd Malone was born, the Starnes found themselves in a new business. "It has been a wonderful experience," comments Linda, "I have met such wonderful new people." The Starnes have four signs, two each with interchangeable caps and bundles so they can have four boys or girls as the occasion demands.

## Man seeks to find something on wife with nothing to hide

DEAR ABBY: What do you and your readers think of the following situation?



**Dear Abby**

Abigail Van Buren

My husband goes through my purse whenever the opportunity arises. (He usually does this when I am not at home.) He also opens and reads letters addressed to me.

Abby, I have absolutely nothing to hide, but I resent this kind of behavior. When I confront him, all he has to say is, "Big deal!"

TIERED IN ARIZONA

DEAR TIRED: Let him know that it is a "big deal" to you, and you resent the invasion of privacy.

Regardless of what he says, he's behaving like a man who doesn't trust his wife. To paraphrase a French saying, "A man does not look under a bed unless he himself has been under one."

Furthermore, if your husband continues with this kind of boorish, insulting behavior knowing how you feel about it, he's a marriage counselor, lady. Your marriage is in deep trouble.

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leaving.

My wife and I are quite affectionate, but we don't overdo it in public. We enjoy seeing other couples holding hands or walking arm in arm; it gives us pleasure to know that other couples are as affectionate as we are.

Abby, how do you feel about showing affection "outside of the bedroom"? Or are there some "rules" we're not aware of?

IN LOVE IN FLORIDA

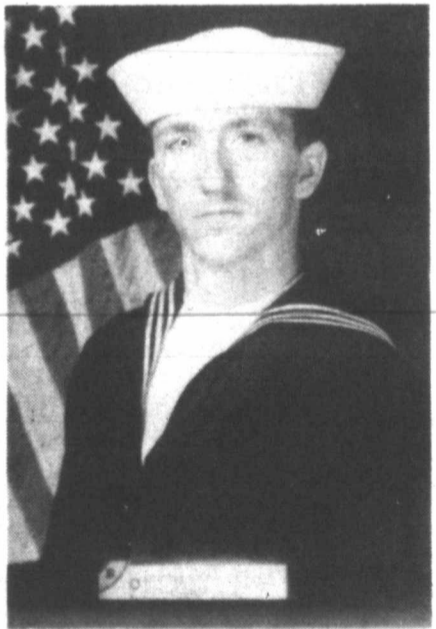
DEAR IN LOVE: I see nothing wrong with showing affection publicly — within proper limits. But since you know that your parents are uptight about it, simply cool it in their presence.

It's said that "all the world loves a lover," but lovers should control themselves in public, lest some onlooker says, "Why don't you two get a room?"

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Abby's favorite recipes are going like hotcakes! Send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$3.50 (\$4 in Canada) to: Abby's Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

## Newsmakers



**Thomas J. Palmer**

Navy Seaman Recruit Thomas J. Palmer, son of Wendell and Barbara Palmer, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

Palmer's studies included seamanship, close order drill, naval history and first aid. Palmer is a 1988 graduate of Pampa High School.

**Charley W. Dougherty**  
Navy Seaman Apprentice Charley W. Dougherty of Shamrock, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

Dougherty's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. A 1987 graduate of Shamrock High School, he joined the Navy Reserves in March 1989.

**Joel Farina**  
Sophomore Joel Farina, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Farina, was named to the spring Dean's List at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.

Farina is a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School.

**Frank X. Gutierrez**  
Navy Seaman Apprentice Frank X. Gutierrez, son of J.D. Gutierrez of Canadian, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During Gutierrez's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

A 1986 graduate of Tascosa

High School, Amarillo, he joined the Navy in April 1989.

**Betty Beyer  
Martha Porter  
Connie Holland**

Betty Beyer, Martha Porter and Connie Holland, local teachers, were among some 600 participants who attended the annual Leadership Conference of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association on July 28-29 in Austin.

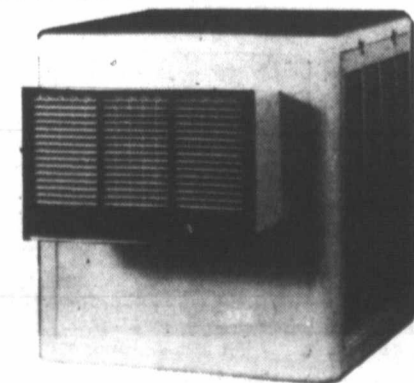
They also attended informative programs featuring a comprehensive summary of the 71st Legislative Session focusing on the impact of new legislation on the teaching profession, legal issues at local levels, and effective working relationships with local school boards.



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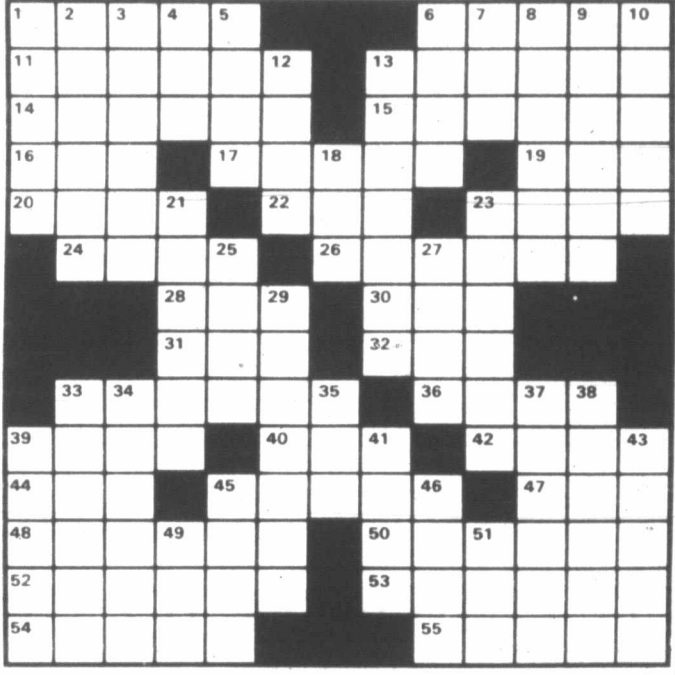
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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Much larger
  - 6 Corn coverings
  - 11 Tear out
  - 13 Singer Rudy
  - 14 Mural painting
  - 15 Hospital doctor
  - 16 Enemy
  - 17 Praise
  - 19 Conclusion
  - 20 Jerk
  - 22 Hindu cymbals
  - 23 Bird class
  - 24 Harness attachment
  - 26 Young lady
  - 28 Moo
  - 30 Mai (cocktail)
  - 31 Dakota Indian
  - 32 Timber tree
  - 33 Color
  - 36 Dorothy's dog
  - 39 Paper size
  - 40 Cooking vessel
  - 42 Sell
  - 44 Pay dnt
  - 45 Moses' mountain
  - 47 Civil War general
  - 48 One devoted to religious work
  - 50 Lark
  - 52 Actress Gilda
  - 53 Shipworm
  - 54 Slope
  - 55 Wait
- DOWN**
- 2 Din
  - 3 Actor Lorne
  - 4 Dawn goddess
  - 5 Actor Hudson
  - 6 Christian Andersen
  - 7 Last mo.
  - 8 Garment piece
  - 9 Grain of corn
  - 10 Dispatches
  - 12 Racetrack character
  - 13 Infringe on
  - 18 Family member
  - 21 was here
  - 23 SF writer Isaac
  - 25 Christmas
  - 27 Artificially sprouted grain
  - 29 More tearful
  - 33 Of words
  - 34 Marcos
  - 35 Coal unit
  - 37 Bank employee
  - 38 New York lake
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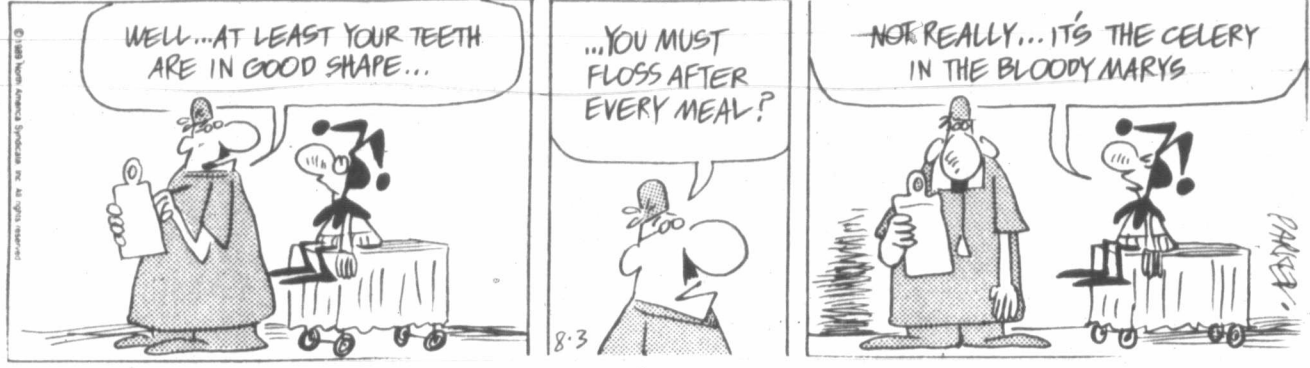


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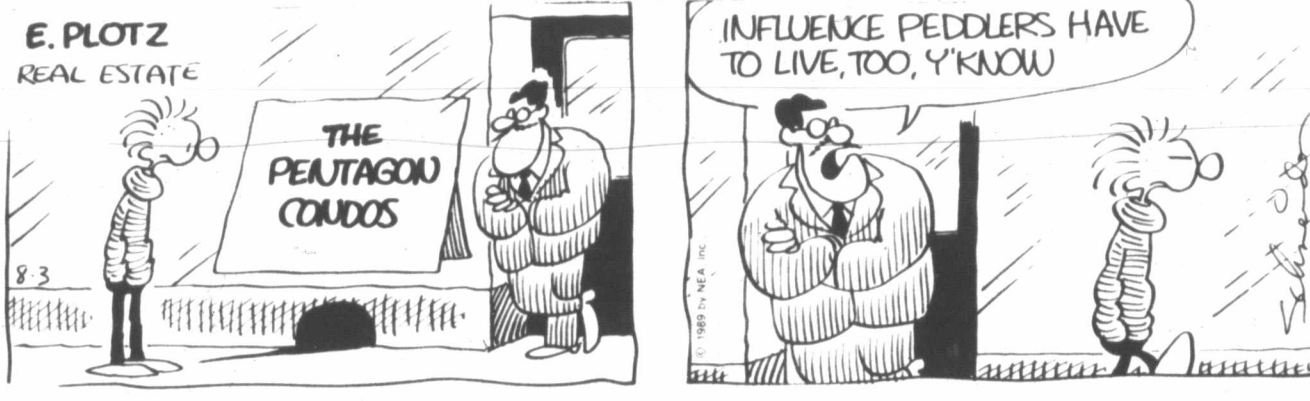
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## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** There is nothing wrong with looking out for your self-interests today, provided you don't feather your own nest at the expense of someone else. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Someone who has been friendly to you might come to you for assistance today. By all means help where you can, but don't volunteer to take on anything beyond your capabilities or means.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Be very selective today regarding your social involvements. Try to avoid activities that are costly, because these could be the ones that turn out to be the least fun.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You're basically a rather courageous individual, but today you must be able to distinguish between boldness and what is just plain foolhardy. Don't buck the odds.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** There's a possibility you might be drawn into a debate today where your opposition has a firmer grasp of the facts than you do. Don't get in over your head.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today you may have your hands full trying to keep your own affairs in order without going out of your way to try to sort out another's muddled milieu.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Partnership arrangements could be more of a hindrance than a help today. If there is an important goal you'd like to achieve, see if you can do it unaided.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Where your career is concerned today do not rely upon co-workers to attend to things for you that you should be taking care of yourself. If you do, disappointment is likely.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Let your hair down and enjoy yourself at social happenings today, but be careful you do not wear out your welcome. To be on the safe side, plan to make an early exit.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Even though it may take a bit of doing, try to be tolerant of companions today who are not in harmony with your particular goals and purposes. Make allies, not enemies.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Things you see to criticize in others today could be a reflection of your own shortcomings, so instead of trying to correct their faulty patterns, work on your own.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Be extremely careful about involving yourself in financial arrangements today that are outside of your particular field of expertise. The lesson you'll learn could be an expensive one.

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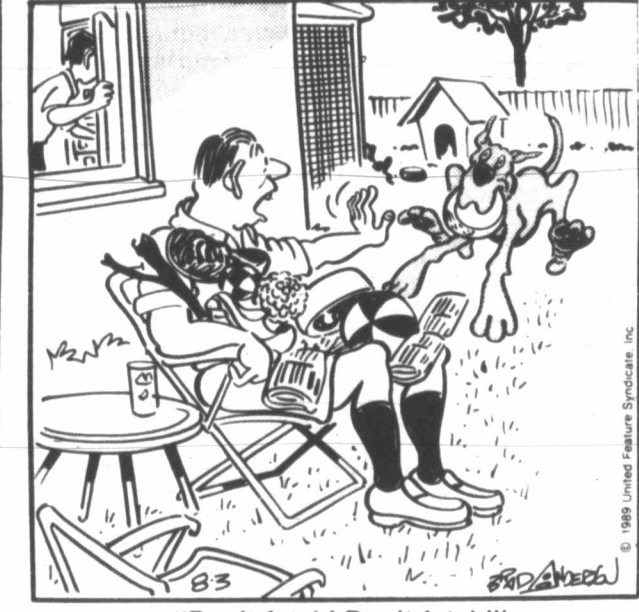
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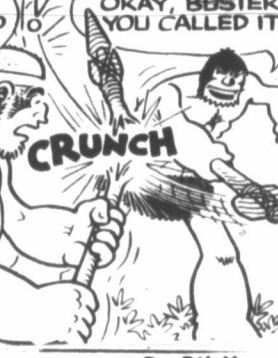


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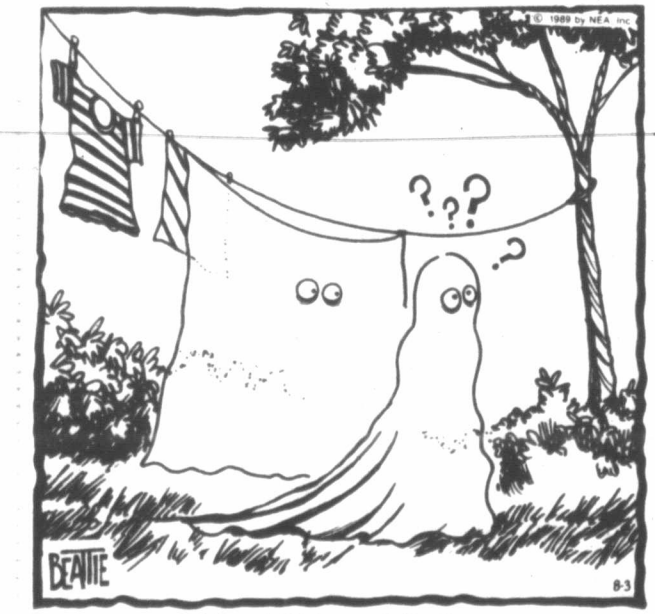
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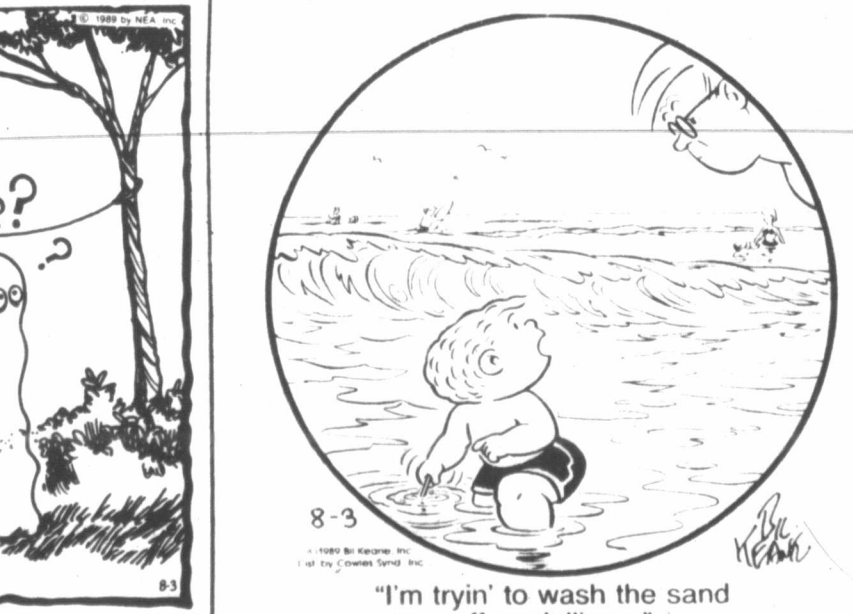
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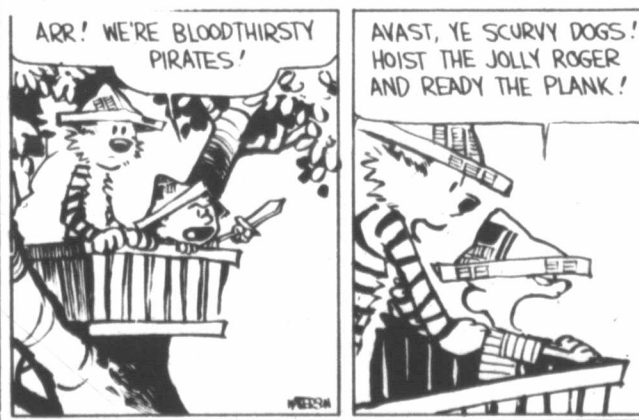


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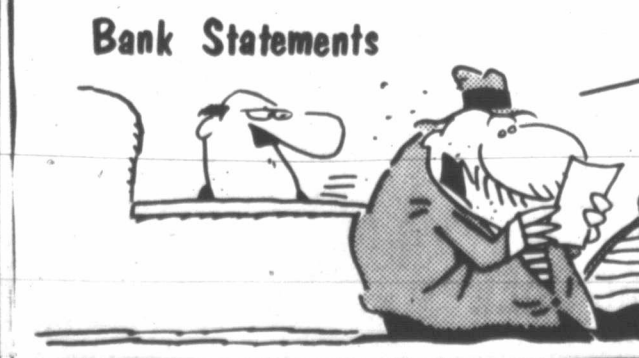
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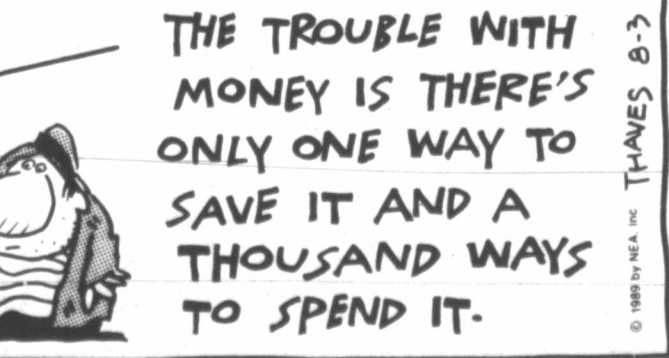
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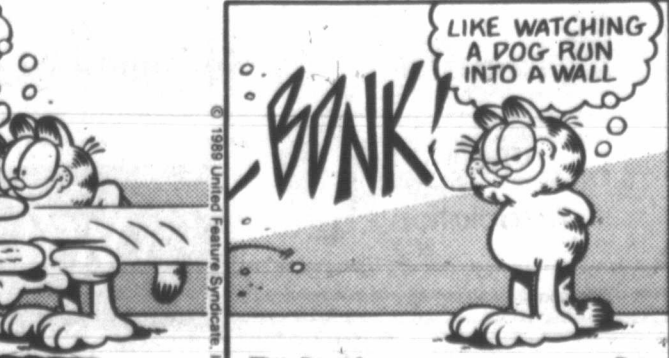
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# Sports

## 'Pokes impressed by Rohrer's rally

**Linebacker hoping to win job back**

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. - About this time last year Jeff Rohrer was in a hospital bed being told he would never play again in the NFL.

The Dallas Cowboys' linebacker apparently wasn't paying close attention to his doctors' predictions.

Here he is in training camp delivering body-jarring tackles without a disc in his back.

"It (the disc) had deteriorated and slipped so bad that they just took the whole thing out," Rohrer said. "It had been hurting for three years. I was ready for it to go."

Rohrer has impressed the new Cowboys' coaching staff with his quick recovery.

"Physically he is at 100 percent," coach Jimmy Johnson said of the 6-2, 222-pound six year veteran from Yale. "In fact, he ran a 4.8 in the 40 which is pretty good for a linebacker."

"Now, it's must a matter of Jeff adjusting to our system. Jeff is in a battle to make this team because he didn't play a year ago. We also have a lot of linebackers."

Rohrer would like to make the team because he likes the aggressive style of defense the Cowboys will play under the new regime.

"It will be fun to line up and go after everybody," he said. "I love this type of football. The change couldn't be better for me. It's my kind of football."

Rohrer said he resisted any temptation to take it easy while he tests his back.

"I'm not messin' around," he said. "I'm not out here to play patty cake. I want my job back from Ron Burton."

Rohrer recalls the final hours before he operation as shot full of apprehension.

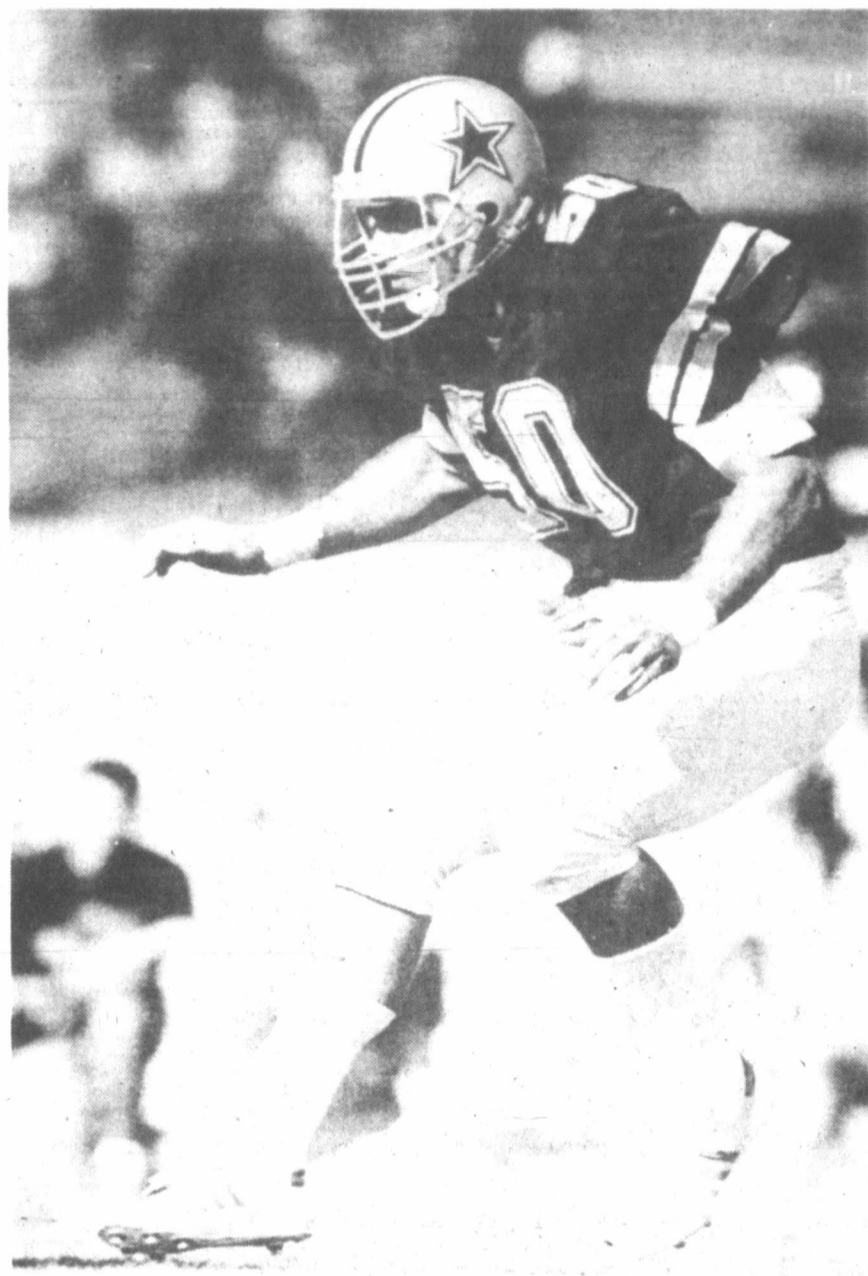
"My left leg was numb and my right leg wasn't working," Rohrer said. "Now, I've got all my feeling back. Still, at the time the doctors told me I'd be better off chasing women the rest of my life than running backs."

Rohrer is considered one of the more cerebral Cowboys' and quickly picked up the complicated flex defense of former coach Tom Landry.

"The flex was like being in a fist fight and doing Algebra at the same time," Rohrer said. "Sometimes we would switch defenses five times before the ball was snapped. In this defense we won't audible as much."

Now, Rohrer has to convince Johnson that he doesn't have a damaged linebacker on his hands.

"If they give me a strong chance I'll show 'em," he said.



Linebacker Jeff Rohrer made quick recovery from back surgery. (AP Laserphoto)

## Oilers' Davis comes off strong season

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
AP Sports Writer

SAN MARCOS — Bruce Davis could look at David Williams and consider the Florida rookie a threat.

But Davis, 33, the starting left tackle for the Houston Oilers, didn't feel such a twinge last April when the Oilers made Williams their No. 1 draft choice and spotted him for tackle duty.

"If you have been around the league awhile and you are secure in your own abilities, nobody else is a threat to you," Davis said.

"The fact is, we have no other backups and you had to fill that void with a quality player."

Davis said he too would have drafted an offensive lineman if he were conducting the Oiler draft.

"I didn't take it personally. I just go and do my job," Davis said. "They make the decisions and I don't have anything to do with that."

Davis, who has had to struggle for recognition since his rookie year, played a strong role in the Oilers' offensive line last season.

Davis reported to training camp overweight and was the butt of numerous fat jokes but when it came time to play, Davis started all 16 games and played one of his best seasons with the Oilers.

Oiler coaches said Davis had a Pro Bowl type season. But once again, Pro Bowl recognition

escaped Davis' grasp.

"I've had four Pro Bowl years and for one reason or another I don't make the team," Davis said. "I think my level coming into the league may have had something to do with it."

The Oakland Raiders made Davis their 11th round selection in 1979 out of UCLA where he played his final two seasons in the offensive line.

"Being an 11th round draft choice hurts me," Davis said. "If a guy is a first or second round draft choice and he does well, they all remember him. Consequently, I'm overlooked."

The Oilers acquired the durable Davis from the Raiders in 1987. Davis started 11 games for the Oilers that year but the player's strike ended his string of playing in 107 consecutive games.

Davis was a defensive lineman until his junior year at UCLA when a call went out for offensive linemen.

An injury meant Davis actually logged only about one year at his new position, hence his low draft status.

With Art Shell entrenched in the offensive line, the Raiders could make a project out of Davis.

"My first year with the Raiders, I was so green," Davis recalled. "I always managed to learn what I was supposed to do. But there were deficiencies."

## Giamatti won't budge on demands for major league expansion

By LEE BYRD  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Nearly two decades after their perennially woeful baseball namesake skipped town, the only senators left in Washington are still striking out in the major leagues.

In a semi-annual ritual that so far has produced nothing but vague promises and veiled threats, baseball's commissioner on Wednesday once again fended off congressional demands to expand major league baseball.

It was A. Bartlett Giamatti's second turn at confronting the special Senate task force representing the franchise hopes of at least a dozen cities.

And like his predecessors, he threw its score of members a gentlemanly curve and still shut them out.

"He stood there like a stone wall," Sen. John Warner, R-Va.,

said in mock disbelief.

The senators, joined by two House members at the closed-door meeting, pressed Giamatti for a commitment to expand the American League by at least two teams and the National League by at least four. The AL has 14 teams, the NL 12.

Giamatti would only repeat the commitment of NL owners to add two teams at some indefinite date in the 1990s.

"In our view, there are six or eight cities which are very strongly qualified" for a major league team, said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who has Phoenix uppermost on that list.

But Giamatti wouldn't budge.

"It is a fact that two is not six. It is not eight. It is not 10," he told reporters after the meeting. "Our disagreement is about the pace and about the number."

Several senators, including Democrat Timothy Wirth of Col-

orado, chairman of the Senate Task Force on the Expansion of Major League Baseball, alluded to the possibility that Congress could repeal baseball's special exemption from antitrust law if owners don't respond swiftly to expansion demands.

That threat has often been aired, but never enacted by members whose constituents don't live in prospective expansion cities.

In a letter presented to Giamatti at the meeting, Wirth said the task force "is preparing to pursue all available avenues to correct the inequities of the existing expansion procedure."

"Though we would prefer to develop a mutually satisfactory expansion plan with baseball, it is time to move this process out of discussions and into action," Wirth said.

"It has been more than a decade since the last franchises, the Toronto Blue Jays and the Seattle

Mariners, were awarded. The addition of only two teams in the last 20 years, coupled with the possibility of only two more in the next decade, clearly is not responsive to the fans and cities that desire and can support major league baseball."

The Washington Senators left the nation's capital after the 1971 season and became the Texas Rangers.

Giamatti told reporters "there weren't any promises made," other than to return for more discussion at an indefinite date, possibly at public hearings.

Warner confronted Giamatti after the meeting about his claim that not enough talent is available to preserve the quality of the game if several new teams are added at once.

"What I said was that it is more difficult to step off a college baseball field into the major leagues" than in other sports, Giamatti re-

plied. "To expand is not to say you degrade quality. But one must be responsible, deliberate and prudent."

Warner and others didn't buy that.

"The pool of talent is expand-

ing very rapidly," said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind. "Colleges are now taking baseball very seriously."

## AL standings

By The Associated Press  
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	55	51	.519	—
Boston	52	52	.500	2
Toronto	53	54	.495	2 1/2
Cleveland	52	54	.491	3
Milwaukee	52	55	.486	3 1/2
New York	50	57	.467	5 1/2
Detroit	37	68	.352	17 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	65	42	.607	—
California	64	42	.604	1/2
Kansas City	58	48	.547	6 1/2
Texas	57	48	.543	7
Minnesota	53	54	.495	12
Seattle	51	55	.481	13 1/2
Chicago	44	63	.411	21

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 1,	Milwaukee 0
New York 7,	Minnesota 6, 1st game
Minnesota 4,	New York 3, 2nd game, 10 innings
Baltimore 8,	Boston 8
Detroit 6,	Texas 4
Toronto 8,	Kansas City 0
California 7,	Seattle 0
Oakland 2,	Chicago 0



## Viola wins Mets debut

By The Associated Press

The new uniform was a perfect fit for Frank Viola, and so was the ending of his first game with the New York Mets.

Viola won his debut with New York on Wednesday night when the Mets rallied for three runs in the ninth inning off relief ace Todd Worrell to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-3 at Busch Stadium.

"I felt very comfortable," Viola said. "When I put that uniform on, it felt part of me. I grew up a Met fan so the adjustment wasn't tough."

Until a trade Monday night, Viola had spent his entire career with the Minnesota Twins. He helped them win the World Series in 1987 and last season won the American League Cy Young Award with a 24-7 record.

Against St. Louis, Viola allowed four hits and two runs in eight innings. He struck out two and walked five.

One of his teammates on the 1987 Twins, outfielder Tom Brunansky, is now a member of the Cardinals.

Elsewhere in the NL it was Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 1; Philadelphia 6, Chicago 0; Cincinnati 5, Houston 2; San Diego 9, Atlanta 7; and Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 4.

## NL standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	63	44	.589	—
Chicago	60	47	.561	3
St. Louis	54	49	.524	7
New York	55	50	.524	7
Pittsburgh	45	61	.425	17 1/2
Philadelphia	43	63	.406	19 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	62	45	.579	—
Houston	61	46	.570	1
San Diego	53	54	.496	9
Los Angeles	50	58	.463	12 1/2
Cincinnati	49	57	.462	12 1/2
Atlanta	43	64	.402	19

Wednesday's Games

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Philadelphia 6,	Chicago 0
Montreal 3,	Pittsburgh 1
San Diego 9,	Atlanta 7
New York 4,	St. Louis 3
Los Angeles 7,	San Francisco 4

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# Services held for young rodeo star

ATOKA, Okla. (AP) — Friends say world champion bull rider Lane Frost, killed last weekend during a rodeo, was a down-to-earth hero.

"He was a gentleman and was in awe of people that really were in awe of him," said rodeo announcer Clem McSpadden after Frost's funeral Wednesday. "He was so down to earth. He was a great champion and he wore the world's championship buckle with a lot of dignity, a lot of class."

Frost, the 1987 World Champion Bull Rider, died Sunday from internal injuries suffered when a bull nicknamed "Bad to the Bone" rammed him at a Frontier Days Rodeo in Cheyenne, Wyo. He was 25.

About 1,200 people gathered for Frost's funeral. Some waited outside the church, listening to the service on loudspeakers.

Dozens then drove 50 miles to Hugo, where Frost was buried beside another bull riding legend, Warren "Freckles" Brown.

Cowboys in boots and hats joined Frost's longtime friends at the church, where mourners had placed nearly 400 floral arrangements.

McSpadden and the Rev. Willard Moody eulogized Frost as the rodeo star of a generation.

"I think in only rodeo and Western life do lives become so close," said Moody, of Roswell, N.M., a former professional calf roper.

McSpadden also read a letter of sympathy from Gov. Henry Bellmon. Richard Hedeman of Bowie, Texas, said of Frost's riding ability, "He was to his generation what Freckles was to his."

"He was everybody's idol," said local resident Bennie Welch. "He was a local hero. Everybody loved him."

"I've been crying all day," said Charlie Sampson of Casa Grande, Ariz., a noted bull rider of the 1980s who has survived extensive injuries from the sport. "The last thing I wanted to come to was a young fella's funeral who had been killed by a bull."

Although Frost lived in Quanah, Texas, he returned to the Atoka County community of Lane "every chance he got," said Jim White, whose high school son learned bull riding from Frost. White said Frost always took time for youngsters.

"He was really one of the most highly thought of persons around here," White said. "They could call him if they ever had a problem with riding or anything else. Wherever he was at, they were welcome to call him, and he would always take time for them."

Wes Ward, formerly of Coalgate and now of McKinney, Texas, was one of six cowboys serving as pallbearers. He said he and Frost were together "in high school and stuff, and his family was a family to me. He was the closest friend I had."

## Round Rock considered for Texas League team

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP) — Round Rock officials soon will meet with the owner of the New York Mets' Double-A affiliate in Jackson, Miss., to discuss the possibility of their city as home for a Texas League franchise.

Jackson owner Conn Moloney, vice president of the Texas League and chairman of its expansion committee, said he would be in Round Rock within 10 days to scout the area as a site for either an expansion team or possible new home for his Mets.

More than two months ago, officials in the city about 20 miles north of Austin said they hoped to attract a minor league team.

About two weeks ago, an independent accounting firm hired by the city reported in a feasibility study that the Travis-Williamson county area would be a good region to support a Class

Double-A team. "Everyone I've talked to from the Texas League is favorable to the atmosphere in Round Rock," Moloney said.

"I think it would be a good place for an expansion franchise or an existing one looking to move," he added.

Major league baseball wants to expand by two teams, but no growth is expected until at least 1991, officials say. Each new major league team would create one Triple-A and one Double-A franchise.

City Manager Bob Bennett said attracting the Jackson team might be better than having an expansion team.

"The Mets are one of the best organizations in baseball. In order to build a stadium, we have to go to the voters for approval. Having a franchise like the Mets would help sell it," he said.

## Ferry's fallout

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — The agent who represents Dallas Mavericks' No. 1 draft pick Randy White says his client might follow Danny Ferry to Europe.

"We hope we get a deal done with the Mavericks, it would be a great situation," Bill Blakeley said. "But if the dollars are not right, then we have to consider other options, and Europe is enticing."

"We haven't really tested that market, but we probably will," Blakeley added, "if not this year, then next."

White, a Dallas native, was the No. 8 pick overall in the NBA draft.

Ferry, a 6-10 All-America forward from Duke, was disappointed when the Los Angeles Clippers drafted him with the No. 2 pick overall. He stunned the NBA this week when he signed a one-year contract with Messaggero Rome for a reported \$1 million.

But Blakeley, in a telephone interview from his office here Wednesday, said he was not surprised by Ferry's move. "I think now you're going to see more players going overseas," he said.

"Hey, with the tax base, you make more money in Italy. Danny would probably have to make about \$1.5 million, at least, in the NBA to equal what he'll take home in Europe," Blakeley said.

"And it'll be far less wear and tear on his body. He'll play about 35 games, not the 82, plus playoffs he would in the NBA. And in Italy they give you a beautiful place to live, a beautiful car, great meals — the only thing you pay for is the phone bill."

Italian teams begin practice next Monday for their season which begins Sept. 24.

Dallas general manager Norm Sonju, who has been negotiating with Blakeley, could not be reached for comment because he is vacationing in New York through Aug. 7, when talks on White are scheduled to resume.

White, a 6-8, 225-pound power forward from Louisiana Tech, will have to be signed by Oct. 5 to attend the Mavericks training camp. He has been playing in the NBA Pro-Am League in Dallas this summer.

Mavericks spokesman Kevin Sullivan said Ferry's decision to forgo the NBA shouldn't have much of an impact on talks concerning White.

"I really don't think it will have any bearing," Sullivan said. "There's a big difference money-wise between the No. 2 and 8 spots, anyway."

But Ferry's European tour will definitely have an effect on the No. 3 pick, Arizona guard Sean Elliott, who was drafted by the San Antonio Spurs, Elliott's lawyer Bob Woolf said.

"We were kind of waiting around to see what the No. 2 would get. I don't want Sean to get short-changed," Woolf said in a telephone interview from his office in Boston.

Woolf also represents Michigan forward Glen Rice, the No. 4 pick overall, who was drafted by the Miami Heat. He said both Elliott and Rice "want very badly to play in the NBA."

"But with Danny gone, we never will know what he was going to get," Woolf said. "He was going to be a guideline, for Sean, Glen and on down the line."

### Pampa Junior Varsity 1989 football schedule

- Sept. 7 — Canyon, 7 p.m. home.
- Sept. 14 — Borger, 7 p.m. home.
- Sept. 21 — Guymon, 7 p.m. home.
- Sept. 28 — Dumas, 7 p.m. away.
- Oct. 5 — Hereford Maroon, 7 p.m. away.
- Oct. 12 — Hereford White, 7 p.m. home.
- Nov. 2 — Randall, 7 p.m. home.

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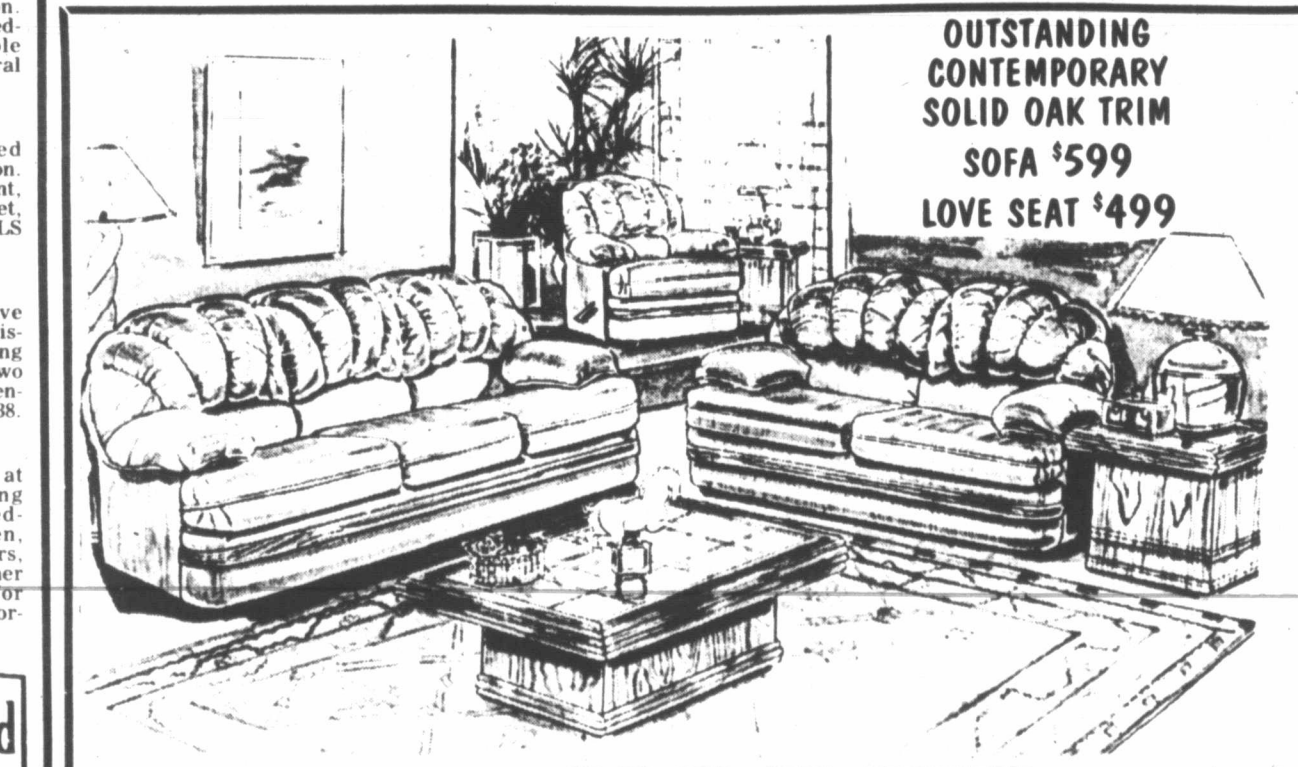
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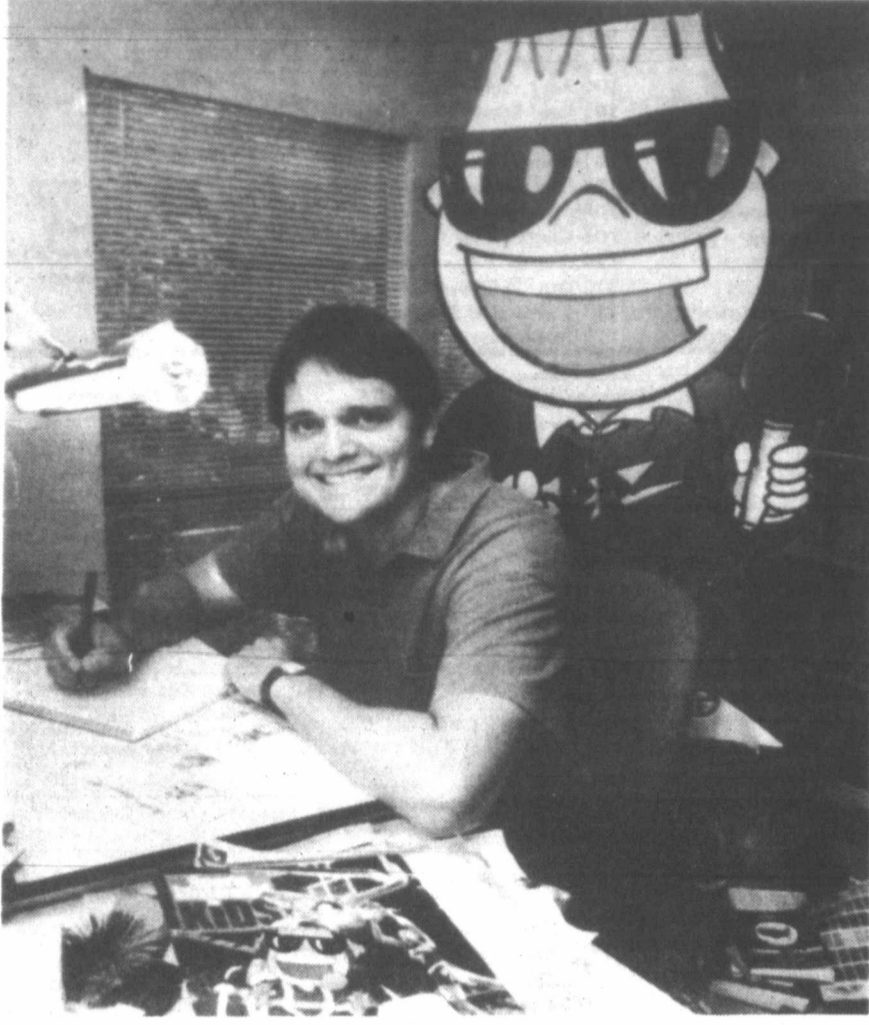
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Cartoonist Bill Hinds works on his Buzz Beamer comic strip.

## Cartoonist draws hit with new comic strip

By BRUCE WESTBROOK  
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — Bill Hinds has hit a home run with America's kids.

Hinds is the Houston-based artist for *Tank McNamara*, a comic strip about a broadcast sports journalist that appears daily in about 300 newspapers. The strip is written by Jeff Miller, *Houston Chronicle* columnist and film reviewer.

But Hinds is branching out. He's also drawing and writing a new strip of his own featuring another broadcast sports reporter named Buzz Beamer. The crucial difference is Buzz is a kid, and Buzz is for kids — *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, to be exact.

Both the character and the publication have been wildly successful since their debut in January. A survey showed Buzz's antics in each issue to be the magazine's most popular feature.

Managing editor John Papanek calls Hinds "a genius. He makes me laugh. As far as I'm concerned, Bill Hinds came from heaven to *SI for Kids*."

Hinds doesn't let such praise go to his head.

"They've been fine-tuning the magazine, but with Buzz they told me not to change anything," Hinds said. "So I think, 'Oh great — all I can do now is screw up.'"

Such insecurity reflects how different Hinds is from Buzz — and how similar he is to Tank.

"Tank is a lot like me," Hinds said. "He's insecure, shy, big, basically a kind person. Buzz is not like me. He's aggressive, obnoxious, pushy, career-oriented. He's also kind, but he's got a kid's insensitivity. I call him an ambush sports journalist. And he's very hip, or so he thinks he is."

With Buzz's soaring success, Hinds is glad he retained his copyright on the character, sticking to his guns during months of negotiations. "They can't fire me without losing the strip," he said.

But the magazine did spur Buzz's creation. Hinds hadn't even considered the character until he was contacted for a prototype for *SI for Kids*.

"As I was talking to them on the phone I started drawing the character. It came to me very easily," he said.

Creating Buzz is easier than creating Tank, he said, "because Buzz comes strictly out of my head. As I come up with ideas I envision them. With Tank, Jeff gives me copy, and it takes me awhile sometimes to visualize what he's written. Buzz is a very definite character in my mind. It took me two years to get to know Tank."

"I've been concerned about whether or not I could write it, but the writing's become better with each strip as I get to know Buzz better and get a feeling for what kids like. I've got a young niece and a nephew here, Mark and

Kim, who are my consultants on this.

"Besides," he said, "when they first contacted me about this, I think they were looking for a guy with a kids'-level mentality."

If Hinds fits that bill, then he has parlayed his sense for fun into a career encompassing not just Tank and Buzz, but also two comic strips for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* — *Longshot* and *Clown Alley* — and a national strip illustrating the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

He creates them all in a cluttered upstairs workroom in the townhouse near Memorial Park where he and his wife and three cats live.

Hinds has a life-size figure of Buzz near his drawing board. It's one of the cutouts used during NBA All-Star action here. Hinds said Buzz was the first comic-strip character in history to be awarded press credentials.

Papanek said the new magazine wasn't designed to make money. The financial goal, he said, was to break even. A broader aim was to provide good reading for kids and help to create a more literate society.

And that's not purely philanthropic. After all, shrinking literacy rates cut into magazines' bases for future subscribers. One strategy: Turn kids into current subscribers.

So far, *SI for Kids* has enjoyed spectacular success, even without broad newsstand marketing. It promised advertisers 500,000 subscribers by year's end. After six months, it's delivering 713,000.

Of those, 247,000 are kids who get the monthly magazine as part of grants to schools. Advertisers underwrite these subscriptions.

In a classroom, each student will get a copy of *SI for Kids*, and the teacher will receive an eight-page teaching guide written by a New York college of education.

"That shows how to use the magazine for education purposes," Papanek said. "It's amazing how much can be used in a sports magazine to teach reading, math, science, geography, history. Kids can relate some subject they don't like to a subject they do like and find out it's fun to learn."

For instance, each issue has a page of cutout trading cards, and at the bottom of each is a question. For the Houston Rockets' Akeem Olajuwon: "Akeem was born and raised in Nigeria. Where is that country?" (The answer runs underneath, upside-down.)

The magazine surveyed its readers on their favorite stories, Papanek said, "and the runaway favorite so far in all six issues was Buzz at the NBA All-Star Game. Ninety-nine percent of kids who responded said it was their favorite story in this magazine — ever."

"You talk about a sure hit," he said, "Buzz Beamer is it."

## Report says more astronaut deaths likely

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States must be prepared to accept the likelihood that more astronauts will be killed if space missions become routine, according to a report submitted to Congress Wednesday.

"If such risks are perceived to be too high, the nation may decide to reduce its emphasis on placing humans in space," said the report by the congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

Space shuttle reliability to date, with one catastrophic failure in 29 launches — the 1986 explosion of Challenger — is 96.5 percent and a contractor estimated last year that a representative chance of mission success is 98 percent.

The price of increased space activity includes "the likelihood that loss of life will occur," the report said.

"If reliability is and remains 98 percent, there would be a 50 percent chance of losing an orbiter on the next 34 flights, a 72 percent chance of losing an orbiter before the first space station assembly flight and an 88 percent chance of losing an orbiter before space

station assembly is completed 42 flights later," said OTA.

Current plans call for all hardware for the planned space station to be carried into orbit in shuttle cargo holds, along with astronauts who will do the assembly. Engineers have been talking, though, of reducing the number of shuttle missions by carrying parts into orbit on heavy-duty rockets.

After the loss of Challenger, NASA was left with a three-orbiter fleet: Columbia — the shuttle that is scheduled to fly next week on a military mission — Discovery and Atlantis. A replacement for Challenger, named the Endeavour, is expected to be ready for flight in 1992 and a year later NASA expects to reach a flight rate of 14 a year.

OTA said one more orbiter, costing \$2.5 billion, is needed and a decision to have it ready by 1996 would have to be made in the fiscal year that begins in October.

"Continued dependence on only four orbiters could be risky," said the report. "Launching each orbiter three or four times every year creates a growing cumulative risk of accidents or 'wear out'; supporting the space station in addition to other crew-

related missions would be difficult if not impossible with fewer than four orbiters."

The OTA report, called *Round Trip to Orbit: Human Space Flight Alternatives*, examines some of the policy choices Congress faces in decisions that must be made this year or next.

If Congress wants to reduce risks to the shuttle fleet during assembly of the space station, OTA said, it could direct NASA to buy Titan 4 launch vehicles or develop a so-called Shuttle-C launch vehicle, which would use shuttle booster rockets and fuel tank to

orbit a huge cargo container.

The report also laid out options to advance U.S. crew-carrying capabilities beyond the shuttle era into the next century. They include an Advanced Manned Launch System leading to an advanced shuttle-like vehicle and a Personnel Launch system which could dispatch a crew-carrying vehicle from unpiloted launch rockets.

An aerospace plane, able to take off from a runway and fly to orbit, would be a major step forward, OTA said, but would be much more expensive and a larger technical challenge.

## Sub launches Trident 2

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The crew of the nuclear submarine Tennessee, thwarted last week by anti-nuclear protesters, launched a Trident 2 missile Wednesday in the first successful underwater test of the Navy's newest, deadliest weapon.

The Tennessee was cruising about 50 miles off Cape Canaveral when the 44-foot Trident 2 burst to the surface, ignited and propelled a dummy warhead package far down the Atlantic tracking range.

The Navy announced several

minutes after the 11 a.m. firing that the test flight was a success. A Navy statement provided no details.

The results were in sharp contrast to the Trident 2's first submarine launch on March 21 when the missile pinwheeled out of control and exploded four seconds after it was launched from the Tennessee.

Investigators traced the problem to a mechanical linkage responsible for moving the rocket nozzles back and forth. The system was redesigned.

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