





# Democrats square off for Wright's seat

DALLAS (AP) — Although Republican Dr. Bob Lanier was the highest vote-getter in a special election to replace Jim Wright in Congress, his runoff opponent predicted victory in the heavily Democratic 12th District. Lanier received 21,978 ballots, or 39 percent of the vote, in Saturday's special election, but Democrat Pete Geren was elected about his 32 percent showing — 17,751 votes — in the district that encompasses most of Fort Worth.

A Fort Worth attorney, Geren got quick endorsements from both Wright and from Democrat Jim Lane, who finished third in the race and with 22 percent of the vote was the only other candidate to garner more than 3 percent.

"Well, the Democrats won tonight," Geren told supporters at a victory party late Saturday at a west Fort Worth hotel. "It took us four candidates to do it, but when you total it up, we got nearly 60 percent of the vote. I call that a victory."

Meanwhile, opponents of municipal redistricting plan in Dallas that passed by a 2-to-1 margin vowed to fight the plan in court. And Dallas Area Rapid Transit officials won a significant battle

when voters in four of five Dallas suburbs decided to retain the agency.

A runoff is necessary because no one in the eight-candidate race to replace Wright received a majority of the votes. Gov. Bill Clements will set a date after election results are certified.

Geren received a ringing endorsement from Wright, who resigned the seat June 30 after an ethics investigation uncovered 69 instances of alleged house violations.

"I want to ask all of you to redouble your efforts because here's a man I want to be my successor," Wright told supporters at the victory party. "He is steeped in the traditions of our state and country."

Lanier hosts the nationally syndicated TV health show *60 Second Housecall*. He pointed to his success in a district traditionally dominated by Democrats, and Wright in particular.

Wright first won election in 1955 and was re-elected 17 times in the next 34 years, often with token or no opposition. He received 88 write-in votes in the special election, even after he told constituents he was not interested in

trying to win back the seat.

"This is a Democratically designed district. It's been that way for 34 years," Lanier said. "For me to get 40 percent of the vote in a district like that is pretty good."

"If we can go into this thing with a four- to five-point lead, we think we can do this."

Lanier has the endorsement of Sen. Phil Gramm and more reason for optimism in knowing that Ronald Reagan and George Bush carried the district in the last three presidential elections.

The elections administrator asked Clements to schedule the runoff for Sept. 9. The runoff must be called 20 to 30 days after the state canvasses the votes, a process that probably will be completed in a week.

Dallas voters, in a referendum, approved a proposal to reorganize the city council to equalize voting power between whites and minorities. The proposal received 41,456 votes to 20,823 against.

"The struggle goes on," state Rep. Fred Blair, D-Dallas, said. "It is no longer business as usual in this city."

A *Dallas Morning News* analysis of voting patterns in Saturday's election showed that more than 85 percent of those who voted in the city's predominantly minority districts opposed the plan.

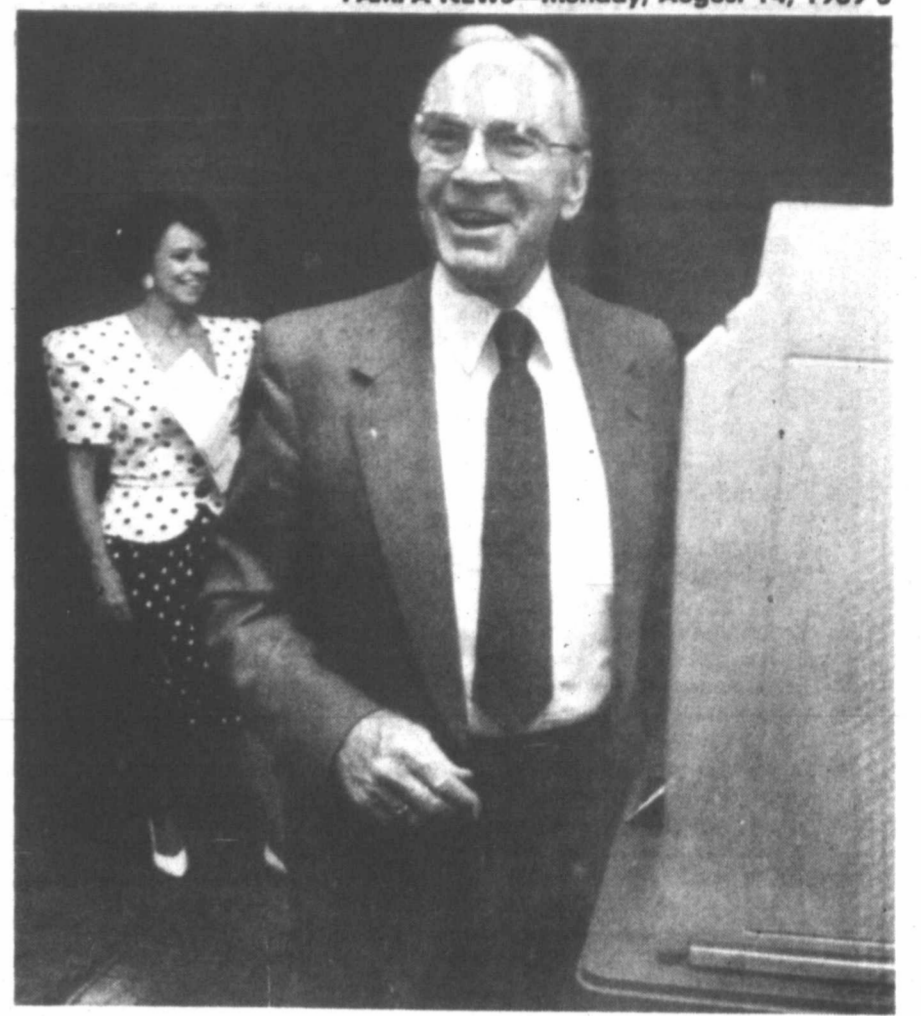
Despite the drubbing in most of 54 precincts examined in South Dallas and West Dallas, the plan passed citywide because of overwhelming support from white voters, mostly in North Dallas.

The so-called "10-4-1" plan calls for the addition of two single districts and four quadrant representatives, leaving the mayor as the only at-large member of the city council.

Opponents argued that adding seats would dilute minority strength.

A lawsuit challenging the current 8-3 plan is scheduled to be heard Sept. 5 in U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's court. Buchmeyer also is reviewing the 10-4-1 plan and two other plans that weren't on the ballot. One is 12-1, in which all council members would be elected from districts and only the mayor would be elected at large.

About one-fifth of transit agency's sales tax income was riding on the five suburban elections, as was the fate of a truly regional transportation system.



Jim Wright and wife Betty join others in casting their ballots Saturday.

## Texans in Tokyo



Members and staff of the Fort Worth Ballet Company of Texas pose in a street of downtown Tokyo over the weekend. They are now on an 11-day tour in Japan to perform *Cinderella*.

## Columbia back from secret military mission

By LAURA TOLLEY  
Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The crew of the shuttle Columbia were tight-lipped after returning safely to Earth from a military mission believed to include the deployment of a spy satellite and tests of "Star Wars" equipment.

"We had a great time," Air Force Col. Mark Brown said after the Columbia glided to a pinpoint landing at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., early Sunday.

Neither he nor the other four astronauts had much else to say about the five-day, one-hour and 56-minute flight, the first for NASA's oldest shuttle in more than 3 1/2 years.

The crew was resting today but will return to the Johnson Space Center on Tuesday to begin a series of briefings about their flight, officials said.

The five astronauts and their wives returned home to Houston late Sunday afternoon. They were greeted at Ellington Field

by their families and about 300 cheering friends and co-workers.

"It wasn't nice, it was fantastic," pilot Richard Richards, a Navy commander and one of three space rookies on the flight, told the crowd.

"Our mission went perfectly smooth," said Brown, a mission specialist and another first-timer in space. "The vehicle was flawless."

A news blackout ordered by the Department of Defense prevailed over the entire flight, and only a few brief announcements broke the official silence. Even the landing was closed to the public.

The main goal of the mission was widely believed to be deployment of a powerful, 10-ton spy satellite that can snap highly detailed photographs of military installations, troop movements and other targets around the world. Such a satellite would help the United States verify Soviet compliance with arms treaties.

Air Force Secretary Donald Rice confirmed last week that the astronauts had de-

ployed a satellite several hours after blastoff Tuesday from Cape Canaveral, Fla., but he would not elaborate about its purpose.

The astronauts also were believed to have conducted "Star Wars" experiments and to have performed tests aimed at determining the feasibility of monitoring military sites from space.

Columbia was commanded by Air Force Col. Brewster Shaw, a veteran of two previous shuttle flights. The crew also included mission specialist Navy Cmdr. David Leestma, who flew one previous flight, and Army Lt. Col. James Adamson. The orbiter sustained little damage to its protective tiles, and no tiles appeared to be missing, said Ed Jenner, shuttle support manager for the Air Force at Edwards.

The flight was the first for Columbia since January 1986, when the spaceship flew on a mission that landed just 10 days before the Challenger explosion, which killed seven astronauts.

## Tentative agreement averts Bell phone strike

By LORI DODGE  
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A threatened strike by 41,000 telephone workers in five states was averted by a tentative agreement on a contract between Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and its union.

"We're very relieved that we were able to negotiate this agreement without having to go on strike," Gaye Williams Mack, a spokeswoman for District 6 of the Communications Workers of America, said after the agreement was reached about 7:15

p.m. Sunday.

Southwestern Bell spokeswoman Sherry Smith said both sides worked hard to achieve the tentative agreement.

"Our customers are the real winners because we will continue providing them — without interruption — the kind of telephone service they expect," she added.

Southwestern Bell serves 11 million customers in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas.

Southwestern Bell management personnel had been trained and were standing by to handle directory assistance and oper-

ator-assisted calls, in case of a strike.

Negotiators had been talking since June 26. The strike was put on hold as negotiators continued talking past a midnight Saturday deadline. The bargainers broke off the talks at 6 a.m. and then resumed later Sunday.

CWA District 6 Vice President T.O. Parsons said the new 3-year pact still must be ratified by union members, including clerical workers, telephone operators, sales staff members and skilled technicians, by Sept. 19. It succeeds the current 3-year pact, which expired at midnight Saturday.

Union spokesman Jennings Woodridge said the company had agreed to a 5.25 percent wage increase in the first year, plus a \$1,000 bonus, and a 2.25 percent increase in the second and third years, as well as an increase in cost-of-living allowances.

The company also dropped its attempt to make employees pay a portion of health insurance premiums for dependents. Woodridge said, but there were some increases in certain health care costs.

Other improvements in the contract were in family leave provisions, pensions and retiree health benefits and working conditions, Woodridge said.

Southwestern Bell's last strike was in 1983, preceding divestiture by American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Southwestern Bell, headquartered in St. Louis, is one of the so-called Baby Bells created by the 1984 AT&T breakup.

In other parts of the country on Sunday, CWA members struck Ameritech, which serves 12.3 million customers in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin, after a midnight deadline passed.

The strikers at Ameritech joined fellow CWA members and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers members at three other Baby Bells — NYNEX, Bell Atlantic, and Pacific Telesis — who walked out a week earlier.

But the CWA and U S West, based in the Denver area, extended talks after a midnight MDT strike deadline and reached a settlement nine hours later, keeping 42,000 workers on the job.

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## Braun denies killing Garden City clerk

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Gregg Francis Braun, one day after he confessed in court to killing a New Mexico store clerk, denied late last week that he killed two store clerks in Garden City, Kan., and one in Pampa, Texas.

"I didn't do them," Braun said Friday. "I haven't been convicted. I've only been charged. We'll let a court of law decide who did it."

In a telephone interview with *The Kansas City Times*, Braun said he had struggled with his good and evil sides, but in the end, hatred and contempt consumed him.

"I guess I was just born bad," he said from a New Mexico prison.

Braun, a feedlot worker, is charged with murdering, kidnapping and robbing two convenience store clerks in his hometown of Garden City on July 19. He is charged with murdering the own-

er of a photo processing shop in Pampa on July 20. And he is a suspect in the killing of a flower shop employee in Ardmore, Okla., on July 21. The clerks in all four states were shot in the back of the head.

Cosmo Ripol, one of Braun's public defenders, said the lawyers were likely to pursue an insanity defense to the charges of first-degree murder and second-degree armed robbery in the July 23 slaying of Geraldine Valdez at a convenience store in Springer, N.M.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

In his testimony at a preliminary hearing Thursday, Braun admitted killing Valdez.

"There's no identification issue here. The only issue left is Gregg Braun's mental capacity, his sanity," Ripol said Friday.

Braun, in Friday's interview, told of the internal battle that led

him to the slaying of Ms. Valdez.

"Some people call it a split personality," he said. "I don't know. I've always had a good, compassionate side to me. I've always had an evil side to me."

He said that he felt no remorse for Valdez's death but that he felt sorry for his family.

"I basically don't feel, as I said yesterday on the stand," Braun said. "They said how do I feel, and I said 'cold.' I don't have any feelings. I didn't know Miss Valdez, so how could I have any feelings for her?"

Describing himself as hateful, Braun said he blamed only himself for his actions.

"I did it, of my own free will, and that's all there is to it," he said.

Braun, 28, is being held on \$1 million bond. After Thursday's preliminary hearing, a magistrate ordered that Braun stand trial on charges of first-degree

murder and second-degree armed robbery.

Braun, who has a history of drug abuse, said he grew tired of having to apologize for his morals, which he said "were not as high as other people's."

"I guess I was born bad. I don't know. I was always in trouble, nothing serious, but just little things, and I guess that adds up," Braun said.

Yet Braun, who received a pre-law bachelor's degree last year and wanted to work as a counselor for juvenile offenders, spoke of once leading a normal life.

"Except for a few scrapes with the law with drugs and alcohol, I was basically a pretty normal functioning human being," he said.

"Personally I believe everybody is capable of murder, and everybody thinks about it at one time or another. Some people are crazy enough to do it."

## Poll: Twenty years later, Woodstock echoes on

By GARY LANGER  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Echoes of the Woodstock festival reverberate in American society 20 years after the counterculture concert rocked the nation. But when it comes to rock 'n' roll itself, most people say the tune's gone flat.

Eight in 10 American adults have heard of the Woodstock festival, held Aug. 15-17, 1969, on a muddy farm in upstate New York — and three in 10 of them wish they had attended, a Media General-Associated Press poll has found.

That high level of awareness was rooted in a view of Woodstock as more of a historical milestone than simply a show. Most regard it as the expression of a social movement, and half of them said that movement continues today.

Yet the view of Woodstock was not an idealized one. While nearly six in 10 of those who knew of the festival said it had had a lasting effect on American society, only half of them said the effect was a positive one.

Even more striking was the widely held opinion that times have changed for the better. Just a quarter said the Woodstock era

was a better time than today, while half viewed it a worse time than now.

But respondents were critical of the course of rock 'n' roll music, the raucous hallmark of the Woodstock era: Rock music of the Woodstock days was rated twice as highly as the rock 'n' roll of today. Nearly half of all respondents said they still listen to Woodstock-era rock.

The poll, conducted among a random sample of 1,163 adults nationwide, had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

As could be expected, it found a dramatic generational division in views of Woodstock. For example, 40 percent of those younger than 45 would have liked to have attended, compared with just 10 percent of the older respondents.

Moreover, among those who saw a lasting social impact of Woodstock, more than 60 percent of the younger group said it was a positive effect, while only about a quarter of the older group agreed.

Interest in rock music followed similar lines. More than 60 percent of those under 45 said they listen to Woodstock-era rock 'n' roll now, evidence of the sizable audience for "classic rock" radio programming. Of those 45 and older, just 22 percent were tuned in to

Woodstock rock.

Overall, 50 percent rated rock music of the late 1960s and early 1970s as excellent or good, while just 27 percent gave those favorable ratings to the rock 'n' roll of today.

The Woodstock festival, featuring most of the top rock bands of the day, drew half a million people to Max Yasgur's farm in Bethel, N.Y. The term "Woodstock Nation" soon came to refer to young people who were agitating for an end to the Vietnam War and the loosening of social mores.

Twenty percent of the poll's respondents said they knew someone who attended Woodstock, and 25 of the 1,163 people polled said they were there.

The survey was conducted July 7-16. Media General Inc., a communications company based in Richmond, Va., publishes the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, the *Richmond News Leader*, the *Tampa (Fla.) Tribune* and the *Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal*, and operates TV stations WFFL in Tampa, WCBD in Charleston, S.C., and WJKS in Jacksonville, Fla.

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Neck stiffness can have many causes, from sudden and violent accidents to such simple activities as painting a ceiling or just sitting reading a book for a long time. But there's nothing simple about the pain.

A careful examination will reveal the source of the pain and how best to treat it. Any misaligned vertebrae in the spinal column should be properly adjusted so there will be no abnormal pressure on your nervous system. Treatment may also include exercises for the cervical muscles such as gently rotating your head in all directions. This can help restore muscle strength and tone.




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# Lifestyles

## Summer often means lawn problems

Along with hot temperatures, mid-summer in Texas may bring special lawn problems - drought, weeds, insects, and disease.

These lawn problems can cause concerns for homeowners unless accurate diagnosis and proper treatment takes place before they become severe.

Dry spots, thin turf and weeds can result from improper watering, fertilizing and mowing practices. Follow recommended cultural practices before applying a chemical to correct lawn problems.

Drought or water stress shows up as wilted, discolored turf. Adjust watering schedules to wet the soil to a depth of four to six inches, and water only when grass shows symptoms of moisture stress.

Also, raise mowing heights one-half inch to improve drought intolerance in mid-summer.

Lack of nitrogen or iron often creates a lawn problem. Grass with nitrogen deficiency may have a pale color and be heavily infested with weeds. A light application of a nitrogen fertilizer will improve the lawn's appearance.

Grass leaves that have yellow stripes to the leaf margins may be deficient in iron. A foliar application of iron sulfate at six ounces per 1,000 square feet will usually solve this problem.

Leaf spot diseases are generally a problem when lawns are under stress and increase with high temperatures, drought, heavy shade, and close mowing. While proper mowing and watering will reduce these problems, fungicides may be required to prevent serious damage.

White grubs feed heavily on lawns during mid-summer, and their damage resembles drought injury. If turf does not respond to applications of water, check your soil to a depth of four inches in several spots to see if grubs are present. White grubs can be controlled with insecticides. Follow directions and water the lawn after an insecticide is applied for grub control, since grubs feed in the soil.

### SUMMER CARE OF FLOWERING ANNUALS

Care and attention are necessary to keep flowering annuals looking attractive until frost. A few suggestions are offered for the necessary care.

1 Remove all faded flowers



### For Horticulture Joe VanZandt

to prevent seed production. Allowing plants to set seed will shorten the flowering period.

2. Don't be alarmed if plants wilt slightly in mid-afternoon. This is the natural method of preventing excessive moisture loss. Watering is usually unnecessary unless plants fail to recover by late evening.

3. When soil is dry, water thoroughly, soaking the soil to a depth of five to six inches. Allow soil to become slightly dry before watering again. Use a mulch to conserve moisture.

4. To encourage new growth, cut plants back drastically. This is especially true of petunias as they have a tendency to become tall and leggy.

5. Stake tall-growing annuals to prevent damage from high winds or heavy rains.

6. Maintain a disease prevention program to fight off mildew and leaf spots.

7. Apply a complete fertilizer every four to six weeks.

8. If plants are too far gone, just pull them out.

### GARDEN QUESTIONS - ANSWERS

How often should my tomatoes be fertilized? It is necessary to fertilize the garden before planting tomatoes. Apply the fertilizer again when fruit first sets. From that point on, an additional fertilization (side-dress) every week to 10 days is recommended. Plants grown on sandy soils should be fertilized more frequently than those grown on heavy, clay soils. A general side-dress fertilizer recommendation is one to two tablespoons of a complete fertilizer scattered around the plant and worked into the soil. If using a fertilizer high in nitrogen such as ammonium sulfate, reduce the rate to one tablespoon per plant.

What causes okra pods to be crooked and bent rather than straight? This could be caused by insects feeding on the pods. Certain sucking insects, such

as stinkbugs and leaf-footed bugs, inject chemicals into the pods causing the pods to stop or slow down growth in that area. The other side, which is growing normally, results in a curved or bent pod. The pods can still be eaten. No control is necessary unless the bugs are still feeding on the plants. Use Sevin for control. Use as directed on the label.

I have ants all over my okra. Do they hurt the plants? Ants do not hurt your okra plants. Ants visit okra plants to get honeydew produced by sharpshooters, aphids or other sucking insects. Get rid of the sucking insects and the ants will leave.

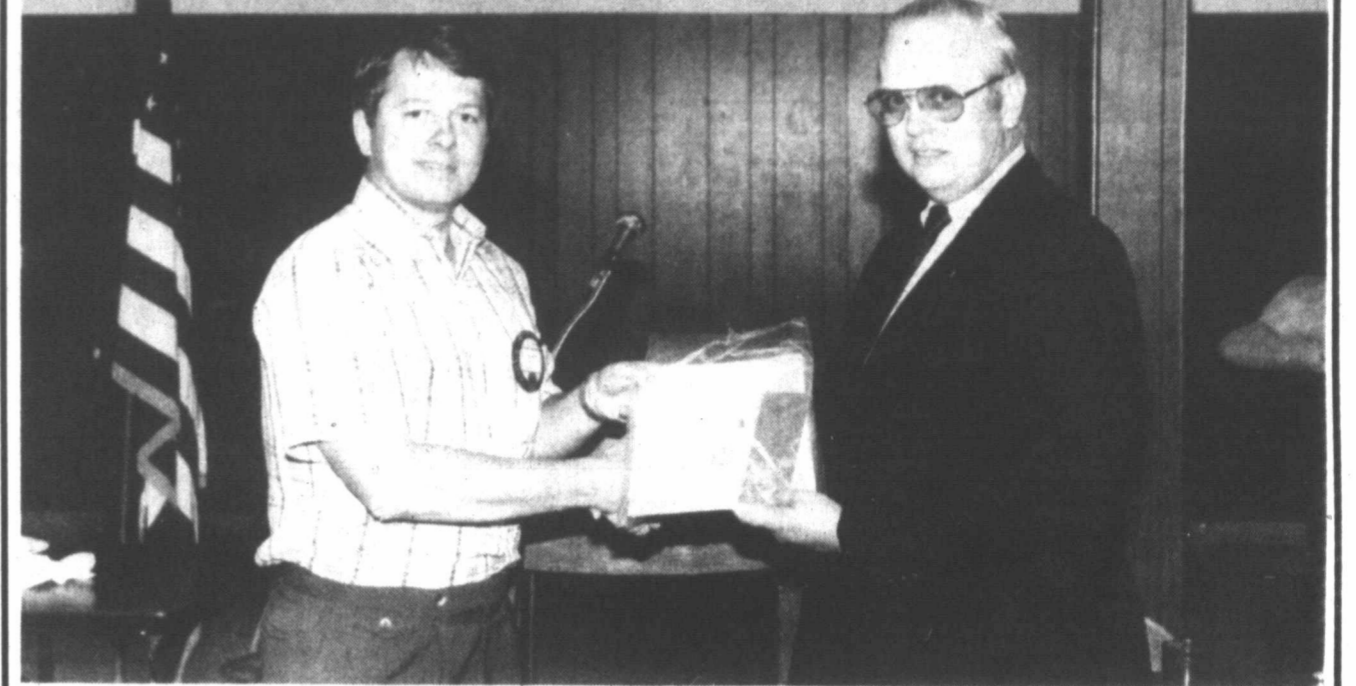
Why do cucumbers bloom without setting fruit? This is a pollination problem. Cucumbers have male and female blooms and for proper fruit set, the pollen must be transferred from the male to the female blooms. This is usually done by pollinating insects, primarily honeybees. If pollen transfer does not take place, fruit will not set.

How do you tell the difference between the male and female cucumber bloom? Female blooms have small immature cucumbers located directly behind the petals. Male blooms do not have immature fruit.

How can you tell the difference between a slicing cucumber and a pickling cucumber? Slicing cucumbers are dark green and are from 6-8 inches in length. Pickling cucumbers are lighter and are short and blocky. If you intend to put up pickles, then grow pickling types. Pickling cucumbers were developed to go through the pickling process and will produce a higher quality product. If you intend to use cucumbers mainly in salads then rely on slicing types.

Are "burpless" cucumbers really burpless? Yes, at least to some people. Some people have gastric problems which prevent them from enjoying fresh cucumbers. The new burpless types are milder.

## Lions Club receives Boy Scout charter



Bill Ripple, right, assistant commissioner of Santa Fe District for Boy Scouts of America Golden Spread Council, presents Pampa Lions Club president, Dr. Jay Johnson, with the charters of the Pampa Boy Scouts. The charters for the local Boy Scouts are presented each year to the organization that has sponsored the troop. The Pampa Lions Club has sponsored Troop 416 for 56 years. It has sponsored Pack 416 for 18 years and Post 416 for 16 years. Also presented to the Pampa Lions Club were the 100% Boys Life Award and the Quality Unit Award for 1989.

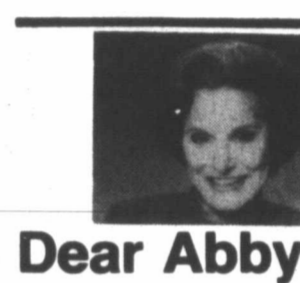
## Korean War Memorial will be a gift from American people

DEAR ABBY: Orchids to you for calling public attention to the Korean War veterans.

In March, my wife, two sons and I visited Washington, D.C., for a sightseeing vacation that included a tour of Arlington National Cemetery. Our guide pointed out the Korean War "memorial," which was a cement park bench on which was engraved: "In Sacred Memory of Those Americans Who Gave Their Lives During the Korean War (1950-1953): 54,246 Died; 8,377 Missing in Action; 559 Unaccounted-For POWS."

Our sons were incensed after reading the casualty statistics. They had no idea the Korean War was so bloody and costly, and couldn't understand why those who fought in Vietnam had been honored with such an impressive memorial, while the Korean War veterans had only a cement park bench.

Matt, 13, felt compelled to do something about it, so for his Eagle Scout project he researched the



### Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Korean War and began a movement in our city to raise awareness, support and money for a proper memorial to honor those who served - including my own cousin who was killed in action.

I am proud of Matt's sensitivity. And God bless you, Abby, for caring so much.

THANKFUL IN FORT WORTH

P.S. Please tell us where we can send contributions for the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

DEAR THANKFUL: Thank you for asking. Contributions (checks or money orders; no cash, please) should be made out to: Korean War Memorial, P.O. Box 2372, Washington, D.C. 20013-2372.

The proposed memorial will cost \$6 million - funded by contributions from the public, and not one dime of government money. Let's get that well-deserved memorial built. A buck or two from you will do it!

DEAR ABBY: What would you think of a grown man who was an ardent football fan of a certain college - so much, in fact, that he brought a portable TV into the back of the church during his cousin's wedding ceremony and watched the game?

UPSET IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR UPSET: The man was rude. Somebody should have kicked him in the end zone.

## Wayland Baptist, Amarillo Center announces fall term

Wayland Baptist University, Amarillo Center, has announced the class schedule for the fall term, August 28-November 18. Classes will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. for 12 weeks.

Monday: business law and English, contemporary usage;

Tuesday: old testament history; Wednesday: long-term care administration and principles of management; Thursday: psychology of death and dying and aims and objectives of vocational education.

Contact the Amarillo Center at 352-5207 for more details.

## Cholesterol screenings and blood pressure check set for Wednesday

Panhandle Community Services Home Health Division is offering cholesterol screenings and blood pressure checks on August 16 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Commodity Distribution, City Hall.

PCS is also making available a Body Comp Analysis which determines lean body weight and body fat. The analysis provides participants with a two page computer analysis and the fee is \$8.

Blood pressure checks are

performed free of charge. Cholesterol screenings are \$5 and require no fasting. The fingerstick method is used for the cholesterol test and results are available in three minutes.

PCS is a non-profit agency delivering 34 programs throughout the 26 Panhandle counties. PCS's Home Health Division provides numerous services including skilled nursing, physical therapy, home health aides and other forms of assistance to the handicapped and elderly.

## Smithsonian workshop planned for teachers and administrators

"Beyond the Blackboard: Joining Community and Classroom" will be presented by the Northwest Texas Smithsonian Workshop Consortium on Saturday, September 30 at West Texas State University in Canyon.

All public and private school teachers and administrators are invited to participate in method classes that will provide the techniques necessary to encourage learning outside the classroom.

Region XVI will provide 6 hours of A.A.T. Credit for teachers. The workshop is a

one day event divided into a resource fair and a series of teacher workshops.

Participants will be charged a \$25 registration fee, which will cover the cost of the workshop, the resource booklet, keynote speaker and lunch. C.E.U. Credit will also be available for an additional \$3.50 fee.

Workshops are designed to provide teachers with practical hands-on ideas. For more information contact Marty Schantz 355-9547; Mary Reeves at 376-5521; or Suzanne Hewitt-Knorpp at 656-2244.

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- 6 Destroy
- 12 Pertaining to ships
- 13 Crossed river
- 14 City in Washington
- 15 Nervous (2 wds.)
- 16 Clumsy
- 18 450, Roman
- 19 Golf pegs
- 20 Malt beverage
- 22 3, Roman
- 25 Annex
- 26 Green plum
- 28 Grafted, in heraldry
- 29 Word on a towel
- 30 Unrefined
- 32 Expose
- 35 A rose — rose
- 36 Angelic
- 37 Luxury
- 39 Shanty
- 42 British Navy abbreviation
- 43 Calif. summer time
- 44 Barometric pressure unit
- 45 Stretch out
- 47 Planet's orbit
- 50 Take off
- 53 Young urban professional
- 54 Column
- 55 Mature
- 56 Hardens
- 57 Apart

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- 1 Bit at
- 2 Set up billiard balls
- 3 Declares
- 4 Mother
- 5 Winged

## DOWN

- 6 Flying saucer (abbr.)
- 7 Time being
- 8 TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
- 9 Confusing
- 10 Small cask
- 11 Dutch commune
- 14 Bye-bye
- 17 —
- Hammariskjold
- 21 Blue-jeans
- 23 Give —
- whirl
- 24 Comparative suffix
- 26 American soldiers
- 27 Inquired
- 28 Highest note
- 29 Possessed
- 31 Utility
- 32 Exclamation of disgust
- 33 — de plume
- 34 White wine
- 38 Consumed food
- 39 Leap
- 40 Bearlike
- 41 Maple, e.g.
- 43 Bicycle part
- 44 Actress — Hedren
- 46 Cabbage broth
- 48 Northern constellation
- 49 Film director
- Bunuel
- 50 — and downs
- 51 Insect egg
- 52 Bitter vetch

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## GEECH



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## THE WIZARD OF ID



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

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By Howie Schneider

## B.C.



By Johnny Hart

## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your possibilities for personal gains look good today, but there are indications that you might have to work a bit harder and longer than usual to reap your rewards. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which sings are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** In order to achieve your objectives today, you are going to have to proceed in a sober, serious fashion. Do what needs doing first and there will be time for jokes and laughter later.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Two matters that have been left dangling can be finalized today if you operate free from outside influences and are able to proceed at your own pace.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your analytical powers are apt to be more pronounced than usual today and you should be able to resolve most of your weighty problems in an effective manner.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** There are strong indications you will receive recognition for something you did well recently. It could come in the form of a promotion, a raise or a unique type of acknowledgment.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Concentrate today on ways to develop and achieve personal goals. Serious deliberation on your part will help you find the answers you're seeking.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Secrecy enhances your potential for success today pertaining to something you'll picture clearly in your mind. Share your thoughts only with those who are as visionary as you are.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** The unlocking of horns is possible today regarding negotiations that have been deadlocked since last week. Be prepared and willing to make some essential concessions.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** A kind associate might offer to you help today that will turn a complicated assignment into one that is relatively simple and make a successful completion possible.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your imagination can be put to beneficial uses today, provided you surround yourself with talented, productive people who can help bring into being what you envision.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** An interesting twist could be in store for you at this time when something that was previously counterproductive turns into something that is rather constructive and provides unusual peripheral benefits.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A solution to a persistent problem can be devised today by discussing it openly and frankly with the other party involved. Voice everything that is bothering you.

## MARVIN



By Tom Armstrong

## MARMADUKE



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By Larry Wright

## ALLEY OOP



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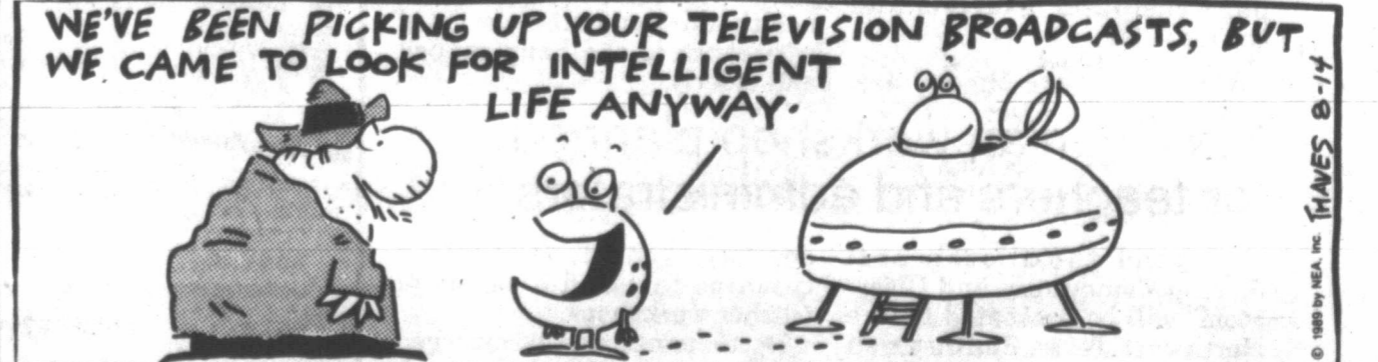
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**1989 Property Tax Rates in City of Lefors**

This notice concerns 1989 property tax rates for City of Lefors. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:  
Last year's operating taxes \$ 16,042.22  
+ Last year's debt taxes \$ 8,484.84  
= Last year's total taxes \$ 24,527.06  
+ Last year's tax base \$ 7,498,336  
= Last year's total tax rate \$ .3271 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:  
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) \$ 24,469.81  
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting taxes on new property) \$ 6,883,501  
= This year's effective tax rate \$ .35548 /\$100

*A city that adopted the additional sales tax in a 1989 election must include the following lines:*

- Sales tax adjustment rate \$ -0- /\$100  
= Effective tax rate \$ -0- /\$100

x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing \$ .36614 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:  
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) \$ 16,026.95  
+ This year's adjusted tax base \$ 6,883,501  
= This year's effective operating rate \$ .23283 /\$100  
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate \$ .25145 /\$100  
+ This year's debt rate \$ .11514 /\$100  
= This year's rollback rate \$ .366596 /\$100

*A city that imposes the additional sales tax must include these lines, regardless of when it held the election:*

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= Rollback tax rate \$ -0- /\$100

**1989 Property Tax Rates in City of Pampa**

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Last year's tax rate:  
Last year's operating taxes \$ 2,141,986.05  
+ Last year's debt taxes \$ 440,347.50  
= Last year's total taxes \$ 2,582,333.55  
+ Last year's tax base \$ 391,262,659  
= Last year's total tax rate \$ .66 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:  
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) \$ 2,568,791  
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting taxes on new property) \$ 385,439,481  
= This year's effective tax rate \$ .66646 /\$100

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This year's rollback tax rate:  
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) \$ 2,218,501.84  
+ This year's adjusted tax base \$ 385,439,481  
= This year's effective operating rate \$ .57557 /\$100  
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate \$ .621615 /\$100  
+ This year's debt rate \$ .11025 /\$100  
= This year's rollback rate \$ .731865 /\$100

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**SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following balances will probably be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Operating	\$7,533.29

**SCHEDULE B: 1989 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid	Interest to be Paid	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Water Revenue Bonds	\$7,000.00	\$618.20		\$7,618.20
Total required for 1989 debt service		7,618.20		
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		-0-		
- Excess collections last year		-0-		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1989		7,618.20		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only ___% of its taxes in 1989		317.42		
= Total Debt Service Levy		7,291.67		

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Maintenance and Operating	-0-

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Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid	Interest to be Paid	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
G.O. Bonds, Series 1984	\$70,000.00	\$106,115.00	-0-	\$176,115.00
G.O. Bonds, Series 1987	45,000.00	147,620.00	-0-	192,620.00
Certificates of Contractual Obligation, Series 1988	25,000.00	49,512.00	-0-	74,512.00
Total required for 1989 debt service		443,247.00		
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		-0-		
- Excess collections last year		24,937.57		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1989		418,309.43		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only ___% of its taxes in 1989		8,536.93		
= Total Debt Service Levy		426,846.36		

**SCHEDULE C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax**  
(For counties and cities with additional 1/2 cent sales tax)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ -0- in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Gray County Appraisal District

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### Rocking Soviets



AP Laserphoto  
America's Motley Crue singer Vince Neil works 70,000 Soviet rock fans into a frenzy during the Moscow Peace Festival held Saturday in the Lenin Stadium. Also performing were American band Bon Jovi and Russian rock band Gorky Park.

### Governor to decide on date of election for Leland's seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements must decide whether to call a special election in November or sooner to fill the downtown Houston district seat that Rep. Mickey Leland held since 1979.

The special election would be the second this year to fill a Texas congressional seat, with voters going to the polls Saturday to choose a successor to former House Speaker Jim Wright, who resigned amid a congressional ethics investigation.

Wreckage of a plane carrying Leland and 15 others to a refugee camp in Ethiopia was discovered Sunday on a rugged and remote mountainside about 100 miles from the traveling party's destination, and Pentagon officials believe there were no survivors.

Recovery of the bodies was expected to begin today.

Clements' press secretary, Rossanna Salazar, said the governor can either choose to hold the special election at the next "uniform election date," which is Nov. 7, or declare an emergency and call a special election before then.

"No decision has yet been made on which action the governor would take," Ms. Salazar said.

Brad Gahn, assistant Texas secretary of state, said he was confident Clements, however, "will make his decision soon."

Should Clements, a Republican, call an emergency special election, it would be held during a two-week period between the 36th and the 50th day after the special election is called, Salazar said.

In Saturday's special election to fill Wright's Fort Worth seat, no candidate gathered a majority of the vote, requiring a runoff election.

Top vote-getters Dr. Bob Lanier, a Republican physician, and Democrat Pete Geren, an attorney, will square off in the runoff.

Clements will set a date after election results are certified.

Lanier garnered 39 percent of the vote to Geren's total of about 32 percent.

The elections administrator asked Clements to schedule the runoff for Sept. 9. The runoff must be called 20 to 30 days after the state canvasses the votes, a process that probably will be completed in a week.

### 'Condom Fairy' asks permission to hand 'em out

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Park Board has been asked to allow a woman dubbed the "Condom Fairy" to give away condoms at a city park.

Penny Stark-Lessley, who organized a Sept. 16 "Walk for Life" at White Rock Lake to raise money for AIDS research, has requested permission to pass out free condoms at the event.

The inquiry has been passed along to the city attorney's office to see if the giveaways might violate a policy prohibiting free distribution of "adult-oriented products" at city-sanctioned events.

The Park and Recreation Board will make the final decision. The request is scheduled to go before the board's administration and finance committee this week.

Board president Ida Papert told *The Dallas Morning News* she understood the health reasons for passing out condoms, but she wondered, "Is that a park problem? I don't know."

"I don't know if we should pass out condoms in the park," Ms. Papert said. "It bothers me to see them in the drugstore — but I'm old and old-fashioned."

Ms. Stark-Lessley said she passes out condoms all the time. "My friends call me the condom fairy," she said.

She had planned to distribute condoms at a park concert Sunday, but that request was denied because it came too late for park board consideration.

Park board member Vivian Johnson said condom distribution was designed to prevent health problems, while alcohol and cigarettes contribute to them.

## Leland gained prominence as liberal advocate

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, a liberal advocate known in the Texas Legislature as a black-power firebrand, died during a trip designed to meet those he helped often — the hungry. He was 44.

The Houston Democrat served as chairman of a select House subcommittee on hunger. He was aboard a plane reported missing last Monday during a tour of refugee camps in the southern Sudan of Africa.

Rescue workers located the wreckage on Sunday and said no survivors were found. Fifteen others also were on the plane, including nine Americans.

Leland, who attended Houston public schools, graduated from Texas Southern University in Houston with a pharmacy degree. He was an instructor of clinical pharmacy at TSU and a practicing pharmacist before winning a Texas House race in 1972.

Leaving Houston's impoverished Fifth Ward, he entered the Texas Capitol as a civil rights activist with a militant reputation.

His political career grew during three legislative terms and he lived in a fashionable home in an upscale Houston neighborhood with his wife, Alison, and son Jarrett, who was baptized by South Africa's Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Leland's political style also moderated somewhat since his election to the U.S. House in 1978, when he replaced retiring Democratic Rep. Barbara Jordan.

In the inner-city 18th District, he faced no

Republican opposition in his first campaign and defeated Socialist Workers Party candidate Deborah Vee Vernier with 96.75 percent of the vote.

In five re-election bids, Leland defeated each of his challengers with ease. But he drew a harsh 1988 primary challenge from Houston school board trustee Elizabeth Spates, who charged that the popular black leader had lost touch with constituents while seeking exposure as spokesman for the hungry and homeless.

Leland won the primary with 82 percent of the vote. He later acknowledged some truth in Ms. Spates' campaign and reaffirmed his commitment to the district.

"There's people I've not touched in a long time. This has been a great exercise for me," he said after his primary victory. "I feel very confident that my community is very solidly behind me now. Before, there was some question — I have been on the road quite a bit. I have been going abroad."

On such a trip, Leland was reported missing while touring the refugee centers where thousands of malnourished peasants seek food and shelter.

In an article written for the Houston Chronicle earlier this year, U.S. Rep. Henry J. Hyde of Illinois, the ranking Republican on the House Select Committee on Intelligence, recognized Leland's efforts in the region.

"Leland's personal diplomacy with Ethiopian strong man Mengistu and Sudanese offi-

cials opened up life-sustaining corridors in the border region between the two countries — a peaceful (relief) supply route," Hyde said.

Leland also served on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service and was twice chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

He oversaw a program in which black youths from his urban district were sent to Israel for six-week stays. He was honored last April by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a Reform Jewish organization, for his work in uniting blacks and Jews.

Leland was one of several congressmen investigating the problems of colonias along the Texas-Mexico border, where thousands of people live in unincorporated subdivisions that lack running water, electricity and sewage systems.

Last October, he joined two other congressmen in a trip to Cuba in efforts to negotiate the release of five political prisoners and their families.

When members of the Veterans' Peace Convoy to Nicaragua were stopped at their approach to the International Bridge in Laredo in June 1988, Leland negotiated with U.S. Treasury officials in an effort to allow the group's passage across the border.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson chose Leland as one of the top four fund-raisers in his 1988 presidential campaign.

## Drug tests flag risk of poor job performance

By MALCOLM RITTER  
AP Science Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Postal workers who tested positive for drug use were more prone to absenteeism and getting fired, according to a new study that could give private employers an indication of the cost of workers' drug use.

The analysis, one of the first studies of its kind, found that drug users had a 41 percent higher absence rate and about a 40 percent higher rate of being fired, said researcher Jacques Normand.

Results suggest that by spending about \$1.8 million a year to screen job applicants for drugs, the post office could avoid about \$3.1 million in costs related to absenteeism and firing in the first year, he said. Over three years, the avoided costs would surpass \$17 million, he said.

For private employers, the study provides hard data showing that drug screening results are related to later job performance, he said.

Normand, a senior industrial psychologist at the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, presented the study Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association.

Few well-designed studies have examined the cost to employers of worker drug use, commented Steven Gust of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Estimates have relied mostly on anecdotal information instead, said Gust, who called Normand's work provocative.

Normand said the post office is phasing in drug testing as part of its evaluation of job applicants.

Results of the drug tests on people included in the study were not revealed to personnel officials to ensure that the results did not in-

fluence hiring decisions.

A total of 5,465 applicants at 21 hiring sites across the country were screened by urine test for use of amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, marijuana, methadone, opiates and phenylclidine.

The job performance analysis focused on the 4,220 applicants who were hired and completed a standard 90-day probationary period. Of this group, 373 had tested positive for at least one drug.

Among those testing positive, 251 showed evidence of marijuana use only and 88 for cocaine use with or without marijuana. The others fell in other categories.

Absenteeism was calculated as the percentage of assigned working hours that the employee was out sick, absent without pay or absent without official leave. The calculations were done after an average of eight months on the job.

Workers who had tested positive for drug use were absent for an average of 4.2 percent of their assigned working hours, in comparison to 3 percent for the other workers in the study, Normand said.

The difference per employee is small, but it becomes more significant when applied to a large workforce, Gust of the drug institute said.

Normand estimated that the greater absenteeism would cost the post office \$2.6 million in one year when applied to workers hired that year.

He also said the cost probably would increase as workers stay on the payroll, because new workers are encouraged not to take leave during their probationary period.

The study also found 13 percent of positive-testing employees had been fired, compared to 9.5 percent of those who had tested negative.

Gust said the study does not address the question of whether drug use directly affects performance on the job. However, drug test results may act as a proxy for some other behavioral or personality trait that affects job performance, he said.

The study is "a marvelous take-off point" for investigating that issue, he said.

## Another congressman's plane missing in forest

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — A single-engine plane carrying U.S. Rep. Larkin Smith disappeared from radar screens and is believed to have gone down in a forest, a spokesman said today.

John Walker, spokesman for the Mississippi Republican, said rescuers searched by air and on the ground south of Hattiesburg in the DeSoto National Forest.

"He left Hattiesburg at 9:10

p.m. (Sunday) and went off radar at 9:25 p.m.," Walker said.

Billy Thornton, an assistant to Smith, said staff members were optimistic that the freshman legislator and the pilot, both of Gulfport, would be found alive.

He said it would take several hours for anyone to walk out of the rural area.

Thornton also said search aircraft during the night reported no signs of a fire.

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