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(AP Laserphoto)

Braun is escorted from Magistrate Court in Raton, N.M., after his arraignment on an open count of murder.

Investigators checking links between accused murderers

From staff and wire reports

RATON, N.M. — Investigators from four states awaited results of ballistics tests today on a gun found in a car stopped at a roadblock after fatal shootings in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

Gregg Francis Braun, 28, of Garden City, Kan., was arraigned here Monday on an open charge of murder and was held at the Colfax County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bond set by Magistrate Archie Valdez.

Braun was arrested at a roadblock near Cimarron on Sunday evening, 40 minutes after a holdup at a convenience store in Springer, 20 miles away, left clerk Geraldine Valdez, 48, dead of two gunshot wounds to the head.

"Someone called and gave us a description of a vehicle," Colfax County Sheriff Jim Maldonado said Monday.

He said the driver surrendered peacefully, and the car was searched Monday.

"After the suspect was arrested, he made no comments except to say had there only been one police car, he would have initiated a ... gunfight," said Cimarron Chief of Police Joe Turner.

While Michael Frank Greene, 37, remains in jail in Ardmore, Okla., and is considered the chief suspect in murders there and in Pampa and Garden City, police are now investigating a link between Braun and the murders in Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

Greene allegedly shot two women in Garden City, killing them both, before committing a murder in Pampa and shooting three women in Ardmore, killing one of them.

All six people were shot in the back of the head with a .25 caliber automatic pistol. Police note that the Springer murder was carried out in similar fashion.

Greene was in custody in Lawton, Okla., when the Springer murder occurred.

Diana Baldwin, a writer for the *Ardmore Daily Ardmoreite*, reported the affidavit securing a murder warrant for Greene in Oklahoma stated a dollar bill taken in one of the murder/robberies of a Garden City convenience store clerk was passed by Greene in Clarendon about four hours before Spurrier was killed in Pampa.

The affidavit also stated Greene had his car repaired in Garden City the same night of the murders and took the vehicle without paying the bill.

However, Braun was found driving a car with Kansas tags and listed his residence as Garden City.

Both men have reportedly lived in Kansas and Oklahoma at various times. It is being investigated if the two men know each other.

Paul Renfrow, an Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation spokesman, said earlier ballistics tests linked the same weapon to slayings in Ardmore, Garden City and Pampa.

Ardmore officials said there was no information Monday linking Braun to those killings. Through this morning, no weapon has been recovered from Greene.

Carter County District Attorney Fred Collins of

Ardmore, who had filed a first-degree murder charge Sunday against Greene, of Inola, Okla., said Monday he didn't want to discuss that charge until he had studied findings from New Mexico.

"This is the most ridiculous headache. It is not simple," Collins said.

"Right now we're not ruling anybody out," Capt. Stan Wojdylak of the Garden City Police Department said after sending detectives to New Mexico.

"I was asked last night if he (Greene) was a strong suspect. I said, 'Yes, he was.' But now you're looking at a different set of circumstances. We just have to see what happens when we talk to the person in New Mexico. These are probably our two best leads," Wojdylak said.

Pampa police issued a capital murder warrant for Greene accusing him of killing Pampa store owner Edley Perry Spurrier, but Acting Chief Kenneth Hall said: "Just because we made an arrest doesn't mean we're not going to continue ... following up on each and every lead we can."

Greene, whose father said his son didn't like weapons and was not a violent person, appeared before Special District Judge Bebe Bridges in Ardmore on Monday. The judge denied bond for Greene and set a preliminary hearing for Sept. 28.

However, police reports indicate Greene, who has a criminal record, has been accused of violent acts, most of them involving domestic situations.

Meanwhile, Braun, wearing red jail coveralls, stood mute at his arraignment Monday in Raton. He was represented by Public Defender Ray Floersheim, who argued that \$1 million bail was excessive.

Magistrate Valdez, no relation to the Springer victim, ruled against Floersheim and said a preliminary hearing would be held within 10 days.

The series of murders began early Wednesday in Garden City, when Barbara Kochendorfer, 27, and Mary Rains, 28, were abducted from convenience stores on opposite sides of the city. Their bodies were found hours later.

On Thursday, Edley Perry Spurrier was found dead in the photo processing shop he ran in Pampa.

In Ardmore, Gwen Miller was killed Friday, and two other women were wounded.

Ardmore Assistant Police Chief David Willingham said one of the survivors of the Oklahoma shootings, Jo Ann Bean, had identified Greene from photographs as the man who shot her, Mrs. Miller and Mary Manning.

Ms. Bean was listed in good condition Monday at an Oklahoma City hospital. Ms. Manning was in another Oklahoma City hospital, which declined to disclose her condition.

Meanwhile, in Merrillville, Ind., police said the March slayings of two motel clerks may be related.

In an interview Sunday with *The Daily Oklahoman*, Greene's father, Hank, said of his son: "He would give you the shirt off his back. He's never even had a weapon in his house. He's never liked them. He was always afraid the kids would get ahold of them. He's never done no physical harm to anyone.

"At 37, if he was that type of person it would have shown up by now," his father said.

Soviets, FBI tailing suspect in espionage

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviets are showing extraordinary interest in the spy investigation against State Department official Felix S. Bloch — even tailing him and the FBI to New York — despite a U.S. warning not to interfere.

The unusual Soviet surveillance shows "they have a lot invested in this," said a government source familiar with the case.

The United States cautioned the Soviet Union against trying to smuggle Bloch out of the country, it was learned Monday evening. The warning came weeks before news organizations reported that the 30-year career diplomat was suspected of spying.

Still, Bloch and a caravan of FBI agents were followed by Soviet Embassy personnel on Saturday from Washington to a New York City suburb, the government source said.

Formerly the No. 2 official in the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, the 54-year-old diplomat was placed on leave with pay on June 22. He has surrendered his diplomatic passport and his State Department credentials, but has not been charged with any crime nor has his travel been restricted.

Nevertheless, President Bush on Monday called the allegations "a very serious matter."

Two U.S. sources said Monday

that Bloch had been videotaped handing a briefcase to a Soviet agent in Paris earlier this year. ABC News reported that the same agent later telephoned Bloch to warn him he was under suspicion, saying, "A bad virus is going around and we believe you are infected."

The call came while Bloch's telephone was tapped by U.S. agents but before the FBI first tried to interview him on June 22, the network said.

The sources spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Bloch is refusing through an attorney to be questioned by the FBI but submitted to a brief interview by State Department security officers early in the investigation, according to a government source who, like others providing details on the case, spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Counterintelligence experts said even if Bloch were a spy, it was too soon to know what secrets he compromised.

But they said the damage could be far different than that inflicted in other recent spy cases, such as those of the John Walker ring in the Navy or National Security Agency technician Ronald Pelton. They were low-ranking American officials who compromised coding equipment and spying techniques that are very costly to replace.

Unlike the military or U.S. intelligence agencies, which have



Bloch

been forced to deal with a number of recent spy cases, the State Department's foreign service has prided itself on being comparatively free of such problems.

The last was in 1961 when Irvin Scarbeck, second secretary of the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, was convicted of passing secrets to the East. The most famous State Department spy case involved Alger Hiss, convicted in 1950 of lying to Congress about passing secrets to Whittaker Chambers.

Bloch most recently has been director of the Office of Regional Political-Economic Affairs on the State Department's European desk.

Det. Steve Chance credited for suspect's quick capture

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Acting Pampa Chief of Police Ken Hall credited Det. Sgt. Steve Chance as being largely responsible for the quick capture of accused murderer Michael Frank Greene.

The 37-year-old Greene allegedly killed a Pampa businessman and a florist in Ardmore, Okla. He has also been charged in the shootings of two other Ardmore women who were in the flower shop.

Greene was captured Sunday night at Comanche County Hospital in Lawton, Okla., after Pampa police received a tip regarding his whereabouts.

"Sgt. Chance has been the initial officer since the beginning of this thing," Hall said. "He has worked night and day and still has a long road ahead."

Chance was the first detective to arrive at One Hour Photo on Hobart Street following the execution-style shooting of Edley Perry Spurrier, owner of the business.

After receiving information from Garden City, Kan., that Spurrier's murder might be related to the slayings of two convenience store clerks Wednesday morning, Chance coordinated his investigation with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Garden City police.

During a meeting with KBI agent Ronald Kendrick and Det. Mike Utz of Garden City last Friday, Chance received a teletype regarding the Ardmore shootings.

An employee of the shop was



Chance

killed while another employee and a customer remain hospitalized. Each was made to lie on the floor, then shot in the back of the head with a .25 caliber automatic pistol, the same method used to kill Spurrier.

Subsequent laboratory reports have linked the shell casing found at One Hour Photo to casings found at the flower shop. In addition, Greene, who has an estranged wife living in Pampa, was identified in a photo lineup by one of the Ardmore victims.

Hall said the coordination of information and evidence by Chance was essential to making the Pampa/Ardmore connection.

"He's a veteran officer, but this was his first murder investigation," Hall explained. "He did a first-rate job."

Chance and Cpl. Brian Hedrick left Pampa for Lawton Sunday

night after learning of Greene's capture. Following an interview with Greene they proceeded to Springer, N.M., where the murder of a gas station attendant Sunday night matched the *modus operandi* of the Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas killings.

Thusfar, police have been unable to connect Greene with the Kansas murders through shell casings. However, he was the prime suspect in the Garden City murders prior to the Springer slaying.

Police in New Mexico noted the suspect in the Sunday night murder, Gregg Francis Braun, 28, is from Garden City. Chance will now be working to see if there is any connection between Greene and Braun, sources said.

Hall credits Chance with using cutting-edge principles of inter-departmental cooperation to apprehend Greene.

In an interview Sunday, Chance said he was "just doing his job" and asked, "don't put my name in the paper; I'm just doing what I'm paid to do."

He added, "Tell (readers) about the good job Hedrick and (Det. Sgt.) Charlie Love did. We were tracking down hundreds of leads and Cpl. Hedrick would come in (with information) and we would send him right back out on another lead."

"He was sent to Amarillo one morning at 3 a.m. to check in person if the suspect (Greene) had been at a certain motel. He did a lot of legwork with no sleep."

Chance said Love's experience as a veteran detective was a major assistance as he waded through hundreds of leads.

Former HUD official denies getting favors from top aide

By JOHN KING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of a House panel investigating the federal housing scandal says he doesn't believe a former housing employee who contends her friendship with a top agency official brought her no favors.

Washington attorney Lynda Murphy testified Monday that she was not given special treatment by Deborah Gore Dean, a friend who was the top aide to Samuel Pierce, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Reagan administration.

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Ms. Murphy was one of two witnesses appearing as Lantos' subcommittee on employment and housing investigated allegations of mismanagement, fraud and influence-peddling at HUD during Pierce's eight years as secretary.

The other witness on Monday, Republican National Committee member William Taylor of Florida, defended his use of national party stationery for letters in which he lobbied HUD officials for clients.

Murphy is a Washington attorney who since leaving HUD in 1982 has had extensive dealings with the agency. She was criticized for hiring Ms. Dean as a consultant after Dean left the agency.

"I'm beginning to feel there is a quid pro quo," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn.

But asked whether it would be fair to say her close friendship with Dean helped her receive access to internal HUD informa-

tion, Murphy angrily replied: "I don't think that's a fair characterization."

Murphy said she found nothing improper about her hiring Dean. She also defended her action in reading a draft copy of a HUD document that affected a client Murphy was representing before the agency.

Murphy said Dean asked a subordinate to show her the document — a letter being prepared for Pierce's signature.

At the time, Murphy represented a client awaiting financing from DRG Funding Corp., a major lender in HUD programs.

In the letter, Pierce criticized DRG but lifted a requirement that it get advance HUD approval

of loans. Murphy later went to work for DRG.

She said she was not surprised to be allowed access to the internal document and said such "give and take" was common between HUD and representatives of major companies doing business with the agency.

During Taylor's testimony, Lantos asked whether the GOP leader agreed that he should not have used RNC stationery to correspond with HUD officials.

"Obviously, I don't," Taylor said. "I found nothing wrong with letting people know who I am."

When Shays said the panel's goal was to rid Washington of such influence-peddling, Taylor retorted, "Good luck."



Lynda Murphy

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Services tomorrow

POTTER, Walter (W.C.) — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

LILLIE V. THOMASON
Lillie V. Allen Thomason, 83, died Sunday. Graveside services were to be at 3 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Ed Barker, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Borger, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thomason, born in McKinney, was a former longtime Pampa resident and lived in Irving the past several years. She was preceded in death by her first husband, A.C. Jack Allen, in 1948 and by her second husband, L.R. Thomason.

Survivors include two daughters, Waneta Mahoney of Irving and Elva Varela of Indio, Calif.; three sons, Floyd Allen of Anville, Pa.; Louis Allen of Dallas and Freeman Allen of Plainfield, Ind.; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Minor accidents

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

MONDAY, July 24
8:30 p.m. — A 1985 Oldsmobile driven by Buddy Reeves of Lefors struck a pedestrian, Heath Conner, 923 Cinderella, in the 2900 block of Pembroke Lane. Conner was treated and released at Coronado Hospital. No citations were issued.

Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa	Amoco	46 1/2	dn/4
Wheat	Arco	97 1/2	dn/2
Milo	Cabot	40 1/2	dn/8
Corn	Chevron	55 1/2	NC
	New Atmos	15 1/2	NC
	Enron	47 1/4	dn/8
	Halliburton	35 1/4	dn/8
	Ingersoll Rand	44 1/2	NC
	Kerr-McGee	40	dn/8
	KNE	23 1/2	NC
	Mapco	38 1/2	up/8
	Maxxus	9 1/4	up/4
	Mesa Ltd.	11 1/8	NC
	Mobil	32	up/4
	Penney's	57 1/2	up/4
	Phillips	31 1/4	dn/4
	SBJ	28 1/4	dn/8
	SPS	28 1/4	dn/8
	Tenneco	57 1/2	up/8
	Texasco	53	NC
	New York Gold	373.00	NC
	Silver	5.21	NC

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
Lucille Cox, Pampa
Louis Tucker, Pampa
Dismissals
Rosa Arzola and baby girl, Pampa
Charlie Atkinson, Pampa
Clyde Brown, McLean
Bobbie Johnson, Pampa
Eunice Maddox, Pampa
John Potts, Pampa
Hershel Stevens, Pampa
Delia Vasquez and Shamrock

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Dave Skidmore, Pampa
Joyce Ford, Shamrock
Dismissals
William Crenshaw, Shamrock

Police report

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

MONDAY, July 24
Delbert Jones, 518 S. Barnes, reported an assault at Short's Place, 534 S. Cuyler, and a burglary at the residence.
Criminal mischief was reported at First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster.
Health Star, 1541 N. Hobart, reported criminal mischief in the 1700 block of Coffee.
Mike Lynn, 1712 Coffee, reported criminal mischief at the residence.
J.C. Penney's, Pampa Mall, reported shoplifting at the business.

Fire report

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

MONDAY, July 24
8:11 a.m. — A car fire was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic. The fire was due to a leaking fuel line. The car belonged to Glen Walker of McLean. The fire was out on arrival. One unit and two men responded.

School board trustees view possible increase in tax rate

By BEAR MILLS Staff Writer

Trustees for the Pampa Independent School District are citing an impending loss of at least \$1.1 million in state aid as the reason they are now discussing a tax increase of around 2 cents.

During a work session Monday night at Carver Center, trustees pruned about \$136,000 from 40 accounts including travel/training, equipment and furniture, supplies, maintenance support, and board and superintendent budgets.

Dr. Harry Griffith, superintendent of schools, said the loss of state aid will not occur until next year, but that the district is trying to "plan for a rainy day."

The loss of funds is due to a realignment of state funding that designates Pampa as a property-rich district instead of property poor, Griffith said.

According to Budget Director Jerry Haralson, an increase of 2 cents would mean about \$10 more in taxes for the average homeowner.

The board will meet on the tax issue Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Carver Center. A public hearing on the issue is slated for Tuesday, Aug. 8, also at Carver Center.

The board gave preliminary approval to a state plan to increase teachers' salaries by \$1,200 for bachelor's degrees and \$1,500 for master's degrees. Such an increase was mandated by the State Legislature, and a committee of teachers and administrators from Pampa met recently on how to pay for such a plan.

Griffith said future plans call for a \$500 increase in pay for master's over bachelor's degrees.

Trustees also gave the nod to a \$200 raise for custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, teaching assistants and secretaries.

No vote has been taken on either proposal. All pay raises will be considered when the board votes on the budget Aug. 15.

Also given tentative approval was a plan for a scaled-back alternative high school at Clarendon College-Pamopa Center that Griffith said will probably pay for itself because more students means more state aid.

The PISD is aiming at enrolling at least 20 of the 500 to 600 drop-outs under the age of 22 in Pampa in the program. Last year 160 high school students dropped out, Griffith said.

"The Altrusa Club is working with us to generate donations and we are pursuing foundation support so (drop-outs) can get out of dead-end jobs and off the streets and get into Clarendon College, TSTI or other higher education and better jobs," Griffith said.

He emphasized that no new teachers would be added and creative shifting of roles has allowed the district to assign two teachers to the alternative school without creating a problem for other teachers.

The school will be located at Clarendon College-Pamopa Center.

"Each student we enroll will generate \$1,647 dollars a year (in state aid)," Griffith said. "Twenty students means \$33,000, which will pay for supplies."

The alternative program will have eight computers with access to 30 high school courses and test schedules, Griffith explained.

He said plans include room for expansion of up to 40 students within the next year.

Griffith said the board has been very conservative in its budget planning, while not losing sight of educational excellence goals the district has set for itself.

"The big thing is (money problems) are not from the budget," Griffith said. "The budget has been pruned. It's the loss of state aid. We're having to hold the line on programs and make cuts where we can."

Navy radar plane crashes on takeoff

NORTH ISLAND NAVAL AIR STATION, Calif. (AP) — A Navy radar plane crashed on takeoff at this San Diego base, killing two of three crewmen, while two other fliers were plucked from the Pacific after their fighter ditched offshore.

The first crash occurred about 5:30 p.m. Monday at North Island as a jet used to jam enemy radar was attempting to take off for a training run, military officials said.

In the first crash, a twin-engine EA-6B Prowler was embarking on a training run at about 5:30 p.m. at North Island when it failed to lift off, officials said. "It crashed just as it reached the end of the runway," said Lt. Jack Papp, a Navy spokesman.

"There was nothing left. The plane's a complete loss," he said. Two crew members died at the scene, Papp said. The surviving crew member was in stable condition at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, he said.

Names of all three were being withheld pending notification of relatives, Navy officials said.

The Prowler was from the VAQ 129 training squadron based at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington state, Papp said.

The Prowler is designed to jam land-based enemy radar during long-range bombing missions, Papp said. The crash was being investigated.

Hours later, a Navy F-14 fighter jet went down around 9 p.m. six miles off San Clemente Island, which lies about 60 miles northwest of San Diego.

The jets two crew members were rescued by a nearby Navy vessel, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Charles Cowan.

"We sent out a chopper and we diverted a patrol boat but we weren't needed," he said.

Coast Guard officials did not immediately know the F-14's mission, the condition of the crew members or where the flight originated.

A duty officer at Miramar Naval Air Station, where the Navy keeps many of its San Diego-based F-14s, said he was not authorized to discuss the accident. A public affairs officer was not immediately available.

Houston police hiring again

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Police hope to expand their roster with the first recruiting drive in three years, but stricter hiring guidelines have prompted concerns that the department will not find enough qualified candidates.

The police recruiting division, dormant since 1986 because of budget cuts forced by a downturn in Houston's energy-dependent economy, hopes to attract 1,500 applicants during a job fair this week.

Among them, police plan to find 70 men and women qualified for admission to an October cadet class, the first of four planned this year.

But a former recruiter said new requirements and a plan to recruit only in Texas said it would be "highly improbable and a logistical impossibility" to assemble a solid October class.

"We used to recruit in and out of state and go through 1,600 people and had more time, and we were still hard pressed to put that many in a class," the recruiter, who asked not to be identified, told the *Houston Chronicle*.

Recruiters for other city departments also questioned the city's ability to attract enough qualified candidates, citing the required 60 hours of college credit with a C average and tougher new entrance exams.

"I don't think that they can do it and have a quality police officer," San Antonio recruiter C.E. King said.

City briefs

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: Save up to 50% on some items at Cloyd's Stitch-N-Time Thursday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Adv.

CLUB PARADISE back by popular demand Bare Essentials, all male review, Thursday July 27, 7-9 p.m. Adv.

DIANA WELCOMES all former and new patrons at J&D Hair Designs 513 Powell, 665-0657. Adv.

DANCE TO THE MUSIC of FENCE-WALKER, Saturday, July 29, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Moose Lodge, members and guests. Adv.

LOST BROWNISH blonde Chahua in the 2300 block of Cherokee, Saturday evening, 665-7503, 665-1617. Adv.

LOST: GRAY Kitty with white feet and chest in vicinity of 214 N. Sumner. Please call 665-6600. Adv.

Former state secretary Rains announces for governor's race

By MICHAEL GRACZYK Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Texas Secretary of State Jack Rains today formally announced he's a candidate for governor of Texas.

"As governor of Texas, I will lead the battle to make education a cornerstone of our state's strategy for the 21st century. The lack of quality education is at the root of our crime, drug and social welfare problems. It also adversely impacts the Texas economic recovery," Rains said in announcing his bid at the Spring Branch Junior High School auditorium.

Rains, 51, also called for the elevation of respect for teachers and said he wants to give them more time and tools in the classroom.

"Classroom teachers are professionals and must be treated and compensated as professionals. We must eliminate the bureaucratic paper shuffling and free our teachers so they can teach our children," he said from the auditorium's stage.

"I will provide leadership to bring civic and business leaders into the process and to focus our energy and resources on solving the problem, but this is a problem that will take the involvement of every Texan to solve."

O.A. "Bum" Phillips, the former coach of the Houston Oilers, received among the biggest ovations when he was introduced to the crowd as treasurer of the Rains campaign.

"I don't think he's a politician," Phillips said. "I think he's a Texan. And that's why I'm in it and pulling for him."

"We are announcing a great crusade," Rains said. "At the base of all the problems ... is our educational system."

"Children are not being prepared today. You know it. I know it."

Rains' Houston appearance was the first of several campaign kickoffs scheduled for today in Texas and the start of a 23-city

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tour of the state. Other stops today were planned for Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio.

"We're going to have a full debate," he said. "We're not going to hide behind television cameras."

"I'm a businessman, not a politician. Today we begin a renaissance in education. We're going to move from mediocrity to the top."

During a brief question-and-answer session with reporters, Rains described himself as "pro-life" on the abortion issue but acknowledged there are times when an abortion is necessary. He also said he would comply with financial disclosure regulations although he would not reveal personal income arrangements if they involved other people.

Rains called Republicans the "party of opportunity" and said

he would be reaching out to new constituencies to broaden the party in Texas.

"We represent the general interest, not the special interest," Rains said to several hundred supporters.

"I want to lead Texas to a period of unparalleled prosperity. And in doing so, I will be taking that message not only to traditional Republican voters but to every Texan. I'll run a campaign of ideas and substance and I believe the people of Texas are ready for straight talk and common sense solutions to our problems."

Rains was appointed Secretary of State by Gov. Bill Clements in 1987 and held that post until earlier this year when he resigned. He also is a former chairman of the board of 3D International of Houston.

He was born in Waco, graduated from high school in Port Arthur, and attended Texas A&M University.

Rains joins Midland businessman Clayton Williams as the only announced Republican candidates who hope to succeed Clements, who is not seeking re-election.

Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance also is a likely candidate while Amarillo businessman T. Boone Pickens and George W. Bush, the president's son, have said they are considering the race.

Among Democrats, state Treasurer Ann Richards is an announced candidate while Attorney General Jim Mattox is all but announced. Former Gov. Mark White also is considering the race.

Mean Green Clean Team ready to assist in southside clean-ups

A group of citizens, city officials and Clean Pampa Inc. representatives are combining forces to help southside residents clean up their properties.

Calling themselves the Mean Green Clean Team, the group is offering to help residents in south Pampa arrange for clean-ups, trash pick-ups and even the removal of dilapidated buildings.

"Want to clean up your neighborhood? Call us," the group states in various posters and handouts they have placed in stores and on bulletin boards.

Clean Pampa Executive Coordinator Janice Miller said the main force behind the Mean Green Clean Team has been Frankie Lemons, who has contacted city officials and Clean Pampa to obtain their support behind the project.

Miller said the group will help residents clean up their properties or help make arrangements to get it done.

Those living on the south side of the city can contact the following people for information on the program: Frankie Lemons and Billie Lemons, 669-9401; city Sanitation Department Director Larry Simpson, 665-1689; city Building Inspection representative David McKinney, 665-8481; or Clean Pampa Inc., 665-2514.

The southside cleanup project is one of the latest projects receiving support from Clean Pampa in the organization's continuing efforts to combat litter and trash problems in Pampa.

Miller said Clean Pampa representatives also are beginning another survey of junked and abandoned

vehicles throughout the city. A list of the vehicles will be turned in to city personnel, who will undertake efforts to contact the owners and arrange for the removal of the vehicles from the properties.

Miller said the city will remove junk vehicles for residents if the owners sign a release authorizing the city to haul them off. Residents interested in having such vehicles removed may call city building inspector David McKinney or Fire Marshall Tom Adams at 665-8481 or Clean Pampa at 665-2514.

In addition to being unsightly, junked and abandoned vehicles also can create hazardous situations for children who might be playing around them, Miller noted.

Clean Pampa recently received a donation of \$2,000 from Hoechst Celanese Chemical Co. Miller said the donation will be used to help the organization with its anti-litter and cleanup projects.

The organization also is working with city officials and others to encourage recycling efforts in the city, Miller said.

In addition, Clean Pampa is continuing its support of two volunteer programs involving various citizens, businesses and organizations in cleanup projects: Adopt-A-Highway, in cooperation with the Texas Highway Department, and Adopt-A-Park, in cooperation with the Pampa Parks and Recreation Department.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low of 60. Winds southeasterly at 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a continued 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High near 80 with southeasterly winds 5 to 15 mph. Monday's high was 83; the overnight low was 63.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Partly cloudy with scattered to numerous thunderstorms through Wednesday, most numerous and with areas of heavy rain Permian Basin and mountains into the far west. Lows tonight near 60 Panhandle to upper 60s Concho Valley except mid 70s Big Bend lowlands. Highs Wednesday low 80s Panhandle and far west to upper 80s Concho Valley, upper 90s Big Bend valleys.

North Texas — Partly cloudy west and central through Wednesday with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Considerable cloudiness east with a chance of showers and thunderstorms through Wednesday. Locally heavy rain possible southeast sections today. Lows tonight from 67 to 71. High Wednesday from 89 to 93.

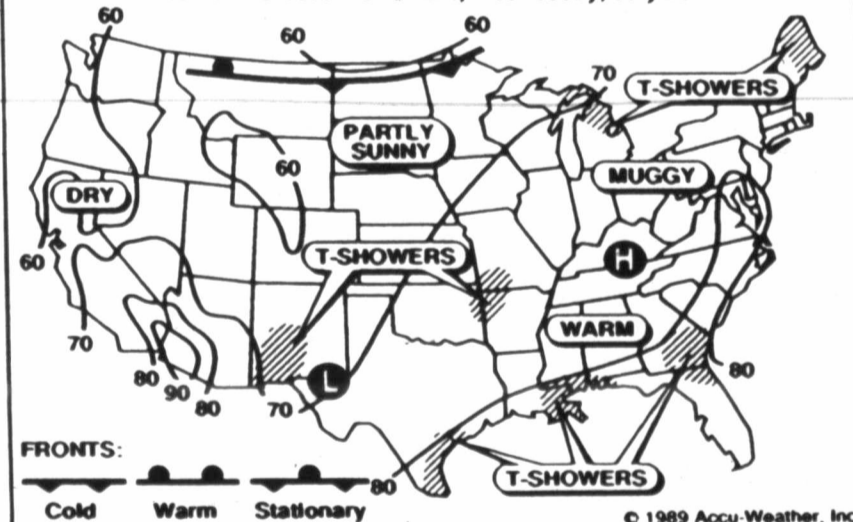
South Texas — Mostly cloudy through Wednesday with scattered mainly daytime showers and thunderstorms. Brief heavy rainfall is possible due to the slow movement of the thunderstorms. Lows tonight in the 70s. Highs Wednesday from upper 80s Southeast Texas to mid 90s Rio Grande plains.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Thursday through Saturday

West Texas — Partly cloudy

The Accu-Weather forecast for 8 A.M., Wednesday, July 26



with widely scattered thunderstorms Thursday. Mostly sunny Friday and Saturday with isolated late afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Panhandle: Lows low to mid 60s. Highs in mid 80s Thursday, upper 80s Friday and low 90s Saturday. South Plains: Lows in low to mid 60s. Highs near 90 Thursday and Friday, in low 90s Saturday. Permian Basin: Lows in mid to upper 60s. Highs around 90 Thursday and Friday and in mid 90s Saturday. Concho Valley: Lows near 70. Highs in low 90s Thursday and Friday, and in mid 90s Saturday. Far West: Lows mid to upper 60s. Highs in low 90s Thursday and Friday, in mid 90s Saturday. Big Bend: Highs Thursday and Friday in upper 80s mountains and in upper 90s river valleys. Highs Saturday near 90 mountains and around 100 river valleys. Lows 60 to 65 mountains and 70 to 75 river valleys.

South Texas — Partly cloudy with scattered mainly afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms. Hill Country and South Central: Highs in 90s. Lows in the 70s. Texas Coastal Bend: Highs in upper 80s coast to near 100 inland. Lows near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Highs upper 80s coast to near 100 inland. Lows near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Southeast and Upper Texas Coast: Highs in upper 80s coast to the 90s inland. Lows near 80 coast to the 70s inland.

Shrimpers jubilant after suspension of TEDs enforcement

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON (AP) — Jubilant shrimpers paraded toward the open gulf after a weekend of angry protests and ship channel blockades prompted a suspension of regulations requiring they use turtle excluder devices in their nets.

"Thank God, we're going fishing and making a living," said Tee John Mialjevich, a Louisiana shrimper and president of Concerned Shrimpers of America, which organized many of the protests.

Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher decided Monday afternoon to delay requirements that shrimpers use the devices meant to protect the endangered Kemp's Ridley turtle, drawing a chorus of cheers from hundreds of shrimpers who waited in Galveston for news of his decision. (See related story, Page 5.)

"This is a lot more than we thought we would get," said Richard Santini of Galveston, who estimated he lost \$6,000 to \$7,000 during a blockade of the Houston Ship Channel. "We can

make a living now." The shrimpers, some accompanied by their families, gathered outside a Galveston meeting between Mialjevich and Gray Castle, a Commerce Department deputy undersecretary, while Mosbacher met with a delegation of gulf-states congressmen in Washington.

Children milled through the crowds that gathered beneath thundering skies and occasional rain, including one whose sign read: "Save my Daddy's boat."

Mialjevich, who boarded a motorized cart with Castle to spread the news to crowds outside the Galveston Coast Guard station gate, shouted to the throng in an emotional moment of triumph.

"Let's stay together. This isn't a cop-out," Mialjevich yelled to the shrimpers, many of whom had threatened another blockade if their demands over the controversial turtle devices were not met.

Castle said the threat of another blockade concerned Mosbacher, but added officials were also worried about the rule's effect on shrimpers' pock-



(AP Laserphoto)

Hundreds of Gulf Coast shrimpers wait outside at Galveston Coast Guard station Monday to hear about TEDs ruling.

etbooks. "It's true that anytime you get 250 shrimp boats blockading a harbor, you've got potential for problem," Castle said. "But you're talking about people's livelihoods ... I think if any of us was in the same position, we'd react in the same way. And if the Secretary of Commerce isn't going to be concerned, then who the hell is?" Mosbacher said Monday that

enforcement of the turtle excluder regulations would be suspended for 45 days. Shrimpers then would be required to perform 90-minute tows, a method that would allow them to free any endangered turtles trapped in their nets before they are killed.

About 200 shrimp boats had crowded the deep-water Houston ship channel Saturday and about 300 shrimpers jammed Port Aransas, gateway to the Port of Corpus Christi.

Similar blockades were staged at other Gulf of Mexico ports along the Texas and Louisiana coasts, but the shrimpers disbanded Sunday morning after federal officials promised their complaints about the excluder devices would be heard.

The protesters Saturday blocked passage of numerous ships and suspended operations of a Galveston ferry for several hours. Gunfire was reported in Texas and Louisiana during the blockades and four shrimpers were arrested in Texas. There were no injuries, authorities said.

Ship traffic was back to normal by Monday, Coast Guard officials said.

While shrimpers were joyous over Mosbacher's decision, proponents of the endangered turtles were bitter over the suspension, and one environmental group promised to organize a national boycott of shrimp.

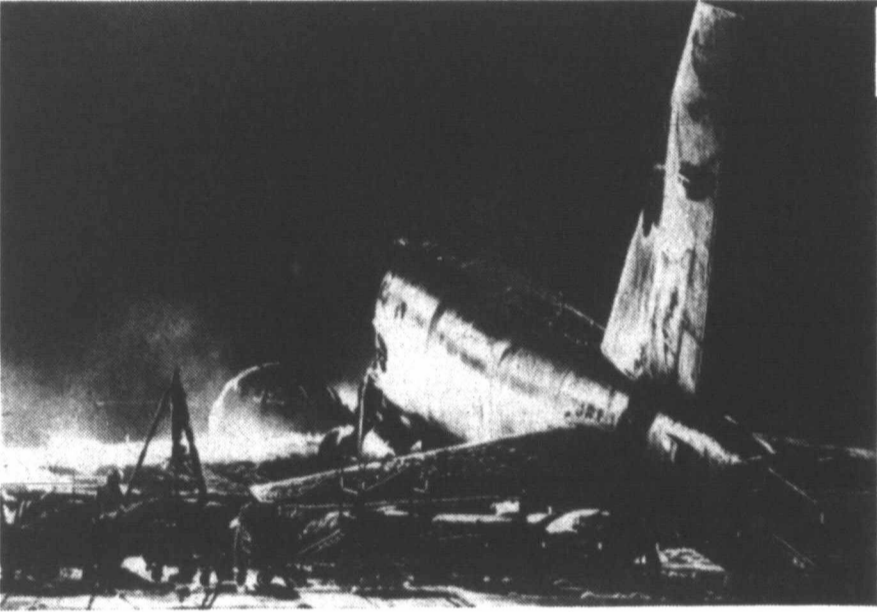
"The radical action of the secretary of commerce has convinced us that we need to take some radical action," said Mike Weber, vice president of programs for the Center for Marine Conservation.

Weber's organization also planned to seek a temporary restraining order against Mosbacher.

"I think you may find that there are far more people out here that care about upholding the endangered species law than there are shrimpers," said Jane Scheidter, spokeswoman for Help Endangered Animals-Ridley Turtles and president-elect of the Houston Audubon Society.

"And I think that people have lost their patience and will pretty soon lose their appetite for shrimp," she said.

The law requiring the devices was to have taken effect May 1, but its enforcement has been sporadic.



(AP Laserphoto)

The tail section of a B-52 G bomber lies near a hangar at Kelly AFB after it exploded Monday night.

Bomber explosion kills one, injures 11 others

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A B-52 bomber that caught fire at Kelly Air Force Base, killing one person and injuring 11 others, was undergoing routine maintenance and was scheduled to be returned to its home base by week's end, officials said.

The accident late Monday night occurred as the plane was being refueled on the ground, Lt. Col. Ed Cooke said. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Jesus Pedraza, 38, was killed, said First Lt. Dave Ebner, Kelly spokesman. Pedraza and those injured were civilian employees of the Directorate of Maintenance Aircraft Division, production branch.

The injured included Herman Morris, who was in serious condition at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

The others included Juan Garcia, Adam Najera and Wayne Holland, in fair condition at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center. Frank Castaneda, Albert Gonzalez, Sally Marchini, Richard Bemriach, Louis Lara and William Shoemaker were treated for minor injuries and discharged, Ebner said.

"I heard four to five large explosions about 11 p.m. and saw

flames leaping 15 to 20 feet in the air," Jim Fisher, a San Antonio school teacher who lives near the base, told the San Antonio Express-News.

Flames could be seen from up to one mile away, witnesses said. Cooke said the B-52, built in 1958, was undergoing "depot-level maintenance," a 3½- to 4-month process in which the plane is virtually stripped and reassembled. He added that planes are scheduled for the maintenance "every couple of years."

Cooke said the fact it was being refueled indicated the plane probably was being prepared for a test flight, one of the final stages in the repair process.

Kelly is one of five bases in the nation that performs the service.

The plane was scheduled to be returned Friday to its home base at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La., although Cooke said it was not immediately known if maintenance was proceeding on schedule.

The B-52 was "very heavily damaged," Cooke said, but estimates were not immediately available. There were no immediate reports of damage to any of the base's facilities.

The fire was put out in less than one hour, Cooke said.

Gang rape defendants' trials moved out of Duval County

SAN DIEGO, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors and defense lawyers have agreed to move the trials of three defendants in the March 1988 gang rape of a Duval County woman to Zapata and Jim Hogg counties.

Officials said Monday the trial of Roberto Andres Garcia will be moved to Zapata County and the trials of Isidro Soliz and Coronado Perez Jr. will be moved to Jim Hogg County.

Garcia and Perez are accused of aggravated kidnapping and sexual assault and Garza is accused of aggravated kidnapping.

Duval County authorities charged 10 men and juvenile in connection with an incident in which a San Diego woman claimed that she was kidnapped from a street near her home and taken to a rural area where she was sexually assaulted by as many as 20 men.

The woman said, and witnesses later confirmed, that men attending a cock fight would not come to the woman's aid while she was being assaulted by the men on the hood of an automobile in the parking area at the cock fight.

Assistant District Attorney Rudy Gutierrez said his office expects the woman to testify at the trials although his office has not had any contact with the victim since May, when the last pretrial

hearing was held in the case.

"More or less, we know how to get hold of her," Gutierrez said, referring to his office's working with the woman through Crisis Services, a counseling program that has figured heavily in the woman's efforts to cope with the gang rape.

Defense lawyer Jose Luis Ramos, who represents Perez, says the outcome of previous trials showed the need for moving the trials out of Duval County.

The first two defendants, Orlando Garza and Felipe Chew, were given 20- and 30-year sentences, respectively, after Duval County juries recommended stiff penalties.

The third defendant, Roberto Perez, was tried in Hidalgo County and given a two-year suspended sentence and five years' probation.

Ramos said he believes the Duval County juries were compelled to return stiff sentences to offset the battering that San Diego's image has taken during the national news media's coverage of the incident and the trials.

"Can you imagine what would have been said if they had been found not guilty? That's why we're moving," Ramos said. "The (Duval County jurors) made up their minds prior to going to trial. We just want a jury that hasn't made up their minds."

By JOHN WRIGHT
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican officials outlined the agreement under which the nation will pay its foreign debt while gradually resuming economic growth, and Mexico's top debt negotiator said the country will not become indebted again.

"Never again will we let the country fall into debt," said Finance Secretary Pedro Aspe on Monday to a luncheon gathering of 500 of Mexico's most influential people.

Aspe said the agreement would allow Mexico to decrease to 2.7 percent of its gross national product what it pays the banks instead of the average 6.3 percent of recent years. He asserted that paying as much as has Mexico for its debt service is "incompatible" with economic growth.

He flew back to Mexico with other top members of the negotiating team after the debt reduction agreement with commercial banks was signed Sunday night in Washington.

Under the agreement, banks have three options: a 35 percent reduction in principle, a reduction to 6.25 percent in interest or providing new loans equal to 25 percent of Mexico's existing debt with the bank.

Aspe said he expected about 80 percent of the approximately 500 banks involved to adopt one of the first two choices, although some analysts said they thought more banks would prefer the third and most conventional option.

The agreement applies to about \$53 billion of Mexico's \$107 billion foreign debt, second highest among developing nations after Brazil.

Aspe said Mexico had achieved all its main goals: a real reduction in its debt, a reduction in the transfer of assets abroad to pay the debt, a long-term agreement to avoid constant renegotiation and breathing room for the nation to renew economic growth.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari also spoke at the luncheon, organized quickly in a courtyard of the National Palace and attended by Mexico's most powerful business, industry, media, labor and farm leaders.

Representatives of all sectors expressed support for Salinas and his policies.

In his remarks, Salinas said the agreement "is precisely what we need to recover the dynamism of growth with price stability."

Aspe said the agreement will permit a gradual economic recovery, but there can be no return to the erratic policies and financial

indiscipline of the past.

"The agreement will let the economy grow and will gradually raise our standard of living. It doesn't permit dreams. Without dreaming, but with work, we can return to sustained growth," he said.

It was negotiated by a committee of 15 banks and details remain to be refined. Its reception by the other banks is also uncertain, analysts have said.

Aspe said many banks would have preferred debt-for-equity swaps, in which banks write off debt in return for equity in various companies. He said Mexico had fought that idea because of its inflationary effect, and swaps would be permitted only for investment in infrastructure and in public works.

He said Mexico's problems had three causes: it borrowed too much and unwisely; banks were too willing to lend money, also unwisely; and the fall in oil prices after 1982 left Mexico without sufficient cash.

Economists said that for the Mexican economy to grow, it would need confidence, lower interest rates, investments, domestic savings, reduction of the government deficit and continued containment of wage and price increases.

It was the first significant reduction ever in a government's debt to commercial banks.

Houston area industries report lower emissions

HOUSTON (AP) — Five of the Houston area's major industries are citing reduced levels of toxic chemical emissions in new disclosure reports required by the federal government earlier this month.

The companies, which operate plants reporting some of the largest levels of airborne toxic chemicals within a three-county area in 1987, this month reported a combined 22 percent reduction in 1988 emissions.

However, some company officials acknowledged that actual reductions are not as great as the figures suggest.

"It's obviously good news that the figures show some reductions, but whether we can depend heavily on the figures is the question," said Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star Sierra Club.

"It will take several years of data to demonstrate conclusively that reductions are taking place

in pollution emissions to the air," he said. "Looking at a couple of years' data is not sufficient to give us much comfort."

A Houston Chronicle analysis of the reports shows the combined estimates of the five industrial complexes operating in Harris, Galveston and Brazoria counties shows a total of about 24.9 million pounds of toxic substances were released into the air in 1988.

That compares with 32 million pounds estimated in 1987 by Amoco Chemical's Chocolate Bayou plant and the multiple facilities of Dow Chemical at Freeport, Exxon in Baytown, Shell in Deer

Park and Union Carbide at Texas City.

Several industry representatives conceded that in a number of cases, the 1988 numbers exaggerated the actual reductions, in part because of overestimated 1987 emissions and better calculations for 1988.

The new reports were due to government officials by July 1, and covered the second year of a public disclosure program that has focused attention on toxic air pollution and increased debate

over strengthening the Clean Air Act.

"It's opened up our industry to greater public view, and that has been healthy," said John Harrison, manager of environmental services and operations for Dow's Texas operations. "We believe it will help accelerate the waste-reduction mentality throughout industry, and we think that's healthy."

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Opinion

Government ethics only a quaint idea

President Bush has offered a package designed to upgrade the ethics of the denizens of Washington. The recent reversal on appeal of former Reagan political operative Lyn Nofziger's conviction on ethics violations demonstrates how difficult it can be to do this through legalisms, and how easily a concern for ethics can become a partisan bludgeon.

Nofziger is the only person so far to be prosecuted under a Carter-era ethics law, and will probably remain so. His ability to rile Democrats, combined with a reorganization of a White House that has since been reorganized again, made him seem an attractive target. But because he had really done nothing more venal than thousands of former White House aides before him, and because the law was vaguely written, his conviction was reversed, the law discredited.

During the Carter administration the White House was rigidly compartmentalized. The Reaganites reorganized it with the idea of breaking down barriers. One result was that a person who left a domestic policy sub-department could be considered as going back to his former office if he visited a foreign policy sub-department. Another was that the reorganization didn't work out so well. The White House was re-compartmentalized.

Meanwhile, however, Nofziger had left his White House job and done what so many before him had done — established a lobbying firm to capitalize on the connections made during his tenure in the government. The Democrats went after him, since he seemed an easy target. The law required that if a Justice Department inquiry wasn't closed after a certain period, a special counsel had to be appointed, and the thing just snowballed.

With the reversal of Nofziger's conviction, one more effort to improve the ethics of the company town on the Potomac by attacking the symptoms has failed. President Bush's latest effort will also fizzle — even in the unlikely event that his proposal ever becomes law in recognizable form.

The reason so many apparently shady relationships between the national government and businesses and other interests proliferate is that the government has gathered into itself so much power, stuck its fingers into so many pies, decided to influence so many private decisions, that most businesses of any appreciable size simply have to be aware of it, if only in self-defense. Once they notice that the government can use its power to benefit them and shaft their competitors, all too many businessmen get caught up in the fascinating game of power and influence.

If we really wanted to improve the ethics of government-business relationships, we would work to eliminate the cause of corruption — the vast power of government to influence business outcomes. Since no politician is seriously interested in this agenda, ethics in government will continue to be a quaint notion everybody talks about but nobody takes seriously.

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Women losing more choices

Judging from the reaction to the recent Supreme Court decision, a lot of women are terrified that the courts are going to take away one of their reproductive options. Don't look now, but the courts have already taken away a lot of them.

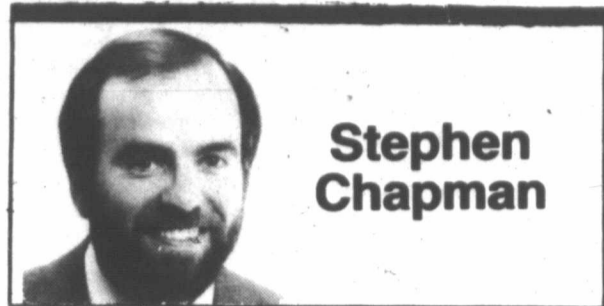
In the interest of calm and reasoned discussion, let's all concede that no one likes abortion and that the best solution to the problem of unwanted pregnancies is prevention, not cure. Every fetus not conceived is one whose fate won't be decided by Sandra Day O'Connor or your state senator.

Unfortunately, the United States has one of the highest rates of unintended pregnancies in the Western world. Each year more than 3 million women get this doleful surprise, and half of them deal with it by heading for the nearest abortion clinic.

The best antidote is birth control. Both pro-choice and pro-life (except those who take their lead from the Vatican) ought to be able to agree on the value of safe, reliable, inexpensive contraception.

The U.S. used to be a birth control pioneer. But its trailblazing days are past. In fact, when it comes to contraception, we're sliding backwards. Women have fewer options today than they did a few years ago. They may lose some of the remaining ones. And they are being deprived of advances available to women abroad, as well as advances that might be made in the future.

Like many of the outrages of modern life, you can blame this one on lawyers. The pin-striped pit bulls discovered some time ago that no form of birth control is perfectly safe (as if pregnancy and childbirth are). So they've filed untold numbers of lawsuits demanding large sums of



Stephen Chapman

money to compensate clients allegedly injured by using one contraceptive or another.

The stated purpose was to make birth control less hazardous. In rare cases, like the Dalkon Shield, women have been made better off by the removal of a dangerous device. In most instances, though, the flood of litigation has deprived women of safe and effective options.

G.D. Searle's Copper-7 IUD, widely used around the world, earned it a little money in the U.S., along with a lot of lawsuits. Almost all of them were thrown out or settled for small sums of money. Of the 10 that had gone to trial by 1986, Searle had lost only two. But it was spending millions to defend a product which produced only \$11 million a year in revenues.

So it finally quit selling the device — to the dismay of experts like those at Planned Parenthood, who called the Copper-7 "the safest of the IUDs on the market." You want an IUD? Go to Canada.

The climate of fear hasn't pushed birth control pills off the market, but it has scared away a lot of women. The warning that comes with a package of oral contraceptives is as long as a volume of the Encyclopedia Britannica and scarier than *Nightmare on Elm Street*. That's to protect the manufacturers against legal prob-

lems. The effect is to deter women from using the pill, by far the most effective means of birth control. A poll sponsored by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists found that 75 percent of Americans think oral contraceptives carry serious risks to health, and 25 percent think they cause cancer.

In fact, as Emory University physician Elizabeth Connell points out, the pill actually reduces the risk of some types of cancer, besides protecting against other ailments. Except for women who are over 40, smoke or suffer from cardiovascular diseases, says Connell, "it is far safer to take the pill than to carry a pregnancy to term."

Unfounded health concerns have also blocked an advance over the pill — a long-acting injection that prevents ovulation, known as Depo-Provera. This method would be especially attractive for young or uneducated women, who tend to forget their diaphragms when they hit the town. But despite a long record of safe use abroad, Depo-Provera hasn't been allowed in the U.S. Even if it were, liability worries might keep it out.

One result of the mess is that a lot of women have stopped using birth control entirely. Several million of them rely on high-tech methods like coitus interruptus and douching, which are about as reliable as a second-hand Yugo. Nearly one out of every four sexually active women simply crosses her fingers and hopes for the best. She's frequently disappointed.

Increasingly, women are being asked to choose between abstinence and abortion. Any one who thinks either of those is a lousy option ought to wonder why we're getting rid of better ones.



How did you get in trouble?

"I'm here to see if I can qualify for an abortion."

"It's not that easy, miss. First, I must ask you some questions under the state's new abortion regulations. So, how did you get into this trouble?"

"I was raped by a mad-dog psycho with a genetic brain disorder."

"Did this alleged attack ..."

"There was nothing alleged about the attack. I was raped by a drooling crazy person. You can check with the police."

"And we most certainly will, young lady. But first I must know if your so-called attack took place during daylight hours."

"It was at five in the afternoon. I was on my way home from work. What possible difference could that make?"

"What possible difference, indeed, you brazen hussy. If it happened in daylight, then you should have been able to scream and attract someone to help you."

"I was in my car at the parking garage and this lunatic forced his way into the front seat, stuck a knife to my neck and told me to drive until he said to stop. He made me drive to a secluded area, and that's where he raped me."

"Were you wearing any sort of suggestive clothing or exotic perfumes or oils at the time this



Lewis Grizzard

man is supposed to have forced his way into your car?"

"I'm not believing this. Why are you asking me such questions?"

"Under new state regulations for abortions we must determine if anything you were wearing — or not wearing — at the time of what you describe as an attack could have led the assailant to think you were asking for it."

"What have I done here? Stepped back into another century?"

"I don't think such insults will get us anywhere, you harlot. Now, please answer the questions and keep your wise comments to yourself."

"Despite the fact you are not married — and we did check on that before you came in — would you describe the amount of sexual activity in

which you allowed yourself to be involved as 'hardly ever'? 'occasionally'? 'only when I'm out of town'? 'only after at least three dates'? or 'I can't get enough'?"

"This is insane. How dare you ask me such a question. My sexual activities are my business and certainly not the state's."

"So, more than five times a week, involving many different partners."

"I never said that. What I am saying is, I don't have to answer personal questions like that because it's none of your business."

"Oh, yes, it is your business, you temptress. We know about your kind. You're loose, you're easy, and how can we be sure you were really raped and didn't lure this poor man into your evil web of flesh and unbridled passion?"

"Look, the creep is a suspect in four other rapes, and it is my constitutional right to be granted this abortion."

"Just a few more questions, Hester Prynne. Do you own a bikini?"

"Yes."

"Hmhmhm. Do you use lipstick?"

"Of course."

"I see. Can you name the starting lineup of the 1959 Chicago White Sox?"

"I wasn't even born in 1959."

"Sorry, Jezebel. Abortion denied."

HUD's regulations bend the wrong way

By SARAH OVERSTREET

Mary Lofton is a poor black woman who lives in the Midwest and supports herself on a mixture of public assistance and the money she earns babysitting.

The only thing she owned was part of a house her mother left her when she died; her co-owners were a mortgage company and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The money the mortgage company loaned Mary's mother had come from HUD, earmarked especially to help poor people like Mary and her mother acquire and improve property in blighted areas. As long as Mary paid her monthly ownership share, she could stay in the house and work toward the day when she alone would own it.

But Mary ran into trouble with a delinquent utilities bill her mother had incurred while they both were living in the house. Upon her mother's death, the utilities company asked Mary to sign a promissory note saying

she would pay the bill. She agreed.

Then she got behind. She was afraid her utilities would be shut off in mid-winter, so she paid that bill and not her mortgage payments. By the time the people Mary baby-sits for brought her into the TV station where I work, hoping we could help her, Mary had already ignored several letters from the mortgage company that urged her to contact them. Like a lot of us in hard straits, she froze, believing that since she couldn't understand it, it couldn't be happening. But it was. The finance company foreclosed, Mary's house was sold, and she was evicted.

We were sorry for her, but we recognized the checks and balances present in her situation. There have to be rules, and you can't bend them for everyone who is fearful of the system and doesn't cooperate. HUD, we reasoned, has to operate the way it does to keep the money safe for others who need loans as badly as Mary and her mother did. If people don't cooperate, the whole system collapses. "We're

sorry," we said, "but there's nothing we can do at this point..."

Our words echoed through my head and ricocheted off the sides of my skull as I began to read of the HUD scandals this summer: accusations of influence peddling by consultants and the developers who hired them, and downright theft by escrow agents responsible for overseeing the final sales of homes whose owners defaulted on HUD-insured mortgages.

Investigators don't know how much money these common thieves cost the government; some estimates put it at hundreds of millions, others believe it's more like billions. One Baltimore escrow agent, Marilyn T. Harrell, who is the focus of the largest fraud case so far, says she began embezzling funds in 1985 and wasn't found out until 1988.

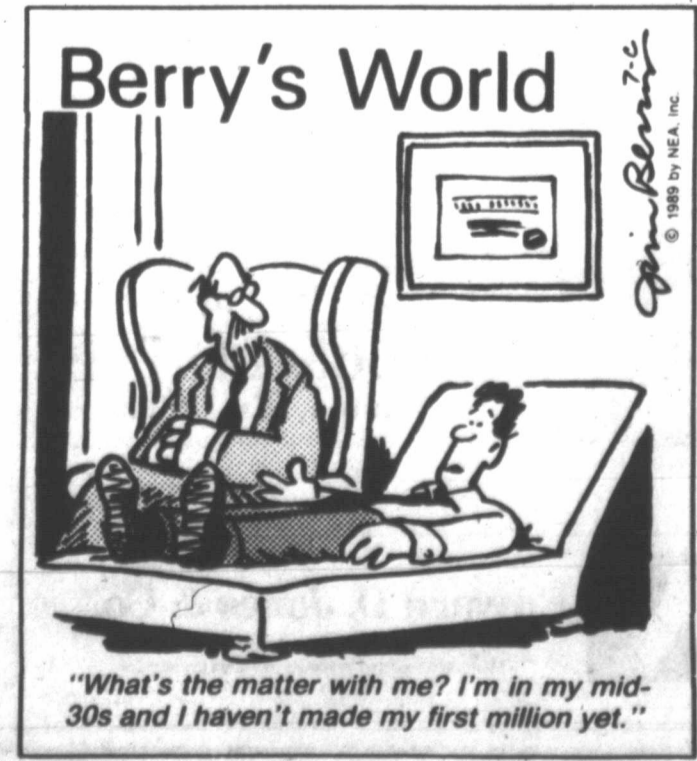
There's no way to describe how I felt when I read this and remembered Mary Lofton's situation when we turned her away. Sick to my stomach doesn't do it, because I don't have enough sensation left to feel. Outrage

may do it when sensation returns. The words we said to Mary about rules seem so impotent and so senseless. I wish I could take them back. And I wish that when some of these crooks go on trial, Mary Lofton could testify about how she was too scared to answer the letters from the mortgage company, and how she lost her house so people like Marilyn Harrell could embezzle the money.

And I wish that if government officials recover any of the pillage from these white-collar criminals, they would take another look at the foreclosures on the property of people like Mary Lofton and give them another chance.

Mary didn't steal, embezzle or make herself rich by depleting the programs set up to help people in need; all she did was fail to be able to pay her bills. She is no crook; she is a poor money-manager, who perhaps lacks the education to deal in the same league where people like Marilyn Harrell play.

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Mosbacher temporarily suspends turtle devices enforcement

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher's decision to temporarily suspend controversial regulations requiring shrimpers to use devices intended to protect endangered sea turtles is in the best interest of all concerned, one lawmaker said.

"We got a good deal," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. "I think it is a reasonable compromise. It represents a sound way to approach the problem."

Mosbacher's decision Monday came on the heels of weekend protests by angry shrimpers who blockaded ship channels along the Texas Gulf Coast and threatened violence if the regulations were not changed or reversed.

"I think we're looking at an industry that is endangered," Gramm said. "It also looks at the whole reality, that no other shrimping fleet in the world except America's is even concerned about the problem."

Mosbacher said enforcement of the regulations would be suspended for 45 days. At the end of the period, shrimpers would be required to pull their nets every 90 minutes but would not have to use the turtle excluder devices.

According to lawmakers, turtles can live trapped in a net for 90 minutes.

After 45 days, the Commerce Department enforcement staff would issue warnings to shrimpers caught not pulling their nets after 90 minutes.

"We have worked out what I think is a good compromise, that indicates sympathy to the shrimpers and their families as well as caring about the endangered species in general and the Kemp's Ridley turtles in particular," Mosbacher said after meeting with Gulf state lawmakers at the Capitol.

Mosbacher said the outcome hinges on a National Academy of Sciences study, which is expected to be completed in February.

He said he also wanted to enhance a Texas A&M University program in Galveston that helps young

Kemp Ridley's turtles set out to sea.

"In the meantime, we're going to be talking to the shrimpers, and asking that they be cooperative, and they've assured us they will be, on building on that program and making contributions to that program," Mosbacher said.

The decision wasn't popular with all parties. One environmental group planned to organize a national boycott of shrimp as a result of Mosbacher's action.

"The radical action of the secretary of commerce has convinced us that we need to take some radical action," said Mike Weber, vice president of programs for the Center for Marine Conservation. Weber's organization also planned to seek a temporary restraining order against Mosbacher.

Opponents of the devices claim they reduce a shrimper's catch by 17 percent to 35 percent under normal circumstances, and up to 50 percent with the recent seaweed invasion plaguing the Texas Gulf Coast.

"This is a livelihood. This is why we need to be a little more compassionate, to try to understand their situation," said Rep. Solomon Ortiz, a Corpus Christi Democrat.

Ortiz said a study in his part of the Gulf found that in 16,000 hours of shrimping, only one sea turtle was killed in a shrimper's net.

Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., called Mosbacher's decision "probably a liveable compromise," describing the 45-day suspension a "cooling off period."

A dead sea turtle washes up on 5,000 miles of coastline every other day, Heflin said, and even with turtle excluder devices, "you're still going to find that amount of dead sea turtles on that amount of coastline."

The shrimpers' protests erupted after Mosbacher's decision last week that the regulations be enforced. In late April, Mosbacher ordered the Coast Guard issue only warnings instead of fines of up to \$10,000 through June 30.

Miss Black America



(AP Laserphoto)

Paula Gwynn, 22, of Washington, D.C., is congratulated as she was named Miss Black America in Indianapolis Monday at the 21st annual pageant. The professional model and television producer was chosen from 46 contestants representing 37 states.

Investigators doubt IRS's ability to police itself

By JIM LUTHER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year-long probe of alleged misconduct by senior officials of the Internal Revenue Service raises serious questions about the agency's ability to correct wrongdoing by its own leaders, House investigators say.

"Is it possible for the IRS to police itself internally at the senior official level? That's an area that really needs to be looked at," investigator Len Bernard, of the House Government Operations subcommittee on consumer affairs, said in advance of his testimony before the panel today.

Bernard noted that one of eight misconduct cases he and other subcommittee aides have been probing involved senior officials up to the level of deputy assistant commissioner.

Most attention has been focused on allegations that a former boss of the criminal inves-

tigation division in Los Angeles was offered a bribe by Guess Inc., a jeans manufacturer, to get an investigation of a rival, Jordache Enterprises. The IRS cleared that official, Ronald Saranow, last year.

Subcommittee investigators have checked several cases in which IRS employees who called attention to misconduct inside the agency were subsequently demoted or forced out.

The subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Doug Barnard, D-Ga., called for three days of testimony from the IRS, present and former IRS employees and the General Accounting Office.

The IRS has declined comment on the allegations, citing laws that prohibit disclosure of information about individual tax cases or about employees under investigation.

In recent interviews, however, top IRS officials defended the agency's record in policing itself.

The agency has an inspection

division of 1,300 people to police 120,000 IRS employees, noted Senior Deputy Commissioner Michael J. Murphy, and a criminal investigation division of 4,700 to watch over the conduct of more than 100 million taxpayers.

The inspection division conducts about 2,000 investigations of allegations against employees each year, and about 48 percent of the cases involve complaints from other employees, said Teddy R. Kern, assistant commissioner for inspection.

The IRS is one of the few federal agencies that require employees to report wrongdoing by colleagues. Kern said President Bush soon will seek to impose the same requirement on all federal employees as part of his ethics-in-government recommendations.

"We do look pretty strictly at responsibilities and the code of conduct" that all IRS employees must sign, Kern said.

"If during an investigation (of

IRS employees) we come up with any violation of federal law ... we will refer the case to the U.S. attorney, or if it is on an executive or high-level official, we will refer it to the Justice Department," Kern said.

In addition, IRS inspectors automatically refer to the Treasury Department's inspector general any allegation of criminal wrongdoing by any of the 2,000 IRS high-level officials and executives.

In 1987, 88 IRS employees were convicted of crimes, including embezzlement, selling narcotics and accepting bribes, following investigations by the agency's inspection division.

The most highly publicized case of IRS wrongdoing in recent years was in the Philadelphia district office, where 14 people, including fashion designer Albert Nippon, were convicted as a result of a bribery investigation. Bribes totaling more than \$1 million were paid to IRS employees.

Japan seeks to minimize foreign impact of election

By LARRY THORSON
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — The government today sought to minimize the impact of its political troubles on foreign relations with assurances that planned diplomatic contacts will go ahead, including the defense chief's visit to Washington.

But some analysts warned of trouble in foreign economic affairs and said the growing influence of opposition parties could make Japan's trade policy more protectionist.

The governing Liberal Democrats' hard loss in parliamentary elections, followed by Prime Minister Souseike Uno's decision to resign after less than two months in office, could seriously erode the party's ability to set policy.

Uno's decision Monday means his Cabinet also will resign, but not until the Liberal Democrats find a new leader, which is expected to take several weeks as no obvious candidate was in sight.

At a Cabinet meeting this morning, Uno said Japan holds an important position in global

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affairs and "continuity should be maintained to the maximum extent," a Foreign Ministry official said.

Foreign Minister Hiroshi Mitsuoka will travel to Paris this weekend for international talks on the Cambodia issue, and Defense Agency chief Taku Yamasaki will go ahead with a scheduled trip to Washington in early August, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sunday's election cost the Liberal Democrats their majority in parliament's upper house — the first time in the party's 34 years that it lost control of a legislative chamber — and gave a strong boost to the opposition Socialist Party.

The Socialists are more protectionist on trade issues than the Liberal Democrats and oppose the security treaty under which

some 64,000 U.S. troops are based in Japan.

Yamasaki said the Liberal Democrats' "security policy will be unshakable" and he warned that the opposition would change defense policy if it came to power. "In that respect, we will maintain political power with a sense of great responsibility," Yamasaki told reporters after the Cabinet meeting.

The Defense Agency chief leaves for Washington Aug. 7 for a weeklong visit that includes talks with Defense Secretary Dick Cheney on such matters as the two countries' joint development of a new jet fighter for Japan called the FSX.

U.S. critics of the FSX deal have called it a giveaway of U.S. technology, but Yamasaki says it is a defense matter rather than an economic issue.

Both the Liberal Democrats and the opposition were holding separate meetings today to chart their political moves.

The governing party is undecided on how to pick a new leader, and the opposition parties will have to overcome their policy differences to mount a joint assault on the Liberal Democrats in parliament.

While the opposition's key issue against the government is likely to be an unpopular new sales tax, some analysts warned that Japan could become more protectionist because the Socialists and other opposition parties won votes from farmers disgruntled by the Liberal Democrats' moves to open Japan to more agricultural imports.

Princeton University political science professor Kent Calder said, "In the short run, the Japanese government will become more hesitant and reactive in its foreign policies, including foreign economic policies."

Calder said Washington will find it more difficult to make progress in coming negotiations on Japan's distribution system because small businessmen are an important constituency of the Liberal Democrats.

The Liberal Democrats retain control of the more powerful lower house of Parliament, and the election defeat did not have any significant effect on currency or stock markets.

By TARA BRADLEY-STECK
Associated Press Writer

WEST HOMESTEAD, Pa. (AP)

Hard hats are out and bathing suits in at an old steel plant where a giant water park sits like an oasis in an industrial wasteland. Built on the railroad yards of USX Corp.'s former Homestead Works, the 20-acre park presents a bright new image for residents accustomed to staring at fiery smokestacks, coal trains and mile after mile of steel mills.

The park, with 15 water slides, kiddie pool, sandy beach and wooden boardwalk, is the most striking effort to revitalize the hard-hit steel belt along the Monongahela River.

"Those of us who live around here can't believe it's such a pretty place. You feel like you're far away when you're so close to

home," said Beverly Hess, 46, relaxing recently with friends under a beach umbrella.

"You couldn't imagine it being picturesque down here because it was such an eyesore. And to think our parents worked here," said Mrs. Hess, who lives a few blocks from the park.

Two years ago during an international conference on redesigning urban areas, a group of planners led by Britain's Prince Charles swarmed over the Monongahela Valley and came up with a variety of ideas for revitalizing the area.

Some ideas, like open-air markets, parks and marinas, seemed a bit far-fetched to residents and more befitting sophisticated cities than tough mill towns.

But even the most imaginative proposals didn't envision a water park on the banks of the once-

polluted Monongahela, six miles southeast of downtown Pittsburgh.

"It's an emotional shot of adrenaline. It's the first positive thing that's happened in West Homestead since the mill closed" three years ago, said Ann Hughes, media director for the park.

The valley, which extends for about 30 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, has largely missed out on the renaissance taking place in the city and its suburbs. During the past century, its one-industry towns grew up around the mammoth steel mills lining the river,

and when steel plummeted earlier in the decade, so did the communities dependent on them.

The water park shows little evidence of manufacturing. Tall poplars and willows shadow a spidery network of slides.

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Lifestyles

Nurse aides complete testing

Thirteen nurse aides at Coronado Hospital completed skills testing for certification from the Texas Department of Health this week, according to Wanda Clark RN, supervisor of the Extended Care Unit.

Yvonne Langston RN of the health department conducted the testing by asking aides to demon-

strate various patient care skills, such as bed making.

Two aides Shirley Hunnicutt and Pat McCain made perfect scores. Others successfully completing the test were Diann Bagerman, Penny Broaddus, Eva Fritz, Nin Kempf, Donna Kinnison, Mary Lee Miller, Ora Powell, Dorothy Williams, Jerrie

Cady, Tammie Evans, and Barbara Teague.

According to Clark, the state of Texas is establishing a registry for nurse aides. Completion of the skills test will be mandatory for anyone wishing to be a nurse aide in a nursing home or skilled bed facility such as the Extended Care Unit at Coronado Hospital.

Pewter called 'poor man's silver'



Pewter teapot

By Ralph and Terry Kovel

Although pewter has been called the "poor man's silver," early American pewter is rare and expensive. Pewter was used to make all types of eating and drinking vessels in the 18th and early 19th centuries: cups, coffee-pots, teapots, plates, candlesticks and many other handmade objects.

Tea and coffee were popular drinks, and the utensils needed to make and serve them were found in the colonies. Pewter teapots were made as early as 1740. The first pots had round bodies, by the 1750s the body resembled a pear, and later an upside-down pear. After 1825 teapots and coffee-pots were made in quantity in all shapes and sizes. Pewter pieces were inspired by European, Chinese, and American silver and porcelain teapots, and more were marked by the makers. There are several books in the library that list the early pewters.

Because pewter is soft it melts easily and is vulnerable to dents. Treat old pewter with care. Wash but never scour it. Never place it near a burner on a stove.

Q: How is a slipper chair different from a living room chair?

A: The name slipper chair refers to a chair with short legs, a low seat and a high back. Tradition tells us that this chair was

found in the bedroom because the low seat made it easy to put on shoes while sitting in it. Experts say, however, that the name is recent, that the chair was originally known as a "fancy chair" or "reception chair," and that it was often placed in the front parlor. The high carved back and low seat was not very comfortable; you were expected to use the chairs only for a short time and were not to lean back and make yourself comfortable.

Q: My father saved all the license plates from his cars, and we have a collection of West Virginia plates dating from 1908 to 1965. Do these have any value as collectibles? How do we find buyers?

A: Old plates are collected. The best are the porcelain on cast iron plates that were made in early years. Plates were issued in Massachusetts in 1903 but were not used in Florida until 1918. Plates from Southern and Western states are scarce and bring higher prices. A 1923 West Virginia plate listed in our price book at \$25. The Automobile License Plate Collectors Association, Inc., Box 712, Weston, W.V. 26452, may be able to help you. Plates are traded at car shows and flea markets.

The Kovels welcome letters from readers and answer as many as possible in the column. Unfortunately, the volume of mail makes most personal answers or appraisals impossible. If you send a photograph, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Write to Kovels in care of this newspaper.

Q: I have a small squat white bottle with a top. On the bottom it says "J.B. Thorn Chemist, London, John A. Tarrant, New York,

sole Agents for the United States." Will this help tell when the bottle was made and what it held?

A: You have a special type of container called a "pot" by most collectors. Small ceramic containers were made to hold toothpaste, medicine, complexion cream, hair oil, shaving soap, and other products. The designs on the lids or bottoms of the pots often included the name of the product and the maker. Many English and American examples are known.

According to "American Pot Lids" by Barbara and Sonny Jackson (2585 Kenney Drive, San Pablo, CA 94860, \$40), John Tarrant worked in New York in 1853. He imported sarsaparilla and was a retail druggist. He was in business until 1896. The pot you have probably once had a paper label on the lid.

Q: My doll is marked "S & H," "CMB," Germany. It is about 2 feet high. When was it made?

A: S & H (Simon and Halbig) was a Germany factory that made the doll's head for C.M. Bergmann, a German doll manufacturer. The two firms made dolls from 1889 to the 1930s.

For a copy of the Kovels' new looseleaf-style booklet listing the books and pamphlets about prices for all kinds of collectibles and antiques, send \$1 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Price Guides for Antiques and Collectibles, Kovels, P.O. Box 22900, Beachwood, Ohio 44122.

TIP: The pattern numbers on Van Briggle pottery help date a piece. Numbers below 899 were used before 1912. AA alone was used before 1920. AA-USA was used from 1922 to 1929.

CURRENT PRICES
Current prices are recorded at antique shows, sales, flea markets and auctions throughout the U.S. Prices vary in different locations due to local economic conditions.

Kimono, dragon embroidery, black, lined: \$35

Madame Alexander doll, McGuffey Anna, red tartan dress, rickrack, tagged, 6 1/2 in.: \$45

Henderson 4-cylinder motorcycle poster, 10 x 14 in.: \$65

Tin cookie cutter, flat back, prancing horse, bob tail, 6 1/2 x 7 1/2 in.: \$250

Vaseline glass tumbler, footed, Diamond Point & Panels, Boston & Sandwich: \$325

Windup toy, Busy Bridge, Mars: \$375

Zsolnay vase, square shape, reticulated blue, orchid, tan and cream, flowers and leaves, 2 handles, 4 claw feet, 9 1/2 in.: \$495

"Gone With the Wind" lamp, red satin glass, looks like gazebo, dancing girls, shaped base matches top, 10 in. ball: \$900

Gilbert clock, #14 regulator: \$1,050

Player piano, Monarch/Chicago, with 75-100 rolls, Baldwin, 1926: \$1,500

Wheeler youth go to band camp



Attending the Southwestern Oklahoma State University band camp from Wheeler were: (front from left) Julie Allison, Amanda Flanagan, Daniel Blocker, Danny Alley, and Cobey Boedeker. Back row: Teresa Martinez, Sylvia Ramirez, Kenny Brown, Jessica Jackson, and Stephanie Walker.

Wife says three's a crowd in couple's 40-year marriage



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our early 60s. About a year ago, I found out my husband was seeing a younger woman. He said there was nothing serious between them and he promised he wouldn't see her again, so I forgave him.

Since then, I learned that he had never stopped seeing her. In fact, he loaned her a large amount of money. He still insists that he loves me and this woman means nothing to him.

Should I confront the woman and tell her I am aware of what is going on between them and demand that she stay out of our lives?

We've been married for 40 years, have wonderful children and grandchildren, and I really love him, but I can't go on this way. I am considering filing for divorce. Please help me.

HURTING IN N.C.
DEAR HURTING: Do not confront the woman and demand that she stay out of your lives. If your husband didn't want her in his life, she wouldn't be in it.

Loving him as you do, don't talk divorce unless you really mean it. Many a woman has threatened an unfaithful spouse with divorce, hoping it would bring him back in line, and before she realized it, a divorce she never really wanted became a reality.

Please get family counseling. If your husband refuses to go with you, go without him. A 40-year marriage is usually worth saving. I wish you well.

DEAR ABBY: A 14-year-old girl

brought a very nice gift.) Yesterday, I went into a store owned by the bride's mother to buy a few things. I was handed one thank-you note for my wedding and bridal gift combined. She had an alphabetical file box with thank-you notes for everyone who had given her daughter a gift, and she handed them out whenever one of the guests came into the store.

The last straw was when she gave me a thank-you note to a friend of mine — and asked me to deliver it if I should happen to run into her! I felt that if either the bride or groom could not have handed out the notes themselves, they should have mailed them.

What do you think?
DISGUSTED IN TEXAS

DEAR DISGUSTED: I agree with you. And if you accepted the thank-you note to deliver to your friend, then deliver it — if you should happen to run into her.

"How to Write Letters for All Occasions" provides sample letters of congratulations, thank-yous, condolences, resumes and business letters — even how to write a love letter! It also includes how to properly address clergymen, government officials, dignitaries, widows and others. To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$2.99 (\$3.99 in Canada) to: Abby's Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Discovery center sets wine fiesta

AMARILLO - The Second Annual Texas Wine Fiesta, sponsored by the Don Harrington Discovery Center and Ernest Walker of Boots 'n Jeans Western Store, is August 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Centennial Plaza in downtown Amarillo.

All proceeds from the Fiesta go to the Discovery Center Children's programs.

Fourteen Texas wineries will pour over 40 of their best vintage wines. In addition, Sutphen's, Chili's and Rosa's restaurants will serve their specialties. The popular grape squishing is back again this year, with music by Clyde Logg Band.

The colorful Taller Folklorico de Ninos will also entertain Fiesta participants.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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Astro-Graph

By bernice bede osol

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If your manner of doing things conflicts with those who have authority over you, it's best you bend a bit and make some adjustments rather than demanding that they do so. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do your best to eradicate grudges instead of trying to nurture them today. Reopening old wounds won't resolve unresolved issues, but it could contribute to inflaming your ulcer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Friends should not be imposed upon for special favors today. They may reluctantly concur with your wishes, but inwardly they could resent being forced to do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It looks like you will be more effective today if you are able to operate independently of others, especially in matters that pertain to your career.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your focus on your work today, especially if you have a difficult assignment with which to contend. If you let your mind wander, there is a good chance you may make a serious mistake.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Subtle inclinations today to take speculative financial risks, particularly if it has to do with something where someone has more control than you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not let a forceful personality coerce you today, into agreeing to something that does not serve your best interests. If you fail to speak up, you could regret it later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make every effort not to fall behind your list of things you hope to accomplish today. Once you begin to run late or let things overlap, you're likely to do a poor job.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Fun diversions are likely to take precedence over your more serious obligations today and when you later tally the books, you could show losses in both time and money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When you zoom out of the starting blocks today, you could be a few strides ahead of the rest of the field. However, you might peak early and end up a poor finisher.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Usually you're the type of individual who grasps situations quickly and then tries to proceed in a logical fashion, but today your impulsiveness could cloud your thinking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Strive to be more mindful than usual of your personal possessions today. Don't leave anything of value in your car with the doors unlocked, even if you're going to be gone only a few minutes.

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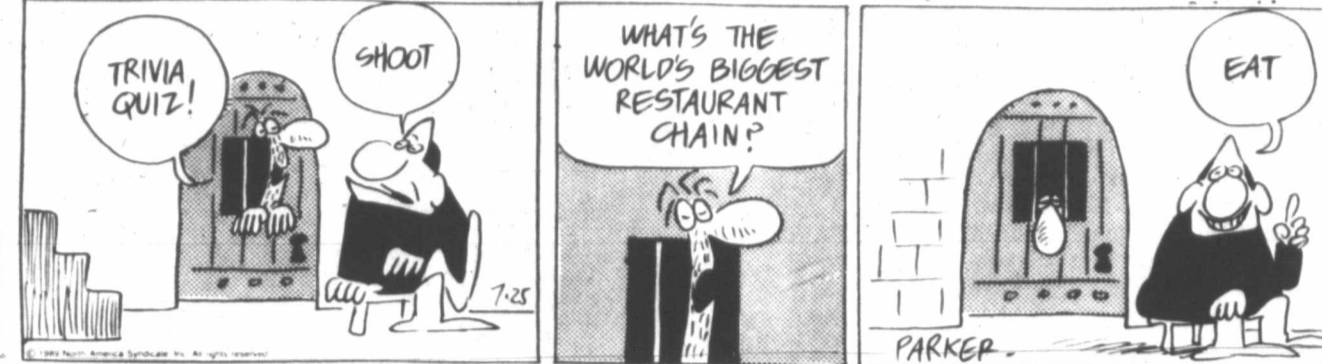
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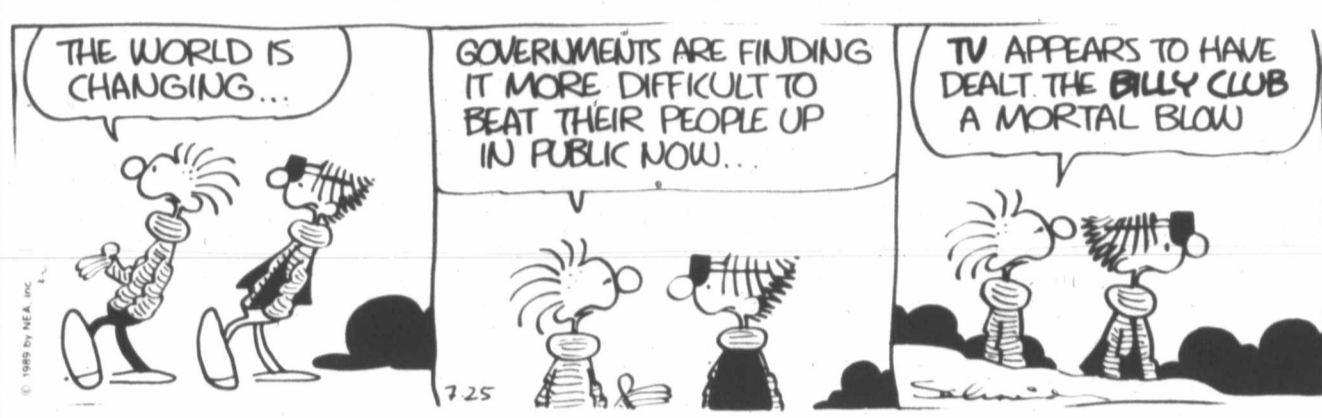
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



EK & MEK

By Howie Schneider



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



ACROSS

- 1 Breakfast food
- 4 Is appropriate to
- 9 Vicious old woman
- 12 Coin of France
- 13 Arm joint
- 14 Mother of mankind
- 15 College deg.
- 16 Farewell
- 17 Males
- 18 Shadowy
- 20 Songstress
- 22 Wide shoe size
- 24 1550, Roman
- 25 Foods
- 28 Seafood
- 32 Take a meal
- 33 Swindle
- 35 Bronte heroine
- 36 Protection
- 38 Day
- 39 Kith and
- 40 Advertising sign
- 42 Lawyer's customer
- 45 Noun suffix
- 46 Over (poet.)
- 47 Series of rooms
- 50 Part of a poem
- 54 British Navy abbreviation
- 55 Limerick
- 59 Chance
- 60 Lincoln's nickname
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- 62 Sooner than
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- 64 Irish poet
- 65 Citrus drink

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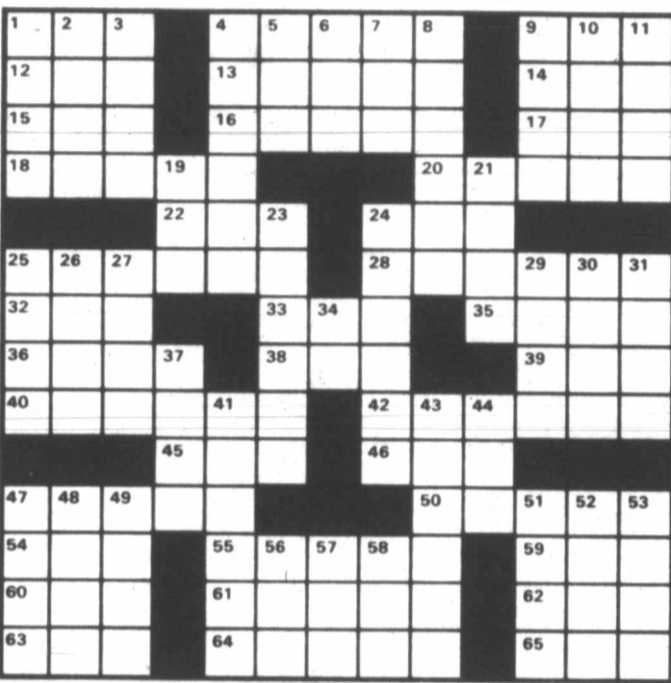
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- 10 Bird class
- 11 Biological determinant
- 19 Knowledge
- 21 If not
- 23 Usher
- 24 Prince Rainier's realm
- 25 Vice pres.
- 26 Shakespearean villain
- 27 Monkhood
- 29 Playful child
- 30 Ireland
- 31 Hire
- 34 Atop
- 37 Let it stand
- 41 Oomph
- 43 Tiers

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 44 Wrath
- 47 Former head of Iran
- 48 Center of shield
- 49 Two words of understanding
- 51 Ostrich
- 52 Orange-red stone
- 53 Small sword
- 56 Hurry
- 57 Entertainer - Sumac
- 58 Was introduced to



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MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong



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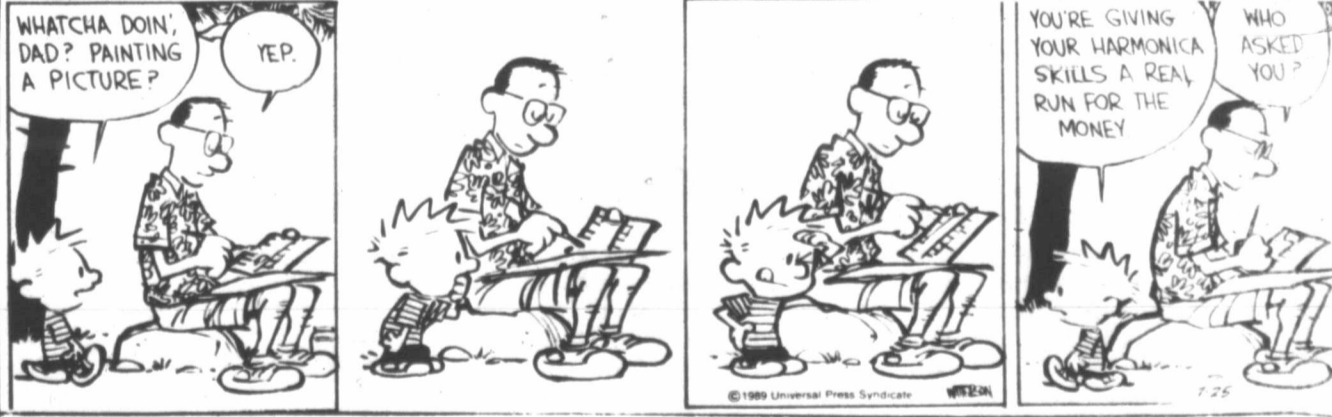
WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli



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Lifestyles

Nurse aides complete testing

Thirteen nurse aides at Coronado Hospital completed skills testing for certification from the Texas Department of Health this week, according to Wanda Clark RN, supervisor of the Extended Care Unit.

Yvonne Langston RN of the health department conducted the testing by asking aides to demon-

strate various patient care skills, such as bed making.

Two aides Shirley Hunnicutt and Pat McCain made perfect scores. Others successfully completing the test were Diann Bagerman, Penny Broaddus, Eva Fritz, Nin Kempf, Donna Kinnison, Mary Lee Miller, Ora Powell, Dorothy Williams, Jerrie

Cady, Tammie Evans, and Barbara Teague.

According to Clark, the state of Texas is establishing a registry for nurse aides. Completion of the skills test will be mandatory for anyone wishing to be a nurse aide in a nursing home or skilled bed facility such as the Extended Care Unit at Coronado Hospital.

Pewter called 'poor man's silver'



Pewter teapot

By Ralph and Terry Kovel

Although pewter has been called the "poor man's silver," early American pewter is rare and expensive. Pewter was used to make all types of eating and drinking vessels in the 18th and early 19th centuries: cups, coffee-pots, teapots, plates, candlesticks and many other handmade objects.

Tea and coffee were popular drinks, and the utensils needed to make and serve them were found in the colonies. Pewter teapots were made as early as 1740. The first pots had round bodies, by the 1750s the body resembled a pear, and later an upside-down pear. After 1825 teapots and coffeejacks were made in quantity in all shapes and sizes. Pewter pieces were inspired by European, Chinese, and American silver and porcelain teapots, and more were marked by the makers. There are several books in the library that list the early pewters.

Because pewter is soft it melts easily and is vulnerable to dents. Treat old pewter with care. Wash it but never scour it. Never place it near a burner on a stove.

Q: How is a slipper chair different from a living room chair?

A: The name slipper chair refers to a chair with short legs, a low seat and a high back. Tradition tells us that this chair was

found in the bedroom because the low seat made it easy to put on shoes while sitting in it. Experts say, however, that the name is recent, that the chair was originally known as a "fancy chair" or "reception chair," and that it was often placed in the front parlor. The high carved back and low seat was not very comfortable; you were expected to use the chairs only for a short time and were not to lean back and make yourself comfortable.

Q: My father saved all the license plates from his cars, and we have a collection of West Virginia plates dating from 1908 to 1965. Do these have any value as collectibles? How do we find buyers?

A: Old plates are collected. The best are the porcelain on cast iron plates that were made in early years. Plates were issued in Massachusetts in 1903 but were not used in Florida until 1918. Plates from Southern and Western states are scarce and bring higher prices. A 1923 West Virginia plate listed in our price book at \$25. The Automobile License Plate Collectors Association, Inc., Box 712, Weston, W.V. 26452, may be able to help you. Plates are traded at car shows and flea markets.

The Kovels welcome letters from readers and answer as many as possible in the column. Unfortunately, the volume of mail makes most personal answers or appraisals impossible. If you send a photograph, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Write to Kovels in care of this newspaper.

Q: I have a small squat white bottle with a top. On the bottom it says "J.B. Thorn Chemist, London, John A. Tarrant, New York,

sole Agents for the United States." Will this help tell when the bottle was made and what it held?

A: You have a special type of container called a "pot" by most collectors. Small ceramic containers were made to hold toothpaste, medicine, complexion cream, hair oil, shaving soap, and other products. The designs on the lids or bottoms of the pots often included the name of the product and the maker. Many English and American examples are known.

According to "American Pot Lids" by Barbara and Sonny Jackson (2585 Kenney Drive, San Pablo, CA 94860, \$40), John Tarrant worked in New York in 1853. He imported sarsaparilla and was a retail druggist. He was in business until 1896. The pot you have probably once had a paper label on the lid.

Q: My doll is marked "S & H," "CMB," Germany. It is about 2 feet high. When was it made?

A: S & H (Simon and Halbig) was a Germany factory that made the doll's head for C.M. Bergmann, a German doll manufacturer. The two firms made dolls from 1889 to the 1930s.

For a copy of the Kovels' new looseleaf-style booklet listing the books and pamphlets about prices for all kinds of collectibles and antiques, send \$1 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Price Guides for Antiques and Collectibles, Kovels, P.O. Box 22900, Beachwood, Ohio 44122.

TIP: The pattern numbers on Van Briggie pottery help date a piece. Numbers below 899 were used before 1912. AA alone was used before 1920. AA-USA was used from 1922 to 1929.

CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded at antique shows, sales, flea markets and auctions throughout the U.S. Prices vary in different locations due to local economic conditions.

Kimono, dragon embroidery, black, lined: \$35

Madame Alexander doll, McGuffey Anna, red tartan dress, rickrack, tagged, 6½ in.: \$45

Henderson 4-cylinder motorcycle poster, 10 x 14 in.: \$65

Tin cookie cutter, flat back, prancing horse, bob tail, 6½ x 7¼ in.: \$250

Vaseline glass tumbler, footed, Diamond Point & Panels, Boston & Sandwich: \$325

Windup toy, Busy Bridge, Mars: \$375

Zsolnay vase, square shape, reticulated blue, orchid, tan and cream, flowers and leaves, 2 handles, 4 claw feet, 9½ in.: \$495

"Gone With the Wind" lamp, red satin glass, looks like gazebo, dancing girls, shaped base matches top, 10 in. ball: \$900

Gilbert clock, #14 regulator: \$1,050

Player piano, Monarch/Chicago, with 75-100 rolls, Baldwin, 1926: \$1,500

Wheeler youth go to band camp



Attending the Southwestern Oklahoma State University band camp from Wheeler were: (front from left) Julie Allison, Amanda Flanagan, Daniel Blocker, Danny Alley, and Cobey Boedeker. Back row: Teresa Martinez, Sylvia Ramirez, Kenny Brown, Jessica Jackson, and Stephanie Walker.

Wife says three's a crowd in couple's 40-year marriage

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our early 60s. About a year ago, I found out my husband was seeing a younger woman. He said there was nothing serious between them and he promised he wouldn't see her again, so I forgave him.

Since then, I learned that he had never stopped seeing her. In fact, he loaned her a large amount of money. He still insists that he loves me and this woman means nothing to him.

Should I confront the woman and tell her I am aware of what is going on between them and demand that she stay out of our lives?

We've been married for 40 years, have wonderful children and grandchildren, and I really love him, but I can't go on this way. I am considering filing for divorce. Please help me. HURTING IN N.C.

DEAR HURTING: Do not confront the woman and demand that she stay out of your lives. If your husband didn't want her in his life, she wouldn't be in it.

Loving him as you do, don't talk divorce unless you really mean it. Many a woman has threatened an unfaithful spouse with divorce, hoping it would bring him back in line, and before she realized it, a divorce she never really wanted became a reality.

Please get family counseling. If your husband refuses to go with you, go without him. A 40-year marriage is usually worth saving. I wish you well.

DEAR ABBY: A 14-year-old girl



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

asked: "Can a girl get pregnant when she 'does it' with a guy for the first time?"

You correctly replied, "Yes," but you should have added: "She can also get syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes, and a host of other sexually transmitted diseases."

A JACKSONVILLE, FLA., PHYSICIAN DEAR PHYSICIAN: Thank you for an important addition.

DEAR ABBY: Now that it costs 25 cents to mail a letter, my husband and I have received many hand-delivered invitations and thank-you notes from people trying to save a little money on postage. We live in a small town, so it's easy to drive or walk over. I have always thought this was in rather poor taste, but at least the person who did the inviting and thanking did the delivering.

My husband and I received a wedding invitation in the mail. We bought an expensive gift and attended the wedding. (I had also attended a bridal shower — to which I

brought a very nice gift.) Yesterday, I went into a store owned by the bride's mother to buy a few things. I was handed one thank-you note for my wedding and bridal gift combined. She had an alphabetical file box with thank-you notes for everyone who had given her daughter a gift, and she handed them out whenever one of the guests came into the store.

The last straw was when she gave me a thank-you note to a friend of mine — and asked me to deliver it if I should happen to run into her! I felt that if either the bride or groom could not have handed out the notes themselves, they should have mailed them.

What do you think? DISGUSTED IN TEXAS

DEAR DISGUSTED: I agree with you. And if you accepted the thank-you note to deliver to your friend, then deliver it — if you should happen to run into her.

"How to Write Letters for All Occasions" provides sample letters of congratulations, thank-yous, condolences, resumes and business letters — even how to write a love letter! It also includes how to properly address clergymen, government officials, dignitaries, widows and others. To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$2.99 (\$3.99 in Canada) to Abby's Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Discovery center sets wine fiesta

AMARILLO - The Second Annual Texas Wine Fiesta, sponsored by the Don Harrington Discovery Center and Ernest Walker of Boots 'n Jeans Western Store, is August 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Centennial Plaza in downtown Amarillo.

All proceeds from the Fiesta go to the Discovery Center Children's programs.

Fourteen Texas wineries will pour over 40 of their best vintage wines. In addition, Stephen's, Chili's and Rosa's restaurants will serve their specialties. The popular grape squishing is back again this year, with music by Clyde Logg Band.

The colorful Taller Folklorico de Ninos will also entertain Fiesta participants.

Advance tickets are \$15 and are available through the Don Harrington Discovery Center, all Hospitality House locations and at Boots 'n Jeans Western Store. For more information, contact Suzanne Attebury, 355-9548.



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Today's Crossword Puzzle

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

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- 4 Is appropriate to
- 9 Vicious old woman
- 12 Coin of France
- 13 Arm joint
- 14 Mother of mankind
- 15 College deg.
- 16 Farewell
- 17 Males
- 18 Shadowy
- 20 Songstress
- 22 Wide shoe size
- 24 1550, Roman
- 25 Foods
- 28 Seafood
- 32 Take a meal
- 33 Swindle
- 35 Bronte heroine
- 36 Protection
- 38 _____ Clear
- 39 Kith and _____
- 40 Advertising sign
- 42 Lawyer's customer
- 45 Noun suffix
- 46 Over (poet.)
- 47 Series of rooms
- 50 Part of a poem
- 54 British Navy abbreviation
- 55 Limerick
- 59 Chance
- 60 Lincoln's nickname
- 61 Hebrew letter
- 62 Sooner than
- 63 Weeding implement
- 64 Irish poet
- 65 Citrus drink

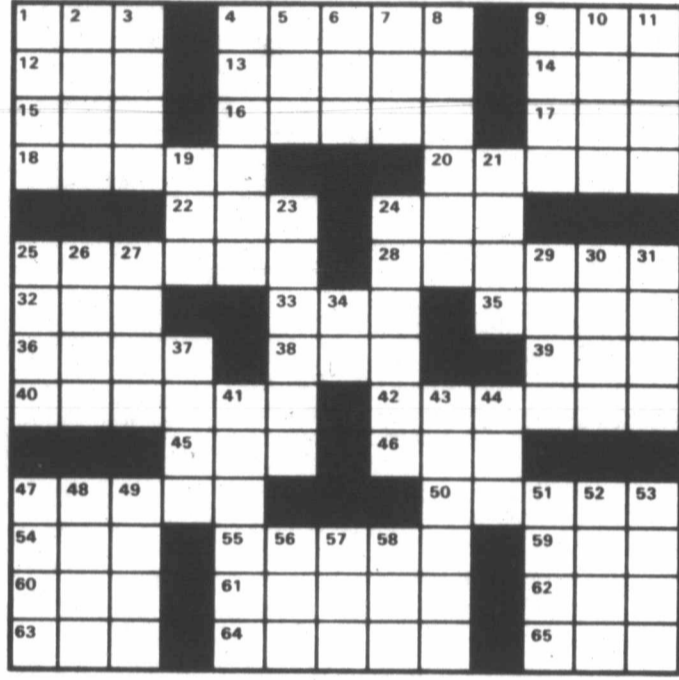
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 25 Vice pres.
- 26 Shakespearean villain
- 27 Monkshood
- 29 Playful child
- 30 Ireland
- 31 Hire
- 34 Atop
- 37 Let it stand
- 41 Omph
- 43 Tiers
- 44 Wrath
- 47 Former head of Iran
- 48 Center of shield
- 49 Two words of understanding
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- 52 Orange-red stone
- 53 Small sword
- 56 Hurry
- 57 Entertainer — Sumac
- 58 Was introduced to



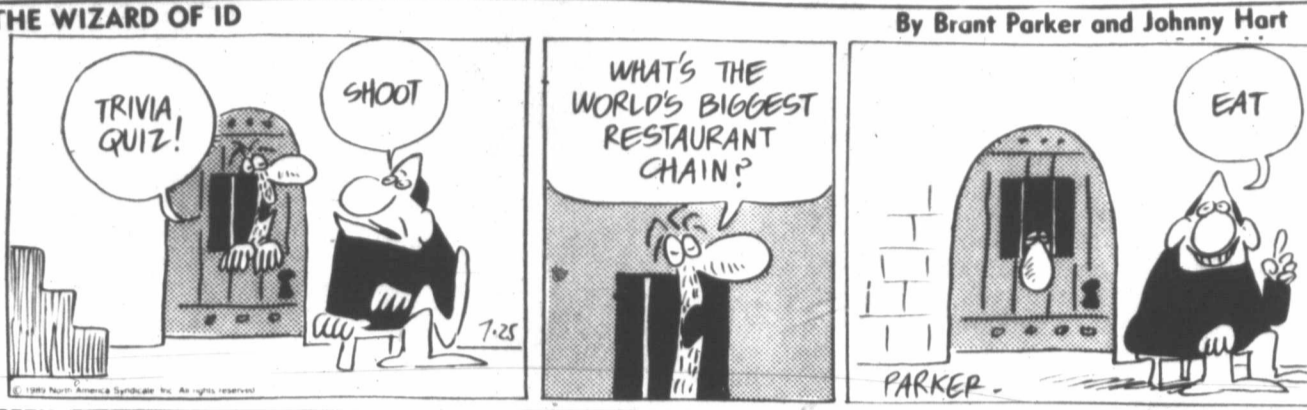
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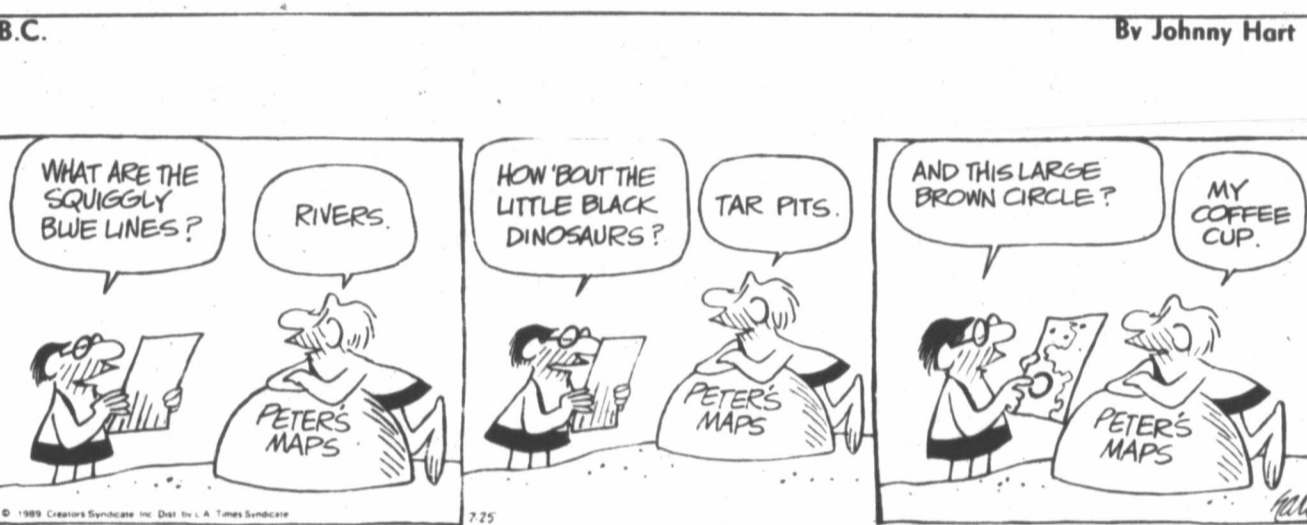
By Jerry Bittle



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Howie Schneider



By Johnny Hart

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If your manner of doing things conflicts with those who have authority over you, it's best you bend a bit and make some adjustments rather than demanding that they do so. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do your best to eradicate grudges instead of trying to nurture them today. Reopening old wounds won't resolve unresolved issues, but it could contribute to inflaming your ulcer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Friends should not be imposed upon for special favors today. They may reluctantly concur with your wishes, but inwardly they could resent being forced to do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It looks like you will be more effective today if you are able to operate independently of others, especially in matters that pertain to your career.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your focus on your work today, especially if you have a difficult assignment with which to contend. If you let your mind wander, there is a good chance you may make a serious mistake.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Subdue inclinations today to take speculative financial risks, particularly if it has to do with something where someone has more control than you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not let a forceful personality coerce you today into agreeing to something that does not serve your best interests. If you fail to speak up, you could regret it later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make every effort not to fall behind your list of things you hope to accomplish today. Once you begin to run late or let things overlap, you're likely to do a poor job.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Fun diversions are likely to take precedence over your more serious obligations today and when you later tally the books, you could show losses in both time and money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When you zoom out of the starting blocks today, you could be a few strides ahead of the rest of the field. However, you might peak early and end up a poor finisher.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Usually you're the type of individual who grasps situations quickly and then tries to proceed in a logical fashion, but today your impulsiveness could cloud your thinking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Strive to be more mindful than usual of your personal possessions today. Don't leave anything of value in your car with the doors unlocked, even if you're going to be gone only a few minutes.

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By Tom Armstrong



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By Dick Cavalli

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By Bruce Beattie



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By Bil Keane



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GARFIELD

By Jim Davis



Sports

Angels win AL West's first showdown

By The Associated Press
Bryan Harvey really shined in the first showdown between American League West leaders California and Oakland.

"That was the best forkball I've had all year," he said. "I was lucky enough to throw it over the plate."

Harvey came in to protect a 5-4 lead with two outs in the eighth inning Monday night, got Dave Henderson on a flyout, and then caught Jose Canseco, Tony Phillips and pinch-hitter Ron Hassey looking at third-strike forkballs in the ninth, gaining his 13th save.

"I didn't want to throw up a 3-2 fastball with Canseco at the plate," Harvey said. "He's got a chance of tying it up if I lay one in there."

Chili Davis homered off Gene Nelson, 2-5, to snap a seventh-inning tie and Jack Howell ho-

mered in the eighth as California won its sixth straight and stopped Oakland's five-game winning streak.

Davis' home run, his 12th, was his first since July 1. Howell's home run, his 13th, broke a 1-for-26 slump.

"That's a week of oh-fers all built up into one last hack," Howell said. "I've had a tough week. It was nice to see it go out."

In other games, Cleveland beat New York 7-3, Milwaukee beat Detroit 10-0, Chicago beat Seattle 5-4 and Toronto beat Texas 6-3.

California won at Oakland for only the second time in 11 games and took a one-game lead over the Athletics.

"We have a lot of respect for the Angels," Athletics manager Tony La Russa said. "They played hard and so did we. Today, they were one run better. But we've had our share of one-run wins."

Willie Fraser, 3-5, allowed two hits and one run in 2-2-3 innings.

Indians 7, Yankees 3
Rookie Joey Belle's grand slam off Eric Plunk snapped a seventh-inning tie at Municipal Stadium and sent New York to its seventh consecutive loss.

Cleveland has won five of its last six to move from 10 games back to 5½ games behind first-place Baltimore in the AL East.

Lee Guetterman, 2-4, walked Dion James with one out in the seventh and Joe Carter singled and took second. Pete O'Brien was walked intentionally and Belle hit Plunk's 1-1 pitch deep over the left-field wall for his second home run.

John Farrell, 6-9, allowed three runs on nine hits in seven innings and Jesse Orosco finished.

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Angels' Jack Howell rounds third after hitting homer. (AP Laserphoto)

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Brock had three hits for the Brewers, who had 13 hits and won for the fourth time in five games.

White Sox 5, Mariners 4
Carlton Fisk singled with the bases loaded and two outs in the ninth inning at Comiskey Park as Chicago won for the ninth time in 10 games.

Shawn Hillegas, 6-9, allowed one hit over three innings of relief.

Giants blank Braves

By DICK BRINSTER
AP Sports Writer

Ordinarily, one would expect the San Francisco Giants to fill reporters' notebooks with praise for Kevin Mitchell, whose 33rd home run had given them another victory.

But the man who leads the major leagues in homers and RBIs took a back seat to the pitcher he'd just beaten, Atlanta's John Smoltz.

"He's the best young pitcher in the league," Giants manager Roger Craig said following Monday night's 2-0 victory over the Braves. "Boy, he's got a great arm. He'll put you in a slump if you're not already in one."

Mitchell's homer in the fourth inning was one of just three hits allowed by Smoltz, 11-7, who struck out a career-high 10 batters and retired the last 17 in pitching his fifth complete game.

Smoltz had an 0-2 count when Mitchell hit the ball over the fence in left-center at Atlanta Stadium.

"It was not a bad pitch," Smoltz said. "But you can't say it was a good pitch for he hit it out. I had made him look bad with the same pitch before."

Mitchell, who has driven in 87 runs, was ready in case Smoltz didn't go by the book and waste the 0-2 pitch.

"All pitchers make mistakes," he said. "That's what you just have to sit on."

Elsewhere, it was Montreal 4, Philadelphia 3 in 12 innings; Chi-

cago 3, St. Louis 2, and Pittsburgh 7, Los Angeles 4.

Cubs 3, Cardinals 2
Two key bunts — including a suicide squeeze that put Chicago ahead to stay — by winning pitcher Mike Bielecki and sloppy defense by St. Louis helped the Cubs to their third straight victory.

Bielecki laid down his squeeze in the fifth inning following tentative plays by first baseman Pedro Guerrero and center fielder Willie McGee that allowed baserunners to reach base and advance to set up the squeeze. The loss ended the Cardinals' four-game winning streak.

"I can't hit, so I've got to be able to do something," said Bielecki, batting .025.

Jose Oquendo of St. Louis extended the longest hitting streak in the majors this season to 22 games with an infield hit in the fourth.

AL roundup

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	53	43	.552	—
Toronto	49	50	.495	5½
Cleveland	48	49	.495	5½
Boston	45	48	.484	6
Milwaukee	36	52	.409	8
New York	46	52	.469	8
Detroit	33	63	.344	20

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	59	38	.608	—
Oakland	59	40	.596	1
Kansas City	54	44	.551	5½
Texas	54	44	.551	5½
Seattle	48	50	.490	11½
Minnesota	46	51	.474	13
Chicago	41	57	.418	18½

Monday's Games				
Cleveland	7	New York	3	
Milwaukee	10	Detroit	0	
Chicago	5	Seattle	4	
Toronto	6	Texas	3	
California	5	Oakland	4	

Only games scheduled

Fast-pitch softball earns raves from Festival fans

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Fast-pitch softball, which has punctuated the U.S. Olympic Festival with marathon games, multiple no-hitters and all kinds of drama, is at it again.

The first day of fast-pitch action Monday featured two no-hitters, a near no-hitter that was ended with two outs in the last inning, and some very satisfied fans at the ASA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium.

Rick Planger and Lucy Casarez performed the no-hitters, while Debbie Doom lost hers — and the game — on the same pitch in the seventh inning.

First came Planger, of Benton Harbor, Mich., who was harboring thoughts of losing without allowing a hit. He gave up two runs in the first inning but then retired 18 of the last 19 batters as the North beat the East 4-2.

Planger, a last-minute addition to the North team,

gave up three walks in the first inning, with the West's runs scoring on an error by third baseman Rick Pauly.

The North went ahead 3-2 on a two-out, two-run single by Jim Seymour of Green Bay, Wis., in the bottom of the fifth. Casarez equalled that performance in the opening women's game.

Casarez, of Bonita, Calif., struck out seven and walked one in leading the West over the North 3-0.

She also went 2-for-3 and scored the only run she would need in the fifth inning when she was forced in from third after Julie Standerer was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and two outs.

Doom hadn't allowed the East a hit until, with two outs in the top of the ninth, Jill Justin of Oak Lawn, Ill., homered over the left-field fence, giving the East a 1-0 victory over the South.

In the other men's game, the

East edged the South 1-0 on a home run by John McEldowney of Friendswood, Texas. Peter Meredith of Elkhart, Ind., struck out 11 for the victory.

In slow pitch, the East scored 72 runs, winning 40-31 and 32-16 over the North and West, respectively. Despite the loss, the West qualified for the gold medal game against the East.

The East and North will play for both basketball titles.

"Knowing the East has never won a gold medal, it would be exciting to be a part of that," said Todd Day of Arkansas, who tied a festival record with 30 points in a 94-75 victory over the South. The North lost to the West 86-84 as prep star Kenny Anderson of New York came alive for 19 points and six assists.

In women's play, the North moved into the gold medal game with an 86-75 victory over the West.

Morgan, Palmer, next in line for Hall of Fame

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Joe Morgan and Jim Palmer have moved into the on-deck circle as the favorites for next year's Hall of Fame elections.

This year, Johnny Bench and Carl Yastrzemski became the 18th and 19th players to be elected in their first year of eligibility.

Morgan and Palmer figure to make it 20 and 21 in 1990.

And once again, it will be time for the folks in Ohio to load up the buses — this time to see Morgan. Reds fans arrived by the thousands over the weekend to see Bench inducted and turned Cooperstown into a red sea.

Bench received 431 votes from 447 ballots cast by members of the Baseball Writers Association of America. Yastrzemski got 423 votes.

In order to be elected to the Hall of Fame, a player must be named on 75 percent of the ballots cast. Of the record 447 ballots cast this year, a player needed 336 votes for election.

Bench got 96.4 percent and Yastrzemski 94.63. Only Ty Cobb, 98.2 percent, and Hank Aaron, 97.9,

received higher percentages than Bench.

"Joe Morgan was the best second baseman I ever saw," said Bench, who played with Morgan on Cincinnati's World Series championship teams in 1975 and 1976.

Morgan, a two-time MVP, played 22 years and hit .271 with 268 homers, 1,134 RBIs and 2,518 hits. He also had 689 stolen bases and walked 1,865 times.

Along with Bench, he was a field general of the "The Big Red Machine."

In 19 seasons with the Baltimore Orioles, Palmer had a 268-152 record, including four consecutive 20-victory seasons from 1975-1978. He had a lifetime earned-run average of 2.86 and 53 shutouts.

"I'd be surprised if Jim Palmer isn't elected the first time," Yastrzemski said.

In this year's balloting, right-hander Gaylord Perry, winner of 314 games, finished third with 304 votes and missed election by 32 votes.

Jim Bunning, who missed elec-

tion by four votes in 1988, was 53 votes shy this time. Ferguson Jenkins was fifth with 234 votes.

"I'm sorry Perry and Ferguson Jenkins didn't make it," Yastrzemski said. "But I'm sure they will."

Perry, 314-265, also had 3,534 strikeouts. The combination of 300 victories and 3,000 strikeouts will make it hard to keep him out.

The argument against Perry is his admitted use of the spitter, which might have cost him some votes the first time.

Jenkins was 284-226 with 3,192 strikeouts in 19 seasons. While a member of the Chicago Cubs, he was a 20-game winner for six consecutive seasons.

Bunning was 224-184 with a 3.27 ERA, 2,885 strikeouts and no-hitters in both leagues. But his time is running out with only two years of eligibility left.

In 1991, Rollie Fingers, the career saves leader with 341, and seven-time AL batting champ Rod Carew figure to make it on the first ballot.

Tri-State Tournament tees off Wednesday

Six former champions, including defending champion Jim Kirk of Ardmore, Okla., are entered in the 55th annual Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament, which tees off Wednesday at the Pampa Country Club course.

Kirk, in his first Tri-State tour-

ney last season, outlasted Lubbock's Dick Alexander to win by two strokes.

Other former champions entered include Lamesa's Jake Broyles ('86, '83) Shawnee, Okla.'s Harold DeLong ('77, '73, '71); Sinton's J. Carroll Weaver ('75); San

Antonio's Web Wilder ('76, '72) and Plainview's Jack Williams ('82).

The 54-hole tournament will have both match and stroke play the first two days. Friday there will be stroke play for all flights.

Pampa teams still alive in state baseball tournaments

ANDREWS — Andy Elsheimer singled home the winning run in the seventh inning as Pampa slipped by Andrews 6-5 Monday night in the 13-year-old West Texas State Babe Ruth Tournament.

Pampa, 1-1 in tournament play, meets Odessa at 6 p.m. tonight in the loser's bracket.

With the score tied at 5-5 in the top of the seventh, Andy Sutton singled for Pampa and then stole second. Sutton then scored the winning run on Elsheimer's hit.

Elsheimer, who was also on the mound, set down Andrews in order in the bottom of the seventh.

Clarence Reed started on the mound for Pampa and went four innings. He allowed two runs, both unearned, while striking out six and giving up one hit. Elsheimer finished up, giving up three runs on three hits while striking out two.

Collecting hits for Pampa were Chad Dunnam, two singles, two RBI; Elsheimer, two singles, one RBI; Chris Gilbert, double, one RBI; Sutton, single; Reed, single, and Devin King, single.

Catcher Bryan Stout and third baseman Andy Sutton were the defensive standouts for Pampa.

Pampa's 14-15 year-old team

also won last night, defeating Hereford 25-9 in the loser's bracket of the state tournament in Graham.

Winning pitcher was Buddy Plunk, who yielded six hits while striking out 11 and walking six.

Brandon Wells and Jeff Tidwell hit home runs in Pampa's lopsided win. Wells also had a double.

Phil Sexton added three hits to Pampa's attack. Kurt West, Zach Thomas, Jason Brantley and Donnie Medley all had doubles while Kurt Thomas had a triple.

Pampa meets Odessa at 6 p.m. tonight. Pampa's tournament record is 1-1.

Bambino All-Stars



The National League Bambino All-Star Team will meet North Arkansas at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the Southwest Baseball Regionals in Broken Bow, Okla. Team members are (front row, l-r) J.J. Mathis, Bryan Martindale, Gerald Reyes, Rayford Young and Ivan Langley; (middle row, l-r) Jeremy Stone, Duane Nickleberry, Tracy Peet, Seth Heiskell and Albert Solis; (back row, l-r) coach Garry Moody, Jim Bob McGahan, Kyle Parnell, Danny Frye, coach Jack Gindorf, Hank Gindorf, Dale Noble and Mike Frye. The winner of the double-elimination tournament advances to the Little League World Series, in Wilmington, N.C. (Photo by Sutton of Pampa)

PHOTO BY ANDY SUTTON FOR THE PAMPA NEWS

'Pokes don full pads at "Camp Contact"

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif.—Training camp under Jimmy Johnson is going to be drastically different than the 29 years under Tom Landry.

That fact was dramatically underscored on the first day of practice Monday when the Dallas Cowboys worked in full pads and helmets and concluded the session with a "nutcracker" drill. "Let's see what you got," Johnson shouted as the running backs crashed between the tackles. "Get the job done. I don't care how you get it done, but get it done."

In past years under Landry, the Cowboys worked slowly into contact after several days in shorts. Landry stood in the middle of the field with a bullhorn directing the action.

Johnson was in the face of his players from the start with praise and criticism. He alternately dashed from offense to defense, repeating the phrase "make the most of your opportunities."

At one point, wide receiver Everett Gay dropped a pass, and Johnson was on him in a second.

"Everett, you're thinking more about getting hit than you are catching the football," Johnson said. "Concentrate on the catch. Don't worry about the hit."

Johnson huddled the team around him after the hitting session.

"For every one of you, there is a sense of urgency," Johnson told them. "For us as a team, we don't have time for you to screw up. Don't be satisfied

unless you get the job done." Johnson said it was "fun" to get on the field in pads after three mini-camps in shorts.

"This was real football, this is what I enjoy," Johnson said. "We had great enthusiasm. I think our players are hungry for a winner. I think they are willing to do things differently. They were in a rut and need to check their hole cards."

The Cowboys begin two-a-day workouts today and have scheduled a Wednesday scrimmage against the Los Angeles Raiders.

Johnson made it plain going into camp that he expected his team to come ready for contact.

"We want to find out what we got," Johnson said. "We have some running backs who look good running against air. Now we want to see if they can break some tackles."

From three tough mini-camps, the players already know what awaits them: Call it "Camp Contact."

"It's going to be harder than hell," said offensive guard Nate Newton. "It's going to be rough. We know what to expect because we went through it in mini-camp."

Wide receiver Michael Irvin, who played under Johnson at Miami, said Johnson "is going to pour it on. Mr. J can be tough."

The Cowboys came to an agreement Monday with draft choices fullback Daryl Johnston of Syracuse (second round), guard Mark Stepnoski of Pittsburgh (third round), defensive end Tony Tolbert, Texas-El Paso (fourth round), and defensive end Rhondy Weston of Florida (third round).



Head coach Jimmy Johnson talks to tackle Mark Tuinei during a warmup session.

Texas cowboy ties arena record at Frontier Days Rodeo

Steer downed in 6.2 seconds

By JULIA PRODID
Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A Texas cowboy tied a Frontier Days arena record when he wrestled a steer down in 6.2 seconds during the third day of competition at the 93rd annual "Daddy of 'Em All."

"I'm really tickled, I tell you what," said Dan Courmier of Oakwood, standing 6-foot-6 at 260 pounds.

"Nine times out of 10 something goes wrong, but this was the 10th," he said Monday.

The cowboy's time tied a 1985 arena record set by Terry Lee Thompson. Courmier nudged Joey

Roberts from Farmerville, La., into second place with his 6.3-second time.

"It was a good looking steer — looked like he could throw 'em fast," Courmier said. "I had to let him go and see what happened. I was feeling real fortunate to get by him and tie the record."

Monday's performance marks Courmier's third year as a professional. He finished seventh in steer wrestling at the National Finals last year.

Coming out of the same chute earlier in the day, Guy Allen from Lovington, N.M., roped his steer in 15.8 seconds, giving him the fastest time so far in the second go.

"The steer ran straight, the horse ran straight and they all met in the middle," said Allen, who has roped at the "Daddy of 'Em All" for 12 years. Allen's average time was not enough to put him in

the top five so far in the second go round.

In a women's exhibition bull ride, Jonie Jonkowski had the best ride with a score of 77.

"It was euphoric," said the world champion bull rider of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association.

Jonkowski, from Billings, Mont., had not ridden a bull since last October when she broke her arm in a bull ride.

"I was just happy my teeth are still in my mouth," she said.

In other events, J.D. Yates from Pueblo, Colo., roped his calf the fastest in 11.1 seconds, beating Gordy Alderson of Tucson, Ariz., by .6 seconds in the first go round.

Robert Toole of Pauls Valley, Okla., moved in second place in first go of rookie brock riding with

a score of 72, not enough to catch up with Keith Tribe of Hamilton, Mont., who scored 76 over the weekend.

No saddle bronc cowboys on Monday could beat the 84 score set over the weekend by Rod Hay from Alberta, Canada. Clint Johnson of Spearfish, S.D. had the best score of the day with a 78, giving him a fourth place tie in the first go round.

With scores of 79 in the first go of the bareback bronc, Robin Burwash of Canada and Clint Corey of Rochester, Wash., tied for fourth place on Monday. Their scores were not high enough to beat Merle Temple's 84 score set over the weekend.

In the bull riding event, no cowboys could get higher than a 76, too low to even place on the top five of the first go. Ken Stillman of Auburn, Calif., maintains the first go round lead with an 80.

District judge lifts freeze on Texas little league baseball playoffs

HOUSTON (AP)—A judge has lifted his order halting all Little League playoff games because of a suit filed over an ineligible Houston-area player, saying the playoffs can continue while the case continues in court.

State District Judge Arthur Lesher lifted the freeze Monday after lawyers agreed that the statewide ban could be canceled while the case proceeds without affecting the playoff picture.

Lesher has scheduled a Thursday morning hearing to consider a temporary injunction.

The next game for North Houston National, the disputed champion of District 25 Little League, is a

Thursday night bidistrict contest.

Little League Inc. officials said the order did not throw off the state playoffs, because Sunday games are rare and a minimal number of Saturday games were canceled.

"We were lucky it hit on a weekend," said Mike Witherwax, Texas director for Little League. "Obviously it had a little effect, but we're in good shape and on track right now."

Lawyer Blaise Heaney, who filed the suit, says he will not seek to invalidate games played in other areas while the order was pending because those games would not affect his case.

"The games Friday and Saturday will stand," Heaney said. "We're not trying to hold the others in contempt."

The controversy began after North Houston's 8-5 playoff win over the Northside National Little League All-Stars on Wednesday.

Northside filed a protest over the participation of North Houston player David Lezcano, who lives outside the team's eligibility area.

Little League officials in South Williamsport, Pa., agreed the boy was ineligible, disqualifying him from further play, but they determined that

Lezcano's play did not affect the outcome.

It was then that James R. King Jr., father of Northside's Jason King, filed the suit, claims that Lezcano, 12, a center fielder, caught three fly balls, had two hits and scored two runs.

King said the suit will teach the boys the importance of playing by the rules.

North Houston went on to defeat Denver Harbor and win their district Friday night without Lezcano, before the restraining order was delivered.

The suit asks that North Houston be disqualified from the playoffs or that Wednesday's game be replayed without Lezcano.

Oilers issue contract ultimatum to Rozier

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Oilers have issued an ultimatum to contract holdout Mike Rozier, telling the team's top running back that a contract offer will be withdrawn if he does not accept the deal and report to training camp Friday.

"I feel they're showing me no respect and I don't understand why," Rozier's brother and agent, Bill Rozier, quoted the two-time Pro Bowler as saying Monday night.

Rozier, the team's top running back and a two-time Pro Bowler, reportedly has been offered a deal worth \$5.45 million that would make him one of the six highest-paid running backs in the NFL with an \$850,000 salary for the 1989 season.

Sources said the contract calls for a \$600,000 base salary and a

\$250,000 advance for the first year, with increases each year of the five-year salary to a high of \$1.4 million in 1993.

The disagreement over the contract, none of which is said to be guaranteed, reportedly stems from money paid up front to Rozier.

"We have a very good offer on the table to Mike," Oilers owner K.S. "Bud" Adams said Monday. "If he hasn't accepted our current contract offer and reported to training camp with the rest of the veterans on Friday, then we are pulling that offer off the table," Adams said.

Adams said he had discussed the contract situation with Oilers general manager Mike Holovak and directed him to make the offer available only until Friday. "Mike (Rozier) is an unsigned

veteran free agent. He has no obligation to be in camp on Friday," Bill Rozier told Houston station KRIV-TV Monday night in a telephone interview from Camden, N.J. "To make threats at this time is not the way this deal is going to get done."

Also Monday, the team said top draft picks Scott Kozak and Rod Harris have agreed to contract terms, but first-round pick David Williams still has not reached agreement with the team.

Kozak, a linebacker from Oregon who was picked in the second round, and Harris, a fourth-round wide receiver from Texas A&M, were among five players who agreed to contract terms.

Others were defensive back Bo Orlando, a sixth-round pick from West Virginia; linebacker Tracey Rogers, a seventh-round

pick out of Fresno State; and Clemson fullback Tracey Johnson, who was chosen in the 10th round.

None of the players have signed a contract, the Oilers said.

Williams, a Florida tackle, was among three Oilers draftees who have not agreed to terms with the team. Others include safety Bubba McDowell, a third-round pick out of Miami, and nose tackle Glenn Montgomery, a fifth-round pick out of Houston.

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UH linebacker hurt

HOUSTON (AP)—University of Houston linebacker Lamar Lathon, considered by some scouts as one of the nation's top players, suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident near the campus and will miss the scheduled Aug. 14 start of fall practice, officials said.

Lathon, a senior from Wharton, suffered a fractured and displaced sternum when a car driven by his date was involved in a two-car collision Saturday morning.

Surgery was required to adjust his sternum, and Lathon is out of football indefinitely, officials added.

Lathon was taken to Ben Taub Hospital, where he was expected to remain until Wednesday or Thursday.

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Warner Communications purchased by Time Inc.

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP)—Time Inc. took control of Warner Communications and began forming the world's largest media and entertainment concern after a court refused a final bid by Paramount Communications Inc. to block the merger.

A three-justice panel of the Delaware Supreme Court on Monday upheld a ruling that denied an injunction sought by Paramount to stop Time's \$14 billion offer for Warner. The ruling affirmed the right of corporate directors to decide the course of their companies in the face of hostile bids.

After the ruling, Paramount abandoned its \$200-a-share, \$12.2 billion hostile takeover offer for Time.

Within hours, Time said it had received 100 million shares of Warner at the close of its tender offer, raising Time's stake to 58 percent.

"The name of the game is going to be growth, both in the U.S. and abroad," Nicholas J. Nicholas Jr., president of the new Time Warner Inc., said, according to *The Wall Street Journal* today.

Paramount said it would not bid for Time Warner but would seek expansion through acquisitions, mergers, joint ventures or partnerships.

"We believe in making bold moves when they are in the best interest of Paramount Communications shareholders," Chairman Martin Davis said.

The justices' ruling was widely expected and Time's stock dropped on the New York Stock Exchange during the court arguments that were televised live by Cable News Network.

Time closed down \$1 at \$137.50 a share. The shares traded at \$126 before Paramount's bid and peaked at \$182.75 before falling back in recent weeks. Warner stock rose 1.62 1/2% to \$66.12 and Paramount rose 1.87 1/2% to \$59.37 1/2%.

After more than two hours of arguments, the justices upheld a July 14 Chancery Court ruling that said the proposed Time-Warner merger was the result of long-range planning, and Paramount and Time shareholders opposed to the deal could not interfere.

The ruling could have wide importance because many of the nation's largest corporations, including Time, Paramount and Warner, are incorporated in Delaware.

Hours after the ruling, Time's offer for Warner expired and the company announced it held more than 117 million Warner shares, or 58 percent of its outstanding common stock.

ABC News apologizes for photos

LOS ANGELES (AP)—ABC News apologized for an evening news show that did not clearly label a simulation of evidence in the Bloch spy case, but said it would continue to use such staged events.

The blunder in Friday evening's *World News Tonight* segment on an American diplomat Felix S. Bloch might have led some viewers to believe they were watching videotaped frames of Bloch giving a briefcase to an agent of the KGB, the Soviet intelligence agency.

The network's two still pictures of the transaction were created by ABC News staffers and were not taken from FBI footage of the alleged encounter, ABC News officials said Monday.

"It was a terrible mistake" not to identify clearly the pictures as simulation, Richard Wald, senior vice president of ABC News, said in a telephone interview. "I regret it."

Bloch is suspected of having spied for the Soviets. He has not been charged.

Media critic Ben Bagdikian called into question the practice of using reenactments on news broadcasts, calling them "pure poison."

"Since the Fox network got its ratings with *America's Most Wanted*, it's clearly an imitation of that. It's docudrama as news," said Bagdikian, former dean of the graduate journalism school at the University of California, Berkeley.

Wald defended reenactments, saying they should be seen as extensions of courtroom sketches.

The ABC simulation lasted about 10 seconds and included two grainy, still shots of one man handing a briefcase to another.

ABC correspondent John McWethy's narration at the time said, "It was not until earlier this year that Bloch was videotaped handing over a briefcase to a known Soviet agent on the streets of a European capital."

The sequence failed to include a "simulation" advisory, as is customary.

ABC newsroom guidelines say it should be made explicitly clear when the audience is watching a news simulation, according to spokeswoman Elise Adde.

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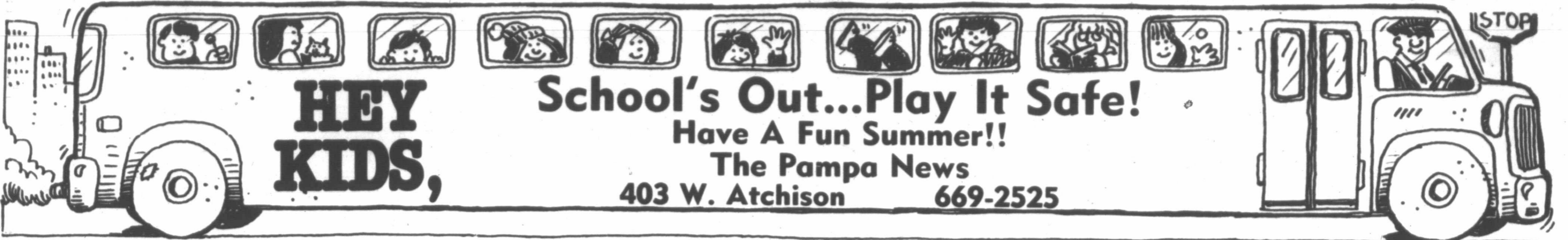
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Game department gambles on future of black-footed ferrets

By **KURT J. REPANSHEK**
Associated Press Writer

SYBILLE CANYON, Wyo. (AP)— Tucked beneath the ridge of rattlesnake-infested Sybille Canyon, a barbed-wire fence and burglar alarms guard a growing colony of black-footed ferrets, once viewed as the rarest mammal on Earth.

Low-light TV cameras feed the ferrets' nocturnal frolicking and mating to 14 monitors and video recorders. Nearby, an enclosed prairie dog town is ready for the day humans teach the ferrets how to kill their natural prey.

If all goes well, the weasel-like animals will be returned to the wild in 1991, starting with recolonization of the prairie dog community near Meeteetse where ferrets were found in 1981 after having been thought extinct.

Success would be the payoff to a gamble begun by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in 1985 despite the failure of other breeding programs. Thirty-four births last year let state veterinarians Tom Thorne and Don Kwiatkowski set up colonies in Virginia and Wyoming; more than 60 kits have been born this year.

"We're still pretty precarious, tenuous, whatever you want to say," said Thorne. The other colonies are "life insurance, if you want to call it." The ferrets didn't always need such insurance. They once roamed the West from southern Canada to Mexico, inhabiting colonies of tunneling prairie dogs. As ranchers poisoned the prairies to kill predators, prairie dog populations fluctuated and the ferrets became more susceptible to disease.

In 1982, just 61 ferrets were thought to be in the Meeteetse colony in north-central Wyoming. The population hit 129 by 1984, but tailed off to less than two dozen in 1985 when the decision to breed the animals was made.

The breeding program started dimly. Six ferrets brought in from Meeteetse the first year died of canine distemper, prompting a 1986 decision to capture the colony's remaining 18 ferrets. Those included Scarface and Becky, a father and daughter, who in June 1987 gave their species a fighting chance with a litter of six kits here. Their offspring and those of other "founders" are dominant as Thorne and Kwiatkowski try to diversify the gene pool.

"We should end up with an animal for release

that's much more diverse than was ever in the population," at Meeteetse, Kwiatkowski said.

The work is conducted in relative seclusion at the complex here. The innocuous green building sits behind barbed wire and has a sophisticated alarm system prompted by a \$10,000 reward offered by the New York Zoological Society for information leading to the discovery of a wild ferret colony. "That's enough stimulus for some folks to try something," said Kwiatkowski.

Access is limited to assigned personnel and visitors approved by Thorne. Only the veterinarians and assistants are allowed into the ferrets' area, and only after a disinfectant shower. Fear of disaster has produced an evacuation system enabling one biologist to remove all ferrets within 10 minutes.

Nearby, an enclosed prairie dog community built by humans stands ready for use in teaching the captive ferrets how to kill their natural prey.

While Thorne and Kwiatkowski work on recovering the species, the department's non-game coordinator, Bob Oakleaf, concentrates on finding areas to reintroduce ferrets and following up leads to any wild colonies.

This fall, officials will review other sites in Wyoming and other states where the ferrets once roamed. What is required are tracts of at least 6,000 acres, a requirement that could make finding new homes difficult because of the pressures already existing on public lands, Oakleaf acknowledged.

Those returned to the wilds will be somewhat protected from canine distemper, the deadly disease common in domestic and wild animals. University of Wyoming veterinary researchers have developed a vaccine specially suited to ferrets that is good for three or four months and not only kills the virus but stimulates the ferrets' immune systems. Work is under way on a vaccine that would protect them for a year or more. After that, they're on their own.

As for the possibility of other wild colonies, Oakleaf is not optimistic.

"There's always the potential that there's a population somewhere that we missed," he said. "But if you look at what history tells us ... it's pretty evident that ferrets have been declining for a long time."

Rafsanjani disdains any campaigning

By **ED BLANCHE**
Associated Press Writer

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)— Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's wily Parliament speaker, is so confident he will be elected the Islamic Republic's fourth president that he isn't even campaigning.

"People don't expect me to put up posters and photos," the 55-year-old cleric was quoted as telling the Tehran daily newspaper *Jomhuri Islami*.

Polls published by some newspapers indicate that when Iranians cast ballots on Friday, Rafsanjani will win 86 percent of the vote.

They give his only challenger, Abbas Sheibani, a colorless former agriculture minister, a paltry 11 percent. Three percent of Iranians questioned said they would not vote.

The media, much of it controlled by the speaker's brother Mohammad and Rafsanjani's allies, are already speculating about who will be in Rafsanjani's Cabinet. Little is reported about Sheibani's campaign.

Although he is not stumping, Rafsanjani has kept a high profile through newspaper interviews. He has stressed that his priority is rebuilding Iran's sagging economy, slashing inflation, boosting production and creating jobs.

The presidential vote, originally scheduled for Aug. 18, was moved up three weeks to accelerate the transition of power following the June 3 death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran's revolutionary patriarch.

That transition has been smooth so far, despite bitter rivalries within the Tehran hierarchy between Rafsanjani's so-called pragmatists and radicals led by Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi.

Rafsanjani is certain to inherit a more powerful presidency than his predecessor and ally, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was chosen Iran's supreme religious leader following Khomeini's death.

A national referendum that will be held alongside the presidential vote is expected to win approval for proposed constitutional amendments that will increase the president's powers, making him head of government and scrapping the post of prime minister.

The reforms will streamline Iran's government by eliminating competing power centers that have virtually paralyzed decision-making and delayed the formulation of a sound economic strategy following the cease-fire last August in the 8-year war with Iraq.

Analysts say that election of the popular Rafsanjani would usher in a new, more liberal era in Iran, which was dominated for the last 10 turbulent years by Khomeini and his fundamentalist Islamic ideology.

It would probably bring new moves to build bridges with the West.

Rafsanjani and Khamenei have clearly outmaneuvered the radicals, including Khomeini's son, Ahmad, 43, who was known to have had presidential aspirations.

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