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City withholds action on regional 911 service

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

A request by Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy led the Pampa City Commission to withhold action Tuesday night on becoming part of a new regional 911 emergency phone system.

City commissioners said Kennedy is concerned the comprehensive Panhandle-wide 911 service would make the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, the plan's sponsor, over \$100,000 in profit.

A vote was scheduled for the commission's Tuesday night meeting at City Hall. If accepted, the proposal would have added a 50 cent charge to every city phone bill to pay for the service.

Kennedy asked city commissioners to not vote on the issue until a meeting between the city and county could be conducted, city officials said.

During a work session on the issue, Commissioner Gary Sutherland asked Gary Pitner, PRPC executive director, about the \$100,000 profit issue.

Pitner responded by saying it would be both illegal and unthinkable that a governmental entity would operate on a profit basis.

"The 911 systems are developed on a pay-as-you-go basis," Pitner said of a requirement that the 50 cent charge be added next year when service

might not begin until 1992. "Those funds have to collect to the point that there's adequate revenue to go out and pay the telephone companies to make the modifications necessary; the dollars have to be there to go to the vendors and purchase the on-site equipment that will be at each answering point.

"Those funds have to build for a period of time."

Pitner said the system is important because it provides police and emergency personnel immediate information of where each call is coming from, making it possible to dispatch help to someone who cannot, for whatever reason, give his location.

Pampa's current 911 system provides no such information.

Data provided by the PRPC indicates Gray is the only county in the Panhandle to not accept the regional 911 service. Twenty-three counties and 46 cities in the Panhandle have accepted the 911 plan, with Pampa one of only eight cities to not pass the proposal.

Mayor Richard Peet said, "That (\$100,000 profit) is an issue that's been raised by the Commissioners Court and we'll have to address it when we get together. We will get with Mr. Pitner, have him come and address both bodies and have those questions answered."

Peet said he did not see a prob-



Kennedy

Peet

lem with the PRPC possibly profiting from 911, but agreed any concerns over such a possibility should be addressed.

"When you look at a 50 cent cost and a three-year layout for completion of the project, why do we need to continue the 50 cents beyond that? And I think that's the concern," Peet said.

Kennedy said today he is more interested with procuring basic 911 service for all of Gray County than in a comprehensive regional system that provides locations for all callers.

"We have had several conversations with representatives from PRPC and have visited with

Southwestern Bell about how we might go about getting 911 for Gray County," Kennedy said. "I simply asked the City Commission to schedule a session with us on the feasibility of a Gray County 911 system."

"Based on the figures (PRPC) has released, after the system is up and running, it shows the income from the 20 or 26 counties exceeds the recurring costs payable to the telephone companies by \$150,000," Kennedy said. "My concern is all of Gray County have basic 911. Specifically what the system could do we would have to see when we get into it."

"There is no mandate from the state that counties our size have 911. The only way anyone is able to have it is for the telephone companies to provide the equipment to add it to their existing system."

He said if the county went straight to the phone company, there would be no fee taken off the top for PRPC's administrative role in establishing 911.

In other action, the commission accepted a PRPC proposal that the city apply for funds from the Texas Department of Commerce for a street paving and drainage project on the south side.

PRPC representative Judy Monday said Pampa has not been awarded TDC funds before due to several factors and suggested ways the city can enhance its chances of having a bid accepted.

Among those suggestions was a recommendation the city apply for the same project until it is accepted, which it has not done in the past.

Commissioners also took the first step in securing a new franchise agreement with Southwestern Bell that will increase the amount of revenue the city collects from the phone company by around \$30,000 a year.

The new franchise agreement can legally be accepted after it is published for three weeks, which commissioners voted to do Tuesday.

Commissioner Ray Hupp and Interim City Manager Frank Smith were appointed by the commission to serve on a committee to find a replacement for Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce former executive vice president Bruce Barton. They also approved the staggering of terms of members of the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

While reviewing the list of July disbursements, Commissioner Jerry Wilson asked city staff to check their policy for securing an engineer for city projects.

Wilson questioned a payout of over \$12,000 to Kelley Engineering for work on the recent seal-coating project.

Nathan Hopson, director of public works, said the fee was in line with industry and municipal standards, but that he would review the process by which an engineer is secured.

Citing the possibility of getting a better rate, Wilson said he did not suspect anything was wrong with the transaction other than that it seemed too high.

Two city employees, Cary Lowe and Vickie Long, both with the Water Department, were cited by commissioners for going beyond the call of duty in recently assisting a stranded motorist.

Lowe and Long received plaques denoting their courteous behavior.

Malcolm Forbes won't say if he'll seek a tax writeoff for big party

By PETER COY
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Malcolm Forbes is being vague about whether he plans to seek a tax write-off for his Moroccan "party of the century," but opponents are indignant at the idea of a tax break.

"If this party were to be tax-deductible it would be a perfect example of how the tax system is unfair to the average citizen and benefits the rich," said Michael Waldman, director of Public Citizen's Congress Watch, a Ralph Nader organization.

The magazine publisher's 70th birthday party in Tangier on the north coast of Africa last weekend featured 600 belly dancers, 200 Berber horsemen, pigeon pie served under elaborate tents and a guest list that included Elizabeth Taylor, Henry Kissinger, Walter Cronkite, Lee Iacocca, Rupert Murdoch, Barbara Walters, Beverly Sills and Donald Trump.

Guests were flown across the Atlantic on three jets, including a chartered supersonic Concorde. The party's expense has been estimated at \$2 million to \$3 million.

Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark, D-Calif., released a letter he sent to Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Fred T. Goldberg on Tuesday saying he hopes the party is not deductible.

"The public's support of the tax system is destroyed by reports of tax-deductible birthday bashes by belly-dancing billionaires," he wrote.

Forbes magazine officials did not return repeated phone calls Tuesday seeking comment. The Washington Post on Monday quoted Forbes as saying that "some of it is a business expense."

"When you invite 300 CEOs that you do business with, you want to make a good impression," Malcolm Forbes Jr., the publisher's eldest son and the magazine's president, said.

He said any deduction would be worked out by company accountants.

The IRS declined to comment on the party but a spokesman pointed to pertinent sections of the tax code.

Section 262 says that aside from a small exception involving telephones, "no deduction shall be allowed for personal, living or family expenses."

The IRS generally considers birthday parties to be personal expenses, said Sid Weinman, an attorney and senior editor of *Federal Tax Coordinator*, published in New York by Research Institute of America.

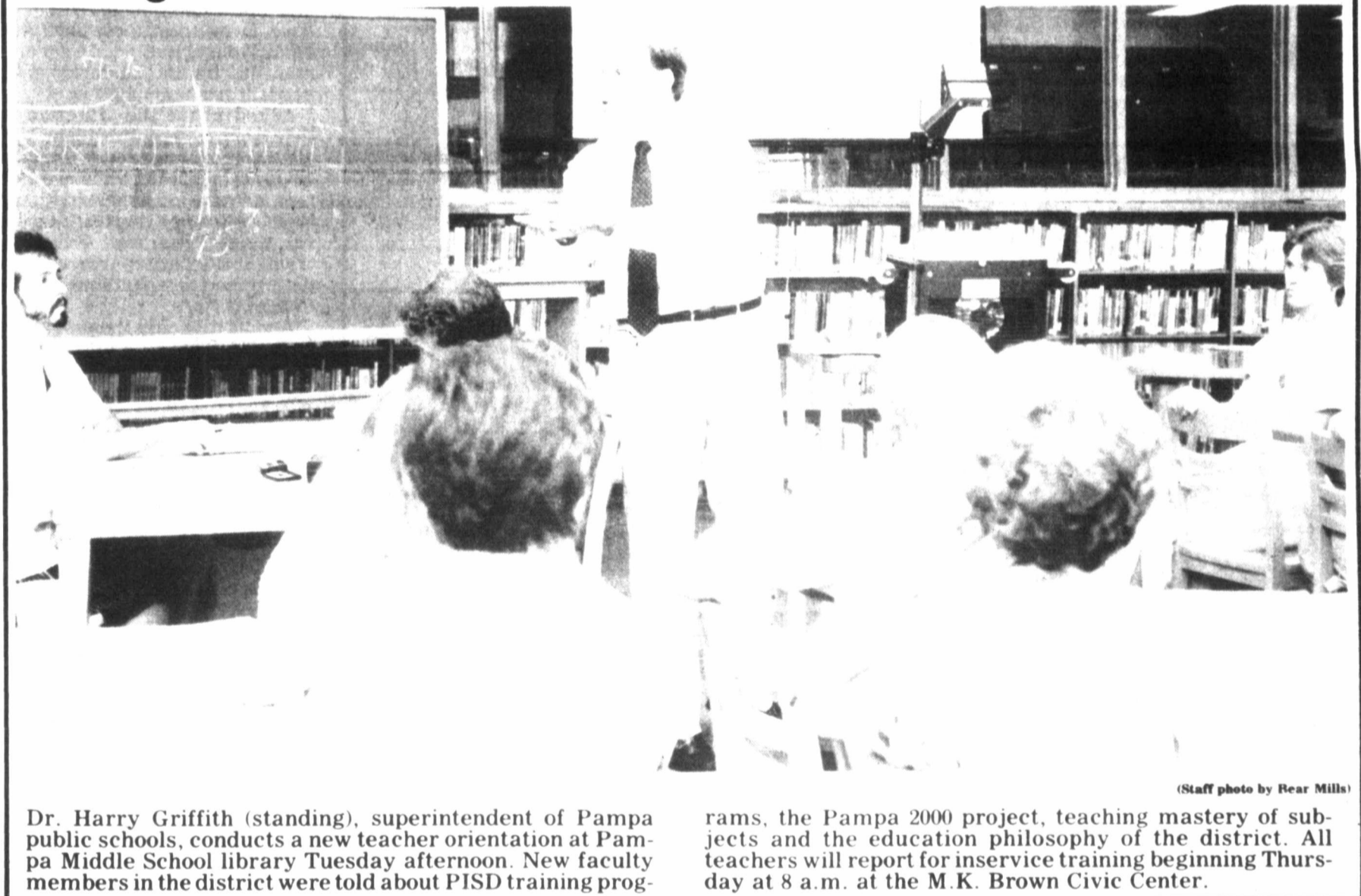
Section 274 says no deduction is allowed "with respect to an activity which is of a type generally considered to constitute entertainment, amusement, or recreation, unless the taxpayer establishes that the item was directly related to or ... associated with the active conduct of the taxpayer's trade or business."

The Forbes bash might be viewed as a more lavish version of the parties for advertisers that most magazines give — and write off — because the companies run by many of Forbes' guests also place ads in his magazine.

Still, Weinman said, "My guess is they'd have a hard time establishing that the shebang over there was directly associated with the magazine's business."

Even if Forbes managed to clear that hurdle, he still would face another hurdle in Section 274 that disallows spending in "amounts which are lavish or extravagant under the circumstances."

Getting oriented



Dr. Harry Griffith (standing), superintendent of Pampa public schools, conducts a new teacher orientation at Pampa Middle School library Tuesday afternoon. New faculty members in the district were told about PISD training programs, the Pampa 2000 project, teaching mastery of subjects and the education philosophy of the district. All teachers will report for inservice training beginning Thursday at 8 a.m. at the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

Staff photo by Bear Mills

Hijacker of Air France flight arrested

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — An unarmed Algerian emigre took control of an Air France airliner flying from Paris to Algiers with 115 people aboard today, but he was arrested when the plane landed at Algiers airport, officials said.

News reports in Paris said the man was being expelled from France to his homeland when he hijacked the Airbus A300.

An Air France spokeswoman, speaking on condition of anonym-

ity, said the hijacking ended at 3:25 p.m. (9:25 a.m. CDT), barely an hour after the plane landed at Houari Boumediene airport east of the Algerian capital. She said the 102 passengers and 13 members of the crew were all safe.

Officials at the airport control tower, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the hijacker had demanded the convening of an international conference on the war in Lebanon.

Algerian police identified the hijacker as Said Djamel, alias Bendada, a 30-year-old merchant in Paris.

The French news agency Agence France-Presse, citing unidentified sources in Paris, said the man was being expelled for "violating public order" and that he "displayed great agitation" before being put on the flight to Algiers.

The official Algerian news agency, APS, quoted an unidenti-

fied source as saying the hijacker or hijackers had demanded that an international conference on the war in Lebanon be convened.

The Air France spokeswoman said she could not confirm the reported demand, specify the number of hijackers or give details of how the hijacking was ended.

Initial reports from French air traffic control sources had said the flight of the Airbus A300 from Paris to Algiers had been diverted toward Tunisia.

Voyager 2 a day away from close encounter with Neptune

By LEE SIEGEL
AP Science Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Voyager 2, only a day away from its close encounter with Neptune, searched today for more moons and rings after the surprising discovery of a first complete ring around the storm-wracked planet.

"Suspects have been seen here and there," said Bradford Smith, a University of Arizona planetary scientist who heads Voyager's photographic imaging team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "I would expect several more satellites."

So far, Voyager has found four small moons besides Nereid and backward-orbiting Triton, which were first seen years ago from Earth.

After Voyager makes its closest approach by flying 3,000 miles above Neptune's cloudtops at 10:55 p.m. CDT Thursday, the probe may find a sheet of ring material encircling the planet — simi-

lar to the broad band of dust it discovered around Uranus in 1986, laboratory astronomer Rich Ter-
rile said.

Smith announced Tuesday the spacecraft found at least one complete ring of diffuse debris orbiting Neptune, with part of it thicker than other parts. He said a partial ring discovered by the spacecraft almost two weeks ago also may prove to be a second complete ring.

Tuesday's find, the latest in a string of discoveries by the probe during passes by Jupiter in 1979, Saturn in 1981 and Uranus, elated scientists.

"I like the idea Voyager is going out with a bang. It's going to blow our minds," said Carolyn Porco, a planetary scientist with the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Pictures taken by Voyager on Aug. 11 revealed two partial rings — or ring arcs — extending around Neptune. One of them couldn't be found in later images and was dubbed the "lost arc," until

Voyager relocated it Tuesday and found it goes all the way around the planet.

Finding a complete ring was surprising. Voyager project scientist Edward Stone said two months ago the planet might be orbited by 50 to 100 ring arcs, but he backed away from that Tuesday.

About 11 o'clock CDT tonight, Voyager will cross within 1 million miles of Neptune, speeding toward the giant gaseous planet at 38,047 mph. It will be about 2.75 billion miles from Earth, having traveled a curving path of 4.4 billion miles since it was launched in 1977.

At 4:10 a.m. Friday, Voyager will zip within 24,000 miles of the moon Triton.

Vice President Dan Quayle is scheduled to visit the Jet Propulsion Laboratory several hours later to congratulate Voyager scientists and engineers.

Voyager was programmed to search today for more rings and arcs — including any that might be

in or near Triton's orbit — and to look for "shepherd moons." Rings get their shape from the pull of gravity between a planet and its moons, so moons that corral rings are called shepherd moons.

Today's picture-snapping schedule also included 30 images of Triton, four photos of one of the moons Voyager discovered, and 22 pictures of Neptune and its surprisingly turbulent weather, with racing clouds and an Earth-sized cyclone.

Because of its bluish color and bright clouds, "Neptune looks Earthlike," Porco said. "With clouds floating in the atmosphere, it looks homey."

The space probe also was to measure temperatures at various altitudes in Neptune's atmosphere.

Some scientists have said arcs and rings could be the remnants of moons torn apart by gravitational forces, but Porco said it was more likely some of them form when moons collide.

Loaned executives to assist in United Way fund raising drive

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
News Editor

Without volunteers, the United Way and the 15 member agencies it funds would be worthless.

Volunteers are vital to the success of the United Way. They develop plans, coordinate collection of contributions and work hard to make the day-to-day projects of this massive fundraising effort successful.

Volunteers come from not only the private sector, but also from area businesses and corporations who support the United Way not only monetarily, but also by providing "loaned executives" to help with the logistics of the annual United Way campaign.

These volunteers give a part of their work time during the drive to help serve the United Way.

This year Pampa's United Way is seeking \$310,000 in contributions from the community to fund the needs of 15 local service agencies.

Six loaned executives will be sharing their time and talents to help the 1989 campaign meet that goal.

They are Dave Phillips of Hoechst Celanese; Ray Cardenas of Southwestern Public Service Co.; Joe Martinez of First National Bank; Pat Aderholt of IRI International; Al Chapa of Coronado Hospital; and Daisy Bennett of Olney Savings & Loan Association.

Phillips is no newcomer to the United Way. Previously he served as chairman of the small business division for the United Way of Greenville County, Greenville, S.C. He has recently moved to Pampa to take over the position of human resources manager of Hoechst Celanese Chemical Plant here.

"I believe this is an extremely



Pat Aderholt

important community effort which gives the citizens of Pampa an opportunity to help their own," Phillips says of his United Way involvement.

A believer in the community, Phillips has served as vice president of economic development committee for the Simpsonville, S.C., Chamber of Commerce. He has been a member of the advisory committee of Hillcrest Hospital, director of community service for Simpsonville, S.C., Rotary and a member of the Simpsonville, S.C., Methodist Church.

He and his wife Sandra have two children, John and Chrissy.

Ray Cardenas is representing Southwestern Public Service Company as its loaned executive. Cardenas is employed as a marketing representative for SPS. This is his first experience working with the Pampa United Way, but he has been active in a number of other civic programs.

Cardenas is a past board member of the North Amarillo Kiwanis and a member of the Pampa



Daisy Bennett

Kiwanis Club. He also is assistant coach for the Pampa Senior Girls softball team.

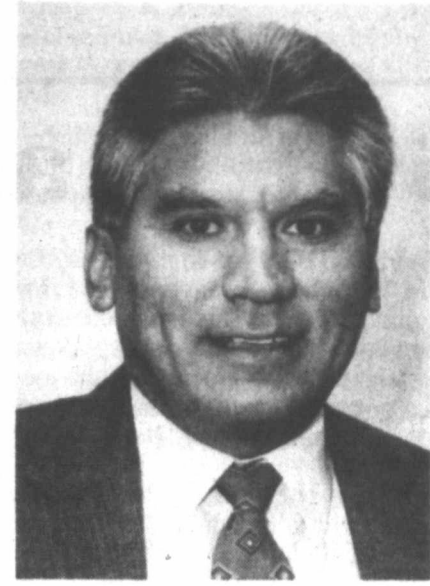
He and his wife Erma have a son, Johnny, who is attending Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan., and a daughter, Jennifer, who is a student at Pampa Middle School.

As a loaned executive for First National Bank, Martinez sees his position as an opportunity to educate the community's citizenry in the workplace of their obligation to financially support the United Way.

To him, the United Way "is a meaningful expression of a community's concern for the less fortunate citizens."

An assistant cashier at First National, Martinez holds a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Texas-El Paso. He is a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Church school board and vice president of St. Vincent de Paul School.

He and his wife Lori have two



Ray Cardenas

children, Aimee, 11, and Amanda, 7.

Aderholt's first experience with the local United Way program was in 1987 when he served as the plant group coordinator. As a loaned executive, he plans to make presentations to the community about the benefits of the United Way and help in soliciting funds for the 1989 campaign.

"There are many people in Pampa that need some type of assistance," Aderholt said. "The United Way is a good method of putting together the agencies that provide this assistance with those individuals and companies that desire to help."

Aderholt is employed as production control manager of IRI International. He holds a bachelor of business administration degree from West Texas State University in Canyon. He is a member of First Baptist Church, where he teaches an adult Sunday School class.

He is married to Nita Aderholt and they have three children,



Al Chapa

Mark, Jill and Becky.

Chapa, loaned executive for Coronado Hospital, moves his United Way experience from San Antonio, where he was chairman of the United Way corporate steering committee while working for Santa Rosa Health Care Corporation.

"My experience with the United Way has been very positive and supportive," Chapa said. "The United Way is an excellent means of raising and allocating funds to help the health and human care needs of our local community. Caring for the people who need the most is what the United Way does best."

Chapa is an active member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and has recently joined the Pampa Sunrise Rotary Club.

Bennett has three years experience with the United Way here. In 1986 and 1986 she served as a commercial division worker, advancing to commercial division team



Joe Martinez

captain in 1988.

She sees her position as loaned executive for Olney Savings & Loan Association as an opportunity to make the 1989 United Way campaign a successful one.

"Success can only be achieved through the support of everyone in our community," she said.

"The Pampa United Way makes it possible to have available to the people of Pampa the services of several of our community organizations," she added.

Bennett is employed as executive secretary at Olney. She is a graduate of Arnett, Okla., High School and attended Southwestern State University at Weatherford, Okla.

She and her husband Bill are the parents of a daughter, Stacy, and a son, Monte. Her outside activities, in addition to the United Way, include attending First Baptist Church and serving on the board of the Altrusa Club of Pampa Inc. She is a past president of Altrusa.

Regulators: \$50 billion won't be enough to bail out S&Ls

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The \$50 billion savings and loan bailout signed by President Bush this month probably isn't large enough, federal regulators are indicating after a look at new figures on the industry's health.

The nation's 2,934 S&Ls lost \$3.7 billion in the April-June quarter, up from \$3.5 billion in the first three months of the year, the Office of Thrift Supervision said Tuesday. It was the biggest loss since the record \$4.1 billion loss in the second quarter of 1988.

The latest discouraging report came just two weeks after President Bush signed legislation authorizing \$50 billion to close or fail failed institutions over the next 26 months.

During the six months leading up to the bill's approval, administration officials repeatedly said they believed \$50 billion would be adequate, although they couldn't guarantee it.

Now, regulators' statements indicate that private analysts probably are right in predicting the administration will have to come back to Congress for more money.

David C. Cooke, executive director of the Resolution Trust Corp., the new agency charged with the cleanup, said Tuesday the \$50 billion won't cover much more than 500 failed S&Ls. The agency now has 264 insolvent S&Ls in its control after closing seven this month.

"If it gets up to 500, it will probably be awfully tight. I can tell you that," Cooke told reporters at a luncheon. "Our best hope is ... (it will be) a little more than 400."

Meanwhile, James R. Barth, chief economist of the Office of Thrift Supervision, which regulates the industry, said at a news conference that he expects "upwards of 600" failed S&Ls will eventually be transferred from his jurisdiction to Cooke's agency.

Barth said 401 institutions

already were insolvent at the end of June, up from 394 three months earlier.

He estimated another 1,200 S&Ls don't meet stricter standards in the bill requiring institutions to have more capital as a buffer between losses and the S&L insurance fund. Many of those will survive by shrinking, retaining profits or attracting outside investors, but others won't.

"Are there circumstances under which the \$50 billion is enough?" Barth asked in a telephone interview. "It's possible under very favorable circumstances. But, any sort of adverse circumstances make it increasingly likely that additional funds will have to be found to deal with insolvent institutions."

For the first half of this year, losses were mounting at a rate that could make 1989 the worst year for the savings industry since the Depression, topping 1988's record of \$13.4 billion. Most of the loss this year is

attributed to recognition of problems with loans that started going sour long ago. But private analysts point out that for the first time since last year's January-March quarter, the thrift industry is failing to make a profit on current operations.

The second quarter operating loss was \$400 million, down from a \$400 million profit in the first quarter, a swing attributed to rising interest rates earlier this year.

Rising interest rates help push S&Ls into the red because they have to pay more to attract deposits even though earnings on mortgages already in their portfolio remain flat.

"The operating loss figures show the extent to which this industry is still very vulnerable to interest rate fluctuations," said Bert Ely, a financial institutions analyst in Alexandria, Va.

The Resolution Trust Corp. is trying to bring down the cost of deposits by injecting \$15 billion to \$16 billion in government funds

into ailing thrifts before Sept. 30, Cooke said. The agency estimates that will cut losses by about \$500 million a year.

In the second quarter, as in the past, losses were concentrated in Texas, but for the first time California and Arizona rivaled the oil-producing states, which have been plagued for several years by bank and S&L failures.

Texas losses totaled \$1.3 billion, a little more than a third of the \$3.5 billion in red ink recorded

in the state during the same period a year ago.

California thrifts lost \$950 million, the second-worst total in the nation, and a sharp turnaround from profits of \$127 million a year ago. S&Ls from Arizona, which is suffering a real estate downturn, lost \$515 million, a marked deterioration from the \$58 million loss a year ago.

Lincoln Savings and Loan Association in Los Angeles posted a \$788 million loss.

Federal judge sends Penry case to trial court

TYLER (AP)—A mentally retarded man once convicted of capital murder must either be retried or have his death sentence commuted to life, a federal judge ruled.

The order, issued Tuesday by U.S. District Judge William M. Steger, was sent back to the original trial court and to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin.

It gives the state 90 days to decide whether to retry Johnny Paul Penry in the killing of a Livingston woman, said court clerk Rita Robins. Penry's death sentence was vacated earlier this year by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, complying with a U.S. Supreme Court decision, last week kicked the case to Steger's court with instructions to resent-

ence Penry.

But Texas law does not allow resentencing in capital murder cases, said Curtis Mason, Penry's attorney.

Mason said he filed a petition with the trial court in Trinity County asking that the court appoint an attorney for Penry, should he be retried.

The attorney also filed a petition with the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles asking that Penry's sentence be commuted to life. The board will make its recommendation to Gov. Bill Clements, who has the authority to commute Penry's sentence, Mason said.

The board did not act on Penry's case Tuesday because two members were absent, said Karin Armstrong, board spokeswoman in Austin. Board mem-

bers will consider the case next Tuesday.

Penry is 33 but has the mentality of a 7-year-old. He was convicted and sentenced to death for the slaying of Pamela Moseley Carpenter, the sister of former Washington Redskins kicker Mark Moseley.

But the Supreme Court in June voted 5-4 to vacate Penry's death sentence for the October 1979 rape-slaying because the trial judge refused a defense attorney's request for further instructions to Penry's jury concerning his mental illness.

In issuing the decision, the court also voted 5-4 to uphold the constitutionality of executions for mentally retarded convicted murderers. The court rejected arguments that capital punishment should be prohibited for re-

tarded people convicted of murder.

Trial testimony showed that Penry was released from prison after a rape conviction only three months prior to Mrs. Carpenter's death. Testimony alleged Penry forced his way into the Carpenter home and held an open pocket knife to Mrs. Carpenter's throat.

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Things won't be the same again

You've probably heard the story of creation before, but this is the latest variation on that theme.

In the beginning there was Bear. Bear was single and relatively content to live that way. Then Bear met a cute little brunette named Caryl in a West Texas town called the Garden of Childress.

Immediately he started to get these silly thoughts in his head like, "It is not good for man to be alone. He should take himself a wife."

So several months and many thousands of dollars later Bear and Caryl were married and moved to the north end of the Garden; a suburb known as Pampa.

After two blissful years of marriage, however, this quaint picture of paradise got rather clouded. Bear woke up one morning with stupid thoughts in his head of having someone to carry on the family name. And Caryl, who had always been pretty normal up to that point, began to drift toward the infant's department every time they entered a department store.

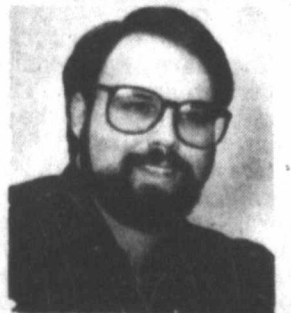
So what happens? That's right. Bear and Caryl got the happy news this week that the die has been cast, the fates have been set, the bullets were not blanks.

I'm going to be a daddy. Actually, I was suspicious of what was going on even before we learned another rabbit had gone to that carrot patch in the sky.

All the symptoms were there: weight gain, a

Off Beat

By Bear Mills



bloated feeling, dizziness, mood swings, trouble keeping food down. And Caryl didn't feel very good either.

The clincher, though, was when we went to my in-laws in Oklahoma last weekend. Caryl is well known for having a steel bladder. So when she insisted we stop in McLean and Shamrock and Erick to take potty breaks on a two-hour car ride to Hollis, I knew the jig was up.

Now there are all kinds of things to think about. Finding a good college, what kind of car will it drive, when will I allow it to start dating?

Caryl said she's more worried about me not fainting in the delivery room. The rest, she says, we will deal with in due time.

So the adventure begins. I've got a funny feeling this will never quite be the same again.

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Opinion

Bush should break down trade barriers

President Bush is finally putting his mark on American trade policy. This month he announced that the 1984 quotas on steel imports would be phased out over the next 2 1/2 years.

Killing the quotas immediately would have been better, but the phase-out is the next best thing. The quotas were imposed in 1984 by then-President Reagan. Though he proclaimed himself a free-market advocate, Reagan was, in fact, the most protectionist president since World War II.

The phase-out is supposed to give Carla Hills, the U.S. trade representative, time to negotiate reductions in the subsidies other countries give their steel industries. Bush said he seeks an "international consensus..." For decades, governments have supported their steel producers through subsidies and import restrictions. Steel trade and the international trading system as a whole have suffered." He concluded, "This self-defeating rivalry must end."

It's encouraging that Bush seems to understand the principles of free trade. Even more surprisingly, Bush, unlike his predecessor, backs his words with action. Let's hope he continues to make progress reducing trade barriers. The next targets should be the similar quotas limiting automobile and computer microchip imports.

The steel quotas illustrate how protectionism distorts the laws of supply and demand, and boomerangs against American businesses and consumers. The 1984 quotas limited steel imports to 18.4 percent of all steel used in the country and have proved a bonanza for U.S. steel companies. The companies posted profits of \$1 billion in 1987 and \$2.6 billion in 1988.

But the quotas also constricted the amount of steel available to businesses that use it. "There's a shortage of raw materials that's forcing steel users to pay higher prices for carbon and stainless steels and to maintain larger inventories because of shortages," says Pat Thompson, president of Transmatic Manufacturing Co. of Holland, Mich., and chairman of the Precision Metalforming Association, a group of steel-using manufacturers.

The quotas have boosted steel prices overall by 15 percent since 1986; prices for some specialty steels have risen by 60 percent. This means higher production costs for steel users, resulting in lower production and fewer jobs for American workers. Thompson says, "Without a secure supply, you lose opportunities for new business."

As Bush seems to realize, such high-priced hurdles to low-cost production could prove deadly over the next decade. Bush recently traveled to Europe for a meeting with the leaders of the world's other leading industrial nations. They discussed the new European open market that will be completed in 1992. If American production costs remain low, we will effectively compete with companies from all over the globe. But if those costs are kept high through quotas and other protectionist measures, our goods will be too expensive to compete. We will lose exports and jobs.

Bush should be encouraged to keep on dismantling trade barriers. Doing so could be one of his greatest legacies as president.

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But that's the whole idea

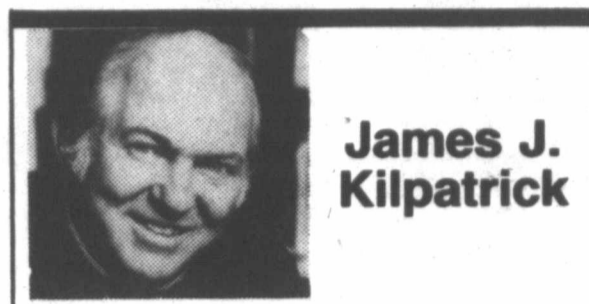
WASHINGTON — Some years ago, game wardens in Virginia were having a bad time with the spotlighting of deer. This is the contemptible practice by which hunters drive slowly down a country road at night. Seeing a deer near the roadside, they shine a powerful spotlight into the animal's eyes. The deer is immobilized. Bang! Bang! And the slob move on.

To get to the point: The state legislature responded with a draconian law. Any person convicted of spotlighting a deer would face not only a stunning fine but much more: His automobile and all the guns of all the passengers would be confiscated. The law worked marvelously. After a few such confiscations, the word spread. Almost nobody spotlighted deer in Virginia anymore.

Big Bill Bennett, director of the Office of Drug Control Policy, is thinking along those same lines. On Sept. 5 he will release his formal report and recommendations on what to do about the appalling problem of drug use in America. This much is certain: He will dwell at length on steps that might be taken against users.

This is not to suggest that Bennett will ignore the supply side, but the director sees little future in bombing the coca fields of Columbia with herbicides. He acknowledges the futility of erecting thousands of miles of electrified fences along our borders. Efforts at interdiction will not be diminished; they will be intensified, and Bennett will ask for more prisons, more prosecutors, more drug enforcement agents. He does not intend to call off the dogs.

Neither is Bennett low-rating the necessity for education, treatment and "habilitation" (as distin-



James J. Kilpatrick

guished from rehabilitation) of addicts. On the contrary, in recent speeches he has harped earnestly among the moral obligation of parents, churches and schools to redouble their efforts at educating young people in the consequences of drug abuse.

But the drug czar (a title he deplores but can't escape) has other ideas as well. In a recent speech here in Washington, he bore down on the theme that persons who are guilty of drug offenses must come to recognize the inevitability of punishment — severe punishment. He continued:

"This holds true, perhaps even more true, for the non-addicted, user, the so-called 'casual user.' Casual use is not just matter of personal preference. It has costs — wide, horrible social costs. The suburban man who drives his BMW downtown to buy cocaine is killing himself — of course. But he's killing the city at the same time. And his 'casual' use is best deterred by empty threats of long, hard punishment, but by certain punishment.

"Compel him, as authorities are doing in Phoenix, to pay a steep fine and spend a weekend in jail. Seize his BMW right after he's bought some dope, and when he's convicted, take the car away

for good. That's what they do in Philadelphia."

In the same vein, Bennett urges programs (he cites the example of Toledo, Ohio) by which the parents of drug-buying juveniles are haled into court along with their charges. "Minors who are non-addicted users must be taught early on that they cannot behave with impunity, and parents who have effectively turned them loose must learn through civil penalties why the social contract demands that they oversee and control the impulses of their children."

Still more: "Schools must have explicit policies discouraging drug use and drug dealing. Penalties must be imposed, and they must be appropriate, ranging from detention to suspension to outright expulsion. No one likes to expel a child from school, but the needs of a young dealer are as nothing compared to the needs of the school population on which he preys. Retaining a young dealer in school may suggest to law-abiding students that his crime is in some sense excusable, and that is a failure of basic moral education."

Most of these proposals are beyond the direct reach of federal legislation. They would require action by state legislatures and local governments, but as Bennett observes, Congress holds the persuasive power of the purse. In times past Congress has threatened the states with loss of federal aid if they did not come around to federal policies.

Such a big stick might offend the doctrine of federalism, but Bennett is deaf to that argument. If demand goes down, supply goes down. If users are punished as certainly as suppliers, perhaps by suspension of drivers' licenses, we will see fewer users. That's the whole idea.

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All the world isn't neighborly

Our country spends \$290 billion on what's called "defense" yet appears impotent when it comes to rescuing a handful of Americans from captivity in Lebanon.

The resultant frustration, public and private, is understandable.

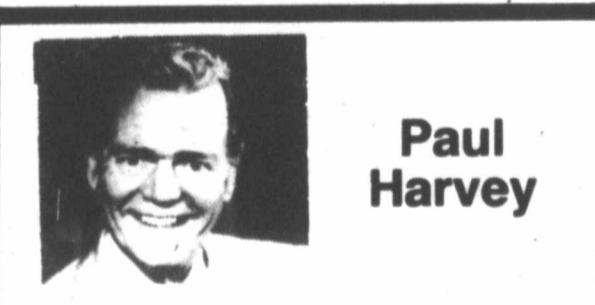
But when it comes to a response, few Americans are willing to engage in another no-win bayonet war and almost nobody wants to invoke the Big Bomb.

Our president is in the same box. The Israelis, much more experienced than we in dealing with Moslem religious fanatics, recognize one irrefutable fact: "The day you make kidnapping pay you encourage more of it."

American compassion for the hostages and for their families tends to distort perspective.

Agonizingly painfully, Israel has learned that terrorists must pay a price for terrorism or there will be no end to it.

And while there has been no end to it, there has been less of it since the Israelis bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor in 1981.



Paul Harvey

When the Israelis raided South Lebanon in July and seized Sheik Obeid they were not kidnapping some innocent citizen. They were taking into custody a self-confessed leader of an outfit which for years has been killing and torturing hostages — including many from the West.

Israel hit the Shiite blackmailers where it hurt! Human lives are "cheap" in this Moslem netherworld. The "religious leaders" of Iran and Iraq sacrificed hundreds of thousands of their own people in their recent war, promising each that "to die in battle is to go straight to heaven."

And thus, "in the name of religion," Iraq ended up using poison gas on its own Kurdish villagers. Crazy people? Let's be careful with labels.

That it's easy for people to justify all manner of wrongdoing "in the name of religion" has been demonstrated rather recently in our own country.

The fine line between faith and fanaticism is a line you can "back across" even if your eyes are fixed on a noble objective.

Impatient Americans would like a quick and easy resolution to friction in the Middle East. The Middle East is too many places with too many diverse interests for any single solution to be applicable. That's why this area of the world has frustrated peacemakers for 2,000 years.

Nor has our intervention, and we've tried all kinds, been much help.

Americans are going to have to accept that not all the world's problems respond to our image of being a good neighbor. And individual Americans will again be safe anywhere in the world only when it is clear to the two-legged cockroaches of the world that kidnapping doesn't pay.

Democrats should go to Nicaragua

By BEN WATTENBERG

There may well be another mean-spirited political argument about Nicaragua. The Democrats may be seen — yet again — to be acting in an ugly way. Fortunately, there are individual Democrats who may still be able to salvage their party's reputation.

Some liberal Democrats still seek a search-and-destroy holy war against the contras. They have learned over the years that they can often mug their party on this litmus issue. And so, they will be promoting a November final cutoff of U.S. humanitarian contra aid.

Republicans say keep the contra force alive for an additional 10 weeks, until the February elections in Nicaragua. That, they say, may pressure the communist Sandinistas to help keep those elections fair.

The possibility of such spiteful Democratic action would, alas, be in keeping with the behavior of a majority of Democrats through the entire decade of tragedy in Nicaragua.

Looking back, there may be only one favorable thing to be said of most of the Democratic mainstream ma-

majority. They have only been anti-contras. They have never been pro-Sandinista or anti-democracy. This posture leaves Democrats with the possibility of some redemption.

There is going to be an international media stakeout about the nature of Nicaraguan elections. Journalists will ask: Will the election rules now be set up fairly? Will the communists allow the rules to be fairly executed?

But how big a media event will it be? If the goal is to extend democracy, then the bigger the better. The more media, the more pressure on Daniel Ortega to run a fair election. If the election is fair, the communists could lose.

And what is the best way to maximize media attention? Cameras spin when big-time personalities are available to be on-location and on-camera.

Accordingly, superstar and semi-superstar Democrats ought to start appearing, now, in Nicaragua. After all, in one way or another, either in November or February, the contras will likely be out of the picture. With that off their back, prominent liberty-loving Democrats should be on site

demanding real democracy.

They can also let Nicaraguan voters know that if the Nicaraguan democratic opposition wins, there will be U.S. aid to rebuild the Nicaraguan communist slum. Alternatively, if the communists win, the aid level will be zip.

Who should go? Speaker of the House Tom Foley. He has been anti-contras. He has also been a democratic freedom-fighter all his life.

Gov. Mario Cuomo. Would he ever draw cameras? He is eloquent about democracy. He should tell the Sandinistas the whole world is watching.

Former Speaker of the House Jim Wright. He is a Latin American expert. Now out of politics, he can go to Nicaragua and call 'em as he sees 'em.

Gov. Michael Dukakis. He said the contras were illegal. Let's hear what he thinks about the Sandinistas.

Walter Mondale. He is a hard-headed, common-sense political man, also freed from day-to-day political pressures.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. He supported the contras. He has become an international celebrity, and may run for president in 1992.

Jesse Jackson. He's an authority on election rules. Will he demand that the communists risk losing power in a fair election?

Sen. Bill Bradley. He has shown courage on the contra issue before. Sen. Al Gore. He was the standard bearer for Democratic moderates in 1988. Sens. Charles Robb and Sam Nunn — to remind the world that some Democrats have hung tough on this issue.

Reps. Steven Solarz, Les Aspin and Dave McCurdy. They have shown independence on foreign policy and will be heard when they speak.

What about Common Cause? They're champions of the democratic process in the United States. How about Nicaragua?

And Andrew Young, Arthur Schlesinger, Ted Sorenson, Cyrus Vance, Geraldine Ferraro, Henry Cisneros, Bob Strauss. To name a few.

Democrats: Now is the time to come to the aid of your party. And your country.

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Conservationists taking shrimpers' TED issue to court

By JENNIFER DIXON
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservationists who fear thousands of endangered sea turtles will drown in shrimpers' nets unless the Gulf Coast fishermen are required to use turtle excluder devices are taking their case to a federal appeals court.

A U.S. District Court judge on Tuesday denied the National Wildlife Federation's request that shrimpers be required to use the devices, known as TEDs.

Wildlife Federation attorney Robert Irvin said he would appeal the decision by U.S. District Court Judge Stanley Harris to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

"We are disappointed," Irvin said. "We're confident we're right on the facts and the law and that's why we're going to the Court of Appeals."

Five conservation groups, meanwhile, filed suit Monday against Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher,

alleging his actions on behalf of shrimpers have virtually assured the drowning of thousands of threatened and endangered sea turtles.

The lawsuit claims Mosbacher acted unlawfully when he suspended regulations that require shrimpers to use TEDs, which prevent sea turtles from becoming ensnared in their nets and drowning.

The lawsuit also seeks to force Mosbacher to resume enforcement of the suspended regulations on TEDs.

Mosbacher suspended TEDs regulations after shrimpers, angry about having to use devices they claim reduce their catch by as much as one-third, blockaded shipping channels along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Under a court order to protect endangered sea turtles in a separate lawsuit by the Wildlife Federation, Mosbacher then ordered shrimpers who don't use TEDs to limit their trawling times to 105 minutes at prescribed intervals.

Michael J. Bean, an attorney for the Environmental

Defense Fund, said there has been "no sign" that Gulf Coast shrimpers are complying with the limited trawl times.

Although Mosbacher was led to believe shrimpers would comply with the restricted tow times by their organizations and congressmen, "all the evidence available suggests the secretary was tricked. They (shrimpers) don't want the federal government telling them they have an obligation to protect sea turtles," Bean said.

Commerce spokesman Brian Gorman said the agency is waiting "for the courts to make a judgment about the appropriateness of our course of action" but declined to comment further because the matter is in litigation.

The Coast Guard, which enforces the regulations, has shown an increased willingness to comply, said Lt. Pat Philbin, a spokesman in the agency's New Orleans office.

"We have not seen a dramatic improvement in compliance, but we are seeing a shift," Philbin said. "At the beginning, we were seeing absolutely no compliance with the regulations. Now we're starting to see the shrimpers pulling their nets out of the water, at least during the prohibited trawl periods."

But of the 58 vessels boarded by the Coast Guard since the interim regulations took effect Aug. 8, 57 were found in violation of the law, Philbin said Tuesday.

According to the lawsuit, Mosbacher's decision suspending the TEDs regulations "and replacing them with ineffective, inadequate interim regulations is causing irreparable harm to plaintiffs and their members by depriving them of the opportunity to study, observe, photograph and otherwise use and enjoy living sea turtles on their nesting beaches and in coastal waters."

Filing the suit are the Environmental Defense Fund, National Audubon Society, Center for Marine Conservation, Greenpeace-U.S.A., and Defenders of Wildlife.



(AP Laserphoto)

A guitar player performs before the assembled at a mass Tuesday in Nagorni Park in Vilnius, Lithuania, marking the Soviet-German pact anniversary.

Baltic residents gather in protests on Soviet-German pact anniversary

By ANN IMSE
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TALLINN, U.S.S.R. (AP) — More than a million Baltic residents plan to link hands today in a show of solidarity in the struggle for sovereignty for the restive republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Activists Tuesday in Riga, Latvia, demanded that Moscow and the world recognize the absorption of the former nations 50 years ago by the Soviet Union was a crime by Josef Stalin and Adolf Hitler. About 50,000 people gathered Tuesday in Vilnius, the Lithuanian capital, to mourn the Soviet takeover.

Planners say up to 1.5 million people are expected to join hands today along a 370-mile route from the Gulf of Finland to the Polish border to mark the Aug. 23, 1939, anniversary of the non-aggression treaty between the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany. Eight days after the signing, Hitler attacked Poland and started World War II.

In a secret protocol to the treaty, Hitler and Stalin divided Eastern Europe into spheres of influence. The small, independent Baltic republics fell into Soviet hands and were a battleground before Germany's defeat in the war.

Thousands of Baltic residents were shot or deported for their anti-Soviet sympathies, and after the war others were similarly punished for real or alleged collaboration with the Nazis.

"The Soviet Union has done everything to remove the republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania from the

memory and the map of Europe, from your libraries and textbooks, your sense of justice, your grief and your minds," the People's Front organizations in the three republics said Tuesday in a statement.

A commission of Lithuania's Supreme Soviet, or legislature, said in a report published Tuesday that the Soviet Union's annexation of Lithuania was an "international crime."

"Elimination of the consequences is not only an internal matter of the U.S.S.R., but a matter for Europe and the entire society of world governments," it said.

A two-day conference of Eastern European activists in Riga called for the United Nations to take up the Baltic republics' status.

Baltic residents last year began using Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reforms to push for more cultural, political and economic freedom.

Commemoration of the anniversary of the 1939 agreement illustrates the Kremlin's dilemma in dealing with ethnic minorities demanding greater freedom. Soviets now more than ever are free to criticize Stalin, but an official finding that annexation of the Baltics was illegal would raise the question of total independence.

The Soviet Union for decades refused to recognize the existence of the secret agreement that divided Eastern Europe into different arenas of influence.

A commission of the Congress of People's Deputies national parliament is studying the issue. In a draft of its findings, it said the agreement should be declared void but did not question the territorial division that resulted.

Mesa Limited to remain in Amarillo

AMARILLO (AP) — Mesa Limited Partnership will remain in Amarillo although officials of the high-profile energy company headed by T. Boone Pickens has relocated 30 employees to Dallas, a company official says.

Mesa President Paul Cain told Amarillo city commissioners Tuesday, "It is our intent to stay in Amarillo, and to remain strong supporters of the city."

Cain also said that the 400 Mesa employees still in Amarillo guide the operations of the oil and gas business.

Speculation continues to surround the company's decision to relocate 30 employees to Dallas, but Cain said the move was necessary because the longstanding controversy caused by the city's lawsuit against Mesa and Energas Co. was draining employees' attention.

"During early 1989, (Mesa consultant) Sidney Tassin and I became more aware that our most productive people were preoccupied with the city controversy, and were not spending enough time on developing new business opportunities," Cain said.

"Mesa's sales of gas to Energas represent less than 10 percent of our production, yet we were spending over half of our time dealing with city problems," Cain said.

"In spite of repeated efforts to re-focus, it became obvious that we

needed to take the city involvements away from these people," Cain said. "So we urged (Mesa General Partner T. Boone Pickens Jr.) Boone and the financial group to relocate in Dallas, where they would not be distracted by what appears to be a never-ending conflict."

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Abused wife given probation of 10 years in mate's slaying

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Proclaiming she no longer feels guilty about shooting her husband to death, 62-year-old Marianne Biesenbach says she is content with the 10 years' probated sentence she received for the killing.

"There's still a spot in my heart that wanted to hear a judge pound a gavel and say, 'Not guilty,'" Ms. Biesenbach said Tuesday. "It just wasn't worth it, to be a Joan of Arc for a cause."

But she is still working on behalf of battered women's rights, and Biesenbach said if her case had gone to trial, "an army" of others who have been in similar abusive situations would have accompanied her to court.

A state district judge in San Antonio on Monday ordered Biesenbach to serve 10 years' probation after she pleaded no contest to involuntary manslaughter.

Her prominent defense attorney, Richard "Racehorse" Haynes, a friend from high school, negotiated the plea.

State District Judge Pat Priest accepted Haynes' request that Biesenbach receive deferred adjudication, meaning if probation requirements are met, there will be no record of guilt.

Biesenbach initially faced a murder complaint in the death of her

second husband, 59-year-old Max Biesenbach. As the couple drove home from dinner on March 5, 1988, her husband threatened to slice her throat from ear to ear with a butcher knife, she said.

Biesenbach said she had hidden a .357-caliber Magnum revolver in their van, where she had been sleeping occasionally to escape his rage. She said she used that gun to shoot him. He was wounded three times in the chest.

Haynes said a trial could have lasted two weeks and would have been expensive and thrust Ms. Biesenbach into the public eye.

"She would have had to relive that nightmare that was her existence with Mr. Biesenbach," Haynes said. "The case would have opened up the most private parts of her life."

In a telephone interview from her Kerrville home, Biesenbach's voice cracked with emotion as she described the 12 years of marriage to her second husband that led to a ruptured eardrum, a separated shoulder and a broken leg.

When Biesenbach killed her husband, she said, it was not the first time she had contemplated it. She had tried it at least twice during his sleep, but never could bring herself to do it.

"Today, I don't feel guilty anymore. I feel I did what I had to do to stay alive," said Biesenbach, who has four children and seven grand-

children.

"I gave up. I didn't care. That's why I wouldn't accept even the word 'voluntary manslaughter' (in her court plea). I didn't plan that. I don't know how I did it. It was through primitive brain — self preservation," she said of the killing.

The shooting followed years of abuse from Max Biesenbach, whom she described as a "Jekyll-and-Hyde drinker."

When he was sober, she said, he was as kind as Santa Claus, taking his grandson fishing.

Then he would turn violent in private, often after drinking.

"It's indescribable, the hell that you live in," she said. "You forget that there's another world out there with sunshine and love."

Three times Ms. Biesenbach attempted to divorce Max Biesenbach, and once she went through with it after he broke her leg, she said. But he always returned.

At the time of the killing, they were married under common law.

Famous for defending clients in prominent criminal trials, Haynes said Tuesday it was fortunate reasonable prosecutors and an experienced judge were involved in Biesenbach's case.

But he said he believes a jury would have acquitted her and recent publicity about battered women would have helped her.

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Huey Newton is shown in a 1968 photo when he posed for the Black Panther Party.

Newton struggled to find a new fight

By JENNIFER McNULTY
Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Huey P. Newton, the charismatic co-founder of the Black Panther Party, was adrift without a battle to fight in his final days, a close friend said.

Newton's bullet-riddled body was found before dawn Tuesday in a neighborhood known for drug violence. Police had no suspects and no motive for the slaying, said Lt. Mike Sims.

Newton, 47, was killed in the neighborhood where he began organizing blacks more than 20 years ago, several miles from his present home.

Fred Hiestand, a Sacramento lawyer who was Newton's attorney and close friend, said Newton was struggling to find a niche for himself after earning a doctorate, overcoming alcohol and drug abuse problems and facing life with no criminal charges for the first time in 15 years.

"He was just trying to figure out where he fit, what he was going to do ... trying to shake some alcohol and chemical dependency that he acquired, but he was doing it all on his own, without anyone's help," said Hiestand.

Hiestand said he saw Newton on Friday and the former Panther leader "seemed to be OK. There was nothing bothering him that he talked about." Hiestand said he believed Newton had been drug-free for at least six months.

Newton was arrested earlier this year for possession of drug paraphernalia, but police said they had no indication the slaying was drug-related.

With Bobby Seale, Newton founded the Black Panther Party. Armed Panther members followed police cars to monitor their activities

in the black community. Under the slogan "All power to the people," the Panthers also operated a school, a health clinic and programs for ghetto youngsters.

The party drifted into violence and gradually disintegrated, as members were killed and the FBI infiltrated and disrupted the organization.

Tuesday's shooting occurred in a neighborhood of run-down Victorian-style homes and abandoned buildings.

"To us, Huey Newton was a hero," said resident Fred DePalm. "The Black Panthers were a thing to identify with along with Malcolm X and Martin Luther King."

Over the years, however, Newton was accused of two slayings and stood trial five times. His conviction in the 1967 killing of an Oakland police officer was overturned and two trials in the 1974 death of a young prostitute resulted in deadlocked juries.

Newton went into self-exile in Cuba shortly thereafter, returning to the United States in 1977.

This year he served a 90-day sentence in San Quentin Prison for a parole violation and a concurrent term for his plea of no contest to misappropriating \$15,000 in public funds earmarked for a community school the party ran.

Charles Garry, who was Newton's lawyer for many years, said he never saw a violent side to Newton. "I saw a very sweet side, a humane side, a dignified side, a man who was theoretically in favor of a better world."

Newton earned a doctorate in philosophy at age 38 from the University of California at Santa Cruz, where he wrote a dissertation titled: "War Against the Panthers, a Study of Repression in America."

Five arrested in death of Colombian candidate

By KEVIN NOBLET
Associated Press Writer

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Police arrested five men suspected in the assassination of Luis Carlos Galan, the presidential hopeful whose slaying sparked a government crackdown on Colombia's notorious drug traffickers.

Also Tuesday, police said they had started proceedings to extradite the reputed finance chief of the Medellin drug cartel to the United States, where he faces conspiracy and drug trafficking charges.

The arrests in Galan's slaying created additional security headaches for a nation under a years-old campaign of terror by drug traffickers and their hired hitmen.

The arrests in downtown Bogota appear to reflect an unusual efficiency on the part of security forces. Never before in a major drug-related assassination had police announced key arrests with such speed. In many cases no arrests were ever made.

The five men were presented to reporters at national police headquarters, where they were under heavy guard. Police said all were Colombians.

They stood silently, their faces fixed in a blank expression. They were dressed in casual clothing and four appeared to be in their 20s or 30s. The fifth was older, perhaps in his 50s, with

graying hair.

A police communique gave their names and said they were captured earlier Tuesday but provided no further details.

The men were not known members of the drug trafficking community, which authorities say routinely hires killers and helps finance the training of shadowy death squads in association with right-wing extremists.

Several men are believed to have participated in the killing of Galan Friday at a campaign rally in Soacha, a town outside Bogota.

Witnesses and police say one man pumped five bullets into Galan's abdomen and legs as he stood on a small stage, while at least four other men raked the air with automatic weapons fire to spark panic and allow the triggerman's escape.

Galan, a 46-year-old senator and member of the center-left Liberal Party, was popular and considered the front-runner in the race for president in May 1990 elections. He repeatedly called for eradication of the country's powerful cocaine cartels.

His death capped two days of assassinations, including those of a police colonel and a magistrate, that prompted President Virgilio Barco to re-establish an extradition treaty with the United States, where about 80 Colombians are wanted on drug charges.

As part of the emergency crackdown on traffickers, police and military forces have staged nearly 500 raids, seizing hundreds of cars, trucks, small planes and helicopters and entire estates allegedly owned by the drug lords.

The raids continued Tuesday on ranches, farms and residences of suspected dealers, and more aircraft were reported impounded in Bogota and the trafficking centers of Medellin and Cali.

The Medellin cartel's alleged finance chief, Eduardo Martinez Romero, was caught up in the sweep and police on Tuesday said they had started the paperwork for his extradition to the United States, where he is accused in a billion-dollar money laundering scheme.

"It's going to be a test case, when and if we get there," a U.S. narcotics expert told reporters in Bogota. He said Colombian authorities could not act until they received a formal extradition request from the United States, and speculated that might take up to a week.

The narcotics expert, speaking on condition he not be identified, described Martinez as "a major figure" in the Medellin cartel. He said, however, that Martinez was probably one of many money launderers used by the underworld organization.

In an interview with a local reporter, Martinez said: "At no time have I had links to the Medellin cartel and I don't know any of its members."

Environmentalists criticize Exxon oil spill plan

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmentalists are criticizing a government plan calling for all studies on damage caused by the Exxon Valdez oil spill off the Alaskan coast to be completed by February.

"This plan could lead to a serious underestimation of harm to the environment and a limited recovery of damages from Exxon," Sarah Chasis, a lawyer for the Natural Resources Defense Council, said Tuesday.

By February, Ms. Chasis said, there still will be oil on Alaska beaches, causing additional damage.

The extent of damage on species

such as the bald eagle and salmon may not be known for years, she said, because the young born this year and exposed to the oil won't return to the region for three or four years.

"Only then will the extent of the damage begin to be known," she said.

The timetable for completion of the studies was included Tuesday in a 258-page government outline on how it will proceed with the staggering task of determining how much Exxon Corp. should pay to restore the Alaska environment following damage from the March 24 tanker spill that dumped 11 million gallons of oil into pristine Prince William Sound.

The document released by the Interior Department made no dollar assessment of damages and suggested in only broad terms what studies should be made to determine the effect of the spill on wildlife, birds, fish and other natural resources.

However, the report directs that all environmental studies to be used in determining damage should be completed over the next six months.

"No further studies will be conducted after Feb. 28, 1990," unless a government trustee council and scientific and legal review groups determine they are needed, the report said.

Interior spokesman Bob Walker acknowledged there were discussions on whether to allow longer

environmental studies, but that there was a concern such studies would drag out the process.

"The trustees wanted to get to restoration as fast as possible and not take a leisurely approach to studying whatever needs to be studied," Walker said.

The proposed timetable and blueprint for determining damages was prepared by government trustees — representatives of three federal agencies and the state of Alaska — who are charged with making the long-term damage assessments.

Interested parties were asked to comment before the end of September, after which the blueprint becomes final.

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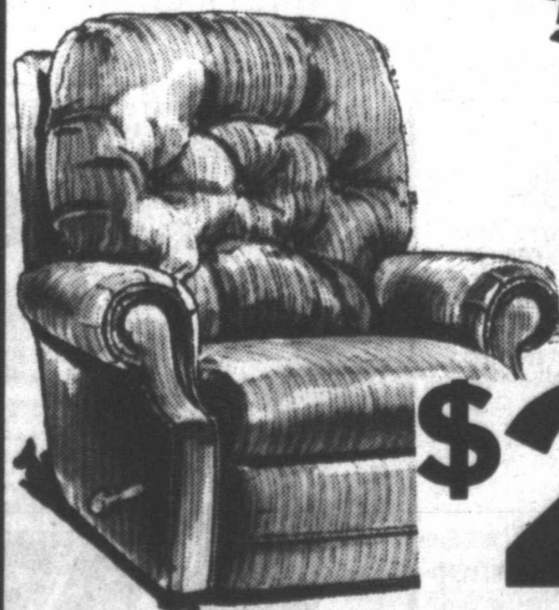


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Joshua Justice and his grandmother, Annette Justice, try to encourage an armadillo to make its way down the track during the Ponderosa Armadillo Derby early this week at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville, Ky.

Parmer: Gramm's actions don't match words

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm talks one way in Texas but votes another way in Washington, charges state Sen. Hugh Parmer, a Democrat who wants to unseat him.

But Gramm spokesman Larry Neal said Parmer's accusations of "Grammstanding" constitute a "silly sort of campaign" against the Republican incumbent.

Parmer, of Fort Worth, charged that Gramm's claims to support such efforts as fighting drugs are empty. He said Gramm would change the way he votes on drugs and law enforcement because of the campaign against him.

"I think he has noticed that he's not going to get a free run ... voting one way and portraying himself as being on the other side back in Texas," Parmer said.

Neal vehemently disagreed, calling Parmer's campaign "far-fetched and incompetent."

"If change has occurred, it's on the part of Mr. Parmer, who apparently is worried that he will be perceived as just another left-winger from the National Democratic Party," he said. "I think there's little to suggest otherwise."

Among other charges, Parmer said that Gramm mailed at taxpayer

expense a special report claiming leadership in the fight against drugs, but that he voted against some of the programs he said he advocated.

Parmer said Gramm was absent when the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 was passed, but Neal said that is not true.

"The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 was a bill that Senator Gramm was active in creating, that he was an original sponsor of and for which he voted on final passage," Neal said.

Parmer also said Gramm claimed credit for an amendment another senator passed, and that he voted against a bill that included random drug testing for the airline, rail bus and trucking industries.

In addition, Parmer said, Gramm voted against bills that included \$250 million for a drug-free schools and communities program for fiscal years 1988 and 1989.

Parmer also charged that Gramm has not voted for annual appropriations for the Drug Enforcement Administration and FBI since he entered the Senate in 1985, although he called such funding important in the report.

Neal said Gramm has voted against legislation to cut funding for the DEA, FBI and federal prosecutors.

"Senator Gramm's position is

that he will never support a cut in law enforcement. I gather that Mr. Parmer would," Neal said.

On another matter, Parmer said he thinks Jim Lane, who came in third in the race for the seat vacated by former U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright, should endorse Democratic winner Pete Geren in the runoff against Republican Bob Lanier.

"More than that, he ought to get out and campaign for Pete Geren, because we need to work to try and hold that seat for the Democratic Party," Parmer said.

In other political developments, State Rep. Pat Hill, a partner in a Dallas law firm, became the first Republican to enter the race for attorney general. Ms. Hill, 43, heads the House Judicial Affairs Committee.

In a statement issued by her Dallas campaign office, Ms. Hill said

she would formally declare her candidacy for the 1990 GOP nomination on Aug. 31 with a cross-state tour.

Three Democrats — U.S. Rep. John Bryant, San Antonio state Rep. Dan Morales, and Houston lawyer John Odam — have announced their bids to succeed two-term Attorney General Jim Mattox, who is expected to declare soon his candidacy for governor.

Republican gubernatorial hopeful Clayton Williams criticized Mattox for the settlement of a water rights lawsuit against New Mexico.

Williams said Mattox settled for \$14 million in an action that won't help West Texas farmers and ranchers. The case involved a 15-year-old suit over rights to water from the Pecos River.

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Tom y Jerry raise ruckus in El Paso

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO (AP) — Cartoon characters "Tom and Jerry" have become the center of an English-Spanish debate with some readers angry at a local newspaper's decision to run the Spanish version of the comic strip.

"Tom y Jerry has appeared in the El Paso Times comic pages for nearly a month and continues receiving criticism from disgruntled readers."

"Although I am not prejudiced in any manner, I must oppose this decision. The Times is a paper for the community of El Paso, which is still in the United States," Mark Veck of El Paso wrote in a letter that appeared Sunday in the Times.

The newspaper has received more than 150 calls and letters about the comic-page addition. Ten readers canceled their subscriptions, said Managing Editor Paula Moore.

The bilingual duo began appearing in the Times on July 30 in a restructuring of the comic page.

Readers also have complained about the departure of Andy Capp, Redeye and Spiderman, but Mrs. Moore said the loudest cries were heard about the addition of Tom y Jerry, obtained through Editors Press Service, Inc. of New York.

"Anytime we do anything that even hints at something like this, we get reaction," Mrs. Moore said Monday. "When we say 'Feliz Navidad!' at Christmas, we get two or three letters. When we started Vista magazine — although it's in English, it's directed at Hispanics — we got quite a bit of reaction."

A week ago, the paper began including English subtitles with the strip at the suggestion of readers.

Three Spanish-language dailies are circulated in El Paso, but Mrs. Moore said the comic strip is part of the Times' effort to reflect its community, where 65 percent of the residents are Hispanic.

Still, some readers saw the strip as something else.

"Why run a Spanish language strip in an English language paper? I'm not paying for a foreign language paper," said Walter R. Reed of El Paso.

Ray Roberts, also of El Paso, called the new strip "an addition to the Times' other daily word puzzles" and said he hoped it did not become a trend.

Some of the complaints have come from members of the Hispanic community.

El Paso Times columnist Joe Olvera addressed that sentiment over the weekend.

"The Hispanic community, rather than criticizing the Times for that one comic strip, should enjoy the efforts made in its behalf," he wrote Sunday.

Olvera suggested the Times publish the day's important stories in Spanish once a week, especially those that impact non-English speakers.

The Times published stories in Spanish regarding the implementation of immigration reform laws in 1987.

The city's afternoon daily, the El Paso Herald-Post, does not currently carry Spanish copy. It attempted to run Spanish news briefs in 1985, but there was little acceptance among readers, said Editor Tom King. The newspaper also found translations difficult, even for those fluent in Spanish.

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Food

Turn vine ripened tomatoes into sauce and savor the full flavor all winter

(AUSTIN) - If only some of the juicy ripe tomatoes that weigh down summer vines could be stored through the winter. The pale, cardboard imitations marketed then bear little resemblance to the full-flavored, intensely red tomatoes enjoyed for a brief few months of the year. But, alas, ripe tomatoes won't keep like turnips in a root cellar. They must be eaten in their time. The most you can do is try to preserve their essence. One simple, rewarding way is to make sauce.

Basic tomato sauce freezes well with little loss of flavor. It's a boon to cooks who like to "eat Italian" in all its Neapolitan robustness. For some that means a simple plate of spaghetti. For others it's a cheese-laden lasagna or manicotti or a hearty sausage and pepper hero. As Italians know, many of the best dishes start on the tomato vine. Italians were, after all, pioneers, the first people to cultivate tomatoes and use them as they are used today.

Tomatoes probably arrived in Naples in the 16th century when it was under Spanish rule. When discovered by explorers in Peru, they were a small yellow fruit about the size of an egg. Early tomatoes were ribbed and may have separated easily into triangular segments. It took Italians to develop a smooth, red-skinned variety and that not until 1723.

Today, of course, tomatoes flourish in many countries of the world. Even the United States - seemingly doomed to long winters of anemic, rubbery specimens - raises prime quality when the weather is right and the shipping distance short. The best in Texas come from home gardens or from farmers who sell them at farmers markets and roadside stands. Texas boasts a network of nearly 100 farmers markets in towns and cities all over the state. Assisted by the

Homemade ice cream for hot summer nights

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans have rediscovered the joy of making homemade ice cream. It's an activity the entire family can enjoy, especially during hot summer months.

Thanks to a new array of inexpensive, uncomplicated and non-messy home ice cream freezers, ice cream lovers have begun making their favorite dessert in their own kitchens.

Ripened berries, peaches or melons can be transformed into vitamin-rich desserts. Recipes for Cantaloupe Cream and Frozen Banana Yogurt are provided by Donvier Ice Cream Maker.

If you've got a sweet tooth, try Hershey Cocoa's recipe for homemade Chocolate Ice Cream.

CANTALOUPE CREAM
3/4 cups cantaloupe chunks
1 cup half and half
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
In a blender or processor, puree cantaloupe with half and half. Stir in sugar and almond extract. Pour into ice cream freezer container. Process according to manufacturer's instructions. Makes 1 quart.

FROZEN BANANA YOGURT
2 cups chopped bananas
One 16-ounce carton (2 cups) vanilla yogurt
2-3rds cup milk
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
In a blender or processor, combine all ingredients. Puree. Pour into ice cream freezer container. Process according to manufacturer's instructions. Makes 1 quart.

EASY CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM
One 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
1-3rd cup cocoa
2 cups whipping cream
1 cup light cream
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
In medium saucepan combine sweetened condensed milk and cocoa. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is smooth and slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat; cool slightly. Gradually add whipping cream, light cream and vanilla extract, beating with wire whisk until well blended; chill. Place in ice cream freezer container. Freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. Makes about 2 quarts.

Texas Department of Agriculture, these markets are expected to gross \$30 million this year for their 3,500 participating farmers. They are a great place to buy vine-ripened tomatoes in bulk at reasonable prices. Some farmers also sell directly to grocery stores. Look there for deeply colored fruit with that unmistakable tomato aroma.

For making sauce, Carol Guthrie, TDA home economist, recommends buying tomatoes that are ripe and feel heavy. If you must wait a day or two before cooking, choose some that are less ripe. To prevent spoilage, place the tomatoes stem-side down and away from direct sunlight and warm areas of the kitchen.

Tomatoes should be peeled and seeded for a smooth sauce. To peel, blanch whole tomatoes in boiling water for about 10 seconds. The skins will slip off easily. To seed, halve the blanched tomatoes and squeeze until the seeds fall out. If necessary, remove the remaining seeds with your fingers.

Sauce for pasta requires a few basic ingredients in addition to tomatoes - olive oil, garlic and onion. "Bell pepper and carrots can also be used," said Guthrie. "Carrots add sweetness that counters the acidity in the tomatoes. They also boost the sauce's nutritional value. Herbs and spices should be added according to taste."

A light tomato sauce will cook in 20 minutes, not including preparation time. For a thicker sauce simmer 45 to 60 minutes. To make tomato paste, continue cooking several hours until the sauce is reduced by half and sticks to the back of a spoon. Paste can be frozen in ice cube trays, emptied into freezer bags and stored until time to use.

Finished sauces make versatile accompaniments for fish and chicken as well as pasta. They also add flavor to vegetable soup. For a quick but nutritious meal, add broccoli, mushrooms, more garlic and onions to a basic sauce and serve over the pasta of your

choice.

FRESH TOMATO SAUCE

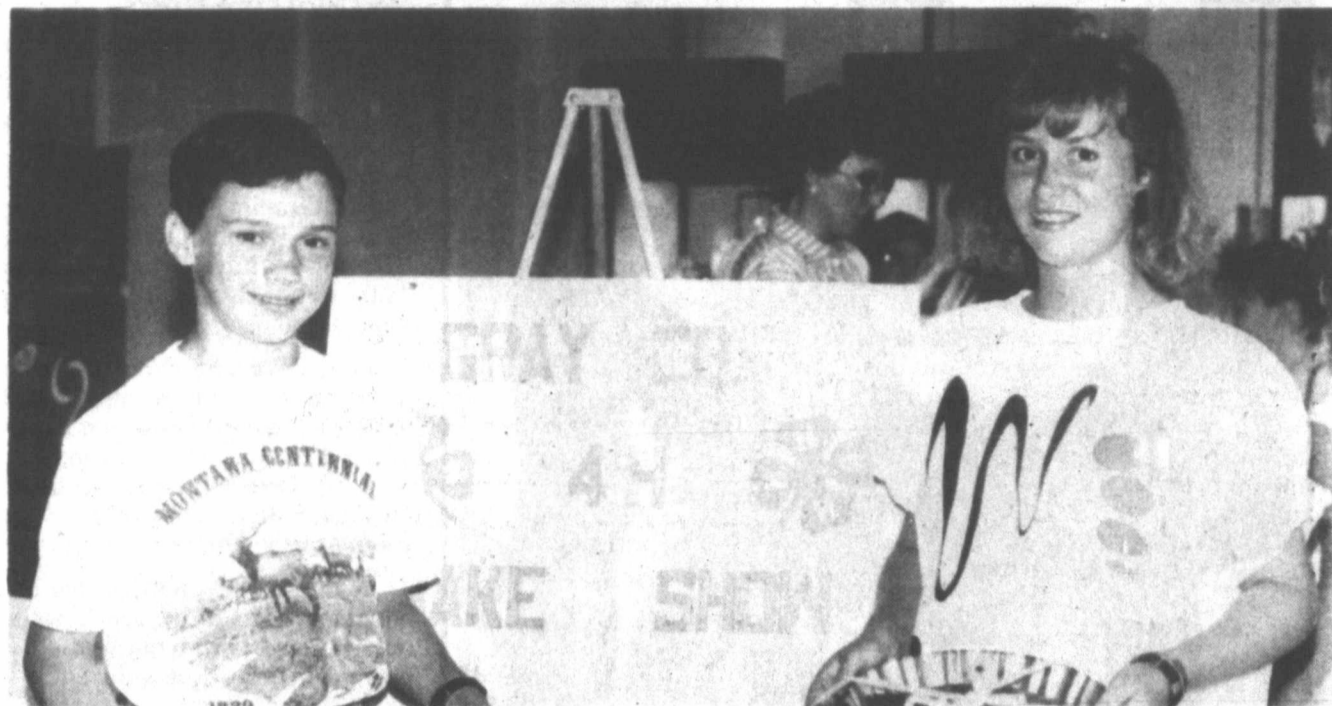
2 T. olive oil
1 C. chopped onion
1 minced garlic clove
1 med. bell pepper, seeded and chopped
6 med. fresh tomatoes, peeled, cored and coarsely chopped
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. dried or 1 1/2 T. chopped fresh basil
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
2 T. minced fresh parsley

Heat oil in heavy saucepan or Dutch oven. Add onion, garlic and bell pepper. Cook and stir over medium heat just until vegetables are soft but not brown. Add tomatoes, salt, pepper, dried basil and oregano. Cook, stirring occasionally over low to medium heat 50-60 minutes or until sauce is desired thickness. Taste for seasoning. Stir in parsley. If using fresh basil, add now. Cool. Freeze, if desired. Makes approximately 2 cups. NOTE: This recipe yields a chunky sauce. Sieve mixture for a smoother sauce. Every ingredient can be halved or doubled to make smaller or larger batches.

PASTA WITH VEGETABLE-TOMATO SAUCE

3 T. olive oil
1/2 lb. (2 1/2 C.) chopped fresh broccoli
1/2 lb. chopped fresh mushrooms
1/2 C. finely chopped onion
2 minced garlic cloves or to taste
2 C. Fresh Tomato Sauce
1 lb. hot cooked pasta
Grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oil in medium saucepan. Add broccoli, mushrooms, onion and garlic. Cook until tender. Stir in tomato sauce. Bring to boil. Pour over pasta. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Makes 4-6 servings.



Dennis Williams and Laura Williams won the 4-H Bake Show recently entitling them to compete in the District Bake Show during the Tri State Fair in Amarillo. Each winner received a fluted cake pan and muffin tin. Alternates are Lori Sutton and Kim McDonald.

Winning entries in the 4-H Bake Show

Fifteen 4-H students recently competed in the 4-H Bake Show at the Pampa Mall. The show is a preliminary event to the District Bake Show September 16 during the Tri State Fair in Amarillo.

Entries were judged on nutrition, taste, texture and appearance. Judges for the event were Karen Babitzke, Hansford County Extension Agent and Wanda Waggoner. Winning in the senior division was Laura Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams, with her entry Old Fashioned Honey Wheat Bread.

Old Fashioned Honey Wheat Bread
1 12 oz carton cottage cheese
3/4 cup honey
3/4 stick margarine
3 cups all purpose flour
1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1 tsp. sugar
4 1/2 tsp. salt
3 pkgs. dry yeast
2 eggs
5 to 6 cups all purpose flour
Combine cottage cheese,

honey, margarine and 2 1/2 cups water in a saucepan. Heat to 120 to 130 degrees. Pour over mixture of 3 cups all purpose flour and next 5 ingredients in a large mixer bowl.

Beat for two minutes. Add enough remaining flour to make stiff dough. Knead on floured surface for four minutes or until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl. Let rise covered for 45-60 minutes or doubled in bulk.

Shape into 3 loaves. Place in a greased loaf pans. Let rise for 45-60 minutes or doubled in bulk. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

Winning in the junior division was Dennis Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams, with his entry Carrot-Wheat Muffins.

Carrot-Wheat Muffins
3/4 cup whole wheat flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
2 tbsp. wheat germ, toasted
1 cup grated carrots
1/2 cup raisins

1 egg, slightly beaten
1 cup milk
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 1/2 cups morsels of wheat bran cereal

Combine flour, baking powder, soda, pie spice, wheat germ, grated carrots, and raisins in a medium bowl; set mixture aside.

Combine egg and remaining ingredients in a small bowl; stir well, and let stand three minutes.

Make a well in center of flour mixture. Add cereal mixture to dry ingredients, stirring just until moistened.

Spoon wheat mixture into greased muffin pans, filling 3/4 full. Bake at 400 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes. Yield: 1 dozen.

Senior alternate was Lori Sutton. Junior alternate was Kim McDonald. Participants in the Bake show include: Kirk McDonald, Todd Black, Grace Sutton, Brian Brauchi, Jennifer Williams, Nonnie James, Shelly Davenport, Angie Davenport, Adam Stephens, Jason Bliss and Jennifer Bliss.

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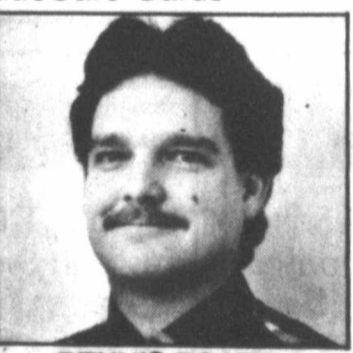
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Lifestyles

Aspiring authors get a chance to write sequel to classic

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote *Treasure Island* in response to a challenge from his young stepson to "write something really interesting." Now, Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppes has issued a similar challenge to modern readers. As part of its 20th anniversary celebration, Long John Silver's is offering a luxurious Caribbean cruise to the winner of its "Solve the Mystery of *Treasure Island*" contest.

Aspiring authors must submit a sequel (1,000-word maximum) to the well-known Stevenson classic, *Treasure Island*.

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John Tobe, president of Long John Silver's, explains, "We're encouraging anyone who has a good idea for the sequel to *Treasure Island* to get involved."

"You don't have to be a great writer, just someone with imagination who enjoys a good story," Tobe added that Long John's plans to have the winning idea turned into a short story or novel and will see that it is published.

Entries must be post-marked by September 15, 1989. Winners will be announced after November 1.

In conjunction with the writing contest, Long John Silver's has re-published a 1949 *Classics Illustrated* abridged version of *Treasure Island* which will be sold in its restaurants for \$1.95, \$1 being donated to national literacy programs. Said Tobe, "We believe this illustrated version of the story will encourage people who otherwise might not be exposed to classics like *Treasure Island* to give it a try." The book also gives details of the writing contest, Tobe added.

Rules for the writing contest are also explained in a handout available at Long John's Silver's or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Writing Contest, P.O. Box 6883, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206.

Submissions to the contest will be judged on creativity,



As part of its 20th anniversary celebration, Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppes has republished the 1949 *Classics Illustrated* version of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, available now. In conjunction with the publication, aspiring writers are invited to enter a sequel to the novel writing contest.

adherence to the original themes of *Treasure Island* and suitability for a family audience.

First prize includes the Carnival Caribbean Cruise for two, and publication of a short story or novel based on the winning idea.

Second prize is a week-long vacation in Monterey, Calif., home of Robert Louis Stevenson at the time he created *Treasure Island*.

A Windjammer Cruise in the Caribbean will be awarded to the third-place winner and honorable mention prizes of Long John Silver's meals for a year will go to the top contestant in each state and country from which entries are received.

Said Tobe, "We've linked much of our 20th anniversary celebration to the promotion of literacy, because we want the occasion to mean more to our employees and customers. The cause of literacy is one that concerns all employers in the U.S. and Canada."

"If we're going to compete in a global economy, we must be able to hire qualified people who can read and understand training programs. Beyond job-related issues, literacy concerns every taxpaying citizen. How do people take care of themselves if they can't read? For instance, think of how many people are injured or poisoned because they can't read warning labels on common household products."

Kovels antiques & collecting

By Ralph & Terry Kovel
Bennington pottery is not the name of a famous firm but rather the name used when talking about pottery made by a group of firms in the Bennington, Vermont, area. None of the factories were ever called Bennington. The earliest pottery was started in 1793, run by John Norton and later his sons Luman and John. About 1845, Julius Norton, grandson, formed a new company with his brother-in-law, Christopher Fenton.

the 1930s is becoming an important part of the stock at auctions and antique shows.

Many of the pieces over 50 years old were made in styles that were popular over 150 years ago. They are well constructed, attractive and often good buys. Craftsman worked in a few fine furniture factories creating handmade copies of early pieces.

1928 he was selling mahogany Queen Anne and Chippendale style furniture. Wanting never to confuse later collectors, he branded almost every piece with his name in capital letters.

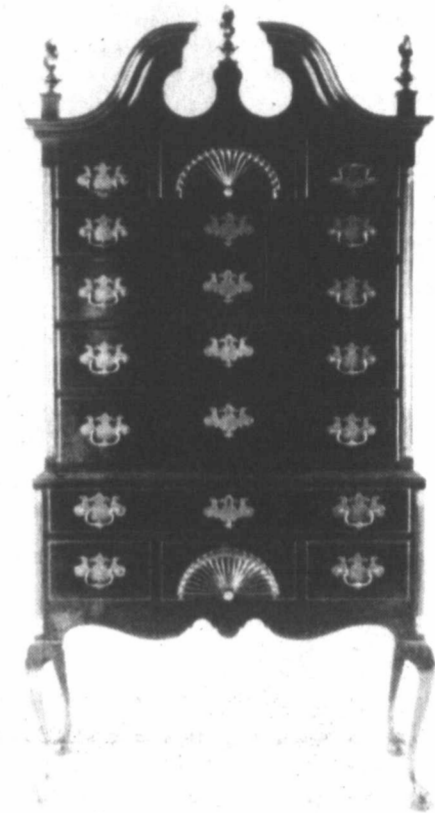
Look for Nutting furniture! It is a future collectible that is just beginning to attract collectors.

A basket of fruit on the dining room table has been a popular decoration or dessert since the 18th century. Fresh fruit was available only for a short time in the days before refrigerated storage, so the basket often held artificial fruit in Victorian times. From 1850 to about 1915, this fruit was made of a special type of modeled and colored wax that melted in the heat.



Recently, at the Robert Eldred Company auction of American stoneware, a record price was set for a unique stoneware crock with blue decoration picturing a pocket watch.

It sold for \$39,600. The 13-inch-high crock was marked "J & E Norton, Bennington, Vermont." The mark indicates that it was made sometime between 1850 and 1861. The record-setting crock had a crack in the bottom but it did not reach as far as the design. Evidently, the crack did not lower the value. Rarities of this caliber are best if perfect, but there is always an exception to the rules.



One of the most famous of these makers was Wallace Nutting of Massachusetts. Collectors recognize his name because of the colored photographs he sold by the millions. He should also be remembered for his fine furniture.

In 1922 he made 17th-century oak and 18th-century pin and maple country pieces. By



Less expensive fruit replicas were made of tinted carved alabaster. The old "stone" fruit is popular with collectors. We saw a realistic peach with a leaf. The peach had been carved to look as if someone had taken a bit.

Grapes, apples, plums, even bananas were carved for fruit basket displays. By the 1920s some fruit was being made of painted plaster. Plastic display fruit was made by the 1950s.

Any child's birth deserves our love and best wishes

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Abby is off on a two-week vacation, but she left behind some of her favorite letters taken from her best-selling book, "The Best of Dear Abby.")

DEAR ABBY: Please tell me what to do when a friend has had an abnormal child (a Mongoloid). I certainly can't send a card or gift of "congratulations" to someone who has had such a tragedy. Would a message of "sympathy" be more in order? Or should something like this be acknowledged at all?

OKLAHOMAN
DEAR OKLAHOMAN: A child, normal or otherwise, is a child to his mother. Don't differentiate. Send a little gift with your love and best wishes.

DEAR ABBY: You once said, "There are no cold women — only clumsy men." How right you were.

I am a man in my middle 50s. I'm short, balding and slightly overweight, but I have been with plenty of women, and I have yet to find one that's frigid.

I am not saying this to brag, but once I make love to a woman I can't get rid of her. A woman needs to hear that she's desirable, lovable and terrific. It's not so much what I do, it's what I say. A woman needs to hear that she's needed, wanted and



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

loved. If a woman is "frigid," it's because the man is selfish, impatient and doesn't know how to turn her on.

DOING ALL RIGHT
DEAR DOING: You are living proof of what I have long contended. Words are a powerful aphrodisiac. If a woman hears the right things from her lover, he's got it (and her) made.

DEAR ABBY: My husband hates to spend money! I cut my own hair

and make my own clothes, and I have to account for every nickel I spend. Meanwhile he has a stack of savings bonds put away that would choke a cow. How do I get some money out of him before we are both called to our final judgment? He says he's saving for a rainy day.

FORTY YEARS HITCHED
DEAR HITCHED: Tell him it's raining!

(Problems? Write to Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90066. All correspondence is confidential.)

Crime Prevention Tip
If you go on vacation, tell a friend or neighbor where you are going and for how long. Leave an address and phone number where you can be reached, if possible.

Club News

Magic Plains Chapter ABWA
Magic Plains Chapter of American Business and Professional Women met August 14 at the Sirloin Stockade. Wynone Seeley, president presided.

Tickets will be sold by members for a \$250 shopping spree and chances on a crochet afghan to be given away November 25. Plans were finalized for the Chautauqua ring toss booth.

Char Hoyler presented the program on aspects of KPND radio station. Special guests were scholarship recipients and their mothers - Brenda Graham, second year, and Joanne Heasley, first year.

Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship.

The next meeting will be in September at the Sirloin Stockade.

Progressive Extension Homemakers Club
Progressive Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Faye Harvey, August 17. Harvey presided at the meeting.

Minutes were read and approved. Roll call was answered by "My best garage sale ever." Members were reminded about the State Extension Meeting on September 12-14 at the Bay Front Civic Center, Corpus Christi. Harvey, Marilyn Butler and Barbara Shaw will attend from

Pampa.
Butler gave the program on her recent trip to Alaska. She showed pictures of the trip across Canada, the Alaskan highway, the glaciers, Alaskan pipeline, Valdez, and the Brush Gardens in Vancouver.

The next meeting will be in the home of Geneva Dalton on September 6.



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Today's Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mineo & Maglie
 - 5 Sodium chloride
 - 9 South of Ga.
 - 12 Cut-price deal
 - 13 Gravel ridges
 - 14 3. Roman
 - 15 Eating utensils
 - 17 Enthusiast
 - 18 Bernstein, for short
 - 19 Most courageous
 - 21 Mary — Moore
 - 24 Baking ingredient
 - 25 Rude
 - 27 Buddhist shrine
 - 31 Oriental women's quarters
 - 32 Cupid
 - 34 Unexpected difficulty
 - 35 Verne hero
 - 37 Egg-shaped
 - 39 Not well
 - 40 — Dinsmore
 - 42 Letter
 - 44 Singer Jenny —
 - 46 Small anvil
 - 47 Reliable
 - 50 Retainer
 - 51 Charged atom
 - 52 Risky
 - 57 Drug agcy.
 - 58 Wallace and Whitney
 - 59 Novelist Ferber
 - 60 Pot-au —
 - 61 Carried away
 - 62 1944 invasion date
- DOWN**
- 1 Fast aircraft (abbr.)
 - 2 Motorists' org.
 - 3 Law deg.
 - 4 Auctioneer
 - 5 Planted
 - 6 Light — feather
 - 7 Florida key
 - 8 Walks
 - 9 Musical instrument
 - 10 Geological division
 - 11 Isn't (sl.)
 - 16 Scary
 - 20 Pads
 - 21 Cut of beef
 - 22 Swiss mountaineer's song
 - 23 Soils
 - 24 Rammed
 - 26 Sign at sellout (abbr.)
 - 28 Join
 - 29 Dark covers
 - 30 Shoelace tip
 - 33 Weaken
 - 36 Lubricates
 - 38 Metric volume
 - 41 One or the other
 - 43 Planted
 - 45 Antelope
 - 47 Quarrel
 - 48 Went by car
 - 49 Two-toed sloth
 - 50 Swiftly
 - 53 — code
 - 54 Quaint
 - 55 Actress Merkel
 - 56 Express

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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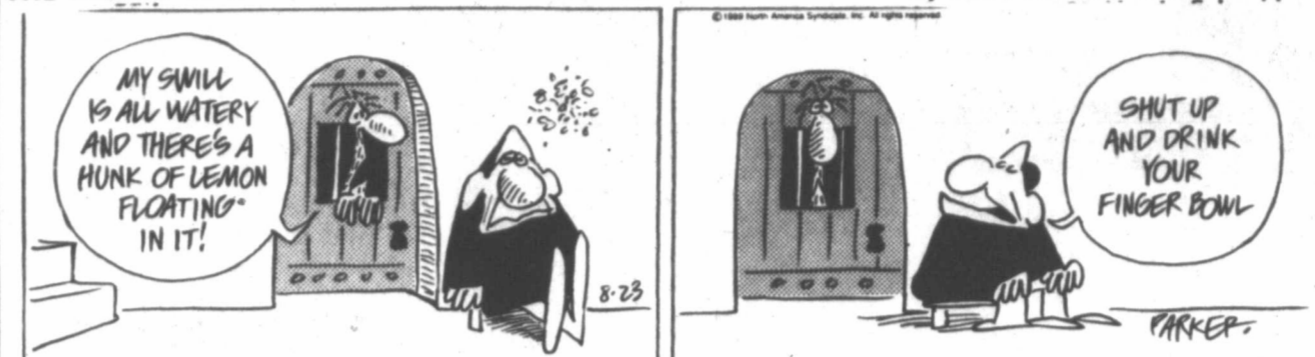
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By Jerry Bittle

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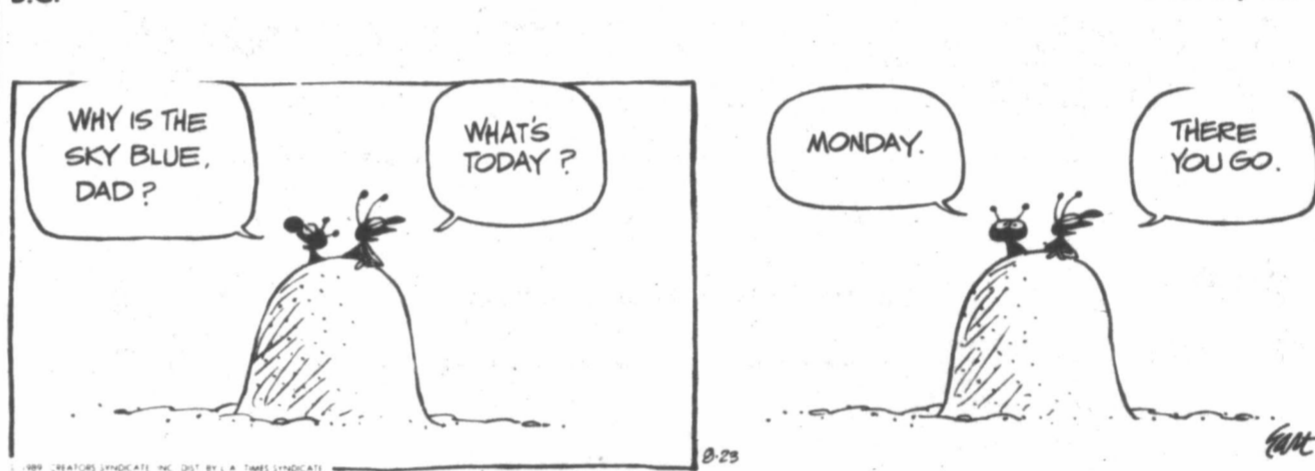
By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Know-how is one thing and having the right connections is another. Today you could be quite fortunate because you'll have both going for you. Use them. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Joint ventures will not only be found today, they might also contain very unique types of benefits. Work on arrangements that have these types of potential.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Propose for a cause you favor will rally behind your banner today. You may even gain an ally you'd least expect to go along with your way of thinking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though this is likely to be an enjoyable day in general, it will still have some responsibilities attached. Be sure they aren't overlooked or neglected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your reserve of strong qualities will come into play today in situations where you feel challenged. It is not likely you'll finish in second place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are presently in a profitable, favorable trend where your business interests are concerned. Be constantly on the alert, because opportunities could develop rather suddenly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is a good day to negotiate special agreements or unique types of deals. Arrangements of this nature should work out to the satisfaction of both parties involved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Testy career developments can be turned around to your advantage today if you use your ingenuity and resourcefulness. Be bold and positive instead of timid and negative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Lady Luck tends to favor you today in competitive involvements as well as those that have elements of chance. However, she will expect you to think and act like a winner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If the status quo is not to your liking, you do not have to accept conditions as they are. Take control of your life and begin making changes you feel are more desirable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your greatest asset today is your ability to accurately judge good ideas from bad ones. This enviable skill will be put to use in several instances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It looks like you might be luckier than usual today in financial or commercial areas. If you have a chance to add to your resources, go for it.

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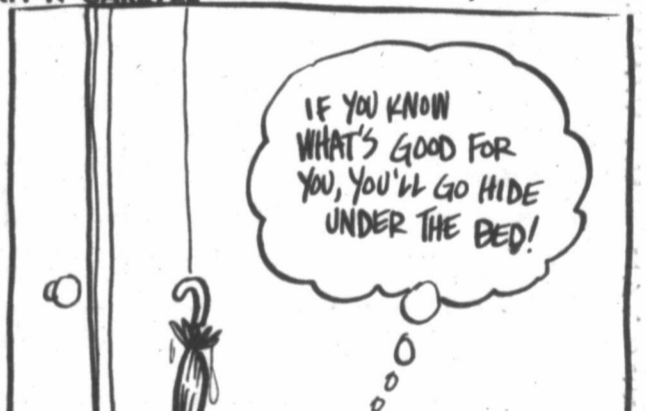
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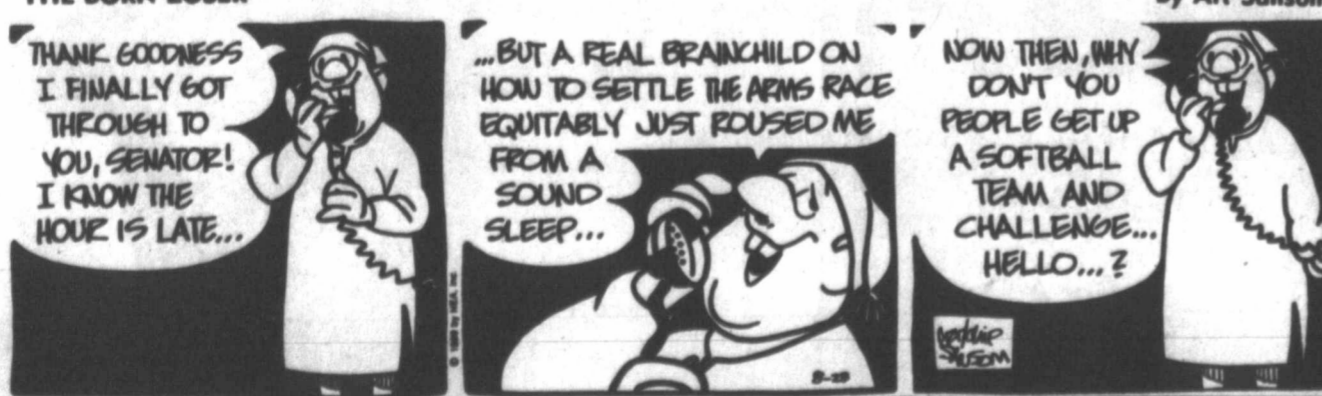
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Chips without crunch



Technician Leonor Soto inspects 68030 50 megahertz electronic chips at Motorola's Austin plant. The chip, used in computers and other electronic applications, offers the equivalent of 250,000 transistors and can process over 10 million instructions per second.

Mobile clinic brings health care to many rural residents

By JACKIE LARSON
The McAllen Monitor

PROGRESO (AP) — Miles from doctors' offices in Mercedes or Weslaco, Progreso residents line up outside a big, white 18-wheel trailer parked behind the Catholic Church.

Here a mother of five may be screened for cervical cancer, a 13-year-old boy will learn about hygiene and his changing body, and an elderly gentleman may discover and learn to control his diabetes.

It's the Hidalgo County Health Clinic, where, in a few feet of space, a nurse practitioner, nurse and clerk battle the poverty of the border with up-to-date, if somewhat compacted, medical technology.

"I like the challenge," said nurse practitioner and director Cecilia Hinojosa. "You never know what problem will walk through the door next. Every day is unique."

Daily they come to the clinic on wheels with complaints ranging from ear infections to tonsillitis to head lice.

Since the clinic opened in May, Ms. Hinojosa said they've learned to work with what resources they have. "We make the best of the room we have," she said. "The patients understand our limitations. And we're bringing medical assistance a lot closer to them."

Referrals to the dental program, infant stimulation program and the adult clinic are the most common. Referrals are limited by the patients' ability to pay, though.

"Most of the patients are unable to pay for a private physician" said Hinojosa.

Education plays an important role at the mobile clinic. Women learn to examine their breasts each month, and men learn to monitor their own bodies for testicular cancer.

"We talk to them about it, give them literature if they are able to read...we do get a few who cannot," Hinojosa said.

As a member of the board for the American Cancer Society, Hinojosa speaks with authority. However, she adds, "We have to convince them it's not just something we're making up."

The UT Health Sciences Center in Houston is the largest contributor to the clinic, part of its "Valley Project."

The center provides the rig, totally remodeled from a mobile hearing testing clinic. It also pays Hinojosa's salary.

Hidalgo County contributes \$25,000 to its operation, and the state adds \$50,000 for supplies and support staff.

"It's a great deal for the county," said county health director Dr. Charles Wilson. "We're very fortunate we stumbled into this."

Wilson added that the rig sat unused on a government parking lot for six years until Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby noticed the line item in his budget and sought a use for the facility.

Health officials plan to tour the rural areas of the county with month-long stops at each destination.

EPA after asbestos violations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking civil penalties from demolition companies in nearly a dozen states, contending they didn't take proper precautions while working on asbestos-ridden buildings.

Civil suits were to be filed today by the Justice Department in 11 states against 34 companies and individuals, EPA sources said.

"The message we're trying to get across is that they can't continue to disregard the law as they often have been" in working with asbestos, a cancer-causing material, said one official.

The sources declined to name the defendants until the court papers were filed. They said the projects included work on school buildings in New York, Missouri, Kansas and Washington state as well as various buildings from warehouses to restaurants in seven other states.

Federal law requires certain pre-

cautions when removing asbestos from buildings so that its microscopic fibers are not spread through the air. Violators can be subject to up to \$25,000 fine per violation and face criminal prosecution in some cases.

The inhalation of asbestos fibers is known to cause lung cancer, asbestosis, a scarring of the lung, and mesothelioma, a cancer of the chest and abdomen.

Improper removal practices pose health risks to construction workers and people who return to the building or to other nearby buildings since asbestos particles often linger in the air for a long time, EPA officials said.

The agency officials, who spoke on the condition that they not be identified by name pending filing of the court papers, said none of the new actions involves criminal charges, but that civil penalties in some of the cases could be over

\$250,000.

The other seven states involved are Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, Illinois, California and Nevada.

The projects cited include work on at least 80 New York City school buildings; public schools in Wood-ville and Kent, Wash.; a high school in Kansas City, Mo.; a junior high school in Holyrood, Kan.; and colleges in Pittsburgh, Kan., and Berea, Ohio.

In one case, a contractor was being cited for transporting wine tanks by helicopter from a winery in San Jose, Calif., without removing asbestos insulation pads, causing asbestos particles to scatter over miles of countryside.

Other cases involved a Nevada casino; an apartment building in Philadelphia; a boiler room at the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va.; the Seattle-Tacoma Airport, and two Seattle restaurants.

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