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Quake rocks Northern California

By MARY McGRATH
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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Aftershocks rumbled today as crews searched for motorists under an elevated highway collapsed by an earthquake that jarred Northern California, killing more than 270 people and injuring hundreds more.

The magnitude of the catastrophe emerged slowly as officials made contact with hard-hit areas, where many telephones were cut off. The quake Tuesday, 6.9 on the Richter scale, collapsed buildings across nearly 100 miles, as well as a section of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and two spans in the Santa Cruz area.

Severed gas lines sparked fires, including one in San Francisco that burned a block of buildings, but all were put out or under control today.

As many as 1 million people were left without electricity and other services.

"The devastation is just horrible and we're just shocked," said Gov. George Deukmejian, who cut short a trade mission to West Germany. Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy said damage would total "the better part of \$1 billion."

In Washington, President Bush signed a disaster-relief declaration and said "we will take every step and make every effort" to help. Bush on Tuesday sent Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner to assess damage.

State emergency services spokesman John Peterson said at least 272 people had died and 650 were injured. At least 253 people were killed when a mile of the upper level of Interstate 880, the Nimitz Freeway, in Oakland collapsed, said

Dave Wilson of the state Office of Emergency Services.

"You could hear it crunching down — but you couldn't see anything. It was just a big white cloud," said Leroy FitzGerald, who works nearby. "You could hear people screaming for help."

Tractors, bulldozers and dump trucks were called out, and trucks and vans took bodies from the site this morning.

The quake hit at 5:04 p.m. Tuesday along a segment of the right San Andreas Fault eight miles northeast of Santa Cruz and 75 miles south of San Francisco. Aftershocks today included one measuring 4.5 on the Richter scale at 3:25 a.m., according to the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo.

McCarthy said damage would total "the better part of a billion

dollars."

"You could see dozens, huge booms of smoke going into the air," said Greg Higgins, who was driving near Santa Cruz, close to the quake's epicenter, when it struck. "It was complete pandemonium."

The quake sent thousands of terrified office workers rushing into the streets of Oakland and San Francisco, and many remained stranded hours later.

"I've never been through anything like this in my life," said Mary Garcia, who works in Oakland's Clorox building. "I was on the 17th floor and the building just rocked and rocked. I was scared out of my mind coming down the 17 floors."

Authorities urged people to fill their bathtubs in case water was cut off. San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos urged commuters to stay home today rather than further tax the transportation system, crippled by the closing of the Bay Bridge. A section of its top collapsed onto the lower roadway.

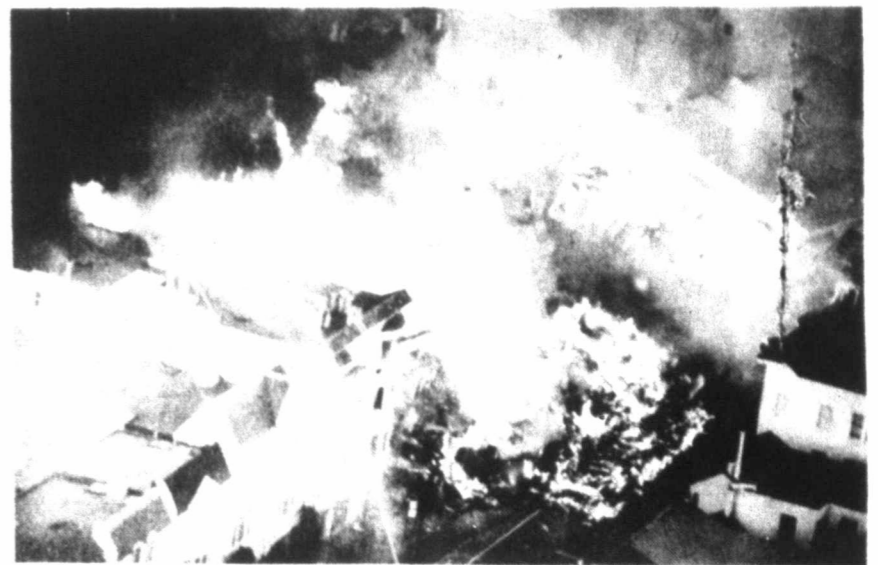
At least two bridges in the Santa Cruz area collapsed, highways leading out of the city were damaged, and mountain passes outside of Santa Cruz were closed because of landslides and fissures in the road, the Highway Patrol said.

In San Francisco, at least eight people died, and looting and vandalism were reported in the city's major crack dealing area after dark. "When the power is off, opportunists come out," police Dispatcher Chris Curran said.

Agnos asked the Army to help. National Guardsmen were being mobilized, including engineers, military police and medical workers.

Still, Agnos said, "The city is in reasonably good shape. We've survived this so far."

Sixty-thousand baseball fans were evacuated from Candlestick Park before the start of Game Three of the World Series. No major injuries were reported at the stadium, which sustained structural damage, and there was no word this



(AP Laserphoto)

Apartments burn out of control in the affluent Marina District of San Francisco following Tuesday's earthquake.

morning on when or where the game would be played.

Fire engines and ambulances, sirens howling, picked their way through a darkened San Francisco. Headlights and an occasional office building running on emergency generators stood out. Buses were jammed and traffic was backed up.

Commuters were left with no major transportation routes east out of San Francisco because of the closing of the Bay Bridge, two other spans and the Oakland-San Francisco subway, which apparently was unscathed by the quake.

Tourist ferries helped fill the void, giving stranded commuters free rides from San Francisco to the East Bay.

People walked around San Francisco, sat outside dingy hotels or on stoops and curbs, listening to radio reports of the disaster. Without power, there was no television. Restaurants and bars opened with candlelight.

Agnos said five people died in the city after buildings collapsed on cars, and three died in San Francisco's Marina district in a spectacular fire that burned much of

the evening before being brought under control.

Police Chief Fred Jordan said the fire appeared to have consumed an entire block, estimated by Agnos to be 12 buildings. The fire apparently was caused by a natural gas leak, Agnos said.

State emergency officials said at least five people died in Santa Cruz County, including three crushed in collapsing buildings.

One San Jose resident suffered a heart attack during the quake and died.

Willis Jacobs of the earthquake center said the quake was centered about eight miles northeast of Santa Cruz, or 75 miles south of San Francisco, along the San Andreas Fault. That is the major earthquake fault blamed for the 1906 disaster that destroyed much of the city and killed hundreds — 700, according to traditional estimates, and more than 2,500, according to recent studies.

At least four smaller aftershocks were recorded, said Bruce Presgrave of the National Earthquake Information Service in Golden. More were expected. Presgrave said he did not expect them to be strong.



(AP Laserphoto)

Two people, lower right, comfort an injured motorist after he was pulled from the collapsed wreckage of the Cypress freeway after Tuesday's earthquake.

Pampans' son survives quake experience in San Jose home

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
News Editor

A Pampa couple were happy to learn their son and daughter-in-law safely withstood Tuesday's earthquake in northern California, though their son reported he felt like a "B-B in a bottle."

John and Faye Thomas, 800 Somerville, contacted their son Larry and his wife Marilee of San Jose within minutes of the quake, Thomas said early today.

"I was watching the World Series and saw it happen," Thomas said. "I immediately thought of my son and daughter-in-law. I got on the phone and got through to them at about 7:15 p.m. our time."

The quake, registering at 6.9 on the Richter scale, struck San Jose and the surrounding area at 5:04 p.m. Pacific time, or 7:04 p.m. Central Standard Time.

"My daughter-in-law works in Silicon Valley. She was coming out of her building when it happened," Thomas said. "It knocked her down twice. She's a native of California and she had never seen anything like that. She said it was terrifying."

The Thomas' son Larry was driving a food service

truck from Oakland when he felt the first tremors of the quake, Thomas said. "He said it was like being a B-B in a bottle. The truck was bouncing all over the highway. All he could see were poles whipping back and forth and flashes of light from the power lines snapping all around him," Thomas said.

When the couple finally made it home, they discovered that fortunately their own house sustained no structural damage and only minor damage to objects jolted from the walls, Thomas said.

Friends of the California couple were not as lucky, however.

One friend had a trailer home that completely collapsed in the quake. Another had severe structural damage to their house, Thomas said.

"We were so fortunate," he said. "We were able to get a hold of them quick. Otherwise, I would have been up all night worrying about them. They lost their electricity, but they kept their phone service."

"They called this morning and said they have their electricity back. They said they were both going to work today. They think they'll have a lot of damage to clean up."

PHS student hospitalized, others injured during lunch-hour fight

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

A Pampa High School student required treatment in the emergency room at Coronado Hospital and several other students were roughed up when two 17-year-old non-students came onto the campus during the lunch hour Tuesday and started several fights.

Daniel Coward, high school principal, and police said there was no apparent provocation for the attack.

One of the attackers, Salvador Rodriguez, who listed his address as El Paso, was arrested after he fled the scene but returned several moments later. Another Hispanic male, also 17, is being sought in connection with the incident.

"A student was sitting on the concrete fence on Harvester in front of the school and they came on campus, pushed some kids around

and then lit into this one student," Coward said. "He was taken to the emergency room. He wore braces and they hit him in the mouth and damaged it."

"They began to play bully on some young folks," said Bryan Hedrick, city public information officer. "It was all done with hands, feet and fists. There were no weapons."

Coward said the event lasted less than one minute and was stopped when an alert faculty member ran to the aid of the students being attacked. It is unclear how severe the attack could have been if the teacher had not intervened.

Police and school officials confirmed that a female PHS student left the campus with the two men. Originally it was believed the girl was abducted. It was later established that she was the girlfriend of one of the attackers and left with them voluntarily.

"There really isn't a lot you can do about (preventing) this," Coward said. "It seems like they had it in their minds to come on campus and cause trouble."

Coward commended police and faculty members for their handling of the incident and said this incident shows why it has become necessary for police to arrest non-student trespassers on the campus.

"We are discouraging non-students from loitering and the police have arrested some," Coward said. "The reason we are doing this is that when we have problems during commons times it usually involves a non-student."

"We have to draw the line because of problems like this," Rodriguez was charged with aggravated assault, public intoxication and criminal trespassing. He remained in city jail through press time today in lieu of \$5,500 bond.

Burglars hit Austin Elementary School, steal stereo and vandalize art projects

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Teachers at Austin Elementary School had planned to make today a special surprise for Principal Bill Jones.

It was a surprise all right. But not the kind they had intended.

As part of Jones' birthday, the teachers had gone together and purchased him a ride to school in a limousine. After he arrived, he was going to find a surprise birthday party waiting for him.

Instead, the surprise school personnel found when they arrived at the campus this morning was that someone had broken into the school last night, stealing a stereo and other items and destroying several students' art projects displayed in the library.

Jones and his faculty shook their heads in disgust this morning around 7:30 as they walked through the library and saw where the burglars had gone to the trouble of throwing several children's Halloween pumpkins, which they had decorated in a variety of ways, onto the floor and splitting them open.

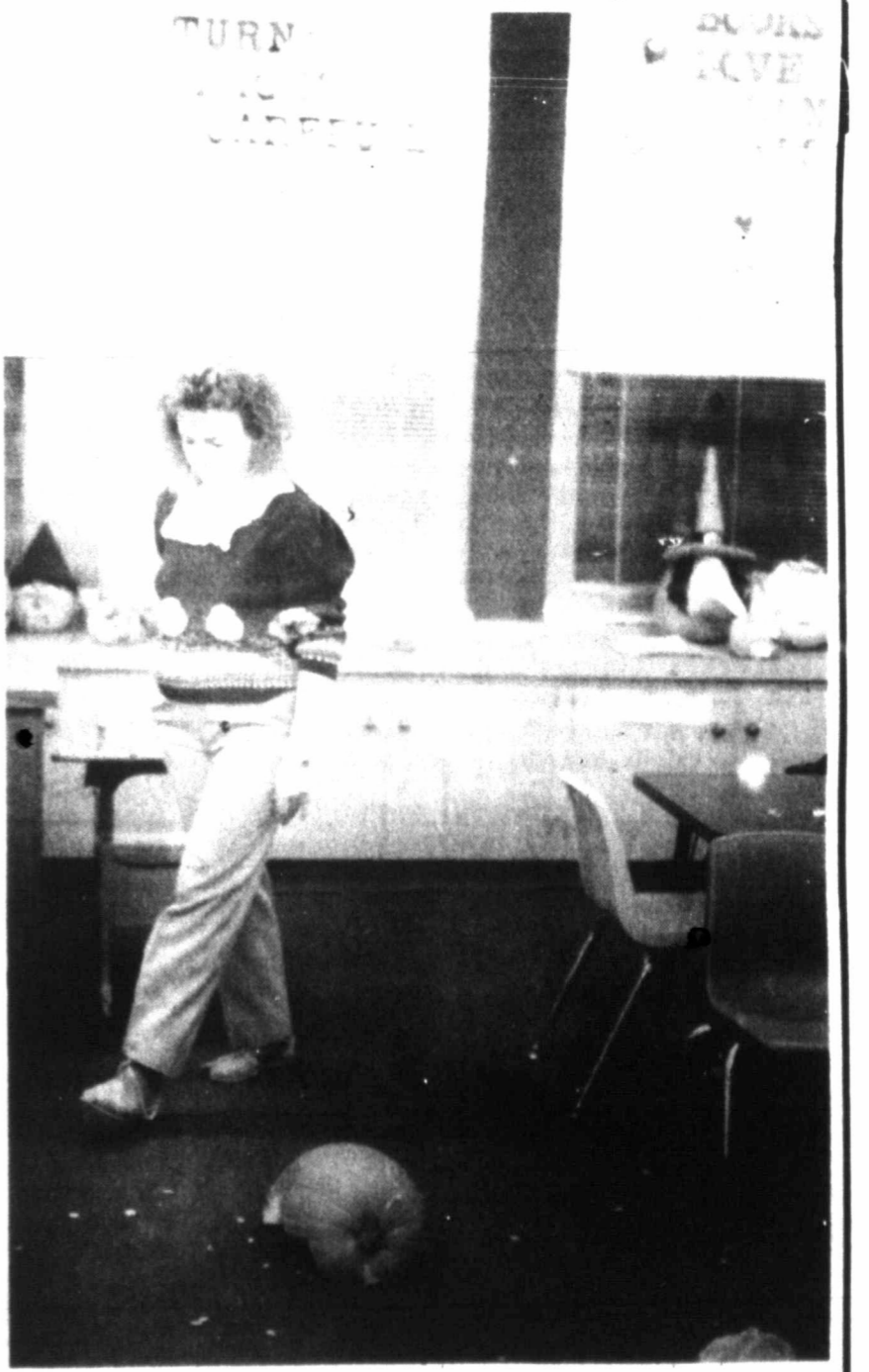
"How are we going to explain this to the children?" a teacher asked. "Why would someone do this to a child's art work. This will break their hearts."

Jones surveyed the damage caused by the vandals and termed it "disgusting."

"They left us several nice little notes around the school," Jones said. The notes contained obscene messages thanking the school for a small amount of money and other goods that had been taken.

He said the burglars may have undone themselves, however, by taking pictures of their hands on a copying machine. Police may be able to use the copies, which the thieves left behind, to trace their fingerprints, Jones said.

In addition to ruining a number of art projects, the burglars also ransacked two offices at the school and left cigarette butts littered on



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

the floor, marking their trail.

Police will also use the cigarette butts to trace the burglars.

"This is not the kind of surprise we had in mind for him," said teacher Karin Sutherland of what awaited Jones when he arrived at school. "Isn't this a shame. We're still going to go on with some other things around noon we had planned

though."

Police believe the burglars were young since they did not steal stamps and large electronic equipment from the school, items a professional burglar would have sought out.

Jones said the burglars gained entry by prying a window out of its molding on a gym door.

Carhenge



(AP Laserphoto)

Carhenge, a sculpture of junked cars reminiscent of England's prehistoric Stonehenge, sits on land about 2 miles north of Alliance, Neb. Carhenge supporters are trying to raise funds to build a paved road to the site, as required in the sculpture's special use permit. But other nearby landowners are objecting to the road, complaining of the increased traffic they fear might result.

Flag burning amendment loses two more supporters

By MIKE ROBINSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A constitutional amendment to ban flag-burning is moving toward a vote in the Senate minus two original sponsors, who bailed out saying they do not want to tamper with the Bill of Rights.

"It was a mistake of the heart but nonetheless it was a mistake," Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo., told the Senate on Tuesday as he withdrew as one of 53 cosponsors of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., another cosponsor, also took to the Senate floor to abandon his support.

And Democratic critics said for the first time the measure was likely to be defeated in a floor vote set for Thursday morning.

"I hope and expect that there will not be sufficient votes for the amendment to prevail," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, told reporters.

The measure would authorize the federal and state governments to ban

burning the American flag.

The House approved and sent to President Bush on Thursday a bill that would ban burning and other desecration of the American flag by simple statute. He said he would allow it to become law without his signature while continuing to press for a constitutional amendment.

Supporters of a constitutional amendment say any statute is likely to be overturned in court on grounds that it violates free speech guaranteed under the Bill of Rights.

The campaign for a constitutional amendment began in June after the Supreme Court threw out the conviction of Texas flag-burner Gregory Lee Johnson on grounds that his right to free speech had been violated.

Critics of the amendment say a "content neutral" law that outlaws flag-burning regardless of whether it involves political protest is better than tampering with constitutional freedoms.

If the measure is approved by the Senate, it goes to the House and then to state legislatures. A pro-

posed constitutional amendment must be approved by 38 legislatures before becoming part of the Constitution.

Danforth said that if the Senate did approve the measure it most likely would eventually be ratified, adding, "If it is going to be stopped, it must be stopped in the Senate."

"This is not a throwaway vote," Danforth said. "This is not just the kind of vote you cast thinking, well, this is nothing, somebody else can act as the safety net."

"We are the decision-makers," he said. "We will be responsible if the Constitution will be amended, and if it is amended, it will be the first time in the history of our country that we have altered the Bill of Rights."

A backer of the amendment, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, scoffed at the notion that the Senate would be unduly tampering with freedom of speech if it passed the measure.

"This freedom has never been deemed absolute," Hatch said. "Obscenity has never been protected under the First Amendment."

Stock markets stabilize from Friday 13th scare

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock markets around the world appeared to be stabilizing three trading days after Friday the 13th's shock that caused the second-biggest point drop ever in the Dow Jones average.

The bellwether average lost a moderate 19 points Tuesday, overcoming a late-morning scare that briefly sent it down more than 60 points.

Tuesday's trading was relatively calm after the average plummeted 190 points Friday and then bounced back 88 points Monday.

Stocks lost little ground Tuesday despite continued uncertainty surrounding a proposed buyout of UAL Corp. and a government report showing a bigger-than-expected trade deficit in August.

The Federal Reserve helped by adding a modest amount of reserves to the banking system.

The Dow average closed with a loss of 18.65 points at 2,638.73, with 224.07 million shares traded on the

New York Stock Exchange, scarcely more than half Monday's volume.

In morning trading today in Tokyo, the key Nikkei index rose moderately.

Still, traders said the markets were not fully back to normal.

"The markets moving as they are here, very emotionally, all around the world — it's very difficult really to put any logic behind the movements," said Chung Lew, chief stock trader at the securities firm Kleinwort Benson Inc. in New York.

UAL, which made speculators rich on the way up, made many of them poor on the way down.

The stock fell \$24.87 1/2 to close at \$198 a share — two-thirds of its recent peak of \$294 a share.

Traders said the drop in UAL helped drag down the overall market, which had been pumped up partly by speculation that a seemingly endless round of debt-financed takeovers would boost stock prices.

Senate OKs election aid for Sandinista opposition

By JIM DRINKARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is expected to quickly sign legislation providing \$9 million to the Nicaraguan political opposition's campaign to wrest power from the Sandinista government in February's national elections.

The Senate approved the package 64 to 35 late Tuesday after soundly defeating a series of attempts to cut or restrict the money. The House had approved it Oct. 4 on a vote of 263-156.

Bush is expected to sign the measure soon so that aid can begin to flow this month, the only month when voter registration is conducted for the Feb. 25, 1990, balloting.

The opposition coalition, known as UNO, "needs our assistance desperately," Bush wrote in a last-minute letter to the Senate urging support for the package. "Only by receiving help can it make a real contest of this election," he wrote.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater called the upcoming elections "the last crucial shot at getting representative democracy in Nicaragua."

Agreement on the package represented a political truce of sorts on what has been the most divisive foreign policy issue to confront Congress this decade.

Since President Reagan helped create the Contra rebels eight years ago to oust the leftist Managua government, the United States has spent some \$350 million to apply military pressure, with each increment of aid heatedly fought in Congress. Congressional restrictions on Contra aid played a large role in Reagan's greatest scandal, the Iran-Contra affair.

In his letter to lawmakers, Bush acknowledged administration discomfort with a Nicaraguan law that could send as much as \$2 million directly to the Sandinista-controlled Supreme Electoral Council. But he added: "We should not let this displeasure ... be used as

a transparent attempt to prevent the United States from helping its democratic friends."

The package would send \$9 million through the National Endowment for Democracy, a quasi-governmental agency that promotes democratic elections around the world to pay for ostensibly nonpartisan activities like voter registration, election monitoring and party building.

While NED's charter forbids direct partisan campaign support, the Bush administration believes that money spent to promote the democratic process will work to the advantage of opposition presidential candidate Violeta Chamorro, publisher of the opposition newspaper *La Prensa*.

The opposition coalition includes 14 parties spanning the spectrum from conservative to socialist and communist.

Party officials complain they lack even basic office supplies, while the ruling Sandinistas have all the resources of the government, including state-run media, at their disposal.

While the legislation was vague on how the money will be used, it appeared that up to \$6 million could go directly to the UNO opposition group and as much as \$2 million to the government-controlled electoral council. Nicaraguan law levies a 50 percent tax on foreign political contributions for certain purposes.

The endowment has been involved in elections in the Philippines, Chile and Poland, among others. But critics — both liberals and conservatives — point out that the administration's planned spending in Nicaragua far exceeds anything the endowment has used in other countries. Congress already had given it \$3.5 million in the last year to aid the election process there.

"Rather than ensuring free and fair elections, this package could well undermine them," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "Do we really want Mrs. Chamorro to be known as the best candidate the United States can buy?"

Colombia's judges on strike to protest colleague's slaying

By STAN YARBRO
Associated Press Writer

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The country's judges went on strike to protest a colleague's assassination and gunmen killed yet another journalist, the eighth news industry worker slain since the government launched its all-out war on cocaine barons.

An anonymous caller claiming to speak for drug traffickers took responsibility for Tuesday's killing of Hector Jimenez Rodriguez, a federal appeals court judge in the cocaine trafficking center of Medellin.

Hours later in Medellin, assassins gunned down radio journalist Diego Vargas Escobar in similar fashion, police said.

The slaying of Jimenez, 55, sparked a three-day strike by about 17,000 judicial workers, including most of Colombia's judges, to demand more protection from drug gangs.

Traffickers seek through murder, bombings and threats to force an end to the government's crackdown on Colombia's cocaine cartels, which was launched after the Aug. 18 slaying of presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan, an anti-drug cru-

sader.

Vargas Escobar, 54, was the eighth news industry worker slain since the crackdown began.

A radio journalist said Vargas Escobar, who worked for the Medellin station *La Voz de las Americas*, had recently received death threats.

The journalist, who did not want to be identified for security reasons, said he did not know who made the threats.

In anonymous calls to radio stations last week, the Extraditables — alleged traffickers wanted in the United States — claimed responsibility for the slayings of two journalists in Medellin.

Police said Jimenez was about to step into the car of a colleague outside his home when two men pulled up on a motorcycle and one stropped over and shot the judge six times.

An anonymous caller told a radio station in Medellin that the Extraditables killed him in retaliation for the extradition of Colombian drug suspects to the United States.

Colombia has extradited four suspects since President Virgilio Barco initiated the crackdown, and The Extraditables have promised that they would kill 10 judges for every drug dealer extradited.

None of the 12 alleged top Colombian drug bosses wanted by the United States have been captured, but the government has seized millions of dollars in their alleged assets.

Jimenez was a federal appeals court judge for 20 years in Medellin. All federal judges in the city have handled drug matters, but it was not known whether Jimenez had any cases recently.

The court workers' union declared a 72-hour strike to demand more protection for the judicial branch.

Various figures are given on the number of judges slain in Colombia. The court workers' union says 221 court employees, including 42 judges, have been killed during the past 12 years, many of them by drug traffickers.

Union officials said Colombia's 4,600 judges are still waiting to receive bullet-proof vests as part of a \$19 million U.S. aid program to protect them.

"The justice ministry told us some time ago that it had received just 15 bullet-proof vests and would distribute them soon," said Yolanda Parra, an administrator at the court worker's union. "But judges have still not gotten anything."

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Reporter: judge knew comments were for the record

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The reporter of a published article quoting State District Judge Jack Hampton's deprecating remarks toward gay people said the judge knew his comments would be reported, despite attorneys' pleas the judge thought the conversation was off the record.

"I am not on trial here. My work is not on trial. What the judge said is the issue," said Dallas Times Herald reporter Lori Montgomery. "The judge knew I was conducting an interview on the record."

Ms. Montgomery's comment came after a one-day, fact-finding hearing Monday to determine what action, if any, should be taken against Hampton.

Hampton told Ms. Montgomery in an interview published Dec. 16 that he gave a light sentence to convicted murderer Richard Bednarski, 18, in part because his two victims were "queers." He is accused of making similar

statements to The Associated Press.

The Republican judge said in the interview that John Lloyd Griffin and Tommy Lee Trimble were "asking for trouble" by soliciting sex. That testimony came from Bednarski during the 1988 trial.

"These two guys that got killed wouldn't have been killed if they hadn't been cruising the streets, picking up teen-age boys," Hampton said, two weeks after sentencing Bednarski to a 30-year prison term.

"I don't much care for queers cruising the streets for teen-age boys," he said.

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct is charging Hampton with violating conduct canons barring judges from commenting on pending cases.

Hampton also is accused of damaging public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.

Cliff Hutchinson, an attorney for Hampton, said Ms. Montgomery, as a court reporter, had been in Hampton's chambers more than 100 times and had developed a friendship with the judge. He said Ms.

Montgomery did not make clear her intentions to write a story while talking with Hampton.

"Ms. Montgomery took advantage of the friendship she cultivated with Judge Hampton to write a slanted article about the judge," Hutchinson said.

Bill Hornung, an attorney representing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, said even if the interview was off the record, Hampton should not have expressed his views the way he did.

"The place the judge expresses his opinion should be from the bench, not in an impromptu conversation with the press," Hornung said.

Hampton has apologized for a "poor choice of words" and insisted that he believed the interview was off the record. He has refused to talk to reporters since. He was out of town Monday on a judicial retreat.

Ms. Montgomery received awards by the Dallas Bar Association and a gay advocacy group for her work on the story.

Attorneys for Hampton presented taped interviews

of depositions from lawyers, fellow judges and even Hampton's minister defending the judge's fairness.

"After the interview with Ms. Montgomery, Hampton said, 'Just spell my name right because no one will remember what I've said in 1990,'" according to a deposition presented by Hornung.

"We are here to remind Judge Hampton and the commission we are not going to forget," Dan Perry, a member of the Gay Urban Truth Squad said outside the courts building Monday.

Perry was one of about 35 protestors representing the Gay Urban Truth Squad and Lesbian Visionaries, who stood outside the Criminal Courts Building chanting slogans and carrying signs during Monday's hearing.

Retired San Antonio appeals court Judge Robert R. Murray, who presided over the hearing, will submit statement of facts within two weeks to the 11-member full commission.

Voters to decide on loan bonds for small businesses in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas voters on Nov. 7 will be asked to consider \$75 million in state-backed bonds for loans to agricultural ventures, new products and small businesses passed over by private lenders.

The Texas Department of Agriculture estimates the bonds could create 15,000 new jobs in the food and fiber industries and promote \$500 million in annual sales.

But, opponents say the bonds would increase state debt to subsidize private enterprise. And they say the Legislature should not be asking voters to reconsider an idea they rejected two years ago.

Brian Mueller, the Agriculture Department's economic development coordinator, said the proposal has been scaled down from the \$125 million sought in 1987.

"It will not cost Texas taxpayers anything. It will only generate revenue," Mueller said.

Proposition 3 on the ballot - one of 21 proposed constitutional amendments - is backed also backed by the Texas Department of Commerce. It calls for:

- \$25 million for agriculture-related enterprises.
- \$25 million for new product

development.

— \$20 million for fledgling businesses.

— \$5 million for a loan program aimed at revitalizing rural areas and small towns.

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower called the proposal a "people's bond proposal" that could help "rebuild the Texas economy from the ground up, rather than from the top down."

Hightower said bond proceeds could be used, for example, to start a pickle factory in the Rio Grande Valley, a fish farm in East Texas, or a cotton yarn-spinning plant in the Lubbock area.

The bonds for agricultural ventures are designed to foster the production, marketing or export of state crops.

The loans are intended for businesses "not otherwise able to obtain such financing," according to a summary of the proposition by the House Research Organization.

Rebecca Allmon, a Texas Department of Commerce spokeswoman, said the \$25 million for the development of new products will be in the form of loans and equity investments.

She said the product development fund will provide assistance only after review by experts. The state would receive royalties based on the success of the new products that it finances.

Ms. Allmon also said that the part of the bonds for small businesses could be used to allow them to share services, such as receptionists, accountants and office equipment.

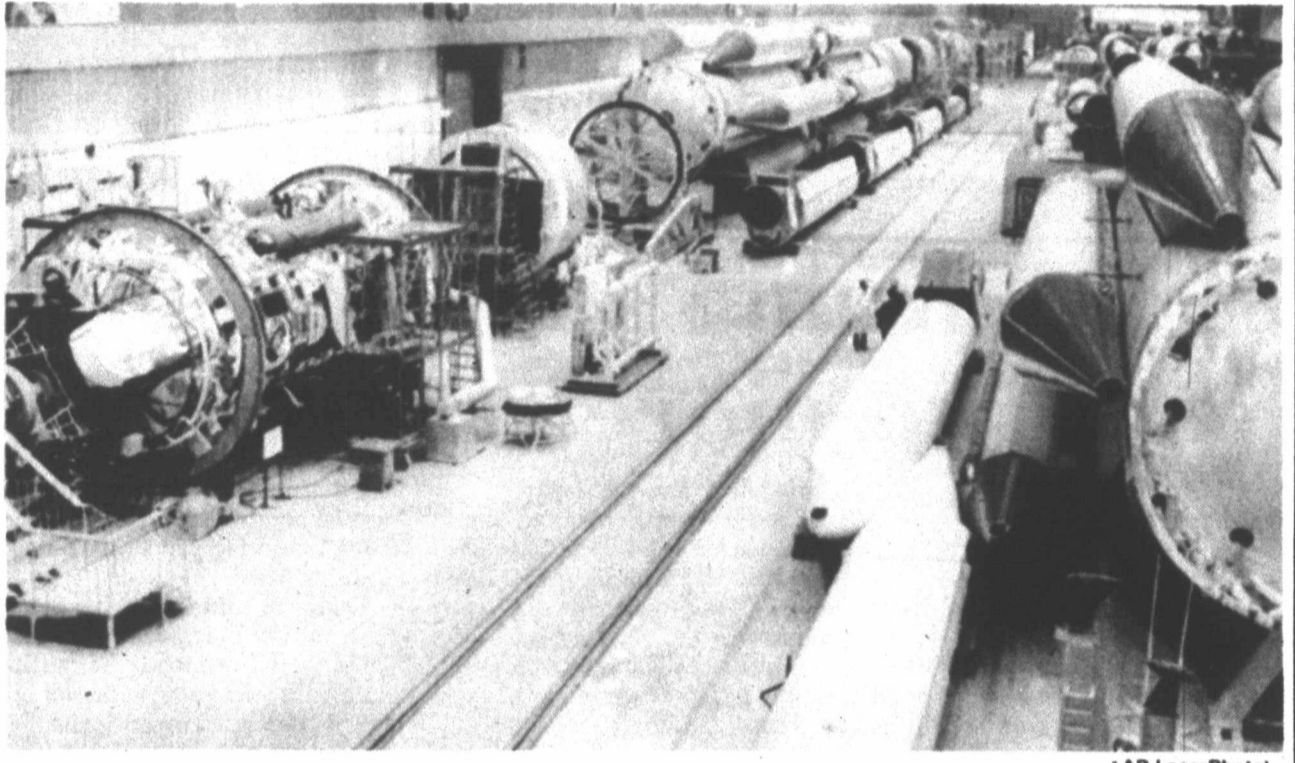
The (Texas) House Research Organization noted that small businesses have a failure rate of 80 percent within five to seven years.

"Any plan to have the state lend money where traditional financial institutions fear to tread should be viewed with considerable caution," the organization said in a summarizing the opposition.

"The state should not become a lender of last resort for those who want backing for some harebrained invention that private financial experts have already spurned."

The state already has nearly \$7 billion in bonded indebtedness, according to opponents.

Back in the U.S.S.R.



(AP LaserPhoto)

MOSCOW - Soviet technicians work on Proton rocket boosters and the newest optical-research module for the Mir space station at the Khrunicheva factory in Moscow. Two cosmonauts are orbiting now, preparing to install another module that includes scientific experiments and a space airlock.

Thorny issues hold up deficit-reduction bill

By STEVEN KOMAROW
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders say they'll quickly pass an emergency deficit bill to roll back automatic spending cuts once they decide how to handle issues such as a capital gains tax cut and Medicare catastrophic health care.

President Bush signed an order Monday night implementing \$16.1 billion in automatic Gramm-Rudman budget cuts after giving up hope for a last-minute compromise with Congress.

The White House and the Senate had pushed the House to accept their deal on a "stripped-down" deficit package, which would have allowed Bush to avoid the automatic cuts.

"We'll continue to work with the Congress" on a compromise plan to roll back the spending cuts, said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. "But there is some feeling here that (the automatic cuts) are the way to go. It will reduce spending in a very effective fashion."

House leaders of both parties said they could not so easily jettison their version of the budget bill.

In two weeks of sometimes furious debate, the House voted to cut the capital gains tax, multiply federal aid for child care and repeal the Medicare catastrophic illness plan - along with a host of other political favorites.

"We're not suddenly going to abandon them," said Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., chairman of the

House Budget Committee.

Panetta and Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., spent Monday meeting with other House leaders. Panetta said they hope to develop a plan this week to produce a House-Senate deficit reduction bill and send the Senate a separate bill including the other issues without forcing new House votes.

Rep. Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., the ranking Republican on the Budget Committee, said GOP members wanted to make sure their favorite measures in the old House bill retained their status.

"We are anxious to work with the Democrats to obviate the need" for the Gramm-Rudman cuts, he said. But Republicans, he said, were "a little less frantic."

The order signed by Bush Monday night cut 4.3 percent from Pentagon programs and 5.3 percent from domestic agencies, except for Social Security and poverty programs.

The cuts would reduce the deficit for fiscal 1990 by \$16.1 billion. They were required by the Gramm-Rudman law because Congress and the president have not been able to agree on an alternative way to cut the projected deficit below \$110 billion.

Although few immediate disruptions were expected in the short term, the cuts could have widespread effects if not reversed. Layoffs in the military, furloughs of air traffic controllers and cancellation of thousands of student loans could be expected.

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'Sin taxes' meet with chilly reception

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Cigarette and alcohol lobbyists blasted a proposal by a Texas lawmaker to raise so-called "sin taxes" for public schools and the idea also received a chilly reception from Gov. Bill Clements.

On Monday, state Rep. Dan Morales called for a \$723 million increase in alcohol and cigarette taxes to ensure a solid school finance system, since the Texas Supreme Court ruled the current system is unconstitutional.

The court has ordered the Legislature to change the state's school financing method because it allows property-rich schools to spend more on education than property-poor districts.

Morales, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for state attorney general, said increasing sin taxes would be the easiest way to raise immediate funds for poor schools and give the Legislature time to overhaul both the tax and school systems.

"Those who deny the need for additional state investment in our children are leading Texas directly down the road to ruin," said Morales. His San Antonio legislative district includes the Edgewood school district, which was the lead plaintiff for poor schools in the lawsuit against the state.

But Clements said officials must first determine how much is needed before considering a tax increase.

"Gov. Clements believes the first step at this point must be a

comprehensive review of the efficiency of the structure of the Texas school system," Rossanna Salazar, Clements' press secretary said.

And alcohol and cigarette groups said Morales' proposal targets a specific group to fix a statewide problem, hits the poor the hardest and would end up reducing state taxes.

Smokers and drinkers would either lessen consumption, or buy in neighboring states with lower taxes, they said.

"It would be a substantial inducement to at least casual smuggling (of cigarettes), if not smuggling on an organized basis," Walker Merryman, vice president of the Tobacco Institute, said.

Morales proposed raising the state cigarette tax 10 cents, from 26 cents to 36 cents per package; doubling both beer and liquor taxes, from \$6 to \$12 per barrel of beer and from \$2.40 to \$4.80 per gallon of liquor; and increasing from 12 percent to 20 percent the tax on mixed beverage sales.

The increases would bring \$723 million to state coffers over two years, in addition to the \$250 million already approved by lawmakers for equity school funding this year, said Morales, a member of the House tax-writing committee.

Morales said the tax increase would show a good-faith effort by the Legislature to convince the

Supreme Court to extend its May 1 deadline to correct the funding disparities, so that lawmakers could later make major changes to the state tax system to maintain school funding.

He said lawmakers should look at the state income tax, but added it will not become law unless the public determines it is the fairest tax.

"When we reach that point, I am going to be willing to support the public in that endeavor," he said.

Morales also criticized claims that a tax increase could be avoided through establishment of a state lottery. A lottery would not produce enough revenue and the state should not promote gambling, he said.

Foresters take role in Earth's climate

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The federal government may battle global warming through tree-planting in an effort to offset carbon emissions from deforestation in tropical countries, an Environmental Protection Agency official told state foresters.

"There's very active considera-

tion of this program as we speak," Kenneth Andrasko, senior forest analyst with the EPA policy and analysis office in Washington, said Monday.

Also speaking to the National Association of State Foresters on the phenomenon of global warming was

Mike Hall, director of the climatic and atmospheric research office for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Global warming involves a so-called "greenhouse effect" in which heat can be reflected from Earth or trapped in the atmosphere.

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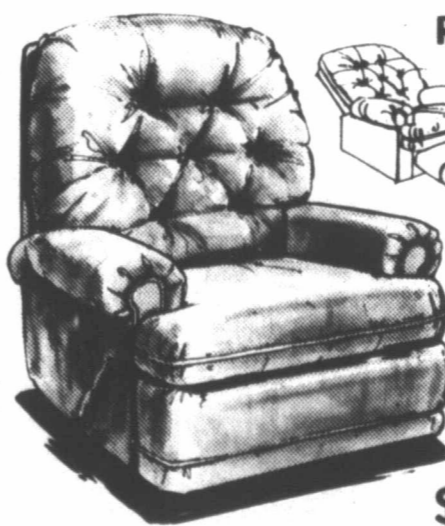
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Lifestyles

Lots of good food featured at Country Fair



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Food chairman, Vickie Walls, center, discusses the menu with Danny's Market owners, Danny and Glenna Bainum for Saturday's Country Fair at M.K. Brown Auditorium. In addition to Danny's Market, food booths will feature Mr. Gattis Pizza, Dos Cabelleros and Dyers' Barbecue. Fruit cobbler will be prepared by the Pampa Country Club and Scotty's Wine and Cheese will provide cheese.

Teen's 'caring' girlfriend seems not to care for him

DEAR ABBY: I am an 18-year-old guy. I've been out with many girls, but the girl I now date is very special to me. She's 17. We've gone together for six months.

My problem lies in her current behavior. She says it would be better if we didn't see each other "for a while," as she has had some minor personal problems. She lost her cat — the cat just wandered off and was either stolen or just plain lost. Also, she needs more time to do her homework, help her mother, and try to comfort her girlfriend who just broke up with her boyfriend. Also, she needs her rest.

I realize that this shows that she is a very caring person, but are these reasons enough for her not to see me for a while? (I suspect there is another guy, but when I asked her, she said no.)

It's been a week since I've seen her, and I miss her. Should I call her? Should I wait for her to call me? What should I do?

CARING AND CONCERNED

DEAR C AND C: Face it. The girl wants to cool it, so don't call her. When someone gives you five reasons for something, chances are not one of those reasons is the real one.

Assume a "manly" posture and pretend she doesn't exist. Trust me. You've nothing to lose. Ask some other girl out. Write again in 90 days and let me know what's happening.

DEAR ABBY: When my children were younger, we ate our meals together at the kitchen table. Because of changing lifestyles and schedules (divorce, the teens working different hours, microwave ovens, etc.) our mealtime gradually evolved into taking our plates to the living room to eat on our laps in front of the TV.

Last week, I commented about how it was a shame we didn't eat at the table like "normal" people anymore. Everyone laughed, and said our eating habits are normal — that most families today do eat in front of the television. I argued the point, and they said, "Ask Dear Abby — she'll find out."

So what do you say — are we the majority or the minority?

SINGLE MOM IN TOWNSEND, WASH.

DEAR MOM: I'll try. Readers:



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Do you eat your meals together as a family at one table? Or do you eat in front of the television with your plates in your laps? Teachers: Poll your classes! Reply by postcard to: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069.

DEAR ABBY: I am a grandmother who needs your opinion. Should I charge my daughter for baby-sitting my grandchild?

I am home most of the time and am living on a fixed income. I charge my daughter (she lives outside my home) \$1 an hour for sitting while she works. On top of that, I sit for her when she is not at work, and I do not charge her for that. I provide meals for the child and give her lots of love and affection. (Grandmothers are good at that!)

My daughter tells me that I am the only grandmother she has ever heard of who charges for baby-sitting her own grandchild. Abby, do you think I'm wrong to charge?

If you print this, maybe other grandmothers (if there are any in the same boat) will read it and respond.

CHARGING SITTER IN ASHTABULA

DEAR ABBY: You missed the mark by a country mile when you admonished an affectionate couple to "control themselves" in public lest some onlookers say, "Why don't you two get a room?" (This couple was married, mind you, and spending

the weekend at the summer home of his parents.)

Abby, why should they take their cue from his prudish, uptight parents?

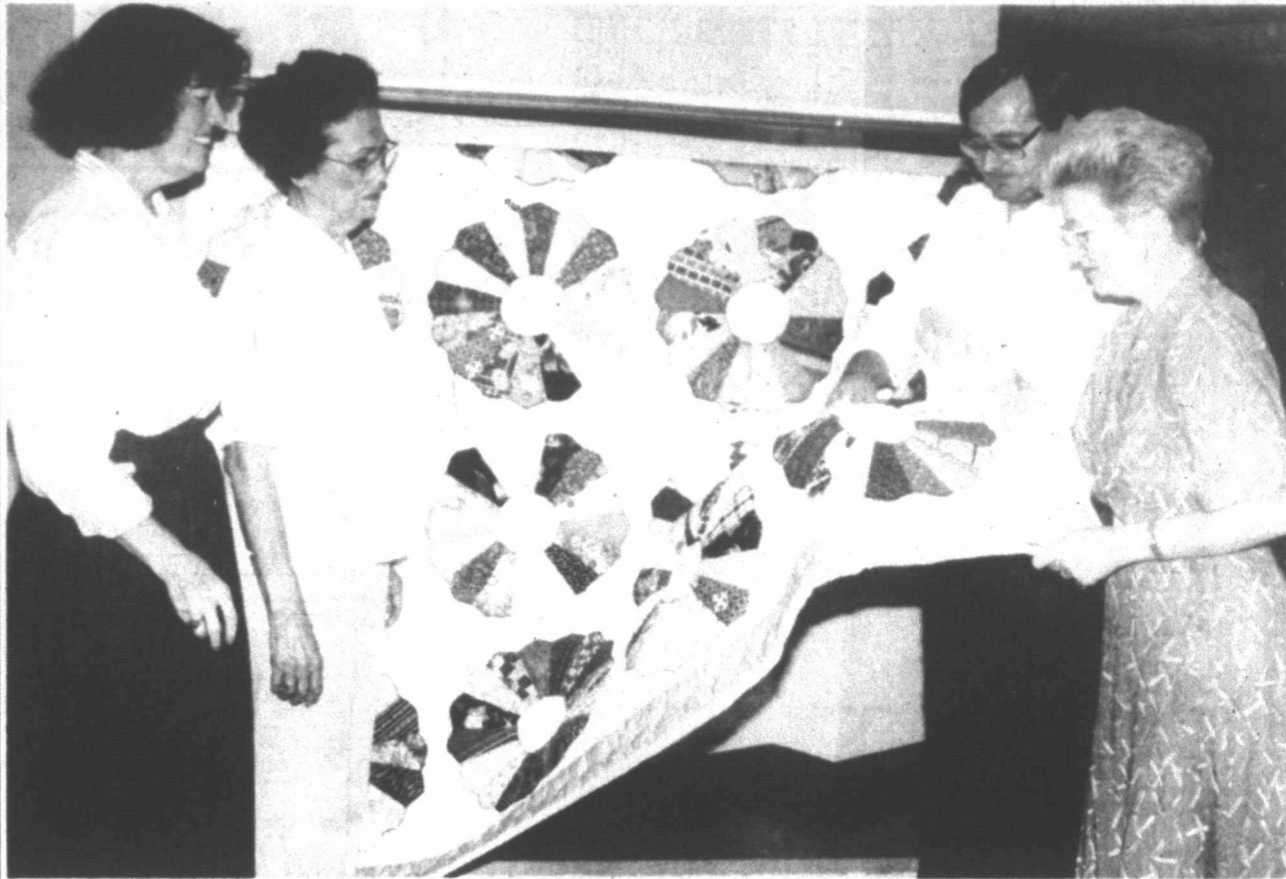
Let me quote Henri Matisse: "Nothing is sweeter than love, nothing stronger, nothing loftier, nothing grander, nothing pleasanter, nothing fuller, nothing better in heaven or on earth."

Which is to say, that to observe a couple holding hands in public, or bestowing a gentle kiss one on the other is indeed a joy to behold, and in this world of ever increasing hatefulness, a welcome sign that there may yet be hope for the human condition.

G.G.L. IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR G.G.L.: "All the world loves a lover." (Emerson)
"Discretion is the better part of valor." (Shakespeare)
"Moderation in all things is the epitome of wisdom." (Van Buren)

Poole wins Meals on Wheels quilt



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Bob Poole and Katrina Bigham, right, examine the quilt Poole received after Bigham drew his name in the Meals on Wheels fund-raiser. Looking on are director of the Meals on Wheels program, Ann Loter, far left, and Alma Goodner, who was instrumental in designing and making the quilt. The Meals on Wheels program raised \$1,092 in the quilt raffle. Workers began making the quilt on June 6 and completed the piece of art on June 13. Those assisting Goodner were Loter, Gloria Norris, Carol Vines, Esta Lee Brogdon, Elsie Nail, Madge Hankins, Ethel Taylor, Glendora Gindorf, Betty Rice, Carol Mackey and Capitola Wilson.

Spelling Bee scheduled for next April

AMARILLO - Public, private and parochial students are invited to participate in the Regional National Spelling Bee co-sponsored by the Amarillo Globe-News and West Texas State University set for April 7, 1990 on the WTSU campus.

Serving as director for Gray County is Tim Powers, principal, Lamar Elementary.

The age limit is 16 and a partici-

pant must not be in a grade higher than the eighth grade by the end of the current school.

The Junior Bee is for students in the fifth and lower grades. Senior Bee is for students in the eighth and lower grades. In some instances directors combine the two levels. Only Senior winners compete in regional.

The 1990 regional winner will

receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., including expenses for one parent.

Schools in the area use the study booklet "Words of the Champions", containing more than 500 new words over the 1989 booklet. The booklet is available for 50 cents from Jeane Bartlett, Spelling Bee Editor, Amarillo Globe-News, Box 2091, Amarillo, Tex. 79166.



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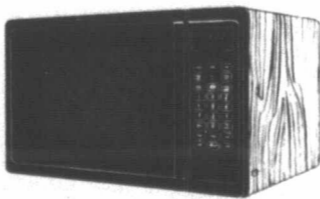
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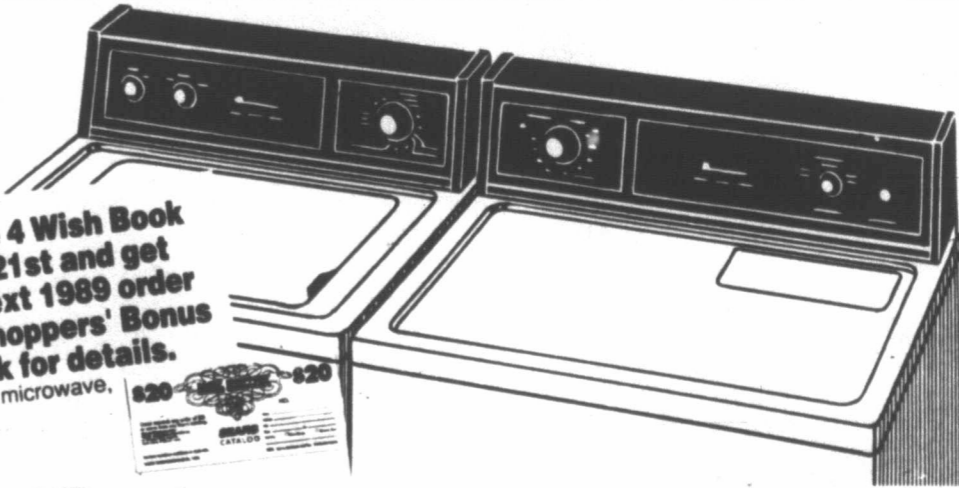
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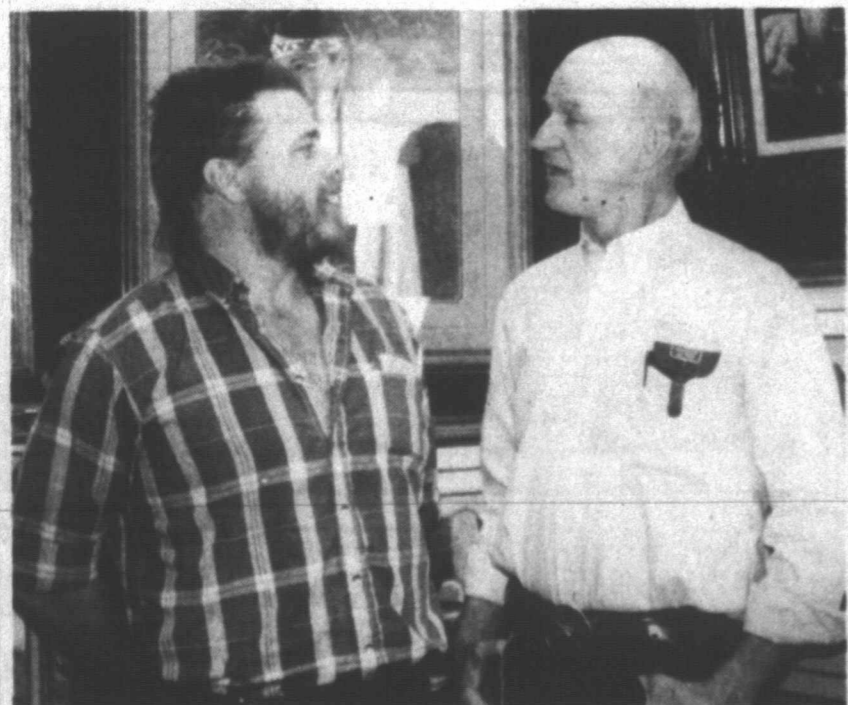
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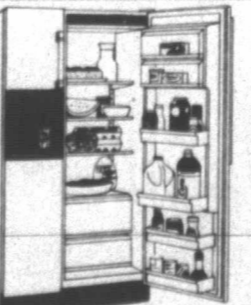
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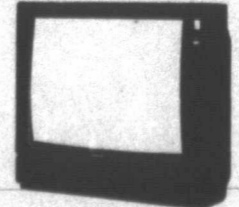
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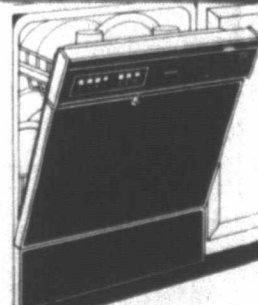
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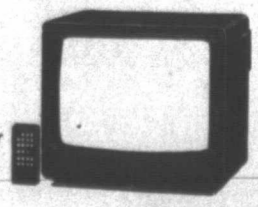
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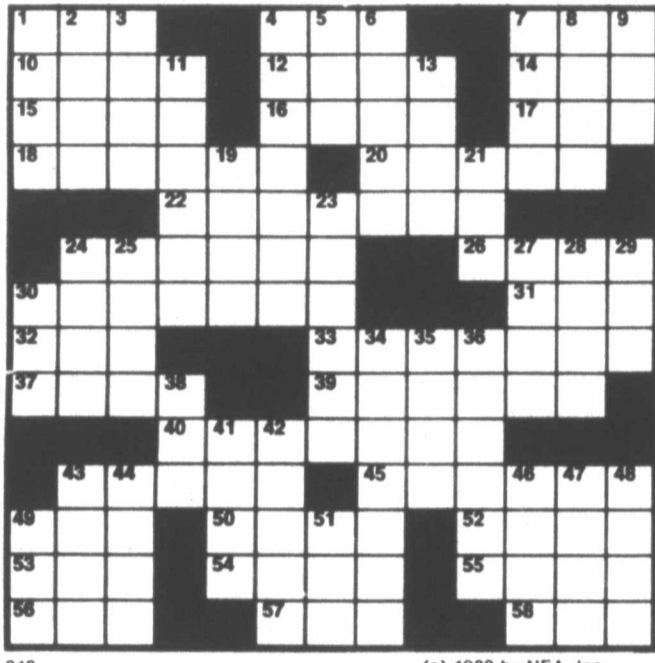
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- 14 Boat gear
- 15 Dramatic conflict
- 16 Cave (poet.)
- 17 Harper Valley —
- 18 Piano piece
- 20 Billiard shot
- 22 Order
- 24 Novice athlete
- 26 Novelist
- 28 Bagnoid
- 30 Right
- 31 Time of life
- 32 Unclose (poet.)
- 33 Dialect
- 34 Integration
- 37 Slippery
- 39 Most wise
- 40 Stuffer
- 43 Inky
- 45 Reduce in rank
- 49 Western

DOWN

- 1 Dec. holiday
- 2 Othello villain
- 3 Image
- 4 From living matter
- 5 Clothing substance
- 6 Ringed boa
- 7 Fumbler's exclamation
- 8 Destination
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- 13 Coup d' —
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- 21 Bishop's province

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even advice from well-intentioned friends is not likely to be well received by you today, especially if their comments pertain to your domestic affairs. 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, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to keep in mind today that you are not the only one among your contemporaries who is capable of coming up with clever ideas. Your pals will resent your lack of appreciation for their thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be cautious today regarding involvements where it appears you only have to put in a little money to get something big going. Your hopes could be predicated upon wishful thinking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Partnership arrangements won't work too well at this time if there is a lack of candor in the alliance. Each party must be totally truthful with the other.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There is someone you know rather well who is never satisfied regardless of how much you do. This person is likely to be slaming a fist on the complaint desk again today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's important you do not malign a mutual friend in front of others today. If you put this person down, your listeners will start to wonder what you've been saying behind their backs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're capable of achieving critical objectives today, but you might offend others in the process. Try not to leave angry associates in your wake.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your sources of information today might not be as accurate or valid as they usually are. To be on the safe side, don't base important judgments on hearsay.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Occasionally old obligations have a way of rearing their ugly heads at inconvenient times. Today several you've been trying to keep submerged may wiggle their way to the surface.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) One-to-one relationships might be a bit difficult for you to manage today. The faults you find in your companions may be a reflection of your own inadequacies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When duty calls, strive to respond promptly today, because responsibilities you fail to attend to will worsen with neglect. Don't let things pile up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In your social involvements today you might not display your usual gracious qualities. People with whom you usually have a good rapport may be the ones who annoy you the most.

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Retired man didn't plan to become a rural fireman



(AP Laserphoto)

Hans Guldman poses by his pickup with a 400-gallon pumper mounted on its bed for firetruck duties. Guldman has taken it upon himself to serve as fireman for his 'Rattlesnake Creek' rural district.

By R.A. MCGLOHON JR.
Kerrville Daily Times

KERRVILLE (AP) — Hans Guldman didn't want a new vocation when he retired to the Hill Country 16 years ago.

The 70-year-old Renaissance man had enough on his mind — what with his music and his nature studies and his gardening and his inventing.

At first, his concern was his house on 30 acres north of Kerrville. Guldman was determined to build a passive-solar, efficient home, one where the self-described "tightwad" could live on "about what the janitor at the post office makes."

He got his house built, living in a tent during construction, and was ready to turn to his other interests when danger reared its gruesome head in the peaceful hills off Rattlesnake Creek.

Fire.

"In 16 years, I've almost been burned out three times," Guldman says today.

Rural fire protection is iffy at best, Guldman says. He tried to interest his neighbors in a volunteer fire department, but the mostly elderly community wasn't interested.

"No one out here — no one — wanted to assume the responsibility," he says. "There was only one thing left — to do it myself. And I have."

Guldman's first investment in fire safety was a little two-wheel pumper wagon, a 110-gallon firefighting device suitable for towing behind a car or truck.

Guldman parked it at his home for the inevitable brush fires.

"Everybody has a key to it," he says. "I use it to kind of babysit controlled burns."

That was six years ago. Today, the garage and yard at Guldman's house looks more like a fire department than a home.

"It wasn't intended to be a fire station," Guldman says. "I am not a fire department or anything like that. This whole thing grew out of a situation that was very severe."

Today, Guldman's firefighting arsenal includes an International Scout II pumper that holds 150 gallons and shoots high-pressure foam.

He also has a 400-gallon pumper mounted on a large pickup parked in his garage, and a 1,000-gallon pumper truck — a castoff he bought from the Kerrville South Fire Department — parked behind his house next to his homemade sprinkler system.

"This is what you call a quick-response, all-purpose pumper," Guldman says, pointing to the garage vehicle.

Welcome to the Rattlesnake Creek Fire Abatement Society — Guldman's \$30,000 investment.

"I am not rich," Guldman says. "I live frugally and I have enough by pinching pennies to do this."

Guldman says his neighbors have been helpful in his quest for fire protection, chipping in time and sometimes money.

But the best help people can give his one-man fire department is to live safely, Guldman says.

It's a lot easier to keep a fire from starting than to get a fire to stop, he says.

Be careful with controlled burns, he pleads. Don't burn during the dry season, and always tell your local fire department what's going on.

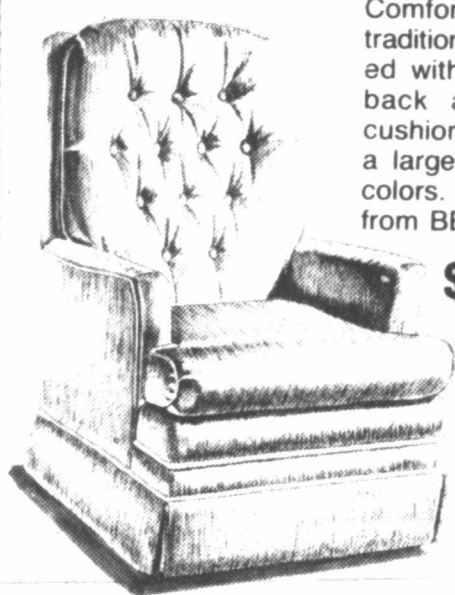
Keep fire extinguishers handy, he asks. Put one in the living room, in the garage, in the cars.

And be careful with flammables, he says. Don't store gasoline, unless you have to. And if you do, store it carefully, not in "any old tin can."

Guldman's "Rattlesnake" district covers the Scenic Hills, Scenic Valley and Kerrville Country Estates subdivisions. But he's answered fires throughout the county.

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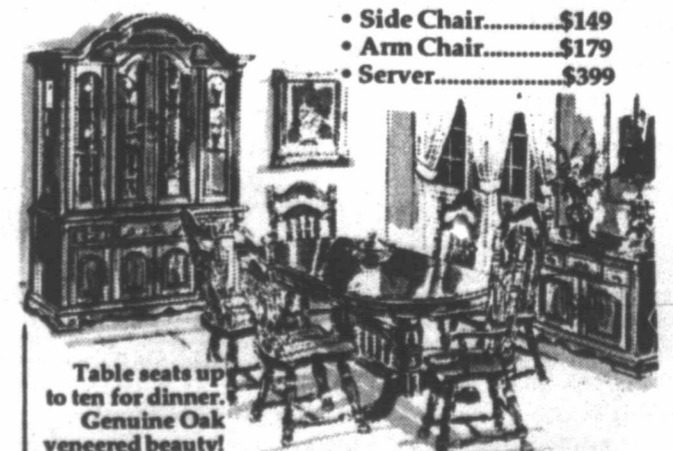


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