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Bonfire silhouettes



(Staff photo by Sonny Bohanan)

A crowd of students are silhouetted by the flames from the pep rally bonfire Thursday night at Recreation Park as the Pampa Harvesters prepare for their football rivalry with Borger. The Harvesters will meet the Borger Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. today at the Borger High School stadium, with fans being encouraged to travel to Borger for the game to show their support for the Pampa team.

School board praises GCAD, law firm for their collection of delinquent taxes

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District Board of Education discussed the administration computer system at a Thursday meeting and gave a pat on the back to the Gray County Appraisal District and the law firm collecting delinquent taxes.

PISD Business Manager Mark McVay reported to the school board that as of the end of October, \$377,000 in delinquent taxes have been collected for the year compared to \$226,818 in 1986, \$277,708 in 1987 and \$467,795 in 1988.

Board President John Curry said, "This speaks well of the Appraisal District and Pat Bagley (chief appraiser) in getting our money for education. We're also pleased with the work our present attorneys are providing with collections work. To have the money coming is really

tremendous, I think, and speaks well of the attorneys."

The law firm of Calame, Lineberger & Graham of Austin currently has the delinquent tax collections contract for the Gray County Appraisal District. The Appraisal District Board of Directors are scheduled to meet Tuesday for the purpose of renewing that contract with the law firm. According to the contract between the GCAD and the city of Pampa and PISD, the superintendent and city manager have a say in the choice of attorneys.

Dr. Harry Griffith, PISD superintendent, said, "The actual monthly collections with Mr. Bagley and the attorneys is really excellent."

In a separate discussion of the administration computer system, Griffith expressed his opinion that the present system is "quickly becoming inoperable."

By this spring, with the old system, an estimated \$70,000 will be

needed just to expand and update the system.

"The question is at what point and how much money do we throw to a bad system that doesn't meet the needs?" Griffith asked.

Although a new system is expected to be costly, Griffith said it would definitely be beneficial, not only for bookkeeping purposes, but for better education. The board gave its approval to continue looking at new systems and present the findings to the board.

"Data management will have a significant impact on our ability to evaluate and manage our children," the superintendent said.

In other business, the board recognized Dr. Jerry Stockton, the new president of Clarendon College. Stockton pledged his cooperation of the college in working with PISD.

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U.S. judge orders Reagan to give Poindexter papers

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Reagan is under orders to turn over documents by Wednesday to John Poindexter, who says his alleged crimes in the Iran-Contra affair were authorized by the president.

In an order issued Thursday, U.S. District Court Judge Harold Greene said Poindexter "may serve upon former President Reagan and upon the archivist of the United States the subpoenas... submitted to the court."

The archivist has possession of presidential records of the Reagan administration. Reagan took his

diary with him when he left the White House.

Greene's ruling marks the first time in the Iran-Contra scandal that a judge has approved a subpoena for documents from Reagan.

Poindexter's lawyers say they want Reagan's diary as well as notes he took at key meetings with his national security adviser, but it is unclear what the subpoenas demand, since Greene did not disclose their contents.

The judge ruled last month that Poindexter, who was Reagan's national security adviser, is entitled to subpoena "specific, relevant documents" bearing on the criminal charges against him.

Reagan's lawyers are almost cer-

tain to challenge the subpoenas, but the Justice Department may be less likely to step into a legal battle.

Reagan, asked by reporters in Cincinnati about the subpoena, said, "Cases like that before the law, I don't comment."

The Justice Department will examine the Reagan subpoena in light of the 1974 Supreme Court ruling on the Watergate tapes, said a Justice Department source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"We are in the process of reviewing" Greene's order "to determine what action we should take, if any," said Justice Department spokesman David Runkel.

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Pampa school district gains grant for day care for children of teens

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District has been notified it will receive a \$24,000 one-year grant for a day-care center for children of teen-agers in the school district, Dr. Harry Griffith, superintendent of PISD, told Board of Education members Thursday.

The funding will come from the Texas Education Agency and is made possible through a grant application submitted in September by Sally Griffith, At-Risk Coordinator at PISD. School officials said they hope to have the day care running in January.

The day care is much needed as a means of helping students stay in school or get vocational training, Dr. Griffith said. Each year, 75 babies are born to teen-age girls in Gray County. He said there were three births last week to teen-agers in the school district.

Teen-age pregnancy is closely linked to school dropout. According to the grant application, more than half of the girls who become pregnant drop out of school during the pregnancy. Only 15 to 20 girls have been served each year through the school's program for pregnant girls.

In the past three years, only two girls have remained in the regular high school program throughout their pregnancy. Only 15 percent of the girls who have become pregnant have graduated from Pampa High School. Pregnant girls have rarely received vocational training, Griffith said.

The grant money will be used not only to provide day care, but to provide transportation and access to vocational training. The day care, to be housed at

Clarendon College-Pampa Center, will provide services for children younger than 18-months-old. Those over that age will be able to attend the Community Day Care Center.

Pampa Learning Center, an alternative to high school, was begun Sept. 27 by the PISD. The individualized program is aimed at keeping at-risk students in school, recovering dropouts and providing employment skills and vocational education.

Dawson Orr, assistant superintendent of secondary education, said there are currently 57 students involved in the Pampa Learning Center with a waiting list of 21 students, proving the program has been successful. Many of the students in the program are teen-age parents.

Of the \$24,000 grant, an estimated \$13,500 would be used for payroll, \$4,500 is expected to be used to contract with Community Day Care Center, and \$5,200 is budgeted for transportation.

The major objectives of the program stated in the grant application are "to provide daycare and transportation support services to pregnant and parenting teens so they can obtain academic and vocational skills."

Other goals include:

- Eight pregnant or parenting students will receive a high school diploma in 1989-90.
- 20 will obtain at least four credits toward graduation.
- 20 will receive vocational training to increase marketable skills.
- On two-month follow-up after leaving the program.

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Texas Baptist men construct tabernacle at Panfork Camp

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY — Exterior work on a new tabernacle and worship facility at Panfork Baptist Camp is scheduled to be completed today.

The work is being done by a group of Baptist volunteers from

around the state, headed by Leland Vermillion of Lakey, located between Austin and San Antonio.

"We're under the umbrella of Texas Baptist Men," Vermillion said Thursday, pausing from work on a portion of the tabernacle. "We work on camps primarily."

"We pay our own travel expenses. All we ask is if they can provide

us one meal a day. We also ask for a place to park our trailers."

John Gillispie, manager of the camp, said the new building is the realization of a five-year dream on the part of Top of Texas Southern Baptists.

"I contacted (the volunteer group) about doing the building," he said, noting that it and the rest of the camp serve around 1,700 campers each summer and 3,500-4,000 throughout the entire year.

"This group has been here four weeks," Gillispie continued. "We had the foundation laid and the equipment ready when they got here."

Dale Butler, a retiree from Texaco in Pampa and a member of First Baptist Church here, was one of several local men who had joined the statewide work crew Thursday.

"I wanted to do something to help the cause," Butler said.

"The old (tabernacle) was a place where a lot of boys and girls came to know Jesus. I don't think the new one will make the preaching any better, but it will hold the weather."

Butler added that he considered it a privilege, even in temperatures under 40 degrees, to join a group of Christians in working on a building that will be used for preaching and teaching the Gospel.

"There is always something that can get in the way of coming down and doing this kind of thing. But I chose to come anyway," Butler said.

He was joined by Pampans Willard Franklin and Dale Moreland in working on the tabernacle Thursday.

"This (camp) influences a lot of people's lives," Gillispie said. "I went to Amarillo to pick up some metal and visited with a fellow on business. He asked what this was going for and I told him. He said he'd been here as a kid."



(Staff photos by Bear Mills)

Gillispie discusses building of new tabernacle at Panfork Baptist Camp.

Gillispie stated that the cost of the new building would be around \$85,000, considerably lower than if labor for the project had had to be paid.

"The camp is funded totally by the 66 (Southern Baptist) churches in the Top of Texas area," Gillispie said. "About 40 of those 66 have us in their budget either on a monthly or annual basis."

"Through the work of the four (Baptist) associations in the Top of Texas area, they also have us in their budgets. We consider ourselves an auxiliary in ministry."

Gillispie explained that he became a camp manager after 32 years of being a pastor.

"Doug Dubose, the former director of missions for Pampa, talked me into this. That's what I keep

telling him, anyway," Gillispie laughed. "During a school of missions he asked me if I'd consider coming."

"We have 11 camps during the summer including a senior (citizen) day camp."

Vermillion said he became the volunteer leader of the work crew that travels the state building new facilities because of his previous work as a camp manager.

"After managing camps for 26 years, I couldn't turn my back," Vermillion said. "I'd have been thrilled, back when I was managing camps, to have a group like this come in."

He said he coordinates his work crews off a list of 60 volunteers from all over Texas.

Eleven men originally signed on the Panfork project, with 10 still

here to put the final touches on exterior work.

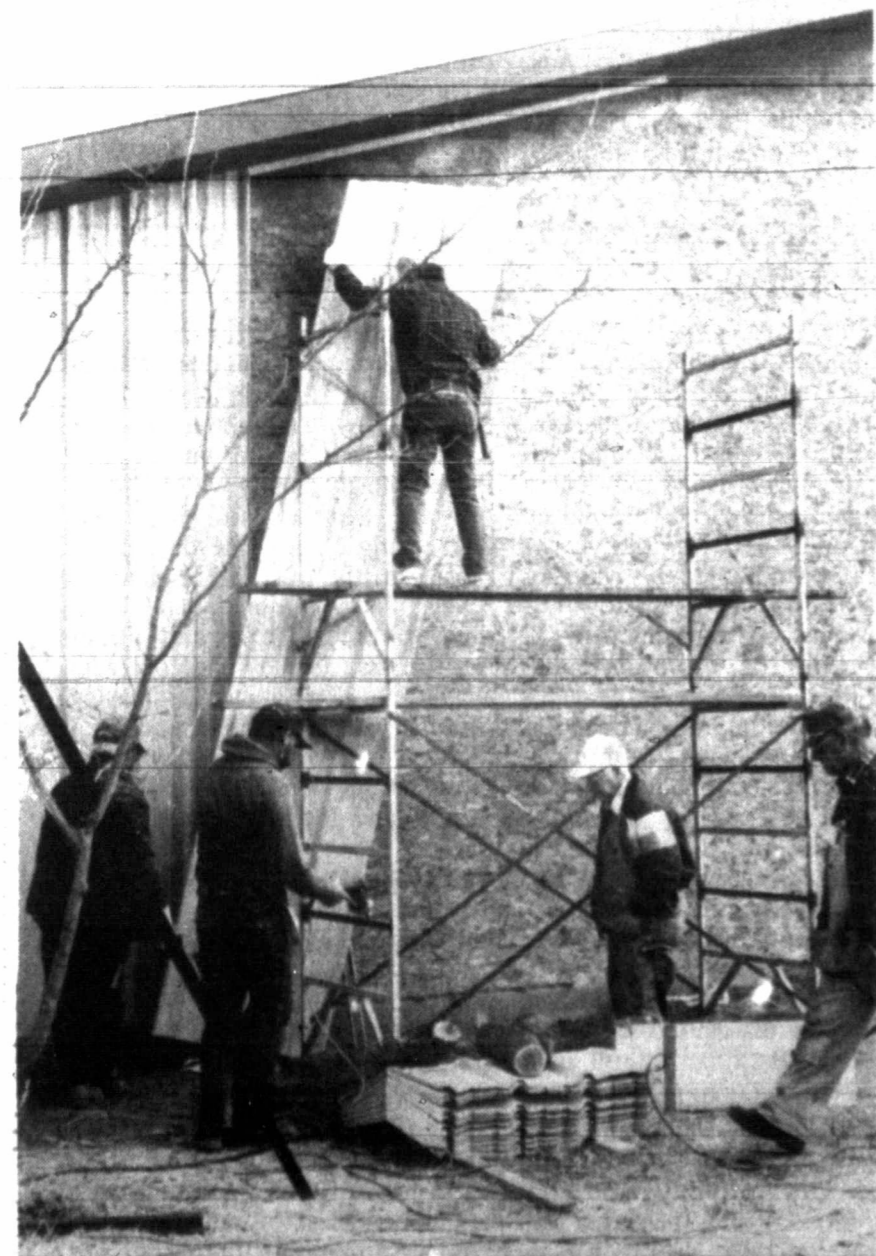
"I imagine we will come back in the spring to finish the inside," Vermillion said, adding that Panhandle winters are not suited for construction work, especially if you are from the Hill Country.

Gillispie said the men bring their wives with them and the women join the effort by picking up trash at the campsite or preparing meals.

He pointed out that the work the men are doing will be appreciated by people meeting at the camp for years to come, though they may not know who was responsible for it.

Vermillion said he was uninterested in any special praise.

He is merely doing what he was called to do, building the buildings in which other people will work to build faith.



Volunteers put siding on tabernacle Thursday.

Jury acquits young boy in slaying of Fort Worth teacher

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Fort Worth police sergeant says he is still convinced that police were right to charge a 12-year-old boy with a teacher's slaying, even though a jury took just one vote to acquit the boy.

A jury deliberated less than two hours Thursday before clearing the boy of murder charges in the stabbing death of 24-year-old Jana Simpson. She was stabbed 17 times outside a Fort Worth elementary school classroom building Aug. 28.

"They (jury members) told me they took one vote and it was not guilty all the way around," said the boy's attorney, Earl "Ernie" Bates.

The case hinged on the boy's admission that he killed the teacher, a statement he made after two hours of police questioning Sept. 6. The boy recanted the admission that day.

State District Judge Scott Moore allowed the boy's "I killed the teacher. I killed the teacher" statement

from the Sept. 6 questioning admitted into the testimony.

But he disallowed most of the boy's statement to police, ruling that the boy's alleged confession was improperly obtained.

The confession was the most damaging piece of evidence against the boy. No physical evidence linked him to the slaying, authorities said.

Despite the weak case, police sergeant Paul Kratz said he makes "no apologies" for his department's handling of the questioning.

"We still feel very confident that we charged the right person," Kratz said.

After the verdict, Miss Simpson's father, Mike Simpson of Longview, said he still had faith in the jury system, and said he intends to get on with his life.

"For me it means that the final chapter of my daughter's life is over, and I've got to get back to

work," he said.

On Wednesday, the boy told Moore out of the jury's presence that he was pressed into a confession by a police detective who showed him pictures of Miss Simpson's dead body.

"He was trying to put it on me. He was trying to accuse me of the killing," the boy said of Detective J.D. Roberts, who questioned him. "He told me if I would tell the truth about it, he would get me out of it and I could go home."

"I just made up something to get them off by back," the boy testified.

Roberts denied the accusations. During trial testimony, Roberts said he didn't coerce the boy to confess and that police at first considered him only a possible witness to the stabbing.

During final arguments, Prosecutor Barbara Medley told the jury the defendant was seen riding a bicycle

from the scene.

"We all have a warm place in our hearts for children," Ms. Medley said. "But when a child picks up a knife, they are just as deadly as an adult."

But Bates said, "You can't tell me that an 11-year-old boy could have this kind of struggle, do this, without getting all bloody ... and then fool every single person including the entire crime lab of the city of Fort Worth Police Department."

The boy turned 12 shortly after the slaying. Tarrant County Medical Examiner Marc Krouse testified that Miss Simpson bled to death within minutes of the attack. He said a 4 1/2-inch deep wound to the back of her neck had severed her spinal cord and penetrated her nasal cavity.

Krouse said he could not rule out the possibility that a boy of less than 100 pounds, like the defendant, could have dealt such a blow.



(AP Laserphoto)

State Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, center, and Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, talk about their vain efforts to get their workers' compensation proposal passed.

Workers' comp plan closer to approval

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers moved a step closer to revamping the Texas workers' compensation system as a Senate committee approved bills that would raise benefits and require employees to carry the coverage.

Action by the Economic Development Committee on the two bills by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby came Thursday after the State Board of Insurance approved a 22 percent increase in workers' comp insurance rates and berated special interests that take advantage of the system.

"Everyone is abusing the system," said board member Richard Reynolds of Flower Mound.

Board member Jo Ann Howard of Austin described the current no-fault insurance designed to compensate injured employees as a quagmire dominated by doctors, lawyers, employers, and employees.

The new rates, upping premiums by approximately \$600 million, will go into effect no later than Jan. 1.

The two bills by Hobby would raise weekly benefits from \$238 to \$416 and phase in mandatory comp coverage by 1995 for all employees that have four or more employees.

But critics of Hobby's plan say it will deprive workers of a basic right — a meaningful jury trial in disputed comp claims and it would set a specific schedule on what an injury is worth, regardless of how it affects the employee.

In the middle of the fray are Hobby and Sen. Carl Parker of Port Arthur, who has co-written an alternate reform plan with Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, that is preferred by labor and by attorneys who represent injured workers in disputed workers compensation cases.

Parker criticized Hobby, saying his fellow Democrat has written a

measure that favors "those employers who have given Texas the worst record in the nation for industrial safety and deaths."

The Caperton-Parker proposal would reduce premiums by 13.7 percent while increasing job safety, the bills' sponsors said.

If Hobby's plan is passed in the Senate, the bills would go to the House.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said he supports the compensation reform bill, but not the insurance reform proposal.

Gov. Bill Clements said even if the comp system is overhauled, Texas employers will be hit with increases for another two years because the rates are based on past experience.

Hobby told reporters the 22 percent increase was not high enough. He said some insurers are leaving the workers compensation business because the Insurance Board has failed to set high enough rates.

The state's consumer protection division, which recommended a 17.5 percent increase, said the Insurance Board's decision will cause more companies to drop workers compensation coverage.

"There have been a number of them dropping them in the past under the current rates, and if you increase rates by 22 percent certainly there will be a few more dropping," Rod Bordelon, deputy public counsel of the Office of Consumer Protection, said.

The insurance industry, which had requested a 34.9 percent increase, applauded the Insurance Board's action, but indicated some insurers may still leave the market.

"Our companies are taking a long, hard look at whether they can continue to write workers' compensation in Texas," said Marietta McCain, president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas.

Senate gets hot potato of pay raise plan

By STEVE KOMAROW
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A hot-potato decision on a big congressional pay raise and ethics package rests in the lap of a skittish Senate with only a few days left before Congress plans to adjourn for the year.

"Formidable, but possible," was how Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole described the task of getting his sharply divided chamber to act before Thanksgiving on the plan approved 252-174 Thursday in the House.

The House approved a plan to raise its pay, and that of other top government officials, by more than 35 percent in less than 14 months. House salaries would soar from the current \$89,500 to more than \$120,000.

With the higher pay, House members would be barred beginning

in 1991 from pocketing honoraria checks for speeches before interest groups.

They also would be subject to other new rules in the first major overhaul of its ethics rules in 12 years.

The House plan doesn't include a raise for the Senate unless the Senate votes to include itself.

Enemies of the pay raise were trying to turn up the pressure against it.

Ralph Nader, the consumer advocate who helped kill a proposed 51 percent pay raise just 10 months ago, called the new plan a "legislative pay-grab wolf in a minor ethical reform sheep's clothing."

Dole and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, scheduled an unusual caucus of both parties, behind closed doors, to hash things out this morning. Everyone agreed there was a wide divergence of views.

The Senate could vote to give itself no raise but let the House and others get theirs. Or it could buy into the whole deal, kill it or choose something in between.

"The leadership is pushing hard for us to adopt the House package," Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., said Thursday. "Apparently, it must be a close vote."

Mitchell has said he favored the House plan but speculated the Senate might go for a more modest pay package and a more gradual elimination of honoraria.

Senators now may keep speaking fees equal to 40 percent of their salaries, compared to 30 percent in the House, so the House plan actually could be an income cut for some senators.

The Senate also has its own ideas about ethics rules, including restrictions on lobbying after lawmakers leave office.

The House plan would raise

salaries in a series of steps, for a total minimum 35 percent raise by Jan. 1, 1991. On top of that, lawmakers and the other officials would get whatever cost-of-living adjustment is given to rank-and-file government workers on that date.

President Bush, eager to raise pay for his top staff and the federal judges, has already said he'd sign the bill.

House members who took the politically unpopular plunge and voted for the pay raise Thursday were watching the Senate's moves carefully, for fear the other chamber would kill it.

"The Senate in the next 24 hours needs to think about what is politically possible," said Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif., co-chairman of the task force that drafted the House plan.

Another House Democrat said the pressure his chamber would put on the Senate would approach "white heat."

Report provides proposal for oil spill response

AUSTIN (AP) — A new report on oil spill response gives Texas a battle plan to head off an Exxon Valdez-type environmental disaster, says a member of the committee making the recommendations.

"Texas must learn from the mistakes made in Alaska. Responding quickly, aggressively and effectively to an oil spill requires that our plans look more than just good on paper," said Railroad Commission Chairman Kent Hance.

The Governor's Oil Spill Advisory Committee on Thursday reported that more money, more equipment and more emergency training drills are needed to make sure Texas can combat a major offshore spill.

The task force recommendations followed after a five-month study ordered by Gov. Bill Clements after the tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground, dumping more than 240,000 barrels of oil into Alaska's environmentally sensitive Prince William Sound.

"Texas must be fully prepared to respond to oil or chemical spills," said Clements. "The beauty and vitality of our land and seascapes and our natural resources demand our vigilance."

Heading the committee's list of recommendations are:

— Requiring annual spill response training drills coordinating local, state and federal agencies, schools and private industry.

— Having the oil industry and Coast Guard locate additional spill-fighting equipment in Corpus Christi and Beaumont to guarantee a quick response on the Texas coast.

— Urging the Legislature to beef up the Texas Spill Response Fund to its \$5 million limit. The fund currently contains only about \$700,000.

— Imposing educational requirements and testing of operators of oil tankers and oil storage facilities.

— Increasing state funding for

academic and non-profit research in state-of-the-art spill cleanup technology.

— Continuing aggressive lobbying by state officials and Texas congressmen to defeat federal legislation that would slap oil spill liability ceilings on states. Texas, as do most states, currently has no cap on liability for spills.



Claudette Hand

Hand to run for treasurer in Hemphill

CANADIAN — Claudette Hand, a Canadian resident since 1946, has announced her intention to run for the position of Hemphill County treasurer in the Republican Party primary election on March 13.

Hand is a graduate of Canadian High School and has 35 years of experience in areas of finance. She was employed for four years by Wilbur Insurance Co. and the First National Bank, going from there to Bartlett Enterprises' General Office in office management and payroll.

For 13 years, she was with H&R Trucking in payroll, accounting and tax preparation. For almost six years, she has been employed by Dick Waterfield as a commodities future broker and secretarial aide and in office management.

Hand is a member of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the First United Methodist Church.

She is the mother of two sons, Scott and Wayne. She is the daughter of pioneer area residents, the late Elmer Sparks and Irene Sparks of Canadian.

Man arrested in officer's death faces other charges

GARLAND (AP) — A man held today in a suburban police officer's death also faces charges in the fatal shootings of three others and the wounding of a 4-year-old girl in what police speculate was retaliation for a confrontation in August.

Daniel Joe Hittle was charged Thursday with capital murder and three charges of attempted capital murder after a shooting spree ended in a gunfight on a suburban street late Wednesday night.

Police said Walker shot and killed Mary Alice Goss, 39, Richard Joseph Cook Jr., 36, and Raymond Scott Gregg, 19, at a home in Dallas at about 10:30 last night.

Christy Condon, Ms. Goss' 4-year-old daughter, was shot in the face and remained in critical condition

at Baylor Medical Center Thursday night, a hospital spokeswoman said.

After the shootings in the Dallas house, police say, Garland police officer Gerald Ray Walker was shot to death when he stopped Hittle for a traffic violation.

Hittle then exchanged gunfire with Garland police officers and surrendered when he ran out of ammunition, Garland officers said.

The 48-year-old Walker became the first police officer to die in the line of duty in this suburb east of Dallas.

Hittle remained in the Garland City Jail without bond on the capital murder charge and on \$250,000 bond for each of the attempted capital murder charges.

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New East German cabinet proposed

By CAROL J. WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

WEST BERLIN (AP) — East Germany's new premier today asked parliament to approve a Cabinet in which more than a third of the members would be non-Communists, and he called for more private enterprise.

Premier Hans Modrow also rejected talk of reunification with West Germany, which began last week after East Germany lifted travel restrictions and opened its borders, including the Berlin Wall.

The Communists would still dominate the 28-member Cabinet presented to the 500 lawmakers in the People's Chamber.

Modrow said Thursday 11 Cabinet members would not be Communists. Their names were not immediately disclosed today.

In his first address to parliament since he took over as premier Monday, Modrow outlined several main points, including a "reform of the political system," legal reforms and steps to clean up one of the most polluted countries in Europe.

He also called for "increasing individual responsibility of the economic units" and allowing East Germans to engage in private enterprise to produce goods and offer services in the shortage-plagued economy.

However, he rejected a "free-market economy."

Modrow also told his listeners East Germany will remain a "socialist" and "sovereign" nation, and he appealed to citizens to support the new government.

"By means of a new reality of life in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany), the dangerous and unrealistic talk of a reunification will be clearly rejected," he said, drawing a long round of applause from the lawmakers.

The Cabinet proposed by Modrow would contain several holdovers from the former hard-line leadership of Erich Honecker, including Foreign Minister Oskar Fischer and Planning Commission chief Gerhard Schuerer.

Three women — all Communists — were nominated, including Christa Luft as deputy premier for economic affairs and Uta Nickel for finance and prices.

Parliamentary Speaker Guenther Maleuda opened the two-day ses-

sion by reading the agenda, which included a vote on the Cabinet.

Communist Party leader Egon Krenz approved the Cabinet make-up on Thursday, according to East German media, and no serious opposition was expected.

But a leading reform advocate, Manfred Gerlach, head of the Liberal Democratic Party, said he planned to mount a challenge to the Communist Party's constitutionally guaranteed leading role in the government.

On Thursday, the Communist Party stripped 27 people of their seats in parliament, including Honecker and his wife, Margot, who previously was sacked from her job as education minister.

The others who lost their seats were mainly officials associated with Honecker's orthodox rule.

The previous Cabinet, which contained many aged and hard-line holdovers from the 18-year rule of Honecker, resigned en masse early last week.

West Germany's mass circulation *Bild* newspaper reported Thursday that a leading Lutheran Church leader, Manfred Stolpe, would be a member of the new Cabinet.

Gerlach, in an interview with West German television, confirmed Stolpe had been recommended for a post, but said the appointment could come later because church authorities also must agree.

Nearly 400,000 East Germans poured into West Germany on Thursday, signaling a second massive weekend invasion of shoppers and visitors, officials said.

The free travel has raised the issue of German reunification and in an address to the West German Bundestag in Bonn, Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Thursday criticized those who claim the division of Germany is for the best.

Apparently referring to Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who spoke out against reunification earlier this week, Kohl said:

"He who does not want to make decisions for our people should not try to persuade them the best thing is a state division of our fatherland."

The ultimate decision on reunification will be made by the East Germans, he said, adding that West Germany would respect their choice.

Violent wind storms plague Northeast

By MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press Writer

Violent storms caused widespread wind damage and flooding in the Northeast and claimed at least 11 lives, including seven children killed when a wall collapsed on them as they ate in their upstate New York school cafeteria.

Thursday's storms came from the system that spun off tornadoes in eight states in the South and Midwest on Wednesday. The two-day toll: at least 29 dead and hundreds injured, including 17 dead and 1,000 homeless in Huntsville, Ala., and a death in Canada.

Authorities and witnesses in Newburgh, N.Y., about 60 miles north of New York City, said it appeared a tornado was responsible for the death and destruction at East Coldeham Elementary School, but the weather service said it probably wasn't a twister.

The brick, cinder block and glass wall, about 30 feet high and 50 feet wide, caved in on as many as 125 first-, second- and third-graders as they were eating lunch, said Town of Newburgh Police Chief John Kulisek.

Besides the seven killed, 18 children were injured, two critically. All the victims were 6 to 9 years old.

Town of Newburgh police Lt. John J. Mahoney said he arrived 10 minutes after the wall collapsed to find children calling out from under the rubble.

"Some were screaming, some were lying there very quiet,"

Mahoney said. "You could hear them under the debris calling for help, calling 'Take me home, take me home.'"

District schools were closed today, and school officials were assembling counselors to help pupils when classes resume Monday.

Kulisek said an investigation would begin today into why the wall collapsed.

Storms knocked over trees and ripped roofs off houses in West Virginia, caused flooding in Washington, D.C., blew the windows out of skyscrapers in Philadelphia, destroyed a house in Piscataway, N.J., and overturned cars and blew the roof off a shopping mall in Quebec.

'Some were screaming, some were lying there very quiet.'

The National Weather Service received numerous reports of tornadoes Thursday but confirmed only one, in Montgomery County in southeastern Pennsylvania. It ripped the roof off a building housing federal offices in King of Prussia, causing four minor injuries.

A truck driver died when his tractor-trailer overturned in high winds on a bridge connecting Elizabeth, N.J., and New York City.

A New York City woman died after being hit by a steel beam blown off a water tower. A Camden, N.J., man died when winds picked him up and smashed him to



Melissa Darrigo, who was in the cafeteria of the East Coldeham Elementary School in Newburgh, N.J., when a wall collapsed, leads her children Chrissy, left, and Kenny away from the scene Thursday afternoon.

the ground, authorities said. Quebec provincial police suspected a tornado was responsible for widespread damage in St. Hilaire, a small community south-east of Montreal.

In Richmond, just east of St. Hilaire, a man was killed when his car was hit by a school bus during the high winds, Quebec provincial police official Bertrand Fortin said.

The storm system, churning around a collision of record warm air and extremely cold air, also was blamed for one death Wednesday in Alorton, Ill.

Gov. James R. Thompson said Thursday he would seek federal disaster aid for the southern Illinois town.

In Alabama, Gov. Guy Hunt

said he would seek federal relief for Huntsville, where the tornado covered between eight and 10 miles with wind speeds as high as 250 mph.

"It's like taking six to 10 city blocks and putting them in a blender and putting it on liquefy," said rescue worker Bob Caraway.

Winds of up to 100 mph blew out windows in Philadelphia skyscrapers and tore a hole in the roof of the Overseas Terminal at Philadelphia International Airport.

Winds brought down power lines and damaged generating stations, leaving at least 180,000 customers temporarily without electricity in Pennsylvania, New York and eastern Connecticut, utility officials said.

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Refugee workers predict new wave of Central Americans in South Texas

HARLINGEN (AP) — Although U.S. immigration officials say there is no evidence of a mass exodus from Central America, refugee advocates say the raging war in El Salvador and political strife in Nicaragua soon will drive thousands toward South Texas.

More than 500 have died and 1,000 have been wounded in El Salvador since leftist anti-government guerrillas launched an offensive over the weekend that has crippled life in the capital, San Salvador.

Jose Rafael Romero, a Salvadoran seeking political asylum in Harlingen, said he knew of many more Salvadorans headed north.

"I spoke with my family (in San Salvador) Saturday on the telephone and the borders were full of people leaving, trying to come here and ask for political asylum," Romero said.

Thousands displaced from the intensified Salvadoran fighting will head to the United States, said Mark Schneider, an attorney with the Proyecto Libertad legal aid office

for Central Americans in Harlingen. "The people who are in the middle at this point are going to be further intimidated and trying to leave," Schneider said. "The war has come out from underground. This is full-fledged war."

Immigration attorney Linda Yanez, in the border city of Brownsville, said Nicaraguans wary of political violence and uncertainty surrounding the national elections set for February also are leaving again.

"A lot of them have been telling me that their families are packing up and getting ready to leave," Ms. Yanez said. "There's a lot of uncertainty. I think there's a feeling that they need to get out before the election."

The end of a cease fire Nov. 1 between the Nicaraguan government and Contra rebels also could drive people out of that country, she said.

"We're going to see Nicaraguans and Salvadorans in

great quantities," said Duilio Cabrera, a Nicaraguan lawyer who assists Central American immigrants in Harlingen, near the southern tip of Texas. "There will be thousands."

Cabrera said Nicaraguans have told him they know of many people already en route to the United States from their country.

But Immigration and Naturalization Service and Border Patrol officials, said they had no evidence Wednesday of large numbers of Central Americans headed their way.

Duke Austin, INS spokesman in Washington, D.C., said, "No matter what happens in Central America, the immigrant rights advocates predict an increase in immigrants."

He said if people did start leaving El Salvador in large numbers, they might wait a week or two to see if it is safer to travel.

"We don't see any build-up as such into Mexico or along the Mexican border," said David Trevino,

Company program schools employees in higher skills

By DIANA KUNDE
The Dallas Morning News

IRVING (AP) — It looks like a college campus, and the resemblance is intentional.

A sprawling two-story glass and concrete building fronts New Colwell Boulevard in the Las Colinas development near Dallas, assuming front-and-center position on the 23-acre site.

About a hundred yards beyond is a residential complex that can house 324 students in quarters that resemble suite hotels. Nearby are a running track and fitness course, a volleyball net, a pool.

It's at the pool that you notice the difference.

There aren't crowds of tan-conscious college students on this sunny day. Instead, a lone man — probably enrolled in an evening technical course — sits poolside, working his laptop computer.

Despite the pleasant collegiate environment, the intensity level seems considerably higher. Many of the 20,000 students expected to attend the 700 courses offered at Southwestern Bell Telephone's Advanced Education Center this year have taken tests to qualify for the technical training.

They will need to pass their courses to actually obtain those jobs.

U.S. businesses spend an estimated \$30 billion a year on formal training programs for their employees — an amount the American Society for Training and Development forecasts will continue to increase. Simply because of the need to keep up with rapidly changing technology, telecommunications companies have historically been in the forefront.

Allen Ferrell, division manager-education, visited corporate training facilities in companies as diverse as IBM Corp. and McDonald's while planning Southwestern Bell's year-old, state-of-the-art center.

The \$32 million complex is saving the company nearly \$1 million annually in operating costs by consolidating two outdated, rented facilities, Ferrell said. Employees come here from offices around the company's five-state area to get technical training that it wouldn't pay to replicate from region to region. The company won't disclose its total annual training budget.

Like many other companies, Southwestern Bell is trimming its workforce while expanding its use

of technology.

For the foreseeable future, the company forecasts "more automation, more complexity and fewer people to figure out the problems," said Roger D. Pendergrass, district manager for education at the center.

"So what you are moving toward are highly trained technical people."

Consider, for example, Terri Wahaus. A 15-year veteran with Southwestern Bell, Ms. Wahaus began as a station installer.

On this particular day, she is standing with a classmate at a structure containing the spaghetti strands of wire that make up a switching station frame for special services — anything from WATS lines to dedicated data transmission.

An instructor has placed a problem into the line. It's her job to find and fix it.

Ms. Wahaus is one of three people who staff an office in Shawnee Mission, Kan. She is an electronics switching technician — a troubleshooter who also adds and deletes services for local equipment.

The man who works with her is a communications technician — in charge of special services. She's learning his job "so that when he's off, I'll be able to back him up."

"Eventually, when he retires, they may not replace him. I'll be able to work both sides."

Further down the hall, David Herrera and Dave Dittmore are teaching a course in fiber-optics technology. Fiber-optic cable, which can transmit data more efficiently and cheaply than copper wire, is being used now — but its use is expected to markedly increase in the future.

In their course, Herrera and Dittmore aren't teaching job-specific skills so much as the rationale of fiber-optics technology. To teach creative problem-solving "we can't get away without teaching the theory," Herrera said. "Otherwise, it's a time bomb for us; we would be training robots."

In addition to the latest technology, Ferrell continues to experiment with new teaching techniques.

All instructors — the Center employs 180 full-time teachers and support staff — are brought in from the field on three- to four-year rotations.

That system, Ferrell believes, "resolves the dual problems of burnout — and of losing touch with reality."

In recruiting trainers, the Center

looks for technical knowledge. Training know-how comes from an intensive, three-week course and continued interaction with a supervisor. After the three-year teaching job, trainers return to the field — frequently with a promotion, Ferrell said.

All technical training is done on actual equipment, although it frequently is smaller in scale — like the frames on which Ms. Wahaus trained. "They can knock out a circuit, and it doesn't affect a customer," Ferrell said.

The staff has changed delivery methods dramatically in the last three years or so, Ferrell said. Teachers are now keeping lectures to a minimum, relying much more on hands-on experience and such methods as interactive video.

"We are getting more efficient," he said. Cost per instruction hour is down this year; student-to-instructor ratio is up. Test scores provide a measure of performance, and the Center does follow-up interviews with a random sampling of its pupils' supervisors.

The facility has its own graphics department to design and produce educational materials. Centralized scheduling is done by computer for training all over the five-state area. Rooms were designed for flexibility: raised floors in one section, for example, make it easy to lay cable for classroom equipment.

In addition to technicians, the Center trains marketing and service center personnel on its new technologies. Many students will return again and again — because of career-ladder programs and extensive cross-training.

Southwestern Bell teaches management skills in an entirely separate training program operated by Bill Blakemore, district manager-management development. The company reimburses for college tuition — and the Center is also in the process of getting many of its classes accredited.

Southwestern Bell does no basic skills training.

"For many years, we've tested our applicants," said Ferrell. More than 50 percent of applicants for entry-level jobs at Southwestern Bell now fail the required written tests. Partly because employment isn't growing, there are still enough qualified applicants.

But the future could present a problem, if labor shortages and skills shortages experienced already by sister companies begin to appear.

State agency warns of L-tryptophan use

AUSTIN (AP) — Anyone using L-tryptophan, a non-prescription amino acid, should stop, the state health department said Wednesday.

L-tryptophan products, used by some for insomnia or premenstrual symptoms, has a possible link with a severe blood disorder, eosinophilia, the department said.

The department said seven people in Texas have been identified as having the blood disorder, including two each in Austin and Houston and one each in Lubbock, Dripping Springs and Port Arthur.

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Woman pastor meets resistance with faith

By SCOTT HALLMAN
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT (AP) — Rev. Sally Anderson, associate pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Beaumont, said she acknowledges her role as a pioneer, among the first in the wave of women entering the clergy.

In that role, she has had to face some unpleasant moments, such as one experience shortly after coming to St. Andrew's, she said.

"I was at a party and was introduced to a prominent citizen," she said. "He pointed his finger right in my face and said, 'You have no right to be here. The Bible clearly states you have no right to be here.'"

"I told him, 'I respect your opinion, but you are wrong.' I was serving punch and remembered my hands started to shake. Everyone was watching and I knew I had to show that I could handle this. I managed to finish serving punch, picked up my purse and went home. When I got home, I went to my room and cried."

Rev. Ione Sedinger, pastor of First Christian Church in Silsbee, said she felt God's call to the clergy as a young woman, but because she had never seen a woman minister she began to think she just imagined that God had called her. So she embarked on a traditional career, studying home economics and nursing and raising a family.

But at 48, her deep personal experience with God reawakened her desire to be a minister. She enrolled at Texas Wesleyan University and received a bachelor's degree in Christian education. At the age of 58 she obtained a master's degree in divinity from Texas Christian University and shortly thereafter came to First Christian Church in Silsbee.

"I had faith in my calling," she said. "I knew that if God called me he'd have a place for me."

Anderson and Sedinger are part of the growing number of women being ordained to the ministry in the United States. According to a report by the National Council of Churches, the number of women ordained

has risen 98 percent from 10,470 to 20,730 from 1977 to 1986.

The report, "Women Ministers in 1986 and 1977: A Ten-Year View," is included in the NCC's 1989 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches. It was compiled from a survey sent to more than 300 religious bodies in the United States and Canada.

The report revealed that most of the increase in women clergy occurred in the Assemblies of God and 10 denominations related to the NCC.

In Southeast Texas, women clergy serve in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Assemblies of God Church.

As did Anderson and Sedinger, the Rev. Mary Workman, associate pastor at First Christian Church, changed careers to enter the clergy. For several years she was an insurance executive in Arizona before returning to school to study religion.

The opportunity to become a minister came when her pastor accepted a job at a Houston church and invited her to join his staff to work with the church's youth, she said.

Forced to decide between staying in business and working full-time for the church, she chose the church.

She went back to school, studied for a master's degree at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and completed her seminary training at Phillips Seminary in Enid, Okla.

Dorothy C. Lademann, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Orange, came to the ministry after a career as a research chemist. Although she enjoyed that job, she said she felt a pull toward the ministry and was very active in church activities.

"Chemistry is thing-oriented," she said. "I wanted to be more involved with people." After working briefly in a Hispanic ministry at a Houston church, she became interim pastor in 1988 at two churches, Gloria Dei Lutheran in Lumberton and Trinity Lutheran in Orange.

In February, she was called full-time to the Orange church. At first, some church members resisted the idea of a woman as pastor, Lademann said. But she felt it was more a resistance to change than a rejection of her as a person. Since becoming pastor she's made changes in the music, Sunday School, communion and other areas, she said.

"They've (church members) been real accepting of my changes," she said. "It's worked out good."

Lademann said that as a woman in the pulpit she consciously uses more inclusive language that's sensitive to both men and women. "I use language that is all-encompassing. I address God as 'Loving God' and 'Creator of the Universe.' I leave it up to you to create the image of God," she said.

Others also believe their influence in the church has been positive. Anderson said younger people, in particular, benefit from seeing both men and women preach the Gospel.

Her contribution to the church

comes not from being a woman, but in her uniqueness as a person, she said. "I see myself as an amphibian," she said. "I have one foot in the old world of the June Cleaver traditional role for women, but I have one in the new world, and I'm always torn. I think all women these days are torn."

She said her biggest supporters at St. Andrew's are older women. "I think other women are very affirmed when they see me in the pulpit," she said.

Sedinger said she believes people take Scripture out of context when they interpret it to keep women out of the ministry. "You have to remember that all through the Bible there were prophetesses. When Jesus came he gave women a whole new standing," she said.

Women bring compassion to the church, she said. "One of my members once asked me why I didn't preach more hellfire and damnation sermons. I said, 'That's a man's sermon. I preach love, peace and joy.' But if the need arises, I sure can preach hellfire and damnation."

McLean resident re-elected to Baptist Convention board

LUBBOCK — A Gray County resident has been elected to a major position on one of the Texas Baptist boards during the annual meeting of the 2.4 million member Baptist General Convention of Texas in Lubbock last week.

The Rev. Jeff Messer, pastor of First Baptist Church of McLean, was re-elected to the 193-member BGCT Executive Board.

Composed of pastors, church staff members and laypersons, the Executive Board conducts the business of the BGCT between annual sessions.

Institutions of the BGCT include

eight universities, two academies, seven hospitals, four children's homes, four homes for the aging and Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary, San Antonio.

The work is supported by the more than 5,100 Texas Baptist Churches and missions which will give about \$58 million this year through the Cooperative Program for mission work at home and abroad.

Besides the institutions, the convention helps support worldwide missions causes including 7,500 missionaries in the United States and more than 110 foreign nations.

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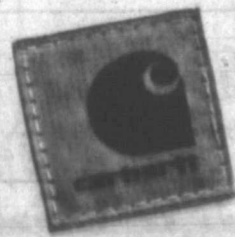
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Local Latter-day Saints to move into new church building soon

Members of the local ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are looking forward to moving into their new church building in the 2900 block of Beech Street by the end of the year.

Last week, grass sod was laid over the yard surface as landscapers prepared the church land outside and workers and carpenters continued final stages of completion inside the brick building which has been under construction since last spring.

Awaiting the finishing touches, church members have not yet set an exact date for moving into the building, which replaces their current chapel at 631 Sloan. An open house for the public will be set after members move into their new facilities.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) established a branch of the church in Pampa in August 1951. Jack T. Boles, district president of the Texas Louisiana Mission, presided at the establishment of the branch, assisted by Paul Rose, first counselor, and Y.L. Waldrop, second counselor.

Lawrence West was set apart as branch president, with Weldon Bailey as first counselor and Charles DeMoss as second counselor. At this time, church meetings were held in a local funeral home. One month later, the branch moved to Carpenters Union Hall on West Foster.

The newly organized branch experienced a steady growth and was able to move into a brand new chapel in 1958 at the 631 Sloan location. Most of the work in building the chapel was done with donated labor from branch members.

Church members enjoyed the blessings of the chapel on Sloan for more than 30 years. The chapel

became too small for its membership during the last few years.

There are only a few members left in Pampa who remember sweeping out the beer cans and stale pieces of cigars so that members could have church Sunday morning at the Carpenters Union Building. These include Edith West, wife of the late Lawrence West; Lee Archibald, Ralph Gibson, Bula Flynn, Claudie Bailey, Ruth Persons, and James and Camilla Waldrop. They give a special tribute to the late Lawrence West, Eddie Hollingshead and C.V. Ingram, men who served as branch president or bishop during the early years of growth.

"No voice of complaint issues forth from the few members still living in Pampa who went to church at Carpenters Hall," said James Waldrop. "We were quite happy working together during the early years at Carpenters Hall, and we will be happy when we move into the beautiful new building at the 2900 block of Beech Street."

"Latter-day Saints are taught from birth to serve the Lord and build an inner peace within our hearts," he continued. "We have been taught to be happy in whatsoever circumstance we find ourselves in."

"Beautiful buildings do not make people happy. Beautiful buildings only make people more comfortable while they serve the Lord and build an inner peace within the heart."

From Carpenters Hall to 2900 Beech Avenue has been a long, arduous journey for some members of the Pampa Ward. All those who have made the journey of many years say it was worth it and they would do it again.

"As they used to say in the land

of my youth, a great many years backward in time, 'Y'all come to see us any time you take the notion; you will always be shown that you are welcome.' We welcome you," Waldrop said.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has experienced phenomenal growth in recent years. The number of converts baptized in 1988 was 256,515. Total church membership at the end of 1988 was 6,720,000.

The church is structured so that there is no need for a paid clergy. Currently serving as the bishopric over the Pampa Ward are Bishop Robert A. Wood, First Counselor Lavon B. Voyles and Second Counselor Richard Gattis. These men earn their livelihood in different occupations, and all of their church work is donated on their own time.

Bishop Wood is responsible for the spiritual welfare of all the church members in the Pampa Ward. He reports to Donald Pennell, who is stake president of the Amarillo Stake, which is composed



(Staff photo by Larry Hollis)

Landscape workers lay grass sod on front yard of new building for the Pampa Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

of the two Amarillo wards, the Pampa Ward, the Borger Ward and other wards and branches in the north Panhandle area.

President Pennell is a rancher in Adrian. His stake president job is done without salary.

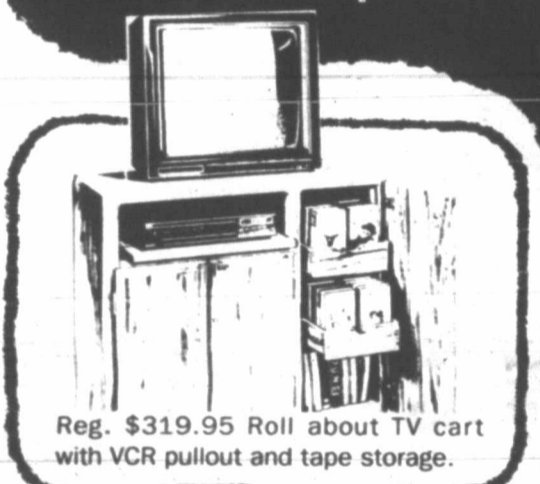
The organizational structure of the Pampa Ward also applies to the 11,196 wards of the entire church throughout the world.

Members of the church are given various assignments under the supervision of their bishop, with

such areas of responsibility as Sunday School; workers for the men's, women's and youth groups; clerks for the ward business; church librarians; genealogy work; home visiting; missionary service; and other areas.

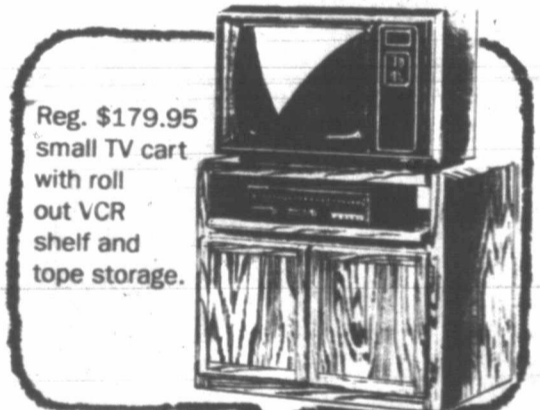
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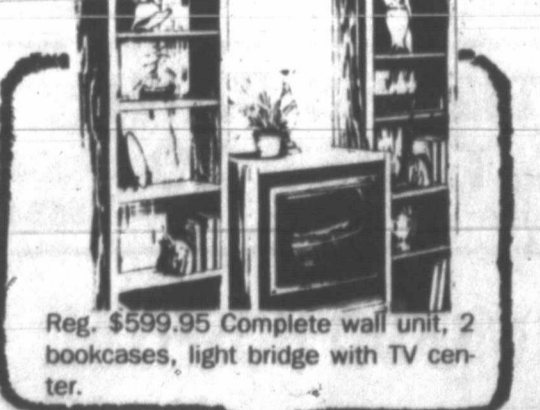
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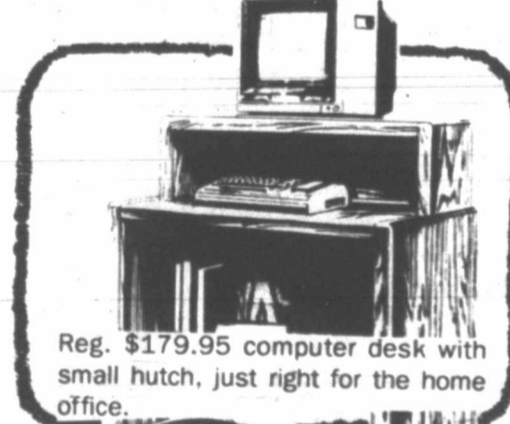
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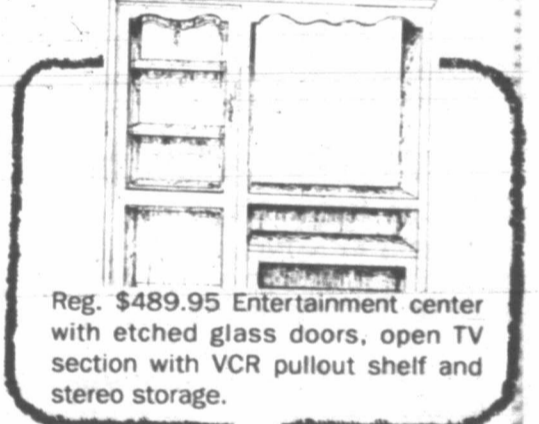
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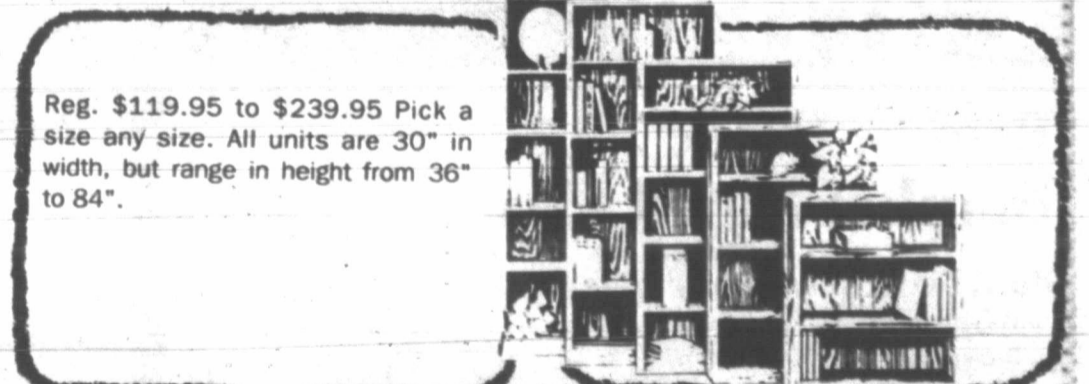
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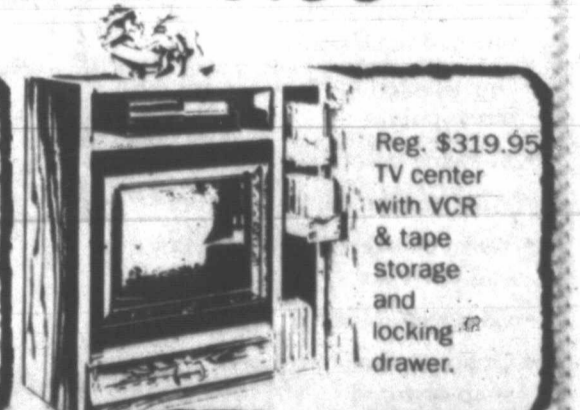
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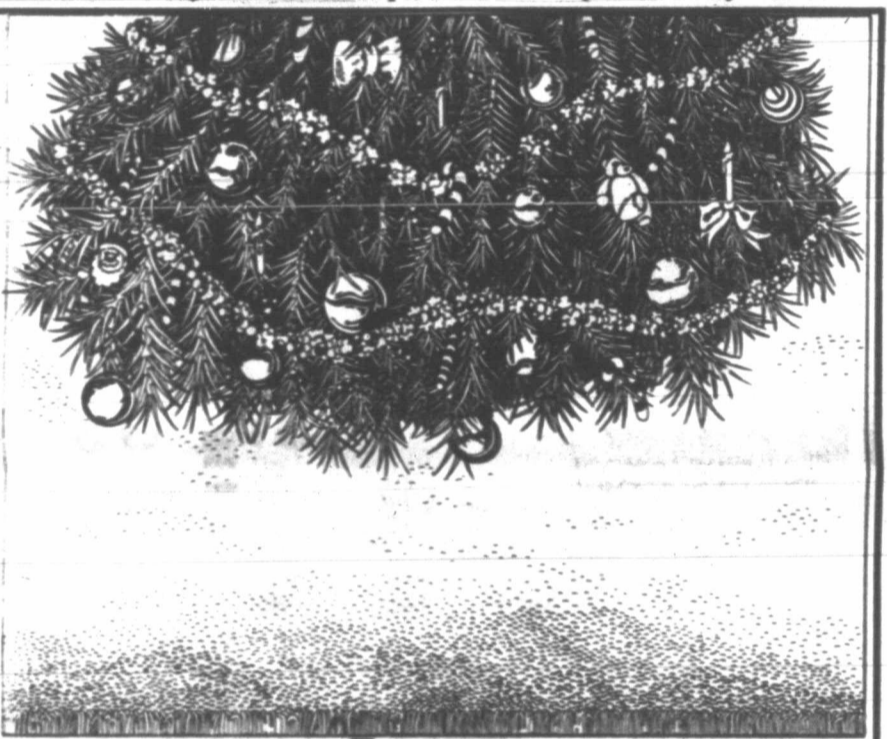
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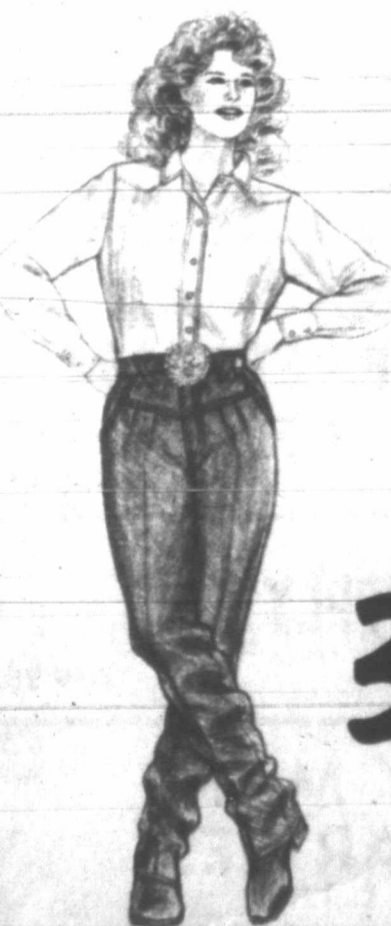
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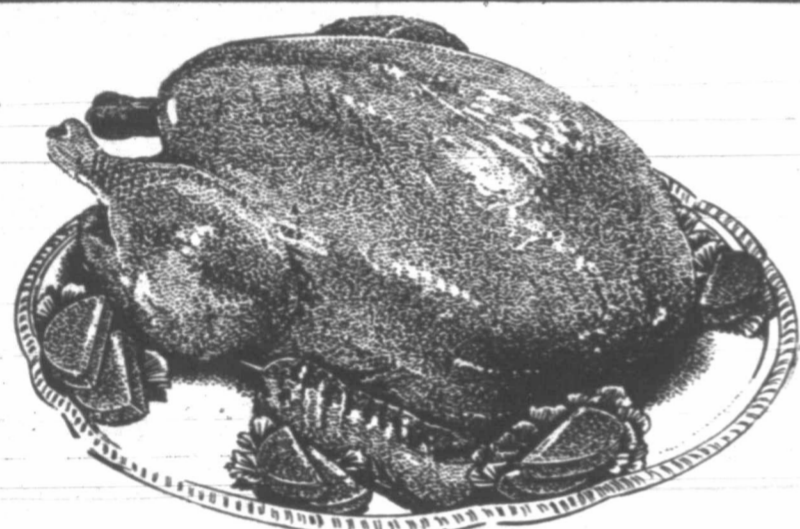
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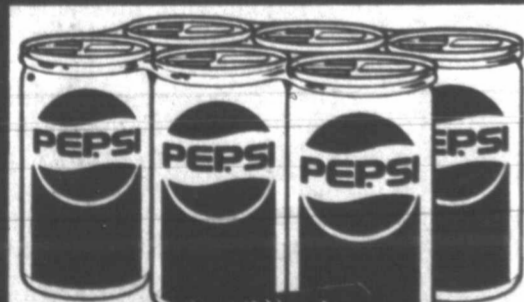
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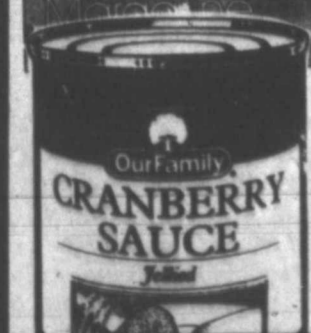
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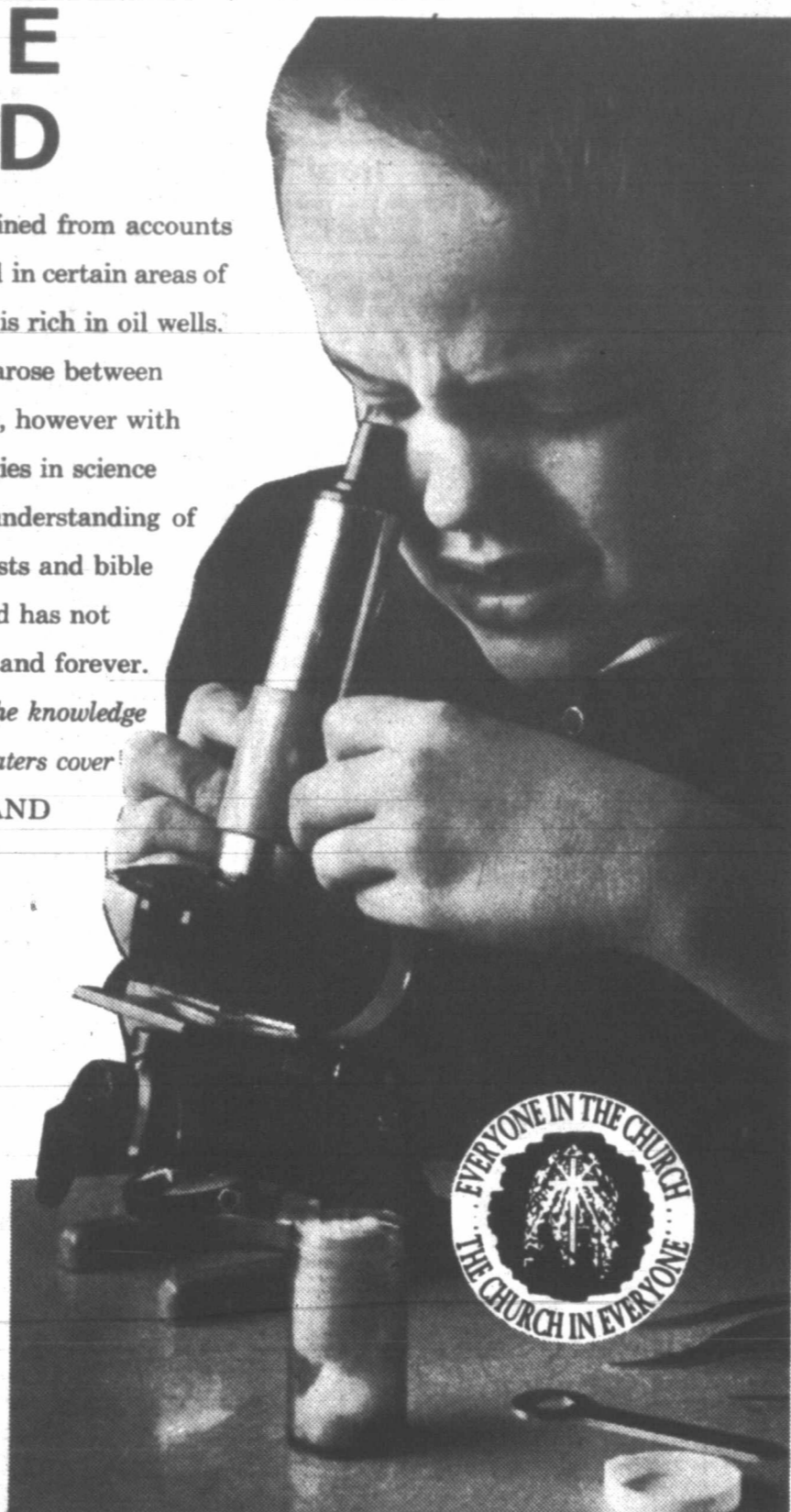
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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

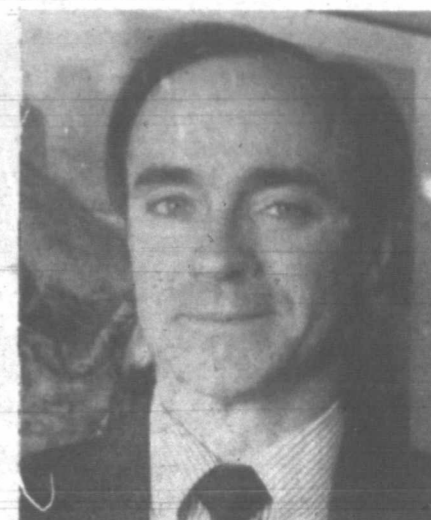


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Dr. Robert Breckbill Samaritan Center names Breckbill as new director

AMARILLO - Dr. Robert K. Breckbill has been named executive director of Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center of Amarillo.

Breckbill has served as director of clinical services for the organization since 1984. Before coming to the Texas Panhandle, he served as a pastoral counselor on the staff of Samaritan Counseling Center of Battle Creek, Mich.

An ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, Breckbill presently serves on the membership committee of the Southwest Region of the American Associates of Pastoral Counselors.

Each Tuesday in Pampa, Samaritan Counseling Center provides individual, marriage and family counseling services by appointment at its offices in the First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray. Ruby D. Cline, M.S., a licensed professional counselor, joins Breckbill in providing these services for Pampa and the surrounding area.

Cline is a licensed minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She moved to this area five years ago when her husband, Harold Cline, accepted the position of Hi-Plains Area Minister of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center has developed a clinical process that has received commendation from national accreditation reviews published by the Samaritan Institute and the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. The local program is overseen by a 24-member of directors comprised of representatives of churches from throughout the northern Panhandle.

In addition to the Amarillo and Pampa centers, Samaritan offers counseling services in Canyon and Dumas. Appointments may be made for the Pampa Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center by calling the Amarillo office at (806) 353-1668.

His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.* (Psalm 16:6)

This has been a year of major political consequence.

Russia is testing the waters of free enterprise with its big toe. Berliners are celebrating free travel from East to West Berlin with pickaxes and singing on the Berlin Wall. Poland is struggling to match its political progress with economic progress. Chinese demonstrators for freedom were massacred in Tiananmen Square. In Africa, the issue of apartheid rages on.

This Thanksgiving season I'm especially thankful for the freedoms my country grants and insures. With all its controversies and diversities, the United States of America is still far better than the alternatives.

Whether we gather in political conflict on courthouse steps or in corporate worship in ornate churches, we are free to lawfully congregate and express our beliefs.

We're free to champion, in creative thought, print, speech, art, music or drama, whatever causes compel us.

We are free to travel any time we want to, to any part of the country we desire, to visit anyone or anyplace that pops into our heads.

We work at occupations of our own choosing for wages applied to our own purposes. We shop in massive malls and supermarkets where racks and shelves are abundant with consumer delights.

In response to the rather bizarre practice of American political campaigning and advertising, we mark our choices in the voting booth in decisive demonstration of government by the people.

Thanksgiving Day, we will hold hands in humble prayer with family and friends around tables laden with food. Let us not forget to pray for those who are literally dying for the liberty bounty we Americans commonly take for granted.

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Levoy and Cleon Dewey

The Deweys to appear at Briarwood Church

Levoy Dewey and his wife Cleon, SESAC Song of the Year recipients, will be in concert at the Briarwood Full Gospel Church, 1800 W. Harvester, at 7 p.m. Sunday.

A free-will offering will be received during the concert, and nursery care will be provided for children up to 3 years of age.

Dewey is considered by many gospel music critics to be one of the finest singers in gospel music today. He has recorded with the London Philharmonic Orchestra and made personal appearances in more than 33 countries around the world over the past 25 years.

Along with his wife Cleon, he has co-authored one of the all-time great gospel songs, "Heaven's Sounding Sweetener," which has sold over 2 million copies and reaped four gold records. It has been designated as "one of the top 10 songs of

the decade."

Levoy and Cleon have recorded several dozen longplay albums and written literally hundreds of gospel songs, scores of which have been recorded by such artists as The Rex Nelson Singers, Governor Jimmie Davis, The Florida Boys, Mike Murdock, The Thrasher Brothers and Jimmy Swaggart.

Country superstar Connie Smith recorded their giant hit, "Because of Yesterday," for CBS and it was selected as the SESAC Song of the Year in 1974.

Dewey is proficient on the saxophone, valve-trombone, stringed instruments, clarinet and bassoon, while his wife Cleon is an accomplished keyboard artist.

Together, they have recorded four instrumental albums and include instrumental numbers in every concert appearance.

The public is invited to attend.

Faith Christian Center to have first service Sunday at library

Faith Christian Center is to have its first service Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The new Full Gospel Church is to meet at Lovett Library Auditorium, 111 N. Houston, until a permanent home is found.

Services will be on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Ed Barker, pastor of Faith Christian Center, said that the ministry is beginning with excellent leadership in music, youth and administration. Faith Christian Center is being established on New Testament principles and authority, he said.

David Harris, praise and worship leader, is a graduate of West Texas State University with education distinctions.

Harris has traveled extensively in evangelism as well as having served on staff of local churches. Harris is a true modern day Psalmist, Barker said.

Eddie and Jana Pesch served on staff at Truth or Consequences, N.M., and directed a youth group of

more than 50 teens.

"I developed a 'street ministry' in the resort town and led my group of teens in actual hands-on evangelism," Pesch said. "It will be a goal of mine to develop strong youth emphasis at Faith Christian Center."

Pastor Barker's educational background includes a master's degree in counseling. He is a 1990 candidate for graduation with a doctor of philosophy degree in biblical counseling.

"A major goal of our ministry will be the founding of a Christian counseling center in Pampa," Barker said. "However, our main emphasis will be to minister the full gospel message of salvation, healing, deliverance and restoration to a hurting and wounded world."

Barker and the ministry staff would welcome calls for additional information. Barker can be reached in the evening at 665-4149; Harris at 669-3959; and Pesch at 848-2146.

Citywide Thanksgiving Service scheduled

Pampa Ministerial Alliance is to host the annual Citywide Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.

This year's worship service is to be held at the First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler.

Dr. John Judson, president of the Pampa Ministerial Alliance and pastor of First Presbyterian Church here, announced that featured speaker for the evening will be Dr. Max Browning, pastor of First United Methodist Church.

The choir will be under the direction of Rev. Herb Peak, pastor of the First Assembly of God.

Also participating in the service will be Dr. John Tate, pastor of First Christian Church; Sister G.C. Davis of Progressive Baptist Church; Rev. Laverne Hinson; and Rev. Jerry Wilson, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene.

Others include Rev. H. R. Johnson, pastor of St. Mark's CME Church; Rev. John Farina, pastor of New Life Worship Center; and Howard Whitely, pastor of Pampa Apostolic Chapel.

Other denominations joining in the program include Hi-land Christian, Full Gospel Assembly, Zion Lutheran Church and St. Paul United Methodist.

The public is invited to attend. A nursery will be provided.



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Volunteers from the Pampa Ministerial Alliance finalizing plans at a luncheon meeting Wednesday for the upcoming Citywide Thanksgiving Service are, standing, from left, Rev. Howard Whitely, Dr. John T. Tate, Rev. Herb Peak, Dr. John Judson and Dr. Max Browning. Seated from left are Sister G.C. Davis, Rev. John Farina, Rev. Jerry Wilson and Rev. Laverne Hinson.

The offering will be distributed to Good Samaritan House and the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

Pampa's annual Citywide Thanksgiving service has been a meaningful time of worship for Pampa citizens for a number of years, giving Christians the opportunity to join others in the community, regardless of faith, and reflect on their blessings of the past year.

Specters to discuss bringing gospel to the Jewish people

Hyman and Dori Specter, who say they're "Jewish people who love Jesus," will be ministering in the Sunday evening service at 6:30 p.m. at First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler.

Specter became a missionary in Haiti and West Africa and then, in answer to God's call, returned to California and founded the Rock of Israel Inc. ministry.

His wife Dori is always by

his side, supporting him and the ministry. She ministers at women's groups and gives her testimony of how God brought her together with her husband.

Those who have heard Specter say he has a strong testimony of miracles and can give people a better understanding of the need to bring the gospel to the Jewish people.

Rev. Herb Peak, pastor, invites the public to attend this special service Sunday night.



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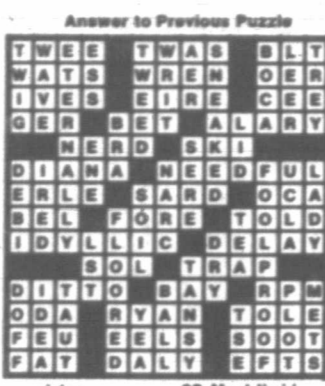
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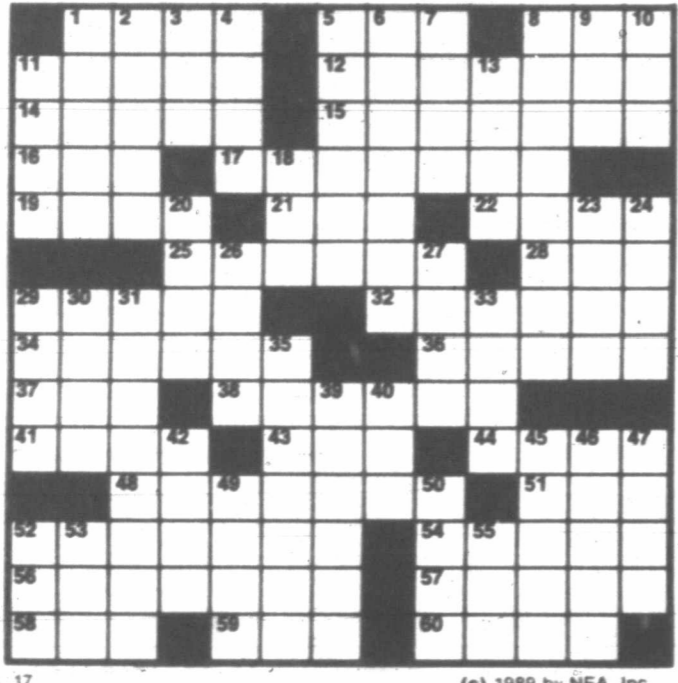
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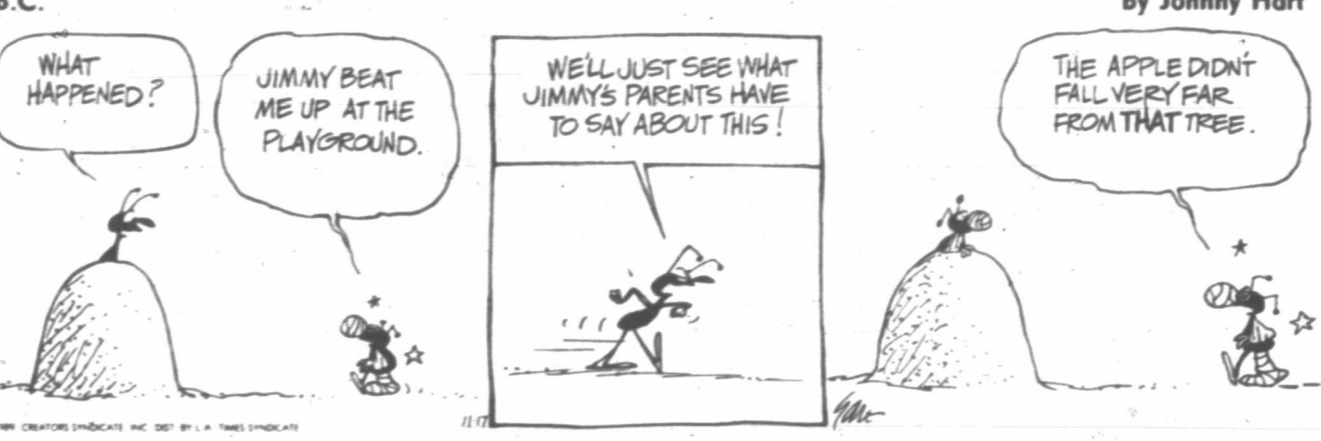
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not become too entranced today with an attractive individual who is already spoken for. If you pursue forbidden fruit you could be asking for trouble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you are linking together some type of commercial arrangement today, put all the critical points in writing, even if it is with a person you know quite well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) People with whom you'll be closely involved today might be only partially in accord with aims important to you. Don't attempt to manipulate them to your position.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Workers whose assignments you supervise will require skillful management techniques today. If you fail to inspire them properly, they might not produce.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Taking gambles on things over which you have no direct control could turn out to be a costly pursuit today. Avoid risks where the outcome is controlled by outside influences.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make it a point today to be more tolerant and affectionate than usual toward your mate if grouchy. It might serve to soothe troubled waters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Industriousness, not apathy, is required today if you are desirous of avoiding future headaches. Don't mistakenly try to sweep work under the rug.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you sally to the mall today it might be a wise move to leave your credit cards at home. There's a strong possibility you might waste hard earned funds on foolish purchases.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This could be one of those days when no matter how hard you strive to be nice to certain individuals, nothing you'll do will please them. Don't shift the blame to yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Customarily you're not the type of person who resorts to tactics that aren't direct or forthright, but today may be an exception and you might try to manipulate another in order to gain your ends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There is a chance you may divert funds slated for essentials to something rather frivolous today. If you do proceed along these lines, you're apt to have spender's remorse later.

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Lifestyles

Rotarians sponsor Duke's Belgium group study trip

By KAYLA PURSLEY
Lifestyles Editor

Beth Duke, Lifestyles Editor of the Amarillo Globe-News, was guest speaker at Rotary International on Wednesday.

November is Rotary Foundation Month. The Foundation's purpose is to promote peace among nations through their group study exchange. Students and professional people between the ages of 25-35 are sent to foreign countries for four to five weeks to learn more about and to exchange ideas with other cultures and business operations.

Duke, a native of Amarillo, along with three other professionals in the fields of dentistry, insurance and radio, went to Belgium in April as part of the group study exchange.

The first week of Duke's adventure was spent in Dallas at the Berlitz School of Languages learning French. The actual language of Belgium is Flemish but there were no Flemish speaking teachers available. Duke recommended that anyone interested in going into that business would find the field wide open.

Before leaving on her trip everyone would ask Duke "why Belgium?"

"Belgium is a microcosm of Europe representing the best and the worst, typifying the rest of the country," says Duke. "It sits between France and Germany and lies across the channel from England. It is much bigger in influence than in size."

Historically Belgium dates back to the Roman Empire, and each city has its own heritage. "They take great care in preserving their history as in their cathedrals and churches," says Duke, adding "even the smallest towns have their art treasures like paintings by Ruben and Monet."

The European lifestyle is much more relaxed. As an example Duke used the Belgium Rotary meetings which begin with cocktails at 11:30 a.m. followed by a four course lunch then after dinner drinks, a process that takes two to three hours as compared to American "hurry and get done in one hour and get back to work" meetings.

Visiting Belgium teams that Duke has met were amazed at the number of "drive-thru" businesses in operation in America.

"We wear out tires," says Duke, "they wear out shoe leather. We don't always stop to smell the roses."

The future of Belgium looks very bright as they accept the challenge to become a global village by 1990. "In America, we don't give much thought to a second language or how other countries function like their units of measurement but Belgium does," relates Duke. "We (U.S.) send three ambassadors to Belgium, one for the country itself, one to NATO, and one to the European Economic Community.



Rotarian Lee Waters greets Beth Duke after the program on her Rotarian sponsored trip to Belgium.

"Brussels is experiencing a real estate boom. Every major country needs to have an office or mission there," adds Duke.

On her next to last night in Belgium Duke's host family asked her how she would like to spend the evening. Duke insisted that she wanted to do whatever the family wanted and ended up spending the evening in front of the television watching "Moonlighting."

"We are a lot more alike than we are different," says Duke.

After the program I visited with Duke about how she spent her days in Belgium. She told me that she got to visit with newspaper journalists and publishers. There is no "Lifestyle" of "Society" editor positions to compare to America in their newspaper systems. The word "society" to them means business. Women and family issues are dealt with primarily through magazine journalism.

Journalists in Belgium train first for the field they want to cover. In college, a journalist would major in political science or agriculture, then go out to get a job in journalism to cover that particular field. Duke says she could see the need for a "happy medium" where students would major in their field of interest with a minor in journalism.

Newspaper businesses are not "high tech" because of the system of tenured workers. There is no motivation to modernize because jobs are structured to be permanent.

Duke's living arrangements with host families gave her the opportunity to stay in a fancy downtown apartment, a modern country home and a middle class cottage during her four week stay. Some members of the study group got to live in castles.

The food was "to die for" as Duke put it. "Meals were events to be savored."

"I think the Belgians have a better system for eating than we do," says Duke. "For breakfast they have bread and cheese with coffee. Their big meal of the day is lunch. Dinner

is very light with cold meats or boiled eggs.

"I think this will change, though, when more women go into the work force," says Duke, adding "they have McDonald's (restaurants) everywhere and they consider them just for snacking not as a meal."

Duke mentioned at the beginning of her program that traveling abroad was a life-long dream and thanks to Rotary International she had a dream come true.

Television has an excess of garbage but it's not enslaving

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Trish in Easley, S.C." and others among your readers who have chosen to live without television.

Did you know that there is an organization for people who do not have a working television set in their homes and are interested in ridding our society of television dependency?

The Society for the Eradication of Television (SET) believes that TV "retards inner life, destroys human interaction, squanders time and draws viewers into abject addiction." Please spread the word.

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DEAR SET FREE: You rattled the wrong cage. If you, or others, choose to live without television, it's all right with me, but to crusade in an effort to "rid others" of what you call "television dependence" by doing away with all television sets strikes me as un-American.

The television set may provide some folks with the only human voice they hear for days. It provides news and entertainment for millions of people who cannot — or chose not to — leave the comfort, privacy and safety of their homes.

Granted, there's an excess of garbage on TV — but there are also many educational and worthwhile programs. So, please don't work so hard to "free" me. Enslaved, I'm not.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column,



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

you said that both men and women need to hear that they are needed, wanted and loved.

I'd like to submit the following proverb I read somewhere many years ago that might help solve this eternal man-woman misunderstanding.

"Men must give love to get sex.
"Women must give sex to get love."
CARL H. YOUNG,
ALLEN TOWN, PA.

DEAR CARL: I believe that both men and women give sex to get sex, but in order to get love, they must both give love.

DEAR ABBY: I need help and do not know where to get it. I have been both bulimic and anorexic on and off for about four years. I have coped and dealt with the problem in the past, but bulimia, which I have now, is an ongoing illness, something I turn to whenever I am down.

I am too ashamed to tell my fam-

ily, and the career I am in (modeling) does not help. I know of many other models who are in the same or similar situations.

Abby, I can't deal with this anymore. I don't have the money for extensive counseling, and I don't know how to find a counselor whom I can trust to really help me. There are a lot more like me out there — more than any of you know. Maybe this will encourage others to get help, too.

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The facts about drugs, AIDS, and how to prevent unwanted pregnancy are all in Abby's new expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$3.50 (\$4 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

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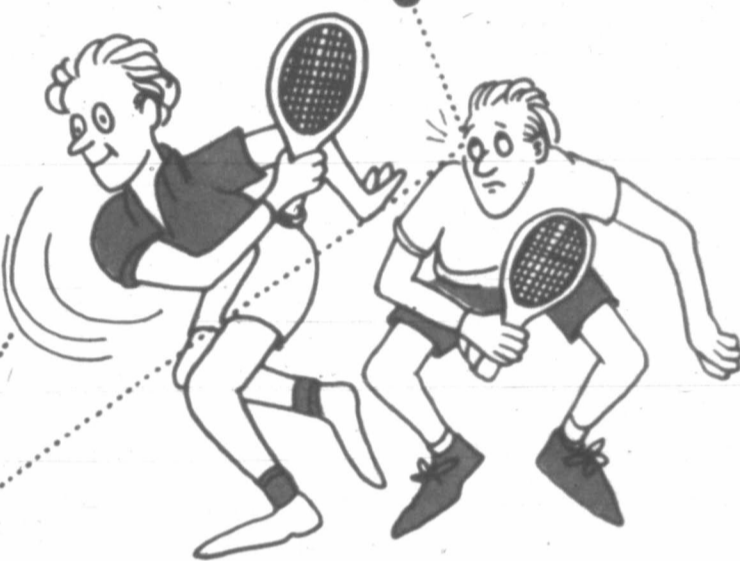
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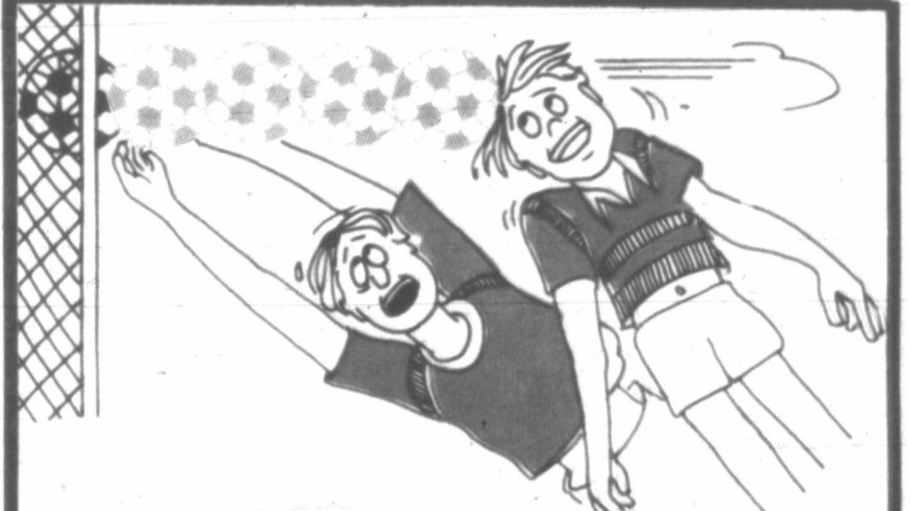
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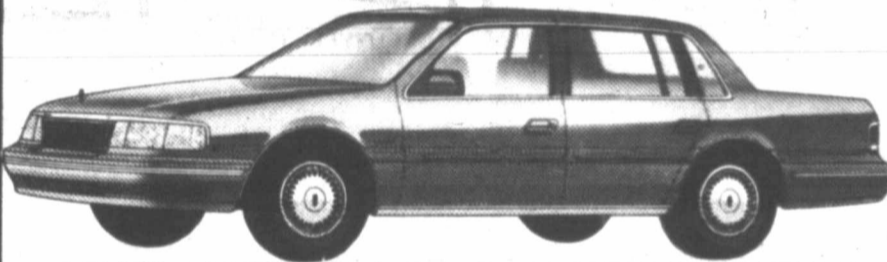
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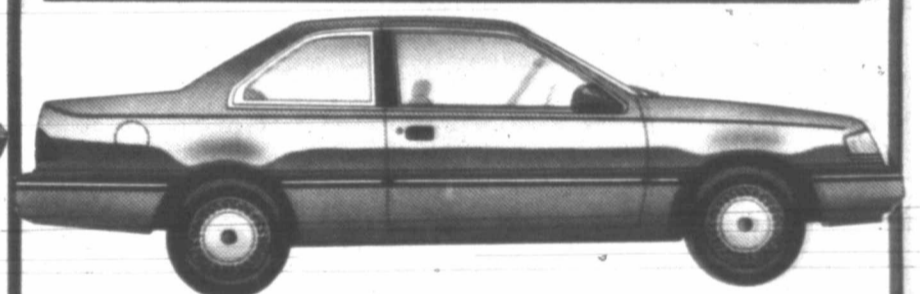
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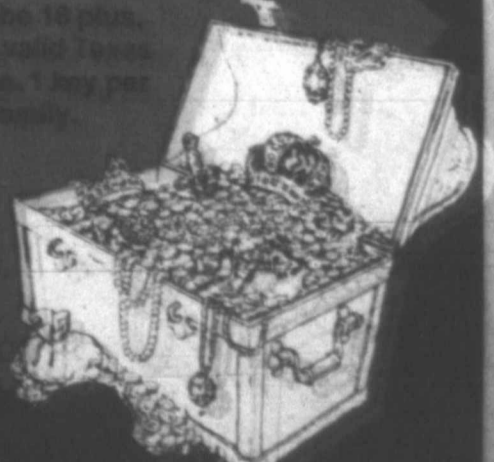
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N.Y. State Assembly considers legalizing drugs

By ROBERT BELLAFFIORE
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A veteran state senator from the crack-infested Bronx has sponsored legislation to legalize drugs, saying the war on drugs has failed.

New Yorkers over age 21 should be able to buy marijuana, cocaine, heroin or any drug over the counter, without a prescription, just like a bottle of wine at a liquor store, state Sen. Joseph Galiber contends.

A hearing on his bill was scheduled for today.

"Five years ago, this legislation would probably have gotten you run out of town," Galiber said. "But the time is right now."

Robert Frohling, who monitors state drug laws for the Denver-based National Conference of State Legislatures, agreed: "There are more people jumping on the bandwagon, so there's more credence being given to that type of alternative. It's not just some sort of off-the-wall thing."

But Thomas Hedrick Jr., executive director of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, wondered, "Is this a joke?"

Those lobbying for legalization cuts across the political spectrum.

Former Secretary of State George Shultz, economist Milton Friedman and commentator

William F. Buckley Jr. are in league with Democratic Mayor Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore, Hoding Carter III who served as the Carter administration's State Department spokesman, and former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

Still, there's little chance the New York bill will become law. It has no co-sponsors and Gov. Mario Cuomo already has said he's opposed to legalization.

Frohling said that even though legalizing all drugs was too politically sensitive to become reality, he expected other states to hold hearings on the idea next year.

Galiber, a Democrat with 20 years in the Assembly, disclaims drugs as a good thing. It's just that all the efforts to stop drug use have failed, he said.

Legalization, with a state-regulated drug industry, would eliminate drug trafficking by taking away the huge profits available to pushers, said Galiber.

By taking away a pusher's profits, the state could put drug dealers out of business and lessen chances that young children would get hooked.

The problem then would be teaching New Yorkers not to take drugs and treating the ones that do, said Galiber, a former social worker and member of the City College of New York's

1949-50 NCAA championship basketball team.

"The so-called war on drugs, whatever it's called, hasn't worked," said Galiber. "We won't end the demand, but we can take the huge profits out and remove the heinous criminal elements."

Galiber said his proposal might lead to a short-term increase in drug use, but he predicted it would improve the state's chances of solving the problem in the long run.

"The way it's going now, we're killing off our youth, we're locking our adults and people into violence. People are killing each other," Galiber said. "I'm not suggesting that this is the answer, but we have to try some alternatives."

Some people dislike his alternative, however.

"Legalizing illicit drugs would catastrophically expand the addiction and use," said Hedrick, whose New York City-based non-profit group produced the TV commercial equating a drug user's brain with fried eggs. "Remove the big economic issue and you remove the criminal element? That's just not true."

Hedrick said the "black market" for narcotics would survive even if drugs were legalized.

Galiber's plan would create a new state agency almost identical to the one that regulates the liquor industry.

Animosity erupts in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Carl Parker continued to verbally jab Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, saying Hobby has done a complete reversal on the issue of reforming the workers' compensation insurance system.

"I don't know why our leader has had such a change of heart, other than he got more heat at the country club than he could stand," Parker, D-Port Arthur, said Wednesday.

But Hobby defended his measure, saying it had tougher job-safety provisions and would cost less to the system than a bill by Parker and Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan.

The Parker-Caperton proposal is preferred by labor and trial lawyers, who represent injured workers in disputed compensation cases.

Hobby's proposal to overhaul the system of compensating workers who are injured on the job was to be considered today by the Senate Economic Development Committee.

Major differences between the Hobby plan and the Caperton-Parker proposal center on how benefits are calculated and how disputed claims are resolved.

Hobby's proposal establishes a

schedule of awards for certain injuries, regardless of how that injury affects different workers. It also places strict limits on jury trials in such cases.

The Caperton-Parker measure ties benefits to lost wage-earning capacity and does not restrict jury trials to the extent that Hobby's bill does.

Lawmakers are meeting in special legislative session to overhaul the comp system, which is designed to compensate workers injured on the job, but has been criticized for high employer costs and meager benefits to employees.

In another development, state Sen. Ted Lyon filed a bill that he said would reduce insurance rates for employers by as much as 45 percent.

"My bill lowers costs by eliminating self-insurance, something none of the other bills do," Lyon, D-Rockwall said.


In a letter to Hobby, the State Board of Insurance said if large employers are allowed to self-insure, a significant number will pull out of the insurance system, which may result in increased rates.

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