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THURSDAY

State Supreme Court upholds open meeting law in 'bathroom lawsuit'

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumers' and open government groups have applauded a decision by the Texas Supreme Court that stops a majority of members of governing bodies from holding private discussions about public business.

The ruling was handed down Wednesday in the so-called "bathroom lawsuit," which claimed that two of the Texas Water Commission's three members violated the state's Open Meetings Act by allegedly discussing a pending decision while in the restroom.

The Supreme Court said such a discussion would be illegal anytime there is a quorum or majority of the decision-making body present.

John Hildreth, director of the Southwest Regional Office of Consumers Union, said the decision "reaffirms the fundamental concept of openness in Texas government."

"The Supreme Court remedied a decision which would have slammed the door on access to decision making by major regulatory agencies," Hildreth said.

Nancy Monson, executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, hailed the ruling as "an excellent decision."

"We're really grateful that the Supreme Court upheld the people's right to know," she said.

The ruling was made in a lawsuit filed by Charles Acker, of Walker County, in Travis County state district court.

Acker was appearing before the Water Commission in 1986 seeking a waste water treatment plant permit to provide service to residents of his mobile home park in Huntsville. The hearing examiner recommended the commission grant Acker the permit.

During a break in the meeting, Acker's lawyer, Andrew Taylor, said he overheard commission members discussing the application in the restroom.

When the meeting reconvened, one of the commissioners voted to grant the application. The remaining two commissioners voted to deny it.

Acker won his case in a state district court summary judgment, but the Austin-based 3rd Court of Appeals overturned the decision in May 1989.

The appeals court said a 1977 amendment to the Texas Administrative Procedure and Register Act explicitly permits informal communications between agency members, and appeared to contradict the Open Meetings Act of 1967.

But the Supreme Court said such reasoning would have "created a gaping hole" in the Open Meetings Act.

The Register Act's allowance of private dis-

cussion should apply only when there's not a quorum present, Justice Lloyd Doggett said in writing the court's unanimous opinion.

He said the Open Meetings Act enforces the public's right "not only to know what government decides but to observe how and why every decision is reached."

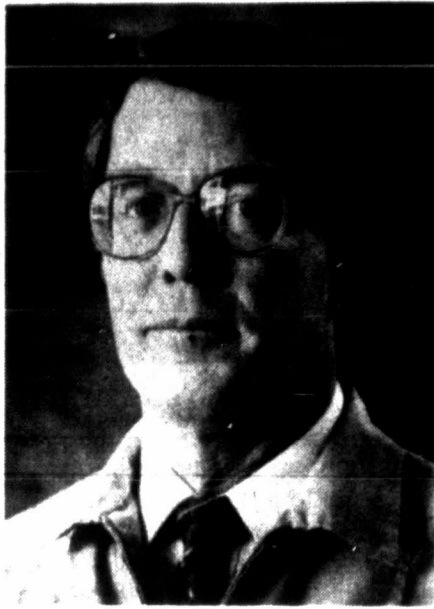
"When a majority of a public decision-making body is considering a pending issue, there can be no 'informal' discussion. There is either formal consideration of a matter in compliance with the Open Meetings Act or an illegal meeting," Doggett wrote.

The Supreme Court sent Acker's suit back to trial court for further proceedings, ruling that the original summary judgment should not have been granted.

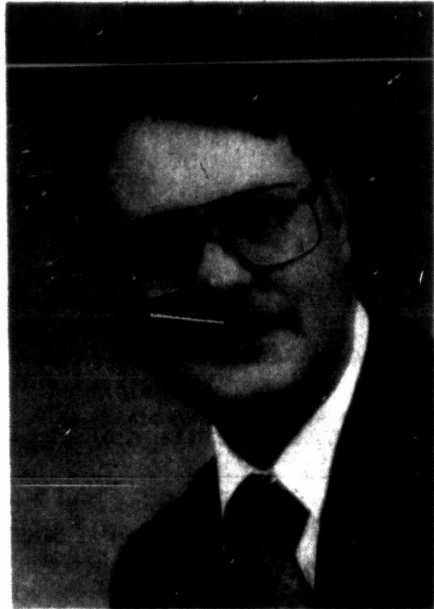
That judgment was improper because the two commissioners dispute whether the conversation actually took place, the high court ruled. The commissioners have said they do not recall the alleged restroom meeting.

In arguments before the Supreme Court in March, Assistant Attorney General Linda Secord, who represented the Water Commission, said the restroom discussion would not fall within the definition of "deliberations."

Allowing such informal discussion leads to better decisions by state agencies and does not create an impression of impropriety, she argued.



Teague



Murray

Candidates see teachers' votes as key to winning election to school board

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Both candidates running for Place One on the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees see teachers' votes as the key to winning the election Saturday.

Former Lamar Elementary School teacher Harold Murray, currently a Cabot R&D employee, is facing incumbent Dr. Keith Teague, a dentist, for the post.

Murray said he left the classroom for a job that would financially allow his wife to stay home and raise their children. However, he said his heart, gifts and interests are still in the area of education.

"I work at Children's Church of First Assembly of God," Murray said. "My friends are educators and my training is education. Being a school board member is a way I can serve without giving up my job at Cabot."

Murray also said, "It's my time to serve; my child will be starting first grade next year at Wilson Elementary."

Teague, a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church who has served one term on the school board, said he originally ran at the suggestion of friends who believed he could have a positive influence on local education.

"We have done some good things and I look forward to doing more," Teague said. He explained that the current board's make-up allowed a spirit of near-unheard-of cooperation that is key to the district's success.

"We have done some really exciting things and I look forward to serving again so that we can continue in that direction," Teague said.

He counted the advances the district had made as including the new alternative high school, the addition of computers around the district and increased levels of parental involvement.

Teague also commented that the board has given teachers a great deal of input into decision making that has helped the PISD.

Murray said he is impressed with much of what has happened in the district over the past several years, but believes even greater strides can be made.

"This Pampa Learning Center is a great idea," Murray said of the alternative high school. "But I wonder if we've gone far enough with it. Maybe it should be expanded. We can produce a better school system than we've got, but it will take a concerted effort on parent's and the district's part."

Murray said he already believes Pampa's teachers are giving a level of performance that is a national model and that now the community must match their commitment.

He counted increased parent involvement at the high school level as a top priority, should he be elected.

Teague and Murray both said most of their campaigning is at local campuses.

"Teachers are the experts. They are the ones we need to be asking about the various issues that come up," Teague said. "I've spent most of my time in this election talking to them."

Both men agreed that whoever carried the teachers' vote would win the election.

Murray said he almost didn't run for the school board, though he had planned to quite a while, when the recent self-esteem curriculum controversy emerged.

"I didn't want it to seem I was running just on that issue," said Murray, who agreed with the district's later stance that it had made a mistake by administering a self-esteem test to grade school children.

"The district did the right thing by getting rid of it," he said.

Teague concurred the district's self-esteem policy was a mistake, but said the events that followed proved the strength of the present board.

"When we make a mistake, we admit it and go on," he said.

A difference in the two men's platforms centers around the issue of consensus decision making, which the district currently practices in virtually all areas.

Consensus management is a system that calls for total agreement on an issue by the deciding body before it is proceeded on, rather than a simple majority vote. In the past, Dr. Harry Griffith, superintendent of schools, has said consensus management avoids the development of factions and builds a team spirit.

Murray said he has some questions about the concept.

"I am for standing together, but I don't agree with agreeing just for the sake of unity," Murray explained. "I'm not afraid to disagree if that's what needs to happen. I'm not afraid to make waves, though that is definitely not what I'm out to do."

Teague said, "You don't see a lot of disagreeing during the meeting. But we're not a rubber stamp board, though a lot of people think we are. We talk about it before the meeting, usually, and get our questions answered."



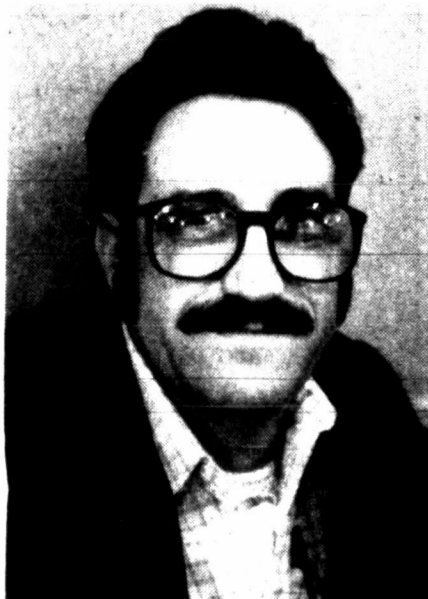
Fulton



Holden



Turpen



Woodard

Lefors City Council candidates discuss issues

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

LEFORS — City Council candidates for the two contested positions in Lefors agree that the number of candidates running indicates a renewed interest in civic events in this city of just under 900.

Five people, including incumbents Ron Turpen and Danny Gilbert, are facing off in the Saturday election.

Other candidates include Johnny Woodard, Kim Holden and Larry Fulton.

By city ordinance, the two candidates receiving the most votes will be declared the winners of the open seats.

Turpen, an employee at Rio Petroleum, said his four years experience on the council should be a plus for voters.

"If somebody voted for me, it would be for the four years I have been there," he said. "When I first ran, they had to beg people to run. It's good now to see people interested in their city. So it really doesn't matter to me whether I'm elected or not."

Turpen said he believes his being on the council has helped the city acquire a new sewer machine and

bring a city marshal to Lefors.

"This marshal we've got is one of the best things we've ever done," Turpen said. "We've also got 40 acres of water rights for free." (See related story.)

Holden, a housewife and mother, expressed concern that some members of the current council were not following their conscience, but leaning too heavily on peer pressure from other council members.

Having served on the council two years ago, Holden stated she has a strong ability to "help cut dead wood out of the budget."

"I'm not for raising taxes to get all the roads paved or for useless things," Holden said. "We have people in town on fixed incomes and they can't afford jumps in city services."

Holden said she believes the city should not have to pay for a city marshal since Gray County Sheriff Jimmy Free had promised to put a deputy in the city.

"If he doesn't get it into his budget, I'm sure there are a lot of people who won't vote for him again," Holden said.

She said the council should remember that, "We're just a com-

munity. We need to keep our city works going without becoming extravagant."

Larry Fulton, a rancher, said he supports the city marshal concept, though he wanted to reserve judgment on the way his job is being funded.

"I live on the north end of the drag and back this summer it was frequent that from 1 to 5 in the morning I would get woke up by cars being revved up," Fulton said.

"It's not our high school kids who are doing it. It's the young adults."

Fulton said problems with small scale vandalism, as well as the possibility of drug problems in the city, warrant a city marshal. He said as a property owner and landlord, he believes having law enforcement in the city will help bring in new residents.

"As far as street paving or anything to improve the city, I'm for it in a general sense," Fulton said. "But I would want to know about the funding and how it would be paid for. I would try very hard to avoid a tax increase."

Fulton suggested that one way to raise additional city revenue would be to interview those who lived in unincorporated areas near the city

and see if they would want to be annexed into Lefors' city limits.

"If we could bring them in, it would help the overall amount of money we raise without the amount of taxes being raised," Fulton said.

He also said he was interested in not settling for a constant dependence on Pampa for economic well-being, but would favor bringing new industry, even if it only had two or three jobs, to the city.

"I'm young, energetic and interested enough in this community that I've invested several thousand dollars in rental property," Fulton said. "I'm going to do what I can to see Lefors grow."

Johnny Woodard, an employee of the Lefors public school district, said after 10 years of living in Lefors he feels like "this is my home."

"I'd like to have a part in the way the city runs," he said. "I just tell people I want to be for our community and its betterment and do things the way they are supposed to be done."

Woodard said he wanted to avoid comment on any particular issues because, "unless you've served on the council, I don't think you can know."

Danny Gilbert, an incumbent, was not available to be interviewed.

Canadian resident donates water rights on land to city of Lefors

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

LEFORS — Friendly negotiations with a Canadian man concerning water rights paid off for the city of Lefors Tuesday evening when the man — Malouf Abraham Sr. — donated the water rights on 40 acres of land to the city of Lefors.

Mayor Gene Gee visited at Abraham's home Tuesday evening and came home ecstatic with a signed letter from Abraham regarding the donation.

Gee said he had been negotiating periodically throughout the last six months with Abraham on the water rights.

"Mr. Abraham is a very nice man," Gee said Wednesday.

When asked what the gift would mean to the city, Gee responded, "How do you measure something that is going to benefit the city for at least 50 years in the future?"

The mayor said he is hopeful

Abraham's donation can be used to help the city get grant money to drill a water well on the location, which is directly south of the city and slightly east.

If the city is not able to get grant money, the mayor said he would like to hear from the people of Lefors about their opinions on raising rates on services to help pay for the drilling of a water well and related expenses.

"I'll try to get the people together and see how much they want the project to go through," Gee said. "If we get the people behind the project and working with the city, we can probably accomplish this without grant money. I want the people's input on how they feel about raising (rates on) services."

Part of Abraham's letter to Gee reads, "I sympathize with your problem and will be glad to assist you with your problem. I would be happy to give Lefors the water rights to 40 acres.



Gee



Abraham

"I would not charge you anything for these rights. All I would ask is that I could have access to the water, if needed, and that you would

protect me in your installation so that it would not interfere with our ranching operations."

Gee said a maximum of five

water wells could be drilled on the land and if the wells hold up as long as the most recent water wells have, the city would be guaranteed a water supply for at least 50 years.

The mayor said the city has been plagued with water well problems, and at present one well is in operation full-time and two operate on a part-time basis.

Salt water and sand intrusion have caused some problems for past wells. One well ran out of water last year. That well was drilled in the 1920s or 1930s, Gee said.

"The wells have already lasted at least three years longer than expected," Gee said.

The main water well used by the city was built in 1981 with a life expectancy of five years.

Concerning the possibility of drilling on the 40 acres, Gee said, "Properly managed, and if the wells hold up as long as the most recent wells have, the city will

have water for many years in the future."

Gee said the Abraham land has a history of a good, abundant water supply.

If re-elected to the mayor's position on Saturday, Gee said he plans to reapply for a water well grant to the Texas Department of Commerce this summer.

The outcome of that grant application will not be known until next January, he said.

The most recent grant application, filed within the year, requested \$145,000 for the drilling, tying in all the equipment and getting the well in operation.

Gee said if another grant is sought, it will likely be for the same amount of money.

In the most recent grant application, Lefors placed in the top 10 at regional, and in the top 12 at the state level. However, only the top seven projects received grant money.

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Services tomorrow

GARRISON, Paul L. — 2 p.m., graveside, Plainview Cemetery, Plainview.
BROWNING, William Ray — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.
NICE, Pearl C. — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.
GRAHAM, Florence Merriman — 2 p.m., graveside, Fairview Cemetery.
DUNSON, Thurmon — 2 p.m., graveside, Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Obituaries

PAUL L. GARRISON
 PLAINVIEW — Paul L. Garrison, 67, the father of two area women, died Tuesday, May 1, 1990. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Plainview Cemetery with the Rev. A.C. Hamilton, pastor of Finney Baptist Church in Finney, officiating. Arrangements are by Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.
 Mr. Garrison was born in Mangum, Okla., and moved to Plainview in 1942 from Mangum. He married Moyzell Chandler in 1944 at Clovis, N.M.; she preceded him in death in 1985. He worked for Bryon Jackson's Pump Service for many years. He owned Garrison's Pump Service until he retired in 1976. He was a Baptist. He married Mayzelle McDonald in 1986 at Plainview.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Frank Garrison of Arlington; two daughters, Paulette Henson of LeFors and Patricia Bowley of Pampa; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM RAY BROWNING
 William Ray Browning, 70, died Wednesday, May 2, 1990. Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Earl Maddux, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside rites will be courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 AF&AM. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Browning was born on Oct. 15, 1919, at Saline County, Ark., and moved to Pampa in 1947 from Little Rock, Ark. He was owner and operator of Browning Heating and Air Conditioning. He married Ervigne Shoemaker in 1943 at Childress. He was a member of Pampa Moose Lodge, Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and was a 32nd degree member of Scottish Rite. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Air Force.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Barbara Kaye Stubblefield of Pampa; two sons, Ronald Ray Browning and William Jay Browning, both of Pampa; his mother, Myrtle M. Hubmann of Little Rock, Ark.; three brothers, J.G. Hubmann of Blountville, Tenn., and Boyce W. Browning and Guy B. Browning, both of Little Rock, Ark.; two sisters, Gloria Hubmann of Little Rock, Ark., and Vivian Moreland of Hot Springs, Ark.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JOHN THURMAN WEBSTER
 HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — John Thurman Webster, 82, a former Pampa area farmer, died Tuesday, May 1, 1990, in Hot Springs. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor of First Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Webster was born Feb. 8, 1908 in Groesbeck, Texas. He farmed in the Pampa area from 1945 until his retirement in 1970, when he moved to Hot Springs. He married Eleanor McCleskey in June 1931 in Dalhart; she preceded him in death in 1981. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include one daughter, Bette Tague of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one sister, Inez Stovall of Pampa; three brothers, Marvin Webster of Pampa, Ed Webster of Houston and Ray Webster of North Port, Fla.; three grandsons and two great-grandsons.

Calendar of events

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK
 The Red Cross office sponsors a free blood pressure check every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 108 N. Russell, downtown Pampa.

RED CROSS SWIMMING LESSONS
 Sign up for Red Cross swimming lessons this summer will be conducted from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact the Red Cross office at 669-7121.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Ruth Howard, Pampa
 Fred Hughes, Pampa
 Barnard Keener, Pampa
 Randall Lee, Booker
 Lisa Mynear, Pampa
 Hershel Stevens, Pampa
 Kylie Welch, Pampa
 Bettie Backus (extended care), Pampa
 Juanita Brewer (extended care), Pampa
 Earl Collins (extended care), Pampa

Dismissals
 Juanita Brewer, Pampa
 Charles Couch, Skellytown
 Melissa Dodge, Amarillo
 Nelda Monday, Pampa
 Earl Taylor, Pampa
 Loneta Young, Pampa
 Luther Painter (extended care), Groom

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Jimmy Copenhagen, Elk City, Okla.
 Addie Brown, Shamrock
 Donnie Hicks, Shamrock

Dismissals
 Ruby Ayers, McLean

Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ty Lee Greenhouse of Miami, a boy.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.34	
Milo	4.17	
Corn	4.84	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Ky. Cent. Life	13 3/8	up 1/4
Serico	4 7/8	up 1/4
Occidental	26 7/8	NC

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	57.60	dn 1/8
Puritan	12.83	dn 3/4

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	50 7/8	up 1/2
Arco	113	up 1/2
Cabot	31 1/2	up 1/2
Cabot O&G	14 3/8	up 1/8
Chevron	66 3/8	up 1/4
Coca-Cola	77 3/4	up 3/4
Enron	52 1/4	dn 1/8
Halliburton	44 3/4	up 5/8
Ingersoll Rand	54 3/4	up 1/2
KNE	21 7/8	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	48 1/2	up 1/4
Limited	41	up 1/4
Mapco	38	up 1/4
Maxx	10 1/2	NC
McDonald's	31 3/8	up 1/4
Mesa Ltd.	5 1/4	NC
Mobil	60 1/4	NC
New Atmos	16 3/4	dn 1/8
Penney's	62 7/8	dn 3/4
Phillips	25 5/8	up 1/4
SLB	51 7/8	up 3/8
SPS	28 1/4	up 1/8
Tenneco	67 1/8	up 1/2
Texaco	59 1/8	up 1/8
New York Gold	369.80	
Silver	5.02	

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, May 2
 Lynn Thornton, 1200 Grape, reported credit card abuse at 616 Sloan.

Furr's Emporium, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a theft and disorderly conduct at the business.

James Dale Sells, 423 E. Browning, reported a forgery at 412 N. Somerville #10.

Lois Galloway, 1823 N. Nelson, reported criminal mischief at 920 S. Wells.

Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported a theft at the business.

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 Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart, reported a theft at the business.

Arrests
WEDNESDAY, May 2
 Humberto A. Valdez, 20, Borger, was arrested in the 1100 block of South Farley on three warrants.

Rita Thompson, 27, 1342 Coffee, was arrested at 1233 N. Hobart on a charge of theft and five warrants.

John Allen Thompson, 25, 1342 Coffee, was arrested at 1233 N. Hobart on three warrants from Borger.

THURSDAY, May 3
 Vernon Lloyd Mills, 39, 610 Davis, was arrested at 21st and Coffee on a warrant.

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

WEDNESDAY, May 2
 12:15 p.m. — An unknown Dodge pickup hit a pedestrian, Jamie Hardman, 17, 712 Frost, in the 1400 block of Charles. Hardman was treated and released with minor injuries from Coronado Hospital.

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

WEDNESDAY, May 2
 9:48 a.m. — Train/truck collision was reported on Santa Fe Railroad tracks 1 mile west of city. Three units and seven firefighters responded.

We are the Panhandle



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

In the spirit of "We Are the World" and Farm Aid, local members of five night club bands are joining together Sunday at City Limits in a benefit for Joyce Willingham, a Pampa woman awaiting a lung transplant in San Antonio. The benefit, which begins Sunday at 4 p.m., will include a barbecue, auction and live music. Willingham family members said they are touched by the generosity the bands are showing in helping to raise money for the transplant, which could cost up to a \$150,000. Without the operation, Willingham will die. She is currently in a San Antonio hospital with pneumonia. Bands participating, pictured on the stage at City Limits, include Mike McAdoo and Smoke House, Southern Knights, Contessa, Fencewalker and Kick Back. Willingham was recently featured in a Pampa News article.

SPS files credit savings request for customers with state panel

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) Wednesday filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to credit \$20.7 million to its Texas retail customers for savings in fuel costs.

Retail customers include residential, commercial and industrial users.

A residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month would receive a one-time credit of \$22.51. The proposed credit includes interest at an annual rate of 11.7 percent.

SPS expects to get swift approval on this filing, said Gerald Diller, SPS's group manager of rates and regulation.

"We hope to be able to apply the credit to our customers' July bills," he said. The credit would cover fuel expenses from April 1989 through March 1990.

"Several factors made these savings for customers possible," Diller said. "For example, expenses related to the purchase of power from other electric companies were reduced. Also, we were able to negotiate for lower fuel contracts at our power plants. Additionally, this credit includes customers' share of the proceeds made from off-system sales to other electric utilities. The net result is lowered costs for our customers."

Of the \$20.7 million requested credit, about \$11.2 million accumulated since the beginning of the year. This primarily was due to the delay in getting approval from the Texas commission to implement a new lower "fuel-cost recovery factor."

SPS's original request, filed in November 1989, was to implement the lower "fuel-cost recovery factor" by Jan. 1. The factor was ultimately

implemented on April bills, Diller said, resulting in an overall 9.6 percent rate decrease.

Doyle Moore, SPS's Panhandle division manager, said continued savings in fuel expenses will help the area economy.

"SPS expends significant effort to keep its fuel expenses down. And since the cost of fuel makes up about half of an electric bill, that's very important to the customer," he said. "By continuing to be a low-cost producer of power, SPS is sending the message that this part of the country is a great place for relocating and expanding businesses."

Moore noted that SPS's industrial rates already are among the lowest in the nation.

"We are active in economic-development activities in our region, and we are pleased to be able to pass this savings to our customers," he said.

Bush: U.S. won't modernize battlefield nuke weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush announced today that the United States would not modernize its battlefield nuclear weapons in Europe and would "terminate" plans to deploy a more-powerful version of its Lance missile.

He said it was time for the Western alliance to set a strategy for "the transformation of Europe" during the coming decade.

A NATO summit will convene in late June or early July, Bush said in a news conference, as Western foreign ministers met in Brussels.

Bush said he wanted to meet with U.S. allies after his May 30-June 3 superpower summit with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

"As democracy comes to Eastern Europe and Soviet troops return home, there is less need for nuclear systems of a shorter range," Bush said in announcing the dramatic military changes.

Of the proposed NATO summit, Bush said, "The alliance is now ready to take on new challenges."

On the subject of U.S. hostages held in Lebanon, Bush said he was cheered by the release of two American hostages but was not willing to make any conciliatory gestures toward Iran at this time.

He said he was prepared to "do anything that wouldn't be perceived as negotiating for the release of hostages," Bush said.

The only specific he offered was

a willingness to try to determine the fate of four Iranians kidnapped in Beirut in 1982. He said the best information the United States had was that the Iranians were dead.

Otherwise, Bush said: "We have a policy and we're going to stay with that policy," Bush said.

"I've tried hard not to raise the hopes of the hostage family and then have them dashed," he added.

Earlier today, Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani declared in a speech broadcast by Tehran radio that Iran does not want relations with the United States. The statement appeared to rule out the possibility of a dialogue with the United States after 11 years of hostility.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR. If your home has brick that need repair Call Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

PHOENIX COOKIES. Low Fat, High Fiber, Natural Sweeteners, No Cholesterol. Special Introductory Price, this week only. Available now, at Rolanda's in the Pampa Mall. Adv.

NEW SHIPMENT of t-shirts foil art transfers, jewelry supplies. Sunshine Factory. Adv.

THE BEST ladies night you've ever seen at The Party Zone! Thursday night, ladies pool tournament, and ladies specials. Adv.

STEVE & Stars Body Toners (passive exercise tables). Monday 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday 7 a.m.-9 p.m. 701 N. Hobart, 665-8958. Adv.

GORDON'S JEWELRY Store Mothers Day Sale 25%-75% off storewide thru Saturday. Pampa Mall. Adv.

AUTHORIZED ELEC-TROLUX Vacuums, sales and service. 2121 N. Wells, 669-9285. Adv.

PHOENIX DIET Fiber cookie, excellent weight loss. Call us first for the lowest price in town. Case lots available. Free delivery. 669-0133 or 665-3117. Adv.

USED SURPLUS Lumber Sale - Saturday May 5th, at the New Hidden Hills Public Golf Course. Sale to start at 8:30 a.m. Bring your truck or trailer and take advantage of some great prices. Adv.

ANNUAL CITY Wide Rabies Clinic. Rabies and other vaccinations given at reduced prices. Dogs, Friday and Saturday. Cats, Monday. Given at all 4 Pampa veterinary offices. Adv.

WHITE MARBLE, Lava rock, decorative bark, Pine bark mulch. Your choice \$3.99 each. Watsons Feed & Garden. Adv.

BEAUTY SHOP to rent, much traffic, 3 stations, 5 dryers. Let's talk. 669-2971, 669-9879. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH: Mother's Day Special. All dresses 50% off. Friday and Saturday. Adv.

BY POPULAR demand - International Male Revue will be at the Party Zone May 10th. Advance tickets \$6. \$7.50 at the door. No membership required. For reservations 665-7366. Adv.

HAVE YOUR Cookie and Get Thin Too! Phoenix High Fiber low fat cookies, taste great, good for you! All natural. Substitute 2 meals a day with your cookie, lose 7 pounds in 1 week. 835-2826. Adv.

GARAGE SALE Friday, Saturday, 2142 N. Sumner. Adv.

PACK bedding plants 99¢. Friday-Sunday. Watsons Feed & Garden and Hobart Street Garden Center. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 40 degrees, northwesterly winds 5-10 mph, turning northerly at 15-25 mph after midnight. Friday, partly cloudy with a high near 60 degrees, northerly to northeasterly winds 10-20 mph and gusty. Wednesday's high was 47 degrees; the overnight low was 40 degrees. Pampa recorded 1 inch of precipitation in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Partly cloudy area-wide tonight and Friday. Lows tonight from mid 30s northwest Panhandle to mid 50s Big Bend.

Highs Friday from near 60 Panhandle to mid 80s Big Bend.

North Texas — Scattered thunderstorms becoming less numerous central and east tonight with some severe. Lows tonight 45 northwest to 65 southeast. Partly cloudy Friday with widely scattered thunderstorms east. Highs Friday 66 west to 76 east.

South Texas — Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms north tonight and scattered showers and thunderstorms east and south. Mostly cloudy Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms most sections. Highs Friday in the 70s to near 80 north to the 80s south. Lows tonight in the 50s north to the

60s to low 70s south.

BORDER STATES
 Oklahoma — Rain and thunderstorms ending in the east tonight becoming partly cloudy statewide later tonight and Friday. More heavy rain possible today in the southeast. Lows tonight 30s Panhandle to low 50s east. Highs Friday in the 60s.

New Mexico — Partly cloudy tonight with a few lingering showers, mainly north. Lows 20s to mid 30s mountains with 30s to mid 40s elsewhere. Partly cloudy Friday with widely scattered showers and a few afternoon thunderstorms, mainly over and near the mountains. A little warmer north and west. Highs upper 40s to mid 60s mountains and north with 60s to mid 70s south.

Iran's president: U.S. a 'stubborn, spoiled child' over hostages issue

by ANWAR FARUQI
 Associated Press Writer

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani today branded the U.S. administration a "stubborn, spoiled child" for refusing to make a goodwill gesture in response to the release of two American hostages in Lebanon.

He also declared in a speech broadcast by Tehran radio, monitored in Nicosia:

"Iran does not want relations with the United States, and we welcomed severing ties. ... We are not prepared to talk to America."

Rafsanjani's comments, made in an address to a group of teachers in Tehran, appeared to rule out the possibility of a dialogue with the United States after 11 years of hostility.

But they also indicated that Rafsanjani, leader of Iran's so-called pragmatists, was under mounting pressure from anti-Western radicals angered at Iran's role in the release of the two Americans held by pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem militants in Lebanon.

Robert Polhill, 55, of New York, was freed April 22, eight days later, Frank Reed, 57, of Malden, Mass., was released.

Sixteen other Westerners, six of them Americans, remain missing in Lebanon.

Rafsanjani admitted that the Lebanese groups who freed Polhill and Reed had done so "at our suggestion. They could have ... rejected our advice. But they

accepted our advice."

Rafsanjani's comments echoed remarks on Wednesday by Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, that Tehran is against talks with the United States.

Khamenei said that "the Islamic Republic government would not possibly do so without my consent."

Meanwhile, American hostage Thomas Sutherland turned 59 today and spent his fifth birthday in captivity. His wife sent him birthday greetings in a message published by a leftist Beirut newspaper.

Jean Sutherland's message, carried by As-Safir in Arabic and English, said: "I send you the best gift I have, my dear — 'a red, red rose' of love. May it touch your heart and spirit in a special way on this, your special day."

Mrs. Sutherland lives on the campus of the American University of Beirut, where she teaches English. Sutherland was acting dean of agriculture at the school when he was kidnapped on June 9, 1985.

Sutherland, of Fort Collins, Colo., is the second longest-held hostage in Lebanon. A pro-Iranian group calling itself Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, has claimed responsibility for Sutherland's abduction.

The group also holds American journalist Terry Anderson, 42, of Lorain, Ohio. Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, is the longest-held Western hostage in Lebanon. He was kidnapped March 16, 1985.

Floods, tornadoes, thunderstorms, hail cover vast area of state

By ANDREA WEISGERBER
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A vast area of Texas braced for more flooding as flash-flood producing severe thunderstorms roared across the state packing 60 mph winds, tornadoes, baseball-size hail and drenching rainfall.

Two men and a woman were killed Wednesday in Fort Worth when their cars were swept away by high water over roadways, bringing the death toll for storms in Texas this spring to nine.

The area where flooding was either under way or possible today ranged from San Antonio northeastward to Texarkana and eastward into the Houston area and northward to Wichita Falls.

The rainfall was expected to continue today in much of the area.

Forecasters warned of possible flash flooding in the Houston area later today as heavy thunderstorms that moved through the Hill Country during the night were moving rapidly eastward.

Seven people suffered minor injuries today when a tornado touched down in Paris in northeast Texas, said Dick Boots of the Paris emergency office. He said two businesses were damaged, a tractor-trailer was overturned and more than a dozen homes sustained damage

from uprooted trees. The injuries were minor, he said. About 16 homes suffered damage, but Boots said a helicopter survey of the area today would give officials a better idea of the extent of the damage.

He described the damage as "minor" compared to the 1982 Paris tornado that left 11 dead and damaged or destroyed more than 1,000 homes, causing an estimated \$15 million in damage.

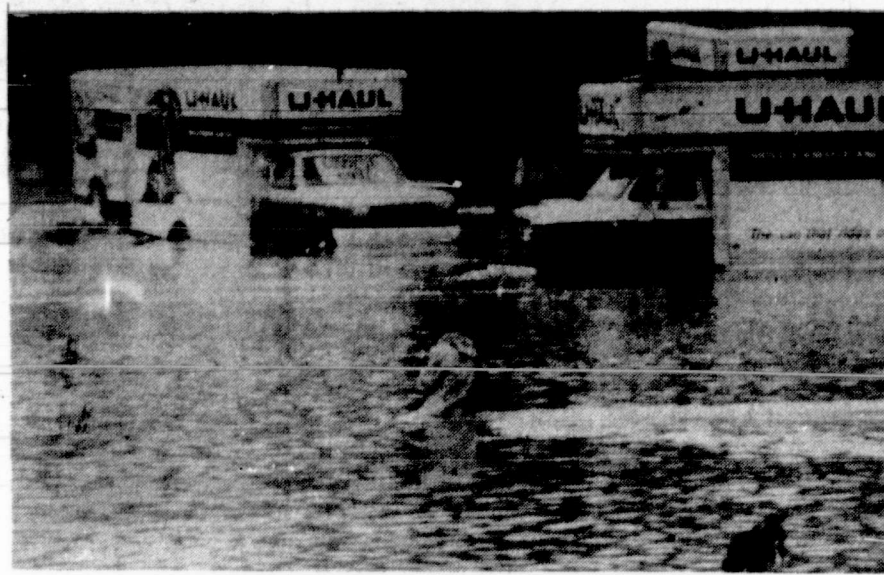
Fire crews evacuated 155 people from a nursing home in Haltom City north of Fort Worth Wednesday night when waters from the Big Fossil and Little Fossil creeks overflowed their banks and came within inches of entering the hospital.

The 143 patients at the Haltom Convalescent Center and 15 surgical patients from the nearby Twin Oaks Medical Center were spending the night at a Baptist church nearby.

The patients "became disoriented in foreign surroundings but their staff is with them and people from the church are helping," Haltom City Fire Chief Kerry King said early today. "Everyone seems pretty calm."

The evacuations began at about 10 p.m. Wednesday, he said.

Police in Cleburne were assisting people in evacuations along East Buffalo Creek in the Johnson Coun-



Workers at a Grand Prairie U-Haul lot work to move trucks out of the flooded parking area Wednesday afternoon.

ty town. High water caused authorities to block off U.S. 67 at Cleburne, officials said.

Baseball-size hail pelted nearby Rio Vista during the night, but reports from the area were sketchy.

Some people were just beginning to recover from flooding last week when the thunderstorms, which began Tuesday night in North and Central Texas, continued through the area Wednesday and early today.

"This whole part of the state is

in pretty bad flood condition," said Jerry Leatherwood, power plant operator at Texoma Lake on the Texas-Oklahoma border. The lake overflowed its emergency spillway late Wednesday night.

The west fork of the Trinity River that flows through Fort Worth and Dallas rose as lakes that feed the river overflowed.

"All the lakes are over their banks," said James Scarberry of the Fort Worth Fire Department. "In

most parts of the Trinity, it's above flood level."

A fire department helicopter crew in Fort Worth rescued a woman whose pickup truck was swept downstream as she tried to drive across a water-covered road late Wednesday.

Hundreds of people remained out of their homes throughout the Trinity River basin, and residents in the south Dallas neighborhood of Rochester Park were told to evacuate. About a dozen had reported to shelters early today after emergency workers knocked on doors to warn of rising water.

Dallas officials said U.S. 175, known locally as the C.F. Hawn Freeway and a major route for commuters from southeast Dallas into the downtown area, was closed because of high water.

The heaviest rainfall moved out of the Dallas-Fort Worth area before dawn today, spreading the flood-producing rain into counties east and northeast of Dallas.

Officials in Red River, Rains and Hunt counties reported widespread flooding of roads and highways.

A total of 30 families were out of their homes Wednesday night in Grand Prairie, including families who left when the flooding first started Wednesday morning. A mobile home park was evacuated

Wednesday night, said James Robertson of the Grand Prairie Emergency Operations Center.

Johnson Creek was holding steady in Grand Prairie early today, Robertson said.

Further west, George Teague of the Parker County Emergency Management office said some people who had just returned to their homes after flooding on the Brazos River last week were told to leave again Wednesday after severe storms pushed the Brazos over its banks again.

"I know it rained two inches in 30 minutes," Teague said Wednesday night. "We're afraid it's going to get up like it did last week. The river's risen about 10 feet since last night, which is two feet above bank level."

Numerous roads were reported covered with water, and Route 287 near Wichita Falls was closed, police said.

In Abilene, where almost 4 inches of rain fell by Wednesday afternoon, police were evacuating homes near Dyess Air Force Base and some in southeast Abilene.

The force of the water was enough to push the parked cars of a train off its tracks in a flooded area of Arlington near Fort Worth, police said Wednesday night. There were no injuries.

Legislature back in third special session on school finance reform

By PEGGY FIKAC
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AUSTIN (AP) — After two months of special sessions on court-ordered school finance reform, Gov. Bill Clements has sent lawmakers a no-new-taxes measure that he would sign into law.

"This bill will allow Texas schools to rank among the nation's finest," Clements said Wednesday, the first day of the third special session on school finance.

The Republican governor's effort comes after a rancorous struggle with the Democratic-controlled Legislature over his vow to veto any tax increase for school finance reform.

"It's a matter of personal pride and abstinence, in my opinion, that is standing in the way of a decent education bill for this state," said Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur.

There's little consensus but new impetus for obeying the Texas Supreme Court's order to make more money available to property-poor school districts: If lawmakers and Clements don't write a plan by June 1, a state judge is appointing a court master who will.

In the House, Rep. James Hury said he likely will introduce a tax bill this week, and it probably will be the same half-cent sales tax

increase for schools that Clements vetoed Tuesday, the last day of the last special session.

But Hury, chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, said he would prefer that lawmakers first pass an equitable school finance measure, without new revenue.

He said he thinks that would force so much state money to flow from property-rich to property-poor school districts that even the governor would then support new state taxes. The school finance system relies on a combination of state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

Hury, D-Galveston, said he also would be willing to talk about other money-raising options.

"He didn't like a half-penny. Maybe if we include some fees, maybe if we cut a little bit more, maybe if we reduce it to a quarter (cent) ... If there is something that's more palatable to them, we'd love to hear it," Hury said.

Clements' reform plan is being sponsored by Rep. Terral Smith, R-Austin, and Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas.

Clements said his plan is modeled after the one \$555 million bill approved by lawmakers last session, but its price tag is lower. The legislative plan died when Clements

vetoed the tax increase to fund it. Clements' plan would cost about \$250 million next school year. He outlined \$267 million of options to pay for it, including cuts from other state budget areas and an increase in the fee for obtaining driving records.

If lawmakers want a more expensive plan, the governor said, he could support raising another \$123 million by temporarily reducing the state's contribution to the Teacher Retirement System.

He said there is enough money in the system that retired teacher benefits could be increased at the same time.

The Legislature in the last session was able to approve only \$114 million in budget cuts for education, although Clements had presented a similar list then. Some lawmakers questioned whether the cuts proposed by the governor could be made.

Last session's legislative reform plan was filed again in the Senate and, with some changes, in the House. Other plans also were discussed, including one being developed by a bipartisan House coalition with a price tag of less than \$400 million; and a \$600 million plan that would levy local taxes countywide for schools.



(Staff photo by Kayla Pursley)

Rosemary Schiffman, standing right, Census crew leader, answers questions during a recent training session. Seated from left are Carmela Montoya, Margaret Hill and Mary Grissom.

Census Bureau looking for local workers for door-to-door survey

The Census Bureau is hiring local residents for enumerator positions to begin the next phase of the census process—that of going door-to-door to interview those individuals and families who did not return their 1990 census form.

Training for the job takes three 6-hour days. Employees are paid minimum wage for the first three days of training, then \$5 per hour plus 24 cents a mile while out in the field. Weekly hours range from 32-40 per week.

"This is not an eight to five job," says Clella Lewis, district office manager for the Census Bureau in Amarillo. "Lots of homes are two-income families, and to be able to contact the residents, enumerators will have to call on them after 5 p.m. or on Saturday or Sunday."

The jobs could last up to two months. According to Lewis, qualification tests are being administered by the Texas Employment Commission every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and at 1 p.m. at the Pampa Community Building.

Applicants should allow about one and one half hours—30 minutes for the test and one hour to complete the necessary job applications and government forms. Applicants will have to show a current driver's license and a social security card. Minimum age is 18.

Testing dates for May are May 9, May 16 and May 23.

The qualification test is a simple 28-questions form involving mathematical problems, reading directions and clerical procedures.

The three-day training course will be offered on a "as needed" basis.

"We have had lots of problems hiring from Pampa," says Lewis. "We've been testing for several months and thought we had enough people, but now we see we are going to be operating shorthanded. The Census Bureau would prefer to use local people rather than bring in people from the outside to complete the job."

"The Panhandle area is averaging about a 63 percent return," says Lewis. "Nationwide the average is 59 percent. But it is hard to put a percentage in proper terms because of the number of vacancies."

"Also, there were two types of operations going on which may have confused a lot of people. Rural residents were asked to keep their completed census forms and city residents were asked to return their forms by mail," adds Lewis.

Census takers will begin calling on Pampa residents on Thursday. They can be identified by their red, white and blue identification badges and each enumerator will carry official red, white and blue "1990 Census" satchel briefcases.

Experts describe details of attempts to save Treaty Oak during testimony

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin park workers spent more than \$100,000 trying to save the historic Treaty Oak, but for all intents and purposes, the centuries-old tree can be considered dead, an Austin forester testified.

Expert witnesses Wednesday described in detail the efforts they made to save the Treaty Oak after workers discovered it had been poisoned by a lethal herbicide last year.

Their testimony came in the criminal mischief trial of Paul Stedman Cullen, 46, of Elroy, who is accused of pouring the herbicide Velpar around the base of the tree.

Legend has it that Stephen F. Austin signed a treaty with the Indians under the tree in the 1820s. Cullen has pleaded innocent to a charge of felony criminal mischief in the poisoning of the tree, which prosecutors said occurred about March 1, 1989.

If convicted, Cullen could be sentenced to life in prison because of a prior burglary conviction.

Austin Parks and Recreation Department officials John Giedraitis and Warren Struss testified that tree

experts from around the country have replaced contaminated soil, severed some roots and mounted shade screens to protect the tree from the summer sun.

A saltwater solution has been pumped into the oak to try to counteract the poison, followed by injections of energy-giving sugar water.

The treatments have cost well over \$100,000, which Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot has pledged to reimburse.

Struss said that up to \$4,000 has been spent on donated spring water storage and trucking alone.

Despite the efforts, Giedraitis, the city's urban forester, has testified that only half of the 60-foot tree is still alive.

Since most of its major limbs are dead, "for all intents and purposes, for appraising (its monetary value), it is destroyed," he said.

Under questioning by defense attorney Terrence Kirk, Struss also said Wednesday that the parks department did not carry out an investigation into whether any disgruntled former employees might have poisoned the tree because the parks department does

not use Velpar. "To our knowledge, there was really no disgruntled employee that might do something like this."

The parks department has 400 employees, he said.

Attorneys for both sides have said a police tape recording of a conversation between Cullen and a witness who identified him as the tree's poisoner may be key in determining the defendant's guilt or innocence.

Although police and prosecutors have never detailed the suspected motive, Cullen's arrest warrant alleged the poisoning was part of a "ritual."

The Austin American-Statesman reported before Cullen's arrest that a suspect in the case was trying to cast a spell in a romantic matter.

Cullen, who was denied bail and spent more than 10 months in jail waiting for the trial to start, also could face up to 15 years in prison for federal charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and making a false statement to a firearms dealer.

The charges stem from a .22-caliber rifle police say they found in his truck when he was arrested.

Skinheads sentenced in hate crimes case

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A federal prosecutor said tough prison sentences for five white supremacists will put other hate groups on notice that racial crimes carry a heavy penalty.

The message today was sent by a federal district court judge in the form of some very substantial sentences. Barry Kowalski, a prosecutor with the U.S. Justice Department's civil rights division, said Wednesday after sentencing of five "skinheads."

An all-white jury found the skinheads guilty March 1 of conspiracy to violate the civil rights of minorities by defacing a synagogue and Jewish community center in 1988 and chasing blacks and Hispanics from Robert E. Lee Park in Dallas

that same year.

Former members of the skinheads' faction Confederate Hammerheads testified the group planned to pump cyanide gas into Temple Shalom.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders sentenced Jon Lance Jordan, 19, of Garland, to eight years, five months in prison and Daniel Alvis Wood, 20, of Dallas, to nine years, six months. They were both convicted on two counts of conspiring to violate the civil rights of minorities and one count of firearms violations.

Sean Christian Tarrant, 20, of Dallas, got a nine-year term. Michael Lewis Lawrence, 22, of Tulsa, Okla., was sentenced to four years, nine months while Christopher Barry Greer, 25, of Irving, was sentenced to six years, six months.

They were convicted only on the conspiracy counts.

The men could have faced up to 10 years in prison and fines of \$250,000 on each count.

Sanders emphasized he was not sentencing the men for their beliefs, but for endangering the community.

Skinheads, characterized by their closely shaven heads, generally espouse a philosophy of intolerance against Jews, blacks, Hispanics and homosexuals.

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Opinion

Supreme taxation should be repealed

One of our most hallowed political traditions is the separation of powers into legislative, executive and judicial branches, with the legislative alone holding the power to tax. This act as a strong check against tyranny by one branch.

But the U.S. Supreme Court has adjourned that tradition. By a 5-4 vote, it allowed a federal judge in Kansas to impose taxes. The four dissenters to the case were Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Connor and Antonin Scalia. They wisely objected to the court majority's "casual embrace of taxation imposed by the unelected, life-tenured federal judiciary."

Our founding fathers called it taxation without representation, fought a revolution to end its imposition by a tyrant, and established a Constitution that prevented such an imposition — at least from 1789 till 1990.

In a separate action, all nine justices voted to provide one qualification to the judiciary's newly granted power to tax. Justice Byron White wrote, "Local officials should at least have the opportunity to devise their own solutions to these problems." But if the local officials shun this "opportunity" to bow down to judicial tyranny, a judge can force them to do so anyway.

In the case at issue, U.S. District Judge Russell Clark had imposed a school desegregation scheme on Kansas City, Mo. Local officials objected to the scheme and refused to raise taxes to pay for it. And six times since 1970, citizens voted against tax-increase ballot proposals.

Ignoring the people's direct wishes, Judge Clark nearly doubled property taxes, from \$2.05 to \$4 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Someone owning a \$200,000 home would thus pay \$8000 per year just for school taxes, an increase of \$3,900.

Even the judge's stated goal, to help black students, likely will end in disaster. Similar desegregation plans in Detroit, Boston and elsewhere have driven white students out of the schools. The Boston fiasco was depicted in the recent TV docudrama *Common Ground*, based on Anthony Lukas's book of the same name. In Norfolk, Va., black parents have rallied to repeal the desegregation scheme harming their children.

Since Kansas City's schools already are 75 percent black, the judge's scheme has little chance of avoiding disaster. Yet some good may come from this bad decision. More citizens, including black leaders in Chicago and New York City, are realizing that only one action will reform our decaying schools, and help all students regardless of race, creed, or color: to give more choice to parents and students. Minnesota and Harlem have instituted plans that let parents choose which school public students attend. Student achievement already is rising.

Many parents also are realizing that the best plan is one that allows for ultimate choice: the privatization of government-run schools. From Eastern Europe to Latin America, people are throwing off government monopolies and instituting the discipline of the marketplace. Can we do anything less for something so important as the education of America's children?

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Even Earth Day has benefits

When a mammoth media extravaganza like Earth Day comes along to promote a political cause, featuring the usual collection of bubble-headed movie stars, opportunistic politicians, fawning corporations and crazed utopians, the natural impulse is to subject them all to the merciless ridicule they have earned.

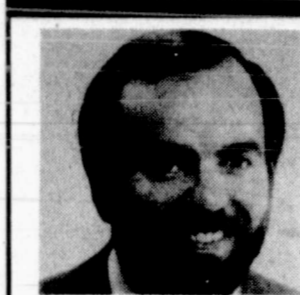
Maybe I made a mistake and got up on the right side of bed today, but the temptation to indulge in ridicule is one I am going to suppress. Earth Day will no doubt be all the things its critics claim, but it will also be something else: an exercise in self scrutiny that should produce some worthwhile changes.

The first Earth Day 20 years ago is generally taken as the kickoff of the modern environmental movement, which has been valuable despite many errors. Often those mistakes reflect a disdain for capitalism, which is despised not for failing but for succeeding.

The market's phenomenal capacity to generate wealth has allowed vast numbers of people to survive and prosper. People who live long and comfortably do more damage to the physical world than those who have the grace to endure brief lives of squalid poverty, which is what people did for the vast bulk of humanity's time on the planet.

But among the luxuries permitted by rising standards of living is the options of reducing that damage. Since the last Earth Day, this society has used part of its growing wealth to buy a cleaner environment, improving all our lives.

A new awareness of the dangers of pollution has produced a host of achievements. Urban air is cleaner. A new car emits only 4 percent as many contaminants today as in 1970. Lead, a vicious enemy of human health, has been largely eliminat-



Stephen Chapman

ed from the air.

Lakes that were once considered deadlier than King Tut have been brought back to life. Factories no longer enjoy the freedom to pump noxious substances into the nearest body of water. Cities have to clean up their sewage.

Even some failures have elements of success. Gregg Easterbrook, a journalist who only writes brilliant articles, notes in a review of the environment in the *New Republic* magazine that though the federal Superfund program has cleaned up only a few toxic waste sites, it has halted the creation of new ones.

Not least important, we've proven that it is perfectly possible to combine consistent economic growth with ever-stricter pollution standards — which wasn't obvious on the first Earth Day.

Opponents of environmentalism may ignore these accomplishments. Environmental extremists may regard them as pitifully inadequate. But I haven't heard anyone say we ought to go back to the way we did things before. Changes that were controversial in 1970 are as American as the designated hitter.

That doesn't mean we ought to applaud all the demands that were heard on this Earth Day, or even

most of them. Just as many capitalists sell products by informing you of urgent needs you never realized you had, environmentalists often profit from spreading alarm, whether it's warranted or not.

Many of the environmental catastrophes we've heard about in recent years are wildly overstated. Acid rain, contrary to myth, does minimal damage to forests and lakes. We are not drowning in garbage, or even wading in it. Global warming has yet to be proven with anything like the confidence needed to justify the stupendous cost of a remedy.

But there are environmental issues that deserves attention. Air pollution from cars is still a problem in many cities. Pesticides are still finding their way into our water. Factories still put lots of toxic substances in the air. We can easily afford to do more to protect the environment, and we ought to.

One sign of the maturity of environmentalism is the realization that it is not corrupt corporations but convenience-loving consumers who are the real root of the problem. Maybe it's a bad thing to spur the average American to participate in recycling, install water-saving showerheads or go easy on the air conditioning, but for the life of me I can't see how.

Earth Day, true, may give a platform to a lot of ascetic zealots who would like us all to live in log cabins, grow our own food, stop having children and swear off anything disposable. The danger that they will be able to impose those eccentric preferences on the American public isn't going to give me ulcers.

Environmentalism is to public policy what seasoning is to food: A lot can be disastrous, but some is essential. Long after the ridiculous excesses and clanging hypocrisies of Earth Day are forgotten, we may be grateful for benefits it helped to spawn.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 3, the 123rd day of 1990. There are 242 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On May 3, 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city, with the mayor to be appointed by the president, and the council elected by property owners.

On this date:

In 1654, a bridge in Rowley, Mass., was permitted to charge a toll for animals, while people crossed for free.

In 1765, the first U.S. medical school was proposed at the College of Philadelphia, now the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1916, Irish nationalist Patrick Pearse and two others were executed by the British for their roles in the Easter Rising.

In 1921, West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax.

In 1937, Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for her novel, *Gone With the Wind*.



Dogs don't wag their tongues

The *New York Times Sunday Magazine* has done an article on me. There must not have been much news around fit to print.

I will not comment otherwise on the article, but I would like to say a few words about a quotation that appeared from the ex Mrs. Grizzard, Kathy Schmock, aka Number 3.

Mrs. Schmock, who lives in Montana, is quoted as saying, "Lewis is the loneliest man in the world."

It was a nice gesture, I thought, that my local paper pulled out the quote and ran it so that readers of these papers, or at least those who read them, were able to see it, too.

I wonder if my ex-wife had said, "Lewis is the greatest-lover in the world," or, Lewis always wears clean underwear," if that would have made the *New York Times Sunday Magazine*, and my local paper as well, but she didn't, so we can go on.

I don't know why Mrs. Schmock said that. We haven't talked in years.

But I would like to say to her, the *New York Times*, and just for the everlasting record that, although like most people, I do go through periods of loneliness, I am not the loneliest man in the world.

I figure Manuel Noriega is the loneliest man in the world. Either him or Mikhail Gorbachev or Pete Rose.



Lewis Grizzard

I'm probably not even the loneliest man or person on my street. If for no other reason it's because I've got my two dogs, Catfish and Cornbread, the black Labs.

Catfish and Cornbread love me. They begin each night asleep on their L.L. Bean doggie beds.

Catfish's bed is at the foot of mine. Cornbread's is to the right. At some point in the middle of every night, however, Cornbread, my youngest, gets out of his bed and gets into mine.

Each morning I awaken with Cornbread next to me.

At first, I tried to discourage this. But then I thought, it's comforting to know that at least somebody or something wants to sleep next to me at night no matter what I did during the day.

Dogs are like that. They are forgiving and completely non-judgmental.

When I come home, Catfish and Cornbread are always glad to see me. They care not where I have been, what I have been doing or with whom I have been doing it.

I can tell that is true by the way Cornbread leaps at my feet first and attempts to lick me on the head.

I can tell that is true by the way Catfish whines, wags his tail and seems to be saying, "Am I glad you're home! Want to go in the back yard and throw me some tennis balls?"

I sort of wish Catfish and Cornbread could read. They would glance at the *New York Times Sunday Magazine*, and say, "Whoa, listen to this: 'Lewis is the loneliest man in the world.' Hey, Dad, if you're lonely, we know a Dalmatian and two basset hounds up the street we could ask over and have a party."

I'm not lonely. Sometimes, I don't sleep that well at night, onions give me heartburn, I'm upset about what's happening in Khartoum, but I'm not lonely, because my dogs love me and don't mouth off to newspapers.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm late for Cornbread's Little League game.

Don't take Paul Ehrlich too seriously

By BEN WATTENBERG

I met Dr. Paul Ehrlich in 1970, the year of the first Earth Day, when we appeared together on the Johnny Carson program. Our dog-and-pony show, offering two views about population, was preceded by slob-comic Buddy Hackett.

Twenty Earth Years later, after reading Ehrlich's new book, that long-ago Carson episode seems an apt metaphor for what's both right and wrong with environmentalism. The good part is that serious issues are discussed before a mass public. The bad part that it's hard to be serious in such a setting.

Ehrlich is important in both the positive and negative aspects. He is an astonishingly successful popularizer, as much as anyone he has introduced Americans to environmental demographics. And he is hard to take seriously.

Ehrlich exploded on the scene with his 1968 book *The Population Bomb*. It said that the American people were "cancer on the planet," and that we would have to consider putting contraceptive chemicals in the

water to control population.

He said that the world would soon see famines because of over-population, that longevity would diminish, that India was a dead duck and that more people would cause more wars.

Twenty years later: No famines caused by over-population, and caloric intake in the poor nations is up; longevity is way up, India is flourishing, and peace is breaking out everywhere.

So, what does Ehrlich say about it in his new book, *The Population Explosion*, co-authored with Anne Ehrlich? That he was right all along and that population growth will cause ecological apocalypse soon.

Can you take seriously a man who describes recent demographic trends as a slight slackening in the human population growth rate? In two decades, fertility rates have plummeted in the poor from 6.0 children per woman to 3.9 — 6.0 replacement level. Developed world birth rates fell by more than 20 percent, far below replacement for the first time ever.

Can you take seriously a member of the National Academy of Sciences who chooses to ignore the landmark 1986 NAS study on population, which refutes almost all of his claims, especially the tarnished one that we're running out of non-renewable resources?

Take him seriously? Despite his self-diminished credibility, you must. Many environmental issues, if not all environmentalists, are serious. Global warming may prove to be one such.

And take him seriously because influential people do, and many of his proposals would yield malign effects. Ehrlich says the solution is less affluence. Americans are too rich, he says, which will be news to most voters.

He writes: "Any more stuff in the world should not go to the likes of us." "... The world can't afford more Americans." "Rich nations will now have to pay for their greed."

So, Ehrlich wants to reduce per capita income, reduce Social Security by having the elderly work longer, vastly increase foreign aid and double the price of gasoline. He says Americans will have to give up some "per-

sonal freedoms," like choosing how many children to have.

He says he knows how to do it by setting up a mass movement. It sounds grandiose, but Ehrlichite environmentalists already have already influenced masses.

Believe me. I write and speak about demographics. (My recent book, *The Birth Dearth*, quotes Ehrlich attacking me, and vice versa.)

After speeches, women come up to me and say: "I wanted to have another child, but I was made to feel guilty that I would pollute the world, so I didn't, and now I'm very sad about it."

Take him seriously. The most chilling words in Ehrlich's book are the jacket blurbs. Sen. Time Wirth, D-Colo., says "This superb, closely reasoned, and fact-filled book should do much to clear the way for badly needed political action." Sen Al Gore D-Tenn., says, "The time for action is due, and past due. The Ehrlichs have written the prescription..."

These senators, who are two of the brightest, write not only blurbs, but laws, which affect us all.

Berry's World



"Isn't it GREAT! My parents don't 'get' the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles either!"

Internal reports reveal failures, foibles of bomb builders

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department for the first time is allowing a keyhole glimpse at the daily goings-on in the secretive world of its nuclear bomb builders.

It's not a pretty sight. The view is incomplete, but among the things you can see are drug use, thievery, fires, computer tampering, equipment failures and almost daily contamination of workers by plutonium or other lethal or toxic nuclear weapons materials.

And that's just the unclassified stuff. The failings are catalogued in a six-inch stack of internal reports made public by the Energy Department on Monday, six weeks after a department contractor made their existence known by mistakenly sending copies of one report to governors' offices.

The release of the papers, called daily operations reports and written for Energy Secretary James D. Watkins, marks a significant, if limited, crack in the wall of secrecy behind which the nuclear arms makers have operated for nearly a half-century.

The weapons plants are owned by the Energy Department but operated by private contractors.

The reports, covering the period of Aug. 24, 1989, to present, describe problems ranging in seriousness from safety lapses at the Savannah River nuclear reactors, to concern about "media noise" over environmental problems at the Rocky Flats arms plant near Denver, to an offsite fight between Savannah River electricians in South Carolina.

Much of the information, presented in a shorthand form with little or no explanation, had not previously been made public.

Watkins told a group of weapons plant critics on Monday that the reports showed conditions at the plants were "awful, just awful" last summer but are now improving.

Among the more serious failures: — A backup system for pumping water to cool one of the Savannah River nuclear reactors may have been unusable for the past five years because of missing wiring. Engineers discovered the wiring was missing last December.

— Significant uranium releases at the Hanford weapons plant in Washington state were not reported for several months. The reason: the releases occurred after the Energy Department standard for radiation pro-

tection was inadvertently canceled in January 1989, but before it was reinstated in July 1989.

— A faulty circuit breaker started two fires in a powerhouse at Savannah River last August, forcing two nuclear materials processing operations to be shut down for several days. No one was reported injured; damage was estimated at \$50,000.

— Security guards at several weapons plants were dismissed or resigned after being arrested for theft of government-owned guns and other property. A guard at the Nevada Test Site, where warheads are detonated in underground tests, resigned in February after he was arrested for holding stolen property, including two rifles, one shotgun and five handguns he carried in his personal vehicle.

— In April, a security guard at Savannah River was accused of sleeping on duty after a supervisor at one of the reactor buildings walked into his locked and darkened office to find the guard "getting up from the floor." A later report said not enough evidence was found to make the charge stick.

— Illegal drug use was reported throughout the weapons complex. In one nine-day period in November, nine cases of illegal drug use were reported at five plants or laboratories. In September an operator of one

of the Savannah River nuclear reactors was suspended after testing positive for unspecified drug use.

Many of the reports to Watkins simply kept him advised of the status of such administrative problems as negotiations with contractors, suppliers and unions, or visits to plants by members of Congress, the news media or independent investigators.

Others described incidents that, viewed in isolation, may have been minor but taken together form a pattern of procedural violations that could lead to serious accidents in one of the most potentially hazardous working environments on Earth.

For example: — An unspecified violation of safety limits for nuclear materials at Rocky Flats was not reported to plant managers until four days after it was discovered.

— A worker at the Argonne nuclear laboratory in Illinois was seen sawing through a pipe that had been specially painted to indicate it was radioactive.

— Operations involving the metal beryllium at the Oak Ridge plant in Tennessee were suspended for more than a month last fall to improve hygiene practices and tighten operating procedures and engineering controls. Exposure to airborne beryllium dust has been associated with an incurable lung disease, berylliosis.

Prima principal



(AP Laserphoto)

Sunnyside School Principal Jerry Prosek shows off his tutu and tights while talking to first-graders at the school in Sobieski, Wis., Tuesday. Prosek wore the costume as a result of a challenge to pupils to encourage them to read.

Lithuania prepared for compromises, prime minister says

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazimiera Prunskiene said today her country "is prepared for compromises" in seeking to settle the crisis with Moscow over the breakaway republic's drive for independence.

Speaking hours before a scheduled meeting with President Bush, she also said "I don't necessarily have to hear any concrete suggestions" from the president.

"I think a solution is possible," Mrs. Prunskiene said on the NBC Today show. "Lithuania is ready for negotiations. It is prepared for compromises ... and I think the time has come now for Lithuania to define its position more clearly and to invite the Kremlin once again to engage in negotiations."

Mrs. Prunskiene, however, told reporters in Toronto this week that "the act of independence ... is untouchable."

"I think that today I don't necessarily have to hear any concrete suggestions," she said today. "The most important thing for me is to give him a realistic appraisal of our situation and to hope for the democratic support of the United States which cannot contradict Lithuania's goals to achieve its own democracy and independence."

It will be Bush's first direct contact with a ranking Lithuanian official since the Baltic republic declared independence on March 11, setting off a fierce tug of war with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

The talks with the president and other high-ranking U.S. officials represent a symbolic foot in the White House door, placed there in part by the demands of conservatives upset by Bush's refusal to recognize Lithuanian independence or retaliate against Gorbachev for imposing a punishing trade embargo.

Mrs. Prunskiene also was meeting today with Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, House Speaker Thomas Foley, the Senate leadership and members of the House and Senate foreign affairs committees.

And she planned to testify before the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, set up to monitor Soviet compliance with the human rights provisions of the 1975 Helsinki accords.

Douglas Seay, a Soviet and Baltic specialist on the staff of the conservative Heritage Foundation, said he saw the White House talks as an important message to Gorbachev that Bush "is not as passive

as he seemed to be" on the Lithuanian crisis.

Seay said that while it is clear the visit will produce no immediate breakthroughs, it raises the profile of Lithuanian leaders and "allows the Lithuanian side of the story to be clearly told" without "a Moscow spin."

Mrs. Prunskiene, 47, an economist and former Communist Party official, is described by many observers as a tough, accomplished politician. Her Oval Office meeting with Bush was being held in an atmosphere charged by the Bush-Gorbachev summit beginning May 30.

"Everything is driven by the summit," Seay said, predicting that Gorbachev will be less able to order a military crackdown as the summit date approaches.

The White House regards the prime minister's visit as unofficial. Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Bush is not meeting with Mrs. Prunskiene as prime minister of an independent Lithuania but rather as "an acknowledged and freely elected representative of the Lithuanian people."

"The access she is being given reflects the importance with which the visit is being taken," said an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"She'll have first-hand observations of things going on in the republic, and she'll be listened to," the official said. "But that doesn't change our policy."

Since the beginning of the crisis, the administration has sought the opening of a dialogue between Moscow and Vilnius, the Lithuanian capital.

Gorbachev has said a dialogue cannot occur until Lithuania rescinds its independence declaration and moves to pursue its secession goals under the terms of the Soviet constitution and law.

Lithuanians maintain their independence is non-negotiable and that to pursue it under Soviet terms would be to accept the legitimacy of the forced incorporation of the country into the Soviet Union in 1940.

Mrs. Prunskiene and Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis both have indicated a willingness to accept a proposal by the French and West German governments that they suspend laws passed to implement independence in exchange for talks and an easing of the Soviet embargo.

But both insist, as Mrs. Prunskiene told reporters in Toronto this week, that while they may slow its implementation, "the act of independence ... is untouchable."

Freed educator upset that other hostages aren't out yet

By TERENCE PETTY
Associated Press Writer

WIESBADEN, West Germany (AP) — Frank Reed says he is embarrassed to be free when men held hostage far longer — and with whom he shared the deprivations of

captivity — remain prisoners of Shiite Moslem extremists in Lebanon.

The 57-year-old American educator savored his third day in freedom Wednesday with his wife Fahima and their 9-year-old son Tarek.

Reed also spoke to reporters for the first time since arriving at the

U.S. Air Force hospital on Tuesday. Medical tests and debriefings continued today and officials said he would head home on Friday.

"I tell you, I'm very, very angry that Anderson ... Tom and Terry ... are not free," he said Wednesday.

Reed was referring to Terry Anderson, The Associated Press chief Middle East correspondent and longest-held Western hostage in Lebanon, and Thomas Sutherland, an American educator.

Anderson was kidnapped on March 16, 1985, Sutherland on June 9, 1985.

"I spent the good part of two years with Tom and Terry," Reed said. "For God's sake, it's nearly the sixth year for these men. I'm absolutely embarrassed I'm out before they are."

The founder of a private school in Beirut, Reed was abducted on Sept. 9, 1986 and spent a little more than 42 months in captivity.

He was the second American hostage to be freed in nine days with the help of Syria and Iran. Robert Polhill, freed April 22, went through the same battery of medical

tests and questioning last week.

Reed said he had been held since October in the same house as hostages John McCarthy and Brian Keenan and that both are "well and alive." Keenan, a dual Anglo-Irish citizen, was abducted on April 11, 1986 and McCarthy, a Briton, was kidnapped six days later.

"Those were the only people I knew" in captivity, Reed said of the four hostages: Reed lost 60 pounds in captivity and says he was kept blindfolded and bound nearly all the time.

He said he was no longer angry with the U.S. administration that hostages are still being held: "On the basis of information I have received ... it appears to me perhaps we are on the right track to getting these people out."

Earlier Wednesday, Reed's Syrian-born wife told reporters that her husband was "angry with everybody," including officials in Washington, that the hostage crisis has not been solved.

Sixteen Westerners, including six Americans, are believed still held captive by Pro-Iranian Shiite groups in Lebanon.

Greyhound takes to radio waves for summer ad campaign

By JOHN A. BOLT
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A summer advertising campaign for Greyhound Lines Inc. ignores a strike by drivers and assures travelers they can reach their destinations by bus.

Instead of using Greyhound's 30-year-old slogan of "leave the driving to us," a new jingle touts bus travel as "a window seat on America."

The Dallas-based company, which operates the only nationwide bus system, also Wednesday announced a reduced fare program for some Northeast and Midwest markets where recovery has been lagging since 6,500 drivers and some 3,000 clerical and maintenance workers walked out March 2. Separately, the company and union said they would resume negotiations Saturday in Washington.

Greyhound spokeswoman Liz Hale said that although the company has been operating reduced schedules during the strike, recent expansions have restored service to about 86.9 percent of pre-strike locations. Further expansions are planned as the busy summer traveling season approaches.

"We're offering so much service now," Ms. Hale said. "The strike has not hampered our ability to bring back service to most markets that we were serving before the strike started, so most of our passengers are finding that they can go to their destinations."

About 3.5 million passengers have ridden Greyhound since the strike began. In recent days, loads have been running between 53 percent and 58 percent of the same day last year, the company said.

Union officials have disputed Greyhound's figures on restored ser-

vice, putting it at about 20 percent of pre-strike levels.

The union claims Greyhound faces a mounting cash crunch. The company, created through a 1987 leveraged buyout, has a \$9 million interest payment due May 15. Greyhound has said it will be able to make the payment.

Ms. Hale, citing company policy, would not disclose the cost of the ad campaign.

Greyhound's past owners have used television campaigns, but Hale said the current owners have used radio exclusively because "it fits our demographics." Greyhound says its passengers tend to be students or from low-income families.

The campaign, which debuts Monday and is to run through August, features three versions of a jingle. The ads will run on nationwide networks serving more than 3,000 stations and in 11 large metropolitan areas.

The jingle, in gospel, rock and blues renditions, urges travelers to "take a window seat on America, take a Greyhound cruise, don't need a lot of money to be traveling in style."

The reduced fare promotion puts a \$99 cap on one-way fares with no advance purchase requirements. The fare is good Friday through June 13 and includes Chicago plus Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Greyhound also lowered round trip fares in a dozen New England markets.

The promotion is the second to target the Northeast since the strike. During the Easter travel period, Greyhound offered free tickets in some markets if buses did not run on time.

Baker proposes deep cuts in short-range nuclear weapons

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III, meeting today with NATO allies on security in a changing Europe, proposed deep cuts in short-range U.S. nuclear arms on the continent.

Baker briefed fellow NATO foreign ministers on a plan to reduce or eliminate nuclear artillery shells from Europe and suspend deployment of a new short-range Lance missile to replace 700 aging Lances, a source said.

Officials said President Bush was scheduled to address the issue at a news conference in Washington later in the day.

In recent weeks, NATO officials have questioned the need to upgrade short-range missiles at the start of 1992, as agreed at a NATO summit last spring, in view of the sharply reduced military threat from the East.

Also to be shelved are some 900 non-nuclear Lance II missiles. All the short-range weapons were to have been trained on East Germany, which is moving toward a swift merger with West Germany, a key NATO member.

German unification and its impact on security in Europe was to be the focus of today's NATO meet-

ing, with members expected to reiterate calls for a reunified Germany's membership in the alliance.

Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek said on arrival that the issue of German unification was "far more important today" than quick action on upgrading the 700 aging nuclear Lance missiles in Europe.

The meeting in Brussels comes two days before the beginning of talks in Bonn, West Germany, bringing together the foreign ministers of the World War II Allies — the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union — and those of West and East Germany to discuss the future of a united Germany.

After his talks at the NATO headquarters, Baker was due to head to the European Community head office for a meeting with the community's 12 foreign ministers.

The meeting at NATO comes

after some countries — notably Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Canada — expressed concern over being shut out of the German unification process although it affects them directly.

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New York State Troopers inspect vehicles leaving the St. Regis Indian reservation on New York State Rt. 37 Wednesday. State police sealed off the reservation which straddles the U.S.-Canadian border, to outsiders and moved in to keep the peace Wednesday after two Indians were shot to death in a 9-month-old battle of casino gambling.

New UT student president breaks the mold

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — After just a month on the job, the first black student body president at the University of Texas says she is fighting for previously ignored students in a job that many students previously ignored.

It has brought publicity — and threats — to Toni Luckett, who dramatically raised the profile of an office she won in an election that drew fewer than 7 percent of UT's 52,000 students to the polls.

Since taking office April 2, Ms. Luckett has played a central role in campus protests over racist acts.

"We have been taking it to the streets," she said of the demonstrations. "This is definitely a form of protest that we're going to use, among others, and that's why I was elected."

She helped lead students who shouted down UT President William Cunningham and marched with several hundred others on the state Capitol and a fraternity house whose members had sold a T-shirt emblazoned with a "Sambo" character.

Glenn Maloney, assistant dean of students and Students' Association adviser, said Ms. Luckett has received more attention than any other president this decade.

Already she has attracted different students into campus government. "Students that normally would have said, 'The Students' Association, what do they do? They're resume-padders,'" Maloney said. "Obviously, they don't perceive Toni that way."

In her winning campaign, Ms. Luckett pledged to seek campus power for women, African-Americans, Chicanos, gays and lesbians, international students, the disabled — "the majority of people who live in the world."

Her surprise election unsettled many on a campus where a popular perception was that the thousands of mostly white sorority and fraternity members controlled student elections with bloc voting.

"We're not used to being on the inside, we're used to being on the out, so it takes everybody a little time to get comfortable with it. I think it's necessary to be on the inside sometimes," said Ms. Luckett, a 24-year-old senior majoring in African and African-American history.

Ms. Luckett said she sought the office to give a voice to "marginalized" groups — those she says have been cut out of UT's power structure because they are not white, male, heterosexual or from the middle or upper class.

"This is a very alienating university, especially if you're part of a marginalized group," she said.

"Just my winning was enough to stir people into thinking about being active and taking an active role in their education, not just going through the motions," she said.

Ms. Luckett placed second in the two-day general election held Feb. 28 and March 1. She won a March 8 runoff against a sorority member by a 400-vote margin, 1,849 to 1,449. While low in total percentage of students, the turnout of 3,483 was unusually high, said Vicki Bazeley of the Students' Association staff that oversees the voting.

election took place after many of their number had left campus early for spring break. They say they will step up efforts to elect their candidate next year.

Larry Dubinski, president of the Interfraternity Council, has said Ms. Luckett is not serving all UT students because she isn't responsive to fraternity and sorority members.

"The whites are being very alienated," Dubinski said. "It's being labeled that the Greeks are an elitist society, and we're all a bunch of racist bigots. And that's not true."

Ms. Luckett said some Greeks, including those in black fraternities and sororities, had voted for her. She also predicted that the students who supported her will continue to prevail in campus elections.

"I think the Greeks have a perverted sense of what is theirs and what is not theirs if they feel that we have taken something from them. It (student government) belongs to everyone," she said.

"I believe there are more of us than there are of them. We just never participated in this stuff before because it hasn't been legitimate. Now it's more legitimate. So they're (fraternities and sororities) going to have a hell of a hard fight on their hands."

Ms. Luckett's platform calls for more student control over the university, divesting UT holdings in companies doing business in South Africa, emphasizing teaching over

military research, and bringing more ethnic and cultural diversity to the curriculum, faculty and student body.

Although student activists, led by the Black Student Alliance, have focused on the latter issue for years, Hispanics and blacks still make up only 14 percent of UT's student body and less than 5 percent of its faculty, according to university figures.

Of the nearly 6,600 courses offered by the university, only 10 deal with African or African-American history and culture, said Black Student Alliance president Marcus Brown.

UT professor and Austin community organizer John Warfield says the new student body president may be ushering in a new era.

"My long-term sense is that something's begun here that may go beyond Toni's presidency. She represents what the future leadership may be like for the university," said Warfield, who teaches educational psychology and African-American studies and has known Ms. Luckett since his children attended Austin's Johnson High School with her.

Ms. Luckett came to campus politics with several years of experience in political organizing. She worked on the Rev. Jesse Jackson's 1988 presidential campaign and a large demonstration for gay and lesbian rights and is active in Austin's People of Color Caucus for Gay and Lesbian Rights.

Police begin investigation of deadly gambling feud

By MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press Writer

ST. REGIS INDIAN RESERVATION, N.Y. (AP) — State police sealed off a Mohawk reservation to outsiders and moved in to keep the peace after two Indians were shot to death in a 9-month-old battle over casino gambling.

The slayings were the first fatalities in the dispute that has torn apart the 14,000-member reservation with gunfire and arson. Up to 600 Mohawks fled to a refugee center in Ontario last week after a week of nightly violence.

Early Tuesday, 22-year-old Matthew Pyke, a casino opponent, was slain while walking in the reservation in Snyc, Quebec, during a gun battle between pro- and anti-gambling factions. The reservation straddles the U.S.-Canadian border.

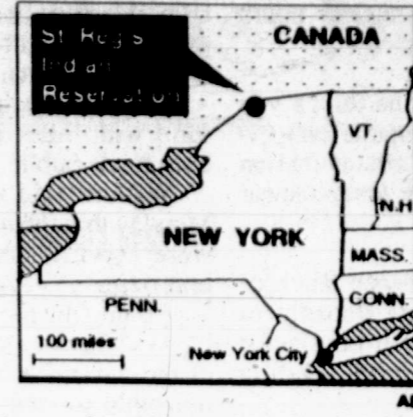
Later Tuesday, J.R. Edwards, 30, a member of the pro-gambling Warriors Society, was found dead next to his house, not far from where Pyke was shot.

In response, Gov. Mario Cuomo sent state police in and escorted Canadian provincial investigators through the New York section of the reservation.

Police sealed off all roads leading onto the reservation but later permitted residents to enter on the condition they stay in their homes.

"New York state police have entered the reservation in an effort to protect the lives and safety of all people," Trooper C. Johnson said.

Although there have been night-



ly confrontations between Indian factions, including a hand grenade attack on a Mohawk police station last week that injured three people, state police have seldom entered the reservation.

Police had treated the dispute as an internal matter. Some Indian leaders consider the reservation sovereign territory over which only Mohawks have law enforcement powers.

"Thousands of rounds go off every night here," said Rudy Hart, who owns a duty-free store on the reservation. "It got to the point where people thought somebody had to die. Nobody's willing to compromise. They won't give in."

The issue of gambling on the reservation has been at the center of escalating violence since last summer, when an FBI-led gambling raid triggered a 12-day standoff between a pro-gambling group and state police.

The FBI had claimed the Mohawks had violated federal gaming regulations; the Mohawks claim they are not bound by state or federal gambling laws.

Pro-gambling forces say the reservation's six casinos, which draw busloads of patrons from the Northeast with their slot machines, craps tables and other games, are an economic boon. Opponents argue they encourage prostitution and drug use and threaten traditional ways.

Anti-gamblers blamed the Warriors Society, an armed group, for the first slaying and said Cuomo had let the situation get out of hand.

"After my house has been shot at and two deaths, now is the time for the governor to get off of his fingers," said Barbara Montour.

"Governor Cuomo finally woke up and realized that there are some grave afflictions here," said Barbara Barnes, a spokeswoman for the anti-gambling faction.

Minnie Garrow, answering calls at the Warriors' headquarters, denied the group was responsible for the slaying and added, "We feel badly about the loss of life."

Last summer, a mob of angry anti-gamblers burned down a casino. Sporadic shootings and other violence were reported in the fall and winter, but tensions mounted in March when gambling opponents blockaded roads leading to the reservation to keep outsiders away from the high-stakes casinos.

Last week pro-gamblers tore down the blockades in a hail of gunfire. The first injuries came Thursday when one of the barricade leaders was beaten and suffered a fractured skull.

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Texas schools want heat kept on legislature

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP)— Texas educators say the threat of a court-ordered school finance reform plan will put more pressure on lawmakers and the governor to solve the education finance dilemma in 30 days.

"While it gives them more time, I think the threat of a master has even more effect on pushing the governor to understand that the court is ready to move ahead without him," Superintendent James Vasquez of the Edgewood District said this week.

State District Judge Scott McCown on Tuesday gave the Texas Legislature 30 more days to come up with a method for equalizing school funding for rich and poor districts. The Texas Supreme Court wanted a plan by May 1 when it struck down the school financing system as unconstitutional last October.

The governor vetoed the Legislature's plan on Tuesday.

McCown said he would appoint a special master to work on a plan to use if legislators and the governor again fail to agree.

"If it needs to be corrected judicially, so be it," said Charles Hohertz, superintendent of the Shallowater Independent School District, one of 54 school systems that intervened in the suit brought by the Edgewater Independent School District in San Antonio. "If nothing else, we have educated the public about the problem."

Daniel Hernandez, superintendent of Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District in Hidalgo County in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, said his district is the most property poor in the state.

"If they release (state education) money now, it will make it easier for the Legislature and the governor not to pass the bill that will meet the mandate of the Supreme Court," he said.

Ben Gomersall, principal of Aoy Elementary School in the Segundo Barrio of El Paso, said he anticipat-

ed the latest court action.

"I'm glad the courts did say we could have a little extra time because that helps us," Gomersall said, adding that he'd be wary of a court-mandated plan. "It seems like a lot of court decisions sometimes are a little harsher than they need to be."

At the Dallas Independent School District, spokesman Rodney Davis said the extension the court granted was a relief.

"The extension is good news and we're confident that the Legislature will reach a decision," Davis said. With 133,000 students, DISD is the second largest school system in the Texas.

At Highland Park High School, the concern is more over image than finances as only \$1 million of the district's \$24 million budget comes from the state. Highland Park is a wealthy enclave surrounded by the city of Dallas.

Teachers have become cynical about lawmakers' efforts, said

English teacher Jerry Hill, "and there's a real negative feeling about Clements."

"Our legislators don't know their rear ends from their elbows," computer science teacher Patrick Pence said of education reform efforts. "They're going to do what's politically expedient and not educationally expedient."

At Edgewood High School in San Antonio, where many classrooms are unairconditioned and lockers and bathrooms are in disrepair, educators and students said they were not optimistic about lawmakers solving the education finance problem by June 1.

But Pat Ramirez, an Edgewood English teacher, said she knew how to make lawmakers deal with the issue.

"Just come and sit in a classroom with four fans blowing hot air, if you're lucky enough to be in a room that has four fans like mine, and you would come up with something very quickly," she said.



(AP Laserphoto)

Students, teachers and parents gathered at Edgewood Stadium in San Antonio to stage a rally voicing their opinions concerning the Texas legislature's quest to find a system to finance Texas public schools. About 125 met at the rally, sponsored by M.E.Ch.A., a national Mexican-American student organization.

Lawmakers protest Bush willingness to see Seidman leave

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— Member of Congress are protesting President Bush's willingness to see L. William Seidman, the straight-talking boss of the administration's savings and loan bailout, quit before his term expires.

"There are problems with the savings and loan bailout, but you don't solve that problem by shooting the messenger," said Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., chairman of a House task force overseeing the cleanup. "We need more qualified individuals ... and fewer political 'yes' men."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater indicated Tuesday that Bush would not resist a move by Seidman, 69, to leave before the October 1991 expiration of his term as chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Resolution Trust Corp.

The FDIC manages deposit insurance funds for banks and S&Ls, while the RTC conducts the administration's thrift bailout.

"Bill has indicated he's not going to stay the whole term, and we are interested in getting new leadership there that would carry on an aggressive program when the time comes," Fitzwater said.

However, he denied a report in *The Washington Post* that Bush suggested in a meeting with the regulator two weeks ago that this would be a good time for him to leave. The newspaper quoted two unidentified administration sources.

"The president has not asked him to leave or suggested a specific departure," the spokesman said.

Seidman, appointed by then-President Reagan in 1985, has made no secret of his desire to leave before the end of his term. However, despite periodic feuding with White House chief of staff John Sununu and Deputy Treasury Secretary John Robson, he had given no indication his departure was imminent.

Reached by telephone from his hometown, Grand Rapids, Mich., where he was accepting a business award, Seidman declined to comment on the Post story or on his plans for the future.

However, he noted that he has said he planned to leave after getting the bailout agency off to a good start. A month ago, he announced ambitious plans to sell or close 140 S&Ls by the end of June and, he said Tuesday, "That would be a good start."

Although he has riled administration officials with his independent ways, Seidman gets high marks on Capitol Hill for steering the FDIC through the unprecedented failure of more than 800 banks during his term.

House Speaker: avoiding taxes will be difficult

AUSTIN (AP)— School doors will stay open. Teachers will be paid. But Texas lawmakers Wednesday for their third try at reforming the school finance system after a judge gave them one more month.

As he delivered a prayer to open the House session Tuesday, the Rev. John P. Ellwanger of Austin summed up the feelings of many: "We believe in miracles ... Therefore, we pray for a miracle."

House Speaker Gib Lewis said it will be difficult for the Legislature to meet the Texas Supreme Court's order to reform the \$13.5 billion-a-year system without a tax increase.

Clements said he is confident there won't be any tax hike.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said he thinks Clements, by stonewalling a tax increase, has put school finance reform in the court's lap.

Lewis said the \$555 million plan approved by the House and Senate — but doomed by Clements' promised veto of a sales tax

increase to pay for it — would be introduced again as soon as the new session opens. Other plans also are expected.

The speaker also said another tax proposal seems likely.

But Clements insisted again, "No tax this time."

The governor has proposed about \$400 million in budget cuts — and a one-year reduction in contributions to the Teacher Retirement System — to fund school finance reform for the first year.

Hobby was one of many Democrats to criticize the Republican governor.

"If he does that (veto a tax bill), he very definitely has abdicated to the courts," Hobby said.

State District Judge Scott McCown extended by a month the Texas Supreme Court's Tuesday deadline for reforming the school finance system, allowing the \$500 million state aid payment to go out in May.

State Education Commissioner Bill Kirby said it's "absolutely essential" that lawmakers and the governor develop a plan by the new deadline. Otherwise, he said, the court could take money away from wealthier districts and give it to poor ones.

"I see some real serious consequences possible for school districts, particularly the wealthier school districts, if the Legislature's not able to fashion a plan and the governor agree to it," Kirby said.

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Pushing the limit



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A group of birds rest on the spillway of the uncontrolled dam at Lake Texoma as water rises within three feet of the top earlier this week. The lake is continuing to rise, but is not projected to overflow. However, if heavy rains persist in the watershed, the water could spill over the dam.

Sonoma farm works to save minor breeds

By KATHLEEN MACLAY
Associated Press Writer

FREESTONE, Calif. (AP) — Frazier, the four-horned Navajo-Churro ram and a flock of skinny turkeys look freaky, but Hans Peter Jorgensen is serious when he says they can help save a world being consumed by sameness.

Risks of factory farming that produces cheap, easy-to-raise "clone-like animals" ultimately outweigh the benefits, said the manager of the C.S. Foundation farm. "It's a short-term gain for a long-term, serious, serious loss."

There has been increasing interest in rare breeds. But Heidi Johnson, a University of California-Davis agricultural extension spokeswoman, chalked it up to a fad.

Others disagree. "When plants and animals are identical genetically, they have the same strengths and weaknesses," said a paper produced by the private, New York City-based C.S. Fund. "When one variety suffers destruction entire plant and animal populations can be irretrievably lost; uniformity engenders vulnerability."

"Between 1600 and 1900, experts estimate that one plant or animal became extinct every four years," the report said. "Today it is estimated that at least one species is disappearing each day."

"Extinction is forever; you don't get them back," Jorgensen said. "Our position is: Don't throw the genes away, your grandchildren might need them."

The foundation quoted recent studies that show less than 5 percent of the vegetable seed varieties available in this country in 1903 are still around.

Jorgensen compared the situation to the Irish Potato Famine. About 750,000 people died from disease or starvation from 1845 to 1847, when the potato crop failed because of a plant blight Jorgensen said might have been avoided if the Irish

had relied on more varieties.

"That was a crisis in genetic diversity," he said.

The C.S. Foundation is financed by Maryanne Mott, a Montana rancher, nature photographer and General Motors heiress. The foundation has various causes its directors believe promote human and cultural survival.

About 15 acres of land in the sleepy town of Freestone, population 54, about 65 miles north of San Francisco, were bought by the fund in 1983 when it moved from nearby Santa Rosa. Jorgensen, son of a dairy farmer and a former college art teacher, cabinet maker and general contractor, was hired to run a project to conserve rare, or minor, breeds.

Rare breeds of cattle and horses are those with fewer than 200 annual registrations; rare sheep, goat and pig breeds have fewer than 500. Minor breeds of cattle, sheep, goats and horses are those with fewer than 1,000 annual registrations.

C.S. hopes to carry its conservation message through education and support for genetic diversity preservation. One goal is "living history

farms" to keep rare breeds.

The fund's first targets included the Navajo-Churro sheep. Recently added to the list was the naturally mating Bronze turkey.

The Churro sheep has a 450-year history in North America, dating to when they were left behind by Spanish conquistadors who had taken them on journeys as food. But the Navajos began using the Churro — with its long, coarse, double-coated fleece — for ceremonial rugs.

"That's why the old Navajo rugs would last 200 years," Jorgensen said.

The Churro adapted to dramatic desert climate changes, altitude, limited water resources and forage conditions, and Navajo flocks soon numbered in the hundreds of thousands.

But a federal livestock reduction program that Jorgensen charged was aimed at humbling the American Indians and saving Lake Mead from sheep-caused erosion led to their decimation.

There are only about 500 Churras today; about 10 percent of their rare gene pool is in Freestone's flock.

At Utah State University, Churro

Sheep Project spokeswoman Kristy Selman cited the animal's ability to resist internal parasites and contagious foot rot, problems traditionally expensive for the sheep industry.

Churro lambs sell for \$250 to \$1,000 and are of great value for the Navajos' "two gray hills" carpets that use the soft but strong black, brown and white yarns that require no dyeing, Selman said.

Many older Navajo weavers still cherish the Churro, which the project supplies to reservations.

"It's been a long time since they've seen any of these," she said. "When they do, their whole faces light up. ... When they see it, they want it and they want it now."

The success of the foundation's efforts on behalf of the turkey remains to be seen. The turkey commonly raised by commercial growers today has been bred for white meat, an absence of pin feathers and breast muscles so large the poultry can't mate naturally. Reproduction is handled by artificial insemination.

"I think we've taken a little step too far," said Jorgensen while gazing at the gobbling flock at the "Turkey Hilton."

Apartment owner discourages single women as tenants following attacks

ARLINGTON (AP) — The manager of apartments near the University of Texas at Arlington said his openness about a string of sexual attacks may cost him tenants.

But David Newman said he plans to continue discouraging single women from living at his complex.

"I really try to drive it into their heads," Newman said. "It's not worth taking the chance of getting raped."

At least eight sexual assaults or attempted sexual assaults have occurred in a three-block strip of Bengie Drive and one block of Bennett Street since July 1988, police said. The latest one was reported to police on Saturday.

"I tell them up front we've had a lot of rapes on this street," said Newman, who manages a complex on Bengie Drive. "I'd prefer not to rent to ladies until this is resolved."

Two of the assaults occurred at Newman's complex. Nineteen of his 28 units are now rented by men, he said.

Arlington police said patrols will be beefed up in light of the latest assault, which occurred about 5:15 a.m. Saturday.

The 42-year-old victim said a man entered her apartment through an unlocked door and attempted to assault her.

The attack was foiled because the woman's daughter and grandson heard the suspect, who had put his hand over the woman's mouth. The man fled upon hearing their screams.

Arlington police detective Jim Ford said he is not certain all the attacks are related.

"We're keeping an open mind to that possibility," Ford said. "We don't want to get tunnel vision or be incorrect by saying this is a serial rapist. At the same time, we're not going to rule anything out."

Campus police officials at UTA said they have not issued any warnings to students, but added that the campus newspaper has given the cases extensive publicity.

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Lifestyles



Left: Marian Stroup, right, incoming president, presents a silver tray to Betty Hallerberg, outgoing president of Pampa Fine Arts Association during the annual dinner on Saturday. Right: Betty Hallerberg presents Lilith Brainard with a plaque naming her Patron of the Year. (Staff photos by Kayla Pursley)

PFAA elects new officers

Pampa Fine Arts Association met for their annual dinner meeting on Saturday, April 28 prior to the performance of *Carmen*. The social hour began at 6 p.m. in the M.K. Brown foyer with a Gerald Sanders' sculpture exhibit.

During the 6:30 p.m. business meeting, proposed by-law changes were approved and the new officers for the year were elected. Marian Stroup will take over as president of PFAA.

Faustina Curry is vice president; Benny Kirksey, treasurer; Betty Fletcher, secretary; and Barbara Benyshek, membership chairman. Also elected to the board or trustees were Gail Miller, Bill Haley, Walt Bailey, and Faustina Curry.

Several presentations were made including a clay pot presented by Faustine Curry to PFAA, made by the students of Holly Berger during a PFAA sponsored workshop in February. The pot will be kept on display in the PFAA office.



Faustine Curry presents a clay pot to Pampa Fine Arts, accepted by Betty Hallerberg, from students of the Pottery Workshop held in February. Far left is Cynthia West, Junior Fine Arts Chairman.

Grant Johnson was named the PFAA Artist of the Year for 1990-91. He will have one year to prepare for a one-man show sponsored by PFAA set for next April.

Lilith Brainard was named as the PFAA Patron of the Year for her

continued many volunteer hours promoting the organization.

Rosemond Winborn, this year's Artist of the Year, was recognized and the door prize, a Winborn painting, was won by Judge Don Cain.

Club News

Pampa BPW

The April meeting of the Pampa Business and Professional Club was held in the Caprock apartments with President Eileen Thompson presiding.

A donation was made to the Girl Scouts. A check was also sent for the outgoing state president's gift fund.

Pampa BPW is to furnish a door prize for the state convention at Corpus Christi, June 21-24. It was voted to support Amarillo in its bid for the BPW state convention in 1993. The club is invited to a tea at 2 p.m. today in the Amarillo Public Library honoring Young Careerist, Mona Fannon of Borger.

David Grossman, CTS Behavioral Consultant, gave the program for the April meeting. Hostesses were Helen Sprinkle and Zora Moore. Guests, in addition to Grossman, were Brenda McNatt and Sue Smith.

Next business meeting is to be May 15.

El Progreso Club

El Progreso Club met April 24 at the Pampa Country Club with Pat Youngblood as hostess. Julia Dawkins, vice president, chaired the meeting attended by 10 members.

The program, "Fit Forever," was presented by Carolyn Wainwright, physical education instructor at Grandview-Hopkins school. Wainwright led the group in warm-up and towel exercises and distributed leaflets of instructions.

Next meeting is to be a luncheon and installation of officers at the home of Ruth Riehart on May 8.

Varietas Club

The April meetings of the Varietas Club were held in the homes of Mrs. W.A. Bohot and Mrs. Lee Harrah. Following business and correspondence reports: Mrs. W.A. Spoonemore and Mrs. Jim Goff gave the program.

Mrs. Spoonemore gave anecdotes of people and places in our earlier history. Mrs. Goff's program was titled "From the Shadow of the Wall." She showed a piece of the Berlin Wall and telling of her experiences there and at Hadrian's Wall of Britain.

The May meeting is to be a luncheon at the Country Club with Mrs. Harrah, a charter member reminiscing about her 63 years of club membership.

Worthwhile
Worthwhile Extension Home-

makers met April 20 at Gladys Stone's home. Eleven members were present, answering roll call with "What I can See From My Kitchen Window."

Program was given first by Riley Kitchens from the Soil Conservation Service. He showed several slides about poisonous plants. Following the program, the regular meeting was opened by Belle Lee. Gladys Stone gave the devotional.

Next meeting is to be at 2:30 p.m., May 4, at the home of Audry Steward.

Junior Service League

Junior Service League met on April 17 in the home of Wynn Davis. The skit that will be presented at the elementary and middle school on "Recycling" was dis-

cussed. Committees for next year's charity ball were discussed along with the League cookbook. Hostesses were Shelly Watkins and Gaylene Bradley. The next meeting will be an installation luncheon at the Hayhook Ranch.

Alzheimers Support Group

Alzheimers Support Group will meet on Thursday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Pampa Optimist, 600 E Craven. Guest speaker will be Virginia DeWitt from the Social Security office. DeWitt has been with social security for 20 years, six months in Pampa. She is also systems specialist for the Dallas office. She will discuss social security retirement benefits and other topics. The public is invited.

Ring of truth in commitment makes for solid engagement

DEAR ABBY: Lately I have seen women wearing "engagement" rings for a year or two. I always thought that the ring was presented six months to a year before the wedding.

What is the length of time for an engagement? Who should announce it? If the engagement is broken, should the ring be returned?

CALIFORNIA QUERY
DEAR QUERY: An engagement — as I assess it — is simply a public announcement that two people plan to marry. An engagement ring is not essential to make it official, but it helps. A couple can be engaged anywhere from one day to "indefinitely."

It can be announced by the parents of the bride, either or both parties involved, the town gossip, or nobody.

If the engagement is broken, the woman should return the ring (unless, of course, she paid for it).

And by the way, all that is required for a sincere engagement is a meeting of minds. One person asks the other, "Will you marry me?" If the answer is "yes" (assuming both parties are sober and in their right minds), they are as legally engaged as if they had given her the Hope diamond.

DEAR ABBY: I've fallen in love. I am adult and mature and have been living with this man for two years. "Joe" and I have talked about marriage, and I think he is going to ask me soon.

Here's the problem: I am trying to dig my way out of debt. For years I was addicted to credit cards, and I am now in the process of paying all my bills, but it's taking most of my



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

money.

I told Joe I was saving my money to build a nice nest egg, but actually most of it is going to pay off these old debts. He thinks I have a lot of money saved, when actually it's been spent.

Do you think I need to tell him the truth? I plan to keep my financial situation to myself until after we are married and all my bills are paid. What is your best advice, Abby?

BILLS PAID, NO SAVINGS
DEAR BILLS: Tell Joe the truth now. Deception is a rotten foundation for marriage. If he marries you thinking you have a nice nest egg and then learns that you have deceived him, you are apt to find yourself with an empty nest.

DEAR ABBY: My mother is terminally ill, but she enjoys having company on her "good" days. Her friends have been wonderful about visiting her — always calling ahead to see if Mom is up to having visitors, and they never stay very long, which is also most considerate.

Now, the problem: One of Mom's oldest friends always brings her news about who's dying, sparing none of the details. She is also a gossip, but that's not as depressing as the list of people who are dying.

Is there any way I can tell Mom's old friend to please bring only cheer-

ful news? After this woman leaves, Mom is so depressed she can hardly eat.

DEVOTED DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: Yes. Meet the crepe hanger at the door and ask her to please keep her visits positive and cheerful — no news about who's dying, as "Mom" is very emotional at this time and bad news upsets her.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to see this poem in your column:
PUSH THE PUSHER

The time has come to push the pusher.

Push him off your family, parents.

Push him off your corner, neighbors.

Push him from the workplace, workers.

He's not welcome in our town.

Now's the time to push together.

Push him from the schoolyard, teachers.

Push him from the church steps, preachers.

Push him from our borders, soldiers.

He's not welcome in our land.

He's outnumbered and he knows it.

Push him to the jailhouse, judges.

Push the cell doors shut forever.

Keep him there until he's a hundred.

He's not welcome anywhere.

ANONYMOUS FROM ALABAMA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Pushing the pusher is not the entire solution to the drug problem. Are you aware that some pushers are 10, 11 and 12 years old — and they are pushing drugs to support their own habits?

The solution lies in educating these children in our homes, our schools and our churches — early enough to keep them from becoming victims and pushers.

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Second Grade

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A's & B's: Kama Bronner.

Fourth Grade

All A's: Jason Cirone, Dionne Hayden, Micah Nolte, Kimbra Wollman.

Fifth Grade

All A's: Isaiah Nolte.

A's & B's: Fabian Silva

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Concert set for Saturday

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James Setapen will be the conductor for the Chamber orchestra and the orchestra made up of musicians from the Amarillo Symphony. Guest artist for the concert will be Jim Rauscher on piano.

Rauscher is currently chairman of the music department at Amarillo College and teaches piano.

Also appearing with the Chamber Orchestra will be Katherine Schultz, winner of the Amarillo Symphony Guild Young Performer's Competition. She will be performing the first movement of the Concerto for Cello and Orchestra in C Major by Joseph Haydn. For more information call 376-8782.

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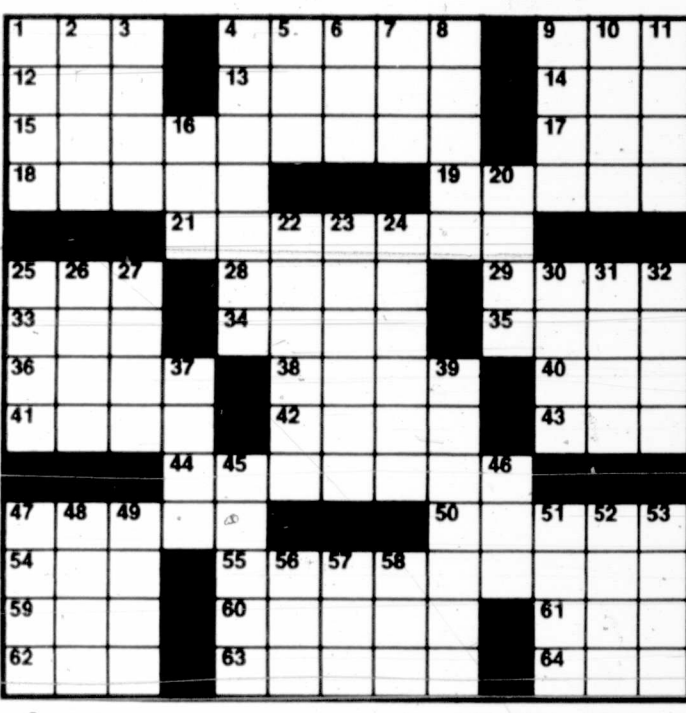
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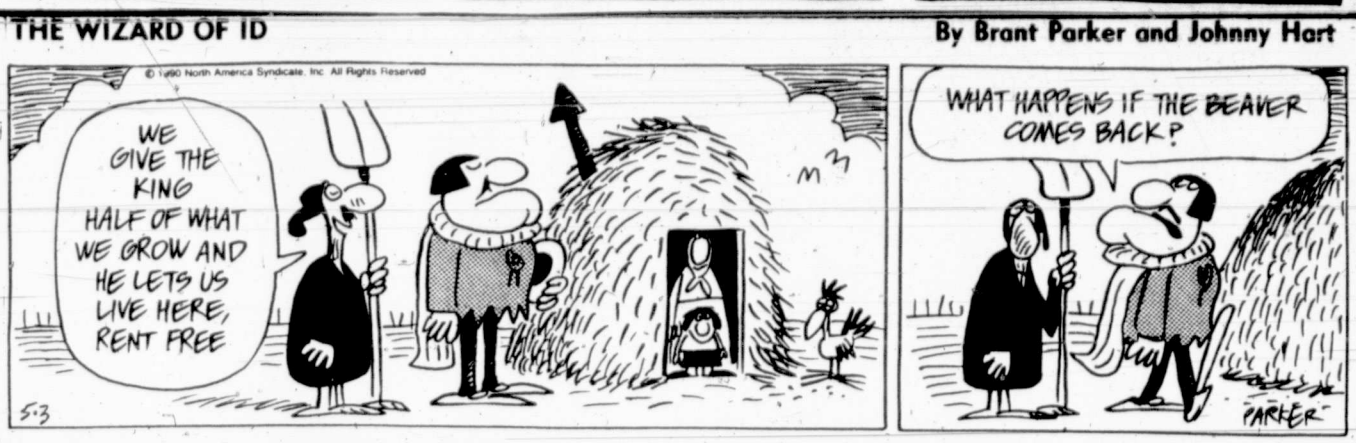
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Astro-Graph

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This could be a rather extraordinary day for you if you do everything in accordance with your highest ideals. Don't adjust or lower your standards merely to put others at ease. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The motives behind your behavior towards friends today will be charitable and compassionate, even though you might do your utmost to conceal your tender inclinations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A dear friend who holds you in high regard may work on your behalf today without your knowledge in order to make something difficult in which you're involved easier.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something you're desirous of doing today may appear to be unrealistic to the casual observer. However, you'll instinctively know how it can be done, even if it's a mystery to others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone you've recently met is very anxious to get to know you better. You're aware of this, but you have not encouraged the relationship, even though you sense you should.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A reliable associate who has been helpful to you previously can be of considerable assistance again today. If you need anything from a buck to a bicycle pump, go to him first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you are lucky enough to be involved with someone today whose objectives closely parallel yours, both stand an excellent chance of achieving your aims.

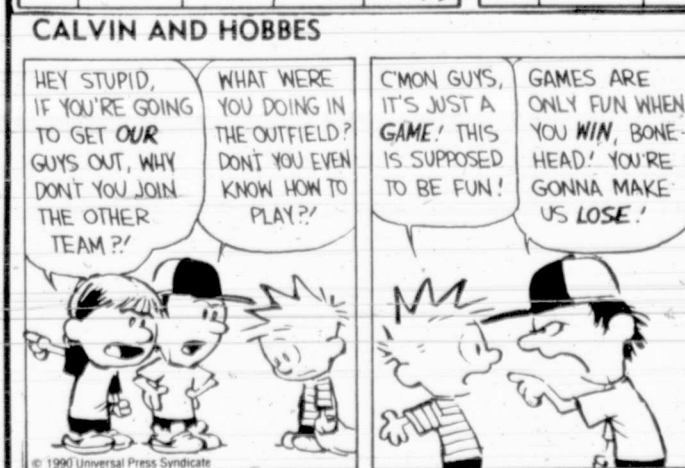
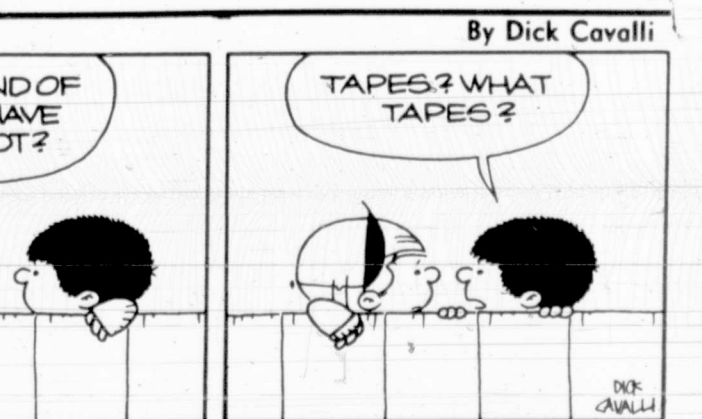
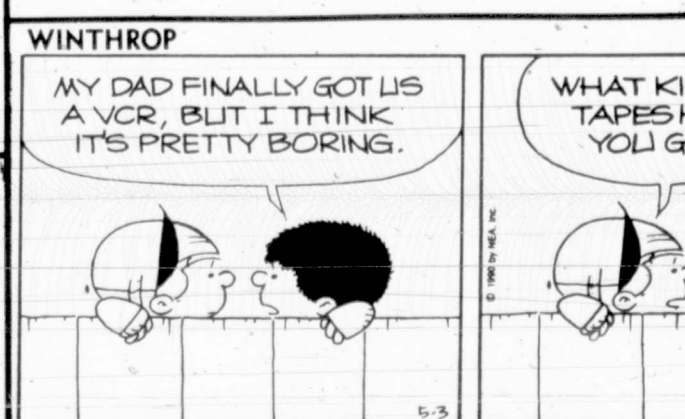
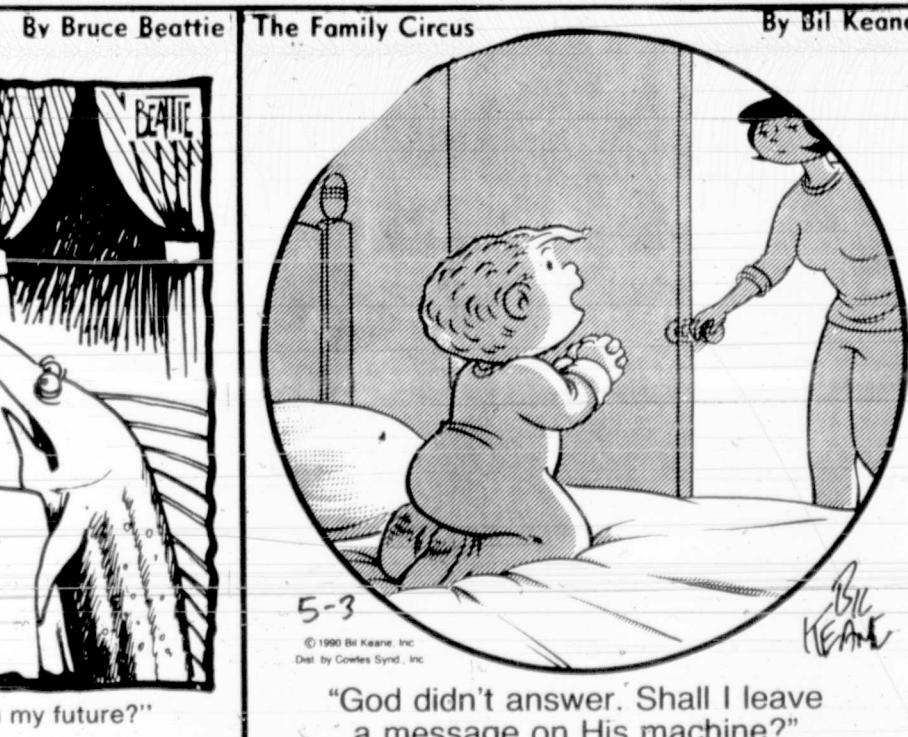
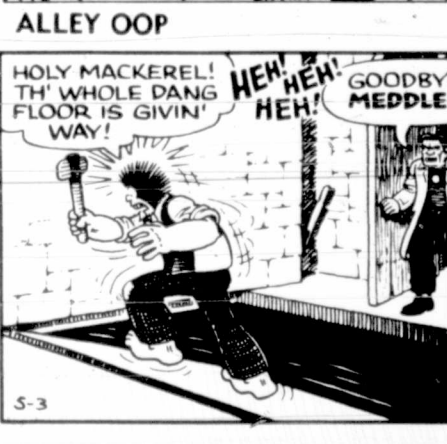
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If there is something you have to negotiate or sell today, keep in mind the buyer is as anxious to profit from the deal as you are to sell.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People with whom you have dealings today will automatically sense your strength and resolve. It won't be necessary for you to be aggressive in order to get your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Loving gestures you make toward your mate today will not readily be forgotten. If your mate has a special wish that is within your power to grant, make it come true.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Friends whose companionship you enjoy are obligated to socially will have a better time being entertained at your place today than they will if you take them out on the town.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're desirous of having something you've loaned to another returned, a gentle reminder today should do the trick, because the recipient of your gesture has been having a troubled conscience.



Sports

Knicks, Suns take 2-1 leads in series

By BILL BARNARD
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — The Boston Celtics played like a team with little to lose, so they lost.

Leading 2-0 after a record-setting offensive performance in Game 2 of their first-round NBA playoff series against New York, Boston was out rebounded 21-5 at the offensive end and committed 21 turnovers to six for the Knicks Wednesday night.

Although the Celtics outshot New York 51.4 percent to 39.6 percent, offensive rebounding and turnovers were the most telling stats in the Knicks' 102-99 victory in Game 3 of the best-of-5 series.

"We gave them too many second chances and we turned the ball over too much," Celtics forward Kevin McHale said. "This wasn't the type of game you're proud of."

The Knicks were playing for pride, maybe as much as they were playing for victory.

"We wanted to be able to look ourselves in the mirror in the morning," Coach Stu Jackson said.

Kenny Walker, in the game because starter Charles Oakley had fouled out, summed up the Knicks' feelings after hitting a 15-footer with 7.6 seconds left, giving New York a 102-99 lead that forced the Celtics to go for a 3-pointer in the final seconds.

"We were discouraged, embarrassed and frustrated coming out of Boston," Walker said. "Our manhood was on the line in this game."

Patrick Ewing scored 33 points and led New York's 53-43 rebounding advantage with 19. Oakley had 14 points and 13 rebounds, including six offensive.

Larry Bird, who missed a potential tying 3-pointer in the final seconds, finished with 31 points. Dennis Johnson scored 18 and McHale 17 for the Celtics.

In the only other playoff game Wednesday night, Phoenix beat Utah 120-105 for a 2-1 lead in that series.

Tonight's games have Chicago at Milwaukee, Philadelphia at Cleveland and the Los Angeles Lakers at Houston. In all three games, the visitor has a 2-1 lead.

Detroit, Portland and San Antonio swept their first-round series against Indiana, Dallas and Denver.

Boston, which scored an NBA-record 157 points on 67 percent shooting in Game 2 on Saturday, took 27 fewer shots than the Knicks in Game 3.

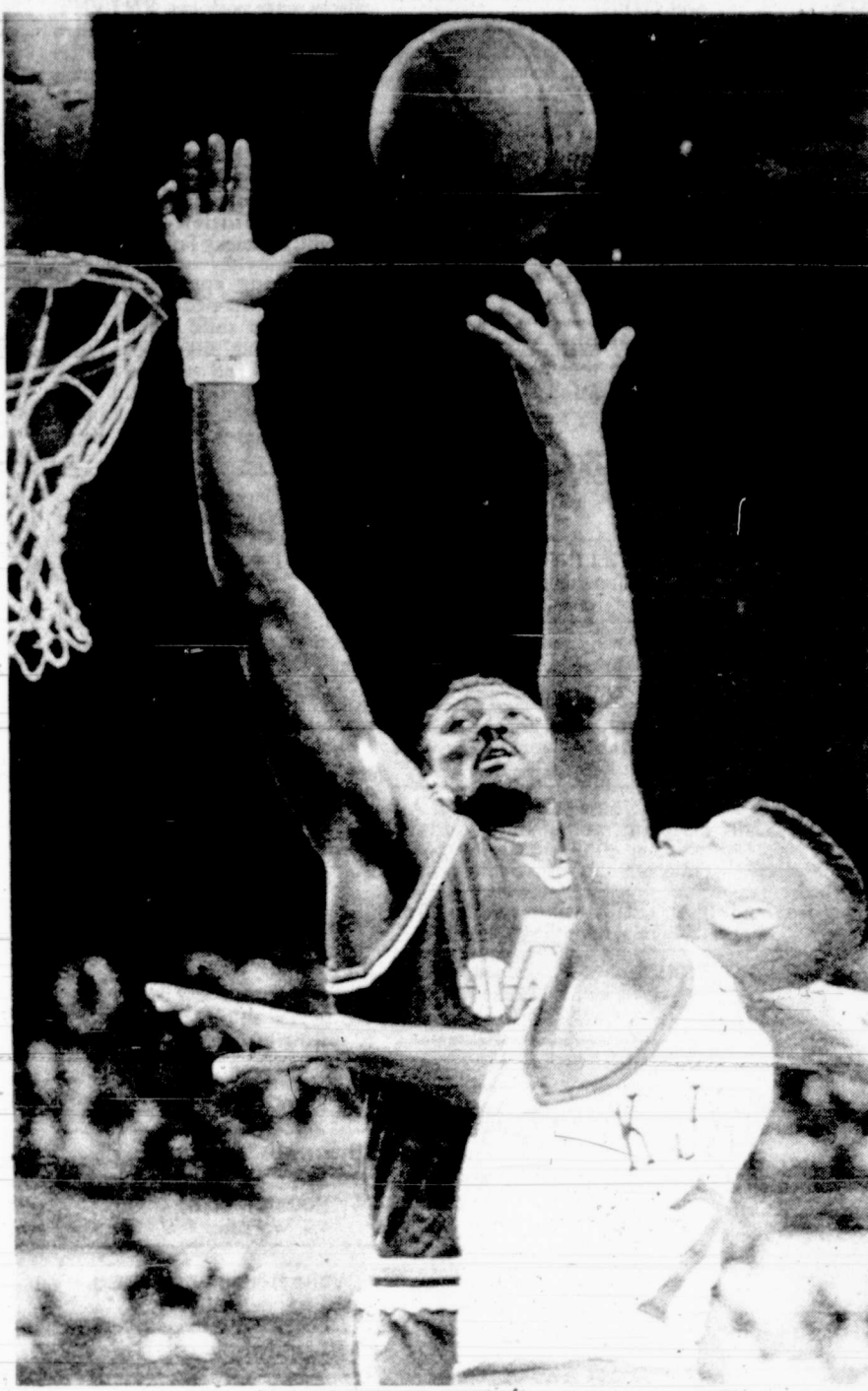
"We didn't shoot well from the field or from the free throw line, but we took a lot more shots because we got a lot more offensive rebounds," Jackson said. "That 21-5 difference will make the Celtics mad and they will come back hard on the boards on Friday."

Suns120
Jazz105

Phoenix, the only team to win on the road in the first two games of the playoffs, beat Utah for the 10th consecutive time at Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum as Kevin Johnson scored 16 of his 29 points in the third period.

The Suns, who can clinch the Western Conference series with a victory in Game 4 Friday night, trailed 69-60 early in the second half before Johnson got hot.

Johnson, who missed almost all of Game 1 with the intestinal virus and sat out Tuesday's practice to receive more intravenous treatment,



Kevin Johnson of Phoenix (right) drives to the basket as Utah's Karl Malone goes for the block.

scored nine points in less than five minutes for a 77-77 tie with 3:21 left.

Dan Majerle's layup with 2:45 remaining and his two free throws 22 seconds later put Phoenix ahead

81-77 before Johnson's layup and three-point play made it 90-81 entering the fourth period.

"We don't want to go back to Utah. That's for sure," said Johnson, who also had 12 assists.

Musburger hired by ABC

Rumors of Michaels' demise abound

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Brent Musburger has arrived at ABC. Now the question is whether Al Michaels will depart.

Musburger and ABC announced a multimillion-dollar, multiyear deal on Wednesday. He will broadcast college football and basketball and there immediately was speculation that Musburger's arrival would hasten Michaels' exit.

"We've got Al under contract and we expect Al to do Monday night football this year and be involved in the 25th anniversary Super Bowl," ABC Sports president Dennis Swanson said.

"I consider him a friend. And I'm hopeful that he'll be at ABC for as long as I am," Musburger said.

Nonetheless, speculation continued in the television industry about a possible Michaels move to CBS. Michaels, who met with CBS last month, has filed an arbitration grievance against ABC because it suspended him for using his daughter as a runner during a skating broadcast.

Michaels, the play-by-play announcer for Monday night foot-

ball, did not return a telephone message left on his answering machine in Los Angeles.

Musburger and his brother-agent, Todd, both said he was not interested in becoming ABC's lead NFL announcer.

"It has not been discussed — between Dennis and I — anything about Monday night," Brent Musburger said.

Musburger was abruptly dismissed by CBS on April 1 after a decade as the network's top sports broadcaster.

"Five years ago, I came within an eyelash of going to work for them," Musburger said. "I'm thrilled to get another opportunity. I got fired on April 1 and I came back on May Day. That's long enough for me."

Swanson said Musburger would announce college football games with former Philadelphia Eagles coach Dick Vermeil and college basketball games with an analyst to be decided later.

He also will broadcast one of ABC's NFL "wild card" playoff games, host the Super Bowl pregame show next winter and broadcast the World League of American Football.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Knutson wins for 3rd time

For the second consecutive week and the third time this season, Brandon Knutson has been selected as the PHS baseball team's Player of the Week.

Over the past seven days, Knutson has been instrumental in the Harvesters' victories over Lubbock Estacado and Dumas. Against Estacado, he had three hits in four trips to the plate, scored four runs, cracked two RBI and had one stolen base.

The PHS senior also collected the mound win against the Matadors, yielding two hits, one walk and no runs in 4-2/3 innings. He

improved his season record to 8-1 with the win.

In Tuesday's 11-3 romp over Dumas, Knutson was 2-for-3 with one run scored, one RBI and one stolen base. On the year, he owns a .390 batting average, third on the team.

"He's been on a hot streak for the last two or three weeks," said Pampa coach Rod Porter, whose Harvesters are ranked 10th in the state in Class 4A this week. "He's been carrying us for the past two games. Brandon's doing a good job both pitching and fielding and at the plate."



Pampa pitcher Brandon Knutson holds up at third base during a recent game at Harvester Field.

Thinclads set for 6-man state meet

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Tracksters from Groom, Lefors and McLean are headed for Stephenville this weekend and the second annual State Six-Man Track and Field Meet.

The one-day meet begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with the field events, followed by the preliminary running events at 11 a.m. and the finals at 3:30 p.m.

Groom coach Jimmy Branch feels Jonesboro is the team to beat in the girls' division.

"Jonesboro has a lot of people entered in a lot of different events. I look for them to be the team that everyone is going to be shooting at," Branch said.

The Tigerettes won their second straight Regional Six-Man Meet two weeks ago at Plainview, edging Wellman, 82-81.

"We need to score in every event we're entered in, and get some firsts and seconds to have a shot at winning," Branch said. "Other teams like Amherst and Harper will be tough to beat."

Groom didn't win an event in capturing the regional title, but the Tigerettes placed among the top three in six events. Their 800- and 400-meter relay teams finished second and third respectively. Relay team members include Lesa Sweatt, Shannon Fields, Melinda Burgin and Heather Patterson.

Marie Conrad gives the Groom girls a strong distance runner. She finished second in the 800 and third in the 1600.

Others from Groom who qualified for state were Katonia Meaker, third in the high jump, and Jenni English, second in the shot.

Carrie Watson of Lefors is the only UIL qualifier from the area entered in the state six-man meet. She won the discus at the six-man regionals and placed second in the event at the Class 1A regionals last weekend at Levelland. Watson, a senior, is also entered in the shot after placing third at regionals.

Valley should have the edge in the boys' division, Branch said.



Groom girls, two-time defending six-man regional track champions, go after the state six-man title Saturday. Team members are (front row, l-r) Lesa Sweatt, Shannon Fields, Heather Patterson, (back row, l-r) Marie Conrad, Katonia Meaker, Jenni English and Melinda Burgin.

"I would have to say they would be the favorite," he said. "They looked pretty sharp in regionals."

Valley scored 105 points, winning by 39 points over second-place Lefors and Amherst in the regional meet.

Lefors boys qualified both their 400-meter and 1600-meter relay teams for regionals, plus pole vaulter Dusty Roberson, who placed second at regionals. The 1600 team of Mickey Nunn, Jarrod Slatten, Dusty Roberson and Kevin Mayfield finished first. The 400-relayers (Andy Swires, Nunn, Roberson, Slatten) finished second.

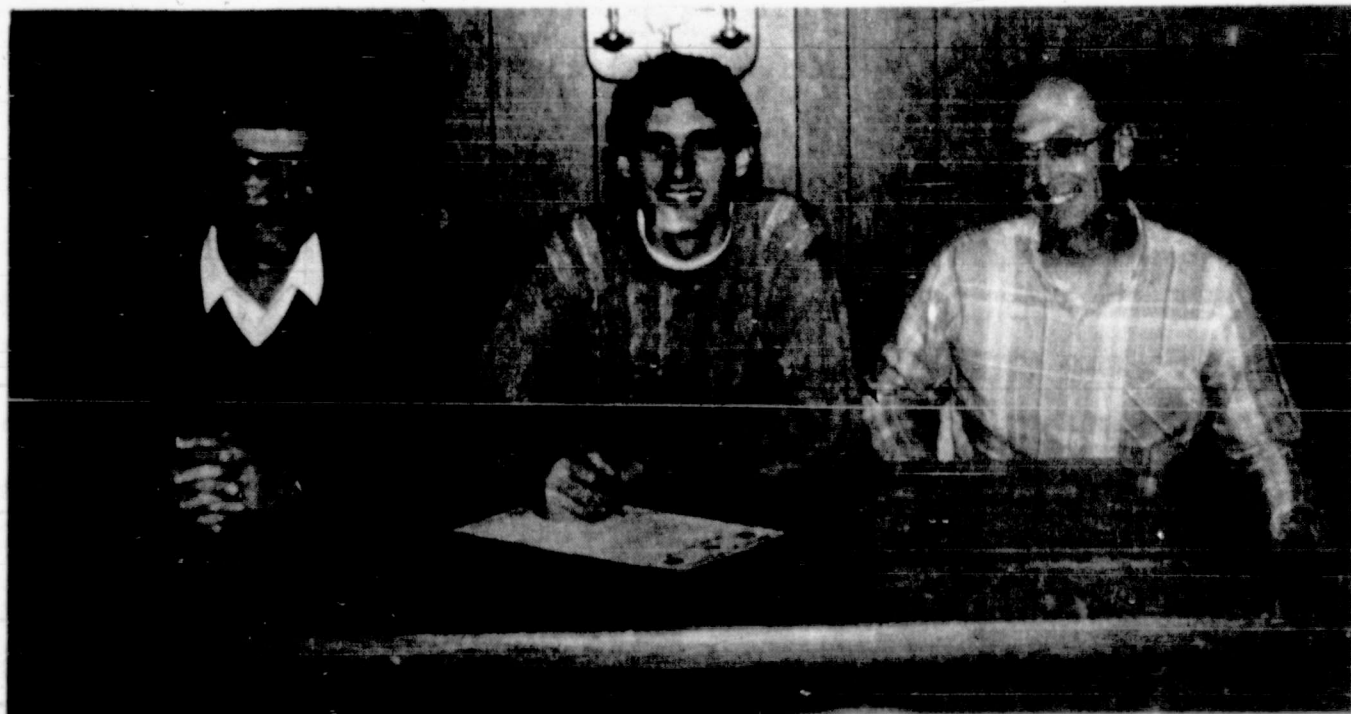
"Timewise, our relay teams are really improving. We're dropping our times pretty good," said

Lefors coach Dale Means.

McLean's Misty Coleman is entered in three events in the girls' division. She won the long jump, placed second in the triple jump and third in the 100 hurdles at regionals.

McLean boys will be depending solely on their relay teams for points. McLean's Destry Magee, Tres Hess, Donald Harris and Dwayne Harris finished second in the 1600 relay at regionals while the 400 relay team of Dwayne Harris, Donald Harris, Hess and Christian Looney were third.

Groom boys qualified discus throwers Richard Jenkins and Robert Miller for state. Miller was second and Jenkins third at last weekend's regional meet.



Mark Wood (center) signs with Western Texas Junior College in Snyder as PHS golf coach Frank McCullough (left) and athletic director Dennis Cavalier look on.

Wood signs with WTJC

Pampa High School senior Mark Wood signed a letter-of-intent Wednesday to play golf at Western Texas Junior College in Snyder. He is a two-year golf letterman at PHS and was the sixth man for the Harvesters as a sophomore.

Wood was an integral part of the 1989 team that finished fourth at the state tournament at Austin, and he helped the Harvesters to a third-place finish in district this spring.

"I feel like Mark's going to make a real good college golfer," said Pampa coach Frank McCullough. "This fall, after playing golf all summer, he posted some good scores under par. When he starts playing 12 months out of the year, I feel like his potential is unlimited."

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Study: Hospital prescription errors average 2 1/2 a day

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

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The study in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association* found an average of 2 1/2 errors a day in written prescriptions at 640-bed Albany Medical Center Hospi-

TMA announces pending lawsuits

AUSTIN (AP) — Doctors are seeing legitimate claims for workers compensation cases denied so insurance companies can make higher profits, the Texas Medical Association said in announcing lawsuits against insurance companies and case reviewing firms.

The TMA, which has more than 29,000 members, said it has filed the first three of a series of suits against insurance companies and "hired guns" review firms for allegedly denying or reducing workers' compensation medical claims without basis.

The suits include two in San Antonio and one in Dallas, with \$130,000 involved, said Austin attorney David Bragg, who represents TMA. "We have reason to believe that this is the tip of the iceberg," he said.

Bragg said within 60 days "a number" of additional TMA suits are expected to be filed in various parts of Texas.

"I think it would be safe to say we're talking about millions of dollars that's been held up in the system," Bragg told a news conference Tuesday.

Named in the San Antonio lawsuits were CIGNA Insurance Co. of Texas, Irving; Texas Employers Insurance Association, Dallas; Health Benefit Management Inc., Austin; and accuMed Inc. of Hunt, Bragg said.

The Dallas suit names PRNA Inc., Dallas, he said.
Dr. Max Butler of Houston, TMA president, said by "manipulating claims information, these companies are determining not only the level of payment, but whether an injured worker gets care at all."

The review firms are hired by insurance companies to screen hospital admissions, medical tests, and other services provided by physicians to cut health costs, the TMA said, but the firms are not regulated in Texas.

"This is strictly a hassle to save the insurance companies' money," Butler said.

Bragg said, "We can't find any rhyme or reason for the amounts — it just seems to be arbitrary cuts."

Alleged violations in workers' compensation cases have been singled out, Butler said, because a fee schedule for health care providers has been in place since September 1988, but legitimate claims under that schedule are being denied.

tal in 1987. One in five mistakes could have been serious or fatal.

"Medication errors are an all too common occurrence in the provision of modern health care and one of the many 'hazards of hospitalization,'" the researchers said.

Doctors at Albany wrote 289,411 prescriptions in 1987, and errors occurred in 905 of them, including 182 mistakes that could have caused severe harm or death if they had gone undetected, the researchers reported.

However, "quality assurance procedures operative within our hospital and in most health-care systems ... appear to be quite effective," said Timothy S. Lesar, assistant pharmacy director for clinical services and the study's co-author.

"All these errors were averted. They never put a patient at risk," he said in a telephone interview Monday.

Five years ago, an error by two doctors in administering a drug to a pregnant cancer patient at Albany led to better drug-control procedures there, the researchers said.

The patient was left comatose and near death, and her premature

baby later died; the hospital was cited by the New York Health Department for lacking effective policies to control dangerous drugs.

Now, for written prescriptions, the hospital's pharmacists enter doctors' orders into a computer that checks them again against patient data about drug allergies and other information, researchers said.

In New York hospitals overall in 1984, drugs accounted for 20 percent of the 27,000 treatment-related patient injuries, according to Dr. Howard H. Hiatt, head of a Harvard Medical School study released last month. The study did not identify the number of injuries that might have been caused by physician errors.

The Albany study found an error rate of 3.13 per 1,000 orders written. Of the 905 errors, 522, or 57.7 percent, were "significant," meaning they could have caused adverse consequences, the researchers said.

Mistakes varied from ordering too strong a tranquilizer for the size or age of a patient to prescribing penicillin or a related drug to a patient allergic to it.

Adult spelling bee helps raise funds for city literacy project

CHICAGO (AP) — What's the good word? According to the American Dental Association, it's "jussive" or maybe "grisaille."

A three-member team from the ADA spelled those words, as well as some others like "cataclasm," "oubliette" and "bireme," to beat 49 other corporate teams in an adults-only spelling bee.

The ADA team spent nearly three hours late Tuesday beating out the rest of the top 20 teams in the second annual Olsten Corporate Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee — an event that raised an estimated \$20,000 for the Literacy Volunteers of Chicago.

Officials said it was about 10 percent of the annual budget for the volunteers, who teach reading to adults.

"It's funny, but since we made the finals last week, we've been saying, 'What's the word for today?' whenever we meet in the elevator or in the cafeteria, and someone always suggests some obscure word," said ADA team member David Curry,

48. "A couple of days ago, I asked the question, and someone said, 'grisaille.'"

Someone else who said "grisaille" was Indianapolis newsman Lloyd A. Anderson, the pronouncer who conducted the spelling bee. He said it first to a three-man team from Van Kampen Merritt, an investment house, who misspelled it "griseille."

Curry and his teammates, Sheila Cassella and Lois Schuhrke, spelled it right, which led to "jussive" and the championship.

A grisaille, by the way, is a monochromatic painting, usually done in shades of gray. "Jussive" means "expressing or having the effect of a command," a cataclasm is a breaking down or disruption, an oubliette is a type of dungeon, and bireme is an ancient ship with banks of oars on two levels.

The winners were actually members of the ADA's "Team No. 2." ADA "Team No. 1" was the first

team eliminated Tuesday, misspelling "cumberbund" in the first round.

The Van Kampen Merritt team, Jack Pace, Ray Hoffman and Rudy Wright, finished second.

They were almost eliminated in an early round when they misspelled "beneficent" but were allowed back in on a protest when the judges ruled that Anderson had pronounced it in a misleading manner.

"I've conducted more than 450 spelling bees over the last 25 years, and I'll keep on doing it until I get it right," Anderson said.

A team from the First National Bank of Chicago finished third.

As bankers, they had no problem with "forecloseable." They also managed words like "perquisite," "ostentatiously" and "schuss," but "shih tzu," a small Chinese dog, spelled their "Waterloo."

The champions said they came by their spelling proficiency through their work.

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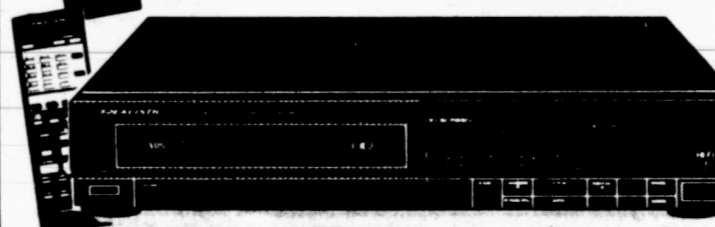


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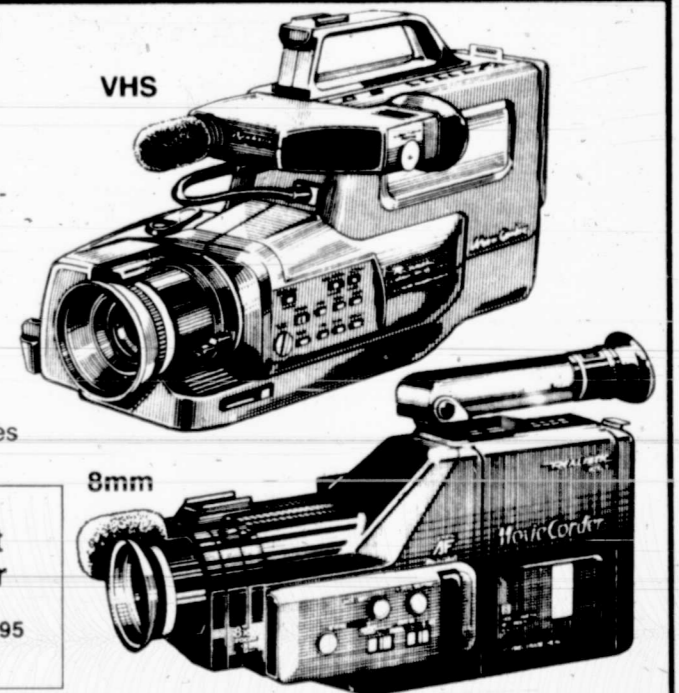
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