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THURSDAY



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Dr. Malouf Abraham Jr. points to a feature on one of the trees in Sleepy Hollow marsh. Abraham opposed an attempt to place a salt water injection well in the area, saying it could harm the ecology of the marsh land.

Oil firms agree not to place injection well in marsh land

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
News Editor

CANADIAN — Dr. Malouf Abraham Jr.'s cry in the wilderness — for the wilderness — has not gone unheard.

Bergstein Oilfield Services Inc. of Lubbock and Dycos Petroleum Co. of Tulsa agreed Wednesday not to use an abandoned oil well in Hemphill County as a saltwater disposal well — an act Abraham said would destroy the nearby Sleepy Hollow marsh.

Bergstein Oilfield Services Inc. officials announced their decision not to use the well in a press release Wednesday afternoon, stating in the release that the company had "reconsidered their intention of developing the Hardin Well #1-12 into a saltwater disposal well ..."

Abraham, owner of the 40 acres that would have been affected, had made an all-out effort to block the well being used as a disposal site. He had taken out full-page advertisements in two local newspapers, *The Canadian Record* and *The Miami Chief*, and had contacted a number of other news sources to make public the environmental danger the saltwater disposal well held for the area — particularly to the Sleepy Hollow marsh.

Abraham said that locating the disposal well at that site could turn the 70-acre marsh, created by clean,

spring-fed water, into a salty death-trap for the plants and animals that make the area their home.

Although company officials had said the water would be deposited 4,000 feet below the surface, Abraham had said earlier that he knows that overflows and spills are inevitable. While such an accident might have little effect on a place with a deep-water table and relatively barren prairie, he said, such an incident could wipe out the marshland where the water table is seven to nine feet below the surface.

A jubilant Abraham said today that he had been notified by the oil-field companies' decision Wednesday.

"I was thrilled and relieved all at the same time," the Canadian physician said. Abraham said he first received a call from Dycos Petroleum, and then later from Peter Bergstein, president of Bergstein Oilfield Services.

Abraham said that he had talked with "higher ups" in both companies, asking that they reconsider the disposal well site.

"I just asked them, 'Have you seen this area?' and, really, they said they didn't," Abraham said. "The people were really receptive to the information I gave them. Really, they didn't want to do anything hurt the environment either."

Keno Henderson, district supervisor for Bergstein, said today that the company is seeking an alternate

site for the disposal well, but had not yet found one. He said that at present the company has four disposal wells in Hemphill County.

Henderson said that although opposition to establishing a saltwater disposal well was nothing new to persons in the oil industry, this was the first time that Bergstein company had been challenged. However, company officials decided they had no reason to push the issue.

"I don't want to live across someone mad at me," Henderson explained. "We want to keep everybody in Canadian happy."

In the company's news release, it stated, "When the company first filed its application and received approval from the Texas Water Commission, we felt comfortable that there would be no environmental problems."

"We respect the environment and the natural site of 'Sleepy Hollow'; therefore, we are cancelling our plans for that site."

"We apologize for any concern people may have had in regard to this matter, since it is also Bergstein Oilfield Services' interest to preserve nature."

Abraham explained that his family owns land and has major interest in the oil and gas industry, but that they try to consider the ecology of the land in all their decisions.

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Teen accused in murder out on bond

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

A 17-year-old Pampa resident arrested two weeks ago on a first-degree murder charge posted bail Wednesday afternoon, Gray County Sheriff Jim Free said this morning.

Jeremy Allen Teakell was indicted on the first-degree murder charge by a Gray County grand jury that met last Thursday and Friday. At that time, 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhany reduced Teakell's bond from \$75,000 to \$25,000.

Teakell was released about 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Free said.

Teakell is accused of killing Roger Dale Miller, 20, of 730 W. McCullough, on Feb. 28 by shooting him in the abdomen area with a 20-gauge shotgun at point-blank range. The shooting occurred in a parking lot at 500 W. Francis.

The killing was investigated by Pampa police, who said there were four witnesses to the shooting. Witnesses told news media that the incident stemmed from a dispute over a girl.

Miller was taken to Coronado Hospital and later transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where he died of the injuries about 2:20 a.m. on March 1.

Teakell was arrested about 11:45 p.m. Feb. 28 after turning himself in at the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

The law firm of Warner and Finney has been retained to represent Teakell.

Teakell was scheduled to be arraigned in 31st District Court on Wednesday. However, the law firm filed a "waiver of arraignment" with the court, which means the defendant admits he's the person named in the indictment.

A plea of not guilty was being entered in the case by Teakell. Judge McIlhany has not set a date for trial of the case.

Libya blames Western agents for fire at its chemical plant

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi today threatened to retaliate if Western agents were to blame for a fire that broke out at a Libyan plant suspected of producing poison gas.

The plant near Rabta, about 60 miles southwest of the Libyan capital, Tripoli, caught fire on Wednesday. There were conflicting reports about damage.

ABC News quoted unidentified Libyan security sources as claiming the plant was burned to the ground by U.S. and Israeli agents. The United States and Israel denied any involvement.

Today, the British Broadcasting Corp. quoted an unidentified spokesman for the official Libyan news agency JANA as saying there had been a fire in some machinery at the plant but that the building had not been damaged. JANA officials in Rome said they had no information on the fire.

Gadhafi said on Radio Tripoli that an investigation has been launched to determine if West German intelligence services are implicated in "an action committed in Libya."

Gadhafi was quoted as saying that if West Germany is implicated, "the economic presence of Germany will be eliminated from Libya, and that state which is involved in espionage and sabotage in the interests of imperialism and Zionism will lose out."

For more than 14 months, the United States has accused Libya of using the plant to make chemical weapons, including mustard and nerve gases. Last week, the White House said the plant was dangerous and should be shut down. The White House refused to rule out the possibility of military action to close it.

The radical North African nation has denied the plant produces poison gas. Gadhafi has said it was designed to produce pharmaceuticals.

Mahmoud Azzabi, press secretary at Libya's U.N.

mission in New York, confirmed that the fire began Wednesday.

"There is speculation that it was possibly sabotage, somebody coming in from Tunisia," Azzabi said.

An Interior Ministry official in Tunisia said late Wednesday that neighboring Libya had sealed its borders, but other Tunisian officials later denied that the frontiers had been closed.

There was no answer at Libya ministries in Tripoli. West Germany's ambassador in Tripoli was scheduled to meet with Libya's Foreign Office, a West German government official said in Bonn. The official, who demanded anonymity, said he did not know the reason for the meeting.

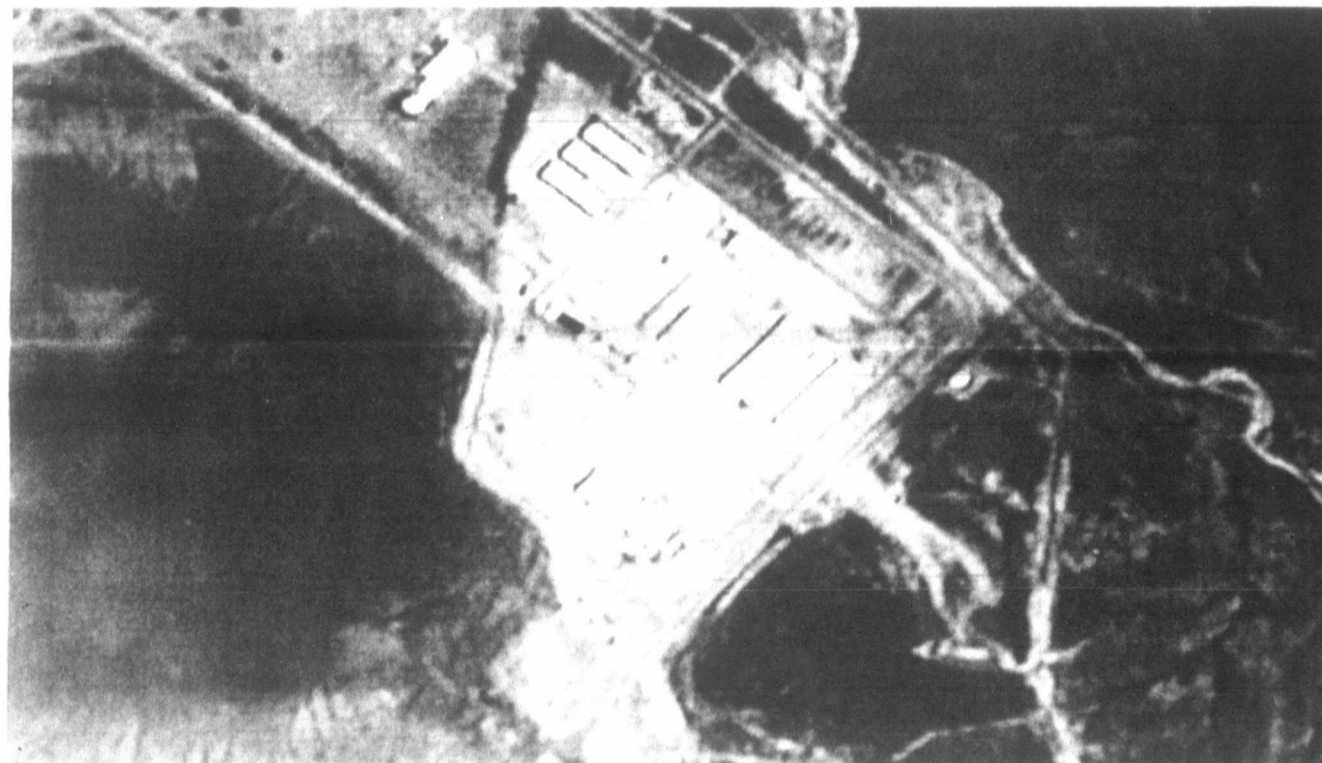
Asked if it might have anything to do with the Rabta plant, the official said: "That would be speculation. I think they (the Libyans) asked him to come." He also said protesters had gathered outside the West German Embassy in Tripoli today, "but the demonstration doesn't seem to be very big."

West Germany at first denied U.S. assertions that West German firms helped build the plant, but later acknowledged the claims and launched its own investigations.

Libya's Radio Tripoli urged Arab support for Libya in the face of "an aggressive campaign of American imperialism."

"The American campaign against the pharmaceutical factory at Rabta is a conspiracy against this important strategic achievement, which should furnish medicine for the entire Arab nation and break the foreign monopoly in this area," said the broadcast, monitored in Tunis.

Libya also shares borders with Egypt, Chad, Niger, Sudan and Algeria. Security sources in Algiers, the Algerian capital, said early today they had no reports of extra security on the Libyan side of the border.



(AP Laserphoto)

This 1988 satellite photo shows the alleged chemical weapons plant in Libya.

Sales tax rebates up 5 percent for February

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Sales tax rebates to Texas cities are up almost 5 percent this year compared to last year, according to State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

The March rebate checks sent to cities totaled \$69 million, an increase of 13 percent over last March's payments.

The city of Pampa received a check for \$100,141.68 this month, compared to \$95,286.68 received last year — an increase of 5.10 percent. However, on total payments to date, Pampa is down 1.5 percent from last year's payments of \$372,861.34.

The city of McLean's payment this period is up 15.94 percent above last years. McLean received a check for \$1,452.64 this month. McLean's percentage is down 1.29 percent on total payments to date, with the city having received \$5,523.18 last year.

The city of Lefors received no money this month and received no

money last year during the same time period. Lefors' total amount received this year is down 42.41 percent from last year's amount of \$2,344.70.

Gray County's overall totals are up 5.24 percent this month compared to the same month last year and down 1.75 percent for the total payments to date, compared to last year.

Total payments to cities in Carson County are up by 1.29 percent this month, but are down 3.58 percent for the year to date.

Groom received a check for \$1,865.68 this month, down 11.99 percent from last year's check. Groom is down 4.52 percent on year-to-date payments. The city of Panhandle received a \$3,819.09 check this month, an increase of 9.44 percent. Panhandle's total checks to date are up 1.92 percent.

Skellytown's check this month for \$1,257.53 is down 30.8 percent from last year, and payments to date are down by 9.8 percent. White Deer received a check for \$3,020.01

this month, an increase of 25.38 percent over last year's check at this time. White Deer's payments are down 7.93 percent for the year.

In Hemphill County, Canadian's payment this month was \$10,118.68, an increase of 13.09 percent over last year's payment of \$8,947.13 at the same time. For the year to date, Canadian's payments are down 5.24 percent from last year's payments of \$39,778.95.

The city of Miami's payment this month was \$1,048.66, a decrease of 3.65 percent from last year's check of \$1,088.33. The Roberts County city is down 10.31 percent on payments to date, having received \$5,235.54 in payments to date last year.

Wheeler County's March payments are down 6 percent from last year's checks. The county total for year-to-date payments are down 5.83 percent.

The city of Mobeetie received no payments this month, but is down 11.83 percent for payments to date

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City manager says Action Center getting good marks from citizens

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

The city of Pampa's Action Center has gotten glowing remarks from the majority of the Pampa residents who have used the service, City Manager Glen Hackler reported to the City Commission during a work session on Tuesday.

City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said the new service has a good track record of same-day service.

The Action Center began its service to the residents of Pampa on Oct. 16. From that date through March 5, the Action Center has received an estimated 941 calls. Of those calls, 587 were entered into the computer and work orders were sent out. There were 95 working days for an average of 9.91 calls coming through the Action Center-daily.

Information calls totaled 354 of the 941, and most of those calls dealt with sanitation charges when the new

ordinance went into effect or with the dollar donation on the water bill.

The breakdown of the ratings on the 199 evaluation cards received from residents as of Jan. 31, 1990, is:

Action of responding department — good, 170; acceptable, 19; and poor 10; Timeliness of service — good, 160; acceptable, 29; and poor, 10; Action Center staff — was courteous, 198; was not courteous, 1.

The Action Center is utilized through a telephone number — 669-2489 — that Pampa residents can call to receive information and to register complaints.

The first step in the program is the receipt of the call. The information, request or complaint is put on a form and entered into a computer if a work order is needed. Calls that need immediate attention are dispatched to the proper department head. Work orders are placed in the mail boxes of the proper department heads on a daily basis, according to information from the Action Center

A letter of first response is then mailed to the complainant advising the person the complaint has been given to the proper officials. Following the completion of a work order, the form is returned to the Action Center and entered into the computer.

Residents then get a second letter, telling them the work has been completed and an evaluation card is enclosed.

Jeffers said Tuesday that if a card is returned and a person complains of action that is not on an acceptable level, the staff retraces the complaint to find out where the problem is and then recontacts the resident.

City Commissioner Jerry Wilson said, "I think it's a really good program. I'm impressed with what I'm seeing here."

In other business during a work session Tuesday, the City Commission:

• Discussed a comprehensive community drug enforcement program presented by Pampa Police Chief

Jim Laramore. Laramore has been doing preliminary work with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to secure a grant for funding part of the program. The program would include a drug dog division.

The funds are available on a five-year declining basis with 100 percent funding the first year, 80 percent the second year, etc. The grant must be turned over to PRPC next month if the city wants to apply for the grant.

• Discussed several items concerning the Hidden Hills Public Golf Course. The Advisory Board of the golf course has recommended fees for the golf course, to be considered at a later meeting of the City Commission.

The commission also discussed ways of recognizing people who have donated numerous hours of volunteer work at the golf course.

The golf course is expected to open between mid-May and June.



(Special Photo)

An Irish colleen visits with two young Irish laddies as Shamrock prepares for its annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Lads and lassies get ready for St. Patrick's Day event

SHAMROCK — "An Irish Welcome to the '90s" has been selected as the theme for this year's annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Shamrock, with activities getting under way tonight.

The Irish-of Shamrock will be celebrating their 44th Shamrock Day festivity since its beginning in 1938.

Only during World War II and the Korean War did the Irish of Shamrock not hold their annual celebration.

St. Patrick's General Chairman Dale Craig and Assistant General Chairman Noel Walton have planned one of the best celebrations in Shamrock's history, officials said.

The weekend will begin with a carnival that begins tonight.

The merchants of Shamrock have also planned a "Green Tag Sale" that promises huge discounts for those shopping in Shamrock during the Irish celebration.

Friday night, the Irish will be in

full force for the Pre-St. Patrick's Day Kick-Off Banquet. Musician Red Steagall and magician Peyton Fullingim will provide entertainment at the banquet.

Besides the huge parade down Main Street, a full day of family fun is scheduled for Saturday, St. Patrick's Day.

The morning will begin with a Dignitaries Invitational Breakfast hosted by El Paso Natural Gas.

Other events scheduled Saturday include carnival, team roping, Old Settlers' Reunion, chili cook-off, barrel racing, golf scramble, sheep-dog trials, professional wrestling, Donegal beard contest, horse dump, Miss Irish Rose Pageant, teen dance, adult dance featuring The Maines Brothers, and a Cowboy Church service.

The entire city will roll out the green carpet for the thousands of guests that are expected for the annual event as everyone turns Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

Prosecution rests in large cocaine seizure trial

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A defense attorney failed to convince a judge that state narcotics agents illegally searched a house where they found nine tons of cocaine in the nation's second largest seizure of the drug.

Defense attorney Hector Villarreal sought to have the 18,360-pound cocaine cache ruled inadmissible in the trial of two men arrested at the South Texas residence. Villarreal argued that Texas Department of Public Safety narcotics investigators did not have probable cause to enter the house before they obtained a search warrant.

"It was an illegal search and an illegal arrest," Villarreal told Judge Darrell Hester on Wednesday in the state's 197th District Court.

Hester disagreed and denied the motion, just before the prosecution rested its case after calling only three witnesses in a day and half of testimony.

The men on trial, Hermenegildo Sosa Rivas and Guadencio Garcia Garcia, were arrested at the house, which agents said was "literally stuffed" with cocaine, west of Harlingen on Oct. 4, 1989. The only larger U.S. cocaine seizure was a 20-ton cache in a Los Angeles-area warehouse

the previous week.

Sosa and Garcia are charged with possessing more than 400 grams of cocaine, an offense punishable by up to life in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

In seeking to suppress the evidence, Villarreal argued that the DPS agents improperly entered the house after being tipped to the cache by Enafael Cabrera. Cabrera cooperated with agents after they arrested him for allegedly selling four kilograms of cocaine to undercover agents earlier in the day.

After entering the house and arresting Sosa, Garcia and another man, Alfonso Tristan Gonzalez, the agents reported seeing packages of what they suspected was cocaine filling the den and a utility room. But they reportedly waited for a judge to sign a search warrant before actually searching the residence.

Gonzalez pleaded guilty to the cocaine possession charge Monday.

Agents also seized weapons, packaging materials, a walkie-talkie radio and two vehicles at the house.

Defense and prosecution attorneys differ on whether Sosa and Garcia voluntarily packed cocaine for shipment at the rural residence.

Villarreal said Tuesday that the men were day

laborers who took a job not knowing they would have to pack cocaine, and were locked in the house. Villarreal said iron bars on the doors prevented them from leaving.

Prosecutor Ed Cyganiewicz said the men stayed and worked at the house for four hours before DPS narcotics agents raided the residence.

DPS Sgt. Dagoberto Pena testified Wednesday that the house's back door was unlocked and that Sosa and Garcia had a chance to escape when Gonzalez crossed the road in front of the house to check the mail box.

The narcotics agent said the house also had two working telephones they could have used to call for help.

Agents said they closed in on the house after Gonzalez suddenly started running back to the house when an unmarked DPS vehicle drove past him. Pena said the investigators entered the house to prevent destruction of evidence and to make sure no one escaped.

The cocaine seized at the house was about 75 percent pure, William Ginn, supervisor of the DPS drug analysis section in Austin, testified Wednesday.

Hester recessed the trial until Friday morning, when the defense is expected to put witnesses on the stand.

Appeals court overturns boy prisoner's conviction

DALLAS (AP) — A state appeals court set aside the conviction of a teen-ager who has been illegally confined in an adult prison for four years.

Dallas County prosecutors said Wednesday they are reviewing the case to determine if they can certify Luan Van Hoang, a Vietnamese youth, whose records show was only 13 when he was convicted of armed robbery in 1986, can stand trial as an adult.

"It's difficult for us to determine, or anyone else, how old this guy really is," First Assistant District Attorney Norm Kinne.

Luan, temporarily held at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center, learned of the court's ruling from a Dallas Morning News reporter.

"Really, right now, my heart's beat-

ing," Luan said. "I'm really happy that the Texas system does its job right. I'm really happy I have a chance to get home and be with my family."

Luan had been sentenced to 38 years in prison following his conviction in connection with a series of gang robberies in the Dallas area. He was tried as an adult after giving authorities a false name, Michael Nguyen, and a false age, 17, to avoid being returned to a juvenile home in California from which he escaped.

The Dallas newspaper reported Feb. 18 that Luan had been wrongfully sent to an adult prison since records show that his actual age was 13 at the time of his trial.

The appeals court ruled that District Judge Jack Hampton, who presided at Luan's trial, never

acquired jurisdiction over Luan because he was a juvenile.

Prosecutors say their records show he was 16 at the time of the crime. He could have, at 16, been certified to stand trial as an adult.

It could take Luan several months to get his freedom because in addition to the conviction that was overturned, he also is serving three 10-year sentences assessed in plea bargains on companion robbery cases.

Defense lawyer Bruce Anton said that the four years Luan spent in prison should qualify him for release on the three remaining cases.

"He ought to be released in the next six to eight weeks, and maybe sooner," Anton said.

Janice Warder, chief of the Juvenile Division of the District Attorney's office, said if Luan is found to

have been 15 at the time of his trial, he could be retried in juvenile court. If convicted, the maximum sentence would keep him in confinement only until his 21st birthday.

Warder added that if it is determined that he was 16 at the time of the crime, he could be certified as an adult and be tried again. If convicted, he would face a total of 38 years in prison.

Immigration records indicate that Luan, who was born in Vietnam and came to the United States with his family in the early 1980s, was born in 1972. That would make him 13 when he was tried.

Luan was sent to a juvenile home in California after he was arrested for auto theft and joy riding. He escaped from the home in 1985 and came to Texas.

Bennett: Voters must decide importance of Richards' alleged drug use

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — National drug czar William Bennett said voters must decide how important it is for Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Ann Richards to disclose if she has ever used illegal drugs and suggested that past drug use shouldn't disqualify a person from office.

"I think that when you run for public office your obligations for disclosure are greater, obviously, than if you're an ordinary citizen," Bennett, national drug control policy director,

said Wednesday after a speech to a joint House-Senate session.

"People expect to know a whole lot about you. They expect to know where you stand, vis-a-vis the law, and that's not unusual."

Bennett, former U.S. education secretary, spoke to lawmakers the day after the primary elections propelled Ms. Richards, the state's treasurer, into an April 10 runoff for the Democratic nomination with Attorney General Jim Mattox.

Richards, a recovering alcoholic, has repeatedly declined to say whether she has used illegal drugs

on the grounds that raising the issue might discourage others from seeking treatment.

The question of whether someone who has ever used illegal drugs should hold public office is a difficult one, Bennett said.

"Is it wrong to use illegal drugs, whatever it was? Sure. But how wrong? How much do you want to make out of it?" he said.

"There are lots of things I'd have to know first — When? How old was the person? Was the person a student, for example, or was the person a teacher? Was it 1968, or was it 1978, or was it 1988? Was it once, or was it 50 times? Was it done in the presence of children? — They're all relevant questions to

determine whether somebody's history with drugs should be a bar to public office," Bennett said.

Bennett said praised Texas' boot camp programs for drug offenders, and the state's testing for parolees and probationers and asset forfeiture laws.

He also urged suspending the driver's licenses of people found in possession of illegal drugs and the professional licenses of doctors, lawyers and teachers convicted on drug charges.

"Drug use has been de-normalized. It's not neat. It's not cool. It's not chic to use drugs," Bennett said. "The American people are damn mad about drugs. They want something to be done about it."

Legislators debate Commissioner of Education selection

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — House and Senate leaders negotiating public school funding reforms may also face off over the way the state's Commissioner of Education is selected, officials said.

A new \$450 million education proposal filed Tuesday in the House would allow the governor to appoint the commissioner, subject to Senate approval.

Gov. Bill Clements said Wednesday that he, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis are "all three in agreement that that's the way we should go."

But an \$817 million education bill revised Wednesday by Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, and presented to the Senate Subcommittee on

Public Education lets the State Board of Education retain its power to choose the commissioner.

Parker said he is waiting for an attorney general's opinion on whether the Senate has the power to approve the board's choice.

He said of Clements' suggestion that the governor select the commissioner, "Sentiment in the Senate is heavily to the contrary."

The proposals presented by the two sides are similar in many other aspects, despite their nearly \$400 million difference in price.

Both the House and the Senate proposals weaken the school board and seek to clarify the roles of the Legislature and state agencies in setting, implementing and reviewing policy.

Lawmakers said differences between the two bills include House

proposals to ensure that no districts would lose any state funds in the first year of implementation and to demand more educator accountability.

Both sides are considering several school finance proposals, but Parker's legislation and the bill filed in the House Tuesday — which is co-authored by the chairs of the appropriations and public education committees — are likely to be the "vehicles" debated by the two houses.

If there are differences in the approved legislation, the bills will progress to a joint negotiating committee.

The sponsors of the House bill, Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner and Rep. Jim Rudd, both said the measure would require a tax increase, although Clements on Wednesday repeated his pledge to veto new

taxes.

"I will veto any tax increase," Clements said. "I don't think the people of Texas in any way, shape or form want any more taxes."

"I don't understand how you're going to afford anything that we do here basically without a tax bill," said Rudd, D-Brownfield and chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

"I don't see how we can get out without a tax bill," said Glossbrenner, D-Alice, who chairs the Public Education Committee.

The Texas Supreme Court gave the state until May 1 to change the public school finance system.

The court ruled last October that the current funding system is unconstitutional because it allows unequal funding between property-rich and poor school districts.

Club appreciation



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Wayne Roberts, left, vice president of Top O' Texas Kiwanis Club, presents a framed certificate of appreciation to the local Food Emporium, represented by Manager Dan Martin. The Food Emporium donated turkeys for a total of 18 families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons and the Top O' Texas Kiwanis Club provided all the trimmings for the meal.

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Opinion

Sunrise arriving for Lithuanians

On the other side of the globe from Nicaragua, freedom has scored another victory. Lithuanians, who had earlier voted to end nearly 50 years of communist domination, voted to secede from the Soviet Union. The Baltic nation also has held the first multi-party election held in the Soviet Union since Bolshevism seized power in 1917. No wonder Leninists have insisted on one-party rule for so long; whenever they allow the people a choice, from Nicaragua to Poland to Lithuania, Leninists lose.

What's the next step? "Total independence," said Angele K. Nelsas, chairman of the Lithuanian-American Community - National Council of the USA Inc. She keeps in close contact with Sajudis, the Lithuanian independence movement that won 72 of the 90 seats up for contention in the 141-seat Lithuanian parliament. "They're going to negotiate with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow."

Ms. Nelsas emphasized that Sajudis wants to achieve independence "in a legal, democratic way. They don't want any bloodshed or confrontations. But they definitely want to have total independence." With the recent vote for secession, some Lithuanians are even talking about achieving independence as soon as a few months from now, maybe even sooner.

Will Moscow cooperate? Well, it recently repudiated the 1939 Soviet-Nazi Pact, the pretext for the Red Army's 1940 invasion of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. And Andrei Grachev, a top aide to Gorbachev, said that Baltic independence would be "less pain from the point of view of progress and perestroika than an attempt to keep it in by force, by tanks." And even with his newly granted powers, Gorbachev may be too busy trying to keep the rest of the Soviet Union together to worry much about Lithuania's movement toward independence.

The United States has an important role to play, especially by providing moral support. A resolution with 80 co-sponsors was introduced in the House supporting "the right of self-determination," "free and fair elections" and "the withdrawal of all non-Lithuanian military forces." But before a vote could be taken in the full House and in the Senate, Lithuanians themselves voted.

Now the Bush administration should drop its line of supporting predictability and stability in the old Soviet bloc and instead support freedom, democracy and independence. It is a continuing irony that for the past 49 years the United States refused to recognize the Soviet occupation of the three Baltic nations, but now that independence is imminent, a Republican, anti-communist administration hesitates to give even strong rhetorical support.

Sullivan's yoke is still a yoke

In Eugene Zamiatin's 1920 novel about a totalitarian future, *We*, the narrator is appalled by the defiant gesture of a woman rebelling against the government: "In the corner of her mouth she had a very thin paper tube; she was ejecting smoke formed by the burning of that ancient smoking substance whose name I do not now remember."

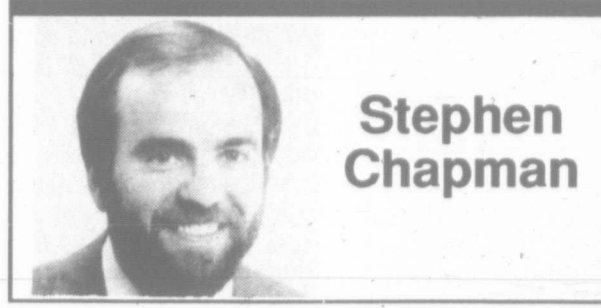
Most of us wouldn't be happy in Zamiatin's nightmare utopia, but Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan might consider it a small price for stamping out cigarettes. Like the rulers of that society, he won't rest until we are all securely under "the beneficial yoke of the state."

The rebels of the secretary's mini-utopia are smokers and their suppliers. Sullivan portrays his crusade as a fearless assault on cigarette makers, whom he finds guilty of "trading death for corporate profits." But his real enemy is the freedom of adults to decide for themselves what risks to assume.

His agenda is ambitious. The administration wants all hospitals to forbid smoking anywhere in their facilities. He proposes to outlaw cigarette consumption in all federal buildings. He expects recipients of HHS grants to ban smoking in their offices.

He doesn't stop with those getting federal dollars. The HHS Secretary managed to coerce R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. into cancelling a new cigarette brand aimed at blacks. He pronounced himself "outraged" at another new Reynolds brand allegedly meant for working-class white women. He is doing his best to intimidate women's professional tennis into giving up the "blood money" of Philip Morris Co., which sponsors the Virginia Slims tour.

Who died and made Sullivan king? Since when



Stephen Chapman

is it within the authority of a cabinet officer - or, for that matter, the president he works for - to dictate to private citizens what they should do with respect to the legal marketing of a legal product?

Since when is it his prerogative to impose his moral views on every recipient of his department's expenditures? Imagine the reaction if a different HHS secretary were to use his office to bully companies which, say, make equipment used in abortions.

Smoking is unhealthy. But it's one of those hazards, like playing in the NFL and gorging on bratwurst, that we let people accept if they want. Some of us prefer a long life to a good smoke. Others don't. The reason we call ours a free society is that we don't turn such decisions over to the whim of the majority.

Sullivan might like to be to tobacco what William Bennett is to cocaine, but no one has given him the power to put tobacco addicts in jail or send military planes to defoliate tobacco fields in North Carolina. Where elected officials have chosen not to use the power of law, appointed ones should be reluctant to use the power of intimidation.

Sullivan suggests that it's OK to violate the liberty of smokers and tobacco companies because

they inflict huge financial costs on the innocent. HHS says smoking wastes \$52 billion a year in medical expenses and reduced labor productivity.

The productivity argument is especially absurd. Are we all legally obliged to do nothing that may hinder our job performance? This puts us back in Zamiatin's nightmare world, where "sleeping at night is a duty just like working during the day. To sleep at night is necessary for the next day's work. Not to sleep at night is criminal."

The health care argument is less pernicious but factually wrong. Smokers suffer more illnesses than other people, raising the cost of private medical insurance and Medicaid, but they also die earlier, reducing expenses for pensions, Social Security and Medicare.

Three Stanford professors have calculated that the average male smoker born in 1920 saves the Social Security fund \$20,000 by shuffling off to the graveyard ahead of schedule. The savings to Social Security from tobacco-related deaths, they report, "amounts to hundreds of billions of dollars."

A study last year in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* also refutes the administration's case. It found that the cost to society of smoking is between 15 cents and 38 cents per pack of cigarettes - compared to the national average of 37 cents per pack that smokers pay to society in state and federal taxes. Smokers pay not only their own way but maybe part of yours and mine.

That leaves the federal war on smoking with only the puritanical argument (wickedness must be punished) or the paternalistic one (people who don't take care of themselves must be forced to). Neither will convince anyone with the faintest respect for liberty, who can see that Sullivan's beneficial yoke is still a yoke.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, March 15, the 74th day of 1990. There are 291 days left in the year. This is Buz-zard Day in Hinckley, Ohio.

Today's highlight in history:
On the Ides of March, 44 B.C., Roman Emperor Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

On this date:
In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain following his first voyage to the New World.

In 1767, Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1913, President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

In 1919, the American Legion was founded, in Paris.

In 1944, during World War II, the Italian town of Cassino was devastated by Allied bombs.

In 1956, the musical *My Fair Lady*, starring Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews, opened on Broadway.



More All-American rejects

Now that the college football recruiting season has ended, it's time for my annual list of those superior athletes who, for a variety of reasons, were not chosen by any school.

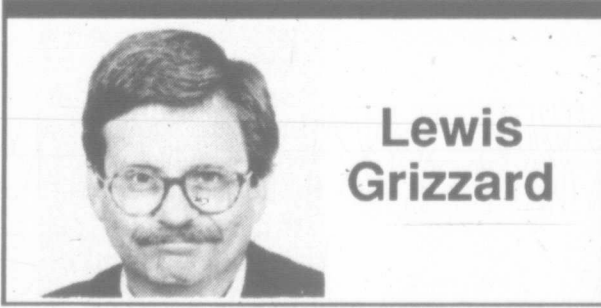
It always saddens me to offer this list because of the quality of some of these fine young men who won't have the opportunity to play college ball, but will have to be content to go into other directions - such as crack dealing and alligator-wrestling on the Reptile Farm Circuit.

The 1990 Rejects:

Leonard "The Cow" Faultleroy, 6-9, 560, defensive lineman, George Wallace Town, Ala.: Wanted by every school in the country. Unfortunately, also wanted by the Alabama State Police on charges he stole a pickup truck and then ate it in an attempt to hide the evidence.

Alperando "Hit Man" Dillinger, 6-1, 210, defensive back, Detroit: Voted Best Tackler in state by Michigan High School Coaches Association. Also voted Most Likely to Die Before He's 21, by his classmates whom he terrorized for four years by putting bombs in their lockers, carving on their foreheads and following them home and shooting their dogs with his AK-47.

Deemed "too dangerous" by college recruiters, "Hit Man" plans career as lobbyist for the National



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Bernard Gumbatz, 6-3, 220, running back, Coldnose, Neb.: First choices were Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma. "I've always wanted to play in the Southeastern Conference," he told the news media, who became suspicious of the fact he also didn't know the Brooklyn Dodgers had moved west, and uncovered the fact he was actually a 33-year-old Soviet spy, codenamed Red Heat, who was in the country to find out if Ray Charles is really blind.

Earl "The Girl" Penrod, 6-4, 280, defensive lineman, Gotcha, Ark.: Demanded recruiters promise him a sex-change operation after he completed his eligibility. "I want to marry Donald Trump," is what he gave as his reason.

Currently working on the staff of Donahue.

Ilalcedric Sprinks, 6-0, 190, wide receiver, Fullofit, Calif.: Has 4.2 speed, great hands. Considered best pass receiver in nation. Made 1400 on his College Boards.

Unfortunately, he was always talking to an imaginary orangutan named Filbert, who he demanded receive a full scholarship, too.

Notre Dame was the only school that would honor Ilalcedric's demand until it was discovered Filbert didn't think Lou Holtz was all that funny.

Denzel Dangle, 5-9, 150, placekicker, Alka Seltzer Springs, Idaho: Most accurate kicker in the nation. Hit 47 straight field goals during his high school career.

Was injured in a freak hunting accident, however, when he accidentally shot off the big toe on his kicking foot while firing at a Forest Service helicopter.

Elmo "Crab" Grass, 6-2, 240, Ilgottengains, Fla.: Considered the state's best defensive prospect. On his official visit to the University of Miami, however, he threw the school president through a plate-glass window.

Was rejected by recruiters who felt he did not have the "killer instinct" after it was widely reported he helped load the school principal into the ambulance.

How long can Fidel Castro remain?

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Last December I bet a friend a lunch that Romania would blow before Yugoslavia did. He bet on Yugoslavia, because he figured Ceausescu had the lid screwed down so tightly on Romania that it would be a long time before the necessary pressures could build up.

I bet on Romania, precisely because Nicolae Ceausescu's grip on it was so ferocious. Even so, I'll admit that I had no idea the end would come so quickly. At my old magazine, *National Review*, they announced a pool on when Romania would explode. Unfortunately, the deadline for submitting entries was Dec. 31 - and Ceausescu was gunned down on Christmas Day.

All of which is by way of introducing the fascinating question: How long will Fidel Castro last?

To begin with the obvious, there is no possibility whatever that the old Thunderbird of the Caribbean can last

indefinitely and die with his boots on in a Cuba still faithful to communism. Communism as a viable political philosophy is as dead as Tyrannosaurus rex (to which it bore a striking resemblance), and all that remains is the messy job of cleaning out pockets of resistance like Castro in Cuba, Ramiz Alia in Albania and the elderly clique that runs the People's Republic of China.

Just for one thing, the economy of Cuba, like communist economies everywhere, is too feeble to survive. At the moment it is still being subsidized by Moscow to the tune of some \$5 million a day, but that could disappear at any moment, either because Mikhail Gorbachev has better uses for the money or because subsidizing Castro is inconsistent with the broader directions of his foreign policy.

For another, the smell of carrion always attracts vultures. There are plenty of Cubans who know that Fidel's days are numbered, and some of them are in the Cuban government and armed forces. They are undoubt-

edly planning his overthrow - probably his assassination. But they must, of course, make sure that theirs is the final coup and not (as in the case of those unlucky Panamanians last October) the next-to-last.

For his part, Castro is openly disgusted with Gorbachev's perestroika, which the Cuban dictator apparently regards as the fainthearted policy of a Johnny-come lately who was still in his 20s when Castro seized power in Cuba 30 years ago. In recent weeks he has blared his defiance of the United States, and pledged in tones reminiscent of Winston Churchill that Cuba will stand and fight on alone, if need be, for the sacred cause of communism.

At the same time, there are signs that Castro realizes all is not necessarily for the best in his best of all possible Cubas. On Feb. 17 the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party announced that it was launching "a concrete and practical process of perfecting the political and

institutional system of the nation."

Asserting that Cuba had managed to avoid making the mistakes that have bedeviled other communist regimes, the statement went on to admit that "we can and must stop ourselves making other mistakes." It then pledged itself to "the perfecting of a single, Leninist party based on the principles of democratic centralism" (i.e., dictatorship).

Splendid! There is, then, to be no backing down in Cuba - no effort to "reform." So we can expect that the internal pressures will grow greater, as external subsidies diminish and the world passes Cuba by.

What should Washington's policy be? There's no particular need for hurry, so why not sit back and watch the fun? When the time comes, there will be plenty of Cubans, both in Cuba and loitering (shall we say?) nearby, ready to participate in the restoration of a free and prosperous nation.

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Gorbachev wins presidency, promises to tackle economy

By CAREY GOLDBERG
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev won election today to the strengthened presidency and promised he'd wield its broad powers to tackle the country's economic and nationalist crises with a more radical program of reform.

The Congress of People's Deputies elected Gorbachev, who ran uncontested, to a four-year term by a vote of 1,329 to 495. He needed approval by more than half the 2,245 deputies and the number who voted against him in Wednesday's secret ballot was surprisingly high.

Many had wanted the people to select the country's first chief executive and about 350 did not participate, mainly lawmakers who consider their republics to be independent nations.

When the vote was announced today, parliamentarians stood to applaud Gorbachev and he stood on the dais, hands folded in front of him, to acknowledge them. He took the oath of office and spoke to the Congress.

"The necessity for a more radical perestroika policy is obvious, and it is for these purposes above all that I am going to use my powers as president," Gorbachev declared.

He said the Soviet Union, five years after he took office, was a "young and as yet not fully developed democracy," and pledged not to follow decades of Soviet practice by turning into a dictator.

After Gorbachev's four-year term, the country will conduct its first nationwide presidential campaign.

The new president will have wide powers to propose legislation, negotiate treaties, veto bills and decisions of the Council of Ministers, appoint a Cabinet, declare war if the country is attacked and, under certain conditions, impose presidential rule.

Since taking office, Gorbachev has repeatedly shaken up the Soviet political system and improved personal liberties, but the country is beset by worsening ethnic strife and economic paralysis.

Strong independence movements and bloody clashes between ethnic groups also threaten the union. Lithuania declared independence on Sunday, and Estonia, Latvia and Georgia have all moved in that direction.

Gorbachev has been pressed for more radical solutions and this year has led the Communist Party to renounce its lock on political power and accept some forms of private property.

He said the only solution to the continuing problems is to search for even more radical solutions. "The greatest barrier to change remains ossified thinking," he told the deputies in a firm, strong voice.

Gorbachev promised to be president of all of the country's more than 100 nationalities. He promised to work to keep the Soviet Union together while pressing for a new agreement of union among the country's republics.

Gorbachev remains Communist Party chief, and despite a determined drive by deputies to make him choose between the presidency and party leadership, declared that the need to combine the two posts "now and in the near future is dictated by the interests of perestroika," his reform program.

Many of the powers Gorbachev attained as president previously had been vested in the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the country's collective executive body. The expanded presidency was approved by the

Congress on Tuesday along with a historic switch to a multiparty political system.

Both constitutional amendments are part of Gorbachev's long-term plan to transfer power from the Communist Party to the government. There is speculation that Gorbachev eventually may give up the party leadership and remain president.

Before-casting ballots for president on Wednesday, deputies decided at Gorbachev's urging to choose the first such president rather than submitting it to a popular vote.

Several deputies appealed Wednesday night for a defeat of Gorbachev. Teimuraz Aviliani of the western Siberian mining town of Kemerovo accused him of leading the country to the brink of collapse.

But most deputies who spoke supported the Soviet leader.

It was clear many deputies believed a strong President Gorbachev would immediately take action at home with the same kind of world-shaking results he achieved in foreign policy. There, he has dramatically reduced the threat of war by releasing Eastern Europe from the bonds of Stalinism and by making East-West deals on arms control and troop reductions.



(AP Laserphoto)

Photographed by a local resident, Tuesday's tornado hits the southern part of Hesston, Kan., on its way to doing heavy damage to the downtown and residential areas of the south central Kansas town. Two people were killed and 23 injured.

Tornadoes strike Plains region again

By JOHN DONNELLY
Associated Press Writer

Tornadoes in the nation's mid-section tossed tractor-trailers around like toys and a record-breaking heat wave wilted plans for the annual cherry blossom festival in Washington. Heavy rain threatened flooding in the Midwest.

In Florida, a bishop asked God for rain to relieve the region's 19-month drought.

Near Columbia, Mo., a tornado damaged five businesses Wednesday night, blowing tractor-trailers "like matchsticks," said Richard Head. He said his auto dealership was damaged by an 18-wheeler dropped onto the roof.

"It's a mess," Mike Poe, spokesman for the Boone County, Mo., Fire Protection District. "We've got debris all over the place." At least four tractor-trailers were blown about 100 feet across a road, he said.

A tornado or high winds also

damaged several mobile homes in the area. No injuries were reported.

"I was scared. Really scared," said Santiago Munoz, whose trailer was damaged. "My wife, she said, 'God, God, God, God, God take care of us.'"

In Fordyce, Ark., about 40 miles southwest of Pine Bluff, five people were injured by a tornado Wednesday. Bill Setterman, chief sheriff's deputy, said three homes were destroyed and roofs and porches were ripped off other homes.

He said rescuers found one of the injured "wrapped up like a pretzel" in his home.

Two twisters in central Texas flipped mobile homes, tore off roofs and toppled utility poles Wednesday.

In Nebraska and Kansas, volunteers spent Wednesday clearing up debris from dozens of tornadoes that ripped through on Tuesday. In one town alone, Hesston, Kan., twisters killed two people and injured 23. About 1,000 people, including vol-

unteers from the Mennonite Disaster Service, helped Hesston clean up.

"We feel as Christians this is one way of sharing God's love with people who are hurting," said Marvin Toews, a farmer who coordinated activities.

East of the Mississippi Valley, at least 31 cities reported record or record-tying high temperatures Wednesday, the third day of unseasonable warmth.

The records included 85 at Baltimore, 75 at Detroit, 76 at Indianapolis and 86 at Washington's National Airport. The high at Indianapolis erased a record on the books since 1875. Buffalo, N.Y., registered 78 degrees.

Cherry blossoms in the nation's capital will peak today and Friday because of the unseasonable warmth and will be gone by the April opening of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival, said National Park Service spokeswoman Marja Morris.

"They'll only last four or five days," she said.

Iran hangs reporter for spying after ignoring pleas for mercy

By SALAH NASRAWI
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The government today ignored international appeals for mercy and executed a London-based newspaper reporter who was arrested near a military complex and convicted of spying for Britain and Israel.

Britain said it was appalled by the killing of 31-year-old Farzad Bazoft, an Iranian-born journalist who was working for the British weekly *The Observer* and traveling on British documents.

The official Iraqi New Agency reported the execution but did not say how Bazoft was killed. The normal Iraqi method is hanging.

Bazoft was convicted Saturday by a revolutionary court in a closed trial.

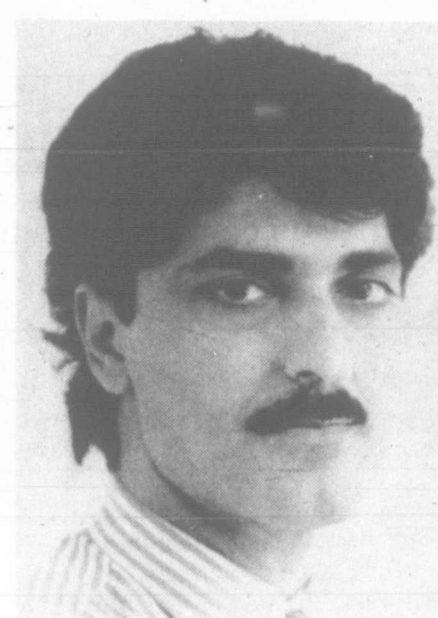
He was arrested in September near a plant where ballistic missiles are reportedly being developed. He was investigating reports that hundreds of people had died in an explosion.

"There can have been few occasions when there has been such a universal appeal by world leaders for mercy to be shown," British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said in London. "We are appalled that despite that worldwide appeal, the Iraqi government has gone ahead with this barbarous act."

The execution came despite pleas for clemency from Britain, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Amnesty International, the European Community and international press groups.

David Anderson, foreign affairs spokesman for Britain's opposition Labor Party, said Britain should immediately withdraw its ambassador, cancel a trade mission and press for further action from European allies.

Donald Treford, the editor of



Farzad Bazoft

The Observer, denied that Bazoft was a spy and called President Saddam Hussein a barbarian.

"This is an outrage," Treford told the British Broadcasting Corp. "What kind of regime is it that can fly in the face of the whole of the world's opinion and kill a reporter for being a reporter? This is a monstrous regime."

Hussein on Wednesday rejected a visit by Hurd seeking mercy for Bazoft.

"He was a British and Israeli agent and they are making a lot of fuss thinking we will be afraid. But we are not afraid at all," said Hussein, who has been seeking Western aid to rebuild his country after an eight-year war with neighboring Iran.

Several government-run newspa-

pers in Baghdad today published what they called handwritten confessions by Bazoft, along with photos of documents in English.

Bazoft was arrested after making an unauthorized trip to the Al-Iskandaria military complex south of Baghdad. Daphne Parish, a British nurse who drove Bazoft to the military complex, was also arrested in September. She was tried with him and sentenced to 15 years in prison for complicity.

Ms. Parish, 52, is a senior nursing administrator for an Irish-run hospital in Baghdad.

Last year, Western diplomats in Baghdad confirmed there had been an explosion at the complex around Aug. 17.

Iraq has said there was an explosion and fire at a fuel depot in the same area on the same date, Aug. 17, and said 19 people were killed, all Iraqis.

Treford said Bazoft, an Iranian exile who had lived in Britain since 1975, had no immediate family. "His colleagues at the *Observer* are his family," Treford said Sunday.

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Peres accuses Shamir of 'murdering the peace process'

By ALLYN FISHER
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Calling on Parliament to unseat Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir today, Labor leader Shimon Peres angrily accused the right-wing leader of "murdering the peace process."

Peres spoke before Parliament as it debated a no-confidence motion that would give Labor a chance to try to form a new government.

Today's bitter Labor-Likud showdown, brought on by feuding over U.S. proposals for starting an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, could force the retirement of one of the two political leaders who have dominated Israeli politics for most of the last decade.

Israeli media predicted Labor held a 60-58 advantage in the 120-member Parliament, with both sides needing the support of the two lawmakers in the ultra-Orthodox Torah Flag Party.

"I propose voting no confidence in the man who ended two processes, peace and national unity," Peres said in an angry speech that seemed to foreclose any further attempts at reconciliation with Likud.

"We can have unity for the sake of peace, not unity for paralysis or evasions, not unity for murdering the peace process," said Peres.

At one point, the Labor leader pointed a finger at Shamir and accused him of failing to deliver on pledges to pass religious legislation and breaking a promise to uphold the unity government.

"Who will believe you again in this country? You have broken every promise," he said.

Peres was interrupted frequently by Likud heckling. There also were shouted exchanges between members of Labor in Likud in the chamber.

Shamir, who sat in his chair staring impassively or shuffling papers during Peres' speech, then came to

the rostrum and formally notified the lawmakers that his firing of Peres and the resignation of Labor ministers had taken effect.

A Labor-Likud coalition, which has ruled Israel through eight stormy years of repeated crises, collapsed Tuesday when Shamir fired Peres and the other 10 Labor ministers resigned.

The Torah Flag Party, which urged Shamir to restore Labor to the coalition and work out a compromise on a peace strategy, had still not announced which party it would support when Parliament convened.

If Labor wins, President Chaim Herzog would be expected to give Peres the task of trying to forge a new ruling coalition without Likud. He would have two weeks to complete the task but could ask for more time.

Peres promised that a government led by his Labor Party would start peace talks with Palestinians.

Shamir indicated that a victory by his hard-line Likud bloc would delay if not cancel the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue proposed by U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

On Wednesday, Shamir criticized the Bush administration for its handling of the peace efforts and suggested this led to the collapse of the governing coalition. He insisted there would be no compromise on the central issue of east Jerusalem.

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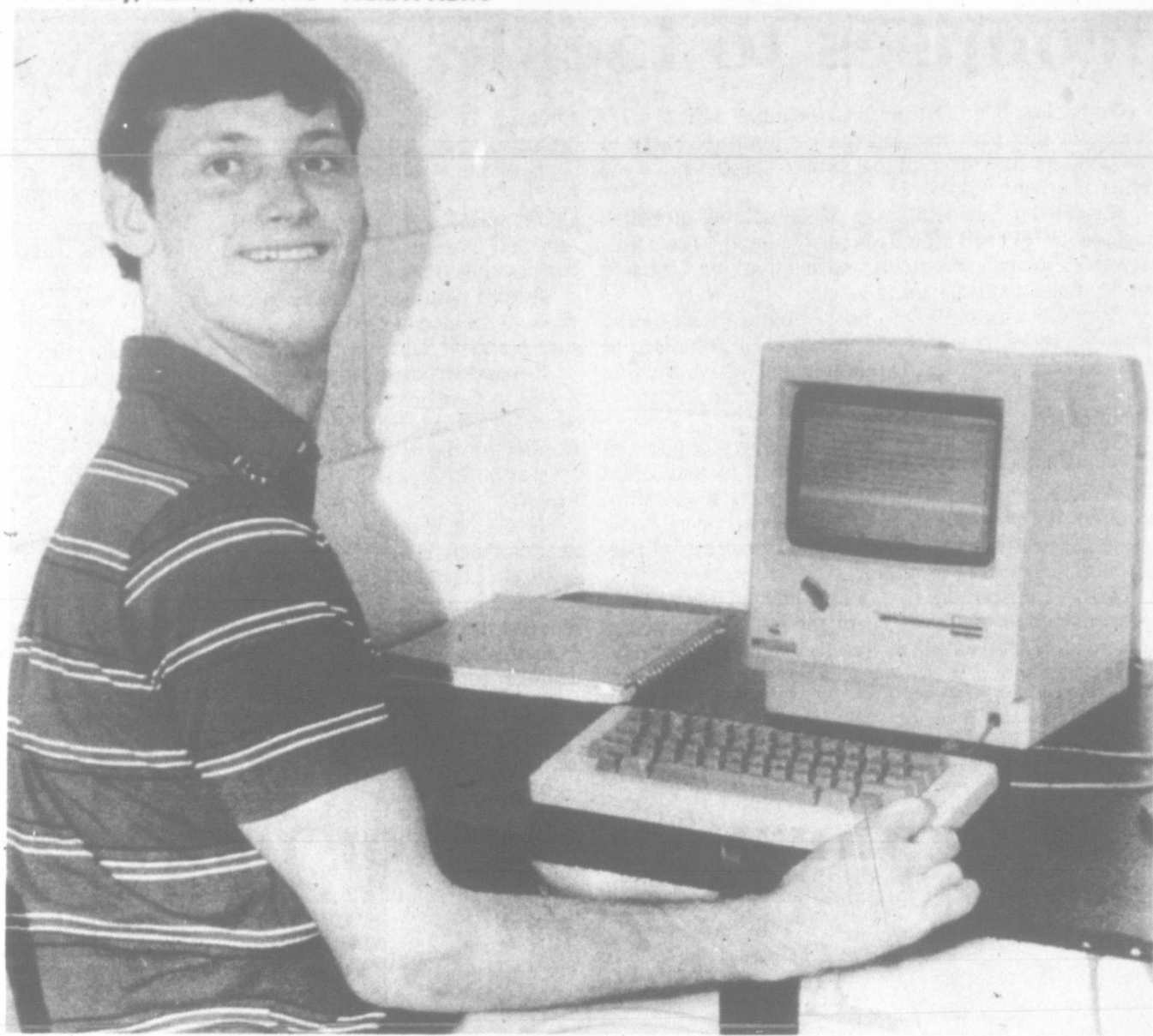
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Chris Ely poses at a WTSU journalism computer terminal.

Pampa journalism student overcomes cerebral palsy

By STEFANIE SCOTT
Amarillo Globe-News

CANYON (AP) — Chris Ely says he is bound and determined to make his own way.

The West Texas State University sophomore has struggled all his life with cerebral palsy — with success. "What I really want is to be able to get a job and be able to support myself," said Ely, who's studying journalism. "I want to work for a paper and maybe be a copy editor."

Ely, 21, said he got interested in journalism while working for his high school yearbook in Pampa, where he wrote stories and edited copy.

It came as a pleasant surprise when the yearbook staff dedicated the 1987 book to him.

"I was so surprised, I didn't know anything about it," said Ely, who speaks with some difficulty.

Cerebral palsy strikes at birth and damages the area of the brain that controls motor skills. Sufferers must cope with uncoordinated muscles and speech difficulties.

Ely recalled struggles completing high school examinations. It takes longer to write the answers, he said.

"It was hard ... I had to work harder than anybody else," he said. "God helped me."

Ely toiled his way through high school and graduated in the top 10 percent of his class. He went on to Clarendon College for two years and enrolled in West Texas State's journalism program last fall. He talks a full class load.

Ely's father, Charles, said he and Chris' mother, Annette, has mixed feelings about their son making the 75-mile move to Canyon.

"We're very proud ... for what he has accomplished ... He really puts

out the effort," Charles Ely said. "I think that's the important thing."

"He's taken some hard falls over the years," he said. "We'd check on him ... and tell him to try to get up on his own."

Chris Ely said he knew he wanted to go to WTSU to study journalism. Robert Vartabedian, head of the West Texas State department of art, communication and theater, helped Ely obtain scholarships to attend the university.

Ely said he enjoys the friends he has made while living on campus at Jones Hall. He also has befriended other handicapped students. There are several others with cerebral palsy, and Ely says they have a support group.

Ely spends much of his time working on the university yearbook,

Le Mirage, and is writing articles for the newspaper, The Prairie. News reporting is a talk-intensive business; Ely said sometimes his sources have trouble understanding his questions, so he writes them out.

Although he still needs extra time to complete exams, Ely said he has no trouble completing his new stories on the school computers.

"I type pretty fast. I use only one finger, though. But I go pretty fast," he said.

Ely hopes to land an internship at a newspaper this summer to get some professional experience. With that, perhaps he might be able to land a full-time job someday and pay for school.

"That's my goal: To be able to get a job and support myself," he said.

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Experts call for parental leave, billions more for child care

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A National Research Council panel called today for billions more in government spending on child care, mandatory one-year leaves for parents of newborns and a program to establish strict national standards for day care centers.

A report by the committee said child care is "an essential aspect of domestic life and the economic structure of the country" and that by the year 2000 about three of every four U.S. children will have mothers in the work force.

The report called "Who Cares for America's Children?" said there is a serious need to assure quality child care for all economic levels to protect and nurture virtually an entire generation of U.S. children.

"In 1988, more than 10.5 million children under age 6 ... had mothers in the labor force," the report said. "Another 18 million between the ages 6 and 13 had working mothers."

Within five years, the study said, about two-thirds of all new workers will be women and 80 percent of them are expected to have children at some point during their careers.

Forecasts "suggest that by 2000 approximately 80 percent of school-age children and 70 percent of preschool children will have mothers who are working or looking for work outside their homes," it said.

The report said that by 1995 the amount spent annually for child care in the United States will reach \$48 billion. But to provide "adequate care" for all children under age 13, it said total costs for parents and the government could rise eventually to about \$126 billion.

Child care expenses absorb an average of 23 percent of the income of poor families, the report said. It noted, however, that one study shows that for families

earning under \$5,000 a year, the child care expense can represent up to 50 percent of the income. Higher income families pay about 9 percent of their income for child care.

The quality of child care facilities varies from state to state, community to community, and is affected by the parents' income level, the panel said.

Enforcement of day care quality ranges from none in some states that lack license requirements or state inspections, to other states with mandatory standards that are strictly enforced, it said.

Child care center employees are almost universally poorly paid and worker turnover is very high, it said.

The expert panel said studies show there is an important need for parents to establish strong relationships with their children in the early months of life. As a result, it said, the federal government "should mandate unpaid, job-protected leave for employed parents of infants up to one year of age."

Among large companies, about 47 percent provide some form of paid maternity leave, but only 10 percent of the companies with fewer than 100 employees had such a policy, the report said.

Five states — California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island — and Puerto Rico include wage and position protection in pregnancy disability leave programs. In New Jersey, for example, workers are entitled to 26 weeks' leave and up to \$200 a week in compensation.

The 19-member Panel on Child Care Policy was chaired by John L. Palmer of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Most other members also are on university faculties.

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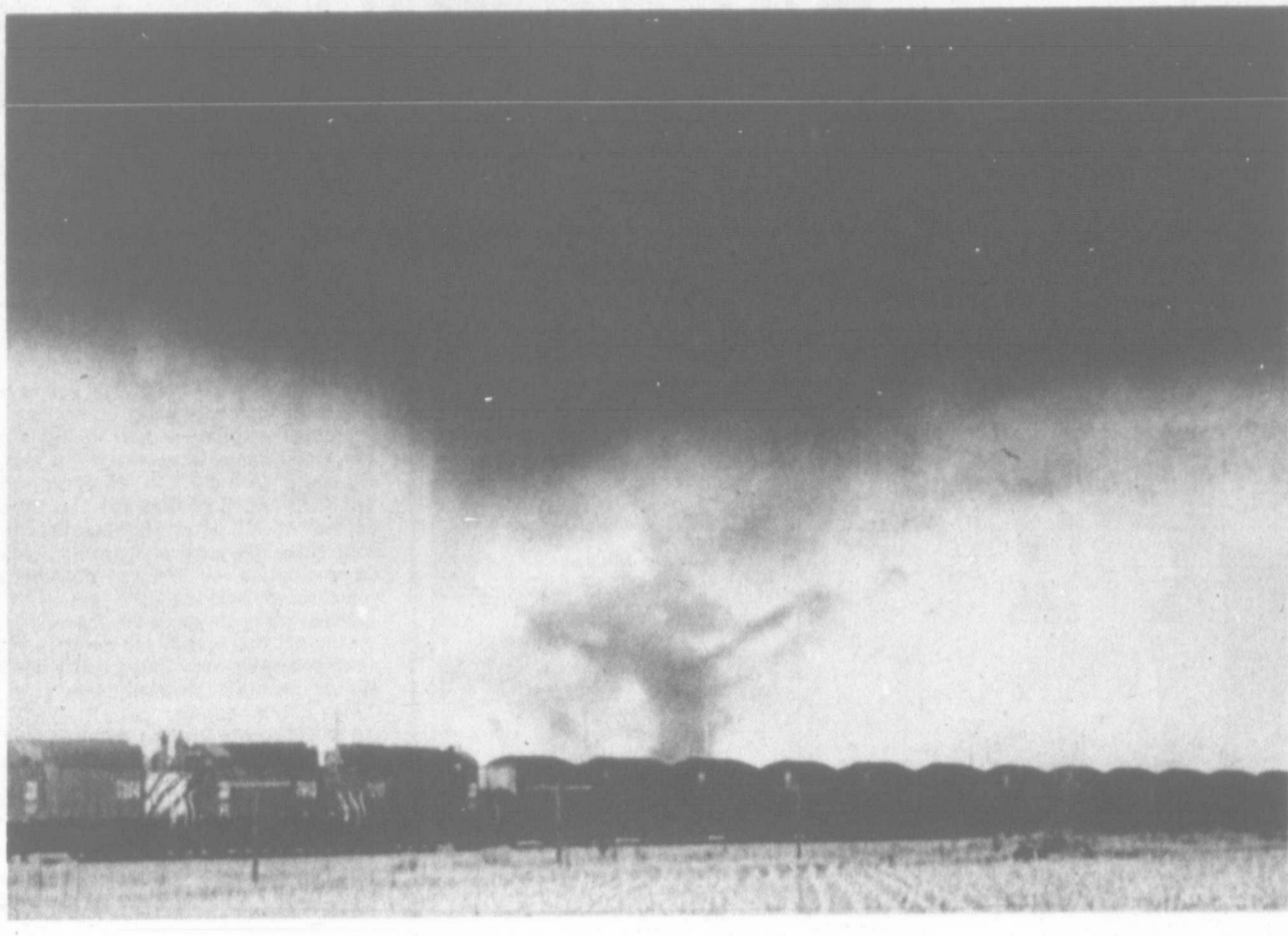
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Two Burlington Railroad employees, lower left, stand on a locomotive and watch a tornado approach the railroad tracks northwest of Grand Island, Neb. earlier this week. The tornado derailed 24 cars of the empty moving coal train, hitting the train several cars behind the locomotives. The men were not injured.

Record-setting record setter sets new record

NEW YORK (AP) — The master of underwater pogo sticking, marathon yodeling and long-distance juggling has muscled his way into the Guinness record book with another peculiar pastime, cranking out 1,551 squat-thrusts in an hour.

Ashrita Furman, already a Guinness world record-holder a dozen times over, performed his latest feat Tuesday before awestruck observers in a Manhattan gym.

"I don't think he's human," said the gym's owner, Robert Fuchs.

Maybe not: After shedding two pounds and nearly passing out during his hourlong stunt, the 35-year-old health food store manager went

for a run "to loosen up." His hands still bore bloody blisters from slapping the mat.

"I feel fantastic," he said.

"The guy is amazing," said Fuchs, owner of the Natural Physique Centre, who kept count and monitored Furman's style.

"He's phenomenal," said David Boehm, editor of the U.S. edition of the Guinness Book of World Records. "He's only one of a number of what you might call nuts setting these records. But he wanted to have more records than anybody else, and he does."

Furman has walked, hopped, run, rowed, pogo-sticked, somersaulted,

bent, balanced and yodeled his way to a dozen entries in Guinness' U.S. edition. His squat-thrusts, once certified by the editors, will make it 13.

"When you edit this book, you're never astounded at anything these people do," sighed Boehm. "If you met Ashrita not knowing about the records, you'd say he was quite sane."

Furman insists that there's a method to his madness.

"Sure, some of these things are totally stupid," he said. "But it's the principle of the thing. There's a lot of determination and concentration involved."

Plans set for skyscraper

DALLAS (AP) — A Chicago development firm has disclosed plans for a 48-story addition to the downtown Dallas skyline.

Metropolitan Structures Inc. said it hopes to begin construction before the end of the year on a site next to the city's plush, new symphony center.

If work begins this year, it would be the first building of its size started in the Dallas area in four years.

A completion date of 1992 is projected.

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The proposed changes and new service offerings have been assigned Docket No. 9251, and pursuant to Section 43(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act will become effective June 23, 1990. Rates for service will be applicable to customers who subscribe to the service as well as existing customers. Therefore, there will be no effect on any other rates of the company. The company's gross annual revenues will increase by approximately \$399,600, or less than one percent annually.

The proposed rates are on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and are available for public inspection at the offices of GTE Southwest Incorporated. Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission. The deadline to intervene in this docket is 3:00 p.m., April 9, 1990.

A request to intervene, participate, or for further information, should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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Police say armed vigilante shot man moments after mall slaying

IRVING (AP) — A vigilante, armed with a large-caliber pistol possibly equipped with a scope, fatally wounded a man moments after the man shot his former girlfriend to death as shoppers in a mall parking lot scrambled for cover, police say.

Police said they initially believed Eddie Edwards, 41, shot himself to death while fleeing from Irving Mall Monday after shooting Demetria Yvonne Taylor, 28, to death.

Edwards died about an hour later in Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital.

But police this week said that statements from witnesses have revealed that the Edwards was killed by another man.

The man reportedly chased Edwards to his automobile and shot him with a pistol larger than a .357. Some witnesses said the pistol was equipped with a scope, according to Capt. Travis Hall of the police department's criminal investigations division.

Police found Edwards in his car on a service road near the mall with a bullet wound in his side.

Hall said that despite the vigilante nature of the shooting, police believe the man was merely acting on an impulse after witnessing a particularly brutal slaying.

"Edwards violently murdered this woman," Hall said. "She's down, she's wounded, and he (Edwards) goes and shoots her in the head again after she's down."

Police have several leads in their search for the vigilante, but he had not been found late Tuesday, Hall said. Witnesses did not get the man's license tag number, he said.

Hall said that Ms. Taylor, an instructor at American Airlines, had left her part-time job at a mall clothing store and was walking through the parking lot when she was confronted by Edwards.

Edwards chased her toward a mall entrance and fired two shots, which missed. When Ms. Taylor was about 30 feet from an entrance between Foley's and Mervyn's department stores, Edwards fired again and struck her in the head. He then approached her and shot her again from close range, Hall said.

Officers said one of the shots fired by Edwards struck a wall in a video arcade only inches from where a young girl was playing a video game. Other bullets struck various objects in an area containing several fast food restaurants where shoppers were eating.

Hall said that as Edwards ran to his car, a man got out of his car, brandishing a large silver handgun. The man fired two shots at Edwards' car as it left the mall. The man stayed around for a few minutes and then drove away, Hall said.

Carrying a gun in an automobile is a misdemeanor, but "there are all kinds of people we arrest every day with guns in their cars," Hall said.

Witnesses said the man is white, about 30 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall and 160-170 pounds.

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 - 2 Excessively
 - 3 Turkey
 - 4 Pertaining to dawn
 - 5 One (Ger.)
 - 6 "I like —"
 - 7 Greek muse
 - 8 As well
 - 9 Aviation agcy.
 - 10 Container
 - 11 Enlighten
 - 12 Consisting of champions
 - 13 Actor Keir —
 - 14 Author
 - 15 Vonnegut
 - 16 Weight
 - 17 Snakes
 - 18 French coin
 - 19 A Gershwin
 - 20 Form a spider web

- DOWN**
- 1 Georgia
 - 2 —
 - 3 Long time
 - 4 Complacently self-satisfied
 - 5 Oozed
 - 6 Spryly
 - 7 Moslem sacred book
 - 8 Mistreat
 - 9 Doll
 - 10 Sioux Indian
 - 11 Dill seed
 - 12 — de France
 - 13 Religious denomination
 - 14 Actor Robert De —
 - 15 Paving liquid
 - 16 Hurrah, for short
 - 17 Commandments

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 24 College building, for short
 - 25 Sloth
 - 26 Plaintiff
 - 27 Cross in a church
 - 28 Large container
 - 29 — the season to be ...
 - 30 After 59th
 - 31 — and void
 - 32 Long-nosed fish
 - 33 Singer Bob
 - 34 Asian country
 - 35 Stage direction
 - 36 Tropical nut
 - 37 Court hearing
 - 38 Entity
 - 39 Arid
 - 40 English school
 - 41 Small bird
 - 42 Edible tuber
- DOWN**
- 3 — culpa
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A joint venture in which you're involved appears to have exceptional possibilities at present. This is due in great part to the abilities of the parties concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Written negotiations, such as contracts or agreements, should work out well for you at this time, provided all of the aspects are clearly defined. Be mindful of details.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You are still in a favorable financial trend, particularly in arrangements where you provide a special type of service or expertise. If you have a partner, let him/her stay in the background.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something personally promising might unexpectedly pop up today and if you hope to capitalize on it properly, you can't afford to dilly-dally. Strike while the iron is hot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A situation about which you've been concerned because you can't handle it personally should work out rather well, even with someone else calling the shots.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If your instincts urge you to get in touch with a certain person today, don't ignore them. Something exciting could be in the wind of which you'll want to take advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today if you have to make an important presentation, be sure to establish all of the basics first. After you've laid a strong foundation, make your big pitch.

State to have first Hispanic or Republican attorney general

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — State Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson apparently just missed winning the Republican nomination for attorney general outright and will face Rep. Pat Hill of Dallas in a runoff, according to complete but unofficial returns released Wednesday by the secretary of state's office.

Democrats nominated state Rep. Dan Morales of San Antonio in Tuesday's primary election, so Texans in November will elect their first Hispanic attorney general or the state's first Republican to hold the post this century.

In the four-way GOP primary, Brown had 49.98 percent, missing the majority needed to avoid a runoff April 10, said Mark

Toohy, spokesman for Secretary of State George Bayoud.

Ms. Hill, trying to become the first woman attorney general, had 27.8 percent. Following were Dallas lawyer Tex Lezar, 15.2 percent; and Houston lawyer Bobby Steelhammer, 7 percent.

"He (Brown) fell 142 votes shy of avoiding a runoff," Toohy said, noting that returns will not be official until parties canvass the results next week.

The secretary of state's staff will contact all 254 counties to doublecheck the returns in the race, he said.

Morales got 54 percent in Tuesday's Democratic primary election. Houston lawyer John Odam had 46 percent.

"I have never and will not ask a single Texan to support me

based upon ethnicity or based upon my last name," said Morales, 33, adding that he ran strictly on his qualifications for the job.

"I think this vote is the result of an objective evaluation and analysis of our respective records. That is the way I have run this campaign. That is the way I will run the campaign in November," said Morales, a former San Antonio prosecutor and Harvard Law School graduate.

'They need to have confidence that the attorney general is going to be running that office as a law office and not as a political office.'

Texans are ready for new leadership in the attorney general's office, said Brown, 49, who won a court fight to get a spot on the GOP primary ballot.

"The office has become too political," Brown said. "They need to have confidence that the attorney general is going to be running that office as a law office and not as a political office."

"The people are wanting a change," he said. "I think that is going to be an advantage to the Republican candidate in November."

Since Reconstruction, all attorneys general have been Democrats, and state records indicate no Hispanic has ever held the post.

Brown won a place on the pri-



(AP Laserphotos)

Democratic candidate for attorney general Dan Morales, right, receives a congratulatory handshake from Jerry Trevino in Austin after Tuesday's primary elections.

mary ballot after a court battle involving a constitutional prohibition against midterm legislators seeking offices for which they have raised the compensation.

The Texas Supreme Court ruled that even though the attorney general's retirement pay was raised, that did not violate the state constitution.

Although the attorney general's office deals mostly with civil cases, crime-fighting was a strong theme in the race to succeed incumbent Attorney General Jim Mattox, who faces state Treasurer Ann Richards in a runoff for the

Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Brown said the attorney general should provide strong leadership and assistance to local law enforcement officials, while Hill, 44, said the office should put more emphasis on law-and-order issues.

Morales said that since the attorney general defended the state in a federal lawsuit over crowded prison conditions, it is reasonable for the state's top lawyer to deal with problems that helped lead to the lawsuit, such as parole statutes and prison capacity.

Jim Hightower

Farm Bureau fails to stop Jim Hightower

By JACK KEEVER
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Jim "Whole Hog" Hightower is the Democratic Party's nominee for a third term as state agriculture commissioner after handily overcoming the Texas Farm Bureau's "anybody but Hightower" campaign.

Hightower's Republican opponent in the November general election will be state Rep. Rick Perry of Haskell or consultant Richard McIver of Stafford, who will face off in an April 10 runoff for the GOP nomination.

Hightower, 46, on Tuesday won the Democratic nomination over what he called a "six-pack" of angry farmers.

Hightower had 64 percent of the primary election votes, with six challengers supported by the Farm Bureau far behind. Of that group of farmers, who claimed Hightower is unqualified and has ignored mainstream agriculture, none had more than 7 percent of the vote.

"They're out there talking trash against me — that somehow or other I'm a communist, that I'm not a farmer, that I ran off with Jane Fonda, that kind of silliness," Hightower said.

"And I've been out talking cash ... economic development, generating economic activity."

President S.M. True of the Farm Bureau, which claims 327,589 member-families, said the bureau considered the Democratic primary election a "victory."

"Our goal was to show the world there is opposition to Mr. Hightower. We'll take our 30 percent of the vote, add the Republican vote and beat him in November," said True, of Plainview.

Perry, 40, led in the race for agriculture commissioner among three Republican candidates with 47 percent, but was forced into a runoff against McIver, 60, who was second with 31 percent.

Gene Duke of Brownfield was third with 22 percent.

Incumbent Garry Mauro, 42, was unopposed in the Democratic primary for Texas land commissioner and advanced to the general election in November.

Among three GOP challengers for land commissioner, Wes Gilbreath, 61, a Houston businessman who lost in a runoff for the GOP U.S. Senate nomination in 1988, led with 47 percent.

But he also fell short of the 50 percent needed for victory and will face Flint teacher Grady Yarbrough.

Yarbrough, 53, who ran unsuccessfully for land commissioner in 1986, trailed with 34 percent. William John of Dallas was third with 19 percent.

The six farmers who opposed Hightower complained of his beefed-up regulation of pesticide use.

The Farm Bureau, also against Hightower's pesticide policies, put up enough money to cover the \$3,000 filing fee for each of Hightower's opponents, who included Neal Burnett of Plainview; Clyde Chandler of Rosebud; Dan Krenk of Rosenberg; Paul McDaniel of Weslaco; Dan Pustejovsky of Hillsboro; and John Smith of Quemado.

Hightower had considered challenging U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, but backed off, saying he wanted to keep pushing innovative economic development efforts that include alternative crops and direct marketing.

The policies of Hightower, one of the few white politicians to support Jesse Jackson's presidential bid in 1988, often irritated Republicans, who last year failed in the Legislature to abolish his job.

President Bush's son, George W. Bush, endorsed Perry, a former Democratic state representative, as the Republican to beat Hightower.

Republicans asked former Dallas Cowboys running back Walt Garrison to oppose Hightower.

The Farm Bureau urged Texas Ranger pitcher Nolan Ryan to run. Neither did.



J.E. 'Buster' Brown, center, chats with supporters in Houston after topping the field for the Republican nomination for attorney general, just barely missing winning the bid without a runoff.



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