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WEDNESDAY



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

**If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind? Percy Bysshe Shelley's observation seems to be embodied by this tree limb - dotted with the buds of spring leaves, yet encrusted with ice from last night's rainfall.**

## Storm brings welcome moisture

From Staff and Wire Reports

Foul weather was in store for most of Texas tonight and Thursday with freezing rain and snow possible in the Panhandle and South Plains and flash flooding possible across western portions of North Texas.

Some light snow and freezing rain developed in northern portions of the Panhandle late Tuesday evening, lasting through this morning.

Darrell Sehorn, KGRO/KOMX meteorologist, said, "We'll piddle around with this system through Thursday morning," with Thursday afternoon seeing some clearing up for the area.

"The weekend looks good again," he said, with warmer weather lasting through Sunday. "We'll bounce right back."

Sehorn said Pampa received 0.55 inch of moisture from the latest rain and snowfall, producing a total of 2.32 inches total for February.

The total moisture for the year to date is 2.93 inches, "very much above normal ... way over double," he said.

Normal moisture for February is 0.78 inch, with the normal for the year to date being 1.25 inches.

Sehorn said there might be a little more snow and rain through Thursday, but he didn't expect much more accumulation or additional moisture.

Tuesday's high was 40, which was reached in the morning before the front started coming into the area around noon. The overnight low was 28.

Elsewhere in the state, it will be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. A winter weather advisory has been issued for the Panhandle and a flash flood watch is in effect across western portions of North Texas.

Lows tonight will be mostly in the 30s and 40s, ranging from the 20s in the Panhandle to the 50s and 60s in South Texas.

## Golf course named 'Hidden Hills'

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

City commissioners voted Tuesday night to name the new municipal golf course "Hidden Hills," a suggestion made by lifelong resident Randy Cross. The golf course is scheduled to open in May.

Commissioners selected the name from a list of 335 submissions, none of which were listed beside the person who turned them in.

After the name was chosen, commissioners were told it was Cross, who said he is an avid golfer and one of the volunteers who helped construct the clubhouse.

"I would like to thank the citizens of Pampa for getting me out of a real jam for my use of the word 'pizzazz,'" said Commissioner Gary Sutherland, who, during the last meeting, said names submitted by the golf course advisory board lacked "pizzazz." "Having 335 people participate in this got me off the hook."

"And the names had 'pizzazz,' too," added Mayor Richard Peet, drawing laughs from a capacity crowd in commission chambers.

Cross said he thought of the name the first

time he went to the course site.

"When I first drove out there, looking at that country, I thought, 'It's really gorgeous.'"

Commissioners withheld announcement of the name until Cross could be reached by phone, so he could be on hand at the announcement.

In other business, commissioners agreed that the Public Utilities Commission is not representing the best interest of Texans in the current Southwestern Bell rate case and decided to join a group of intervening cities who are disputing the way the issue is being resolved.

David Hutto was reappointed to the city Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and new members Jay Holmes and W.A. Morgan were appointed for two-year terms.

Commissioners agreed to the sale of tax property at 530 N. Perry for \$2,000, a resolution asking the Environmental Protection Agency to relax solid waste disposal standards on a regional per-need basis and formalized a long-standing verbal agreement between the city and M.K. Brown Trust Fund regarding the city's civic center.

Clotilde Thompson, widow of former mayor and civic leader Fred Thompson, was presented

two plaques commemorating her husband's contribution to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the general issue of clean drinking water for the city.

Previously, commissioners agreed to name the city's water treatment plant in honor of Thompson.

An agreement for counseling assistance for city employees was also formalized with the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority.

Bids for seal-coating city streets and purchase of three city vehicles were also accepted. City officials agreed to spend \$127,715 on seal coating the northwest portion of the city and awarded the bid to Lewis Construction Co. City Manager Glen Hackler commended Public Works Director Nathan Hopson for saving the city a considerable amount of money by suggesting bids be let out late in the winter rather than waiting until spring when many cities were also bidding and low bids tended to be higher.

Marcum Chrysler Dodge and Culberson Stowers were both awarded bids for city vehicles. The total for all three, including a pick-up, trash truck and 8,500 pound cab and chassis, was \$51,306.

## School district issues apology on self-esteem tests

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Officials from the Pampa public school district are apologizing to parents for "dropping the ball" on a recent self-esteem test administered to elementary school children without their parents' consent.

Dr. Harry Griffith, superintendent of schools, said that while the district meant no harm, it clearly went against a majority of parents' wishes on the issue.

"If we had handled this better, it (administering the tests) might be OK, but we didn't," Griffith said. "We're sending out a letter to apologize. We were wrong."

Griffith said that parents were correct in insisting that school efforts be focused on higher academic achievement, rather than students feeling good about themselves just for the sake of feeling good.

However, he said the company that designed the test, Psychological Corp., is a part of Harcourt Brace

Janovich, a well respected textbook publisher, and that many school districts had used the test without problems.

"They have designed a lot of tests we use, including the Metropolitan Achievement Test (which has nothing to do with self-esteem)," Griffith said, indicating he and other administrators had no way of knowing the amount of objection local parents would raise.

"We were not notified of the test," said parent Cathy Kenner. "We object to the test itself and the way it was administered. In my opinion, the questions (asked of students) were not questions, were very negative and were formed to bring a negative response."

One of the questions stated, "I hate mathematics." In order for students to convey that they like math, they would have had to have checked the "false" blank.

Numerous parents complained that asking elementary school children to understand that such a dou-

ble negative would derive a positive response was too far a reach for their level of logic.

Other questions asked students if their parents liked them, if they liked their parents or if they considered themselves dumb.

Kenner said parents should be able to openly discuss such important areas with their children.

"On the cover of the (test) questionnaire it stated three times not to discuss your answers with anyone," Kenner complained. "If it meant not to discuss it with your classmates, it should have said 'classmates.'"

Officials around the district said they have been bombarded with calls and visits from parents upset their children would not tell them what was on the test.

Griffith said meetings with parents are scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at Austin and Travis elementaries - the two schools which he said had the most upset parents - to iron out "misunderstandings and encourage them to come to the

school board meeting (Monday night)."

Griffith said administrators would conduct meetings at other schools as the need arose. He said principals and school board members would participate in dialogues with parents over the issue.

"The school board is very upset about it, too," Griffith said. "They are upset we did a poor job communicating with our parents. They seem firm in their convictions we did not mean any harm. We are all humbled. We are acknowledging we made mistakes. And, yes, we are all smart enough to learn from it."

John Curry, school board president, said, "The board is unanimous in its disappointment over communication. We have seen a long lack of communication by this school district and one of our aims was to open that up."

"Everyone should be involved in what is going on. This shocked us. See SCHOOL, Page 2

## Objections lead to cancellation of satellite news service at high school

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Objections by students and teachers at Pampa High School have led officials to back off from plans to install Channel One, a free satellite news service in each classroom at the campus.

Following a teachers meeting Tuesday, Principal Daniel Coward said, "We're not going to do it. Those who were opposed are clear on that."

"I would have preferred we have a healthy consensus say that we try it. I wasn't going to go with a vote and have a 40-45 majority."

Coward and Superintendent Dr. Harry Griffith said to take a vote rather than "build consensus" would "create factions and winners and

losers."

Several teachers complained that to not vote on the issue was undermining the democratic process.

Twenty-three high school teachers signed a list of concerns about Channel One that was turned over to administrators.

They included:  
• Do we as educators have a legal and moral right to require all students to be a captive audience to observe commercials? (The free service is paid for by commercial advertising aimed at a target audience of teen-agers.)

• Will the news be presented in a balanced and unbiased manner? And if the manner in which it is presented is questionable, will there be time to discuss it with students without cutting into class time?

• Will each teacher have the option to turn the program off or will the teacher have no choice?

• What happens if the programming changes? Are we liable if we refuse to show it?

• What if a parent or group of parents disagrees? What courses of action would be taken?

• Even though we are guaranteed certain products such as drugs, alcohol, etc., will not be used in advertising, will we be sending a message that these things are OK when the programming uses such (musical) groups as U2 and Bon Jovi (in its advertising)?

• Why have other states and organizations rejected the use of this program?

• Are we, as one critic suggests,

selling out our students for some television equipment?

Coward said students were also generally objecting to Channel One.

"They felt maybe a little compromised by the advertising issue and said that news is out there and they shouldn't be forced to watch it," Coward said.

Teachers at Pampa Middle School have previously agreed to have Channel One on their campus.

Both California and New York have banned Channel One from coming into their states because of concerns similar to those expressed by Pampa High School teachers.

Griffith said while he believes Channel One offers quality programming, he supports the high school's right to not want it on their campus.

## Shuttle Atlantis finally launched for secret mission

By HOWARD BENEDICT  
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Riding a 700-foot geyser of fire, shuttle Atlantis set the night ablaze in a dazzling sound-and-light show as it rocketed into orbit early Wednesday on a secret mission to put a spy satellite in orbit.

After five postponements, the 100-ton spacecraft thundered into a clear sky at 2:51 a.m. EST (1:51 CST) and darted out over the Atlantic Ocean.

Eight minutes and 40 seconds later, Mission Control Center in Houston reported Atlantis was in a secure orbit.

"The flight engineer reports the main engine cutoff was nominal," Mission Control reported as the spacecraft soared into orbit more than 100 miles high.

Once Atlantis reached orbit, NASA and the Pentagon placed a news blackout on the progress of the flight. Unless there was a major problem, only two announcements were planned, one about three hours after liftoff that orbital operations had begun and another 30 hours into the flight with the date and time of landing.

Atlantis and its crew of five military officers headed on a northeast course skirting the East Coast. Officials said earlier that if skies were clear, the fiery liftoff might be visible for hundreds of miles and that residents as far north as New Jersey might see the rising shuttle as a shooting star.

Only three of the previous 33 shuttle missions began in darkness.

The shuttle's course and launch time were determined by the need to place a photo-reconnaissance satellite into position to observe military bases and missile bases in northern regions

of the Soviet Union.

Because the mission is classified, NASA and the Pentagon blacked out the status of the countdown until the clock ticked down to nine minutes.

Two minutes into the flight, the two solid-fuel rockets burned out and fell away, Atlantis continuing its climb into space on the thrust of its three main liquid-fuel engines.

The sixth delay tied the record for launch postponements by two earlier shuttle missions.

The launch had been delayed five times by bad weather, a cold that felled Atlantis commander, Navy Capt. John O. Creighton, and a faulty computer that halted the count Sunday just 31 seconds before liftoff.

Despite a forecast of high winds, shuttle managers gave the go-ahead again Tuesday to proceed with the countdown and workers pumped 528,000 pounds of liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen into the shuttle's external fuel tank.

But the winds abated as the countdown advanced, and Atlantis safely cleared the pad on blastoff.

Observers as far north as Washington, D.C., reported seeing the brilliant light of Atlantis' rockets as the craft followed a route never before taken by a shuttle.

NASA administrator Dick Truly congratulated the launch team, noting, "it was a tough one to get off, but a great job."

No comment was heard from Atlantis' astronauts and launch director Bob Sieck said at a news conference, "the crew was pretty quiet and very patient."

Weather threatened a sixth delay of the secret military mission and the launch - first targeted for last Thursday - was in doubt until the final moments.

NASA halted the countdown for about two hours to wait for clouds and light rain to move

through. The countdown was restarted at nine minutes, paused briefly for a final weather check, then ticked smoothly on to lift off.

As the rocket ignited, light burst from the launch pad and leaped from cloud to cloud as far as the eye could see. Water surrounding the pad was gilded with light from the brilliant cascade of fire powering Atlantis.

The first two scheduled launches were halted by a sick astronaut and uncertain weather. The third and fourth were blocked by bad weather, the fifth by a failed computer.

Because of the payload's classified nature, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration kept secret the flightpath, but the shuttle's orbit brought the ship up roughly parallel to the East Coast, giving residents a rare, nighttime view of a spacebound shuttle.

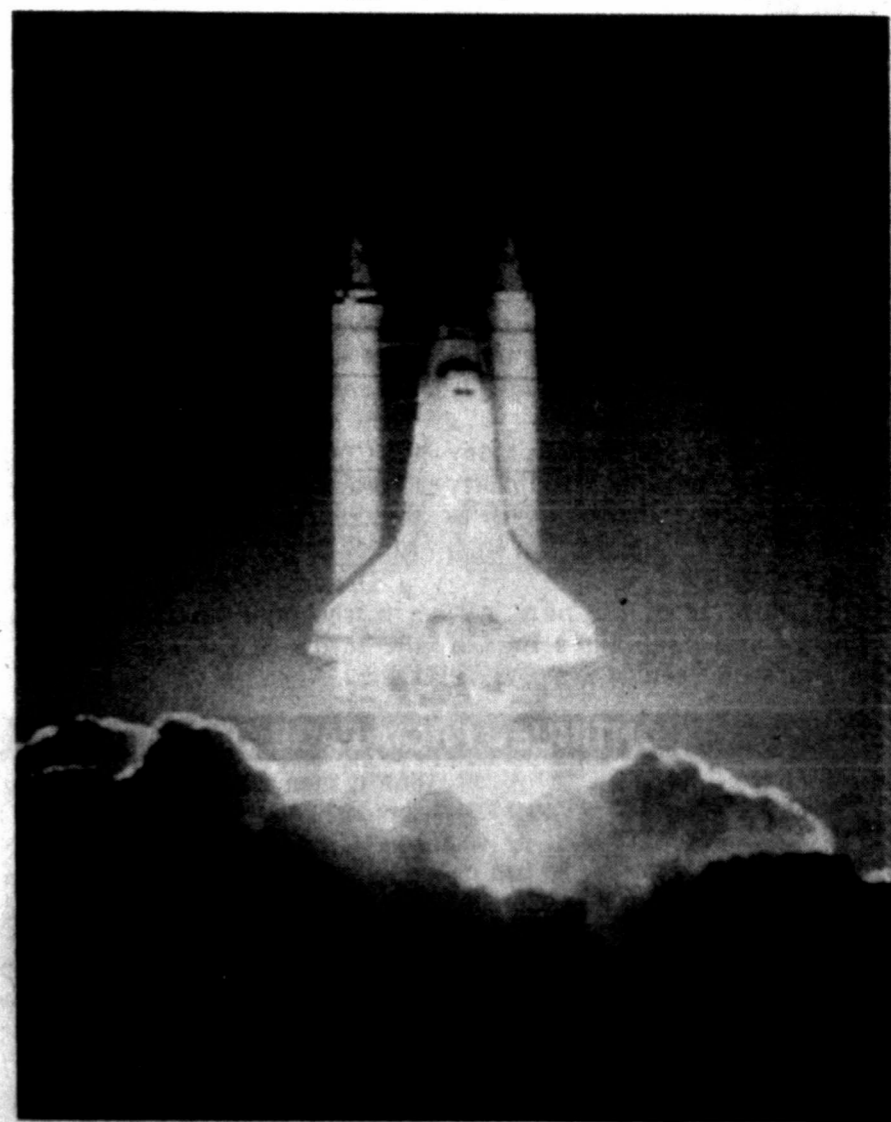
Theresa Yohn, news producer at WTLV-TV in Jacksonville, Fla., watched the shuttle pass overhead for about 25 seconds from a window at the station, some 150 miles north of the launch site.

"It weaved in and out of the clouds," said Yohn. "It was beautiful, very bright. It had a long tail. It looked like a bright falling star."

The light show was shorter at Tybee Island, Ga., east of Savannah.

"It was almost like another star, a white bright pinpoint of blue light that continued upwards," said Mike Albertson, assistant city editor of the Savannah Evening Press. "It only lasted about 7 to 10 seconds. But it beat the hell out of a fireworks show."

Atlantis, according to sources who spoke on condition of anonymity, is carrying a \$500 million satellite capable of taking high-resolution photographs and listening in on electronic communications from all over the world.



(AP Laserphoto)

Space Shuttle Atlantis climbs behind a cloud of steam as it lifts off Wednesday morning.

# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**RICHARDSON, Billy J.** - 2 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church.  
**BUMPERS, Merita Groves** - 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Shamrock.  
**RYAN, Timothy Vincent** - 11 a.m., St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Amarillo.

## Obituaries

**TIMOTHY VINCENT RYAN**  
**AMARILLO** - Timothy Vincent Ryan, 15-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Ryan, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1990. A prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel. Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

The teen-ager was born in St. Louis and had lived in Amarillo for 13 years. He attended Crockett Middle School and was a freshman at Amarillo High School. He was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

Survivors include his parents of the home; a sister, Sarah Therese Ryan of the home; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Vincent Ryan of Chicago and Paula Krzicnik of Wilmington, Ill.

The family requests memorials be made to the O'Brien House.

**MERITA GROVES BUMPERS**  
**SHAMROCK** - Merita Groves Bumpers, 75, Shamrock television personality, died Monday, Feb. 26, 1990. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Rogers, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Richerson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bumpers was born in Wylie and attended elementary school in Wellington. Her parents moved to Shamrock when she was a child, and she had lived there ever since. She married Clark Bumpers and they began farming in Shamrock in 1931. Mr. Bumpers purchased radio station KEBA, later KPYP, and the couple conducted a morning radio program until amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease, affected Mr. Bumper's vocal cords and he was unable to broadcast; he died in December 1958. Mrs. Bumpers sold the station in 1961. She was a former correspondent for the *Amarillo Globe-News*.

In 1965, Mrs. Bumpers began doing a news show, *Merita's Morning News*, on Channel 2 in Shamrock. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and served as secretary to the church board for many years. She was former president of the B&PW Club in Shamrock and former vice president of the Shamrock Ex-Students Reunion Club. She had been a member of the Industrial Committee of the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include a son, Roy Bumpers of Fort Worth; a brother, Ben Groves of Sherman; and two granddaughters.

**VERNON HENRY PAULSON**  
**Vernon Henry Paulson, 67, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1990. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Gene Allen, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.**

Mr. Paulson was a resident of Pampa since 1952. He married Mary M. Doan at Bonham in 1949. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army in Italy for three years. He received a Purple Heart Medal for his services. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Becky M. Brooks, in 1979, and by a brother, Fred Paulson in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Mary Kathleen Paulson of Enid, Okla., and Audrey L. Stone of Pampa; three sons, Ronnie L. Paulson of Las Vegas, Nev.; David S. Paulson of Pampa and Vernon Howard Paulson of Las Cruces, N.M.; two sisters, Lois Raber and Elda Henderson, both of South Dakota; two brothers, Paul Paulson of Louisiana and Jess Paulson of Texas; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions**  
 Ocie Lyles, Pampa  
 Michael M. Martin, Pampa  
 Amos Meader, Borger  
 H.R. Miller, Pampa  
 Wilburn Morris, Pampa  
 Bryan Waldrip, Pampa

**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions**  
 Joe Etter, McLean  
 Dismissals  
 Betty Stowe and baby boy, Shamrock  
 Loretta Simpson, Shamrock  
 Bill Lang, Shamrock

## Stocks

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

Wheat	3.45	Cobot	33	dn 1/8
Milo	3.45	Chevron	67 5/8	up 1/8
Com.	4.19	COG	15 1/2	NC
		Enron	53 3/8	NC
		Halliburton	44 7/8	up 1
		Ingersoll Rand	54 1/2	up 3/8
		KNE	23 3/8	NC
		Kerr McGee	49 1/2	up 1/2
		KO	70 1/8	up 1/4
		McDonald's	32	up 3/8
		Mopco	38 1/2	NC
		Mexus	11	up 1/8
		Mesa Ltd.	7	NC
		Mobil	61 7/8	up 3/8
		New Atmos	17 5/8	NC
		Pemco	65 3/4	up 1/4
		Phillips	25 1/2	NC
		SLB	47 3/4	up 3/4
		SPS	29 1/8	dn 1/8
		Tenneco	66 1/2	up 3/8
		Texas	59	up 1/8
		New York Gold	407.50	up 3/8
		Silver	5.09	up 3/8

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

Ky. Cent. Life	14 1/2
Seraco	6 1/4
Occidental	28 1/8

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

Magellan	56.90
Patriot	13.23

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

Amoco	54 3/4	up 1/8
Arco	113 3/4	up 1/2

## Police report

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

**TUESDAY, Feb. 27**  
 Freda Morris, 1801 Coffee, reported a theft at the residence.

The Food Emporium, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a forgery and shoplifting at the business.

Police reported a domestic assault in the 1000 block of Varon Drive.

**Arrests**  
**TUESDAY, Feb. 27**  
 Cecil Ray Collum, 22, 1938 N. Sumner, was arrested at 1233 N. Hobart on a charge of theft and three warrants.

Herdis Ray Jackson, 23, 1064 Varon Dr., was arrested at the residence on a charge of assault and warrants.

**WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28**  
 Ronnie Don Jenkins, 39, 312 N. Wells, was arrested at One Medical Plaza on a charge of public intoxication.

**Calendar of events**

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
 Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven. Marquita Miller, RN from Caprock Home Health Services of Amarillo, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

**HOSPICE OF PAMPA**  
 Hospice of Pampa is sponsoring a special program on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the chapel of the First Baptist Church. Steve Payton of Lubbock will present the program "Grief Confrontation of a Bereaved Spouse." The public is invited. For information, call 665-6677.

**Emergency numbers**

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Eargas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	665-8481
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881

## Democratic headquarters



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Democrats were busy Tuesday making plans at the Democratic Party Headquarters, 309 W. Foster. Standing from left are Conner Hicks, who is in charge of the headquarters; Wayne Roberts, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace; Lee Waters, candidate for 223rd District Judge; and Jim Greene, Precinct 2 County Commissioner. Seated from left are Elaine Cooper, candidate for county treasurer; Wanda Carter, county clerk; and Margie Prestidge, candidate for Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace. Prestidge and Roberts will vie for the justice of the peace seat in the March 13 primary with the winner facing Republican Nell Bailey in the Nov. 6 election. Waters has no competition, while Greene, Cooper and Carter all face Republican candidates in the Nov. 6 general election. The Democratic Party Headquarters is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. The phone number is 665-3528.

## Colorado man arrested on I-40 charged with possessing 50 pounds of marijuana

**SHAMROCK** - A 33-year-old Colorado man arrested Saturday following a routine traffic stop on Interstate 40 and charged with possessing more than 50 pounds of marijuana was released Tuesday afternoon after posting bail.

Francis Norman Kargol Jr., 33, of Arvada, Colo., was stopped by Department of Public Safety Trooper John Waight at 4:36 p.m. Saturday about five miles east of Shamrock on I-40, on charges of speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, equipment and lane violations, according to the DPS.

His bond on the charge of aggravated possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds was originally set at \$50,000, but reduced Tuesday afternoon to \$2,500 cash or a \$5,000 property bond, assistant district attorney John Mann said.

Waight said that when he stopped the Ford vehicle, traveling eastbound on the interstate, he smelled the odor of unburned marijuana coming from the vehicle.

He said the suspect appeared "nervous" when he was questioned about contraband and refused to give consent for a voluntary search.

Trooper Waight accompanied the vehicle driven by Kargol to the highway patrol office in

Shamrock and a search warrant was issued.

According to DPS records, the trooper found a suitcase and a hanging clothes bag in the trunk of the vehicle containing three bundles of marijuana, weighing 55 pounds.

The vehicle was reportedly traveling from Phoenix, Ariz., to Sarasota, Fla., DPS officials reported.

## Pampa chamber hires new manager, due to take over reins here in April

The Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce has chosen a new executive vice president, Jim Morris, president of the chamber, announced today.

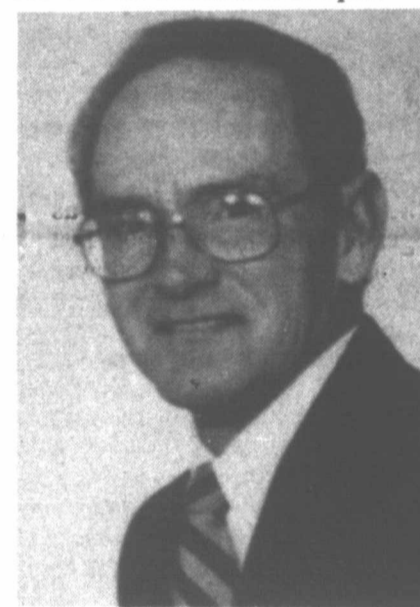
Delmar "Red" McNatt, 44, will take over the position effective April 15.

McNatt has been executive director of the Blackwell Industrial Authority in Blackwell, Okla., since 1981. He has experience in the operation, maintenance and development of industrial parks and is active in prospect solicitation and development. He has also worked closely with existing industries in his area.

Prior to entering the economic development field, McNatt was the manager of the McAlester, Okla., Chamber of Commerce. He has completed the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institutes for Organizational Management.

McNatt is a member of the American Economic Development Council, the Southern Industrial Development Council and the Oklahoma Industrial Development Council.

He and his wife Brenda plan to move to the Panhandle in April.



Delmar McNatt

## City briefs

**EASY'S CLUB** Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m. Drink specials nightly. Adv.

**ARCHIE'S ALUMINUM** Winterize Your Home Sale. Attic insulation, hand rails, storm windows, doors. 665-8766. Adv.

**CLUB BIARRITZ** now open for lunch. Monday thru Friday 11:30-1:30, best food in town. Adv.

**COMEDY NIGHT** Monday, March 5, 8:30 p.m. The Elroy Bondo's Comedy Juggling Revue and Steve Mingolla. Reservations A Must! Knight Lites, 618 W. Foster, 665-6480. Adv.

**110 N. Cuyler for Lease.** Formerly occupied by Las Pampas. Beautiful store-prime location. Call Ray or Kirk Duncan 665-0975. Adv.

**DR. FOCKE,** Thank you for being my Doctor and my friend. Love, Coby Fedric. Adv.

**TANNING SPECIAL** for early Summer tan. Shear Elegance, 400 N. Cuyler, 669-9579. Adv.

**TAX AND** Bookkeeping Service. Glenda Brownlee, 665-0310, or 274-2142. Adv.

**BEAUTY SHOP** for rent. Fully equipped. 665-2971, 669-9879. Adv.

**DANCE TO** the Music of George Roberson and The Double Edge Band straight from the Krystal Palace, Amarillo, Saturday March 3rd, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the Heritage Room, M.K. Brown, Pampa, Tx. \$5 per person at the door. Set ups available. Adv.

**BRASWELL DENTAL Clinic** 1700 Duncan for sale, bargain. 669-0400. Adv.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** 669-1007, P.O. Box 939 Adv.

**EARLY SPRING** Specials from \$1 a yard and up, through this week. Fabrics Galore, 905 S. McClellan, White Deer. Hours 10 to 5. Adv.

**THURSDAY LUNCH** Buffet 11:30-1:30, Coronado Inn, best in town. \$3.50. Adv.

**WILLIAMS APPLIANCE,** 421 S. Cuyler. Repo washer used 3 months, like new. Adv.

**3 MORE Days** added to Winter Clearance. 75% off all Winter merchandise. Bette's, 708 N. Hobart. Adv.

## Gray County commissioners to meet Thursday to discuss plans on new jail

Gray County Commissioners' Court meets in regular session beginning at 9:30 a.m. Thursday to continue discussions on architectural plans for the new county jail.

The group set the Thursday meeting as a target date to finalize the blueprints on the jail facility to be built at the county-owned Russell-Francis site.

Architects of the new jail, Maxey and Associates Inc. of Austin, are scheduled to attend the

Thursday meeting. In other business, the Commissioners' Court will consider a contract with the city of Lefors for law enforcement services.

At a meeting earlier this year, the Commissioners' Court agreed to provide a \$1,000 supplement to the city marshal's salary for the city of Lefors.

The city, however, cannot hire a marshal until the contract stating the terms of the agreement is signed.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Payment of salaries and bills.
- Consideration of transfers recommended by the county auditor.
- Discussion of a proposal to lease office space to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.
- Consideration of an agreement with Southwestern Public Service to install marker balls on power lines at Perry Lefors Field.

• Consideration of interlocal participation agreement with the Texas Association of Counties for law enforcement insurance.

• Consideration of appointments to the Airport Board.

• A presentation from a U.S. Forest Service representative.

• A report from an eight-member committee appointed to study office space in the County Annex Building.

• Consideration of a request from Tralee Crisis Center to donate rent for a May fund-raiser.

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## School

that we stumped our toe so bad on something we feel is so important, kids feeling good about themselves."

Curry also noted, "There is absolute commitment to move beyond this and on to the commitment we all have."

He said overcoming current problems would hinge on "if people have as much good will as I believe our school employees have. If they

don't, then who can do anything about it?"

"Unfortunately, we all tend to be very focused," Curry said, "so when we get upset, we focus all our efforts there. They (community members and parents) might not see how successful we've been in changing things and getting parents involved."

Griffith said the district is considering dropping all self-esteem issues from its Pampa 2000 long-range planning goals, depending on the desires of parents.

# Lawmakers gather for special session on troubled school finances

By PEGGY FIKAC  
and  
SUSAN HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press Writers

AUSTIN (AP) — Gloomy financial pronouncements and a prediction that a state income tax soon might be imposed greeted lawmakers who began a special session to deal with public school finance reform and judicial selection.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, at the Tuesday start of the session, said the state's financial situation is so tight that an income tax might be needed before the year ends.

"It's not going to happen this (30-day) session. I understand that. But I wouldn't be at all surprised if it didn't happen before this year is out," said Hobby, who emphasized that such a tax would be coupled with a reduction in property taxes and other levies.

Lawmakers were called back to Austin to deal with a Texas Supreme Court order that the school funding system is unconstitutional and a federal judge's ruling that some state judicial elections discriminate against minority voters.

The session opened just two weeks before the March 13 primaries.

"Either cut or tax. Nothing in between," said Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, head of the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee.

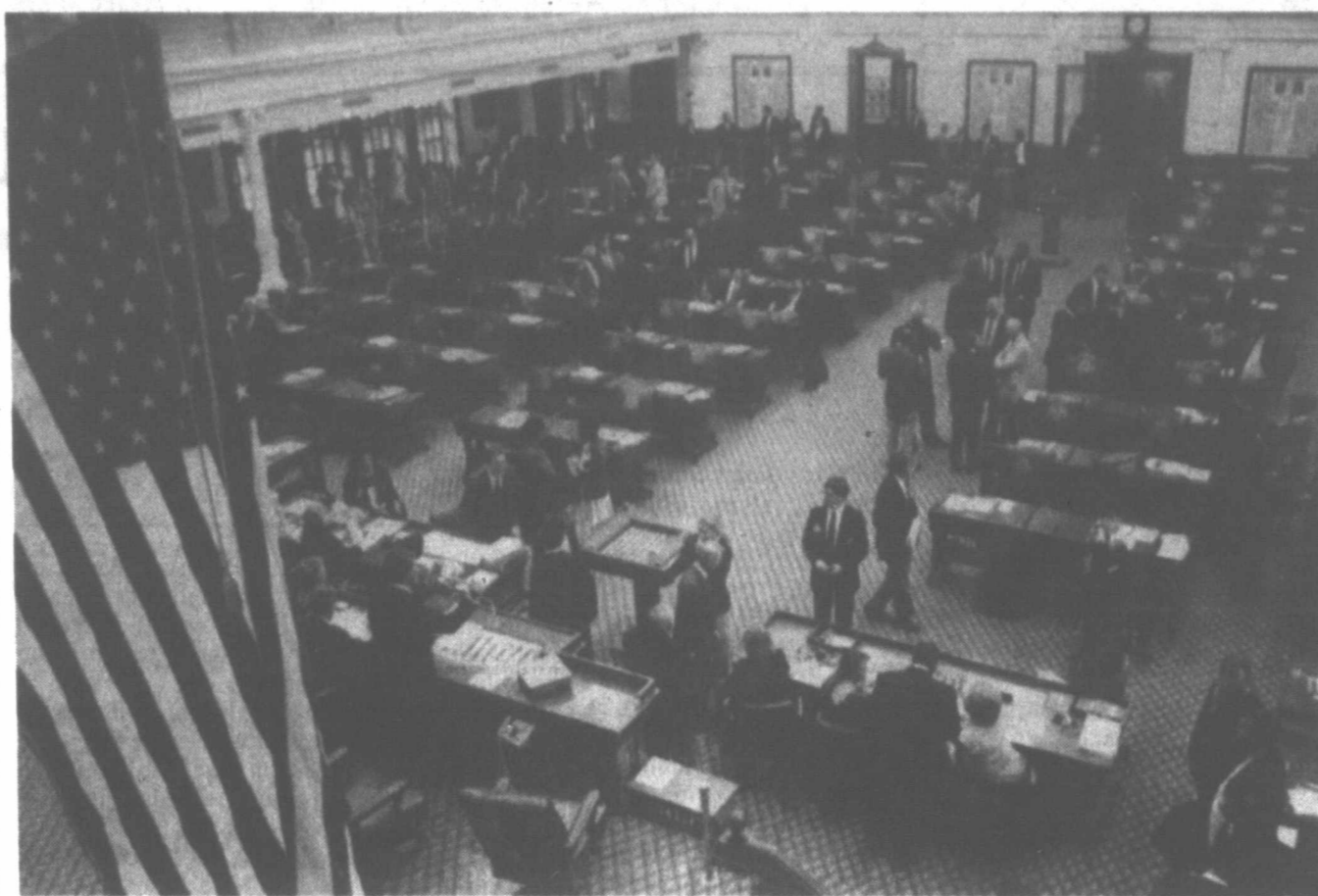
"We need a miracle. I'm going to pray a lot," Rudd added.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said lawmakers would have to consider a tax increase by 1991 at the latest.

"It's really a very dismal picture," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth, citing deficits in such agencies as the Texas Department of Health and an increasing demand for state services.

"I'd say eventually, if we don't pass a tax bill in this special session, it would certainly be something we will have to seriously consider in the regular session" in 1991, he said.

Gov. Bill Clements opposes any new taxes in the 30-



(AP Laserphoto)

Lawmakers gather Tuesday as House Speaker Gib Lewis opens the third special legislative session in Austin.

day special session.

Clements called the session after the Texas Supreme Court gave lawmakers a May 1 deadline for changing the school finance system and a federal judge ruled the countywide system of electing judges in nine urban counties is illegal.

Unless the governor's stand changes, lawmakers are unlikely to pass a tax increase this session, Lewis said. The speaker emphasized he isn't pushing new taxes at this point.

"I have not endorsed a tax bill and will not until its proven to me we have to have one," he said. Lewis said

among options expected to be discussed are expanding the sales tax to food and medicine, and creation of a state personal income tax.

Legislation is being written to follow a recommendation by the Governor's Task Force on Public Education that would include a \$234.6 million infusion of new funds next school year, Lewis said.

Although some educators have called that figure inadequate and want increases of up to \$1.1 billion in 1990-91, Lewis said he doesn't know where even the smaller figure would come from.

"You'll see us try to move money around, and play the old ... 'smoke and mirror theory,'" he said. But shifting money from other parts of the state budget would be "very painful," he said.

Comptroller Bob Bullock has said lawmakers must find new revenue sources if they want to put more money into schools. The state could shift about \$150 million from such long-term projects as Capitol restoration, he said.

The Supreme Court last year found glaring disparities between property-rich and poor school districts in the \$13.5 billion-a-year public education finance system, which relies on a combination state and federal aid and local property taxes.

Also last year, U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton declared the current method of electing state judges in nine urban counties violated the federal Voting Rights Act by watering down the effect of minority votes.

Bunton ordered special elections for 115 judges this year, but the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans halted that order to give state lawmakers a chance to act.

Representatives of black and Hispanic lawyers' groups Tuesday urged the Legislature to adopt election of state judges from single-member districts, although they were divided on whether candidates should run on a partisan basis.

"Single-member districts will ensure that blacks, Hispanics and other ethnic minority groups of Texas have an opportunity to elect district judges of their choice," said Austin municipal Judge Jim Coronado of the Mexican-American Bar Association.

## Economy grows at slow pace of 3% for 1989

By JOHN D. McCLAIN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew by 0.9 percent in the fourth quarter of 1989, faster than previously estimated but still the slowest pace in more than three years, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said its revised estimate of October-December growth means the gross national product — the nation's total output of goods and services — rose 3 percent for all of 1989.

That was the slowest yearly advance since a 2.7 percent gain in 1986 and followed a 4.4 percent increase in 1988.

The fourth-quarter gain was stronger than the initial report last month of 0.5 percent growth, but was still the lowest since a 0.8 percent advance in the third quarter of 1986.

A consensus of economists had indicated in advance of the new report that fourth-quarter growth would be lowered to 0.4 percent.

The improvement should ease fears the economy had entered a downturn at year's end, although there is considerable anxiety over the months ahead.

The department will make one more revision in the GNP — the broadest measure of the nation's economic health — after more solid information is available next month.

A recession usually is defined as two consecutive quarterly declines in the GNP. The last decline was a one-quarter drop of 1.8 percent in 1986, after which the economy resumed growth. The last recession occurred in 1981-82.

Since then, the economic expansion has continued for 87 months and in November broke the peacetime growth record. If it continues through October 1991, it will set a new overall record.

An inflation index tied to the GNP rose at an annual rate of 3.6 percent last year, the report said. That was revised downward from a 4.5 percent hike reported initially.

Some economists, including Chairman Michael Boskin of President Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, had attributed the sluggishness in the fourth quarter in part to the effects of the fourth coldest December on record, Hurricane Hugo and the San Francisco Bay-area earthquake.

Most of the upward revision was attributed to a better-than-anticipated trade performance. The December trade deficit was not available when the advance GNP estimate was made.

The new report said exports climbed at an annual rate of 8.6 percent in the fourth quarter, compared with the advance estimate of 4.9 percent. Imports grew by 2 percent in the revised report instead of 7.5 percent first reported.

## Pancake victory



(AP Laserphoto)

Carla Patterson, a 30-year-old Liberal homemaker and mother of two, center, runs a 415-year S-shaped pancake race course in 67.5 seconds in the annual Liberal, Kan., pancake race Tuesday. The time beat her competitors across the Atlantic in Olney, England by one half a second. This was the first victory for Liberal in seven years and ties the 41-year competition at 20-20-1.

## Exxon indicted on five counts for oil spill

By H. JOSEF HEBERT  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Exxon Corp. faces criminal charges and \$700 million or more in possible penalties for last year's tanker spill that left hundreds of miles of Alaska shoreline polluted with oil.

A federal grand jury in Alaska brought a five-count indictment against the giant oil company and its shipping subsidiary on Tuesday, charging it violated a number of federal laws in connection with the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

"The indictment ... represents our best shot at prosecuting this incident," Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said in announcing the indictment.

The massive spill occurred when the huge tanker veered off course in Prince William Sound and struck a reef on March 24, 1989, spilling 11 million gallons of crude. It was the worst oil catastrophe in U.S. history and caused widespread damage to wildlife and Alaska's ecology.

In New York, Exxon chairman Lawrence G. Rawl in a statement called the grounding "a tragic accident" for which Exxon and its shipping subsidiary "have apologized to the American people, especially the people of Alaska."

"Nobody willfully grounded the ship or caused the spill," said Rawl.

Exxon has spent more than \$2 billion in cleanup efforts, but environmentalists argue that the job is far from completed and the total damages to natural resources may not be known for years.

The indictment included three felony and two misdemeanor charges that could lead to a total \$1.6 million in criminal fines. In addition, the government said it would seek at least \$700 million — perhaps substantially more — in penalties under a separate law that allows recovery of twice the amount of proven losses.

Thornburgh said the eventual penalties against Exxon could be substantially higher, depending on the amount of losses determined at the time of a court verdict.

Rawl's statement said: "We will defend ourselves in court against these charges. We believe there is no statutory basis for the amount of the fines mentioned by the U.S. attorney general."

Thornburgh told a news conference the indictment was presented to the grand jury after a proposed plea deal fell through. He said the plea talks fell apart because of the unwillingness of Exxon to meet the government's terms; in addition, state officials objected to part of the proposed agreement.

The indictment charged that

Exxon employees aboard the tanker acted inappropriately and that the corporation "willfully and knowingly" allowed individuals who either lacked the required license or were "known to be physically or mentally incapable" to operate the vessel.

The charges stemmed from reports that Exxon officials were aware that Valdez captain Joseph Hazelwood had a history of drunken driving convictions in New York state, but was allowed to remain in command of the huge tanker.

Hazelwood is on trial in a state court in Alaska on charges including reckless endangerment, criminal mischief and operating a vessel while intoxicated. He has denied being drunk at the time of the accident.

The charges against Exxon under the indictment were:

- Violation of the Port and Waterways Safety Act, a felony.
- Violation of the Dangerous Cargo Act, also a felony.
- Violation of the Clean Water Act by illegally discharging pollutants into Prince William Sound, a misdemeanor.
- Unlawfully discharging refuse, the oil, also a misdemeanor.
- Violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, stemming from the deaths of more than 36,000 birds as a result of oil pollution, also a misdemeanor.

sign and information ministers. "Five years seems to have triggered something in people," said Mrs. Say, who said she sensed "a total commitment and a feeling that enough is enough."

"It seems everybody is realizing that these hostages are becoming a real obstacle ... that they are preventing a move forward between the United States and other countries, and that obstacle has to be removed so they can get on to other things," she said.

## Federal hearing resumes on jail overcrowding issue

By MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal hearing that could set a precedent in the stalemate between the state and county governments over crowded jails resumes today before U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice and James DeAnda.

The hearing, which began Tuesday, is expected to last several days with the justices delivering a written ruling within 30 days to settle the battle between the state and Harris County.

The Harris County Jail, designed to hold 4,700 inmates, is bulging with 6,700 prisoners, including 3,500 state inmates who are being refused entry to the Texas prison system because of Justice's mandate that the state prison population not exceed 95 percent of capacity.

DeAnda, who called the issue a "granddaddy of a case," last September ruled Harris County Jail conditions were unconstitutional and said both the state and county were responsible.

"If the state were to remove their prisoners out of Harris County Jail, we would be over 300 beds extra every night," said Harris County Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagen.

But Assistant Texas Attorney General Robert Ozer said the county could do more to alleviate overcrowded conditions on its own.

"They need to carry their fair share. And I just don't think they're doing what they need to be doing," Ozer told reporters outside the courtroom.

County officials, who contend the state prisoners are costing county taxpayers \$4 million a month, want the state to be ordered to immediately take all Harris County prisoners ready to serve state sentences.

Michael Keating, the court-appointed monitor in the case, testified the jail conditions continued to be unconstitutional and defended a ceiling on the number of inmates he

proposed nearly a year ago.

"Without some limits to those numbers, conditions cannot improve to within constitutional standards," Keating said. "The system cannot fix itself. The numbers continue to climb."

"I've seen caps imposed and they do indeed galvanize the system to do something about the numbers — not in the long-term but certainly in the short term. It's a difficult and enormous problem. The problem is there just isn't enough room."

A plan proposed by attorneys for the inmate plaintiffs would require a 100 percent cap on the county jail capacity and require the state to accept about 200 inmates from Harris County each week through June 1991.

A state plan would continue to move about 200 inmates a week from the county for the next six months and call for Harris County to fill 24 percent of any new beds added to the state prison system.

But Keating said he thought it would be more fruitful for the county and the state to work together because neither the county nor the state plans standing alone will work.

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## Hostage's sister says cooperation will free captives

LONDON (AP) — Ending a "humanitarian pilgrimage" to Europe and the Middle East, the sister of the longest-held Western hostage in Lebanon says she is optimistic the United States, Syria and Iran are cooperating with the aim of releasing the captives.

Peggy Say, sister of Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was to meet today with Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie to complete her 2 1/2-week journey.

Runcie's personal envoy, Terry Waite, also is among the Western hostages, who are believed held by pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem extremists.

For the first time since her brother was kidnapped in Moslem west Beirut on March 16, 1985, Mrs. Say says she believes the three key nations are cooperating in trying to free the 18 Westerners held in Lebanon.

"It had to be a cooperative effort and I feel that it is, given that nothing happens to interfere with it,"

she said in an interview Tuesday night. "We've got all the components here. Given that everything stays on track, I feel it will end, as other people say to me, sooner rather than later."

Mrs. Say's pilgrimage with an Associated Press delegation coincided with the fifth anniversary of her brother's abduction. It included meetings with Pope John Paul II, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat and Syria's for-

# Viewpoints



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## Opinion

### Mandela's choice: freedom — or not

People across the world cheered the release of Nelson Mandela in South Africa. His first breath of free air after 27 years in prison marks the beginning of a new era in the country. The ruling whites realize they must share power with the majority blacks. The hard part is finding a peaceful, long-lasting way to do so.

Mandela himself seems of two minds. On release, he said, "Comrades and fellow South Africans, I greet you all in the name of peace, democracy and freedom for all." But a red communist flag draped the podium on which he spoke. If the world, including Mandela, has learned anything in the past six months from the events in Eastern Europe and elsewhere, it is that "peace, democracy and freedom for all" cannot coexist with communism.

One thing both blacks and whites must realize is that the main thing South Africa needs now is to de-politicize the country. Apartheid, the loathed racist system that separates blacks from whites, is a political system imposed by the government. In dismantling this political structure, South Africans should not in its place erect structures equally as oppressive.

South Africa is often identified as part of the "capitalist" West; and indeed some free-market freedoms exist. But apartheid itself is of the same species of oppression as the socialist systems now being dismantled across Eastern Europe.

Economist Walter Williams writes in his new book, *South Africa's War Against Capitalism*, "Apartheid is the result of anticapitalistic or socialistic efforts to subvert the operation of market (capitalist) forces. Indeed it is the free play of market forces — with no intervention by political forces — that has always been seen as the enemy of white privilege and that apartheid ideology has always sought to defeat."

"South Africa's history is riddled with white contempt for market forces, from the highest levels of government on down." Dr. Williams quotes Daniel F. Malan, a leader of the African National Party in the 1930s and 1940s, when apartheid was first imposed; Malan asserted that "the capitalist system" is "doomed."

Even though the African National Congress, which Mandela leads, supports the imposition of socialism on South Africa, it is not yet clear what direction Mandela might follow. In 1964, for example, he said, "The ANC's Freedom Charter is by no means a blueprint for a socialist state." And journalist Frances Kendall reports that Johannesburg businessman Richard Maponya dined with Mandela in January; Maponya says Mandela was "definitely inclined toward a free enterprise system ... [and] concerned as to whether black people were getting themselves geared up to take up opportunities as they arose."

Africa had a long tradition of free enterprise both before and after the white man came. Anti-capitalism, either as apartheid or, in starved and war-ravished Ethiopia, as Leninism, is an alien ideology. Whites and blacks can live in peace if they first exorcise themselves of that vile inciter of envy and war, socialism.

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## A little prudence would be wise

WASHINGTON — A suggestion is in order: Let us draw a long breath. Over the weekend at the middle of this month, not a single communist regime toppled to the forces of freedom. No poets ascended to high office; no famous political prisoners went free; no pacts were signed. Considering what has gone before, it was a most unremarkable weekend.

This correspondent lately has been traveling back and forth across the nation, talking with all kinds of people — cab drivers, hotel clerks, bartenders, fellow passengers in airport lounges, a group of students in Abilene, Texas. The conversations always drifted to foreign affairs, and everywhere the head-shaking reaction was the same. Incredulity. Disbelief. Hope. Skepticism. Too much has happened too swiftly for it all to be absorbed.

Not even a year has passed since the communist government of Poland signed an agreement to legalize Solidarity. That was on April 7. In June the Solidarity movement, led by Lech Walesa, captured 260 of the 261 seats the union was able to contest. In September a new coalition Cabinet took over, with only four posts assigned to the communists. A year ago, who would have predicted such an ignominious rout?

Who would have predicted events in Hungary? In May of last year the barriers between Hungary and Austria collapsed. In September a multiparty political system came into being. In October Hungary proclaimed itself a free republic.

Events in East Germany have boggled the mind. In September the first trickle of the flood of emigrants began. Thousands of East Germans, voting with their feet, began to stream through Czechoslovakia and Hungary into freedom of the West. The



James J. Kilpatrick

hated Erich Honecker vanished; Egon Krenz came on, to last three weeks as prime minister. The Berlin Wall came tumbling down. Suddenly the reunification of the two Germanys becomes not a possibility but an inevitability.

So it has gone, in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, even Romania. In the Soviet Union, we see the promulgation of a new constitution that reads as if James Madison had written the draft: freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion. The Communist Party abandons its monopoly on political power.

All this has confounded the professional Sovietologists, who have been left gasping in the wake of Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms. We have in prospect, within this calendar year, dramatic agreements on the reduction of both conventional and nuclear arms. If Gorbachev and George Bush were to initial a pact of mutual friendship and non-aggression between the Soviet Union and the United States, no one now would be taken by surprise.

In his brilliant preface to the president's budget message for 1991, budget director Richard Darman compared the events of 1989 to England's Glorious Revolution of 1688 and to the French Revolution of 1789. The comparison is fair. After those tumultuous years, nothing in Europe could be quite the same again. So it is today. The ineradicable genie of human freedom has escaped from the communist bottle. It cannot be recaptured.

The overarching question before the house is this: How should the United States react? That great conservative, Edmund Burke, is authority for the proposition that "for the statesman, prudence is the primary virtue." True enough — and surely prudence should advise us not to plunge into massive disarmament.

In my travels, I have found uneasiness on a par with optimism. People do not know what to make of Gorbachev. Experience teaches us that when something is "too good to be true," that generally is the fact.

Yet prudence is not the only virtue of statecraft. This is an hour, or so it seems to me, when Congress and the White House should react positively. I am not talking of "bailing out" Hungary or East Germany, as if they were bankrupt American thrifts, but surely this is a moment in which every avenue of commerce and diplomacy should be put to effective use. Opportunities are at hand, in Dale Carnegie's hackneyed phrase, to win friends and to influence people.

On Capitol Hill, the euphoric talk increases of a "peace dividend," to be declared with an end to the Cold War. The 1991 budget calls for \$292 billion in defense spending. This can be cut; it cannot prudently be cut much.

Let us first be as certain as certain can be that the probabilities of major conflict have needed diminished to something approaching zero. Meanwhile, the long breath. The collective West hasn't drawn a long breath in 45 years. Let us draw one now.

### Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 1990. There are 306 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Feb. 28, 1854, some 50 opponents of slavery met at a schoolhouse in Ripon, Wis., to call for a new political group. The organization would later become known as the Republican Party.

On this date:

In 1827, the first U.S. railroad chartered to carry passengers and freight, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, was incorporated.

In 1844, Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several other people were killed when a 12-inch gun aboard the U.S.S. Princeton exploded.

In 1849, the ship California arrived at San Francisco, carrying the first of the gold-seekers.

In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized.

In 1974, the United States and Egypt re-established diplomatic relations after a seven-year break.



## Mr. Rogers had 'a nutty idea'

Randall Rogers of Pea Ridge, Ark., had "A Nutty Idea."

Trimming tall trees one man, one saw, one branch at a time was tedious, time consuming and expensive. For power companies and pipeline companies especially.

Alongside high lines there is a continuing need to crop overhanging branches. Sometimes in horrendously rough terrain, just getting up those hill-sides with power saws was difficult. And then, once up there, you still had to climb the trees and lop the limbs.

Until Randall Rogers of Pea Ridge got his "nutty idea."

Why not rig a power saw, like a hedge trimmer, a saw maybe 10 feet long with sliding teeth like a giant hedge trimmer. And lower this thing on a cable from a helicopter.

Then you could just fly by the tall trees in whatever terrain and lower the saw and trim the sides of the trees as you'd trim the sides of a hedge.

It was indeed "a nutty idea." But Rogers went to work on it. That was seven years ago.



Paul Harvey

What do you know? It worked.

Rogers formed a company called Aerial Solutions and demonstrated that his saw could, indeed, be lowered from a helicopter and be used to trim trees much more cost efficiently than any other available means.

A Louisiana company bought his patent, and in the years since Aerial Solutions Inc. relocated in New Roads, La., it has leased 10 of the giant saws to utilities.

Under any conditions, the aerial saw does the job faster, easier and better than ground crews, but especially in mountains.

Design News magazine has presented Randall Rogers' "nutty idea" its esteem award for "Design Excellence."

The flying saw works! The improved saw is 20 feet long, contains 10 24-inch rotary blades.

One of the 20-foot saws has been tried with an additional 10-foot extension.

Helicopter pilots have to be carefully trained to maneuver this enormous swinging device, yet Rogers early on imagined that his aerial saws eventually might be as long as 50 feet.

Currently, the optimum size is a 20-foot saw, powered by a gasoline engine, dangling by cable 90 feet below a helicopter.

And though it still seems "a nutty idea" it's performed flawlessly for hundreds of paying customers for thousands of hours. And the company continues to make additional saws, two a year.

Randall Rogers of Pea Ridge probably does not know about the ultimate success of his "nutty idea."

When he was testing the first prototype, in July, 1983, the helicopter crashed and he was killed.

## Benzene bubbles out of gasoline tanks

By ROBERT WALTERS

The bottlers of Perrier mineral water obviously are disturbed about trace amounts of benzene in their product. The marketers of Exxon gasoline apparently have no such concern.

Perrier, as everybody presumably knows by now, recently voluntarily recalled all unsold stocks of its sparkling water in the United States and Canada after North Carolina health officials found relatively low levels of benzene in 13 bottles.

Although the contamination posed what a Food and Drug Administration spokesman described as only "a negligible risk," Perrier agreed to accept the return of 72 million bottles of its product at a potential cost to the company of \$40 million.

Exxon — along with most of the country's other leading oil companies — has a far more cavalier attitude toward the toxic and carcinogenic benzene in its gasoline, even though the petroleum industry has long been aware of the health hazards involved. Ingestion of benzene by drinking

bottled water obviously is far more serious than inhalation of the same compound through exposure to gasoline fumes — but unnecessary risks are involved in both instances.

In a document with limited distribution, Chevron provides this warning about the problems associated with benzene in its gasoline:

"Repeated or prolonged breathing of benzene vapors has been associated with the development of chromosomal damage in experimental animals and various blood diseases in humans ranging from aplastic anemia and leukemia (a form of cancer). All of these diseases can be fatal."

Dr. Samuel S. Epstein, a professor of occupational and environmental medicine at the University of Illinois, offers an even more disturbing analysis:

"It is the overwhelming consensus of the independent scientific community that there is no way of setting safe exposure levels or tolerances to any chemical agent such as benzene that can induce genetic damage or cancer."

"It is clear that gasoline — in all

phases of production, use and disposal — is a major source of environmental and occupational carcinogens and preventable cancers."

Although benzene is a natural component of crude oil, it can be removed during refining. Its expanded use in gasoline dates back to enactment of the Clean Air Act of 1970, the federal law that indirectly required oil companies to eliminate lead as a gasoline additive.

The principal purpose of lead was to reduce engine "knocking" by increasing octane levels. A variety of substitutes were available, including oxygenates known as MTBE and ETBE that raise octane ratings but do not pose a threat to human health.

But the oil companies instead selected aromatic hydrocarbons that could be produced at their own refineries, including toluene (which can cause mutations in living cells), xylene (which can damage the eyes, liver, kidneys and other organs of unborn children) and benzene.

Moreover, they launched an irrational "octane race" to sell more high-octane gasoline to consumers whose

vehicles are unlikely to benefit from it. Although those premium grades cost only about 5 cents per gallon more to produce than regular fuel, their price at the pump often is 15 to 20 cents per gallon higher.

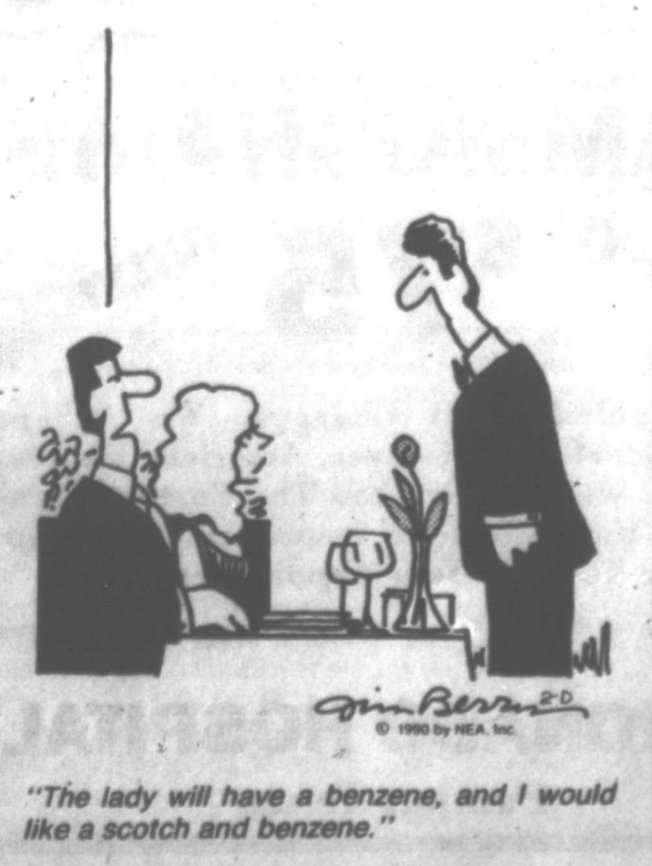
Motorists inhale benzene in two different ways — from the fumes that escape while refueling their vehicles (except in the few cities and states that require vapor recovery controls on gas pumps) and from exhaust emissions.

A recent report issued by Citizens Action, a national consumer group, ranked gasoline marketers based on their catalytic reforming and cracking capacity to produce aromatic hydrocarbons. Exxon headed the list of the "Toxic Ten," followed by Chevron, Amoco, Shell, Mobil and other major oil companies that are leading manufacturers of hydrocarbons.

Added that report: "Americans are dying and will die from cancers caused by exposure to benzene ... that can be removed from or substantially reduced in gasoline."

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# Philippines faces fancy legal footwork over Enrile's arrest

By ROBERT H. REID  
Associated Press Writer

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The arrest of opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile on charges of supporting the bloody December coup attempt was aimed at projecting an image of toughness in a government long criticized as weak.

But fancy legal footwork raises doubt about government motives.

Enrile, a former defense minister and one of President Corazon Aquino's most outspoken critics, was arrested Tuesday after he and six others were indicted for allegedly supporting the Dec. 1-9 failed coup, in which at least 113 people were killed and more than 600 wounded.

The 66-year-old senator was the most prominent figure arrested in any of the six armed attempts to oust Mrs. Aquino since she took power in the February 1986 "people power" uprising against Ferdinand Marcos.

After previous coup attempts, the government was criticized for weak-

ness because of lenient treatment of mutineers. Although dozens of officers have been convicted in coup attempts, most enlisted participants are simply reassigned to different units.

In a radio interview today, presidential Press Secretary Tomas Gomez acknowledged that the government felt under pressure to take decisive action in order to restore confidence among foreign investors.

## An AP analysis

In moving against Enrile, the government stretched existing statutes to charge him with as serious an offense as possible. Enrile was charged with "rebellion with murder." Under the charge, which carries a life sentence, no bail is allowed.

According to documents released so far, the government's case is based on statements by witnesses who claimed they saw Enrile with mutineers the first two days of the

coup attempt. Prosecutors claim that proves Enrile supported the mutiny.

Legal sources not involved in the case say Enrile should have been charged only with "rebellion," a lesser offense that carries six to 12 years imprisonment and allows bail.

The sources cite a 1956 Supreme Court decision that ruled offenses such as murder committed in connection with an uprising should be lumped together as rebellion.

Gomez said the government would ask the court to reconsider that decision and approve charges of rebellion with murder in the Enrile case.

During martial law, Marcos overturned the 1956 court decision and authorized lumping rebellion and murder. But Mrs. Aquino canceled Marcos' decree in June 1987 as "repressive."

The government's handling of the filing of charges showed the political sensitivity of the case. Justice officials leaked word of the charges on Monday, then announced they would be filed in a regional court in suburban Makati.



(AP Laserphoto)

Supporters mob opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile Wednesday as he leaves the National Bureau of Investigation building, where he spent the night before his transfer to a detention cell in suburban Quezon.

Enrile's lawyers and reporters rushed there early Tuesday, but government prosecutors said they were waiting "for some documents" before filing the complaint. But the only charge filed against Enrile in Makati was harboring a fugitive, a relatively minor offense.



(AP Laserphoto)

Cardinal Manuel Obando y Bravo embraces newly elected Nicaraguan leader Victoria De Chamorro as she attends Mass at a church in Managua Tuesday.

## Mardi Gras partying is over

By ALBERTO S. FRANCO  
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The licentiousness of Mardi Gras gave way to the austerity of Lent today as cleanup crews took back the streets from the partyers to scoop up the litter that will tell how successful the blowout was.

"The crowd's been unusually heavy, but it's been very peaceful," said police Capt. George Bourgeois of the French Quarter, where officers on horseback swept revelers off the street as midnight turned Fat Tuesday into Ash Wednesday.

The end of the party marked the first of 40 days of fasting and penitence with which many Christians mark Lent.

Once streets are clear, street cleaning trucks scoop up the vast amounts of litter left after a day of partying and parades. The trash tonnage — one of the measures of Mardi Gras' success — won't be known for a couple of days.

However, Capt. Paul Titus said after a helicopter flight over the city that more than 1 million people were on the streets, as in most previous years.

An additional 600,000 to 700,000 enjoyed Tuesday's balmy weather in suburban Metairie, with thousands more in other suburbs and cities around southern Louisiana. Celebrations in heavily Roman Catholic Louisiana began Jan. 6 and went into high gear more than a week before Tuesday's climax, which included 15 parades in New Orleans and its suburbs.

The most tightly packed crowd probably was at Bourbon Street, as five women bared their breasts on different floors of one hotel. Every so often, one would disappear — apparently at the behest of hotel security — and reappear at another window to lift her shirt in exchange for beads thrown from the crowd below.

On the street, bodies became so tightly jammed that it was impossible to move for 15 minutes. "Can

you believe that?!" said a woman who squeezed into the Sho Bar Striptease club, buying a drink so she could stay.

Bourgeois said Tuesday's only injury was to a French Quarter officer whose knee was hurt when his horse slipped and fell on pavement slick from spilled booze.

Parades in New Orleans started with the club called Zulu, whose members — blacks in blackface and grass skirts — tossed painted coconuts and spears along with plastic beads and big aluminum Spanish-style doubloons. Next came the elegant procession of Rex, the king of Carnival, followed by 150 home-built floats.

# Sandinistas want to keep revolution alive

By DORALISA PILARTE  
Associated Press Writer

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Entering tense transition talks, President-elect Violeta Barrios de Chamorro called on the Contra rebels to immediately disband and the defeated Sandinistas promised never to allow their revolution to die.

Working sessions on transferring power were to begin today, but indications were that the process would be troubled as passions ran strong about what Nicaragua's future should hold.

The victorious opposition coalition favors a free market economy but the leftist Sandinistas insisted Tuesday that banks and industries stay in the hands of the state and land seized by the government remain in peasant hands.

"A change of government does not mean the end of the revolution," President Daniel Ortega told a cheering crowd of thousands after a meeting of Sandinista party leaders.

Despite being trounced at the polls Sunday by Mrs. Chamorro's loose coalition, the Sandinistas remain the country's largest and most cohesive political force. They control the military and police and have the allegiance of a large bureaucracy.

Late Tuesday, Mrs. Chamorro called on the Contras to lay down their arms. Rafael Solis, a high-ranking military commander, said earlier that the Sandinistas would not cede control of the police or Central America's largest army until the Contras disband.

The top Contra leader, Israel Galeano, said from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tuesday that the

rebels would not disband until after Mrs. Chamorro is inaugurated April 25 for a six-year term.

Officials in Honduras estimate 10,000 rebels and some 42,000 dependents are living in makeshift camps near the Nicaraguan border. President Rafael Leonardo Callejas of Honduras said Tuesday that they must leave as soon as possible.

Vice President-elect Virgilio Godoy early today accused election officials of delaying the vote count in the National Assembly races in order to fiddle with the results and deprive the opposition of the two-thirds majority required to make constitutional changes.

The last time election results were announced — Monday afternoon with 82 percent of the vote reported — the United National Opposition (UNO) had 55 percent of the vote, to the Sandinistas' 41 percent.

The pro-government newspaper *El Nuevo Diario* estimated that under the proportional system UNO would thus win 52 seats in the 90-seat legislature, short of the necessary two-thirds. It said the Sandinistas would have 38 and the Social Christians one.

Former President Jimmy Carter, a mediator between the two groups, said UNO was concerned because the Sandinista army is written into the constitution and the coalition would be several votes short of a majority needed to amend it.

Control of military and police forces is considered the most delicate issue in the negotiations. They are closely identified with the San-

dinista party, and the army is known as the Sandinista People's Army, not the Nicaraguan army.

UNO has promised to eliminate the draft and reduce the size of the armed forces.

But the fractious amalgam of 14 parties and an Indian organization, its members spanning the political spectrum from far right to far left, will need considerable muscle to stand up to the Sandinistas on such issues.

A Sandinista statement Tuesday said the Sandinistas, who have ruled alone since overthrowing President Anastasio Somoza in 1979, would "defend the integrity and professionalism of the army and the police forces."

The Sandinistas said they still have "the responsibility to watch over and guarantee the continuity of the revolutionary process."

In the statement, they said their party would oppose any change in its agrarian reform and nationalization of banks and demanded the jobs of all public workers be guaranteed.

Solis, the military commander, said "if UNO decides to privatize the banking system it could be an irresponsible act that starts a war."

Privatization is a fundamental part of UNO's economic program. It hopes to reduce the public sector and return inefficient state-owned industries to the private sector to halt four-digit inflation.

Carter, who held an initial meeting with representatives of both sides Tuesday night, said he was trying to help the parties define the issues and find a common ground.

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# Food

## Soup - one pot fixin's for a one bowl meal

NEW YORK (AP)—Cookbook author Lee Bailey, a member of the Champagne Perrier-Jouet Great Entertainers Council, says his recipe for Five-Bean Soup is for those "who like to have a real Tex-Mex

fix." There are plenty of spices in the soup. Serve with hot crusty bread.

**Lee Bailey's Five-Bean Soup**  
1/2 cup dried black beans  
1/2 cup dried red kidney beans



The pork industry is offering leaner cuts to meet today's demand for taste versatility and convenience. Chef's Prime, a boneless roast, is gaining popularity at the meat case.

### New lean pork roast consumer's choice

NEW YORK (AP) — Chef's Prime, a boneless pork roast, and America's Cut, a premium pork chop, are two new lean choices at the meat case.

Chef's Prime, introduced last year, is a small, 2- to 4-pound boneless rib-end pork roast. America's Cut, introduced 2 years ago, is a 11/2-inch-thick boneless center loin pork chop.

The following recipes for Italian Chef's Prime, Peppered Chef's Prime and America's Cut with Balsamic Vinegar are provided by the National Pork Producers Council in Des Moines.

#### Italian Chef's Prime

Two 2- to 4-pound boneless pork rib-end roasts  
3 tablespoons dill seed  
1 tablespoon fennel seed  
1/4 teaspoon oregano  
1 teaspoon lemon pepper  
1/4 teaspoon onion powder  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
Combine seasonings together and coat roast with mixture. Roast in a shallow pan at 325 degrees F for 45 minutes to 1 hour, until meat thermometer registers 155 to 160 degrees F. Let roast rest 5 to 10 minutes before carving. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per 3-ounce serving: 216 cal., 12 g fat, 24 g pro., 107 mg sodium, 67 mg chol.

#### Peppered Chef's Prime

One 2- to 4-pound boneless pork

#### rib-end roast

1-2 tablespoons garlic pepper  
1-2 teaspoons rosemary, crushed  
Coat roast with seasoning mixture of garlic pepper and rosemary. Roast in a shallow pan at 325 degrees F for 45 minutes to 1 1/2 hours, until meat thermometer registers 155 degrees F. Let roast rest 5 to 10 minutes before carving. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per 3-ounce serving: 212 cal., 11 g fat, 24 g pro., 39 mg sodium, 67 mg chol.

#### America's Cut with Balsamic Vinegar

Two 11/2-inch-thick boneless center pork loin chops  
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon pepper  
1 teaspoon vegetable oil  
2 tablespoons chicken broth  
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
2 teaspoons butter  
Pat chops dry. Coat with lemon pepper. Heat oil in heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add chops; brown on first side for 8 minutes; turn and cook 7 minutes more. Remove chops from pan and keep warm. Add broth and vinegar to skillet; cook, stirring until syrupy, about 1-2 minutes. Stir in butter, blend well. Spoon sauce over chops. Serve immediately. Makes 2 servings.

Nutrition information per 3-ounce serving: 244 cal., 14 g fat, 25 g pro., 780 mg sodium, 82 mg chol.

1/2 cup dried white (navy) beans  
1/2 cup dried black-eyed beans  
1/2 cup dried baby lima beans  
3/4 pound andouille (spicy New Orleans) sausage

1 medium smoked ham hock (about 10 ounces)  
4 cups water  
1 large carrot, unpeeled, broken into several pieces  
3 large ribs celery, broken into several pieces  
3 large sprigs parsley  
1 very large onion (about 3/4 pound), coarsely chopped  
1/4 cup olive oil  
2 large garlic cloves, finely chopped

1 large bay leaf  
2 1/2 teaspoons salt  
2 teaspoons paprika  
2 teaspoons ground cumin  
2 teaspoons chili powder  
1 teaspoon black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
2 cups chopped canned whole tomatoes in paste  
2 cups beef stock  
1 teaspoon red-wine vinegar

Place all beans except baby limas in a bowl and cover with water. Soak overnight. Soak limas separately. Cover sausage and ham hock with the 4 cups water and bring to a boil. Add carrot, celery and parsley. Turn back to just simmering and simmer for 1 hour, removing sausage after about 15 minutes. Set aside.

Saute chopped onion in olive oil until wilted and brown, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and set aside. Drain and degrease liquid in which sausage and ham hock were cooked. Reserve degreased liquid. Discard vegetables and remove any meat from hock. Chop coarsely. Discard skin and bones.

Drain mixed beans and place in a large pot. Measure degreased liquid and add enough water to make 4 cups. Pour over beans and bring to a boil. Add onion-garlic mixture and turn heat back to a simmer. Add spices. Simmer until almost tender, about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Add chopped tomatoes and beef stock to the pot. When simmering, add drained baby limas. Simmer until they are just cooked, about 30 minutes. Cut sausage into 1/4-inch rings. Add to soup along with ham and vinegar. Simmer another few minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

#### Potato-Cheese Calico Soup

1 pound potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced  
1 cup sliced onion  
2 1/2 cups chicken bouillon  
1/2 cup low-fat milk  
1 cup sliced mushrooms  
1/2 cup diced red bell pepper  
1/2 cup sliced green onions  
1 cup finely shredded Wisconsin Asiago cheese (4 ounces)  
Salt and pepper to taste  
2 tablespoons chopped parsley  
In a 3-quart saucepan, combine potatoes, onion and bouillon. Bring to a boil, cover and cook just until potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes. Pour into the container of an electric blender; blend until smooth. Return to saucepan. Mix in milk, mushrooms, bell pepper and onions. Bring to simmer over medium-low heat. Add cheese a few tablespoons

at a time, stirring to melt between additions. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle into bowls; sprinkle with parsley. Makes 4 to 6 servings. (Recipe from: Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board)

#### Curly Noodle Vegetable Soup

One 10 3/4-ounce can condensed chicken broth  
1 soup can water  
1/2 cup sliced carrot  
1/2 cup sliced celery  
1/4 cup rotelle or other macaroni  
1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley

In a 2-quart saucepan over high heat, heat chicken broth, water, carrot and celery to boiling. Add

rotelle or other macaroni. Reduce heat to low. Cover; simmer until macaroni is cooked tender, about 20 minutes. Ladle soup into bowls; top with parsley. Makes 3 servings. (Recipe from: Campbell Soup Co.)

#### Swiss Minestrone Soup

1 clove garlic, finely chopped  
2 medium onions, chopped  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 cup white beans, soaked overnight in 3 cups water, undrained  
3 carrots, peeled and sliced  
1 cup cabbage, shredded  
1 cup cauliflower, cut into florettes  
1/2 cup peas

2 1/2 cups marinara spaghetti sauce

1/2 cup macaroni or other pasta, uncooked  
Chopped parsley  
Grated Parmesan cheese

In a large saucepan, saute the garlic and onion in the oil until soft. Add beans, soaking water, vegetables and spaghetti sauce. Cover and simmer for 1 hour, or until vegetables are tender. Add macaroni and cook 10 minutes longer or until pasta is tender. Add extra water if soup is too thick. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and grated cheese. Serves 8. (Recipe from: Newman's Own Marinara Spaghetti Sauce)

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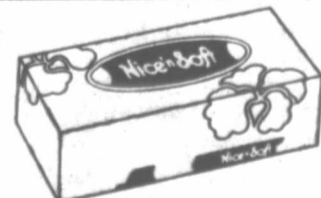
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# Lifestyles

## Disabled man named Goodwill Ambassador for home town

By JANET GOODE  
The Brazosport Facts

DANBURY, Texas (AP) — Robbie Mitchell struggles to speak the words he forms in his mind and feels in his heart.

Slowly, forcefully and loudly the syllables come out and take shape: "I'm proud," he says of being named Goodwill Ambassador by the City Council.

Mitchell, 27, was diagnosed at six months old as having cerebral palsy. He wears a blue T-shirt with his new title printed across the front and sits comfortably in an arm chair in his Danbury home where he has lived with his parents most of his life.

He is surrounded by electronic toys, a computer, a video cassette recorder, stereo equipment, pictures of family and friends, a photograph signed by country singer Steve Wariner and albums filled with baseball cards. Mitchell said he was surprised the council honored him with the title he will keep for a lifetime. He is not surprised, however, that they saw through his disability and into his true spirit.

"Robbie's spirit has been an example to everyone in the community," Mayor Ken Walters said at a recent City Council meeting.

Mitchell said he feels lucky to live in Danbury because he is more welcomed and can move about more freely than he could in a big city.

"I have lots of friends," he said. "And I go visit them. I want to be treated like everyone else and that's the way everyone treats me here."

Over the years, Mitchell's friends have surprised him with a ramp at the high school football stadium, and another one with his name and birthday on it at the food market.

Mitchell attended the Moody State School for cerebral palsy for about five years in Galveston, where he learned to use a typewriter with a head pointer.

"His mind and everything is just fine," his mother, Maggie, explains. But the part of his brain that controls his muscles is damaged. "He knows everything — he's sharper than I am."

Mitchell came back to Danbury after the Moody school and graduated with the 1984 high school class. He attended Danbury schools for 12 years and said he was afraid he would be bored once he graduated.

But Mitchell said he has found more than enough to keep him busy.

For one, he loves sports.

"I'll go to any ball game, that's my pastime," he said. He also has been to the beach with friends, has been to Las Vegas with his brother-in-law, programs his video cassette recorder, writes on his computer and listens to music.

He has two albums filled with baseball cards that he has tediously placed in small plastic slots.

He also insists on putting computer disks into the drives by himself and is emphatic that he uses his wheelchair only outside of the house. Inside, he gets around with the help of a walker.

And Mitchell is quite a talker.

A speech teacher told him once to Danbury ahead and talk because his friends would understand.

"He hasn't shut up since," his mother said.

"I know I'm hard to understand," Mitchell said. "But I don't mind. If they want to understand me, I'll make them."

He acknowledged that it is frustrating to have his mind trapped in a body that won't do what he tells it to do.

"But that's all I know," he said. "I'm happy. I love life."

"I'm not saying I don't get depressed because I do. I just get out and start talking to people. Or type on my computer and listen to music. I just take one day at a time."

Mitchell said people close to him are able to understand him.

He'll often eat dinner with friends and said some friends will even help feed him.

"They'll just reach over and give him a bite," his mother said.

"I would be like that if it was the other way around," Mitchell said. "When you have friends that will do what your family will do for you, you know you've got friends — and I have several," he said.

One of Mitchell's closest friends is Moby, a disc jockey for KLOL radio station in Houston. Moby,

whose wife originally is from Danbury, often talks to Mitchell over the phone or drops by for a visit. Mitchell said he has his phone programmed so he can call Moby by pushing a button.

Mitchell is the last of eight children. His father, Joe Mitchell, is a route salesman for Mrs. Baird's bakery.

"I have great parents," he said. "Everybody thinks their parents are great, but you've got to be like I am to really know," he said. "They've always stood by me."

"And we always will," his mother said. Mitchell is quick to point out that despite the fact he lives at home with his parents, he does pretty much what he wants to.

"Of course there are limits," his mother said. "I can't always take him places."

Mitchell said he dreams of going to Hawaii one day, but he doesn't think he would be able to maneuver too well in the sand.

"I don't know, I think you'd do just fine," Maggie Mitchell said.

Mitchell said the award by the council made him realize how much the little city has really come to be his home over the years. "This means so much to me," he said of the plaque on his wall. "Everyone in Danbury is just great and helped me in so many different ways."

## Community Concert membership drive



(Staff photo by Kayla Pursley)

Bobbie Combes, Community Concert membership chairman, left, visits the Hill family about renewing their family membership. Reading over the brochures about this season's performers are Wanetta Hill, Megan Hill, Nathanael Hill, Damian Hill and Richard Hill. Community Concert will host Glenn Yarbrough and the New Christy Minstrels, Bettine Clemen Ware and Richard Patterson, a flute and guitar duo, the Atlantic Brass Quintet, and Hector Olivera, an organist, for the '90-'91 season. Committee members are involved in a telephone campaign this week for membership renewals. Next week's campaign will concentrate on new memberships. Concert volunteers will be manning the Pampa Fine Arts Association office in the Community Building to take membership orders. For more information contact the PFAA office at 665-0343.

## Mom isn't happy to learn about gay daughter

DEAR ABBY: Last November, I lost my only daughter when a friend called from college to tell me that my daughter is a lesbian! I called my daughter to ask if it was true, and without a word of remorse, she said, "Yes, Mom."

Abby, here it is months later, and I still can't accept it. When she left for college, she was very much in love with her childhood sweetheart — at least I thought she was. They always said they'd get married after graduation. This college she went to changed all that.

Abby, please advise parents to check out the college their children want to go to. I learned too late that this college is nicknamed "Lesbian U" because so many girls become bonded to each other there. I understand that the college is aware of this but looks the other way.

Here's where you come in, Abby. The gays have rights — there are organizations everywhere for gays. What about parents? Don't we have rights? Or must we live our lives with broken hearts, longing for the grandchildren we will never have?

Since most of us must remain anonymous, your column could help us. Everyone reads Dear Abby. Maybe you could start a support group and unite us. Perhaps sharing our heartaches will help all of us.

MOM FOREVER SAD

DEAR SAD: Young women do not "become" lesbians as a result of "bonding" at college or elsewhere. The seeds of sexuality are planted much earlier — and there are multiple roots. You need to know much more than I can tell you in a letter, Mom.



Dear Abby  
Abigail Van Buren

There is a support group for parents in situations similar to your own, with chapters throughout the country. It's called Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PARENTS FLAG for short). Write to it, and

you will be sent literature that will be both helpful and comforting. You will also be told when and where the chapter nearest you meets.

The address is: Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Family Chapter and Support Office, P.O. Box 20308, Denver, Colo. 80220.

Enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (45 cents) envelope, and, because it is a non-profit organization, please enclose a dollar to cover the cost of the literature. If you do not have the dollar, write anyway, and the literature will be sent to you. This caring group of parents exists for the purpose of helping friends and parents of lesbians and gays who have heavy hearts and nu-

merous unanswered questions. Please remember that God made gays just as surely as he made "straights." They, too, are God's children and deserve to be understood and loved.

DEAR ABBY: Your advice about washing hands after going to the bathroom was all wrong. It's more important to scrub them BEFORE.

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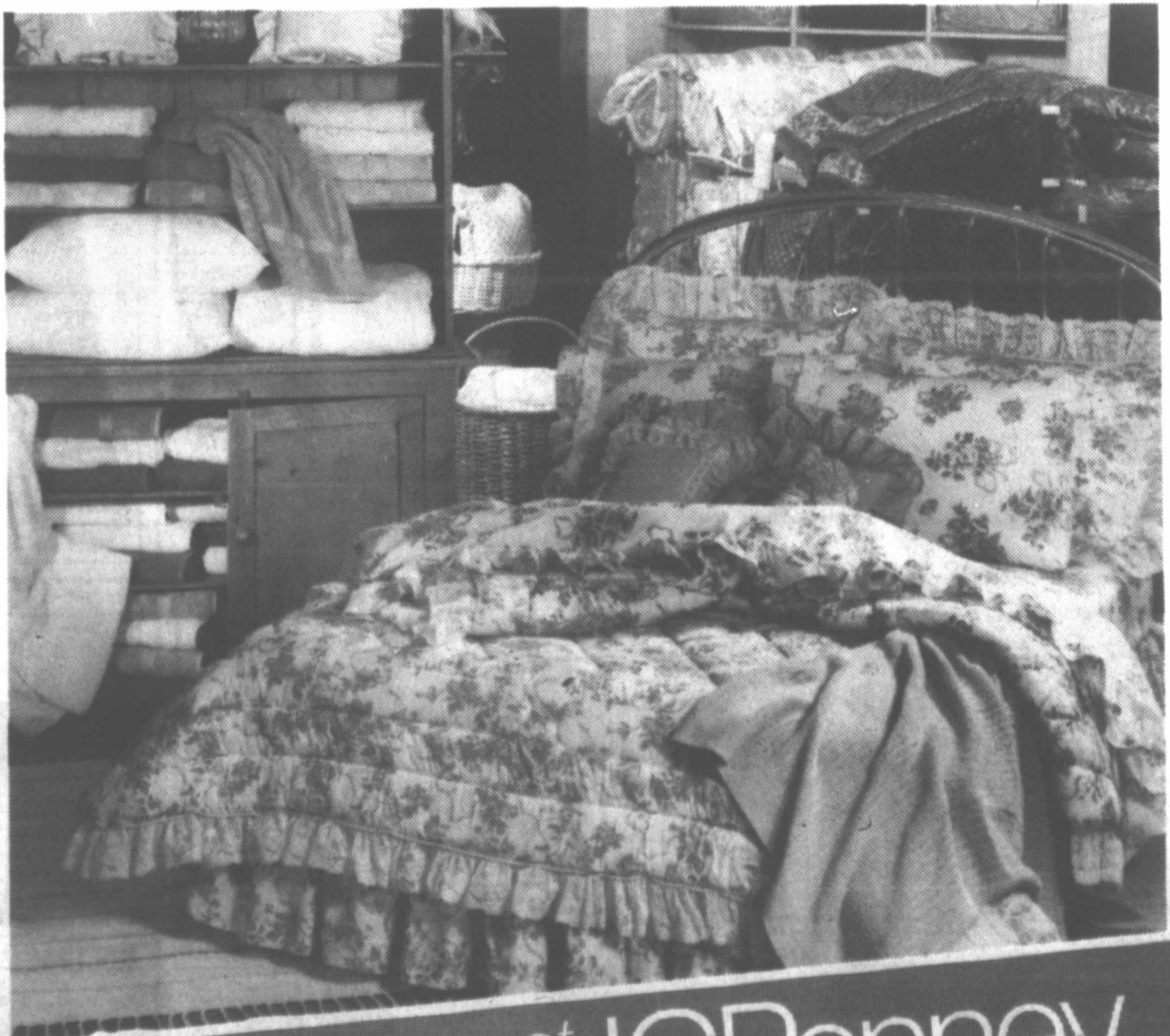
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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

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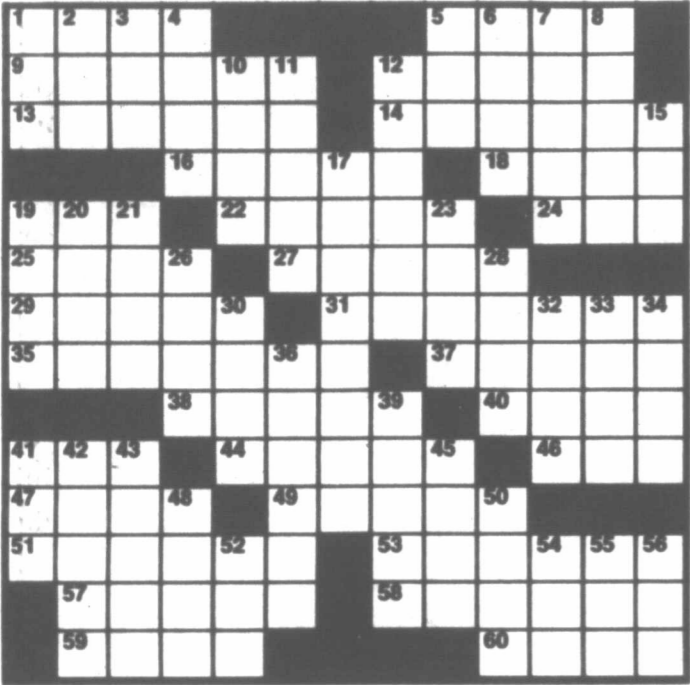
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- "Auld Lang"
  - Twist about shadows
  - Where Naples is
  - Discrimination
  - Rode bike
  - Group of musicians
  - Type of hawk
  - Over (poet.)
  - Seedless plants
  - The woman
  - Narrow aperture
  - Sight for travelers
  - Commonion
  - Carves
  - Star in Scorpio
  - Artist's cap
  - Illustration placed within

- DOWN**
- Over (pref.)
  - Entertainer — Sumac
  - TV network
  - Commentator
  - Pippen
  - Need
  - Fashion

Answer to Previous Puzzle

XYLOID	MELINA
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- designer**
- Perry
  - Contemporary painter
  - Andrew
  - Starting from (2 wds.)
  - Wheat type
- 12** Of sacred images
- 15** Actress Ruby
- 17** — sprouts
- 19** Safety agcy.
- 20** North Carolina college
- 21** Peace disturbance
- 23** Slight intentionally
- 26** Siamese language
- 28** Snow coaster
- 30** Wild buffalo
- 32** Instructor, for short
- 33** Actress — Garr
- 34** River in Hades
- 36** Property
- 39** Actress — O'Neal
- 41** Gravel ridge
- 42** Seaweeds
- 43** Pavilion
- 45** De — (old car)
- 48** Metal tube
- 50** Chase away
- 52** Family member (sl.)
- 54** Greek letter
- 55** Comparative suffix
- 56** Exist



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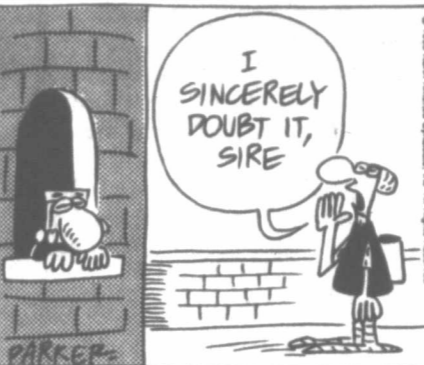
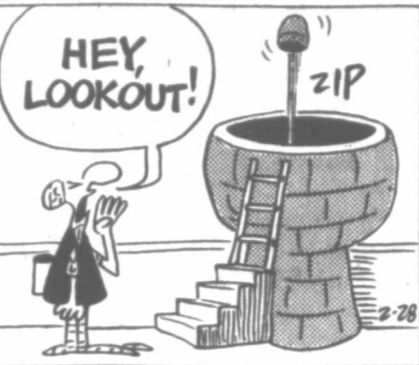
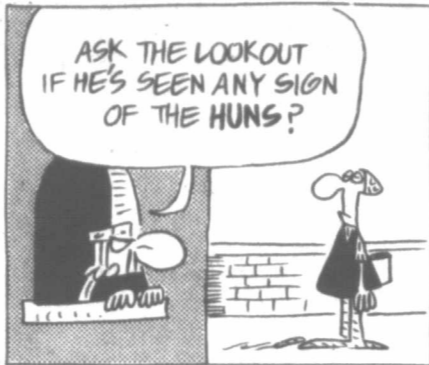
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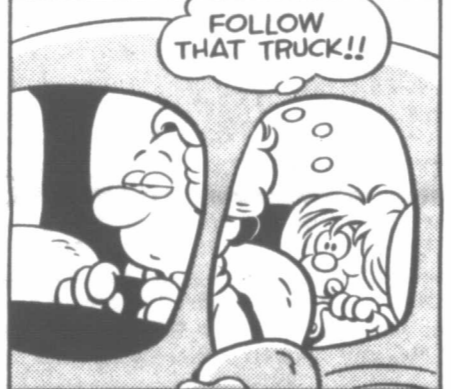


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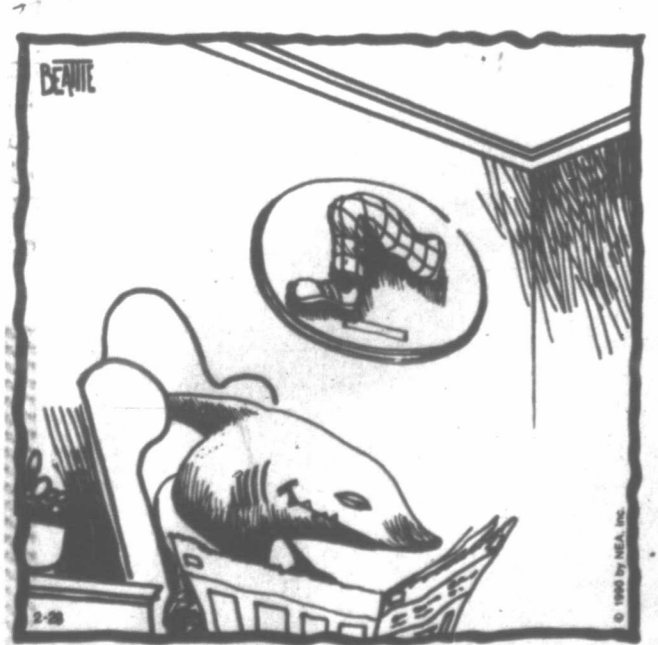
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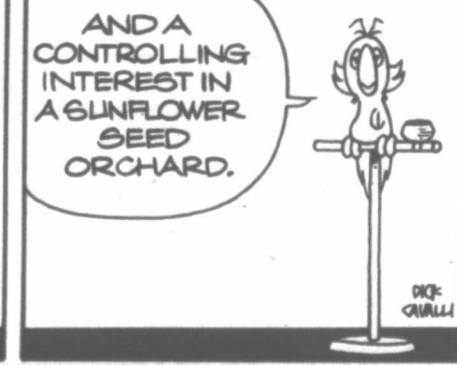


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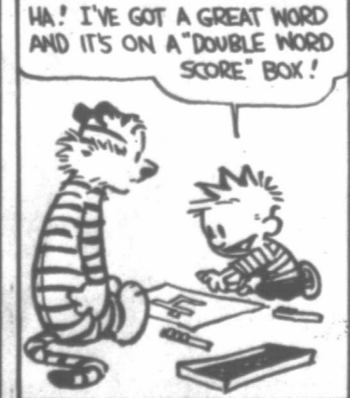
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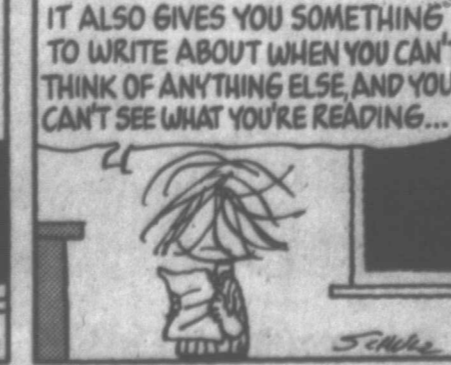
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# Sports

## Brewer ends Harvesters' season

### Pampa falls in overtime

By **SONNY BOHANAN**  
Sports Editor

**SNYDER** — The hopes and dreams of a season hung in the balance for the Harvesters.

They trailed by two, 52-50, with two seconds remaining in overtime.

Crunch Time had arrived. That's when Pampa junior Jayson Williams launched a prayer from 10 feet behind the three-point stripe, a shot that would mean sudden death for either the Harvesters or the Brewer Bears.

The tension peaked and finally overflowed a moment later as the ball bounced off the rim at the buzzer, leaving Brewer with a 52-50 overtime victory against Pampa in Tuesday's Region I-4A semifinals.

The game before 1,000 fans at Scurry County Coliseum marked the end of the line for the 1989-90 Harvesters, who closed out the season with a 26-6 record.

"We'd have loved to have that last one go in," said Pampa coach Robert Hale. "We fought as hard as we could — sometimes it just goes like that."

For Brewer, the victory was a ticket to this weekend's regional final against Saginaw Boswell, a team that defeated Lubbock Estacado, 80-64, on Tuesday night.

The Bears opened the playoffs with a 68-66 bi-district victory over second-ranked Burkburnett, then followed that up with a 66-64 win against No. 3 Brownwood in the area round. Tuesday's victory over No. 4 Pampa only strengthens Brewer's recent reputation as a giant-killer.

"When you get this far, you've got to have talent, you've got to have a good organization and you've got to have luck," said Brewer coach Kenny Williams, whose team improved to 27-7. "The last three games we've played could have gone either way. We won two of those three on last-second shots — I just wish we could win one by four points or something."

The extra period was a fitting conclusion to a game in which neither team led by more than five points at any time. Pampa sophomore Cederick Wilbon put in a layup with six seconds left in regulation to knot the score at 47, where it remained until the clock ran out.

Wilbon, who finished with four points, hit a free throw to put Pampa on top by one in overtime. Brewer, however, quickly moved back ahead, 50-47, on a foul shot by Rick Brown and a field goal by T.J. McMillan, who led all scorers with 18 points.

Wood tied it up again with a jumper in the paint as the clock ticked down to one minute.

Brown missed three free throws in the last 60 seconds, and the Bears called time out with six seconds remaining in overtime. Brewer guard Kevin Reid got the inbounds pass to McMillan, who nailed a 12-foot jumper from the left of the key to make it 52-50.

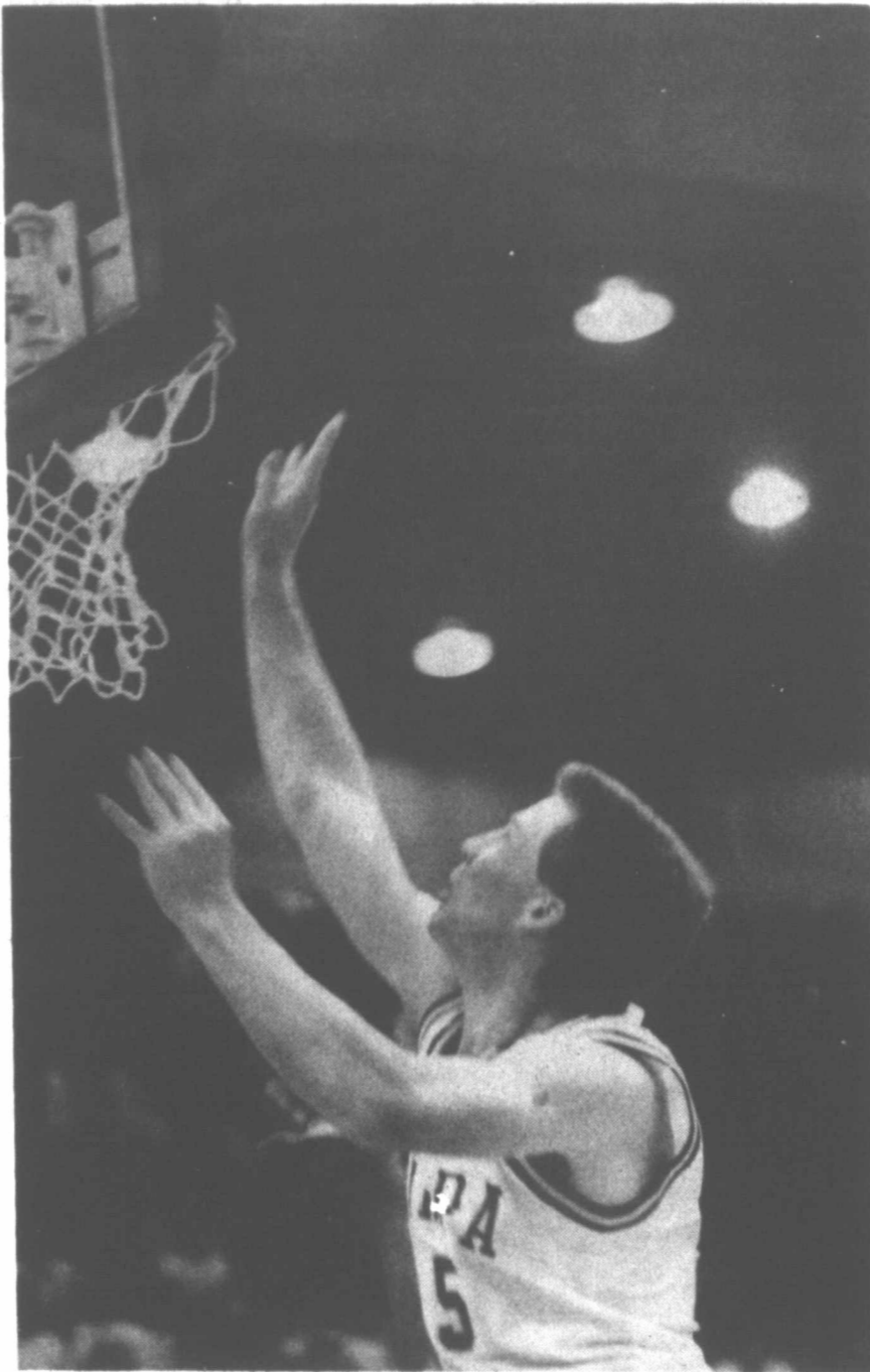
The Harvesters called time out with two seconds to go, but Jayson Williams' three-pointer at the horn bounced fruitlessly off the rim.

On the night, the Harvesters hit only 30% (15-of-49) of their shots from the floor and 61% (17-of-28) of their free throws. Brewer converted 17-of-51 field goals (33%) and 17-of-23 foul shots (74%).

"If we'd hit our free throws, we'd have had a good chance," said Hale. "We just didn't shoot very well at all tonight. I felt like we made a lot of good plays, we just didn't finish them off."

Brewer's McMillan garnered game-high scoring honors with 18 points, including a perfect 10-of-10 from the charity stripe. Trevor Edwards and Rick Brown each finished with 11, while Matt Davis had eight and Kevin Reid four.

Jayson Williams was tops for Pampa in both scoring and rebounds with 12 points and seven boards. Senior Mark Wood added 11 points and six rebounds, followed by sophomore Jeff Young with 10



(Staff Photo by Sonny Bohanan)

### Pampa's Ryan Teague shoots for two.

points and two rebounds.

Sophomore Randy Nichols pulled down five rebounds and tossed in six points, while soph David Johnson and Cederick Wilbon each contributed four points. Senior

Ryan Teague closed out his career with three points.

**Brewer 52, Pampa 50 OT**  
Pampa 12 19 31 47 50  
Brewer 9 21 34 47 52

## In fast company

**DALLAS (AP)** — This is an extremely good year for high school sprinters in Texas, which boasts seven of the nation's top 10 runners, three from the Dallas area.

Greg Hill of Carter — are on the next tier of sprinters. Marshall's best time is No. 8 in the state and would rank among the nation's top 20. Hill is ninth in the state.

The company is so fast that three of the state's swiftest runners won't even make it to the state meet in Austin on May 12.

"Texas has an unbelievable group of sprinters," said Jack Shepard, high school editor of "Track and Field News." "Just Dallas alone is in for an awesome year."

Because of the qualifying system, only two sprinters advance from each region, and five of the Dallas area's fastest compete in Region II.

Shepard, who has covered high school track professionally for 26 years and compiles nationwide times, knows how the wind blows in Texas.

"It's a shame that we can't get more of them to state," said Carter High School coach Eddie Payne. "But, we're in for an awfully good regional here."

And very few high school gauges, so unless he receives proof that the wind was not a factor, Shepard labels Texas times as "wind-aided."

Among returning high school runners, seven of the country's top 10 times in the 100-meter dash come from Texas. From the Dallas area are: Tyrance Wesley and Doyle Jones of South Oak Cliff High School, and Henry Neal of Greenville High School.

Nevertheless, said Shepard, "These are great sprinters. A lot of people say their times are wind-aided — and they are — but there's no doubt that they could compete with anyone in the nation."

Waco's Sam Jefferson, Killeen Ellison's Willie Roberts, Willowridge's Michael Miller and Odessa's Michael Cowan also have times that put them among the country's top 10.

South Oak Cliff coach Leonard Grant says he and his sprinters are tired of that label, but are happy to be at the top of the list anyway.

"No matter where the top times are coming from, people from somewhere else are going to complain," he said.

Two other Dallas-area Class 5A runners — Donald Marshall of Grand Prairie and

TRACK

## Cubs' Andre Dawson motivated by pride, not the big bucks

By **JIM LITKE**  
AP Sports Writer

Andre Dawson could have a better year than the president. Or a worse year. Or, the way negotiations have been going of late, no year at all — and still make 10 times more than George Bush in 1990.

Ain't baseball grand?

"Not exactly," the hard-hitting Chicago Cubs outfielder said over the telephone Tuesday from his south Florida home. "I'd rather be playing than sitting around."

According to a recent survey, Dawson, at \$2.1 million per year, is the third-highest-paid of 38 major leaguers who have contracts guaranteeing a regular check if the lockout virus really takes hold and kills the 1990 season. Only Eddie Murray of the Los Angeles Dodgers, at \$2.7 million, and Don Mattingly of the New York Yankees, at \$2.5 million, would do better.

So you figure Andre Dawson would be a big winner. But he figures he would be a big loser. Because he has plenty of it, money doesn't

motivate him as much as it used to. Pride still does, though, and Dawson can never have too much of that.

One year after the Montreal Expos suggested he was finished as a player, Dawson gave up buckets of cash to become the starting right fielder for the Cubs. By the time the 1987 season ended, he had compiled the most productive numbers of his 13-year career and become the first player ever from a sixth-place team to win the National League's Most Valuable Player award.

Last year, troubles with his right knee caused him to miss 44 games in the regular season and to struggle so mightily — yet futilely — in the playoffs against San Francisco that many wondered anew if, at age 35, he was indeed washed up.

And he must have wondered as well just two days after the Cubs were eliminated, when he put his right knee under the knife for the fourth time. Ironically, though the left knee has been operated on only twice, Dawson always called his right "the good knee."

After a cyst was removed and the cartilage damage repaired, Dawson began rehabilitation Nov. 28, targeting the start of the regular season for his return as an everyday ballplayer. He has worked on the knee every other day since for 2 1/2 hours, lifting weights on the alternate days. He has been running, throwing and hitting in a batting cage every day since the doctors approved half-speed workouts several weeks ago.

The rehab work he does at a nearby clinic, the hitting in cages owned by a long-time friend, and the workouts with his cousin at Murray Park in nearby South Florida, the site where he played as a youngster and not far from a street that was renamed Andre Dawson Drive after his MVP season.

He allows that he has spent more time with wife Vanessa and the couple's 7-month-old son than he planned on, and that his recuperation is probably being made considerably easi-

er because of the additional rest.

He is comfortable.

He is also dying to get to spring training.

"I realize you can only play so long, and I only want to play two or three more years," Dawson said. "As long as I'm healthy, I don't worry about the numbers."

"It was a different story when I was in Montreal," he said, "when there were a lot of young players and I was counted on to be the catalyst. There, every injury was a hangup with management when it came time for negotiations."

"That's not a problem anymore. The thing now is to satisfy my own sense of accomplishment. As you grow older, you learn that you have to make a lot more adjustments, and that's what I'm interested in — finding out if I can still make those adjustments for another few seasons."

## Georgia captures first conference championship

By **The Associated Press**

Don DeVoe had seen enough. The Florida Gators had had enough.

Both did something about it Tuesday night. And the Georgia Bulldogs, who had waited long enough, got their first Southeastern Conference title.

DeVoe announced on national television before the game that he would not be returning to coach the Gators. His players responded by breaking a 14-game losing streak with a 76-63 upset of 15th-ranked Louisiana State.

The biggest winners, however, were the Bulldogs, who clinched a share of the conference title for the first time since the SEC began playing basketball in 1933. Georgia, which will be seeded first in the postseason SEC tournament, is two games ahead of LSU in the loss column with two to play. The Bulldogs swept the Tigers this season.

Stacey Poole scored 22 points and Renaldo Garcia added 17 for the defending conference champions, who snapped the longest slide in school history. Florida is 7-19 overall, 3-14 in the conference.

"This was a game where very few people gave us much of a chance, considering the things that have happened to us the last eight weeks," DeVoe said.

Those things included losing two star players, Livingston Chatman and Dwayne Schintzius, who quit the team. Worse, they included threats to DeVoe and his family.

"I would say this is my saturation point. I've had it with the abusive things that have happened to me and my family," said DeVoe, who was named interim coach on Oct. 31 after Norm Sloan resigned under pressure. "I've had it up to here

### College Roundup

with the things that have happened."

The Gators had had it up to there with losing, and took it out on LSU, at one point building a 21-point margin.

The biggest beneficiary was Georgia, which won the SEC tournament in 1983, when it made the Final Four, but had never won the regular-season title.

"Everybody figured Florida was not going to be a competitor," Georgia coach Hugh Durham said. "This is something we totally didn't expect. It's a super feeling."

Oklahoma also has a super feeling after its second straight victory over a top-ranked team. The fifth-rated Sooners routed Kansas 100-78 for their 45th straight home win.

Also, it was No. 13 La Salle over Army 106-73; No. 19 Xavier, Ohio, taking Arkansas-Little Rock 84-73 and No. 21 Louisville 99, Tulane 85. No. 5 Oklahoma 100, No. 1 Kansas 78

The Sooners beat then-No. 1 Missouri 107-90 on Sunday. They were even more convincing against the Jayhawks before a record crowd of 12,166. Oklahoma forced Kansas into a season-high 26 turnovers in handing the Jayhawks their first loss to any team other than Missouri.

Skeeter Henry, playing his final home game, led the Sooners with 23 points. William Davis and reserve guard Terry Evans had 22 each.

**No. 19 Xavier 84, Ark.-Little Rock 73**

Maurice Brantley, averaging just 2.5 points a game, came off the bench and scored 14 for the Musketeers, who survived serious foul trouble in the second half. Brantley, who usually plays 10 minutes a game, played 20 minutes. A 36 percent shooter from the field this season, he made five of six against UALR.

**No. 13 La Salle 106, Army 73**

In his final home appearance, Lionel Simmons moved into third place on the NCAA Division I career scoring list and had his number 22 retired.

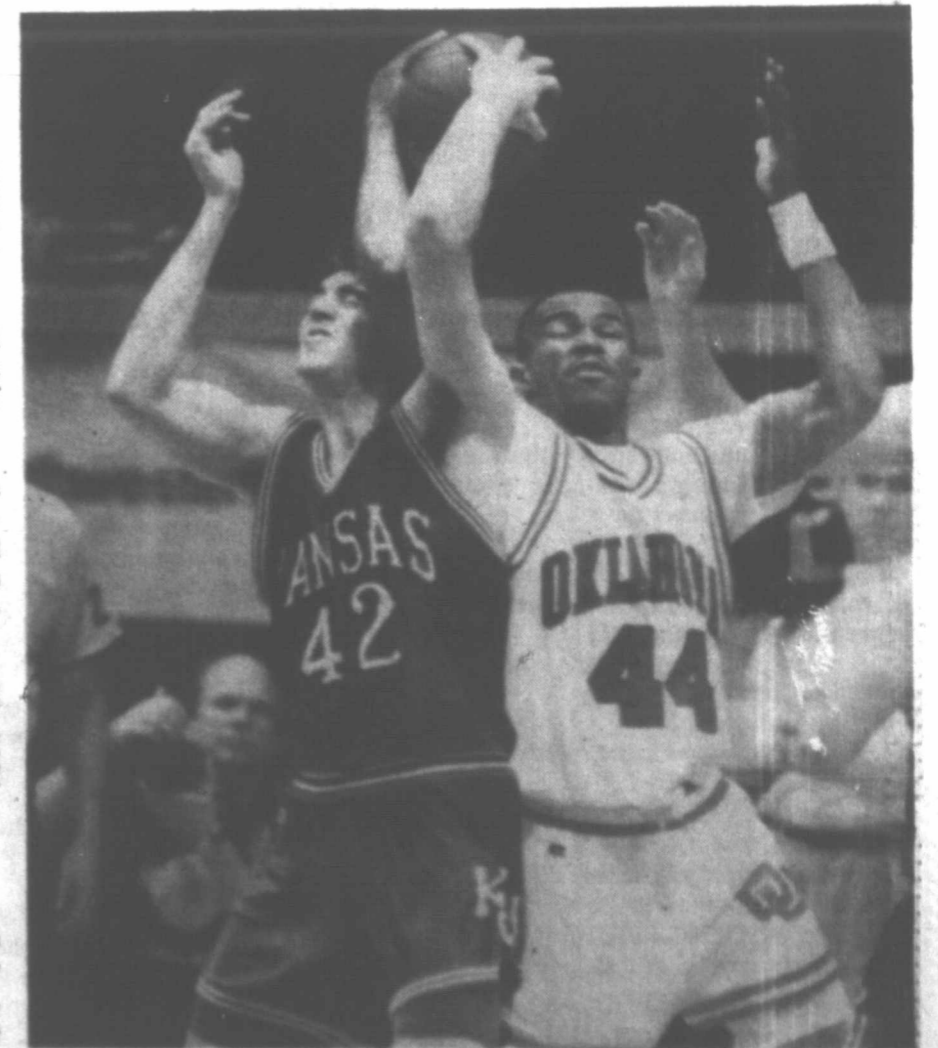
Simmons scored 29 points and grabbed 20 rebounds. He now has 3,071 points, passing Harry Kelly of Texas Southern, who had 3,066.

Pete Maravich of Louisiana State is the career with 3,667 in three seasons. Freeman Williams of Portland State is second with 3,249 points achieved, like Simmons, in four seasons.

"I had no idea how many points I needed to move into third place. Once I got 3,000, I stopped thinking about point totals, but I feel very proud about it," Simmons said.

**No. 21 Louisville 99, Tulane 85**

Louisville clinched at least a tie for the Metro regular-season title by making 34 of 52 shots, 65 percent. Felton Spencer was the real sharpshooter with a career-high 32 points in his final home game. Spencer had no trouble dominating inside, making 14 of 13 field-goal attempts and 10 of 14 free throws.



(AP Laserphoto)

Oklahoma's William Davis (44) and Kansas' Mark Randall collide while going for a rebound Tuesday night in Norman. The Sooners won, 101-78.





**Stable mates**



(AP Laserphoto)

BENBROOK — Though not necessarily friends of a feather, "Kitty" sticks closely to her stable mate, a Thoroughbred mare named "Prairie Dove." "Kitty" watches over the mare barn at Robinson's Thoroughbred farm in Benbrook.

**Democrats to air opinions on referendums in primary**

AUSTIN (AP) — Besides choosing nominees, Texas Democrats will find three non-binding referendum questions on their March 13 primary election ballots.

Although the results carry no official weight, Democratic voters will be asked their opinions on the right to a jury trial, electing judges and reforming the insurance industry.

Critics say the questions are biased, but others say the referendums will give Democrats an opportunity to send a message to elected officials on these issues:

- Trial by jury. This proposition says the Legislature and the Texas Supreme Court "should not limit the right of citizens to demand a trial by jury of their peers in either civil or criminal cases."

- Civil trials are the real issue. The Legislature recently changed the workers' compensation system, sharply limiting injured workers' ability to have a jury hear their cases. Lawmakers also are considering other proposals — including no-

fault auto insurance — that would make it tougher to take a case to a jury.

- Judicial elections. This proposition says state judges should be elected, not appointed, and that the elected Legislature, not an appointed federal judge, should devise the system.

The proposition also says that in urban areas, judges should be elected from small districts.

Lawmakers gather Tuesday to consider this issue in the wake of a federal court ruling that at-large judicial elections in Texas' largest counties are discriminating against minority voters.

- Insurance reform. This referendum says the Legislature "should adopt comprehensive insurance reform legislation to eliminate price fixing, cause an immediate rollback of insurance rates, and require insurance companies to engage in good faith and fair dealing with policyholders."

The proposition was the result of

a collaboration among trial lawyers, union members and consumer advocates, said Ed Martin, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party.

John Hildreth, director of Consumers Union's Southwest office, said, "The issues of affordability and availability (of insurance) are foremost in the minds of Texas consumers. We know the insurance industry enjoys certain prerogatives that other industries do not."

Rick Gentry, spokesman for the Austin office of the Insurance Information Institute, said he expects it to pass "overwhelmingly. After all, who doesn't want to lower the price of something?"

The proposition would have more meaning, Gentry said, "had there been such follow-up questions as: 'Are you willing to work toward reducing the cost of medical care? Can you find ways to reduce the cost of getting an automobile repaired? Should plaintiffs' lawyer fees be reduced?'"

**Study: real estate on way back up**

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The Texas real estate market is on the mend, but investors must play by different rules than before the mid-80s oil bust, say top real estate executives in a book published by Texas A&M University.

The 143-page book covers nine real estate categories ranging from office buildings and apartments to shopping centers and single-family rental housing.

"Many out-of-state and foreign investors avoided Texas in recent years because of adverse publicity," says Professor Jack Friedman, who organized the book, called "Texas Real Estate Investment Guide."

"This guide aids the investors' understanding of the current situation, especially the unique investment opportunities of the Texas market," he says.

Real estate magnate Trammell Crow of Dallas says the 1990s will be "in all likelihood" a better investment climate for Texas office buildings and real estate in general than the 1980s.

High vacancy tolerance rates and aging buildings will create strong

demand for industrial property throughout Texas in the 1990s, said James Moran and Bradley Freels of the Midway Co. in Dallas and Houston.

Even farm and ranch land values, especially hard hit between 1985 and 1988, are expected to increase early in the decade.

Houston is the most popular city for investment property purchases, followed by Dallas-Fort Worth and San Antonio, the authors say.

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