

Report says New Mexico kept too much of Canadian River

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico withheld too much Canadian River water from Texas and Oklahoma in 1988, says a special master overseeing interstate water disputes.

Texas and Oklahoma sued New Mexico, contending that 42,000 additional acre-feet should have been allowed to flow downstream to them.

Special master Jerome C. Muys last week issued his report. A recommended decree will be referred to the U.S. Supreme Court for final ruling.

New Mexico officials said they were neither dismayed nor elated at Muys' report.

"The recommended outcome appears to be a draw," said lead attorney Eric Biggs.

Muys proposed no immediate penalties against New Mexico and didn't suggest that water be released from reservoirs as back payment to the other two states. He directed all three states to try to work out the problem.

Carl Slingerland of the state engineer's office said New Mexico has not yet decided whether it will file objections to the report.

The case involves the amount of water impounded in Ute Reservoir on the Canadian River near Logan, N.M.

In the spring of 1988, Muys said, New Mexico impounded about 1,800 acre-feet, exceeding its entitlement.

The reservoir then held 232,000 acre-feet. An acre-foot, about 326,000 gallons, is the amount of

water needed to cover an acre one foot deep.

The Canadian River Compact signed by the three states and Congress in the early 1950s limited New Mexico to 200,000 acre-feet of water from the portion of the river below Conchas Reservoir.

The reservoir northeast of Tucumcari and upstream from Ute Reservoir was built in 1939. The compact assigned it all upstream flows, reaching to the headwaters on the New Mexico-Colorado border.

New Mexico built Ute Reservoir in 1963, enlarging it in 1984.

Texas and Oklahoma contended the enlargement let New Mexico impound 242,000 acre-feet of water — 42,000 acre-feet more than its entitlement. They said 42,000 acre-feet should have been allowed to proceed downstream to them.

However, Muys agreed with New Mexico that a reservoir should not be measured by its capacity but by actual water storage.

Also, the water falls under different categories, including conservation, silt control and dead pool — unused water below the level of an outlet.

Muys directed the states to try to

agree on the amount of water in Ute Reservoir to be designated as the desilting pool, a key figure because it's not included in the 200,000 acre-foot limit.

The three states also disagreed about origins of water in Ute Reservoir. New Mexico contended the water going over the spillway at Conchas and flowing downstream to Ute should not be counted as part of the allowable 200,000 acre-feet.

But Muys said the state is limited to storing 200,000 acre-feet below Conchas Dam "regardless of point of origin in New Mexico."

Muys also said part of the 200,000 allowable acre-feet should include about 6,700 acre-feet stored in 11 other small reservoirs such as Clayton Lake and Hittson Reservoir.

He agreed with New Mexico's contention that 63 other, smaller reservoirs should not be counted.

Muys said the states had not effectively used the Canadian River Compact Commission to resolve their differences.

He suggested the Supreme Court refuse to allow states to sue each other in the future unless they certify that good-faith negotiations had been tried.

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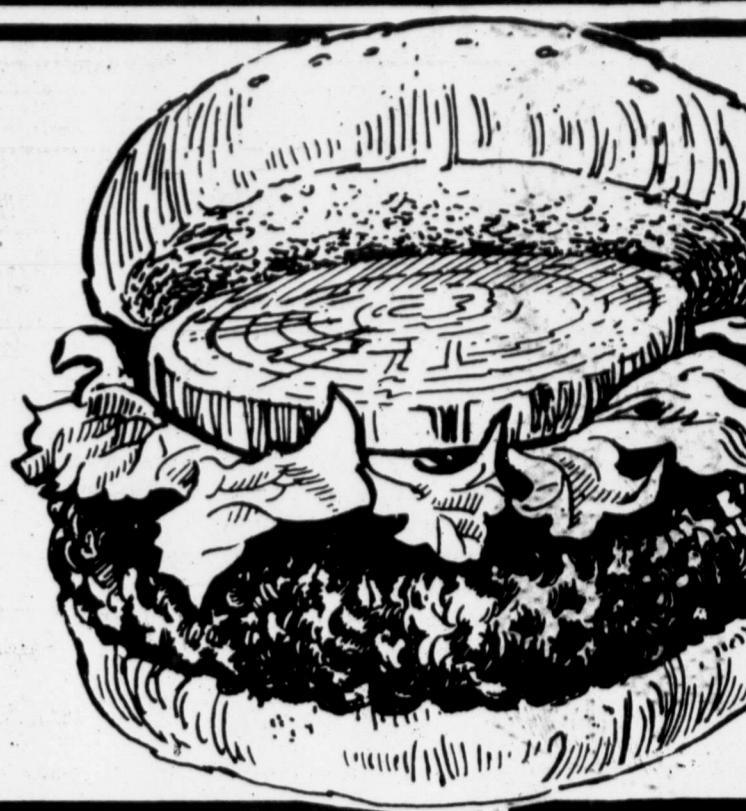
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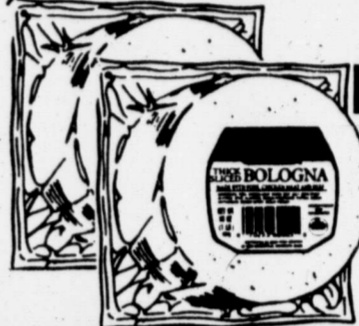


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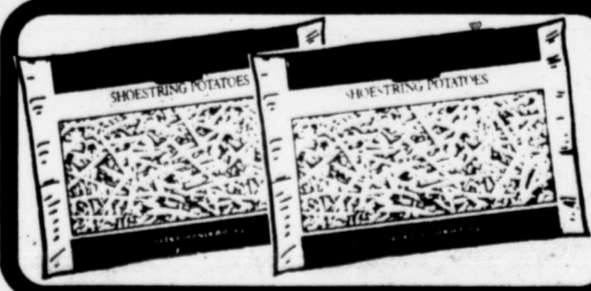
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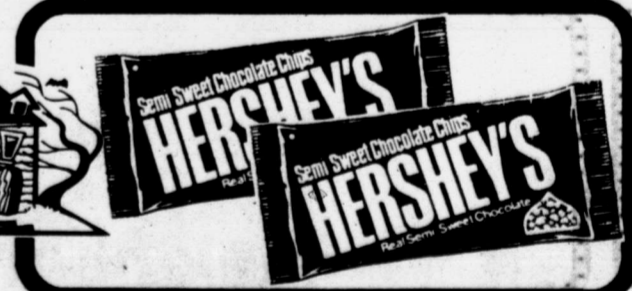
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Surrogate mother Anna Johnson wipes a tear from her cheek as her attorney, Richard Gilbert, looks on during a press conference Monday in Orange, Calif.

Judge backs genetic parents in surrogate mother lawsuit

By LYNN ELBER
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Genetic parents who paid a surrogate mother to bear their child should raise the boy despite the surrogate's claim that she wants the child after all, a judge ruled Monday.

Mark Calvert gently kissed his wife, Crispina, as Orange County Superior Court Judge Richard Parslow rejected 29-year-old surrogate mother Anna Johnson's claim seeking partial custody of the baby boy.

"I believe he should be raised exclusively by the Calverts," Parslow said. The baby, whom the Calverts call Christopher, is now 4 weeks old.

The judge said that a "three-parent, two-natural-mom situation" would be confusing to the child and "invites emotional and financial extortion."

The Calverts, of Tustin, had agreed to pay Ms. Johnson \$10,000 to bear their child, which was conceived through in vitro fertilization using sperm and egg donated by the Calverts. Mrs. Calvert can't carry a baby because she had a hysterectomy.

Both sides have said the decision

would likely be appealed.

The Calverts insisted that they should be recognized as the sole parents. Parslow earlier granted the Calverts temporary custody of the baby. Attorneys said the Calvert-Johnson dispute could break new legal ground because a genetically unrelated surrogate never has sought custody.

The famous Baby M case in New Jersey involved a surrogate mother who was also the baby's genetic mother.

In the six-day hearing, Johnson's attorneys tried to show she and the baby had developed an unexpected but deep emotional attachment during the pregnancy that must not be severed.

Johnson claimed that the Calverts neglected her during the pregnancy and were late making payments.

The Calverts offered evidence about the importance of the genetic link.

They also attempted to cast doubt on Johnson's motives, claiming she was motivated by a thirst for publicity and money, not love of the child.

Johnson, a single mother of a 3-year-old girl, and Mrs. Calvert, 36, met while working as nurses at a Santa Ana hospital.

Report: Wise County sheriff drinking before car spinout

FORT WORTH (AP) — A sheriff who was a target of a grand jury probe of corruption allegations was questioned by authorities here early Monday after he lost control of his vehicle on an area highway, a report says.

A Tarrant County sheriff's officer said Wise County Sheriff Leroy Burch had been drinking before his car slid on the Jacksboro Highway in what he called a "spinout."

But an investigating deputy determined that the sheriff was not drunk, said Capt. Johnny Prince of the Tarrant County sheriff's patrol division.

The deputy gave Burch a horizontal gaze nystagmus test, used by officers to make an initial gauge of intoxication before using instruments in a more involved Breathalyzer examination.

"Burch was given the test by the deputy who determined that he (the sheriff) was not intoxicated enough that he would show up on a Breathalyzer, but he had been drinking," said Prince.

He declined to call it an accident, saying that Burch's black car was undamaged.

Burch testified last month before a Wise County grand jury investigating actions of a bail-bond operation.

The sheriff had also acknowledged that he "roughed up" a grand jury witness during a roadside confrontation.

Sam Lee, an unpaid investigator for the Wise County attorney's office, had exchanged words with

Burch's 17-year-old daughter regarding the investigation a few minutes before the altercation with the sheriff.

In the latest incident, Prince said the deputy watched Burch's car slide to a stop and "spin off" at a red light at the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 730 and the access road to Texas 199, the Jacksboro Highway.

The deputy questioned Burch at 2:40 a.m. in a traffic stop. Burch told the deputy that he was having domestic problems, and his ex-wife then drove up to the scene, said Prince.

He said Wise County deputies also arrived in a patrol car and the Tarrant County deputy released Burch to their custody.

He was not arrested or charged, Prince said.

Burch and his ex-wife, who was not identified, "had had an argument beforehand," said Prince. "The argument started again and they were separated. Wise County officers took him away from there to keep them separated."

The sheriff was driving toward Decatur when he was stopped, said Prince. He said Wise County deputies said they would take Burch home or to his office.

Burch did not return a telephone call from The Associated Press Monday. His vehicle was towed back to the Decatur area in Wise County.

Prince said Tarrant County sheriff's officers could make a further investigation into the incident.

Redistricting a crucial battleground in Sunbelt states

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are likely to bolster their majority of governorships this year but face tough Republican resistance in three Sunbelt states crucial to congressional redistricting.

A state-by-state Associated Press survey showed Democrats with credible challenges to six GOP governors and running strong races in four other states where Republican governors are retiring.

By contrast, no incumbent Democratic governor appears seriously threatened. Republicans have high hopes in six states where Democratic governors are not seeking re-election.

All told, the AP survey found 14 races for governor and seven Senate contests too close to call.

Entering the campaign, the Democrats controlled the Senate by a margin of 55 to 45. Of the nation's governors, 29 are Democrats and 21 Republicans.

In the Senate races, Democratic incumbents Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, Tom Harkin of Iowa and John Kerry of Massachusetts are threatened, as are Republicans Mark Hatfield of Oregon and Jesse Helms of North Carolina. In New Hampshire, where Republican Sen. Gordon Humphrey is retiring, former Sen. John Durkin, a Democrat, and GOP Rep. Bob Smith are in a close race to succeed him.

The great unknown this midterm election year is the impact of voter discontent, a factor leaders of both parties agree exists to an unusually high degree.

"The mood is bad and getting worse," said Democratic pollster Geoff Garin. He cited the "budget fiasco" which he said "confirms every worst suspicion people have about the political system."

The race with the highest stakes is for governor of California, where Democrat Dianne Feinstein and Republican Pete Wilson are running neck and neck to succeed GOP Gov. George Deukmejian, who is retiring after two terms.

Based on preliminary Census figures, California will gain seven new U.S. House seats in 1992. If Feinstein is elected governor, the Democrats will draw the new district lines without interference from Republicans.

Wilson, re-elected to the U.S. Senate in 1988, was recruited to run for governor as the best chance the GOP had to retain that seat and the veto power over any redistricting plan drawn by the Democratic legislature.

Recent independent polls give Wilson a narrow lead, well within the margin of error.

Redistricting also is a major stake in races for governor in Florida and Texas, the other big winners when more House seats shift to the Sunbelt in 1992.

Texas, where Republican Gov. William Clements is retiring, is likely to gain three new House seats.

Republican millionaire Clayton Williams seemed well on his way to victory over Democrat Ann Richards in Texas. But last week a new poll said Richards had moved to within 5 points of Williams, whose repeated verbal gaffes may be cutting into his support.

In Florida, which could gain four House seats, Republican Gov. Bob Martinez got into trouble over taxes early in his first term and then found his hard-line anti-abortion stand was also costing him support. Former Democratic Sen. Lawton Chiles got into the race and led in most polls. Recently the margin has narrowed and Martinez has a big edge in money.

Other Republican governors with tough opponents are Alabama Gov. Guy Hunt, who is leading teachers union official Paul Hubbert; Nebras-

ka Gov. Kay Orr, who is trailing businessman Ben Nelson; Kansas Gov. Mike Hayden, who is in a dead heat with state treasurer Joan Finney; Maine Gov. John McKernan, who trails former Democratic Gov. Joseph Brennan; and Rhode Island Gov. Edward DiPrete, who is running far behind businessman Bruce Sundlun.

Minnesota was the state where Republicans had high hopes of defeating Democratic incumbent Rudy Perpich. But those hopes faded abruptly when two young women alleged that GOP candidate Jon Grunseth swam nude with four teen-age girls at a 1981 party.

Grunseth denied the allegations and took a lie detector test. He vowed to stay in the race and accused Perpich of being behind the allegations.

In Vermont, former Gov. Richard Snelling is favored to regain the office he gave up six years ago and return that state to Republican control. Republican Arliss Sturgulewski is leading in a three-way race for governor of Alaska, where Democratic incumbent Steve Cowper is retiring. Tony Knowles is the Democratic nominee and former GOP Gov. Walter Hickel is running as an independent.

In Oregon, Dave Frohnmayer, the Republican state attorney general, is in a tight race against Democrat Barbara Roberts, while the Massachusetts race between Democrat John Silber and Republican William Weld also is a tossup. Former Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich, a Republican, is leading Democrat Tony Celebrezze in the race to succeed Democrat Richard Celeste as governor of Ohio.

Democrat David Walters and Republican Bill Price are accusing each other of dirty campaigning in the race to succeed Republican Gov. Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma.

Price also is attacking Walters as a liberal who tried to "ram Michael Dukakis down the throats" of Oklahomans in the 1988 presidential election.

Florida sheriff: 2 Live Crew rap band can be arrested again

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The sheriff who hauled members of 2 Live Crew into court on obscenity charges warned that despite their acquittal, the rappers risk arrest again if they give another concert in his bailiwick.

A Broward County jury Saturday acquitted three members of the group of obscenity over an adults-only performance June 10 at a Hollywood nightclub.

Luther Campbell, Mark "Brother Marquis" Ross and Chris "Fresh Kid Ice" Wongwon could have

received up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Sheriff Nick Navarro said he still considers songs from the group's *As Nasty as They Wanna Be* album illegal, and he warned band members against keeping their pledge to give another concert in Broward County.

"If it is in Broward County, they will be arrested," Navarro said.

Navarro noted that a federal judge and another Broward County jury had found the album obscene.

"Nothing has changed. Until those decisions are reversed by a

higher court, that is the law in Broward County," he said.

Jurors said their verdict was almost instantaneous.

"We found many of the things very humorous," said Beverly Resnick, 65. "Our feelings were, the musicians in the band were telling the public how they felt inside of themselves, and they were doing it with music. We thought it had some art in it."

Juror Helena Bailie, 76, a retired sociology professor, said the band's performance despite threats of arrest may have been an act of political defiance.

"Maybe the band felt threatened, and they were thumbing their noses back," she said.

The arrests came four days after a federal judge pronounced the album obscene. The record includes references to oral and anal sex and sexual violence against women.

Earlier this month, record store owner Charles Freeman was convicted of obscenity for selling *Nasty*.

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Panhandle Bird Watch

by Jan Elston

Last week while I was visiting with a friend who enjoys watching the birds in her yard, I asked her if she had been seeing anything interesting, and she said they'd been having "Squawkers." Isn't that the most descriptive name to call a Blue Jay?

Blue Jays are the sentinels of the woods—or anywhere else they happen to be—always loudly broadcasting an alert to other birds that an intruder has come into the area.

Although there are not as many Blue Jays here, as in some parts of the country, this time of year there always seems to be an influx of Blue Jays into the Panhandle—and several of them come to our yard, where they get acorns off our oak trees, then carry the acorns to our roof, where they proceed to crack the nuts by hammering them against the roof—quite noisily. Sometimes they take an acorn to a low branch in the tree, and it is interesting to observe them as they try to crack the nut, as they hold it in their beak and bang the nut against the limb. If they're unable to crack it that way, they'll sometimes hold the nut between their feet, and try to crack it by hitting it with their beak.

These birds are among the most frequent year-round visitors at bird baths, and are so beautiful as they perch on the side of the bird bath and survey the territory. Their coloration is unmistakable—bright blue above with much white and black in the wing and tail, grayish-white underside, and a prominent blue crest. They have a black "collar" around their white faces. About 12 inches long, Blue Jays are the largest of the birds commonly found in yards.

"Jay! Jay! Jay!" Their raucous call reminds us of the call of their close relative, the Crow. They also have a soft, pleasant song, with rather bubbling notes, which seems out of character for such notorious marauders, who have a reputation for robbing the nest of other birds and killing the babies or eating the eggs from the nest. Even though they seem to think their cannibalistic behavior is acceptable, they become quite incensed if an intruder enters their nesting area. They have a violent dislike of all predators—hawks, owls, cats, squirrels, and sometimes, even humans. In Sept., we saw a large flock of 14 Blue Jays who were so upset at a Kestrel which had dared to land on a telephone pole in "their" territory. They screeched and squawked, and took turns feinting and diving at the little Sparrow Hawk, until he finally flew away.

One beneficial thing the Blue Jays do is to bury nuts, but they bury them not only in the ground, but also under the bark of trees, or sometimes wedge them between the wooden shingles of a roof.

During the winter months, Jays can be enticed to your yard if you will keep a supply of fresh water for them, for their drinking water, and also for bathing. They like fruit, and may eat from an apple half you've placed on a window sill or platform feeder or on a board. They like large sunflower seeds (the White Stripe variety), suet, corn or nutmeats. They prefer to eat from the ground, but will come to a platform feeder. (Since they are not considered perching birds, they aren't able to hang from a feeder the way Finches or Sparrows can.)

Don't you agree that identifying birds would be much easier if all birds were as easily identified as the Blue Jay?



Blue Jay

Flocks of Chipping Sparrows are coming in now, to eat grass and weed seeds. They're smaller than House Sparrows, and they have a reddish-brown cap.

Any time you see a flock of birds on the ground, look at that flock carefully, to see if some unusual bird might be mixed in with that flock. One lady saw an Eastern Bluebird in with a flock of Starlings!



(AP LaserPhoto)
Employees of Emergency Care Resource Institute drive scooters along a path at Valley Forge National Park in Valley Forge, Pa. last month. ECRI, a non-profit evaluator of healthcare technology, tested a variety of scooters for comfort, hill climbing, braking, stability, driver fatigue, speed control and battery power.

Testing institute evaluates scooters for the disabled

By MIKE OWEN
Associated Press Writer

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (AP) — Pat Thompson can't walk much anymore.

She is only 49, but has lung disease and uses an electric scooter to go shopping and take her treasured neighborhood walks, all the time hooked up to an oxygen tank.

"I had a real intimidation about using" the three-wheeled scooter, Mrs. Thompson. "What will they think? What will they say?"

"They," she said, was "everyone around me — that silly notion that everybody's looking."

That's not a problem anymore, and as using scooters becomes more acceptable to older people and those with disabilities, the question will increasingly focus on a consumer issue: which one to buy.

On a bright, clear, cool morning, 16 people set out on scooters along the six-mile bicycle and walking path at Valley Forge National Historical Park to help find that answer.

Only one scooter broke down, about two miles into the tour past monuments and small log cabins that mark where Washington's troops holed up for the winter of 1776.

ECRI, a non-profit evaluator of healthcare technology originally called Emergency Care Resource Institute, is trying to help others do what Mrs. Thompson had to do herself.

The models tested by ECRI show what consumers face when choosing

a scooter. Some had three wheels, some four; some had two batteries, some one; some can turn more easily in tight spots; one had large wheels and thus was better suited to outdoor use. Some have cloth seats, some vinyl, which can be important to someone with incontinence.

Mrs. Thompson last year tried out five scooters, without the information ECRI hopes to provide.

"Especially after sharing it with so many people at the beach this summer, I think it's important that people have the information on what it can do for them," said Mrs. Thompson, of nearby Plymouth Meeting.

"For me personally, I wanted to be able to use it in the house. I wanted to be able to use it in small spaces. And I wanted to be able to assemble and disassemble it myself."

"Mine takes me around my neighborhood real nicely — stop and visit the dogs and the kids. The other thing is braking, how it'll handle a hill, its maneuverability, whether it'll tip."

Those are exactly the kinds of concerns ECRI investigated with the financial help of the National Institute of Disability Research and Rehabilitation, the U.S. Department of Education and the National Rehabilitation Hospital.

The engineers and other ECRI employees at Valley Forge rated scooters for comfort, hill-climbing, braking, stability of the ride, driver fatigue, speed control and battery power. The outdoor test is part of

the testing from which ECRI expects to release results around next June.

Mrs. Thompson said her scooter will tip, but that if she gets in a tricky spot she can get a foot out to brace herself. Many people who use such vehicles — such as stroke patients with some paralysis — aren't so fortunate, said Kenneth Brown of ECRI.

"You don't have an arm to brace yourself. You just kind of go over in it," said Brown, who leaned to one side on two wheels to demonstrate.

Sharon Lawler, a marketing specialist for ECRI who rode one of the scooters, said ECRI has no ties to manufacturers. "That way people can be sure that our data is at least objective."

Her scooter made it, but Rob Schluth's didn't have the power to handle the hills at the park. That won't ruin its evaluation, ECRI's Brown said. It will simply put it in perspective of what is determined in other tests that may make it good for indoor use.

"If the unit is acceptable, it would be conditionally acceptable, that you don't take it out on rough terrain," he said.

Having 15 finishers impressed Brown. "I didn't expect this many to do this well. A lot of these models were indoor models and they handled the park very well," he said.

Scooter prices range from \$1,500 to \$3,500, Brown said. Generally, insurance has not helped pay the bill, he said.

Five generations



(Special photo)
Five generations of the Blackwell family from Lefors met together recently and used the opportunity for a photo. From the left is Kristy Sibley of Fort Worth, holding her son Scott Sibley, Betty Sue Clegg of Lefors, Ruby Blackwell of Lefors and Sharon Dupuy of Baton Rouge, La.

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Over 20 years have passed, and now my most horrible nightmare has come true. I received a letter from the adoption agency wanting to know of my whereabouts. The letter was sent to my parents' home in a state where I no longer reside. They are as devastated over this invasion of privacy as I.

Abby, I gave the child up for adoption in order to close that chapter in my life, and I do not want to be located.

So far, I have done nothing about answering the letter from the agency because I don't know where to turn. Fear is consuming me, and it's

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Please tell me what course of action to take.

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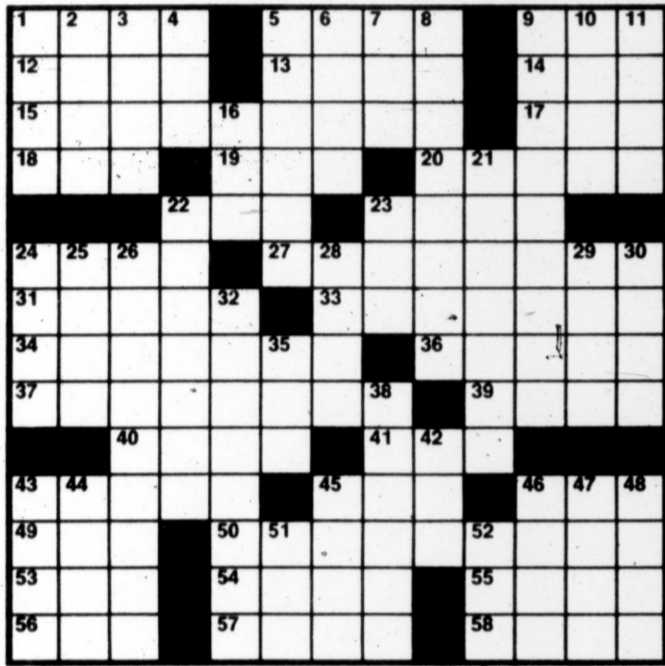
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By Jerry Bittle

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol
Situations beyond your control are likely to be a big factor in the year ahead in establishing new objectives for you. These new influences will treat you in a friendly fashion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you are likely to be a rather fast thinker and the first ideas you get are apt to be your best ones. Try to put your thoughts to productive uses. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The possibilities of today being a profitable one for you look encouraging. What you might gain, however, could be brought about through a strange chain of events.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Strive to be an initiator today instead of just a person hanging back in the rear ranks. Even your peers will sense you belong at the head of the parade.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You should be able to evaluate situations quite accurately today, because the judgments you reach will be predicted upon your deductive reasoning as well as your intuitive perceptions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're in a good cycle for meeting new people, so instead of visiting familiar haunts, go to places that are different today. A contact could be established.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't give up on your objectives too hastily today. Events could take a surprising turn and after a brief lull, you might suddenly find victory within your reach.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might be the recipient of some unusual but constructive information. It could fit very neatly into plans you've already formulated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something advantageous in the commercial sense may develop for you today through a person with whom you're rather friendly. It will be worthy of further investigation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might have an opportunity today to sway a new ally to a cause you've been endorsing. It's an individual who has been resistant thus far.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Put on your thinking cap at work today. Ingenious ideas you develop will help you chalk up points with authority figures. Two impressive concepts may emerge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Social happenings which aren't prearranged or too structured could be the ones that turn out to be the most fun today. Hang loose and let come what may.

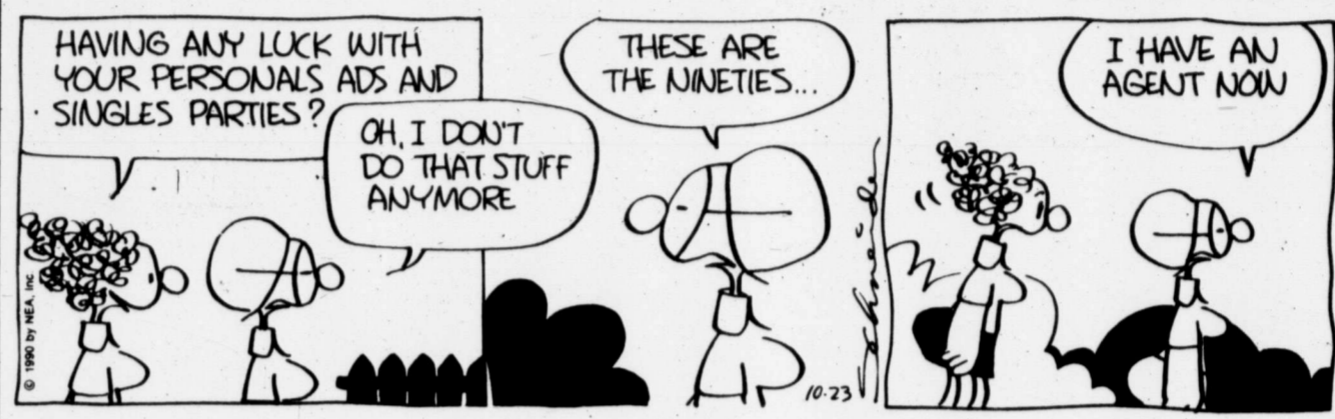
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Play something enjoyable and different for your family today, either in the foods you serve or by inviting friends over you know they'll enjoy.

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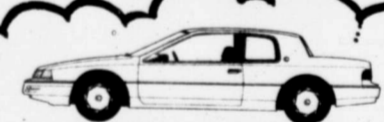







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Ag commissioner's race glitzy; land commissioner just mud

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — If Hollywood were to write the script, the race for agriculture commissioner between Democratic incumbent Jim Hightower and Republican challenger Rick Perry would best be described as the *Urban Cowboy* against the farmer from *Top Gun*.

But there is nothing Hollywood about the battle for land commissioner, pitting incumbent Democrat Gary Mauro against GOP challenger Wes Gilbreath — just plenty of good ol' fashion mudslinging.

Hightower's white Stetson hat and cowboy boots hardly disguise his progressive big city ideas, quick vocal cadence and ability to lure big-time entertainers to stump for him, including actor Robert Redford and blues singer Taj Mahal.

He is favored to win a third consecutive term as agriculture commissioner largely because he is expected to dominate in cities like Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, where campaign officials claim his name recognition is around 75 percent.

He registers significantly less

support with the rural farmers and ranchers his office regulates.

Perry, on the other hand, is a third-term state representative from Haskell, where he has spent a lifetime toughening callouses farming cotton, wheat and raising cattle.

Despite the rural background, Perry is a former Air Force pilot whose suave demeanor and good looks have helped him gather campaign support from the likes of Kim Dawson, an internationally known modeling agent in Dallas.

The differences between the two candidates are as distinct as rows in a plowed field.

Perry is a conservative who sees the future of Texas in mainstream crops, cotton, feed grains and beef, that already produce about 95 percent of the jobs and profits in agriculture.

Hightower is a former journalist and a populist who champions the small farmer and the diversification of crops. His vision is of an agricultural system that requires fewer pesticides and results in higher profits for the farmer.

Hightower has been accused of using his office to develop a populist party in Texas. And his reputa-

tion for speaking out against mainstream agriculture has drawn the ire of the Texas Farm Bureau, who helped recruit six candidates to oppose him in the Democratic primary.

The Farm Bureau, which does not align with a political party, even sought Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan to run against Hightower.

"Jim Hightower has never farmed," said Perry, whose campaign has raised over \$1 million, nearly \$250,000 more than Hightower. "He has no understanding of the industry he regulates."

Hightower says Perry's claims of being an experienced rancher are ridiculous.

"He is sort of all chaps and very little ranch," Hightower said. "He doesn't have any cattle. He is really a banker and a Realtor. On his own campaign filings, he reports less than \$2,000 in income from agriculture."

Both men have accused the other of illicit use of state funds.

Hightower has nicknamed his opponent "Sky King" because Perry alone accounted for almost half of the private aircraft mileage reimbursed to the 150 House members in 1989.

Perry has defended those expenses as legitimate state business.

Perry calls Hightower a "crook." He alleges his opponent charged taxpayers \$1,057 for use of a state plane to speak at a fund-raiser for U.S. Rep. Bill Alexander, D-Ark., in Jonesboro, Ark., in August 1987.

That and reports of an FBI investigation of Hightower's 1988-90 campaign fund-raising suggest wrongdoing is rampant in the commissioner's office, Perry said.

Hightower denies Perry's charges and claims rumors of an FBI investigation were inspired by Perry's campaign.

The battle for land commissioner also has been dominated by accusations.

Gilbreath, who is president of a Houston-based outdoor advertising company called SignAd Inc., has been accused of sexual harassment by a former employee.

Gilbreath, 61, denies the charges and claims they were politically motivated.

Mauro claims Gilbreath spent most of the campaign stumping outside of big cities, where reporters would "embarrass him" by asking

about the harassment case.

Gilbreath claims Mauro is personally indebted to 30 banks, squandered millions of dollars in public school funding as land commissioner and operated veterans programs at a loss.

Mauro, 42, said that's hogwash.

"If I was guilty of half the things he is saying, the state auditor would have found it, or I would have been run out of town by now," Mauro said.

Mauro, who received national attention after dispersing oil-eating microbes on oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico during the summer, said his polls showed him comfortably ahead three weeks before the Nov. 6 election.

Both sides agreed 50 percent of the vote was undecided heading into the final stretch.

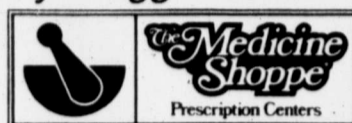
Mauro said if he were elected, he would push for an oil-spill preparedness plan that would protect "every square inch of the Texas Gulf Coast."

He said he would like to see \$100 million allocated to build new state parks, stronger clean air initiatives and more plastics recycling.

Gilbreath said as land commissioner he would try to beef up school funding and veterans programs.

Gilbreath said if he loses, he would blame the media for letting Mauro off easy.

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Nation's largest cities hit by 20% murder increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Murders in the nation's largest cities jumped 20 percent in the first half of the year, the FBI reports.

The big-city murder rate contributed to an overall 10 percent in violent crime reported by the nation's police departments, the FBI said in a report released this week.

Overall, the number of crimes reported to state and local police departments increased less than 1 percent during the first six months of the year over the same period last year, the FBI said.

But the bureau's Uniform Crime Index reported that violent crimes — murder, aggravated assault, rape and robbery — went up 10 percent during the period that ended June 30.

Murders increased 8 percent nationwide. But in cities with populations greater than 1 million they were up 20 percent during the period, the FBI said. Murders increased 10 percent in cities with populations between 500,000 and 1 million.

The jump in violent crimes was the largest since 1986, when it increased 12.1 percent over 1985. It was also twice the 5 percent increase posted during the first six months of both 1988 and 1989.

By region, the Northeast led the way with an 18 percent jump in murders, followed by an 8 percent increase in the West. Murders went up 4 percent in the South and 5 percent in the Midwest.

In response to the report, Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, complained that "drug dealers are battling over turf, and we are waging an anemic war to stop it."

"Deadly weapons are being used to slaughter innocent bystanders, and the gun lobby is blocking action to stop it," Biden, D-Del., said in a statement. "We have a national bloodbath on our hands and we must get serious about stopping the killing," Biden said.

Dan Eramian, a spokesman for Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, called the figures "further evidence of the need to pass a crime bill that is tough on criminals."

Rapes were up 10 percent, with the biggest increases occurring in medium-sized cities.

The number of rapes reported to police in cities with populations between 100,000 and 250,000 went up 16 percent. Cities with populations between 250,000 and 500,000 reported rapes increasing by 15 percent.

Robberies increased 9 percent and car thefts were up 6 percent.

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