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Comer withdraws from prosecution of Sheriff Jim Free

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

District Attorney Harold Comer was allowed to withdraw from a case this week which involved prosecuting a felony indictment against Gray County Sheriff Jim Free.

Comer, who serves as district attorney for the 223rd District Court, filed to motion to substitute counsel, and 223rd District Judge Don E. Cain approved the motion on Monday.

Free was indicted July 11 by a Gray County grand jury on a third-degree felony charge of tampering with a governmental record. He was also indicted on three misdemeanor counts of hiring unlicensed deputies. The indictments against Free and two other former employees of the sheriff's office were the result of a Texas Rangers investigation.

The 47th Judicial District Attorney's Office will now prosecute the felony case against Free, Danny Hill, 47th District attorney, said in a telephone interview today that he plans to prosecute the case himself, pending no other conflicts. Hill said he has two pending capital murder cases that will likely go to trial in the first two months of the year.

"I may have to turn it over to one of my assistants. But right now, I plan on handling the case," Hill said. His office has nine assistant district attorneys.

In Comer's motion, he wrote, "The 223rd District Attorney's Office has an ongoing official relationship with the Gray County Sheriff's Office, and continual participation of the district attorney's office in the prosecution of this case could disrupt and impede that working relationship to the detriment of the public."

Comer also said in the motion that any implication of "partiality" on one side or "vindictiveness" on the other could cast a "shadow over the integrity" of the district attorney's office.

To completely avoid any appearance of impropriety, Comer requested that the motion to withdraw from the case be granted.



Harold Comer

The case against the sheriff will be called for the docket on Dec. 17, although another unrelated case has been scheduled for trial that week.

The felony indictment against Free charges him with being involved in the alteration and sending in to Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) a forged high school diploma for then Chief Jailer Othel Hicks in October of 1989.

Hicks as well as then Chief Deputy Ken Kieth were also indicted on the charges. Kieth's case has been disposed of while Hicks' and Free's cases are pending.

While Free has the three misdemeanor counts of hiring unlicensed deputies pending in Gray County Court, Hicks has a misdemeanor charge of perjury pending in the county court.

County Attorney Bob McPherson said this morning that the attorneys for Hicks and Free have requested that the county cases be held pending the outcome of the district court cases.

In Kieth's case, which has been disposed of, the misdemeanor perjury charge was taken into consideration in the two district court cases.

"I felt obligated to do the same for the other two (Free and Hicks) if the attorneys requested that," McPherson said.

Gephardt says he opposes use of military force against Iraq

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt said today he opposes the use of military force in the near future to oust Iraq from Kuwait, urging President Bush to follow a policy of "patient strength."

"Stay the course. Stick with the sanctions. Do not try to mount an offensive military action in the near future," the Missouri Democrat said in a speech.

Gephardt's opposition to a resolution authorizing use of force is the first public break among the Democratic leadership, who said last week that Bush would have a better chance of winning congressional approval for the use of force in the Persian Gulf if the United Nations first backed such a move.

"The best policy now is to enforce the sanctions. I am against authorizing force now," Gephardt said in an interview Tuesday.

House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, did not indicate whether they support or oppose such a resolution.

"Before we resort to offensive military action, Congress and the American people will need to be convinced that the policy of pressure, isolation and sanctions has failed. President Bush has yet to make such an argument," Gephardt said today a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"The policy of patient strength is, I think, our best hope," Gephardt said.

Gephardt made his comments while two former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff bolstered the Democratic challenge to Bush to give United Nations sanctions time to work.

"My main concern with this latest scheduled reinforcement isn't that we might choose to fight, but rather that the deployment might cause us to fight - perhaps prematurely and perhaps unnecessarily," David C. Jones told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Both Jones and retired Adm. William Crowe said the sanctions are the best option at this time and expressed concern about the long-term effect of military action in the Middle East.

"I counsel patience. War is not neat, it's not tidy. It's a mess," Crowe said at the hearing.

The committee opened its hearings Tuesday with Democrats demanding that Bush give Congress the same opportunity as the United Nations to debate a resolution authorizing military force.

"This U.N. resolution is not a substitute for fully informing the American people of our own nation's objectives and strategy," said committee chairman Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.

The hearings stem from Bush's decision to send 200,000 additional troops to the gulf region, a move that increases U.S. forces to about 430,000 by January and gives the United States an "offensive military option."

Democrats who have been highly critical of Bush's policy shift, including Nunn, had hoped

to question Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

But the administration's top military officials declined to testify while the Security Council prepares to vote on a resolution threatening to use "all necessary means" to drive Iraq from Kuwait if it does not leave by January.

Foley told newly elected House Democrats on Tuesday that the administration must seek congressional approval for using force even if Bush wins U.N. approval.

"I would personally want to have some assurance from the administration that no action would be taken prior to this Congress meeting, or it would be necessary to think seriously about calling in the previous Congress," Foley said.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said it is "not enough for President Bush to go to the United Nations to get approval for the use of military force in the Persian Gulf. He must also come to Congress."

Widespread Democratic support for the sanctions was evident as Democrats indicated the administration has failed to make its case for military force.

"The question is not whether military action is justified. It is," Nunn said. "The question is whether military action is wise at this time and in our own national interest."

Fighting the tide of criticism, Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona declared, "The issue is not prerogatives, it is patriotism."

State Supreme Court hears arguments on school funding

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Lawyers for poor school districts urged the Texas Supreme Court today to again declare the state's school finance system unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court, which declared the state's school finance system unconstitutional last year, is hearing the case after State District Judge Scott McCown of Austin ruled in September that the \$14 billion-a-year system still violates the Texas Constitution.

Plaintiffs' lawyers said legislators did not heed the court's mandate to change the system when it passed a new school finance law this summer. Lawyer Al Kauffman, of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said that, in many ways, the new system is weaker.

The eight justices hearing arguments actively questioned the attorneys. Absent was Justice Franklin

Spears, who Chief Justice Tom Phillips said could not attend because of ill health.

Kauffman told the judges they said last year that education funding should be cut off if the state did not establish a constitutional system.

Justice C.L. Ray asked whether the schools should be shut down "until the Legislature gets it right."

Kauffman said the school districts he represents had recommended that at one point.

"The plaintiffs see this as a life and death struggle for the future of their children," he said.

A number of the judges questioned whether they, rather than the lower 3rd Court of Appeals, should be hearing the case on a direct appeal. Kauffman said he believed jurisdiction was proper.

As lawyers made their arguments, the court's proceedings were recorded by television and still cameras. Supreme Court Clerk John Adams said this is first time he

knows of that the court has allowed such coverage.

Poor school districts say they still aren't fairly treated under the school finance plan, which continues to rely on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

McCown ruled that the revised system doesn't give all schools "substantially equal" access to funds for a similar tax effort.

"In short, what the rich districts spend creates educational opportunities for their children that are denied the children of poor districts. Under Senate Bill 1 (the reform plan), the rich districts are left rich, the poor districts poor," McCown said.

He gave lawmakers another year to change the school finance system, leaving the current system in place for the 1990-91 school year.

The Legislature meets in regular session beginning in January.

The state says school funding changes approved this summer constitute "a good faith effort" by the

Legislature. The revamped system should not be held unconstitutional, the state attorney general's office said in a brief.

It took four special sessions for Democratic leaders and Republican Gov. Bill Clements to agree on the school finance plan adopted in June. That was after the Supreme Court unanimously declared the system unconstitutional in October 1989.

Taxes were raised to add \$528 million for public schools in 1990-91, in what officials called the first step toward equity.

"This court has given the state one bite at the apple, and the state failed," Kauffman said in a legal brief.

The MALDEF school districts are asking the Supreme Court to order the state to implement a plan that includes creating county tax bases for schools.

The plan would take effect unless the governor and Legislature come up with an equitable system by April 1.

Paraguay struggling with troubled past toward a questioned future

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of 12 articles written during a recent five-week trip to South America, part of a Rotary International Group Study Exchange to that continent.

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

ASUNCION, Paraguay - Talk to an international correspondent or American diplomat about a bright future for Paraguay, a South American nation with a deeply troubled past, and the first thing you hear is a groan.

You might as well discuss exporting snow to Saudi Arabia.

But this nation, where 70 percent of the population is under 25 years of age, will have a future. The questions is: will it be a future marked by swings toward democracy and human rights, or more oppression and, eventually, violent anarchy.

Depending on whom you talk to and where you go, you can make a strong argument for either case.

But leaders from all facets of Paraguayan society seem genuinely optimistic that the youth explosion they see will herald a new dawn of progress

for this small, land-locked country.

Long-time iron man Alfredo Stroessner was betrayed nearly two years ago by his once loyal general, Andres Rodriguez, and driven into exile in Brazil.

"Surely if a loyalist like Rodriguez was ready for reforms and democracy, the rest of the country must be," the argument here goes.

Observers from the United States are less optimistic.

Newsweek has termed Paraguay a country marred by "pandemic corruption," and *Foreign Affairs* refers to Paraguay's business and political

leaders as "thieves without honor."

Spokesmen for the U.S. State Department in Washington and the American Embassy in Asuncion suppress laughs when new dictator Andres Rodriguez's talk of a "new democratization" is mentioned.

They insist that Rodriguez is only putting "a little paint and plaster on the old image," but that within two years "will have the Stroessner family business back on track."

That "business" allegedly includes drug smuggling, government-sanctioned auto theft rings that sweep into Brazil and steal thousands of cars each year, and the housing of the world's most vile criminals, for the right price.

Rodriguez, after all, headed Stroessner's violent, unmerciful military for 20 years and is "cut from the same cloth as the last dictator."

U.S. News and World Report recently summarized the Paraguayan power structure as "the world's largest government-run smuggling operation."

Riordan Roett, director of Latin American Studies at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, recently compared the new dictator with the old by saying, "There is no evidence that the two men differ on either ideology or specific government goals."

Then why the coup?

"Rodriguez responded to a threat to his own power [which came from factionalism in the Colorado Party, as well as the possibility Stroessner's homosexual son, known as the "Caigula of South America," would be named the next *presidente* when the elderly Stroessner died or stepped down] by leading a coup against the dictator," Roett said.

He also noted, "Recent allegations openly discussed in the press, and attributed to officials in Washington, assert that ... Rodriguez is



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Paraguay's enormous youth population is its greatest asset, but also its biggest problem. A weak education system and serious health threats from a lack of iodine must be overcome in the coming years. These boys are begging for money near a park outside Asuncion.

deeply involved in general contraband activity, the drug trade and dubious financial transactions."

Spend time in Paraguay and it is obvious that the traditional funding methods used to support legitimate governments are not in place here.

There are no property taxes, no sales taxes, no fees, licenses, franchises or tariffs collected on a regular, fair basis.

"If you wanted to start a business under Stroessner, you would go to see him, give him some money and then you would start your business," a Paraguayan merchant explained. "It is very similar to taxes, except those that had created problems for the government were either denied or had to pay a little more."

One visit to Ciudad Del Este, the border town bridging Paraguay with

Brazil and Argentina, and it is easy to see where most of the country's capital originates.

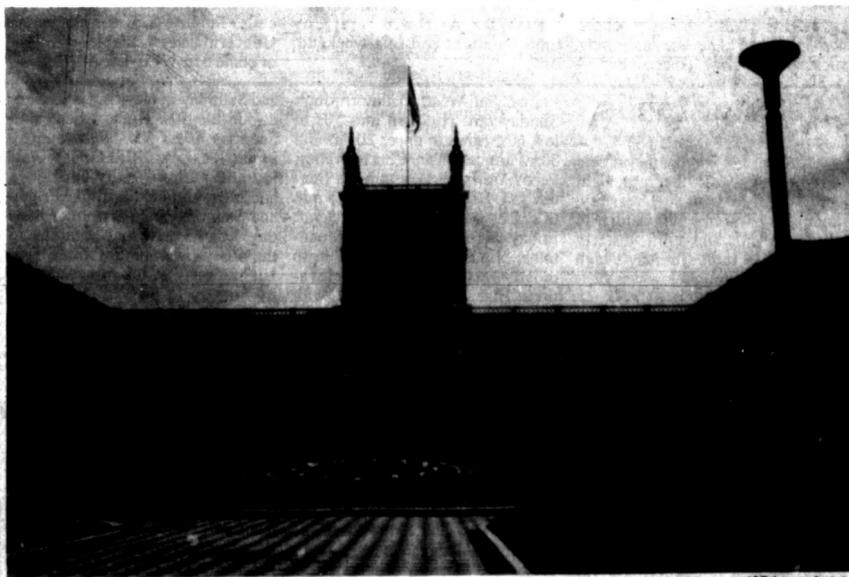
Guards from both nations watch an endless stream of large trucks cross the border uninspected.

U.S. officials and informed journalists say the guards exist for a very important purpose - to shake down any smuggler who has not received government OK for his theft and resale ring.

Stroessner's governmental practices left the country an impoverished Third World nation, though he, Rodriguez and other top leaders are extremely wealthy, even by U.S. standards.

As a soldier, Rodriguez made the equivalent of \$500 a month. However, he lives in a palatial mansion built in the style of the palace at Versailles.

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(AP Laserphoto)

Rodriguez's presidential palace in Asuncion. Though governmental workers make dismal wages by U.S. standards, Rodriguez and other top officials live like kings. Observers say the wealth has come from "the world's largest government-run smuggling operation."

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BACK, Birdie - 1 p.m., graveside, Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

Obituaries

No obituaries were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Nov. 27

Lubbock Police Department reported recovering a cellular telephone reported stolen from Pampa.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 28

Patricia Ehrlich, 308 Anne, reported disorderly conduct and an assault in the 500 block of 500 block of West Brown.

Police reported failure to identify and resisting arrest near a residence at 521 Magnolia. (See related story)

Arrests

TUESDAY, Nov. 27

Rosie Riley Meeks, 42, 916 S. Nelson, was arrested at the police department on two warrants. She was released to pay later.

Billy Laroy Willingham, 29, 701 N. Sumner, was arrested at the police department on two warrants. He was released on payment of fines.

Pablo Olvera, 37, 702 E. Browning, was arrested in the 500 block of East Kingsmill on a warrant. He was released on payment of fines.

GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

TUESDAY, Nov. 27

Rafael Felix, 21, Pampa, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation.

Eurique Munguia Jr., 17, 710 Davis, was arrested on a traffic warrant. He was released on bond.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets on Thursday at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at Clarendon College, Pampa Center. To arrange for a partner, call Marguerite Ward at 669-7543.

JAYCEES

An organizational meeting to form a chapter of the Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce) service organization will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Top of Texas Masonic Lodge #1381, located on West Kentucky Street.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Nov. 27

10:52 p.m. - Gas leak was reported from meter in alley behind 711 N. Gray. Energas was called to repair leak. One unit and two firefighters responded.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions		Dismissals	
Leonard Barlow, Per-ryton		William Davis, Pam-pa	
Coleene Carpenter, Pampa		Gertrude Labus, Pan-handle	
Gladys Davis, Pampa		Reba Peercy, Pampa	
Jodi Hughes, Wheeler		Mary Phillips, Skelly-town	
Mary McHone, Skel-lytown		Jeanette Richardson, Borger	
Guadalupe Ramirez, Pampa		Betty Wells, Lefors	
Laura Ann Ransom, Pampa		SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions	
Verna Schroeder, Pam-pa		Leo Saulsbury, Erick, Okla.	
Cheryl Shuck, Pampa		Ed Schaufner, Sham-rock	
Tacy Stoddard, Pam-pa		Mamie Walker, Sham-rock	
Emil Stuebgen, Borger		Tilda Oneal, Sham-rock	
Deborah Tepe, Cana-dian		Dismissals	
David Turner, Pampa		Nellie Darlington, Shamrock	
Birth		Silbester Medina, Shamrock	
To Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Newton of Pampa, a boy.			

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.30	Cabot O&G	17	NC
Milo	3.62	Chevron	69 1/8	da 1/8
Corn	3.90	Coa-Cola	45 1/2	da 5/8
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:				
Ky. Cent. Life	8 5/8	Enron	57 3/8	up 1/8
Serco	4 3/4	Halliburton	47 1/4	da 1/2
Occidental	22	Ingersoll Rand	32 3/4	up 1/4
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:				
Magellan	53 1/8	KNE	25 1/2	da 1/4
Puritan	11.90	Ker McGee	44	up 1/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa				
Amso	53 1/8	Mapco	44	NC
Arco	127 1/2	Matias	9 3/4	up 1/8
Cabot	28 3/4	McDonald's	29 1/4	up 1/2
		Mesa Ltd.	4	da 1/8
		Mobil	58 7/8	NC
		New Atmos	16 1/2	NC
		Pennsey	42 5/8	up 1/8
		Phillips	26 3/8	da 1/8
		SLB	56 3/8	da 1 3/8
		SPS	28	da 1/8
		Tenneco	45 5/8	up 7/8
		Wal-Mart	59 3/8	up 1/2
		New York Gold	384.60	
		Silver	4.09	
		West Texas Crude	32.10	

Minor accidents

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

TUESDAY, Nov. 27

3:05 p.m. - A 1987 Chevrolet driven by Amy Clancy of Lefors collided with a 1978 Pontiac driven by Joann Franklin, 625 N. Zimmers, in the 500 block of North Zimmers. No injuries were reported. Clancy was cited for failure to yield right of way.

Iraq's deputy foreign minister calls for talks on restoring peace

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS
Associated Press Writer

One day before the United Nations votes on a U.S.-sponsored resolution demanding Iraq withdraw from Kuwait by Jan. 15 or face possible attack, a leading U.S. congressman said today he opposes using force against Iraq now.

In Baghdad, meanwhile, Iraq's deputy foreign minister today urged President Bush to open talks on restoring peace in the Persian Gulf, although he did not offer concessions regarding Kuwait.

Iraq has called for dialogue with the United States previously, but U.S. officials have said there is nothing to discuss as long as Iraq refuses to free all foreign hostages and withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait.

Another Iraqi official denied today that Baghdad was preventing Soviets from leaving the country. On Monday, the Soviet Foreign Ministry accused Baghdad of breaking a promise to allow Soviets in Iraq to leave and threatened a "tougher attitude" if they were not granted freedom.

China's foreign minister, Qian Qichen, said in Beijing today his country would not vote for the U.N. use-of-force resolution. But he refused to say whether China would veto the measure, which it could do as one of five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

U.S. officials say the Chinese have promised not to oppose the resolution.

Qian was to meet with Secretary of State James A. Baker III tonight and may be seeking concessions in return for abstaining during Thursday's U.N. vote.

China wants Washington to lift economic sanctions it imposed following the June 1989 military crackdown that crushed China's pro-democracy movement. Qian's is the first official visit by a Chinese minister since the crackdown.

Today, the White House faced criticism in its drive for a U.N. resolution authorizing force. House Majority

Leader Richard Gephardt said he opposed using force against Iraq now and that the U.S. should stick to sanctions.

"Stay the course. Stick with the sanctions. Do not try to mount an offensive military action in the near future," the Missouri Democrat said in a speech. The United Nations has imposed trade sanctions against Iraq and they are being vigorously enforced by the multinational force in the Persian Gulf.

It was the first public break among the Democratic leadership. Last week, Democrats said the Bush administration would have a better chance of winning congressional approval for an attack if it received U.N. backing.

Gephardt's remarks came as the Senate Armed Services Committee began its second session to debate a U.N. resolution authorizing military force.

Under the resolution, to be voted on Thursday, Iraq will have until Jan. 15 to withdraw its troops from Kuwait before facing the prospect of military action.

Soviet and U.S. diplomats fixed the deadline in the last 24 hours. Western diplomats said on condition of anonymity.

The resolution authorizes "all necessary means" to get Iraq out of Kuwait after that date.

But Iraq today called for dialogue. Iraq's deputy prime minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan, said Bush "is leading the entire world to a ruinous war" and "has no choice other than to come to his senses and initiate a dialogue."

Ramadan indicated, however, Iraq had not softened its position on Kuwait, saying it was intent on ousting "aggressors and traitors" from Arab land.

Also today, an Iraqi Foreign Ministry spokesman denied Soviets were being held like other Westerners in Iraq. "Soviets are working in Iraq according to contracts," he said on condition of anonymity.

"We told the Soviet officials that Iraq will allow any Soviet to leave Iraq when his contract ends," the official said. Iraq has taken "no illegal measures against Soviets," he said, indicating that they are not hostages.

34 students injured in school bus accident

ROANOKE, Texas (AP) - One girl remained hospitalized today following a school bus accident in which 34 teenagers were injured, officials said.

Cathy Donlin, 14, was admitted for the night at her parent's request, said Ellen Painter, a spokeswoman for HCA Community Hospital in Denton. The teenager was expected to be released today.

The accident occurred Tuesday shortly after 4 p.m. on Highway 114 in rural Denton County when the bus struck another school bus that had stopped, said Les Weaver, communications operator for the Texas Department of Public Safety office in Garland, near Dallas.

Denton is about 35 miles northwest of Dallas.

Weaver said it is not known why the moving bus failed to stop. A third bus, which was not hit, had stopped on the highway to let children drop off, Weaver said.

Behind it were a car, a pickup and the other parked bus, all of which were struck by the moving bus.

Passengers in the two vehicles were not hurt. Passengers in the bus letting children off also escaped injury.

Most of the injuries suffered by the teenagers were minor ones, involving neck and back pain, hospital officials said. Most of the children were treated and released at two other area hospitals.

The buses were from the Northwest Independent School District,

which serves several small towns in Denton County, including Justin, Roanoke and Trophy Club.

The buses carried about 70 students from middle and high schools in Justin.

Eileen Standridge, an assistant superintendent for the district, said most of the injured students walked to ambulances that took them to hospitals in Denton and Grapevine.

The driver of the bus that hit the parked bus, Jerry Whalen, 24, of Roanoke, was treated for a cut lower lip and loose teeth sustained in the accident. DPS officials identified the driver of the bus that was rear-ended as Calvin Tyler, 56, of Argyle.

Uninjured students were picked up by another bus and taken home.

Suspect arrested after running car into house

A transient who listed his address only as the Western Motel in Pampa was arrested this morning outside a residence at 521 Magnolia after the allegedly ran his automobile into the house and a car.

Police said 34-year-old Timothy Squirrel, an American Indian, had to be subdued by three officers after authorities were called to the scene at 6:56 a.m.

"He was standing in the front

yard and the residents of the house advised police he had caused some problems and done damage to the house when he hit it and another car with his car," said Deputy Chief of Police Ken Hall. "The residents said he had done it deliberately."

Police stated that Squirrel refused to identify himself and began to challenge officers to a fight.

Sgt. Jess Wallace and officers Monte Roberts and Donnie Kidd

were unable to calm Squirrel down, Hall said, and he began to struggle with them.

Once Squirrel was placed in city jail, Hall said he eventually gave authorities his name and age, but would only list his place of residence as the Western Motel.

Squirrel was cited for resisting arrest and failure to identify himself. He remained in city jail through press time today.

Actor George C. Scott expected to return to filming after short illness

DALLAS (AP) - Actor George C. Scott was expected to return to the set of a television film after an illness that the film's distributor said was not life-threatening.

"If it was serious, I don't think he'd be back by Friday," said Kim Reed, a spokesman for MGM-UA Productions.

Production of the ABC-TV film,

tentatively titled *Mittelmans' Hardware*, was halted Monday. Scott complained of not feeling well sometime between Saturday and Monday.

The film is being shot in Denton, about 35 miles northwest of Dallas, Reed said.

Reed said filming will resume Thursday, and Scott will return to the set Friday. He said he did not know the

nature of Scott's illness, except that it apparently was not life threatening.

Mittelmans' Hardware is described as a heartwarming story of an aging businessman who is losing the grip on his business and his personal life. The man develops a case of amnesia and is found by impoverished Hispanics, who become a new family for him.

City briefs

WINTERIZE YOUR brick home! Repair cracks that allow cold air to circulate behind walls. Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

RESIDENTIAL AND Commercial remodeling and repair. Deaver Construction. 665-0447. Adv.

THREE SIZES childrens school desks. Kitchen knife size sharpening sticks. Sir +, 322 W. Foster. Adv.

ROMPERS! ROMPERS! Custom sewing, order now for Christmas. Girls or ladies, my material or yours. 536 W. Brown. 665-0742. Open daily 1-5 p.m. Jerrie Smith. Adv.

SUNGLITZING IS at Styles Unlimited. Call Barbara at 665-HAIR for a Holiday special. Adv.

ROWDY ACE will be at City Limits tonight and this weekend. Adv.

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

ADDDINGTON'S WEEKEND Sale, Resistol felt hats \$15 off regular priced hats. Friday, Saturday only. New shipment western jewelry and Rocky jeans. Adv.

HAIR BENDERS Holiday Specials. Tanning \$25. for December. Gift certificates available. 665-7117, or come 316 S. Cuyler. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, fair and continued cold with a low near 20 degrees, light and variable winds. Thursday, sunny and warmer with a high in the upper 50s and southwesterly winds 10-15 mph. Tuesday's high was 44; the overnight low was 22.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas - Fair through Thursday. Lows tonight near 20 Panhandle to around 30 Concho Valley. Highs Thursday mostly in the 50s.

North Texas - Fair through Thursday. Lows tonight 27 northwest to 38 southeast. Highs 57 to 61.

South Texas - Freeze warning in effect tonight for the Hill Country. Clear and cold tonight. Sunny and cool Thursday. Lows tonight in upper 20s to near 30 Hill Country to mid 50s lower coast. Highs Thursday near 60 north to low 70s deep south.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Friday through Sunday
West Texas - Panhandle, South

Plains, Far West: Friday through Sunday fair. Highs in mid 50s to low 60s. Lows in upper 20s to mid 30s. Permian Basin, Concho Valley, Pecos Valley: Friday through Sunday fair. Highs in upper 50s to mid 60s. Lows in the 30s. Big Bend: Friday through Sunday fair. Mountains: Highs in the 50s with lows mostly in the 30s. Lower elevations: Highs mostly in the 60s with lows from upper 30s to mid 40s.

North Texas - Fair and cool. Highs in upper 50s to low 60s Friday and Saturday and in low to mid 60s Sunday. Lows in mid to upper 30s Friday and Saturday and in upper 30 to low 40s Sunday.

South Texas - Hill Country, South Central: Sunny cool days and clear and cold at night Friday and Saturday. A little warmer Sunday. Lows Friday and Saturday in the 30s. Lows Sunday in the 40s. Highs Friday and Saturday near 60. Highs Sunday in the 60s. Coastal Bend: Sunny cool days and clear and cold at night Friday and Saturday. A little warmer Sunday. Lows Friday

and Saturday in the 40s. Lows Sunday in the 50s. Highs Friday and Saturday in the 60s. Highs Sunday in the 70s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Sunny cool days and clear and cold at night Friday and Saturday. A little warmer Sunday. Lows Friday and Saturday in the 40s. Lows Sunday in the 50s. Highs Friday in the 60s, warming by Sunday to the 70s. Southeast Texas, Upper Coast: Sunny cool days and clear and cold at night through Sunday. Lows in the 30s to near 40. Highs Friday and Saturday near 60. Highs Sunday in the 60s.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma - Clear and cold tonight. Sunny and warmer on Thursday. Lows tonight mostly in the 20s. Highs Thursday 50s.

New Mexico - Clear through Thursday. Warmer statewide Thursday. Lows tonight zero to 15 in the mountains to between 15 and 25 at lower elevations. Highs Thursday from the 40s mountains and northwest to the 50s lower elevations east and south.

Economy grew at 1.7% annual rate in third quarter; recession still feared

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. economy grew at a 1.7 percent annual rate in the third quarter, a bit less than previously thought, the government reported today. The weak growth was unlikely to chase away fears the country is in a recession.

The Commerce Department said its downward revision in the gross national product showed the economy advanced even more slowly from July through September than the 1.8 percent first reported last month.

The GNP is the nation's total output of goods and services and its broadest measure of economic activity.

Recent surveys of professional economic forecasters show that most believe the economy has tumbled into a recession - informally defined as two consecutive declines in the GNP. For many, the question is when it began.

Some analysts contend most of the third-quarter growth was concentrated in the first part of the period and was tapering off at the end after Iraq stormed Kuwait on Aug. 2 and the subsequent oil-price shock to the economy.

Even President Bush and his chief economic adviser, Michael Boskin, have said publicly the economy has weakened in recent months. Bush calls it a "slowdown"; Boskin says it is a "lull."

The department also reported that a GNP measure of inflation rose even more than previously thought

- at an annual rate of 4.2 percent. It first was reported to have risen 4.1 percent after a 3.9 percent gain in the second quarter. Inflation advanced at a 6.4 percent rate in the first quarter.

At the same time, it said after-tax profits earned by American corporations jumped 6.7 percent during the third quarter.

Corporate profits dropped 0.6 percent in the second quarter, erasing a 0.5 percent gain in the first.

In another report, the department said orders to U.S. factories for "big-ticket" durable goods rebounded 3.6 percent in October, driven by a 14.8 percent jump in transportation orders.

It reported that orders for durable goods - "big-ticket" items expected to last more than three years - totaled a seasonally adjusted \$129.4 billion following declines of 1.6 percent in September and 0.9 percent in August.

Leading the downward revision in the GNP was a 3.2 percent gain in consumer spending, down from the 3.6 percent advance first reported.

At the same time, inventories declined \$4.4 billion rather than the \$1.7 billion in the initial report.

Housing construction was off 19.2 percent instead of 15.4 percent while government spending rose just 0.6 percent rather than the 1.3 percent gain first reported.

On the other hand, business investment was up 8.2 percent instead of 7.4 percent in the initial report while the trade deficit narrowed to \$500 million rather than the \$7.9 billion reported last month.

Each quarter's GNP is revised

twice as more complete data becomes available. The final revision in the third-quarter report is due next month.

The changes meant the total GNP, the broadest measure of the nation's economic activity, was growing at an annual rate of \$4.17 trillion in the third quarter, when adjusted for inflation. That was a gain of \$18.0 billion over the second quarter.

Despite the third-quarter growth, many economists believe the recession began during the period - if not before.

Elliott Platt, an economist with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette securities dealers in New York, notes that the U.S. economy has experienced growth during the first quarter of five of the eight recessions since World War II.

Thus, he says, the 1.7 percent growth rate in the third quarter does not preclude the possibility that the recession began during that quarter.

The GNP expanded at a 1.7 percent rate during the first quarter, then fell to a barely perceptible 0.4 percent rate in the second. It had grown 2.5 percent in 1989 after a 4.5 percent increase a year earlier.

If the economy is in a recession, it has concluded an expansion that would have been eight years old this month. The last recession ended in November 1982 after 16 months of decline.

Many economists believe a current recession would be short-lived, with the economy posting negative growth in this quarter and next before resuming its expansion in the second quarter of 1991.

Wheeler schedules warm-up stock show

WHEELER - The Wheeler Livestock Boosters will sponsor its first Wheeler County Warm-Up Show on Saturday, Dec. 8.

The show is open to all steer, heifer and lamb feeders who have not graduated from high school.

The show, which will be held at the Wheeler County Show Barn in Wheeler, is scheduled to give exhibitors an opportunity to gain some experience with their animals prior to the opening of the spring show season.

Entry fee is \$15 per animal, with \$10 of that amount being paid back. Exhibitors will enter upon arrival at the show.

In the steer show, there will be breed divisions for English Breeds and Crosses, and for Other Breeds and Crosses. Steer classes will be divided by weight; there will be no weigh back. Heifer breed divisions will be the same as for steers, with the classes divided by age.

Breed divisions for lambs will be fine wool, fine wool cross, medium wool breeds and crosses, and Southdown. Lamb classes will be divided by weight; there will not be a weigh back.

Judge for the show will be Michael Pate of Shamrock.

Steers will be weighed and classified between 9 and 10 a.m., and lambs will be weighed and classified between 10 and 11 a.m. The steer and heifer show will begin at 11 a.m., with the lamb show at 1 p.m.

A concession stand will be available.

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Paraguay

The Rodriguez government has no comment on where the riches originated, explaining that in Paraguay a person's personal income is no one else's business.

Most people here don't even blink at such paradoxes.

Instead, business leaders prefer to be encouraged by the reforms Rodriguez is promising, including free elections in 1993.

New construction and renovation activity in Asuncion is being conducted at a breakneck pace.

Publicly the merchants and bankers maintain they preparing for the tourists, trade and new opportunities for free enterprise that Rodriguez will bring them.

Diplomats from the United States cynically speculate they are "making hay while the sun shines and before the honeymoon ends and Rodriguez goes back to being his old self."

Observers point out that "Paraguay has no history of democracy or truly free enterprise and is one of the few nations on earth where the criminal actions of a ruthless dictator are actually seen as quite normal."

If Paraguay is to overcome its past, it must do so by providing foreign investors some evidence their money will actually go where they say, instead of disappearing into someone's pocket.

Japan, which is currently doling out millions of dollars each year to Paraguay, has established its own form of checks and balances. When it sends money for a cause, it also sends the technical staff to oversee the operation.

If things go sour or money starts disappearing, it pulls the plug and goes home.

Another serious problem is that an absence of environmental policies threatens to wipe out Paraguay's lush jungles.

Millions of trees are cut down each year and used to fuel Coca-Cola plants and other businesses in Paraguay.

Businessmen here see the idea of burning coal or natural gas as a puzzling concept.

"We have trees all around us and they are free," said the owner of a tile company in Encarnacion that uses heavy amounts of timber for his huge ovens. "Why would I pay for gas or coal? I don't know that I could even get it. And it is very difficult to make a living in Paraguay. I cannot add more expenses when trees are free."

Small brick and tile factories exist all over Paraguay, turning the nation's hefty supply of red clay into a salable product. They are also slowly turning the forests into wastelands.

Huge ginning and milling operations throughout Paraguay that produce yerba, tea, soy, tung oil and other valuable commodities also burn thousands of tons of trees each year in their operations.

But Paraguayans fail to understand the hysteria over trees. They look around and see millions of trees everywhere. To them, the idea that the forests could one day disappear is comical in its absurdity.

Antonio Van Humbeck, an environmentalist who is largely funded by U.S. foundations, works through the *Fundacion Moises Bertoni* to increase environmental awareness throughout Paraguay.

"We have many people who are burning off the forests," Van Humbeck explained. "We are working hard to make our people aware that if we take care of the earth, it will take care of us."

Van Humbeck is assisted by Americans from the Peace Corps in one of his pet projects, the beautiful *Parque Nacional Ybycui* (Ybycui National Park), located southeast of Asuncion in a majestic section of the country.

Van Humbeck has learned well from his American connections, and is focusing most of his attentions on consensus building and awareness campaigns.

Working with influential, innovative businessmen like Roberto Urbietta Amigo, who owns a road construction company and is well respected in Paraguay, Van Humbeck is developing strategies for eco-tourism programs that bring environmentally aware foreigners to the nation and make conservation as "cool" among Paraguay's upper class as it is in developed nations.

"We have a lot of work to do because people have not been educated to care about the environ-

Two questioned in evangelist's slaying

HOUSTON (AP) — A man and a teenage boy were being held today for questioning in connection with the shooting death of a popular gospel singer and evangelist, the Rev. Paul Jones.

Charges were pending against the 20-year-old man and the 14-year-old boy, said Harris County Sheriff's Sgt. Skip Oliver. The two are suspected of trying to rob the Baptist minister at his northwest



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Paraguay's peasant population has come to accept corruption and strong-arm tactics as "the price of peace and stability." This woman sips an herb drink made from yerba leaves during a brief discourse on what a great president the country's last dictator, Alfredo Stroessner, was.

ment," Urbietta said. "But Antonio is young and energetic and I believe he will make a big difference in our country."

Van Humbeck is also urging Boy Scout leaders from all over the world to consider Paraguay as a destination for major environmental awareness trips.

"We have projects they will be working on with Boy Scouts from other nations," Van Humbeck explained. "They would come for a month and camp here at the park where they could see our monkeys and other wild animals and know they were making a large contribution in saving them and saving our planet."

... there is a mood of limited expectation that things might change ever so slightly for the better ...

Forestry experts in neighboring Argentina suggest that if Van Humbeck and his associates are not successful, the timber in Paraguay could be depleted in as little as 20 years.

Van Humbeck is hopeful enough attention can be brought to the ecology issue in Paraguay that President Rodriguez will institute serious reforestation efforts.

Since trees grow an average of 80 percent faster here than in the United States, such an effort could be the salvation of Paraguay's subtropical splendor.

But if skeptics are right about Rodriguez, the key to his buying Van Humbeck's program will lie in his seeing what's in it for him financially.

While youthfulness may be Paraguay's best asset, it is also its biggest burden.

Education is not compulsory in Paraguay, but those students who do attend school only go for four hours a day, meaning that if they complete 12 years of education, they will still be exposed to only half as much learning as students in the United States.

Escuela Agropecuaria (National Agriculture School), located between Tacuary and Ybycui, is offering some rural children the opportunity to attend a free boarding school and learn improved techniques of livestock breeding and forestry.

However, after paying for 20 teachers and start-up costs this school, which began eight years ago, had almost no money left for books with which to stock its tiny library.

"We need agriculture books in Spanish," said Director Daniel Valdez Martinez, a tone of urgency in his voice. "Do you know of anyone in the United States who could

Harris County home on Nov. 19.

Jones was found in the foyer of the house with several bullet wounds in his back. Authorities believe the assailants knocked on the door, spoke to Jones briefly and forced their way in as Jones tried to close the door.

Oliver said deputies had received information from a confidential source that led them to issue probable cause warrants the two on Tuesday morning.

Reading kick-off tea



(Staff photos by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Students, faculty, principals and superintendents from Pampa's elementary and middle schools gathered Tuesday morning for a tea kicking off the Cross-Age Reading Tutoring Program. Above, from left, students Diego Vasquez, Billie Thomas, Carlos Gonzales, Christy Franks, Laranda Landers and Vangie Parsley listen to Savador DelFierro tell about why he feels the tutoring program is helpful to the elementary school students in the Pampa school district. Each student, all in the seventh and eighth grades, spoke briefly about their experience in the reading improvement class at Pampa Middle School. Below, Baker Elementary School Principal John Welborn, left, visits with PMS students Diana Galaviz, seventh grade; Cathy Rodriguez, seventh grade, and Norma Jimenez, eighth grade.



Texas retailers have mixed weekend

DALLAS (AP) — Texas retailers gave thanks this week for steady or slightly higher Thanksgiving weekend sales while stores around the country experienced dropoffs.

Sales results were mixed in Texas during the year's busiest shopping weekend. But that gave a boost to retailers who have been braced for consumers to cut back on holiday purchases because they fear a recession and war in the Persian Gulf.

"This was an encouraging week for retailers," Larry Gresham, associate director of the Center for Retailing Studies at Texas A&M, said Tuesday. "They had people in the stores this past week ... but buying less expensive things."

A survey by the Texas A&M center and the Arthur Andersen accounting firm of 250 stores in Texas' three largest metropolitan areas showed sales were above the expectations of most retailers last week. But less than half of the stores reported higher sales compared to the same week last year.

Moderately-priced items sold the best last week, the survey found, while sales of clothing and expensive electronic and jewelry

items were down. Telecheck Southwest Inc., the Houston-based clearinghouse for checks, said the amount of money it processed over the weekend was up 4.1 percent compared to last year. But the average size of each check in Texas this weekend was down 0.7 percent to \$107.55 compared to last year.

The amount of money spent this weekend through checks jumped the most in Houston, 5.3 percent, Telecheck said. The amount of money spent by check jumped 3.5 percent in Dallas-Fort Worth and 1.5 percent in San Antonio and Austin.

Housewares and cosmetics sold the best in Dallas-Fort Worth, the Texas A&M-Arthur Andersen survey found. Electronics and men's apparel sold best in Houston and electronics and cosmetics sold best in San Antonio.

One victim of the trend to lower-priced items may be Neiman Marcus, the Dallas-based purveyor of high-dollar merchandise. Sales at its stores nationwide were down from the same period last year, said Peter Farwell, vice president for corporate relations of the Neiman Marcus Group.

"We've been conservative in our expectations but we would have hoped to have done better," Farwell said. He did not have a regional breakdown and would not discuss specific figures.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 19, 1990, GTE Southwest Incorporated ("GTE-SW") filed revisions to the company's tariff pertaining to the features and associated equipment for providing emergency number services (9-1-1).

In this filing, GTE-SW proposes to modify its existing 9-1-1 tariff and to add more than 200 new service offerings. The new items of service and equipment in this application have been added to meet the company's increasing 9-1-1 customer demands and to allow GTE-SW to compete more effectively in the 9-1-1 equipment market.

The product line in the new offerings consists of a mini-computer and specialized console package for larger communities, as well as a personal computer with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) display for smaller communities. (ANI displays a caller's telephone number on the emergency dispatcher's computer screen.) In addition, the product line will include ANI and Automatic Location Information (ALI) display units compatible with, and similar to, those offered by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and other local exchange carriers in Texas. (The ALI feature displays a caller's address on the computer screen.) The rate charged existing 9-1-1 customers may be revised at the expiration of their contracts with GTE-SW if the proposed tariff is approved.

This filing has been assigned Docket No 9667. The hearing on the merits is scheduled for February 25, 1991, at the offices of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The deadline to intervene in this docket is December 31, 1990.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information, should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.



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Opinion

Preparing for war needs wide support

In *On War*, Carl von Clausewitz observed that modern war involves the marshalling of three forces: the government, the army and the people. In *On Strategy: A Critical Analysis of the Vietnam War*, Col. Harry G. Summers described how the Vietnam war was lost because, though our military won virtually every engagement, the American people never were roused to fight for victory.

This remains the major problem with President Bush's preparation for war against Iraq. He has impressively gathered an international alliance and deployed American forces. Perhaps he has harnessed the will of the American people, but that has not been shown satisfactory in the halls of Congress, which is closest to the voters. Across America, people apparently support the deployment, but many wonder if it is wise to take the next step, the waging of war, which would involve the deaths of their sons. Invading Iraq would not be as simple as last year's action in Panama; it would pit American forces against Saddam Hussein's army of 1 million men. The Iraqi army is weak and its equipment falling apart, but it remains a potent force.

Members of Congress are also beginning to question the president's war preparations without the approval of Congress. Constitutional scholars debate whether the president always needs a declaration of war to engage troops. But in the crisis before us, the constitutional question should blend with the principle of Clausewitz. At the least it would be advisable for Bush to obtain a declaration of war as part of a successful war policy.

To this end, Richard Lugar, senior Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has recommended that Bush call Congress back into session. That is good advice. Bush could address a joint session of Congress, in which he would give the reasons that the United States should stop Saddam Hussein, if necessary, through war.

Congressional approval would harness the will of the American people. Until now, Bush has sought only the approval of the United Nations, which remains primarily a gaggle of Third World potentates never popular with the American people, and not representative of our people's will.

Finally, a declaration of war would send a clear signal to Saddam Hussein that the United States is willing to expend every effort to stop him. This could be the very signal that would cause him to withdraw from Kuwait, and so avert war.

Bush might not be able to convince Congress to declare war. If not, then he would have reason to adopt a more conciliatory strategy toward Iraq, one that would contain Saddam without a bloody assault. In any case, Bush should harness the will of Congress, and of the American people, as a necessary condition of peace — or war to victory.

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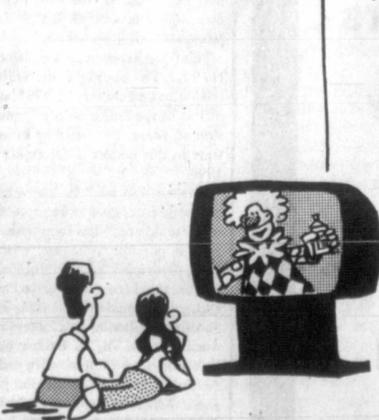
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A time for standing firm

WASHINGTON — A dilemma, by definition, is the unavoidable choice between two equally unattractive alternatives. Since Aug. 2, when Iraq invaded Kuwait, President Bush has been impaled on a dilemma's horns. Now he has another tough decision to reach.

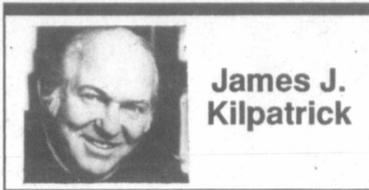
The choice on Aug. 2 was clear. Bush was damned if he intervened and damned if he didn't. He chose to send in the 82nd Airborne Division. In the beginning he enjoyed apparent widespread support. To listen to the radio talk shows, that support is slowly eroding. The president's approval rating has fallen under 50 percent. He needs a boost.

Once again he faces a hard choice, between calling or not calling Congress back into session.

The risks are evenly balanced. If Bush could be assured that a resolution of support for his action would be overwhelmingly adopted, it would be worth the effort. Such a gesture by Congress would carry a strong message to Saddam Hussein in Iraq that American resolve has not wavered. The president's hand would be strengthened. A ringing resolution of congressional approval would encourage our allies in this venture.

The trouble is that the leadership cannot give such assurance. Let us recall a recent piece of dumb-show.

In the House, Rep. Dante Fascell of Florida took the lead in crafting House Joint Resolution 658. It was a long document that began by condemning Iraq's unprovoked aggression and went on to "affirm" the president's five stated objectives and to "support" the deployment of troops in the Persian Gulf region. The resolution concluded by acknowledging that Bush had reported his action to Congress in compliance with the War Powers Res-



James J. Kilpatrick

olution of 1973. On Oct. 1 the House passed HJR 658 by the resounding vote of 380-29.

The Senate meanwhile was engaged with its own Concurrent Resolution 147. It was a much shorter document, carrying the uncertain beat of muffled drums. In the Senate version, Congress "strongly approves the leadership of the president in successfully pursuing" the adoption of U.N. resolutions. Congress "approves the actions taken by the president in support of" the five goals. And Congress "supports the continued action by the president in accordance with United States constitutional and statutory process to deter Iraqi aggression and to protect American lives and vital interests in the region." On Oct. 2 the Senate approved its concurrent resolution by a vote of 96-3.

The House sent its resolution to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It died there. The Senate sent its resolution to the House Foreign Affairs Committee. It died there. It was an ignominious performance all the way.

If this was the best Congress could do in the first week of October, what could be expected of

Congress in the first week of December? The president urgently needs an expression of strong bipartisan support. What he does not need is a tentative, watered-down, Milquetoast resolution, adopted by a widely divided vote. An irresolute resolution would be worse than no resolution at all.

Other avenues ought to be explored for providing the moral support that Bush deserves. House and Senate leaders made a helpful gesture by joining the president last week in Saudi Arabia. If major national organizations — veterans groups, labor unions, patriotic societies, professional and trade associations — would adopt well-publicized expressions of support, they could strike a blow against the rising voices of discontent.

And these voices are rising. The press has to cover the visit to Iraq by Ramsey Clark. This notorious peacemaker may be a limp noodle, but his name makes news. Student protesters are always good for a photograph. Those who fear another Vietnam are entitled to be heard — but they ought not to be the only voices that are heard.

Bush is right in what he has done so far. He has stated the five goals clearly and repeatedly: to achieve Hussein's unconditional withdrawal, to restore the legitimate government of Kuwait, to provide for stability in the Persian Gulf, to protect American lives and to move toward a new world order of peace. His policies are to stop aggression, to help our friends and to protect our national self-interest in Middle Eastern oil.

These are sound goals and prudent policies. It is high time for those who support the president to let him know it.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 1990. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 28, 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston. The exact cause of the fire was never officially determined, though many blamed a busboy who had survived the blaze.

On this date:
In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

In 1919, American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

In 1922, Captain Cyril Turner of the Royal Air Force gave the first skywriting exhibition, over New York's Times Square. (Turner spelled out, "Hello U.S.A. Call Vanderbilt 7200." Some 47,000 calls resulted.)

In 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, in Nashville, Tenn., made its radio debut on station WSM.

In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.



Our nation has a 'gas' station!

It was 1978.

For a second time, the Arabs had closed ranks against us — cut off our supply of oil.

Then-President Jimmy Carter called it "the moral equivalent of war."

Pundits in the media were saying that our nation was running out of oil; some predicted oil would be \$100 a barrel by 1990.

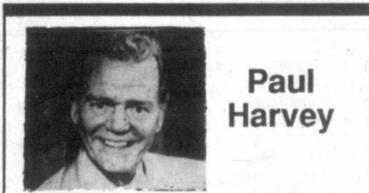
In Washington, when news is good, politicians go to sleep; when it's bad, they go to pieces. They went to pieces.

They immediately created something called the United States Synthetic Fuels Corporation. They allocated \$88 billion for the all-out construction of 30 to 40 synthetic fuel plants to make gas and/or liquid fuel from coal.

And they named Mr. Ed Noble chairman of the USSFC.

In retrospect, Noble says he given a "job that did not need doing and \$88 billion with which to do it."

On paper it seemed to make sense. Our country has more than enough coal and oil shale, which, converted to oil or gas, would supply our nation's total energy needs for the next 600 years



Paul Harvey

without any imports. But at that time there was no worldwide shortage to justify the enormity of the cost.

And by the time President Reagan was elected, those costs had escalated another 50 to 60 percent.

Four projects were approved and 156 other turned down.

The three largest projects have all exceeded their production design by considerable margins. They are burning their coal far more cleanly than expected, far cleaner than EPA standards — and more cleanly than straight coal-burning furnaces, even those equipped with the most sophisticated scrubbers.

Today, with higher oil prices, gas technology becomes even more attractive.

So where do we go from here?

In Denver, Colo., the Natural Fuels Corporation is operating our nation's first full-service "gas station."

Today you can drive your car or truck into the Denver facility and have it converted to run on compressed natural gas.

The 10-bay facility can perform 15 to 25 conversions a week.

After the conversion, a vehicle runs both cleaner and cheaper than on gasoline.

Conversion cost — including installation of extra tanks — runs \$2,500 to \$3,500. The first customers, understandably, are the owners of fleets, which travel many miles each year.

After conversion, the cost for the natural gas is less than half the cost of gasoline.

If just 15 percent of United States cars were converted to run on compressed natural gas, we would not need to import any foreign oil.

Petty Mideast tyrants could never hold us hostage again.

Child care should replace welfare

By CHUCK STONE

One of the few redemptive things about Republicans is their continuous capacity to accept the wisdom of an old Duke Ellington standard, "I'm beginning to see the light."

GOP enlightenment — at least on the part of House and Senate leaders — beamed a new direction for the party when bipartisan negotiators agreed on a child-care program that is 19 years overdue.

Nineteen years ago in 1971, President Nixon vetoed a day-care bill. Three Republican presidents later, George Bush has signaled his intention to sign the \$2.5 billion child-care bill that will provide grants to states to subsidize child-care programs and tax credits for low-income families.

But who can trust a president who vetoes civil rights and family-leave bills (after declaring support for both) and also breaks a read-my-lips promise not to raise taxes. Under George Bush, "Truth crushed to earth" shall not rise again.

Still, there is a pregnant possibility

that a child-care law could be the forerunner of long overdue recobbling of the welfare act.

To avert suspense, I'll quickly define the gravamen of my position on welfare. It is time to shift the nation's priorities from welfare to child care.

Actually, discontinuing welfare would be preferable. It would be one start in abrogating the rationale for racial Toryism that is spreading in America. But the Draconian discontinuance of welfare would be too socially disruptive to absorb for at least four years.

Still, we must begin, in the words of J. William Fulbright, to think unthinkable thoughts. Now is the time to begin a legislative dialogue on a methodology that replaces welfare with child care. Now is time to support every working mother and/or father who needs some form of subsidized child care.

In the years B.R. (Before Reagan), it was easier for America to be a caring and compassionate nation. Federal funds were able to subsidize "the

better angels of our nature."

With Son of Reagan carrying out the same policies (but with a lot more angst and a kinder, gentler veneer), the nation's first priorities ought to be directed toward the subsidy of working lower-middle-income mothers and fathers.

One of the reasons that federally subsidized child care may be an idea whose time has come is the dramatic increase in the percentage of employed women with children under 6 from 30.3 percent in 1970 to 56.1 percent in 1988. The marketplace changes the voting booth. Under the present child-care bill, 750,000 children and their parents would be affected.

If my shift from supporting welfare to child care seems to represent a hardening of the federally subsidized eleemosynary arteries, it also reflects a slowing developing mindset, especially among African-Americans.

Four years ago, a young black taxicab dispatcher, Michael A. Mond, wrote me about the imperative to get

teenagers off the "welfare merry-go-round." Mond wrote:

"No mother of school age should receive welfare assistance before she is 18 without being enrolled in school."

"The state must establish who the father of the child is before it takes on the responsibility for the welfare of the child."

"An educational program for teenage fathers that provides basic education grants or tax-break incentives for an employer who hires such a graduate should be instituted."

Welfare subsidizes for second- and third-generation welfare recipients do not exist in an economic vacuum. A vetoed civil-rights bill makes it more difficult for black parents to find jobs. Welfare reform and the civil-rights act are not "separate but equal"; they are closely linked. America is still an unconscionably racist nation.

But child care is the wave of the future. Welfare is the voice from the past.

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Edwin Gray tells of 'intimidating' session on S&Ls

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former federal regulator says "the whole setting was an intimidating one" when he met with four senators to discuss financier Charles Keating and the problems of Lincoln Savings and Loan Association.

Edwin Gray, the former top federal thrift regulator, testified Tuesday that Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., flanked by three fellow lawmakers, opened the meeting by referring to Keating as "our friend from Lincoln Savings."

The testimony came at a Senate Ethics Committee hearing into charges five senators intervened improperly on behalf of Keating and his savings and loan after he provided them with considerable campaign contributions.

The collapse of Lincoln, located in Irvine, Calif., will cost taxpayers an estimated \$2 billion, and Keating is currently under indictment in California.

Gray, former chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, comes in for more cross-examination today by lawyers for the "Keating Five."

Testifying Tuesday, Gray told the panel of an April 2, 1987, meeting at which DeConcini offered him a deal. He was to drop a regulation curbing risky investments by Lincoln, he said. In return, the Arizona senator promised to see to it that Lincoln would make more home loans.

"I considered it improper," Gray testified. "The whole setting was an intimidating one."

"DeConcini said, 'We're very concerned about this direct investment regulation of yours. ... We'd like you to withdraw it until we can find out if it's constitutional. If you can do that, we'll get our friend at Lincoln to make more home loans.'"

Gray described DeConcini as leader of the meeting but stressed that the Arizona senator used the

word "we" in making the request. Also on hand were three of the other senators under investigation: Republican John McCain of Arizona and Democrats John Glenn of Ohio and Alan Cranston of California.

The fifth, Democrat Donald Riegle of Michigan, was not at the meeting but did attend a session a week later with California-based regulators looking into the problems at Lincoln.

Gray described the three other senators in the April 2 meeting as silently acquiescing to DeConcini's request. Under cross-examination by Glenn's lawyer, Charles Ruff, he acknowledged hearing no verbal agreement.

"I thought I saw a nod but maybe I didn't," he said. "... The point is there was no objection ... Nobody said, 'He speaks for himself.'"

Gray contended the meeting was improper and that he felt awkward and pressured by the senators. He said he took no action as a result of the meeting, nor did other regulators.

"We did not succumb to that pressure," he said.

But Gray, who has been the chief accuser of the five senators, acknowledged under lengthy questioning that he did not make public his discomfort with the senators' meeting for two years — except to members of his own staff. After that, he told a newspaper reporter, he acknowledged.

"If you felt so strongly," asked Robert S. Bennett, the committee's special counsel, "why did you wait until May of 1989, some two years later, to make these statements?"

Gray responded: "There were no witnesses ... There was no paper trail. ... I didn't believe then that they would admit to this. ... I wasn't out to have a fight with senators."

Gray was appointed chairman of the federal board in 1983 by President Reagan. He served until his term expired in 1987 and now heads a Miami bank.

New plastic batteries could fuel electric cars

By CECI CONNOLLY
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The race is on to perfect a plastic battery the size of a playing card that would make electric cars an attractive alternative to gasoline-powered vehicles, scientists say.

Interest is so great, they say, electric automobiles will be streaming down America's highways by the end of the decade.

"It's a matter of time," said Duward Shriver, a professor at Northwestern University.

Electric cars use no gasoline and emit no carbon monoxide, making them attractive in a world worried about pollution and nervous about the Persian Gulf crisis cutting off oil. However, electric cars need several batteries to cover long distances without recharging, and standard auto batteries are heavy and bulky.

The solution may be the card-sized plastic battery. Scientists here

for a symposium say that the technology is available and that such a battery could be developed within a few years, ushering in the mass use of electric cars.

"We're trying to replace batteries of a traditional kind with a battery of a much less traditional kind," said Mark Ratner, a Northwestern University chemistry professor who received an award this week from the Materials Research Society for his work with plastics.

General Motors Corp. plans to manufacture an electric car, but it would require 32 standard lead-acid car batteries, said spokeswoman Toni Simonetti. "It certainly takes up a lot of real estate in the car," she admitted.

Ratner said the lead-acid battery is heavy and somewhat dangerous because it gives off toxic substances. But batteries made out of polymers, or plastics, are light, don't pollute and present few if any dangers, he said.

Big lawman wins little award in slander case

LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) — A 7-foot, 275-pound sheriff's deputy was awarded \$5,000 in slander damages because the motorist who accused him of brutality still had his teeth.

Judge Byron Robb ruled Monday that Patrick Edgmon, 36, claimed the deputy had punched him during an arrest for drunken driving in July.

split lip and chipped tooth if Deputy Hank Tashjian had belted him as Edgmon claimed.

Edgmon "in all probability would have had no teeth at all," the judge said.

Edgmon, 36, claimed the deputy had punched him during an arrest for drunken driving in July.



John Major and his wife Norma are shown outside No. 10 Downing Street, the official residence of Britain's prime minister, after returning from Buckingham Palace today. Major moved from No. 11 Downing Street, the official residence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Britain's prime minister pledges to build a new 'society of opportunity'

By ROBERT BARR
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — John Major, who rose from poverty to become Britain's youngest prime minister of the 20th century, succeeded Margaret Thatcher today and pledged to "build a society of opportunity."

"I want to see us build a country that is at ease with itself, a country that is confident, and a country that is prepared and willing to make the changes necessary to provide a better quality of life for all its citizens," Major said, minutes after being confirmed in office by Queen Elizabeth II.

"I don't promise you that it will be quick, and I don't promise you that it will be easy," Major said, standing with his wife, Norma, outside the prime minister's official residence at 10 Downing St.

The new prime minister, Mrs. Thatcher's protegee and most recently her chancellor of the exchequer, or treasury chief, won the leadership of the governing Conservative Party on Tuesday evening.

Major, 47, had gone to Buckingham Palace this morning after the departure of Mrs. Thatcher, his predecessor, patron and Britain's longest-serving prime minister this century.

The new prime minister won his seat in Parliament in Mrs. Thatcher's first election victory of 1979. She elevated him to the Cabinet in 1987, and backed him as her successor after determining she could no longer hold on to power.

In a 30-minute audience in a first floor room of the palace, Mrs. Thatcher handed her resignation to the queen.

Hundreds of people, many clapping and cheering, had pressed to the railings of Buckingham Palace as Mrs. Thatcher arrived. She left with her husband, Denis, in a private car.

"We leave the United Kingdom in a very much better state than when we came here 11 1/2 years ago," Mrs. Thatcher, 65, said as she

paused before dozens of camera crews, leaving 10 Downing St. for the last time as prime minister.

"Now it is time for a new chapter to open and I wish John Major all the luck in the world ... he has the makings of a great prime minister."

As he grapples with the creation of a new government, his first key decision may be whether to offer a Cabinet post to Michael Heseltine, the challenger who precipitated Mrs. Thatcher's downfall.

Derided as Mrs. Thatcher's "pooodle" by the opposition, and picked by worried Tories as the new hope of keeping power, Major was elected in a secret ballot by the 372 Conservative legislators.

He fell two votes short of the required 187 votes, but was declared winner after Heseltine and Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd conceded defeat.

The son of a onetime circus performer, Major was raised in the run-down Brixton section of London and left school at 16. He was briefly on welfare and worked as a laborer before becoming a successful banker.

Major arrived in the House of Commons in 1979, the year Mrs. Thatcher won power, but was quickly plucked from obscurity and entered the Cabinet in 1987, as treasury secretary and later, briefly, as foreign secretary.

While Major said during his campaign that he would stick to Mrs. Thatcher's policies of tight spending and privatization, he said he would review Mrs. Thatcher's unpopular per capita "poll tax" for local services and would be liberal on social issues.

The opposition disagreed. "John Major is a Thatcherette — that is how he sought election and that is how he got elected. It means that the policies that brought the poll tax, recession, heavy mortgages and rising unemployment will go on," said Labor Party leader Neil Kinnock.

College students scrawl names of alleged rapists on the bathroom walls

By KAREN SCHWARTZ
Associated Press Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Brown University women are scrawling the names of alleged rapists on the bathroom walls in a guerrilla attempt to get the school to do more about sexual assault among students.

Brown spokesman Robert Reichley called the women "Magic Marker terrorists" and said they face expulsion if caught.

Students said the graffiti is aimed at getting the Ivy League school to take stronger action against so-called date and acquaintance rape.

"It's not an easy thing for a woman to take this action and I don't think anyone was taking this lightly or doing this vindictively or maliciously," said Lisa Billowitz of Brown Against Sexual Assault and Harassment, or BASH.

"It was an act of desperation in an attempt to get Brown to act responsibly and provide us with a system where we can air these grievances publicly as opposed to bathroom walls."

The list of about 30 names began appearing more than a month ago. It has stirred strong emotions at the 7,000-student school and focused attention on the issue of college men forcing dates or other women they know into having sex.

"It's a controlling force of conversation," said student Stephanie Cooper, 19.

The names are based on allegations from victims or their friends, students said. It was unclear how many of the women, if any, have filed charges. Students said women on campus lack confidence the allegations will be handled effectively.

Court proceedings can take years and a victim could "be sitting next to her rapist in classes for a few years," said Jenn David, 21, a member of the university's disciplinary council and a founding member of BASH.

Janitors have scrubbed the walls clean, but the names keep reappearing. "Keep this list going strong —

warn others!" a message on one wall said. Women also write words of support and advice, usually unsigned.

Adam Gillitt, whose name appeared on a wall, wrote the student newspaper, The Brown Daily Herald, proclaiming his innocence.

"Rape is a violent crime that takes away the voices and the choices of the victims. So too do anonymous accusations without factual basis take away the options of the accused," he wrote.

One woman told The Providence Journal-Bulletin the list helped her meet with other alleged victims of the same attacker. "Together, we're thinking of pressing charges," she said. Her name was not given.

No sexual assault cases have come before the disciplinary council, but it has considered cases of racial and anti-homosexual assaults, and sexual harassment, David said.

She blamed the school's lack of a written procedure for dealing with rape and said "the deans were insensitive — blaming the victim" and steering them away from taking action.

"They had the rapists write a letter of apology to the victim or attend a three-hour alcohol counseling session," she said.

Rape statistics at Brown were unavailable. The school began compiling figures last week, officials said.

"We are proud of our efforts but know that they alone cannot correct one of society's greatest flaws," Dean of Student Life John Robinson wrote in the campus paper, while admitting that Brown's disciplinary system, designed in the 1960s, has become outdated.

Reichley, the university spokesman, said the school has written the men on the list inviting them to file complaints.

"I do not think that accusations of such a serious crime, made anonymously, can be described as anything but striking at the heart of the American judicial system of innocent until proven guilty," he said.

Fuel tank experts snuff fire at airport

DENVER (AP) — Five experts in fireproof suits waded into a blaze feeding on as much as 2.3 million gallons of jet fuel and in half an hour snuffed a fire that had burned for 53 hours at Stapleton International Airport.

"It's just like the fire forgot what to do," said Dwight Williams, owner of Williams, Boots & Coots of Port Neches. He was one of the five men who extinguished the blaze Tuesday.

The crew sprayed a smothering chemical on an 800,000-gallon tank and a 350,000-gallon tank after firefighters cooled the two containers that had burned since Monday with foam and water so the men could get near the valves.

The larger tank was one-third to one-half full; the other had only a fraction of fuel.

Up to 150 firefighters had battled the blaze but admitted they weren't up to the task in tools or expertise.

"The reality is this kind of thing doesn't happen very often and there are very few people who do it on a regular basis," said Fire Chief Richard Gonzales.

Denver officials had planned to let the fire burn itself out but changed their strategy after consulting Williams, Boots & Coots. Continental Airlines, which owns four tanks at the storage area, hired the specialists and flew them in.

Gonzales said it took 13 minutes to suffocate the bigger blaze and 17 minutes more to snuff the other.

"It's like riding bad horses or jumping out of an airplane," said Williams, who formed the company 11 years ago. "And I've done both."

A broken valve on a 400,000-gallon tank was thought to have touched off the fire, which broke out Sunday and spread to a 400,000-gallon tank. Those two tanks burned themselves out Monday, but not before igniting the two other tanks.

The fire forced the airline Sunday to reschedule and delay flights.

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 - Gourd
 - Red pigment
 - Luau food
 - Assumed name
 - More sensible
 - Dehydrated
 - Excitement
 - Thousand
 - Film locations
 - Foisted
 - Divisions
 - Crude metal
 - Jacob's twin
 - Not shallow
 - No longer are
 - Jethro
 - Firearm owners' org.

- 42 Let's Make**
- Intrinsic
 - Cave (poet.)
 - Coarse wool
 - Hockey great
 - Accounting agcy.
 - Businesswoman — Lauder
 - Postal purchasing system (2 wds.)
 - Be in debt to
 - Wild buffalo
 - Singer — Turner
 - The (Ger.)
 - Oboe, e.g.
 - Close falcon eyes
 - Gold (Sp.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- DOWN**
- Fumbler's exclamation
 - Horse
 - Command
 - Meat cut
 - Inform
 - Eye
 - Limited
 - Units of time
 - What person
 - Showing new life
 - Freshwater tortoise
 - Verne hero
 - Colors
 - Comedian — Philips
 - For fear that
 - Edward's nickname
 - Hawkeye State
 - TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
 - Migratory
 - Smear
 - Actress — Garr
 - Duration
 - Hawaiian food fish
 - Play by —
 - Leftist
 - Symbol
 - Many oz.
 - Small pastries
 - Actor Sharif
 - Scarce
 - Dog in Garfield
 - Commotion
 - Vase-shaped jug
 - Finnish first
 - Youth
 - Chemical suffix

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Astro-Graph
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There is a strong possibility you may profit in some manner today from an unusual situation that has never yielded a bounty for you previously. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't ignore any hunches or insights you get today pertaining to members of your family. There's a possibility you might sense something advantageous of which they are not aware.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have much more in common than you may realize with someone you recently met through a mutual friend. It behooves you to do what you can to nurture this relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Lady Luck may reward you in a material way today that is rather unusual. If you're offered something unique, don't look this gift horse in the mouth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Set aside things that are of a routine or tiresome nature today and experiment with new things you've been wanting to try, especially those that stimulate your imagination and creativity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Challenging circumstances will stimulate your ingenuity and resourcefulness today. In situations where others can't even find a single answer, your facile mind will have several.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is the day when more quick decisions than usual may be required. Fortunately, the way you decide on issues will have a positive influence on your contemporaries.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your progress today could be predicated upon your abilities to effectively use new techniques. Be experimental in order to determine what can be improved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're a good executive today and persons you select for special assignments should measure up to your expectations. Don't tie yourself down with things that can be handled by associates.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could be rather lucky at this time in involvements with relatives or members of your immediate family. Nurture these arrangements to be sure something beneficial can result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Ideas with which you're toying today that are progressive have the best chances for success. Traditional concepts aren't apt to be nearly as fruitful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Give your resources a break today and try to do more things of a service nature for yourself instead of farming them out and paying others. It will help both your pride and purse.

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NASA panel says Hubble telescope maker ignored test failures

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The manufacturer of the Hubble Space Telescope ignored three test failures and did not consult its own experts in building the defective \$1.5 billion instrument, a NASA investigation concludes.

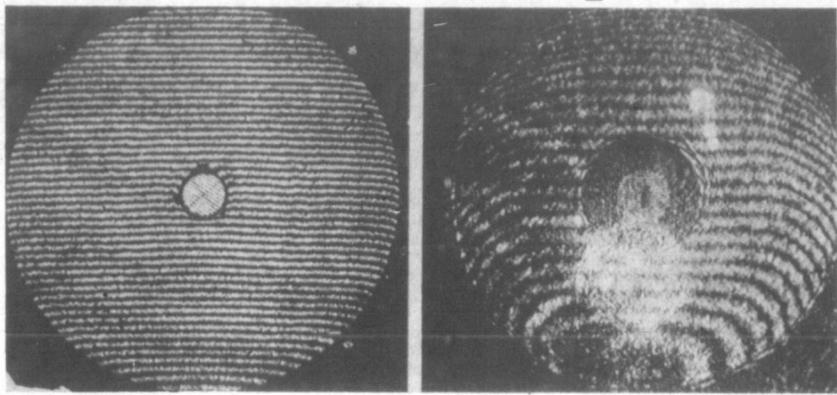
"There was a surprising lack of participation by optical experts with experience in the manufacture of large telescopes during the fabrication phase," the investigative board said Tuesday in its final report.

The manufacturer, Perkin-Elmer, relied on tests with a single instrument called a null corrector for grinding the 94.5-inch-diameter mirror and that "should have alerted knowledgeable people in Perkin-Elmer and NASA" to the need for independent validation, the report said.

"There were at least three cases where there was clear evidence that a problem was developing and it was missed all three times," said Dr. Lew Allen, director of the space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., who directed the study.

Perkin-Elmer, now called Hughes Danbury Optical Systems, "rationalized away" any independent measurement because of a belief that the null corrector was the only device that was accurate, according to the report.

Thomas Arconti, spokesman for the Danbury, Conn., firm, said there would be no comment until officials had read the report.



These photographs of the Hubble Space Telescope's mirrors were released by NASA Tuesday. The photo at left shows an interferogram of the Hubble's secondary mirror taken in 1981, showing straight lines, indicating the mirror was ground correctly. The photo at right is a 1981 interferogram of the primary mirror. Curved lines in the pattern indicate an error in the mirror causing spherical aberration. A report states the distortions were seen during tests but the manufacturer did not believe the tests were reliable.

The investigators found that Perkin-Elmer technicians in the Optical Operations Division "were deeply concerned at the time that the discrepant optical data might indicate a flaw," the report said. But it added, "There are no indications that these concerns were formally expressed outside this division."

A similar lack of communication was cited as a contributing cause to the Challenger space shuttle accident in 1986.

The Hubble report said the man-

agement structure at Perkin-Elmer raised "a strong block" against communication between people doing hands-on work and higher-level experts.

The telescope, launched last April from the space shuttle Discovery, cannot be focused properly because its 94.5-inch-diameter primary mirror is too flat in the center.

Allen said blame belonged equally to Perkin-Elmer and to NASA.

"Perkin-Elmer should not have

allowed a situation that inhibited communications to exist," Allen told a news conference. "NASA had every right to expect that Perkin-Elmer would have done a better job with this. They had competency and experience in optics and NASA should have expected more professional performance than they actually got."

But, he added, "It is fundamental NASA's responsibility as a government agency to get this done; NASA should have been aware of what was

happening at Perkin-Elmer."

He said one change resulting from the Challenger accident investigation is that methods for better communications are in place both in NASA and among its contractors. The Hubble telescope was built 10 years ago.

The investigators determined early in their probe, and reiterated in their final report, that an optical test used in the manufacturing process was not set up correctly and "thus, the surface was polished into the wrong shape."

Perkin-Elmer design scientists, as well as management for the company and for NASA, failed to follow the fabrication process "with reasonable diligence" and were unaware of the flaws, the report said. It did not name any individuals.

Some of the reasons Allen cited were severe cost and schedule problems, which he said caused management to pay attention to other problems. Also, he said, a number of review mechanisms did not go deep enough.

Dr. Lennard Fisk, NASA's chief scientist, said he was certain the Hubble's problems, which include solar panels that shake the spacecraft whenever it passes from sunlight into darkness and vice versa, can be fixed by visiting astronauts in 1993. He put the price tag at about \$50 million.

NASA plans to put corrective lenses on the cameras. Even without the corrections, the Hubble has returned some spectacular pictures from space, many with better resolution than ever seen by ground-based cameras.

Leaders reassert Kremlin control over armed forces

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Spurred by fears nuclear weapons could fall into the hands of separatists in the climate of eroding central control, the Kremlin has warned that troops will shoot anyone trying to seize military installations.

In statements published today, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and Defense Minister Dmitri Yazov denounced attempts by breakaway republics to form their own armies and take control of nuclear arsenals.

They also criticized vandalism of Red Army monuments and discrimination by civilians against servicemen and their families seeking housing, jobs and services.

The army newspaper *Red Star* also quoted Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin, Gorbachev's rival and a leading advocate of greater autonomy for the republics, defending the military.

"We offer constructive help to the armed forces, so that they are not drawn into the political battle," Yeltsin was quoted as saying at a session of the Russian Congress of Peoples' Deputies.

"More and more quarters have been speaking out against the armed forces in recent days," Yazov said in a speech televised Tuesday night and published today in *Red Star*.

"In several republics, the formation of independent army units is developing, in contradiction of the need for a united armed forces," he said.

Yazov said military district commanders have "directives to take installations and systems under the guard and protection of armed units" in case local civilian officials shut off their water, power or other services.

Soldiers have orders to "use weapons" if they or their bases are attacked. Commanders have orders to prevent acts of vandalism and "counteract the construction of monuments ... glorifying fascists and their henchmen."

"Calls are heard to turn over nuclear weapons to individual republics," Gorbachev said. "Making claims on nuclear weapons will not be allowed under any circumstances. They have been and will remain in the hands of a united Armed Forces."

Yazov's speech, and a decree issued by Gorbachev protecting the rights of servicemen and their families, came 11 days after the Soviet president

said he planned major changes in the armed forces.

Gorbachev has not indicated what reforms he has in mind, beyond a previously announced plan to convert defense factories to civilian production and cut military spending in conjunction with East-West treaties reducing conventional and nuclear arsenals.

Those treaties have been accompanied by the withdrawal of many Soviet troops from Eastern Europe and the de facto disintegration of the Kremlin-led Warsaw Pact military alliance. The retreat, and problems finding housing and jobs for displaced servicemen, have battered morale in the armed forces.

"Attempts are made to defame and dishonor officers and soldiers, (and) members of their families. There are armed assaults against military installations," Gorbachev said.

The strong words from Gorbachev and Yazov also had the clear intention of re-establishing the crumbling authority of the central government, which is fast losing power to the 15 Soviet republics.

Gorbachev is pushing for a new union treaty to cede some local and economic authority to the republics, but retain central control over defense and security, foreign policy and international trade.

Houston school superintendent decides to leave

HOUSTON (AP) — The city's beleaguered school superintendent resigned after district trustees approved a six-figure settlement of her contract, ending contention over her allegedly authoritarian style.

Trustees voted 5-4 Tuesday to pay Houston School Superintendent Joan Raymond \$425,000 to buy out her three year contract.

A search committee will meet Thursday to begin looking for a replacement.

Ms. Raymond, who has been superintendent of the nation's fifth-largest school district for four years, will leave the post June 10 and remain as a consultant through Aug. 31.

Trustees had been unhappy with what they considered Raymond's authoritarian management style and had ordered her in June to decentralize the district's power structure and make other changes.

Several trustees said she fought the reforms, but they lacked the votes to force her resignation, so Raymond was put on probation Nov. 16 pending a performance review in March.

She had 2 1/2 years remaining on her contract.

After more than four hours in closed session Tuesday, board members agreed to pay Raymond her regular salary through June and a \$400,000 settlement with \$25,000 for expenses for the consultant work.

"It is with regret and reluctance that I announce my resignation," Raymond said. "I have worked with the board for a satisfactory economic settlement (for the contract). I will do everything in my power to provide as smooth a transition as possible for my successor."

After a closed session with Raymond on Nov. 8, trustees said the superintendent had agreed to resign at the end of the school year and all that was left was negotiating a settlement.

But when the board reconvened, Raymond said she had changed her mind about quitting.

Lacking the votes to force her resignation at the time, trustees approved the probationary status.

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Lighten your holiday table with low-fat dishes



Serve ricotta and smoked salmon dip with fresh vegetables, a spinach torte and mozzarella cheese with salsa.

By CAROL DEEGAN
AP Food Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—With the variety of new products now available, your holiday guests can enjoy

delicious foods without excess calories, fat or salt.

For example, for your favorite dip or spread, you can substitute non-fat yogurt for sour cream, and low-calorie, cholesterol-free may-

onnaise for regular mayonnaise. Use reduced-fat mozzarella and ricotta cheeses in place of their regular varieties.

Serve baked potatoes topped with non-fat or low-fat yogurt instead of mashed potatoes and gravy, suggests the Estee Corp., a manufacturer of diet foods. Prepare vegetables with a butter-sprinkle substitute instead of glazing them with butter and sugar.

Chef Richard Rachubka of Classic Residence by Hyatt, a retirement community in Dallas, suggests using fresh herbs and spices such as basil, cilantro and rosemary in place of salt. Spices not only bring out the natural flavors of foods, but also impart an interesting look, taste and smell, he says.

A basket of crisp vegetables served with a low-fat dip makes an attractive and edible centerpiece for your holiday table. Arrange the vegetables in a basket tied with a festive ribbon. Place the basket on a starched runner with boughs of evergreens.

For best flavor, be sure to choose only the freshest vegetables.

A few hours before serving, trim, scrape and scrub the vegetables, wrap them in moist paper towels, and seal them in a bag to store in the refrigerator crisp.

Fresh dillweed or lemon peel for garnish.

In food processor or blender, process ricotta until smooth and creamy. Add salmon and process until pureed. Stir in onion, lemon juice and ground pepper.

Spoon mixture into a small serving bowl or crock. Cover and refrigerate until serving time. Garnish with dillweed or lemon peel. Serve with fresh vegetables, crudites or crackers. Makes 3 cups.

LITE MOZZARELLA WITH MEXICAN SALSA

2 med. tomatoes, finely chopped
1/2 cup chopped fresh coriander or 1 teaspoon dried coriander seed
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons seeded and chopped fresh or canned green chili peppers
1 garlic clove, crushed
1/2 teaspoon salt
One 16-oz. package reduced-fat mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced

To prepare salsa, in medium-sized bowl, combine all ingredients except mozzarella. Arrange moz-

zarella slices on serving platter. Top with salsa. Serve immediately. Makes about 10 servings.

Note: For perfect slices, chill mozzarella thoroughly before slicing. Slice with an electric knife.

SPINACH TORTE

One 2-pound container lite reduced-fat ricotta cheese
Butter or vegetable spray
1-3rd cup all-purpose flour
2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
Pinch ground pepper

One 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed in a sieve
3/4 cup shredded lite reduced-fat mozzarella cheese

Place ricotta in a sieve set over a bowl. Cover and refrigerate. Let drain several hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Butter a 9-inch springform pan.

In food processor or blender, process ricotta cheese until smooth.

Blend in flour, eggs, salt, nutmeg and pepper. Fold in drained spinach and mozzarella.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake in a 325-degree F oven for 1 hour and 10 minutes or until set and lightly browned. Let rest 5 to 10 minutes at room temperature; then run knife around edges of pan to loosen. Remove sides of pan before serving. Makes about 10 servings.

Serve the following recipe, made with skim milk and non-fat yogurt, as a dressing for salads or as a dip for vegetable chunks.

SLIMLINE BLUE CHEESE DRESSING AND DIP

1/2 cup unflavored non-fat yogurt
1/4 cup skim milk
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onion, including green tops
1/4 cup (1 ounce) crumbled blue cheese
1/2 small clove garlic, pressed
1/4 teaspoon basil
1/4 teaspoon rosemary, crushed
Salt to taste

In small bowl combine yogurt and milk. Mix in onions, blue cheese, garlic, herbs and salt. Cover and chill 30 minutes or more to blend flavors. Makes about 1 1/4 cups.

RICOTTA AND SMOKED SALMON DIP

One 15-ounce container lite reduced-fat ricotta cheese
3 ounces smoked salmon
2 tablespoons minced onion
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Freshly ground white pepper

Fill your holiday jars and tins with flavorful ricotta cookies

NEW YORK (AP)—Homemade cookies are a welcome holiday gift. The following recipes yield generous batches that will fill several cookie tins or jars.

The recipes, provided by Pollio Dairy Products, are easy to make—so children can enjoy helping.



Use an old-fashioned cookie jar or tin to hold a variety of homemade ricotta cookies.

RICOTTA COOKIES WITH CHOCOLATE AND PECANS

1 cup butter or margarine
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
One 2-pound container ricotta cheese
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon almond extract
4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons baking powder
3 tablespoons coffee-flavored liqueur
3/4 cup pecans, coarsely chopped
3 ounces (3 squares) semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease four cookie sheets. In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until frothy. Add eggs, ricotta, vanilla and almond extracts; mix well.

On waxed paper, sift together flour and baking powder. Fold one cup at a time into ricotta mixture, alternating with liqueur. Add pecans and chocolate. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto prepared cookie sheets. Bake 20 to 25 minutes in a 350-degree F oven until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool. Makes about 60 cookies.

RICOTTA CRESCENTS

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup (11/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1 cup ricotta cheese
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange peel
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
3/4 cup raspberry or apricot jam

On waxed paper, combine flour and salt. In large bowl with electric mixer at medium speed, beat together butter and ricotta until well blended. Beat in 1/2 cup sugar and orange peel, scraping sides of bowl with rubber spatula. With mixer on low speed, beat in flour mixture until dough forms. Wrap dough in plastic wrap; chill 2 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line two large cookie sheets with foil; grease foil. In small bowl, combine remaining 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. On pastry board or countertop, sprinkle 1 tablespoon of cinnamon-sugar mixture. Divide dough into 6 pieces. Shape each piece into a ball. With rolling pin, roll out one ball of dough into an 8-inch circle, turning several times to coat well with cinnamon-sugar mixture.

With knife, cut into 8 wedges. Spoon 1/2 teaspoon jam on the wide end of each wedge. Starting at wide ends, tightly roll up wedges; pinch ends to seal. Place on prepared

cookie sheets, curving ends slightly to form a crescent. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake cookies in a 375-degree F oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately transfer to wire racks to cool. Makes about 50 cookies.

RICOTTA CHOCOLATE BARS

1 cup (3 ounces) toasted pecans
2 and 1-3rd cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup ricotta cheese
3/4 cup (11/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
5 squares (5 ounces) unsweetened baking chocolate, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 teaspoon vegetable shortening

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Chop nuts coarsely. On waxed paper, combine flour and salt. Set aside. In large bowl with electric mixer at medium speed or in food processor fitted with metal blade, beat together ricotta and butter until smooth; gradually beat in sugar. Blend in the eggs, scraping sides of bowl with a rubber spatula. Beat in the baking chocolate and vanilla extract until well combined. Stir in flour mixture and pecans.

Spread dough evenly into an ungreased 15-by-10-by-1-inch jellyroll pan. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until

center is firm and springs back when touched lightly with a fingertip. Cool completely on a wire rack.

In small saucepan over low heat, melt chocolate chips with vegetable shortening; drizzle over top of cookies; let set. Cut into 2-by-1-inch bars. Makes about 70 bars.

RICOTTA COOKIES WITH RAISINS AND PINE NUTS

1 cup butter or margarine
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
3 tablespoons vanilla extract
One 2-pound container ricotta cheese
4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons baking powder
1/2 cup raisins, preferably white or golden
1/2 cup pine nuts
Grated peel of 1 orange
Confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease four cookie sheets. In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and ricotta; mix well.

On waxed paper, sift together flour and baking powder. Add to ricotta mixture, one cup at a time. Add all remaining ingredients except confectioners' sugar; mix well. Drop mixture by tablespoonfuls onto prepared cookie sheets. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until bottoms are lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Makes about 60 cookies.

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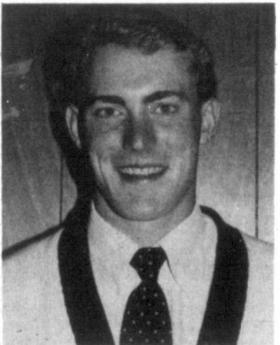
Newsmakers

Logan Hudson, son of Stanley and Patricia Hudson of Pampa, has qualified for the Navy's most technical training program, the Navy Nuclear Power School. Hudson will graduate from Pampa High School in 1991 and begin his Navy training at the Recruit Training Center in Orlando, Fla. in August 1991.

The Navy's Nuclear Power Program is the military's most demanding program for which only the most highly qualified applicants are selected. Hudson will receive two years of intensive instruction in nuclear power theory, fundamentals and operations. The program guarantees advanced pay grade and automatic advancement to non-commissioned officer status within the first few months of active duty. Upon completion of training he will also receive a critical skills bonus of up to \$6,000.

"This is the Navy's top program," said Petty Officer Dan Treadwell of the Pampa Recruiting Station, "and it's quite an honor to be accepted. The Navy is the only branch of service that offers nuclear power training, and nuclear trained Navy men are highly sought after by civilian industry."

"I think a lot of people still think of swabbing decks and chipping paint when they think of the Navy," Treadwell explained, "but most of the 70 career fields we offer provide technical training for qualified individuals."



Mike Cagle

Mike Cagle, son of Dannie and Debbie Cagle of Pampa, has been awarded the Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones Endowed Scholarship from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The Houston Endowment Inc. of Houston established the scholarship in 1978 to be awarded to young men and women of outstanding ability who are worthy of financial aid and maintain a 3.00 GPA.

Navy Seaman Recruit Matthew D. Stanley, son of Jerry and Margo Stanley of Pampa, has completed recruit training in October at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During Stanley's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's many basic fields.

His studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three house of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

Stanley is presently assigned to the Navy supply ship USS Mars, homeported at Alameda Naval Base, Calif.

Christi Breeding of Miami has been selected to attend the 1990 National Young Leaders Conference Dec. 4-9 in Washington, D.C. Having demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and citizenship, Breeding will be among 350 high school students from across the nation at the conference for outstanding young leaders sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

Founded in 1985, the Council is a non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization committed to recognizing outstanding youth and

providing them with a "hands-on" civic learning experience in the nation's capital.

The theme of the National Young Leaders Conference is "The Leaders of Today Meeting the Leaders of Tomorrow. Throughout the six-day conference, the scholars will meet with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media, and the diplomatic corps.



Kelly L. Penland

Airman Kelly L. Penland recently completed training for Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist in the U.S. Air Force.

Penland is the son of Ennis Penland of Amarillo, and Dortha Stewart of Dumas. His grandparents are Johnnie and Eva Penland of Pampa; and Joe and Dortha McNutt of Clarendon.

He entered the service in September 1989, taking basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He finished technical school at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colo., and certified at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth where he is currently stationed.

During training he completed requirements to be fully certified as a load crew member on a B-52H aircraft.

Penland graduated from Dumas High School in May 1989.

Michael Ivins, son of Marshal and Chessie Ivins of Pampa, has qualified for the Navy's Hospital Corpsman "A" School and will travel to the Recruit Training Center in San Diego in April to begin his Navy training.

He will also participate in the Navy College Fund and will be eligible for \$25,200 toward college tuition and fees.

According to Petty Officer Dan Treadwell of the Pampa Recruiting Station, Ivins enlisted in the Navy and obtained a guaranteed seat in the school he has chosen.

"Additionally," said Treadwell, "Michael will have the opportunity to attend Delayed Enlistment Program meetings where he'll receive some advance briefings and general military training that will help him prepare for boot camp."

After completing his recruit training, Ivins will receive approximately 14 weeks of advanced training at his school.

Hospital Corpsmen assist profes-

sionals in providing health care to service members and their families. They act as pharmacists, medical technicians, food service personnel, nurses' aides, battlefield medics, X-ray technicians, physicians' or dentists' assistants, and more. Their work falls into several categories: first aid and minor surgery, patient transportation, patient care, prescriptions and laboratory work, food service inspections and clerical duties.

After successfully completing his school, Ivins could be assigned to any one of the Navy's duty stations around the world.

Ivins is a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School.

Becky J. Reed, daughter of Joe and Janie Van Zandt of Pampa, has been selected to participate in the 1990-91 University Scholars Program at North Carolina State University.

The program is a cooperative effort involving NCSU's Division of Student Affairs, seven colleges of the university, the School of Design and the University Undesignated Program for students who have not chosen a major.

Students in the program register for honors sections of academic courses, taught in a stimulating learning environment characterized by distinguished faculty and smaller class sections.

Students also attend a weekly Scholars Forum Series, which features presentations and discussions on issues of contemporary cultural, social, political and scientific interest. The forums are led by faculty members, guest artists and experts drawn from local and national academic, business and government communities.



Christopher Ray Evans

Christopher Ray Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy C. Johnson of Pampa, has been promoted to Private First Class.

Evans finished Marine boot camp Aug. 24, 1990, and is now in school with the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment at the U.S. Army Armor Center in Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is scheduled to finish school in Kentucky next month and will report to another school in Virginia.

Evans graduated from Pampa High School in 1987.



Officers of Phi Delta Chi, a pharmacy fraternity at Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford for the 1990-91 school year are (front, from left): Tim Pursler, Canadian; Michael Lopez,

Pampa; Chris Tharp, Yukon, Okla.; and Jeremy Baggett, Canadian. On the back row, from the left are Phelan Moseby, Amarillo; Dave Roark, Dumas; Shane Lloyd, Canadian; and Jarrod Link, Sand Spring, Okla.

Baby quilts for the nursery



(Special photo)

Members of the Future Homemakers of America club from Pampa High School recently delivered three handmade quilts to the nursery at Pampa Learning Center. Members toured the center and were especially interested in seeing where the quilts would be used. The group then visited with residents of Schneider House, and presented each of the 51 residents in the facility with a loaf

of banana bread they had made. Members of FHA include Sonya Brock, Kristy Calloway, Buffy Holder, Evelyn Reed, Janessa Scott, Laticha Landers, Perez Mulanax, Andrea Potter, Sharon King, Amy Howell, Dalene Hapeman, Melanie Wallin, Aprille Epperson, and Mandy Parsley. The FHA chapter is sponsored by Gaylene Skaggs and Katie McDonald.

Marriage is more than just a piece of paper

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you advised a loving couple who had been living together for several years in a committed relationship to get married, since a baby was on the way. (They didn't think "a piece of paper" was important.)

Our late daughter also insisted that living together was just as good as marriage and she didn't need a piece of paper either. She and her "significant other" (I'll call him Paul) had a beautiful 5-year-old daughter. But when Paul died suddenly of a heart attack just 10 days before the birth of their son, how she wished that she had had that piece of paper!

She was able to secure Social Security payments for her two children, but none for herself. When Paul's ashes were interred, she told us that when she died, she wanted her ashes to be buried next to Paul's. When we tried to respect her wishes, we were advised by the cemetery officials that only married couples were accorded that privilege.

Abby, please print this for others who regard marriage as "just a piece of paper."

OLD-FASHIONED IN OREGON

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: The "it's just a piece of paper" routine has been worn paper-thin.

A passport is "just a piece of paper." So is a birth certificate, a driver's license, a last will and testament, a promissory note, an honorable discharge, a winning lottery ticket, etc. I could go on and on, but I think I've made my point.

Sometimes a piece of paper is essential for peace of mind.

ALSO HAD ENOUGH



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Had Enough in Wisconsin" whose husband of 40 years introduced her with, "Meet my wife — but please don't laugh."

My husband and I have also been married for 40 years, and when we were first married, he would tell everyone we met that he grew a mustache so he would look older than his wife! Everyone laughed. (We are the same age.) Although I laughed along with the others, I was really hurt. One evening at a party, my husband made that remark, and a woman came over to me and said, "Why do you allow your husband to put you down that way?"

I then realized that by remaining silent I was giving him permission to insult me, so the next time he announced that he had grown a mustache to look older than his wife, I said, "That's not why he grew a mustache — he grew it to break up the monotony of his face."

Well, I got a bigger laugh than he got, and I never heard that mustache crack again.

ALSO HAD ENOUGH

DEAR ALSO: I don't recommend fighting fire with fire — it only makes for a bigger fire that could get out of control.

Married couples should speak frankly to each other. What's wrong with saying: "When you put me down, you hurt me, and you diminish yourself as well. Please do both of us a favor and retire the Henny Youngman routine."

DEAR ABBY: I had the sobering experience of visiting the grave of a friend who had died 10 years ago at the age of 21. Her family was distraught at the funeral, and buried her in a wedding gown because she had never had a real wedding.

Apparently time had dimmed their grief; her grave was neglected, without a single flower to brighten it up. I have vowed to bring flowers there regularly since the rest of the world has forgotten her.

Abby, please continue to remind your readers to show their love to others while they're alive, but also to remember them in death.

SORROW IN SAN FRANCISCO

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Lovely snowdomes go high tech with lights, music, and action

By BARBARA MAYER
AP Newsfeatures

Remember snowdomes — those glass ball Christmas paperweights that were filled with liquid and produced a blizzard of white flakes when shaken. Perhaps you called them water globes, blizzard weights or shaky toys — all common names for the same thing.

They're making a comeback. These days, they are being collected not only for Christmas but year-round, according to Nancy McMichael, a collector and author of the book, "Snowdomes" (Abbeville Press, \$19.95). Besides the traditional glass balls, contemporary plastic snowdomes are also popular.

Imagination has soared beyond yesteryear's trite snow-covered mountains or Santa Claus coming down the chimney. Today, there is a snow dome to celebrate every imaginable holiday and every facet of life, from birthdays and weddings to space exploration, says McMichael, whose book is illustrated with prize examples from her collection of 3,000.

Snowdomes are big business for giftware manufacturers. The Enesco Corp. of Elk Grove, Ill., for example, expects to sell more than 600,000 by year's end and has several hundred models in its line, according to Pat Shaw, director of public relations.

Some collectors want only the old glass domes, says McMichael, who bought her first one six years ago. That initial purchase was for a gift, but it struck a chord and started a quest that developed into a passion. McMichael, who says she prefers "the tacky plastic ones," buys every-

thing, even those she doesn't like, if they don't duplicate what she already owns.

She displays her collection in narrow cabinets with glass doors and lighted shelves which run from floor to ceiling, filling an entire room of her Washington, D.C., home.

Snowdomes originated in France in the mid 19th century as an extension of the solid glass paperweight, McMichael says. Soon, the novelties were being made in European glass-making centers in Germany, present-day Austria and Czechoslovakia. Since they were hand blown, they tended to be made in areas that already had a thriving glass-blowing industry. They have been sold world wide, so old ones may turn up in antique stores anywhere.

New technology and materials have led to many manufacturing changes. These days, thanks to the advent of microelectronics, snow domes are more like a Hollywood extravaganza than a paperweight. They have lights, action and music. With batteries and a tiny fan secreted in the base, it's possible for the snow — flitter in industry jargon — to swirl perpetually while the figures turn and an appropriate tune plays.

One of Enesco's models, \$55 and geared to the bridal gift market, features a revolving bride and bridegroom amid a shower of pink and white flower petals and an appropriate wedding tune. A post-honeymoon model depicts a woman throwing a plate as her spouse cowers, trying to shield himself from pieces of broken crockery flying through the air.

Domes now come in shapes other

than round, and they're no longer filled with plain water. Today's solution includes glycol, an antifreeze, and a thickening agent to keep the flitter in suspension.

You can buy a plastic snowdome for next to nothing at stores such as Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth, Mich. The Christmas shop open year-round in Michigan's upper peninsula has between 150 and 200 models in stock. Prices start at 95 cents — and go up to almost \$100 for those with lights and music, according to Anne Koehler, a buyer.

"People remember looking into them as kids and want to share the memory with their own kids," she says.

The old-fashioned glass domes can be taken apart for cleaning, repair and refilling, McMichael says. It is a time-consuming process as described in her quarterly newsletter, "Snowbiz."

New domes cannot be tampered with. "They are sealed with waterproof adhesives and if you unseal them, you destroy them," says Doug Fridell, product development director for Enesco.

There used to be problems with leaks and evaporation, but technology has minimized both. "Today," he says, "the higher quality pieces have no bubble inside the dome and no water line. A vibration technique forces all the air out, and another shot of water is added. Then the base is permanently sealed."

The figures are glued onto the plug. They are much tinier than they look. The water will distort and magnify them, effects that are taken into account in the design.

California kiwifruit in good supply

NEW YORK (AP) — California kiwifruit are now available in supermarkets nationwide, and will be available through the end of May of next year.

This year, 10.5 million trays will be harvested, according to the California Kiwifruit Commission, which says sales in the United States increased 30 percent during the 1989-90 season.

Kiwifruit can be used as a garnish. Or it can be cut in half, and the fruit can be scooped out and eaten with a spoon. To peel, run a

paring knife along the inside of the skin to pull it away from the fruit.

Like peaches, kiwifruit are ripe when slightly soft to the touch. Hold the fruit in one hand and press your thumb to the fuzzy brown skin.

Kiwifruit can be stored in the refrigerator for up to a month. To speed ripening, store the kiwifruit at least overnight in a paper bag with an apple or banana. Kiwifruit held at room temperature will ripen within days.

The California Kiwifruit Commission says that ounce for ounce, kiwifruit contains as much potassium as a banana, more vitamin C than an orange or grapefruit, and more dietary fiber than bran flakes. Each serving size, about two kiwifruit, contains 90 calories, 2 grams of protein, 1 gram of fat and 4 grams of fiber.

The commission says 95 percent of all kiwifruit grown in the United States is grown in northern and central California.

Sports

Harvesters make great showing in All-District

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa's first-place finish in the District 1-4A football standings was good enough to improve their showing on the All-District football team by more than 300 percent over last year.

Thirteen Harvesters were named to the team following a consensus vote of coaches around the district, with eight local players achieving first-string status.

Athletic Director Dennis Cavalier, who has brought the Green Team to respectability, was named District 1-4A's coach of the year.

Principal Daniel Coward said of Cavalier, "This is an exciting reflection on the program that he and his staff have built in their four years here. They have had one goal in

mind, winning a district championship, and they have instilled that. Their performance supported their belief. We are proud for him and the whole team."

Phil Sexton and Zach Thomas were named to the All-District first team on both offense and defense, Sexton at end and Thomas at running back and linebacker.

Wingback Wayne Cavanaugh, who contributed mightily to Pampa's triple-threat I backfield, was named recognized as the district's most valuable offensive player.

Cavanaugh finished ahead of two strong candidates in the MVP accounting, Matt Bromlow of Hereford and Richard Williams of Caprock.

First team players on offense were center Brian Ellis, guard Cade

Phillips, tackle Rob Munson, tight end Phil Sexton and running backs Cavanaugh and Thomas.

Defense first-stringers include Sexton at end, Thomas at linebacker, and Steve Sanders and Tony Bybee at the back positions.

Second-string All-District offensive players from Pampa are Chris Whitney at tackle, quarterback Logan Hudson and running back Quincy Williams.

Hudson and Williams being named to the All-District squad means Pampa's entire backfield was honored for its outstanding performance during the 1990 campaign. It also confirms what local supporters have believed all season, that the group is one of the most outstanding backfields in high school football throughout all West Texas.

Second team defensive members

are punter Sammy Laury, Williams at linebacker, Cavanaugh in the backfield and kicker Todd McCavit.

McCavit being named to the team is especially sweet for the Harvesters since the 6-1, 160 pound junior had never played in a varsity game prior to this season and was one of the team's biggest question marks.

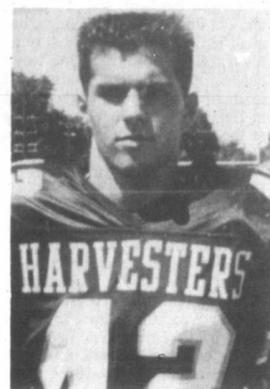
Besides McCavit, Thomas, Sexton and Laury will all be returning to the Harvesters 1991 line-up.

Pampa placed more players on the team than any other school in 1-4A, with Hereford finishing one behind at 12 players on the All-District squad.

Caprock had nine team members reach All-District status, with Dumas and Borger each placing five and Randall getting two players on the squad.



Dennis Cavalier



Wayne Cavanaugh

PHS basketball teams top Sandies on AHS's home turf

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
News Editor

AMARILLO — Pampa Harvesters last night proved they don't need to be on their home court to reap the rewards of a 52-40 victory against the Amarillo Sandies.

Last year, Pampa's boys varsity team broke Amarillo High's eight-year winning streak in a long-standing rivalry between the two teams when they defeated the Sandies at McNeely Field House.

Though the Harvesters sought a second win against Amarillo, there were some doubts whether it would be possible on the Sandies' home turf.

"It's hard to win at Amarillo High," commented Coach Robert

Hale. "Look at the statistics. There's a lot of people who get to Amarillo High School and not get a victory. We feel real fortunate that we were able to do that."

Hale credited the intensity of the play for the low numbers which resembled a football game more than high school basketball. Score totals were the lowest for both teams this season.

"It was a pretty hard fought contest, a very physical game," Hale said.

Amarillo's intense drive for the ball as the game came to the end — with the resulting fouls — gave Pampa players Randy Nichols and Cedrick Wilbon an opportunity to earn 17 points in free throws.

"We are extremely proud of

Randy Nichols who made 11 free throws in a row. That is not just good — that's outstanding," Hale said. "And Cedrick made six free throws in a row. That's outstanding, too. They did a great job in free throws. Especially considering the pressure they were under."

Despite the push by Amarillo, Pampa held firm and even profited from it. "Our guys kept their poise, and consequently learned a lot about the game," Hale said.

Pampa's David Johnson kept the Sandies' stronger rebounders at bay, helping to keep the score low, Hale said. Jason Williams added his support by doing a "great job" on defense, the coach said. Jeff Young's rebounding abilities also strengthened Pampa's defense, though a

high number of fouls benched the player for much of the game. Daniel Trejo's abilities rounded out the team. Quincy Williams also came off the bench and supported the Harvesters, Hale said.

Both teams garnered 34 percent of their field goal attempts. Amarillo made three of the 11 tries for the goal in the 3-point range. All seven of Pampa attempts at this range were unsuccessful.

Nichols was high scorer of the game with 17 points. He also pulled in seven rebounds. Wilbon finished with 16 points. Young garnered another 10 points.

Amarillo's Sedic Joseph, 6'2" senior, tallied 14 points to lead AHS. His teammate Judd Burkett was next with seven points and led

the game in rebounds with 10.

The Harvesters were pleased with the results of the game overall, Hale said. "They have their ups and downs just like the rest of us. They're facing the same pressures that all teen-agers are facing. But they are good at coming together and trying to do what we ask them to do. You can't ask for anything better than that," he added.

Pampa's boys junior varsity also defeated Amarillo High with a score of 53 to 48.

Now that Amarillo High is behind them, the Harvesters are looking forward to tournament play at the Hays City, Kan., Invitational Shoot-out. The boys varsity team will open the tournament with a game against 6-A team, Great Bend,

Kan., at 7:30 p.m.

Pampa is the only out-of-state team asked to participate in the traditionally all-Kansas tournament which features teams from the 6-A, 5-A, and 4-A divisions.

Pampa JV team will be participating in the Varsity tournament this weekend.

STATISTICS
PAMPA (52) — Paul Brown 10-12, Daniel Trejo 0-1-2-1, Randy Nichols 3-11-11-17, Jeff Young 5-0-0-10, Cedrick Wilbon 5-6-6-16, Jayson Williams 2-0-5-4, Dwight Nickelberry 1-0-1-2, David Johnson 0-0-0-0. Totals: 17-18-26-52.
AMARILLO (40) — Sedic Joseph 6-0-1-14, Brandon Marsh 1-2-2-5, Brian Archer 0-0-0-0, Brent Ashby 0-0-0-0, Chris Howard 2-1-3-5, Clint Reed 2-0-0-4, Troy McMahon 1-0-0-2, Judd Burkett 3-1-4-7, Kyle Saunders 1-0-0-2, Alan McCarty 0-1-2-0. Totals: 16-5-12-40.
Halftime: Pampa 28, Amarillo 24; 3-point goals: AHS 3 (Joseph 2-4, Marsh 1-2); Total fouls: Pampa 14, AHS 18; Fouled out: none. Technicals: none.

Three fined in sexual harrassment allegations

By HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Lisa Olson and the New England Patriots finally found something to agree on: now that the NFL has spoken, let's close the book on her alleged sexual harassment by several players.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue on Tuesday fined three Patriot players a total of \$22,500 and the team \$50,000 in the wake of a locker-room incident involving Olson, a Boston Herald reporter.

Tagliabue levied the fines, but issued no suspensions after studying special counsel Philip Heymann's 60-page report of the Sept. 17 incident and its aftermath. Zeke Mowatt, who earlier had been fined \$2,000 by the team, was fined \$12,500, and Michael Timpson and Robert Perryman were fined \$5,000 each.

The report, released Tuesday, cited discrepancies between the accounts given by Olson and several players of the events allegedly involving naked players and suggestive remarks.

But both sides indicated they were willing to go along with Tagliabue's request that the furor be left behind.

"I reiterate my strong belief," the commissioner wrote in a letter to Patriots owner Victor Kiam, "that the Patriots' organization and its players have learned a hard lesson from this episode and that everyone involved will best be served if this controversy now comes to an end without further recrimination."

In a prepared statement she read at a news conference, Olson, who now covers the Boston Celtics, said, "it is time to move on. Perhaps the greatest lesson of sport is persever-

ance." Kiam also issued a prepared statement, saying, "The decision has been rendered. Now it's time to get on with playing football."

There was no comment Tuesday from Mowatt, a tight end, Timpson, a wide receiver who has been on injured reserve all season, or Perryman, a fullback now with the Dallas Cowboys after being cut by New England on Nov. 5.

In the report, Timpson and Perryman denied their involvement.

Linebacker Andre Tippett said "it's been hard for a lot of the guys to concentrate" since the controversy erupted. "We can just forget about the whole thing now."

The Patriots are 1-10 overall and 0-9 since the incident.

Although the penalties are subject to appeal, Kiam said, "the Patriots will certainly abide by (Tagliabue's) judgments."

The Patriots were fined \$25,000 because they "never vigorously sought the facts about what had happened," Tagliabue wrote in his letter to Kiam.

The club was ordered to pay another \$25,000 to help pay for league instructional materials for all 28 teams on how to deal responsibly with the media. That will supplement material prepared annually for NFL personnel.

The report resulting from 107 interviews with 91 persons fell short of presenting a definitive account of the incident and did not spell out with certainty exactly what was done and said by whom.

Tagliabue did conclude from it that "The incident involved misconduct of certain Patriots' players that was degrading to Ms. Olson."

In her statement, Olson said, "It was not my choice to have this mat-



(AP Laserphoto)

Boston Herald sports reporter Lisa Olson reacts Tuesday during a news conference held in the aftermath of the NFL's investigative report concerning her charge of sexual harassment against members of the New England Patriots football team.

ter decided in a public forum, and it is unfortunate that Patriot management forced this to happen by not dealing with the guilty persons

swiftly and decisively." Herald sports editor Bob Sales said, "the investigators did their job and the system worked."

Miami girls defeat McLean; Memphis overcomes boys

MIAMI — Miami High School girls basketball team prevailed over the McLean girls, while the Miami boys' team succumbed to Memphis boys despite a high-scoring, hard-driving effort.

Though originally scheduled to play the McLean boys varsity basketball last night, Miami rescheduled with Memphis who had an open date, explained Larry Neighbors, assistant coach.

The girls team continued their schedule as usual, upping their record to 3-2 following the win against McLean, 62 to 52.

Top scorers for the Miami girls were Cam McDowell with 16 points and Krista Kriehval with 15. Leading the scoring for McLean was Brandy Melton with 36 and Mindy McGee with 6 points.

McLean led the game through the half, but began to drop behind in the third quarter, when Miami edged ahead 47 to 42.

Last night's game was the first of the season for the McLean girls.

Scores ran high in the boys' varsity play. Larry Johnson of Memphis scored 38 points alone. His teammate, Ray Dickson, brought in another 16 points.

Miami player Matthew Neigh-

bors tipped in 28 points while Don Howard also of Miami followed him closely with 25 points of his own.

The Warriors were five points ahead, 22 to 17 at the end of the first quarter, but trailed by one point, 45 to 46 at the half. From the beginning of the third quarter until the end of the game, Memphis continued to move forward until they bested Miami 98 to 85.

Miami boys' varsity team holds a 0-2 record for the season. Memphis' record so far is 2-1.

Thursday marks the opening of the Tomahawk Classic basketball tournament in Miami featuring 16 boys and 16 girls basketball teams from throughout the area, Neighbors said.

This is the first time a tournament of this size has been attempted in the area, Neighbors said. The three-day event will continue through Friday and Saturday, he said.

Teams to be represented in the tourney include Miami, Groom, Memphis, Darrouzett, Shamrock, Allison, Clarendon, Follett, Hedley, Sunray, White Deer, Silvertown, Lefors, Higgins, Kelton and Brisco.

White Deer Bucks fall to Vega, 52-47

WHITE DEER — The White Deer Bucks fell to Vega 52-47 in a close basketball game Tuesday night in Vega.

Vega's Allen Thornhill led his team to victory with 32 points during the game.

Leading scorers for White Deer's varsity team were Allen Mercer, with 23 points, and Tyson Back and Brandon Carpenter, with 8

points each.

The varsity White Deer Bucks have an opening season record of 1-2.

The junior varsity Bucks won their game against the Vega JV team 39-31.

The Bucks will next see action this weekend in the Miami Tournament, beginning Thursday night.

Newspaper: football coaches received secret payments

FORT WORTH (AP) — Largely secretive yearly payments, ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000 have been made to Odessa Permian High School football coaches for at least a decade, a school booster club member told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The Fort Worth newspaper reported today that former Odessa Permian football coach Gary Gaines received at least \$15,000 in cash from boosters after both the 1988 and 1989 seasons, apparently in violation of state rules.

The unidentified booster said the amount of the cash payments were determined largely by how far Permian advanced in the state football playoffs.

An official of the University Interscholastic League termed the payments "one of the greatest allegations that has been made concerning violations of this rule."

Gaines' 1989 salary was

\$51,300.

Gaines left Permian after the 1989 state championship and now is an assistant coach at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He was on a recruiting trip Tuesday and not available for comment.

Permian, last year's top-rated schoolboy team in the nation, was banned from defending its title this year because coaches violated rules by holding off-season practices too early in the year.

A scathing book, "Friday Night Lights" by H.G. "Buzz" Bissinger, is on best-seller lists. The book widely characterized the Permian football program as racist and exploitive.

The school's football program, the book and Odessa residents with opposing views concerning the program were featured last Sunday on the CBS-TV show "60 Minutes."

The Permian booster club mem-

ber said that the cash paid to Gaines and apparently to John Wilkins, his predecessor as head coach at the nationally famous high school football power, came from advertising proceeds from the coaches' weekly television show broadcast on a local station.

Wilkins, who coached the Panthers from 1973 to 1985 and is now athletic director for the Ector County Independent School District in Odessa, said Tuesday that the payment question had been settled at the Nov. 16 UIL district committee meeting.

"That's behind us," Wilkins said. "We're looking toward the future, not anything in the past. The amount of money was brought forward at the district meeting. It was all taken care of."

"As far as we're concerned, it's a dead issue. It's a moot issue and we're not going to discuss it any-

more," Wilkins said.

Ector County School Superintendent Gene Buinger said the Permian program has been "out of compliance for a number of years" because of the booster club payments.

"This was turned up as part of our investigation," the superintendent said. "It was brought to my attention by our athletic director, and we immediately notified the superintendents of District 4-5A that we were looking into these allegations and we would be reporting ourselves to them at a future meeting."

"There are people that already feel that there has been a coverup," Buinger said. "I know that there wasn't one. As far as the school district is concerned, it is a matter that is closed."

"Dr. Buinger has agreed to address all problem areas and take appropriate action to guarantee com-

pliance with UIL regulations," said School Board President Lee Buice.

"Therefore, I support the superintendent's position."

District Judge Gene Ater was among school boosters defending the payments.

"This has been something that has been done every year for years," Ater said. "The television money has always gone to the coaches."

Ater, who said he never knew exactly how much money the coaches were given by boosters, nonetheless considered the payments just reward for their long hours during the season.

"Let me explain to you how many hours those guys put in to make it a successful season," Ater said. "They work all weekend. They work late at night, and of course they teach during the day."

Jerry Young, Permian booster club president in 1989, said Tuesday

that on two occasions he delivered cash generated by the television show that year to Gaines, but that the total was less than \$15,000.

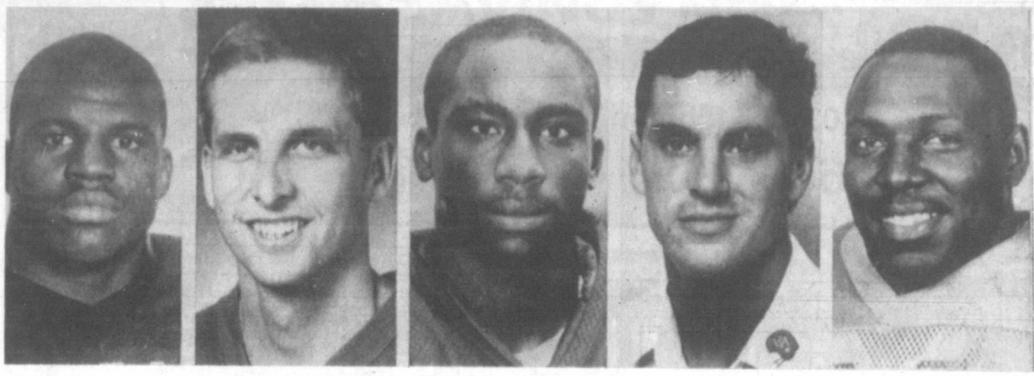
Doug Hendrick, booster club president in 1988, would not comment on the payments.

UIL rules prohibit annual gifts or bonuses to coaches in excess of \$300 from any source, including booster clubs.

B.J. Stamps, assistant director of the UIL, said coaches may earn outside income, including talent fees from television stations in excess of that amount, but payment in that instance must come directly from the station and a booster club may not be involved in the program.

The amount of cash payments allegedly made to Permian coaches "strikes me as one of the greatest allegations that has been made concerning violations of this rule," Stamps said.

Heisman hopefuls



(AP Laserphoto)

These five college football players are the leading orado, Ty Detmer of Brigham Young, Raghib Ismail of prospects for the 1990 Heisman Trophy, to be awarded Notre Dame, David Klinger of Houston and Shawn Moore Saturday in New York. From left are Eric Bieniemy of Col- of Virginia.

Phoenix Suns halt Portland's winning streak

By The Associated Press

Something old, something new. The Phoenix Suns again blew an 18-point halftime lead in Portland, but unlike the second game of last season's Western Conference finals, this time they won.

The Trail Blazers, the NBA's only unbeaten team, had their 11-game winning streak snapped Tuesday night as Tom Chambers scored 28 points and Eddie Johnson had 21 of his 25 in the second period in leading the Suns to a 123-109 victory.

Phoenix lost all three games in Portland in dropping their playoff series 4-2.

"We know we didn't capitalize on our opportunities up here in the playoffs last year so we wanted to show ourselves we could win," said Kevin Johnson, who hit five key free throws at the close of the third period.

In other NBA games, it was New Jersey 98, Philadelphia 92; Detroit 120, Atlanta 97; Cleveland 107, New York 102; Milwaukee 112, Indiana 98; Washington 115, Golden State 113; Houston 107, Los Angeles Clippers 102; San Antonio 124, Seattle 111; Denver 124, Orlando 113; Minnesota 89, Sacramento 80.

Eddie Johnson's outburst in the second period included three 3-point field goals, the last giving the Suns a 63-47 lead with 4:20 left in the half.

Kevin Duckworth and Jerome Kersey had 21 each for Portland, which played the entire second half without leading scorer Clyde Drexler, who was ejected with 3:11 left in the first half after committing a flagrant foul and then receiving a technical 24 seconds later.

Portland scored the first 9 points of the third period to start a 19-6 spurt and Danny

Ainge's two free throws cut the Suns' 73-55 halftime lead to 79-74 with 6:13 left. Phoenix led 93-92 after three periods and had a 14-6 run to open the fourth quarter, with rookie Negele Knight hitting a pair of 18-footers as Phoenix took a 107-98 lead with 7:07 left.

Rookie Derrick Coleman registered career highs with 28 points and an NBA season-high 23 rebounds.

The Nets shot 60 percent in the first half in building a 14-point lead and withstood a late charge. Philadelphia closed to 72-69 in the third period but Coleman hit two free throws, a baseline jumper and a layup.

Charles Barkley topped Philadelphia with 22.

Pistons 120, Hawks 97
Bill Laimbeer scored 25 points and Mark Aguirre 24 as Detroit's two-time NBA champions extended their winning streak to eight games.

The Pistons broke from a 38-38 tie late in the second quarter and surged to a 105-72 lead midway through the final period. Spud Webb and Kevin Willis each scored 16 points for the Hawks.

Cavaliers 107, Knicks 102
Craig Ehlo scored 5 of his 21 points during a decisive 9-0 fourth-quarter run as Cleveland continued the Knicks' home court woes.

Brad Daugherty scored 27 points for Cleveland but fouled out with 6:08 remaining. Kiki Vandeweghe scored 29 points, his high in two years.

New York Bucks 112, Pacers 98
Ricky Pierce sparked a 9-0 fourth-quarter run with 7 of his 37 points as Milwaukee posted its fifth straight victory. Pierce scored 29

points in the second half, 18 in the final quarter. Indiana got 20 points from Detlef Schrempf.

Bullets 115, Warriors 113
Bernard King celebrated his new multiyear contract by scoring 39 points, including the go-ahead basket with 1:36 left, as Washington won after blowing a 17-point lead.

King hit 16 of 28 field goal attempts. Mitch Richmond led Golden State with 28.

Rockets 107, Clippers 102
Akeem Olajuwon scored 14 of his 34 points in the final 10 minutes and also had 20 rebounds.

Gary Grant led the Clippers with 24 points.

Los Angeles opened the fourth quarter by outscoring Houston 9-3 and tying the game. 87-87 with 9:40 left. But Olajuwon scored Houston's next 10 points.

Spurs 124, SuperSonics 111
San Antonio erased a 2-point deficit with a 13-2 run to open the fourth quarter.

Sean Elliott led the Spurs with 28 points. Quintin Dailey had 29 for the Sonics.

Nuggets 124, Magic 113
Orlando Woolridge scored 28 points, Michael Adams had 18 assists and Denver outscored Orlando 29-12 in the final nine minutes.

Terry Catledge scored 30 points for the Magic, who led 93-85 after three periods.

Timberwolves 89, Kings 80
Tyrone Corbin scored 17 points, Pooh Richardson 16 and Tony Campbell 13 as Minnesota handed Sacramento its 12th consecutive loss at home.

Wayman Tisdale paced Sacramento with 19.

Baseball: Making money faster than it can be spent

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball owners are making money faster than they're spending it.

The 26 clubs increased their operating profits by 75 percent in 1989 to a record \$214.5 million, according to financial figures obtained by The Associated Press.

The teams teams took in a record \$1,241,059,000 in 1989, a 23 percent increase from the previous season. Their operating expenses were \$1,026,550,000, a 16 percent increase from 1988.

That left them with a pretax operating profit of \$214,509,000, or an average of \$8.3 million per team. The previous record profit of \$121.6 million was set in 1988 on earnings of \$1,007,519,000, baseball's first billion-dollar season.

Chuck O'Connor, the head of management's Player Relations Committee, said the figures showed that baseball "on an overall basis was doing quite well."

"The difficulty with it," he said Tuesday, "is that you have to get below the aggregate figures to determine the level of health of the individual parts that make up the game — the 26 clubs."

"There, there's a different story. You can't

look at the overall industry profits and say, "Therefore, my team in Pittsburgh is in great shape" or "My team in Kansas City is in great shape." "

Donald Fehr, the head of the Major League Baseball Players Association, said O'Connor's argument was only partly right.

"As a matter of semantics, that's accurate," Fehr said. "But it also says that even on their figures and the way they calculate it, they're getting to very big profit numbers."

O'Connor said that four clubs lost money in 1989 but that the figure would become nine based on an apportioned share of the tentative \$280 million collusion settlement.

"For 1989 operating profits, there's going to be a lot more than \$100 million even after the collusion is added on for that year," Fehr said.

The financial figures were obtained by the AP from two baseball sources on the condition they not be identified. It was the sixth consecutive season baseball teams increased their operating profits. Because of the accounting practices of the various teams, financial figures for 1990 will not be available until next year.

Baseball has boomed since the mid-1980s. According to figures released by the commissioner's office in the past, the 26 teams lost

\$66.6 million in 1983 on revenues of \$521.6 million, then cut the losses to \$41 million in 1984 and \$7.1 million in 1985.

The teams made \$11.5 million in 1986, the season after they began shunning free agents. Two arbitrators found the conspiracy depressed player salaries and the profit soared to \$103.3 million in 1987.

In the four years following the start of the conspiracy, the teams made a total operating profit of \$450.9 million.

However, as part of the tentative settlement of the collusion cases, owners have agreed to give the Major League Baseball Players Association a payment that would amount to \$280 million as of Jan. 2. Interest would be added if the payment is made after that date.

One source said that approximately 50 percent of the 1989 revenues came from tickets sales, parking and concessions. Approximately 20 percent came from national radio and television contracts, 20 percent from local broadcasting contracts and the remainder from postseason games, advertising and other baseball-related revenue.

Approximately 31.5 percent of the operating revenue was spent on player salaries, the source said.

Horton, Pollack lead SWC Players of the Week

AUSTIN (AP) — Larry Horton thought he'd star at running back for Texas A&M, but R.C. Slocum had other ideas when he became coach of the Aggies.

Seems Slocum was right.

Horton, a senior safety and three-time letterman, was chosen as The Associated Press' Southwest Conference defensive player of the week after intercepting his first pass of the season Saturday against Texas Christian. He returned it 35 yards for a touchdown.

Horton, a schoolboy star at Tatum, also had nine tackles,

including six unassisted, and pressured the quarterback once as A&M demolished the Horned Frogs 56-10.

"Larry had a fine day Saturday," Slocum said. "He's really made great strides as a defensive back after we moved him from running back to the defensive secondary."

Horton is second on the team in tackles with 104, and had 24 in an earlier contest against Baylor, tying the school record for a single game.

Former walk-on kicker Michael Pollak of Texas was

selected as the outstanding SWC offensive player for kicking three field goals as Texas won the conference title and Cotton Bowl berth by beating Baylor 23-13 in Waco.

The three field goals raised his season total to 20, a school record. The old record for a single season was 19 by Jeff Ward in 1985.

On Saturday, Pollak's first field goal was a career-long 56 yards and opened Texas' scoring. The second was for 43 yards and made it 20-10. The third, for 38 yards into a strong wind, climaxed a 17-play drive.

"What a kick, what a drive," exclaimed Texas offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee.

Pollak added two extra points, so his 11 points provided the winning margin.

"I've proven that I am reliable," said Pollak, who kicked only one year in high school, as a senior at Austin Johnston.

All this from a player who missed spring training to attend the American University in Vienna, Austria, and had coach David McWilliams wondering if he would ever see him again.

"This might put you behind," McWilliams had said.

"I know it but I'll be in shape. I'll continue to kick over there,

and I'll be back in the fall, ready to go," Pollak said.

And he was, winning the kicker's job a week before the Penn State game on Sept. 8, in which he kicked the first three field goals of his college career as Texas won 17-13.

Following that game, McWilliams put the fifth-year senior on scholarship.

In basketball action, Texas Christian center Reggie Smith, who had 78 points and 35 rebounds in three games, was named Southwest Conference basketball Player of the Week.

Smith, of San Jose, Calif., had game highs of 28 points against Nicholls State and 13 rebounds against Louisiana Tech. TCU is 2-1.

Baylor's Maggie Stinnett and Texas Tech's Teresa McMillan shared women's honors.

Tech's McMillan, of Mesquite, put up impressive numbers as the Red Raiders registered a 2-1 mark in the Rainbow Wahine Classic in Honolulu. McMillan accounted for 55 points, 33 rebounds, four assists and three steals while also shooting 75 percent from the field.

Baylor's Stinnett, a Waco native, accounted for 40 points, 18 rebounds, seven blocked shots and four steals for the Bears (1-1).

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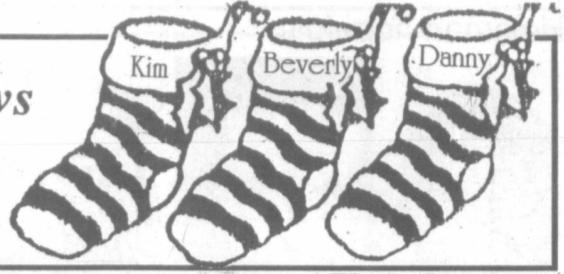
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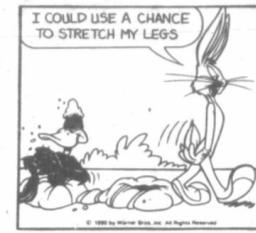
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Texan jumps off Washington's political fast track

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANGELO (AP) — For 21 years, Mattie McKee traveled the political fast track, an aide to some of Washington's most powerful and prominent movers and shakers.

For two decades, she mingled with rogues and royalty, presidents and potentates.

She helped christen and launch a ship, traveled to Europe on assignment, watched the Washington Redskins from the owner's box and observed first-hand the weird and wondrous workings of our nation's capital.

She rubbed shoulders with Liz Taylor and Lilla Tower, both ex-wives of her ex-bosses. And she even dated a journalist.

She caught the closing chapter of Lyndon Johnson's presidency and the beginning of the George Bush era. In between, of course, were Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

Most notably, however, Mattie McKee returned to West Texas this year with mind, morals and ideals intact, a little angry but not at all disillusioned.

"I was lucky," says she.

And she brings this word on her favorite politician, former Sen. John Tower of Texas: "I feel he'll make a comeback. Probably some people in Washington are squirming right now, thinking the same thing."

Welcome home, Mattie.

If not a bowl of cherries, life has hardly been dull for Mattie Mae McKee, certified legal secretary, licensed real estate sales person, Carnegie Hall performer, political aide, student extraordinaire and historian for a Del Rio goat roping.

We're not making this up. She's studied piano and voice at the Washington School of Music, attended the Washington School of Protocol and just last year ushered at the opera house of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

What's more, she laughed, she got herself "sophisticated" at the John Robert Powers Finishing School.

Back home and living with her mother, she's currently a student at Angelo State University, majoring in business but aspiring to become a writer, a lawyer and a newscaster.

Don't bet against her.

She's currently studying Spanish, children's literature, creative writing, international relations and advanced American history.

She's found time to perform with the San Angelo Symphony Chorale at Carnegie Hall and keep records for a summertime goat roping in honor of her late uncle, Tom Taylor, a former world champion roper.

And she'd be touring the Mideast if it weren't for the Persian Gulf crisis.

After an abbreviated stint at the University of Texas, Mattie McKee returned home in 1960 to join a San Angelo law firm. By 1968, when she left for Washington, she was office manager and supervisor of legal secretaries.

Her first job in the nation's capital was staff assistant to U.S. Rep. O.C. Fisher, D-Texas, now retired: "A brilliant man and a father figure to me. I still stay in close contact with him."

Beginning in 1974, she served five years on the staff of another Texas Democrat, Rep. Bob Poage of Waco, whom she remembers as "one of the sweetest individuals I ever met."

When Poage retired, she helped his successor, Democrat Marvin Leath, open his office, "a learning experience for everyone."

Thief steals kettle filled with money

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Salvation Army Capt. Ernest Branscum says he felt like someone had "actually stolen Christmas" when they ran off with a kettle filled with an estimated \$200 in donations.

But Branscum, who oversees the annual kettle program here, said that numerous telephone calls from people wanting to help make up the stolen amount "renews my faith in human nature."

"I think that when people heard about this they felt like I did, that they didn't want anyone left out this Christmas and so they responded," he said. The funds were to be used to help make Christmas happier for needy children.

"I've had a good feeling about how people are responding, and it makes you glad to be part of this community," Maj. Robert Taylor of the Salvation Army said.

The thief grabbed the kettle when the volunteer working in front of a store turned to help a child make a donation Saturday night, officials said.

The thief grabbed the kettle and ran to a car and sped away.



(AP Laserphoto)

Mattie McKee, an aide to some of Washington's most powerful and prominent movers and shakers for the past 21 years, poses with some of her memorabilia.

One day she received a telephone call from Mike Butler, an aide to Republican John Tower.

"Can I have a few minutes of your time?" Butler asked.

"Absolutely," she replied. "Can you come over here? I'm very busy."

"I don't think you understand. It's not that I want to see you. Senator Tower wants to see you."

"Where and when?"

Laughing, she recalled that "My attitude changed immediately. I had always wanted to work for Tower. I had heard him speak ... and I was fascinated by him."

She signed on in 1980 as Tower's executive secretary and nothing's been the same since. Although quietly religious and intensely private, Ms. McKee clearly considers the lightning and thunder of the Tower years the highlight of her career.

Likewise, her darkest hour came when the senate rejected Tower's nomination as President Bush's secretary of defense. She was ready to

go with him to the Pentagon.

Ms. McKee disagrees sharply with those who characterize the diminutive Tower as a hard-drinking, skirt-chasing hawk.

"I always thought of him as a man's man, hard working, confident and intelligent and with a great sense of humor. He wasn't so much demanding, but he did expect perfection."

His rejection as defense secretary stunned the entire staff.

"I think all of us ... felt so terribly helpless," she said. "There was just no way anybody could get a grip on this. The rumors were flying so rapidly. And even though ungrounded, we couldn't overcome any of this."

From 1980 until 1985, when Tower left the senate, Ms. McKee served as the conduit for high level communications with the White House, cabinet, Senate leadership, diplomatic corps, industry, personal staff, military leaders and others.

"It was a mammoth job," she

said. "I went home one night with my ear bleeding from answering calls to my desk."

Her greatest triumph, she said, was designing and supervising a comprehensive scheduling system for Tower, who was chairman of both the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Republican Party Committee.

The system, she explained, eliminated duplicity and "surprises" and permitted everyone to operate more intelligently and efficiently.

"It was my gift to the U.S. Senate," she smiled. "I was kind of like a control tower. You've got all these planes coming in and you've got to make sure they land safely."

One of her more memorable assignments was the Farnborough Air Show in Europe. She went to London with Sen. Barry Goldwater, where a member of parliament and a friend of Tower's showed her the House of Lords and the House of Commons and then treated her to lunch at the prestigious Carlton Club, which had only recently opened its doors to women.

She also accompanied the senator and Mrs. Tower to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he addressed the graduating class of 1982, and to Groton, Conn., for the christening and launching of a nuclear submarine, the USS City of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Tower, once a high profile figure in her own right, was the ship's sponsor.

"I would describe Lilla Tower as having a mercurial temperament," Ms. McKee said. "Her moods would swing from playful to wrathful. She was a brilliant, tough, articulate lawyer, proud of her accomplishments and fiercely protective of her husband."

After Tower's Senate retirement, Ms. McKee joined Sen. John Warner of Virginia, "a natural transition because Warner wanted a secretary who had worked with the Senate Armed Services Committee."

She soon met the former Mrs. Warner, whom some know as Liz Taylor.

"The staff was and is very fond of her," she said.

Ms. McKee said Warner, as a member of the Redskins board, invited her occasionally to join him and his guests in the owner's box when the NFL club was playing in Washington.

"That was a very special, won-

derful treat," she said. Owner Jack Kent Cooke was a "courteous host."

One year, at Warner's annual golf tournament in Williamsburg, Va., she was "assigned" to Dan Quayle and his family. And at Warner's Middleburg farm she played hostess to Donald Regan, President Reagan's chief of staff.

Warner was always "very energetic," she said. "He was very good to his staff and easy to work for."

Without rancor or regrets, Mattie McKee looks back now on those days with Warner and Tower, and with Fisher, Poage and Leath, as a unique and exciting experience. And if she knows any spicy gossip or cloakroom secrets, she's not telling.

It's simply a matter of trust. "They're comfortable with you or you wouldn't be there," she explained. "I think it's common courtesy to respect their personal privacy."

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