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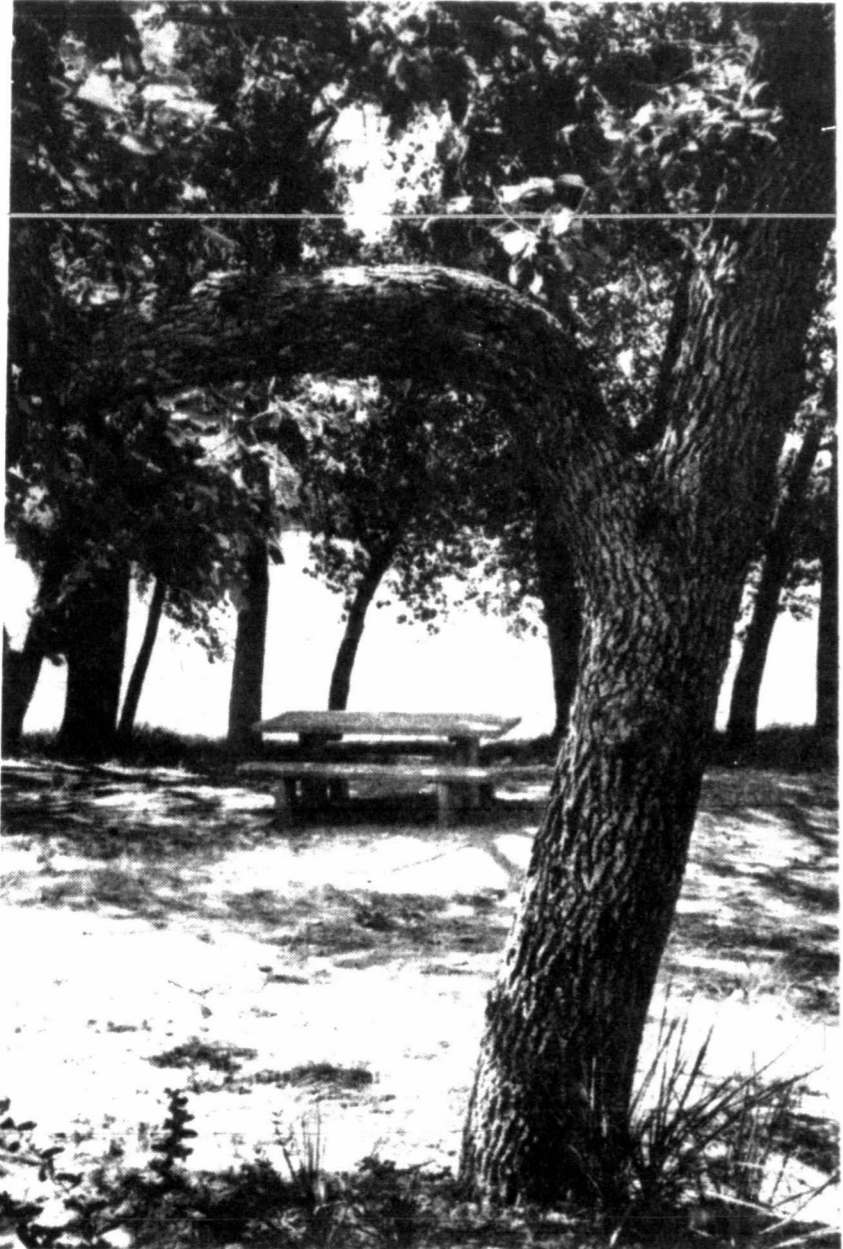
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## Lonely table



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

A lone picnic table sits unoccupied Thursday afternoon framed beneath a tree at Lake McClellan, one of many tables that awaited people at the lake in the middle of the week. Though the lake is often visited by many during the weekend period, attendance is often sparse in mid-week despite the beautiful scenery and shady woods offering a break from hot summer days.

## Griffith admits challenges await him at Goose Creek

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Dr. Harry Griffith, who resigned last week as superintendent of Pampa public schools to lead the Goose Creek Independent School District, acknowledged he is facing the biggest challenge of his career in returning credibility to that office.

The Goose Creek vacancy came as the result of the last superintendent, Bill Kennedy, being found guilty on charges of stealing from the district, part of an on-going investigation into irregularities involving the GCISD's maintenance department.

A maintenance director for the district, Matt Cross, has also been indicted on charges of theft. Cross' father, who was an associate superintendent, has also been implicated in wrong-doing.

In addition to the theft allegations, an investigation is continuing into what role the three men might have had in an arson that heavily damaged one of the city's high schools.

## Coronado Hospital announces hiring of its new administrator

Coronado Hospital officials announced the appointment of Bruce Reinhardt to succeed Norman Knox as the new hospital administrator.

Reinhardt is presently assistant administrator at Milford Memorial Hospital in Milford, Del. He will take over the duties of Knox who is retiring after serving as the hospital's administrator since the facility was built.

"We're delighted to be returning to Texas," Reinhardt said Wednesday. "I met my wife while working in Texas for HCA (Hospital Corporation of America), so the state holds fond memories for us."

Reinhardt said that Tuesday proved to be an exciting day for him and his family. His wife Cynthia gave birth to their third child, and third daughter, at 9 a.m., and at 1 p.m., Rob Martin, regional vice president of HealthTrust, Coronado Hospital's parent company, notified him that he had been chosen for the job at the Pampa hospital.

Two candidates for the position were interviewed by the Coronado Hospital board of trustees last week, according to Knox. The board met Monday afternoon to vote on the candidates.

Trials stemming from those investigations are continuing, according to published reports in the *Baytown Sun*.

"The circumstances down in Goose Creek are very different. See GRIFFITH, Page 2



Dr. Harry Griffith

Reinhardt has 10 years experience in the hospital business beginning as a staff accountant in an HCA hospital in 1980. He advanced in HCA, moving to a position as an assistant hospital controller at Doctors' Memorial Hospital in Baton Rouge, La., and then to Texas as the financial operation analyst for the president of HCA West. From 1984 to 1986, he served as the assistant administrator at Richmond Community Hospital in Richmond, Va., before going to Milford.

A native of Philadelphia, Reinhardt received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Spring Garden College in Philadelphia, and a master's degree in business administration from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

Active in his community, he has served as a scouting instructor and an adult Sunday school teacher, and has been a member of the Kiwanis Club.

He and his wife are the parents of three daughters, Kingslee, 5; Lindsay, 20 months; and Jordan, three days.

Reinhardt plans to visit in Pampa several times during the next month, and take over as administrator Aug. 27.

## OPEC agrees to limit production

By SALLY JACOBSEN  
Associated Press Writer

GENEVA (AP) — OPEC oil ministers announced agreement today on raising their target price to \$21 a barrel in hope of driving up world crude prices by several dollars.

The deal would limit the cartel's production to 22.5 million barrels a day, which would require the producers to restrain output in coming months.

Iranian Oil Minister Gholam Reza Aqazadeh said the agreement would be valid through the end of the year. Asked whether he was confident the output levels would be adhered to, he said, "At this time I am sure 100 percent."

The ministers from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates confirmed the agreement had been reached. Ministers of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries planned to formally approve the accord later in the day.

The announcement followed two days of talks at the regular mid-year OPEC meeting, which was overshadowed by a bitter dispute involving Iraqi allegations that Kuwait and the U.A.E. drove down oil prices by exceeding their output quotas. Kuwait and the U.A.E. deny the claims.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein threatened last week to use military force against cheaters, and diplomats reported an Iraqi military buildup

at the Kuwait border.

In reaching agreement, the ministers persuaded Iraqi minister Issam Abdul Raheem al-Chalabi to back off his demand for a \$25 a barrel target price.

The cartel's current target price, in effect since December 1986, is \$18 a barrel. The current production limit is about 22.09 million barrels a day, based on individual quotas set for each member nation.

Kuwait and the U.A.E. have been accused often of exceeding their output quotas, and Saddam claims his cash-hungry nation has lost \$14 billion in oil revenue because of the resulting slide in prices.

Aqazadeh said the new agreement was reached at the highest levels of the OPEC governments, so he was confident the output levels it would be strictly followed.

"The minimum reference price is \$21, and the ceiling is 22.491," he said.

Aqazadeh said ministers also agreed that in future they will increase their production ceiling and target price in tandem, rather than keeping the price constant while varying quotas as they have for more than three years.

Crude prices — and gasoline prices at the pump — would not automatically climb just because OPEC notched up its benchmark. But if the cartel reined in production, crude prices could rise.

Each dollar increase per barrel raises gasoline prices at the pump by about 5 cents a gallon.

The average price of a basket of crudes monitored by OPEC surged to \$20.46 a barrel in early January but skidded to \$13.64 last month. It rebounded to \$16.25 last week.

An output cap of 22.5 million barrels a day would be 400,000 barrels more than the current ceiling. But it would be under the cartel's actual production estimated at 23 million barrels or more a day.

Under the plan, the U.A.E.'s quota will rise from 1.1 million barrels a day to 1.5 million. It now is producing about 2 million barrels a day, analysts say.

The arrangement also would require Kuwait to trim output by several hundred thousand barrels a day to bring it down to its quota of 1.5 million barrels.

Other members' quotas would remain the same. OPEC nations are Algeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the U.A.E. and Venezuela.

The agreement does not end the dispute between Iraq and Kuwait. Iraq claims Kuwait stole oil from a field that includes land both sides claim, and it wants compensation. Representatives from the nations are to hold direct talks this weekend in an effort to resolve the dispute.

The talks are to be in Saudi Arabia, but the official Iraqi News Agency carried a statement from an unidentified spokesman today demanding Kuwait send representatives to Baghdad to work out their differences.

## Kieth pleads guilty to misdemeanor charge

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

Former Gray County Chief Deputy Ken Kieth pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of misdemeanor tampering with a governmental record.

Kieth, under a plea bargain with the state, was given deferred adjudication of one year probation and fined \$500 by 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhany, who was sitting in on the case in 223rd District Court.

Deferred adjudication means there is no finding of guilt by the judge. At the end of the probationary period, if the probationer has completed the requirements, the case will be cleared from the record.

The Class A misdemeanor count was reduced by the state from a third-degree felony. Another third-degree felony charge of tampering with a governmental record and a

misdemeanor count against Kieth of perjury were considered as unadjudicated offenses and then dismissed.

During the hearing, District Attorney Harold Comer said, "I'm saddened for the fact we're here today with an honorable man, what I consider an honorable man. The court and the district attorney have been familiar a long time with him and his family."

"... It wasn't a criminal act, but a stupid act... It will possibly result in punishment that is not truly commensurate with the offense."

Comer said that the act was committed "impulsively" and that Kieth has taken responsibility for the action. "We're not prepared to go to court with what was an act of carelessness, stupidity."

He also said, "The state concedes the actions taken in this case (by Kieth) were not done with the intent to defraud."

Kieth admitted that on Oct. 26

he presented or mailed to Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) a License Employment (L-1) report for Chief Jailer Othel Hicks. The form was signed by Kieth and had a high school diploma attached that was not Hicks'.

The high school diploma was reportedly Kieth's that had been doctored to show Hicks' name and the date May 29, 1963 as the date of graduation from Pampa High School. Hicks never graduated from the high school.

Defense attorney Kenneth Fields, representing Kieth, said, "I believe this is a situation of Mr. Kieth being in the wrong place at the wrong time," but added he felt the state had been fair in its plea bargain.

"Mr. Kieth, and I as his attorney, look forward to putting the matter behind us and going forward with our lives," Fields said.

Kieth was scheduled to be

arraigned on the cases next Tuesday. However, he waived arraignment before his hearing on Thursday.

He had worked at the Gray County Sheriff's Office since Aug. 1, 1974, until his suspension with pay by Sheriff Jim Free on April 27 of this year. Free later suspended Kieth without pay on June 16. Kieth resigned from the sheriff's office on June 26 and was indicted by the grand jury on July 11.

Also indicted on July 11 were Sheriff Free and Hicks. Free was indicted on a third-degree felony charge of tampering with a governmental record and three misdemeanor counts of hiring unlicensed deputies. Hicks was indicted on a felony charge of tampering with a governmental record and one misdemeanor charge of perjury.

Arraignments on Free and Hicks are set for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in 223rd District Court.

## Woman awarded damages in insurance civil lawsuit

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

An Amarillo woman was victorious Thursday in her lawsuit against a Pampa couple after she was awarded \$100,000 in exemplary damages by a six-man, six woman Gray County jury.

The woman, Linda Schendt, had filed suit against Brenda and Nick Fortner of Pampa alleging the couple had used "undue influence" and "fraud" to get Glenn R. McConnell to change the beneficiary on two life insurance policies — totaling almost \$87,000 — shortly before his death.

McConnell, who died Jan. 11, 1988, was Schendt's father. The Fortners were not blood relatives to McConnell, although testimony was presented that he called Brenda Fortner "daughter."

Schendt's attorney, C.J. Humphrey of Amarillo, said this morning that Schendt will also receive the \$86,175.89 in life insurance paid to Brenda Fortner. He said that although the jury did not decide on actual damages, it was agreed that would be part of the judgment should the plaintiff win her case.

Humphrey said there will also likely be some pre-judgment interest on the \$86,175.89, but said he had not calculated that figure.

The jury, in deciding the case, was asked to answer three questions. Eleven members of the 12-member jury voted "yes" on all of the questions and voted on a fourth question to award \$100,000 in exemplary damages.

The questions in general terms were:

- Did Glenn McConnell lack sufficient mental capacity to change the beneficiary from Linda Schendt to Brenda Fortner at the time he signed the change of beneficiary forms?

- Did Brenda and Nick Fortner use undue influence to obtain Glenn McConnell's signature on the change of beneficiary forms from Linda Schendt to Brenda Fortner?

- Did the defendants (Fortners) obtain the signature of Glenn McConnell on the change of beneficiary forms through fraud?

Exemplary damages are damages awarded to try to set an example to others and can be used as a penalty for a wrongdoing.

Schendt had alleged in her lawsuit that the Fortners had told her father following his stroke in August 1987 that Schendt and her husband were going to use a power of attorney to sale all of McConnell's cattle, other properties and put him in a nursing home.

McConnell revoked the power of attorney just days after he signed it and fired his attorney, David Holt.

The plaintiff said this caused her father to get an "insane delusion" and to change the beneficiaries on the two life insurance policies in question from her to Brenda Fortner.

Schendt also said the Fortners moved into her father's residence after his stroke and turned him against her.

Humphrey, in closing arguments, said, "Rationalize in your mind what happened. (Glenn McConnell) was in a total state of fear of what somebody was going to do to him."

"... Somebody took this power of attorney and said, 'Look here at all the things they can do...'"

Asking, "Who did it?" Humphrey answered his own question, "Nobody else but Nick Fortner and Brenda Fortner... If that isn't what happened, what other explanation do you have?"

Defense Attorney Rick Harris said in closing statements, "I think Glenn McConnell would be sad to see what is going on in this courtroom today."

Harris classified Schendt as a "daughter by marriage" and Brenda Fortner as a "daughter by love."

"I think Glenn McConnell would be angry today because there are lawyers and jurors involved in his business," Harris said. "Witnesses said he knew exactly what he was doing — he made provisions for the ones he loved."

Harris said the Fortners simply were "helping a gentleman in his time of need."

He criticized Schendt for spending Thanksgiving of 1987 out of state when she knew her father had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. He also said that although she said she was kept from seeing her father, no one would have stopped her if her father was dying.

"She (Schendt) would have you believe the Fortners cheated her out

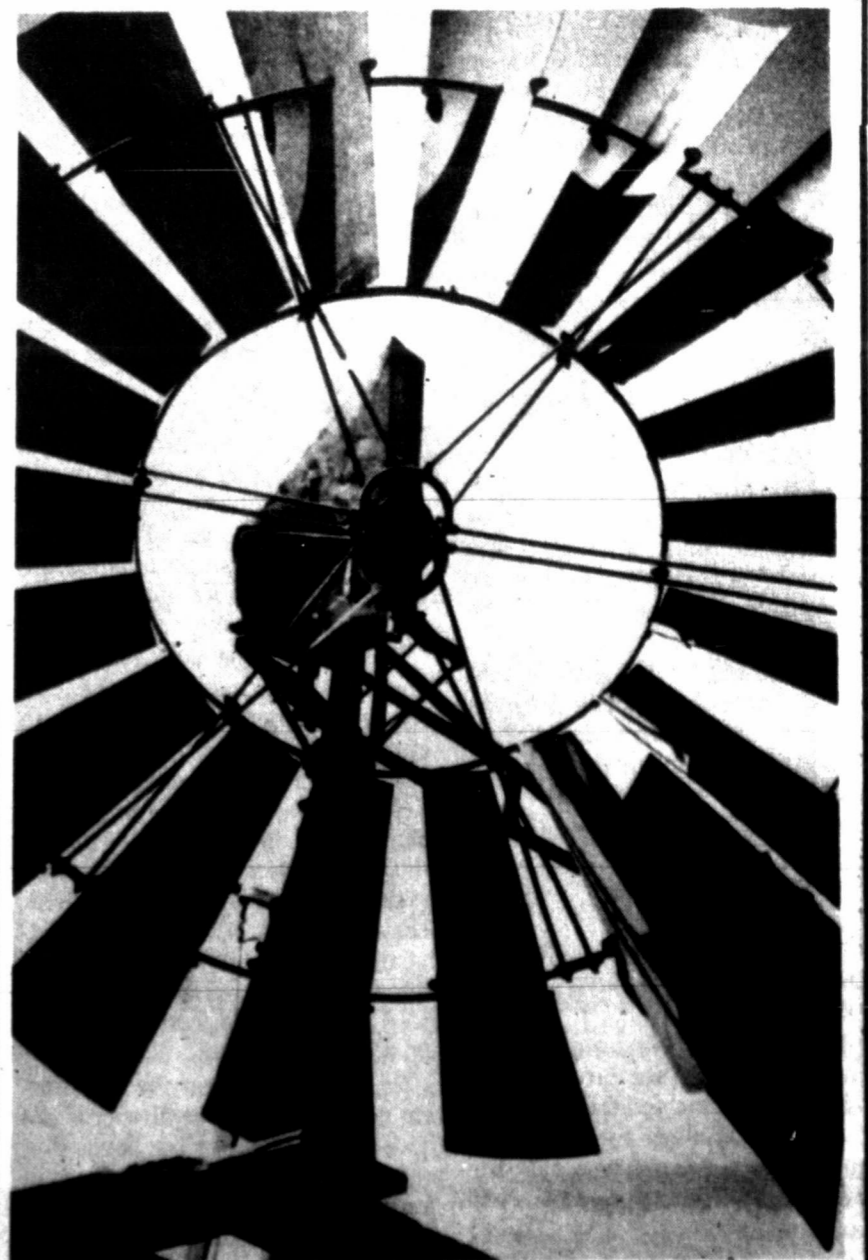
of something. She cheated herself out of it," Harris said.

Harris also said Schendt was taking a "dry run" at the insurance policies in question and if she won that case was going to contest two wills that McConnell made in the last months of his life. The will of 1985, prior to the other two wills,

left most everything to Schendt. The newer wills, including the final one made Dec. 17, 1987, left some things to the Fortners.

The trial, held in 223rd District Court, with visiting District Judge John T. Forbis of Childress, began on Tuesday. The jury returned its answers to the questions about noon Thursday.

## With the wind



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

An older type windmill is silhouetted against the afternoon sky Thursday afternoon off Highway 70 south of Pampa. Its blades turning with the winds blowing across the area. While the windmill is pumping water from the ground through the power of the wind, many area residents are hoping the winds will blow in some welcome rain for the summer days.



# Dallas museum to store stolen medieval art until ownership settled

By JOHN A. BOLT  
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A trove of medieval art treasures missing since late in World War II will be stored in the Dallas Museum of Art while a court decides who owns the 1,200-year-old objects.

The Quedlinburg treasures will remain hidden from public view while stored in the museum vaults, but museum director Richard R. Brettell said they likely will be on public display after ownership is determined. "Each party was interested in eventually displaying the art for the people in Texas," Brettell said.

The treasures are now stored in a bank vault in rural Whitewright, Texas, the home town of the former U.S. Army officer accused of stealing the art from their hiding places near the end of the war.

Attorneys for the heirs of Joe T. Meador and Stiftskirche-Domgemeinde, a Lutheran church in Quedlin-

burg, Germany, reached agreement on the move Thursday.

Meador, who died in 1980, bequeathed the artwork to his siblings, Jack Meador of Whitewright and Jane Meador Cook of Mesquite. They claim to have several, but not all, of the 14 treasures sought by the church.

They say they have a 9th- or 10th-century wood reliquary of Germany's second king, Henry I, decorated with silver, gold, ivory and precious stones; a jeweled ivory-and-gold comb of Henry I; a Byzantine rock crystal flask; four small reliquaries in the form of turrets; and a small reliquary in the form of a heart.

Two jeweled medieval manuscripts believed held by the Meadors for several years were sold recently on the European art market.

Brettell said the transfer would take place within a week.

"Anybody knows that when one is transporting important works of art, one doesn't talk about the mode

of conveyance or the timing. That would be grossly inappropriate of the museum," he said.

Brettell said professionals and scholars might be allowed to see the treasures, but that would be subject to approval by the court and both sides in the lawsuit filed by the church over the ownership of the art.

Brettell said he did not know how many objects the museum would receive, but they include articles of gold, silver, ivory and crystal dating from the 8th to 14th centuries.

Brettell said no one at the museum has seen the treasures, but "there's no doubt" that they are the Quedlinburg artwork. He said an inventory of the treasures had been agreed to by both sides, but would be rechecked when they arrive at the museum.

"The Quedlinburg treasury is undoubtedly the most important Carolingian treasury of the Germanies," he said. "The objects were made for important kings. They were in a repository which was among the three or four

greatest medieval repositories.

"They have importance not only to the Germanies but to Europe and to European medieval art," he said.

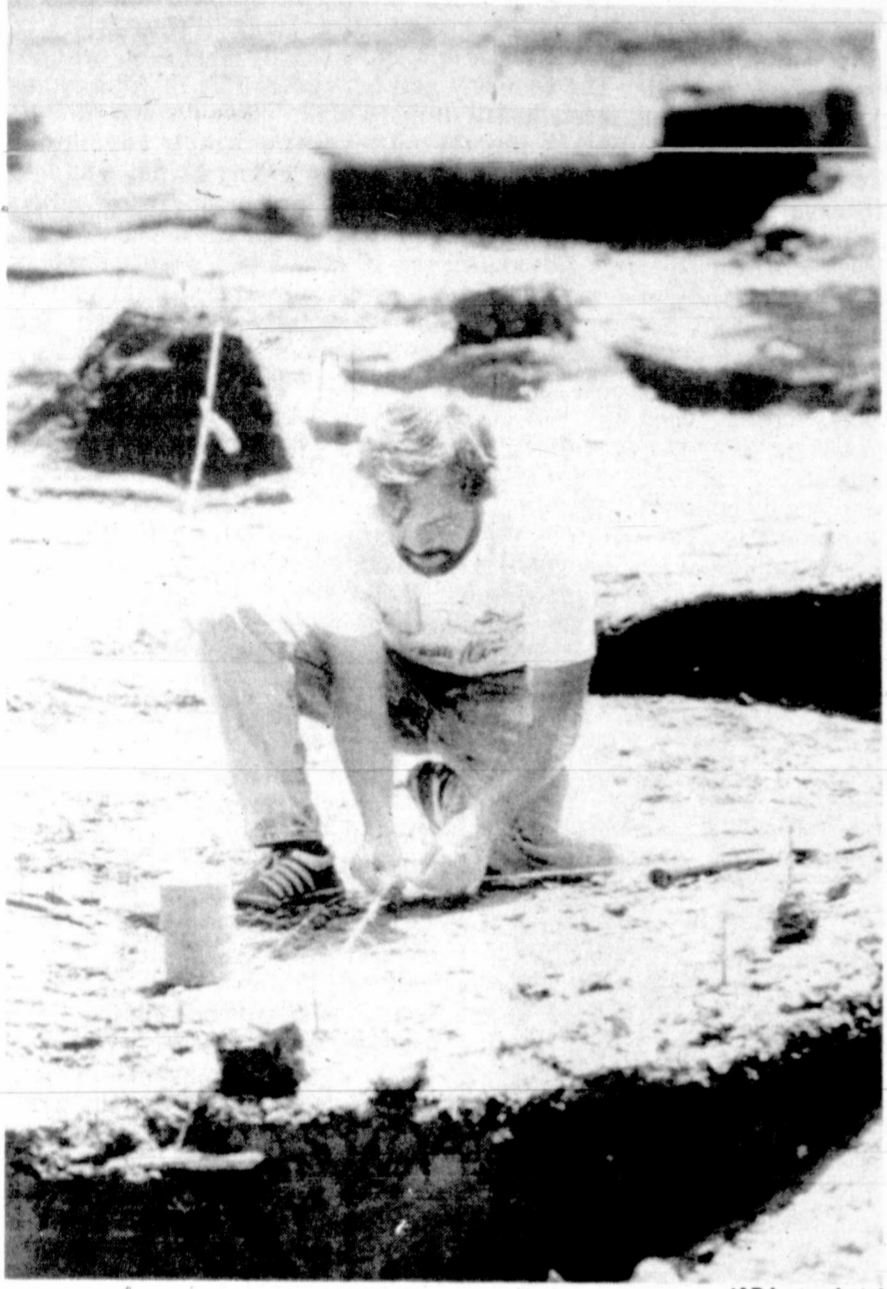
The Carolingian period refers to the reign of emperor Charlemagne and his successors in the 9th through early 10th centuries.

"The Dallas museum maintains no permanent interest in these works, but is happy to assist in being a temporary, neutral custodian," Brettell said.

Brettell said the Dallas museum was picked as custodian and agreed to the responsibility because both sides separately asked the museum to hold the art works.

He said the museum, which is not being paid for its services, would not place a value on the treasure.

"Important Carolingian objects have not traded hands on the open market for the last generation and therefore it's impossible to give a real and correct evaluation," he said.



Texas Highway Department worker Mark Stelmas works to locate and identify unmarked graves at Freedman's Cemetery in Dallas Thursday.

## Archaeologists discover hundreds of graves in path of highway project

By ROD RICHARDSON  
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A project to broaden a freeway running through the heart of town has uncovered a forgotten layer of Dallas history — hundreds of unmarked graves belonging to generations of former slaves and black settlers.

Clearing a path for the expansion of the North Central Expressway earlier this year, a backhoe scraped across portions of caskets, wooden markers and gravestones. Archaeologists were brought in to relocate some of the graves, an excavation that was supposed to take a few weeks to complete.

That was three months ago. "That was a naive estimate I made last spring," said Jerry Henderson, the archaeologist overseeing the project for the State Highway and Transportation Department.

As more and more graves at Freedman's Cemetery are uncovered along the freeway — where they've been covered for years — some containing fascinating relics, officials now say the dig may take two years. "It's an emotional, archaeological and historical issue," Ms. Henderson said. "You didn't do it and I didn't do it, but let's face it: The people who were buried here were wronged. And it's up to us to see that their final resting place is restored and their memories preserved."

About 800 graves have so far been marked off with twine, and Henderson said the final count may exceed 2,000. She said no more than 500 graves will have to be moved to make room for the highway expansion.

There is little written record of the cemetery, located just north of downtown, but Henderson said most of Dallas' blacks apparently were buried there from 1861 to 1925.

"When you're looking at black history, it's very difficult to track down because you have no paper trail to follow — unlike white history," said Steve Mabry, a local preservationist.

Underlining this fact, Freedman's Cemetery is bordered on one side by an equally old, but well-kept Catholic cemetery.

More than a century ago, the area was dubbed North Dallas Freedmentown, for the emancipated slaves who lived there, Mabry said. Many of the community's residents worked on the nearby railroad and others worked for well-to-do whites.

Freedmentown was virtually wiped out in the 1940s when North Central Expressway was built right through the middle of the cemetery. In the 1960s, a memorial park was built over part of the remaining cemetery.

The relocation of the graves will be difficult because most are bunched together in what appear to be families, Henderson said.

"We don't want to disrupt the internal integrity of the organization," Henderson said. "For example, we don't want to move the mother right here and then move the baby over there."

The sensitivity Henderson and her crew have displayed is one reason the excavation hasn't caused controversy. In fact, local historians and preservationists say they're excited by the prospects.

"The thing that impresses me about that project is that the people working with it have gotten some input from the community that has more of a relationship with that cemetery," said Harry Robinson Jr., director of Museum of African American Life and Culture.

Funerary objects such as shells, ceramic figurines, glass vials, marbles and a watch have been found atop some graves. Items unearthed at the site will eventually be put on display at his museum, Robinson said.

Robinson plans to organize a junior archaeological camp this summer, where children will help wash the materials found in the graves.

"Of course no bodies will be bothered," he said. "If they were doing that then people would say 'What's going on out there?'"

## Witnesses say Liberian soldiers killing civilians

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Government troops have killed civilians and dumped their bodies in the sea as rebels advanced toward the center of the city, where President Samuel Doe remained barricaded in his mansion, witnesses and diplomats said.

The rebels could be seen Thursday trying to battle their way over a bridge into the heart of Monrovia, the capital of this West African nation.

The rebels, who began their offensive in December, accuse the government of corruption and human rights abuses. But their insurgency has become a tribal war between supporters of Doe and backers of the rebels.

Soldiers of Doe's Krahn tribe killed at least two dozen civilians who were taken from their houses, from a hospital ward and from lodgings near the beleaguered city's one

remaining airstrip, said the witnesses and diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The suspects, some of whom were shot while tied back to back with their hands bound behind them, were Gio or Mano tribesmen suspected of supporting the rebels, they said.

Some victims were taken overnight to a beach near the city's exclusive Mamba Point district where they were summarily shot or slashed to death with machetes, the witnesses said.

Their bodies and the rotting remains of previous victims were dumped into the sea nearby. The bodies could be seen bobbing in the surf.

The ambassadors of the five European Economic Community nations represented in Liberia — France, Britain, Italy, Germany and Spain — expressed "horror and dis-

gust at the tribal killings of innocent civilians being carried out by both sides in the present conflict."

Their statement said there was "ample evidence that government soldiers are continuing to murder Gios and Manos, more than 100 of whom were yesterday taken from centers in Monrovia, while the National Patriotic Front are murdering Krahn and Mandingos."

"If Liberia as a nation is to retain the respect of the rest of the world these killings must cease forthwith," the statement said.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Doe still had not asked the United States for help in leaving his country.

The spokesman said insurgent troops, believed to be those of rebel leader Charles Taylor, moved into the city Thursday morning after heavy fighting northeast of the capital on Wednesday night.

Other rebel forces, presumably those of rival rebel leader Prince Johnson, moved into the city Thursday morning amid small-arms fire, Boucher said.

Johnson is believed to have split with Taylor sometime in the past three months, and some diplomats say his army is now stronger than Taylor's National Patriotic Front. Despite his first name, Johnson is not known to have any aristocratic background.

Discipline among the estimated 1,500 remaining troops loyal to Doe has broken down, and a Western diplomat said many were drugged.

But some diplomats had also dismissed Doe's troops more than a month ago, predicting they would flee as soon as rebels got anywhere near the city.

Some government units have continued to fight, blocking Taylor's main rebel force in the city's eastern suburbs.

## Roseanne defends antics in singing of anthem

By DENNIS GEORGATOS  
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — O'er the ramparts rained criticism of Roseanne Barr's screeching, off-key rendition of the national anthem at a baseball game, but the comedian defended her conduct even if her wailing solo struck out.

"Gez, gimme a break. I was just trying to sing a song," the caustic star of the ABC sitcom *Roseanne* told Los Angeles-area television station KCAL in a telephone interview broadcast Thursday night.

Barr conceded she was "no Beverly Sills," referring to the famed opera singer. She said she has a naturally shrill singing voice.

"I apologize that people were so appalled," she said.

But she added: "If this is the worst thing they ever heard, they've had it really easy." Barr said if she ever sang the anthem again she'd "want to do it for a hipper crowd."

Fans at Jack Murphy Stadium, where the San Diego Padres were playing a doubleheader with the Cincinnati Reds, booed Barr after the shrieking performance Wednesday.

After screaming the final notes, she grabbed

her crotch and spit on the field.

Barr told KCAL the crotch-grabbing gesture and spitting were meant to parody mannerisms common among some baseball players, not to show disrespect for the anthem or booing fans.

The comedy actress had been invited to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" by her boss, Tom Werner, the co-creator and executive producer of *Roseanne*.

Earlier this year, Werner led a 15-member investment group that bought the Padres for \$75 million. He is now chairman and managing partner of the team.

Padres headquarters were deluged by 1,200 calls Thursday, mostly complaints. The team issued an apology and said in the statement that they "recognize their obligation to ensure the national anthem is sung with respect and dignity."

National League President William D. White said: "We have discussed it with the Padres and are in agreement with their apology. We are satisfied that they will take all necessary steps to assure it will not happen again."

Barr's cateringwauling rendition was the subject of much of Johnny Carson's *Tonight Show* monologue Thursday night.

"Francis Scott Key must be spinning like a lathe," he quipped, referring to the anthem's composer. "The closest sound I heard was when I got my cat neutered."

Others leveled more serious criticism. "It was to me like burning of the flag," said Robert Merrill, 70, who has been singing the national anthem in New York's Yankee Stadium for 18 years.

Padres pitcher Eric Show said, "It's an insult. There are people who died for that song."

It wasn't the first time Barr achieved notoriety at a baseball game. In the stands during a World Series game in Oakland last fall, she bared her bottom, revealing a tattoo declaring "Tom" — her husband, Tom Arnold.

On Thursday, Arnold urged critics to lighten up.

"They knew what kind of singer she is. She's just an average singer. She's not an opera singer," Arnold told The Associated Press by telephone from their Malibu home. "She did the best she could."

Barr wouldn't come to the telephone, but was troubled by the criticism, he said.

"She's very sorry," Arnold said. "She's very upset that people think she meant disrespect."

## Travis County AIDS rate climbs

AUSTIN (AP) — Travis County and the city of Austin were urged to nearly double their spending on the fight against AIDS.

Officials say the county alone has 593 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, ranking it ahead of 20 states.

The Austin Travis County HIV Commission, a coalition of AIDS services providers, asked for \$586,225 in a new report to the Austin City Council and the Travis County Commissioners Court.

That would be in addition to the \$620,031 that the city and county have budgeted for the epidemic in

the current fiscal year.

"We are at a critical stage," said Christine Aubrey, commission chairwoman. "People should start thinking of our epidemic in terms of New York and New Jersey."

Austin's incidence rate of AIDS per 100,000 population is now higher than Los Angeles' and, in Texas, is second only to Houston, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

According to the agency, only nine of 93 U.S. metropolitan areas with a population of 500,000 or more have a higher incidence rate than Austin.

## Thanks for 10!



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## HAPPY TOGETHER

College freshman Chris (PATRICK DEMPSEY) is an all-around serious kind of guy, that is until his computer-assigned roommate, Alex, gets a hold of him. What the computer doesn't know is that Alex is a girl... a zany, uninhibited knockout of a girl (HELEN SLATER).



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## Opinion

### Popping the tax 'bubble' nonsense

What tax increase will President Bush agree to? One talked about on Capitol Hill would raise the tax rate paid by top income earners from 28 percent to 33 percent.

This would reverse the very basis of the 1981 and 1986 tax reforms: to encourage production and investment by reducing the tax rate on top incomes from 70 percent to 28 percent. The expanded production and investment are then taxed, actually increasing tax revenues.

The reform worked. In 1979 those in the top 5 percent of income paid 37.6 percent of income taxes paid, but in 1987 that amount had jumped sharply to 43 percent. We have also enjoyed an unprecedented eight years of economic growth. So the 1981 and 1986 tax reforms reduced tax rates, flushed money out of the tax shelters, widened the pool of taxable income — and so increased tax revenues, actually getting the rich to pay a larger share of taxes paid.

But the 1986 tax reform contained an anomaly, what our congressmen call the "bubble." The bubble can be seen in the tax schedule for 1990, for a single taxpayer with one exemption:

- Income below \$19,450 — 15 percent rate.
- Income between \$19,450 and \$47,050 — 28 percent rate.
- Income between \$47,050 and \$109,100 — 33 percent rate, the "bubble."
- Income \$109,100 and over — return to 28 percent rate.

Congressional leaders, in their never-ending search for more taxes to waste, are now talking about increasing the top rate to 33 percent — what they call "popping the bubble." That's a subterfuge. Popping the bubble would mean reducing the 33 percent rate to 28 percent, whereas what these congressmen want to do is to expand the balloon to absorb the bubble.

Expanding the tax balloon to 33 percent would reverse the healthy effects of the 1981 and 1986 tax reforms. It could drive wealthy workers to take their talents, incomes and investments to other countries with lower tax rates. This would reduce our the tax base, and so reduce tax revenues.

According to a study by Aldona and Gary Robbins for the Institute for Policy Innovation in Dallas, boosting the top tax rate to 33 percent would raise labor costs by 8.7 percent and raise capital costs by 1.2 percent. The result: economic growth 0.9 percent lower than otherwise. GNP would be trimmed by \$5 billion in 1990, \$14 billion in 1991 and \$81 billion in the year 2000. Total GNP lost during the next decade: \$518 billion. Jobs not created: 377,000.

If we have learned anything over the past decade of tax reform, you don't "soak the rich" with high taxes, you only drive their incomes away. And, in so doing, you drive away the services and skills the rich provide, hurting everybody.

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# Employers yield to King Numbers

WASHINGTON — Contrary to what some conservatives are saying, the civil rights bill now pending in the Senate is not a wholly bad bill. Two sections have merit and ought to be separately adopted. The rest of the bill is seriously flawed and ought to be dumped.

One useful provision would overturn the Supreme Court's decision last year in a case involving seniority. A second desirable section would overrule the high court's decision in a matter of sexual harassment. In both instances the court correctly upheld the literal wording of the law, but the law itself operates unfairly. These are good provisions.

That is the best that can be said of the Senate bill. It comes to the floor bearing the burden of false pretenses. Sponsors would have us believe that the key provision does no more than to restore certain employment provisions that were modified by the Supreme Court last year. This contention, to apply a gentle word, is nonsense.

In point of fact, this sweeping bill would make dramatic changes in the entire scope of civil rights law. Be not deceived: The Senate is not dealing with some little old modest measure to overturn six high-court decisions. The thrust of the most controversial section is to impose a kind of monarchy on the workplace. We are to have rule by King Numbers.

The bill reverses the familiar presumption by which one is presumed innocent until proved guilty. Here an employer is presumed guilty and must prove his innocence. Toward that end, Section 4 of the bill makes it an "unlawful employment practice" if an employer's requirements result in a



James J. Kilpatrick

"disparate impact" on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.

An oversimplified example, drawn from the Senate committee report, will demonstrate the mischief. Let us suppose that 1,000 plumbers are available in a given city. Of these, 200 are black. The ABC Corp., a large plumbing contractor, regularly employs 100 plumbers. They are hired if they have graduated from a trade school, have one year of experience and can present satisfactory references during an interview.

Along comes Joe Johnson, a black applicant who has not graduated from a trade school and has only six months of experience. He applies to ABC and is turned down. He sues, charging that ABC's hiring policies have had a "disparate impact" upon the black community. Instead of having 20 minority plumbers, the company has only 10.

On this evidence the company stands guilty as charged. The employer is now subject to heavy damages. The rejected applicant "shall not be required to demonstrate which specific practice or practices result in such disparate impact." On the contrary, it is up to the employer to prove that all of

his conditions are "essential," that they are required by business necessity — that is, that the requirements bear a "substantial and demonstrable relationship" to effective job performance.

Such a burden of proof would be formidably difficult to establish in court. Is a trade school certificate necessary? Is a year's experience too much to require? Are references a matter of subjective decision that could be racially biased? Defending Johnson's suit is expensive, not only in lawyers' fees but also in the time of executives who must be taken from their regular duties. Johnson, of course, has lawyer who works on a contingent basis.

What is the ABC Corp. to do? People who live in the real world know exactly what ABC will do. The company will bow to the rule of King Numbers. It will drop 10 white plumbers and hire 10 black plumbers (never mind their education, experience or references), and its payroll will then meet the 20 percent minority quota. There will no longer be a demonstrable "disparate impact."

Of course, the 10 abandoned white plumbers may gang up and sue for reverse discrimination, thus giving employment to lawyers after all. The prospect is for a litigious nightmare as new language is tested in court. The term "required by business necessity" means "essential to effective job performance," but the definition is fashioned of fog. Prudent employers will play the percentage game.

Give the sponsors of the bill credit for good intentions. Deliberate, willful racial discrimination is indefensible. If the ABC Corp. turned Johnson down just because of his race, let ABC suffer the consequences. But first let Johnson prove his case.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Friday, July 27, the 208th day of 1990. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
Fifty years ago, on July 27, 1940, the cartoon character Bugs Bunny made his "official" debut (despite several precursors bearing the same name) as Warner Brothers released *A Wild Hare*, an animated short film that also featured the "wascally wabbit's" longtime nemesis, Elmer Fudd.

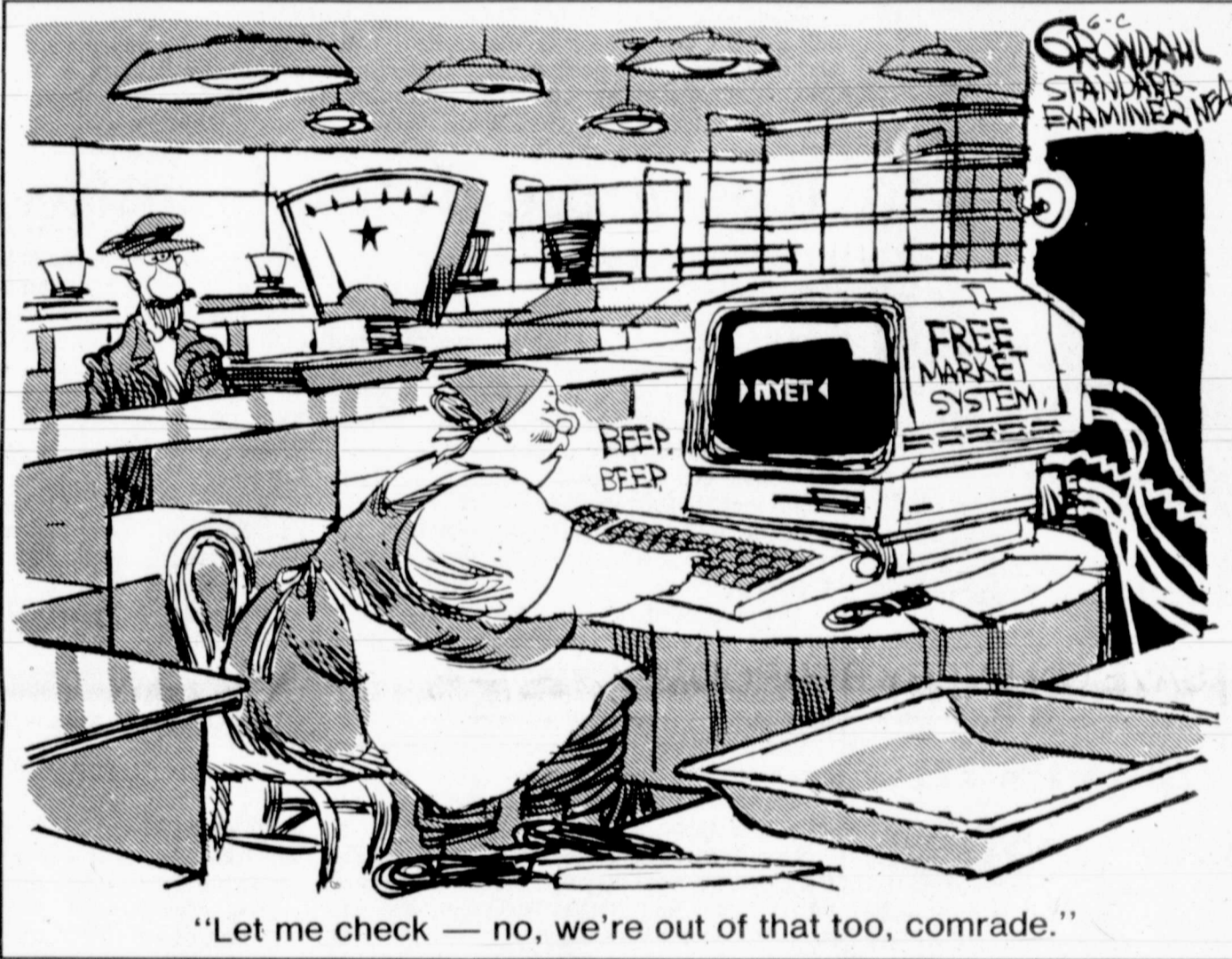
On this date:  
In 1789, Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, the forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1861, Union Gen. George B. McClellan was placed in command of the Army of the Potomac.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finally succeeded after two failures in laying the first underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1909, Orville Wright tested the U.S. Army's first airplane, flying himself and a passenger for one hour and 12 minutes.

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting. It had taken 255 meetings over two years and 17 days to reach the agreement.



# Soviet citizens free to starve

The world has been celebrating the relaxation of the iron fist of communism perhaps prematurely.

For many in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, all it means is "freedom to starve."

When Leonid Brezhnev was Moscow's main man in the 1970s, food production and per-capita consumption deteriorated. Every year of the 1980s the Soviet Union has been forced to import 28 to 55 million tons of grain, 4 to 5 million tons of sugar, about a million tons of meat plus significant quantities of butter, eggs, fruit and vegetables.

Demand is overwhelming supply. Retail food prices in state stores have remained frozen for most staples since the 1950s — so what Soviets are seeing today is low prices on empty shelves.

In a capitalist country, when labor wages are increasing faster than labor productivity and demand begins to exceed supply, restrictive monetary controls restore the balance.

The Soviet Union is just beginning to establish a modern banking system, has not yet learned how to control its expanding money supply.



Paul Harvey

Last year the Soviet government tested long-term "leasing" of land to families or to small groups of farm workers. In some regions the leases have been effective in increasing productivity and lowering costs, especially for livestock.

For the most part, however, costly and ineffective farm practices and poor farm labor incentives have contributed to 25 years of crop shortages to where — under communism — subsidies were twice the retail price of beef and lamb and butter.

Twenty percent of grain production is lost or

spoiled each year due to poor harvesting, drying, transportation and storage.

In calculating Mikhail Gorbachev's odds for survival, an understanding of recent Soviet political history is important.

For more than five years before Gorbachev took over, a cadre of Soviet intellectuals — recognizing that communism could never keep its promises — was meeting secretly choreographing a "peaceful takeover."

I was privy to some of those discussions though to have revealed them then would likely have caused the maneuver to abort and it would certainly have endangered the participants in those planning sessions.

Frankly, at the time I doubted the ambitious agenda could be realized.

And there are still prominent Soviets such as Boris Yeltsin who do not accept what's happened.

Now it is he who waits in the wings for some popular uprising. There is no more serious domestic threat to any world leader than food riots and the Soviet Union is now free to riot.

# There's ripples in violent crime wave

By BEN WATTENBERG

It is a truism that "there is more violent crime." But is it true? No one knows. And therein is a message.

There are two standard data series to measure crime. Both come from the U.S. Department of Justice. Both showed a sharp increase in violent crime in the 1970s. Both showed decline in the early 1980s. But from that point forward, they diverge. One trend says "up." The other trend says "down," or at least "a plateau at a lower level than earlier recorded."

Curiously, both may be right.

The Uniform Crime Reports, or UCR, prepared by the FBI, look at crime as seen from the eyes of the police, that is, "crimes reported to law enforcement." By that perspective violent crime went up by 23 percent from 1984 to 1989.

The National Crime Surveys, or NCS, published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, are based on large sample of special Census Bureau interviews. That data shows crime seen not from the perspective of a police blotter, but from the recall of a vic-

tim. This "victimization" rate fell about 15 percent from the early 1980s to the mid-1980s and roughly stayed at that level through 1989.

What's going on? What theories fit what parts of what trends? With what caveats? Here are some:

**Demographic theory.** Violent crime, it's said, is related to how many young males there are in a society. As the baby boomers reached their teen-age years in the 1960s, the crime wave began. As the number of teen-agers declined in the early 1980s, violent crime declined.

**Crack cocaine theory.** The crack epidemic hit in the mid-'80s and that, it's said, pushed up the UCR rates. However, many experts believe crack is overstated as a cause of crime. Moreover, much crack-related crime is dealer-on-dealer, which typically exempts law-abiding citizens (except when hit by a stray bullet).

Further, recent observations from the National Institute on Drug Abuse indicate that the crack wave has crested. It's trench warfare, but America may be winning the drug war.

**Reagan-was-a-rat theory.** There

were allegedly fewer social services in the 1980s, allegedly an increase in the underclass, which allegedly led to more crime, particularly among blacks and Hispanics, who are both perpetrators and, alas, victims.

**Better police work theory.** The police have more resources, are better qualified and are concentrating on drug work. This increases arrests and reported crimes, raising the UCR. But that doesn't mean that there are more victims, only more apprehensions.

More arrests also yield more prisoners, yielding more incapacitation of potential criminals. There are 400,000 more prisoners today than in 1980. At an estimated five to 10 crimes per criminal per year, that means 2 million to 4 million crimes don't occur, keeping victimization down.

Further, the criminal justice system is tougher: A serious offender is twice as likely to go to prison today than in 1970-80. Increased deterrence also allegedly keeps victimization down. America may also be winning the trench warfare against crime.

Joseph Bessette, the retiring acting director of the Bureau of Justice

Statistics, carefully says this: "The reported UCR increase may well be reflecting the fact that more professional police forces, using microcomputers, more attuned to proper reporting, are more accurately picking up crime rates than existed earlier but weren't fully reported. That is consistent with NCS data which show no significant increase in violent crime in the last few years."

In short, we may be seeing a statistical increase, not a crime increase.

Which data is right? The most revealing fact is that no one is certain. When one compares that with the perception of a new crime wave, a thought emerges:

It's probably not happening. If it were happening, as it did indeed happen in the '60s and '70s, the case would be clear.

If anyone thinks that's ground for complacency, forget it. The American violent crime rate is still the highest in the world. There is still plenty to do about a high crime rate that isn't getting worse, but not getting too much better either.

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# Honduran drug trafficker convicted in Camarena case

By LINDA DEUTSCH  
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Drug Enforcement Administration's five-year crusade to avenge the murder of agent Enrique Camarena in Mexico attained its first U.S. conviction of a major drug figure in the case.

Juan Ramon Matta Ballesteros, a prominent Honduran businessman and convicted drug trafficker, was found guilty Thursday of conspiring to kidnap, torture and murder Camarena in support of a racketeering enterprise.

The federal jury also convicted Matta of actually kidnapping Camarena and holding him for interrogation. But he was acquitted of the agent's murder.

Matta, 45, shook his head slightly when the verdict was read. Tears streamed down the faces of family members in court.

Jurors today were to resume deliberating the fate of three other defendants in the trial, the second U.S. prosecution in the case. In 1988, a former Mexican policeman and two Mexican drug traffickers were convicted of conspiracy charges stemming from the agent's slaying by Guadalajara's powerful drug cartel.

Camarena's 1985 torture-slaying in Guadalajara incensed U.S. drug enforcement officials and strained relations between the United States and Mexico.

Authorities had described Matta as one of the world's most active cocaine dealers. Last year, Assistant U.S. Attorney Gary Allen Feess placed him "on the level of the top 10 Colombian drug traffickers."

Matta's lawyer, Martin Stolar, called the verdicts a "terrible miscarriage of justice" and said he will appeal.

Matta "cannot conceive of being convicted for a crime he had nothing to do with," Stolar said. "He questions the ability of U.S. courts to fairly and adequately protect a Honduran citizen accused in this country."

Matta could receive life in prison at sentencing Sept. 25.

He already is serving a life sentence in the United States for running a cocaine syndicate that generated \$73 million in just nine months in 1981. He was convicted by a federal jury here in September after his arrest in Honduras.

Camarena was a 31-year-old DEA agent working in Mexico when he was kidnapped. Cartel leaders were angered because the agent's undercover work led to the seizure of

10,000 tons of marijuana in 1984, prosecutors said.

Testimony at both U.S. trials showed Camarena was tortured and interrogated by drug lords before being slain with his pilot, Alfredo Zavala Avelar.

After Camarena's battered body was discovered a month later, Mexican authorities blamed Rafael Caro Quintero, a cartel leader.

But DEA agents were skeptical that the reckless, illiterate "Rafa" had acted alone. U.S. authorities sought the brains of the cartel, including members of Mexico's power elite and Matta, also known as "El Negro."

The DEA has vowed to capture every person involved in his slaying.

Twenty-two people have been charged in the United States and more than 20 convicted in Mexico. Among those serving prison terms in Mexico are Caro and another drug kingpin, Ernesto Fonseca Carrillo.

Anti-American riots broke out in Honduras in 1988 after U.S. authorities arrested Matta and flew him to the United States. Five people died and the U.S. Embassy annex was torched.

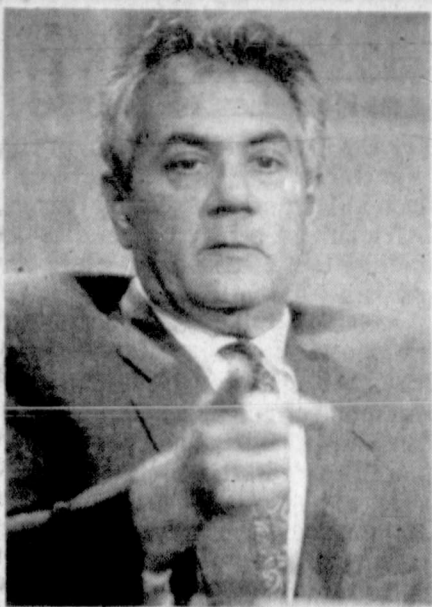
Honduras has no extradition treaty with the United States, which added to the anger of

citizens who knew Matta as the employer of up to 5,000 people at his cattle ranches, dairy farms and cigar factories.

Disputes between Mexico and the United States over the case have erupted several times. Mexico said this month it would seek the extradition of a DEA agent and a Mexican informant who allegedly plotted the kidnapping of a Guadalajara doctor accused in Camarena's murder.

Matta's co-defendants are Ruben Zuno Arce, a Guadalajara businessman and brother-in-law of former Mexican President Luis Echeverria; Juan Jose Bernabe Ramirez, a former Mexican homicide officer, and Javier Vasquez Velasco, a bodyguard accused of murdering two U.S. tourists apparently mistaken for U.S. drug agents.

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Rep. Barney Frank

## Barney Frank says violation 'unintentional'

By JOHN DIAMOND  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An apologetic Rep. Barney Frank, reprimanded by the House, says his worst ethics offense was unintentional and stemmed from his desire to "conceal my homosexuality" during his relationship with a male prostitute.

The House voted 408-18 to reprimand Frank on Thursday, rejecting conservative Republican efforts to censure or expel him.

But the ethics committee report mentions no link between Frank's then-unknown homosexuality and a misleading memo he wrote in 1986 to help prostitute Stephen L. Gobie, who then was on probation for sex and drug convictions.

And Rep. Julian Dixon, D-Calif., chairman of the ethics committee, said that Frank's concern over revealing his sexual preference "does not, however, justify his making misleading statements."

Frank paid Gobie \$80 for sex in 1985, then hired him as a personal assistant with his own money. Gobie's allegations touched off the ethics investigation last September.

The House, after three hours of sometimes heated floor debate, accepted the ethics committee's recommendation that Frank be reprimanded — the mildest punishment available. The charges centered on the memo and on 33 parking tickets, some of them accumulated by Gobie, that Frank had fixed.

By wide margins, the House rejected Republican proposals to censure or expel the five-term liberal Democrat from Massachusetts.

Frank, 50, said he hopes he can put the ethics controversy behind him and looks forward to wading back into legislative issues next week.

"This is a part of my life," Frank told reporters. "It's a part of which I am not particularly proud."

Speaking slowly but with little visible emotion from the well of the House, Frank told his colleagues that he accepted the committee report and took full responsibility for his actions.

Frank said the April 16, 1986, memo was "obviously" the more serious of the two offenses cited by the ethics committee. He said he wrote it for Gobie after the prostitute asked for Frank's help in blocking extension of Gobie's probation on drug and sex convictions.

"I did in that memorandum misrepresent the facts because ... it was necessary to conceal my homosexuality," he said.

It was a year later, in June 1987, that Frank first stated publicly that he is gay.

Under his congressional letterhead, Frank wrote a one-page document saying he met Gobie through mutual friends and asserting that Gobie was obeying the law. The committee said both those statements were false.

Frank passed the memo on to a friend identified only as a Virginia attorney. Unknown to Frank, the attorney sent the memo to a prosecutor overseeing Gobie's probation.

"It was just a sloppy thing," Frank said at a news conference later Thursday. A reprimand was the appropriate punishment, Frank said, "because of the unintentional nature of the transgression."

The session opened with conservative Republican Rep. William Dannemeyer of California proposing that Frank be expelled. Dannemeyer challenged the ethics committee's conclusion that Frank was unaware Gobie was running a prostitution ring out of the congressman's Capitol Hill apartment.

But Dixon rose and called Dannemeyer's statements "garbage," and the House voted down the expulsion proposal 390-38.

House GOP Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia then proposed censure, a punishment that would have stripped Frank of a judiciary subcommittee chairmanship. But ethics committee members of both parties said censure was excessive and urged the House not to politicize the debate. The House rejected the censure proposal 287-141.

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# Release of air bag alarms rescue workers

By JOSEPH NEFF  
Associated Press Writer

UNION CITY, N.J. (AP) — Emergency workers and bystanders showered in the middle of a busy street to wash off a powdery residue, 22 people were taken to the hospital and two federal agencies are investigating.

A major chemical spill? No, a minor rear-end auto accident in which one car's air bag deployed.

"Nobody at the scene had a handle on the procedures for the situation and there were a lot of people there with a lot of emergency experience," said Jeff Wells, who heads the ambulance service in neighboring Weehawken.

Federal transportation and consumer officials say that the hysteria was unnecessary and that the incident in this New York City suburb points up the need for rescue workers to learn how to handle accidents involving air bags, standard equipment in about 3 million 1990 cars.

The confusion began when Patricia Sanchez's 1990 Plymouth Sundance hit a car stopped for a red light and her car's air bag deployed.

The nylon bag stored in the hub of the steering wheel inflates in one-twentieth of a second and deflates through vents in its side within a few more seconds. Packed in cornstarch or talcum for lubrication, the deployed bag gives off a puff of powder and leaves a fine white residue inside the car.

But rescue workers believed the air bag had exploded and spewed sodium hydroxide, a form of lye, on Ms. Sanchez.

A quarter-gram of sodium hydroxide, along with a small amount of baking soda, are created as byproducts of the chemical reaction that inflates an air bag in a

front-end collision, said Tim Hurd, spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which is investigating the crash.

The amount of lye is minuscule, and it's only a minor irritant, he said.

But rescue crews cut away some of Sanchez' clothes, thinking they were contaminated with chemicals. Firefighters cordoned off the intersection, set up a shower in the street and rinsed off anyone who came in contact with the powder.

Emergency workers, fearing more trouble with the bag, cut it out of the car and now can't find it. "They were frightened of the powder," said Louis Ciavatti, acting city fire chief. "It could have been overplayed."

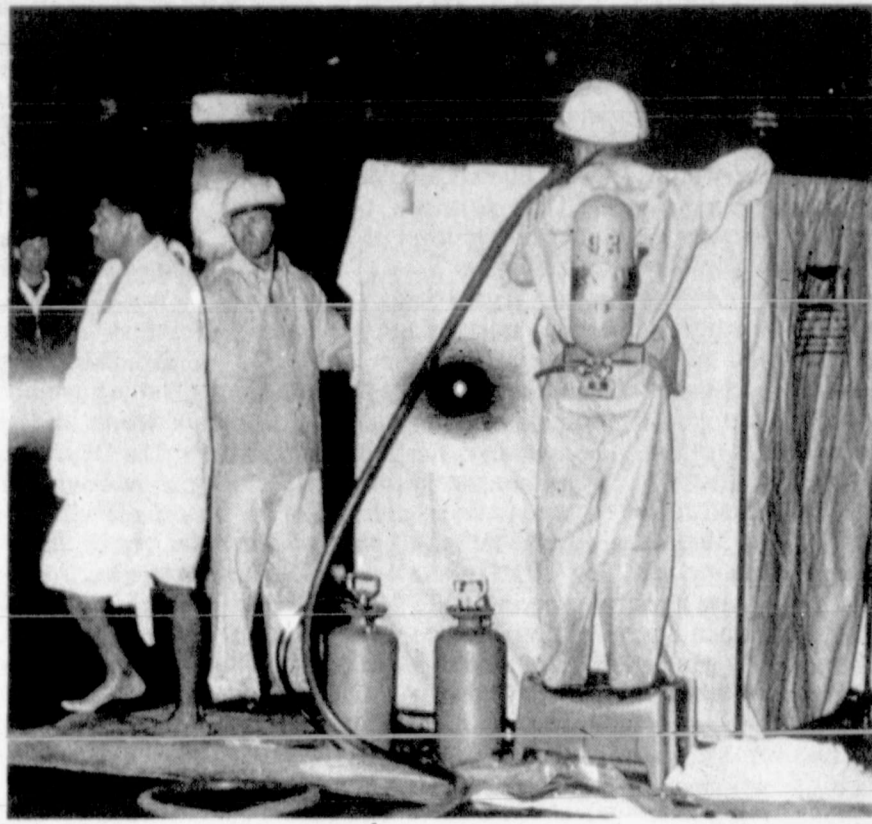
"There is absolutely no reason to hang back and delay treatment because an air bag has deployed," Hurd said.

The problem is that air bags and the way they work are still a mystery to many people, said Frank Ghiorsi, regional director for the National Transportation Safety Board, which is also investigating the July 14 crash.

Hurd said he interviewed Sanchez and she does not think the air bag malfunctioned. He also said there were no stray bag fragments or other evidence of an explosion in the car.

Twenty-two people were taken to Jersey City Medical Center, and 10 of them were treated as if they had been exposed to sodium hydroxide, said hospital spokeswoman Sheila Paris Klein. Sanchez also was treated for chemical burns and spent two nights in the hospital.

But federal investigators believe Sanchez only suffered friction burns from the inflating air bag. They don't believe any of the other injured were exposed to lye.



(AP Laserphoto)

An unidentified man in a blanket walks away after getting hosed down on Kennedy Boulevard in Union City, N.J. July 14.

Clarence Ditlow of the Center for Auto Safety in Washington, a consumer group that supports air bags, said drivers have suffered friction burns but never chemical

burns from air bags. Alan Miller, a spokesman for Chrysler Corp., which manufactures the Sundance, said the company will investigate the incident.

# States far from Mexico ready for invasion of Africanized bees

WESLACO (AP) — The Africanized bees poised to invade the United States from Mexico are beginning to worry officials in states as far away as Maine and Hawaii.

State agriculture inspectors from 32 states turned out for a four-day Africanized bee conference, which opened Wednesday in Weslaco, about 10 miles from the Mexican border.

Some said they expect their states eventually to be infested, either by the bees migrating naturally, or being transported as stow-aways on ships or truck trailers.

"With modern transportation, it's conceivable that a swarm could stow away on a ship and establish itself in Hawaii," said Kenneth Teramoto, chief of biological control of plant pests with the state of Hawaii's Department of Agriculture. "We'll find out what Texas and some of the other states are going to do about the Africanized honey bee and we'll set up a state plan."

Robert Mitchell, state apiarist

for the Delaware Department of Agriculture, said he came to Weslaco to learn more about the Texas Africanized honey bee management plan. He said his state is preparing for the eventual arrival of the so-called "killer" bees either by ship or truck.

Other states represented at the conference included those as distant as Washington and Vermont.

"They're all concerned that they need to be speaking with a coordinated voice and a coordinated approach to dealing with the spread of the Africanized bee in the United States," said Anita Collins, head researcher with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Honey Bee Research Lab at Weslaco.

"The main concern is we don't want to harm the beekeeping industries in those states, because they are our first line of defense in fighting the Africanized bees," Ms. Collins said.

Africanized bees are the hybrid offspring of a swarm of African bees that escaped from a research project in Brazil in 1957.

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# Bush administration would boost beer, wine taxes to cut deficit

By ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is prepared to offer a deficit-cutting plan that boosts the federal tax on wine and beer and limits federal deductions for state and local taxes, Republican budget negotiators say.

The administration proposal would raise the 16-cent tax on six-packs of beer to 81 cents and the 3-cent levy on the standard 750 milliliter bottle of wine to 76 cents, a GOP bargainer said.

The proposal would limit wealthy Americans' ability to take deductions on their federal income tax returns for the state and local income taxes they pay, and would cut Medicare and other programs, GOP bargainers say.

Overall, it would save about \$54 billion next year, split evenly between new taxes and program

cuts, said one negotiator.

The increase in the federal beer and wine tax would be the first since 1951.

Details of the package dribbled out as President Bush planned another budget meeting today with congressional leaders at the White House.

Amid growing pessimism on Capitol Hill, the group has met each morning since Tuesday to discuss deadlocked bargaining — now in its third month — over swelling federal deficits.

Their session comes as Democrats have all but concluded

that the two sides will be unable to forge a budget compromise for fiscal 1991 until after Congress' month-long summer recess, which starts in early August.

Democrats have yet to piece together their own deficit-reduction proposal for fiscal 1991, which begins Oct. 1.

"What's taken this thing so long is the fact that there is no apparent crisis out there to drive the administration, to drive Congress to move more rapidly," said No. 3 House Democrat William Gray, D-Pa.

The administration package would set a \$10,000 limit on the amount of state and local income taxes that people can deduct from their federal income tax.

The restriction would raise between \$1.9 billion and \$3 billion for the government next year.

Sen. Bob Packwood, a GOP budget negotiator from Oregon, said 97.4 percent of the people affected by the proposed ceiling earn more than \$100,000 annually, and 86 percent of them make more than \$200,000.

"If that isn't a tax on the wealthy, I don't know what is,"

Packwood told reporters.

But Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, a Republican and chairman of the National Governors' Association, said, "The governors are very apprehensive about anything that would reduce the flexibility of states to be able to deal with their own situation in terms of revenue sources that are traditionally the states'."

New York Mayor David Dinkins, a Democrat, said he recently balanced the city's budget by raising local taxes, adding, "One of the reasons we did so is because of the deductibility of those taxes."

The administration proposal reduces spending on benefit programs by \$16 billion, one official said.

The biggest chunk of that is the \$250 billion Medicare program, which would see payments to beneficiaries, doctors and hospitals trimmed by \$6 billion.

Other cuts would be made in spending for agriculture, veterans and federal workers.

The plan trims defense spending by about \$7 billion — at least \$3 billion less than Democrats prefer. And it cuts domestic and foreign aid programs by \$4 billion.

## New science of complexity improves food

By KATHRYN DETTMAN  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chaos is making its way into the American kitchen.

The scientific concept of chaos, known to experts as fractal geometry, is being researched by food manufacturing specialists seeking ways to make or improve instant foods.

Fractals describe the geometry of rugged surfaces, including everything from coastlines to trees to instant hot cocoa mix.

The relationship between fractals and instant foods brought a University of Puerto Rico chemical engineer to the Institute of Food Technologists' annual conference recently at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Gustavo V. Barbosa-Canovas outlined to the convention his latest study that applies fractal geometry to food processing.

"My approach uses powdered foods and studies how the food changes shape after exposure to vibrations from packing and shipping," Barbosa said in a telephone interview.

Applying fractal analysis to food processing was first suggested in 1985 by food scientists Micha Peleg and M.D. Normand at the University of Massachusetts.

"They made the process feasible by determining the geometry of instant coffee with a scanning electron microscope," Barbosa said.

Particle contour images were then automatically converted into digital numbers for computer analysis.

Barbosa used instant coffee particles because he wanted to research how their "ruggedness" was affected by vibrations from packing and shipping.

As vibration or "attrition" occurs, food products break down and decrease serving size.

"Food manufacturers are interested in maintaining larger particles in the food because the larger the particle remains, the better its 'instant' properties," he said.

Barbosa's analysis technique may lead to improvements in a number of foods, such as instant dry milk, orange juice or applesauce and some powdered cheeses. It may also work on the crumb structure of bread, but this hasn't been shown yet, Barbosa said.

"If a coffee lover has a choice between an instant coffee that dissolves immediately and another that takes two minutes to stir, he will surely pick the more instant brand," Barbosa said.

Agglomerated foods are more rugged because they are fabricated and are shaped into particles called "fines." Fines are placed in a moist atmosphere where they stick to one another, forming "bridges," Barbosa said.

By contrast, regular particles, such as starches and sugars, don't lend themselves to the technique.

Barbosa said the science behind chaos proliferated in professional papers in the 1970s. As use of personal computers increased, scientists found more ways to measure and calculate the nearly endless formulas to describe complex surfaces.

Fractals comes from the Latin word fractus, meaning fragment. Fractal geometry was introduced in 1977 by scientist Benoit Mandelbrot, Barbosa said.

The 25,000-member Institute of Food Technologists is a professional society devoted to the discovery of new and existing knowledge to improve the world's foods. Its members come from academic, industrial and government organizations.

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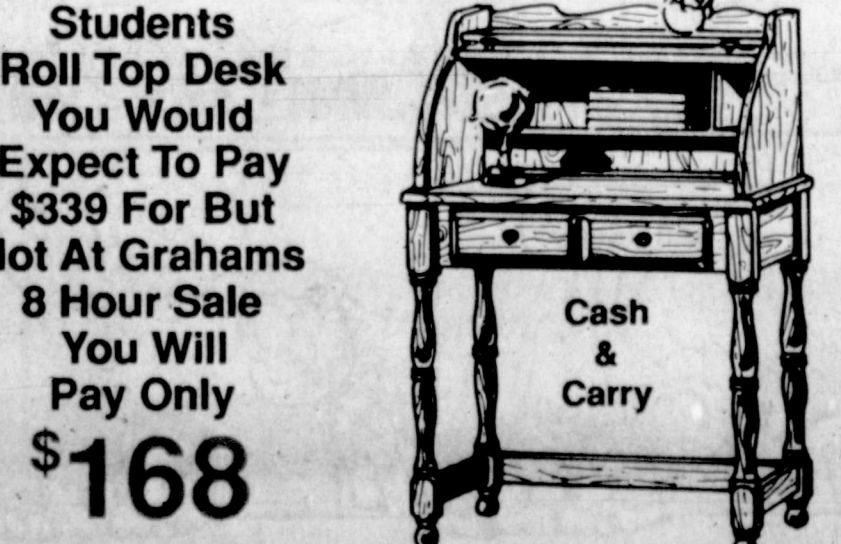
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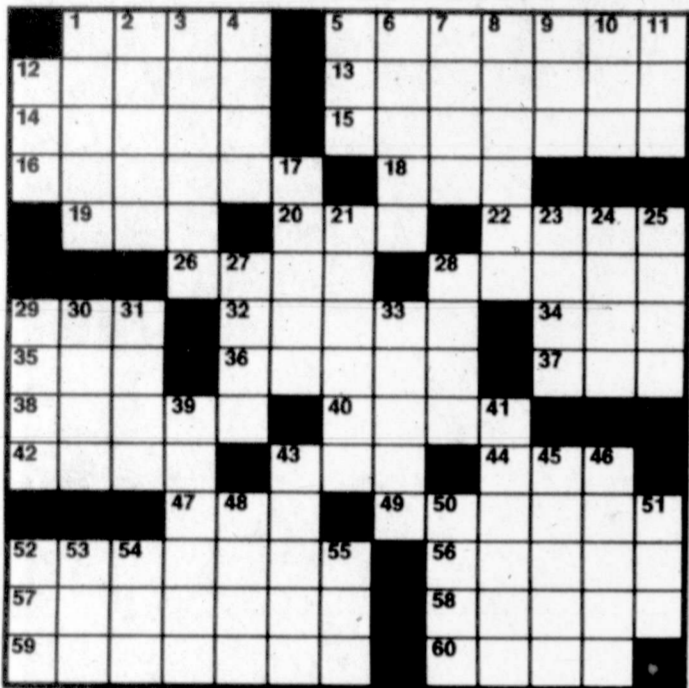
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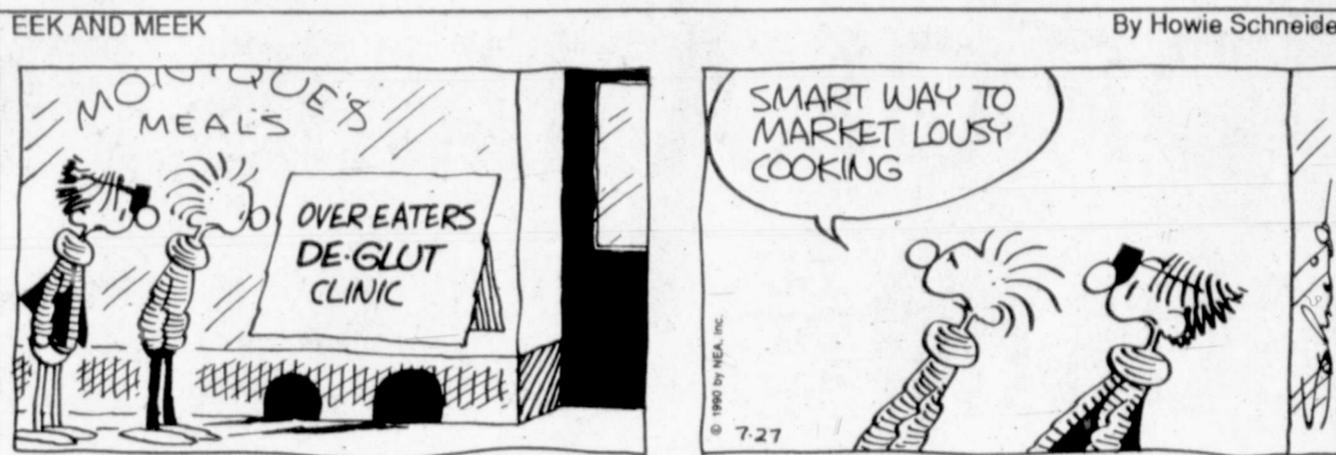
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## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Business trends look very favorably for you today, especially if you're aligned with someone who is a bold entrepreneur. You're on a team that could do something dramatic. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** This could be a good weekend to travel, especially if you have something romantic in mind. Go someplace familiar where you feel secure and comfortable.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** A financial condition about which you have been a trifle anxious looks like it will take a turn for the better today. You may learn not to worry about things that might never happen.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** There is a probability of a pleasant surprise today when someone you've always admired but thought never noticed you becomes extremely attentive. It's about time.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Don't dodge tasks or assignments today just because they look like they might be challenging. Your sense of self-esteem will be enhanced by overcoming obstacles.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you are presently unattached and have an opportunity to go to a social gathering this evening where you might meet someone new, by all means do so. Cupid's been invited to the event as well.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** That which will be of real value to you today cannot be measured in dollars and cents. The wealth you'll be seeking will be found in loving relationships.

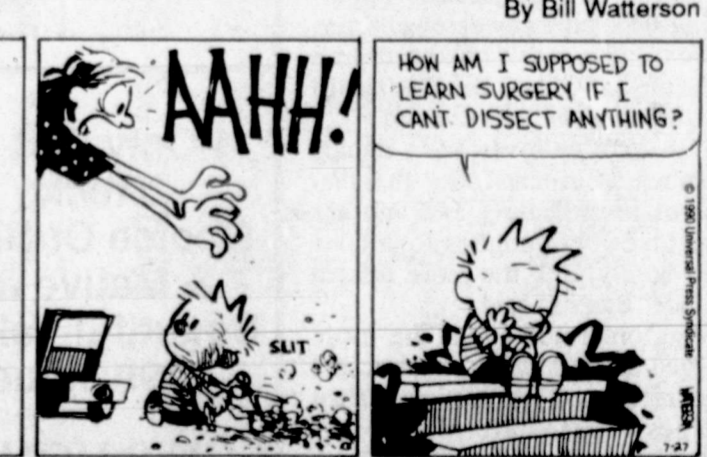
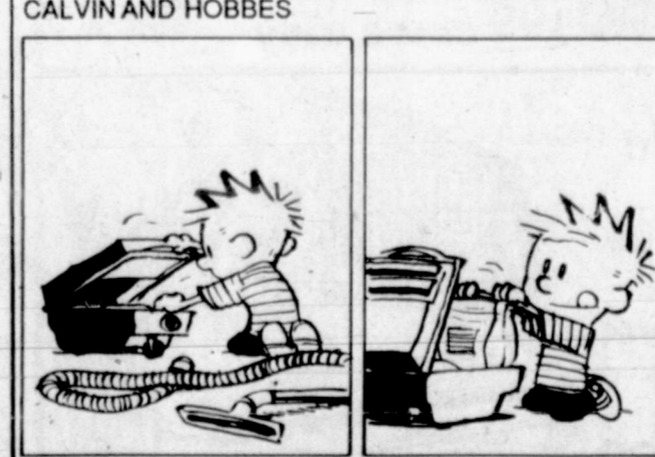
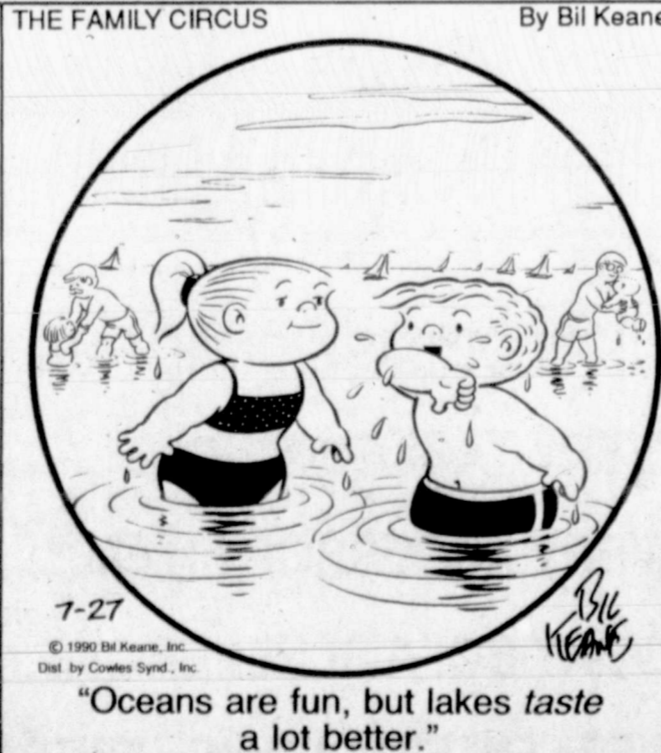
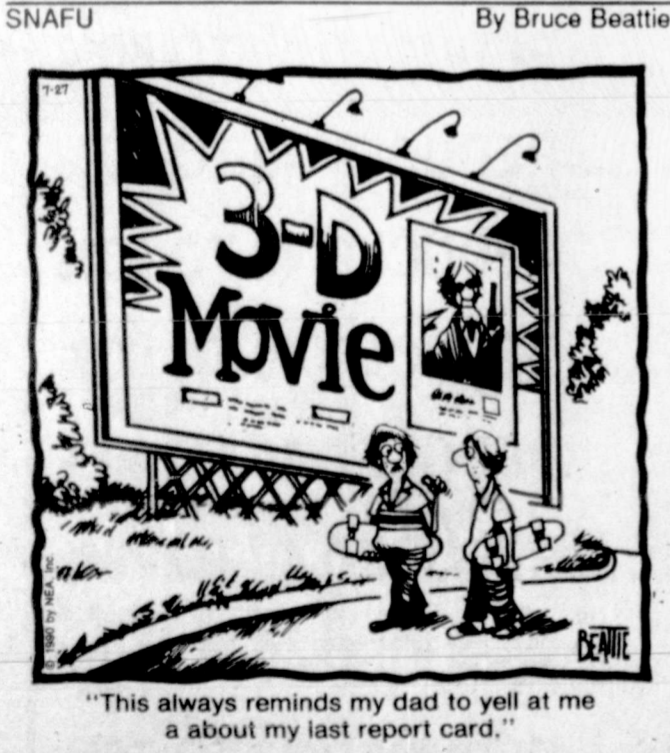
**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Although you won't intentionally act aggressively today, there will be something commanding about your mannerism. Others will find your demeanor worthy of imitation.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Providing for those for whom you feel protective is likely to be your primary concern today. A sense of responsibility won't be your motivation, love will.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** The attribute that will distinguish you from others today is the fact you will be a doer as well as a talker. When you give your word, something will be done. The recipient can take it to the bank.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** This could be one of those unusual days when your efforts will reap larger returns than normal. Pursue situations you feel will be meaningful for you materially.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your popularity could be at a high point with people of the opposite gender. If you've been looking for a new romance, something exciting might develop today.





# Religion

## Poldsons selected as pastors

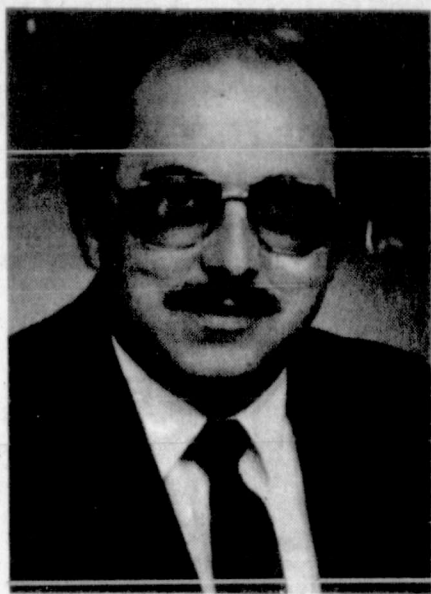
Allen and Faye Poldson have been called to serve as pastors at New Life Worship Center, 318 N. Cuyler.

Mr. Poldson has served as senior pastor in Odessa, Wichita Falls, San Antonio, and New Orleans. He has also participated in international evangelistic ministry. He has taught and conducted crusades in Finland, Estonia, Mexico, and the U.S.S.R.

He has served in various administrative capacities for the Assemblies of God as well as in the cities where he has lived.

He has been the business manager for the South Texas District Assemblies of God, chairman of the San Antonio Teen Challenge Board, chairman of Accelerated Minister's Training Seminars, served on the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in New Orleans, as well as Vocational and Technical Educational Advisory Committee for a school district.

He is a graduate of Southwest-



Allen Poldson



Faye Poldson

ern Assemblies of God College in Waxahachie, and has participated in graduate work through Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary of Springfield, Mo.

His wife, Faye, is active in counseling, teaching and music ministry. She has been the vice president of Women's Aglow in San Antonio and was a member of the concert choir of New Orleans.

In Wichita Falls she was the executive director of the Wichita

Falls Food Bank. While serving in that capacity, she was responsible for raising funds for the construction of a 5,000-square-foot building and the distribution of nearly a million pounds of yearly.

On her departure she was honored by a mayoral proclamation of a "Faye Poldson Day" in Wichita Falls.

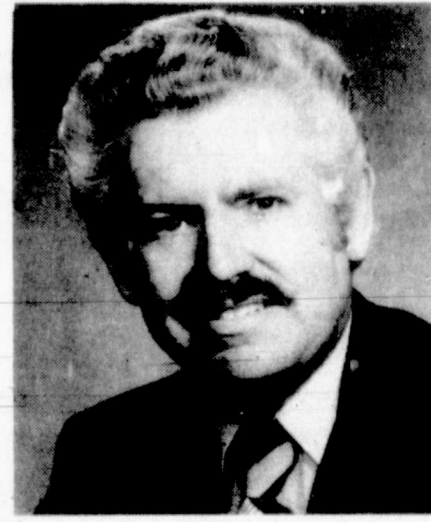
The Poldsons have two sons, Paul, who is married and lives in Fort Worth and Philip, who is in the Navy on the carrier U.S.S. Constellation.

## Skellytown FBC to host singer

SKELLYTOWN — Joe Atkinson, who some call the "dean of gospel singers," will be performing in mini-concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church in Skellytown.

Atkinson was in Hollywood earlier this year to accept his fourth International Angel Award for his latest album release "A Night To Remember." In 1986, he was given the "Angel" for the Best Gospel Video of the Year for his televised special "The Singer Comes Home" which aired nationwide.

Atkinson began his vocal career more than 25 years ago. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He incorporates a three-octave range into his varied style.



Joe Atkinson

He has 10 albums and his latest release is "Joe Atkinson — Pressing On." He was producer-director of the radio program "The Challenge" heard on stations

throughout the southern United States for 14 years.

His travels have taken him across the country from California to New York in 44 states.

He has also sung in England, Scotland, Finland, Romania and the Union Soviet Socialist Republics.

He and his wife, Judy, are licensed radio operators as well as antique auto enthusiasts.

They have two children, Jason and Jennifer, and their home is in Arlington where they are members of the Fielder Road Baptist Church.

Services at the Skellytown church begin at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Rev. Robert Wilson, pastor, says the public is invited.

The church is at 3rd and Roosevelt.

## Religious helpfulness found to serve self, others

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
AP Religion Writer

Beggars in Spain sometimes plead, "A penny for your soul." This implies that the giving is for the giver's sake. It sometimes may work that way, but it also can be genuine concern for another.

Studies have found that kind, helpful deeds may be strictly self-serving to gain status, reassurance or influence, but also can be utterly altruistic.

These variations also show up among religious believers, whose faith teaches compassion and helpfulness, new behavioral experiments find.

The studies are "the first using empirical methods to measure whether real altruism is specifically there," says psychologist C. Daniel Batson of the University of Kansas, one of the researchers.

Results from reactions to varied situations found that a certain "quest orientation" in faith — a searching kind of faith that surmounts doubts — seemed genuinely altruistic, impelled to serve others.

But that selfless motivation didn't show up in two other faith orientations.

They are "extrinsic" religion that is strictly utilitarian to improve standing or reinforce one's chosen way, and "intrinsic" religion that seeks unity of being and strives to transcend self-centeredness.

From those perspectives, it was found that in offering help "the motivation was not directed to increasing the welfare of the person in need, but was directed to getting a reward," Batson said.

That is, the help offered had "egoistic" motives, the studies conclude, while the "quest orientation" seemed moved by real altruism.

Batson compared the three ways of being religious with the width, height and depth dimensions of an object, and added in a telephone interview, "Some of all three are in everybody."

While previous studies have found that religious believers report more charitable actions than others, the new study focused on individual motivations in simulated life situations.

"It was outside the religious context institutionally or the helping program of the church," Batson said, adding in reference to churches, "One should not ignore

the important institutionalizing of help."

A report on the studies appeared in the American Psychological Association's Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

Involved in the two experimental studies were 46 psychology students at the University of Texas in Austin, and 60 students at the University of Kansas at Lawrence, all of Christian backgrounds.

They were presented in two different studies with opportunities, termed real but actually not, to take part in a "walkathon" to help a disabled boy get needed treatment, or to help a girl whose parents had been killed to care for siblings and finish college.

In both situations, the types of help and described difficulties or capabilities necessary for helping were varied, which allowed testing degrees of concern.

Varied conditions of peer pressure also allowed measuring

against that factor.

Besides work of Batson and associates at the University of Kansas, two psychologists at the University of Texas, Patrick Jennings and Thomas Brown, supervised the studies there.

Summing up the results, the report says that an "extrinsic, means orientation to religion does not increase concern for the welfare of others" but "appeared to be associated with decreased prosocial motivation."

Indications were that the extrinsic orientation was "directed toward the egoistic goal of avoiding social or self-punishment for failure to do the right thing."

On the other hand, while "an intrinsic, end orientation to religion can at times be associated with increased helping, the underlying motivation is egoistic," the report says.

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## Faith Fellowship sets VBS

Faith Advent Christian Fellowship, temporarily located at 425 N. Ward, invites children of all ages to attend Vacation Bible School beginning Monday and continuing through Friday.

The church will have one of the Advent Christian Youth Ministries Teams working in the Bible school this year. Ministries teams are trained yearly through the Advent Christian denomination's Joshua Project which is located at Fort Worth.

Included in the training leadership are Richard Thurston, central region supervisor; Dwight Carpenier, central region president; Roger Johnson; and Cameron Ainsworth, pastor of the Riverside Advent Christian Church in Fort Worth.

Faith Fellowship will be hosting the team which has worked in the country's inner cities this summer. Some of the cities include Memphis, Tenn., Jacksonville, Fla., and Fort Worth. Heading the team is Joyce Catlin from Maple Grove, Minn., who has led Summer Ministries Teams for the last 11 years. She is a second-grade teacher who also coaches high school girls' volleyball.

Joining Catlin is 17-year-old Joy McCarthy of Aurora, Ill. McCarthy plans to attend Waubesa Community College this fall. Rookie team member Wesley Martin is from Ashley, Ohio, and is a senior at Buckeye Valley High School. Completing the team is Jaime Jensen who is the pastor of the Prophestown Advent Christian Church. Jensen plans to attend Greenville College in Greenville, Ill., in the fall majoring in elementary education.

The team will minister to the children through Bible stories, games, puppets, singing, and gospel music. Refreshments will also be served.

Transportation will be available upon request with the school beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon. The team will also be working throughout the community when the Bible school is not in session.

For more information or for a ride, call 665-6262 or 669-1366.

The church also extends an invitation for people to



On top row is the Youth Ministries Team that will be in Pampa next week to help in the Vacation Bible School at Faith Advent Christian Fellowship.

join in the Sunday worship services.

Faith Fellowship is a member of the Texas Advent Christian Conference and of the Advent Christian Denomination, whose headquarters is in Charlotte, N.C. The denomination was organized in 1860. Although the church is temporarily meeting in the Seventh Day Adventist's building, the two denominations are not affiliated.

## Robinson installed at Calvary Assembly

The Rev. Jimmy A. Robinson was recently installed as pastor of Calvary Assembly of God, at Love and Crawford streets.

Before coming to Pampa, Robinson was the administrator of Bethel Christian School and director of Christian education for Bethel Assembly of God in Arlington.

Prior to Arlington, he was pastor of the First Assembly of God

in Murfreesboro, Tenn., for more than 12 years. Beginning his ministry while stationed in the U.S. Air Force, Robinson also worked with church groups in New Mexico and West Germany.

A native Texan, he is a graduate of Southwestern Assemblies of God College in Waxahachie. He also holds a bachelor's degree in mass communications and a master's degree in psychology

from Middle Tennessee State University.

Robinson's wife, Christine, is a pianist and organist. She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. F.F. McAdams, evangelists in the Assemblies of God.

The Robinsons have two daughters, Kerry, a student at Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., and Kristin, who will begin first grade in the fall.

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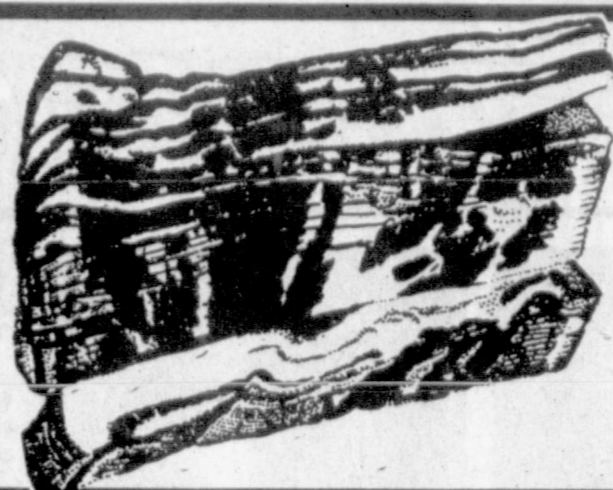
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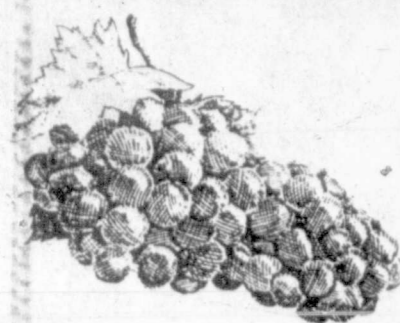
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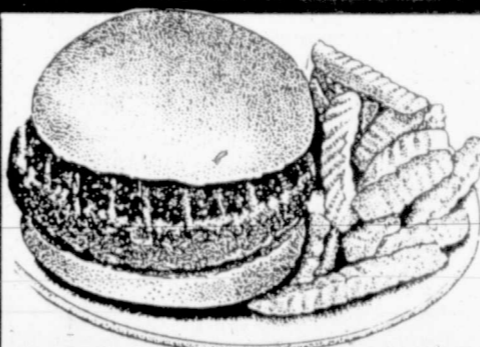
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# Lifestyles

## 1874 rescue of the German sisters at McClellan Creek featured in *True West*

By KAYLA PURSLEY  
Lifestyles Editor

A bit of Texas Panhandle history has been published in *True West*, a national publication, thanks to Kelly Varner Ebel of Pampa. The article "Rescue At McClellan Creek" evolved from a novel Ebel is writing about the subject.

Although the battle site at McClellan Creek where two of the German sisters were rescued from the Indians in 1874 was believed to be found and documented, Gerald Wright, Gray County Commissioner, thought there were too many discrepancies between literature and the area for it to be the right location.

Wright along with part-time archaeologist Stan Anthony and wife, Margie, of Groom began a search through area libraries, museums and research centers to find the actual battle site.

It took two years and lots of hard work to come up with the site but when excavation was completed the Anthony-Wright team were rewarded with many artifacts.

Wright wanted this history to be preserved in writing and approached Ebel about writing the book. He turned over to her all their findings including government documents and unpublished diaries they had to obtain through court orders.

Ebel has been writing since she was 11 years old. She has had sev-



(Photo by Hartssock Photography)

**Kelly Varner Ebel**

eral articles published in national newsletters, and has submitted short stories for publication, but this is her first attempt at getting a book published.

"Fiction is my passion," says Ebel adding that her new book *The Deadline*, she considers "faction", a combination of fiction and fact.

The title for her book comes from the Cimarron River boundary line.

"The white man was not allowed to cross the river," explains Ebel. "Neidhef was the Indian. I have tried to be fair on both sides but basically the white man was more at fault in breaking the treaty."

"There were times when I would have ten books opened at once," says Ebel about her writing process, "with lots of discrepancies." She had to work at getting the majority vote on what actually happened dur-

ing those early years.

"Everyone has been very helpful," says Ebel, "from Lovett Library to the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon."

The museum provided old photographs of Army officers and the German sisters to be used in the *True West* article.

Current photographs of the site along with the artifacts excavated by the Anthony/Wright team are credited in the article as the author's but were actually taken by Kenneth Payton of Plains Enterprises.

The book is currently in its fifth editing process and Ebel hopes to find an agent and publisher in August with a deadline of publication next summer.

"I've had to deal with honing in on my skills," says Ebel. "It isn't born over night."

Ebel and her husband, Ron, have two children, Miah, 9 and Kelleen, 7.

"During the summer," says Ebel, "I ask my kids for three hours of undisturbed morning time to write, then I spend the rest of the day with my family."

During the school year, Ebel gets in six to eight hours a day devoted to her writing.

About her husband Ebel adds, "Basically, without him a lot of this wouldn't happen. He's been my inspiration and my strength."

Copies of the September issue of *True West* magazine are now available at most retail outlets.

## 4-H'ers qualify for horse show



(Special photo)

Michel Reeves, left, and Angie Underwood, have qualified for the 1990 Texas 4-H Horse Show going on this week in Abilene. Reeves, the 14 year-old daughter of Jim Reeves, qualified by placing second in the Grade Mare Class and sixth in the Stake Race at the District Horse Show in Amarillo. Underwood, the 13 year-old daughter of Ron and Cheryl Underwood, qualified for state by placing first in the Grade Mare Class and second in the Poie Bending contest. These 4-H'ers will compete for championship titles with some 500 other 4-H'ers from across the state.

## Eager wife wants to go solo to see husband flying home

DEAR ABBY: I need some advice. My husband is stationed in England with the U.S. Air Force, and he's coming home for a 30-day leave next month. My problem is that his parents want to go to the airport to meet him, and I would prefer they didn't because I'd like to have him all to myself when he arrives. Besides, he's coming in at 11 p.m. on a weeknight, and his parents have to go to work the next morning. Anyway, I don't know how to tell them that I would rather meet my husband alone.

He hasn't been home in 13 months, but I flew to England to see him last November — so I've seen him more recently than his parents have. But he is my husband and we've been married only four years. My parents are not going to the airport.

I'm not sure how to handle this. What would you do, Abby?  
UNDECIDED

DEAR UNDECIDED: I would say absolutely nothing to his



**Dear Abby**  
Abigail Van Buren

parents to discourage their meeting him at the airport. As you know, a man can have more than one wife in a lifetime, but he will never have more than one set of parents. So put your nose back in joint, grow up, and don't make an issue out of who or how many people meet your husband at the airport.

DEAR ABBY: I am an attorney. Last night I received a telephone call from one of my clients, and his story might prevent many similar situations if it's shared with your readers.

Before leaving the United States, he took his prescription medications out of their original pharmacy containers and placed them in a moisture-proof pill box. While out of the country, he purchased some over-the-counter pain pills which, had they been purchased in the U.S., would have required a prescription.

When he re-entered the United States, all of his medications were on top of his clothing in his suitcase. He is presently in custody in the Dallas County Jail, where he has been held for two days for "importation of controlled substances" — a felony!

Hopefully, he will be granted bail today, and possibly the court will eventually dismiss the charges on a showing of the facts — but it is not certain.

Abby, advise readers who travel abroad never to remove prescription drugs from their original containers, because some that may be over-the-counter medicines in a foreign country may be considered controlled substances in the United States.

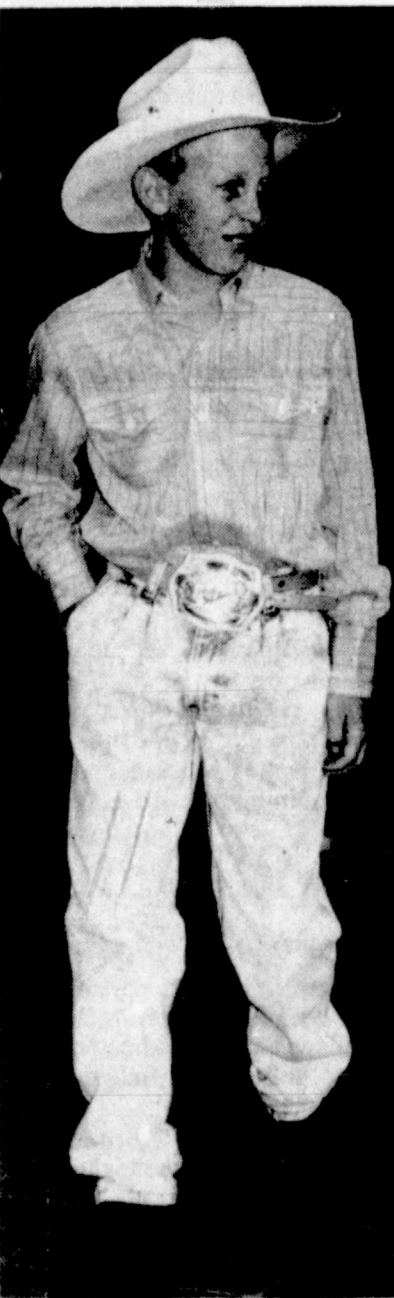
If a medication is purchased in another country — even something as seemingly innocuous as a cough medicine (which may contain a narcotic) — do not assume that it can be brought into the United States.

Whatever the outcome for my client, he has learned a costly lesson he will never forget.

SAN FRANCISCO ATTORNEY

DEAR ATTORNEY: Thank you for bringing this valuable information to the attention of my readers. You may have prevented countless headaches.

## Cancer Society fundraiser



(Photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Seth Stribling, 11 year-old son of Wayne and Carol Stribling, models this Western outfit during the American Cancer Society old fashioned barbecue fundraiser last Saturday. According to Jo Scoggin, chairman, about \$6,000 was raised locally for the Cancer Society.

## thinking aloud

by Kayla Pursley

Have you ever noticed that a dirty rolled up rubber band looks an awful lot like a dead spider from across a room? No, I didn't get up and go stomp on it, although I got a tissue before trying to pick it up and dispose of it.

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Last Wednesday morning while preparing to go on my Texas Army National Guard adventure (Sunday's Gallery feature story), I decided that I didn't want to carry a purse being already loaded down with cameras and supplies. I wanted to carry some money "just in case" and I had four \$1 bills and a \$20 bill. I started to put the ones in my pocket when something my dad always used to say ran through my head. He'd tell me to take enough money wherever I may be going and "You can always bring some home" or "Just because you take it doesn't mean you have to spend it."

So I stuck the \$20 bill in my pocket. The only opportunity for spending the money came in the form of coke and candy machines at the Lubbock airport and the break-room on base. Those machines only take coins and the dollar changer only made change for \$1 bills. Needless to say, I brought home the \$20 bill.

I still think my dad had some good advice, though, and next time I'll take the \$20 bill and one \$1 bill.

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For all you old-timers who remember eating "C" rations in the Army, I'd like to report that some of the new MREs (meals-ready-to-eat) have M&Ms in them.

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I only had one problem with everything that I saw during my Guard adventure and it has to do with ecology and the environment. While we were eating lunch, which came wrapped in plastic, I noticed that all the trash was put in plastic garbage bags. I commented on the fact that they were not biodegradable and the public relations officer said that any army takes care of its trash so the enemy will not find

them. I had no argument with that, but my concern for the environment was completely ignored.

I am not a radical about the environment although my consciousness about it is raised on a regular basis. I enjoy the conveniences that save me lots of trouble, i.e. plastic garbage bags, and if I had a child I would be hard pressed to consider cloth diapers.

However, I think it would be great if the government would take a stand on the trash problem and incorporate a POA (plan of action) in regard to the thousands of military personnel going through the same training exercises all over the country.

I'd have been willing to donate the tax dollars spent on the free pens and notepad given to us as souvenirs of our visit towards an Army trash/environment POA.

## Legal hotline for older Texans

The Legal Hotline for Older Texans has started its second year of service. The Legal Hotline is a joint operation of the Legal Council for the Elderly/American Association of Retired Persons and the Texas Legal Services Center. The Legal Hotline for Older Texans has been developed in cooperation with the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Department on Aging. The Legal Hotline serves Texans, sixty and older. The Legal Hotline provides, free of charge, telephone advice and consultation on the legal questions

of Texans sixty and older. In many types of matters, the Legal Hotline provides brochures and self-help materials.

The Legal Hotline was developed to expand availability of legal assistance to senior citizens with limited income or with problems accessing legal services. If follow-up assistance is needed, the Legal Hotline refers the client to other service providers. (In the case of referrals for legal services, there is a charge, unless the client's case can be handled by legal aid.)

In its first year, the Legal Hotline for Older Texans handled approximately six thousand cases. Cases ranged from nursing home problems to probate questions, government benefits to consumer rights - a wide variety of cases receive the advice and consultation of the lawyers at the Legal Hotline for Older Texans.

The Legal Hotline for Older Texans provides services from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The toll-free telephone number is 1-800-662-2520.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The fifth annual Hotel Sofitel Amateur French Cooking Contest is accepting entries for an original French main dish that serves four people and, the organizers say, must be of the quality found in a top restaurant. Deadline for entries is Aug. 15.

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the contest.

To receive an entry blank and for more details call 213-278-5444, or write to: Amateur French Cooking Contest, Ma Maison, 8555 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048.

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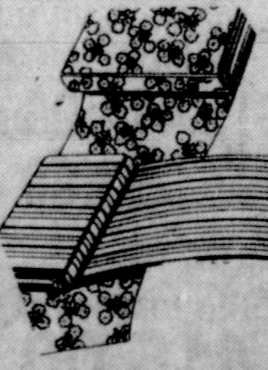

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