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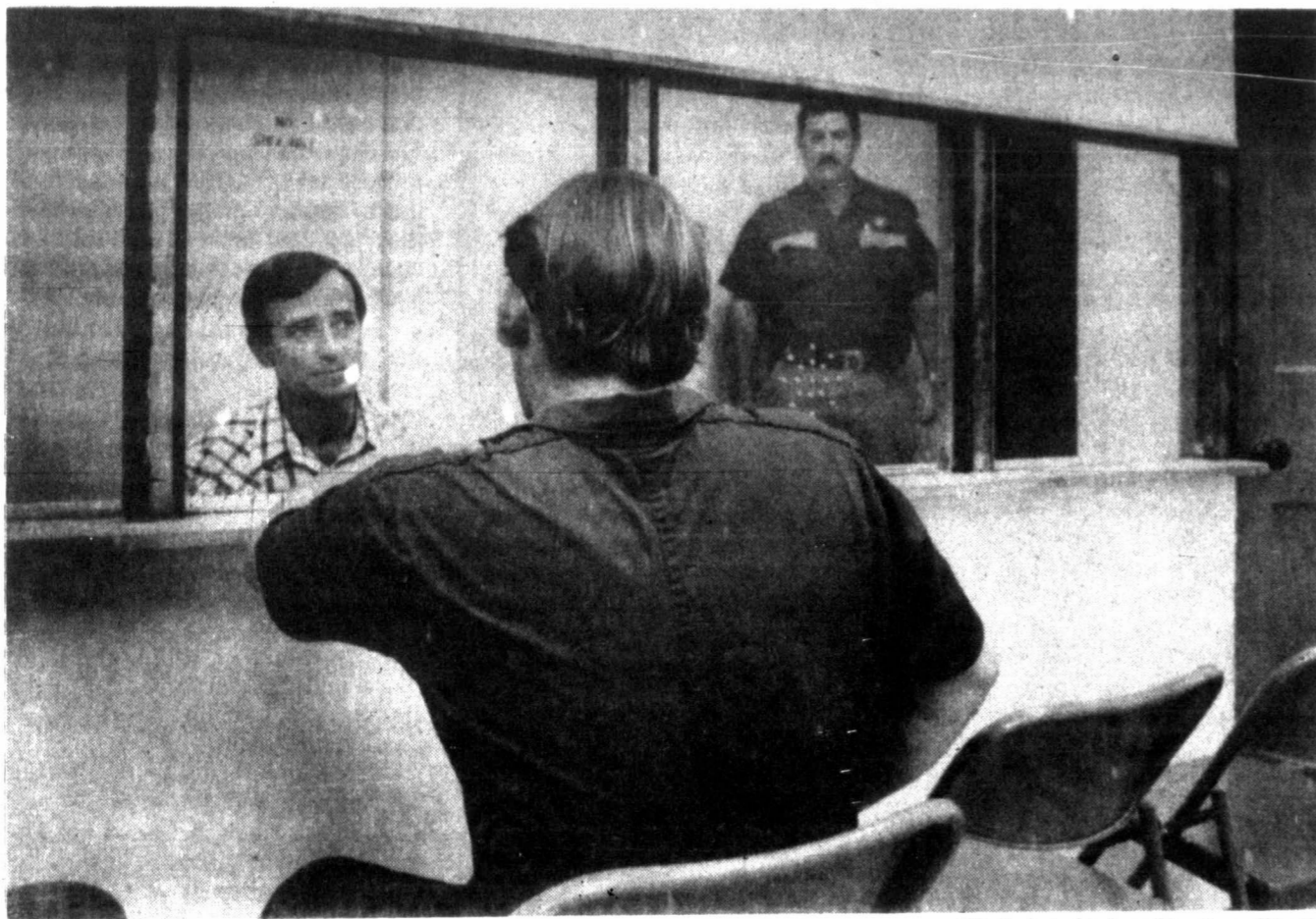
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THURSDAY



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Gray County Sheriff Jim Free talks with an unidentified jail inmate to demonstrate the new plexiglass partition that will be used during jail visit day. At far right, Chief Deputy Wayne Carter shows where a jailer or deputy will stand to observe the visitation.

## County jail now has visitors' glass wall

A relatively inexpensive plexiglass wall to separate Gray County Jail prisoners from visitors will see its first day of operation today, Gray County Sheriff Jim Free said.

Free said Deputy Bill Toten built the wall, which provides five separate windows with speaker holes for inmates to visit with family and friends on visitation day.

The plexiglass wall is on the fourth floor of the Gray County Courthouse in the area of the jail. It

is designed to keep visitors from passing items to inmates.

The sheriff said jail trustees completed the white painting in the room divided by the plexiglass wall. The work was completed earlier this week.

Visitation day in the jail is on Thursdays, Free said, and prisoners are allowed 20 minutes for their visits.

Free said the cost of materials for the wall was less than \$200. He said because of Toten's handiwork,

the county was saved money that it would have cost for someone to complete the installation.

Before the new wall was built, prisoners visited across a table with their friends and relatives and it was fairly easy to pass various illegal items. However, the sheriff said most of the items were confiscated by jailers.

Free said the new plexiglass wall has no openings to pass items between visitors and inmates.

## County commissioners discuss jail construction at pre-bid conference

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

Four general contractors and about a dozen subcontractors attended a Wednesday pre-bid conference regarding the construction of the Gray County Jail.

The conference was hosted by the architects of the project, Maxey & Associates Inc. of Austin, during the afternoon session of the Gray County Commissioners' Court regular meeting.

The architects said the meeting was not mandatory, but an opportunity for "fresh eyes" of other people to tell the architects about flaws in the drawings and specifications. The architects, in turn, will send out an addendum correcting or clarifying various items in the plans.

The plans have been available for contractors and subcontractors to pick up since July 18. The county and the architectural firm both have been giving out plans.

Bids for the 78-bed jail and sheriff's office, to be built at Russell-Francis, will be opened at 1 p.m. Aug. 15 in the County Courtroom on the second floor of the County Courthouse.

Maxey & Associates was represented Wednesday by Larry Janousek, vice president, and Jeff Jacoby, project architect.

Jacoby said, "The construction site is tight. It's an interesting project as far as staging your construction," saying the building will go from property line to property line with other buildings and streets adjacent to the construction site.

The plans and specifications call for the completion of the facility within 365 days. However, if there are more rain or snow days one month than allowed for, that will be taken into consideration, Janousek said.

"The most important reason we're here today is to answer your questions and to clarify the drawings," Jacoby told the construction workers and managers.

Janousek later told commissioners he hoped the county would get five or six bids, because in general the more bids, the more competitive they are.

Janousek said the bid opening on Aug. 15 would take about 30 minutes, but no decision would be reached that day on the low bidder or lowest responsive bidder. He said

the pertinent information on the bids would be read in public and people would be provided bid tabulation sheets to take down the information.

By law, the county must accept the lowest bid unless there is a good reason provided for under the law for denying that bid.

Janousek said the two to three lowest general contractor bidders will have 24 hours to submit to the architects a list of the major subcontractors. The architects and their consultants will then check out the contractor and subcontractors and make a recommendation to the Commissioners' Court within a few days. However, the Commissioners' Court does not have to abide by the recommendation.

All bids can be rejected if they are not deemed in the range the Commissioners' Court thinks is appropriate.

The county has been working to clear the site, which housed several buildings. The last building, which most recently housed the probation department, is in stages of being torn down.

Three gasoline tanks were removed from the site and appropriate.

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## School administrators prepare for tax increase uproar with financial statistics

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Anticipating a community upheaval over a proposed 7 cent increase in Pampa property taxes to support a \$15.4 million public school budget, administrators went on the offensive this week with statistics they say prove the district is still being fiscally responsible.

Incoming superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr, Business Manager Mark McVay and Dr. Harry Griffith, outgoing superintendent, met this week to discuss the proposed increase and how it compares with other districts around the region and state.

"The intent of the state is to shift funding responsibility to the local community," Orr said. "That's a reality. The other reality is that the state is funding us on the assumption we have \$100 million more tax value than we really do."

That is due to state property tax board appraisers setting a value on Pampa property that is greatly

inflated over local evaluations. An appeal of the evaluations by Pat Bagley, Gray County Appraisal District chief appraiser, was lost in Austin several months ago.

That means that state funding is based on what the state board deems Pampa property to be worth, not what it is actually being taxed for.

In addition, property values in Pampa have gone down from a year ago, according to the local appraisal board. That means that a home worth \$31,445 last year is only worth \$31,087 this year. Hence, officials with the school system said, taxes on each property must be raised to collect the same amount of money.

Orr and McVay also presented information from the Texas Research League, a monitoring group, that indicates levels of spending per student in the PISD are below state and regional averages in almost every category.

While the Pampa district spends \$431.47 per student on administration, the regional average is \$472.69

and the state average is \$459.92. Pampa also spends less per student than the regional average on instructional service, related instruction, pupil service, transportation, debt service, capital outlay, payroll and support staff.

Areas where the district is higher than the regional average include teacher and administration salaries, by \$1,236. Administrators defended the rate, though, by saying both teacher and administration salaries are still below the state average.

They also said teachers and administrators in the PISD are often better educated than peers around the region, bringing them higher salaries.

While teachers and administrators in Pampa are paid better than most in the Panhandle, support personnel are paid an average of \$1,701 less than others in the region and \$3,334 less than the state average.

In comparing Pampa to other comparable districts around the Pan-

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# Iraq invades Kuwait; U.N. condemns action

By STEPHANIE McGEHEE  
Associated Press Writer

KUWAIT (AP) — Iraq's powerful army invaded this small oil-rich kingdom early today. Tank-led troops quickly seized the ruler's palace and government buildings, and the emir fled to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait officials said.

"The Iraqis have occupied all of Kuwait!" one government official shouted in a telephone interview. Urgent appeals for blood donations indicated a significant casualty count, but no numbers could be confirmed.

In Baghdad, the Revolutionary Command Council led by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein claimed it invaded at the request of revolutionaries who had already overthrown the government and established "The Interim Government of Free Kuwait." But Kuwait and U.N. diplomats labeled the coup reports a farce.

The assault followed three weeks of tension between Kuwait and Iraq, caused by Iraqi accusations that Kuwait stole oil from its territory.

Saddam also accused Kuwait of exceeding production quotas set by OPEC and driving down the price of oil, a major revenue source for Iraq. In recent days, diplomats reported that Iraq had massed more than 100,000 troops at the Kuwait-Iraq border. Kuwait's entire armed forces has about 20,000 soldiers.

President Bush denounced the invasion as "naked aggression." He said the United States, which has six warships in the Persian Gulf, would "take whatever steps necessary" to defend interests there.

Bush signed an order freezing control of Iraq assets in the United States.

Pentagon sources said a battle group led by the carrier USS Independence was en route to the gulf area from the Indian Ocean.

The U.N. Security Council met in emergency session shortly after the invasion and voted 14-0 to condemn it. It was the first time in modern history that an Arab nation had invaded another and taken over its government.

Iraq has emerged in the past several years as the Arab world's strongest and most militant military power. Saddam has a vast arsenal of chemical and conventional weapons.

The other Persian Gulf states are politically conservative and have long opposed the use of military force to settle disputes among Arab states.

Diplomats said about 350 Iraqi tanks wheeled into the capital a few hours after crossing the border 40 miles away at dawn. Witnesses said the bombardment of ports and military airports by artillery and the air force was vicious.

The invaders surrounded the palace of Kuwait's ruler, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, the government official and area residents said. Residents said the palace was seized after about two hours of heavy artillery barrages.

There were about 50 tanks around the emir's palace and the neighboring American Embassy, they said.

The Al-Sabah family family has ruled the city-state for almost 250 years. Diplomatic sources in neighboring Saudi Arabia said the emir and the crown prince and prime minister, Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, flew there today.

The Iraqi forces were led by the elite Republican Guard, which did the brunt of fighting in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. The troops set up roadblocks at major intersections in the capital. Cars that did not stop were shot at.

Baghdad television issued three communiques that it said were from an interim government. The communiques said Kuwait's land and sea borders were closed. They also asked Iraq to maintain security.

Gulf-based Western diplomats said the invasion was too swift to arrange for the evacuation of nationals, and foreigners were asked to keep a low profile.

There are about 4,000 Americans among the large expatriate community in Kuwait, where more than 60 percent of the 1.8 million residents are foreigners. Half the population, however, was estimated to be outside the country for summer holidays.

The British Embassy was hit by shell-fire and the Sheraton and Hilton hotels evacuated their clientele, the diplomats said.

U.S. officials monitoring the situation had no reports of harm to U.S. citizens in Iraq, White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk said.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III, traveling in Mongolia, said he had asked Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze to immediately halt Soviet arms deliveries to Iraq. The Soviet Union denounced the invasion, but did not immediately respond to Baker's request.

The invasion came hours after Iraq abruptly broke off talks on a disputed border oil field. Iraq also was demanding billions of dollars for oil Kuwait pumped out of the field and the writeoff of billions in loans.

The Kuwaiti government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Iraqi forces "seized all administrative buildings, including the Information Ministry which houses the (state-run) radio and television stations."

Iraqi first threatened military action against its former ally Kuwait two weeks ago. Washington declared its support for Kuwait from the start, and six U.S. warships began conducting exercises 600 miles to the southeast in the Persian Gulf on July 24.

During the Iran-Iraq war, American ships protected U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti tankers from attacks in the Persian Gulf.

Kuwait radio went off the air briefly after the invasion, then came back on with patriotic songs. After a few hours, it began broadcasting appeals for nationals "to respond to the call for defense of the homeland."

"Your country is facing a barbaric invasion, it's time to defend it," said the announcer.

The speaker, apparently the crown prince, appealed for Arab support.

"Oh Arabs, Kuwait's blood and honor is being violated, rush to its rescue ... the children, the women, the old men of Kuwait are calling on you," he said.



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Bill Hubbs, left, district governor for Rotary International, and Jerry Arrington, local Rotary president, talk with Margaret Williams, a Pampa Middle School science teacher, during a luncheon Wednesday.

## Rotarians urged to be aware of ecology

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Members of Rotary International are being urged by the organization to take an active role in saving the planet through ecology, according to a district governor of the organization who was in Pampa Wednesday.

Bill Hubbs of Pecos, West Texas district governor for the international civic group, addressed the local chapter during a noon luncheon at Coronado Inn.

"There are over 1,080,000 members of Rotary and if each person or club will plant a tree, clean up a pond or plant a flower, that many

people will make a great difference in ecology," said Hubbs, who pointed out he and other Rotary officials are now wearing green jackets to signify the importance of protecting nature.

Hubbs said Rotary International is not associating itself with "ecological extremism" but is "talking about keeping the earth green anyway we can and having clean, clear water."

"The paper Rotary International uses is all recycled paper," Hubbs said. "It costs a little more, but Rotary feels like it's worth it."

Hubbs said Rotary is capable of making a worldwide impact because

they have chapters in most countries of the world, including four Iron Curtain nations.

No position has been taken by Rotary on issues such as the burning of Brazilian rain forests, Hubbs said.

However, since the international president of the group is from Brazil, Hubbs said he believed that subject will be dealt with.

"In most every city, Rotary is a mainstay in city parks," Hubbs said. "Though it is just this year that we are dealing with ecology, Rotary started many years ago in unofficially dealing with it in this part of Texas."

# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**LUNSFORD, Joyce** — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Miami.

## Obituaries

### JOYCE LUNSFORD

MIAMI — Joyce Lunsford, 57, died Tuesday, July 31, 1990, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church in Miami with the Rev. Dale Dunn, pastor, and the Rev. Jeff Messer, pastor of First Baptist Church in McLean, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Richerson Funeral Home of Shamrock.

Mrs. Lunsford was born in Rison, Ark. She married James W. Lunsford in 1948 at Rose Hill, Ark.; he preceded her in death in 1989. She was employed at Miami Public School for 18 years. She had worked for M.K. Brown Boy Scout Camp in 1978-79 at Mobeetie.

Survivors include three sons, James Lunsford of Shamrock and Jerry Lunsford and Joe Lunsford, both of Miami; two brothers, Malvin Hudson of Monticello, Ark., and Rev. Jimmy Hudson of Rison; two sisters, Opal Lunsford of Rison and Margaret Lunsford of Harrison, Ark.; and nine grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Joyce Lunsford Memorial Scholarship fund at the First Bank and Trust in Miami.

The body will be available for viewing at Richerson Funeral Home in Shamrock until noon Friday.

### RUBY PRYOR

Ruby Pryor, 82, died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 1990. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are by Camichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pryor was born Feb. 16, 1908, in Carter, Okla. She moved to Pampa in 1928 from Carter. She married E.C. "Babe" Pryor on Aug. 27, 1928, in Claude; he preceded her in death in 1981. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Edelyne Martin of Edna and Karen Crinklaw of Flower Mound; one son, Ed Pryor of Pampa; two brothers, Jess Allen of Sacramento, Calif., and Woodrow Allen of Carter, Okla.; two sisters, Gladys Wright of Elk City, Okla., and Or'lene Colwell of Placerville, Calif.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo.

## Minor accidents

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

### WEDNESDAY, Aug. 1

10:05 p.m. — A 1982 Chevrolet driven by Celeste Chavez, Borger, collided with a legally parked 1982 Nissan driven by Treva Taylor, 1504 Hamilton, in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. Chavez was cited for unsafe backing and no proof of liability insurance.

## Calendar of events

### FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

The Red Cross office sponsors a free blood pressure check every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 108 N. Russell, downtown Pampa.

## Fires

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

## Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions		Myrtle Smith (extended care), Lefors	
Suzan Anderson, Pampa		Dismissals	
Morea Bowles, Pampa		Joy Brown, Pampa	
Dwight Crites, Perryton		Bertha Cox, Borger	
Don Etheredge, Abilene		Troy Garmon, Pampa	
Jocelyn Jacks, Pampa		Walter Love, Panhandle	
Emma Jones, Pampa		Artie Moultrie, Arlington	
Thelma Shaw, Skellytown		SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions	
Virgie Ruth Tuke, Pampa		None	
		Dismissals	
		Viola Hungate, McLean	

## Stocks

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

Wheat	2.30	Cabot O&G	18	up 3/4
Milo	4.06	Chevron	80 5/8	up 1/8
Corn	4.55	Coca-Cola	44 5/8	dn 3/4
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:				
Ky. Cent. Life	12 3/8	Enron	55 3/4	up 1/2
Serco	7 1/2	Halliburton	57 3/4	up 2 1/8
Occidental	26 5/8	Ingersoll Rand	51 1/2	dn 5/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:				
Magellan	59 27	KNE	25 1/2	up 1/8
Puritan	13.06	Kerr McGee	51 3/4	up 2 1/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.				
Amoco	57 3/8	Limited	19	dn 3/4
Arco	136 1/4	Mapco	44	dn 3/8
Cabot	33 5/8	Maxus	11 3/8	up 1/2
		McDonald's	30 1/4	up 7/8
		Mesa Ltd.	68 1/4	up 1/4
		Mobil	28 1/2	dn 1/8
		New Atmos	17 1/4	NC
		Penney's	54 5/8	dn 1 7/8
		Phillips	29 7/8	up 1 1/8
		SIB	68 1/4	up 1 3/4
		SFS	28 1/2	dn 1/8
		Tenneco	66	dn 3/4
		Texaco	66 7/8	up 2 7/8
		Wal-Mart	30	dn 1/2
		New York Gold	378 50	
		Silver	4.88	

## Police report

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

### WEDNESDAY, Aug. 1

Lisa Burke, 412 Rider, reported an assault near the residence.

Police reported domestic violence in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

K mart, Pampa Mall, reported a theft at the business.

Fred Elston, 2700 Aspen, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

Pampa Independent School District reported burglaries at Wilson and Lamar elementary schools.

Lupe Martinez Jr., 1116 S. Dwight, reported a burglary at the residence.

Crystal Cummings, 412 N. Somerville #1, reported a theft at the residence.

Police reported disorderly conduct in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

### Arrests

#### WEDNESDAY, Aug. 1

Cecil Ward Dowdy, 25, 1025 Neel Rd., was arrested at the residence on charges of disorderly conduct and assault.

Celeste Chavez, 34, Borger, was arrested at 2841 Perryton Pkwy. on two warrants. She was released on payment of fines.

#### GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

##### WEDNESDAY, Aug. 1

Gloria Slater, 31, 2600 N. Hobart C-8, was arrested at the sheriff's office on a charge of telephone harassment. She was released on bond.

Bobby Lee Cole Sr., 34, 629 Yeager, was arrested at the residence and charged with two assaults.

# Hutchison says GOP can lower taxes

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison of Dallas, a candidate for state treasurer, said she believes her party can still be trusted to lower taxes, in spite of Gov. Bill Clements signing into law a state tax increase for public schools and President George

Bush's apparent reversal on his promise to not raise taxes.

Hutchison is running on a platform of returning fiscal responsibility to the state and lowering taxes by more sound management of state funds.

"I'm talking about my program and being a spokesman for not raising taxes," Hutchison said. "I've been a

small business person and I know how much they suffer when there are new taxes put into place. I will be a representative of budget responsibility."

Hutchison said better management of the state's debt service is one way Texas taxpayers could be saved millions of dollars in the near future.

She insisted that Clements agreed to raise taxes only because he could not get substantial support of his no-tax policies. She also said if the state treasurer were committed to showing legislators how to not raise taxes; they would be less likely to do so.

"The Legislature has yet to say what is wrong with our public education," Hutchison pointed out. "Their first line of thinking was to raise taxes. The Supreme Court didn't say we had to raise taxes, they didn't say there had to be more money in the system, they just said the system had to be equalized. I don't think (raising taxes) is what should have been done."

Hutchison said the problem is that state funds are not being spent "in the right place" in education and that she would be dedicated to showing legislators line items that could be reduced or cut.

"We ought to be raising teachers' salaries and instead we are building school buildings," she gave as one example of misspending.

Hutchison also said she still does not believe Bush will raise federal taxes because a condition of that increase was cuts in the "fat" of the federal budget.

"President Bush has not said he will increase taxes and I don't think we will see taxes increased because the Democrats will not cut the budget," Hutchison said.

She said since \$180 billion is handled by the state treasurer every year, it is imperative that person be as conservative with investment and recommendations pertaining to that money.

Bi-partisan weariness over new taxes will lead to her election as the new treasurer, Hutchison predicted.



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Hutchison talks with a supporter Wednesday in Pampa.

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## County

ate testing as required by law will be conducted on the soil to determine if there is any contamination.

Jacoby had said earlier that it would take an estimated month for the work to begin on the site after the bid is awarded.

Groundbreaking is likely to be in September, the architects said.

In other business Wednesday, the Commissioners' Court:

- Unanimously approved the payment of \$121,665.37 in salaries and \$28,257.06 in bills.

- Unanimously approved the following transfers: \$45,100 from the general fund to the salary fund;

- \$900 from the general fund to the law library; \$3,300 from FM&LR to Precinct 1 R&B; \$6,200 from FM&LR to Precinct 2 R&B; \$3,000 from FM&LR to Precinct 3 R&B; and \$3,000 from FM&LR to Precinct 4 R&B.

- Discussed the 1991 proposed budget for the Gray County Appraisal District.

- Took no action on the reinvestment zone.

- Unanimously approved the transfer of \$100 from Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Wayne Roberts' conference and training fund to his contract labor fund.

- Unanimously approved the crossing of a county road with a water line in Precinct 3 and the crossing of a county road with a

pipeline in Precinct 2.

- Approved the sale of delinquent tax property at 816 E. Campbell, 1214 S. Barnes, 1017 S. Somerville, and 1011 S. Wilcox.

- Discussed the state highway bridge inspection report conducted in the summer of 1989.

- Discussed, but made no decision, on the course of action to take in providing more space at the Courthouse Annex Building. The Commissioners' Court was told it could figure \$50 a square foot to add on to the building, or \$75,000 to \$100,000 for the extra space needed at the building.

The group is scheduled to discuss the issue at future meetings, including budget hearings.

## City briefs

**BRICK REPAIR.** If your home has brick that need repair, call Harley Knutson. 665-4237. Adv.

**GIP GIPSON** and Dale Ladd now at 611 W. Foster St. Formerly Mikes Barber Shop. Better Parking. We appreciate your business. Phone 665-7068. Adv.

**UNIGLOBE COMPLETE** Travel Inc. Now Open. 1538 N. Hobart. 669-6110. Adv.

**SUN GLITZING** \$35. Shear Elegance, 400 N. Cuyler, ask for Debbie Tripplett or Liz Castillo. 669-9579. Adv.

**PERSONAL TOUCH** All Summer merchandise 1/2 price, 1 rack 60%, 1 rack 75%, selected group jewelry 75%. 113 N. Cuyler. Adv.

**TOP O Texas Kennel Club** sponsors trick classes for your dog. Puppies 3 months and older accepted. Shots required. 665-0300, 665-5622. Leave message. Adv.

**CROCKERY JARS:** New shipment. Special prices. Pampa Hardware, 120 N. Cuyler, 669-2579. Adv.

**MICHELLE'S COUNTRY** Loft, Thursday Mexican buffet, Friday Sante Fe chicken, Style Show beginning at 12 noon. Homemade desserts. Open 9-4, lunch 11-2. Adv.

**JOY'S UNLIMITED** 1/2 Price Sale still in progress, through Saturday August 4. Adv.

**SUNDAY BRUNCH** Every Sunday 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. by Margie Belles at the Loft, 201 N. Cuyler (Kingsmill entrance). Fabulous food. \$7.95, children 6 and under Free! See us for private dinners/parties and catering. Free home deliveries. Call 669-2755 and leave message. Adv.

**ARE YOUR** trees turning yellow and dying? Taylor Spraying Service, 669-9992. Since 1964. Adv.

**ADDINGTON'S SIDEWALK** Sale, Saturday August 4, 9:30-5:30. Something for everyone, \$8-\$30. Kids, ladies, mens jeans, shirts, belts, much more! Adv.

**SIDEWALK SALE** Willis Furniture, 1215 W. Wilks used chairs, end tables, loveseat, desks, aloe vera, frames. Adv.

**GORDON'S JEWELERS** 50% Off Storewide (except watches) Sale continues thru August 5. Adv.

**REVIVAL AUGUST 2, 3, 4,** 7:30 p.m. Carpenter's House, 639 S. Barnes.

**NEW CROP** sweet cron, Hamburger Station. Adv.

**APPEARING AT** the Tee Room, Silver Creek, country swing dance band, Friday. Adv.

**DO YOU** have brown Recluse Spiders (Fiddlebacks). Taylor Spraying Service, 669-9992. Since 1964. Adv.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms, a low in the mid 60s and southerly winds at 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms, a high in the mid 80s and southerly winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday's high was 85 degrees; the overnight low was 65 degrees.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Partly cloudy with widely scattered to scattered showers and thunderstorms through Friday. Highs Friday mid 80s Panhandle and far west to low 90s Permian Basin and Concho Valley with mid 70s mountains. Lows tonight mostly in the 60s.

North Texas — Partly cloudy through Friday with scattered showers or thunderstorms, more numerous east. Lows tonight 71 to 74. Highs Friday 92 to 99.

South Texas — Scattered mostly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms through Friday. Otherwise, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs Friday mostly in the 90s. Lows tonight in the 70s except near 80 immediate coast.

### EXTENDED FORECAST

Saturday through Monday

West Texas — Panhandle, South Plains: Widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms each day. Otherwise, partly cloudy. Highs in mid to upper 80. Lows in mid 60s. Permian Basin: Widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms each day. Otherwise, partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Lows in upper 60s. Concho, Pecos Valley: Widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms each day. Otherwise, partly cloudy. Highs near 90 to low 90s. Lows in upper 60s. Big Bend: Widely scattered mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms each day. Otherwise, partly cloudy. Highs near 90 to low 90s. Lows in upper 60s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Lows from near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs from near 90 coast to near 100 inland. Southeast Texas, Upper Coast: Lows from near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs from upper 80s coast to the 90s inland.

### BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Scattered mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms through Friday. Thunderstorms most numerous in the southeast. Lows tonight mid 60s Panhandle to mid 70s extreme southeast. Highs Friday 90 to 95.

New Mexico — Partly cloudy with widely scattered mainly afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms through Friday. Highs Friday 70s to mid 80s mountains with 80s to low 90s elsewhere. Lows tonight upper 30s to upper 40s high mountain valleys with 50s to upper 60s elsewhere.

with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in low to mid 70s. Highs in low to mid 90s.

South Texas — Chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday; partly cloudy Sunday and Monday. Hill Country, South Central: Lows in the 70s. Highs in the 90s. Coastal Bend: Lows from near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs from the 80s coast to the 90s inland. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Lows from near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs from near 90 coast to near 100 inland. Southeast Texas, Upper Coast: Lows from near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs from upper 80s coast to the 90s inland.

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## School

handle, Griffith said the PISD is spending less per pupil overall than Frenship, Dumas, Lubbock, Amarillo, Levelland and Plainview.

Pampa spends more than Borger, Hereford and Canyon.

"We rank seventh out of 10 area districts (in spending per student), so we definitely don't lead the pack," Griffith said. "We are near the bottom on spending and we want to stay near the bottom."

However, officials pointed out that as less is spent per pupil, that can mean less resources are available for helping students learn.

"If we matched the state average on spending," McVay said, "we would have to add another \$3 million to our budget and have a budget of \$18 million instead of \$15 million."

Griffith said the state report by TRL backs up his earlier claim that any further budget cuts would "seriously cripple the district" in its attempt to serve students.

Checking the budgets of districts around the state, as found in the TRL report, the only area where the PISD is higher than both the state and regional average is in co-curricular activities, where Pampa spends \$12.83 more per student than the regional and a whopping \$59.64 more per student than the state norm.

Co-curricular activities include sports, cheerleading, student coun-

cil, band, choir and UIL academic competition.

"A lot of times, because we are up here in the Panhandle, the travel, meals and lodging that come with co-curricular trips take a lot more money," McVay stated, saying the disparity between PISD spending and the state average caused him to already look into the matter.

"In Dallas, Austin and Houston, schools don't really have travel costs because everybody that they play in sports is right there," McVay said.

A comparison of TRL numbers on co-curricular spending between districts of the same size in rural and urban areas bears out the fact that rural schools generally have much higher costs in that area.

Orr said the addition of UIL academics on the elementary school level also added to the expense, but defended it by saying, "We had over 300 students participating. There are going to be costs associated with that."

"And the Pampa band is one of the finest in the region and the state year in and year out," Orr said. "The choir is ... one of the best in the nation. We support those programs and staff them more strongly than a lot of other schools."

Griffith and Orr said property tax increases will be a reality for at least the next five years because the Legislature is mandating increased local funding.

"The exceptions are going to be places like Dumas," Orr said. "They

had two new plants come in over the last year, so they have new values and new revenue."

Administrators insisted the district will launch a comprehensive campaign this year to bring state evaluations of property in Pampa in line with the local appraisals, saying that is the only foreseeable way to control tax hikes.

They also said the wrath of taxpayers, usually vented on school boards, should be directed at those legislators who voted to increase local taxes rather than state taxes to support education in Texas.

Orr also said threatened litigation by Hoechst Celanese against the appraisal district over the assessed value of the plant will define, for both the state and local tax district, what the taxable rate should be set at.

McVay and Orr said senior citizens concerned about higher taxes should be aware of state laws that freeze their taxes at or below the level they are at when the person turns 65.

"When a taxpayer turns 65, their taxes are frozen at that amount," McVay said. "If the appraisal or the tax goes up, it's compared with what it was frozen at. If it's more than that, they pay what it was frozen at. If it's less, then they pay the lesser amount."

A public hearing on the proposed 7 cent increase is set for Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Pampa Middle School library. If passed by the school board, the tax rate would stand at \$1.06.

## Reception, roast scheduled for Griffith

A reception and roast for Dr. Harry Griffith, who recently resigned as superintendent of Pampa public schools to accept a position in Baytown, has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, at the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

Organizers of the event said it will include an informal roast of Griffith by members of the community and is open to the public.

"We hope to get a good response from the whole community and a good turnout," said Lynda Queen, district public relations director.

# Witness: Defendant's daughter increased flirting with dismissed juror

By CHIP BROWN  
Associated Press Writer

AMARILLO (AP) — A juror in the nation's largest savings and loan fraud trial testified that the daughter of the main defendant in the case did not hide her affection in the courtroom for a juror who was later dismissed.

Rosma Venita Hand testified Wednesday in the jury tampering trial of Pamela Faulkner Tomalin. Mrs. Tomalin, 27, is accused of attempting to influence Samuel Vera, 28, to benefit her father, Garland land developer D.L. "Danny" Faulkner.

Ms. Hand said she noticed a lot of winking, smiling and staring between Vera and Tomalin in June 1989, about four months into the seven-month-long trial. But she said Vera "seemed to be getting more response from Pam" a month later in mid-July.

Hand, who sat next to Vera in the jury box, testified that she noticed a definite "increase in smiles" from Tomalin to Vera as the trial wore on.

Vera testified Wednesday that his infatuation with Tomalin inspired him to follow her around town and drive by her house on several occasions without her knowing.

But he denied being the lone pursuer in a high stakes cat-and-mouse game that resulted in Tomalin's indictment.

"I would have backed off if she hadn't responded," Vera said Wednesday during the third day of testimony in Tomalin's trial.

Under cross examination most of the day, Vera said he drove by Tomalin's house while his wife was at work.

Vera testified that he had followed other women around town to meet them before he served as a jury member in the trial of Faulkner and six others accused of swindling \$135 million from five thrifts in Arkansas and Texas.

Vera also said Wednesday that until the spring of 1987 he had a \$350-a-day drug habit that included "cocaine and smoking dope."

Tomalin's attorney, Mike Fawer, contends Vera pressured Tomalin into a relationship and said his drug problem might have frightened her.

"I can't suggest he ever did anything terribly violent," Fawer said outside the courtroom Wednesday. "But he told her about the problem immediately after following her to her child's school. That might tend to

scare somebody."

Prosecutors contend Tomalin sought a relationship with Vera to garner support for her father.

"Ask yourself why Mrs. Tomalin was kissing Mr. Vera. Because she is in love?" Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Nichols said during opening statements.

"Or is it because her father is on trial, facing over 300 years in jail and more than \$200,000 in fines?" Nichols asked.

While cross examining Vera Wednesday, Fawer brought up several discrepancies between Vera's grand jury testimony last October and his testimony over the past few days.

Vera told the grand jury that he pulled away from Tomalin after the two kissed in a church parking lot last July because he thought about his wife.

Wednesday, Vera said he had sweaty palms and was "excited" about kissing Tomalin, reiterating that marital problems had prompted him to seek "a relationship outside the house."

"I thought as long as we never discussed the trial, it was OK for me to see (Mrs. Tomalin)," Vera repeated throughout his testimony.

Vera testified that he openly sought to be removed

from jury duty throughout the trial because of financial hardships incurred by his time away from work.

Vera said Tomalin never tried to persuade him to stay on the jury. Vera added that she never offered a bribe or talked about her father's case.

Vera's inattentiveness during testimony and his conversations with Tomalin outside the courthouse ultimately resulted in his removal from the jury six months into the racketeering case. He did not participate in deliberations.

A mistrial was declared Sept. 15 after jurors deadlocked 11-1 in favor of guilty verdicts.

Under cross examination, Vera said he was frightened during an interrogation by FBI agents into his relationship with Tomalin, but said he wouldn't call their approach "threats."

Vera, a self-described "ladies man," testified Wednesday about an intimate interlude in a church parking lot last July.

"I told her I wanted her ... I was referring to sex," Vera said under direct examination Tuesday. "She told me we would have to wait."

If convicted, Tomalin faces up to five years in prison and \$5,000 in fines.



(AP Laserphoto)

Absorbent towels are used to soak up oil at a marina in San Leon Wednesday as oil from a three-vessel collision in the Houston Ship Channel spreads throughout Galveston Bay.

## Galveston Bay oil spill cleanup continues; fishing ban imposed

By LAURA TOLLEY  
Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON (AP) — A ban on commercial and private fishing began today in Galveston Bay because state health officials fear a patchy 17-mile oil slick may have harmed marine life.

"It's as much a precautionary measure as anything else," said Neil Travis, chief of the Texas Health Department's consumer health protection bureau in Austin.

Travis said state health officials implemented the ban, which began after midnight, because shrimpers were spotted fishing in oil-tainted areas and because oil was found on some shrimp caught in the bay.

The 500,000-gallon oil spill occurred Saturday when a tanker collided with two barges in the Houston Ship Channel.

"Now, apparently a vast majority of the bay is impacted (by the oil). It appears that the oil is moving into more areas," Travis said Wednesday. "We felt we had no other choice but to close it."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is charged with enforcing the ban, which prohibits the taking of any aquatic organisms, including fish, crabs, oysters and shrimp.

Cleanup crews using skimmers and vacuum trucks continued efforts to scoop up the heavy crude, while state officials hoped to dump some 800 pounds of oil-eating microbes on parts of the spill later today.

Texas Gov. Bill Clements also planned to fly over the oil-stricken area today.

Federal officials approved the use of the microbes on some sensitive marshlands and shallow areas that cannot be easily cleaned up by skimmer vessels, said Blanton Moore, a representative of the Texas General Land Office.

Moore said he hoped boats loaded with the microbes would head out into the bay this afternoon.

"It has no negative effects and can only help the bay," Moore said of the process, called bioremediation.

The naturally occurring microbes reduce the oil to a fatty emulsion that sinks and is eaten by marine life. When the oil is gone, the microbes die.

Earlier this summer, the oil-eaters were used on a small section of the 3.9-million-gallon Mega Borg oil spill. State officials said the microbes gobbled up the oil and caused no harm to the environment.

In addition to the cleanup, Coast Guard Capt. Thomas Greene said salvage crews hoped to partially raise the sunken barge sometime today in an effort to begin moving it out of the channel.

More than 50,000 gallons of oil has been skimmed off the water, but Coast Guard officials were unsure how much remained on the surface.

Although the Coast Guard was sticking to the 500,000-gallon spill figure, Greene said Wednesday afternoon that there "was significantly less oil out there right now."

Coast Guard Rear Adm. Jim Loy said that during an aerial flyover of the area Tuesday, he saw about 25,000 gallons of oil on the water. He said he saw about a quarter of that amount remaining during a fly-over Wednesday.

But he could not account for the whereabouts of the remaining spill.

Loy said besides the oil that has been cleaned up, some may also have evaporated or possibly sunk to the bottom.

He noted there was a chance that since the sunken barge hasn't been inspected, it is possible officials overestimated the amount that leaked.

Environmentalists feared any oil that sinks could harm marine life on the bay's bottom.

Larry McKinney, director of the resource protection division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said if oil settles on the bottom, it could trap and kill small marine life — a crucial link in the food chain. The end result could be fewer shrimp, oysters, crabs and other wildlife in the area.

"If it's on the surface, at least you have the chance of cleaning it up. If it gets to the bottom, there's nothing you can do, you're stuck with it," McKinney said. "That's when you get the long-term impact. If it gets in the sediment, it can be very toxic over a long period of time — up to five years."

Meanwhile, Coast Guard officials planned to resume a hearing today into the cause of the accident.

# Parmer vows court fight on phone cutoff

By PEGGY FIKAC  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Hugh Parmer said he'll take Southwestern Bell to court over the company's refusal to collect 900-number phone contributions to his campaign.

Parmer said he would file his legal case this week, after the Public Utility Commission voted along party lines Wednesday not to take immediate action on the issue.

He said his First Amendment rights are being violated.

"Ma Bell is attempting to interfere with my ability to communicate with the voters, and more importantly, the voters' ability to use this common carrier to express their political support by making small contributions," he said.

Parmer campaign supporters were supposed to be billed \$10 for every call to the 900-number. The money would be used to raise money for Parmer's campaign against incumbent Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

Bell officials said collecting contributions for political campaigns is against their policy.

Bell did bill customers in a fund-

raising effort by unsuccessful GOP gubernatorial candidate Kent Hance. But that was inadvertent, said company spokesman Bob Digneo.

Gramm also has used a 900-number for fund-raising, but Bell officials said his long-distance company used a different method to collect.

Southwestern Bell contracts to bill and collect for the separate long-distance companies that provide 900 service.

Digneo said Parmer could solve his problem by having supporters bill contributions to their credit cards.

PUC Chairman Paul Meek and Commissioner Marta Greytak — both Republicans — said they wanted more information on legal issues before deciding the case.

But Commissioner Jo Campbell, the lone Democrat on the three-member panel, argued that the commission should immediately require Bell to collect the money. That would protect Parmer's interests even if a full hearing on the issue was not scheduled until later, she said.

"You do not allow Bell, the fat-cat of the fat cats, who has tried to buy government at every level, to be able to shut off political discourse,"

Campbell said.

Asked about her comment, Bell spokesman Digneo said, "This is becoming kind of an emotional issue, and it doesn't need to be."

Meek urged quick action by the staff on the legal issues in the case. PUC spokesman Bill Dunn said the case would be placed on the agenda of next week's commission meeting.

Parmer said he expects the case to be decided in court. He did not know whether he would file in state or federal court.

In other political developments Wednesday:

— Kay Bailey Hutchison, GOP candidate for state treasurer, said she would release her 1989 income tax return soon. She criticized Democratic hopeful Nikki Van Hightower, who on Tuesday criticized Ms. Hutchison's failure to release tax returns.

— Nikki again raises the false issue of conflict of interest, though she knows it is a matter of public record that neither I nor my husband Ray nor our firm does business with the state of Texas," Hutchison said.

— A stand-in for Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams, former Austin mayor Carole Rylander, rapped Democrat Ann

Richards' statement that she was the only candidate to oversee jail construction.

"What Ann Richards failed to mention ... when she was bragging about her record was that the (Travis County) jail project she oversaw was a study in mismanagement, shortsightedness and poor planning," said Ms. Rylander, co-chair of Williams' campaign.

— Bob Bullock, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, charged that Republican opponent Rob Mosbacher Jr. was accepting major contributions from out-of-state lobbyists.

"Junior would be flat out of gas, dead in the water, if he didn't have the out-of-state lobbyists, fat cats and insiders who've done business with his dad and run in pop's social circles," Bullock said.

Mosbacher, son of the U.S. commerce secretary, last week circulated a fund-raising letter that said Bullock "has the lobbyists and special interests on his side. They will give him what it takes to win. I don't have that advantage."

Bullock said of Mosbacher's donors, "The common thread is their interest in Daddy's position — not in the good of Texas."

# Texas senators differ on Senate's proposed honoraria ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas senators split Wednesday on a campaign finance bill amendment banning honoraria, but were united against an amendment limiting unearned income.

The Senate debated amendments Wednesday night before taking a final vote. Its chance of becoming law was burdened by a presidential veto threat, the abundance of amendments and the calendar.

Republican Sen. Phil Gramm predicted the bill would be vetoed by President Bush and that the veto would be sustained by Congress.

He voted against a measure to bar senators from accepting fees, called honoraria, for speeches to special-

interest groups. The amendment passed on a 77-23 vote, with Democrat Sen. Lloyd Bentsen support.

Bentsen does not accept honoraria. Gramm accepted the maximum \$35,800 in 1989.

The ban would prompt some senators to push for a pay increase, Gramm said. "This is another version of 'Let's raise senatorial pay,'" he said. "I'm not for that."

Both Gramm and Bentsen opposed an amendment requiring senators to forgo unearned income of more than 15 percent of their regular \$89,500 salaries. The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., passed by the barest margin, 51-49.

Bentsen, a millionaire who would have to give up thousands from property investments, said he wouldn't stay in the Senate if the provision became law.

"I've devoted a lot of my life to public service. It's challenging and fulfilling for me. But if the Moynihan amendment became law, I couldn't stay in the Senate. It's that simple," Bentsen said in a statement.

"I left Congress 35 years ago to gain a measure of financial independence and now that I have it, I'm not going to give it up," he said referring to his 1955 resignation after seven years in the House.

Bentsen was elected to the Senate in 1970.

Gramm, whose income would barely be affected by the provision, called it unfair.

"We don't have any right to put a limit on money coming from, say property, or income before they (senators) came here," Gramm said.

The bill is a "partisan effort to tilt the election process," Gramm said.

Democrats were pushing the bill to preserve their congressional majority because "more Americans now consider themselves Republicans than Democrats," he said.

Officials said the number of amendments will make it difficult for the bill to ever become law, especially if a two-thirds vote is needed to override a Bush veto.

# Lead smelter permit draws opposition in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Two City Council members here oppose a specific-use permit sought by a lead smelter, under orders to close by year's end for health reasons.

Meanwhile, many residents near the plant said Wednesday they applaud an offer by owners of the Dixie Metals Co. smelter to pay \$1 million for rehabilitation of their neighborhood.

To approve the permit Aug. 22, a three-quarters majority or nine council votes are required. The city

planning commission recommended denial in April.

Plant officials said they will continue to lobby city officials for approval of the permit.

But council members Diane Ragsdale and Lori Palmer said they believe they will get a third vote necessary to block it.

"I simply cannot as a health professional, or as a City Council member, promote the existence of a lead smelter in the heart of a neighborhood," said Ms. Ragsdale, a nurse.

"It is well documented that lead toxicity, even at the smallest levels, can cause nervous system damage. The smelter needs to go," she said.

The Dixie plant, the last lead smelter in Dallas, is a secondary recycling facility that processes old automobile batteries into lead alloys used in new batteries.

The city Board of Adjustment in 1984 ruled that Dixie had to close by Dec. 31 after lawsuits and residents' protests.

# Would-be cowboys find there's no home on range in Wyoming

By JIM ANGELL  
Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Inspired by Hollywood Westerns, many Europeans want to come to Wyoming and become cowboys. Most are plum' out of luck, partner.

Unless they have guaranteed job offers, there is no home on the range for them.

News reports earlier this year about a shortage of experienced ranch hands whipped up a stampede of inquiries from would-be cowboys in East Germany, Britain, Czechoslovakia, Australia and Canada, state and private agencies say.

Steffaen Petry, 22, was one of two East Germans to make his way to Wyoming recently in search of ranch work.

"From the time I was very little, I wanted to be a cowboy," he said through an interpreter last month. "From a little boy, I knew about John Wayne."

But both he and his countryman were turned down for lack of experience and work papers, said Oralia Mercado, executive director of Mountain Plains, a Casper organization that helps ranchers find experienced hands.

"I've been getting a lot of calls," Mercado said. "Initially, it was five to 10 calls every half hour.

One whole day, that's all I did."

Foreigners looking for employment in the United States cannot get a work visa without an American sponsor and a guaranteed job offer. And getting a offer to work as a ranch hand isn't easy for a European tenderfoot.

Wyoming ranchers occasionally sponsor workers from Mexico and Peru, where ranches are similar, with lots of wide open space for grazing. But ranches in Europe don't offer experience that is practical in Wyoming, Mercado said.

"Germany does not have a lot of land where they graze animals," she said. "They have lot of pastures and farms and that will not qualify them for the type of work we are dealing with."

Petry spoke only one word of English — "cowboy" — when he arrived at the Cheyenne airport in July. With help from an airport maintenance worker and state officials he was taken in by rancher Sloan Hale, who speaks German.

For several weeks, Petry pulled weeds and planted trees on Hale's ranch in Cheyenne, but Hale needed no permanent help and Petry had to leave the state.

Petry had sold all his possessions to get to Wyoming. He was released last December from an East German prison after two years behind bars for trying to escape to the West.

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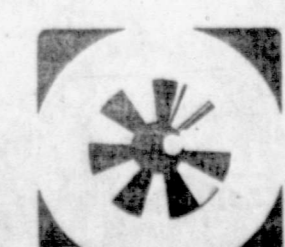
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## Opinion

### The INS card game should be canceled

As we in the United States continue to debate the immigration issue, we should remember a little history and archaeology. For the past several hundred years, Mexicans have freely migrated across most of Western North America, as their Indian ancestors did before them. And millennia ago Asians freely came here and became Indians or Eskimos.

Even Europeans came here freely. No one stopped Columbus or the Pilgrims from sailing across the Atlantic. The "human ecology" of North America is that of free immigration. But for more than a century, declaiming against immigration has been a stock political technique, leading both to propaganda campaigns inciting citizens against immigration and to increases in the politicians' own powers over our lives.

A case in point: The 1986 Immigration and Control Act. It was supposed to stanch the flow of immigrants, especially from Mexico; it has singularly failed to do so. But it has turned Yankee businesses into deputies of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, forcing every business to validate every new employee as either a citizen or a legal alien. Every new employee must fill out the complex INS Form I-9, and businesses must devote scarce resources to meeting INS edicts and audits.

But even the Form I-9 hasn't worked. Illegal aliens buy forged green cards and other forms of identification.

To counter this problem, the INS has introduced a new work permit it claims will be more difficult to forge. According to a Santa Ana, Calif., Register news story, "The laminated cards are printed on specially marked paper and include a photo, a fingerprint, and a signature—all needed by employers to verify that immigrants can legally work."

It's not hard to predict the outcome of this new INS attempt at control. As computerized copying machines become better, ID cards are becoming ever easier to forge. According to *The New York Times*, current forgeries of green cards cost from \$5,000 to \$20,000. That's a big incentive for forgers to invest in new copy equipment, even as computer equipment itself becomes cheaper. Where there's a demand, the market provides the supply.

So the new INS procedures are almost certain to end in failure, costing taxpayers millions of dollars while constricting the liberties of U.S. citizens, who still must fill out the Form I-9 and meet other INS edicts. There's a better way, one consonant with our continent's "human ecology" of free migration and with our political tradition of liberty: Repeal all controls on immigration and open our borders. Let the breeze of liberty now blowing across the world blow across our land.

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"Now, what's this nonsense about low-level electromagnetic radiation from computer monitors?"

## Killing a hope for public housing

If you're one of those unlucky souls obliged to live in the nation's grimmer public housing projects, you can name plenty of ever-present enemies: crime, poverty, drugs, unemployment, bad schools, broken families, rats and roaches.

Oh, and don't forget the newest one: Ted Kennedy.

The senior senator from Massachusetts probably has lots of fans in the projects. But they shouldn't expect gratitude. When he had the chance to vote for a measure that would help public housing tenants improve their homes, raise their income and enhance their employment prospects, Kennedy led the fight against it.

The idea is to let contractors hire unskilled, unemployed public housing tenants to rehabilitate their own decaying buildings. That would provide jobs and valuable experience to people who desperately need them, reduce the cost of the renovation and give the residents a new sense of pride in their homes. But an old and politically sacrosanct federal law blocks the way.

Ralph L. Jones, president of a company that manages housing projects for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, explains the problem. When his firm took over a pair of 200-unit buildings in Tulsa, Okla., he found "deterioration that defies description. There were ceilings on the floor, holes in the walls big enough for you or me to walk through, missing bathroom fixtures—not broken, but missing entirely."

A lot of the residents of the projects were people with no jobs or income. Jones had the idea of hiring some of them to help in ripping out everything that was hopelessly damaged and then to assist skilled carpenters and other craftsmen in



Stephen Chapman

restoring the apartments to livability. They'd make about \$5 an hour while acquiring some skills and some experience with the demands of regular employment.

Under the federal Davis-Bacon law, passed during the Great Depression, Jones is perfectly welcome to do all these admirable things. There's just one catch. Instead of paying those unskilled workers \$5 an hour, he has to pay them about \$14 an hour.

Not many companies can stay in business paying \$14 to employees who are worth only \$5, and Jones' firm isn't one of them. If he's going to have to pay \$14 an hour, he has to hire skilled workers—who, unlike many public housing tenants, generally have little trouble finding work or a decent place to live.

Jones isn't the only critic of the law. Mary Nelson, head of Bethel New Life, a West Side Chicago organization that rehabilitates low-income housing, says the task would be "a thousand times easier without Davis-Bacon." The federal rules, she says, add 15 percent to 20 percent to the costs of renovation.

So when a \$25 billion federal housing bill came to the floor of the Senate, Oklahoma Republican Don Nickles proposed to change the Davis-Bacon rules of public housing tenants renovating public

housing projects. But along came such ardent champions of the poor as Kennedy and Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio to kill the idea. Of 55 Senate Democrats, only two supported the measure.

Metzenbaum groused that the proposal hadn't been scrutinized sufficient length. Kennedy sputtered, "We do not want to raise a false sense of expectation by passing this kind of legislation and telling people who have hopes and dreams that, oh, well, everything is going to be all right."

Huh? Well, keep in mind that Kennedy was trying to conceal his real objection: that the amendment offended organized labor, which bitterly opposes any relaxation of Davis-Bacon. The law's command that the government pay the "prevailing wage" usually means paying the local union wage—even if there are plenty of non-union workers who work every day for less. That helps to preserve union jobs by removing the cost advantage of non-union labor.

Unions say the rule is needed to make sure the federal government doesn't drive down construction wages. But if that were the real purpose, the law wouldn't force Washington to pay far more than the going rate. What Davis-Bacon is designed to do is drive wages up—at least for workers lucky enough to be employed on federal contracts.

Those who aren't so lucky not only get no benefit but have the privilege of paying higher taxes to cover the higher federal construction costs produced by the law. Those costs add up to \$1 billion a year.

That doesn't count what comes at the expense of public housing tenants, who are spared the risks of getting a job doing something of real value to themselves and their neighbors. As they found here, their friends on Capitol Hill are the kind that stick around only when the weather's fair.

### Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Thursday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 1990. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Aug. 2, 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot from behind and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, S.D. The man who shot Hickok, Jack McCall, was later hanged.

(When Hickok died, he was clutching a pair of aces and a pair of eights—a combination that came to be known as the "Dead Man's Hand.")

On this date:  
In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1921, opera singer Enrico Caruso died in Naples, Italy.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco.

In 1927, President Coolidge issued a statement to reporters: "I do not choose to run for President in 1928."



## Zeroing in on Japanese buy-out

My friend Rigsby, the paranoid schizophrenic, was voicing his concern about the visit of Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu to Atlanta.

"What's your problem with Prime Minister Kaifu?" I asked him.

"Ever since he arrived in town, all he's done is smile, I saw him on television," said Rigsby.

"Why would you be concerned about his smiling?"

"Did you see the movie *Tora! Tora! Tora!*?" Rigsby asked me.

"Sure I saw it," I said. "It was about the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor."

"And remember when the Japanese pilots realized they had, indeed, pulled off a sneak attack? They smiled."

"So?"

"And do you remember those World War II movies where the Japanese fighter pilot gets on his radio and talks to the American pilot he has in his sights?"

"I've seen that, yes."

"The Japanese pilot always says, 'I was educated at UCLA, Yankee dog, Brooklyn Dodger. Now, you die.'"

"That's vaguely familiar."

"Well, the Japanese pilot is smiling the whole time."

"Let me see if I'm reading you correctly," I said



Lewis Grizzard

to Rigsby. "You think when you see a Japanese person smiling, it means they're up to something."

"You've got it."

"So what are you afraid of Mr. Kaifu for? Do you think he's planning a sneak attack on Atlanta?"

"Worse," said Rigsby. "I'm afraid he's going to figure out a way to buy it."

"The whole town?"

"It could happen," said Rigsby. "The Japanese already have gotten a head start. They've bought office buildings and a golf course in Atlanta. Georgia is second only to California in the number of Japanese investments."

"So you see a dangerous trend?"

"I do," said Rigsby. "First, they buy up office buildings and golf courses, then they get their

hands on hotels and apartment buildings.

"Next, comes auto dealerships and pancake houses. Then, Kentucky Fried Chicken franchises and liquor stores. Then they take over places that sell Oriental rugs because they figure the rugs are theirs in the first place.

"After that, movie theaters and hardware stores. All you'll be able to see are martial arts movies where the sound doesn't match the actors' mouths, and every time you buy a screwdriver you'll just be adding to the Japanese wealth. Before you know it, they'll own the airport, the governor's mansion, the newspaper, all the radio and television stations, the rights to *Gone With the Wind* and Coca-Cola, and we'll be foreigners in our own city."

"Coke would never sell to the Japanese," I said.

"You haven't heard what the Japanese are offering," said Rigsby.

I certainly wasn't taking Rigsby seriously, but I did continue to humor him.

"Is there anything in Atlanta, then, the Japanese won't try to buy?"

"Only two things," he answered. "The Braves and the Falcons."

"Why not?"

"I may not trust the Japanese," said Rigsby, "but I never said they weren't smart."

## They throw the book at media bias

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Up until a few years ago, it was the custom of journalists to meet conservative complaints of pro-liberal bias with a bland denial. The conservative might know in his heart that the reporters, editors, producers and anchormen of the top papers and major TV networks were overwhelmingly liberal, but precisely how could he prove it?

This sort of journalistic deception was knocked galley-west, however, by the famous Lichter-Rothman study of 1981 and subsequent investigations. For a time, many media liberals resisted by refusing to submit to further scientific in-depth surveys of their attitudes.

But by the late 1980s most journalists had quit trying to pretend that they were politically neutral or even "average." In 1989, the American Society of Newspaper Editors, after questioning 1,200 reporters and editors at 72 newspapers, reported that nearly three times as many considered themselves liberal as conservative, and were willing to say so

Our media friends, however, were merely retreating to a previously prepared position. Nowadays most of them admit they're personally liberal but insist that it doesn't show in their work.

So once again the question arises: You know better, but how the deuce do you prove it? Clearly, what is needed is a painstaking review of the entire work-product of the major newspapers, news magazines and TV networks—something well beyond the capacity of the average individual.

I am happy to advise you, however, that the work has now been done at last, and that the results are devastating. A book entitled *And That's the Way It Isn't*, which was published in June by the Media Research Center of Alexandria, Va., demonstrates by careful statistical analyses and an overwhelming supply of examples that the work-product of America's leading journalistic enterprises, both print and electronic, is positively saturated with liberal bias. "Distortion" is its middle name.

The book's title is, of course, a paro-

dy of the sign-off of one of the oldest and shrewdest liberals in the newswriting business, Walter Cronkite. The Media Research Center is a group of dedicated young conservatives who spend their days taping and watching TV news programs and poring over leading newspapers and magazines. They also know how to use such new techniques as Nexis, a computerized index of virtually everything that appears in America's major print media.

Their book begins at the beginning, with a chapter summarizing, separately, the original Lichter-Rothman study and no less than eight other investigations of what journalists personally believe. Chapter 2 names 27 prominent journalists who shuttle back and forth between mainline journalism and jobs for liberal pressure groups and the Democratic Party. (It also, in fairness, lists eight whom it found doing the same thing with conservative groups and the GOP.) A 50-page appendix extends the list to a total of 235 individuals, 178 of them liberals.

Next comes a chapter quoting the ultra-liberal comments of prominent journalists on a host of subjects, and another demonstrating how they label conservative political figures as if they were somehow contaminated, while letting their liberal opposite numbers pass unlabeled.

Then come separate chapters analyzing (and profusely quoting) the work-product of America's top media on almost every subject in the public domain: superpower relations, regional conflicts, economics issues, Ronald Reagan and political campaigns. It is a virtual encyclopedia of distortions.

What do you suppose the liberal media will do about this book? They can't refute it, and don't dare admit that its basic charge of bias is correct, so my guess is that they will do their level best to ignore it: no reviews, no interview shows, no references to it at all.

But they can't burn it. Maybe I'm prejudiced, being a ghostly presence on the Center's board of directors, but I say: Don't miss it!

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# Government announces S&L 'clearance sale'

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal savings and loan bailout agency wants America to know it's ready to deal.

Under mounting political pressure to speed the pace of the thrift cleanup, the Resolution Trust Corp. announced a "clearance sale" Wednesday, aimed at unloading \$50 billion in assets from failed S&Ls.

L. William Seidman, chairman of the agency, called it an ambitious goal that, if met, would "move the process along in a really expeditious way."

But Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., chairman of a House Banking task force on the bailout, said he wasn't impressed by the sales push, given the huge task ahead.

"If you set low expectations, maybe you'll achieve them," Vento said. "It seems to me they're drowning in the job."

However, Seidman said, "The RTC operation is a complicated and difficult job. It has taken us a little time to get organized. We are organized now and we are under way."

In another S&L development, the General Accounting Office, Congress' auditing and investigative agency, told the Senate Banking Committee that it sees "strong indications" the Justice Department is gearing up to go after S&L criminals. However, it said it is too early to determine if the effort will be enough.

The GAO said the Justice Department needs to devise a better system to allow top officials in

Washington to track the progress of the fraud fight in regional U.S. attorney and FBI offices.

What Seidman dubbed "the great fall inventory clearance sale" marks the second phase of his agency's cleanup effort. In the first phase, called "Operation Clean Sweep," the RTC concentrated on selling the failed institutions and their deposits.

But it ended up keeping a large share of the failed thrifts' sour loans, problem real estate, junk bonds and other assets. Vento and other Democrats in Congress had complained that selling institution franchises represented scant progress unless accompanied by substantial asset sales.

Phase 2 is aimed at whittling the RTC's inventory. Sales proceeds will offset what the agency has spent to pay off depositors or to entice private investors into taking over insolvent institutions.

"The bottom line is the better job we do, the less the taxpayer has to pay," Seidman said.

Among the sales techniques employed will be an international satellite auction of 71 major properties, "bulk sales" of packages of similar properties and the use of 15 special sales offices stretching from King of Prussia, Pa., to Costa Mesa, Calif.

The satellite auction is scheduled for Nov. 15 in Dallas. Bidders in nine other U.S. cities and London and Tokyo will be able to participate via satellite television hookup. The other U.S. cities are Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Phoenix and San Antonio.

Seventy-one properties, valued at \$300 million, will be offered: 38 in Texas, 12 in Florida, eight in Colorado, six in Arizona, four in California, two in Louisiana and one in Illinois.

They range from Kings Crossing Golf Course & Club in Corpus Christi, Texas, to the opulent Western Savings Corporate Center in Phoenix.

Two bulk sales — one of hotel properties in the East, another of apartments in Florida — will be ready to go by the end of August.

In all, the RTC plans by Dec. 31 to sell \$13.7 billion in assets left over from previous S&L sales: \$6.7 billion in single-family mortgages, \$3.3 billion in securities, \$1.6 billion in real estate and \$2.1 billion in other assets.

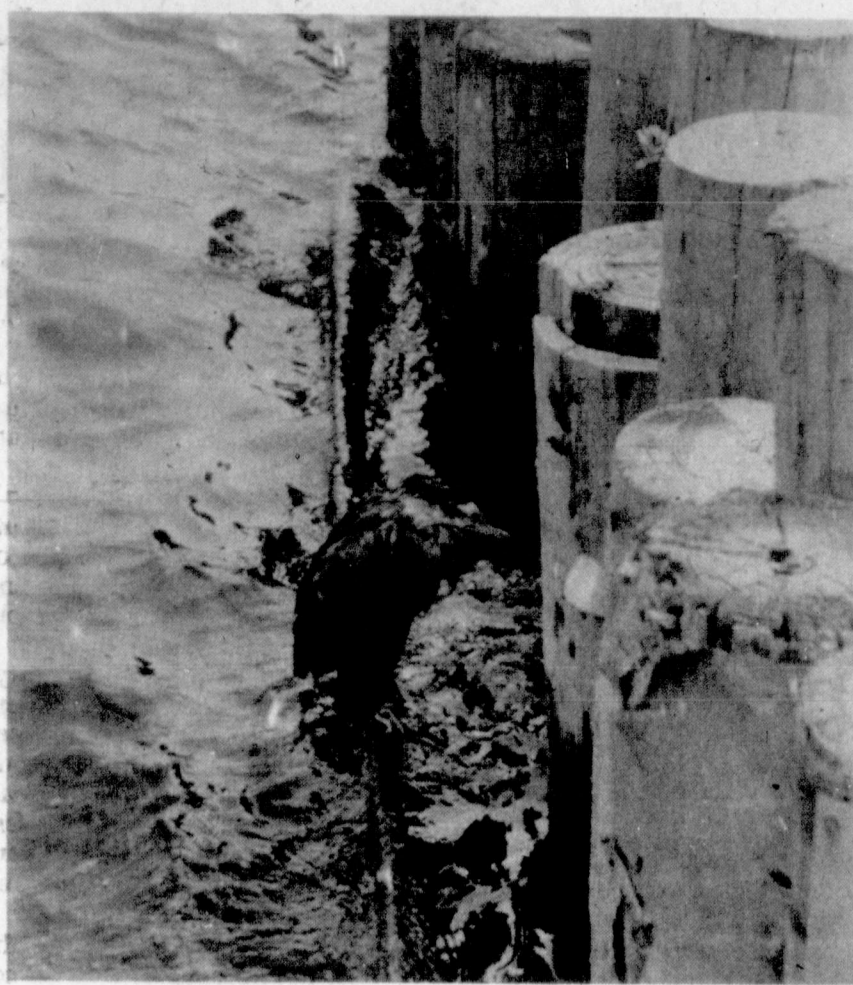
It plans to get rid of an additional \$36 billion in assets either by selling them directly from failed but still-operating thrifts in its control or by selling the assets when it sells the institutions.

Also, an estimated \$30 billion in assets will be put under the management of 200 to 300 private contractors.

The RTC by June 30 had seized 454 failed thrifts, "resolving" 207 of them. It plans to resolve an additional 130 by the end of the year — 77 in the July-September quarter and 53 in the October-December period — leaving it with 117 institutions.

However, Seidman cautioned that the cleanup would not be even half finished. Officials expect at least 250 more failures and possibly as many as 450.

Seidman warned, as he has previously, that the RTC's plans depend on Congress providing new money for the bailout in September.



(AP Laserphoto)

An oil-damaged heron perches near a peer in San Leon after diving into an oil slick Wednesday. The oil from a sunken tanker in the Houston Ship Channel is still washing ashore along Galveston Bay.

## Fishing ban in Galveston Bay takes toll on seafood industry

By KELLEY SHANNON  
Associated Press Writer

SAN LEON (AP) — Seafood business owners say a fishing ban imposed today in Galveston Bay because of a massive oil spill may be prudent for health reasons but means economic woe for the industry.

And by the time the Texas Health Department announced the ban late Wednesday many business owners were threatening to try to recoup their financial losses through lawsuits.

"We're at a point of extreme frustration," said Clifford Hillman, owner of Hillman Shrimp and Oyster Co. in San Leon. "Are the effects of this two weeks, two years or twenty years?"

The indefinite ban went into effect after midnight Wednesday and prohibits the taking of any aquatic organisms in Galveston Bay, including fish, crabs, oysters and shrimp.

Health officials said they imposed the ban mainly as a precaution after observing shrimpers continuing their harvests and noticing seafood tainted with oil from a 500,000-gallon spill from a tanker tug collision Saturday.

"It's really sad that now it's closed down all of the fishing industry as well as sport fishing. It's just drastic — unheard of," Hillman said, but added that the move was "not unjustified."

John Collins, secretary of the Texas Live Bait Dealers Association, had a similar reaction.

"Everybody's just kind of taken by surprise," Collins said. "There's really not too much you can say — just do it. It's for people's health. You've got to look at it that way."

Several oyster fishermen and shrimpers met with lawyers Wednesday afternoon to discuss the possibility of filing lawsuits in connection with the spill.

"They were signing people up who were interested in class-action type action," Hillman said.

Galveston Bay generates annual revenues of \$167.6 million in com-

mercial fishing and \$171 million in sports fishing, state officials estimate.

Gene Baker, an employee of Dan's Bait and Tackle in Texas City, said seafood and bait shop owners along the Texas City Dike learned of the ban Wednesday afternoon when game wardens and health officials notified them.

"They told me to put everything in a cooler — do not sell to the public," Baker said. "We're all very upset and in a real bind ... Whatever we can do to survive is what we can come up with by retaliation by lawsuit."

Some shrimpers and fishing families already had shut down their operations Wednesday because of damage the oil has done to sea life and boat equipment.

"Everybody's wondering how in the hell they're going to pay their mortgages on their boats and their businesses," said Walter Jakubas, owner of Captain Wally's Marina in San Leon.

Jakubas said he had seen dead fish in the bay and birds that appeared to have oil stuck to them.

Eight oil-covered birds were recuperating Wednesday night at the home of Sharon Schmalz, past president and a board member of the Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition.

"They were covered bad enough that people could go and pick them up," said Ms. Schmalz, who was caring for a young yellow crowned night heron, a black crowned night heron and six laughing gulls.

Most of the eight appeared to have been thin and sickly to begin with, which may have caused them to get trapped in the oil, Ms. Schmalz said. Other birds were escaping with less oil on their feathers.

"A lot of the birds are being seen with a little bit on them, but they're still able to fly," she said. "But unfortunately, this is going to be a very long process. Just because the number is low doesn't mean the oil isn't bad."

Birds may get oil inside their bodies by preening themselves and through the food chain, she said.

## Two hurt after bottle explodes

DALLAS (AP) — A bomb squad today was examining one of two bottles containing a suspicious substance after the other container exploded, injuring a police officer and a Dallas County medical examiner's worker.

The scientist who tried to open one of the bottles and a Wichita Falls police officer who was watching the attempt were slightly injured Wednesday in the blast at a third-floor laboratory, fire officials said.

The explosion shattered glass on the two, who were treated for injuries at Parkland Memorial Hospital and released. Carolyn Garcia, fire department spokeswoman, said a second bottle was removed from the office by the Dallas bomb squad.

"The substance was in 16-ounce soda bottles — greenish-yellow stuff. They had reason to believe it could be explosive or contain hazardous chemicals," said Ms. Garcia.

"When the scientist attempted to open one, it exploded," she said, adding that an earlier report that an anhydrous ammonia tank had exploded at the office could not be confirmed.

Wichita Falls police confiscated the devices last week after two children were injured. A 6-year-old was hurt when one of two teen-agers threw another bottle at him, causing burns and cuts.

Later, one of the teen-agers was injured by another bottle, filled with an ammonia-based solution, police said. It was unclear whether the ammonia was mixed with other household chemicals, fire investigators said.

The medical examiner's offices were not evacuated, said Lt. J.A. Pierce, a fire department investigator. Bill Lene, chief investigator for the medical examiner's office, said the explosion occurred at about 1:30 p.m.

## TEXAS PROPERTIES UP FOR SALE

- WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the 38 properties in Texas being offered by the Resolution Trust Co. in its "great fall inventory sale."
- After each listing is a one-letter code designating what the property is, according to this code: O—office building, S—strip shopping center, M—motel, H—hotel, W—warehouse, G—golf course, A—apartment building or complex, HC—health care building.
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  - Adrian** Addison Inn Motel Belt Line Road, 4103 Belt Line Road, M.
  - Dallas** Gannon Plaza Shopping Center, 7401 Westmoreland, S.
  - Concord Center One Office Building**, 3100 McKinnon St., O.
  - Centex Business Park**, 13490-13520 Floyd Road, O.
  - Irving** Metroport, 2300 Valley View, O.
  - Beltline Center**, 320-350 South Beltline, W.
  - Grand Prairie** Westchester Market Place, 3905 South Carrier Parkway, S.
  - Alvin** Fairway Shopping Center, 1701 Fairway, S.
  - Austin** Barton Ridge, 4544 S. Lamar, S.
  - Anderson Lane Office Building**, 1200-1212 E. Anderson Lane, O.
  - Balcones Woods Center**, 11149 Research Blvd., O.
  - Shoal Creek**, 7940 Shoal Creek, O.
  - Bryan** Carter Creek Shopping Center, N.E. Corner of East 29th St. and Carter, S.
  - Corpus Christi** King's Crossing Golf Course and Club, 6201 Oso Parkway, G.
  - Duncanville** University Plaza, 107 N. Cedar Ridge Highway, S.
  - Houston** West Oaks Central, 2703 Highway 6 South, S.
  - Calliope Memorial Shopping Center**, 14520 Memorial Drive, S.
  - Timber Trails Shopping Center**, 23221 Aldine Westfield, S.
  - United plaza Shopping Center**, 6121 Hilcroft, S.
  - Corner Market Shopping Center**, 3333 F.M. 1960 at TC Jester, S.
  - Jones Road Medical Plaza**, 10694 Jones Road, O.
  - One Mason Plaza Shopping Center**, 811 S. Mason, S.
  - South Houston Self Storage**, 701 Allen Genoa, W.
  - Richardson** Spring Creek Shopping Center, 1851-1899 Plano Road, S.
  - Round Rock** Hester's Crossing Shopping Center, 2000 Highway 35 South, S.
  - San Antonio** Roadway Inn, 11591 Interstate 35 North, M.
  - Thousand Oaks Shopping Center**, 2900 Thousand Oaks Blvd., S.
  - The Regency Building**, 8961 Tesoro Drive, O.
  - Data Square II**, 8119 Datapoint Drive, O.
  - North Atrium Office Building**, 85 N.E. Loop 410, O.
  - Medplex Office Building**, 5282 Medical Drive, O.
  - Waterford Square Shopping Center**, 4250 Thousand Oaks Drive, S.
  - Radisson Hotel-San Antonio Airport**, 611 N.W. Loop 410, H.
  - Fort Worth** Water Gardens Office Building, 100 East 15th St., O.
  - Garland** Broadway Centre Shopping Center, 4215 Broadway, S.
  - Missouri City** Glenn Lakes Professional Building, 3634 Glenn Lakes Lane, O.
  - Wichita Falls** The Southwest Building, 4245 Kemp Blvd., O.

## Alleged drug cult priestess sentenced

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A judge sentenced the alleged high priestess of a drug cult that is accused of sacrificing 15 people to six years in prison for criminal association, one of her attorneys said Wednesday.

The lawyer, Victor Fernandez Perez Salas, said the six-year sentence imposed Tuesday against Sara Aldrete Villareal was the maximum allowed by Mexican law.

Miss Aldrete, a former honor student at Texas Southmost College

in Brownsville, is one of 10 people still facing charges in Matamoros involving a cult of drug traffickers that allegedly sacrificed 15 people near that northern Mexican city. One of those killed was a Texas college student visiting Mexico.

Prosecutors claim Aldrete was the priestess of the cult led by Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, who allegedly told his followers that human sacrifices would give them immunity from police.

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House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., left, and Allison Leland, center, listen to Sgt. Alvy Powell sing during a memorial vigil on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Wednesday evening. The candlelight vigil was to honor Congressman Mickey Leland and those who perished in a plane crash in August 1989 in Ethiopia.

## Congressional members remember Leland on anniversary of fatal crash

By EVAN RAMSTAD  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the Capitol steps, House members with glowing phosphorescent lights sang and spoke tributes to Mickey Leland, the Texas congressman killed a year ago on an Ethiopian hunger mission.

Inside, at the same time Wednesday night, they used their electronic voting cards to keep a legislative tribute, the Mickey Leland Relief Act, in the 1990 farm bill.

The Houston Democrat, founder and chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger, died Aug. 7, 1989 when the plane taking him and three congressional staffers to a refugee village near Sudan crashed.

The Congressional Black Caucus sponsored a moonlit vigil to commemorate the anniversary of Leland's death. Leaders said the first annual relief mission to Fugido, Leland's destination, would leave New York with \$500,000 worth of supplies and food Tuesday.

Leland was making his second trip to the region to focus attention on the hunger needs of Sudanese whose homes had been ruined by civil war. He was 44.

"Mickey's memory is permanent," House Speaker Thomas Foley said. "It is inscribed in the work that he set forth and established in this House and throughout the world in dealing especially with the problems of the hungry."

Leland's successor as chairman

of the hunger committee, Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, said, "The committee thrives and the idea and the vision thrives not because of Mickey's death, but because of his life, which was full of action, compassion and hope."

"It's wonderful and heartening to me to know that there are still people on Capitol Hill who miss Mickey and care enough about him and his vision to want to be part of making sure that his work continues," said Allison Leland, his widow.

She stood on the steps with relatives of other victims and about 60 members of Congress during the tribute.

Ironically, the lawmakers were called inside to vote on a proposal to cut the Mickey Leland Relief Act, which boosts the domestic food stamp program, from the farm bill. The House turned back the move, 336-83.

Lawmakers recalled Leland's love of poetry, music and family, his candor and his poor poker skills.

"He had spirit that put a fire in his heart and a twinkle in his eye at the same time," said Rep. Edward Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat who served on the House Energy and Commerce committee with Leland and took him skiing and sailing in New England.

"What I cherished most about Mickey was his irreverence, his candor, his extraordinary humor, his tremendous commitment and his great compassion," said Rep. Ron

Dellums, D-Calif.

One of the most moving tributes came from Rep. Jack Fields, a Republican who represents a suburban Houston district.

"The last person who I thought would ever be my best friend was Mickey Leland because we came from disparate backgrounds. We had different interests, completely different philosophies," Fields said.

That changed on an overnight flight the two happened to take together a short time after Fields took office in 1981, he said.

"On that flight, Mickey and I talked about many things," Fields said. "We found out we had more similarities than dissimilarities."

"We loved our family. We loved Texas. We loved what we were doing."

"It's difficult for me to think a year has passed," Fields said. "It's difficult for me to think that Mickey is gone ... because to me Mickey was bigger than life and I think he still is."

"The nicest thing about this evening is it brought together Mickey's closest friends in Washington, his colleagues on Capitol Hill, his staff, his friends in the Washington political community," Mrs. Leland said.

"All of them now have had a year since Mickey's been gone. And now a year later, they feel they miss him as much and feel committed to make sure that things and issues that matter to him carry forward, get attention."

## Senate moves to curtail campaign spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress, responding to a spate of ethics scandals, is taking its first step toward curtailing lawmakers' "money chase" for campaign funds as senators also vote to quit accepting outside speaking fees.

The Senate's Democratic majority overrode Republican opposition Wednesday night to approve the first change in federal election laws since Congress voted 16 years ago to publicly finance and limit spending on presidential elections in wake of the Watergate scandal.

On a 59-40, largely party-line vote, the Senate approved a campaign finance bill to place similar limits on congressional candidates' spending; provide them with subsidies to buy television advertising and outlaw special-interest political action committees.

"We have a system out of control," said Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., the bill's chief author. "The money chase has not slowed down."

House leaders hope to take up similar legislation Friday before Congress begins a five-week vacation — but without the ban on political action committees, or PACs, that grew up after the 1974 law.

Such committees contributed nearly one-fourth of the \$185 million spent on Senate races and 45 percent of the money spent by House winners in the 1988 election.

Outnumbered Republicans, vehemently opposed to spending ceilings and any form of public financing, said President Bush would veto the Senate version.

But leaders in both parties expressed some hope that a spotlight on the fall election might force the White House into negotiations when lawmakers return in September.

Boren said the bill contains several measures that Bush said must be part of any reform package: outlawing PACs, an end to honoraria for speeches and a ban on incumbents' use of franking privileges to mail newsletters at government expense to voters in election years.

Nonetheless, Senate GOP Leader Bob Dole of Kansas complained that the bill "only reforms Republicans" by limiting how much money can be spent by candidates and their fund-raising national and state party organizations, where the GOP excels.

Untouched by the bill, Republicans complained, is the millions of dollars in their members' dues that unions spend on voter registration and turnout, 90 percent of it in favor of Democrats.

"In my view, the die is cast on this bill," Dole said. "It seems not possible, but it may be possible yet to arrive at a bill a great majority

could support. Maybe something will come out of all of this."

Possible areas of compromise, according to congressional sources, include uncapping how much candidates could raise in small amounts from in-state donors, making unions disclose more of what they spend on politics and reducing the impact of PACs without outlawing them.

Five Republicans — one of them just disciplined and another under investigation in ethics cases — joined 54 Democrats in favor of the bill. The only Democrat to oppose it was South Carolina Sen. Ernest Hollings, who argues that anything short of a constitutional amendment will fail to stem the influence of money in politics.

The Republican supporters were Sens. John McCain of Arizona, James Jeffords of Vermont, William Cohen of Maine, David Durenberger of Minnesota and Larry Pressler of South Dakota.

# Bush backs 'orderly' reduction of U.S. armed forces, arsenal

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER  
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, proposing an orderly, long-term reduction in the nation's military arsenal, is backing a 25 percent cut in the armed forces by the mid-1990s, administration and Pentagon sources say.

Bush was slated to make the proposal in a speech today in Aspen, Colo., as his \$307 billion defense budget for fiscal 1991 has come under severe attack on Capitol Hill.

"The president will lay out the broad outlines of his new strategy for the nation's defenses and how our military must respond, based on the changes in the world that have occurred," said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In a speech to the Aspen Institute, Bush planned to offer support for two hotly debated weapons programs — the B-2 stealth bomber and the Strategic Defense Initiative — and support a 25 percent cut in the armed forces by the end of 1995, the source said.

A similar cut in the nation's arsenal of troops and weapons was laid out by Defense Secretary Dick Cheney as an option for budget negotiators in June, but it was derided as "overly cautious" by critics seeking additional budget savings.

Bush planned to make the address after conferring with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in Aspen. It will be the fourth time Bush and Mrs. Thatcher have met in

as many months.

Bush's speech comes two days after the House Armed Services Committee cut \$24 billion from the \$307 billion the president had requested for defense spending in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

**"The president will lay out the broad outlines of his new strategy for the nation's defenses and how our military will respond..."**

**White House official**

The panel voted to halt production of the B-2 bomber and slashed almost \$2 billion from Bush's request of \$4.7 billion from the anti-missile Strategic Defense Initiative, commonly known as Star Wars. It also cut military personnel by 129,500 and scaled back on two nuclear missile programs.

In June, Cheney said a 25 percent force reduction could save \$8.6 billion over five years as the Pentagon retired six active duty Army divisions, 111 Navy ships and 11 Air Force tactical fighter wings, and removed 442,000 men and women from the military's 2.1-million-member active duty ranks.

Appearing Wednesday evening on public television's "MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour," the defense secretary hinted that even more

changes could be in store. He said he had "new base closings" to announce, possibly as early as next week.

But Cheney also complained that while the House wanted him to cut personnel, members were balking at closing unneeded bases.

Bush said on July 20 at a Strategic Air Command base in Cheyenne, Wyo., that, "We must have an orderly build-down, not some kind of a fire sale" in defense.

He indicated then that he could live with the \$18 billion that the Senate Armed Services Committee voted to cut from his defense budget, but he implored Congress to "hold the line at (that) already painful reduction."

The senior American official said the president's remarks would follow along the lines of those made by Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Both have called repeatedly for an orderly, planned reduction in troop strength so that the all-volunteer force is not gutted and morale destroyed.

Powell has ordered a study to assess the "base line force" that the nation needs to be a superpower, another source said.

Mrs. Thatcher is scheduled to address the closing session of the Aspen Institute conference on Sunday. Like Bush, she is under pressure at home to deliver a peace dividend reflecting the changing face of Europe and reduced East-West tensions.

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# Scientists report cure for Hepatitis B

By DANIEL Q. HANEY  
AP Science Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Scientists today reported finding the first treatment capable of relieving and even curing chronic hepatitis B, one of the world's biggest killers.

A study in the New England Journal of Medicine indicates that shots of a synthetic form of the natural protein interferon can prevent the virus from destroying the liver in nearly half the people chronically infected.

One in 10 victims can be cured, while the drug had no benefits for 60 percent of the 169 people studied in clinical trials, researchers said.

Hepatitis B is the chief underlying cause of liver cancer and cirrhosis and the world's ninth-leading cause of death, just behind lung disease and well ahead of AIDS, according to the World Health Organization.

An estimated 1 million to 1.5 million people in the United States are long-term carriers of the hepatitis B virus. At least half of them have liver disease. Worldwide, 300 million people, or 5 percent of the

world's population, are chronically infected.

Until now, there has been no treatment or cure for the virus.

"This is an encouraging result. All of us would feel a lot happier if we had a better treatment. This spurs us on to find that," said Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg of the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

Blumberg won the Nobel Prize in medicine in 1976 for identifying the virus.

The latest research, which involved 169 people at 12 hospitals, confirms several smaller studies suggesting that interferon works.

Other studies have also shown that interferon works against hepatitis C, another serious but less common variety of the virus.

Although the Food and Drug Administration has not yet recommended interferon for hepatitis B, physicians can use it any way they choose, and Blumberg said some doctors have already begun prescribing it for this disease.

Doctors said the latest study is big enough so physicians can use the results to predict how interferon

will affect their patients if — as seems likely — it becomes the standard medicine for hepatitis B.

"We can be relatively sure what doctors will find in practice: Ten percent will be cured and 40 or 50 percent will be made better and their liver disease will be stopped in its tracks," said Dr. Robert P. Perrillo of the St. Louis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the principal author of the study.

He defined a cure as the complete disappearance of the virus.

Experts cautioned the treatment

should be used only for those with chronic infections who show signs of liver damage.

Hepatitis is likely to become the first major use for interferon. Isolating the natural disease-fighting substance was one of the early goals of genetic engineering.

In a decade of testing, interferon has turned out to be useful against a variety of diseases, none as common as hepatitis. The FDA has approved use of the drug for hairy-cell leukemia, AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma and genital warts.

## Mexican DA investigating border auto theft

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A Mexican federal official is looking into statements made by three men who claim they sold to authorities cars that were stolen in El Paso and Ciudad Juarez.

Mexican Federal District Attorney Daniel Cueto said he's looking into charges that alleged auto thieves procured stolen vehicles for two Mexican customs service officers.

The allegations also include charges that the customs service

officers then sold the stolen cars to Federal Judicial Police and Chihuahua State Judicial Police agents in Ciudad Juarez and in Chihuahua City.

But Cueto said Tuesday the inquiry is not a result of public accusations made in June by El Paso police. On June 7, El Paso police accused Mexican authorities of running auto theft rings in El Paso.

So far this year, 3,946 cars have been stolen from El Paso, with 117 stolen last week.



(AP Laserphoto)

Florida Governor Bob Martinez holds up two fingers during a news conference Wednesday, saying there were only two factors in his decision for clemency and release of Roswell Gilbert: health and age.

## 'Mercy killer' heads for freedom today

LAKE BUTLER, Fla. (AP) — A hearty meal and a bourbon today awaited 81-year-old Roswell Gilbert, who received a grant of clemency after 51 1/2 years behind bars for the 1985 "mercy killing" of his ailing wife.

Gilbert was scheduled for release today after Gov. Bob Martinez on Wednesday agreed to free him because he risks dying of heart and lung disease.

"Oh Lord, it's just such wonderful news," Gilbert's daughter, Martha Moran, said in Baltimore before leaving for Florida to greet her father.

"I think the first thing we're going to do is go out and have a good meal, and then let daddy have a little bourbon and branch water — which he hasn't had in 51 1/2 years."

Gilbert was serving a 25-year prison term for murder in the 1985 shooting of his wife, Emily, who had Alzheimer's disease and osteoporosis.

The case, depicted in the 1987 TV movie "Mercy or Murder," focused national attention on the so-called "mercy killing" of an ailing loved one.

Gilbert had said his wife begged him to end her misery. Prosecutors claimed the retired engineer killed the 73-year-old woman because she

had become a burden to him.

The inmate was examined in January and doctors said he suffered from heart and lung disease and was "at high risk of death at any time."

In Florida, clemency requires the approval of the governor and at least three of the six members of the independently elected Cabinet.

The needed votes came quickly, with Comptroller Gerald Lewis, Education Commissioner Betty Castor and Attorney General Bob Butterworth signing the petition less than 90 minutes after Martinez announced plans to grant clemency.

"Mr. Gilbert's declining health, and the likelihood that his condition will continue to deteriorate if he remains in prison, leads me to the conclusion that he should be granted clemency," said Martinez, who previously opposed freeing Gilbert.

"I don't really condone the action that occurred some years ago, but you've got to mix that with some compassion."

Mrs. Moran said she would help her father resettle, probably back at a Fort Lauderdale condominium where many of his friends reside.

"Daddy has very bad emphysema and one of the main things I'm going to do is really insist he quit smoking," said Mrs. Moran, the Gilberts' only child.

## D-FW airport officials offer to buy homes surrounding airport

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Homeowners around Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport say their skies aren't friendly any more, with plans to expand runway facilities and a proposal to buy them out.

"Having people play cat and mouse with your property is kind of aggravating," said John Jensen, a homeowner in Grapevine, north of the airport, one of the nation's busiest.

He and more than 1,600 other homeowners would be paid fair value for their property by the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport board as it expands runway facilities, airport officials said Tuesday.

They said wholesale buyouts of the homes in Grapevine and Euless could cost up to \$200 million. The buyouts were part of a draft environmental impact study on the \$3.5 billion expansion.

Some residents of homes that would be affected by noise from two new air carrier runways were critical of the project.

A Grapevine woman who lives in the house where she was born 45 years ago said she still feels an emotional attachment to the dwelling because it represents one of her elderly, widowed father's last remaining pleasures.

Nancy Lackey said she would accept the airport's sale guarantee "in a minute" if her 76-year-old father were not still alive. But as long as he is alive and still enjoys visiting the house, she said, "Unless they can make the move, I won't."

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# House OKs farm bill despite administration opposition

By DIANE DUSTON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House easily approved a 1990 farm bill that limits subsidies but is faulted by the Bush administration for not achieving enough savings.

"I think the basic skeleton of legislation will stay together," Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, said Wednesday night after the House's 327-91 vote. "The main problem is going to be numbers, with the budget summit."

The administration has threatened a veto if costs in the bill are not decreased.

"The administration wants no program," said de la Garza. "They

are trying to use the budget to achieve that end."

But he said the votes in the House and Senate, where a version of the bill was approved 70-21 last Friday, show strong congressional intent to continue farm support programs.

The cost for the price support programs in the bill is between \$5.5 billion and \$5.5 billion over the measure's five-year life, nearly the same as the Senate version.

Besides setting subsidy levels for many crops, the legislation establishes programs for agricultural exports, nutrition, conservation, food safety, forestry, research and virtually every other endeavor of the Agriculture Department. Congress writes a new farm bill

every five years.

The support limits in the House bill represent a critical difference with the Senate measure. De la Garza said he believed they would be retained by the joint conference committee that will create a final version of the legislation.

Rep. Edward Madigan of Illinois, ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee, voted against the bill, saying it would be too costly.

He said he thought it more closely resembled the policies of the 1981 law, which led to record spending, than the 1985 law that Congress and the administration said initially would be the 1990 bill's model.

Rep. Jerry Huckaby, D-La., an

Agriculture Committee member, offered the amendment to the bill that caps subsidy payments. That proposal, approved 375-45, would impose limits of:

- \$100,000 a year on the total deficiency payments paid to a single farmer. These are the direct subsidies paid when market prices are below a target price established by the government.

- \$100,000 a year on marketing loans to one farmer. This is the money farmers keep if world prices are less than the government established loan rate paid farmers to cover the cost of planting.

- \$200,000 a year on all payments to a single farmer.

Supporters of Huckaby's amendment fended off a coalition

led by Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., who wanted \$50,000 limits on the payments and other restrictions.

The House also put the honey program on a sliding subsidy scale, going from a maximum \$200,000 per producer in 1991 to \$100,000 in 1994.

The debate over limiting subsidy payments led to angry shouting between members about fiscal responsibility. The most emotional moments, however, came when Rep. Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., proposed to cut spending on food stamps and other nutrition programs that were expanded by the bill.

That section of the legislation is called the Mickey Leland Domestic Hunger Relief Act, in memory of

the Texas congressman killed last August in a plane crash in Ethiopia while visiting refugee camps. Leland chaired the House Select Committee on Hunger.

"I think it's a sad commentary," Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said of Frenzel's amendment.

"The costs of this bill are included in the budget resolution and they meet the requirements of the budget resolution," said Panetta, who is chairman of the House Budget Committee. "In the name of Mickey Leland, in the name of the right kind of priorities, in the name of human decency, defeat this amendment."

The House agreed with Panetta, rejecting the amendment, 336-83.

## Research indicates gene can lead to early lung cancer

By PAUL RECER  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Smokers carrying a still-unidentified gene are more likely to develop lung cancer at an early age, according to a study that traced smoking and lung cancer histories in 337 Louisiana families.

The study, published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute on Wednesday, said there was a clear genetic component to the early onset of lung cancer among smokers. However, it said the gene plays a lesser role in cancer among smokers late in life.

"If you smoke long enough, it'll get to you eventually, regardless of what genes you are carrying," said Thomas A. Sellers, a University of Minnesota scientist who was the lead researcher in the study. "The genetic component influences the age of onset of the disease."

He said that statistically, about 27 percent of the smoking population will get lung cancer over a lifetime.

But in Sellers' study of lung cancer and smoking in the Louisiana families there was a clear indication that some were more likely to get lung cancer at an early age. The pattern, he said, was suggestive of an inherited gene that leads to an earlier onset of the disease.

The study involved white families of about the same economic status, Sellers said. The study gathered data through interviews of family members and took into account the amount of smoking of those with lung cancer.

Sellers said the statistical model derived from the study shows that the influence of both smoking and the gene would result in 70.6 cases of lung cancer per 100,000 people at age 50.

Cases attributable to smoking alone, when the gene is not present, would be about 46.7 per 100,000, and cases due solely to the gene would be about 46.4 per 100,000, he said.

As the population ages, however, the effects of the gene shrink while the influence of smoking alone goes up.

At age 60, Sellers said, there would be 330 cases per 100,000 due to the interaction of the gene and smoking, with 473 cases attributed to smoking alone and 116 to the gene alone.

At age 70, said Sellers, the vast majority of lung cancers among smokers must be attributed to smoking alone. He said the cases resulting from an interaction of the gene and smoking would be about 498 per 100,000, while the number attributable to smoking alone would be 2,776 per 100,000. Cases among non-smoking carriers of the gene would be 359 per 100,000.

The study said the suggested gene, interacting with tobacco smoke, would account for 69 percent of the lung cancer cases among 50-year-old smokers; 47 percent among smokers aged 60, and only 22 percent among those still smoking at age 70.

"We're reasonably confident that there is a gene involved here," said Sellers, but identifying the gene will require sophisticated genetic studies of blood samples. He researchers now are collecting those blood samples.

The National Cancer Institute, which publishes the journal, is one of the government's National Institutes of Health.

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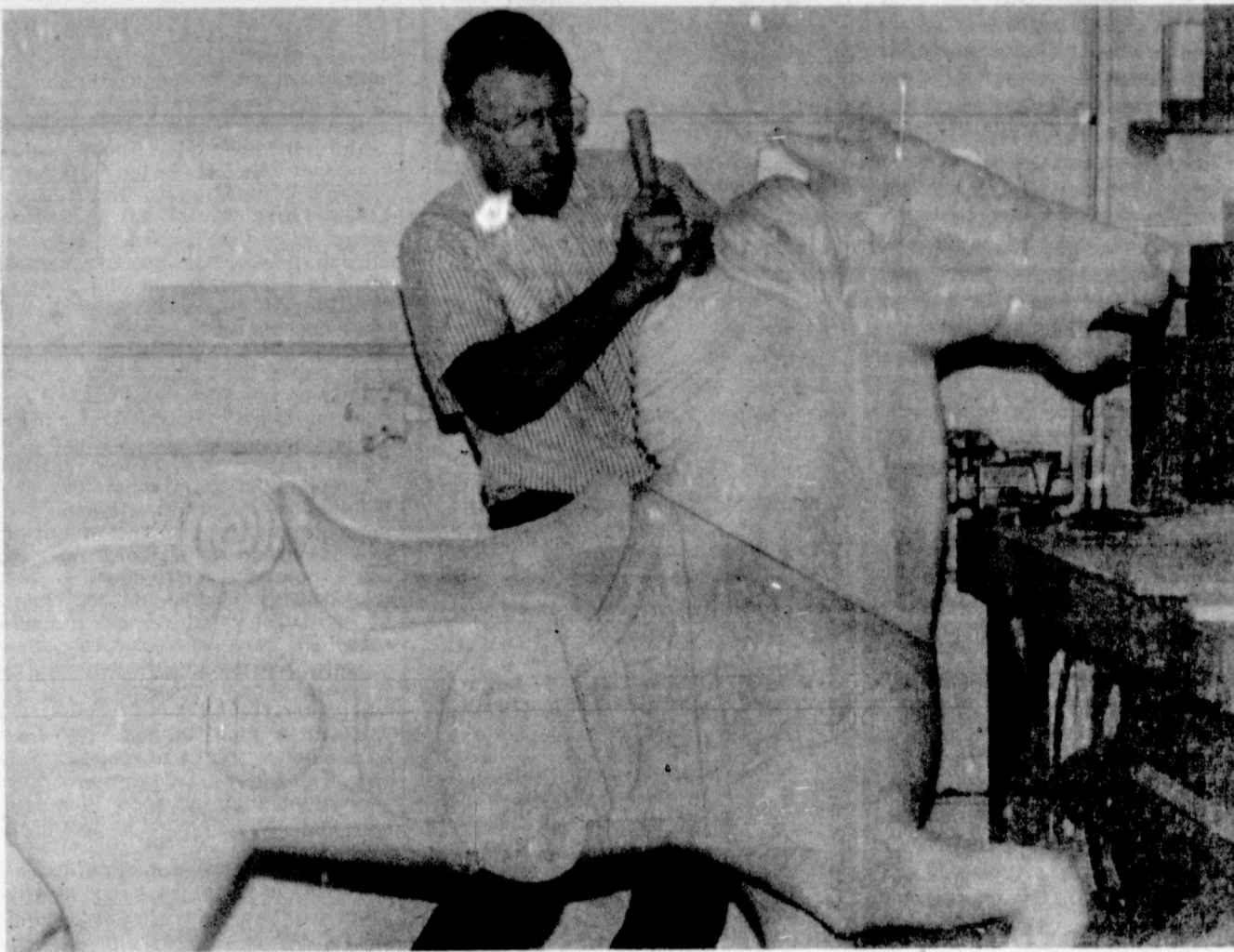


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# Lifestyles



(AP Laserphoto)

Bob Spellmeier works at his craft of carving carousel horses in Stephenville, Tex.

## Man's passion revolves around horses

By AMELIA SANCHEZ

**Stephenville Empire-Tribune**  
STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — What started out as a hobby has turned into a passion for Bob Spellmeier.

The craft of carving carousel horses and rocking horses has always come naturally to Spellmeier, but it wasn't until he was in his 40s that he began making a living at carving the colorful steeds upon whose backs children dream of the wild West.

"It was just something I always wanted to do as a kid," he said.

Spellmeier, 57, said he can remember getting his mother's bars of soap that were used to wash clothes and carving them into horses.

"There were never enough suds. I'd usually have a horse head carved out," he said.

"I really didn't get started until 1977 — until I carved my grandson a horse," he said. "In 1978, I did another one."

In those first two or three years of learning how to carve wooden horses out of linden wood boxes, Spellmeier said he would spend up to a year working on each horse.

It was slow going at first because he was still learning how to use his tools.

"I'd go over to the library and read all I could about horses and carving," he said.

His greatest learning experience, however, came from longtime wood carver George Long, with whom he visited. Spellmeier said he contacted Long after reading about him.

"He said 'You'd better hurry because I'm 93 years old,'" Spellmeier recalled.

It was after his visit with Long that Spellmeier said he went from carving rocking horses to carving the more elaborate carousel horses.

"I started doing more rocking horses and then a month or so later, I started doing carousel horses and I fell in love," he said.

Employed as a grain inspector at the time, Spellmeier said he began to make a living at carving carousel horses when he was laid off.

His first major wood-carving job, he said, came from a friend who was building a merry-go-round.

"A friend of mine said he was going to do a merry-go-round and he asked if I would like to do the carousel horses," he said. "I got laid off and we started building the animals."

For about the next six years, Spellmeier said he and his wife would travel to Bronson, Mo., where other artists would sell their arts and crafts on a strip, and sell the carousel horses.

Spellmeier said the best way he found to sell the horses was to start carving and let prospective buyers watch him.

"I wasn't a salesperson. It would sell itself," he said. "People love to see something being made."

"It was full-time for almost six years," he said. "We built and sold horses day in and day out."

"We made a living out of it," he said. "I think if you put your heart into it, you can make a living at it."

Spellmeier said the carousel horses can range in price anywhere from \$2,000 to \$7,000 depending on the size of horse and the number of hours it takes to complete it.

A full-size carousel ho-

spellmeier said, can take between 200 to 300 hours to complete.

"That's with carving and painting," he said.

Spellmeier doesn't paint the horses, however. That's where his wife of 37 years, Theresa, steps in.

"She does all the painting," he said. "They come alive when she puts the brush to them."

Spellmeier said the ability to make each horse different comes mostly from pure inspiration, although he uses some basic designs he's seen in books.

"It just kind of comes to you," he said. "I get feedback from all the carousel books. You kind of take a little from this horse, a little from that horse..."

Although carousel horses can be mass produced in factories, Spellmeier said he likes working on them the old-fashioned way.

"I'd rather do one at a time," he said. "I'm an old die-hard. I want to do them all by hand. You look at it and it's just a matter of patience."

"Anything you do with your hands, that's what I like to do," he said. "It kind of gives it the personal touch."

Although he is employed with Dowell's Wells Service as a well-man, Spellmeier said he will never stop carving carousel horses.

"It was a profession, but now it's a hobby," he said. "You can carve just about anything you set your mind to. As I get older and I retire, this would be a nice income."

"I'll never give it up, because each piece is a challenge," he said.

"It's like the Lord has given me the talent, so I think while I've got it, I better do it."

## Beta Beta Phi officers for 1990-91



(Staff photo by Kayla Puraley)

Beta Beta Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi officers for the coming year are from left Lori Barker, Anita Patterson, Linda Dyson, Alana Watson, Lynn Kuhn and Keri James.

## Tips for selecting ripe melons

By NANCY BYAL

**Better Homes & Gardens**  
Food Editor

Sweet, juicy melons get my vote as one of the most delectable of the summer fruits. But how can you know a melon will be good? Some shoppers thump, some squeeze, and others smell. The best method depends on the type of melon.

For any type of melon, look first for one that's heavy for its size, a sign of juiciness. Then check the outside for clues to the ripeness and quality inside.

Watermelons and cantaloupes should be vine-ripened. Melons that will ripen at room temperature are the honeydew, honeyball, casaba and crenshaw. Store ripe melons in the refrigerator and use within three to five days.

**Watermelon**

A good watermelon has intense red or yellow color; firm, juicy flesh and dark brown or black seeds. Check for these characteristics when choosing a cut melon.

When buying an uncut melon, look for one that has a dull, rather

than shiny surface. The underside should be creamy, not white. Thumping is an old-time test of ripeness and is a good guide in the field; you should be able to detect a hollow sound and slight tremor. Thumping is less accurate in the supermarket after melons have been shipped and handled more.

**Cantaloupe & Persian**

When ripe, the stem pulls away and leaves a smooth, shallow depression. Look for a yellow cast to the surface between the netting. Check for a sweet, melony aroma.

**Honeydew**

A good honeydew feels velvety, not smooth, and has a creamy color and fruity smell. Stems are cut when the melons are picked.

**Casaba & Crenshaw**

These melons are slightly pointed at the stem end; stems are cut when the melons are picked. Ripe casabas have a deep golden color; crenshaws are deep yellow. When ripe, both yield slightly to gentle pressure at the blossom end. Casabas have no aroma; a crenshaw should have a pleasant, fruity smell.

Serving Suggestions

— For the fullest flavor, serve any melon slightly chilled, not icy cold.

— Combine two or three kinds of melon with berries and seedless grapes in wineglasses or dessert dishes. Pour chilled white wine, fruit-flavored wine, or lemon-lime carbonated beverage over just before serving. This makes a delicious appetizer, dessert, or brunch fruit.

— When you use more than one type of melon in a dish, cut each in a different shape: balls, chunks or thin wedges.

— Using a vegetable peeler, cut paper-thin slices from a melon wedge. Loop or fold the slices for a garnish or a base for other fruit, sherbet or frozen yogurt.

— Thread melon balls or chunks on skewers and serve with fruit-flavored or vanilla yogurt.

— For an appetizer, wrap melon balls or chunks with very thin slices of prosciutto, corned beef, turkey, ham or cheese. Secure with toothpicks.

## A child can disappear in only a minute

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column faithfully for years and have learned a lot from it. After reading today's paper, I just had to write. I have attached an article from this morning's newspaper telling about parents who left their 2-month-old baby asleep in the backseat of their unlocked car at 8 p.m. while they shopped at a mall. They returned half an hour later to find their baby missing. The parents are offering \$500 and the local radio station a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the safe return of the baby.



**Dear Abby**  
Abigail Van Buren

Abby, I have stood beside cars watching unattended children until their parents returned. I would never forgive myself if I had left and something happened to those children.

Please print this message for parents: You have an obligation to protect your children from harm — and you have no right to leave them alone for 10 minutes or 10 seconds! If you have shopping to do, take the child with you — or one day you may not have that option.

LOVES CHILDREN

DEAR LOVES CHILDREN: Thanks for caring enough to write. Your message might remind some parents to think twice before leaving their child unattended in a parked car for "only a few minutes."

DEAR ABBY: Several overweight women wrote to tell you of the abuse they took from strangers because they were fat. I, on the other hand, have had my share of humiliation because I am tall — nearly 6 feet without heels, but I'm well-proportioned.

Once when I was wearing a green outfit, I was called The Jolly Green Giant. Another time, I walked into a dress shop and the salesperson looked me up and down and said, "We don't have anything in here to fit you." I was crushed at her tone and left — almost in tears.

I seem to tower over other women who don't even want to stand next to me because, as one said, "You make me feel so short and dumpy." Also, I believe my height intimidates them. I order most of my clothes and shoes from catalogs. I dress in a feminine manner and wear makeup and con-

have heard of Tall Clubs International. They are a wonderful group of people who are proud to be tall.

There are 54 chapters of Tall Clubs International in the United States and Canada, with more than 4,000 members, and 32 chapters in Europe. The minimum height for women is 5 foot 10, and the minimum for men is 6 foot 2.

For more information, call the toll-free number: (800) 521-2512. And may your friendships reach new heights!

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The facts about drugs, AIDS, and how to prevent unwanted pregnancy are all in Abby's new, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send your name and address, plus check for money order for \$3.50 (\$4 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)



Mr. & Mrs. Ray Christenson

## Christenson Anniversary

Ray and Elsie Christenson will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 3 with a reception at New Beginnings Retreat, 15 miles west of Dumas, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Elsie Harris married Ray Christenson on Aug. 28, 1950. They have lived in Pampa for seven years. Mr. Christenson has been involved with the ministry for 42 years and the couple are members of the Assembly of God Church.

They have four sons: Tim Christenson, Estes Park, Colo.; Dan Christenson, Fox Island, Wash.; Van Christenson, Seattle, Wash.; and Wendel Christenson, Pampa. The couple have four grandchildren. Friends of the family who would like to attend may call 806-935-5598.

## Goodwill games joint book venture

NEW YORK (AP) — A new book commissioned by the Seattle Goodwill Games of 1990 makes its mark as publishing history, by way of literature as well as sports.

Precedent-setting distinctions of this book, "Openings," from the University of Washington Press, are that it is a joint effort of American and Soviet writers, and is being published simultaneously in both countries, in both languages.

Seven writers from each country, all leading figures in their fields, have contributed essays on the art, science, history, geography and ways of life of their respective native lands, as well as on their sports and literature.

American readers may not be familiar with Yuri Nagibin writing about history, or Viktor Potanin as a commentator on art. But, equally, a lot of Soviet readers aren't going to know what to expect from Gerald Early on sport, or Joyce Carol Oates on literature. In both cases, a good deal of enlightenment is in the offing.

More evenhandedness: the book is edited by the American Robert Atwan and the Soviet Valeri Vinokurov. It is richly illustrated in color art and photographs, again from both countries, and the Moscow co-publisher is Fizkultura i Sport.

(“OPENINGS: Original Essays by Contemporary Soviet and American Writers.” University of Washington Press. 320 Pages.)

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## The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

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- 7 Woolen fabric
- 13 Melodic
- 14 Ask
- 15 Grain of corn
- 16 Walking poles
- 17 Rested in chair
- 18 Partner
- 20 — Angeles
- 21 Landscape feature
- 24 Mileage indicator
- 27 Poems
- 31 Actor Alain
- 32 Unburnt and dried brick
- 33 Bar of metal
- 34 Fruit
- 35 Coup d' —
- 36 Gem-covered
- 39 Sky

**DOWN**

- 1 Beasts of burden
- 2 Region
- 3 Musician Al
- 4 — ton soup
- 5 Language suffix
- 6 Piece of armor
- 7 Man's title
- 8 Stage direction
- 9 56, Roman
- 10 Cultivate
- 11 Actor Kruger
- 12 Loch — monster
- 19 Chemical suffix
- 21 Suave
- 22 Small coin
- 23 Swiss songs
- 24 Dog in Garfield
- 25 Surface depression
- 26 Olympic gymnast — Korbust
- 28 Guy's counterpart
- 29 Tropical tree
- 30 Consign
- 32 Prayer ending
- 36 Jestful talk
- 37 First woman
- 38 Married
- 40 Ancient chariot
- 41 Many qts.
- 42 Mormon
- 43 State
- 44 Roman tyrant
- 45 Egg on
- 46 — Wonderful Life
- 47 — do-well
- 49 Total
- 51 Compass pt.
- 52 Sgt.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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RATTED	RECKON	
LOA	BAH	
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GAM	COOS	YEA
GNP	CALK	LOY
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**ECK & MEEK** By Howie Schneider

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

### Astro-Graph

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you want some work you're presently having done for you performed faster or more efficiently it might be wise to offer the performer a little bit more than the going rate. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Endeavors that call for you to be both bold and clever will be the ones you'll be able to perform the best today. The aforementioned attributes will be the most prevalent in your make-up.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** In developments today that require tenacity and staying power, the aspects indicate you'll have the edge over your competitors. These qualities will come into play when challenged.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This is a good day to get together with a friend you haven't seen much of lately. If you take time to plan something, your friend will find the free time to participate.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You could be rather daring today in involvements where there is a possibility for personal gain. To the observer, it might look like you are taking foolish risks, but you'll know what you're doing.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** It might be necessary for you to take a stance today in a complicated involvement in order to protect your self-interests. This is one of those occasions where you must defend your rights.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You'll have a better chance of achieving your objectives today if you don't broadcast your intentions in advance. Plan carefully, then carry them out as secretly as possible.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** There is a possibility today an old friend of yours might introduce you to someone you've been very eager to meet. This is a person with whom you'll find you'll have much in common.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** If you are properly motivated today there isn't much doubt about your getting what you go after. Select objectives that are meaningful to you in material ways.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Today you might have to be a bit more assertive than usual in order to get your ideas across to associates. Fortunately, you'll know how to do it in a manner they'll not find offensive.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your greatest asset today is your ability to take sound suggestions from others and use them in ways that are better than what was initially envisioned. Constructive results are likely.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** It might be necessary for you to stand up for a friend today who isn't as bold as you are. Don't let someone who always comes on strong get away with intimidating your pal.

**MARVIN** By Tom Armstrong

**MARMADUKE** By Brad Anderson

**KIT N' CARLYLE** By Larry Wright

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