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TUESDAY

Civil strife intensifies; Iraq frees 35 POWS

By LAURA KING
Associated Press Writer

Civil strife apparently intensified in Iraq today, but U.S. officials said they didn't know if Saddam Hussein was in serious danger of being overthrown. Iraq freed 35 more allied POWs, and said they were the last.

The first allied release of Iraqi prisoners was postponed because of bad weather.

Thirty-five allied POWs, including 15 Americans, were turned over to the Red Cross in Baghdad today. A day earlier, 10 allied prisoners, six of them Americans, had been freed.

Bad weather stalled what was to have been the first release of Iraqi prisoners by the allies. U.S. commanders said 294 Iraqis were to have been flown from Saudi Arabia to Baghdad today but rain and high winds delayed the release until Wednesday.

U.S. military officials had earlier expressed anxiety that the turmoil in Iraq could slow prisoner exchanges. Today, that turmoil was said to be growing.

The worst appeared to be centered around Basra, in southern Iraq, where remnants of Saddam's loyalist Republican Guards and anti-government troops faced off with tanks, U.S. military officials said.

Twenty-five journalists on their way to cover the unrest in Basra were reported missing.

Eleven, including three Americans, were last seen Monday about 25 miles south of Basra. The U.S. command said they were believed to be in "serious danger." The others, all French, were last heard from on Sunday.

"Their disappearance worries us greatly," said Maurice Gourdaumont-Montagne of the French Foreign Ministry.

In Basra, Republican Guards operated checkpoints and exchanged machine-gun fire with the regular army, U.S. officials in Saudi Arabia said.

Refugee accounts also spoke of unrest flaring in one city after another. In addition to Basra, refugees reaching the Iraqi border town of Safwan said demonstrators were marching in the cities of Karbala, Nasiriyah, Shutra, Suq ash-Shuyukh, Amara, Samawah and Kut.

Pentagon officials said earlier the U.S. military also had reports of unrest in Najaf, Zubayr, Kumayt and Qalat Salih.

And a Kurdish opposition leader in Damascus, Syria, reported that Kurdish guerrillas seized Erbil, a provincial capital of about 900,000 people, and the nearby northern Iraqi towns of Salah al-Dine, Khabat, Daratow and Eskiklik.

Jalal Talabani, head of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, also said anti-Saddam demonstrations took place Sunday in Tikrit, Saddam's hometown.

The Iraqi opposition, in separate

reports from Iran and Syria, said the Shiite holy cities Karbala and Najaf had fallen into the hands of anti-Saddam rioters Monday evening.

The reports could not be verified.

Baghdad Radio, without mentioning the demonstrations, accused the allies Monday night of plotting to "disturb Iraq's security and national unity."

In announcing today's POW release, Baghdad Radio said Iraq has "completed the handing over of all prisoners of the countries that had taken part in military operations against Iraq."

The announcement did not mention the estimated 30,000 Kuwaitis that Kuwait says were abducted by Iraq. A Red Cross spokesman, Angelo Gnaedinger, said the agency and the Iraqi government were conducting discussions on the release of an undetermined number of Kuwaiti civilians.

The Red Cross said 15 Americans were among those freed today. Also released were nine Britons, nine Saudis, an Italian and a Kuwaiti, the agency said.

"We're hoping it's all of them that's left, but we don't know," said presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

Following Monday's release, at least 54 allied troops were listed as missing and at least eight as still-held POWs. Six Americans were among those known to still be held and 35 Americans were listed as missing.



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

Attorney John Warner, standing, shows a document to Margaret Vernon during the civil trial Monday. In the foreground is attorney Tracey Warner, right, and Court Reporter Bob Baker.

Plaintiff in fire trial continues testimony

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Jurors got their first glimpse Monday afternoon of Margaret Vernon, the plaintiff in a multimillion lawsuit against an Amarillo moving company, as she took the witness stand in 223rd District Court.

Vernon has not been in attendance during the trial, which began Feb. 19. She is scheduled to continue her testimony today. The trial is expected to last at least through the end of the week.

Vernon filed a lawsuit against Allied Van Lines Inc., and its agent, M&L Transfer and Storage Co. of Amarillo. She alleges that the moving company is responsible for a fire during which her husband, John Bryan Vernon III, 41, and her son, Stuart Jacob "Jake" Long, 16, died. The family was preparing for a move to Houston on April 12, 1989, the day of the fire, and the moving company had been packing boxes at the 1200 Charles St. residence on April 10 and April 11.

The lawsuit alleges that the packers left a box and/or packing material on or too near a floor furnace. Fire experts called by the plaintiff have testified a box on or near a floor furnace is the origin of the fire. Mrs. Vernon escaped from the residence and was hospitalized for five days.

M&L's owner, Don Storseth, has also testified that he and his company did not leave any box or packing material on or too near the floor furnace and should not be held responsible for the two deaths.

Vernon is seeking at least \$3 million for each of the deaths.

Vernon, speaking most of the time without expression Monday, said she has relocated to Park City, Utah, where she works part-time in a bed and bath store. She recalled from her memory the events that transpired on the early morning of April 12, 1989, and the days thereafter.

She said she fell on her backside and went down the stairs, scooting part of the way. She described her feelings at that time as "extremely panicky."

She said she felt her way to the front door and grabbed the door knob, which was cool to the touch, and fell on her knees on the front porch after getting outside. She then made her way to a neighbor's house where the fire department was called.

"I thought since John got up and talked to me, he could get out," she said.

At the emergency room, she said she remembers an officer in uniform telling her that her family was dead. "I went into hysterics," she said. "And I was in a great deal of pain (from injuries sustained)."

She said the five-day stay in the hospital was a "nightmare" and she recalls her ex-husband and the father of Jake coming to the hospital. "I just remember when he walked in we both started crying and I said, 'Our baby is gone.'"

For two or three months following the fire, Vernon said she would wake up in the morning and "physically feel like someone was rubbing my heart out of my chest."

On April 24, 1989, she sent a letter to Pampa attorney John Warner, who represents her in the case along with his son and daughter-in-law. She expressed her desire to have the deaths of her two loved ones further investigated.

Immediately after the fire, Vernon said she felt guilty because she had made it out of the house and her husband and son had not. "I would have gladly given up my life for either one of them," she said.

"Did you kill your husband?" "Did you kill your son?" "Did you kill your husband so you could get \$455,000 in life insurance?"

— John Warner
Plaintiff's attorney

"No." "No." "No."

— Margaret Vernon
Plaintiff

Asked by Warner why she did not go to Jake's room and try to get him out, she said, "I was so groggy and drunk from smoke and carbon monoxide. I assumed John would get him. I was just trying to get out."

Vernon said that people think they know how to react in a fire, but until one has been there it is hard to imagine what the reaction will be.

Vernon also discussed part of her legal problems in South Carolina that led to the family moving to Pampa in August 1988. She said she and Mr. Vernon met on June 3, 1987, at his son's high school graduation. She was a school teacher and had his son in her class.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon were both separated from their respective spouses and she said it was "love at first sight." Following the graduation, she said they went dancing until 1 a.m., had breakfast and then returned to her residence and sat in the den and talked until 6 a.m. Within the week they began seeing each other every day and started sending each other cards and notes.

In November 1987, she was indicted for solicitation to commit a felony, to wit: murder of Carolyn Vernon, Mr. Vernon's ex-wife. She and Mr. Vernon were then married on Dec. 12, 1987, and in June 1988 she pleaded guilty to the solicitation to commit murder charge and was placed on probation.

She said she and her husband decided they could not live in Greenville, S.C., any longer because of the publicity surrounding her case. Her ex-husband helped get Mr. Vernon a job with Fluor Daniel, she said, and they moved to Pampa.

Mrs. Vernon said that following

her arrest and indictment, Jake was afraid she was going to prison and said he wanted to die. She said she put her son in a mental hospital for three days and allowed him to be released if he promised to see a counselor once a week. She said her relationship with her son was "very close."

After moving to Pampa, Mrs. Vernon said she began seeing an Amarillo psychiatrist because she was suffering from "major depression," after losing her teaching license because of the felony conviction. She was hospitalized in September 1988 and in January 1989. During the January stay, she received electro-shock therapy.

She said she was suicidal and needed more help than medicine could give her. Asked what kept her from committing suicide, she said, "I was afraid I would go to hell if I died."

She said her husband was supportive of her during the ordeal and "felt bad because it was his family who had caused me to be arrested."

Warner, with his voice raised, asked, "Did you kill your husband?" "Did you kill your son?" "Did you kill your husband so you could get \$455,000 in life insurance?"

Vernon answered "No" to each of the questions.

In deposition testimony Monday, a counselor at Northwest Texas Hospital said she met Vernon in September 1988.

Mary C. Embry, who has a master's degree in education in counseling/psychology, said she saw Vernon 18 times before the fire and eight times after the fire. She described Vernon as a bright, above average, capable, energetic person who was devoted to the things she cared about. She said in her opinion, she was devoted to her husband and son.

Embry said Vernon's biggest problem was her depression due to the felony charge in South Carolina and the embarrassment and humiliation which caused her to have low self-esteem and poor self-confidence.

Vernon was hesitant to make friends, Embry said, and showed little facial expression or emotion when speaking about her problems.

"I believe John and Jake's deaths were devastating to Margaret. She reached a point of almost total despair following the deaths of those two people," Embry said.

Shortly after Embry began seeing Vernon she said notes in the file said Vernon needed frequent reassuring that her husband loved her because he was impotent due to prostate problems. However, she said the Vernons seemed to have a stable relationship overall, although she never met Mr. Vernon.

After the fire deaths, Embry said she noted that Vernon spent a "great deal of money" trying to fill the void that was left.

"I believe Margaret will be someone who will need to be in therapy for a long time to deal with the losses she has incurred," Embry said in her deposition.

GCAD, Hoechst Celanese enter appraisal agreement

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Appraisal District and Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group entered binding arbitration on Monday to settle the lawsuit filed in August concerning the appraised value of some of the company's properties.

An agreed order was signed Monday afternoon by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters which allows for the arbitration agreement between the company and the Appraisal District.

Celanese filed the lawsuit as an appeal of the Appraisal Review Board's July 9 decision of the \$233 million value of four properties and related assets at the plant. Two of the properties and assets have been dropped from the case, leaving the vehicles, inventory, furniture, fixtures and equipment located on the property owned and operated by Hoechst Celanese and the site improvements and buildings of the Hoechst Celanese portion of the plant.

In the original petition, Celanese had said the four properties in question should be valued at no more than \$109.6 million.

The arbitration agreement calls for the hiring of three appraisal firms to set the market value of the property for the 1990 ad valorem tax year. The appraisal firms are Marshall and Stevens Inc. of Houston, Purvin & Gertz Inc. of Dallas, and Barnes and Click Inc. of Dallas. The firms are scheduled to begin work at the plant site today, Celanese attorney Lance Bruun of Corpus Christi told the court.

The Appraisal District, represented by attorney Russell Graham of Austin, agreed to the agreement.

The agreement calls for allowing the arbitrators access to the properties and copies of documents or information in the hands of the Appraisal District or Celanese that will be useful in determining the value of the plant.

Arbitrators are scheduled to have a market value set for the plant by April 30, and an agreed judgment is scheduled to be presented to the court by the end of May.

Celanese also has waived any claims to attorney's fees and dropped the Appraisal Review Board as a defendant.

Both parties reserve the right to receive interest or any additional taxes or any refund that may be due following the result of the arbitration, according to the agreement. Celanese has paid the ad valorem taxes attributable to the properties in the amounts required by the tax code pending the outcome of the arbitration.

Appraisal Review Board members set the plant proper's value during the July 9 hearing at \$201,300,000 and the related inventory and mobile equipment of the plant at \$19,200,000 for a total of \$220,500,000.

Pat Bagley, chief appraiser for the Appraisal District, said Monday afternoon that through its attorneys the Appraisal District had proposed arbitration last fall as a way to reach the most equitable solution to the dispute. Details of the agreement have been worked out during the past few months.

"This agreement will accomplish

the same results as litigation in court at only a small portion of the costs, which will be shared by both parties," Bagley said.

The chief appraiser commended Hoechst Celanese's management for their willingness to work out the agreement.

Celanese, in a prepared release today, said it was encouraged that the agreement calling for binding arbitration was accepted by the court on Monday to permit a "fair and equitable resolution" of the protested 1990 valuation of the Hoechst Celanese Pampa plant.

"It is our clear hope that the independent appraisals will result in a final 1990 valuation that meets the needs and expectations of all parties," Plant Manager Jerry Moore stated. "Furthermore, we hope that this process, and not one of costly and time-consuming litigation, can serve as a basis for future valuations of the Pampa plant."

Bagley said he is pleased with the three firms selected to complete the appraisal work. "Their credibility and reputations are very good and I expect they will do a good job," Bagley said. "This should accomplish what the Appraisal District has wanted from the beginning, the appraisal of fair market value."

Hoechst Celanese has been a taxpayer in Gray County for 39 years. It has been one of the largest taxpayers in the community for more than two decades. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hoechst AG of West Germany with leading positions in chemicals, fibers and film, advanced materials and technologies, and the life sciences.

Bond election topic of joint meeting Thursday

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners will join board members from the Industrial Foundation and Area Chamber of Commerce for a 4 p.m. meeting Thursday, March 7, at the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Center.

The sole issue on the agenda is a three-item economic and community development bond election tentatively scheduled for later this year.

City commissioners have previously discussed placing bond issues before the public that would provide for a 1/2-cent sales tax increase for economic development, 1/2-cent sales tax to reduce property taxes by approximately 17

cents per \$100 evaluation, and a \$4 million street improvement bond.

City Manager Glen Hackler said, "If all three of these pass, you actually shift the burden of who is paying taxes, so that everyone using the city is paying for services and not just property owners."

Hackler said 25 to 33 percent of Pampa's business comes from out of town, meaning that those customers would pay their fair share for Pampa's street improvement and economic development if all three bond issues pass.

"When people shop in Amarillo and Borger, they are contributing to those cities' general funds, thereby helping them with economic development and street improvements, because those cities have passed the

full one-cent sales tax," Hackler said.

About 40 people from the city, Industrial Foundation and chamber are expected to be at the Thursday meeting.

In addition, Joe Newman, an economic development analyst for the state comptroller's office, will also present information on how Pampa can experience growth from this election, city officials said.

Commissioners and city administrators said this week they are hoping for a large number of the community to be in attendance at the Thursday meeting to hear information on the election.

A specific date for the bond issue could be set during the meeting by members of the City Commission.

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Services tomorrow

DUCKWORTH, Henry — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Lefors.

Obituaries

HENRY DUCKWORTH

LEFORS — Henry Duckworth, 35, died Sunday, March 3, 1991, in Shamrock. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Lefors Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Duckworth was born July 9, 1955, in Archer City. He married Kathy Danley on June 14, 1980, in Lefors. He was a member of the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department. He was employed by the Mundy Maintenance Co. He moved to Lefors about 30 years ago, and graduated from Lefors High School in 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy, of the home; one daughter, Lindsay, of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Duckworth of Lefors; four sisters, Doris Lundy of Wichita Falls, Mildred McDonald of Avinger, Jewell Heard of Pampa and Nancy Morris of Mulberry, Ark.; eight nieces and five nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother Laura Sanders, on April 1, 1975, and by one brother, Connie Duckworth, on May 3, 1983.

JOYCE HICKMAN

Joyce Hickman, 83, died Monday, March 4, 1991, in Brenham. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery with Father William C. Houghton, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Borger, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hickman was born May 17, 1907, in Livingston, Texas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1930. She married A.E. (Chick) Hickman on Nov. 4, 1930, at Liberal, Kan. He died March 7, 1987. She moved to Horseshoe Bay in 1986 and to Brenham in 1987. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa.

Survivors include a son, Bill Chapman of Marble Falls; a sister, Myrtle McCollum of Brenham; a grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

ROBERT GARRETT BAXTER

SHAMROCK — Robert Garrett Baxter, 3-year-old son of James and Cindi Baxter, died Sunday, March 3, 1991. Services will be at 4 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Chancellor, pastor, and the Rev. Neely Landrum, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

The child was born in Childress. Survivors include his parents; his maternal grandmother, Leone Cantrell of Shamrock; his paternal grandmother, LaVerne Baxter of Shamrock; his maternal great-grandmother, Gertrude Hefley of Shamrock; and his paternal great-grandmother, Ethelne Baxter of Shamrock.

The family requests memorials be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, Texas 75219.

MARGARET HESS COLEMAN

MCLEAN — Margaret Hess Coleman, 76, died Sunday, March 3, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jill Wiley, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Coleman was born in McLean and had been a lifelong resident of McLean. She married Jesse Coleman in 1938 at McLean. She was a housewife and a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Pioneer Study Club and the Lovett Memorial Library Board.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Jan Roberts of McLean and Sarah Coleman of Denton; a son, Max Coleman of Zephyr; two sisters, Ruth Magee and Mary Dwyer, both of McLean; a brother, F.J. Hess of McLean; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Lovett Memorial Library or to the Methodist Mission Home.

CLYDE ELLIS JR.

WICHITA FALLS — Clyde Ellis Jr., 78, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, March 1, 1991. Services were at 1 p.m. Monday at Hampton-Vaughan Chapel with the Rev. John Dillard, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. in Restland Cemetery in Olney.

Mr. Ellis was born Feb. 24, 1913, in Clayton, N.M. He retired from Shell Oil Co. after 38 years of service. He had lived in Bowie for 10 years and before that in Pampa for 28 years. He was a member of the Keystone Sunday school class. He moved to Wichita Falls three years ago. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Ellis of Wichita Falls; two daughters, Pat Marlin of Wichita Falls and Judy Taylor of Pampa; a son, Jon Ellis of Plano; three sisters, Edith La Borne of Amarillo, Ethel Sunday of Dallas and Hazel Slater of Wichita Falls; two brothers, Coe Ellis of Wichita Falls and Adrian Ellis of Woodson; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

JOHN RAINES.

GORDONVILLE — John Raines, 79, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, March 3, 1991, in Sherman. Services were at 10 a.m. today in Sherwood Shores Baptist Church, with the Rev. John Johnson of the church officiating. Burial was in Cedar Lawn Memorial Park in Sherman under the direction of Huff Funeral Home of Whitesboro.

Mr. Raines was born May 2, 1911, in Cone, Ark. He married Opal Tindel on Jan. 29, 1983, in Kingston, Okla. He was a former machine operator with Cabot Corp. in Pampa. He was a member of Sherwood Shores Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Opal of the home; two sons, Darrell Gene Raines of Levelland and Bruce John Raines of Fort Worth; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions	Bobbie Phillips, Pampa	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions	Cecil Williams, Shamrock
Nancy Barns, Pampa		Jackie Fullbright III, Shamrock	
John K. Lane, Pampa		Lucille Pavlousky, Shamrock	
Revis Massey, Canadian		Dismissals	
		Diane Lovell and baby girl, Wheeler	
Flo McCaskill, Lefors		Emmett Gish, Shamrock	
Manuel Pineda, Pampa			
Woodrow Tice, Pampa			
Dismissals			
James Clay, Pampa			
Jammie Jones and baby boy, Perryton			

Police report

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

MONDAY, March 4

Chad Going, Rt. 1 Box 9B, reported the recovery of stolen property at 601 Bradley. Alco, 1207 N. Hobart, reported a theft at the business.

Ruth Mann, 1124 E. Francis, reported theft of mail at the residence.

A juvenile reported an assault at Pampa High School.

Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported a theft at the business.

Eva Evans, 625 S. Barnes, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

Daniel McGregor, 1800 Williston, reported a burglary at the residence.

Stuart Parker, 810 Jordan, reported a theft at the residence.

Arrests

MONDAY, March 4

John H. Vargas, 19, 631 S. Ballard, was arrested at the residence on a warrant from Carson County. He was transferred to Carson County Jail.

Ignacio Vargas III, 18, 631 S. Ballard, was arrested at the residence on a warrant from Carson County. He was transferred to Carson County Jail.

Miranda Jeanne Hulsey, 18, 516 N. Christy, was arrested at 631 S. Ballard on a warrant from Carson County. He was transferred to Carson County Jail.

Gregory Scott Hulsey, 17, 516 N. Christy, was arrested at 631 S. Ballard on a warrant from Carson County. He was transferred to Carson County Jail.

Gussie Cox, 28, 1024 Neel Rd., was arrested on a warrant for theft under \$200 from Tarrant County.

Tessie Griffin Clark, 84, Wheeler, was arrested at 1207 N. Hobart on a charge of theft. She was released on payment of fines through time served.

Kayla Dawn Moore, 34, 2204 N. Christy, was arrested at One Medical Plaza on three warrants.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported one accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. However, police officials said it was still under investigation through press time today and will be released at a later time.

Fires

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

Calendar of events

LAS PAMPAS DAR

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at Lovett Memorial Library on Thursday, March 7, at 2 p.m. A program on "Cowboy Music" is planned.

Correction

In the Sunday edition of *The Pampa News*, an article concerning the Travis Elementary School science fair incorrectly listed the last name of a fifth grade first place winner. The student's name is James Thaxton. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Stocks

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

Wheat.....2.43	Cabot O&G.....15 7/8	NC
Milo.....3.98	Chevron.....75 1/2	up 1/8
Com.....4.32	Coca-Cola.....52	up 1/4
	Enron.....56	dn 3/8
	Halliburton.....52 1/8	NC
	Ingersoll Rand.....51 3/8	NC
	KNE.....23 3/8	dn 1/8
	Kerr McGee.....45 7/8	NC
	Limited.....24 7/8	up 5/8
	Mopco.....46	dn 1/4
	Maxus.....8 3/4	NC
	McDonald's.....32 5/8	up 1/4
	Meat Ltd.....3	NC
	Mobil.....62 1/4	dn 1/8
	New Atmos.....17 1/4	NC
	Pennay's.....55	up 1/2
	Phillips.....28 1/8	up 1/2
	SLB.....62 1/2	up 1/2
	SFS.....28 1/2	up 1/8
	Tenneco.....49 3/4	up 1/4
	Texasco.....63 5/8	dn 1/4
	Wal-Mart.....36 1/8	up 1/8
	New York Gold.....364.50	
	Silver.....3.84	
	West Texas Crude.....19.90	

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

Ky. Cent. Life.....8 1/8	up 1/8
Serfco.....5 1/4	NC
Occidental.....20 3/4	up 1/8

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

Magellan.....63.39
Puritan.....13.44

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

Amoco.....51 3/4	up 1/2
Aroco.....1.29	up 3/8
Cabot.....31 5/8	up 1/8

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	665-8481

"Faded Love" author, country singer Billy Jack Wills dies at age 65

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Billy Jack Wills, the youngest of the Wills brothers who helped shape western music history, has died at age 65.

Wills died Saturday in a Shawnee hospital.

He was the third member of his family to have a band. The first was

Bob Wills, whose Texas Playboys created the model for western swing bands. Another brother, Johnny Lee Wills, led a popular swing band in Tulsa.

Billy Jack Wills followed them into the music business, playing bass and drums in the 1940s with the

Texas Playboys.

Wills wrote the lyrics to two western swing classics: "Lily Dale," which became a hit for Willie Nelson, and "Faded Love," which was adopted in 1987 as Oklahoma's Western state song.

Furnace flue believed culprit in fatal retirement home fire

By SANDY SHORE
Associated Press Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Investigators blamed a hot furnace flue in the attic for a blaze that killed nine residents of a retirement home.

The fire at Crystal Springs Estate burned for 45 minutes to an hour before it broke through the ceiling and set off an alarm early Monday, said Deputy Fire Chief Terry Gladwin.

Seven women ages 72 to 91 were hospitalized with smoke inhalation, one in critical condition. Eight other people were treated, including four firefighters.

Staff members and neighbors raced to save the 24 residents of the home. Some residents were carried out; others were pushed out in wheelchairs from the retirement center, which is for elderly people who do not need medical care.

The fire caught the residents asleep, and authorities broke down the doors to two or three rooms to rescue their occupants.

"It's the most tragic fire we've ever experienced," said Capt. Ron Culp, Fire Department spokesman.

Fire investigator Scott Downs said the fire started in the attic. He said a flue from the boiler in the basement passed through the attic and that heat from the flue had dried out the wood over the years and finally ignited it.

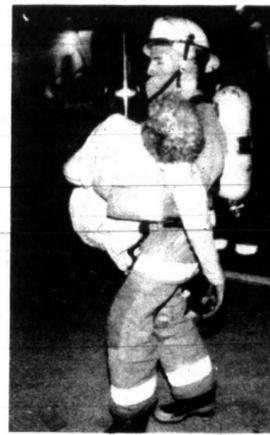
Culp said the one-story building, built in 1959, had sprinklers in the kitchen but not in the corridors or residents' rooms. He said the building was built before the fire code required a sprinkler system and was in compliance.

The building had smoke detectors, including several installed last week.

Sprinklers would have prevented the fire, Culp said.

The flue "looked like it was properly installed and penetrated properly," Culp said. "It's not a real unusual situation, but it's not totally unusual."

After the fire, only the charred outside walls were left standing for half the building's rooms.



(AP Laserphoto)

A Colorado Springs fireman carries a victim from the Crystal Springs Estate Nursing Home early Monday. Efforts to revive the woman failed.

Bivins files bill to enforce cigarette taxes

AUSTIN — State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, has filed legislation that, if passed, would strengthen the enforcement against cigarette tax fraud.

Bivins has received bi-partisan endorsement for the bill from Gov. Ann Richards, State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchinson and Rep. James Hury, D-Galveston.

Bivins explained that the bill is important because, "Our neighboring states have relatively low taxes on cigarettes. This has creat-

ed an incentive for people to smuggle black market cigarettes into Texas.

"As a result of this kind of illegal activity, the state of Texas loses millions of dollars a year in tax revenues. These losses are exacerbated when combined with the loss of retail business created by people going across state lines to buy cigarettes and ending up buying groceries and gasoline, too."

Bivins' staff estimated that \$100

million of state revenue is lost each year due to black market cigarette activity.

"It's no secret that the state of Texas is facing real financial hardships," Bivins said. "It is important that we collect all the current taxes we possibly can."

Under Bivins' bill, those who transport cigarettes from out of state for black market sale in Texas would also face the forfeiture of properties used in the moving of those products into Texas.

Rural postal carrier examinations set for March 11-15

Donald S. Boyd, Sectional Center manager/postmaster at Lubbock, has announced the rural carrier examination for the Pampa area will be open to the general public March 11 through March 15.

Offices included on the Pampa rural carrier area eligibility register are Pampa, Follett, Miami,

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Boyd said it is anticipated that the majority of vacancies to be filled from this register will be rural carrier associate (part-time rural carrier). Rural carrier associates are paid at the rate of \$11.01 per hour, and are non-career positions.

Interested persons may apply at the Lubbock Personnel Office, 1515 Avenue G, Lubbock; the Amarillo Personnel Office, 2301 Ross St., Amarillo; or at one of the offices served by the register during the week of the open announcement only.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy and mild with a low in the lower 40s and northerly winds 10-20 mph after midnight. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and cooler with a few sprinkles, a high in the upper 50s and northeasterly winds 10-20 mph and gusty. High Monday was 77 and the low 53.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Concho Valley Wednesday. Mostly cloudy elsewhere. Cooler Panhandle Wednesday. Lows tonight 40s Panhandle and Big Bend mountains to lower 60s Big Bend valleys, 50s elsewhere. Highs Wednesday from near 60 Panhandle to mid 90s Big Bend, mostly 80s elsewhere.

North Texas — Fair and mild tonight. Partly cloudy and not as warm Wednesday. Lows tonight in the mid 50s to near 60. Highs Wednesday near 80 northwest to the upper 80s southeast.

South Texas — Fair skies and a little warm tonight. Patchy dense fog along the upper coast tonight. Partly cloudy and warm Wednesday. Lows tonight in the 60s. Highs Wednesday near 90.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Thursday through Saturday
West Texas — Texas Panhandle: Partly cloudy and mild Thursday becoming fair Friday through Saturday. Highs in the upper 50s and lower 60s. Lows in the 30s. South Plains: Partly cloudy and mild Thursday. Fair Friday and Saturday with cooler mornings. Highs in the 60s. Lows in upper 40s Thursday cooling to the mid 30s Friday and Saturday. Permian Basin: Partly cloudy and mild Thursday. Fair Friday and Saturday with cooler

mornings. Highs in upper 60s to mid 70s. Lows in mid 50s Thursday cooling to lower 40s by Saturday. Far West Texas: Fair Thursday through Saturday with cooler mornings Friday and Saturday. Highs in the 60s. Lows near 50 Thursday cooling to near 40 Saturday. Big Bend Region: Fair and very warm Thursday. Continued fair and not as warm Friday and Saturday. Highs: River valleys from mid 90s Thursday to lower 80s Friday and Saturday, mountains from near 80 Thursday to upper 60s Friday and Saturday. Southeast Texas and the Upper Coast: Partly cloudy and warm Thursday. Mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of showers Friday. Partly cloudy and mild Saturday. Lows in the 60s Thursday, near 60 Friday and in the 40s to near 50 Saturday. Highs Thursday in the 80s, 70s Friday and near 70 Saturday.

North Texas — West: Warm Thursday. Cooler Friday and Saturday. Highs in the mid 70s to low 80s Thursday falling to the 60s Friday and Saturday. Lows in the upper 50s to low 60s Thursday dropping to the 40s Friday and Saturday. Central: Warm Thursday. Cooler Friday and Saturday. A chance of thunderstorms Thursday and early Friday. Highs in the 80s Thursday falling into the 60s Friday and Saturday. Lows in the 60s Thursday dropping to the 40s Friday and Saturday. East: Warm Thursday. Cooler Friday and Saturday. A chance of thunderstorms Thursday and Friday. Highs in the 80s Thursday upper 60s to low 70s Friday and the 60s Saturday. Lows in the 60s Thursday, 50s Friday and the 40s Saturday.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Partly cloudy and warm Thursday. Mostly cloudy and cooler Friday with a chance of rain. Partly cloudy and mild Saturday. Lows in the 60s Thursday, 50s Friday and 40s Saturday. Highs in the 80s Thursday, 70s Friday and Saturday. Texas Coastal Bend: Partly cloudy and warm Thursday. Mostly cloudy and cooler Friday with a

chance of rain. Partly cloudy Saturday. Lows in the 60s Thursday, near 60 Friday and in the 50s Saturday. Highs Thursday in the 80s to near 90, 70s to near 80 Friday and 70s Saturday. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Partly cloudy and warm Thursday and Friday. Partly cloudy and cooler Saturday. Lows in the 60s to near 70 Thursday and Friday to the 50s Saturday. Highs in the 80s coast to 90s inland Thursday and Friday cooling to the 70s and near 80 Saturday. Southeast Texas and the Upper Coast: Partly cloudy and warm Thursday. Mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of showers Friday. Partly cloudy and mild Saturday. Lows in the 60s Thursday, near 60 Friday and in the 40s to near 50 Saturday. Highs Thursday in the 80s, 70s Friday and near 70 Saturday.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma — Considerable cloudiness tonight. Mostly cloudy Wednesday with a slight chance of light rain in Panhandle. Cooler, especially Panhandle and northwest on Wednesday. Low tonight near 40 Panhandle to around 60 southeast. High Wednesday mid 50s western Panhandle to near 80 extreme southeast.

New Mexico — Tonight considerable cloudiness northwest half with a chance of showers. Snow level lowering to near 7000 feet toward morning. Partly cloudy southeast. Wednesday mostly cloudy and much cooler north with a chance of showers. Snow level near 7000 feet. Partly cloudy, breezy and a little cooler southeast. Lows tonight 20s and 30s mountains and northwest with upper 30s to near 50 lower elevations east and south. Highs Wednesday 50s and 60 mountains and north with 70s to low 80s lower elevations south.

Legislature rejects Jack Rains' nomination for commerce board

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Jack Rains, former secretary of state and Republican gubernatorial candidate, won't be serving on the Texas Department of Commerce board.

The Democratic-controlled Senate voted 16-14 against Rains' nomination Monday.

Rains, a political ally of former Gov. Bill Clements, had served on the board only since August, pending the confirmation vote. But some lawmakers said the host of problems surfacing at the agency convinced them new management is needed.

In a phone interview from Houston, Rains said he appreciated the backing of "the courageous Democratic senators who did so despite tremendous partisan pressure."

Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, said he didn't blame

Rains for the agency's problems. But he said Gov. Ann Richards deserved the chance to put her own people in charge.

"That department is troubled, badly troubled, and needs new leadership," Brooks said.

"Sadly, in the last few days, we have seen a whole series of problems disclosed in that department ... She (Richards) needs all the appointments she can possibly get," he said.

In recent days, the department's executive director has resigned and lawmakers have complained about a private tourism promoter receiving office space and computer services at Commerce Department headquarters.

Richards blasted the department for spending \$115,000 to take more than a dozen officials to Frankfurt, Germany, to open a state trade office there.

And on Friday, the state comptroller began auditing

the agency, while federal investigators were looking into its handling of job training money.

Sen. Temple Dickson, D-Sweetwater, led opposition to Rains. He said the department failed to help many Texas businesses, and he charged that money was shifted from various economic development programs to cover administrative costs.

"This agency above any other in the state has the ability to rescue the jobless, to help people who are in economic distress, to take care of the businesses ... And it's not doing that," Dickson said.

But Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, said Rains had a solid track record in business and government and would do a good job promoting the Texas economy.

"Jack Rains is a talented businessman, a political and civic leader, who has wide national and international contacts and is a man who understands how to run a

business and an agency," Brown said. "His experience and qualifications are equal to or superior to any of those chosen to serve."

Brown blamed criticism of Rains on partisan politics that followed his "activist" tenure as Clements' secretary of state.

"During that time, he ... was an aggressive, active secretary of state. He also was active in the workers' compensation battle here before the Legislature," Brown said.

"Of course, when you are actively involved in shaping policy, you do sometimes cause people to be opposed to your continuing in public service," he said.

Richards said the opposition wasn't partisan. "If you've been sitting on the board while the decisions have been made and money has been spent, then you must expect that probably you are not going to get the approval of the Senate," she said.

Watkins says 1991 critical for getting foreign SSC funds

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary James D. Watkins says 1991 will be critical for pinning down foreign contributions to the super collider. But strife in the Baltics may jeopardize a multimillion-dollar grant from the Soviet Union, he says.

"I do believe this is the year that we have to come up to you and say 'Here's where we stand on this, and we have very active efforts going to try to get these monies,'" Watkins said Monday in testimony before the House Appropriations subcommittee on energy and water development.

But asked by Chairman Tom Bevill, D-Ala., if he was optimistic about the foreign fund-raising, Watkins answered: "I hate to say I'm optimistic. We're going to fight hard for it ... but I'd like to think at this point in time we have a good shot at it."

The Energy Department says it intends to raise one-third of the SSC costs from outside sources — \$1 billion from Texas and \$1.6 billion from foreign countries.

If built, the SSC would be the world's largest scientific instrument. In a 54-mile underground ring around the city of Waxahachie, south of Dallas, scientists hope to learn more about the origins of the universe by watching collisions of high-speed beams of protons.

In addition to the Soviet Union, the United States is also counting on a major contribution from Japan and possibly from Canada, Watkins said. Decisions from both are expected this year, possibly by spring.

Only India and Korea have promised to help cover the cost of the SSC. India has pledged \$50 million while Korea is still negotiating a small pledge.

The Soviet Union had earlier indicated a strong desire to contribute \$200 million to \$400 million in SSC parts or materials, which would have cut significantly into the \$1.6 billion, Watkins said.

"We've got the problem now with the Soviet Union and the Baltic situation, and the whole relationship has to be assessed ... and now we're not sure exactly where that (contribution) is going," Watkins said after the hearing.

"We're going to do everything we can to get it (the \$1.6 billion) but I'm realistic. It's a lot of money," Watkins said.

President Bush's budget for fiscal 1992, which begins Oct. 1, seeks \$534 million for the SSC, an increase of 119 percent from this year's appropriation of \$243 million. Under the president's plan, the Energy Department's entire budget increases only 5.1 percent.

Watkins said Texas was expected to contribute \$130 million in 1992, and \$20 million is expected from as yet unknown foreign contributors.

Bevill, asked if he would support the president's request for the SSC, said he believed the project was on "sound ground" but that it was too early to know how much it will actually receive in 1992.

The 1992 funds would be concentrated primarily in construction, Watkins said.

He said annual costs of the super collider would increase to a high of \$1.1 billion, and then fall before its completion at the end of 1999.

But budget cuts in other areas of the department, coupled with increased spending on environmental cleanup at the nation's nuclear weapons complex, could pose a problem for the SSC, he said.

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(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Getting ready for the 'Don't Bag It' project are, from left, Gray County Extension Agent Joe VanZandt, Clean Pampa Inc. Executive Coordinator Janice Miller and E.E. 'Smiley' Henderson, chairman of the Extension Program Council. All are turning thumbs down against bagging lawn clippings.

Meetings scheduled to introduce public to new 'Don't Bag It' lawn care program

A new way to care for lawns is being introduced to the Pampa area Thursday, March 7, during two meetings at the Pampa Community Building's M.K. Brown Room, 200 N. Ballard.

Meetings will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. and will feature turf grass specialists and lawn owners experienced with the "Don't Bag It" method of lawn care. Door prizes are to be given away at each meeting.

The program is being endorsed and promoted locally by Clean Pampa Inc., City of Pampa and Gray County Extension Service.

Mayor Richard Peet has proclaimed March as "Improved Lawn Care" month. By doing this, he encourages all citizens during 1991 to apply proper watering, fertilizing

and mowing techniques to their individual lawns.

Homeowners who use the "Don't Bag It" method will reduce the amount of grass clippings being hauled to the landfill, officials say. This will in return reduce costs associated with collecting and disposing of grass clippings.

The "Don't Bag It" program promotes three basic steps:

- (1) Mow about every five or six days at the proper height.
- (2) Use a slow release fertilizer at the proper rate when it is indicated.
- (3) Water the lawn only when necessary.

Two hours of continuing education units will be given to those who attend the 1:30 meeting. The agenda calls for an explanation of the

"Don't Bag It" program.

A discussion by Richard Duple, Extension turf specialist, will follow on integrated pest management and turf diseases.

Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist, will discuss turf insect problems and control. Finally, local homeowners using "Don't Bag It" techniques will discuss their experiences. This meeting will adjourn around 4:30 p.m.

The same information will be featured at the 7 p.m. meeting in a shortened version so it can adjourn by 9 p.m.

As an encouragement for homeowners to attend, door prizes will be given away at each meeting. Some of these door prizes will be bags of fertilizer that contain slow release nitrogen.

Travis County DPS trooper shot to death

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas Department of Public Safety officer was found shot to death early today at a roadside park in Travis County, a DPS spokesman said.

DPS spokesman Mike Cox said Trooper Carlos Ray Warren, 30, was shot once in the chest at a park on Texas Highway 71. Evidence at the scene indicated that Warren was able to return fire on his assailant.

About two hours later, Cox said, a man stopped by police at a San Antonio immediately opened fire on an officer. The Austin man in his late 20s was in critical condition after he was shot five times, Cox said.

Cox said DPS officers went to San Antonio to determine if the shooting was related to Warren's death, the third of a Texas peace officer in the line of duty this year. "It looks pretty solid," he said.

Cox said officers at San Antonio found bullet holes in the man's car that did not match the weapon used by the San Antonio officer.

"We are assuming that he stopped another vehicle," Cox said. "He stopped a car at 1:13 a.m. but that car was not the same found in San Antonio."

Warren had radioed that he was back in service, but between that time and 1:19 a.m., when the death was reported, he had apparently stopped another vehicle.

The trooper had received five

commendations previously for his DPS service.

A massive manhunt had been launched on Texas 71 between Austin and Houston with Texas Rangers and DPS troopers using both cars and helicopters to search for Warren's assailant.

Cox said Warren has been a trooper since October 1986. He served seven years in the U.S. Army before becoming a trooper. The El Paso native is survived by his parents, two daughters and three brothers.

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School finance conference committee to consider bills

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis said he hopes lawmakers can work out differences between House and Senate school finance reform bills in a week.

His instructions to the conference committee named Monday? "Give me a bill that we can concur with ... Get us out of this trap."

Lawmakers face an April 1 Texas Supreme Court deadline to devise a school finance reform plan, or face an order to cut off state education spending.

The court declared unconstitutional the current \$14-billion-a-year school finance system, which relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

Disparities in local property tax wealth can cause wide differences in funding.

Sen. Carl Parker, named to the conference committee on school finance reform, said the House plan would not fix the system.

"It may not be unconstitutional today, but it has the potential for a growing gap between the wealthiest and poorest" school districts, said Parker, Senate Education Committee chairman.

Both the House and Senate bills would impose a minimum local property tax rate, and shift some of the tax revenue from wealthier to poorer school districts within newly created taxing regions.

The minimum local property tax rate would be 80 cents per \$100 valuation in four years under the House bill, and \$1 in four years under the Senate bill. The House bill would create 195 taxing regions, and the Senate measure, 20.

Both bills would allow school

districts to levy up to another 30 cents to enrich programs, and up to another 20 cents for construction. Every school district would be guaranteed the same amount of money at those tax rates.

On top of that, the House bill would allow school districts to levy additional local property taxes and keep half the revenue. The other half would be divided among school districts in a particular taxing region. The additional taxes could not bring the total levy over \$1.50.

This provision was added to the House bill after the Texas Supreme Court last week issued a new opinion saying absolute funding equity may not be needed for a constitutional school finance system.

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, who backed the provision, said it meets constitutional requirements.

But Parker, D-Port Arthur, said some sort of limit should be set to forestall wide spending gaps between poor and rich school districts.

Named to the conference committee on school finance reform were, from the Senate, Parker; Bill Haley, D-Center; Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin; Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant; and Gene Green, D-Houston.

From the House, conference committee members are Reps. Ernestine Glossbrenner, D-Alice; Grusendorf, R-Arlington; Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin; Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio; and Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring.

The committee did not meet Monday because Ms. Glossbrenner, head of the House Public Education Committee, was not feeling well, Lewis said.

18 burn to death, 72 injured in two-bus collision in Mexico

QUERETARO, Mexico (AP) — Two buses collided with a trailer truck carrying solvents Monday, causing a fiery explosion that burned to death 18 people and injured 72, officials said.

The gruesome accident occurred before dawn when the truck and a bus passing it rammed into each other and another bus following closely ran head-on into the wreck, said Queretaro state prosecutor's spokesman Commander Jose Antonio Leon Razo.

The first impact generated sparks that ignited paints and thinners in the trailer, Leon said in a telephone interview from the state capital, Queretaro.

He said the 3-vehicle collision happened near the capital city on a multi-lane tollway to Mexico City, 125 miles southeast.

The highway was closed for several hours due to the accident, but was reopened Monday afternoon, Leon said.

Many of the dead could not be identified because their bodies were badly burned, he said.

Survivors were taken to Red Cross clinics and government hospitals, he said.

Leon said both buses belonged to the Flecha Amarilla line, which provides frequent service in the Queretaro area.



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The Pampa News

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Opinion

Fine-tuning needed for energy policy

President Bush's proposed energy policy drew the expected criticism from those who, apparently, prefer a universal return to primitive lifestyles. The president, to selected horror, favors opening areas of Alaska and the California coast to oil drilling.

Besides fostering greater oil production, the Bush administration's energy policy emphasizes increased use of nuclear power and natural gas, with only limited support for alternative energy sources. Conservation, which achieved significant savings during the oil shocks of the 1970s, isn't given the priority critics would like. For example, the Bush proposals include a strategy to increase use of alternative automobile fuels but does not include provisions to mandate sharply increased fuel economy standards for automakers.

Conservation advocates have some reason to be disappointed. If the United States is to reduce its dangerous reliance on imported supplies, conservation will have to be a major component of its national energy strategy.

The administration has acted prudently, however, in rejecting calls for another steep increase in gasoline taxes to force greater conservation. Such a tax, coming in the middle of a recession and on top of the added gasoline levy imposed by Congress last year, could delay the economic recovery. Moreover, its punitive impact would fall most on poor and middle-income Americans.

One of the administration's most significant proposals is to lease up to 1.5 million acres of the 19 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas exploration. The Interior Department estimates that as much as 3.6 billion barrels of oil lie beneath the Alaskan refuge. In opening a slice of the refuge for exploration, the most stringent environmental standards should be imposed.

Aside from increasing production of fossil fuels, the White House endorses the extension of tax credits for solar and geothermal energy. It also seeks to revive nuclear power by shortening the cumbersome review process for bringing new plants on line.

Significantly, the Bush proposal takes a halting step toward correcting a shortsighted portion of the Clean Air Act. High sulfur coal, essentially banned by the Clean Air Act, might find its way back into good graces. The administration proposes funding an effort to clean the coal and providing incentives for companies to invest in clean coal technology.

The White House's proposed energy plan is likely to undergo substantial changes on Capitol Hill. Besides boosting output, the final product should do more to encourage efficiency and provide greater incentives for the development of alternative fuels and renewable energy sources.

Needles and the damage done

If you're a diabetic, you're at risk of developing complications from your illness, including blindness, kidney failure, nerve damage and hardening of the arteries so severe it often leads to gangrene in the feet or hands. If you're a diabetic and a drug addict, you're also at risk for ailments that result from the injection of dangerous substances into your veins — hepatitis, pneumonia and blood clots, to name a few.

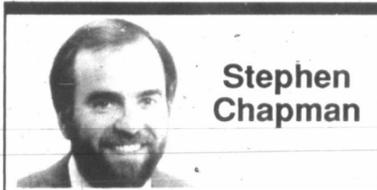
But doctors at John Hopkins University made a puzzling discovery a couple of years ago. Intravenous drug users are highly vulnerable to AIDS. But diabetic IV drug users, despite all their other health problems, generally don't get AIDS. Having diabetes, for some reason, actually seemed to protect drug addicts from this lethal virus.

A mystery? Not for long. The doctors soon came up with an obvious explanation. IV drug users, who in many places can't legally buy or possess hypodermic needles, often share dirty ones contaminated with the AIDS virus. But diabetics, because they have to inject themselves with insulin, don't have any trouble buying clean needles and don't get arrested for having this "drug paraphernalia." Since they don't have to use dirty needles, they don't get AIDS.

Advocates of the war on drugs often claim to be trying to save lives. But their jealous crusade has deliberately doomed many drug addicts to a slow and gruesome death.

Eleven states and the District of Columbia make it illegal to purchase or possess needles without prescription, fearing they will be used for unapproved purposes. These laws, however, don't eliminate drug addiction — just drug addicts.

The states that ban needles sales, which include New York, Illinois and California, haven't been



Stephen Chapman

conspicuously successful in ridding themselves of drugs. Needles, like drugs, can be bought illegally. But the prohibition raises the cost from less than a quarter apiece to several dollars. Addicts, who tend to be short of cash, would rather spend what they have getting high than staying healthy.

All the AIDS education in the world is useless if the people at risk are hindered from taking measures to protect themselves. Banning needles to discourage drug addiction is like banning condoms to discourage homosexual acts: not just ineffective but idiotic.

In fact, a study by lawyer James Ostrowski for the New York County Lawyers Association found that states which forbid over-the-counter sales of needles have rates of intravenous drug use twice as high as states which allow them. Worse still, their addicts are six times more likely to be infected with the AIDS virus. In New York City, where needle sales are outlawed, more people get AIDS from dirty needles than from gay sex, and more than half of all IV drug users have the virus.

But policy-makers have refused to learn from this experience. President Bush opposes needle exchanges "under any condition." When he was federal drug czar, William Bennett scorned the idea

of letting addicts have access to clean needles, saying, "The message is: Don't take drugs, but if you do take them, take them safely." The administration prefers to say: Don't take drugs, and if you do take them, take them in such a way as to kill yourself.

New York City recently flirted with sanity, launching a small, brief, poorly handled experiment in giving out needles to addicts. But when David Dinkins became mayor last year, he summarily torpedoed the program. His health commissioner confessed to being "ideologically opposed" to allowing needle sales or giving out needles, saying he couldn't imagine any evidence that would change his mind.

Clearly it's impossible to reason with a man who is impervious to reason. But anyone whose mind has not been given an airtight seal against unwanted facts may be interested to know that where needle exchange programs exist on a large scale, they do what their supporters promise: cause addicts to stop sharing needles. They don't do what their detractors fear: cause non-addicts to start using needles.

But it's not essential that the government actually assume the cost and responsibility of giving needles to addicts. Get rid of the needle bans, and a lot of the addicts will be happy to do it themselves. Many, for some strange reason, don't think of the government as their friend but as their enemy. If the only way to get clean needles is to show up at a government-run clinic, some addicts will keep using dirty ones.

The policy of depriving drug users of needles doesn't trouble those who think it's better to cure an addict by killing him than not to cure him at all. But it should bother anyone who thinks that drugs aren't quite as bad as death.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 5, the 64th day of 1991. There are 301 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 5, 1770, the "Boston Massacre" took place as British soldiers who had been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing several people.

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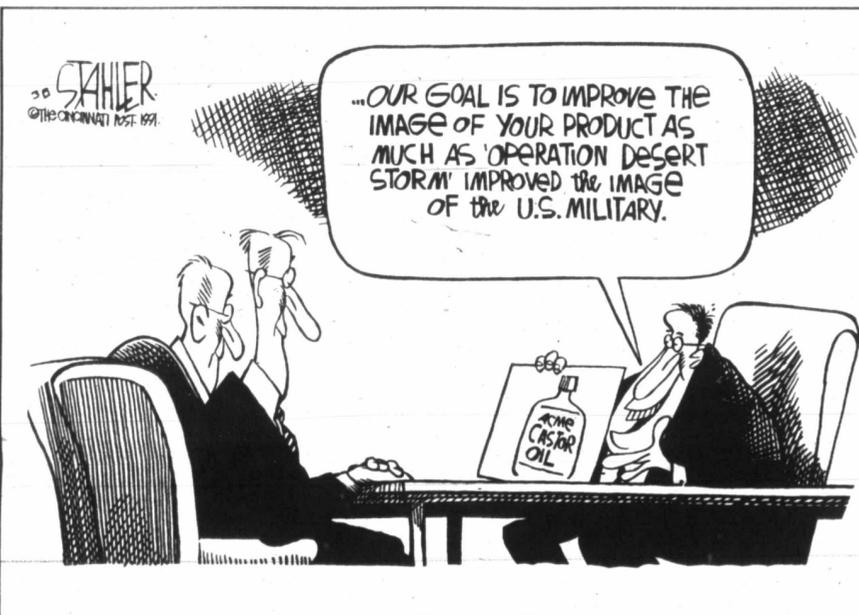
In 1766, a Spanish official, Don Antonio de Ulloa, arrived in New Orleans to take possession of the Louisiana Territory from the French.

In 1867, an abortive Fenian uprising against English rule took place in Ireland.

In 1933, in Germany, the Nazi Party won a majority of seats in parliamentary elections.

In 1946, former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, during an address at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, spoke of an "Iron Curtain" stretching from the Baltic to the Adriatic.

In 1953, Soviet leader Josef Stalin died at the age of 73 after 29 years in power.



Operation Desert Drawers

A report by Knight-Ridder newspapers said it's costing \$750 million a day to operate Operation Desert Storm.

Of course, the U.S., which stands for Ultimate Sugar Daddy, is paying for most of it.

It is difficult for me to deal with a notion like \$750 million a day. Even "\$750 million a month" is bewildering.

I probably could handle "\$750 million a decade" because that's what the average baseball player makes these days.

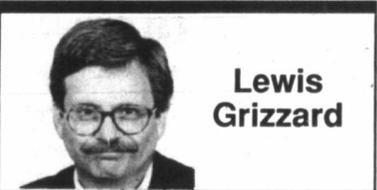
I was further confused by a graphic that accompanied the Knight-Ridder article.

It pictured an American male soldier in full combat gear and what each part of that gear cost. Here's some examples:

- Desert helmet: \$103.
- Helmet cover: \$2.50
- Boots: \$33.20
- Socks: \$1.65
- M-16 Rifle: \$475.
- Two-quart canteen: \$5.45.
- Canteen cover: \$8.75.
- Belt: \$6.60.
- Suspenders: \$6.95.

The total estimated cost of outfitting a U.S. soldier came to \$1,452.10.

There were a few things in the graphic I had to question.



Lewis Grizzard

One is, why does a canteen cover (\$8.95) cost more than the canteen itself (\$5.45)?

And if we issue a soldier a belt (\$6.60), why does he also need suspenders (\$6.95)?

The thing that concerned me most, however, was what we're paying for a soldier's drawers.

Out of the \$1,420.10 being spent on the combat outfit, a measly \$1.50 is spent on a soldier's underwear.

Have you priced men's drawers lately? Put a "Calvin Klein" or "Ralph Lauren" tag on them and they cost you twenty bucks or more.

Non-designer drawers cost anywhere from ten to eighteen bucks.

And the ones we're giving our soldiers cost only a dollar fifty?

There's nothing worse than cheap drawers. Wear them a couple of times and the elastic waist band stretches and suddenly you're wearing a most

annoying and uncomfortable piece of clothing commonly known as the "droopy drawers."

It's tough just going to work in droopy drawers.

Ten times a day they fall down from the waist to just north of the knees. You have to go to the men's room, take off your pants and pull up your drawers.

This causes the loss of valuable time in the work place not to mention considerable irritability.

Imagine how it would be to try and fight a war while wearing droopy drawers.

You can't just stop in the desert, pull down your desert trousers (\$14.40) and pull up your droopy drawers.

I couldn't locate a military expert, retired or otherwise, to speak on this subject. They were all tied up with the networks.

But I think it is a damnable shame we don't think enough of our boys on the battlefield to give them a proper, functional pair of drawers.

It's just like our government to go hog wild on canteen covers and suspenders, but basically ignore a much important item, underwear.

I don't know what we can do here at home unless it's this: If you've got a man in the desert, send him some drawers.

Even if you can't afford Calvins or Ralphs, there are many more less-expensive fruits of the looms available and they won't become droopy.

Operation Desert Drawers. It's time to act.

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Make a real energy policy a priority

By SARAH OVERSTREET

There's a joke circulating that sure, America has an energy policy: We burn oil.

I don't think anyone seriously doubts there's at least some truth in the joke, and that we need to reduce our consumption of oil to some degree. The disagreement comes when we discuss what kind of energy policy we should have.

There's the free-market camp, which assures us there is plenty of oil in the world and that higher gasoline taxes are not necessary because economic forces will bring consumption down naturally.

Then there's the conservation camp, which warns that we must reduce consumption or risk suffocating our cancerous lungs.

Some of these folks would even slap a stiff gasoline tax on the pestilence-plagued Joads, the Oklahoma

family in *The Grapes of Wrath* who nursed their furniture-heaped truck to California to search a way to eke out a living. The worse their luck got, the more the engine labored and the more gas it used, the more we'd tax 'em. A brilliant strategy, sure to reduce gas consumption immediately once the family starved to death.

If we are ever to formulate a workable energy policy, I believe the answers lie somewhere between the two ideologies. Personally, I don't believe our solutions lie in forcing people into cars so small they come with their own wreaths, or in adding to the expenses of people who are having a hard enough time just keeping the old gas hog running so they can get to work and stay off the welfare rolls.

OK, so there are a couple of things I wouldn't do.

What would I do? If I am appointed Energy Czar (and you may send

your suggestions to President Bush), I will implement the following steps immediately:

- Reinstate all tax incentives for energy-conserving measures and add a few more. I remember the '70s when there was much government interest in helping people improve fuel efficiency in our homes and business, and many of us had long-range plans for energy-saving building and remodeling. When the government's interest waned, so did ours.
- I would offer tax breaks to those who car pool, use mass transit, invest in electric cars and find other ways to restrict their gasoline use. Think that would be tough to document? When you consider the government has found a way for me to document every stamp I lick, phone call I place and photocopy I make as a professional writer, measuring someone's gasoline conservation should be a piece of cake.

I would begin a massive campaign to educate the American people about the safety and efficiency of the best nuclear power plants in the world. Once we become aware of the positive possibilities of nuclear power, and how well it is working in some places, our perception of it will improve and our resistance to it will drop.

I would offer tax incentives to companies engaged in investigating and producing alternative-energy products.

But what do I know? I'm not energy expert. All I do is listen to what the real experts say and decide what makes the most sense to me, and that's exactly what President Bush and his advisers should be doing right now.

I hope when the promised energy policy emerges, it is light years beyond, "We burn oil."

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U.S. Army troops still face danger from dormant cluster bombs

By MARK FRITZ
Associated Press Writer

IN SOUTHERN IRAQ (AP) — He was the best runner in the battalion, the sharpest shooter in the company, a big kid with quick reflexes and a good eye. When he heard the blast, he ran.

Everyone thought it was Iraqi mortar fire. Dave Wiecezorek bolted toward his Bradley fighting vehicle. His boots pounded the sand. One came down on a small metal cylinder. It blew up.

It was Wiecezorek's last sprint. In just a few seconds, he was among three soldiers from the same company felled not by Iraqi fire, but dormant allied cluster bombs.

"He flew up in the air," said Pvt. Mike Jones, 20, of Dallas. "When I got to him he was real glassy-eyed. I kept talking to him. His hands wanted to grip something."

"I put my hand down and told him to grip it. I knew he was in pain because he put me in pain."

The explosion blew Wiecezorek's legs off. During the night, after a helicopter plucked him from the sand and took him to a medical base, he died.

Pvt. David Wiecezorek, 20, of Gentry, Ark., was a member of a 1st Cavalry Division company. The company, nicknamed the Wolfpack, is dug into a bombed-out Iraqi

Republican Guard outpost it was meant to pass through. But Thursday's cease-fire froze positions in place.

The Wolfpack now waits in an enemy field littered with unexploded bomblets dropped from allied warplanes.

In a legacy likely to last years, the battlefields of Iraq and Kuwait also are covered with a vast array of Iraqi mines.

On Feb. 26, seven American soldiers were killed while trying to clear a landing strip in southern Iraq of allied cluster bombs.

"A lot of these air munitions have a high dud rate," explained Maj. Bob Bynum, 40, of South Fulton, Tenn. "These things become like little mines when they just lay there, only much more unpredictable. A vibration can set them off."

"Doctrine states you don't use these munitions in places where you're going to put your troops."

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Michael Parker, 42, of Dallas, said it probably wasn't a good idea to stay on the Republican Guard outpost just west of the northern Kuwaiti border. But he said any area in the region may be as bad.

The Wolfpack and the rest of the 1st Cavalry rolled onto the Republican Guard emplacements Wednesday night after a 200-mile trek through Iraq.

There were no deaths from Iraqi fire. Thursday morning, they woke up to word of a cease-fire. Soldiers peeled off their chemical warfare gear and raised state, national and battalion flags over their armored vehicles.

They scammed through Iraqi bunkers and battle positions, scavenging vehicles for souvenirs. Green fatigues with the Republican Guard's inverted red triangle were highly coveted.

Few paid attention to the tiny cylinders scattered throughout the encampment. Officers said one private picked up a bomblet and put it in his pocket.

It took off his hand and a leg at the thigh, but he survived.

Sgt. Bill Wilson, 34, of San Diego, was the first to reach him. "He said his foot hurt and he wanted to see it," Wilson said. "I took it and threw it so he wouldn't."

Seconds later and less than 100 yards away, Wiecezorek was hit. A third soldier standing nearby was wounded by shrapnel.

Soldiers stood silently as a helicopter hovered over their sprawled comrades, touched down, then took them away.

On Friday, word spread that Wiecezorek had died. Wiecezorek manned one of the M-60 machine guns that protect the Wolfpack's 14 Bradleys when they're

not moving. He joined the army under a college funding program and planned to go to school when he got out.

He had a girlfriend at home and bought a car before heading to Saudi Arabia in September.

He was by all accounts an exceptional athlete and such a good shot that the Army wanted to send him to sniper school.

After the 1st Cavalry was sent to the desert, Wiecezorek won a Soldier Achievement medal for finishing first in a 12-mile battalion march with full gear.

"He was outgoing, gung-ho, really great physically," said Rickey Weeks, 31, of Tupelo, Miss., who bunked with Wiecezorek in basic training. "He was a funny guy, real smart, always making jokes. And he was a great runner. He could really run."

On Saturday, the Wolfpack gathered in a dusty circle for a memorial service. Wiecezorek's machine gun was stuck muzzle down in the sand, his helmet placed atop the weapon and his boots in front of it.

A platoon sergeant read a roll call of soldiers standing at attention. One name got no answer.

"Wiecezorek!" he called plaintively. "Wiecezorek!"

A brief pause, then a bugler played "Taps." Blasts echoed and smoke curled from several points on the horizon as combat engineers detonated ton after ton of captured Iraqi munitions. The soldiers drifted away.

Supreme Court's ruling on punitive awards seen as sparking legislation

By JAMES H. RUBIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Renewed legislative battles are likely in the aftermath of a Supreme Court ruling that upholds the current system permitting huge punitive damage awards in lawsuits.

Stephen Bokor, a lawyer for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said the 7-1 decision "all but shuts the door on judicial relief" for those hit with big awards.

"The business community has to redouble its efforts for legislative reform," he said.

Kenneth Geller, a lawyer representing the Business Roundtable, said the high court may not have foreclosed all future court challenges to the constitutionality of punitive damage awards.

But, he said, "I'm certain people will seek relief in the legislatures."

The business groups failed in urging the Supreme Court to rule that skyrocketing damage awards violate constitutional guarantees of fundamental fairness.

In other actions, the court:

- Rejected a challenge by Nevada officials to federal plans for a nuclear waste dump near Las Vegas.

- Left intact a New York "lemon law" that gives buyers of chronically defective cars more legal protection than they get under federal law.

- Refused to protect church groups fighting local landmark preservation laws. The court refused

to let a New York City church tear down its community house and build a commercial skyscraper, and told a lower court to reconsider a ruling that churches are exempt from a Seattle landmark ordinance.

The punitive damages ruling was surprisingly one-sided in view of the fact that several justices had previously expressed misgivings about mega-awards that seemingly were disproportionate to the harm suffered.

The court said it is up to state judges and legislatures to decide whether juries are going too far in punishing and deterring wrongdoers.

Consumer and legal groups applauded the ruling.

Wrongdoers "should spend more time figuring out how to make their products safer and less time trying to escape their responsibilities under law," said Linda Lipsen of Consumers Union. "Companies need to know that they can be punished if they hurt people."

Michael Maher of the Trial Lawyers of America said the ruling "means that juries can continue to make the punishment fit the crime. It is a major victory for American justice."

"Those who make unsafe products, defraud customers and hide industrial hazards (must) act responsibly," he said.

Disappointed business groups said they now must step up the drive for legislative "tort reform" to restrict jury discretion. Many states already have enacted such restraints, and those laws are not affected by

Monday's ruling upholding a \$1 million award to Cleopatra Haslip of Alabama, who was victimized by insurance fraud.

Bruce Ennis, who represented Mrs. Haslip, said the high court provided a "ringing affirmation of the jury system, that ordinary people can be entrusted with important decisions." He said he felt particularly gratified because it was "an uphill fight" convincing the court that such awards are constitutionally permissible.

Justice Harry A. Blackmun, writing for the court, said Alabama law assures fair treatment for defendants, even wealthy ones with "deep pockets" that are likely to be inviting targets for lawsuits.

Juries there are barred from hearing evidence about the wealth of the defendant, he said, and judges and appeals court are empowered to review the awards.

"Unlimited jury discretion ... in the fixing of punitive damages may invite extreme results that jar one's constitutional sensibilities," Blackmun said.

But "we cannot draw a mathematical bright line between the constitutionally acceptable and the constitutionally unacceptable that would fit every case."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor dissented. She said the ruling will "substantially impede" reform and will let juries continue "to target unpopular defendants, penalize unorthodox or controversial views and redistribute wealth."

Lengthy lab tests may have delayed issuing of warning on cold capsules

By NANCY COSTELLO
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Lab tests that linked a cyanide death to a Sudafed cold capsule took two weeks longer than usual, a state official said, and an FBI agent said that may have delayed the issuing of a drug-tampering warning.

Two people in Washington state have died of cyanide poisoning and a third was seriously injured after taking Sudafed capsules.

The incidents prompted the over-the-counter drug's manufacturer, Burroughs Wellcome Co. of Research Triangle Park, N.C., to pull it from stores nationwide on Sunday.

Two suspicious-looking Sudafed 12 Hour capsules have been sent to an FBI laboratory in Washington since the recall. Tests on at least one were planned today, said agent William Gore, who heads the FBI's investigation here.

Authorities said all three poisonings and the discovery of two more capsules that may have been tampered with occurred in the Tacoma-Olympia area.

No one has been arrested, and

authorities have not revealed a possible motive.

Tumwater Police Chief Mike Vandiver told Seattle's KIRO-TV on Monday his department is looking at one person, but he refused to identify that person or say whether he or she is a suspect. He said the individual has been under investigation since the first poisoning, on Feb. 2, in which the victim survived.

Meanwhile, David Predmore of the state toxicology lab told Seattle's KOMO-TV that it took his lab two weeks longer than normal to determine that the first of the two deaths was the result of cyanide poisoning.

He said the process can be done in two days. He said he could not explain the delay.

But Dr. Barry Logan, the lab's director, said there are six lab workers to handle 6,000 cases a year, and because of heavy caseloads, investigators usually wait 10 to 14 days for test results.

Kathleen Daneker, 40, of Tacoma died on Feb. 11. Authorities learned on March 1 that her death was the result of cyanide poisoning and that she had taken Sudafed. They issued a drug-tampering warn-

ing the next day.

Stan McWhorter, 44, of Lacey, who also took a Sudafed capsule, died of cyanide poisoning on Feb. 18. Gore said authorities might have issued a warning before that if they had known the cause of Daneker's death sooner.

"It's all hypothetical," Gore said Monday. "But one would assume we would have taken action if we were notified earlier. We would have reacted on the 15th or 16th the same way we reacted on the 1st."

The first cyanide victim was Jennifer Meling, 28, of Tumwater, who fell ill on Feb. 2 after taking a Sudafed. She lapsed into a coma but is recovering.

Meling's doctor, L. Hian Pouw, said he warned Thurston County authorities on Feb. 4 that he suspected cyanide poisoning and that he believed the poison was in a Sudafed capsule.

But Tumwater Detective Jeff Oehlerich said authorities initially considered the Meling incident an isolated attempted murder case, adding her husband was a suspect.

Meling's husband, Joe Meling, acknowledged Monday that some people considered him a suspect.

Top science winners



Ashley Reiter of Charlotte, N.C., center, is the top winner in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search announced Monday in Washington, D.C. Reiter poses with second place winner Denis Lazarev of Fair Lawn, N.J., left, and third place winner William Ching of New York City.

Consumer groups oppose Texas liability bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed products liability law co-sponsored by House Speaker Gib Lewis has drawn fire from consumer groups and trial lawyers, who contend the bill would put the burden of safety on product users.

Austin attorney Phil Maxwell of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association testified against the bill, which would establish guidelines for lawsuits which claim products liability injuries. The House State Affairs Committee left the bill pending Monday.

Maxwell faulted the legislation for limiting the length of time for injury claims and forcing additional proof of dangerous products.

"The so-called products safety

bill gives a safe harbor for giant, out-of-state manufacturers and leaves injured Texans out in the cold," he said.

John Hildreth, regional director of Consumers Union, said the measure could gut the current product liability trial system, "which allows individual consumers who have been harmed from being overwhelmed or intimidated by multimillion dollar corporations."

"By making it harder for consumers to bring legitimate claims, this legislation would remove much of the pressure on companies to consider safety in the design stages of product development," Hildreth said.

Two Houston homeowners, who

said they were plagued by polybutylene plumbing woes, also criticized the bill.

Several lawsuits are in progress over alleged failures of the plumbing system, which was the subject of a 60 Minutes television broadcast. The plumbing was used in 6 million homes around the country, including 600 in the Houston area, as well as by the city of San Antonio, said John McNally of the group Texas Citizen Action.

Allison and Tim Sisk of Spring, and Kathy and Ken Dingle of Houston, said they felt the products liability bill would make it harder for individuals to successfully sue large corporations for damages caused by their wares.

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Senate verdict on Keating Five leaves scant guidance for future

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the final Senate verdict is rendered in what's left of the Keating Five case, it will leave unanswered the ethical riddle raised by two realities of Congress: favors and fund raising.

That's a problem for those who sit in judgment in congressional conduct cases as well as for those being judged.

Even with the big dollars and the heavy-handed intercession that figured in the Keating Five case, the Senate Ethics Committee found evidence to warrant possible Senate censure against only one man, Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., who is ailing and has announced he won't seek re-election next year.

The other four were chastised, and their cases closed. Any further

action on those senators will come at the hands of constituents, not colleagues.

Part of the problem in this case, as in most that have gone before, is the absence of written rules to govern the conduct of senators. The ethics committee said it found general guidelines for intervention with federal agencies — in this case, savings and loan regulators — but said those standards were "unknown to many senators."

So the committee recommended that a special task force of the Senate Rules Committee write regulations guiding how senators should intercede with federal regulators or other government officials in performing "constituent service." That means going to bat for an individual who has a problem with a government agency.

The individual in this case was Charles J. Keating Jr., who sought

and got help from the five senators in his dispute with regulators over his savings and loan operations, which eventually failed with bailout costs estimated at \$2 billion.

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Keating and his associates had donated \$1.3 million to the senators' campaigns and causes. He said he certainly hoped his financial backing had led them to take up his cause.

At the opening of the ethics committee's two-month hearing on the case, Robert S. Bennett, special counsel to the panel, said its findings would provide guidance on the proper limits of constituent service.

Perhaps so, but it certainly is murky guidance.

The committee found that

Cranston may have violated Senate rules with an "impermissible pattern of conduct in which fund raising and official activities were substantially linked."

Two other Democrats, Dennis DeConcini of Arizona and Donald W. Riegle Jr. of Michigan, were rebuked for involvement that "gave the appearance of being improper and was certainly attended with insensitivity and poor judgment." Sens. John Glenn, D-Ohio, and John McCain, R-Ariz., were scolded more mildly, for poor judgment.

Glenn and McCain will be up for re-election in 1992, DeConcini and Riegle two years later. All will have to deal with the political fallout of the ethics case, an issue that has hurt them in home-state opinion polls, and one likely to persist along with savings and loan bailout costs.

After 14 months of investiga-

tions, public hearings and private committee deliberations, there's still no clear guide for the senator who gets a call for help from a constituent who also is a donor. About all that can be said is that the wise senator will proceed cautiously when such calls come, as they surely will.

"At the same time that constituent service demands on members have increased, the cost of election, the cost of running campaigns has skyrocketed," Bennett said when the hearings began on Nov. 15. "More and more constituents are requesting the assistance of their congressmen at the same time that those congressmen must ask more and more of the same constituents for campaign contributions."

"I ask you this: how can our system of government maintain the appearance and the reality of integrity as these trends contin-

ue?" Bennett said then.

That stands, unanswered.

Congress never has had much success in writing clear ethical codes, or enforcing them. Compromise is essential, almost instinctive. While it is vital in legislating, it can be a liability when the task is one of judging conduct.

Hence the muffled verdict on the Keating Five, and the current Washington "good news-bad news" wisecrack:

The good news is that Saddam Hussein will be tried for war crimes.

The bad news is that he's being judged by the Senate Ethics Committee.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for *The Associated Press*, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 25 years.

Investigators discount bird as cause of crash

By JUDITH KOHLER
Associated Press Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — An investigator looking into a jet crash that killed 25 people discounted the possibility that a bird had caused the accident, despite the discovery of feathers stuck to a wing of the plane.

One day after the crash of the United jet, other possible causes under investigation included pilot error, low fuel supply and wind shear, when wind speed reverses across a plane's wings and causes it to drop like a rock.

"At this point it is a very wide-open investigation," John K. Lauber, head of the National Transportation Safety Board team investigating the accident, said Monday.

"There is nothing we would rule out at this point and nothing we would rule in."

Feathers were found and photographed on small pieces of wing, Lauber said. But though collisions with birds or instances in which birds were sucked into jet engines have caused crashes, Lauber said it was unlikely in this case.

Regarding the bird theory, he said, no one "has gotten excited" about it.

"There's no evidence of any kind of internal engine fire prior to impact," he said.

Earlier in the day, workers used a crane and a fire truck with a snorkel boom to dig deep into the earth to recover charred chunks of the twin-engine plane. Body bags

were carried from the crash site to a coroner's van.

The jet went down five miles short of the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport in a small park Sunday, narrowly missing an apartment complex and houses. All 20 passengers and five crew members were killed.

The consensus of more than a score of witnesses was that the plane was making its final landing approach, pitched steeply downward and rolled to the right, hitting the park almost straight down, Lauber said at a news conference.

Wreckage was buried at least 20 feet into the ground, he said.

"We don't know how deep it is," he said. "The entire plane is in there."

The airport had issued wind shear alerts Sunday morning before and after the crash, but none was in effect when the crash occurred, Lauber said. He would not speculate on the possibility that wind shear took the plane down.

The National Weather Service said that at the time of the crash, visibility was 100 miles and winds were 23 mph with gusts to 32 mph.

Officials said the pilot was warned of strong wind gusts just before the plane crashed. Air traffic controllers told the pilot about wind conditions reported by pilots of smaller craft who reported being jostled by turbulence.

The cockpit recorder and the flight data recorder were recovered and sent to Washington for examination today, he said.



(AP Laserphoto)

A crane hoists a jet engine part from a pit dug at the United Flight 585 crash scene near Colorado Springs Monday. Plane parts and remains of victims were unearthed during excavation. All 25 aboard were killed.

Austin woman's daughter dies in Colorado air crash

AUSTIN (AP) — Jane Johnson got the news she had always expected to hear when she learned that her daughter had been killed in the crash of a United Airlines jetliner in Colorado Springs.

There was a bouquet of yellow roses and white carnations hanging near the door of Jane's Restaurant. Clipped to the bouquet was a photograph of Bonnie Bachmann, the owner's daughter.

"She was always smiling," said Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Bachmann, a flight attendant, was one of the 25 people killed Sunday when a United Airlines Boeing 737 crashed near Colorado Springs, Colo. Also killed in the crash was Mildred Brown, 38, of Copperas Cove, near Killeen.

"I'd always worried about her being on those planes," she said. "Whenever I heard about a plane crash on the news, I'd get hysterical and start calling everywhere to see if Bonnie was on that plane and to see if she was OK."

"She'd always tell me not to worry. She said she was safer up there in the air than we were down here driving around in cars." Family members said Mrs. Bachmann, 40, was only months away from her 20th anniversary as a United flight attendant.

She is survived by her husband, David, of Phoenix. Relatives said he is in training to become a flight attendant for United.

Mrs. Bachmann, who was based in Denver, would not even have been aboard the fatal flight had she not been doing a favor for her younger stepbrother.

"She was not even working that day," said her sister, Debbie Clakley, of Austin. "She was a passenger on the plane."

Mrs. Clakley said that Mrs. Bachmann drove her 10-year-old stepbrother Kenny Austin from Colorado Springs to Denver on Sunday. He took a return flight to Miami, where he lives with Mrs. Bachmann's father.

After putting the boy on a plane, she decided to catch a ride on Flight 585 back to Colorado Springs.

Investigators don't know what caused the plane to go down, but plummeted and virtually disintegrated about four miles south of the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport. The accident happened about 9:45 a.m.

Mrs. Johnson said she decided to keep the homestyle-cooking restaurant open Monday because "I wanted to be here with all of my friends. I didn't want to be at home."

"My daughter Bonnie, she's dead. She died in a plane crash yesterday," Mrs. Johnson cried as she reached out to hug state Supreme Court Justice Oscar Mauzy, a longtime friend and customer.

"There's no body," Mrs. Johnson said. "It's all gone. The plane exploded."

Mrs. Clakley said her sister's death still seems unreal partly because the plane's destruction was so complete.

"This is very difficult to accept when there are no remains to bury or there's no body in a casket," she said. "We have nothing but pictures to look at."

Iditarod mushers on record-setting pace

ROHN ROADHOUSE, Alaska (AP) — The leading mushers in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race set out onto the tundra of central Alaska, slightly ahead of last year's record pace but heading into weather that could slow things down.

"Everybody is going crazy," said Joe Runyan of Nenana, who won the race in 1989 and was in ninth place Monday. "There are quite a few front-runners who are quite ahead of schedule."

Organizers of the 1,163-mile, Anchorage-to-Nome race have been optimistic that the hard and fast

trails in the first three days would result in a faster finish than last year's record time of 11 days, 1 hour and 53 minutes.

Terry Adkins of Sand Coulee, Mont., led a field of leaders out of the checkpoint at Rohn on Monday. Rohn is 274 miles into the race.

He was followed by Dee Dee Jonrowe of Willow, Lavon Barve of Wasilla, and Tim Osmar of Clam Gulch.

Farther back were defending champion Susan Butcher of Manley and Rick Swenson of Two

Rivers. They are vying to become the first musher to win the race five times.

The National Weather Service said high temperatures and snow turning to rain are forecast for the race region beginning this afternoon. Temperatures may reach as high as the 40s on Wednesday, the weather service said.

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Wild turkey roosts in trees, forages on ground

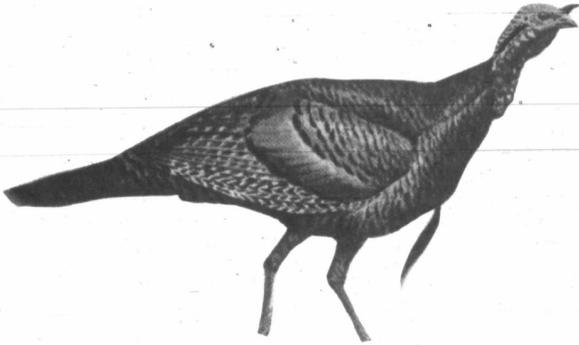
About this time last year, our neighbors were at home watching TV one afternoon, when suddenly, there was a loud explosion followed by a lot of black smoke! Their TV, along with their lights and everything else is electrical in their house, went off temporarily. Because the explosion sounded like it had come from behind their house, they went out into the yard to see what might have caused it, and after looking for a while, they noticed what looked like a dirty black plastic bag in one corner of the yard. Imagine their surprise when they got close enough to see that it was a wild turkey, which had apparently flown into the power lines and been electrocuted!

A few weeks later, some friends who live on Holly Street reported having seen a dead turkey in their alley. It is not unusual for wild turkeys to be seen around the edge of town, and on golf courses; but flocks have been seen in Central Park, here in Pampa. They probably followed White Deer Creek. (So don't think you eyes are deceiving you, if you happen to see wild turkeys downtown).

The wild turkey is the largest game bird native to North America, and can weigh up to 20 pounds. It is more slender than its domestic relative, which has been bred to produce a larger and more commercially-desirable white-meat breast. The male wild turkey has a dark iridescent body. Its head and neck are devoid of feathers, and the bare skin is bluish, with a red wattle (a fleshy fold of skin hanging from the neck or throat). It has a long dangling tuft of feathers (called the "beard") in the middle of its breast. In the normal silhouette, the tail is turned down; but when in a strutting display, the tail is upright and is fanned out, while the body feathers are puffed out, making the turkey look much larger. (This is the most-often recognized "Thanksgiving" image of the turkey).

During the winter, the flocks usually separate by sexes; so it isn't unusual to see a large flock containing only gobblers, or another containing only hens. The gobblers are polygamous, and in the spring a gobbler's call may be heard a mile away.

They forage mostly on the



Wild turkey

ground for seeds, nuts, acorns, berries, or insects. They can often be found around pecan trees, where they can find not only one of their favorite foods, but also convenient roosting places. About dusk, it is interesting to watch a flock of turkeys flying one-by-one into a tall tree. Some evenings, as you look toward a tree silhouetted against the western sky, you can see turkeys roosting in it. One evening as we were driving near San Angelo, we passed under a tree which had large limbs extending across the roadway—and there, on a limb directly above us, was a wild turkey! (I wish we had taken a picture of that, since we may never see anything like that, again). We have also seen turkeys "going to roost" in trees south of Lefors. Most often they are seen in rough country where there are convenient large trees for them to roost in.

Why do you think they roost in trees? And why are they often found in trees extending out over rivers? And why do they all face the same direction, when roosting? The answer to the first two questions is essentially the same—they are trying to get out of reach of predators. As to the direction they face when roosting, it is probably relative to the wind direction. Perhaps some of you ranchers or farmers might have a more definite answer to that question.

The Spanish word for turkey is

"guajolote" (pronounced wah-ho-LO-tee), which also means fool. So the figurative translation for turkey is a "big dumb bird." Turkeys have the reputation of being rather stupid birds, and have reportedly stood out in the rain and drowned, instead of seeking shelter. It is probably fortunate for us that his bird wasn't smart enough to stay out of the range of the firearms used by the Pilgrims and other settlers. Turkey was a staple in the diet of many of our ancestors, probably due to the ease with which these birds could be shot, and the large numbers of turkeys which were found all across America. In 1776, Benjamin Franklin even proposed that the wild turkey be named our national bird. (His objection to having the bald eagle as our symbol was that it was a carrion-eater).

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In the last article, I wrote that I knew of no previous sightings of Inca Dove in the Pampa area; but one couple has kept accurate records of different birds they have seen in this area, and they had a pair of Incas in their yard during the fall of 1982.

There is a man in Amarillo who keeps records for the Audubon Society of birds which have been seen, where they were and latest dates of sightings, and whether they nest in this area. Would one of you computer bluffs like to volunteer to keep similar records for the Pampa area?

Proper watering of plants lengthens life

By EARL ARONSON
AP Newsfeatures

My friendly adviser says there are only three ways to water houseplants — too much, too little and just right. But it's not that simple because there are many differences in plant size, pot composition, indoor temperature, humidity and light that will change water use. So, you have to change the frequency or amount of water supplied.

According to Ray Rothenberger of the University of Missouri, "Watering is one of the most controllable factors in growing houseplants, and yet, improper watering is one of the most frequent causes for failure with plants."

"Diagnosis of the problem may be difficult because the symptoms shown by plants that have been overwatered are not greatly different from those of plants that have been underwatered. Both conditions cause plants to wilt. Tips of leaves may turn brown, black or yellow, and eventually drop. Improper watering, whatever the type, results in stunted plants that do not grow, even though they may survive."

If a plant has had too little water, roots around the outside of the soil ball will be brown and shrunken. If the plant has been kept too wet, the roots may also be brown, but more likely will be mushy and decayed. Overwatered plants may also have a soft stem that collapses near ground level. Collapse of the main stem is much less likely to occur in underwatered plants unless the lack of water has persisted a long time. Many fungi can grow in constantly excessive moisture, and some will show their presence by the production of powdery spores.

When watering, keep in mind that indoor conditions can change. Determine plant needs, and don't water on

a rigid time schedule. Do not keep the soil surface constantly wet. Even plants that need plenty of moisture should be allowed slight drying at the soil surface. Don't let watered plants sit in a saucer of water for more than a few hours.

Rothenberger points out that plants have different watering needs. "A few, such as the umbrella plant, need to be very wet at all times," he says. "Most houseplants fit into a middle group, which consists of those that need fairly constant moisture. Slight drying between waterings is beneficial, but wilting should never occur."

Before water is added, the soil surface should be dry to the touch. "But, if we scratch into the soil a quarter of an inch in small pots and half an inch in large pots, we should find moisture to the touch or visibly, since moist soil is darker than dry soil."

A third group of plants need to become drier between waterings. These plants should not be watered until signs of moist soil are found one-half to 1 inch beneath the surface.

Water thoroughly each time. Water should run through the soil and drain into a saucer under the pot. It may remain in the saucer for about an hour to allow some reabsorption. After an hour, discard the water that remains in the saucer.

"Another damaging watering situation results when fluctuation between extremes occurs," Rothenberger says. Shifting from periods of too wet to periods of too dry kills even more roots. The overall survival of the plants is reduced.

"To some extent, plants are able to adjust to a problem that is constantly the same. Erratic or irregular watering allows them no chance to adapt. However, proper care is the only way to grow healthy plants indoors."

Mother-in-law's loan is burdensome

DEAR ABBY: I have a family problem that I don't know how to handle.

My daughter and her husband and children live in another state. They both have good jobs and are decent, reliable people. Last year, my daughter and her husband got into a financial bind and borrowed some money from my mother-in-law, who is also my daughter's grandmother. (I'll call her Nell.) My daughter and her husband asked Nell to please keep the loan confidential, as they didn't want anyone else in the family to know about their financial setback. Nell is financially secure.

Well, Nell phoned me immediately to tell me about the loan. I never did tell my daughter that Nell told me about it. Now Nell keeps calling me to rake my daughter over the coals if she is late with a payment! Abby, it upsets me terribly to hear her complain about what a terrible daughter I have. What should I do?

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DEAR UPSET: Either write a letter or telephone Nell and convey the following message: "I



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

do not want to hear any more about my daughter and her husband's loan—that is between them and you, so please do not mention it again."

And if Nell calls you and brings it up, tell her you are busy and cannot listen to her. Then hang up. Your daughter and son-in-law have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: What do people get out of key-scratching a nice car? I drive a red Mercedes, which I keep in my garage. But when I leave it in a parking lot at the mall or on the

street for a short time, I return to find scratches on the door — put there deliberately. The same thing has happened to my father, sister, and to friends who also drive nice cars.

There is nothing I can do to protect my car because the alarm doesn't go off when this happens.

I would like to know why anyone would want to deliberately scratch a nice car this way.

SEEING RED IN TEXAS

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Andrea Rodriguez, a fifth grade student at Horace Mann Elementary, stands with her science project which poses the question, "How can the density of objects be determined?" The Mann science fair will be on display to the public through Friday at the school.

Mann Elementary ribbon winners chosen

Horace Mann Elementary School recently held its fourth annual science fair during Texas Public Schools Week.

Students in the first through fifth grades participated in the science fair. Blue ribbons were given for "superior" projects; students with "excellent" projects were given red ribbons. Purple ribbons were given to projects judged to be "good jobs."

Students earning blue ribbons were, in first grade: Chandra Haggard, Ryan Carr, Dusty Sinyard, Adam Parks, Mathew Dudley, Arron Brown, Charis Snider, Ashley Freeman; second grade: Lorena Baker, Jennifer Derr, Joseph Smith, Cassie Meadows, Brendan Zedlitz, Anita Hacker, Steve Terry; third grade: Samantha Hurst, Mary Fetter, Desirae McNabb, Lee Ann Gunnels, Jonny Dancel, Alan Parker, Andrew Arellano, Koury Snider, Caryn Lowrey, Nathan Arnn, Michael Brown, James Dunn, Jeremy Hall; fourth grade: Dale Rasmussen, Charlie Burke, Russ DuBose; and fifth grade: Sunnie Lewis, Christopher Harrison, Tabitha Lane, Andrea Rodriguez.

Students earning red ribbons were, in first grade: Courtney Ritchey, Justin Peevy, Katie Kilcrease, Stephanie Ascencio, R. C. Olson, Chris Crook, Matt Green, Ben Whitten, Michael Cochran, Chauntyl Martinez, Mario

Dominguez, Joey Dancel, Jerry Mulanax, Ryan Nutsch, Amanda Carter, Sarah New; second grade: Jonathan San Miguel, Jerrod Drinnon, Amanda Burden, Joey Rasmussen, Eric Guyer, Johnny Bridges, Marsial Garcia, Amanda West, Elmer Whitson, Chelsea McCullough, Lindsey Hampton, Jessica Morrison, Consuelo Hacker, Craig Stout, Chris Reed; third grade: Tara Jackson, Christi Lee, Jonathon Wade, Nick Harvill, Chris Mackay, Carey Knurson, Celest Arreola, Amanda Kilcrease, Shanna Marshall, Casey Knutson, Beth Lee, Bobby Walton, Tawnie Clem, Daniel Green, Jacob Lewis, Jessica Conner, Sarah Baxter, Loretta Moya, Robert Allen Garza, Tiffanie Ellis; fourth grade: Steve West, Joshua Paulson, Steven Soto, Justin Hampton, Seth Wood, Jamie Lycan, Jennifer Bliss, Rebecca McConnell, Chrissy Fulton; fifth grade: Jami Wilson, Jared Hoover, Laramie Chronister, Donielle McNabb.

Students earning purple ribbons were, in first grade: Shellie Snapp, Jerad Matlock, Chris Dallas, Charlie Craig, Robert Hoover, Nick Gallagher, Ryan Milligan, Ashley Hathcoat, Joe Wilson, Ashley Cain, Olga Mejia, Jerry Mearns, Derrick Scarbrough, Nicole McGill, Robyn Lowrey, Stephen Broadbent; second grade: Brooke Chronister, Shane Story, Judy Pepi, Amber Caviness, Darrin Biegler, Jessica Williams,

Amber Hathcoat, Crystal Tambunga, Amanda Poole, Daniel Abernathy, Angie Cloud, Jessica Cortez, Erik Black, Michael Murrah, James Marquez, Jimmy Swinney, Brandon Albus, Stephen Davis, Laura Clark; third grade: Vivian Botello, Jennifer Ascencio, Ryan King, Ricky Putman, Cassie Russell, Matt Gallagher, Kevin French, Jason Hall, Arthur Villareal, Charlene Mejia, Griselda Regalado, Melanie Sinyard, Desarae Hilton, Cody Shephard, J. J. Solis, Andy Cook; fourth grade: William Wright, Jacy Padgett, Jessica Maddox, James Carter, Josh Paul, Josh Peterson, Heather Ascencio, Roy Welborn, Shawna Snapp, William Wright; fifth grade: Brad Allen, Stephen Russell.

Other students participating in the science fair were, in first grade: Amanda Grinder, Kathy Russell, Katie James, Shirlynn West, Angelica Jennings, Gene Venejas; second grade: Michael Jennings, Ashley Malone, Ana Regalado, Lucy Arreola, Katrina Williams, Starla Honeycutt, Jimmy Lovelady; third grade: Jennifer Peevy, Alex Soria, Amanda Graves, Tim Hickerson, Juanita Cook; fourth grade: Mike Hickerson, Annette Botello, Donna Phillips, Kristan Albus; fifth grade: Crystal Smith, William Clark.

The science fair will be on display for public viewing through March 8 at Horace Mann Elementary School.

Pastels and suede for spring shoes

By FRANCINE PARNES
AP Newsfeatures

If you want to put your best foot forward this spring, slip into a pastel or neutral suede pump.

For a bit more kick, try a '60s look; airy styles such as mules, sandals and sling-backs, or open-work materials like macrame and mesh.

Forget black. "It's been around for the past umpteen years," says Caryl Foster, associate fashion editor of Footwear News, a trade publication.

Subdued metallics in gold, bronze and silver are a good choice. Not only are they worthy of black-tie evenings, they're showing up as low-heeled sandals for day.

But the biggest influence this season, Foster says, is the '60s. "It's ubiquitous in everything from ready-to-wear to street fashion to shoes."

Revolutions from the Woodstock Generation include Beatle boots, chunky heels and platform soles. Hippie chicks will delight in flower-power and peace-sign ornamentation, macrame, Buffalo sandals and psychedelic colors.

"It's a '60s look with a '90s nuance," says Margaret Pennes, marketing director for The National Shoe Fair, a trade show. "That means that Beatle boots, for example, now look a little sleeker, more subdued."

Meanwhile, toes are squaring off, a look that has redawned from the Age of Aquarius and flats are giving way to a chunky, one-inch heel.

"Shoes are looking a lot more architectural," Foster says.

They're also recalling the fashion influence of Jacqueline Kennedy and Babe Paley, a la big Pilgrim buckles and white patent leather. Both look great when paired with demure chemise and structured handbag.

Color, likewise, goes retro chic. Inherited from the days of Camelot are the pastels — mint green, ice pink, powder blue and buttery yellow. Charles Jourdan, for example, offers a high-heel suede sling in pale pink, mint or bone.

For pastel footwear, choose hosiery that complements, not contrasts. "Your stockings don't have to match exactly," Foster says, "but keep them in the same tonal family."

The point is to elongate the leg, not break it up.

In his spring show, designer Bill Blass sent almost every model down the runway in nude stockings and sand color suede pumps by Manolo Blahnik.

"Bill wanted the shoe to be the color of the girl's leg," explains Tom Fallon, publicity director. "It looks like the only thing that stops the legs is the floor."

A major new look is open spaces. "The spring forecast spotlights slings, T-straps, mules and simply lots of shoes that bare the foot," says

Mercedes Lamamie. The fashion director for the Commercial Office of Spain, which promotes the Spanish footwear industry, points to clear vinyls, flesh-baring mesh, perforations and cut-outs.

A third of Manolo Blahnik's spring line is backless mules, says company spokesman David Goren. Blahnik's most important mule for spring, he says, has a low Louis heel and a suede Pilgrim buckle. It was worn by every model in Isaac Mizrahi's spring show and comes in a multitude of bright and pale suedes and patents.



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Faithful fan

NEDERLAND, Texas (AP) — Every Friday night for 40 football seasons, 90-year-old Hattie "Maw Maw" Roberts was at Bulldog Stadium, sitting in Section J Row 7 on the 50-yard line, rooting for Nederland High School.

She figures she's watched easily more than 400 Nederland High games, including road games.

On Thursday, the Nederland High football team rewarded Ms. Roberts for her faithfulness with the football fan's holy grail — an autographed football signed by the players.

Linebacker Dan Vandiver and Coach Bobby August gave Ms. Roberts the Wilson NFL football as a surprise gift arranged by her daughters and four granddaughters.

"We've got something for you," August told her. "We heard what a great fan you are."

"We wanted you to have this," Vandiver said as he handed Ms. Roberts the football covered with names and jersey numbers scribbled in black. Ms. Roberts grinned, reached for the football and cradled it next to her body.

"Woo! Got a football," she said, still grinning. "Oh, man! This means everything. Oh, Lord!"

"You're a special fan," August said. To call Ms. Roberts a fan probably doesn't do justice to what Nederland football means to her. Four of her six sons played for the Bulldogs. She taught her grandson the Nederland High fight song when he was very young, said Bobbie Pratt, Ms. Roberts' granddaughter.

When her Bulldogs played away from home, she hit the road right behind them.



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

Pampa High cheerleaders lead one last pep rally Monday night in McNeely Fieldhouse before the Harvesters leave for Austin and the state basketball tournament.

Harvesters make final plans for state basketball tourney

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

Pampa High head coach Robert Hale doesn't plan on changing a thing when his seventh-ranked Harvesters take on San Antonio Alamo Heights Thursday night in the Class 4A state tournament in Austin.

"We don't approach this game any different than any other game. We don't really think about who we're playing," Hale said. "We just want to go out and play our type of game and do what we do best."

What the Harvesters do best is utilize a fast-breaking offense and a pressure defense to wear down the opposition.

After capturing their third consecutive district championship, the Harvesters have defeated Leveland, 56-42, in bi-district, Sweetwater, 58-53, in the Area round; Burkburnett, 80-66, in the regional semi-finals and Lamesa, 74-64, in the regional finals.

The Harvesters, 34-3 overall, have won their last 16 games in row since losing to Burkburnett in the finals of the Lions Club Holiday Tournament last December.

Overall, the Harvesters have a 34-3 record, the best won-loss mark among the four tournament teams.

"That's really something isn't it? We're proud of that record, but we've got to put that aside and just concentrate on the next game," Hale said. "The state tournament is an exciting thing to be a part of, but we've still got to look at it as just another game."

Like the Harvesters, the San Antonio Alamo Heights Mules have a history of state tournament experience.

The Mules, 30-5, have been to high school's version of the Final Four twice in the last four years. They've reached the regional finals the last four years in a row.

Alamo Heights won its last state tournament title in 1954, the same year the Harvesters won its second of four state championships. The Mules beat Glenena Park, 67-60, for the Class 3A title while Pampa downed Crosier Tech, 47-44, in the Class 4A finals.

"Alamo Heights has got about the same tradition as we have, so it's going to be interesting," Hale said.

The Mules have a tall frontline, led by 6-7 all-state senior Crain Canaven. Ben Hart at 6-6 and Trevor Bain at 6-4 provide additional height.

"Canaven is a great shooter and they've got good height, but that's something we're used to," Hale said. "The main thing we want to do is stay consistent."

The Harvesters don't have a player listed over 6-2. Starters David Johnson, Jeff Young and Randy Nichols and reserve Daniel Trejo all stand 6-2.

Cederick Wilbon at 6-0 leads the Harvesters in scoring, averaging 22 points per game. Young averages 16 ppg while Johnson carries an 11.0 ppg scoring average.

The Pampa-San Antonio Alamo Heights game tips off at 8:30 p.m. Thursday night in the Frank Irwin Center on the University of Texas campus.

The opening game pits Port Arthur Lincoln against Dallas South Oak Cliff at 7 p.m. Thursday night. Dallas South Oak Cliff is 27-7 and eliminated defending champion Dallas Lincoln in the regional finals last Friday night.

Port Arthur Lincoln has 32-3 record and was ranked No. 1 in Class 4A at the end of the regular season.

The winners meet at 4 p.m. Saturday for the 4A championship.

State tournament tickets are available at the Pampa High School Athletic Office and Harvesters fans are urged to buy their tickets here. Tickets are five dollars for adults and three dollars for students.

High-stakes match between McEnroes ends with brotherly love

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Things might have turned out better for Cain and Abel if tennis was played in biblical times. They might have turned out like the McEnroes.

There has always been and will always be competition between brothers, but rarely will they end as grandly as this one did. With no blood, plenty of sweat and a few disguised tears, the biggest and littlest of Macs fought bitterly for two hours Sunday, then walked off the court with arms draped across each other's shoulders — not to mention some \$52,000 richer.

"I wasn't rooting for either one,"

John McEnroe Sr. said after his oldest son John beat his youngest, Patrick, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the final of Sunday's Volvo Indoor tennis tournament.

John's behavior all week included the usual mix of stares, glares and trash-talking for the benefit of various officials. "It's like smoking cigarettes and you can't stop," he admitted after one match. "It's just a lousy, stinking habit." But he behaved almost impeccably Sunday, and finished the afternoon talking wistfully about maturity and how that might help him kick his disgusting habit.

Patrick's gain is almost certain to be more long-lasting. Despite reach-

ing the semifinals of the Australian Open earlier this year and playing the tour for nearly eight seasons now, he has never shaken the feeling that he was simply the kid brother tagging along. But after seeing the fright he threw into John, Patrick is going to see a different person — perhaps his own person, at long last — reflected in opponents' eyes.

After play began Tuesday, both John and Patrick looked across the weak field from opposite ends of the bracket and for reasons known best to siblings, dreaded the possibility that they would end up sharing a court.

"I might have to realize that I have a wonderful wife and two kids

and a beautiful home, and I've made more money than I ever expected I would and won more tournaments," John, at age 32, eight years older than Patrick, said on the eve of Sunday's final.

"And I have to keep telling myself these things so that I don't jump off the Empire State Building if I lose."

"Neither of us is looking forward to it," was Patrick's stock response. "But if it happens, it happens. And it would be better in a final than in a first- or second-round match somewhere."

As it happened, there was precedents enough to go around. John hammered Patrick 6-1, 6-2 in the

first round of a tournament at Stratton Mountain, Vt., in 1985 when his younger brother was still enrolled at Stanford.

And twice before the McEnroes there had been family-affair finals, with Gene Mayer beating older brother Sandy at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1981 and Emilio Sanchez restoring the natural order of things by beating up on his kid brother Javier at Madrid, Spain, in 1987.

Neither precedent, however, provided John with much comfort. Nor did the fact that he had won 76 previous singles finals while Patrick was playing in only his first. Or that he was ranked No. 19 in the world to Patrick's No. 51.

As a result, John started unraveling like the bundle of nerves that he was, surrendering a break in the first game of the match and losing the first set after double-faulting three times in the final game, the last time at set point.

In the first game of the second set, John drilled a volley at Patrick's chest, knocking the racket out of his younger brother's hands, then a second volley close enough to drive home a point. He captured the break, won all four of his service games at love and the second set in the bargain.

Patrick didn't surrender easily, but gradually the distance between their talents became apparent.

Area players earn all-district basketball honors

High school basketball teams in the area fared well this year, placing many of their star athletes on All-District teams.

Named to the All-District 3-1A boys' team were Groom High School seniors Mike Conrad, Jeff Fields and Robert Miller, and McLean's Bobby Sherman, a senior and Jason Thomas, a junior.

Conrad was named most valuable player on the All-District 3-1A squad.

Named to the All-District 3-1A girls' team were Groom's Shannon

Fields, a senior, Kristy Case and Lesa Sweat, both juniors; Lefors' Danna Davis, a senior, and McLean's Brandi Melton, a junior.

Fields was named most valuable player on the All-District 3-1A team.

Selected to the All-District 2-2A boys' team were White Deer senior Allen Mercer and Canadian junior Joel Robbins.

Named to the All-District 2-2A girls' team were White Deer senior Traci Lemons and Canadian junior Jenny Wilburn.

Mavericks regarded as long shot for NBA playoff spot

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are a long shot for the final NBA Western Conference playoff spot, but players say they're not giving up regardless what the odds.

"We can do it," said guard Derek Harper. "But in order to do it, we have to find some consistency. We have to get on some kind of winning streak. I always feel like we have a chance until we're mathematically eliminated."

That might not be long. Following Monday night's 102-100 victo-

ry over the New Jersey Nets, Dallas was seven games behind the Seattle SuperSonics.

Coach Richie Adubato earlier this year said it would take 38 victories to make the playoffs. But the Mavericks have planted seeds of doubt with a four-game winning streak.

"If Seattle gets on a run, and it looks like they're going to get on a run, 38 may not be enough," Adubato said. "At their pace, with their talent, it's going to be tough."

Mavs guard Rolando Blackman said the team isn't worried about numbers.

"Our goal is to catch Seattle," he said. "That's the important thing. Our focus can't be on the amount of games we have to win. The amount is not important to us."

"The end result is important, which is to be a game ahead of them, and that's it," Blackman said. "It isn't math that counts. It's not in the numbers."

But the Sonics are playing at a .500 pace, and that projects to a 41-41 record at season's end. That means Dallas needs at least 20 victories in its final 26 games starting Monday to finish with a 41-41 mark.

That would mean playing at a .769 clip. The Portland Trail Blazers own the league's best record at 45-14. That's a .763 winning percentage.

Loss to Longhorns may affect Arkansas' status in NCAA tournament

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas' 13-point loss to Texas probably had a slight impact on the Razorbacks' status in the NCAA tournament.

Arkansas was a No. 1 seed before the game. Now, the Razorbacks and Syracuse are likely in the running for the fourth No. 1 seed. Unbeaten Nevada-Las Vegas is a certain No. 1. So is once-beaten Ohio State. Indiana, second in the Big Ten and No. 3 in the country, also is line for a No. 1.

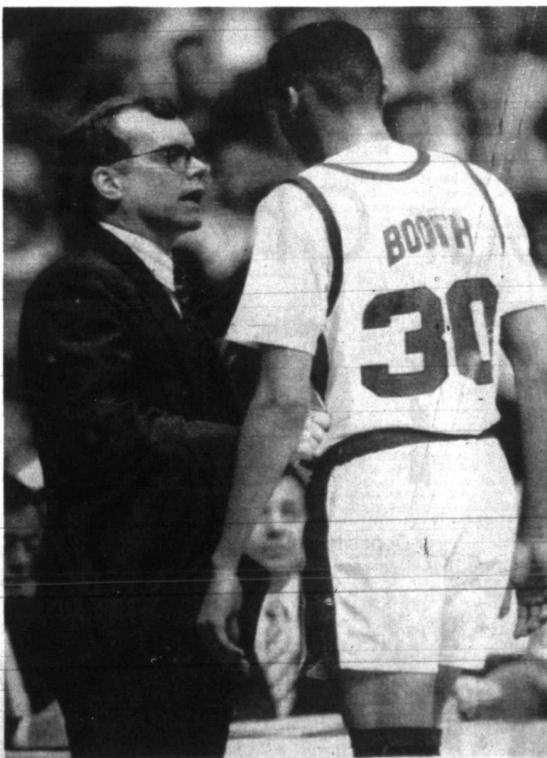
UNLV would be in the West; Ohio State in the Midwest.

If North Carolina had won Sunday, the Tar Heels probably would be a No. 1. Instead, Duke won 83-77.

So, the selection committee may be trying to decide between South-west Conference champion Arkansas and Big East champion Syracuse. The Orangemen are 26-4 and No. 4; Arkansas is 28-3 and No. 5.

Both have conference tournaments this week. Arkansas opens Friday night against Texas Tech or Texas A&M and a victory would pretty much secure the Razorbacks' position because most of the blanks will be filled in by Saturday. The 64-team field is to be revealed Sunday.

If the committee makes Syracuse No. 1 in the East, Indiana would be in the Southeast. In that case, Arkansas would probably be No. 2 in the Midwest. North Carolina and Duke would probably get a couple of the other No. 2 seeds.



(AP Laserphoto)

DePaul head coach Joey Meyer discusses strategy with forward David Booth during Saturday's game with St. John's.

After slow start, DePaul earns NCAA berth

By The Associated Press

Rankings and tournament bids were the farthest things from the minds of DePaul followers nine games into the season. Reaching the .500 mark was a more realistic goal in the last season the Blue Demons would spend as an independent.

Winning streaks of four, eight and three games were more than enough to offset three more losses as DePaul turned the 4-5 start into 25th place in The Associated Press college basketball poll and an almost sure at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, the only one earned by an independent.

"This is the right time to be in the rankings because my only concern in getting in the NCAA tourney and the rankings show that we are a team that is in a real good situation right now," DePaul coach Joey Meyer said Monday. "For the players and the fans and the history of the school, being in the rankings is great for them."

It's DePaul's first appearance in the rankings since starting the 1987-88 season as No. 20 in the preseason poll.

UNLV (27-0) remained the unanimous choice for No. 1 as the Runnin' Rebels finished the regular season undefeated, the first team to accomplish that feat since 1979.

Ohio State (25-1) held second, while Indiana (25-4) moved from fifth to third and Syracuse (26-4) from sixth to fourth. Arkansas (28-3), which lost to Texas on Sunday in its final Southwest Conference regular-season game, fell two places to

fifth and was followed in the Top Ten by Duke (25-6), North Carolina (22-5), Utah (26-2), Arizona (24-6) and Kentucky (22-6).

The Second Ten was New Mexico State, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, East Tennessee State, Louisiana State, UCLA, Mississippi State, Princeton and St. John's.

Seton Hall led the final five and was followed by Southern Mississippi, Texas, Alabama and DePaul. Pittsburgh and Virginia fell from the poll after losing their final regular-season games, while Texas and DePaul jumped in.

DePaul has some quality wins with road victories over Pepperdine and Georgetown and a win over Houston. The losses have been to NCAA-quality teams Texas, UCLA, Oklahoma State, North Carolina and Wisconsin-Green Bay and Northern Illinois, one or both of which will represent the Mid-Continent Conference.

"We've won 14 of our last 17 so we've been saving our best basketball for the end of the year. That's what you want to do," Meyer said. "At the beginning of the season I was looking for 18 to 20 wins. Then when we were 4-5, I was just hoping to win another game."

Meyer does see one possible problem with joining the ranks of the ranked before playing Miami, Fla., and Notre Dame this week to end the regular season.

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"I am very proud of this team," Peacocks coach Ted Fiore said. "We made it to the NCAAs. We made St. Peter's history and we have a chance to put them on the map."

St. Peter's was one of four teams on Monday night to earn an invitation to the NCAA tournament, which gets underway March 14. The others were South Alabama, which beat Old Dominion 86-81 to win the Sun Belt; Richmond, which downed George Mason 81-78 to win the Colonial Athletic Association; and Pepperdine, which beat St. Mary's, Calif., 71-68 in overtime to win the West Coast Conference.

The Peacocks (24-6) lived up to their reputation as a standout defensive team, holding their third straight tournament opponent to less than 60 points. There was also an impressive individual effort as Marvin Andrews held Iona's Sean Green to 10 points, 13.7 below his season average and 33 below what he had in Sunday night's semifinal win over Siena.



(Special photo)

Named the top six fishermen in the Top O' Texas Bassmasters Club for 1990 were (l-r) Joe Millican, Bob Bruce, Phillip Whitehead, Mike Young, Sandy Carroll and Bob Schiffman.

Bassmasters have awards banquet

Joe Millican earned the No. 1 fisherman of 1990 award during the Top O' Texas Bassmasters Club of Pampa banquet held recently at the Coronado Inn's Biarritz Club. Millican, who had 68.77# of fish for the year, Bob Bruce, Phillip Whitehead, Mike Young, Sandy Carroll and Bob Schiffman, were named the top six fishermen for the year. They are eligible to fish the State Top Six Tournament, held by the Texas B.A.S.S. Federation on Lake Amistad in April. Big Bass of the Year award was shared by Bruce and Young with identical 8.13# fish. Whitehead received the coveted Duck of the Year trophy. Special guests at the awards banquet were Jack Daniels of San Augustine, President of Texas B.A.S.S. Federation; Bob Schiffman of Pampa, 806 Region Director of Texas B.A.S.S., Biologist David Campbell of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and superintendent of the Tyler Fish Hatchery and Mel Phillips, Southwest Outdoor Columnist of Amarillo. Daniels and Schiffman conducted the 806 Region meeting. Campbell brought to Pampa the TPWD's "Operation Share a Lone Star Lunker" display of fiberglass repli-

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Mediate gives putter a week off

By BOB GREEN
AP Golf Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Rocco Mediate is giving his tall, skinny friend a week off.

The time off could be in the nature of a reward for good and faithful service. But it isn't. It's just the way Rocco's schedule worked out.

Fresh from the first victory of his career, a playoff triumph over Curtis Strange in the Doral Open, Mediate will spend the rest of the week at the PGA headquarters attending the classes necessary for him to gain full membership.

So his friend — the controversial, 49-inch putter that has helped Mediate turn his life around — will remain in the bag.

"It's given me a whole new perspective," the PGA Tour's newest winner said.

And the best could be yet to come.

"I've only been working with it for three months. I still have a long way to go with it, a lot to learn," said Mediate.

Since then, in six competitive starts he has:

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2. Had five top-10 finishes,
3. Won his first tournament,
4. Collected more money than he had in any of his five previous seasons as a touring

pro,

5. Gone over \$1 million in career earnings, and

6. Taken the lead in 1991 tour money-winnings with \$403,824.

Mediate also leads the tour in scoring average with a spectacular 68.66 and holds the top spot in three other statistical categories.

What he doesn't have are any points on the list from which the American Ryder Cup team will be chosen. Only Class A PGA members are eligible.

And that's one of the principal reasons Mediate is attending the PGA school later this week.

"I'll make that team two years from now," said Mediate, whose enormous success this season comes on the heels of five years of mediocrity.

"He's turned his game around," Strange said. "It isn't just the putter. It's the way he's hitting the ball, the way he's playing, the confidence he has."

But the putter helps.

It brushed in a pair of 10-foot birdie puts on the 71st and 72nd holes of the storm-delayed tournament and lifted Mediate into a tie with Strange at 276, 12 under par.

Sports Scene

Baseball

CANYON — Pampa defeated Canyon, 9-3, in a junior varsity baseball game Monday afternoon.

Winning pitcher was Chris Poole, who struck out 11, walked 5 and allowed 8 hits in going the distance.

Matt Finney hit a 3-run homer for Pampa while Greg Moore and Poole each had two hits.

Pampa JVs, which had 9 hits, have a 1-2 record.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) —

The Texas Rangers said Monday they have signed infielders Jack Daugherty and Jeff Huson to one-year contracts for the 1991 season.

The team also told pitchers Kevin Brown and Kenny Rogers and catcher Chad Kreuter their contracts had been renewed.

Major league baseball's basic agreement allows teams to renew the contracts of players who do not have enough service time to be eligible for salary arbitration. The only stipulation is a player's salary can-

not be cut more than 20 percent.

Details of contracts signed by Daugherty and Huson were not disclosed.

Daugherty batted .300 with 6 homers in 125 games while Huson hit .240 with 28 RBI in 145 games.

All 40 players on the Rangers' major league roster are under contract for 1991.

HOUSTON (AP) —

The Houston Astros don't play their first exhibition game until Friday but that's not soon enough for Manager Art Howe.

"I know we have things to accomplish in drills, but I think most of our questions this spring will be answered in the games," Howe said at the team's spring training headquarters in Kissimmee, Fla.

"I want to see how the pitchers react in game situations. That will tell us more than batting practice."

The Astros host the Atlanta Braves Friday in their exhibition opener.

Shortstop Rafael Ramirez participated in workouts for the first time Sunday. He was delayed in his native Dominican Republic because his green card had expired, causing him to miss four workouts.

Basketball

DALLAS (AP) — Benford Williams, who scored 57 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for the University of Texas last week, has been named Southwest Conference men's basketball player of the week.

Houston's LaShawn Johnson earned women's SWC honors.

For the week, Williams, a 6-5 swingman, was 27-of-40 from the field and scored a game-high 22 points in the Longhorns' 99-86 victory over No. 3 Arkansas Sunday.

Johnson scored 44 points, had five rebounds, 10 assists and seven steals in Houston's victories over Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M. Her high-point game came against the Lady Aggies, when she scored 25 points.

UTEP basketball coaching staff accused of improper recruiting

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Texas-El Paso basketball coach Don Haskins, former assistant coach Norm Ellenberger and assistant coach Greg Lackey have been accused by the National Collegiate Athletic Association of making improper recruiting contacts, according to an NCAA letter of official inquiry.

The 15-page letter, with many of its pages virtually blank because UTEP officials deleted information to protect the privacy of current or former students named in an NCAA investigation, was released Monday.

According to the letter of inquiry, Haskins, Ellenberger and Lackey are accused of "impermissible in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts with two prospective student athletes."

The details of those alleged violations were among the portions of the letter deleted by UTEP before it was released to the public.

Ellenberger, now a full-time assistant coach at Indiana University, was a part-time assistant coach at UTEP from 1986 to 1990. NCAA rules bar part-time coaches from recruiting off-campus.

Ellenberger could not be reached for comment Monday, the El Paso Times reported today.

Haskins, Lackey and all other UTEP employees have been asked by UTEP President Diana Natalicio not to comment on the NCAA findings until the school completes its own investigation.

It is the second time Ellenberger has had problems with the NCAA.

He was fired as the head coach at the University of New Mexico in 1979 after his program was hit with a grade-fixing scandal now known as "Lobogate."

New Mexico was barred from post-season play for two years, and forced to return money made in the 1978 NCAA tournament.

Ellenberger was also indicted by a federal grand jury but later acquitted on five counts of mail fraud, one count of wire fraud and one count of interstate travel in aid of a racketeer.

In 1981, Ellenberger was convicted on 21 of 22 New Mexico state charges of fraud and making false public vouchers, all fourth-degree felonies. He was put on unsupervised probation for one year.

Natalicio last month released a list of the 13 allegations lodged by the NCAA against the UTEP basketball program.

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American farmers being dealt 'glancing blow' from the recession

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers are planning larger crops this spring, and 1991 looks like it will be a good year for cash flow and farm income. But don't tell farmers they won't feel the effects of the recession.

"We out here in Oklahoma are all of a sudden hearing this great whining and gnashing of teeth in the Northeast about a recession, when it's really nothing new out here," said Chris Rink, executive director of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission.

Economist Neil Harl of Iowa State University said if it is a mild recession, agriculture "will be dealt no more than a glancing blow." But if it is severe, Harl worries about the consequences.

Many farmers say they never really recovered from the 1981-1982 recession, when land values plummeted, market prices declined and debts grew too huge to handle.

"Farmers been in a recession long time," said Raymond Parish, who grows wheat, grass and cattle on about 22,000 acres in Hunter, Okla. "The ones around here, we kind of learned how to handle it."

The Agriculture Department said farm income around the nation will be just under last year's record high of \$49 billion. That was the highest since the mid-1970s, counting inflation.

"Cash receipts will rise with larger marketings and higher prices for a few commodities," says James R. Donald, chairman of the department's World Agricultural Outlook Board. "At the same time, production expenses will increase a bit more, in part reflecting higher energy costs."

Economist Terry Fancl of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago said the studies show the

recession will have "little, if any, impact" on farmers this year.

That was not the case in the 1981-2 economic downturn.

"Remember, then we had worldwide recession, and we really got hurt on exports," Donald said. "There were quite a few cutbacks... particularly by some of the developing countries" that got into trouble with foreign exchange.

"Now doesn't compare anything with what happened then," he said. "We've still got fairly strong markets out there. We've got big supplies, obviously, but we don't have that type of worldwide recession that we had back then."

But there are different factors this year.

"I think everything, from our war in the Mideast to our budget at the national level to the recession we are in, has all caused farmers to be somewhat gun shy," says Everett Nordine, who farms near the northwest Iowa community of Albert City.

Copeland Griswold, who farms 3,000 acres of peanuts and cotton in the Florida panhandle, said the Persian Gulf War cost him \$50,000. Iraq had been a major importer of U.S. cotton.

"Some idiot I never heard of, some country I never heard of, cost me a bunch of money," he said.

Drought also adds to the farmer's problems.

"I think after two years of drought, things are catching up with people," said Brad Thykeson, a grain and livestock farmer near Portland, N.D. "People were hoping 1990 would pay some past bills and it didn't. Now, they're facing average yields at these (low) commodity prices. You've got to look at 1991 as a break-even year."

Thykeson said it was no easier borrowing money.

Mike Dunn, chief lobbyist for the National Farmers Union, said bankers are no longer willing to accept additional collateral — often in inflated land values — and roll over debts so farmers could borrow more.

"It's now on cash flow — whether or not you can cash flow enough to pay bills and have some left over... borrow in the spring and settle up in the fall," he said.

In Webster City, Iowa, Jeff Plagge, executive vice president of First State Bank, said loan demand remains good and cash is available. But he said customers have taken "a more conservative approach" to borrowing.

Farmers who have used all their credit at the local bank can turn to the Farmers Home Administration — traditionally, the government's lender of last resort.

Billions of dollars of direct and guaranteed loans were funneled into the gasping farm economy by FmHA in the crunch of the 1980s. Congress ordered massive restructuring of loans and other aid. In all, the agency may wind up writing off at least \$8 billion in bad debts.

La Verne Ausman, FmHA administrator, said subsidized interest arrangements will be available for some hard-pressed borrowers in time for the spring planting season.

"I think agriculture has been through the big part of the wringer," Ausman said. "There's always some side effects, but we're not going to see the adjustment in agriculture that we've been through," he said. "In fact, some segments are still strong. It depends on which one you're in, obviously."

In the fiscal year that ended last Sept. 30, 1.2 percent of the farmers who borrowed money from FmHA left the business because of financial difficulties, spokesman Marlyn Aycock said.

Although that was up slightly from 1989, Aycock said the 1990 exodus was much less than at the peak of

the 1980s when more than 3 percent of FmHA borrowers went out of business.

In the first three months of the 1991 fiscal year, Aycock said 501 borrowers left farming. That's slightly more than 0.2 percent of the estimated 205,000 in the agency's farm loan portfolio.

At the Bank of Tioga, about 160 miles northwest of Bismarck, agricultural representative Leroy Lokken agrees with those who talk about farmers being in a perpetual recession.

"We've been so poor so long we can't tell when there's a recession," he said.

"Last year we had a little bit of crop for the first time, but prices are so low. Cattle prices have been real good, but farmers had to buy so much hay and feed it took the biggest share of their profits."

John Mueller, who has 1,000 acres and 650 head of dairy cattle, in Clifton Springs, N.Y., also is concerned about lower commodity prices.

Milk, he said, was riding at record levels in 1990. "This year, the prices have come crashing down, and people stopped drinking milk because the prices were high."

Mueller said environmental issues are troublesome, too. "My biggest problem is getting rid of my manure. Who wants manure spread out onto a field next to their house?" he said.

Despite expectations of near-record income, many agriculture families still are looking for work away from the farm.

Roger Hovey raises durum wheat, barley and sunflowers near Parshall, N.D. His wife is a teacher.

"If she wasn't teaching school, I wouldn't be farming now," Hovey said. "The first five years we were married, we were living pretty well. The last few years, my wife has put bread on the table."

Museum display focuses on early Texans' fondness for chewing, spitting

"Ye chewers of that noxious weed,

Which grows in earth's most cursed sod,

Be pleased to clean your filthy mouths,

Outside the sacred House of God..."

— Notice outside an Austin church, 1840s

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS (AP) — Critics blamed it for perversions, impotency and cancer. But so popular was chewing tobacco in Texas' first independent days that "even Sam Houston spit on somebody's porch."

And now the operators of the Star of the Republic Museum want people to remember how pervasive the practice of tobacco chewing and spitting was in the early days of the Lone Star State.

"That's what's pretty exciting about working here. You can deal with all aspects of life," Sherry Humphreys, curator of exhibits at the museum, said of her exhibit titled "Chew, Chew, Chew and Spit, Spit, Spit: Tobacco in the Texas Republic."

"You're not limited to major military events or the political events, even though they're terrifi-

cally important. Everybody knows that and we don't try to downplay that at all, but these are just things that people don't normally think about."

The exhibit debuted over the weekend as the museum celebrated the 155th anniversary of Texas' Declaration of Independence from Mexico. The museum and a surrounding state park are at the site of the March 2, 1836 signing.

The chew and spit presentation includes displays of advertisements for things like spittoons, an example of roped tobacco, pictures, explanations and a snuff box of the era.

"What we want to do is show the human aspects of things," Ms. Humphreys said. "We're not going to talk about the battles so much. We're trying to show that there were really people who lived then. Even Sam Houston spit on somebody's porch. There are stories about that kind of thing."

The exhibit's title is drawn from a letter written by a British traveler, Francis Sheridan, from Galveston in 1842.

"High and low, rich and poor, young and old, chew, chew, chew, and spit, spit, spit, all the blessed day and most of the night," Sheridan wrote, complaining about the "incessant remorseless spitting" of tobacco juice and use of other tobacco products.

Research by the museum shows tobacco often was twisted into rope and sold by the yard and could be chewed, shaved for pipe smoking or powdered into snuff. It was sold under the name "Honey Dew," "Pig Tail," and "Twist" and also could be flavored with licorice, rum, sugar, honey, nutmeg, cinnamon or other sweeteners.

Cuspidors or spittoons and spit boxes were in all hotels, public buildings and homes, and if a receptacle was not provided, the floor was quickly covered with "amber," which was a more polite term for spit, Humphreys said.

"They really expected you to provide a spittoon," she said. Sheridan wrote that he once watched a man teaching his 2-year-old son in Galveston how to spit "and loudly applauding every successful effort of the precious prodigy."

The practice was not limited to men, with early 19th century women often pipe smokers and dippers, Humphreys said, noting that fancy snuff boxes likely would be found in the living rooms of Texas homes.

"No gentleman would think of smoking in a parlor with ladies present, without first asking their permission, yet he would not hesitate to chew, and its necessary sequel, to spit," she said.

Tobacco critics, however,

blamed it for "perverted sexuality, impotency and cancer."

In keeping with the museum's interest with everyday life, the tobacco exhibit shares a hallway with a presentation about Texas bathrooms titled: "Johnnies and Epicurean Innovations."

It includes comments from an obviously more genteel visitor to early Texas, who noted that

although Texans washed their hands and faces daily, both men and women were more inclined to wash their bodies from year to year.

"Texans have great natural facilities for bathing," a visitor named Edward Smith wrote. "But we scarcely found a Texan who took advantage of them. As a general rule, they were not wasteful of soap and water."

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A French army explosives unit works on clearing the Kuwait City beach of landmines Monday. The man in front clears the mine with his bayonet; the man in the center lifts it with a shovel; and the man in the rear carries it to a holding area. The team works its way along the beach slowly, following the line of mines laid by the Iraqis to thwart a coalition invasion from the sea.

Cellular 'tumbler phones' fueling crime rings

HOUSTON (AP) — To be a first-class crook these days requires the services of a beeper and a cellular tumbler telephone, which makes calls untraceable and has law enforcement agencies and cellular phone companies frustrated.

"It's not the actual losses the industry is incurring, it's the people who are using these altered phones that attracts federal law enforcement to the scene," Earl Devaney, special agent in charge of the Secret Service fraud division in Washington, told the *Houston Chronicle*. "They are usually drug dealers, people selling arms."

The portable phones, which are now the line of choice for drug traffickers and organized crime, can be used easily and with little detection.

The No. 1 culprit appears to be tumbler phones, available on the

Houston black market for \$1,500 or less, the newspaper reported.

"It's becoming very fashionable, if you're a criminal of any size, to have one of these phones," Devaney said. "If you don't have a beeper and a phone, you're not really a first-class crook."

Because calls on these phones cannot be stopped or traced, they are taking the criminal world by storm in large cities across the country.

"It allows the user to have use of the phone essentially without a bill," Devaney said. "It also makes it extremely hard for law enforcement to intercept these calls as we would do under court order with a land line phone. So it offers the potential user of the phone a certain amount of anonymity and cuts down on his or her overhead."

Tumbler phones are normal cel-

lular phones modified with a specially programmed computer chip to use either a phony electronic serial number or that of a paying customer. These phones can "tumble" through numbers, placing possibly just one call on someone's bill before moving on to the next victim or the next phony serial number.

Criminals are able to get a phone activated using the name and Social Security number of a law-abiding citizen. This phone will then be good for one month to three months of service, depending on the cellular company's accounting procedures.

"A lot of times, the bad guys will have someone planted in the cellular company, too," enhancing the opportunities to get phones activated illicitly, said Michael Guidry of the Houston-based security firm Guidry & Associates.

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