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THURSDAY

Survey indicates Pampans' cable TV channel choices

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Results of a survey by Sammons Communication, released by the city of Pampa this week, indicate many cable television subscribers don't know enough about the various channels available on cable to make an educated decision what they would like on a rebuilt, expanded system.

Sammons conducted the survey through their February billing process and provided the city with a copy of the results.

The company is currently in the process of expanding cable service in Pampa to 40 channels, all of which should be on line by the end of the year.

Subscribers were asked to rank 19 cable networks, only one of which is currently on the Pampa system, by expressing whether they would have high interest, some interest or no interest.

"I'm not sure the people responding knew that 75 to 80 percent of those channels (in the survey) were likely going to be on the new system," City Manager Glen Hackler said. "There are not a great

deal of other channels out there beyond this core group."

Hackler said since many television viewers in Pampa have probably never seen many of the channels they were quizzed on, it would be difficult for them to express an opinion about much more than how the name of the network sounded.

For example, Black Entertainment Television (BET) is consistently popular in ratings around the nation with more than black viewers.

However, in Pampa only 37 people expressed high interest in the channel. Almost 1,200 people said they had no interest in the station.

Among the channels that ranked as having the lowest interest among subscribers were BET, Univision (Spanish), Home Shopping Network, E! (the only channel surveyed that is currently on the Sammons Pampa system), ACTS (Christian), MTV, VH-1, Trinity (Christian), and Arts and Entertainment.

However, BET, MTV, A&E and VH-1 are among the 20 most popular cable channels in the nation, See CABLE TV, Page 2

Baker heads to Soviet Union

By BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press Writer

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III, winding up a five-nation Middle East trip, said today that Syria and other key Arab countries were serious about pursuing peace with Israel.

But Baker said the Arab governments are not yet ready to follow Egypt's lead in recognizing the Jewish state.

"You have to take it a step at a time," he said.

Baker then traveled on to Moscow for three days of talks with the Soviets on postwar arrangements in the Persian Gulf. He also plans to review the restiveness in the Soviet Union.

As he left Syria, Baker's mood was upbeat and it was reinforced by the Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa, who saw Baker off at Damascus Airport.

Both men said they saw a new chance for peace in the region, with the U.S. envoy saying he intended to keep working at resolving the thorny Arab-Israeli conflict.

"I sense there is very serious intent on the part of the Syrian government to pursue an active peace

process and to continue to work toward that end with the coalition countries that worked together to reverse Saddam Hussein's aggression," Baker said.

Having led the effort to defeat Saddam's occupation of Kuwait, Washington is aiming to use its newfound clout in the region to settle other conflicts.

"We find ourselves in agreement with respect to the fact that there is, we think, a window of opportunity now in the aftermath of the gulf crisis that should be seized if at all possible, a window of opportunity that could make it possible for us to make significant progress in resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict," Baker said.

Baker stressed that his talks in Israel and with the Arab leaders dealt with implementing U.N. Security Council resolutions adopted at the end of the 1967 and 1973 Middle East wars. The resolutions require the withdrawal of Israel from former Arab lands in exchange for recognition by Arab states.

Sharaa said the U.S. and Syria fully agree "in substance" that U.N. resolutions regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian question must be met, and Sharaa expressed satisfaction that the United States was no longer observing a

double standard in its relations with Arab states.

Baker told reporters that the United States sees its role in the region as that of a "catalyst. We believe that there is some enhanced credibility as a consequence of what has happened in the Gulf. Nobody can impose peace in the Middle East ... I think that in the aftermath of this Gulf War that there's a better chance than there has been before that the parties will want real reconciliation and real peace."

Earlier in his tour, Baker visited Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Kuwait and Israel.

During a seven-hour meeting with President Hafez Assad on Wednesday, Baker discussed U.S. hostages still held in Lebanon. The two also addressed Middle East security plans in the wake of the Persian Gulf War that will involve Egyptian, Syrian and U.S. forces.

Baker was asked if he was satisfied with Syria's progress on the issue of terrorism.

"We still have some differences on this issue," Baker said. "I do believe ... that there has been progress. We hope that there can be some further progress and we intend to continue the dialogue which we have had on this issue so we can make further progress."

Sharaa, asked whether there was any progress on the hostages, said: "We have the feeling that the hostage issue has to be resolved and we would exert maximum effort to help in securing the release of all the hostages in Lebanon and we are not pessimistic that we will succeed."

Baker appealed to Assad for help in gaining the hostages' freedom, but U.S. officials said Syria's intervention may not be enough. Iran, they said, holds the key.

Still, the United States has no direct relations with Tehran and depends largely on intermediaries such as Assad on behalf of the hostages.

ABC News on Wednesday quoted unidentified Western diplomats as saying that while in Damascus, Baker got a message about what the Iranians wanted in return for their help in getting the American hostages freed.

The diplomats were quoted as saying the Iranians wanted the release of Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid, a Shiite clergyman aligned with the Muslim fundamentalist group Hezbollah, who was abducted by Israeli commandos in 1989.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah has been linked to groups holding Western hostages in Lebanon.



'Matilda,' a brontosaurus, and her baby named 'Tilly' are the centerpiece of B.G. Cockrell's dinosaur display. At right rear are models of a deer and a 'flying' pterodactyl.

Canadian man filling yard with dinosaurs

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Staff Writer

CANADIAN — "They're almost as old as I am," says B.G. Cockrell of the eye-catching display in his front yard.

Cockrell's fascination with dinosaurs has evolved into a yard full of dinosaur models that is drawing viewers from all over the Panhandle.

"We have people come from everywhere to look at those things," he said Wednesday.

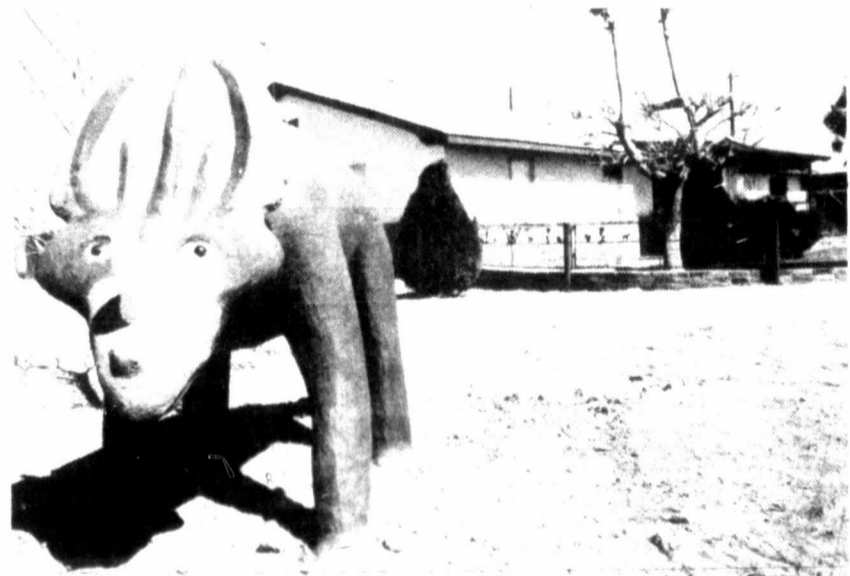
"Those things" are Cockrell's scale-model creations of his favorite dinosaurs. "I'm fascinated with dinosaurs."

The retired employee of the Canadian school system said, "I always thought I could make some."

Evidence of his preoccupation is six creatively constructed models strategically placed in his front yard.

"I frame them out of rebar (steel rods) and stretch a metal lathe over the frame," he explained. "Then I stucco them and paint them."

"I just got through making Clyde," said the handyman. "I can



'Clyde,' a stegosaurus created by B.G. Cockrell, appears to guard Cockrell's Marshall Drive home.

make them in three weeks."

Cockrell has a shop behind his house, constructs the dinosaurs on a pipe skid; then when the models are completed, he pulls them to the front yard.

"I had a guy who wanted me to make him a bucking bull," said the creator of creatures. Cockrell said nothing has come of it since he

hinted it would cost money to build.

"I'd like to build a brontosaurus about 34 feet long and 17 feet high and put it on a caprock," said Cockrell, admitting he'd need financial backing to realize his dream.

The dream must wait, however; Cockrell's next project is a stegosaurus.

McLean school superintendent Peeples submits resignation to take new position

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

McLEAN — McLean Independent School District Superintendent Rex Peeples submitted his resignation to the school board Tuesday evening during a regular board meeting.

Peeples, who has been at McLean ISD for two years, will become the new superintendent at Darrouzett. The resignation is effective June 30, he said today.

The McLean superintendent said he is looking forward to the move to the K-12 school district of about 70 students. McLean ISD has an estimated 220 students.

"I like the people real well," Peeples said. "They (Darrouzett) have nice school facilities and they convinced me they want to have a top educational program."

Peeples will take the place of Mel Williams, who is retiring. Peeples said he and his wife, Ellie, will begin looking for a residence at Darrouzett in June. She currently is employed at the libraries in McLean ISD, but plans to retire with the move to Darrouzett. The Peeples

have two grown children.

Prior to coming to McLean, Peeples was superintendent at Groom ISD for nine years. Before that employment, he was superintendent at Samnorwood ISD for nine years.

"I'm hoping to get to stay there until retirement," he said of the Darrouzett position.

Peeples said the school board discussed the procedure to be used for finding a replacement. He said advertising will be going into educational publications and he has been asked by the school board to help with the screening process.

"They'll try to fill the vacancy as early as possible," the superintendent said.

In other business, the school board employed all teachers seeking re-employment for the 1991-92 school year and voted on the board of directors for the Region XVI Education Service Center.

The board also:

- Agreed to pay an additional insurance claim of \$175.90 to Dale Glass. The claim was one not paid when the insurance company, Educators Group Health Trust, went bankrupt several years ago.



Rex Peeples addresses UIL board in Austin in December.

• Voted to advertise for bids for a 72-passenger school bus.

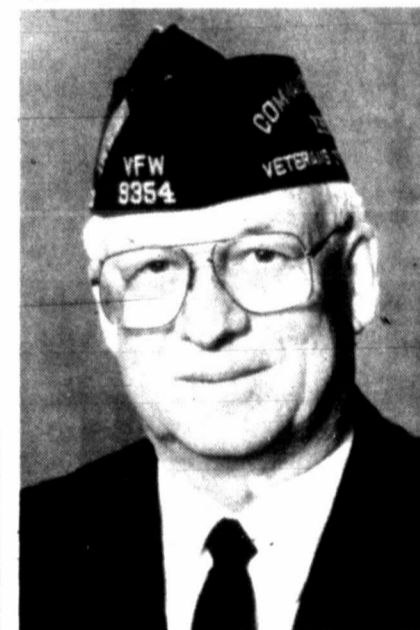
• Adopted a resolution supporting the proposed Pantex expansion.

• Had a brief discussion over discipline techniques.

• Heard the business manager's report, which included approval of checks, the February financial statement and tax assessor's report, a report on delinquent tax collections, and the February cafeteria report.

The board also discussed a list of items that will need budgetary attention in the future.

All members of the school board were present for the meeting, which lasted about three hours.



James L. Kimery

National, state VFW officials plan visit to Pampa post Monday

National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars James L. Kimery, Texas State Commander Charles S. Pearson and other state officers will visit the Pampa VFW Post 1657 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday.

VFW members and guests are invited to attend and participate in the program. A special invitation is also given to families of those serving in Operation Desert Storm. There will be a catered noon meal.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is in the midst of a three-phase program in support of those serving the country. Phase 1 is the mailing of care packages to those serving in Saudi Arabia. Phase 2 is an "800" number which has been established to assist families. It is 1-800-USA-VFW-1.

Phase 3 will be "Operation Welcome Home" in which the VFW will lead the way in organizing homecoming activities for those young men and women who served bravely in this time of conflict.

The national commander and the state officials of the VFW are coming to Pampa because the local post has excelled and is getting some notoriety, officials said.

For local information, contact Post Commander Archie Maness at 665-8766. For other information, contact the State Adjutant-Quartermaster Glen M. Gardner Jr. at (512) 834-8535.

Comer says investigation into fatal fire may be reopened

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

District Attorney Harold Comer confirmed Wednesday that a preliminary investigation is under way to determine if an investigation into the cause of a fire, which claimed the lives of two people in 1989, should be reopened.

Comer declined to go into specifics of the preliminary probe, which is apparently in the wake of testimony and evidence presented during a three-week civil trial that concluded Tuesday.

The fire at 1200 Charles St. claimed the lives of John Bryan Vernon III, 41, and his 16-year-old stepson Stuart Jacob "Jake" Long. Both died of carbon monoxide poisoning, according to the forensic pathologist who con-

ducted the autopsies.

At the time of the fire a brief investigation was conducted by Pampa Fire Marshal Tom Adams. Adams ruled the cause of the fire to be accidental and said the blaze started when a box on a floor furnace on the first floor of the residence caught fire.

Adams, testifying during the lengthy civil trial, said his office was under-staffed at the time of the fire and procedures have changed in the past two years with the investigations of fires in Pampa. He said that had the same fire occurred today in Pampa, a much more thorough investigation would be conducted.

The fire resulted in a civil lawsuit being filed in February 1990 by Margaret Vernon, the wife and mother of the two fire victims. She filed the lawsuit against Allied Van Lines Inc.,

and its agent M&L Transfer and Storage Co. of Amarillo, alleging the fire was the result of negligence by packers, who allegedly left a box and/or packing material on or too near a floor furnace on the first floor of the residence.

Vernon escaped from the burning residence and was hospitalized for five days for injuries sustained.

The civil trial was held in 223rd District Court, beginning Feb. 19 and ending Tuesday with a jury's unanimous verdict that the moving company was not the "proximate cause" of the deaths of Mr. Vernon and Long.

Pampa Fire Chief Claudie Phillips said Wednesday that he, along with Adams and Arson Investigator Gary Stevens, who also is assistant fire marshal, will be looking into the case.

"There have been enough questions come

about that we need to look and it and re-evaluate it," said Phillips, who was not in Pampa in 1989.

Comer said he has requested that certain testimony taken during the trial be transcribed. He said arrangements are also being made to have all the exhibits, including those not used, stored for further investigation.

During the trial, the defense contended the fire was "intentionally set" by the use of flammable liquids. An expert for the defense, Jerry Lehnick, former Amarillo fire marshal now of Austin, testified the fire was "intentionally set."

The plaintiff, however, presented expert witnesses who said the fire was not intentionally set, but resulted from a box on the floor furnace.

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Services tomorrow

MARKHAM, Verma B. — 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.
WALKER, Enna Julia — 10:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.
WATERS, Jennie Rebecca — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

JOHN HENRY 'DAN' ROGERS
 John Henry "Dan" Rogers, 75, died Wednesday, March 13, 1991. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Doser Cemetery near Shamrock with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Rogers was born April 7, 1915, at Hobart, Okla. He was a Pampa resident for about 20 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the World War II European Theater. He married Estie Seedig. He was a member of Highland Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Rogers.

Survivors include his wife, Estie, of Shamrock; one daughter, Darla Day; one sister, Agnes Hawkins of Pampa; three brothers, Richard Rogers of Amarillo, C.B. Rogers of Pampa, and R.B. Rogers of Vallejo, Calif.

H.D. WALLER

H.D. Waller, 57, died Wednesday, March 13, 1991. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Crim's Chapel Cemetery at Henderson with the Rev. Frank Saylor, pastor of Assembly of God Church at Eastland, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Waller was born on Oct. 7, 1933, in Troup and had been a Pampa resident since 1969. He married June Dick at Kermit in 1961. He attended the Assembly of God Church. He worked in the oil field as a driller for Service Drilling Co. for many years. He was preceded in death by his father and a son.

Survivors include his wife, June, of the home; his mother, Mae Waller of Eastland; a daughter, Velma Millin of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Shirley Coleman of Briscoe; a brother, Travis Waller of Pueblo, Colo.; three grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

JENNIE REBECCA WATERS

CANADIAN — Jennie Rebecca Waters, 81, died Tuesday, March 12, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Lee, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Canadian Cemetery by Stickle-Hill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Waters, formerly Jennie R. Rutledge, was born in Rosebud. She married John Waters in 1934 at Canadian. They farmed and ranched in Lipscomb County; he preceded her in death in 1977. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Women's Club. She was a former school teacher.

Survivors included a son, Phil Waters of Canadian; a daughter, Jan Houser of Corpus Christi; two brothers, Byron Rutledge of Dallas and Ernest Rutledge of Brownwood; a sister, Mabel Ruth Waters of Canadian; and four grandsons.

LOIS MARIE ADAMS

Lois Marie Adams, 85, died today, March 14, 1991. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Adams was born on Feb. 15, 1906, in Kansas. She was a longtime Pampa resident. She was a member of the Salvation Army.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Marguerite Martin of Pampa; five step-grandchildren; six nieces and nephews.

ALICE J. WALLIN

Alice J. Wallin, 57, died Wednesday, March 13, 1991. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wallin was born June 22, 1933, in Evergreen Park, Ill. She was a Pampa resident since 1962. She married Virgil Wade Wallin Sr. on Jan. 26, 1952, in Chicago, Ill. She was a housewife. She was a Lutheran.

Survivors include her husband, Virgil, of the home; four sons, Virgil Wade Wallin Jr., Dennis Michael Wallin and Steven Timothy Wallin, all of Little Rock, Ark., and Kenneth Hampton Wallin of Amarillo; one daughter, Coralee Unruh of Pampa; one sister, Ninalee Stankus of Springhill, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Pampa Sheltered Workshop, Box 2808, Pampa, Texas 79066-2808 or to a favorite charity.

PAUL W. HARNLY

SOUTH PASADENA, Calif. — Paul W. Harnly, 97, brother of a Pampa, Texas, man, died Sunday, March 10, 1991. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in South Pasadena Presbyterian Church. Cremation was by Turner and Stephens Funeral Home and remains will be interred at McPherson, Kan.

Mr. Harnly was born in McPherson. He owned a farm in Panhandle, Texas. He had been a school administrator in Grand Island, Neb., and Wichita, Kan., before retiring to California.

Survivors include a son, John Harnly of Napa, Calif.; a daughter, Susan Peterson of New York; a brother, John Harnly of Pampa, Texas; a sister, Mary Aronis of New Jersey; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Calendar of events

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK
 A free blood pressure check and blood sugar check is offered each Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell in downtown Pampa.

Crime Stoppers needs YOU
 How can you help stop crime in Pampa? By calling 669-2222 if you know a crime has been committed.
 Include the following information: 1. What happened; 2. When; 3. By whom; 4. Evidence; 5. Time you will call back.
 You can take a bite out of crime and claim rewards.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Kimberly Ann Dixon, Pampa
 James Hagemann, Pampa
 Esther Harr, Follett
 Leila Litchfield, Higgins
 Andrea Pompa, Perryton
 Tabitha Ann Taylor, Pampa
 Virgil Wallin, Pampa
 Adela Bichsel (extended care), White Deer

Births
 To Kimberly Dixon of Pampa, a girl.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Baldomero Pompa of Perryton, a boy.

Dismissals
 Adela Bichsel, White Deer

Edna Venora Cole, Pampa
Patsye Francis, Canadian
La Jona Reeves and baby girl, Pampa
John H. Warner, Pampa
Cecil Dawes (extended care), Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Donald Verner, Shamrock
 Michael Parrish, Shamrock
 Wileta Farmer, Shamrock
 Loretta Simpson, Shamrock
 Ruby Tibbets, McLean

Dismissals
 Mable Mitchell, Shamrock

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, March 13

A juvenile reported an assault in the 400 block of Naida.
 A juvenile reported an assault at Pampa High School.
 Brent Bradford, 444 Hughes, reported criminal mischief at the residence.
 Misty Reed, 810 Jorden, reported a theft at Pampa Mall.
 Harvey Mart, 1001 E. Frederic, reported a theft at the business.

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Harvester Electric, 541 Huff Rd., reported a burglary at the business.

Minor accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, March 13

2:10 p.m. — A 1977 Buick driven by Charlena Cross, 624 Roberta, collided with a 1990 Chevrolet driven by Dennis Edmondson, 1506 Williston, in the 300 block of East Brown. Cross was cited for failure to yield right of way.

DPS-Accident

WEDNESDAY, March 13
 6:30 p.m. — A 1980 Volkswagen, driven by Roy Albert Schendt, 40, Amarillo, was traveling westbound on U.S. 60, 4.2 miles west of Pampa, when it collided with a railroad crossing signal and pole, owned by Santa Fe Railroad. Citations were issued. No injuries were reported.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.49
Milo	4.03
Corn	4.41

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

Ky. Cent. Life	8 1/2	up 1/8
Serfo	5 1/2	NC
Occidental	19 1/4	dn 1/8

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

Magellan	64.09
Puritan	13.25

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

Amoco	53 1/2	NC
Arco	131 5/8	up 7/8
Cabot	35 3/8	up 2

Cabot O&G	16 1/8	NC
Chevron	77	up 1/4
Coca-Cola	54	up 7/8
Enron	56	up 1/2
Halliburton	51 3/4	up 5/8
Ingersoll Rand	49	up 3/4
KNE	23	up 1/8
Kerr-McGee	44 15/16	up 9/16
Limited	26 1/8	up 1/8
Mapco	47 1/2	up 1/4
Maxus	8 7/8	dn 3/8
McDonald's	35 1/8	NC
Mess Ltd.	3	NC
Mobil	64 3/4	up 3/8
New Atom	16 5/8	NC
Penney's	53 1/4	dn 1/4
Phillips	28 1/8	up 1/4
SLB	62 7/8	up 1/2
SPS	28	dn 1/8
Tenneco	48 5/8	up 1/8
Texaco	64 1/8	NC
Wal-Mart	36 3/4	dn 1/8
New York Gold	364.75	
Silver	4.02	
West Texas Crude	20.15	

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, March 13

1:18 p.m. — Trash fire at 1333 Price Rd. Two units and six firefighters responded. Damage was limited to the immediate area.
 1:53 p.m. — Medical assist at Somerville and Tuke. One unit and two firefighters responded.
 6:24 p.m. — Medical assist at 1137 Neel Rd. One unit and two firefighters responded.
 8:53 p.m. — Man burning open fire in living room created heavy smoke in house at 604 S. Reid. Three units and six firefighters responded.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	665-8481
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881

City employee injured after falling into hole
 A Pampa city employee is hospitalized today after falling 14 feet into a hole dug to replace sewer lines.
 City safety and risk manager Lynn Thornton said today that James Carson Hagemann, 30, was about to climb down a shoring box into the hole when the shoring collapsed with him.
 Thornton said the shoring had been used for over a year without previous incident and that Hagemann had climbed down the same shoring prior to the incident without a problem.
 He stated that the shoring tipped over on top of Hagemann as he fell.
 Hagemann is listed in stable condition at Coronado Hospital, according to a nursing supervisor.
 Thornton said Hagemann's leg was broken in two places below the knee.

Red Cross, Salvation Army take materials to Stinnett for assistance for fire victims

By BETH MILLER
 Staff Writer

The Salvation Army and American Red Cross in Pampa left this morning to make a final trip to Stinnett to provide aid to victims of a fire that swept an area of the community on March 5, destroying and damaging more than 20 residences.

Lt. Donald Wildish with the Salvation Army and Lynda Duncan with the Red Cross have worked together since the Stinnett disaster to provide aid.

Representatives from the Salvation Army and Red Cross left with loaded vehicles this morning, forming a two-vehicle convoy. The vehicles were loaded with donated items such as stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, furniture, small appliances, pillows, blankets sheets, a limited amount of clothing, and other items.

The money gathered by the Red Cross and the Salvation Army was also taken to assist with the needs of the fire victims in Stinnett. A total of \$815 was gathered by the two groups, Wildish said.

"I'm not sure what the money will be used for. We will just go and be sensitive to the needs. It may be used

for the first month's rent, utilities, medical needs or a refrigerator," he said. "We are going to respond to the needs."

Officials with the city of Stinnett have said most of the needs of the victims have been met, Wildish said, and it is likely that the items taken today by the Pampa convoy will be auctioned and the money raised put in a local account to be distributed by a Stinnett group to the victims as the need is determined.

"It's not for me to determine how they are to be used. It's only my job to see that they meet their destination. It's up to Stinnett to decide what they want to do with the items," Wildish said.

Wildish said the Stinnett disaster has been a joint project that the Red Cross and Salvation Army have worked on in Pampa.

"I feel in the future the Red Cross and Salvation Army will work closely on upcoming disasters and incidents," Wildish said.

The Red Cross and Salvation Army have each taken one truckload of items for the Stinnett fire victims. This will be the last trip from Pampa by the two agencies, officials said.

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Cable TV

according to the National Cable Television Association.

Comedy TV, which was one of the top 10 channels Pampans said they had high interest in, is doing very poorly, according to national ratings.

The channels Pampans said they most wanted, in order of preference, were The Family Channel, The Nashville Network, Discovery, Country Music TV, American Movie Classics, USA, Headline News, Comedy TV, MTV and Trinity.

Since popularity was gauged by votes, it would be possible for the same network to be on both lists.

Lifetime, a network with programming mostly for women, showed marginal interest among respondents.

However, Sammons corporate executives said the station has a devout following among females nationwide.

Hackler noted, "The negotiated franchise with Sammons requires 40 activated channels and a capacity of 72 channels.

Those spaces will be filled with channels that people have expressed the most interest in and that have proven popular in other communities.

According to the Cable Advertising Bureau, the 25 most popular channels, excluding premium ser-

vices, are ESPN, CNN, TBS, USA, Discovery, Nickelodeon, MTV, C-Span, C-Span II, Family Channel, TNN, TNT, Lifetime, A&E, Weather Channel, Headline News, VH-1, QVC, FNN, WGN, BET, American Movie Classics, Prevue Guide, Learning Channel and CNBC (NBC's challenge to CNN).

City Commissioner Robert Dixon, a proponent of the cable expansion, expressed dismay this week that Sammons seemingly

has no intention of carrying KTVT, a superstation from Dallas/Fort Worth, in the Pampa system.

KTVT is very popular in Texas and Oklahoma for its extensive coverage of the Dallas Mavericks and Texas Rangers.

The station also carries a diversity of reruns and has proven to be one of the most popular independents in the nation, behind WGN, TBS and WOR-TV New York.

McFall still in serious condition; two other men listed as stable

Three Phillips Petroleum Co. employees remain hospitalized today following an explosion and fire at the Grayco booster station near Lefors a week ago.

Gary Lynn McFall, 39, a mechanic from Pampa, was the most seriously injured. A hospital spokeswoman at the University Medical Center in Lubbock said today McFall remains in serious condition in the burn intensive care unit at the center.

McFall has second- and third-degree burns over 55 percent of his body, a hospital spokeswoman said last week.

Two other Pampa residents, Larry Edward Love, 44, a field operator, and Salvador Valenzuela, 39, a mechanic, remained in stable condition this morning in Coronado Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Randall Lee Rodriguez, 30, a mechanic from Pampa, was treated and released from the University Medical Center in Lubbock last Friday. Another employee, Gilbert Castillo, 32, a roustabout, was treated and released from Coronado Hospital following the accident last Thursday.

Phillips Co. spokesmen have said the employees were performing maintenance work at the booster station when the explosion and resulting fire occurred about 10 a.m. last Thursday.

The booster station compresses gas from the field for the Phillips 66 Natural Gas Co.'s Gray Plant, located about a quarter of a mile away. The booster station received heavy damage, the Phillips spokesmen said.

No cause has for the fire had been listed through late last week as the incident was under investigation.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rainshowers, possibly mixed with snow after midnight, and a low near 30 degrees. Friday, mostly cloudy and cool with a 20 percent chance of light rain and a high in the upper 40s. Wednesday's high was 59; the overnight low was 28.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy through Friday. Widely scattered showers areawide tonight, possibly mixed with snow in the Panhandle after midnight. Lows tonight from near 30 Panhandle to the lower 40s south and far west. Highs Friday mid 40s extreme north to the mid 70s Big Bend.

North Texas — Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday. A slight chance of showers west tonight and Friday. A chance of showers or thunderstorms central and east Friday. Lows 36 to 45. Highs 51 northwest to 63 south.

South Texas — Cloudy with widely scattered showers tonight. Patchy dense fog lower coastal sections. Cloudy on Friday with widely scattered showers central and coastal bend and scattered showers southeast. Lows tonight from 40s north to 50s south. Highs Friday from 60s north to 70s south.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Saturday through Monday
 West Texas — Panhandle: Mostly cloudy and windy Saturday with a chance of rain or snow showers. Becoming clear Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday. Highs in mid to upper 40s Saturday warming to low 60s Monday. Lows from upper 20s to low 30s. South Plains: Mostly cloudy and windy Saturday with a slight chance of showers. Becoming clear Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday. Highs in low to mid 50s Saturday warming to mid to upper 60s by Monday. Lows in mid 30s. Permian Basin: Windy with a slight chance of showers Saturday. Clear Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday. Highs in upper 50s Saturday to near 70 by Monday. Lows in mid 30s to near 40. Concho-Pecos Valleys: Breezy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday. Clear Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday. Highs in mid 60s to mid 70s. Lows in low 40s. Far West: Decreasing cloudiness and breezy Saturday. Clear Sunday. Becoming mostly cloudy Monday. Highs in mid 50s Saturday, warming to mid to upper 60s by Monday. Lows in mid 30s to near 40. Big Bend: Saturday through Monday decreasing cloudiness and breezy Saturday. Clear Sunday. Becoming mostly cloudy Monday. Highs in the 60s mountains and mid to upper 70s lowlands. Lows in the 30s moun-

tains and in the 40s lowlands.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central Texas, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday. Decreasing cloudiness Sunday. Mostly clear Monday. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 40s and 50s. Texas Coastal Bend, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday. Decreasing cloudiness Sunday. Mostly clear Monday. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 50s. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and plains, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday. Mostly clear Monday. Highs in the upper 60s and lower 70s. Lows in the 50s.

North Texas — West and central, a chance of showers and thunderstorms Friday night and Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday. Fair Monday. Lows Saturday in the upper 40s to lower 50s, lows Sunday and Monday in the 40s. Highs Saturday through Monday in the 60s. East, a chance of showers and thunderstorms Friday night through Sunday. Decreasing cloudiness late Sunday. Fair Monday. Lows Saturday through Monday in the upper 40s to lower 50s with highs in the 60s.

House approves new veterans' benefits, ignores Bush's opposition

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is daring President Bush to block a \$1.1 billion package of pay increases, educational aid and other benefits for soldiers and veterans that the White House says is not needed.

Lawmakers approved the measure 398-25 Wednesday, ignoring opponents who insisted that the legislation would bust last year's budget agreement between Bush and Congress.

The legislation, riding the wave of post-Persian Gulf War euphoria, would apply not only to troops who served in that conflict but in earlier wars as well.

Across the Capitol, administration officials carved out a less expensive, compromise version of the initiative with bipartisan Senate leaders.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said the compromise bill would cost \$500 million. He said he hoped Congress could send the completed legislation to Bush for his signature next week.

The benefits in that compromise bill would apply only to soldiers and veterans who served in the Gulf War. It would improve benefits for education, home and small business loans, and health insurance, said a congressional official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Rep. Sonny Montgomery, D-Miss., said the House bill — which would spend \$1.1 billion over five years — was a reasonable size.

"Some say this package today is too small, it's not enough," he said.

But in a letter to House leaders, the White House Office of Management and Budget said many of the proposed benefits "are either unnecessary or not urgently needed at this time."

The House vote set up a potential confrontation between lawmakers and Bush that could leave the president with a difficult choice.

Last year's budget agreement said spending limits could only be breached if the president and Congress

agreed there was an emergency.

The House legislation labeled the veterans' and military benefits emergency spending.

But the administration letter said the bill "contains provisions that are inappropriate for inclusion in emergency" legislation.

During House debate, opponents said that although the new benefits were worthy, they should be paid for by cutting other programs. Instead, the legislation envisions paying for the benefits by having the government borrow the money, thus driving up the budget deficit.

"If these benefits are important, let's pay for them," said House Budget Committee Chairman Leon Panetta, D-Calif.

But lawmakers voted 248-175 to reject an amendment co-sponsored by Panetta that would have forced lawmakers to look for cuts elsewhere to pay for the new benefits.

The legislation: — Increases imminent danger pay, which goes to soldiers in areas considered hazardous, from \$110

monthly to \$150. Payments to soldiers separated from their families would increase from \$60 per month to \$75.

— Increases payments to survivors of soldiers who die on active duty from about \$3,000 to \$6,000, effective last Aug. 2 — the day Iraq invaded Kuwait.

— Prevents female and single-father reservists with infants less than 6 months old from being called to active duty without their consent. The prohibition would not apply to being called for training.

— Changes payments to surviving spouses and dependents of veterans whose deaths are service-connected. Starting next Oct. 1, these payments would range from \$600 to \$750 monthly, depending on the veteran's age when he or she died.

— Increases educational benefits, such as boosting payments to people who enlisted for three or more years to \$400 monthly from its current \$300 monthly.

— Makes veterans of the Gulf War eligible for home loans from the Department of Veterans Affairs after 90 days of service.

Richards, Mauro pushing veterans' benefits increase

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Saying that Texans who fought in Operation Desert Storm deserve the state's thanks, two top officials are pushing for increases in veterans programs.

"We owe all of our veterans so very, very much," Gov. Ann Richards said.

She and Land Commissioner Garry Mauro on Wednesday endorsed bills in the Legislature that would raise the limits on how much veterans can be loaned to buy land and homes, to expand the program to include National Guard and Reserve troops, and to allow the Veterans Land Board to invest its funds more widely.

Richards said the additional benefits could be utilized by veterans of Operation Desert Storm. "It is, of course, a timely thing to do with the imminent return of our troops from their victory in the Middle East," she said.

The bills would:

— Raise from \$20,000 to \$40,000 the maximum amount the Veterans Land Board could loan for land.

— Raise from \$20,000 to \$45,000 the maximum the board could loan for buying a home.

— Permit members of the National Guard and Reserves, who meet certain service obligations, to participate in the housing program. Currently, they can obtain land loans but not housing loans.

— Propose a constitutional amendment to allow the board to

invest funds the same way the state Treasury does, thus boosting income it could earn.

Mauro said veterans have excellent records in repaying the loans, which are financed through bond sales. "Texas veterans pay their debts," he said, adding that the program's forfeiture rate is less than 3 percent.

When the rural land program was started in 1949, Texas veterans could borrow up to \$7,500. "On average, that was good for purchase of about 150 acres," he said.

Raising the home loan limit to \$45,000 will increase the demand for veterans' loans, Mauro said.

"It's hard to find a house in Texas for \$20,000. And if you could, Wichita Falls is now the state's only financial market where mortgage bankers will finance a home sold for under \$45,000."

The limit on land loans last was raised in 1979, from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The home purchase program was started in 1983 with a \$20,000 ceiling.

Mauro, who chairs the Veterans Land Board, said interest rates also have been lowered. The land loan rate was lowered from 8.5 percent to 7.99 percent, and the housing rate from 9 percent to 8.5 percent. The home improvement rate remains at 10.5 percent.

Mauro said some changes in federal law would be needed to accompany the state legislation, and that Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, and Rep. J.J. "Jake" Pickle, D-Texas, will sponsor those.

House tentatively approves oil spill cleanup legislation

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas would be "second to none" in oil spill cleanup and protection under a bill tentatively approved by the Texas House, said the sponsor of the legislation.

The bill was prompted by two spills off the Texas coast last year, said Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi. It already has passed the Senate, and was given preliminary House approval Wednesday.

An oil spill response and cleanup fund of up to \$50 million would be created under the measure.

The fund would be financed by a 2 cents per barrel fee on oil moving through Texas waters. The fee could be temporarily increased to 4 cents in case of a catastrophic spill.

Under a House amendment, up to \$5 million in interest from the fund could be used to address hazardous waste spills, and another \$5 million could be used for a program to plug abandoned wells.

The bill would make the General Land Office the lead agency in responding to and coordinating oil spills in coastal waters.

The Texas Water Commission would keep jurisdiction over hazardous waste spills and upland oil spills. The Texas Railroad Commission would have authority over spills from inland pipelines.

The bill would allow the General Land Office to buy and maintain \$4 million in spill containment and cleanup equipment to be deployed along the Texas coast.

There were calls for such equipment to be at the ready in the wake of oil spills last year, when the tanker Mega Borg and an oil barge spilled a combined total of 4.4 million gallons of oil near Galveston.

The land commissioner could assess civil and administrative penalties and levy fines for certain offenses, such as intentional spills. Failure to report a spill could result in a corporation being fined up to \$500,000.

Vessels carrying 10,000 or more gallons of fuel or cargo, and oil terminal facilities around coastal waters, would have to file detailed spill prevention and response plans with the General Land Office.

The House voted down an amendment offered by Rep. Jerry Yost, R-Longview, to limit liability for damages to natural resources to \$15 million for vessels of 8,000 tons or less, and to \$2,000 per ton for vessels over 8,000 tons.

Yost argued that unlimited liability would make it difficult for barges to get insurance.

But Rep. Mike Martin, D-Galveston, pointed to the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill off the coast of Alaska. Martin said the proposal would limit the company's liability, if the same spill occurred in Texas waters, to about \$190 million.

Exxon Corp. on Wednesday agreed to pay \$900 million to complete cleanup of the Alaska spill. The payment, along with a record \$100 million fine, is part of a settlement of state and federal claims from the 11-million-gallon oil spill in Prince William Sound.

Berlanga said limiting liability could cause some companies to make decisions about safety measures based on their economic liability if a spill occurs.

"By having unlimited liability, you ensure that people are going to operate responsibly," he said.

Yost's amendment was killed on a 115-27 vote.

The bill would return to the Senate for consideration of amendments after another House vote.

Watchful dog



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

The threat gone, a sheepdog rests with his flock off U.S. Hwy. 60 about six miles east of Miami. A wolf was seen scurrying across the highway late Wednesday afternoon and a quick glance by highway travelers revealed the dog letting down his guard after the predator was safely away.

Workshop scheduled on youth peer pressure

AMARILLO — Sharon Scott, licensed professional counselor, international lecturer and author, is to present a workshop on "Peer Pressure Reversal and Survival Skills for Youth" at Texas Tech Auditorium, 1200 Wallace Blvd., in Amarillo on Thursday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A free session, open to the public, is set for 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. that evening.

Sponsors of the workshop are Randall County Juvenile Probation, Amarillo Family Outreach and the Greater Amarillo Foster Parent Association. A fee will be charged to attend the workshop. For more information, contact Kathy Mote Perkins, Texas Department of Human Services, (806) 358-6211.

During her 20-year counseling career, Scott has created and directed many programs including the use of student support groups to encourage positive peer pressure.

In these groups, Scott saw that the single most important factor influencing young people's poor decisions was negative peer pressure and youth not knowing how to say "no" to best friends, older youth, popular kids, and boy or girlfriends. Scott says peer pressure begins at age four and intensifies during the teen years.

An authority on parenting skills, Scott has authored two books for



Sharon Scott

parents and other adults who work with youth — *Peer Pressure Reversal and Positive Peer Groups*. Two books written by Scott, *How to Say No and Keep Your Friends* and *When to Say Yes!*, outline the steps of managing negative peer pressure and how to reach out and help others do the same.

Her newest book, *Too Smart for Trouble*, teaches the "How to Say No" skills to children ages five through 10, and is "co-authored" by her cocker spaniel, Nicholas. Her books include endorsements from U.S. Department of Education, Boy Scouts of America and Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE).

Scott has been featured speaker at numerous conferences including

International Commission for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Dependency in Australia, UNESCO Southeast Asia Conference on Drug Abuse in Schools in Malaysia, National Youth for Christ, PRIDE Canada and Texas Police Association.

She is presently president of Dallas-based Sharon Scott and Associates.

Treaty Oak poisoner denied parole

AUSTIN (AP) — The man convicted of poisoning the historic Treaty Oak, Paul Stedman Cullen, has been denied parole from prison, where he is serving a nine-year sentence.

Cullen won't be eligible for parole consideration again until September, said Dan Guerra, spokesman for the pardons and paroles division of the Texas

Department of Criminal Justice.

Cullen, 46, was sentenced last May by a jury that convicted him of pouring Velpar, a powerful herbicide, around the base of the centuries-old tree.

When Cullen is released from state prison, he still must serve a one-year federal sentence for lying on a federal form when he bought a rifle in Austin in 1988.

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Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Louise Fletcher
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Opinion

Fairness: Something we all can practice

With Black History Month recently observed, it might well be appropriate to pause to celebrate America's tradition of tolerance. Despite all of our problems, no other country so harmoniously mixes together people of all races and a multitude of different ethnic backgrounds.

The point was driven home by an address at Santiago College in California by NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks, a man with whose politics we seldom agree. But here was Hooks, speaking to about 100 supporters: "It's stupid and foolish and suicidal to hate people because they're white. As Martin Luther King said, 'Let us not judge people by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.'"

Amen to that. A man whose performance demonstrates Hooks' message is Gen. Colin Powell, the first black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Could one imagine a Muslim from Soviet Central Asia leading the Red Army? Or a Tibetan as head of the People's Liberation Army in Red China? Or a Kurdish as head of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard?

We should look on this general history of tolerance as a foundation on which to build a more just society. We should also remember that blacks have most often achieved greatness outside government. Booker T. Washington founded the Tuskegee Institute (now University) 110 years ago as a private school. George Washington Carver excelled in peanut research, not the administration of federal peanut quotas. And W.E.B. DuBois, despite a socialist streak, is remembered today for his independent writing.

It is sometimes said nowadays that blacks should put less emphasis on the entertainment and sports worlds. But black achievements in these fields should not be slighted. Indeed, the fair deal that blacks get in these fields should be held up as a model for other areas. Professional sports by and large integrated on their own without government interference. Under these conditions, blacks have flourished.

The same holds true for the entertainment industry. Duke Ellington and Stevie Wonder have excelled and their music rings harmoniously in the ears of people of every race and background. And blacks are making important strides, though not enough to suit some activists, in theatrical productions from sitcoms to opera.

Black life has often centered around the black churches, necessarily private institutions because of America's separation of church and state. These churches today are trying to repair the damage caused by misconceived government programs, such as urban "renewal," as well as continued discrimination. In particular, many black churches are now setting up private schools to combat the illiteracy endemic to the government schools.

Finally, we can be sure of one thing: The more people in the private sector treat people of all races, creeds and colors fairly, the less excuse the government will have to barge in with more rules and regulations. Fairness is something all of us can practice.

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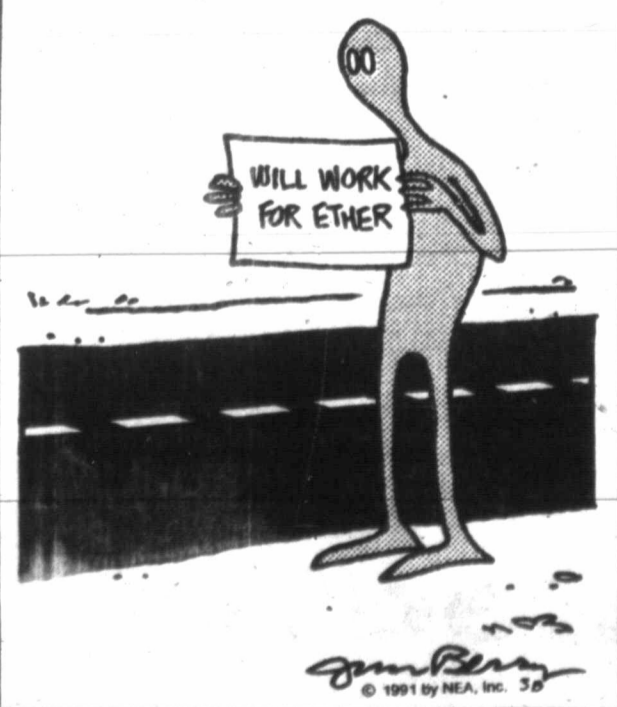
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Phony tears over free trade

Protectionists say they feel about free trade the way G.K. Chesterton felt about Christian morality. He said it had not been tried and found wanting, but had been found difficult and left untried.

They never tire of insisting that they're all for free trade, but that it has to be a two-way street. Sure the United States should accept goods from countries that reciprocate, they argue, but any nation that shuts out American products ought to be shut out of American markets. Unilateral free trade, in this view, is as naive and dangerous as unilateral disarmament.

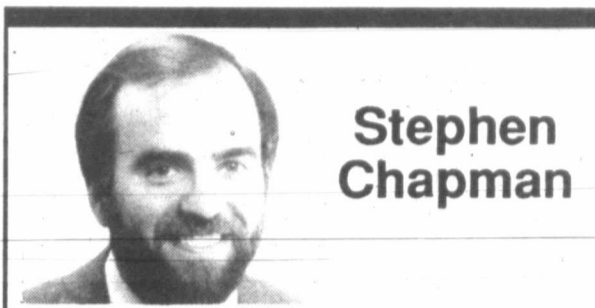
A free trade agreement with Mexico is perfectly tailored to satisfy these demands. We are currently more open to Mexican goods than Mexico is to ours. The Bush administration wants to reach an accord committing both sides to remove all trade barriers. The Mexican government is agreeable.

And guess what. The protectionists don't say no; they say hell no. Their vision of free trade is apparently so exalted that no earthly incarnation could possibly suffice.

Technically, the coming fight on Capitol Hill is not over the treaty, which doesn't exist yet. It's over whether President Bush should have the freedom to negotiate a treaty and then require Congress to either accept it or reject it without alternation. After his authority expired March 1, he asked for an extension. Congress may refuse.

The reason is that protectionists don't want free trade in any form. Among the leading opponents is the AFL-CIO, which is lobbying Congress to avert what it calls "an economic and social disaster for U.S. workers and their communities."

Like a professional wrestler who won't enter the ring unless his opponent has agreed to a graceful



Stephen Chapman

defeat, organized labor thinks American industry and workers should have to compete only against countries that offer no competition. Its principal objection to free trade with Mexico is that average wages there are, by its calculations, less than \$1 an hour. How can our workers compete with that?

But if low-wage competition spells doom for the American economy, it would already be six feet under. If wages are so important, why aren't we buying cars from Haiti? The Japanese somehow manage to survive in world competition despite their affluent work force.

So, for that matter, do Americans. Our workers are among the best paid in the world, but they're also among the most productive — thanks to education, training, capital investment and technology. In some sectors, which need an abundance of cheap, unskilled labor, poor countries have an advantage. But in others, the advantage is just as great in our favor.

That's the genius of free trade: We sell what we can produce best and buy what we can't. The result is that all the countries are better off. Some American workers would lose jobs due to growing imports from Mexico, but others would gain jobs from growing exports to Mexico. All American workers, mean-

while, would enjoy lower prices and better products.

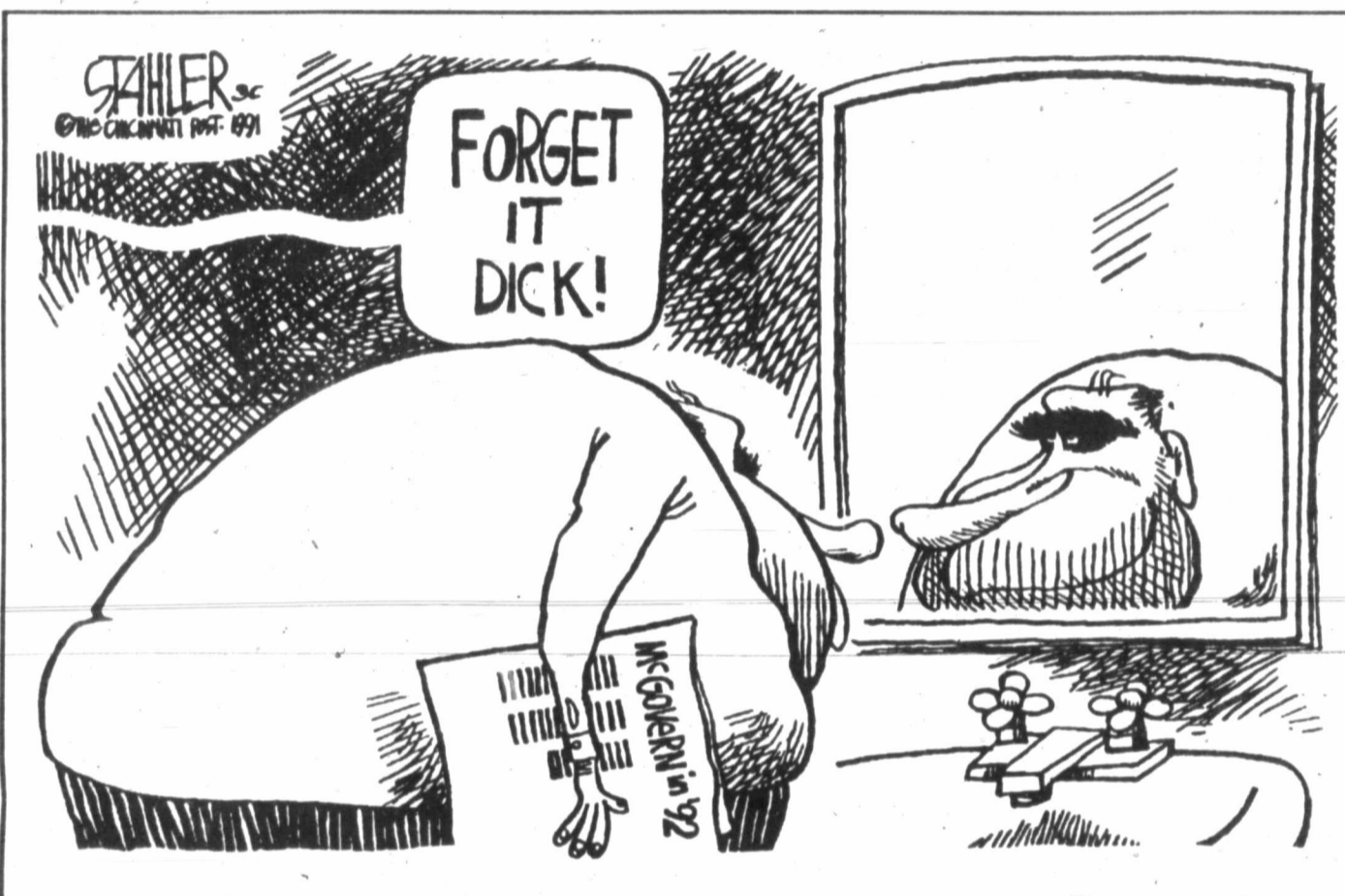
The AFL-CIO makes the novel argument that though American workers will be hurt, Mexican workers won't be helped. Not only do they get mere "subsistence wages," sobs Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Donahue through crocodile tears, they "do not have effective union representation, child labor is not uncommon, there are no effective safety and health regulations, and there is no enforcement of environmental laws and regulations."

All this may be true, but Mexican workers won't suddenly get good wages, strong unions and tough safety rules if the United States refuses to buy what they produce — just the opposite. Workers acquire such benefits only as their industries prosper and their labor becomes more valuable.

The quickest recipe for such progress is free trade. The AFL-CIO's approach, on the other hand, would enable subsistence workers to remain just that.

There aren't many subsistence workers in Canada, which, as Donahue concedes, enjoys "wage levels, living standards and regulatory structures similar, if not superior to, the United States." Did the AFL-CIO support the free trade agreement between the United States and Canada? Be serious. But if we can't trade with Mexicans and we can't trade with Canadians and we can't trade with Japanese, who are we supposed to trade with? Martians?

If our goal is to freeze the American economy as it is, guaranteeing that no worker will ever lose his job, no company will ever go out of business and no other unpleasant change will ever happen, the AFL-CIO approach makes perfect sense. But no one should confuse stagnation with economic progress, which is the only thing a free trade with Mexico would produce.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, March 14, the 73rd day of 1991. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 14th, 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

On this date:
In 1743, the first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

In 1879, physicist Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany.

In 1883, German political philosopher Karl Marx died in London.

In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

Time for South to rise again

Lithuania has voted for independence from the Soviet Union. Other Soviet provinces want the same thing. The sweet wind of freedom is blowing.

OK, then. What about the South seceding again?

I realize it didn't work the first time we tried it, but the North wouldn't fight fairly.

As it is told, that great Georgian and Confederate, Robert Toombs, was trying to recruit men to fight for the South at the outbreak of the Civil War. "Why, we can beat the Yankees with cornstalks," he told an audience.

After the war, Toombs was running for governor. During a campaign speech a voice cried out from the audience "We listened to you when you said we could beat the Yankees with cornstalks. That was a lie, so why should we believe you now?"

Toombs replied, "We could have beaten the Yankees with cornstalks, but the sons of bitches wouldn't fight that way."

I don't think there would be any hostilities if the South should decide to secede again.

If we did it in the winter, how could anybody who lives where it's always blue on the weather map blame us?



Lewis Grizzard

And any of the millions of Northerners who had the good sense to move South before the secession could gain their citizenship in the All-New-and-Improved South quite easily.

All they would have to do is agree to go to speech school and learn how to lose their Northern accents.

Think of what it would be like if the South broke away from the Union again.

No more heavy taxes to bail out decaying Northern cities. No more stupid federal regulators.

No more nights tossing in bed worrying about what would become of us if something happened to George Bush and Dan Quayle became president.

There would be a few things we'd have to agree

to do in the spirit of becoming good neighbors with the North.

We would agree to come to the North's rescue in case it is needed for something like helping move Philadelphia to somewhere in southern Illinois to make room for a parking lot when all the parking spaces in New York were taken.

I'd make Atlanta the capital of the South this time; Richmond's too close to Washington.

I would want minorities to have a chance in all leadership roles. Andy Young would make a great secretary of state, Cousin Minnie Pearl in another key Cabinet post.

L. Douglas Wilder, governor of Virginia, Shelby Foote, Vince Dooley, and Julia Roberts could run for president.

The Braves and Falcons wouldn't have to play the Mets or Giants anymore. The Braves could join the Florida State League, where they've belonged all the time.

The Falcons could play Tampa Bay every week and actually have a chance for a break-even season.

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A man can dream, can't he?

Politicians face the music on ethics

By ROBERT WALTERS

AUSTIN — If misery loves company, Texas House of Representatives Speaker Gib Lewis ought to be a very happy man these days in his new role as a criminal defendant.

But Lewis' current predicament is hardly a cause for joy — and the companionship of other state and local politicians throughout the country provides little solace while he is awaiting trial on charges stemming from alleged ethical lapses.

Specifically, Lewis has been indicted by a Travis County grand jury here on misdemeanor counts of improperly accepting and failing to publicly disclose a gift from a Texas law firm whose business he was in a position to enhance because he is one of the state's most powerful politicians. He says he is innocent of both charges.

As noted above, Lewis' problems are hardly unusual at a time when the number of state and local elected officials indicted on — and often convicted of — corruption charges is climbing at an extraordinary rate.

Some examples:

- In California, two former state senators were convicted last year on charges of engaging in corrupt conduct. Assembly Speaker Willie Brown reportedly is the subject of a federal investigation focusing on his role in the passage of legislation that aided a client of his law practice.

- In New York, Assembly Speaker Mel Miller was indicted last year by a federal grand jury on 19 charges of document falsification, mail fraud and conspiracy relating to an allegedly fraudulent real estate operation.

- In South Carolina, 13 state officials — including 10 members of the legislature accused of accepting or conspiring to accept cash bribes — have been indicted in a vote-selling scheme. Most of the lawmakers have either pleaded guilty or been convicted.

- In Arizona, seven prominent members of the legislature and seven other political figures have been indicted on charges of money laundering, filing false financial disclosure statements and accepting tens of thousands of dollars in cash bribes.

- In Chicago, a series of federal investigations of municipal corrup-

tion since the mid 1980s has produced convictions of more than 70 people, including 15 judges, five members of the city council, members of the state legislature and officials of the local Democratic Party and organized crime figures.

- In Oklahoma, more than 150 county commissioners were imprisoned during the 1980s after being convicted of defrauding taxpayers of millions of dollars through elaborate kickback schemes. In Mississippi, 60 county supervisors were found guilty of similar crimes.

The U.S. Justice Department's statistics on federal indictments returned in government corruption cases confirms the presence of a marked trend.

In 1970, 10 state and 26 local officials faced such charges. By 1990, both figures had increased ten-fold — and those numbers do not include non-federal prosecutions.

But experts in the field generally agree that the spurt in indictments and convictions is not necessarily linked to a decline in the ethical conduct of state and local government leaders.

Instead, they suggest that politi-

cians now are judged by more stringent standards than in the past. As recently as the 1970s, for example, there were virtually no legal prohibitions against "revolving door" employment practices, nepotism and other actions now viewed as criminal.

In addition, law enforcement agencies have placed greater emphasis on probing white-collar crime — and have developed new technical skills and devices to detect it. Ersatz criminal enterprises used to lure those predisposed to wrongdoing into "sting" operations, for instance, are a relatively new phenomenon.

None of that provides much comfort to Lewis, who faces a continuing investigation. Prosecutors say that in addition to charging him with soliciting an improper \$5,000 gift from his law firm benefactors, they are probing his reported participation in the attorneys' junkets to Mexican and Caribbean beach resorts.

Several young women, one of them a topless dancer, joined the party in Mexico, according to the prosecutors. Lewis says he cannot remember the ladies' occupations.

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Serbia's Communist-controlled media target of protests

By SLOBODAN LEKIC
Associated Press Writer

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbia's newspapers and broadcast media, long rigidly controlled by the republic's hard-line leaders, have made a remarkable about-face this week.

In a dramatic shift that chips away at support for Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, the media of Yugoslavia's largest republic now are doing the previously unthinkable: providing prominent coverage to the opposition.

"The television station and the Politika publishing conglomerate are two of the pillars of this regime — without them all of Serbia would see that the emperor has no clothes," said Vuk Draskovic, Serbia's main opposition leader.

Milosevic used the support he built up through media control to confront Yugoslavia's other five republics, some of which want a much looser federation, with his own vision of a socialist future tightly controlled from Belgrade.

The changes signaled at minimum a decision by Milosevic to cool the media's antagonistic tone, and at maximum a loss of control.

After police on Saturday used live bullets, armored cars and water cannon to break up a demonstration by 100,000 people protesting censorship, TV Belgrade described the crowd as "hooligans" and "drug addicts" in the pay of Western intelligence services.

But as Milosevic faced a round-the-clock student protest Tuesday, the Serbian government

sacked television head Dusan Mitevic.

"Mitevic is the most hated man in Serbia," said Draskovic, who has repeatedly called for Mitevic's resignation and for a non-partisan editorial policy.

On Wednesday, just four days after the original protest, Belgrade TV carried an anti-Communist protest live and *Politika* gave it front-page coverage.

Changes continued today, when TV chiefs gave into demands by local students and resigned in Novi Sad, a city 50 miles north of Belgrade, the Tanjug news agency reported.

The directors of Novi Sad's radio station and newspaper also were forced out. Those directors, appointed by Milosevic, purged dozens of independent-minded journalists last year.

In Belgrade, the daily *Politika*, a once widely respected journal that later adopted the most extreme pro-Milosevic line, printed a demand from its journalists that the paper's directors resign along with other influential print and broadcast media in the *Politika* group.

The changes in the media have been greeted with disbelief by many citizens of Belgrade.

Opposition parties and Western observers have said manipulation of the media was one of the tools Milosevic used to ensure a big victory in December for his Socialist Party, the renamed Communists, in Serbia's first free elections in 45 years.

Belgrade TV, which broadcasts on three channels to all parts of Serbia, routinely referred to the anti-Communist parties as "fascists" and "terrorists" allegedly bent on destroying Serbia.

During the electoral campaign the station

gave each of the dozens of newly formed parties 90 minutes to present their platforms, while serving a steady diet of pro-Communist propaganda on all news and current events programs.

Mitevic is accused of blocking the work of Studio B, an independent TV station, and of *Yuel*, the federal government's highly praised nightly TV news broadcast that is carried by networks in Yugoslavia's five other states.

Differences in Belgrade TV coverage were apparent immediately after the resignations of Mitevic and his four associates were announced in the Serbian parliament Tuesday evening.

The evening newscast reported for the first time on all student strikes and other opposition activities.

The station also opened its channels wide Wednesday by broadcasting live from a rally by some 25,000 supporters held in support of demands for the resignation of all government officials responsible for Saturday's attack on peaceful protesters.

Other journalists throughout Serbia called for the replacement of the leaders of their official union that has supported repeated purges of its non-Communist members over the past several years.

Although the changes in *Politika* don't extend to editorial comments — there have been none over the past two days — they have still been greeted with disbelief by many citizens of Belgrade.

"We never thought we would see the day when our media would be freed from those stifling controls," said Ksenija Petovar, a Belgrade sociologist.



President Bush, left, and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney exchange documents after signing the Air Quality agreement in Ottawa Wednesday.

Bush says he'll quiz French president on Arafat's role

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press Writer

OTTAWA (AP) — President Bush says he's eager to ask French President Francois Mitterrand what role he envisions for Yasser Arafat after the Palestinian leader chose "the wrong side" in the war against Iraq.

Bush left the chilly Canadian capital at dawn today on a 4 1/2-hour flight to the sunny West Indies island of Martinique and the talks with Mitterrand, a key ally in Operation Desert Storm.

It is the second stop on Bush's five-day postwar journey to meet with key allied leaders. He will fly on tonight to Bermuda, where he meets British Prime Minister John Major on Saturday.

At a news conference Wednesday with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Bush criticized Iraq for using helicopters to quash rebels seeking to overthrow Saddam Hussein's government. "Do not do this," he warned.

At the same time, he cautioned Iran against any designs on Iraq, saying "grabbing territory ... would be the worst thing they could do."

Bush and Mulroney met over dinner with Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark, just back from Tehran and other Middle Eastern capitals.

France has often steered its own course toward the Arab world, to the chagrin of Washington. But it was an integral part of the coalition that drove Iraq from Kuwait, "and President Mitterrand led the way," said Bush.

Asked whether he would press Mitterrand to stop recognizing Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization as an official voice of the Palestinians, the president said, "I have no interest in asking them not to back the PLO."

He said, "We may have some differences with France. And if so, I expect I'll hear them loud and clear down in Martinique."

"I wouldn't expect to find ... that President Mitterrand was elated about the performance of Yasser Arafat," Bush added.

He said he was eager to ask, "Francois, what are you going to say about this one? ... I know he'll be disappointed in the way the PLO ... drew the wrong side."

Arafat embraced Saddam's cause and applauded his use of Scud missiles against Israeli civilians in an attempt to widen the war.

Mulroney said, "I think that the credibility of the leadership of the PLO is zero."

The United States broke off a dialogue with the PLO last year after a terrorist attack on Israel. Mitterrand met with Arafat in Paris last year.

In another development, Secretary of State James A. Baker III wound up a five-nation Middle East trip in Damascus, Syria, today. Baker said that Syria and other key Arab countries were serious about pursuing peace with Israel.

But Baker said the Arab governments are not yet ready to follow Egypt's lead in recognizing the Jewish state.

"You have to take it a step at a time," he said before departing for Moscow to review the restiveness in the Soviet Union.

France in the past has pressed for an international peace conference on the Middle East — a view shared by the PLO but opposed by the United States and Israel.

But France has tempered that position lately. Hubert Vedrine, Mitterrand's spokesman, said Washington and Paris "were never so close" as they are now in foreign policy objectives.

Foreign Minister Roland Dumas told the newspaper *Le Monde* last week that past French policy toward the Arab world was based on "a series of illusions," including a false expectation of increasing Arab unity.

Mulroney, whose approval ratings in the polls have plunged below 20 percent in a country torn by Quebec separatism and 10 percent-plus unemployment, jokingly asked Bush to share his 91 percent popularity.

But the Canadian leader, who favors a global summit on arms control, also spoke forcefully against international arms trafficking.

"Most of the hardware deployed in the Middle East was sold to the various factions by the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council. This doesn't make a whole lot of sense if ... you're trying to prevent war," said Mulroney.

Bush said Mulroney's summit idea "might have some merit." He said he wants to "curb proliferation. That doesn't mean we're going to refuse to sell anything to everybody."

But Bush said the defeat of Iraq has diminished the threat to Israel and should dampen the need for "ever-increasing arms sales."

Canadians cross border to shop in U.S.

OTTAWA (AP) — The lure of lower prices — and of beating the GST — in U.S. border cities continued to appeal to bargain-conscious Canadian shoppers in January.

The number of same-day car trips to the United States in January jumped 15.2 percent above the same month last year, Statistics Canada reported Wednesday.

"This is bleak economic news for municipalities on the Canadian side of the border," said retail analyst John Winter added. "It's bonanza days for merchants on the other side."

Compared to 1990, Winter expects cross-border shopping to be up 25 to 30 percent by the end of this year.

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Lefors ISD changes policy on student travel on school trips

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District Board of Trustees, during its meeting this week, added a sentence to the policy on school-sponsored trips relating to student travel.

The board voted unanimously Tuesday to add the sentence, "No student or students will be allowed to participate for Lefors ISD while traveling in their own vehicle(s)."

The policy in place states that students who participate in school-sponsored trips will be required to ride in transportation provided by the school to and from the event. Exception can be made if the student's parents or guardian personally requests that the student be allowed to ride with the parent or presents a written

request to the principal the day before the scheduled trip that the student be allowed to ride with an adult designated by the parent.

The policy also states that the district shall not be liable for any injuries that occur to students riding in vehicles that are not provided by the school.

The issue came up following a recent trip by a student group to Quanah when a private vehicle of one of the students was taken and another student rode in the vehicle while other students rode the school bus. The addition of the sentence to the current policy was an effort to make the policy stronger, school officials said.

In other business, the board unanimously approved the 1990-91 Textbook Committee report, voted on the Region XVI ESC Board of

Directors and unanimously approved allowing Chad Quarles to graduate from Lefors ISD in three years, on the condition that he meet the requirements.

The board also unanimously approved adding Andrea Walling to the substitute teacher list and discussed a proposed district-wide pay plan and the 1991-92 school district budget. During the budget discussion, Business Manager Jimmy Butler said next year's budget will include \$12,540 in additional mandated salary increases for professional personnel.

Butler and Superintendent Ed Gilliland briefed the school board on their recent trip to Austin where they talked to legislators regarding school finance.

Butler, in unrelated business,

reported that some school district employees were paid a total of \$13,621.38 by the district for medical claims that were incurred after Educators Group Health Trust went bankrupt several years ago.

Following an executive session of about an hour and a half, school trustees unanimously voted to rehire all the professional personnel for the 1991-92 school year that are currently employed by the school district.

Gilliland said much of the closed session was devoted to evaluating the teacher files or teacher observation reports.

Routine items of approving minutes of previous meetings and paying monthly expenditures were also approved.

All board members were present for the meeting.

County to consider establishment of reserve deputy force

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners Court is scheduled to discuss a resolution to establish a reserve deputy force in the county during a regular meeting on Friday.

Chief Deputy Terry L. Cox said Wednesday that the Local Government Code says the Commissioners Court can authorize the sheriff to appoint a reserve deputy force and designate the number who can be in that force.

Cox said if the Commissioners Court approves the establishment of such a force, the reserve force members would work as regular peace officers when they are needed. He said the reserve deputies would not be allowed to work alone, but in conjunction with another deputy or the sheriff.

To be a reserve deputy one must meet the criteria of a peace officer and have the same schooling and requirements of other law enforcement officers as set by Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

The Commissioners Court is also scheduled to discuss the meal allowance for 31st District Court personnel, consider a request from the Follett Volunteer Fire Department to acquire a county truck and discuss a plan to sell surplus and salvage county personal property.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of a resolution concern-

ing bank account signatures, discussion of terms of agreement for the proposed prison road with a Kelley Engineering representative, consideration of the purchase of a McLean building and consideration of a request to transfer funds within various budgets.

Panhandle Community Services has requested support on a grant application for housing preservation and that item is listed on the agenda.

Changes to the AMT Paramedic

Service agreement will also be considered, as will a request from the Panhandle Area Alliance to support the Pantex facility expansion.

The Commissioners Court will also consider the sale of delinquent tax property and discuss the future sale of delinquent tax property.

Other items include consideration of an agreement with Texas Association of Counties to apply for stormwater discharge permits, a

county safety program, adoption of a resolution concerning payment of salaries and expenses for the 31st District Court personnel, a request to cross a county road with a pipeline, and payroll deductions for membership in the Pampa Youth and Community Center.

The meeting is scheduled to meet at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

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As town buries teen, authorities seek clues to who murdered him

By The Associated Press

A teen-age murder victim was buried as state police combed his car for clues to his death.

David Paul Ross, who would have turned 19 today, was buried Wednesday in Norfolk after a funeral attended by at least 200, many of them classmates and friends.

The Pennsylvania ex-con accused of killing Ross is expected to be extradited soon from the small Texas town where he was arrested Tuesday driving the slain youth's car.

State police sent an evidence expert to Texas Wednesday and asked the public for help in the crime.

The Virginia Beach high school senior was found stabbed to death Sunday on a remote dirt road in Southampton County. He was last seen Saturday night at the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

Police and witnesses said Dana Rex Foster, 38, of McKeesport, Pa., was driving Ross' car and used the dead youth's name at the truck stop where he was arrested.

A state police investigator and Southampton County Sheriff Vernie W. Francis Jr. have been in Brookshire, Texas, outside Houston since Tuesday. They were joined Wednesday by an evidence expert. He began scouring Ross' 1986 Chevrolet Camaro for clues, said Phillip W. Foster, the lead state police investigator in Chesapeake.

Dana Foster agreed to extradition Tuesday and is expected to be escorted back to Southampton County by the weekend, police said.

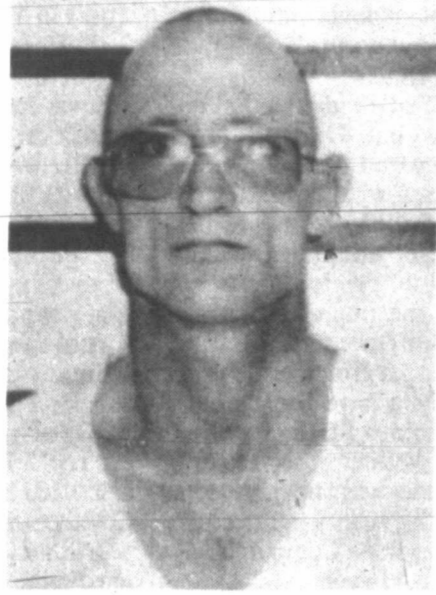
In Virginia, police say they want to talk to anyone who saw Ross or the suspect separately or together or who saw Ross' burgundy, jacked-up Camaro with the license plate DA-WAVE late Saturday or early Sunday.

Police have not said how or where the two may have met. They say they don't know what happened between the oceanfront and the swampy Southampton County woods where Ross' body was found. And they don't know what happened on Foster's journey from

Bumper crop of babies expected in December

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Thousands of military husbands reunited with thousands of military wives could mean thousands of military bundles of joy around the nation next Christmas.

"That is a kind of running joke around military hospitals. It is tongue in cheek, but I suspect there's a lot of truth to it," said Lt. Joy Hopkins of the Bureau of Naval Medicine and Surgery in Washington.



Dana Rex Foster

Virginia to Texas.

"We had no idea where he was at," the lead investigator said.

Pittsburgh-area police have also called Foster the only suspect in a strangulation sex slaying of a 17-year-old mother in May. He had not been charged in that case as of Wednesday. But police said he faked his own suicide there last week and appeared at the oceanfront on Saturday with a newly shaved head.

Foster spent six years in prison in the mid-1980s for the near-fatal stabbing of a woman in Florida, and also had numerous convictions on other charges from Pennsylvania to California dating back to 1972.

As police struggled with the investigation, Ross' friends and family struggled to cope with his death.

"Everything is going reasonably well," said Ross' father, Bobby R. Ross, from the family's Middle Plantation home. He said they weren't ready to talk publicly about their tragedy.

A teacher estimated that more than 100 First Colonial high students attended his funeral.

"I guess you've got to take it one day at a time," said a subdued Scott Payne, 18, a First Colonial senior who last saw his friend Ross on Friday night. "This is the first time I've ever had anybody close to me die. ...It's kind of scary."

As troops come home from the Persian Gulf, those joyful family reunions may lead to bigger families.

"That would be kind of obvious. We would expect that to happen. But to what extent, I couldn't say," said Capt. James Hodges, a spokesman for the hospital at Shaw Air Force Base.

Hopkins, herself a Navy wife, said an increase in births will probably be harder to detect at Navy hospitals.

Don't throw away those books — the Friends need them

With spring coming nearer every day, many Pampa area residents are embarking on that annual chore: Spring cleaning.

And while they are about it, they might want to check around the house and in the garage for those books they have purchased over the years, read once and then placed aside.

For those who hate to throw books away and yet also dislike the space they are beginning to take up in the house, there's an organization searching for books: The Pampa Friends of the Library.

The organization is getting ready for its popular annual used books sale, scheduled for the second week of April at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

Those who have attended the book sale in the past know the joy of glancing over the row upon row of books for a good bargain and the opportunity to pick from a variety of books: novels, classic literature, poetry, science fiction, mysteries, thrillers, history, science, business, romance, biographies, reference works, textbooks and so on.

The money earned from the sale helps the Friends of the Library to sponsor their many projects for the patrons of the library. Over the years, such projects have included the purchase of computer terminals for the library's interlinking system with other Panhandle libraries; baby strollers; furniture; landscaping around the library building; drapes; brochures to acquaint patrons with the library services; and numerous other materials making the library a more enjoyable place to visit and to use its services.

The Friends have sponsored such activities as their fall demonstrations on holiday foods and crafts, lectures on Shakespeare, assistance for the pre-school and summer reading programs, book



About town

By Larry D. Hollis
Managing Editor

discussions and other programs for those who enjoy reading and learning.

One of the most beneficial projects the Friends of the Library have undertaken in recent years is the launching of the Adult Literacy Program, through which dozens of residents have learned to read or received assistance to overcome deficiencies in reading skills. For those who have worked in the program, there has been many quiet moments of joy in watching someone finally achieve a skill many of their peers had taken for granted.

But to have a successful sale, the Friends depend on members of the community to donate books so they can earn the proceeds they need to support their many deserving projects and activities.

So if you are tired of those books sitting on the closet floor or jumbling across crowded book shelves, just box them up and take them down to the library within the next couple of weeks. The Friends will greatly appreciate the donation, as will their many customers who will be eagerly pawing over the books to find ones to take home with them.

Just think of it as a form of recycling — recycling knowledge, education and enjoyment.

Last summer I encountered one of those bothersome difficulties facing many of us as we grow older: I had to accept the wearing of bifo-

cal. It's been many a month since I've had to endure the split vision and the nodding up and down of the head as I have to focus on items at various distances.

But Wednesday my eyes must have been deceiving me, probably a hallucinatory aspect of months of wearing the bifocal lenses.

I actually thought I saw a variance of gasoline prices among the various gas stations and convenience stores in Pampa. Why, there right before my own eyes, I saw prices for regular unleaded ranging from \$1.07.9 to \$1.19.9!

I guess I'll have to go get my eyes checked again. These bifocals are just too much if they create such visions as that.

One habit I acquired back in my Army days in Germany is that of being a regular blood donor. Admittedly, the first time I gave blood was because we were promised the rest of the afternoon off, but since then I have continued to donate blood several times a year.

This Saturday will offer another chance for regular blood donors to help fill the blood supplies of Coffee Memorial Blood Center out of Amarillo when the Texas National Guard unit holds its second annual MASH Blood Drive at the National Guard Armory out by the rodeo grounds.

SFC. James Larkin said the guard members here have set a goal of 100 pints for the blood drive,

scheduled from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. That means 100 people will be needed, though of course they will accept more than that. So those of you who are used to the procedure can show up again, and those of you who have not yet had the opportunity — where, here's your chance.

The first 100 donors will receive a free MASH Blood Drive T-shirt.

While out at the guard armory to take a photograph publicizing the drive, I decided to take a short drive over to the renovation work at Pampa Lake at Recreation Park.

City employees are rapidly nearing the end of smoothing out the bottom of the lake, which will range up to approximately 20 feet in depth when completed. Then some black soil will be rolled over the lake bottom to help seal it in anticipation of the spring rains.

Some of the dirt removed from the lake has been spread out to get ready for leveling work of the planned four-plex softball field, and other dirt has been moved to help prepare the ground for the construction of the picnic area. Still, there are some large mounds of earth remaining, most of which will be yet used at the park for other projects.

As soon as the lake bottom work is completed, then we will await the coming of the rains. The moisture has been rather sparse this past winter, as evidenced by all the dust blowing in the air Tuesday.

But I figure we can help take care of the situation by participation in a city-wide project. Along about the first week of April, everyone who has a car or pickup or truck can drag out the water hoses or truck to a nearby carwash and we'll have a mass washing of vehicles.

It certainly couldn't hurt, and at least we'd all have clean vehicles to drive around in.

Airlines expand fare wars nationwide now Gulf War is over

DALLAS (AP) — A new round of air fare cuts has broken out as airlines try to capture renewed interest in travel now that the Gulf War is ended.

Major airlines Wednesday scrambled to match a 20 percent discount on full-coach fares by Delta and special fares by American good through April 8.

"What is concerning carriers is whether they can counter the effects of the economic downturn and the war," said Jim Carey, senior vice president of Airline Economics Inc. in Washington.

High jet fuel costs also soured airline performance in January, February and March, traditionally the slowest travel period.

The discounts represented a national expansion of promotions that Northwest, Continental, Midwest and others have had in certain markets during the two weeks since the cease-fire in the gulf.

Mike Gunn, American senior vice president for marketing, said the company believes its discounts will be "the jump-start that all of us have been scratching our heads for in the

last several months."

The American-led fares are for nonrefundable tickets purchased at least seven days prior to departure or within 24 hours of reservation. The fares range from \$138 to \$358 round-trip in spring and \$178 to \$438 round-trip in summer.

For example, a New York-San Francisco round trip taken by May 19 would cost as little as \$318. One taken between May 20 and Sept. 30 would be as low as \$398.

Delta offered 20 percent off all full-coach tickets that are bought

three days before travel.

United, Northwest and Continental airlines matched both Delta's and American's promotions. Delta and American matched each other. Trans World Airlines matched American while saying it was still studying Delta's discount.

Northwest and Continental earlier this month offered coupons for passengers in more than 40 markets that trim \$50 from a \$200 round-trip fare. The coupons can be applied to the discounts announced Wednesday, the airlines said.



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Study: VDT use not linked with miscarriages

BOSTON (AP) — Women who work every day with video terminals are no more likely to have a miscarriage than other women, a study today concludes.

"There are 7 million women in this country who use VDTs, and they have been concerned about the risk of miscarriage," said Dr. Teresa M. Schnorr, who directed the study. "This should be reassuring to them."

Schnorr, an epidemiologist of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in Cincinnati, outlined the findings in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers studied 828 pregnant operators who worked for two phone companies in eight Southeastern states.

They compared directory assistance operators, who used VDTs to look up numbers, with general operators, who did not use terminals.

"The study showed the VDT technology itself did not increase the risk of miscarriage," Schnorr said in an interview. "Women who used them full time at work had the same risk as women who didn't use them at all."

About 17 percent of the operators who used the terminals on the job during the first trimester of pregnancy experienced spontaneous abortions, compared with 16 percent of those who did not work with the terminals.

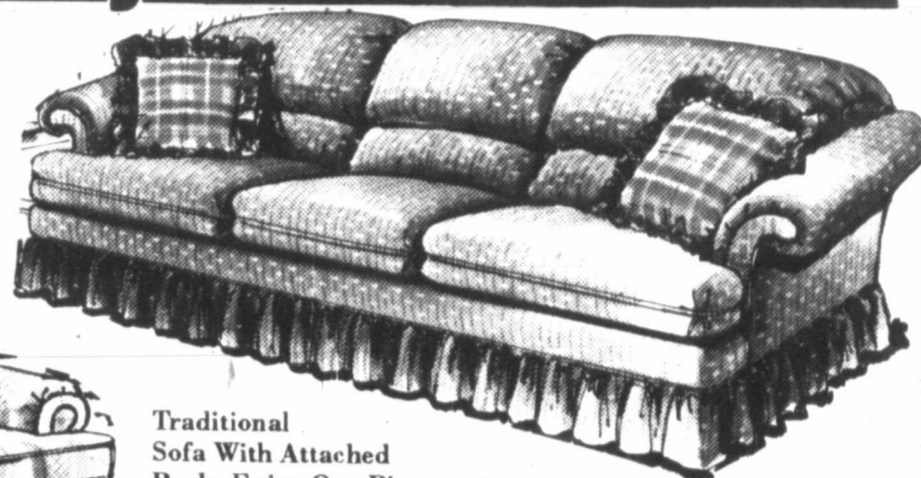
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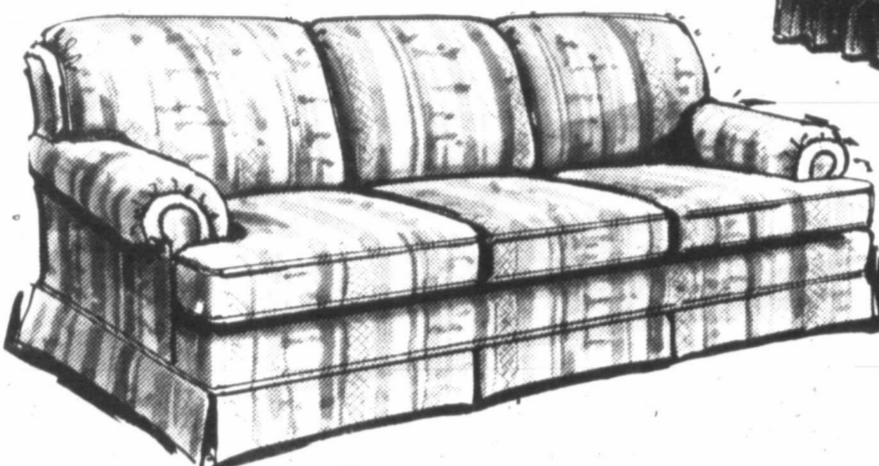
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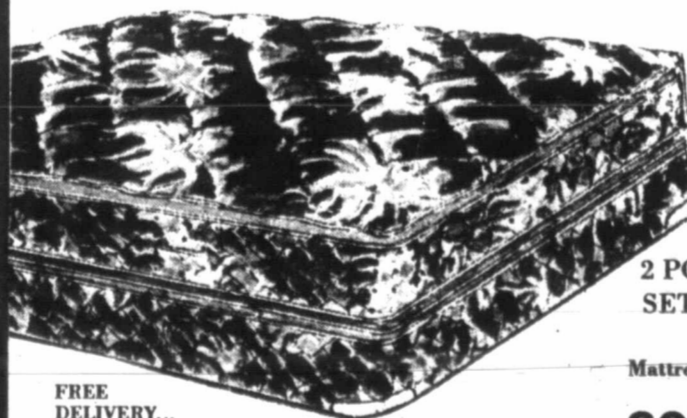
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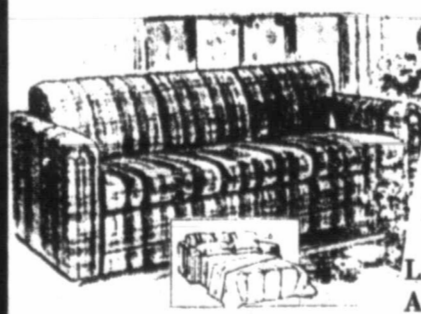


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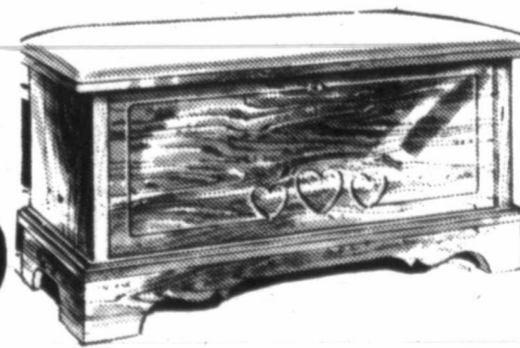
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L.A. police chief resists mounting pressure to quit over taped beating

By MICHAEL WHITE
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police Chief Daryl Gates apologized for the "shame and dishonor" brought on police everywhere by the videotaped beating of a motorist at the hands of his officers. But he resisted mounting pressure to resign.

"He has promised his troops that he is going to stay here and provide the leadership to restore the shine and gleam of that badge," said Lt. Fred Nixon, a spokesman for the chief.

In a speech Wednesday at the Police Academy, Gates said: "We apologize to the members of other departments because we have brought shame and dishonor to the profession. It is a unanimous opinion of this department that that kind of conduct was wrong. It was humiliating."

"One of the failures of this organization is that we bring in police officers from the human race," he said. "And human beings fail."

Pressure to force Gates' ouster has built since the March 3 beating of Rodney King was recorded by a bystander with a video camera. Officers kicked

and stomped King beat him with nightsticks and shocked him with a stun gun.

The American Civil Liberties took out full-page ads and with a coalition of eight other civil rights and labor groups has urged Gates to quit.

A grand jury is investigating the beating.

Cmdr. Lorne Kramer, president of the Los Angeles Police Command Officers Association, said, "We are gratified that Chief Gates is not submitting to the lynch mentality by resigning."

Dr. Edmund Chin, the neurologist treating King, said King's skull was broken in nine places during the beating and the unemployed construction worker may have suffered a mild heart attack when he was jolted with a stun gun.

Chin said King would undergo surgery today.

In Watts, black leaders gathered at the Antioch Baptist Church to demand Gates' resignation over the beating. King is black; the officers are white.

"Some people will tell you this is an isolated case," said Davis Rodgers, chapter president of the NAACP. "Rodney King isn't an isolated case."

Cabbie gets fare from Mexican official

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — It took an extra day to get the money, but a Tucson cab company has been reimbursed for the \$15.10 fare which a Mexican consular official refused to pay.

Enrique Muez Castillo, 39, claimed diplomatic immunity when he refused to cough up the fare Monday night. On Tuesday, the consulate sent the fare and a tip to the Yellow Cab Co.

"We can say with certainty that this

will never happen again," said Luis Enrique Castresana Rubio, vice consul of Mexico in Tucson. "We will guarantee that no one in our consulate will abuse their diplomatic status."

The incident began when Tucson police stopped Muez on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. When the officers learned that Muez is protected from arrest under diplomatic law, they called a taxi to take him home.

Returning GIs' thirst for beer leaves industry in quandry

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After months in the desert, many homeward-bound troops can't wait to crack open a cold beer.

It's put brewers in something of a quandry: to promote or not to promote. While many corporations have been careful to avoid the appearance of exploiting the Persian Gulf War, the beer industry has an added onus — arousing the wrath of anti-drinking groups.

"It's a sensitive issue and one that could backfire very easily," said Barry Ziegler, a stock analyst in St. Louis. "I think the industry will be happy with all the free publicity they're going to get and leave it at that."

Because Saudi Arabia prohibits alcohol, U.S. forces have done with-

out since they've arrived. It's evident the suds and spirits have been missed.

Air Force Sgt. Brian Mann, after arriving last week at Dover Air Force Base, in Delaware, dug into three ice chests before he found what he wanted.

"Here it is, man. I've got the coldest one," he said, lifting a beer and popping the top.

The industry couldn't ask for a stronger advertising image, but don't look for commercials with scenes of soldiers toasting their success.

The industry's three biggest brewers — Anheuser Busch Cos., Miller Brewing Co. and Adolph Coors Co. — are generally keeping a low profile.

Miller and Coors have deferred to

their distributors for any celebrations but are providing banners, streamers and display cards congratulating the armed forces.

St. Louis-based Anheuser Busch Cos., the world's biggest brewery, is also the nation's No. 2 operator of theme parks. It is inviting military personnel and their families to visit a park for free during the summer.

That's about 6 million people, according to the brewer. Anheuser Busch owns four Sea World parks and operates Busch Gardens in Virginia and Florida and Cypress Gardens in Florida.

The brewer also is establishing a \$1.2 million scholarship fund for children and spouses of Americans

killed in Desert Storm.

"It's gratifying to know that the troops missed enjoying a nice cold beer," said Dave Fogelson, a Miller spokesman. "And we feel that beer is a beverage for celebrations and good times."

That's a point the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence has a problem with, said spokesman Jeffrey Hon.

"We don't think that alcohol should be portrayed as a reward for a job well done or a game well-played," Hon said. "However, we don't have a problem with the troops having a beer after being denied for so long. We're not a neo-Prohibitionist group."

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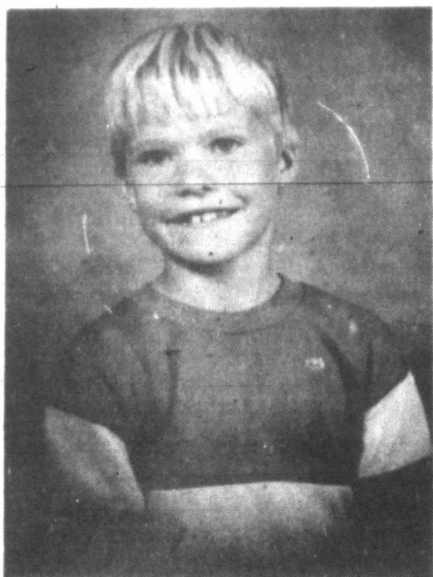
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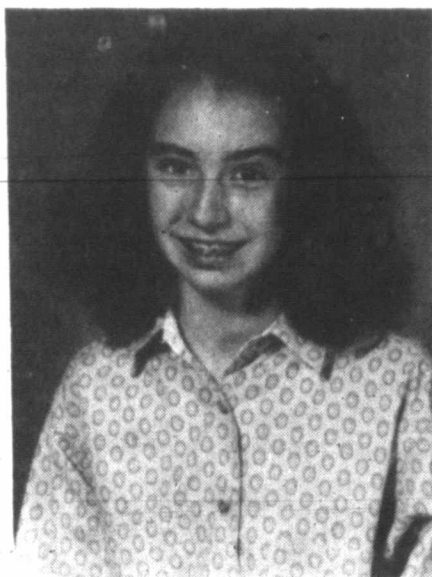
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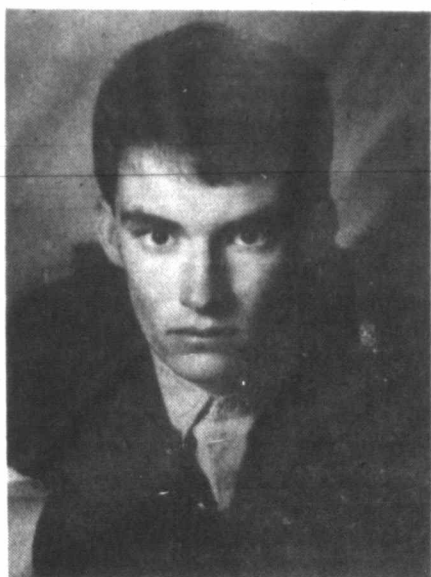
Haley's students rate superior score



Shaun Hurst



Peggy Williams



Douglas Williams

Three Pampa student pianists took first place ratings in the West Texas Competition Festival sponsored by West Texas State University, Saturday, March 9, in Canyon.

Douglas Williams entered the Class I category with "Gardens in the Rain" by Claude Debussy.

Peggy Williams and Shaun Hurst entered the Class III category. Miss Williams played the "Saint Anthony Chorale" and "Scherzo" both by Joseph Haydn. Hurst performed "Prelude No. 1" from the

"The Well Tempered Clavier" by J. S. Bach.

Douglas Williams and Peggy Williams are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Williams. Hurst is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hurst. The three students study piano with Bill Haley.

Judge for the competition was Betty Cole, Lubbock. Chairman was Bill Evans, professor of piano, WTSU.

The Pampa students were commended for technique, style, phrasing and pedalling.



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Scouting for Food



These Boy Scouts, left, Joshua Brookshire and Kevin Huddleston, members of Troop 480, are tired. They, along with other Cubs, Webelos, and Boy Scouts across America, have just completed "Scouting for Food", a nationwide "good turn" sponsored by Boy Scouts of America. According to District Executive Keith Cook, 4,000 pounds of canned food were collected in Pampa on Saturday, March 9. This food was donated to Good Samaritan House.

For Horticulture



Joe Van Zandt

'Sewing for Profit' seminar

A "Sewing For Profit" seminar will be sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at a day long or evening session on Thursday, Mar. 21. Details are available from Extension Home Economists in District I, which includes the top twenty counties in the Texas Panhandle.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn the basics of becoming a professional in the home sewing industry or related area.

Assisting will be Alma Fonseca and Nancy Granovsky of College Station, extension clothing and family resource management specialists respectively.

Other presenters will be Don Taylor, director of the Small Business Center, Laurie Thomas, Amarillo senior planner, Margaret McClung of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Lorene Purcell of the Sewing Nook, all of Amarillo. Rosa Lee Kalka and Alby Peters, Moore and Potter County Extension Home Economists, who are coordinating the are event, will also be presenters.

A panel consisting of Margie Reynolds of Sunray, Marilee Elledge of White Deer, and Janie VanZandt of Pampa and Kathy Hill of Amarillo will give personal testimonials of their involvement in home sewing or related businesses at the day session.

A registration fee, which covers the cost for lunch at the day session scheduled from 8:30-4:00, will be charged.

The evening session is scheduled from 6:30-9:30 and will be an abbreviated form of the day session. Registration should be received by the Potter or Moore County Extension offices by March 15. A program with attached registration form is available in the Country Extension office at 669-8033.

A similar program is scheduled in Perryton on Mar. 20. Mary Lou Rowland, Ochiltree Extension Agent, may be contacted at 435-3831 for additional information about that session.

Fruit tree care for spring

FRUIT TREE CARE

This past week has seen some of our fruit trees burst into full bloom. With fruit trees blooming, tree owners, interested in having worm-free fruit to eat come harvest time, need to start a spray program.

For all fruit trees, spraying should begin when 75% of petals have fallen. Successive sprays should be at 10 to 14 day intervals for a total of two to five sprayings.

There are several general purpose fruit sprays that are on the market from the commercial companies. Materials containing a combination of malathion®, methoxychlor®, and captan®, should give very good results. Several of the commercial sprays will have a trade name with fruit or orchard spray in it. Other single insecticides recommended include: malathion®, sevin®, and zolone®. Be sure to read the label, follow directions and remember any restrictions given on the label.

LAWN CARE

We had a good turnout and interest is high for our city-wide "Don't Bag It" program.

For those of you who missed the meetings last Thursday, let me pass along a few of the basics. Also, you need to obtain a copy of the leaflet on "Don't Bag It" as it has a complete outline of the process for this lawn care program.

First, use a slow release fertilizer-one that contains 50% of the nitrogen in a slow release form. Some slow release fertilizers do not have 50% of the nitrogen in the slow release form-these would be better than those with no slow release nitrogen. Yet, the more nitrogen you can get in the slow release form the better.

Apply fertilizer at a moderate rate for furnish about one pound of actual nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. each application.

Slow release nitrogen will be noted on the bag as being sulfur-coated urea or ureaformaldehyde as a nitrogen source rather than soluble forms. The soluble forms such as urea, nitrate or ammonium sulfate tend to produce very fast growth for short periods of time.

I have seen one product that meets the 50% slow-release nitrogen guideline and also has low phosphorus content which contains an analysis of 19-5-9.

Second, homeowners need to mow every five or six days at the proper height. The rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the leaf surface at any one time. As an example for bermuda, set the mower at 1-1/2 inches and mow before it reaches 2-1/4 inches. For bluegrass and fescue, set the mower at 2-1/2 inches and mow before it reaches 3-3/4 inches.

Third, you need to water the lawn only when necessary. Many times we water lawns on a schedule whether the soil moisture is depleted or noted to use slow, soaking waterings so as to get the soil wet to a depth of six inches. If water runs off the lawn fairly quickly, then we need to turn the sprinkler off, let the water soak in for a while and then continue watering. Frequent waterings promote shallow root systems of the turfgrass.

Leaflets outlining the "Don't Bag It" program are available in the County Extension Office and at "Clean Pampa's" office.

Sixth grade students use spaceship to teach

By KEELY COGHLAN
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Becky Butscher's sixth-graders are navigating the final frontiers of science aboard their own spaceship.

Butscher's Fort Concho Elementary School classroom is the permanent homeport for the U.S.A. Concho, which students constructed themselves out of sheets of plastic and a fan.

Her students take turns crewing the vehicle when the Concho sets out to reach other students on teaching missions.

"When students pass by, they always want to come in and see the spaceship," said sixth-grader Jimmy Yruegas.

"The little ones ask us if we would go out in space with them," added classmate Marc Valdez.

Jimmy, Marc and their fellow team-teachers, Jessica Echavarria, Monica Rubio and Mario Alaniz, also ran the ship operations for Janet Stastny's first-graders.

The sixth-graders discussed such topics as space, stars, planets, space food and how gravity affects a person's weight on different planets.

The sixth-grade students calculated students' individual weights

on different planets and handed out sheets showing the younger students how to complete the math problems by themselves.

One 55-pound first-grader let out a gasp when he found out he'd be a hefty 137 pounds on Jupiter.

"Most people go to planets where they weigh less, so they wouldn't weigh so much," Jessica said.

The program was a good review for the first-grade students, most of whom took a field trip to the Angelo State University Planetarium, Stastny said.

"I liked it. We went up to Mars," said first-grader Angela Rodriguez, as her teacher hugged her.

"We've never been in a spaceship before," said another first-grader.

The spaceship has become a dominant part of the sixth-graders' program, Butscher said.

The entire class meets in the spaceship for science classes, and one table of students studies in the spaceship each day.

In addition, students get a chance to team-teach science concepts to other students, putting in practice what they've already learned.

"We get to let little kids know things about space that they don't

know," Monica said.

"And it's fun," Mario said.

The students also are planning their own day-long space camp for other students, including a taste of "space food," instant pudding with milk mashed up and eaten with a straw.

They also plan to talk about astronauts' use of computers and how they have to learn to pilot ships even with disorientation caused by a lack of gravity, Jimmy said.

Butscher learned about the spaceship project at a Texas Outdoor Education Workshop, as part of an inservice program that the San Angelo school district sent her on.

The activity has been the most successful of all, and other Fort Concho teachers want to adopt the program, she said.

"I'll probably let my students go to the different classrooms and teach them how to build their own spaceship," she said. "They can do it."

It's also made the sixth-grade astronaut-teachers stars of a sort. "Some first-graders asked for our autographs," said sixth-grader Juan Ibarra.

"I didn't give them mine. But some other students did."

Museum of the Plains show and sale set for March 23-24

Museum of the Plains, Perryton, is gearing up for an Antique Sale and Flea Market, set for March 23-24, at the Expo Center.

According to curator Jennifer McClung, 14 booths have already been secured, representing a variety of goods that include crafts, jewelry, antiques, collectibles, crystals, mobiles, and novelties.

Vendors are coming from four states, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, and Kansas.

People may reserve a booth through March 18. No percentage is taken from sales. Proceeds go toward museum activities.

The sale is open to the public, with no door admission charged. The sale is open Saturday, March 23, 9-7 p.m., and Sunday, March 24, 9-5 p.m. Food items will be available for shoppers.

For more information about booth rental, call Jennifer McClung at the Museum of the Plains.

Do it yourself-what does it take?

By BARBARA MAYER
AP Newsfeatures—

There's no substitute for experience with do-it-yourself remodeling projects. Still, everyone has to start somewhere, and with enthusiasm and some courage, a novice can tackle many projects.

"If you can swing a hammer, you can do framing, roofing and put in windows," says Roger Bennett, an architect who rebuilt a house from the ground up. "You're not only saving money, you're also getting involved and getting into shape. I regained muscles that I thought had disappeared in a year of building my own house."

Most people can paint and handle landscaping projects. If they can't or don't want to do physical labor, they can shop for the best prices and products, he adds.

Smaller jobs are well within the ability of people with the inclination, says Michael Morris, editor of Home Mechanix magazine, who built his own house.

"There are lots of pretty good books on the market that provide information. If you read several, you'll get the picture. I worked from professional books, such as a carpentry textbook for apprentice carpenters. It goes through all the steps of construction in a straightforward way. I have a couple of books that give advice on how to be your own contractor and how to work with codes."

You don't have to be a skilled practitioner to take on some or all your own work and to act as your own contractor, but you have to understand the plumber's and electrician's questions, both say.

"Most of the people who are successful at building their own houses are people with some background in house construction to begin with. The job requires your attention every single day, and there are always snags. You can begin to feel very tired and defeated by some of these problems which most people who build with a contractor don't see."

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- 15 Cowboy Rogers
- 16 Rodent
- 17 High hills
- 18 Cricket positions
- 19 Annapolis grad
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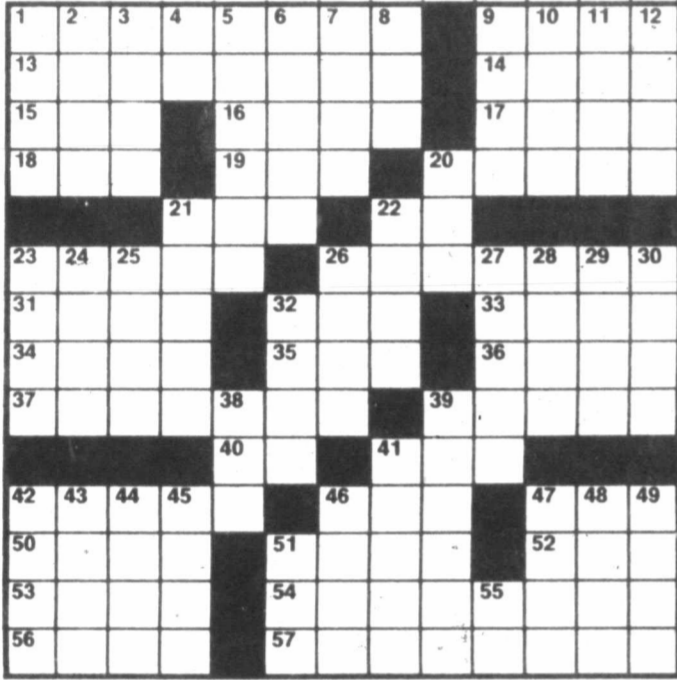
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- 20 Call — day
- 21 Hang loosely
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- 23 Flowing garment
- 24 Foot part
- 25 Celestial bear
- 26 Adjective ending
- 27 Orange type
- 28 Cooled
- 29 Wild buffalo
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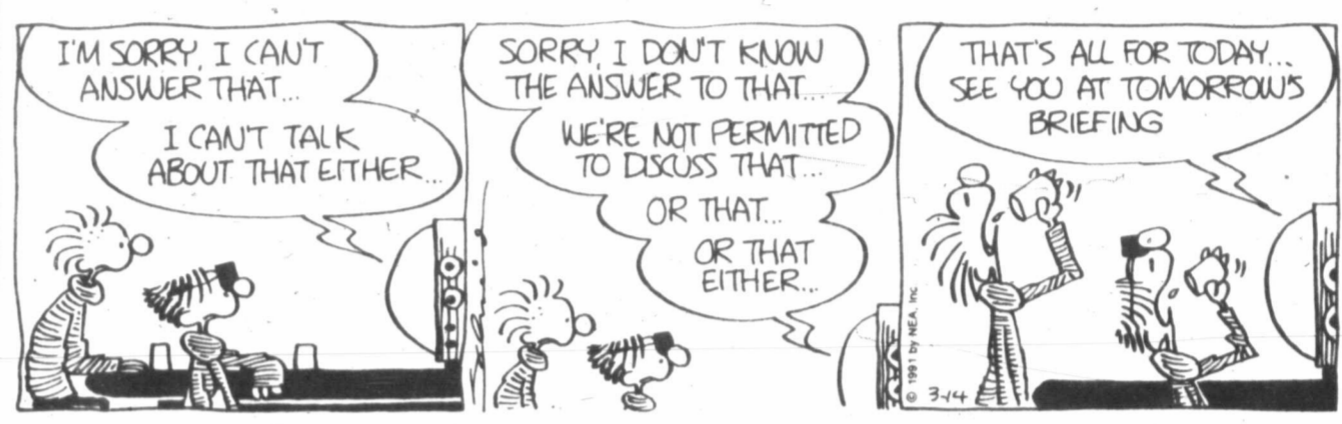
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you are employed by another, this is not the day to lower your performance level. Your degree of industriousness will be noted, and, if it isn't up to standards, your paycheck may suffer later. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is not a particularly good day to involve yourself or friends in any type of risky venture with "iffy" odds. Use your best judgment at all times.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Discontent on the home front is a strong possibility today; family members may place the blame for things that go awry on everyone but themselves, including you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An indifferent attitude on your behalf might cause you to act without first reviewing the consequences. Try to curb your impulsive instincts today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Before the day is over, there is a possibility that your purse might feel like the equivalent of a sieve. Don't compound matters with unnecessary financial extravagance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might have to deal with a rather testy development involving an extremely self-centered individual. Diplomacy and tact on your behalf will help lessen confrontations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The greatest frustrations that may impede your progress could be self-imposed today. Be very careful not to be the one who puts obstacles in your path.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you're involved in some type of group endeavor today, don't allow yourself to be drawn into the middle of the squabbles of friends. This could occur if you let your guard down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually, you are a very determined person once you set your mind to a specific objective. However, your focus might not be up to par today, and you could veer off course if the going gets tough.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It may not prove wise today to try to make major changes in an arrangement involving others. Conditions are already too confusing and your input could make things worse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're involved in a collective venture that requires either funding or distribution, be on alert today. Somebody is going to get a good deal, yet it might not be you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In a partnership arrangement today, don't worry too much about your cohort's intentions; be more mindful of your own. If you do what's right, this individual will follow suit.

MARVIN



By Tom Armstrong

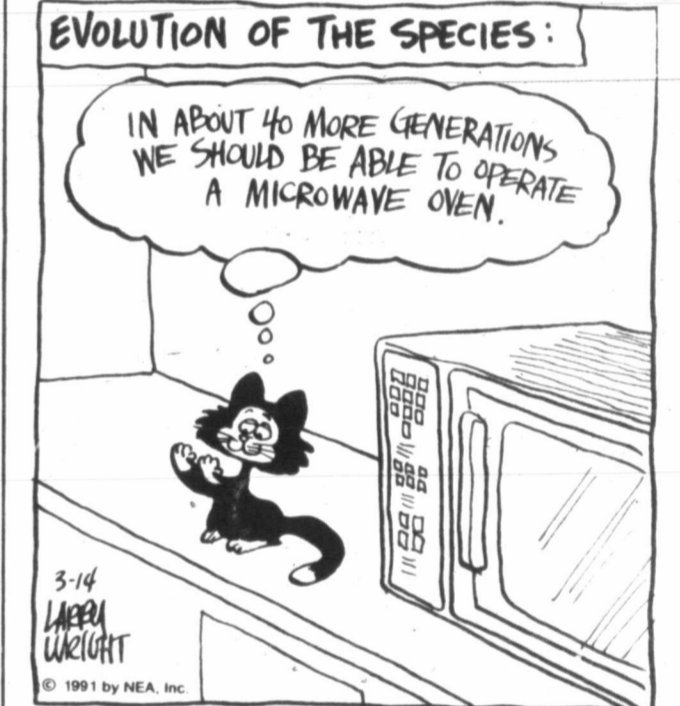


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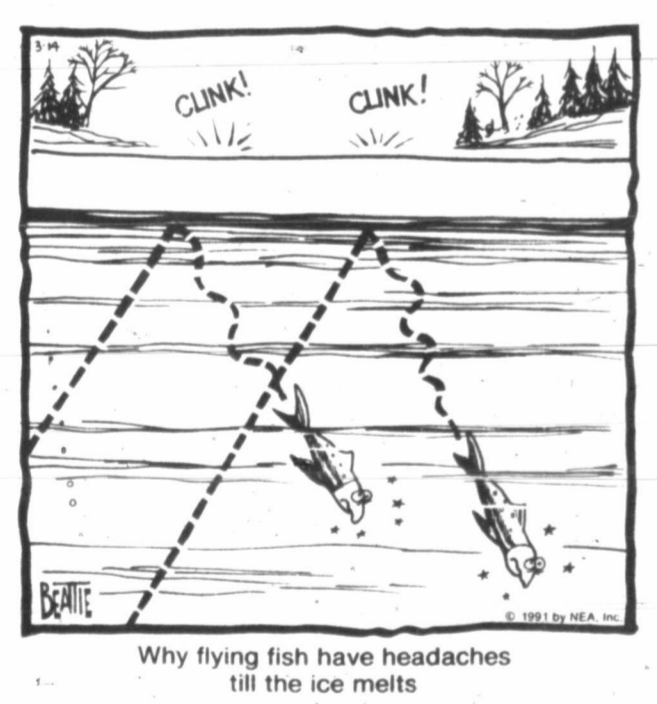
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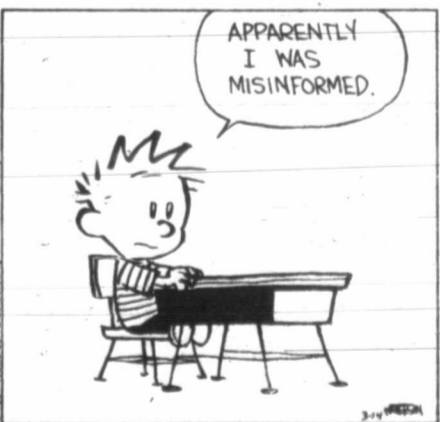


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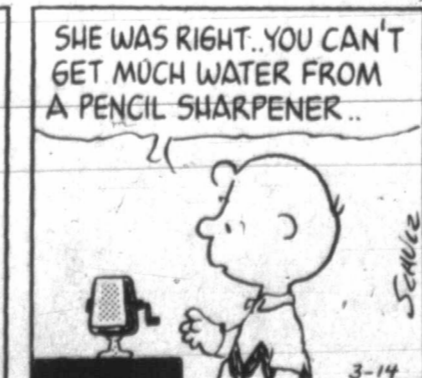
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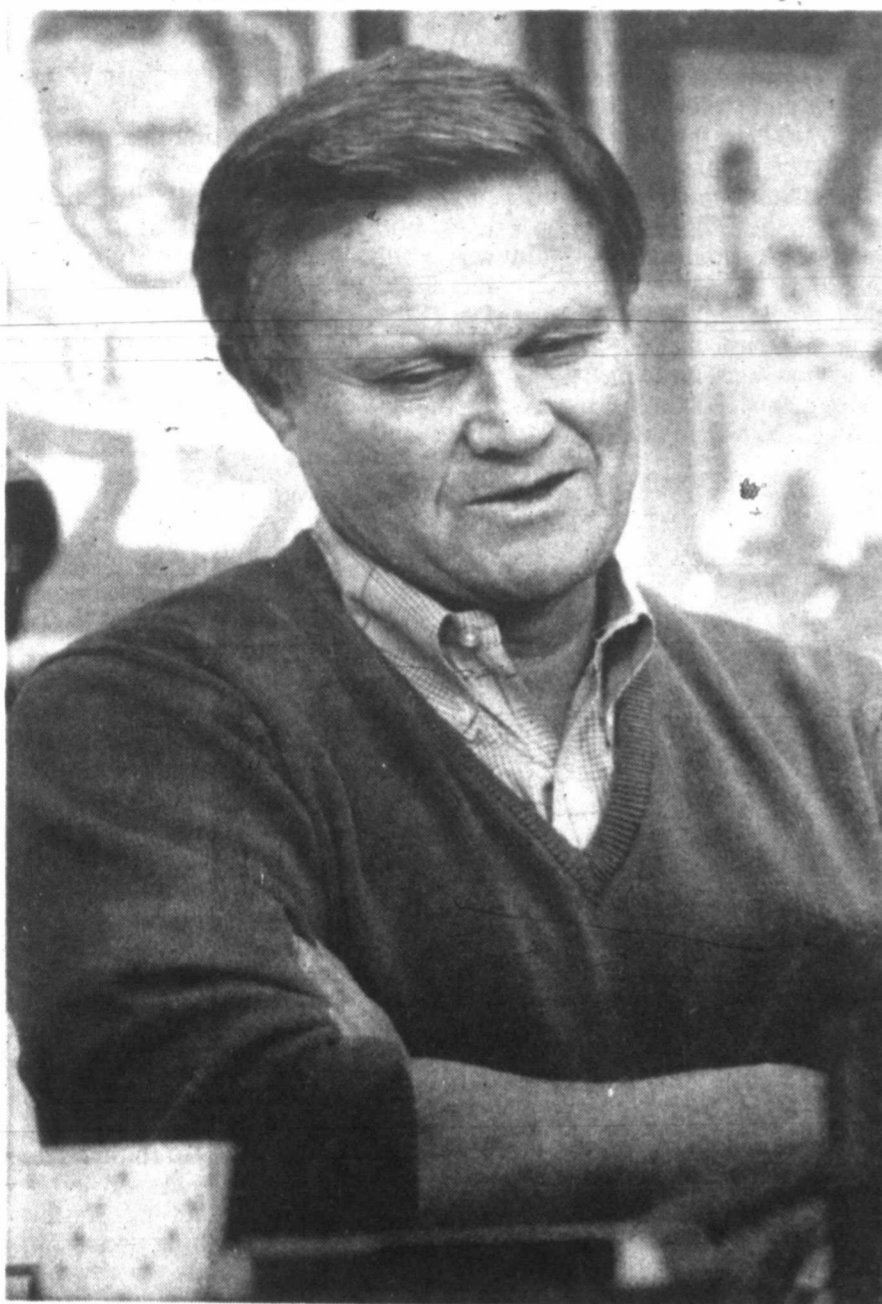
GARFIELD



By Jim Davis



Sports



Texas Tech's Myers resigns under fire

AD says search will begin immediately for new coach

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Gerald Myers, head basketball coach at Texas Tech for the past 20 years, resigned under fire Wednesday, less than a week after the end of the school's fourth straight losing season.

Athletic Director T. Jones announced the dismissal of the 53-year-old Myers, president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, in an afternoon news conference.

"I'm here to announce a change in our basketball program," an emotional Jones told reporters. "It's been a difficult day for a lot of people. I met with Gerald Myers this morning and asked him to relinquish his position as coach."

Myers agreed, he said.

The longtime Texas Tech coach was not at the news conference for Jones' announcement.

Jones said he asked Myers to join the athletic department in another position, but did not elaborate. There was no immediate word on Myers' response.

"We will immediately begin a search," Jones said. "We do not have any set timetable."

Tears welled in Jones' eyes during the announcement.

"I hope Gerald and Carol (Myers' wife) will understand what brought about this decision and have a little forgiveness," Jones said.

"The past years of recruiting have caught up with Coach Myers as far as talent. That is not to take away from the team he put out on the floor this year."

Myers took the Red Raiders to two Southwest Conference championships and three post-season classic titles and he was named SWC coach of the year five times. But his teams had losing records the last four years, including a school record 23 losses against only 8 wins this season.

Myers, who had been the Raiders' head coach since 1971, became the dean of SWC basketball

coaches when A&M fired Shelby Metcalf last year.

He was the winningest coach in Texas Tech history with a 326-261 record. Only two other SWC coaches ever won more games.

But in recent years, dissident fans accused Myers of losing touch with the game, and home attendance dropped steadily.

While many college teams chose to go to an up-tempo game, Myers stuck with a patient half-court game that stressed defense.

His record in 20 1/2 seasons as head coach at Texas Tech was 358-304. He posted 17 consecutive winning seasons before a 9-19 record in 1988 ended the streak.

Tech was 13-15 the next season and 5-22 in 1990, when the Raiders lost all 16 SWC games. In the season just ended, Tech had a school-record 23 losses against only 8 victories, dropping his career mark at Tech to 508-352, and 358-304 overall.

Myers, a 5-10 guard who played high school basketball at Borger, in the Texas Panhandle, played at Texas Tech under Coach Polk Robison from 1957-59 and was a member of the first Red Raider basketball team to play in the SWC, in 1958.

He made 86.9 percent of his free throws that season, establishing a school record that has never been broken, and was named all-SWC.

Myers was inducted in 1969 into Tech's Athletics Hall of Honor.

He was named head coach at Lubbock Monterey High School in 1960, posting an overall record of 150-53 in seven winning seasons, including a 30-5 mark in 1961-62, when he also was coach at the summer high school all-star game.

Myers' college coaching career started in 1967 at Houston Baptist, where he spent three years before coming to Texas Tech in the 1970-71 season, taking over the head coaching job when Bob Bass quit in mid-season.

Myers, who was a run-and-gun guard at Tech from 1956-59, was surprised to hear questions about his job security following the Southwest Conference Tournament a week ago.

Tech, which finished this season ahead of Texas

A&M in eighth place, failed to qualify for the eight-team SWC tournament after the Red Raiders lost a play-in game with the Aggies.

"To tell you the truth, I haven't really thought about (not coming back next year)," Myers told reporters. "It's not something that has occupied my time. Whatever is going to happen will happen. ... Those kind of things will drive you crazy if you let them."

Jones met with Myers on Monday to begin what Jones called "a review of the entire program," something Jones said he does routinely with every coach at the end of a season.

Nonetheless, the meeting prompted rumors that Myers' career at Tech may be near the end.

Jones said after the meeting "that no decisions have been made."

"We discussed everything about the program," Myers said after talking with Jones. "I'm concerned about the program. He's got to be concerned."

Tech drew fewer than 1,600 fans for a home game on seven occasions last season, including an official low of 1,111 for a Feb. 2 game against Southern Methodist. Tech averaged 7,500 fans from 1956-1971. The Raiders averaged over 6,000 fans throughout the 1970s and about 5,000 fans through the 1980s.

"I don't know whether this absence of fans in basketball is because we're not winning, because of Gerald Myers or because they just don't care about basketball," Jones said Monday.

"It's very obvious that we're down financially this year," Jones said.

The press conference Wednesday brought back memories from a year ago, when Jones called a news conference with only a few games remaining in the season to announce Myers' fate at Tech.

Reporters gathered from around the state anticipating Myers' ouster, only to learn that Jones had extended Myers' contract four years through 1994-95.

"Coach Myers is our coach and he will continue to lead the Red Raiders as he has over the past 19 years," Jones said at the time.

Gerald Myers, head basketball coach at Texas Tech for the past 20 years, visits with reporters during a news conference Wednesday.

NCAA tournament tips off today at four regional sites

The Associated Press
There's only basketball team from the Bluegrass State in this year's NCAA tournament, and it's not Louisville or Kentucky.

It's not Western Kentucky or Eastern Kentucky, either.

Give up?

Try Murray State, a team with a star named Popeye and a good track record in recent NCAA tournaments.

Three years ago, the Racers upset North Carolina State 78-75 in the first round and gave eventual champion Kansas a scare in the second round before falling 61-58.

Last year, Murray State took top-seeded Michigan State into overtime before losing 75-71 in the first round of the Southeast Regional.

On Friday, the 13th-seeded Racers (24-8) return to the same regional for an opening-round game against fourth-seeded Alabama (21-9).

"If it's a David and Goliath thing, we'll try to pack our slingshot," said Murray State coach Steve Newton.

Newton has mixed emotions about playing Alabama because he and coach Wimp Sanderson have been close friends for about 20 years.

"Playing a good friend is a no-win situation," Newton said. "We spend time together in the offseason. We see each other at clinics and that type of thing."

Murray State has won nine straight, including victories over Morehead State and Middle Tennessee at last week's Ohio Valley Conference tournament. Newton said his team was helped by an 11-day layoff before the league tourney.

"We were exhausted and we needed time to get over some bumps and bruises," he said. "We're peaking and we're going to be in a position to give it our best shot this week."

Murray State is led by junior center Popeye Jones, who averages 20.5 points and is the nation's second-leading rebounder with a 14.4 average. Newton thinks this year's team could be the best in school history,

even better than the 1988 squad that featured current LA Clipper Jeff Martin.

"I think this tournament will decide if it is," Newton said. "I think this team has the potential to do that. This one has more victories."

The NCAA tournament begins today at four regional sites.

At the East Regional in College Park, Md., it's Oklahoma State (22-7) vs. New Mexico (20-9); North Carolina State (19-10) vs. Southern Mississippi; Purdue (17-11) vs. Temple (21-9); and Syracuse (26-5) vs. Richmond (21-9).

At the Southeast Regional in Louisville, Ky., it's Pittsburgh (20-11) vs. Georgia (17-12); Kansas (22-7) vs. New Orleans (23-7); Florida State (20-10) vs. Southern California (19-9); and Indiana (27-4) vs. Coastal Carolina (24-7).

At the Midwest Regional in Minneapolis, it's Duke (26-7) vs. Northeast Louisiana (25-7); Iowa (20-10)

vs. East Tennessee State (28-4); LSU (20-9) vs. Connecticut (18-10); and Nebraska (26-7) vs. Xavier of Ohio (21-9).

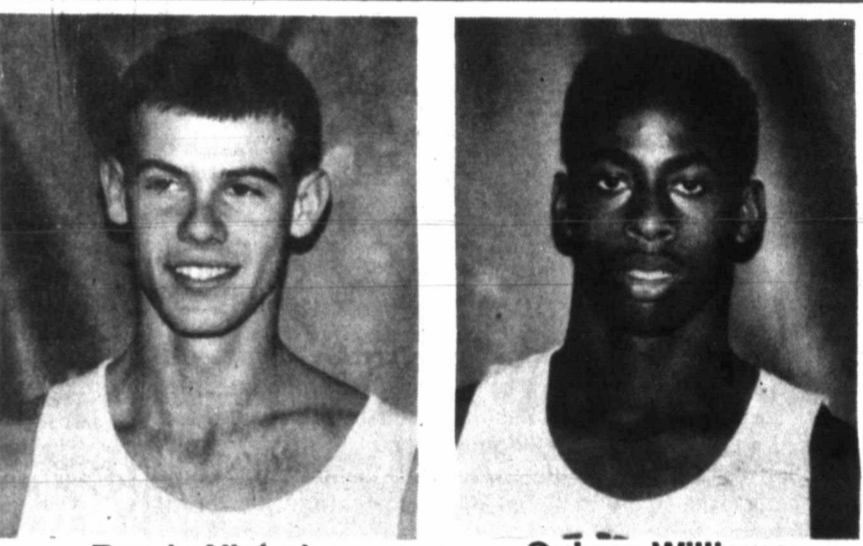
At the West Regional in Salt Lake City, it's Seton Hall (22-8) vs. Pepperdine (22-8); New Mexico State (23-5) vs. Creighton (23-7); Virginia (21-11) vs. Brigham Young (20-12); and Arizona (26-6) vs. St. Francis, Pa. (24-7).

East

N.C. State has a great backcourt with seniors Rodney Monroe and Chris Corchiani, but the team lacks depth. The Wolfpack basically sticks to a six-man rotation, leaving little margin for error.

"With a team like us, what you see is what you get," coach Les Robinson said. "We don't change things a lot because we don't have that flexibility."

Corchiani, the NCAA's all-time assist leader, said N.C. State surprised people by winning eight of its last nine games.



Pampa's Randy Nichols and Quincy Williams were omitted from a list of All-District 1-4A basketball players published in Wednesday's Pampa News. Nichols, a 6-2 junior, and Williams, a 5-11 senior, were named to the honorable mention team by district coaches. Nichols, one of four juniors who started for Pampa's state tournament team, averaged around 8 points and 6 rebounds this season. Williams, a parttime starter, was a key player off the bench for head coach Robert Hale. The Harvesters went 34-4 and were ranked No. 7 in Class 4A at the end of the regular season.

Sports Scene

Soccer
The Pampa High School boys' soccer team has won two of the three matches they've played so far this season.

Pampa defeated Caprock, 4-2, and Canyon, 4-1, before losing to Tascosa on Thursday.

Against Caprock, the Harvesters displayed well-rounded scoring with Ascension Anguiana, Tim McCavit, Jamie Smiles and Steve Hawkins each credited with a goal.

Against Canyon, Anguiana scored two goals while McCavit and Smiles had one each.

"We're looking pretty good right now," said Pampa coach Tad Smith. "I feel like we're going to get much better as the season goes along."

The Harvesters host Palo Duro at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Bowling
A Mixed Bowling Tournament, sponsored by North Country Coors Distributing, will be held the weekends of March 30-31 and April 6-7 at Harvester Lanes in Pampa.

Events include both mixed team and mixed doubles events.

Entries close at 6 p.m. April 7.

More information on the tournament can be obtained by calling 665-3422.

Softball
The City of Pampa Recreation Department is sponsoring the summer softball leagues again this year.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws will be available in the Administration Office at City Hall, Room 203.

Roster forms, entry fees and players' fees are due on the following dates:

March 28, by 5 p.m. — Men's Open League, Men's pre-season tournament.

March 28, by 5 p.m. — Women's Open League, Men's Church League, Women's Church League, Mixed League, Women's pre-sea-

son tournament.

April 3, by 5 p.m. — Mixed pre-season tournament.

Rosters must include players' first and last names, address and phone number.

If you have any questions or further information, call Bill Hildebrandt or Sally Henderson at 665-8481, or come by the Administration Office, Room 203 at City Hall.

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A slowpitch softball Umpires Association meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Gray County Courthouse courtroom.

Auto racing
SURFERS PARADISE, Australia (AP) — Mario Andretti strolled along pit lane, enjoying the sun and stopping every few feet to answer a question or greet another friend.

Andretti, at 51, is ready to start another CART Indy-car season in Sunday's inaugural Gold Coast Indy on a temporary street circuit in this picturesque resort town on the east coast of Australia.

He hasn't won a race since July 1988, but that has neither diminished his will to win nor his reputation as a winner.

"Mario is still a guy who can win any race," said defending CART PPG Cup champion Al Unser Jr. "He's competitive in every race. He runs up front. And when you run up front, you always have a chance to win."

Andretti, who will be competing against sons Michael and Jeff and nephew John in the opening event of the 16-race Indy-car season — only the second time all four of them have been in the same race — is undaunted by his recent travails.

"When I get into the race car, it's my office and I'm conducting business as usual," he said with a smile. "I know, down in my gut I know, that I can still win. We've had our chances, but little things,

different things, seem to pop up every race.

"I feel confident that we are going to be really competitive this year."

It appears this will be the final year that both Mario and Michael will be driving for the Newman-Haas team, with both in the final year of his contract and the son apparently on the way to a Formula One ride in 1992.

But Mario isn't ready to talk about retirement.

"That's something that I'm not thinking about now," he said. "I'm getting ready to start a new season, not thinking about retiring. But, when you get to be my age, you continually assess where you are, how you feel and what is the right thing to do. I'm going to have to retire sometime, but I don't think that time is real close, yet."

The elder Andretti, who won the Formula One championship with Lotus in 1978 and also owns three Indy-car titles, quit the international circuit after the 1982 season to concentrate on CART, saying he was tired of the Formula One championship.

Now, here he is starting the Indy-car season half a world away from the traditional Indy-car venues in North America.

"I came back to CART full-time because I was tired of going back and forth, but this is great," Andretti said, nodding in the general direction of the temporary street circuit.

"This is going to be a very, very fast circuit, probably the fastest street circuit anywhere," he added.

"On the fastest parts of the course we'll be reaching about 180 (mph). It's a beautiful place and a well thought-out circuit. But the only thing I don't care for is the tall concrete barriers that make the driver feel like he's in a tunnel all the time. There's not many real points of reference on a track like this."

District play draws closer for PHS golfers

Some steady play by Pampa's youthful golf team in the San Angelo Boys' Classic last weekend had coach Frank McCullough pleased as the District 1-4A season draws closer.

"We finished in a tie for ninth out of 27 teams, which I thought was pretty good considering how young we are," McCullough said. "We have three sophomores, one junior and one senior on the team."

Brandon Brashears led Pampa with a two-round total of 162 as the Harvesters finished the tournament with a team total of 671.

"Brandon played real steady for us," McCullough said. "He helped hold us up."

Cory Stone made the biggest comeback for the Harvesters after shooting a 91 the first round. Stone rallied for a 79 in the second round for the Harvesters' best score of the tournament.

Both Pampa boys' and girls' teams go to a tournament in Hereford this weekend before starting district play March 22 at the Amarillo Ross Rogers Course. The second round of district will be played March 23 at the Pampa Country Club and Hidden Hills.

McCullough sees Borger as the favorite in the boys' district race.

"Borger is stacked with talent this year. It should be between us and Borger for second," he added.

San Angelo Classic Final results
Team totals: 1. Big Spring 327-328-655; 2. Amarillo High 329-330-659; 3. Andrews 334-327-661; 4. Borger 332-330-662; 5. (tie) San Angelo Central 329-334-663 & Monahans 326-337-663; 7. Midland Lee 327-332-654; 8. Midland High 338-332-670; 9. (tie) Pampa 348-323-671 & Abilene Cooper 331-340-671.

Pampa individual results: Brandon Brashears 80-82-162; Jay Earp 86-81-167; Cory Stone 91-79-170; Matt McDaniel 91-81-172; Mark Largin 95-89-184.

Oklahoma's Tubbs looking ahead to next season

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press Writer
NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs, whose smash-mouth style of basketball backfired this season, can't wait for next year.

So he decided not to.

"Basketball is contagious, maybe addictive. You're always looking forward to the next game," said Tubbs, whose Sooners play host to Tulsa tonight in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Oklahoma ended its regular season in a fitting fashion, blowing a 13-point lead to Nebraska in a first-round loss at the Big Eight tournament. Some players wondered if it wouldn't be better to put the season behind them and concentrate on next year.

Not Tubbs.

"It was my decision to play in the NIT," Tubbs said. "I'm looking forward to next season already. When you win, sometimes you want to take a long break to relax and enjoy it. But unless you win the last game of the year, you never seem to want that."

"I'm not in the mood to have a long summer. I want to play, and the

tournament is another opportunity for that."

It's also another opportunity for Tubbs, who is never bashful about records, to continue one of his own — 20 wins per season.

The Sooners (16-14) have won at least 20 games a year since 1982, Tubbs' second year as head coach at Oklahoma. That year, the Sooners needed a first-round victory in the NIT over Oral Roberts to reach the 20-victory mark.

This year, Oklahoma needs to reach the finals in New York City to hit Tubbs' magic number.

"We haven't talked about it as a team, but that's certainly in my mind," Tubbs said. "This is the last opportunity to hit the 20-win mark. I'd like to keep the streak intact."

It begins with Tulsa, a team the Sooners beat 112-99 in the final of the All-College Tournament in December. Oklahoma has not lost to Tulsa since 1985, when Nolan Richardson was head coach of the Hurricane.

Tubbs, though, is not taking anything for granted. This season has not let him.

The Sooners, at one point 13-2 and ranked No. 11 in the nation,

have lost 12 of their past 15 games, and five of their last six in the once-revered Lloyd Noble Center.

Even against Tulsa in the All College, before Oklahoma was beset by injuries and slumps, the Sooners struggled. They rallied from five down at halftime and outscored Tulsa 37-18 from the free throw line.

"They're a little more athletic than we are," Tubbs said. "I said that after the All College and nobody disagreed. We're playing a good, tough team and we're not going to get caught off guard. I'd like to have had a worse opponent."

The same goes for coach J.D. Barnett of Tulsa, which lobbied the NIT for anybody but Oklahoma and anywhere but Norman.

"They went through some tough times," Barnett said. "But they're well and healed now. They're better now than a month ago because the injured players are now playing again."

"If we can beat Oklahoma, this is a team that can get to New York," he said. "I don't think we'll see a more formidable team than Oklahoma."

Shootin'
the
Breeze

By J. Alan Brzys



Heroes of the rodeo arena

Like a big elastic band, tales of the "Old West" keep dragging me this side of the Mississippi River.

You see, cowboys - including rodeo cowboys - have always been my heroes and I'd sure like to keep it that way.

It was not happenstance one of the first articles I wrote for this newspaper was a feature on rodeo hall-of-famer Buster Ivory.

In an age when basketball, baseball and football garner most of the publicity, it's important to keep alive the fascinating and unique sport of rodeo.

As Ivory told me, "It's the only sport today where you're your own boss. In rodeo you are free to go wherever you want to and that's it."

I would like to have spent hours listening to him relate rodeo experiences. I was barely able to scratch the surface of his storied career in my brief visit. I left his home wishing I had been around rodeo during his heyday.

Ivory talked about rodeo greats he's known including Jim Shoulders, Casey Tibbs, Dean Oliver, Phil Lyne and Gene Rambo.

He places Shoulders on the highest of pedestals, but adds, "The greatest all-around cowboy, in my opinion, from when I started to now, was Gene Rambo."

Certainly, rodeo today is exciting and entertaining and to compare rodeo contestants past and present is as difficult as questioning whether Jim Brown was a better football running-back years ago than current star Barry Sanders.

It's all conjecture. They'll never compete against each other and a compilation of all the statistics in the world wouldn't result in a definitive answer.

But it's good grist for the conversation mill. Ivory said although there have been changes in the complexion of rodeo, it is holding its own as a business and a profession.

But I wonder how long that will remain true and I question whether rodeo will fall prey to all the modern marketing practices and so-called conveniences that have changed other sport and all our lives.

Already we hear of competitors renting private jets to enable them to ride in several rodeos on the same day.

Then again, many contestants compete in only a portion of the events they enter. When a big name star is a no-show, fans and ultimately the sport, are adversely affected.

I still have not totally accepted Las Vegas, Nevada as the site for the annual National Finals Rodeo. Vegas is far too glitzy and commercial for a true rodeo setting if you ask me. Money talks, I guess.

Ivory assured me true rodeo fans will attend NFR no matter where it is held, and I agree with that presumption. But I worry about the distraction factor. When I go to places like Vegas, I go to gamble, not to watch rodeo.

Ivory said that in the old days, rodeo campaigners would have been more likely to squander their winnings in a setting like Vegas.

"Very few gamble now," he added. The rodeo veteran admits, "Another thing that's different now than it used to be (is) cowboys have changed a lot."

"It used to be they were raised on ranches," he said. "A lot of these guys now, they come out of the blue. They don't learn it from the ground up on ranches and cattle and all that stuff."

"They've got rodeo schools now," said Ivory. Many competitors are rodeo hands working their way up the ladder, according to Ivory.

Ivory grew up in an Irish family rich in ranching and rodeo tradition. He bemoans the fact many of the big-ranches no longer exist.

Another change in rodeo, one that appears to have rankled Ivory, is there is less camaraderie than existed in the past.

"As a whole, they're not as close," Ivory explained. "It's just not there like it used to be."

Some of Ivory's comments and observations got me to wondering whether I'd rank contemporary rodeo cowboys among those I consider heroes.

Ivory was not critical of rodeo when he spoke of the many changes from his day to today.

But after reading my interview notes and giving the matter powerful thought, I do believe I prefer my heroes to be the rodeo cowboys of yesteryear.

Top teams fall in first round of NCAA women's tourney

By MEL GREENBERG

For The Associated Press

It was a first-round unlike any other in the history of the NCAA women's basketball tournament as three teams who'd make part a pretty good Final Four instead played their final game.

Louisiana Tech, a two-time NCAA champion who had never lost the first game in 10 tournament appearances, fell to Cal State Fullerton 84-80 Wednesday night in the West Regional.

Texas, ranked 16th and with a chance to play at home through the title game in the Midwest Regional, lost to Lamar 77-63.

And Rutgers, 16-0 at home before its East Regional game, was topped 83-65

by Toledo, the Mid-American champions whose conference had been a combined 1-9 in NCAA play.

"It was a game in which everything we had to do, we did right when we had to do it," Toledo coach Bill Fennelli said. "We never let them back into the game."

In other not-as-shocking results, Iowa defeated Big Sky champion Montana 64-53 in the West Regional on the Grizzlies homecourt; and Holy Cross, champion of the new Patriot League, ousted Maryland 81-74 in the Midwest Regional.

"We proved tonight we belonged in the tournament," Holy Cross Coach Bill Gibbons said.

"Our huddles were everything," Cr-

sader senior Mary Helen Walker said. "When we got together, we knew we weren't going to lose. You could see it in everyone's eyes."

In other first-round games, George Washington, in its first tournament, finished off host and Colonial champion Richmond, 73-62, in the East. Meanwhile, newcomer Southwest Missouri, the Gateway champion, brushed aside Tennessee Tech, the Ohio Valley winner and veteran NCAA participant, 94-64, in the Midwest.

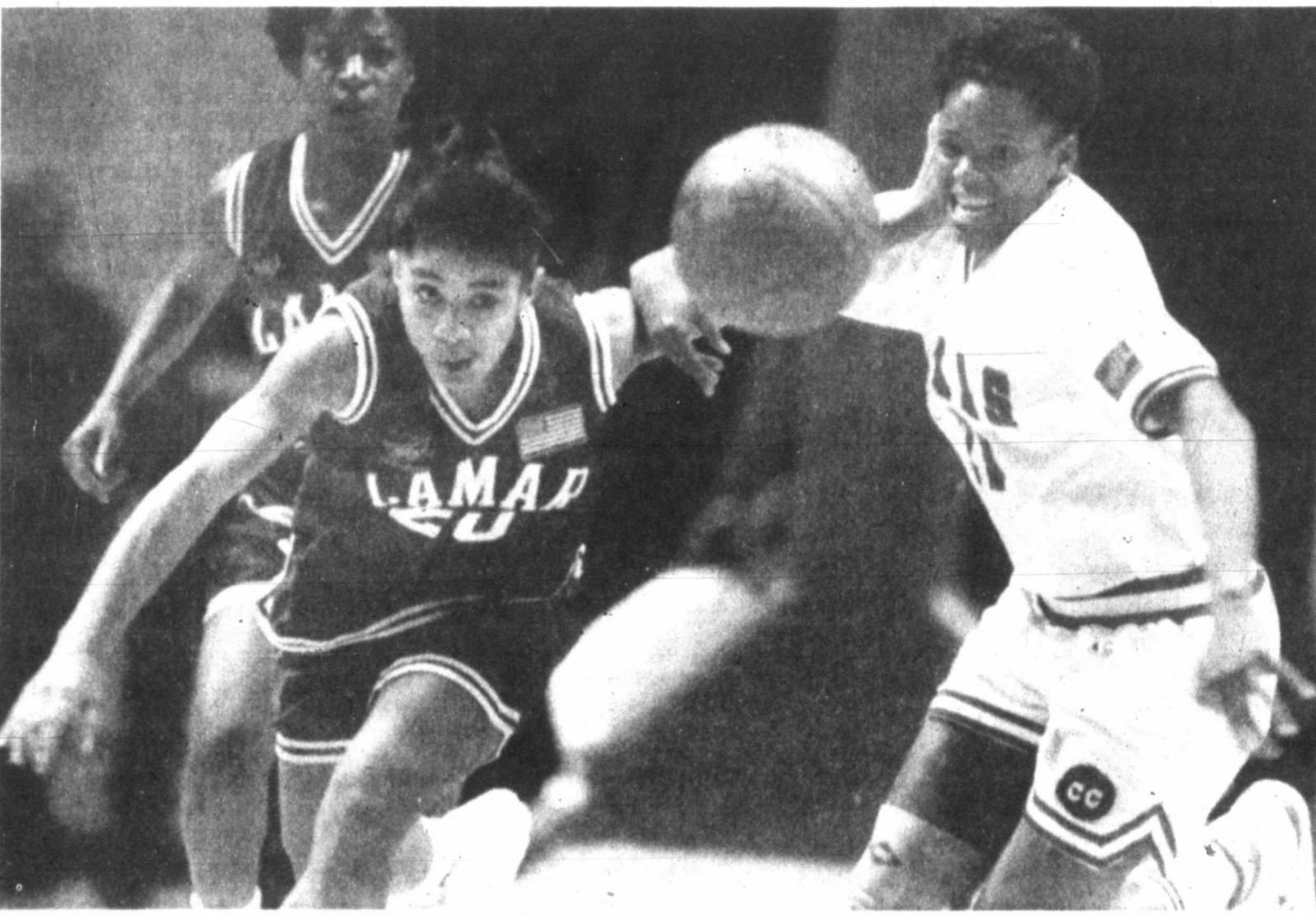
Vanderbilt, whose Phil Lee resigned as coach before the tournament because of NCAA rules violations, made then-assistant Ada Gee's debut successful by surprising visiting South Carolina, 73-64, in

the Midwest. Metro champion Florida State was a first-time NCAA winner by beating visiting Southern champion Appalachian State, 96-57.

Providence, ranked 15th, and Oklahoma State, the Big Eight champion, both survived difficult first-time participants.

The Friars, second in the Big East, overcame an 11-point deficit to defeat Metro Atlantic champ Fairfield 87-88 in the East, while Oklahoma State beat DePaul 81-80 in the Midwest.

At Harrisonburg, Va., Vicki Harris had 15 points and 10 rebounds and James Madison rallied in the second half to



Lamar University's Ramona Jones (left) and University of Texas' Edna Campbell chase after a loose ball in first-round NCAA women's action Wednesday.

defeat Kentucky 70-62. JMU will play No. 1 Penn State (29-1) Saturday at Penn State.

At Piscataway, N.J., Jane Roman scored 25 points and Toledo took advantage of a 15-4 surge after Rutgers had built an early 10-2 lead to upset the Knights.

For George Washington, Mary Nordling scored 26 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. The Colonials (23-6) led 36-28 at the half after Nordling scored 17 points.

Midwest Wendy Scholtens scored 24 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as Vanderbilt erased a 16-point second-half deficit to beat visiting South Carolina 73-64.

Vanderbilt pulled even at 62-62 and 64-64 before taking the lead for good at 66-64 on two more free throws by Jade Huntington.

At Tallahassee, Fla., Chantelle Dishman scored 20 points and Florida State took a 15-0 lead en route to an easy victory over Appalachian State, 96-57.

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Scoreboard

Bowling			NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Team	Won	Lost	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	5	1	5	1	.833
Chicago	5	1	4	1	.800
Houston	4	1	4	1	.800
New York	4	1	3	2	.600
St. Louis	3	2	2	3	.400
Cincinnati	2	3	2	3	.400
Pittsburgh	2	3	2	4	.333
Atlanta	2	4	2	4	.333
Los Angeles	2	4	2	4	.333
Philadelphia	2	4	2	5	.286
San Francisco	2	5	1	5	.167
Montreal	1	5			

Baseball			
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AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	
Minnesota	5	1	.833
Seattle	5	1	.833
Boston	4	2	.667
Chicago	4	2	.667
New York	4	2	.667
Baltimore	4	3	.571
Texas	4	3	.571
Cleveland	3	3	.500
California	2	4	.333
Detroit	2	4	.333
Oakland	2	4	.333
Toronto	2	4	.333
Kansas City	1	4	.200

Baseball (cont.)			
MILWAUKEE			
W	L	Pct.	
San Diego	5	1	.833
Chicago	5	1	.833
Houston	4	1	.800
New York	4	1	.800
St. Louis	3	2	.600
Cincinnati	2	3	.400
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400
Atlanta	2	4	.333
Los Angeles	2	4	.333
Philadelphia	2	4	.333
San Francisco	2	5	.286
Montreal	1	5	.167

Baseball (cont.)		
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES		
Minnesota 3, Pittsburgh 3, tie, 6 1/2 innings		
Philadelphia 13, Toronto 8		
New York Yankees 13, Los Angeles 9		
New York Mets 10, Houston 5		
Boston 16, Baltimore 7		
Atlanta 6, Montreal 4		
Kansas City 10, Cincinnati 1, 5 1/2 innings		
Texas 4, St. Louis 3		
Chicago White Sox 4, Detroit 3, 4 1/2 innings		
San Diego 4, Cleveland 2		
California 8, Milwaukee 4		
Seattle, 15, Oakland 9		
Chicago Cubs 8, San Francisco 4		

Baseball (cont.)		
FRIDAY'S GAMES		
Baltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.		
New York Yankees vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.		
Boston vs. Montreal at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.		
St. Louis vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.		
Pittsburgh vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:30 p.m.		
Kansas City vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:30 p.m.		
Atlanta vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:35 p.m.		
California vs. Cleveland at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.		
Milwaukee (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.		
Seattle vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.		
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.		
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox at Sarasota, Fla., 7:05 p.m.		
New York Mets at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.		
San Diego vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 9:05 p.m.		

Baseball (cont.)		
THURSDAY'S GAMES		
Houston (ss) vs. Kansas City (ss) at Haines City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.		
Kansas City (ss) vs. Boston (ss) at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.		
Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.		
Texas vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.		
Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.		

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Lady Harvesters go for third track meet victory

The Pampa Lady Harvesters' track team goes for their third win in as many meets at the Hereford Invitational this Saturday.

Last weekend, Pampa nipped Borger by a half-point to win the prestigious Canyon Relays held at Snyder. And the Lady Harvesters pulled out the victory despite the absence of two of their standouts.

Sprinter Shanna Molitor was sick with the flu and hurdler Kelly Winborne was suffering from a pulled muscle.

"Hopefully, we'll have both of these girls ready for the Hereford meet. That would put us at full strength again," said PHS head coach Mike Lopez.

Amanda Miller, who throws the shot and discus, is also nursing a pulled muscle, Lopez said.

The meet's outcome came down to the 1600-meter relay, the day's final event. Pampa finished third and Borger was eighth.

Doral Open winner ready for work again

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — After a week's experience in the strange, new world of a winner, Rocco Mediate is ready to get back to work again.

"Yeah, things are a little different now," Mediate said before teeing off today in the first round of the Nestle Invitational.

"There are a lot more people want to

"Borger had to finish higher than sixth to win and when they didn't, that opened the door for us," Lopez said.

Lopez was pleased with Amber Seaton's performance on the 1600-meter relay team.

"We needed somebody to run and she did a tremendous job stepping in for us," he added.

Seaton ran the third leg on the relay team, which also included Shelly Young, Kristie Jones and Patrice Jackson. They recorded a time of 4:17.05.

Pampa's distance runners, especially freshman Paige Bass' win in the 1600, also drew praise from Lopez.

"But it's been fun," Bass' 5:40.09 was an excellent time," Lopez said.

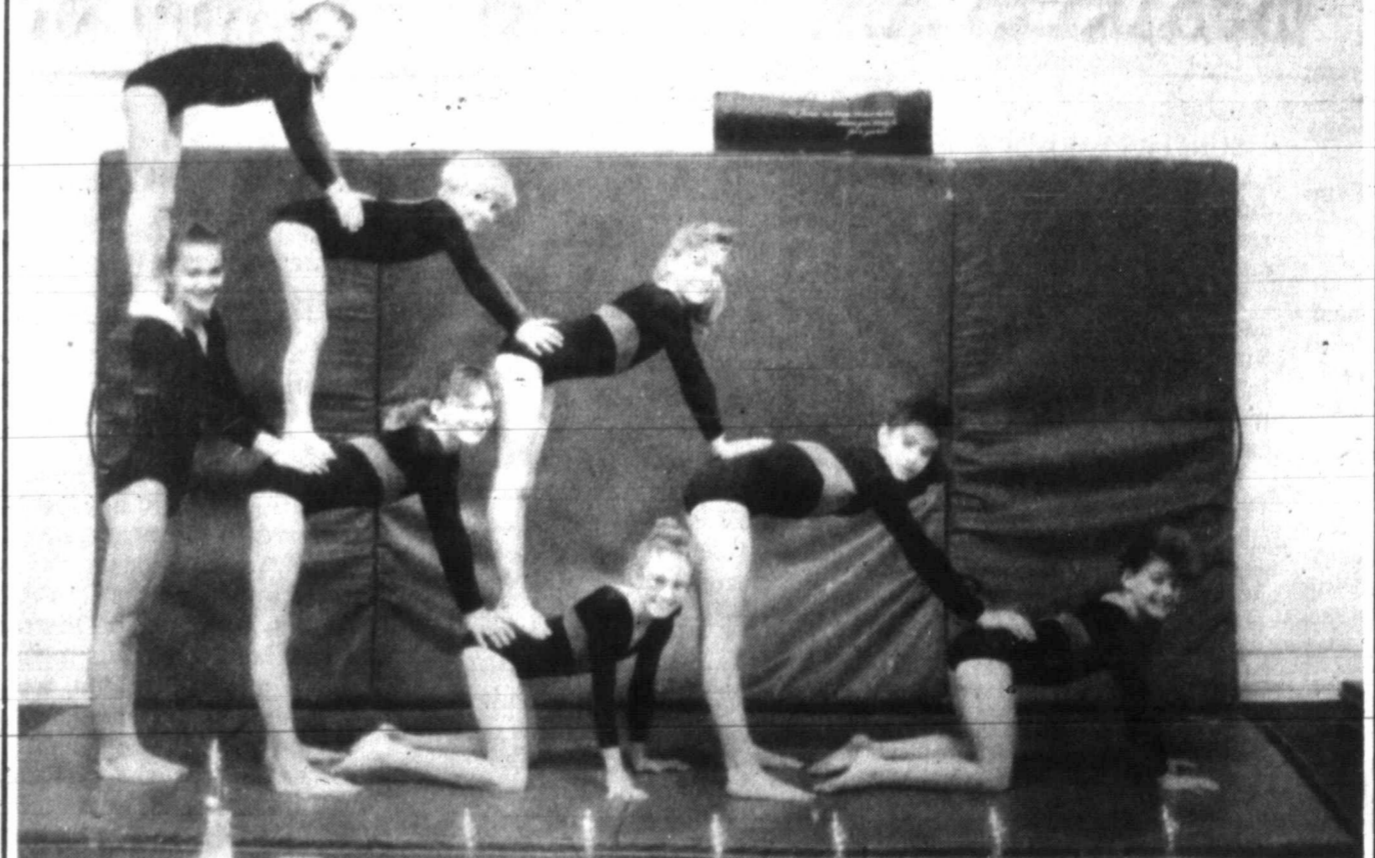
Brooke Hamby finished third in 3200 while Seaton was third in the 800.

The Lady Harvesters opened the season by winning the Amarillo Invitational.

talk to me now, things like that," said Mediate, who climaxed a climb from mediocrity with his career-first victory two weeks ago in the Doral Open.

"But it's been fun," Mediate said of his new-found celebrity. "I guess it's part of my job description. I'm having fun."

Pampa gymnasts



Pampa gymnasts competed in recent meets in Clinton, Okla. and Amarillo. At the Clinton meet, Brooke Petty became eligible to move from Level 5 to Level 6 with her performance. She had an 8.50 on bars, 8.30 on beam and 8.35 on floor. Other Level 5 gymnasts were Melissa Williams, Jennifer Brewer, Amber McCullough, Sarah Maul and Mandy Tyrrell. Mandy Parks, competing at Level 5, scored an 8.25 on bars, 8.25 on vault, 7.50 on beam, 8.60 on floor and had an all-around score of 32.60. At Level 7 (optional), Jamie Smith placed third on bars, second on vault, third on beam, third on floor and third in all-around. Seven gymnasts placed among the top four at the Amarillo Academy of Gymnastics Tumbling Meet. Jamie Smith, Melissa Williams, Crystal Hopper and Mandy Tyrrell placed first while Mandy Parks and Jennifer Brewer were second. Brooke Petty placed fourth.

(Special photo)

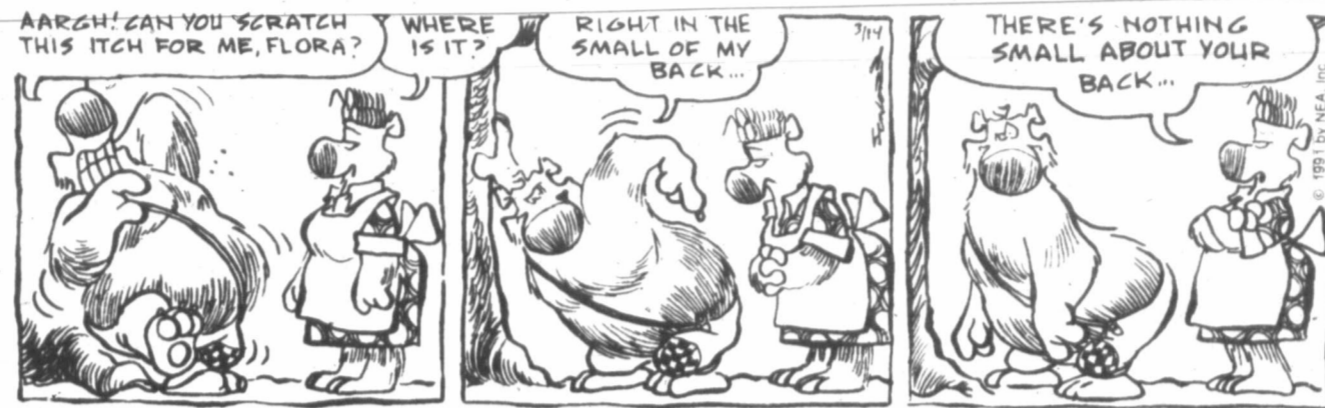
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David Duke

Former KKK head not worried by Roemer's party switch

By ALAN SAYRE
Associated Press Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke entered the governor's race as a Republican and predicted he'll beat the GOP's newest member, Gov. Buddy Roemer.

Duke, a state representative, said Wednesday the exposure he got from his strong second-place finish in a U.S. Senate primary last fall would help him against Roemer and four other candidates entered in the non-partisan primary.

Duke had been the only Republican until Roemer left the Democrat-

ic Party on Monday.

"I got 100,000 more votes than Buddy Roemer did when he ran for governor. I'm hitting the ground running in this campaign," said Duke, who has been shunned by GOP leaders because of his past Klan activities and Nazi sympathies.

If none of the candidates in the October primary gets a majority, the top two vote-getters will compete in a November runoff.

"I think that if another mainstream Republican enters the race, that will eliminate Roemer from the runoff," Duke said. "I think my vote is going to be there. I think I'm headed for the runoff."

Duke, who gives up a chance for re-election to the House to run for governor, has been campaigning since January. He got 44 percent of the vote in running second to Democratic Sen. J. Bennett Johnston in October's primary.

Roemer said Wednesday he didn't switch parties because of any other candidate. He wouldn't say whether the change might gain or cost him votes.

"I've seen one poll that says it helps me by six points. I've seen one poll that says it hurts me by three points," Roemer said. "The truth is nobody knows."

Other announced candidates are

former Gov. Edwin Edwards, Public Service Commissioner Louis Lambert, Kenner Mayor Aaron Broussard and Franklin Mayor Sam Jones. All are Democrats. All candidates run in the primary, regardless of party.

Duke said he expects support from blacks in the gubernatorial race.

"Black people work, they pay taxes, they're tired of the government taking their tax money and wasting it on people who don't work," he said. "They're tired of the crime that afflicts the neighborhoods and their communities. Many blacks are not in favor of affirmative

action."

"They want equal rights and I believe in equal rights for everybody, black and white."

The Rev. James Stovall, head of the Louisiana Coalition Against Racism and Nazism, said Duke would get less support in the governor's race than in his Senate bid.

"The main message that David Duke has is that the minorities, the blacks, are responsible for the problems we have in Louisiana so, somehow, we should eliminate them," Stovall said. "This is not an acceptable message in light of the blacks and whites fighting together in the Persian Gulf recently."

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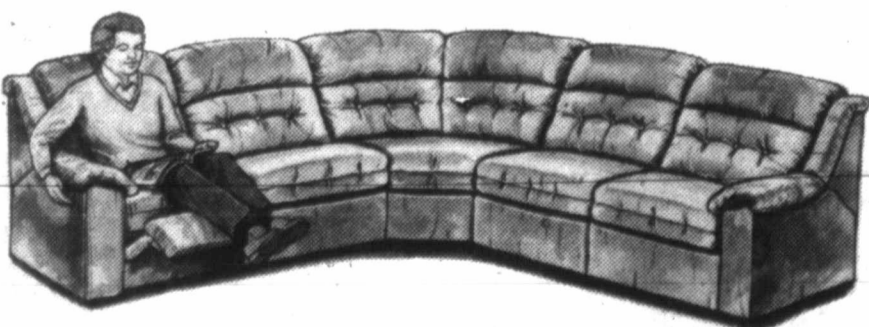
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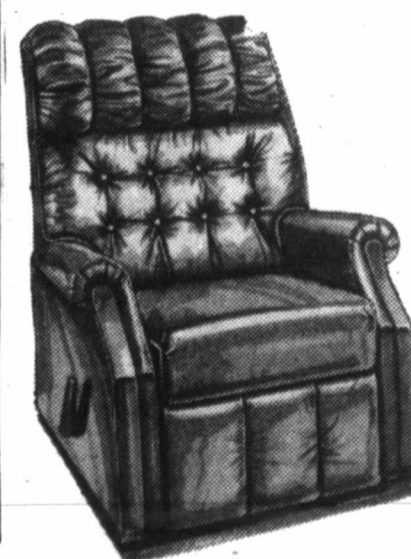
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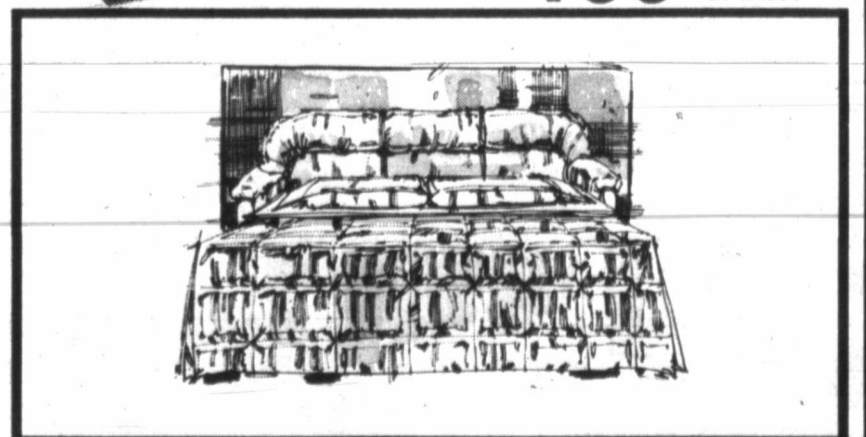
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