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Judge: all children deserve equal education

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Appoints expert to draw up funding plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Saying that all children deserve an equal education, a state judge today appointed an expert to draw up a plan for equally distributing education funds to school districts across Texas.

District Judge F. Scott McCown said he didn't yet know how — or whether — he would use the blueprint. He scheduled another hearing for April 15.

McCown took under advisement motions from the state to extend the Texas Supreme Court's deadline of today for lawmakers to draw up a school finance reform plan.

He also took under advisement a motion from poor school districts to cut off local as well as state education funds until a constitutional system is devised.

McCown's action means schools should remain open for at least two more weeks, said Al Kauffman, a lawyer for the poor districts challenging the state system.

The Supreme Court has twice unanimously ruled unconstitutional the current \$14 billion-a-year school finance system, which relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

The Supreme Court directed that state spending on public education stop today if lawmakers missed that deadline for devising a plan to even out the funding available to rich and poor school districts. However, the next state checks aren't due to go to schools until April 25.

"The court is very serious about implementing its judgment," McCown said, telling Assistant Attorney General Toni Hunter to carry that warning back to state leaders.

"Take back the message that they are all our children, and that the funds must be disbursed equally," McCown said.

The Legislature failed to meet the Supreme Court's deadline when a last-minute compromise plan failed in the House on Wednesday. The Legislature then recessed for a long Easter break, leaving no reform plan in place.

McCown appointed Lynn Moak, deputy state education commissioner for research and development, to update a school finance blueprint devised last year by former Supreme Court Justice William Kilgartin.

Kilgartin's plan didn't take effect last year because the Legislature and then-Gov. Bill Clements finally agreed on a school finance reform bill. But that law was struck down in January by the Supreme Court.

The court-ordered blueprint to equalize funding would use only money now being raised for public schools, McCown said.

"I'm not yet saying what, if anything, I will do with

the plan," McCown said.

McCown also ordered the state comptroller to determine the cash balances and borrowing abilities of each of the state's 1,050 school districts.

The judge suggested that lawyers representing poor school districts, which sued the state over the existing finance system, draw up a motion to ensure that all school districts are included in whatever final action the court takes.

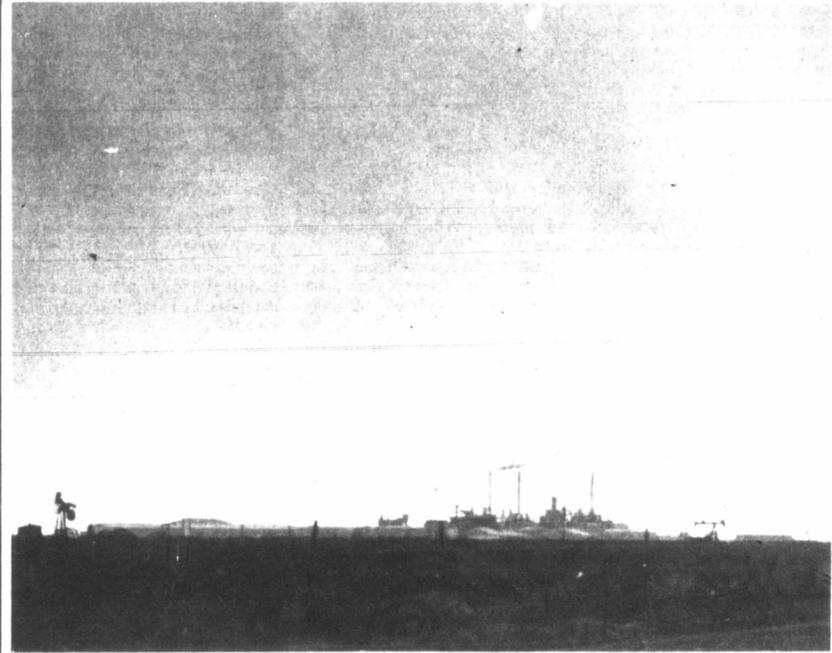
He said that if the Legislature passes a bill, and Gov. Ann Richards signs it into law, he also may consider that plan at the April 15 hearing.

Legislative leaders have discussed maneuvers for passing a bill when they return to work on Tuesday.

The House has the option of reconsidering its vote and approving the conference committee school finance bill.

If the House does not do so, Senate leaders have said senators may approve a bill that passed the House in February. That would send the measure directly to the governor for her signature or veto.

Peaceful horizon



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

A shot of Pampa's western horizon taken from Texas 152 recently captured smoke gently blowing to the north as the setting sun silhouettes an industrial plant west of the city. Mild spring breezes and possible thundershowers are in the forecast for this area tonight and tomorrow. Temperatures are to be in the low 70s.

Minimum wage goes up today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of Americans begin earning larger paychecks today as the federal minimum wage jumps by 45 cents an hour to \$4.25, but organized labor says the boost falls well short of lifting many workers out of poverty.

"They can't support a family on this and in many cases can't support themselves," said Rudy Oswald, chief economist of the AFL-CIO, which wants the base wage increased to \$5.75 an hour by April 1994.

The increase in the minimum wage from \$3.80 an hour is the second step of a two-part increase Congress enacted in 1989 after a long and fierce battle with the White House. President Bush had vetoed an earlier version he considered too hard on businesses.

The first step of the increase took effect a year ago, when the minimum wage went from \$3.35 an hour to \$3.80. It was the first increase in nearly a decade.

About 3 million Americans earn the minimum wage. But millions of higher-paid workers also may benefit because the boost could put pressure on employers to boost their wages by comparable amounts.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, called the 45-cent raise an "April Fool's increase, well below

what low-wage workers deserve."

"Just to restore the ground lost in the Reagan years, the minimum should be \$5.15 an hour today," Kennedy said. Congress should close the gap and end "this continuing exploitation of the working poor," he said, promising that his committee will take up minimum wage legislation this year or next.

Business executives dismissed the need for another boost in the minimum wage, and the White House indicated it probably would oppose another increase.

"When (the cost of) your labor component goes up, it ultimately gets passed on to the consumer," Meritt said. He added that if another wage increase were enacted soon, "We'd probably be out of business at some point."

White House spokesman Stephen Hart said the administration could not take a stand on legislation that had not been introduced. But he said the administration continues to maintain that an increase in the minimum wage translates into job losses.

The 1989 law also created a below-minimum "training wage" for teen-agers holding their first jobs, but Labor Department figures indicate hardly any businesses are using it. The training wage rose from \$3.35 an hour to \$3.62 today.

For a minimum-wage employee working 40 hours a week, today's 45-cent increase means a raise of about \$18 a week, or a weekly income of \$170.

The \$8,500 annual income for a fulltime minimum-wage worker would be about \$1,400 less than the poverty line for a family of three, or what the government calculates a family must have to pay for basic needs.

Oswald, the AFL-CIO's economist, said that, historically, the minimum wage rose periodically to stay at about 50 percent of average hourly earnings. But the minimum wage slipped below the 40 percent level during the Reagan and Bush administrations, he said.

Hourly workers in American now make an average of \$10.20 an hour.

Oswald said that in order to get the minimum wage to half of the \$11.50 average that hourly workers are expected to earn in 1994, Congress should increase it by 50 cents an hour every year for the next three years.

In response, Peter Eide, manager of labor law at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said: "I discredit everything the AFL says about the minimum wage. The AFL wants the minimum wage to be as high as it possibly can be because that's the floor for their contract negotiations."

Communists claim victory in Albania

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Communists claimed victory today in Albania's first free election in more than 60 years, saying they would win about two-thirds of the seats in a new parliament.

The main opposition group conceded it would fall short of forcing the Communists from power, but predicted the party would fall within months in Albania, which was Europe's last hard-line Communist stronghold.

No official results from Sunday's voting were yet released. Transportation and communications are primitive in the impoverished Balkan nation, which is struggling to emerge from nearly a half-century of Stalinist rule and international isolation.

The Communists suffered some embarrassing defeats. The Albanian president and party leader, Ramiz Alia, lost his parliamentary race in the capital to a little-known engineer, and the foreign minister lost as well.

Xhelil Ghoni, a Central Committee secretary of the Party of Labor — the Communists — predicted official results would give the party about two-thirds of the 250 seats in a new People's Assembly parliament.

Ghoni said the results were an "important victory" for the party that showed it "enjoys the full trust of the people."

He said the Communists are willing to cooperate with the opposition in parliament, which is to name a new president and adopt a new constitution.

But Sali Berisha, a co-leader of the main opposition Democratic Party, told about 3,000 supporters at a rally "there will be no coalition" with the Communists.

The Democrats had an early lead in at least 20 of the 29 voting districts in the capital of Tirana, according to preliminary unofficial results based on partial returns and

opposition sources.

Ghoni said the Communists generally won 30 to 40 percent of the vote in the capital. Earlier results indicated the Communists would prevail in the countryside and the opposition would capture the cities.

Asked about Alia's future, Ghoni said Alia would continue to lead the party. Sources said Alia won only about one-third of the vote in his parliamentary contest.

Democratic Party supporters predicted they would ultimately prevail despite the election results.

"Yesterday, we marked not a Democratic victory, but a victory

for democracy," said party co-leader Gramoz Pashko. "The Communists who sucked our blood for 46 years are finished. Within two months they will be in pieces."

"The democratic forces will be decisive in the future life in Albania," Berisha told the crowd at the party's rally. "If we couldn't win completely today, we shall gain it completely after some months."

"Down with the dictatorship!" the crowd responded.

Alia, 66, took power in 1985 following the death of Albania's Stalinist founder, Enver Hoxha. He legalized opposition parties and called the elections after huge pro-

democracy protests and an exodus that began last when asylum-seekers began storming embassies.

Several Western observers expressed concern that Albania — the last Eastern European nation to hold multiparty elections under the collapse of Communist rule — could become ungovernable if polarized between the cities and the countryside.

In addition to the Democratic Party, parties fielding candidates were the Republican Party — seen as a compromise between the Communists and Democrats — and the smaller Agrarian and Ecological parties.



(AP Laserphoto)

Supporters of Democratic Party of Albania are shown during a rally in front of the Democratic headquarters in Tirana today, one day after the first free election in Albania after 46 years.

Supreme Court: Jurors may not be excluded due to race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors who exclude blacks as jurors because of their race violate the rights of white defendants, the Supreme Court ruled today.

By a 7-2 vote, the justices ordered further lower court hearings for Larry Joe Powers, a white Ohio man convicted of two murders by a state court jury after seven blacks were excluded from serving on the jury.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the court, said regardless of the race of the defendant, it is unlawful to exclude jurors because of their race.

The principle would apply equally if whites were excluded from a jury because of their race from the trial of a black defendant.

The high court in 1986 ruled that when prosecutors disqualify potential jurors based on their race it violates the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection. That case involved a black defendant and black jurors.

Before today, the court had not said whether unlawful racial discrimination in jury selection occurs when the defendant is of a different race than the excluded jurors.

In other actions today, the court: •Gave cities and towns broad new immunity against being sued when they award local monopolies to private businesses. The 6-3 decision threw out a \$3 million award against Columbia, S.C. The city had been cited for violating a federal antitrust law by passing a billboard ordinance that created a monopoly for one billboard company.

•Agreed to review the federal government's power to permit dumping of treated sewage into interstate waterways. The court said it will review a ruling that the Environmental Protection Agency improperly authorized an Arkansas

city to dump waste into the tributary of a river that flows into Oklahoma.

•Allowed the convictions of four men to stand after last week holding that confessions can sometimes be used in criminal trials, even when illegally obtained. The justices, without comment, refused to hear arguments that in each of the four cases lower courts wrongly applied a "harmless error" test to asserted violations of the defendant's constitutional rights.

•Agreed to consider reviving a federal regulation aimed at preventing illegal immigrants who face deportation from working. The court said it will hear a Bush administration appeal seeking to reimpose the regulation.

•Rejected an appeal by retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord, a key figure in the Iran-Contra affair, who sought to overturn his conviction on a drunken-driving charge. The court, without comment, rejected arguments that Secord's rights were violated.

In the case involving exclusion of jurors on the basis of race, Kennedy said that racial discrimination in the selection process violates the constitutional right of equal protection under the law and threatens to undermine the integrity of the nation's system of justice.

"The purpose of the jury system is to impress upon the criminal defendant and the community as a whole that a verdict of conviction or acquittal is given in accordance with the law by persons who are fair," he said. "The verdict will not be accepted or understood in these terms if the jury is chosen by unlawful means at the outset."

"A criminal defendant suffers a real injury when the prosecutor excludes jurors at his or her own trial on account of race," he added.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

SMITH, William Durward 2 p.m., First Assembly of God.

Obituaries

WILLIAM DURWARD SMITH

William Durward Smith, 81, died Sunday, March 31, 1991. Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Assembly of God with Rev. H.L. Stephens, retired Assembly of God pastor from Dumas, and Rev. Ken Smith, Assembly of God youth pastor from Fort Worth, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born on June 24, 1909, in Breckenridge. He moved to Pampa in 1939 from Breckenridge. He married Juanita Johnson on Sept. 6, 1934, in Breckenridge. He worked for Texaco for 30 years, retiring in 1974. He was a member of First Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, two sons and daughters-in-law, Ray and Edith Smith of Hobbs, N.M., and Gary Jan and F. Ina Smith of Pampa; one brother, Rev. Forrest Smith of San Angelo; one sister, Annilee Love of Georgetown; seven grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.



Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
William Hahn Jr., Pampa
Carmel Smoot, Skellytown
Dustin Ray Forsyth, Pampa
Harold Ray Haines, Pampa
Bonnie Lee Hogan (extended care), Pampa

Dismissals
Deborah Sue Ford, Pampa
Ellen Moore, Pampa
Brenda Panches and baby boy, White Deer
Jessie Williams, Pampa
Georgie Flemming, Pampa
Sharon Kay Prock and baby girl, Borger

Births
To Mr. and Mrs. Martin Salazar of Wheeler, a girl.
To Teodula Torres of Wheeler, a girl.

Dismissals
Georgina Salazar and baby girl, Wheeler
James Ockenfels, Crystal Lake, Ill.
Teodula Torres and baby girl, Wheeler

Lowell Stevens, Pampa
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Teodula Torres, Wheeler
Rachel Stacy, Shamrock
James Ockenfels, Crystal Lake, Ill.
Audie Morgan, Shamrock.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, March 30

Harold Lawley, 1801 Price Rd., reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at the residence.

SUNDAY, March 31

Police reported domestic violence in the 700 block of South Barnes and the 100 block of South Barnes.

Lois Lasater, 1900 N. Coffee, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

Harvey Mart, 304 E. 17th, reported a burglary at the business.

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

Presentation Campos, 449 Hughes, reported a theft at 620 Deane.

Mark Parks, 701 N. Frost, reported assault by threat at 701 S. Barnes.

MONDAY, April 1

Mary Shelton, 1031 N. Sumner #203, reported a theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Arrests

SATURDAY, March 30

Darwin Dewayne Campbell, 21, Amarillo, was arrested in the 100 block of West Francis on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. (See related story)

Ricardo Vargas, 17, Amarillo, was arrested in the 100 block of West Francis on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. (See related story)

SUNDAY, March 31

Ronnie Don Jenkins, 40, 312 N. Wells, was arrested at One Medical Plaza on a traffic warrant.

Kristi Ellen Lund, 20, 519 N. Starkweather, was arrested at the residence on three traffic warrants.

Correction

In the Friday edition, an incorrect location was given for the Mexican Pile-On Dinner sponsored by the Pampa High School Senior Developmental Class. The dinner will take place in the Pampa Middle School cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3. Tickets are available at the door or by calling Pampa High School at 669-4800, ext. 155. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, March 30

10 p.m. — An unknown vehicle collided with a legally parked 1973 Buick owned by Robert Douglas, 1118 S. Emley, in the 900 block of 23rd.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, March 31

9:49 p.m. — Medical assist at 633 N. Zimmers. One unit and two firefighters responded.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.66	NC
Milo	3.94	NC
Com	4.37	NC

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

Ky. Cent. Life	8 1/8	up 1/8
Serco	5 1/4	NC
Occidental	18 5/8	NC

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

Magellan	64 1/4	NC
Furman	13 1/2	NC

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

Amoco	52 1/4	dn 1/4
Arco	126 3/8	up 1/8
Cabot	34	NC

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911



Nelson Elliott of Davenport, Iowa, spins the roulette wheel aboard the 57-year-old riverboat, President, as other dealers play the role of bettors during practice for the official opening of gambling today in Iowa along the Mississippi River. The refurbished vessel is one of three riverboats prepared for gambling excursions.

Riverboat gambling returns to Iowa

By STEVEN P. ROSENFELD
Associated Press Writer

BETTENDORF, Iowa (AP) — The age of riverboat gambling — of ships with huge paddlewheels outside and shiny roulette wheels inside — returned to the Mississippi River today.

The first of three mighty riverboats — built or renovated to resemble the kind of 19th-century craft Mark Twain once piloted — set out from Bettendorf on the first gambling cruise this morning with about 600 invited guests aboard.

"We're very nervous," said Roxanne Jennisch, a blackjack dealer on the Diamond Lady. "I don't think too many of us slept last night."

An early winner was Harold Daniel, a financial consultant from nearby Davenport. He hit a 20-to-1 slot machine payoff.

"This is neat," he said.

Jim Sweet, a boatyard and restaurant owner from Rapids City, Ill., also played the slot machines. He said Iowa's \$5 per bet limit and \$200 loss limit per excursion could hurt the state's gambling industry in the long run.

"My hat's off to anyone who tries a totally untested venture. It's gutsy. We'll see about longevity," Sweet said.

About 100 miles upriver in Dubuque, gamblers were awaiting

Sarpalius planning town hall meeting in Pampa April 4

Congressman Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo, has scheduled a town hall meeting for Thursday, April 4, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Sarpalius said the meeting is designed to give Gray County residents the opportunity to express their views about activities and issues currently being considered on the federal level.

The congressman serves on House committees on agriculture and small business, and a select committee on children, youth and families.

the arrival of the Dubuque Casino Belle. The riverboat got a late start from a Florida shipyard and then was delayed by high water levels on the Mississippi.

The Casino Belle was expected to take its first gambling cruise later in the day. And The President was due to leave from Davenport later this morning.

"It'll be big," said Chuck Patton, director of riverboat gambling for the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. "We're all in a mad rush."

Patton said state officials expect the riverboats — which offer blackjack, roulette, craps and slot machines — will generate about \$11 million in annual tax revenues.

The wagering is strictly low stakes, with bets limited to a \$5 maximum, so officials are counting on the opulent riverboats themselves to provide much of the attraction.

"It's almost a Disney-like experience to see what it would be like to be on an old gambling boat on the Mississippi River," said state Rep. Bob Arnould, one of the leaders of the move to bring gambling to Iowa.

Hundreds of riverboats plied the Mississippi and other Midwest rivers in the 19th century and were the focus of many songs, stories and legends.

"It's going to give a little more dazzle to the area," said Larry Reed, executive vice president of the Davenport Chamber of Commerce. "It's going to tell the world we're not all hicks in bib overalls that grow corn and pigs ... and have

straw sticking out of our teeth." With Illinois, Mississippi and Missouri considering similar ventures, the riverboats are expected to get a close watch outside Iowa's borders.

William Eadington, a professor of economics at the University of Nevada-Reno and director of the university's Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming, said others can also be expected to pay attention.

"With the exception of Nevada and Atlantic City (N.J.), there's been nowhere in the U.S. that has had pretty wide-open casino style gambling introduced into the community," Eadington said. "Iowa should be watched closely, not only by Nevada and New Jersey, but by interested social scientists and policy makers."

The three boats were built or restored at a cost of \$32 million and include huge crystal chandeliers, plush bars and other amenities. Employees are decked out in antebellum costumes and music is provided by Dixieland bands.

The two biggest boats — The President, home-ported in Davenport, and the Casino Belle of Dubuque — can carry 3,000 passengers each. The Diamond Lady, sailing out of Bettendorf, holds 1,000.

The 67-year-old President, a five-deck sidewheeler, comes complete with huge chandeliers attached to a brass ceiling. Its 27,000 square feet of gambling space holds 680 slot machines and 34 gaming tables and includes a casino that is nearly the length of a football field.

City briefs

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TAX SERVICE & Bookkeeping, Glenda Brownlee, 665-0310 or 274-2142, Adv.

KIRBY REPAIRS, pick up and deliver in Pampa. Call 669-2990. (Factory authorized) Adv.

LENDI JACKSON income tax and bookkeeping services. 835-2890, Adv.

WILL DO baby sitting in my home Monday thru Friday. Austin School district 669-6636, Adv.

COMEDY NIGHT, Tuesday, April 2, 8:30 p.m. Vince Curran and Mark Allbritten. Knight Lites, 618 W. Foster, 665-6482, Adv.

TELEPHONE PIONEERS, dinner noon, Tuesday, 2nd, Telco lounge. All telephone people welcome.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Increasing cloudiness tonight with a chance of isolated showers after midnight. Low will be 48 with south winds at 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and breezy with a high of 70. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas — Clear through Tuesday except increasing cloudiness and isolated thunderstorms Far West and south plains Tuesday afternoon. Highs Monday and Tuesday mainly in the 70s. Lows Monday mainly in the 40s except mid 50s Concho Valley.

North Texas — Sunny Monday. Highs 74 to 77. Fair Monday night except for some late night low clouds. Lows 49 to 56. Tuesday partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms west and a slight chance of thunderstorms central. Highs 75 to 77.

South Texas — Sunny and warm Monday with highs mainly in the 70s. Mostly cloudy Monday night and Tuesday. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms northwest Monday and a chance of showers and thunderstorms north and east on Tuesday. Lows Monday

night 50s north and 60s south. Highs Tuesday 70s north and east and 80s south.

EXTENDED FORECAST Wednesday through Friday
West Texas — Texas Panhandle, fair. Highs lower to mid 70s. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. South Plains, fair. Highs mid to upper 70s. Lows in the 40s. Permian Basin, Far West Texas, fair. Highs upper 70s to lower 80s. Lows mid 40s to lower 50s. Concho Pecos Valley, fair. Highs from near 80 to the mid 80s. Lows upper 40s to mid 50s. Big Bend region, fair. Highs 70s mountains with mostly 80s lower elevations. Lows mostly 40s mountains with 50s lower elevations.

North Texas — West, partly cloudy and mild. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 70s. Central, partly cloudy and mild with a chance of thunderstorms Wednesday. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 70s. East, partly cloudy and mild with a chance of thunderstorms Wednesday and Thursday. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 70s.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central Texas, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms Wednesday. Decreasing clouds Thursday. Partly cloudy Friday. Lows in the 50s to near 60.

Highs in the 70s to near 80. Texas Coastal Bend, mostly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday. Partly cloudy Friday. Lows in the 60s. Highs in the 80s. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and plains, mostly cloudy Wednesday. Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday. Lows in the 60s. Highs in the 80s. Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms Wednesday and Thursday. Decreasing clouds Friday. Lows in the 50s to near 60. Highs in the 70s.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma — Increasing cloudiness with a slight chance of thunderstorms west tonight, fair elsewhere. Continued warm Tuesday with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs Tuesday mostly in the 70s. Lows tonight near 40 Panhandle to upper 50s southeast.

New Mexico — Tonight a chance of showers north with snow level around 7500 feet. Mostly fair east and south, Tuesday lingering morning snow showers northcentral mountains otherwise decreasing clouds and breezy after midday. Highs Tuesday 50s and 60s mountains and north, 70s east and south. Lows tonight 20s mountains, 30s north and 40s south.

Observant Pampan aids police in capture

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

An observant Pampan is being credited by local police with helping police locate a vehicle stolen from Amarillo and arrest two suspects in the case.

Deputy Chief Ken Hall said a citizen called police Saturday night to report seeing "suspicious persons" at a local convenience store.

"We went and talked to the citizen and obtained information that led us to find the vehicle was stolen out of Amarillo," Hall said.

Arrested at 10:50 p.m. Saturday were Darwin Dewayne Campbell, 21, and Ricardo Vargas, 17, both of Amarillo.

They remained in city jail through press time today.

Recovered in the incident was a 1989 Chevrolet Baretta that Amarillo police confirmed was reported stolen from that city.

Hall said the arrests re-emphasize the importance of citizens assisting police in keeping an eye out for suspicious behavior.

Authorities said that anyone wishing to report a crime, or with

information regarding the sale, manufacture or distribution of drugs, can remain anonymous and call Crime Stoppers, 669-2222, to make a report.

Callers wishing to be eligible for a cash reward, should their information lead to the arrest and indictment of a suspect, should assign themselves a four-digit identification number when calling, said Cpl. Dave Wilkinson, crime prevention officer.

Crimes currently in progress can be reported by calling 9-1-1, Hall said.

Bulgarian delegation mistaken for gypsies

ST. ANTHONY, Minn. (AP) — A Bulgarian delegation was ordered out of a grocery store after the manager who was worried about "gypsy-looking" shoplifters mistook the group for gypsies.

The diplomats and journalists visiting the Twin Cities as part of a U.S. Information Agency tour were forced to leave the Apache New Market on Friday, said Dana Penoff, a U.S. State Department interpreter escorting them.

"They just wanted to see what a neighborhood shopping center was like," Penoff said. "Almost immediately after we walked in, we heard this announcement that there was a suspicious group, that every shopper should be alert. It turned out that every one of us was being followed and watched."

Penoff said she would talk today to state officials about filing a human-rights complaint over the incident.

She said she tried to tell store owner-manager Vern Berggren the

Bulgarians were guests of the United States.

"He said, 'Put everything down and leave. We don't want your kind of people in this store,'" she said.

Delegation member Elena Poptodorova said she told Berggren, "I'm a member of parliament, I have my credentials with me, so would you please explain why you are behaving like that to me."

Berggren said he was concerned after hearing reports that bands of roving thieves struck stores in Minnesota and Wisconsin on March 24.

Law enforcement officials used the term "gypsies" when comparing notes about the shoplifting incidents last week. They said groups including men, women and children who spoke a foreign language distracted store clerks while others stole.

"The description was either eastern or gypsy-looking type people and when they spoke they spoke with a foreign accent," Berggren said. "They fit the description."

But Penoff said such a mistake was incredible.

"These are people who are very educated and very intelligent," she said. "These people are well-dressed and well-behaved."

Berggren said in broadcast interviews he was sorry about the mistake.

"We told them we apologized to them if they weren't the gypsies and they are a diplomat from a foreign country ... And if they were the gypsies, we certainly would like them to get out faster," Berggren said.

He was not at his store this morning to return a phone call seeking further comment.

Penoff said she was appalled by the incident, and said Berggren should give the visitors a personal apology.

"I'm embarrassed as an American," she said. "To be in my own country and have one of my own countrymen behave like this is incredible."

Natural gas pipeline bursts near Tyler

TYLER (AP) — Investigators today were trying to determine what caused a natural gas pipeline to burst, sparking a fire that sent flames shooting at least 100 feet into the air.

No injuries were reported in the incident, which occurred just after 7 p.m. Sunday in a rural area eight miles east of Tyler, said Texas Department of Public Safety communications operator Vaughn Nelson.

Emergency crews closed valves on both sides of the line break shortly after 10:15 p.m. and allowed the gas remaining in the

pipeline to burn off, said Lone Star Gas Co. spokesman Howard Matson.

"It's not really an explosion. The line has burst and caught fire," Matson said.

The damaged section of the 14-inch pipeline is located near County Road 233, Nelson said.

It was not immediately known what caused the break. But Matson said high-pressure gas escaping from the gas line could have forced the collision of a pair of rocks, subsequently creating a spark.

He said he was unaware of any

interruptions in gas service.

The fire drew hundreds of spectators, who clogged the county road and nearby Texas Highway 64, Nelson said.

"You could see it from miles around," Nelson said. "People from miles away were reporting they were seeing (the fire)."

Reports that other sections of the pipeline also burst were not correct, Matson said.

"We won't know at least until we get a look at it," he said.

A barn located near the pipeline break sustained some heat damage,

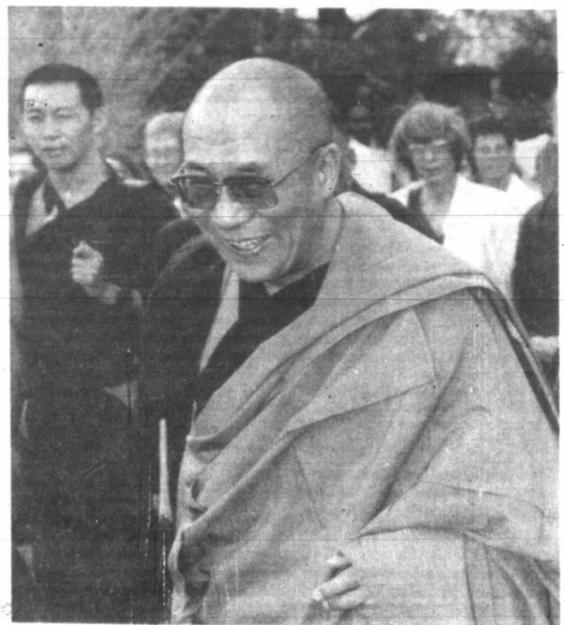
as did a car and tractor parked nearby, said DPS communications operator Genie Nicholas.

"It doesn't sound like it's too bad," she said of the damage.

The DPS said no evacuations were reported.

Resident Mitch Chandler said he and his wife were inside their home when the line burst.

"It shook the ground and rattled the windows, and we live three miles away from it," he said. "I went down to the site where the fire is at, and all you can see is solid flames ... a tremendous wall, or screen, of fire."



(AP Laserphoto)

The Dalai Lama arrives at the Rothco Chapel for a prayer service Sunday in Houston. The prayer service was attended by community leaders and representatives from several faiths.

Rescuers map plan to free trapped woman

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — A veteran spelunker whose leg was broken during a trek through the nation's deepest cave was trapped 900 feet under ground as an emergency team planned her rescue.

Emily Davis Mobley, 40, of Schoharie, N.Y., has been in a remote area of the Lechuguilla Cave since Sunday, when her leg was broken between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. by a falling rock, said Bob Crisman, a management assistant for Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

At least 60 people were expected to participate in the rescue effort today, including two members of a Tennessee cave rescue team.

Chattanooga-Hamilton County Rescue Squad Chief Mike Geeslin said the rescue likely will take until midweek.

"This could easily turn into a multiday operation," he said Sunday, adding that it would be a minimum of 48 hours before she is rescued.

Rescue crews were told to prepare for a three-day stay inside the cave, and Mobley's husband, Bill Mobley, said he was told that his wife won't be out until Wednesday.

The Tennessee rescuers, Dennis Curry and Buddy Lane, are veterans of expeditions through Carlsbad Caverns in southeastern New Mexico, Geeslin said.

Bill Mobley told the El Paso Times in a telephone interview that his wife has about 20 years of caving experience and is an expert in cave rescues.

Spelunkers often embark on expeditions in the undeveloped Lechuguilla, which is the deepest cave in the United States and the fourth longest in the nation.

The cave, known to be 54.3 miles long and 1,565 feet deep, isn't open to the public.

Dr. Steve Mossberg, a physician from Parkersburg, W.Va., who was along on the expedition, remained with Mobley late Sunday, officials said.

Mobley has been given food, water and painkillers.

"She's doing OK," Crisman said. "She's in no danger, but she is uncomfortable."

Bill Mobley said his wife had been in the cave since Saturday with about five other members of a mapping expedition party.

Rope-climbing skills are needed to maneuver steep areas inside the rugged cave, including a 90-foot drop into the entrance. Once inside, explorers use mountain-climbing skills to scramble over tricky ledges, climb slippery formations, and squirm through narrow passages.

It took Mobley's companions seven hours to get out of the cave and call for help, Geeslin said.

Curry said the rescue operation shouldn't be very difficult or hazardous.

"It's simply a matter of several vertical drops that need to be negotiated," he said.

Rick Bridges, president of the

Lechuguilla Cave Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to uncovering the secrets of the largely unexplored cave, agreed.

"It is difficult. It's going to be a lot of work, but it's not really that difficult," Bridges said.

In addition to the Tennessee team, the rescue effort included people from the National Park Service, the Lechuguilla Cave Project and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Crisman said.

WIPP is a U.S. Department of Energy project designed to bury plutonium-contaminated waste 2,150 feet below the surface in salt beds southeast of Carlsbad. No waste has yet been buried there.

Bill Mobley said his wife runs a business in Schoharie called Speleo-books, a mail-order company that distributes books, prints and other gifts to cavers and scientists throughout the world.

"There is not a caver in the world, I think, who does not know Emily," he said.

Overcrowded prisons mean more use of county jails; officials now using 'parole in absentia' as safety valve

FORT WORTH (AP) — Not only are overcrowded state prisons forcing shorter sentences, but some felons aren't even getting to the Texas Department of Corrections before county jails put them back on the streets.

Hundreds of criminals have been granted "parole in absentia" — a safety valve to relieve pressure on a Texas prison system. The system is so crowded that since 1987, taxpayers have footed millions of dollars in costs to house state prisoners in county jails.

Although the inmates don't serve any less prison time before they're paroled in absentia, they do serve their entire term in county jails.

In the 1989-90 fiscal year, there were 10,769 PIAs statewide, according to figures from the pardons and parole division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The number of PIAs peaked in late 1989, when the state was averaging 1,200 per month, state figures showed. That figure has been about 650 per month this year — and shows

signs of climbing, figures show.

A Texas crime study released last month by the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas showed that 90 percent of felons in the Texas criminal justice system are "doing time" outside of prisons. The center is a non-profit, non-partisan public policy research institute.

Criminal justice officials say PIAs are becoming far more common as state pressure mounts to keep prison populations below a court-mandated 95-percent capacity.

That also means giving prisoners little or no accessibility to rehabilitation programs. Most county jails just don't have the resources.

Texas is one of the few states to use parole in absentia. Authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1985, PIA works in tandem with the parole system. Felons who reach their minimum prison time while at a county jail are paroled without being sent to a Texas Department of Corrections facility.

Inmates who qualify usually are serving time for property crimes such as burglary and theft.

Felons charged with aggravated sexual assault, aggravated sexual abuse, aggravated robbery, aggravated kidnapping and capital murder don't qualify for PIA. Nor does any criminal found with deadly weapons, state officials said.

In many cases, county officials say, prisoners who are eligible for PIA face harder times in county jails, where inmates are kept under much higher security and cramped conditions, and have little access to rehabilitation programs. In some cases, mattresses in county jails are stacked at every available spot on floors.

Criminal justice officials say they try to parole 150 inmates statewide every day.

Critics contend convicts who are paroled relatively early in their sentences — and without participating in a rehabilitation program — will continue to have run-ins with the law.

Reports: Rural brutality statistics mirror cities' figures

DALLAS (AP) — Results of a study on police brutality investigations in Texas contradict statements by the head of the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division that the majority of the accused were prison officers, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The study also showed that reports of police brutality are just as likely to occur in rural areas as in high-crime urban areas of Texas, according to Justice Department data.

Information from 1987 and 1988 investigations into police abuse show that of the 634 federal investigations into Texas officers, 243, or more than one-third, focused on police and sheriff's departments in rural areas. A third — 236 — were conducted in urban areas of at least 100,000 residents.

The figures also show that no civil rights investigations were conducted in 133 primarily rural counties, which account for more than half the counties in Texas, the newspaper reported Sunday.

Federal authorities also investigated 155 state troopers, jailers, federal agents and prison guards. But by far the majority of officers accused of

Panhandle had fewest investigations

civil rights violations were those in daily contact with the general public — not with prison inmates.

Statistics for the two years contradict statements by John R. Dunne, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, during congressional hearings two weeks ago.

Dunne, facing members of Congress outraged by the videotaped March 3 beating of a black motorist by Los Angeles police, said that Texas police appeared to have undergone more investigations but that the majority of the accused were prison officers.

Figures from his own department, however, show that officers from sheriff's departments, police departments and the Department of Public Safety accounted for 489 of those investigations, and prison guards accounted for 93 cases, or 15 percent.

Spokeswoman Amy Casner said Dunne might have meant that "many" of the officers were correctional officers.

Texas leads the nation in probes of alleged civil rights violations at

the hands of law enforcement officers, federal data shows.

The bulk of the cases were concentrated east of Interstate 35, which bisects Texas from Gainesville in the north to Laredo on the Rio Grande border with Mexico.

The statistics were obtained from the Justice Department by The Morning News under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

Ronald G. DeLord, president of the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, said complaints against Texas police officers should be viewed in the context of the violent society they serve.

"Almost every single officer who works in a major city is going to be in a fight with somebody who's drunk or on drugs or confrontational or involved in a family disturbance," DeLord said.

Responding to public pressure created by the beating in Los Angeles, the Justice Department announced that it would undertake a national review of the 15,000 investigations of officers during the last six years.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has asked U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh for official statistics on police brutality cases in Texas, pledging swift and aggressive action against officers who commit civil rights violations.

Ms. Casner said the Justice Department has no plans to reopen cases. The review may be passed to the National Institute of Justice, the research arm of the Justice Department.

A breakdown of police investigations by broad, regional areas shows that the eastern portion of the state had 188 investigations; southern Texas, 125; northern Texas, 102; western Texas, 62; central Texas, 54; and the Panhandle, 16.

The Justice Department would not provide the names of the agencies where investigations are pending.

The Justice Department declined to release the names of agencies investigated in 1989 and 1990 after The Morning News used 1987 and 1988 information to request records on the alleged misconduct from the local police agencies.

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Woman dies from errant bullet fired by neighbor during chase

HOUSTON (AP) — Relatives of a woman killed by an errant bullet say the alleged gunman — a neighbor and long-time friend — should not be prosecuted.

Rose Marie Tyler, 52, was killed by a shot fired by a man who was chasing three men he thought had stolen something from his yard.

Von Aubrey Morris, 35, has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the Good Friday shooting. Mrs. Tyler's grieving family said Morris is almost like a member of the family, a man who often did chores for the victim.

"He's a peaceful man," said Mrs. Tyler's son, Jerome. "He'd never come out shooting his gun if there hadn't been someone causing trouble."

Police said Mrs. Tyler was washing dishes after supper when she called out to her husband, Roosevelt, who was watching TV in the den.

"Tyler," she said, "I believe I'm shot."

Her 56-year-old husband said he rushed into the kitchen to find his wife slumped over the sink. Their 11-month-old granddaughter, Ariel Tyler, who had been sitting on the sink beside Mrs. Tyler, was unharmed.

About four houses away, Morris — described by Roosevelt Tyler as the

family's good friend and neighbor, was chasing three men down the block because he thought they had stolen something.

Morris fired his hunting rifle once into the air, police said, and the rifle went off accidentally a second time during the chase.

Morris' wife, Pam, ran to the Tyler's home to telephone the police, but she found the wounded Mrs. Tyler, who died less than an hour after she was shot.

Mrs. Morris went back to her husband, who was sitting on their front porch.

"You just shot Miss Rose," she told him.

Morris called her "Aunt Rose," considered her a second mother, and was a friend of the family long before he moved to their street a year ago, family members said.

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Opinion

Nuclear power can still play vital role

A revival of the nuclear power industry is essential to a comprehensive national energy strategy aimed at reducing America's dependence on imported oil. The 112 nuclear plants operating in the United States today provide 20 percent of the nation's electricity. But runaway costs, public opposition and concerns about safety and the environment have stymied expansion of this vital energy source. No new plants have been proposed since 1978; between 1974 and 1989, 111 planned facilities were canceled.

As part of his national energy blueprint, President Bush has proposed to remove some of the obstacles to nuclear power by simplifying the licensing process for new plants. The administration also supports the development of new, safer reactor designs and the establishment of permanent facilities to dispose of high-level nuclear wastes.

The waste issue has aptly been called nuclear power's Achilles' heel. Radioactive spent fuel is accumulating in cooling ponds at commercial reactors around the country because there is no permanent disposal site. Although these wastes are being stored safely, the lack of a long-term repository retards the further development of nuclear power. Secretary of Energy James Watkins has asserted that nuclear power's future may hinge on resolution of the waste disposal problem.

To overcome this problem, Congress in 1982 enacted the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. It directed the Department of Energy to design and operate an underground repository that would adhere to Environmental Protection Agency standards and be licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In 1987, Congress selected Yucca Mountain, Nev., 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas, for detailed study as a site for deep geologic entombment of high-level nuclear wastes. But the state of Nevada has refused to cooperate in granting the environmental permits needed to begin lengthy geological studies of the site. The matter went to the courts, with the U.S. Supreme Court deciding on March 4 to let stand an order compelling Nevada to issue the necessary permits. But the DOE is concerned that Nevada may defy the court order nonetheless.

Obstacles to development of a nuclear waste repository are political, not technical. There are 39,110 tons of spent fuel from all commercial nuclear energy operations in the United States. All of this spent fuel would fit into a space the size of a single warehouse 200 feet by 200 feet. The National Academy of Sciences and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have repeatedly concluded that permanent disposal of high-level waste in deep geological formations is well within the capability of current science and engineering.

The waste disposal obstacles must be surmounted so that nuclear power can live up to its potential as a clean and safe energy alternative. Since the oil-producing nations first extorted the industrialized world with the 1973 embargo, nuclear plants have reduced America's dependence on petroleum imports by 740,000 barrels a day. This amounts to 4.3 billion barrels since 1973. Nuclear power's contribution can and should be expanded.

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Don't count the unions out

WASHINGTON — Back in 1897, so the story goes, the nation was shocked by news that its most acclaimed novelist had gone to glory. Then came a cable from London: "The reports of my death," said Mark Twain, "are greatly exaggerated."

So it is with trade unionism in America. The unions may have lost some of their power, but don't count them out.

We will get a good indication of union power by early summer, when Rep. William Clay, D-Mo., brings his "scab-busting" bill to the floor. The measure has more than 200 sponsors in the House. An identical bill, sponsored chiefly by Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, has more than 20 additional sponsors in the Senate.

The measure is short and to the point. It would prohibit employers from offering permanent jobs to persons who have replaced union members during a strike. Once a strike ended, the replacements would be fired and the strikers could return to the jobs they temporarily had left.

Lynn Martin, the president's new secretary of Labor, appeared before Clay's House subcommittee on labor-management relations on March 6. She said flatly that if the bill were presented to the president in its present form, "his senior advisers would recommend a veto."

Such a veto, if it materializes, almost certainly would be upheld. Nearly all of Clay's co-sponsors are Democrats. The only Republican to sign on to Metzenbaum's bill in the Senate is Mark Hatfield of Oregon. It seems highly unlikely that two-thirds of the members could be mobilized in either chamber to override. And fine with me.

Secretary Martin's opposition is based upon experience and common sense. Under existing law,



James J. Kilpatrick

a fair balance appears to have been reached between the conflicting interests of labor and management.

If a conflict ends in a strike, both parties run economic risks. Workers lose the pay they would have earned. Strikers face the ominous possibility that management may hire permanent replacements for them. This is what happened to the air traffic controllers who struck early in 1981.

But management has its problems also. If a company shuts down during a strike, it obviously loses the production that otherwise might have continued. If it resists by keeping in operation, inexperienced replacements must be hired. These "scabs" (in the union view) must be put on the payroll, trained for their jobs and suitably rewarded for enduring the hostility of the pickets outside.

If Clay-Metzenbaum became law, we could expect a dramatic surge in the number of strikes. After all, union members would ask, why not strike? They would have much to gain and no jobs to lose. As Secretary Martin said, little incentive would remain "for unions to moderate the use of the strike weapon."

For whatever reasons, strikes have diminished

in recent years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported only 45 strikes last year at companies employing at least 1,000 workers. The figure compares with a record of 437 such strikes in 1953.

One reason for the decline lies in the steady drop in union membership as a percentage of the work force. The BLS recently estimated that only 16.7 million wage and salary employees were union members in 1990. They constituted 16.1 percent of the work force, a record low.

Moreover, the 16.7 million union members include 6.5 million government employees, many of whom are forbidden by law from striking. In the private sector, about one-third of workers in transportation and public utilities are union members. Only one-fifth of workers in construction and manufacturing belong to unions. The figure is less than one-fifth in mining.

The data often are cited as evidence of the twilight of trade unionism in America. Don't believe it.

Union leaders may not be able to deliver the solid bloc votes they delivered in the days of John L. Lewis of the mine workers, but they can still deliver massive political clout in money and services. More than 400 union political action committees reported record receipts in 1987-88 of \$76 million. Deserving Democratic candidates got nearly all of it.

In my own troglodyte view, the Clay-Metzenbaum is an unacceptable bill. It violates a basic American principle that every person has a right to work. Its enactment would restore the old indefensible tyranny of union bosses.

This might be good for the unions, but what is good for the unions (or good for corporations) is not necessarily good for the nation as a whole.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 1, the 91st day of 1991. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1789, the U.S. House of Representatives held its first full meeting, in New York City. Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania was elected the first House Speaker.

On this date:

In 1853, Cincinnati became the first U.S. city to pay its firefighters a regular salary.

In 1873, composer Sergei Rachmaninoff was born in Novgorod Province, Russia.

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began its persecution of Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1939, the United States recognized the Franco government in Spain following the end of the Spanish civil war.

In 1945, American forces launched the invasion of Okinawa during World War II.



The school on Eagle Creek

For the publication of *Arizona Highways*, Bruce Itule was exploring the byways. He was a mile high in the eastern Arizona bush, 45 minutes from the nearest store, telephone or power line, when he spotted the isolated Eagle Creek schoolhouse.

As peripatetic cowhands come and go, the enrollment fluctuates from as few as five to as many as 60. Tomorrow morning when the teacher, Jim Hazzard, rings the six-inch brass bell, eight boys and one girl will hurry to their seats in the one-classroom school.

Hazzard will have been in the schoolhouse since 7 a.m., lighting the propane heater, vacuuming the floors, emptying trash cans and writing assignments on the blackboard.

The white stucco-covered adobe schoolhouse is served by no school buses and no government lunches.

Youngsters come in from ranches as far as 10 miles away. Coming and going, they have to cross a flowing creek six times.

Keith Cannon wants to be the world's best baseball player or a lawyer — but only until he gets enough money to buy a ranch and be a cowboy like his dad.

Jacob Cannon reads from his social studies book — and suddenly the visitor is struck by a startling incongruity. Here is a child reading with



Paul Harvey

the poise and precision of a TV anchorman.

"What are the countries that border Switzerland?" Hazzard asks.

While the visiting newsman is still contemplating an answer, a child has responded confidently: "France, Italy, Austria and Germany."

Hazzard has a Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Arizona. Each pupil works at his own grade level but all on the same subject at the same time. Hazzard is teaching nine grades simultaneously.

For his class of nine students there are three computers.

And the one who solves a computer problem most quickly is promised an ice cream sundae.

Thus students in what other schools would call "the elementary grades," instead of pasting colored

paper cutouts, are mastering computer science!

By noon the students are fidgety. At 12:15 they take their lunch boxes to a picnic table outside and with their teacher discuss fun things:

Bobby heard a bird call last night and it was real loud.

Keith saw six cats and five dogs.

"Why did the ghost whistle at the girl ghost?"

"Because she was so booooo-tiful."

Quality education far from town is not limited to Eagle Creek. There are eight one-room public schools in hinterland Arizona, though none is so isolated as this one where they keep on hand a two-day food supply and extra clothing in case of impassable weather.

I talked with the State Superintendent of Public Education Diane Bishop and noted that the students of Eagle Creek, with test scores above average, reflect a singular learning environment: more flexibility, more creativity, more opportunity for the one-on-one which inevitably gets sacrificed in the overcrowded classroom.

Would Bishop like to clone Hazzard?

Certainly. She says competing with industry, low-pay education inevitably gets "leftovers" as teachers.

She cherishes the exceptions.

America will always prize its police

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

The other evening a resident of my apartment building was followed into the entrance foyer by a tall black youth with a flat-top haircut. When she stopped to open her mailbox, he grabbed her purse. Unwisely she hung onto it, whereupon he threw her to the floor and put his hands around her throat.

At that point, the attacker was jumped by the elderly doorman and the superintendent (who has heart trouble), both of whom heard the fracas and came dashing through the door leading from the main lobby.

Aided by another resident, who just happened to arrive at that moment, they pulled the youth away from the woman and held him down until a squad car could be called. It arrived in a miraculous minute, and the assailant was duly cuffed and taken away.

According to one of the cops, the youth begged, "Don't do this to me."

It turned out that he had just been released from the prison that afternoon and wasn't looking forward to going back.

Unfortunately, nobody with a home video camera was on hand to photograph these proceedings, but — given the ubiquity of such cameras these days — it is only a matter of time until somebody films a highly dramatic sequence recording a similar crime, or one even uglier.

When that happens, I wonder (if the criminal is black and his victim is white) whether the television networks will treat us to an endless repetition of the sequence over a period of three or four days, as they did in the case of the white Los Angeles cops who were filmed beating up a helpless black man? I rather doubt it. We will be told that constant screenings would merely "increase racial tension."

And so, of course, they would. But such high-minded considerations go nowhere in the Los Angeles case.

That was a bona fide case of "police brutality," and the only question was how high the networks could push the tension — how enraged and put-upon they could make the entire black population feel.

There can be, of course, no excuses for the policemen who engaged in that disgusting episode. They were rightly indicted, will be promptly convicted and should serve significant prison terms for their conduct. Nor do I think their case is unique.

But (and there is, of course, always a "but") I don't believe, either, that such episodes ought to be used, or indeed can be used, to drive a wedge between the general population and the police as a whole. Yet that is exactly what is being attempted in the Los Angeles case.

It is quite extraordinary how quickly concern over the criminal actions of the L.A. policemen and their sergeant was transmuted into a drive to force the resignation of Los

Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates.

Gates, I gather, has long been a thorn in the side of those who think the LAPD is too tough on criminals. There is, of course, a large body of opinion that will always think so: defense attorneys, guilt-edged liberals who never blame anyone but "society," the relatives and friends of the criminals, and the opportunistic politicians who seek their support. All of them are beating the drums today for the scalp of Daryl Gates.

How that battle will turn out is anybody's guess, but I have a little prediction for anyone who thinks the people of the United States can be turned decisively against the police forces in general: You are going to lose the argument, and rightly so.

Americans (of all colors) prize their police, and never more so than today. If crime in this country gets just a little further out of hand, they may call Norman Schwarzkopf home for a new assignment.

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Berry's World



List names firms, agents that hid Saddam's billions

By MARCY GORDON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government has compiled a list of "front" companies and agents around the world that helped Saddam Hussein's family hide billions of dollars it skimmed from Iraq's oil revenues.

Saddam, who took power in 1979, is one of the world's richest men, a joint U.S.-Kuwait investigation has found.

The investigation determined that the Iraqi president's family skimmed \$10 billion in oil profits since 1981

and used the money to buy pieces of companies in Europe and the United States.

Iraqi investors working for Saddam have purchased nearly \$1 billion in shares of publicly traded companies, including French media giant Hachette SA, according to the chief investigator, Julius Kroll.

Kroll said last week that he discovered companies linked to Saddam stretching from Italy to France to Germany to Britain and the United States.

The Treasury Department planned to release the names of the front

companies and agents at a news conference today.

The Treasury and State departments and the FBI, in cooperation with Kuwaiti authorities and Kroll, have been investigating Saddam's finances since Iraq invaded Kuwait last Aug. 2, a U.S. government source said last week.

The results of the investigation likely will be used in war reparations claims against Iraq by Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Israel.

The Treasury said recently it has seized or is preparing to seize an estimated \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion of assets in the United States owned

by Saddam or the Iraqi government.

On March 22, for example, Treasury agents seized the assets of Anees Wadi, his wife Shamsaban al-Hayderi and Bay Industries Inc., a company based in Santa Monica, Calif. The government alleged that all three had helped Saddam procure arms for Iraq.

Kroll was hired by the Kuwaiti government and the Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control to find out the size and location of Saddam's wealth.

Kroll, president of the New York-based Kroll Associates investigations company, spoke in interviews

last week with the Financial Times, a British newspaper, and CBS News' "60 Minutes" program.

The reports quoted him as saying Saddam and his family have skimmed as much as 5 percent of Iraq's \$200 billion in oil sales since 1981. Kroll also said he found evidence they siphoned an average of 2.5 percent off contracts with Japanese companies.

Kroll discovered that Saddam's holdings include an 8.4 percent stake, worth about \$64 million, in Hachette, which publishes Elle, Car

and Driver, Road & Track and Woman's Day magazines.

Kroll said his agency found documents showing the Hachette share purchases started in 1981 with a 1 percent acquisition by Montana Management, a holding company based in Geneva, Switzerland, with Iraqi directors.

Hachette said last week it has started an investigation to determine the identities of Montana Management's shareholders. It said it would be prepared to buy back those shares.

President angles for bonefish in Florida

By RITA BEAMISH
Associated Press Writer

ISLAMORADA, Fla. (AP) — President Bush is taking his first vacation since the Persian Gulf War ended, plying the balmy waters off the Florida Keys for the region's feisty bonefish.

Bush today was heading out for his second day of fishing after a major power outage turned his Easter dinner into a candlelit event.

Getting into the vacation spirit quickly Sunday, the president turned aside questions about Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the rebellion in Iraq and about the secret trip to the Persian Gulf by his national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft.

"It's Easter. It's a day to ... count your blessings," he told reporters flying with him on Air Force One for the four-day visit to Florida. It is his first sustained break from work since the Gulf War ended Feb. 27.

"We're going to have a good time down there," he promised.

A power failure plunged all of the keys into darkness Sunday night, and the president and his wife dined by candlelight before power was restored within 30 minutes, spokesman Stephen Hart said.

Although the townhouse condominium where they are staying lost power for about 30 minutes, Hart said the traveling White House communications system was switched to an emergency generator and remained operational.

Charles Russell, general manager of the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association, said the outage was caused when a car ran off a road in north Key Largo and clipped

a wire anchoring an electricity pole. He said the wire "wrapped around the transmission line and shorted it out."

Landing at Homestead Air Force Base south of Miami, a chipper Bush shook hands with a welcoming crowd before flying by helicopter to the exclusive Islamorada development of Tarpon Flats.

On arriving here, the president went out on a boat with Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and a longtime fishing buddy, George Hommel of Islamorada. Mrs. Bush and Brady's wife Kitty trailed in a separate boat.

The president planned no public appearances or official events during his trip, but he was accompanied by his deputy national security adviser, Robert M. Gates, and deputy chief of staff Andrew Card.

After three days in Islamorada, Bush will visit his ailing mother, 89-year-old Dorothy Walker Bush, at her home in Hobe Sound, Fla., en route back to Washington.

Bush is the latest in a line of presidents who have vacationed in the keys. Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman found it a favorite spot. Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, William Howard Taft and Calvin Coolidge also paid visits.

Bush has vacationed in Islamorada annually since 1979, fishing for bonefish and tarpon in the shallow waters of Florida Bay.

The elusive and combative bonefish is especially sought after by fisherman. The record catch was 19 pounds, according to the International Game Fish Association. However, the fish is not considered good eating, so it is usually thrown back.



President Bush throws out his arms in Islamorada, Fla., late Easter Sunday when asked by a member of the press how it felt to be on vacation. The President and Mrs. Bush arrived here for four days of relaxation and fishing. Fishing was first on the agenda as the crowd moved out for the flats and bone fishing.

1991 shuttle flight to feature space walk, observatory release

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The countdown is to begin Tuesday for a space shuttle mission that will have U.S. astronauts walking in space for the first time in more than five years.

If the countdown goes as planned, the space shuttle Atlantis should blast off for its five-day mission at 9:18 a.m. EST Friday.

Although the five-day flight is fairly short for a shuttle mission, it promises to be long on drama. Besides the space walk, the five-astronaut Atlantis crew will release the heaviest civilian spacecraft ever carried by a shuttle, an astronomical observatory weighing an astronomical 17 tons.

The monstrous \$600 million Gamma Ray Observatory, or GRO, is the second of NASA's four so-called Great Observatories, a series intended to probe every kind of electromagnetic wavelength in the heavens. The first is the Hubble Space Telescope.

The GRO will be hoisted from Atlantis' cargo bay and set in a 279-mile-high orbit on the third day of the five-day flight. On the fourth day, astronauts Jay Apt and Jerry Ross will spend six hours in the shuttle's open bay testing tools and equipment for NASA's planned space station Freedom.

It will be Ross' third space stroll. He and Sherwood Spring performed NASA's last space walk on Dec. 1, 1985.

But the main event of this flight, at least for mission commander Steven Nagel, is GRO's launch.

"GRO's one of a kind," he said. "I'm excited about (the space walk), too. But GRO is unique and there won't be another like it probably for a long time. We're going to do a lot

more space walks."

The Gamma Ray Observatory will scrutinize pulsating and exploding stars for traces of gamma rays, the most energetic radiation known. It also will examine quasars, the most dynamic and distant objects in the universe, and what astronomers believe are black holes.

"I expect a chorus all through the flight of people saying, 'Look at that! Oh, my gosh!'" said Apt.

The entire sky will be canvassed during the GRO mission, which will last at least two years. A complete gamma ray survey has never been done. And the observatory is expected to be 10 to 20 times more sensitive than previous gamma ray spacecraft, said NASA project scientist Donald Kniffen.

The observatory will be controlled from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. Assisting in the work will be scientists from Max Planck Institute near Munich, Germany, which supplied GRO's imaging telescope.

Unlike Hubble, which focuses mostly on visible light, the Gamma Ray Observatory has no mirrors. Hubble's primary mirror was found to be flawed two months after the telescope was placed in orbit last April. Astronauts will go up to fix Hubble in 1993.

This week's Atlantis flight was supposed to be NASA's second shuttle mission this year. But the discovery of cracked door hinges on the shuttle Discovery delayed its planned March military flight until late April.

Atlantis also has hinge cracks, but they are much smaller than those on Discovery and pose no danger, officials said.

The Atlantis launch will be NASA's 39th shuttle launch. The first one was 10 years ago this month.

Calling all sperm? Homing signal in human eggs might help aid fertilization process

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman's fertility may be helped by a "calling all sperm" signal emitted by her eggs, and learning more about it could provide new approaches to contraception and infertility, a study suggests.

Scientists found evidence that some eggs emit a substance that attracts sperm, and that those eggs are far more likely to be fertilized.

The substance itself has not been identified or isolated, and researchers do not know if the apparent attractant really comes from eggs, said study co-author David Garbers.

But if it can be found and purified, it might lead to treatment for women who are infertile because they lack it, he said.

A new contraceptive approach could also be developed if another substance could be found to block its effect. A blocking substance that acts directly on sperm might even lead to a male contraceptive pill, Garbers said.

He said the next research step is to identify and purify the attracting substance or substances. Given the small quantities of human eggs

available for analysis, he said, "that is going to be extremely difficult."

Garbers is a pharmacology professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute there.

The work was done at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville when Garbers was there and at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. Garbers and co-authors present the work in the April issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"This is very early and obviously requires a lot of additional work, but as a first step I think it's quite attractive," said Dr. Norbert Gleicher, president of the Center for Human Reproduction in Chicago.

The research focused on follicular fluid, which is found in the sac-like follicle along with the egg. At ovulation, the follicle releases the egg and fluid.

The researchers used follicular fluid from women who were having eggs removed for test-tube fertilization, and took sperm from two fertile men.

They poured some sperm into thimble-sized chambers, covered the sperm with a filter, and then poured in either follicular fluid or a standard laboratory chemical. After 10

to 15 minutes, they removed the material above the filter and looked to see how much sperm had swum into it.

In tests involving more than 100 samples, the follicular fluids consistently accumulated more sperm than the laboratory substance did, suggesting the fluids contained some sort of attractant.

But only half the follicular fluids sampled showed the attraction. In a test of 62 follicular fluids from 40 women, researchers found that attractive fluids almost always came from eggs that could be later fertilized in the test tube, while unattractive fluids generally came from eggs that failed to be fertilized.

The fluid's attractability varied from follicle to follicle within the same woman, researchers found. They also found that only a fraction of sperm responded to the signal, indicating the signal may be a mechanism for attracting only the fittest sperm, the researchers wrote.

Garbers said he thinks that the attracting substance, if it truly exists, is probably helpful but not necessary for fertilization. Still, the close relationship to success in egg fertilization in his study suggests "maybe there's more to it than that," he said.

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This Hispanic man's tombstone in a cemetery north of Albuquerque, N.M., is among dozens with both Jewish and Christian symbols.

Generations of secrecy bring a Catch-22 for hidden Jews

By NANCY PLEVIN
For The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — As historians sort out the story of Jews who hid from Spanish persecution on the Southwestern frontier, Judaism is coming face-to-face with Roman Catholic Hispanics who are reclaiming their ancestral Jewish faith.

Some rabbis believe Jewish identity requires proof. But others celebrate the reunification and say they hope more "crypto-Jews" will feel free to come forward.

Scholars are uncovering the hidden history of the Sephardic Jews who fled the Inquisition and illegally made their way to the New World after the Spanish monarchy in 1492 ordered all Jews and other non-Catholics who would not convert or be burned at the stake.

Across the American Southwest, these crypto-Jews or "conversos" sought refuge from the Inquisition in what was then the hinterlands of New Spain. Historians say they lived openly as Roman Catholics while covertly holding to Judaism, furtively passing traditions through some 17 generations.

Today researchers say their legacy is found in descendants who perform Jewish rituals without understanding why, or who meet secretly as congregations in homes for Friday night prayers.

But the evidence collected by historians and descendants alike is primarily anecdotal. Much of the first-stage research lacks hard, conclusive data.

Rabbi Marc D. Angel of New York City says the very nature of crypto-Judaism makes it difficult for today's descendants to establish the ancient link.

"If they are saying they feel they are Jewish and their ancestors are Jewish, that's very difficult to establish as clear fact," he says. "If they can prove it, I'm very happy to accept them as Jews."

Angel is rabbi of Shearith Israel, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue founded in 1654 in what is now Manhattan, considered to be the oldest Jewish congregation in North America. He says the practice of a few Judaic rituals does not make a person Jewish.

"It is a beautiful tribute to the power of the human spirit," he says. "But it is still important to follow Jewish law," which defines Jewishness through either an unbroken, matrilineal line or conversion.

Rabbi Isaac Celnik of Albuquerque says this orthodox interpretation of Jewish law further punishes people who already have suffered for half a millennium.

"These people are in a state of shock," Celnik says. "Should they be considered non-Jews and go through conversion? I wholeheartedly disagree."

Poll: Third of Britons don't know why Easter is celebrated

LONDON (AP) — An opinion poll indicates 34 percent of Britons don't know why Easter is celebrated, and fewer still know what happened on Good Friday, a newspaper reported Sunday.

A list of questions, selected with the help of Archbishop of York John Hapgood, was chosen to test the country on the most basic facts of the story of Easter, the *Sunday Express* said.

Of the 1,101 adults who were asked, 61 percent were able to say that Christ was crucified on Good Friday, and 66 percent said that he was resurrected on Easter Sunday, the newspaper said.

The poll said 62 percent knew it was Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus, and 48 percent that it was Pontius

Pilate who washed his hands after sentencing Jesus to death.

"It seems to me extraordinary that people can be so unaware of some of the main factors which have shaped our culture," Hapgood was quoted as saying.

Bishop of Peterborough Bill Westwood was quoted as saying: "I think we are bringing up a religiously illiterate society, and in view of our history this is a great tragedy."

The newspaper said all those polled were asked their religion, and that 85 percent named a Christian denomination and 12 percent said none. Three percent said they were of a non-Christian faith, primarily Jews and Muslims.

It said young people knew far less than the older age groups, but it did not give any age figures.

Catholic Jews now discovering their heritage

By NANCY PLEVIN
For The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Upon his only sister's death 30 years ago, his mother leaned close to Carlos Velez-Ibanez — former altar boy and Catholic school graduate — and whispered, "I'm going to tell you a secret that has always been passed on through the women of our family. But now I must tell you."

"Somos Judios, (We're Jews)," she said. "I was absolutely chilled by it," says Velez-Ibanez, 54, a University of Arizona anthropologist.

For engineering student Daniel Yocum, the revelation came as he merged odd family customs with genealogical study and found a Jewish heritage: kosher food preparation, Friday night prayer, ritual circumcision and keeping the Sabbath.

"We went to Catholic Mass on Saturdays," says Yocum, 23, who grew up in Albuquerque's largely Hispanic South Valley. But, he says, "If kids tried to do things on the (Jewish) Sabbath, they would get hit."

Across the American Southwest, Hispanic descendants of Jews who fled the Spanish Inquisition are recovering remnants of their heritage some 500 years after King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella issued the 1492 Edict of Expulsion. Under the edict, Jews and other non-Roman Catholics who would not convert to Christianity were ordered exiled or burned at the stake.

About half of the 200,000 Spanish Jews, called Sephardim after the Hebrew word for Spain, left the empire seeking more tolerant climes in North Africa, the Middle East and elsewhere in Europe. Those who remained became "New Christians" or fell victim to the Grand Inquisitor.

But recent research shows a significant number of Jews who left Spain in the 15th and 16th centuries illegally made their way to the New World.

Later, pursued in Mexico by the long arm of the Inquisition when they prospered as New Christians or tried to live openly as Jews, they again sought refuge — this time alongside Spanish conquistadors exploring the farthest reaches of New Spain, now the southwestern United States.

There, historians now say, they survived in the remote frontier living openly as Roman Catholics while covertly maintaining Jewish traditions and beliefs.

In the past few years, dozens of gravestones have been found in old Christian cemeteries engraved with both crosses and Hebrew inscriptions, some bearing the Star of David.

Scholars and descendants of these "conversos" or "crypto-Jews" now are painstakingly trying to piece together this complex cultural mystery buried beneath 17 generations of secrecy.

In January, the first major international con-

ference on the subject was held at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Velez-Ibanez, whose family comes from a region that encompasses southern Arizona and northern Mexico, says he now understands why family members lit candles on Friday nights, as is done on the Jewish Sabbath, and why they expressed a "strict aversion to pork."

Yocum says he now knows why his grandmother became irate when her husband, a carver, fashioned what Yocum now realizes was a menorah, or traditional candelabra.

"My grandma used to call him a 'Judío,' " or Jew, Yocum says, "and say 'leave the ways of the old men alone.' When he made the menorah, she got really mad and made him keep it in the garage."

Third-grade teacher Anna Rael Delay, 44, of Lewisville, Texas, is converting to Judaism after a lifetime of questioning her roots. She is raising her 11-year-old son to go to temple.

"When I was young my grandmother used to light candles on Fridays and we took it for granted," says Mrs. Delay, who grew up in Santa Fe, N.M., and attended Catholic school.

She says in tracing her family to 1610 in New Mexico, she has found ancestors with the surname Yisrael.

Materials analyst Ramon Salas has, with the help of a computer, scrupulously traced his family tree back 14 generations.

Salas, 26, of Albuquerque, found a legacy rife with suspected converso names and discovered he was related to Daniel Yocum.

He was raised Catholic and still sings in the church choir, but he is fervently exploring his Jewish heritage. He is both exuberant and enraptured by what he has learned.

"The fact that my ancestors were raped of their religion is something that I'd like to correct," he says.

But collecting the complete history of the hidden Jews is difficult, researchers say. As traditions were furtively passed through generations, the fear of exposure was handed down as well.

"We may never know the full extent because of their long-term fear of persecution," says former New Mexico state historian Stan Hordes, co-director of a research project on the state's crypto-Jews at the University of New Mexico's Latin American Institute.

Hordes and UNM sociologist Tomas Atencio have been interviewing families and scouring official records dating to the 15th century in search of remnants of the hidden Jewish community in northern New Mexico's isolated, rural villages.

Hordes and others believe direct knowledge of the hidden communities is in danger of disappearing with today's grandparents, most of whom are reluctant to disclose what they know.

"Often in the interviews, they whisper or go to another room to talk about it," says Melissa Amado, 25, a University of Arizona graduate stu-

dent. "You have to guarantee that the name is kept secret. This is something very private to these individuals."

But, she says, "If the people don't talk about it, it may die off. It's something that should be appreciated instead of hidden."

Ms. Amado, who says she has found family evidence of Sephardic heritage, is interviewing family members and others for a master's thesis on why crypto-Jewish families have stayed so long "in the closet."

"You never tell," she says. "It is never discussed with people outside your immediate family. Now in the later part of the 20th century you have these instances where it is still kept as the deep, dark family secret."

This persistent secrecy makes it difficult to obtain an accurate picture of how the crypto-Jewish population in the Southwest lives.

Rabbi Isaac Celnik of Congregation B'nai Israel says only a handful of conversos have attended temple services during his two decades in Albuquerque. And he has, on occasion, been invited to lead prayers in their homes.

He categorizes today's crypto-Jews: those who identify themselves as Jews; those who "have one foot each" in the Jewish and Catholic communities — "they call me father;" and those Catholics with some Jewish heritage.

Celnik says family pressure and fear of retribution from the community make the path difficult for those who are choosing to revive ties to Judaism.

"It's more than name-calling. There are people who can't talk to their mothers and fathers," says Celnik, who vigilantly protects the identities of his crypto-Jewish congregants. "There are people literally afraid for their lives."

The phenomenon is not exclusive to the Southwest. Researchers say there is evidence of the survival of crypto-Jewish communities throughout Latin America and beyond.

Last year the 300 Jews of Belmonte, Portugal, cautiously began to discard their Catholic veneer. The community, which dates to the late 15th century, also was formed by those who fled the Inquisition.

After centuries of clandestine meetings, the community has begun praying openly in a house off the village's main square.

Ray Padilla, director of the Hispanic Research Center at Arizona State University in Tempe, says the conversos here belong to a rich American tradition of immigrants surviving against all odds in a foreign land.

"They didn't just come to the Americas and disappear," says Padilla, 46, who suspects he is of crypto-Jewish background. "Their influence may be stronger than we might have expected."

After all, he says, "Spanish history has been influenced by Jewish culture and Jewish people for the last 1,500 years. Why wouldn't the greatest enterprise of that empire's encounter with the Americas also have a Jewish side to it?"

Easter in the Gulf: Desert services amid destruction

By JOHN POMFRET
Associated Press Writer

ENTERTAINMENT CITY, Kuwait (AP) — Capt. Kevin Agen tipped into the Galaxy Pavilion on Sunday morning, past shot-up pinball machines and broken glass, and peered into a wooden rink.

"The Iraqis even stole the bumper cars. What savages," said the 31-year-old from Green Bay, Wis.

"What a way to spend Easter," he added.

Other American soldiers in the Persian Gulf spent Easter in the desert at services flanked by Humvees, with the roar of helicopters overhead and the rumble of armored personnel carriers nearby.

Some soldiers prayed on cots, buffeted by sandy winds and drained by Kuwait's 100-degree heat. Several at a checkpoint near the Iraqi border chased a herd of camels.

"They don't look like Easter

bunnies," joked one soldier.

Other soldiers filled Kuwait City's Roman Catholic Church to pray with members of Kuwait's small Christian community. Filipinos, Sri Lankans, Indians and newly arrived diplomats filled the church, near the shores of the Persian Gulf, for a sunset service.

For the four men of the 432nd Civil Affairs Company who visited Kuwait's only amusement park on Sunday, Easter brought them face-to-face with the bizarre and random violence of Iraq's seven-month occupation.

Strolling through the empty streets of International World, Arab World and Future World, past creaky fun rides, busted-up Dairy Queens and the thatched roof of the Arab Boat Ride — now filled with dozens of nesting sparrows — it was a day also to remember home.

"We got this nice amusement park near the house. It's called Bay Beach. Every ride's a dime," said

Sgt. Dale Lapacz, 41, of Green Bay, Wis. "When I get home, I'm taking my two children there."

Lt. James O'Neil, 28, and also from Green Bay, had his hand on the flank of a wooden horse on the Wells Fargo Carousel.

"They used this thing for target practice," he said, fingering a bullet hole. "Heh, I can understand the bombs, the attacks, but trashing an amusement park, what's that got to do with war?"

O'Neil's company accompanied nine other members of their unit to sing spirituals at the Easter Mass at the Roman Catholic church.

"We're a little ragtag but we wanted to help out," said Lt. Patricia Cassidy, 25, from Muskegon, Mich., who conducted the little choir.

She said the services Sunday marked the first time she had been in a church in the three months she has been in the Middle East.

"We've been praying in a warehouse out at Camp Freedom," she

said, referring to the main base for American forces in Kuwait City.

"It's a nice feeling to be in here." Cassidy and others said they were happy to be in Kuwait and not in Saudi Arabia, the heartland of Islam, which does not tolerate the practice of other religions.

Kuwait has traditionally taken a more liberal line on religion, allowing Christians to practice openly in Kuwait City's three churches.

Near Kuwait's border with Iraq, Col. James Bluet, a chaplain for the 3rd Brigade of the 3rd Armored Division, conducted seven masses in 24 hours for his troops, many of whom were on the move north.

Singing filtered out of a tent a bit up the road.

At a Protestant service, Capt. Dale Potter, also of the 3rd Armored Division, spoke of seeing Iraqi corpses on the highway. These men, he said, should serve as a reminder of Jesus Christ, and of his Resurrection.

Ireland marks anniversary of 1916 Easter Rising

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — President Mary Robinson led ceremonies Sunday marking the 75th anniversary of the Easter Rising, a hopeless but seminal revolt against British rule.

Prime Minister Charles Haughey also attended the low-key military ceremony outside Dublin's General Post Office, where rebels in 1916 declared an Irish Republic before being crushed.

The rebellion still causes unease in Ireland, largely because the outlawed Irish Republican Army claims to be pursuing "the unfinished business" of the revolt with its fight to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

The government postponed announcing its plans for this year's events until Feb. 20. It was accused of ignoring a landmark in Irish history.

At the ceremony broadcast live on television, hundreds of Dubliners watched as Mrs. Robinson, commander of the Irish Defense Forces, inspected an army honor guard.

Haughey said, "The 1916 rising was inspired by a noble spirit of patriotism and sacrifice and conducted with

generous chivalry. Its leaders sought to avoid unnecessary bloodshed."

Inside the post office, a group of Ireland's leading writers and poets — including Anthony Cronin, Seamus Deane and Richard Read — read from the works of the rebellion leaders.

Following the official ceremony, supporters of Sinn Fein, the legal political arm of the IRA, gathered at the post office for a march to Glasnevin Cemetery, where many republicans are buried.

The violence in Northern Ireland that has killed more than 2,800 people in two decades has dampened enthusiasm for militant nationalism and divided politicians and scholars, many of whom now question the wisdom and necessity of the revolt.

But few question its importance.

On April 24, 1916 — the day after Easter — 1,600 armed rebels seized key points around Dublin, including the post office. Hopelessly outnumbered and lacking popular support, the

rebels were defeated within a week.

The Easter Rising left 450 people dead and 2,600 wounded. Most of central Dublin was reduced to rubble from British military fire.

But popular hostility toward the rebels changed to sympathy after the British government executed 15 of the leaders.

Irish nationalism revived, leading to a war of independence that began in 1919. It ended with the establishment of the Irish republic in 1922.

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Donna Brauchi

Good planning is key to healthy dining habits

Today, Americans eat more than a third of their meals and snacks away from home and spend nearly half of every food dollar at restaurants.

When consumers dine out, as they're doing more than ever before, they're not leaving their taste for a healthy diet at home. So more and more restaurants are changing their menus to satisfy their calorie-counting, nutrition-conscious clientele.

Dining out doesn't have to be a dietary dilemma. Keep the following tips in mind:

(1) Healthful dining starts with selecting the right restaurant. If possible, scan the menu first to see how foods are prepared. Foods that are "made to order" make it easier to request items prepared without fat and with sauces/dressings served on the side. Restaurants that offer a la carte selections provide a better alternative than all-you-can-eat feasts.

(2) Plan ahead. Don't go starved to the restaurant or cafeteria. If you're famished when you order, it's easier to overeat.

(3) Order a la carte meals. Ordering a full meal just because the cost is less can cause you to order more food than you need.

(4) Watch for the hidden calories. If you're trying to cut down on fat and calories in your diet, dining out doesn't have to spell disaster. Before ordering, ask how the food is prepared. Guesswork can produce extra calories and fat added by frying, breading, rich sauces, dressings and oils. Since most high fat sauces are added at the end of cooking, request they be left off or served on the side.

Don't be shy about asking the waiter to have the food prepared the way you like. The worst that can happen is that he will say it's not possible.

Fast food menus offer more choices today, including lighter, leaner selections for those who can't afford extra calories and fat. At most restaurants, you'll find smaller burgers and entrees for light appetites as well as the choice preparation methods—broiling, baking and grilling.

Consumers who need to restrict calorie intake should become familiar with the calorie counts of their favorite fast food items. The calorie count of fast food meals varies according to the size and number of items chosen. Here are some tips to

help tailor your food selections to meet your nutritional needs:

(1) Order the smallest size burrito, burger or sandwich.

(2) Skip the complete dinner and order a la carte. Pair it with a fresh green salad and low-calorie beverage.

(3) When possible, remove the skin and coating from deep fried foods. This saves about 100 calories. Better yet—skip fried foods altogether.

(4) Order your sandwiches without mayonnaise, tartar sauce and other creamy dressings. They add up to 80 calories per tablespoon. Skip the cheese and save 83 calories and trim the sodium.

(5) Order a thin-crust pizza. Add extra mushrooms, tomatoes, peppers and onions.

Most fast food items are high in sodium, but you can chip away at the salt block. The recommended "safe and adequate range" of sodium for healthy adults is only 1100 to 3300 mg daily. If sodium is a concern in your diet, try these tips:

(1) Reduce the amount of or avoid condiments altogether such as pickles, catsup and mustard, which contain substantial amounts of sodium.

(2) Order food cooked to order, without seasoning. This can decrease the sodium in french fries from more than 100 to approximately 25 mg. A burger cooked without seasoning and served without condiment sauces, pickles, catsup and mustard can save you up to 360 mg of sodium.

(3) Remove the highly seasoned coating from fried foods. This saves calories, too.

If you do have a high sodium fast food meal, balance the rest of your day with low sodium selections. Try making your own version of a favorite fast food at home using low-sodium ingredients and seasonings.

Fast food meals contribute 50 to 100 percent of the protein and 30 to 60 percent of the iron and calcium needed by young adults, but the vitamin A and C in most meals is "very low." To keep from short-changing yourself on nutrients, include a variety of lean foods that are rich in the hard-to-get nutrients when you dine at home.

For more information on food selection, nutrition and preparation, contact your Gray County Extension Office.

Club News

The Altrusa Club of Pampa met in the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn on March 25.

Joyce Williams, president, opened the program entitled "Coverage: A World Of Service". Myrna Orr announced the leadership training seminar will be held in Amarillo, April 6.

Guests were welcomed: Christie Higgs, Ashley Higgs, V. J. Murgai, and Ina Gale Rowell, guest of Marilyn McClure. Ruby Royse performed the initiation service for new member Tracey Warner, sponsored by Leona Willis and Judy Warner.

Marilyn McClure introduced the international program. Mary McDaniel was commentator for the style show. Models were Brenda Tucker, Mary Wilson, Pat Johnson, Louise Bailey, Leona Willis and Ashley Higgs. Higgs showed clothing worn by young girls in India. The style show was directed by V. J. Murgai and were furnished by V. J.'s Imports and Gifts.

Hostesses were Marilyn McClure and Pat Johnson. Greeters were Rena Belle Anderson and Evelyn Mason.

The next meeting will be April 8, noon, Coronado Inn.

El Progreso Club met March 26 in the home of Maxine Hawkins with president Julia Dawkins presiding. Bette Bates led in reading the club collect. Dot Allen presented a program about walking through life with a positive attitude.

The next meeting will be on April 9 in the home of Maedell Lanehart.

Chapter CS of PEO met March

12 at the home of Mrs Don Cain with Winifred Crinklaw assisting with hostess duties. Officers were installed.

The next meeting was held on March 26 in the home of Mrs. Donald E. Turner. Joyce Cockrell spoke on interior decorating. Thirty guests and members were present.

The tables were decorated with spring flowers and brass serving pieces. Hostesses were Hilda Duncan, Judy Sutton, Ruth Riehart, and Winifred Crinklaw.

The next meeting will be at the home of Jan Ragsdale.

Preceptor Theta Iota chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Monica Leonard for their first meeting in March. After a brief business meeting led by president Carolyn Smith, members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

A baked potato dinner in honor of St. Patrick's Day was held in the home of Sherry Carlson, March 25. The club welcomed Carolyn Erpelding, a recent Beta Sigma Phi transferee to Pampa, as guest. Following committee reports, election of officers was held the officers for the 1991-92 year are president, Nancy Broggin; vice-president, Ann Franklin; recording secretary, Jan Chambers; corresponding secretary, Clara Mae Sailor; treasurer, Sherry Carlson; city council representative, Betty Gann; city council alternate, Brenda McNatt.

The next meeting will be in the home of Ann Franklin on April 8. A guest speaker will present a program on skin care.

Taking care of fruit trees; preparing to plant potatoes

WORMY FRUIT

Not many of us like worms in our fruit. I will pass along some recommendations that will aid in reducing worms in our fruit. However, I will not make any guarantees, as I have had too many folks relate that in spite of their efforts, they still had some worms.

On the positive side, though, by following these recommendations, you certainly increase the likelihood of worm-free fruit.

When about 75 percent of the petals have fallen, start your spray program and continue every 10 to 14 days until you have sprayed two to five times.

There are several general purpose fruit sprays that are on the market from the commercial companies with materials containing a combination of malathion®, sevin® and zolone®. Be sure to read the label, follow directions and remember any restrictions given on the label.

POTATO PLANTING TIME

The ideal time to plant Irish potatoes is when the soil temperature is 50 to 55 degrees F. at the four-inch depth. This year it will occur in early April.

Texas gardeners have several varieties of potatoes from which to choose. The most popular are Red La Soda, Viking, Krantz Russet and Kennebec. The red-skinned varieties are better for boiling and potato salad, while the brown-skinned are best when fried, baked or whipped.

Buy 10 pounds of seed potatoes for every 100 feet of row to be planted. Grocery store potatoes do not make good seed potatoes unless



For Horticulture

Joe Van Zandt

they are designated as such.

Good potatoes are firm with prominent eyes. Avoid those with cuts, bruises or wrinkles. The inside should be white with no discoloration—discoloration indicates freeze damage, disease or poor storage conditions.

Traditionally, gardeners cut large potatoes into smaller pieces and plant these four to six inches deep and xone foot apart in the garden row. However, small whole potatoes used as seed have advantages over cut pieces—there is no chance of spreading disease, and they are less likely to rot when planted.

If medium-sized or large potatoes are used, cut them into blocky pieces that weigh one-and-one-half to two ounces each. Each piece must have at least one eye. A two-ounce whole potato yields about the same as a two-ounce cut piece, but the whole potato will yield more small potatoes.

Potential loss of cut pieces to decay can be reduced by keeping them at 60 degrees F. for about a week before planting to allow the cut surfaces to heal.

Plant the seed pieces or small potatoes with the eyes pointing up or down. However, make sure the soil is not waterlogged or not too dry. Either mix fertilizer in the row

before planting or place it in narrow bands four to six inches from the seed pieces on both sides of the row.

During the growing season, gardeners should be on the lookout for insect and disease problems. Pest control recommendations are available from the County Extension Office.

Fresh potatoes should be ready for harvesting about 90 days after planting.

YELLOW-PURPLE LAWNS?

Some of us did not get around to using Roundup® on our bermuda lawns this spring to kill out henbit, dandelions and all other cool season weeds.

Most of us have some purple flowers (henbit) and yellow flowers (dandelions) in our lawns presently. There are probably other broadleaf weeds also growing in most bermuda lawns.

Now is about your best chance to get those old weeds before they get you for the rest of the growing season. These old weeds are developing a deep root system now that will withstand your onslaught of mowing and other herbicides.

These older broadleaf weeds need a systemic herbicide containing 2,4-D applied real soon when temperatures are above 60 degrees F. using one of the products such as Weed-B-Gone®, Trimec® or Systemic Weed Control®, to name a few. These will go a long way in reducing weed populations. Follow label mixing directions and use the highest recommended rates.

These chemicals will not control grassy weeds or weedy annual grasses. Do not mow your lawns until after the second spraying or until the broadleaf weeds have turned brown.

Pre-emerge herbicides work on preventing germinating weed seeds from getting established, but they simply will not work on established weeds. The pre-emerge herbicides applied now generally work on summer growing weeds and grasses. Fall applications control henbit as it germinates during cool, wet fall conditions.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Questions, not answers, from answering machine

DEAR ABBY: I have a minor problem, but it is very irritating. It's my telephone answering machine. I made a recording saying, "You have reached (my telephone number)." Then I say, "Please leave your name, the time you called and your telephone number, and I will get back to you as soon as possible."

Abby, often callers will hang up before the instructions are finished. That's fine. Their loss.

But the other evening, I returned to find the following message on my machine: "It's 6:35; please call me as soon as possible"—nothing else. It was a woman's voice that I did not recognize. Is one expected to be clairvoyant?

And while I'm airing my complaints, how about those world travelers who send postcards signed simply, "Tom, Mary, Peggy or Bob," and expect you to know who they are? Usually, these are people we don't see very often, and the handwriting must be compared with signatures we received on Christmas cards.

I hope you print this. Meanwhile, thanks for letting me get this out of my system.

ME

DEAR ME: You're welcome. That's what I'm here for.

DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a wedding, a company dinner and a commemorative dinner. At all three events, professional and amateur video camera users were present.

At the company dinner, those who were called up to receive their bonus checks were hidden by camera holders.

At the commemorative dinner, a

tripod was set up directly in front of our table; when I asked the cameraman to kindly move, he refused and suggested that I move my chair. Where? We all had assigned seats, and there were no empty seats.

The wedding was a "production" produced to make the video to preserve for posterity. The wedding party and the guests were ordered around by the cameraman who was paid to get a video of the ceremony from start to finish. There were also amateur camera holders, and even flashbulbs going off! It was a farce. Abby, why must the magic of the present be sacrificed in an effort to preserve "memories"?

Please comment. These camera and video enthusiasts should not be permitted to run (and ruin) everything.

OLD-FASHIONED

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: I agree. The magic of the present should not be sacrificed to preserve memories for posterity.

DEAR ABBY: I am quite sure that everyone who reads your column has been bored by people who are in the habit of telling long, drawn-out stories that are usually pointless and seem endless.

May I share a wonderful suggestion to me by a very wise friend? To test the interest of your audience, if someone interrupts you in the middle of a story and nobody asks, "And then what happened?"—shut up!

I have tried it many times over the years, and I must admit, I have shut up a lot.

SAMMY K., RANCHO MIRAGE

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Editor's note—The month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. In conjunction with that, The Pampa News will run a series of articles about child abuse and some community responses.

Thousands of children in Texas are abused physically, sexually, or emotionally. Some are neglected physically or emotionally. Abuse is not confined to any race or economic group.

Abusive situations often fit a typical pattern: the parent is isolated from a social system and may live far from relatives; lonely with few friends for emotional support; family stress which may be economic or marital; lack of self respect; or a parent who unrealistically expects the child to care for him or her. Most often the abuser is living in the home with the child and experiences great remorse because of their actions.

Texas Department of Human Services Child Protective Services workers investigate approximately 50,000 suspected cases of abuse each year. Only in about 60% of those cases do they discover actual abuse or neglect. In only about 4% of the cases, do children need to be physically removed from the home for protection.

Because of increasing numbers of abuse reports each year, it became necessary to develop a system to prioritize cases so that Child Protective Service workers know which to investigate first. In 1979, these guidelines were developed. A Priority 1 report requires that a child protective services worker must see the victim or victims within 24 hours after the initial report. If a child is believed to be in a life endangering situation. A Priority 2 case must also be investigated, because children are in safety or health endangering situations. The caseworker is required to see the victim or victims within 7 days after the initial report.

Depending on the situation discovered, a variety of actions may be taken. The most dramatic response occurs if a child or children are found to be in life a threatening situation, and the child must be removed. At this point, the court system becomes involved, and the child may be placed in temporary or permanent custody of the Department of Human Services. Fortunately, this situation is not common. Caseworkers more often see less severe cases where other measures may be taken so that home is not disrupted. Other actions may include follow up visits from the caseworker, professional counseling, or parenting classes. Improvement in a home situation may be seen after the parent receives instruction in child management, a job is taken, or other external stress removed from the life of the parent.

According to a spokesman for the local office of the Department of Human Services, three Child Protective Services Specialists, plus one supervisor, handled 135 investigations in Gray County from February 1990 through February 1991. In 40-50% of those cases, abuse or neglect was found. These same caseworkers are responsible for other Panhandle counties: Carson, Roberts, Hemphill, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Donley, and Hall. Next week, Child Welfare Boards will be featured.

CC-PC offers mini-sessions

Clarendon College-Pampa Center is planning a mini session beginning May 13. Registration and classes begin that day. The last day to register is May 14.

Courses offered are English Composition and Rhetoric and Intermedi-

ate Algebra on Monday through Friday, 8-12 p.m. and World Literature 1865-present on Monday through Friday, 2-6 p.m. The classes last through May 31. Call 665-8801 for more information or go by the campus at 900 N. Frost.

Partners in Parenting meets April 2 at Tralee Crisis Center

Partners for Parenting Coalition will meet April 2, at Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost at 4 p.m.

Topics will include discussions on school-age parenting opportuni-

ties and resources led by Miriam Lynch. Bonnie Simpson will discuss foster parenting needs and opportunities.

The public is invited.

Folk festival planned April 20

The Panhandle Folk Festival will be held Saturday, April 20 from 10-4 p.m. at the Rex Baxter Building, Tri-State Fairgrounds.

The festival will feature food and entertainment from around the world. The 1847 U. S. Cavalry will begin the entertainment at 10 a.m. followed by the grand march and Miss Amarillo Area, Jacee Crownover. At 11 a.m. the Happy Hatters will perform followed by the Amarillo Senior Citizens and the Native American Indians.

At 1 p.m., the Texas Thunder

Cloggers will perform followed by the Texas Shoot-Out, Afro-Americans, South Vietnamese, Wolfkin Elementary, and the Norwegians.

At 2:45, the Folkloric Ballet is scheduled to dance followed by the East Indians, Glenwood Elementary, and the 1874 U. S. Cavalry.

The Mountain Men will entertain outside during all events.

The festival is sponsored by the Potter County Extension Service and The Potter County Extension Folk Festival Task Force. Catholic Family Services is assisting.

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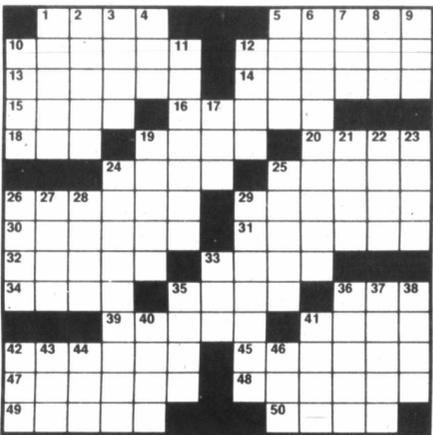
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 - 5 Vagabond
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 - 12 Mountain range
 - 13 Actress — May
 - 14 Shining
 - 15 Arizona Indian
 - 16 Fiber
 - 18 Beverage
 - 19 Clan
 - 20 Monster
 - 24 Puts on
 - 25 Vow
 - 26 Spray
 - 29 Walking poles
 - 30 Eliminates
 - 31 Tenant
 - 32 Held captive
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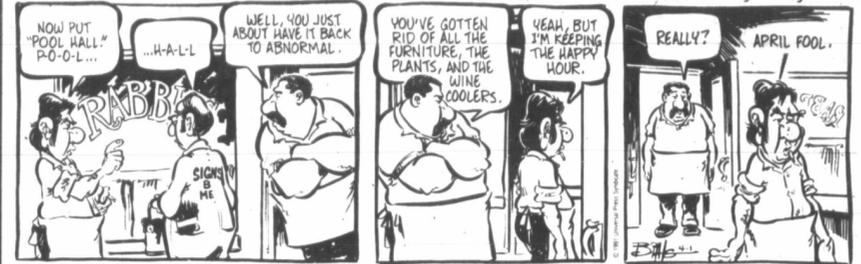
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GEECH



By Jerry Bittle

Astro-Graph

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You could find yourself effecting change rather than being subjected to it in the year ahead. What you do for yourself could benefit others, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your greatest gratification today could come from your ability to salvage something others view as obsolete. As a result, you'll know how to revive an endeavor. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Occasionally, we request candid opinions from others, which often produces comments we don't expect or like. If you ask others for the truth today, that's exactly what you're going to get.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Intensified effort is required today if you hope to achieve your objectives. If you haven't been getting the results you desire, call in your reserves.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're the catalyst in group involvements today, the one who can get things moving. You'll have the ability to stir things up constructively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things you've left to the last minute can still be accomplished today, but your margin for error will be small. Do what needs doing, and do it right the first time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be extremely careful expressing yourself today, especially if you have to deal with a sensitive associate. You might unintentionally make comments that are difficult to retract.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're still in a good trend where financial involvements are concerned, so try to focus your efforts here again today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your bearing and tone of voice will leave little doubt as to what you expect from subordinates today. Those you'll be dealing with will recognize your authority and respect your directions.

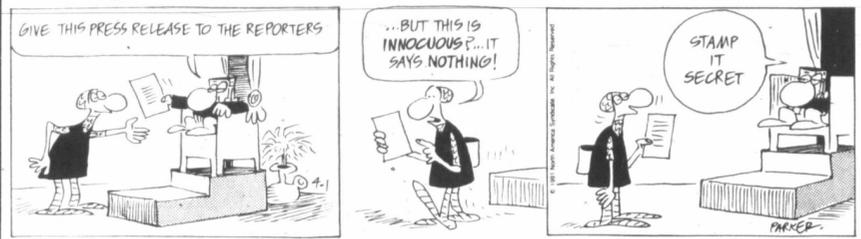
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone indebted to you is not likely to repay you without an appropriate reminder. Today is a good day to call the matter to this individual's attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If an old buddy's reputation is unjustly besmirched in your presence today, set the matter straight. If you were maligned in front of your friend, you could expect the same defense.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll enjoy playing the role of the puppeteer today, prompting actors to perform in the drama of life. You'll also be extremely effective as the force behind the scenes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Remarkable results are possible today — if you have faith in yourself and your talents. Don't let negative associates limit your abilities.

THE WIZARD OF ID



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

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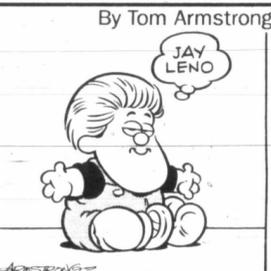


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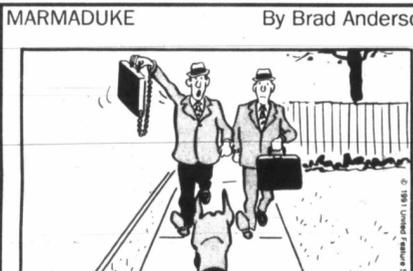
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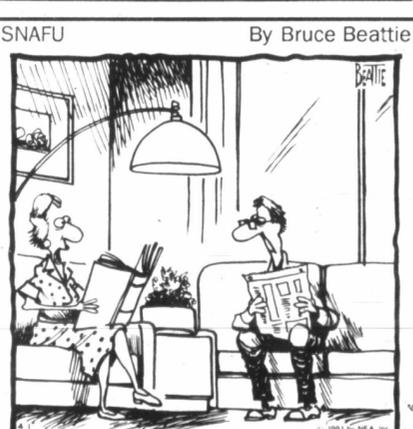
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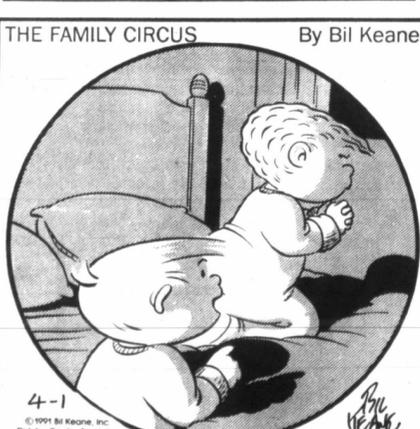
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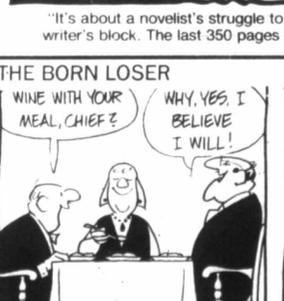
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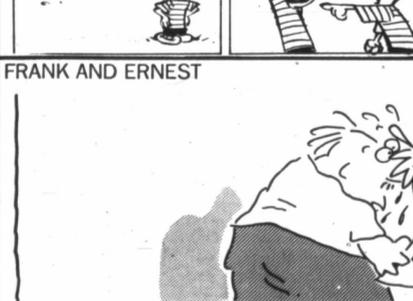
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Sports

Rodeo pro tells how to turn 8 seconds into a career

BY J. ALAN BRZYS
Sports Writer

CANADIAN - If staying on a bull for eight seconds is a distant goal, then making a living at riding 2,000-pound beasts must be a dream come true.

Cody Lambert, four-time National Finals Rodeo bull rider and two-time NFR saddle bronc qualifier, teaches aspiring bull riders how to ride, but says students must supply the guts, determination and commitment necessary to become a professional.

Lambert, ranked fifth in all-around in 1990 with winnings of nearly \$100,000, was guest instructor at a bull riding clinic over the weekend run by Bill Hext at the Hemphill County Exhibition Hall.

Hext ranches 12 miles east of Canadian, supplies stock for rodeos in the tri-state area and runs rodeo clinics on a regular basis.

More than a dozen young cowboys from as far away as Key West, Florida, enrolled in the three-day program, which included classroom-type instruction, live bull riding and evaluation of student's rides captured on videotape.

"It gives those who haven't rodeo a chance to look at rodeo in different ways," Lambert explained after eating lunch prepared by Hext's wife and mother. "It gives them the opportunity to experience it."

"I'm not saying, in any way, that bull riding is a safe sport," said the 5-foot-10, 160-pound veteran who lives in Henrietta. "But

it's a lot safer when they're learning the basics and the right procedures instead of just going out to somebody's place and getting on (bulls) trial and error."

Lambert said the clinics also give Hext "the opportunity to buck some young bulls that aren't ready to go to a rodeo yet, (bulls) that are just as green as the students are. It works out good in both of those ways."

"It does me good," said Lambert. In an 11-year professional rodeo career, he has amassed nearly \$600,000 in competition earnings.

"I go to 125 rodeos a year," he said. "You work all day, but it's fun. You ... cover the basics (teaching schools) and go back over everything. It refreshes my memory."

"It's fun to look back at where you started," said Lambert regarding the importance of teaching. "You've been right there in their shoes and it's fun to look back at that and share your thoughts with them."

"You've experienced it and (you) see if they're experiencing the same thing."

Asked which is more important to successful bull riding - technique or attitude, Lambert said, "It's a combination. It's mental attitude probably more than technique."

"People that haven't experienced it are going to think I'm vain for saying something like this, but it's guts," said the Artesia, New Mexico native. "It takes a lot of guts."

"It's not like you punish yourself, but you have to get right on the edge of punishing yourself to do well. You have to take some knocks and be willing to take some knocks to succeed."

Leaning against the hall's outside wall, Lambert reflected on his winning philosophy.

"There's times when you've got the bull that you can win on, but you really don't want to get on that certain bull because he doesn't fit your program very well or he's hard to get away from or something like that."

"Or you're sore," he paused, then said, "Those are the times that you've got to hump up and go on with it."

"You've got to kind of try to teach that, and you can't ever really teach it until somebody's experienced it," he added.

Does he encourage a career in rodeo?

"Yes, I recommend ... if you're interested, to give it a try," Lambert said. "This (school) is the kind of place to give it a try, but only if you love it."

"It's a lot of work and there's a lot of lean years in there. There's times - like when I was talking about getting on the one you don't want to - sometimes you get on one you know you can't win on."

"There was a saddle bronc last night (Thursday) at Nacogdoches, Texas that I couldn't possibly win on unless I got really lucky," he said. "And I didn't."

"I rode a pretty good bull there, I drove all night, got here at 8:30

this morning and the school started at 9 (a.m. Friday)."

"There's going to be times like that when you're going to have to go on without sleep and you're going to have to pay a price."

"The days I spend away from home and stuff, I do pay a price to do what I do for a living," he said. "I'll be here all day tomorrow (Saturday) and ride at Lubbock at night, then head back here (for the Sunday session)."

Does Lambert's evaluation of students include advice whether or not to pursue bull riding as a career?

"Oh yeah. I will tell them," he said. "See ... after these three days, that's the most important lesson they might learn. That they really don't want to be a bull rider."

"Then they've gotten their money's worth ... instead of going out somewhere without any idea of what they were doing and really getting hurt," said Lambert. He said some students discover bull riding takes a lot more than they thought.

Lambert said they might find, "they don't mind riding once in a while, but don't want to give that kind of effort," and are content to be "a weekend bull rider and ride every once in a while."

"Nobody says that every kid that comes to this school has to make a career out of it. In fact, probably not more than one will if even one does."

According to Lambert, "In three days you can tell who's got the desire." But he said many considerations, including "injuries and family situations," can determine an aspiring bull rider's future.

"Say a kid that's really got the talent and the desire ... say the family's got a ranch and the kid's too tied up at the ranch ... or they have a business. It's just like life. You can't decide what's going to happen in life. You've got to take it like it comes."

"You've got to be really dedicated to make it," said Lambert.

Lambert said he's "been around livestock and horses all my life."

"I started riding calves when I was four or five years old and roped steers. I was never pushed into it, but I always had the opportunity to do it when I wanted to."

"I spent more time in the arena than the rest of them (his cousins and brothers) did, and more time in the practice pen. I always wound up doing it and I've never regretted a minute of it."

"I've been pretty pleased with what I do for a living," said Lambert. "Looking at it, I owe everything I've got to rodeo, but everything I've got I feel like I earned it out there too."

Don Ray Howard, a Miami High School senior and sports

standout, said, "He (Lambert) is real good. I've been to three of his schools." Howard said it's Lambert's "style," that encouraged him to attend the clinic.

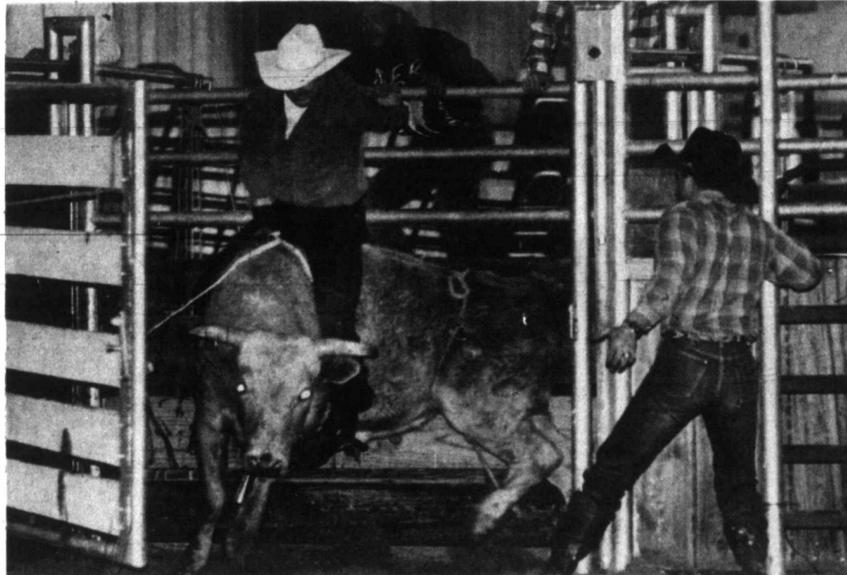
Hext was also assisted by his two daughters and two ranch hands in making the weekend program a success.

"There are fewer and fewer rough-stock riders all the time, so I'm trying to promote it," said Hext, who also is involved in Tri-State High School Rodeo. He said clinics are important because, "Eighty percent of the kids going to Tri-State are not ranching people."



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Pro rodeo cowboy Cody Lambert demonstrates his winning technique Friday to bull riding students.



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Cody Lambert watches intently as a bull-riding student makes his way out of the chute at a weekend clinic held in the Hemphill County Exhibition Barn.

Hansel breaks stakes record on road to Kentucky Derby

By TERRY KINNEY
Associated Press Writer

FLORENCE, Ky. (AP) - Hansel ran himself into the Kentucky Derby by winning the \$500,000 Jim Beam Stakes, while Apollo only ran himself back to the West Coast and a career as a sprinter.

Hansel's impressive win in record time Saturday also didn't do much for the reputation of Richman, who's been avoiding Derby favorite Fly So Free since losing to him in the Hutcheson Stakes.

"He's been improving each race this year, and this puts him right up at the top," said Hansel's owner Joe Albritton.

Trainer Frank Brothers had said it was time for Hansel to prove himself or settle for being just a good stakes horse. He did, running the 1 1/8 miles in 1:46 3-5, taking more than two seconds off the Turfway Park record that Western Playboy equaled in the Beam Stakes two years ago.

"He was a brilliant 2-year-old, and we're very happy to get him back on his winning ways and to run so fast," Brothers said. "Our plan was to lay close, which we did, and we had enough kick at the end."

Brothers, who had said Friday it was time to "face the music" with Hansel after two losses to Fly So Free, said the impressive win put Hansel back in the Triple Crown picture.

"Nothing's a natural in this business, but hopefully he's a Derby horse," Brothers said. "There's a chance he could run one more time, or maybe just go right into the Derby."

Four track records were broken Saturday. Pat Day broke two of them in preliminary races, but not on the mount for which he had forsaken Hansel.

"I had a real good trip," Day said of Richman, the Louisiana Derby winner and betting favorite in the Beam at 3-2. "My horse tried hard, but he was just second best."

Richman and Apollo duelled for a mile, then Hansel circled them at the top of the stretch and drew off to win by 2 1/2 lengths. Richman was second, six lengths ahead of fast-finishing Wilder Than Ever. Apollo faded to fourth.

"I think we've got a horse that's a miler, at the max," said Apollo's trainer, Gary Jones. "But you've got to find out. You got to try it, if you've got a chance at the Derby."

"You don't know until you try him. Now we do. Now we'll go home and regroup and figure out what to do next."

Hansel seemed to be revitalized by the super-fast track, regaining the form he had shown as a 2-year-old when he won three of five races, including the Arlington Washington Futurity.

"I was not concerned at all about the two in front of me, Richman and Apollo. I knew I had enough horse to beat them," said jockey Jerry Bailey, who got the mount when Day chose to ride Richman.

"The only thing I was worried about was if there was a horse with quality behind me who would come up."

Hansel, the third favorite on the morning line at 4-1, went off at 9-2 and returned \$11.20, \$4.40 and \$4.

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Duke, Kansas in big show

Blue Devils ruin Rebels' repeat hopes

By RICK WARNER
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Duke and Kansas were expected to be the lounge acts at the Final Four. Instead, they're headlining tonight's big show.

The Blue Devils shocked top-ranked UNLV 79-77 and Kansas upset North Carolina 79-73 on Saturday to reach the NCAA championship game. Just how big a surprise was that? Well, two days ago you could have gotten better odds on Jerry Tarkanian growing hair than a Duke-Kansas final.

Two people not stunned by the semifinal results were Duke guard Bobby Hurley and Kansas coach Roy Williams.

"It's not any miracle that we're here," Williams said Sunday. "The reason we're in the Final Four is because we're a good team."

Hurley, who played a nearly flawless floor game against UNLV, doesn't think the Blue Devils will suffer a let-down after stopping the Rebels' 45-game winning streak and avenging a

humiliating 30-point loss in last year's championship game.

"Our goal all season has been to win the national championship, not just get to the final," Hurley said. "Winning last night was probably the most satisfying game I have ever played in. But we won't be satisfied with just last night."

Although Duke (31-7) will be playing in its fifth title game, the Blue Devils are still seeking their first championship — a record for Final Four futility. However, the current players claim the failures of the past won't haunt them tonight.

"What happened the last three years will not have any affect at all," said senior Greg Koubek, the only person to play in four Final Fours. "This is my last opportunity to win it, and I'm going to be focused and ready."

At a group news conference, Duke's five starters were asked if they would consider the season a failure if they lost to Kansas.

"No," said sophomore Thomas Hill. "Our team has accomplished a lot. It's good just getting to the Final Four."

Freshman Grant Hill disagreed. "It's been our goal all season to win the national championship. Anything else would not be satisfying to me," he said.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski has guided the Blue Devils to four consecutive Final Fours and five in the last

six years. But he still is dogged by questions about his failure to win the big one.

"I don't look at anything we have done in the past as a failure. I look at it as great experiences," Krzyzewski said. "I think you learn from victory and defeat. I think I've been a better coach this year than I've been in the past."

Unlike Duke, Kansas hasn't been burdened by great expectations this season. In fact, it has taken consecutive victories over mega-powers Indiana, Arkansas and North Carolina to convince people that the Jayhawks (27-7) are for real.

"This team has been on a roller coaster all season," said Williams, recalling that the Jayhawks lost their first two Big Eight games to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State before rebounding to capture a share of the league title.

"We've been ugly at times, but I've never been around a team as competitive as this one."

Williams came to Kansas in 1988, three months after the Jayhawks won the national championship under Larry Brown. He's the fourth coach to lead Kansas to an NCAA title game, joining Brown, Phog Allen (1940, 1952 and 1953) and Dick Harp (1957). Only Brown's 1988 squad and Allen's 1952 team, which included reserve guard Dean Smith, won the championship.

If this year's team is going to win



Duke's Grant Hill and Christian Laettner discuss game.

the title, it will have to play much better than the last Kansas squad to face Duke. Williams still has vivid memories of the Blue Devils' 102-77 rout in Durham on Feb. 18, 1989.

"It was during an ice storm," he said. "Most people couldn't get to the game. I wished I could have skipped it, too."

Danny Ferry was the leader of that Duke team. Now the main man is junior center Christian Laettner, who scored 28 points against UNLV, including the winning free throws with 12.7 seconds remaining. Laettner leads Duke in scoring, rebounding and assists, and is tied for second in assists with Grant Hill.

"He's been doing it all," said Kansas center Mark Randall, who was Laettner's teammate last summer at the Goodwill Games in Seattle and the world championships in Argentina.

"He's just a great player. I have a lot of respect for him and lot of respect for Bobby Hurley. He's one of the top point guards in the country."

Laettner is equally impressed with Randall, one of four Kansas starters with double-figure scoring averages.

"He never stops moving, never stops pursuing the ball," Laettner said. "He's also a very good rebounder and a big threat on the offensive end. Whoever guards him really has to be ready."

Pitchers big news as exhibition season winds down

By The Associated Press

This would've been hard to imagine a few years ago, but now it's true — neither Orel Hershiser nor Fernando Valenzuela will be with the Los Angeles Dodgers on opening day.

Hershiser was put on the 15-day disabled list Sunday because his shoulder is still too weak to pitch in games.

Hershiser underwent reconstructive surgery last April 27 and has been throwing on the sidelines in spring training. He worked out again Sunday, but isn't strong enough to play in exhibition games.

"This is no disappointment," Hershiser said. "I've made good progress, but I know I'm not ready to start the season."

Last week, the Dodgers released Fernando Valenzuela, 30. He and Hershiser, 32, formed one of baseball's best known pitching tandems for most of the 1980s.

Hershiser, the 1988 Cy Young Award winner, made only four starts last season before his shoulder blew out. The Dodgers hope he will be able to pitch effectively this year, but there are no guarantees.

During the winter, the Dodgers traded for Bob Ojeda and signed free agent Kevin Gross to bolster their starting rotation. At the time, the Dodgers didn't know exactly where Ojeda and Gross might fit in; without Valenzuela and Hershiser, they have places.

Dwight Gooden, meanwhile, might finally have the contract that has caused so much commotion.

Agent Jim Neader said he intended to meet today with New York Mets' management in Port St. Lucie, Fla., to put the finishing touches on a three-year extension that could make Gooden the highest-paid player in baseball.

The deal would be worth at least \$15 million and would include an option year in 1995.

Roger Clemens currently is at the top of the salary list, averaging \$5,380,000 a season on an extension that begins next year.

"Depending on how the total payout goes, he will be one of two," Neader said. "That is what we will be working

on tomorrow. I'm going to come down to work out the final details."

Last fall, Gooden set a deadline of Feb. 22 for a new deal, preferably a four-year extension worth more than \$20 million. After the deadline passed without an agreement, Gooden said he would not talk about a contract any more this year and would likely file for free agency when the season ended.

A day later, Gooden altered his stance and the sides have been talking since.

In exhibition games on Sunday:

Royals 5, Red Sox 2

At Haines City, Fla., Mark Gubicza, who will start the season on the disabled list, pitched four scoreless innings as Kansas City beat Boston.

Gubicza is still recovering from shoulder surgery last August. He will

be eligible to return on April 14, a week into the season.

Kirk Gibson homered for the Royals off Matt Young. Mike Greenwell hit his fourth spring home run for the Red Sox.

Yankees 9, Orioles 2

At Miami, a crowd of 57,359 at Joe Robbie Stadium saw Mel Hall homer and drive in four runs, leading New York over Baltimore.

The crowd, combined with a record 67,654 fans Saturday night that saw the Orioles and Yankees, made the largest two-game total since baseball began keeping spring training attendance figures. The games were set up to show south Florida's support for an expansion team.

Reds 9, Tigers 6

At Plant City, Fla., Eric Davis homered and drove in seven runs as Cincinnati beat Detroit.

Davis hit a three-run homer and a three-run double off Bill Gullickson. He added an RBI single off Dan Gakeler and finished 3-for-3.

Rangers 5, Cardinals 1

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Bobby Witt's six scoreless innings and Ruben Sierra's three-run double led Texas over St. Louis.

Witt got two of the Rangers' nine hits. His single started a four-run third inning against Jose DeLeon.

Braves 3, Mets 1

At West Palm Beach, Fla., John Smoltz pitched a three-hitter and Atlanta beat New York in a game shortened to six innings by rain.

Wally Whitworth gave up all three Braves runs on five hits in five innings.

Twins 5, Pirates 2

At Fort Myers, Fla., Carmelo Castillo drove in three runs and Minnesota defeated Pittsburgh.

Chuck Knoblauch got three hits for the Twins and Dan Gladden had two. Don Slaught homered for the Pirates.

Phillies 7, Blue Jays 3

At Dunedin, Fla., Rod Booker had three hits and drove in two runs as Philadelphia beat Toronto.

Kelly Gruber hit a two-run homer for the Blue Jays.

Mariners 7, Brewers 6

At Chandler, Ariz., Omar Vizquel doubled in the 10th inning and scored on Julio Machado's wild pitch as Seattle beat Milwaukee.

Dante Bichette and Greg Vaughn homered for the Brewers.

Expos 3, Dodgers 2

At Vero Beach, Fla., Dave Martinez hit two home runs and Oil Can Boyd pitched seven strong innings for Montreal.

Martinez hit both homers off Kevin Gross, who left the Expos after last season and signed with Los Angeles. Martinez has five home runs this spring.

Boyd scattered eight hits and gave up one run. Darryl Strawberry doubled twice for the Dodgers.

Cubs 1, Giants 0

At Mesa, Ariz., Danny Jackson pitched seven scoreless innings and Ryne Sandberg homered for Chicago.

Sandberg's second spring homer came in the sixth off Bud Black. Jackson, Chicago's opening day pitcher, allowed two hits and struck out five.

Indians 2, Padres 1

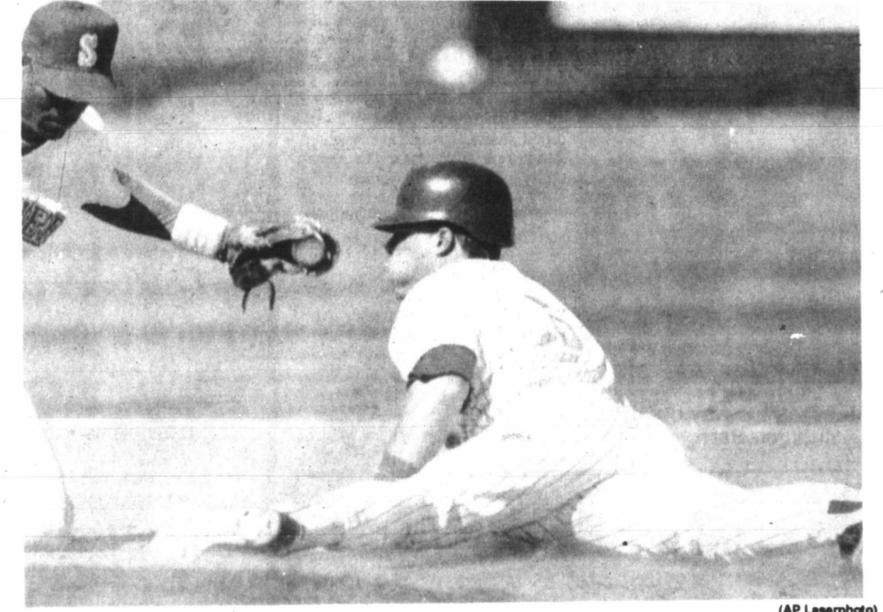
At Yuma, Ariz., Sandy Alomar broke an eighth-inning tie with a sacrifice fly, leading Cleveland past San Diego.

Alomar doubled and scored the Indians' first run. Bruce Hurst, making his first start for San Diego in eight days after overcoming the flu, pitched seven innings and allowed one run on six hits.

Angels 11, Athletics 4

At Palm Springs, Calif., Lance Parrish homered and drove in three runs and Fred Manrique went 4-for-4 as California downed Oakland.

Terry Steinbach homered, singled and drove in three runs for Oakland.



Milwaukee Brewers Bill Spiers steals second base ahead of the tag of Seattle Mariners Harold Reynolds in the seventh inning of their Sunday game in Arizona.

Elkington wins on last-hole putt

PONTE VEDRA, Fla. (AP) - Steve Elkington had an extra incentive to sink the last-hole putt to win the Players Championship.

Elkington, an Australian native, now makes his home at the Champions Club in Houston where Jack Burke Jr., the 1956 Masters champion and a co-founder of the Champions Club, is his next-door neighbor and sometimes advisor.

"I have breakfast with Jack every morning when I'm home," Elkington said Sunday after his one-stroke victory in the tournament billed as the annual championship of golf's touring pros.

"He gave me a little tip about my putting that helped me a lot this week. But he's a hard man. I knew if I didn't make those putts, I wouldn't be able to take the heat at the breakfast club."

Elkington, however, avoided that situation with a 15-foot last-hole putt that turned out to be the winner when Fuzzy Zoeller and Paul Azinger were unable to capitalize in the run down the stretch at the windblown TPC.

"I couldn't get a putt in. That's the bottom line," said Azinger, who led through the second and third rounds and slipped to a frustrating 74 over the final 18 holes.

At 278, he was two strokes back of Elkington's winning 276 that included a 68 in the last round. Zoeller, 39, a non-winner since 1986, was second alone with a closing 72 and a 277 total.

Playing behind Elkington and needing one birdie to tie, he missed from about 15-18 feet on both the 16th and 17th holes.

On the 18th, with Elkington watching from the sidelines, Zoeller had another one from 12-15

feet. The last-chance putt broke out of the hole. "It tricked me," Fuzzy said. "But that happened a lot today. The ball just didn't want to go in."

Azinger, a winner earlier this year, tied with John Cook and Phil Blackmar at 278. Blackmar held the lead alone for a brief moment as he stood on the 17th tee — then popped one in the water and made double bogey. He shot 70.

Cook, who started the day's play nine strokes back, closed up with a 65 that included a course-record 30 over the back.

Elkington, 33, a graduate of the University of Houston, is in his eighth season on the American tour. His only previous victory came last year in the Greensboro Open.

There was little in his record to indicate a victory was in the works against the strongest field of the year. He had missed the cut in five of his previous nine starts this year and hadn't been in title contention.

He got there this time with a birdie-birdie burst on the 10th and 11th holes, then went to 12-under and a share of the top spot with a 20-footer on the 15th hole.

A 3-putt lapse on the 17th cost him a stroke, "made me mad," he said, and prompted thoughts of Burke's displeasure. The 15-footer on the final hole, coupled with Zoeller's miss from about the same distance, put it all right.

The victory was worth \$288,000 from the total purse of \$1.6 million and provided Elkington with a 10-year exemption from qualifying on the American tour.

Alcott takes to lake after Shore win

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) - Amy Alcott decided to accept the championship trophy of the 1991 Dinah Shore tournament with quiet dignity.

That was her plan, anyway. "I wasn't going to jump in this time," said Alcott, who had leaped into the lake around the 18th green at Mission Hills Country Club to celebrate her Dinah Shore victory three years ago.

"I thought at this point in my life, I just wanted to accept the trophy with some dignity. But it's just not my style."

So Alcott, with some prodding from Shore herself, took a celebratory dip.

She led from the first day and won going away, finishing eight strokes in front of runner-up Dottie Mochrie Sunday.

Alcott also bettered her own record for the tournament, with a 15-under-par 273 total, thanks to a 10-foot birdie putt on the final hole that beat her old record by one shot.

Winless since 1989, Alcott said earlier in the week that she would dive into the lake again if she won the tournament this year. When she hesitated, Shore helped change her mind.

"She met me on the green and said, 'I've got my bathrobe and I'm ready to go.' She coaxed me into it," Alcott said.

Shore had written in a foreword for Alcott's new golfing book that she would accompany Alcott into the lake if she ever won the tournament again.

After she sprinted into the water with Alcott

and her caddy, Bill Kurre, a smiling Shore said, "My Sunday school teacher told me that you have to keep promises."

Alcott shot a closing 4-under-par 68, with Mochrie coming in with a 69 to finish at 281.

Patty Sheehan, with a 70, and Pat Bradley, with a 67, tied for third at 282.

Winning the event for a record third time, Alcott never let anyone closer than within two shots of her the entire four rounds.

"I don't remember ever playing this well in a tournament," Alcott said. "I played what I would call steady, brilliant golf this week."

Alcott, 35, now has won 29 times in her career and needs just one more victory to assure entry into the LPGA Hall of Fame.

Alcott finished with cards of 67-70-68-68 and seemed in control all the way.

She was two shots ahead of Ok-hee Ku of South Korea after the first round, then held a two-shot edge on Shirley Furlong after 36 holes. Alcott pulled away Saturday, opening a 7-shot pad with a 68, as most of the early contenders fell back.

Mochrie, Sheehan, Martha Nause and Tamie Green all were seven shots off the lead heading into the final day of the Dinah Shore, which is considered the women's equivalent of the Masters.

Nause shot a 73 to finish at 285 and Green had a 75 to drop back into the pack.

The victory was worth \$90,000 to Alcott and pushed her career earnings to \$2.6 million, sixth on the all-time LPGA money list.

Tarpley denies driving charges

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Mavericks star Roy Tarpley's latest brush with trouble could cost him dearly in money and even prison time.

Police prepared to file a formal charge of drunken driving against Tarpley today as the NBA and the Dallas Mavericks decided what to do about the star-crossed forward.

Tarpley, who has twice violated the NBA's anti-drug policy, was arrested Saturday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

Tarpley denied Sunday that he was drunk or that he cursed and verbally threatened arresting officers.

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April marks anniversary of deadly North Texas storm in Melissa

By ROBERT G. WIELAND
Associated Press Writer

MELISSA (AP) — Tucked among the bluebonnets, daisies and dandelions in the Melissa Cemetery is a grim reminder of a tragedy 70 years ago.

"Budded on earth to bloom in Heaven," says the headstone of 1-year-old Jessie-Alma Loftice.

She was one of 10 victims killed by a deadly cloud that dropped from the gray North Texas sky on April 13, 1921.

"Funnel shaped cyclone wrecks village six miles north of McKinney, killing several children and doing great damage to property and crops," read that day's headline in *The Daily Courier-Gazette* in McKinney, the county seat.

"It blew the town clean away," recalled Melissa native James P. Phillips, now 81.

This year also marks the 10th anniversary of a storm

that nearly obliterated the Emberson community in Lamar County. Thirty people were hurt on May 13, 1981.

Although tornadoes can happen any time, April is the start of the three-month spring tornado "season" in Texas. Since 1900, all of the major killer twisters in the state have struck in April or May.

The two deadliest Texas storms came nearly half a century apart in Central and South Texas.

Waco was hit May 11, 1953, with 114 killed and 597 hurt.

The death toll was identical on May 18, 1902, in Goliad. More than 230 were hurt.

Last year was relatively mild for Texas twisters. Two people were killed and 19 were hurt June 1 as storms churned 20 miles across Pecos and Upton counties.

Texas lies at the southern end of what is commonly referred to as tornado alley, where weather patterns and geography combine to form the world's worst twisters.

Cool, dry air barreling east from the Rocky Mountains collides with the warm, moist air flowing north from the Gulf of Mexico.

When conditions are right for tornados, the National Weather Service issues a regional watch. When a twister is spotted, a warning is issued for people in its path.

Some elderly Melissa residents still shudder when the spring sky darkens ominously.

"You're damn right," said Phillips, who always heads for the storm cellar in his back yard. "You've got to be somewhere that thing can't get hold of you," he said. "They can do more damage in less time than anything you can imagine," he said.

The Collin County community, named in 1872 after a settler's daughter, never fully recovered from the tornado's fury. Melissa, 37 miles north of Dallas, has a population of 557 — half what it was in 1921.

The storm struck at 2:10 p.m., destroying all the churches, four cotton gins and most of the houses. The

Post Office was demolished, as was the two-story Walden Hotel, which was blown 100 feet off its foundation and shoved against the schoolhouse where Phillips was in the 5th grade.

"It picked that hotel up and put it just as smooth against the side of that schoolhouse as you'd ever seen," said Phillips.

The principal assembled the students in a downstairs hallway, where they rode out the storm. "I had hold of a doorknob," Phillips said.

He looked out a window and saw houses destroyed to the west. "Like a box of kitchen matches, torn to pieces, all to splinters," Phillips said.

"I looked up and said, 'There goes Mr. Lane's cow over the school,' then they pushed my head down. It didn't kill the cow. I saw it later."

Phillips also saw chickens, still alive, that had been plucked of all their feathers. "They was just running around," he said.

MOST DESTRUCTIVE TEXAS TORNADOES

By The Associated Press

Here is a list of recorded Texas tornadoes causing major property damage and loss of life:

June 1, 1990 — Pecos and Upton Counties; two dead, 19 hurt, widespread property damage as tornado swept 20 miles, crossing FM 305.

May 17, 1989 — Jarrell, Williamson County; one dead, 30 injured, extensive damage as twister struck about 4:05 a.m., staying on the ground for seven miles.

Nov. 15-16, 1987 — Palestine, Anderson County; Jacksonville, Cherokee County as more than a dozen twisters hit East Texas, 10 dead, about 160 hurt. Storms also hit Beeville, Caldwell, Giddings, Bay City, Port Arthur, Smith County, Madison County; \$35 million damage.

May 22, 1987 — Saragosa, Reeves County, 30 dead, 162 hurt, town destroyed, \$1.4 million damage.

April 19, 1986 — Sweetwater, Nolan County; one dead, 100 hurt, \$20 million damage.

May 13, 1985 — DeSoto, Dallas County; 16 hurt, \$1.5 million damage.

Dec. 13, 1984 — Balch Springs, Mesquite, Garland; all Dallas County; 28 hurt, 600 homes damaged or destroyed, \$20 million damage.

May 20, 1983 — Harris, Montgomery, Liberty, Waller counties; 10 killed, \$400 million damage.

April 2, 1982 — Paris, Lamar County; 11 killed, more than 200 hurt, \$50 million damage.

May 13, 1981 — Emberson, Lamar County; 30 hurt, \$2 million damage, city 90 percent destroyed.

April 10, 1979 — Wichita Falls, Wichita County; also Archer, Clay, Foard and Wilbarger counties; 53 killed, 1,812 hurt, \$500 million damage.

May 11, 1970 — Lubbock, Lubbock County; 26 killed, 500 hurt, \$135 million damage with 15 square miles of the city damaged.

April 18, 1970 — near Clarendon, Donley County; 17 killed, 42 hurt, \$2.1 million damage.

June 2, 1965 — Hale Center, Hale County; four killed, 76 hurt, \$8 million damage.

April 3, 1964 — Wichita Falls, Wichita County; seven killed, 111 hurt, \$15 million damage.

March 31, 1959 — Hill County; six killed, 31 hurt, town of Vaughan destroyed.

May 15, 1957 — Silvertown, Briscoe County; 21 killed, 80 hurt, \$500,000 damage.

April 2, 1957 — Dallas, Dallas County; 10 killed, 200 hurt, \$4 million damage.

May 11, 1953 — Waco, McLennan County; 114 killed, 597 hurt for largest casualty toll, \$41.1 million damage, with 1,735 buildings damaged or destroyed.

May 11, 1953 — near San Angelo, Tom Green County; 11 killed, 159 hurt, \$3.24 million damage.

March 13, 1953 — Haskell and Knox counties; 17 killed, 25 hurt, \$600,000 damage.

April 29, 1950 — Clyde, Baird, Callahan County; 5 killed, 4 injured, thousands of dollars damage.

May 15, 1949 — Amarillo; Potter and Randall Counties; 6 killed, 83 hurt, \$5.3 million damage.

May 3, 1948 — McKinney, Collin County; three killed, 43 hurt, \$2 million damage.

April 9, 1947 — Carson, Hemphill and Lipscomb counties; 68 killed, 201 hurt, \$1.55 million damage with town of Glazier destroyed by one of the largest twisters on record — 1.5 miles wide that cut a 221-mile swath across portions of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

May 18, 1946 — Clay, Montague and Denton counties; four killed, \$112,000 damage.

Jan. 4, 1946 — Angelina and Nacogdoches counties; 13 killed, 250 hurt, \$2 million damage.

Jan. 4, 1946 — near Palestine, Anderson County; 15 killed, 60 hurt, \$500,000 damage.

May 10, 1943 — Rusk and Gregg counties; four killed, 25 hurt, \$1 million damage.

April 28, 1943 — Crowell, Foard County; 11 killed, 25 hurt, \$1.5 million damage.

June 10, 1938 — Clyde, Callahan County; 14 killed, nine hurt, \$85,000 damage.

July 30, 1933 — Dallas, Dallas County; five killed, 30 hurt, \$500,000 damage.

My 10, 1933 — near Brownwood, Brown County; four killed, seven hurt, \$250,000 damage.

April 25, 1933 — near Texarkana, Bowie County; five killed, 38 hurt, \$14,000 damage.

March 30, 1933 — Angelina, Nacogdoches and San Augustine counties; 10 killed, 56 hurt, \$200,000 damage.

May 6, 1930 — Karnes and DeWitt counties; 36 killed, 34 hurt, \$127,000 damage.

May 6, 1930 — Hill, Ellis and Navarro counties; 41 killed, \$2.1 million damage.

April 24, 1929 — Slocum, Anderson County; seven killed, 20 hurt, \$200,000 damage.

Jan. 4, 1929 — near Bay City, Matagorda County; five killed, 14 hurt.

May 9, 1927 — Collin, Hunt and Lamar counties; 28 killed, more than 200 hurt, \$900,000 damage.

May 9, 1927 — Garland, Dallas County; 11 killed, \$100,000 damage.

April 12, 1927 — Rocksprings, Edwards County; 72 killed, more than 200 hurt, \$1.2 million damage with city almost demolished.

May 24, 1923 — Howard and Mitchell counties; 23 killed, 100 hurt, \$50,000 damage.

May 4, 1922 — Austin, Travis County; 12 killed, 50 hurt, \$500,000 damage.

April 8, 1922 — Oplin, Callahan County; five killed, 30 hurt, \$15,000 damage.

April 8, 1922 — Rowena, Runnels County; seven killed, 52 hurt, \$55,000 hurt.

April 15, 1921 — Wood, Cass and Bowie counties; 10 killed, 50 hurt, \$85,000 damage.

April 13, 1921 — Collin and Lamar counties; 12 killed, 80 hurt, \$500,000 damage with town of Melissa almost destroyed.

April 9, 1919 — Henderson, Van Zandt, Wood, Camp and Red River counties; 42 killed, 150 hurt, \$450,000 damage.

April 9, 1919 — Fannin County; 20 killed, 45 hurt, \$125,000 damage.

May 30, 1909 — Zephyr, Brown County; 28 killed, damage \$90,000.

March 23, 1909 — Slidell, Wise County; 11 killed, 10 hurt, \$30,000 damage.

May 13, 1908 — Linden, Cass County; four killed, seven hurt; \$75,000 damage.

April 26, 1906 — Bellevue, Clay County; 17 killed, 20 hurt, \$300,000 damage, with city almost demolished.

May 18, 1902 — Goliad, Goliad County; 114 killed, more than 230 hurt, \$50,000 damage.

May 1, 1898 — Mobeetie, Wheeler County; four killed, several hurt, \$35,000 damage.

May 15, 1896 — Sherman, Grayson County; also Denton and Cooke counties; 76 killed, \$225,000 damage.

April 28, 1893 — Cisco, Eastland County; 23 killed, 93 hurt, \$400,000 damage.

TORNADO

TORNADO SAFETY TIPS

With spring and summer weather bringing the chance of damaging tornadoes, the Pampa-Gray County Office of Emergency Management suggests these tips and procedures to follow during a tornado weather warning:

In Homes: Take shelter in the basement or in the center of the house, under heavy furniture, in closets or in the bathroom, away from windows. Mobile homes are particularly vulnerable; DO NOT STAY in a mobile home, move to a safer shelter before the warning is received.

In Schools: Move quickly, following advance plans, to shelter areas or to an interior hallway on the lowest floor. PARENTS: Do Not Go To The School To Pick Up Children. Remember, the children have practiced tornado drills.

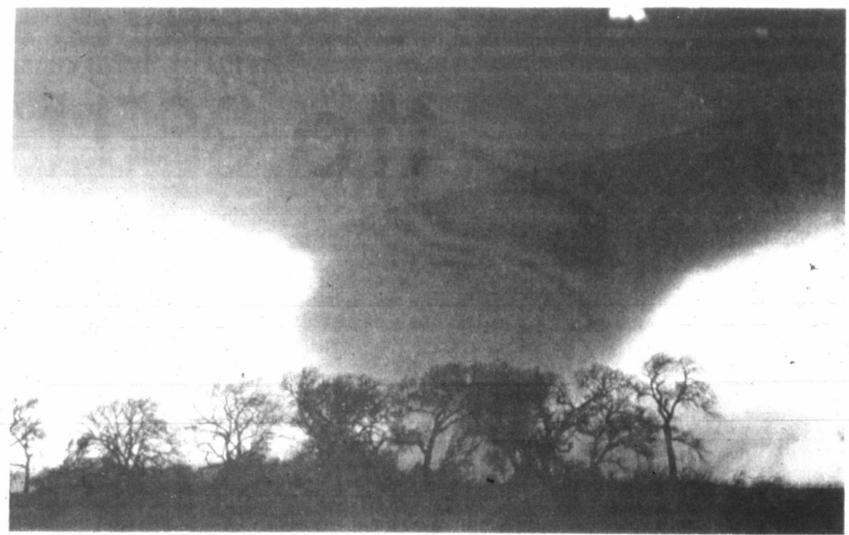
In Office Buildings: Go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor or to a designated shelter area.

In Shopping Centers and Factories: Go to a designated shelter area, NOT TO YOUR PARKED CAR.

In Open Country: Move away from the tornado's path at a right angle. If you are not in a vehicle, lie flat in the nearest depression in the ground.

KEEP CALM! It will not help to get excited. Keep tuned to your radio station and/or television for the latest tornado advisory information. STAY OFF THE TELEPHONES to emergency centers; they are needed by emergency personnel for emergency information traffic.

Shelters: The city of Pampa has designated the following as being among shelters in case of a tornado: First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, First Assembly of God Church, Central Baptist Church, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, the Hughes Building. Stay tuned to local radio stations for information on the opening of the shelters.



(AP Laserphoto)

Tornadoes, such as this one-half mile wide funnel touching down near Langdon, Kan., last week, will become more common as Texas and the surrounding states enter the tornado season.

Man who first spotted 1979 tornado at Wichita Falls hangs up microphone

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The man who first spotted the giant tornado that cut a mile-wide path of destruction through Wichita Falls in 1979 says he no longer has legs for the roadwork.

After 16 years of chasing twisters, Glen Whatley is hanging up his microphone.

Whatley, a ham radio spotter for the National Weather Service since 1975, said he will be content monitoring weather from the safety and comfort of his home.

"I've had my fill of it. I enjoyed it, but I just feel like it's time to quit and let some of these younger guys do it," he said. "You spend a lot of time out there in bad weather, putting yourself in danger."

That's something that 10 to 20 ham operators volunteer to do each time bad weather starts brewing in the Wichita Falls area.

Whatley said that's part of what being a ham radio operator is about — when they can do some good, be it early storm warnings or the hours of service they work during the aftermath.

"We help out when we're needed. Disasters like the Mexico City earthquake, or the one in San Fran-

cisco, or the hurricane that hit the Carolinas; hams were vital for communications in the area and to the outside world," Whatley said.

"That's why the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) gives us our licenses."

The disaster that hits home not just for Whatley and other spotters, but also for the whole city, was the tornado of April 10, 1979.

'I couldn't see it until it started kicking up debris. I picked up my radio and called the weather service. It was humongous. ... Of course, like an idiot I stayed out there.'

On that day, Whatley reported into the spotter network late that afternoon and was assigned to Memorial Stadium. From there, spotters could get a clear, 180-degree view across an open field and watch storms approaching from the southwest.

When he looked out across the

field, he didn't see a wall cloud that would normally spawn tornadoes, but a low hanging cloud that was not rotating.

"I couldn't see it until it started kicking up debris," Whatley said. "I picked up my radio and called the weather service. It was humongous. 'It's huge' I told (the weather service)."

"Of course, like an idiot I stayed out there. Finally, as it got closer and closer I said — we're not supposed to say any four-letter words over the air — I said 'I'm getting the hell out of here.' I guess that convinced everybody because a lot of them did the same thing."

After the tornado swept through town, Whatley and his wife, Rhoda, a court reporter, went to the police station, where they helped set up an Emergency Operation Center.

Because telephone and electric lines were knocked out, ham operators had to work with utility companies, emergency workers and hospitals to try to keep disaster relief workers in contact with one another, Whatley said.

"All the guys did a great job. There was so much going on and we had to be on top of it all," he said.

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Senior Citizen's Day Tuesday April 2, 1991

The first Tuesday of each month has been designated as Senior Citizen's Day at JCPenney. To register in our club, you must be 55 years or older. You can stop by our service desk Monday through Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and formally register, free of charge. Also, for your convenience, we will have a registration table set up on the first Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Once a senior Citizen's Club cardholder, you will be entitled to **15% off of all purchases and services** on the first Tuesday of each month, excluding our catalog department. We will also provide other special offers on an on-going basis. Ask our sales associates for more details.

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A&M sociologist concerned about disuse of storm cellars

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A Texas A&M sociologist studying the impact of tornadoes is alarmed by the growing disuse of storm cellars.

"Without cellars, we have become sitting ducks," said Ben Aguirre.

"That's unfortunate because technology allows us to provide a lead time of up to 20 minutes a tornado," he said.

Aguirre partially attributes the abandonment of storm cellars to people moving into cities from rural areas or the fewer number of people who own or build homes.

However, he puts more blame on the atomic age.

"A lot of people went through a period when they seemed to decide that if there was going to be an atomic war, we would all die whether we had shelters or not. Somewhere along the way they simply forgot the original purpose of storm cellars," he said.

Aguirre is conducting a \$285,000 study on the socio-economic impact of the more than 29,000 tornadoes that touched down in the U.S. between 1950 and 1989.

The project, funded by the National Science Foundation, is investigating nearly 70 variables that affect a population's vulnerability.