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Negotiators see little hope of averting rail strike

By KAREN BALL
AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Freight railroads and their unions said today they were deadlocked after an all-night bargaining session and Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner said he considers a coast-to-coast rail strike likely at midnight.

"There's every indication" Congress will have to step in, Skinner told reporters today while attending a business event. He said he hoped Congress could act as early as Wednesday.

Congress has the authority to step in and stop a transportation strike, but House Speaker Thomas S. Foley said today that Congress would not interfere until all avenues of bargaining have been exhausted and a strike is under way.

"If we don't get this strike settled quickly ... a lot more people are going to be out of work, a lot of product is not going to be shipped and this economy is going to be set back immensely," Skinner said.

The nation's 235,000 freight workers are set to walk off their jobs early Wednesday if the 11 unions representing them have not all agreed to new contracts set-

ting a three-year dispute over wages, health care and work rules.

Negotiators met throughout the night, breaking at 6 a.m., and resumed marathon bargaining sessions at midday, officials said. The latest session produced no new agreements.

A national rail strike, which would be the first since 1982, would strand passengers, choke the flow of goods and idle hundreds of thousands of non-railroad workers.

A four-day rail strike in 1982 effectively shut down the nation's rail system and stalled passenger trains around the country. At the time, officials estimated the walkout cost the U.S. economy up to \$1 billion a day.

"We've got a very, very precarious economy that's just on its way coming back. We cannot afford to have that recovery interrupted by an unnecessary strike," Skinner said.

Last week, Skinner said he wanted Congress to act before the strike, but today he said he hoped emergency legislation could be passed Wednesday if a strike occurs.

"The policy of Congress will be not to take preemptory action ... We are not going to interrupt the negotia-

ting process in the final critical hours," Foley, D-Wash., told reporters at his daily news conference.

On Monday, President Bush tried to nudge unions and freight carriers closer to agreement by publicly noting the disarray such a strike would cause.

Bargainers continued negotiations through much of Monday evening, but both sides thought they were so far apart on the key issues — mainly wages and other financial issues — that there was little reason to hope a strike would be averted.

"It remains unlikely that agreements will be reached with each of the unions before the deadline," said Charles Hopkins, chief negotiator for the major freight carriers, such as the Burlington Northern, Conrail and Norfolk Southern.

If a nationwide strike occurs, it is expected to immediately choke the flow of one-third of the nation's goods and idle as many as 550,000 other American workers who depend on train-delivered goods to complete their jobs.

A freight strike, for instance, could have a dramatic impact on auto workers who rely on parts transported in from other regions, potentially shutting down some assembly plants.

Production and employment levels in auto, paper, lumber, steel, coal mining, glass production, plastics and chemical industries are expected to be hardest hit, administration officials have said.

Thousands of train-riding commuters and Amtrak passengers could be stranded, too. That's because most Amtrak trains, and many commuter trains such as those in the Chicago area, run on tracks owned by the freight railroads and often rely on union signalmen, brakemen and other employees.

Amtrak's busiest region, the Northeast Corridor from Washington to Boston, would not be affected because Amtrak owns that trackage.

Few, if any, of the railroads are expected to try to operate without their union crews.

The Union Pacific Railroad, based in Omaha, Neb., said it will be completely shut down if a strike occurs. Passengers on Amtrak trains that use Union Pacific tracks will be left off at the nearest terminal, spokesman John Bromley said.

Burlington Northern Railroad, based in Fort Worth, Texas, also said it would be shut down if a strike begins.

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County commissioners delay action on a proposal for reserve deputies

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners again delayed action Monday on a request by Sheriff Jim Free for a reserve deputy force, during their meeting at the county courthouse.

Commissioners said they needed to hear from Free before voting on the item.

They said through Monday the sheriff had not appeared before the court but was sending his chief deputy to address them.

"We have not heard from the sheriff," County Judge Carl Kennedy said. "Maybe we ought to table this until we hear from him."

Commissioner Ted Simmons said he was perplexed about the need for a reserve force.

"I understand crime is up, but the population is down," Simmons said. "Why can't they keep track of crime the way they did 10 years ago? The people I've talked to in counties using reserve deputies don't seem to like it."

Under the proposed plan the reserve deputies would be certified law enforcement personnel who ride with officers.

Commissioner Jim Greene said he had made calls to other counties and found that reserve forces don't work well.

"A lot more don't like it than do," he said.

Kennedy said he liked the reserve force idea because it would cut back on the need for additional hired help.

"These are people who hold (law enforcement) licenses," he said. "If they maintain that they will never go out (on patrol or to answer a call) by themselves, I think this would be a good thing. They would only ride with an on-duty officer."

Kennedy said it is odd an elected official would send a hired staff member to make such a request.

"(Free) is on an equal level with us," Kennedy said. "We were all elected by the people. It is a little unusual to send a deputy to make a request instead of coming in person."

Commissioners said they had several issues to cover with Free when he does appear before the court, including wanting a status report on two federal lawsuits filed against the sheriff.

One, by Michael Frank Greene, accuses the sheriff of civil rights violations and mistreatment while he was incarcerated in the jail.

A second suit, filed by Deputy Lynn Brown, alleges discrimination on the basis of race by the sheriff's office.

"I've wondered on this suit with Brown, is it past being able to settle out of court?" asked Commissioner Joe Wheeley. "Does (Brown) want money? A job position? Does he want something or is he just dissatisfied? If he is just dissatisfied, maybe he could go to another job in the county."

Wheeley said he was concerned that the sheriff had apparently made no attempt to deal with Brown and keep the matter out of federal court.

"The only way to approach this now is through our attorney," responded Kennedy. "(Brown's) own boss (Free) should handle this. But (if the suit is lost), it will come out of the county budget."

Wheeley said, "When these things aren't talked out, you get hard feelings. That's what we need to avoid."

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Pampa hosting District 1 UIL band contest

Pampa High and Middle Schools are hosting the 1991 UIL District 1 band contest today and Wednesday at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Participating in the two-day event are high school bands from District 1-2A, 1-3A and 1-4A.

In 2A competition scheduled today, White Deer High School presents "Newcastle March" by Vinson, "Silver Jubilee" by Edmondson and "Excellencia" by Shaffer.

Canadian High School also competes today in the 2A division, with "March-Folk Songs from Somerset" by Williams, "Concert Variations" by Smith and "Dona

Nobis Pacem" by Sudduth.

At 10 a.m. Wednesday, the Miami High School entry presents "Highlander Regiment" by Polyhar, "Excellentia Overture" by Shaffer and "Monticello Overture" by McGinty.

At 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Pampa High School offers "The Golden Eagle" by Walters, "Linden Lea" and "Declaration Overture" by Smith.

At 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Pampa competes with "George Washington Bicentennial March" by John Philip Sousa, "Symphony No. 3" (2nd Movement) by Gian-

nini and "Hammersmith" by Gustav Holst.

Contest director for the two-day event is Bruce Collins of Pampa. Executive secretary is Dale Roller of Amarillo College.

Concert judges are Phil Anthony and Anthony Gibson of Lubbock, and Pat Norton of Seguin.

Sightreading judges are Keith Bearden of Lubbock, Blain Hinton of Abilene and Jeff Doughton of Andrews.

Pampa also will host April 23-24 the District 1 band contest for 1A, junior high and middle schools at M.K. Brown Auditorium.



(AP Laserphoto) Greg Braun, left, speaks with one of his attorneys, Gina Maestas, moments after District Judge Jay Harris of Las Vegas, N.M., declared a mistrial in District Court in Taos.

Judge declares mistrial in Braun case

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — A mistrial was declared in the death penalty hearing of confessed killer Gregg Braun after a judge failed to find enough jurors who hadn't read news about out-of-state charges pending against Braun.

Such information would be inadmissible at Braun's sentencing hearing for the 1989 murder of a Springer convenience store clerk.

Braun, 30, of Garden City, Kan., also was charged in killings in Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma that occurred just before the Springer shooting.

"Tell your editor, 'Thank you for the great job,'" Braun told a news photographer as he left court Monday.

Braun is charged with four slayings in three other states, and state District Judge Jay Harris declared a

mistrial after jurors acknowledged that they knew about that widely reported but inadmissible information.

There was no immediate indication when another hearing would be held for Braun, who pleaded guilty but mentally ill to the July 23, 1989, shooting death of convenience-store clerk Geraldine Valdez at the J&T Mini-Mart.

Harris had questioned prospective jurors from a pool of 61 people about their familiarity with the case and their ability to be impartial.

Prosecutors say Braun should be given the death penalty because he killed a witness to a crime: the robbery.

His lawyer says no jury should vote to impose a death sentence on a mentally ill defendant.

Harris of Las Vegas, N.M., ruled

in July that the Taos County jury could decide whether to sentence Braun to death.

Braun challenged that ruling, but the state Supreme Court in October let it stand.

At his preliminary hearing in August 1989, Braun admitted killing Valdez and taking about \$200 from the gas station store where she worked.

At that hearing, Braun said he had been using cocaine heavily for the month before the shooting and had been receiving counseling for violent dreams.

Killed in the other states were two convenience store clerks in Garden City, Kan., on July 19, 1989; a photo-processing shop owner in Pampa, Texas, July 20; and a woman in an Ardmore, Okla., flower shop July 21.

Supreme Court cuts back on rights of death row inmates to make appeals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, in a ruling that could hasten many executions, today cut back on the rights of death row inmates to make repeated appeals of their convictions.

The 6-3 ruling in a case from Georgia was denounced by the dissenters as a drastic curtailment of the rights of criminal defendants.

The court rejected arguments by death row inmate Warren McCleskey that Georgia officials violated his rights when they failed to give him a written statement from the inmate to whom McCleskey allegedly confessed to the 1978 slaying of an Atlanta police officer.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the court, said McCleskey's failure to raise the issue during an earlier appeal in 1981 disqualified him from trying to use it in subsequent appeals.

Kennedy said the burden is on defendants in such cases to prove they had good reason for not raising the issue initially and that their failure to do so has prejudiced their ability to defend themselves.

For example, Kennedy said, the prisoner must prove that state officials deliberately interfered with his

ability to raise the issue.

It is not necessary for the state to prove that the defendant deliberately abandoned the issue in an earlier appeal in order to raise it subsequently, Kennedy added.

The only exception to the new restrictions are those rare instances in which the defendant can show he is probably innocent of the crime, Kennedy said.

He said the new rules "should curtail the abusive petitions that in recent years have threatened to undermine the integrity of the habeas corpus process."

Habeas corpus is the system that permits convicted defendants to appeal to the federal courts for help when they claim their constitutional rights have been violated.

A proposal in Congress to limit habeas corpus petitions was introduced after a special study committee appointed by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist recommended time limits on death row appeals.

Justice Thurgood Marshall, in a dissenting opinion, said today's ruling "encourages state officials to conceal evidence that would likely prompt" prisoners to appeal their convictions.

The court "tosses aside established precedents without explanation ... and applies (new) rules in a way that rewards state misconduct and deceit," Marshall said.

McCleskey's murder conviction was overturned in 1989 by a federal judge who ruled the state had violated his rights in obtaining his confession to Offie Evans, a fellow prison inmate.

But the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated the conviction, ruling McCleskey forfeited his right to challenge the constitutionality of the confession by failing to raise the issue in 1981.

McCleskey's lawyers said they lacked evidence to challenge the confession until 1987, when they obtained Evans' written statement after the Georgia Supreme Court ordered police records made public.

The defense lawyers said Evans' statement gave them the first clue that the inmate had been coached by Atlanta police to elicit a confession from McCleskey.

Georgia officials said the state had not deliberately concealed Evans' statement from the defense. They said McCleskey's lawyers neglected to ask for it.

Donkey basketball



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

Future donkey basketball players are, from left, Lanya Blodgett, Angie Leos, Debbie Stokes, James Mears, Charlene Gee, Mike Fisher and Brian Vining. A passerby holds the yearling donkey named Gizmo, owned by Coy and Raymond Henry. These outstanding athletes will be competing Friday at 7 p.m. in the Pampa High School gym. Tickets are available from any Pampa Noon Lions member, with proceeds benefiting the club's various service projects.

Judge presumes school finance law constitutional, keeps jurisdiction

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Poor school districts deciding whether to challenge a new school finance reform law will watch to see whether lawmakers come up with promised state aid, a superintendent said.

"No bill is worth a hill of beans if it doesn't have money put into it," said Jimmy Vasquez, superintendent of San Antonio's Edgewood school district. Edgewood is the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit that successfully challenged the school finance system.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown said at a Monday hearing that he would presume the new law is constitutional, allowing state education payments to go out as scheduled later this month.

However, he emphasized that the court keeps its jurisdiction over the issue. He said any challenges to the school finance law would be considered, even if they are not filed for several years.

"Should the Legislature somehow depart from Senate Bill 351 (the reform measure), or should it not be funded, or should experience show two or three years from now that it hasn't worked, the court continues to retain jurisdiction to make its judgment effective," McCown said.

The law was passed by legislators to answer a Texas Supreme Court order to even out funding to school districts.

The measure would set a minimum local property tax rate and shift hundreds of millions of dollars in local tax revenue from wealthier to poorer school districts.

Besides causing an estimated \$400 million increase in local property taxes, it is projected to cost the state \$1.3 billion over the next two years.

State officials have not specified how they will come up with their share of the money.

But Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner, an Alice Democrat who heads the House Public Education Committee, said lawmakers must do so: "I have to believe that we're going to be facing a tax bill."

Rich and poor school districts said they are studying the law to decide whether to oppose it in court. McCown said he would quickly set a hearing if a challenge is filed.

Lawyer Al Kauffman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, representing poor school districts, said there were problems with the law. For example, he noted it still allows funding disparities between rich and poor school districts.

However, Kauffman added, "It is an improvement, no doubt about that, and we didn't want to jump into something and attack it until we get to thoroughly consider it."

Lawyer Bob Luna, representing wealthy school districts, said they also were looking at the bill.

Some officials have questioned whether the sharing of local property tax revenue is constitutional.

Gov. Ann Richards, who signed the bill into law about 20 minutes before Monday's hearing began, said, "I'm happy that Judge McCown is not questioning the constitutionality of the bill."

Lawmakers passed the measure last Thursday, after missing the Supreme Court's April 1 deadline for devising a reform plan.

Passage of the deadline triggered a Supreme Court injunction to stop state spending on public schools. However, the order's effect was not immediate because the next state aid payments aren't due to go out until April 25.

On Monday, McCown delayed the injunction until Sept. 1. Assistant Attorney General Toni Hunter said she hoped the injunction then would be dissolved.

McCown also had instructed a state education expert to be ready Monday with a revised version of a plan

developed last year by a court-appointed master. But he told the expert, deputy education commissioner Lynn Moak, to keep the plan confidential until further notice.

The Texas Supreme Court has twice, unanimously, ruled the school finance system unconstitutional.

The current \$14 billion-a-year school finance system relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money. School districts' reliance on their own local property tax revenue results in huge discrepancies in available funding.

The new law shifts local property tax revenue from wealthier to poorer school districts within new education regions drawn largely along county lines.

School districts do not have to share local revenue generated over the minimum rate, which starts at 72 cents per \$100 property valuation and rises to \$1 in four years.

If school districts want to tax higher than the minimum rate to enrich programs or for construction — up to 45 cents more — the state makes up the difference if school districts cannot raise a certain amount of money.

School districts also can tax an additional 5 cents, but there is no state money available at that level.

The bill includes a revenue cap that is meant to limit funding disparities.

Hispanics wooed for support of proposed free trade pact

EL PASO (AP) — U.S. Hispanics could be key in helping the Bush administration forge a North American free trade pact, but some critics believe the minority group is not taking advantage of the opportunity.

"If they are seen as a key group in deciding the outcome of the free-trade agreement, then they should use that leverage to have a clear agenda regarding both Mexico and the United States," said Primitivo Rodriguez, director of the Philadelphia-based American Friends Service Committee. "Up to now, they seem incredibly weak."

While in San Antonio over the weekend, Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari continued his country's effort to promote the trade pact by encouraging stronger relations with Mexican-Americans, many of whom fled to the United States years ago looking for better jobs.

"In Mexico we remember you with affection, respect and appreciation..." Salinas said. "Mexico will grow again so that our compatriots won't have to go to other lands, so that in their country they can find what they want and what they have a right to find."

Little more than a month remains before Congress decides whether to grant President Bush fast-track authorization on a free-trade pact. Under fast-track, Congress cannot amend the pact and must either approve or reject it outright.

Without the fast-track negotiating authority, Bush contends there will be no free trade agreement because Mexico would not agree to an accord that could later be changed by Congress.

Meanwhile, the wooing of Hispanics — particularly Mexican-Americans, who number about 13

million nationwide — is intensifying.

"This is the first time that I've seen a Mexican president work toward any form of a partnership with Mexican-Americans," said Hector Holguin, chairman-elect of the El Paso Greater Chamber of Commerce, after Hispanic business and political leaders met with Salinas.

"I sense a special feeling of respect and admiration toward the Mexican-American community. That was one of the things that impressed me the most about his (Salinas') visit," Holguin said.

Holguin believes a free-trade pact with Mexico will have the economic trickle-down needed to create high-paying jobs for Hispanics, especially those living along the border.

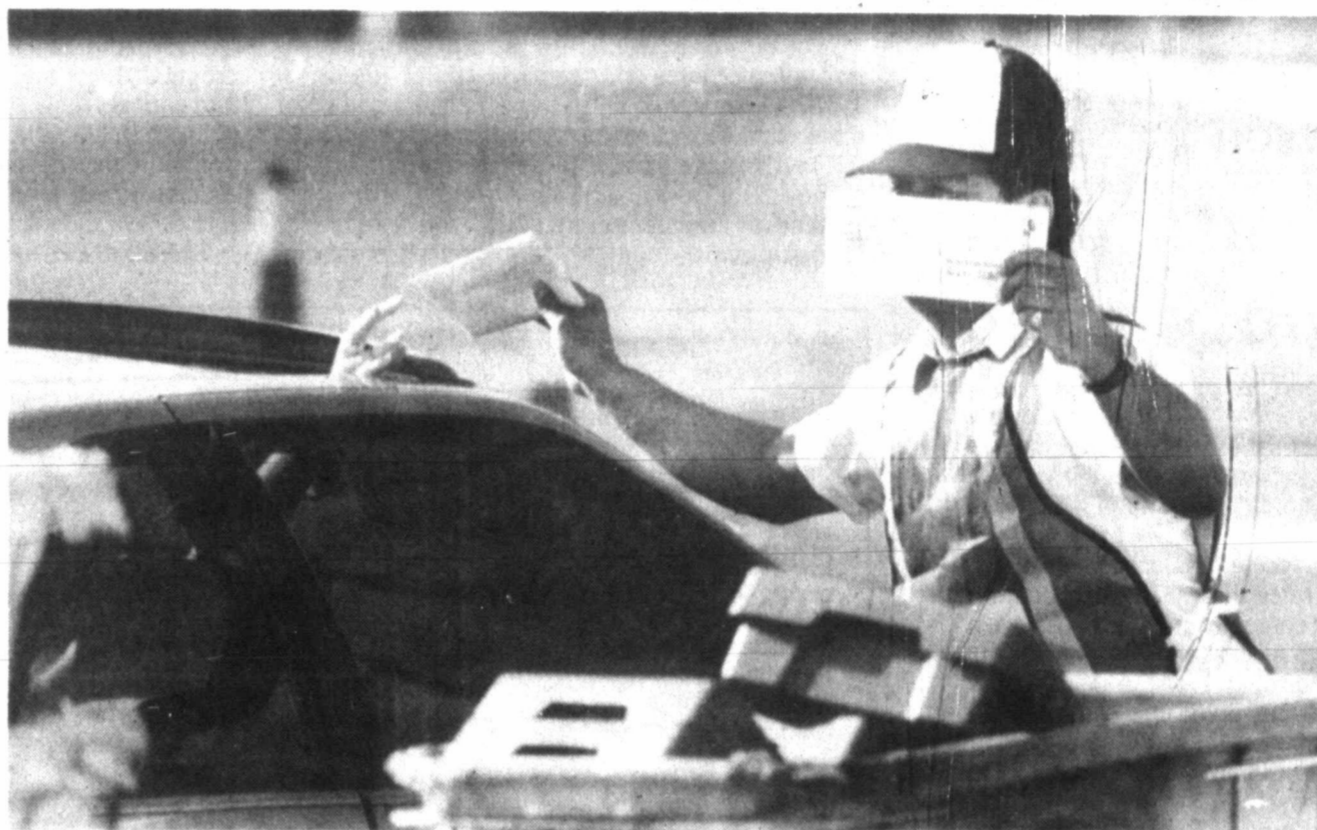
"If we don't attract more Fortune 500 corporations, we will continue to have low-paying jobs and be known as the social-service capital of the world," Holguin said. "A free-trade agreement is essential for both countries. What's best for Mexico is beneficial for us along the border."

However, some critics believe the trade pact will result in Hispanics along the border bearing the brunt of the treaty's negative effects.

Although the number of Hispanics continues to grow — the U.S. Census Bureau estimates 25 million Hispanics live in the United States — they are poorer and more poorly educated than other ethnic groups in the country.

"A trade agreement will be disastrous for Hispanics," said Victor Munoz, the El Paso representative for the AFL-CIO.

He said that he opposes the fast-track approach because he believes issues such as the environment, labor and infrastructure will not be properly considered by Congress.



George Ruiz, a U.S. Postal Service employee, grabs a tax return letter from a passing motorist through the driver's sun roof Monday evening as traffic backed up in front of the main post office for people filing tax returns at the last minute.

Late filers suffer through backed-up traffic

By DARRYL EWING
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Giving up money is never a pleasant business.

But some taxpayers in Dallas are more unwilling than others, waiting until the last possible moment to surrender their earnings by filing their federal income tax returns at the city's only open post office.

"They're going to keep my money, anyway, so I didn't see any big rush to get here," said Mary Barnett, 26, of Dallas.

Vehicles were lined up bumper-to-bumper on an Interstate 30 access road outside Dallas' main post office Monday night as taxpayers rushed to beat the midnight deadline for filing their 1990 income tax returns.

Thomas Diamond, 34, of suburban Mesquite said he usually tries to file in January or February, "but this

year I knew I had to pay taxes, and if I had to pay I was going to wait until the last minute to mail it."

Diamond had to drive across town because the main branch was the only one in Dallas to remain open until midnight, assuring tax filers an April 15 postmark.

"I always have to do things late — my Christmas shopping, my gift shopping. It doesn't matter. But I didn't like this, though," Elizabeth Richardson, 31, of Dallas said after it took her 20 minutes to inch her way to the front of the line of cars.

She added, "I didn't think I would get a refund, so that's why I waited this long. I did get one, though, and I wish I would have filed sooner."

About a dozen postal workers waved fluorescent lights and stood at curbside along the access road with big baskets into which their motorists could toss their returns

from their vehicles.

"They wait until the last minute, and usually it's those who owe. We get this every year at tax time. But we were ready for them this year," said Eddie Jones, 42, of Dallas, a 22-year veteran of the postal service.

In Irving, a special drop-off was set up at Texas Stadium, where the Dallas Cowboys play in the autumn.

In fact, the traffic outside the main post office Monday night looked like game-day football traffic.

"I was surprised when I got off the interstate, because I didn't think it would take that long," Diamond said, adding the last time he filed on the last day, things went faster.

Some groups took advantage of the crowd outside the postal facility to promote anti-tax causes. One sign read, "Why was there a Boston tea party?"

NASA sets April 23 launch date for Discovery

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — In one of the shortest intervals between liftoffs in NASA history, the space agency has set April 23 for the launch of Discovery and a crew of seven on a mission to conduct Star Wars experiments.

NASA officials set the date after a review Monday. The countdown for the shuttle's 7:05 a.m. liftoff begins Saturday.

During eight days in orbit, the astronauts will operate instruments that will study the shuttle's exhaust plumes, chemical and gas releases, and the atmosphere — information needed to develop sensors for tracking enemy missiles.

The last shuttle to fly in space, Atlantis, lifted off April 5 and returned on Thursday.

Discovery's liftoff 18 days after Atlantis would mark the first time NASA has sent up two shuttles in the same month.

The shortest interval between launches was the 16 days in January 1986 between the liftoff of Columbia and the ill-fated Challenger mission.

The last two shuttle flights of 1990 were 17 days apart because of delays caused by hydrogen leaks. Two missions in 1985 began 17 days apart.

Discovery was to have gone up in early March, before Atlantis, but it had to be taken back to the hangar to replace cracked door hinges.

Some liftoff preparations such as a countdown test that were done the first time around won't have to be repeated this time, NASA said.

It will be the 40th flight of a shuttle and the eighth mission

devoted to Pentagon work. Unlike the other military flights, this one is not classified, although some of the results obtained will be kept secret.

The Pentagon decided a few years ago it was too expensive to maintain news blackouts for shuttle missions. The savings come to \$40 million per flight, said one official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Among the issues discussed by NASA officials Monday were the new hinges on Discovery.

Engineers were mystified as to how 2-inch cracks appeared on two of the four door mechanisms. Smaller cracks were attributed to wear and tear.

The 4-foot-square doors on the belly of the orbiter must shut tightly once the big external fuel tank drops off shortly after liftoff. Failure to do

so could cause the shuttle to burn up during its fiery descent to Earth.

Atlantis' doors closed properly after liftoff despite hairline cracks on its hinges.

Tiny cracks also have been found on the hinges of Columbia and NASA's newest orbiter, Endeavour, which rolls off the assembly line next week.

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Opinion

Governments play the monopoly game

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that those responsible for implementing the only effective way of creating and protecting a monopoly can't be sued under the federal antitrust statutes, Congress might as well repeal the antitrust laws. As things stand, they can only be used to deter economic competition rather than to promote it.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in its recent 6-3 decision written by Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, ruled that the city of Columbia, S.C., and officials of the billboard company coddled by the City Council would not have to pay a \$3 million antitrust verdict. In the process, it gave local government officials broad immunity from antitrust laws, even when they blatantly conspire to protect a business monopoly.

The decision is particularly disappointing in that Justice Scalia, before he ascended to the high court, showed signs of understanding a lot more about economics than most judges. The best that may be said about Scalia's reasoning is that he thinks it will facilitate privatization.

This particular case arose in 1982, when a billboard company named Omni tried to break into the market in South Carolina's largest city. Before that, 95 percent of the billboards in the city were managed by Columbia Outdoor Advertising. Its owner was a close friend of the mayor and several City Council members, and had given them free advertising space during their campaigns.

On March 10, 1983, the council drafted and enacted an ordinance restricting billboards to certain locations in the city. The day before, Columbia Outdoor Advertising had taken out permits for billboards in precisely the locations authorized by the ordinance. Omni was effectively squeezed out. Its attorneys filed suit, and a jury awarded a \$3 million judgment, but the Supreme Court reversed it, saying that government officials are immune from lawsuits so long as they are exercising a legal power conferred on them by the state.

This decision is like a green light for monopolies. It is important because the only effective way to achieve a monopoly is to get a government to protect it for you. In a free market, in which entry is not restricted by law, monopolies and cartels simply don't last. We have searched for years, and never found an example of an effective monopoly that wasn't enforced by law.

City officials nationwide reportedly told the high court that it is important that they not face lawsuits in cases like this simply because one business is more successful in lobbying the government. But when business success depends on lobbying the government rather than on pleasing customers, business efficiency and productivity decline. Instead of being open to all comers, the marketplace becomes the playing of corrupt bargains and backroom deals. Everybody — except the few paid off through monopoly profits — is impoverished.

As long as the possibility of suing a local government that created a monopoly was open, there was some excuse for antitrust laws. Under the court's interpretation, the antitrust laws promote monopolies rather than deter them. They might as well be repealed.

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Keep privatizing the airlines

When airlines were deregulated in 1978, the usual array of free-market agnostics squealed about unhealthy consolidation, price gouging and shrinking consumer choice. And with the recent demise of Eastern Airlines, the opponents of deregulation are again crooning. "What have you done for me lately?"

The answer is: Plenty. Deregulation didn't lead to consolidation. Just the opposite: It led to fierce competition, as upstart airlines (such as the defunct People's Express) sprouted wings and did battle with the entrenched giants. The results were predictable: fares plummeted, traffic increased and airlines that couldn't compete were bought out by their competitors, or went wings-up.

This was a different kind of "consolidation," not the consolidation of the big eating up the small, but of the efficient replacing the less efficient.

Today, we are paying the price of this competition — lower fares and more choices of flights. In 1978, 17 percent of all passengers had a choice of three or more airlines on the route they wanted to fly. In 1988, the number hit 65 percent, the highest ever.

And as any frequent flier with a memory knows, prices are down: On average, fares today



Edwin Feulner

are 18 percent lower than the level set by regulators in the tariff days before 1978.

"Consolidation is no grounds for panic," said Secretary of Transportation Samuel Skinner at a recent Washington news conference. "Under a deregulated system of hub-and-spoke networks and low barriers to entry, existing carriers can serve virtually any market in the nation."

The problem is not that airlines have been deregulated, but that air travel has not been deregulated enough.

Since 1978, the number of air travelers has risen more than 80 percent — but no new major airports have been built. The result: More congestion, more delays and a higher risk of accidents.

There are two ways to slow and even reverse

this trend. One is to allow airports to charge premium prices for takeoff and landing during hours of peak demand, the "rush hour." Higher ticket prices for certain flights would prompt some travelers to change their departure plans in favor of other airports or other times of the day, reducing rush-hour flight traffic.

For the airports, it would boost capacity and profits — without necessarily adding a single new terminal. But it cannot happen unless the Transportation Department revises its restrictive reading of pricing statutes.

The other way to ease airline congestion is to allow airports — almost all owned by state or local governments — to be sold to the private sector. Government-owned airports, which are not allowed to make a profit, have no compelling reason to bolster service or cut costs.

But private businesses have every reason to do so. At airports where privatization has been tried, such as in Morristown and Atlantic City, N.J., and in the British Airports Authority in Great Britain, the profit motive has clearly boosted efficiency.

As long as airports remain in the hands of government, changes that would ease congestion and improve air safety will never get off the ground.

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Bring back the Indian givers

I came away from watching this year's Oscar champ, *Dances With Wolves*, with an intriguing thought:

Wouldn't it be a neat idea for non-original Americans like white people and African American people to use the Indian system of naming children?

I think so. White people are naming their children dinky, silly little names like Teri and Chad and there are a lot of Kimberlys and Seans.

These are a sight better than the old Hazels and Roscoes but there is some substance missing.

African Americans, attempting to make contact with their African heritages, are going with a lot of LaWandas, Kashibas and Mobutus.

Nothing wrong with any of those names, of course, except the more exotic names get, the more unpronounceable some of their names become. However, I will still take Mobutu over Roscoe.

When Indians got involved in the naming process in the old days, they chose names that said a lot about the strength and character of their children.

They came up with names such as Rise Like Wind, Owl in Night, Rain in Face, Nose Like Hawk, Fawn of Morning and Mean as Snake.



Lewis Grizzard

Who would you rather follow into a desert battle, Mean as Snake or some guy named Roscoe?

The title, *Dances With Wolves*, comes from the fact that the tribe Kevin Costner fell in with saw him trying to run his pet wolf, Two Socks, back to his shack. To the Indians he looked like some nut trying to tango with a dog, so they called him *Dances With Wolves* from that point.

There's an old, untellable joke about an Indian father naming his children.

He explains to his son, who shall remain nameless, that when he leaves the tepee after his wife has given birth, he names his child after the first thing he sees, such as another son he named *Horse Relieving Himself in Creek*.

Other Americans could do something like that.

A guy walks out of a hospital after a son has just been born and sees somebody being mugged in the parking lot. He could name his child *Kick in Head or Blood on Pavement*.

Or a wino hits him up for a buck. The child, if it were a boy, could be named *Gallo Thunderbird Alley*.

If it were a girl, how about *Walks Down Street Like Drunken Buffalo*?

Simply observing their children in the first days of their lives could help parents come up with other interesting names.

How about *Rose Up Every Eight Seconds*? No? OK, how about *Poops Like Grizzly* or *Cries in Night Like Coyote With Tail Caught in Trap*.

I wonder what my own parents would have named me if they had crossed over to the Indian method.

I would have liked to have a name like *Dances With Wolves* or even *Breaks Out in Diaper Rash at Drop of Hat*.

Instead, I'm stuck with *Lewis*, which likely is some old Scottish name meaning *Kilt Too Short*.

Anyway, *Dances With Wolves* was one of the best movies I've seen in a while and it deserves its many Oscars.

I am looking forward to the sequel, *Much Wampum in Bank*.

American children still go hungry

By SARAH OVERSTREET

I don't know how else to describe the new report by the Food Research and Action Center except to say it is both stunning and horrifying. The non-profit nutrition advocacy organization, funded in part by commercial food suppliers like Kraft General Foods Inc., found that one out of eight American children suffers from hunger at least part of each month.

The first thought that ran through my mind was that some of the children I come into contact with every day might not actually be as I have pictured them — poor, but at least having their basic needs met.

My second thought had to occur to people all across the nation as they read about the report in their newspapers: "Still? We still have that many children hungry in this country? With the capability of feeding the world, with food surpluses rotting in warehouses and massive governmental food programs, children in America

still have to grow up with the memory of hunger burned into their consciousness?"

The whys are pretty simple: Housing and utility costs eat up so much of a poor family's income that there's not enough left for food, and federal food programs designed to eliminate hunger are neither fully financed nor fully used.

The factors that led us to this point are much more complex and we'll have to unravel them before we make any lasting change. They have to do with society's failure to adequately help poor people become productive, self-supporting workers and with a welfare apparatus that aids poor people right up to the point of bearing children and then fades away once the kids are here.

However we come to terms with these problems is further on down the road. What we have to do now is extremely simple: Make sure these children eat. This is a unifying issue if ever there were one.

After writing a newspaper column

for 10 years, I have fought with readers over many so-called "liberal" issues, but never over whether we should feed hungry children.

I've met hard-nosed conservatives who would fight me till we both dropped over other issues, but not this one. Many of them were hungry kids themselves. They grew up during the Depression or in poor families before we had programs designed to help them. They would never wish a moment of what they went through on another child.

What are we going to do? I think Congress is going to have to approve more money for federal food programs, at least in the short run, and provide incentives to developers to build affordable low-income housing.

We don't have money for more missiles, but since we believe we have a proven need for them, we will fund them. We've proven we have a need to give more food to poor people whose children are going hungry, so we should fund it.

But government intervention doesn't mean that the private sector shouldn't become involved. For now, when we're experiencing an emergency situation, private food producers like Kraft could kick in. I'll even bet their employees would help with whatever manpower was needed to implement company programs. No one but the heart-dead is immune to a hungry child.

When I was a television consumer reporter and administered a volunteer-staffed hotline, I found there were more volunteers looking for meaningful work than we have meaningful work to give them. Many of these people are retired executives and skilled former employees who could easily administer and operate a school's breakfast or summer lunch program.

We have the food, and we have the manpower to end child hunger in this country. We can no longer say we did nothing because we just didn't know.

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"I miss military jargon."

Gorbachev, Kaifu meet, but both sides stay silent on island dispute

By ELAINE KURTENBACH
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TOKYO (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev began the first visit by a Soviet head of state to Japan today by seeking a reconciliation that would lead to Japanese help for the crumbling Soviet economy.

With little negotiating room on a thorny territorial dispute, Gorbachev offered conciliatory gestures aimed at putting historical resentments to rest.

In his only public remarks today, the Soviet president expressed condolences for the deaths of tens of thousands of Japanese prisoners of war in Siberian labor camps more than 40 years ago, although he stopped short of a formal apology.

"Giving the tribute of respect to the memory of the war dead from both sides and expressing condolences to the families of the prisoners of war who died abroad, we say it is time to do everything we can so that our peoples and states will never again drift into the disaster of enmity," Gorbachev said in a toast at a banquet given by Emperor Akihito this evening.

The emperor, in turn, said he was "happy that there is growing enthusiasm in every segment of both countries for deepening mutual understanding and trust and

building up a new neighborly relationship."

In their first summit, Gorbachev and Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu spent more than three hours discussing issues including the territorial dispute that prevented their two nations from ever signing a World War II peace treaty.

After the talks, officials said the two leaders had agreed not to disclose any details of their discussions on the disputed Kuril Islands off northern Japan.

However, a Soviet official today floated a proposal for use of one of the disputed islands: the construction of a nuclear power plant to be run jointly by the Soviet Union and Japan.

A Japanese Foreign Ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Kaifu accepted an invitation from Gorbachev to visit Moscow.

"We want to settle past matters and start and build new, friendly relations," a Japanese Foreign Ministry official quoted Kaifu as saying.

The Soviet president's chief spokesman, Vitaly N. Ignatenko, said the Soviet leader pointed to Moscow's improved ties with Europe and the United States and contrasted them with chilly Moscow-Tokyo relations.

In some areas of the Japanese-



Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, left, and his wife Raisa are greeted by Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama, with glasses, and other officials upon their arrival at Tokyo's Haneda International Airport Tuesday. The first Soviet leader to visit Japan stays here for four days to have a series of bilateral talks.

Soviet relationship, "life can hardly be seen," Ignatenko quoted Gorbachev as saying.

The two sides have completed most of 14 minor agreements expected on trade and cooperation

in various fields, including nuclear power generation, cultural exchanges and new air routes, officials said.

Ignatenko said Gorbachev would make "concrete proposals" to members of the Japanese business community in meetings on Wednesday. Japanese executives say that without official trade credits and other economic assistance, however, they can do little to expand investment and trade with the Soviets.

Tokyo has said it will provide no financial assistance or credits until the two nations sign a peace treaty.

And officials say it will not conclude a treaty until Moscow relinquishes its claim over the northern islands, seized by the Soviets in the final days of World War II.

The Soviet proposal to build a nuclear power plant on one of the islands was disclosed by Gorbachev adviser Arkady Volsky. He told The Associated Press the Soviet plan calls for the departure of all 15,000 Soviet residents of the tiny island, Shikotan, with only employees of the nuclear plant allowed to live there.

Soviet officials have said Gorbachev is unlikely to do more than reinstate a 1956 agreement to return the two smallest islands, Shikotan, where the Soviets pro-

posed building the power plant, is one of the two islands.

The disputed islands are a few miles to the north of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost major island, with the closest of them less than three miles from Hokkaido's northeasternmost tip. The island chain is about 400 miles from the Maritime Territory in Siberia on the Soviet mainland.

Security for the Soviet leader's visit was tight, with more than 20,000 police stationed throughout the city.

Japan's demand for the return of what it calls its Northern Territories has been the rallying cry for right-wing nationalists. About 3,000 rightists marched through central Tokyo today, though well out of Gorbachev's hearing, with loud-speakers blaring "Gorbachev should get down on his hands and knees and apologize to the Emperor."

One kimono-clad rightist was arrested for illegal possession of an 11-inch dagger as he stood near a Tokyo hotel Gorbachev was scheduled to visit. The man said he wanted to commit suicide to protest the visit, police said.

At one point, Gorbachev stopped his motorcade and shook hands with some of 200 bystanders. During the afternoon, Mrs. Gorbachev briefly toured the ritzy Ginza shopping district.

McDonald's announces plan to cut its garbage output by 80 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — McDonald's Corp. said today it has an environmental plan that could eliminate four-fifths of the garbage generated at the company's 8,500 restaurants nationwide.

Some parts of the plan, developed by the fast-food giant in collaboration with the Environmental Defense Fund, an environmental advocacy group, have already been put into practice.

Polystyrene "clamshell" boxes formerly used to package Big Macs and other McDonald's sandwiches have been replaced by thin layered paper-plastic wrap, for example, and white paper bags have been replaced by unbleached brown bags made from recycled paper.

Keith Magnuson, McDonald's director of operations development, said his reaction was "somewhere between surprised and shocked," as he realized how much of the trash produced at the company's restaurants could be reduced, reused, recycled or composted.

"It's entirely possible that we can divert more than 80 percent of our on-premises solid waste," Magnuson said in an interview. "That came as a great surprise."

- Some of the steps McDonald's is planning are:
- Making smaller napkins to reduce paper use.
 - Testing reusable coffee filters.
 - Convert to unbleached paper if possible, or for other uses favor paper bleached using innovative processes that do not employ chlorine.
 - Conducting a series of tests to try out large-scale composting of organic and paper waste.
 - Trying out reusable coffee mugs and pump-style bulk dispensers for ketchup, mustard and relish.

Richard Denison, a senior scientist for EDF, said the steps taken by McDonald's could have a significant impact on the nation's garbage disposal problems, beyond the estimated 2 million pounds a day of trash currently hauled from the nation's McDonald's restaurants.

"They have a major role to play. They can serve as a catalyst," Denison said. "We felt if we could find solutions that would work for McDonald's, it would work for others."

The plan adopted after six months of study by a

joint McDonald's-EDF task force sets out more than three dozen initiatives, pilot projects and tests McDonald's has promised to carry out over two years.

The 80 percent target would be met if all the pilots and tests are successful, Magnuson said. But even if some don't work out, the results still will be far more sweeping than McDonald's expected when the task force was established last fall.

McDonald's does not know exactly how much its initiative will cost, but expects that most of the changes will break even or save money in the long run, Magnuson said.

Some of the steps could be controversial, as was the decision to replace the polystyrene containers, which can be recycled, with the plastic-paper wrap, which can't.

The task force found that the layered wrap created less waste, used less energy and generated less air pollution than polystyrene foam, even if it is possible to recycle 50 percent of the polystyrene — a figure twice as high as the polystyrene industry's goal for 1995.

Denison said the lighter, thinner wrap was clearly the better choice, despite what he called "the reluctance of some folks to acknowledge that source reduction is preferable to recycling in some cases."

Terri Capatosto, director of communications for McDonald's, said there were no plans to promote the company's environmental policy to attract customers.

"We're not necessarily expecting to have a marketing edge," she said. "The majority of the things in the plan are in things the customer will never see."

The task force found that 80 percent of McDonald's trash comes from "behind the counter," for example in corrugated shipping boxes that can be recycled or replaced by reusable cartons.

For the large amounts of food and paper wastes generated at a McDonald's restaurant, the company pledged to develop large-scale composting, which would convert the garbage into marketable soil enrichers.

Winnie Mandela takes stand in trial

By BARRY RENFREW
Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Winnie Mandela took the stand today in her kidnapping and assault trial, and her defense team said it would show she was not at her home when four young men were allegedly beaten.

Chief defense lawyer George Bizos told the court he would call witnesses to show Mrs. Mandela did not take part in any kidnapping or assault. He also said he would call witnesses to show there was homosexual abuse at a church home that figures in the case.

Bizos also said he would subpoena various journalists about articles they wrote on the case. The journalists involved have indicated they were not ready to reveal confidential sources.

Mrs. Mandela began testifying about her background and political work. She spoke about her marriage to African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela and being prosecuted for anti-apartheid work.

She also said that rooms at the

back of her home in the black township of Soweto were used as a refuge by youths who were homeless or fleeing from the police for political reasons.

"My place was some kind of refuge," she said.

Mrs. Mandela, Xoliswa Falati, and John Morgan face eight counts of kidnapping and assault. Prosecutors charge the three abducted four young men in December 1988 and beat them at Mrs. Mandela's Soweto home. The state says the four were abducted because it was believed they were homosexuals or police spies.

Mrs. Mandela and her co-defendants say they are innocent. Mrs. Mandela says she was trying to protect the four young men from homosexual abuse but was away from her home at the time they were allegedly assaulted.

One of the four young men, Stompie Seipei, was later killed. Mrs. Mandela's former bodyguard, Jerry Richardson, was convicted last year of the killing.

Mrs. Mandela testified today that Richardson served as coach of a

soccer team formed by youths staying at her home. She said she was not deeply involved in the team's activities.

Critics claim the soccer team, called Mandela United, was a private army formed to guard Mrs. Mandela. They claim the team terrorized people in Soweto, often using violence to enforce their control.

Mrs. Mandela took the stand after the prosecution finished four days of questioning of Mrs. Falati. Her defense offered little response to the issues raised by the prosecutor.

Mrs. Falati said Monday she took the four youths to Mrs. Mandela's house and left them for safekeeping. She said she did not take part in any assault. She also said she was told Mrs. Mandela was away from home.

Mrs. Falati said she saw later that one of the four young men was injured and was told he had been hit by Richardson. But she said she did not consider this serious and saw no sign the others had been assaulted or were unhappy.

New presidential confession: 'I said a bad word'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush told a group of elementary school children today that he was "very embarrassed" because he had spoken "a bad word" the day before in front of a woman and had to apologize for it.

"I was so ashamed of myself," Bush told 15 first and second graders from Zachary Taylor elementary school in nearby Arlington, Va.

Bush was reading to the children in the White House as part of a nationwide program to encourage adults to read more to children.

When he came to a passage on a youngster being punished for saying a bad word, Bush paused and told the children: "I said a bad word yesterday and I was very embarrassed ... I told the lady in front of whom I said it, 'I'm very sorry.'"

Later, Bush refused to respond to a shouted question by a reporter asking him who the woman was and what he had said. Aides said they did not know what the president was

referring to.

Bush also read several poems from Robert Louis Stevenson's "Child's Garden of Verses," and told the children that one of the poems, "The Swing," he had enjoyed 60 years ago when he was seven.

At one point, as the youngsters pressed the president to read more, Bush complied but asked, "Have we got time for this? I've got a lot of important stuff to do."

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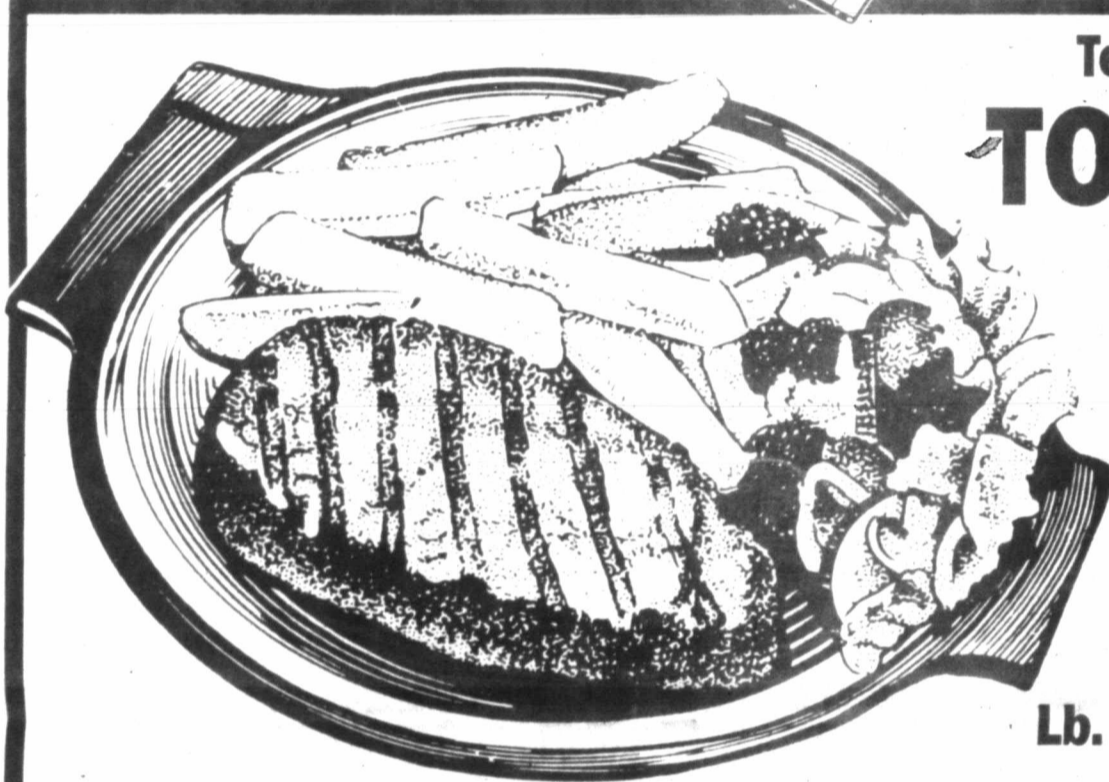
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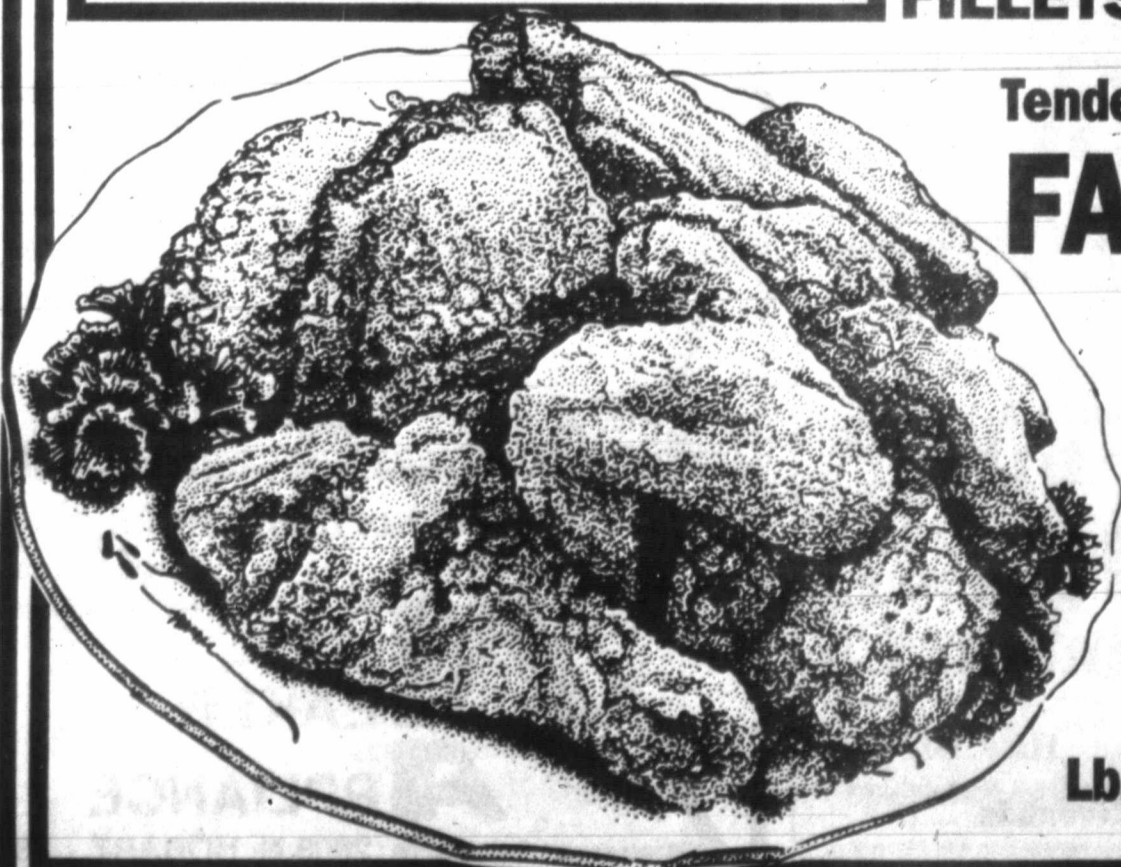
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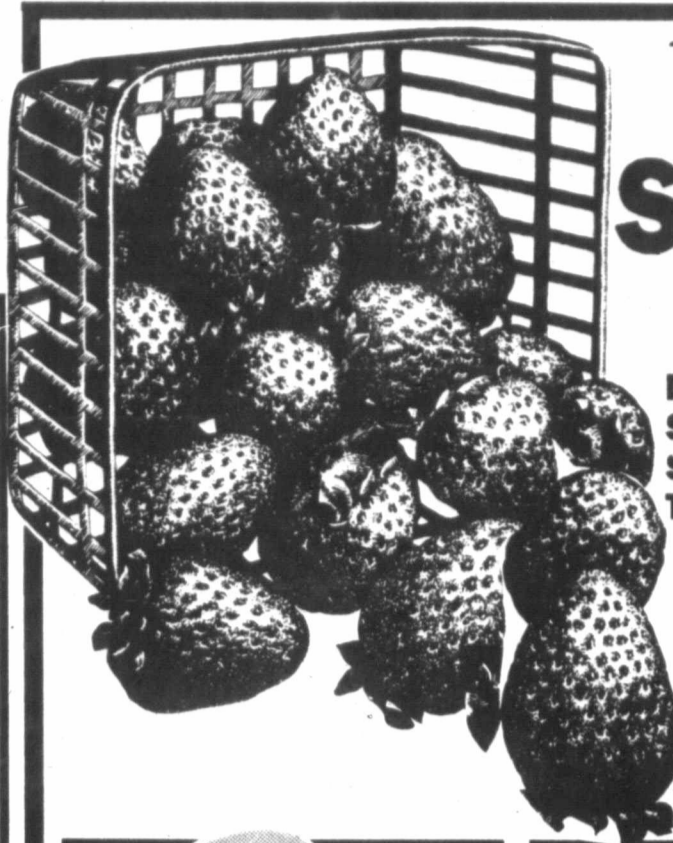
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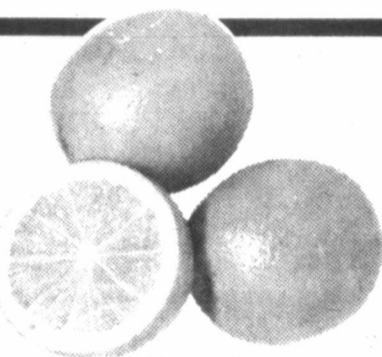
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Procrastinators hurry up and wait some more on tax deadline



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A postal employee, left, is surrounded by last minute tax filers for New York State Income Tax returns as the midnight deadline approaches at the main U.S. Postal Office in New York City.

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press Writer

Taxpayers blamed their accountants, poor math skills and even a golf tournament for waiting until deadline day to make a dash to file their federal returns.

"I made it!" Ron Pakh of Honolulu said as he mailed his return before the deadline of midnight Monday. "Right now I'm going to drink as much as I can. I'm tired of suffering."

The Internal Revenue Service expected to receive as many as 27 million returns this week, many of them filed within a few hours of the deadline. The agency expected a record 113 million returns this year.

Many post offices in the nation's larger cities remained open to accept returns until the deadline. In many areas, the IRS extended telephone hours to answer questions.

"I always have to do things late — my Christmas shopping, my gift shopping," Elizabeth Richardson said as she sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic outside Dallas' main post office.

Many dawdlers blamed their accountants.

"Honey, my tax man was very busy — he just let me have it today," housewife Beatrice Biteri said as

she waited outside Terminal Annex post office in Los Angeles.

Nearby stood an 8-foot inflatable Excedrin bottle "for headache Number 1040." An accountant-comic gave away bagels and extension forms.

"I'm irresponsible. I'm a procrastinator. I wanted to keep my money a while longer,"

— Carol Dunn
Baltimore

In Dallas, about a dozen postal workers stood at the curb with big baskets for motorists to toss returns into.

"They wait until the last minute, and usually it's those who owe. We get this every year at tax time," said postal worker Eddie Jones.

"It's crazy," postal worker Charlotte Stevens said of Philadelphia's main post office. "It's wall to wall."

Florence Braz of Honolulu was still looking for tax forms to fill out at 4 p.m. "I thought I'd put in parentheses, 'My math isn't very good, but I did the best that I could,'" she said.

"I think they should have courses on how to do your taxes in high schools," said Robline Swanson, a sheet metal worker who waited outside Phoenix's Park Central Mall for tax help from the Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants. "If I would have had a course than I wouldn't be here standing line."

Tax preparers in Augusta, Ga., said local residents waited until the Masters golf tournament there was over Sunday before turning to their tax returns.

"The Masters couldn't have been at a worse time," said James Stachowiak, district manager for the Jackson Hewitt Tax Service in suburban Martinez.

The deadline drew out protesters as well as procrastinators.

Seven of about 200 people protesting the way the government spends tax dollars were arrested when they tried to block a downtown street near the Federal Building in Chicago, police said.

In Los Angeles, about 40 truckers drove their rigs around the Federal Building to protest a single tax form, the 1099, for independent contractors, which requires them to pay self-employment taxes.

Protesters in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh demanded that more tax money be spent on AIDS research. Demonstrators in Omaha, Neb., protested the use of tax dollars for the military.

Meanwhile, Carol Dunn drove to Baltimore late Monday, looking for an open post office.

"I'm irresponsible. I'm a procrastinator. I wanted to keep my money a while longer," she said. "I'll probably do it again next year because I have this sense of adventure. I like to do everything at last minute unless I have a refund coming."

Police were told falsely that Kennedys left town day after alleged rape occurred

By DAN SEWELL
Associated Press Writer

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Police said they went to the Kennedy estate one day after the alleged rape of a young woman there and were falsely told Sen. Ted Kennedy, his son Patrick and nephew William Kennedy Smith had left town.

Police Chief Joe Terlizze gave the account Monday in the wake of allegations police are giving the Kennedys special treatment in investigating the alleged rape March 30 of a 29-year-old woman who had met the three at a bar.

Spider venom may help stroke victims

ATLANTA (AP) — Don't squash that spider. It could save your life someday.

Utah scientists have determined that substances in the mild venom that common garden spiders use to paralyze their prey seem to block the effects of a chemical that's toxic to the brain after strokes. "It's very intriguing, and not a little ironic, that spiders may well provide the keys to solving some of the most common and serious neurological disorders," said Dr. Hunter Jackson, a Salt Lake City neurobiologist, speaking with reporters Monday at the American Chemical Society's annual convention.

Jackson and fellow researchers at his company Natural Product Sciences of Salt Lake City have conducted tests with rodents and found that several common spider venoms can be effective anti-convulsants, he said.

The reason is that some spider venom works against glutamate, a brain chemical that can become toxic after reductions in blood supply or oxygen.

Insects use glutamate to control muscle movement. Jackson and his colleagues figured that if spiders can knock out the glutamate in bugs, maybe spider venom can knock out dangerous glutamate in the brain.

Also Monday, the supermarket tabloid the Globe published the alleged victim's name and photograph despite a Florida law forbidding disclosure of rape victims' identities.

"Everyone in the world knows the victim's identity, her name and photo had been published in newspapers and magazines worldwide," said Wendy Henry, editor in chief of the Boca Raton-based weekly.

The woman has accused Smith of raping her. No charges have been filed. Smith, a 30-year-old Georgetown University medical student, has denied any wrongdoing.

On Easter Sunday, the day after the alleged rape, detectives went twice to the estate to talk to the senator and other family members but were told the Kennedys had left town, the police chief said in today's The Palm Beach Post.

Later police learned that Smith didn't leave for Washington until that night and that the senator and his son left the next morning, Terlizze said.

Terlizze wouldn't say who misled the police.

"We're looking at why," he said. "When it's all over, the truth will be known. ... Then, let the chips fall where they may."

The Police Department had come under fire for failing to interview the Kennedys while they were still in Palm Beach.

Kennedy attorney Mark Schnapp had no comment on the matter.

On Monday police received results of tests on Smith's blood and hair samples and on material provided by doctors who examined the woman after the alleged assault. Police also said they identified new witnesses but would disclose no more about the tests or the witnesses.

DNA tests could take up to two months. DNA provides a genetic fingerprint that can help identify an attacker with great accuracy.

Police spokesman Craig Gunkel also said police would not participate in a possible meeting at the state attorney's office with lawyers for the woman and for Smith. That proposed meeting has drawn criticism from Terlizze as unnecessary because prosecutors usually prepare charges based on the police investigation.

The Globe's disclosure of the alleged victim's name was apparently the first time her name appeared in a U.S. publication. Last week the Sunday Mirror of London used her name.

Under Florida law, publishing or broadcasting a rape victim's name, address or other identifying information is punishable by two months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Jack Freese, a spokesman for the state attorney, said law and precedent would be studied before his

office decided whether to take action.

The publication could set up a court confrontation over the law, which has already been the subject of a U.S. Supreme Court decision that upheld, under limited circumstances, punishment of a newspaper convicted of violating the law.

Editors at The Palm Beach Post, the Sun-Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale and The Miami Herald have said they won't name the woman.

The Associated Press has long had a policy against identifying victims of sexual crimes, except in extraordinary circumstances.

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Lifestyles

Lesser Prairie Chickens on their "booming grounds"

Three a.m. isn't exactly our favorite time for waking up; but we decided to get up that early to go on the field trip to see the Lesser Prairie Chickens—and we are glad we did! (It was good that the field trip wasn't scheduled for the next day, when the time change would have necessitated our getting up even an hour earlier!)

Just to be on the safe side, we set two alarm clocks, and were able to wake up, eat a light breakfast, and get on our way, arriving at the courthouse at Wheeler at 5 a.m. We were surprised to see several cars there already, with some of the eager birdwatchers standing out visiting. Some were from the Houston area, and a couple were from around Dallas. We saw some from Amarillo; but since some of the people stayed in their cars, we don't know where the others were from. A few more cars arrived before we left in a "caravan" of eight or nine cars, promptly at 5:30. It was comforting to have a "leader" who knew the way, since we had no idea where to find those Prairie Chickens.

When we pulled into the pasture where the "booming ground" was located, we were directed to fan the cars out, so that everyone could have an unobstructed view. It was cool, but not really cold, that morning, and there was very little wind: so we put the car windows down, and soon we began hearing the clucking sounds of the Prairie Chickens, not unlike the clucking of domestic chickens. Although these sounded relatively close, I've read that the clucking and booming sounds may carry up to two miles



Panhandle Bird Watch

by Jan Elston

across unobstructed plains in the clear air before dawn. We could also hear the easily recognizable call of Bob White Quail.

As the dark sky began to lighten, we could see occasional dark silhouettes flying in a flap-and-long-glide pattern. These birds were too large to be Quail, too small to be Wild Turkey, and they didn't have the long tail of a Pheasant. They were about thirteen inches tall, and they looked like the picture of the gliding Prairie chicken in our field guide. More and more of them continued flying in closer to us, and we were hearing more of them calling.

When it became lighter, we were able to make out some movement in the tall grass and weeds, then we could distinguish the shape of the birds, and with the increasing daylight we began to see the birds more clearly, as they pecked along the ground in chicken-like fashion. We could see the dark barring on the tan feathers, which affords those birds such excellent protective coloration. They are really quite plain-looking until the males begin to display, then the bright yellow eye combs are readily visible as the males lower their heads and wings, raise their black ear tufts like horns, and erect their stubby tail feathers. Two males

will face each other in full display, their booming sound occurring as they inflate the reddish-purple air sacs on their necks. They will shuffle toward each other on their feather-covered short legs, then suddenly spring into the air—surely the most unusual territorial display we've ever seen. We were thrilled to see one male fly up onto a tall weed to our left, and go through the entire display within about 30 feet of us, then later another favored us a little farther over to our right.

As they moved in and out of the clumps of tall grass and weeds, we had clear views of so many Prairie Chickens. They were probably eating small grain and seeds, but may have also found some tender shoots of grass to eat. Wild sunflower, goldenrod, and wildflowers are favorite foods, as are the rose hips of wild roses.

Because Prairie Chickens were so numerous years ago, they were easy to kill, and were one of the favorite foods of the pioneers. The meat of these birds is reported to be delicious; and my mother says she can remember some of the older settlers in Dawson County talking about having shot and eaten them, although she said she has never eaten them. Although some were

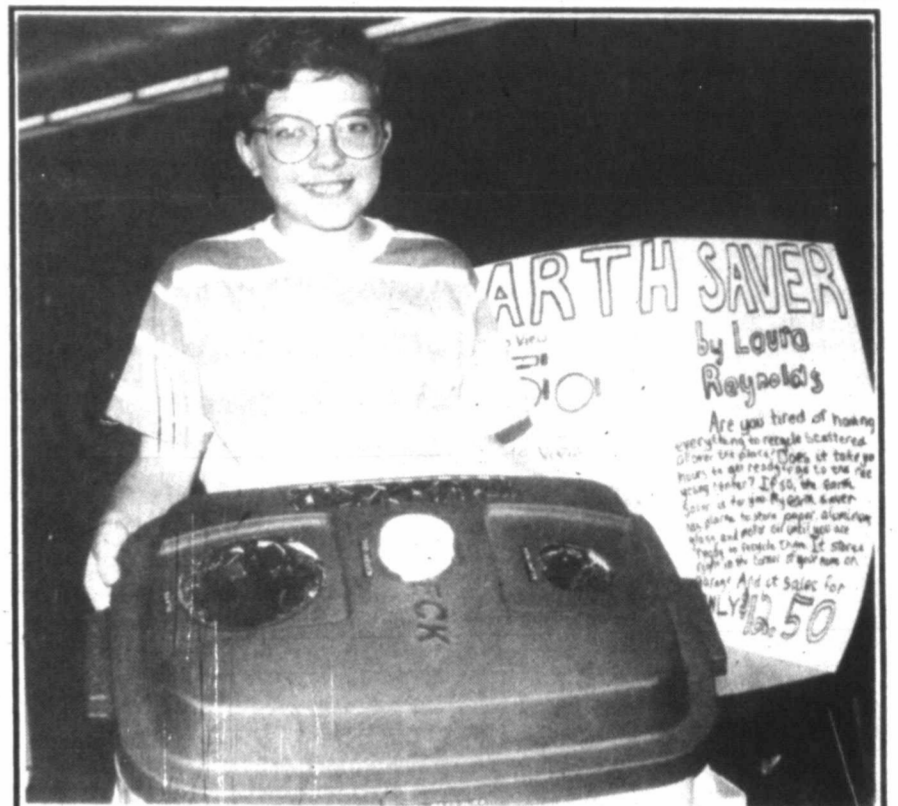


Lesser Prairie Chicken, displaying his feathers

killed for food for humans or predatory animals or birds, and some died in prairie fires or floods; the principle reason for the decline in the numbers of these birds is the result of the destruction of their habitat through the development of large scale farming. The expanses of range land from Kansas to west-central Texas afford their only remaining nesting habitat; so we are fortunate in having this very rarely-observed bird in our area.

Between Wheeler and Mobeetie we saw Scissor-tails; so they should be in the Pampa area soon; to be followed shortly by their relatives, the Western Kingbirds. Purple Martins have also arrived.

In the wooded area south of Clarendon College, the Currys have been having one Black-crowned Night Heron in their trees. We were surprised to see just that one, in a populated area so close to downtown Pampa, since they almost always stay in large groups, near lakes or ponds, out in the country.



Laura Reynolds, fourth grade student, is shown with her "Earth Saver", a device created to sort recyclables. This is one of 31 inventions created by the third and fourth grade gifted and talented students. The inventions will be shown in other elementary schools as part of a traveling exhibit.

Labor savers offered by student inventors

Third and fourth grade students enrolled in the gifted and talented program at the Pampa elementary schools have been studying inventions. They created various items to make life easier and a little more fun. A few of the items offered in the invention convention were a wind-proof picnic set, a jacket with its own backpack, a dog feeder, and several games.

Students participating were, in third grade—John Bailey, Laurie Berzanskis, J. B. Cook, Mary Grace Fields, Jeremy Goode, Patrick Parsons, Trey Rogers, Lindsay Tidwell, Rebekah Warner, Emily Waters, Levi Addy, Jessica Caffey, Angela Klein, Courtney Lang, Jacob Lewis, Kevin Osborn, Lacy Plunk, P. J. Reed, Kerry Turner.

Fourth graders are—Barry Brauchi, Kimberly Clark, Rose Fruge, Jack Leland, Erin Mulanax, Laura Reynolds, Allison Watkins, Stacey Brown, Andy Fernuik, Trey Ford, Valerie Lee, and Thann Scoggin.

The crucial telephone call—then the aftermath of rape

"We have a rape (victim) en route."

Most often this terse telephone call comes at night, and a Tralee Crisis Center staff member or volunteer heads for Coronado Hospital. Once in the emergency room at the hospital, the rape crisis worker is allowed to visit the victim. The victim may be surrounded by policemen, doctors, and nurses, who are doing their professional best to gather the evidence needed to find the perpetrator of the crime, bring him to justice, and finally ease the victim's suffering.

However, it is the rape crisis counselor that offers a special kind of comfort and healing. In those very early minutes in the hospital, the volunteer offers emotional support by explaining procedures, reassuring the victim of her safety, and listening to her fears. The rape crisis counselor may then offer the same emotional support to the family of the victim. She may have the opportunity to explain to them that conflicting feelings are normal and that rape is not the fault of the victim.

The volunteer will then accompany the victim through the legal system if she decides to press charges. They will visit the police station together so that the victim may make a formal statement to police, then accompany her to trial if someone is charged with the crime. Along the way, the staff member or volunteer offers counseling for the victim and family.

Medical professionals are able to facilitate physical healing, but the emotional healing after a sexual assault is more like a grieving process which cannot be short circuited, according to Dauna Wilkinson, director of Tralee Crisis Center. The stages are common to all victims of assault. The early stages of

grief include feelings of shame and fear. Some victims report that they "see" the rapist in every crowd. They may fear every stranger, refuse to leave their homes for routine errands and thus become isolated. They may feel helpless like their life is out of control. Victims report feelings of worthlessness and guilt. Often they use the phrase "damaged goods" to describe their self image.

With family support and counseling, victims can make a recovery. They learn to cope with the experience, and to accept themselves all over again. Often the quality of recovery depends on the personality of the victim. Besides physical healing, good coping skills and the willful desire to be a survivor not a casualty, make the difference between a permanent victim and a survivor of this traumatic event.

Wilkinson reports that one of Pampa's greatest needs is for SANE trained nurses. SANE is an acronym for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, who are especially trained to serve children and adults who are victims of sexual assault. These nurses, who receive 148 hours of training, become experts in examining and documenting sexual crime. They are qualified to testify in court as expert witnesses. Currently, Pampa has no SANE trained nurses.

One goal of Tralee Crisis Center is to have three SANE trained and certified nurses in Pampa. Nurses are willing to be trained and certified, and plans are in motion to bring an instructor to Pampa to lead the class.

But meanwhile, in the midst of all these efforts to heal the victim, the rape crisis counselor still hears these tragic words: "We have a rape en route."



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Unwitting diabetics may be sicker than they feel

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday I read in the Juneau (Alaska) Empire your list of symptoms for detecting diabetes. Had I seen it two months ago, I would have insisted that my daughter consult a doctor immediately. When she called last month from her home in New York, she complained of several symptoms you named for diabetes. She would have scored 13 on your scale, which indicated that a score of above five suggests possible diabetes.

My daughter eventually saw a doctor who said that had she waited a day longer, she might have fallen into a fatal coma! As bad as she felt, the doctor said she didn't feel nearly as sick as she was.

Please warn your readers, Abby, that if they have the symptoms, even if they don't feel very sick, they may be in grave danger.

JOHN B. D'ARMAND, JUNEAU, ALASKA

DEAR JOHN D'ARMAND: Thank you for writing. Some readers have complained about the number of letters I use concerning diseases, but now that we know that early detection can save lives, I feel more or less vindicated.

Readers who want more information on diabetes, please contact the American Diabetes Association National Center, 1660 Duke St., Alexandria, Va. 22314. The toll-free telephone number is (800) 232-3472.

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago when I moved to Arizona, a clerk in a small

business establishment asked, "What is your name?"

"Springer," I responded.

"No, no, I mean, like what should I call you?" she asked.

"MRS. Springer," I replied succinctly.

Not two weeks later, I received a telephone call from our priest. He said, "Hello, Sherri, this is Father (so-and-so)."

Abby, am I super-sensitive to be bothered by this rudeness? I think not; I believe I am entitled to a little courtesy. My solution is to patronize no establishment where this rudeness occurs, whether the product is cheeseburgers or religion. Am I wrong?

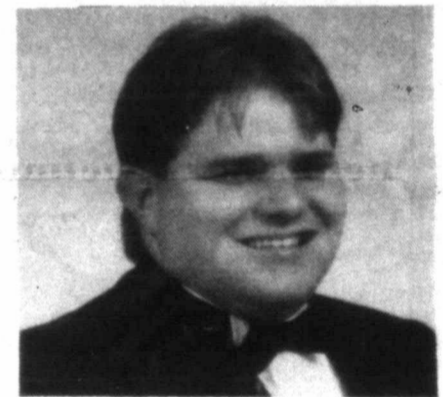
MRS. SPRINGER IN MESA

DEAR MRS. SPRINGER: Yes. It's your privilege to patronize whomever you choose for your own reasons, but don't write off your priest as "rude" because he addressed you by your given name. You could be denying yourself a superior spiritual leader.

(Problems? Write to Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. All correspondence is confidential.)

Newsmakers

Ashlee Flowers of Miami has been named to receive a presidential scholarship at McMurry University for the coming year, according to Dr. Thomas Kim, McMurry president. To be eligible for a presidential scholarship at McMurry, a student must graduate in the top quarter of the graduating class and a score of 23 or better on the ACT. Flowers will graduate this year from Miami High School. She is the daughter of Timothy and Beverlee Flowers.



Spencer DeShane Neff

The Texas Tech University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi honor society recently accepted new members for the 1991-1992 school year. Inducted from Pampa was Stacie McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lee McDonald. She is a senior studying merchandising and fashion design. McDonald is a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, Alpha Lambda Delta, Home Economics Council, American Home Economics Association, High Tech Fashion Club, Collegiate 4-H, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She has been named to the President's honor roll and Dean's honor roll.

Also named was Ronnie Berry, a junior accounting major, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Berry. He is a member of Golden Key National Honor Society.

Matthew Thomas Walsh, senior business management major and son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick T. Walsh, has been chosen for Phi Kappa Phi also. He is a member of Society for the Advancement of Management, National Dean's List, Golden Key National Honor Society, and Phi Eta Sigma.

Spencer DeShane Neff, a senior at Pampa High School, has received a music performance scholarship and a membership in the University Singers/Chamber Choir from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, for the 1991-1992 academic year. He plans to major in vocal music for secondary education. Spencer is a tenor voice in the PHS concert and show choirs. He is the son of Raymond and Elaine Neff, Pampa.

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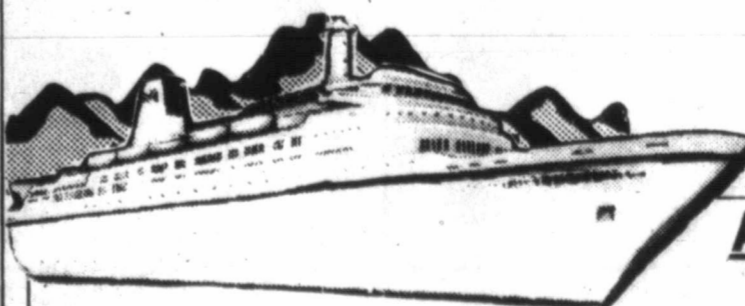
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- Cook in water

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- Author Joyce Carol
- Sob
- Wooden tub
- Female sandpiper
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- Mouth part
- Not bright
- Yorkshire river
- Inert gas
- Freshwater porpoise
- Wine barrel
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GEECH By Jerry Bittle

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WELL, MY FATHER WAS VERY NEARSIGHTED.
THAT'S TOO BAD HOW ABOUT YOUR MOTHER?
MY MOTHER WAS AN ARMY HELMET.

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Participate in activities that you find enjoyable today, but try to put the emphasis on the least expensive kind. You can have a good time without bruising your budget. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Aries' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Major achievements of a material nature are possible through tenacity today. Attempting to operate along lines devoid of resistance could prove counterproductive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Success is probable in your major involvements today, provided you do things in a practical, methodical manner. Ignore hunches; they're apt to be of little help.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of focusing on the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, capitalize on what you already have at hand. If you're imaginative and resourceful, there is a bounty within your reach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Personal concerns and objectives might have to be temporarily set aside today, so that you are able to do certain things that provide the greatest good for the greatest number.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Opportunities are likely to be career-related today, but don't expect a free ride. You'll have to earn any positive developments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your popularity is presently at a high with your peer group, yet you must be wary of one who uses excessive flattery. This individual may have ulterior motives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your mate's judgment regarding family financial matters might not be equal to yours today. To be on the safe side, keep yourself apprised of any expenditures your partner proposes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In order to effectively implement your present plan of action, nominal support from others will be needed today. It's wise to depend more upon your input than theirs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're presently in a financial trend that could prove to be rather fruitful. Do everything you can to try to turn a profit both today and tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It may be up to you at this time to try to untangle a social arrangement that has taken on some serious overtones. You're the one who can appease opposing factions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It looks like you might learn a very valuable lesson today. Something you've been worrying about suddenly takes a turn for the better. So, stop fretting about things that may never happen.

MARVIN By Tom Armstrong

HOW COME YOU'RE IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD, JEFF?
'CAUSE SOMETHING I'VE WAITED MONTHS AND MONTHS FOR IS FINALLY HERE
I'LL GIVE YOU A HINT

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson

JOHNNY CARSON IS BACK FROM VACATION TONIGHT?!

"I don't care where you found it! You're not bringing that chair in this house!"

KIT N' CARLYLE By Larry Wright

IT MAKES ME NERVOUS HOW EVERYONE IS TRYING TO REDUCE THEIR FAT AND CHOLESTEROL INTAKE BY SWITCHING TO POULTRY.

ALLEY OOP By Dave Graue

WHAT...???

WE HAVE THEM, ONO!

YES! NOW LET US LOWER THEM SO WE CAN TIE THEIR HANDS!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? WHO ARE YOU?

WE ARE WOGGS! WE HAVE COME FOR YOU FROM FAR AWAY!

WINTHROP By Dick Cavalli

I'LL BET YOU CAN'T USE THE WORD "INNLIENDO" IN A SENTENCE.

"IF THERE'S A HOLE IN YOUR SCREEN, FLIES WILL COME INNLIENDO."

I DIDN'T THINK HE COULD DO IT, AND I'M STILL NOT SURE HE DID.

SNAFU By Bruce Beattie

"Make sure that doesn't pop out during my concert. Last time, half the audience wanted their money back."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

...and say hi to our grandfather who art in heaven, too.

FRANK AND ERNEST By Bob Thaves

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THE BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom

CLOSE THAT WINDOW!

PEANUTS By Charles M. Schulz

PEPPERMINT PATTY'S ON THE PHONE... SHE SAYS YOUR STUPID DOG IS OVER AT MARCIE'S AGAIN DRINKING ROOT BEER...

WHO AM I TO STAND IN THE WAY OF A WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE IF HE WANTS TO HAVE A GOOD TIME?

NO, HE'S NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING... HE'S JUST AS CRAZY AS HIS DOG..

CALVIN AND HOBBS By Bill Watterson

LET'S SAY LIFE IS THIS SQUARE OF THE SIDEWALK. WE'RE BORN AT THIS CRACK AND WE DIE AT THAT CRACK.

NOW WE FIND OURSELVES SOMEWHERE INSIDE THE SQUARE, AND IN THE PROCESS OF WALKING OUT OF IT, SUDDENLY WE REALIZE OUR TIME IN HERE IS FLEETING.

IS OUR QUICK EXPERIENCE HERE POINTLESS? DOES ANYTHING WE SAY OR DO IN HERE REALLY MATTER? HAVE WE DONE ANYTHING IMPORTANT? HAVE WE BEEN HAPPY? HAVE WE MADE THE MOST OF THESE PRECIOUS FEW FOOTSTEPS??

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GARFIELD By Jim Davis

UH... BECAUSE NAP ATTACKS CAN STRIKE ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, WITHOUT WARNING, THAT'S WHY.

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First Lady has no fear of tell-all books

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barbara Bush is laughing off the possibility that anyone will write any tell-all books about her years in the White House.

"In our case, in all honesty, there's just not a whole bunch to tell," the first lady told reporters Monday.

Mrs. Bush, who last week dismissed Kitty Kelley's titillating new biography of Nancy Reagan as "trash and fiction," said the former first lady called to thank her.

She scoffed at the suggestion that a first lady could arrange secret liaisons in the White House, as the Kelley book suggests Mrs. Reagan did with entertainer Frank Sinatra.

"That's the biggest joke," said Mrs. Bush.

The truth is a thousand people walk through this house ... the ushers, the household help," she said. "Nobody can come up and not be seen. ... And where's the back door?"

The first lady also said her son Neil was being "persecuted" by federal thrift officials for his role in a bankrupt Denver savings and loan. She said the entire Bush family has rallied behind him.

But she took sharp issue when a reporter suggested a parallel with the Kennedy clan, which has closed ranks behind a nephew of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., whom a woman claims raped her at the family's Palm Beach, Fla., compound.

"If you don't mind my saying so, I'd rather you didn't mention their latest flap in the same breath with my innocent son," Mrs. Bush said.

The first lady said she hopes Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is tried and executed for war crimes against Kuwait and his own people.

"He certainly is right up there with the people they tried during World War II," she said. "I'd like to see him hung if he were found

guilty." She called the plight of the Kurdish refugees "heartbreaking," but defended President Bush's response to the crisis.

"He hasn't let them down," she said of the Kurds.

"I think this is where the brave new world is going to come in. This is where the United Nations has to take over," Mrs. Bush said.

She said Neil Bush, 36, is looking for a new job in Texas.

Federal thrift regulators are weighing sanctions against him for alleged conflict of interest in his former role as an outside director of Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association, which went bankrupt at a cost to taxpayers of \$1 billion.

"It is terrible for him, an absolute outrage," said Mrs. Bush. "He's done nothing wrong. He's the most honest, caring, giving man I know and I think he's really been persecuted."

The first lady agreed it was a 98 percent certainty her husband would run for re-election next year, but said "It is very tough to have your children suffer for a job you have."

She dodged a question on the Brady bill that requires a seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases, saying "I'm not going to pass judgment on President Reagan" who recently endorsed it.

Mrs. Bush, with her dog Millie perched at her feet, revealed that "Millie's Book" already has generated \$625,000 in royalties for her family literacy foundation in its seven months as a best seller.

She said she plans to speak out about tolerance in a series of commencement speeches this spring. It is "very sad" for soldiers returning from Operation Desert Storm to return home to bigotry, she said.

She defended Lee Atwater, saying the late Republican national chairman did not need "to apologize at all" for using the furlough of Willie Horton as an issue in the



(AP Laserphoto)

Barbara Bush laughs off the possibility that a tell-all book will be written about the private lives of the Bush family during an interview with selected reporters Monday. Mrs. Bush also told interviewers that she hopes Iraqi President Saddam Hussein will be hung if convicted for war crimes.

1988 presidential campaign against Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Mrs. Bush said that even after 46 years of marriage, "I really was not in awe of" the way her husband

handled the Gulf War.

"He managed to stay on a very even keel with absolutely no blips," she said. "He never did not have time for the children. ... He never showed any temperament."

Stanley Electronics recalls 5,000 garage door openers

DETROIT (AP) — The manufacturer of a garage-door opener says owners should unplug the system immediately because it may open or shut without warning and may not reverse as it is designed to do if it hits a person or object.

The Stanley Electronic Division of Stanley Works announced a recall Monday of models made with defective circuit boards.

The Stanley-made boards were used in openers produced under the brand names Stanley, Fimbel Power Lift and Fimbel EZ Lift.

The openers were sold nationwide between Jan. 14 and April 11. Up to 5,000 may have been bought and installed, said Joseph Jones, president of Stanley Home Automation.

Because of the defective cir-

cuits, a safety feature that causes the door to reverse when it strikes something doesn't work, Jones said.

No injuries or accidents have been reported, Jones said. He said the company learned of the defect when consumers called to report problems.

"The one that we are very much the most concerned about is the door closing and not reversing," Jones said. "We're desperately trying to get them all back."

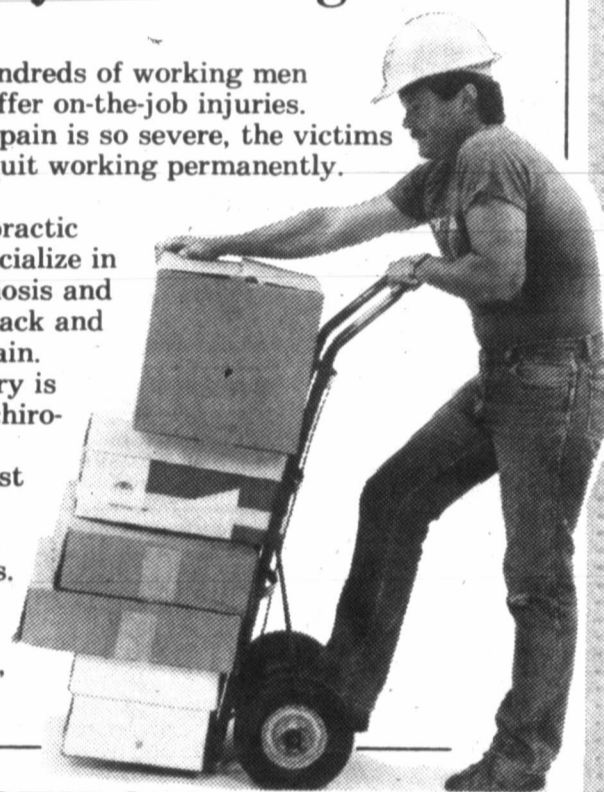
The affected Stanley openers carry date codes of 91-04-01 through 91-15-5. The Fimbel Power Lift and Fimbel EZ Lift openers have date codes of 01-21-91 through 04-11-91.

The company said it will replace the circuit boards at no charge.

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Phillips Petroleum officials say fire won't have affect on customers' needs

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) — Phillips Petroleum officials say a series of explosions and fires at the company's largest U.S. refinery, which is located in Texas, may force it to purchase oil on the spot market.

But the costs would not be passed along to consumers at the pump, they said.

"We expect that in the short term, our incremental costs of doing business will go up," said B.M. Thompson, president of Phillips 66. "But overall, we expect the accident to have little long-term impact on our ability to meet our customers' and shareholders' needs."

The explosions and fires Saturday afternoon at the Old Ocean refinery in Sweeny, Texas, injured two workers and affected about half of the atmospheric residuum desulfurization (ARDS) unit.

The ARDS unit extracts sulfur and metals from sour crude oil.

Thompson said the explosion will not have a significant impact on the company's ability to meet its customers' needs.

"While our ability to refine sour crude has been compromised, the flexibility of Sweeny refinery enables us to minimize the impact on our production," Thompson said. "We're evaluating options that include changes in crude slates and spot purchases of petroleum products."

The sour crude production has been shut off while officials investigate the explosion. Phillips spokesman Rob Phillips said the refinery continues to produce 50,000 barrels of sweet crude oil a day.

Company officials are investigating the extent of the damage. They have not determined how long it will bring the ARDS unit into partial production or completely restore the unit.

"I don't anticipate the sour side

to be down for more than a few days," Phillips said from the company's headquarters in Bartlesville.

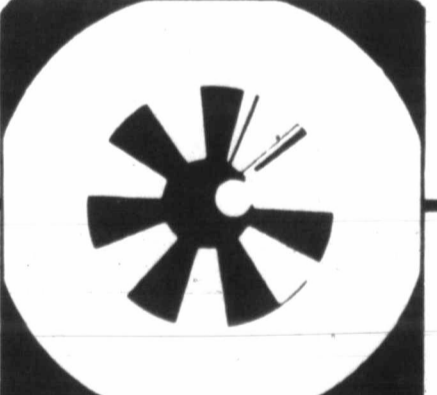
The refinery produces about 85,000 barrels of motor fuels a day. Gasoline production may be affected by about 25 percent, the company said.

Phillips said the company may have to buy more sweet crude to run through the Sweeny refinery. He said sweet crude costs about \$1 more per barrel.

"The cost will not be reflected in higher gas prices at Phillips stations because we can't do that and stay competitive," the spokesman said.

The fires burned themselves out and no evacuations were ordered.

The refinery, five miles north of Sweeny and about 50 miles southwest of Houston, is the largest of Phillips' three refineries in the United States. The others are in Borger, Texas, and Woodcross, Utah.



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