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THURSDAY

## Bush signs bill to end railway workers strike

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress swiftly passed and President Bush early today signed legislation to halt a day-old rail strike and put American travel and commerce back on track. Bush said a continued strike would "cripple the economy" and threaten national security.

Dan Lang, spokesman for the Association of American Railroads, said that as of about 7 a.m. CDT, 95 percent of the nation's picket lines were disbanded.

"The strike is over," Lang said.

Bush was awakened and signed the bill at 1:39 a.m. EDT in the White House residential quarters, spokesman John Herrick said. The measure, which was passed by Congress just before midnight Wednesday, could put some 235,000 rail workers back on the job today.

Bush, in a statement issued later, called the legislation "necessary" and said, "if allowed to continue, the strike would cripple the economy and adversely affect national security."

Lang said crews were being called back and that railroads had to make sure all pickets were down before they could resume negotiations. "Somewhere around mid-day, operations should be at a level somewhere close to normal," he said.

George Whaley, a spokesman for the Association of American Railroads, said, "There will be no further interference with commerce."

"We are gratified that the Congress and President Bush have moved so quickly to end the rail strike," Mike Walsh, chairman of Union Pacific Railroad and head of the AAR, said in a statement.

The government intervened after railroad labor unions and major freight carriers were unable to reach a new contract despite three years of trying and a three-month "cooling off" period.

Eight labor unions set up picket lines at 7 a.m. Wednesday, shutting down virtually all of the nation's rail freight lines and disrupting some passenger traffic.



Jim Reilly, a Conrail worker, puts a stack of picket signs in the trunk of his car early this morning in South Philadelphia after he and other railway workers returned to work.

The measure sets up a new emergency board to deal with remaining issues such as work rules and conditions and would impose a final contract settlement within 65 days if labor and management fail to do so.

It also puts into effect some provisions of a previous

board's recommendations that were not in dispute, notably a 3 percent wage increase in July and a provision making rail workers for the first time share in their health insurance costs.

Both the unions and the railroads would have to accept

whatever the new panel recommends if they cannot agree among themselves. Unions could not resort to another strike and railroads could not engage in a lockout.

The House and Senate acted with uncommon speed to stop the walkout, the first in nearly a decade. Democrats and Republicans alike said the government could not tolerate any strike that endangered an economy already mired in a slump.

The House passed the measure 400-5. The Senate immediately bypassed normal parliamentary procedures, declaring the bill "deemed to be passed" on arrival, and sent it to the White House without any formal vote.

"It stops the strike and gets America moving again ... without tilting the scales toward labor or management," said Rep. Norman Lent of New York, senior Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

"We are now in a recession," said Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., "and we don't want this Congress to be responsible for prolonging this recession."

"This accord is good for labor, good for business, good for the economy and good for the nation," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

The strike halted shipments of everything from coal to auto parts and interfered with most Amtrak passenger trains, except in the Northeast corridor from Washington to Boston, and some commuter services.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater had said the immediate cost of the strike was \$50 million a day and that it could have skyrocketed to \$630 million daily if the walkout had gone on for two weeks.

The Bush administration and the railroads had asked Congress to impose intact the recommendations of a previous presidential emergency board. But Democrats balked after union leaders complained that it would lead to more than 20,000 job losses.

During the 65 days, neither side could change the working conditions of members of the eight unions. New contracts involving three other unions that earlier reached agreement with the companies would be allowed to go into effect.

(AP Laserphoto)

## Dow Jones breaks 3000 mark at closing

From staff and wire reports

NEW YORK (AP) — After toying with the magic number for nine months, the Dow Jones industrial average finally broke the 3,000 barrier.

A cheer went up on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange as the average of 30 big stocks closed above the psychological plateau Wednesday for the first time in the 95-year history of Wall Street's most widely followed indicator.

The rally that pushed the market past 3,000 to 3,004.46 — up 17.58 points from Tuesday — hinged on optimism over lower interest rates and lower inflation.

"When it got there it went eyeball to eyeball with this recession and said 'Not yet,'" said Robert Brusca, chief economist at Nikko Securities International Inc. "(Now) there's been a rise in confidence of a long-term nature."

Analysts said they expected the market to continue climbing, at least briefly, but cautioned that some investors might sell to capitalize on their gains.

Roger David of Edward D. Jones in Pampa sees the end of the 3,000-point psychological barrier as a "positive development," that he expects to continue. Although the Dow Jones industrial average had dropped into the 2900-point area at press time today, David said he believes it will go back up over 3,000 and continue to rise.

"Lower interest rates are pushing people into stocks — particularly mutual funds," David explained. "We're seeing a lot more interest in stocks," David said, adding that not just big investors but "the man off the street" are investing in stocks as well. "When interest rates go down to around five percent, people have to look elsewhere to increase their earnings," he added.

"Certainly this is a big psychological boom in the marketplace," said Manny Geronimos, head of block trading at Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc. "It is a breakthrough, but there's so much supply I see institutions selling into it."

Before Wednesday, the Dow had

eclipsed the 3,000 level during five trading sessions but never managed to close above it.

Changes in the economy and investor confidence since the Dow first cracked 3,000 in intraday trading last summer have contributed to a strong market rally that has sent the index climbing 15 percent this year.

Last summer, the economy was weakening, the business environment was poor and uncertainty gripped the financial markets. The rally that had brought the Dow close to 3,000 was viewed as a house of cards.

And it tumbled. The United States became embroiled in the Persian Gulf crisis and some economists declared the country was in a recession. The stock market lost more than 600 points, falling to an October low of 2,365.10.

The market rallied late in 1990, but the mood still was grim — until war broke out and, contrary to conventional wisdom, the stock market took off.

In comparison with last summer, interest rates are lower as the Federal Reserve has eased credit to stimu-

late the lagging economy. That has made stocks a more attractive investment than government bonds, which pay a fixed rate of interest.

In addition, inflation has shown significant improvement; it is at its lowest rate in 4 1/2 years from January through March.

"This is a totally different ballgame out there now," said Christopher Pedersen, director of trading at Twenty-First Securities Corp. "Investors are in more for the long term now than they have been for the past few years."

"The whole investing climate has changed away from speculation," he said.

Wednesday's breakthrough typified the rapid escalation in the nation's financial markets in recent years. The Dow raced from 2,000 to 3,000 in four years that also embraced the devastating 508-point crash in October 1987.

By comparison, it took the Dow 76 years from its creation to close above 1,000 in November 1972 (it momentarily touched the level in 1966 but fell back) and 14 more years to break 2,000 in January 1987.



(AP Laserphoto)

A trader watches his monitor on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday as the Dow Jones industrial average nears its closing mark above 3000.

## RRC Commissioner Lena Guerrero visits Pampa

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
News Editor

Texas Railroad Commissioner Lena Guerrero will be in Pampa and Borger today. Guerrero plans to visit the Railroad Commission office in Pampa and meet with community and business leaders in Borger.

Guerrero is to be at the Pampa RRC office from 3:15 to 4:30 today. She is also to be honored at a reception immediately following a press conference at the Borger Country Club later this evening.

On Jan. 23, Guerrero was sworn in as Texas Railroad Commissioner, the first female and first ethnic minority to ever serve on the three-member panel in its 100-year history.

Appointed to the RRC by Gov. Ann Richards, Guerrero is expected to bring a fresh perspective to the powerful agency that regulates two of the most critical elements of the Texas economy — energy and transportation.

Guerrero first held public office as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. She served three full terms, was elected to a fourth term, but was tapped for the RRC job before she took the oath for a new term. When she was first elected in 1984, at age 26, she was only the second female Hispanic to serve in the Texas House.

While a member of the House State Affairs Committee, serving as vice chair during the 71st Legislative session, Guerrero developed knowledge of energy, utility and transportation regulation. She successfully passed legislation that protects and conserves Texas' environment and advocated the development of the state's natural resources, such as natural gas.

In addition Guerrero also served on the Government Organization Committee. She completed a four-year stint on the Sunset Advisory Commission in 1990, serving her final year as vice chair.

Guerrero's ability to pass more legislation than any other non-chairman in the House during the 71st Session was one reason she was named to *Texas Monthly's* "10 Best" list. Also, the *Texas Observer* rated her as an "exceptional" legislator. Last year, *Newsweek* called her one of the nation's up and coming Hispanic leaders.

Her career in politics and government began on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin, where she received a degree in broadcasting. From college, Guerrero moved on to become active in numerous political campaigns at the local, state and national levels.

Most recently, she served as political director of the Ann Richards for Governor campaign during the 1990 primary season. During the general

election, she was co-chair of Unity '90 — the statewide coordinated campaign of the Democratic Party.

Guerrero's civic involvement covers a broad spectrum of issues and activities. In the Austin area, her board memberships have ranged from health organizations, such as the Arthritis Foundation, to the arts, for example, the Ballet East Dance Theatre.

Statewide, she is a member of the Texas Lyceum, active in several organizations which promote the reproductive rights of women, and also several groups dedicated to promoting issues of particular concern to the Hispanic community. On the national level, she is a board member of the World Wildlife Fund/Conservation Foundation and the National Wildlife Federation.

Born in Mission on Nov. 27, 1957, Guerrero was the fifth of nine children born to Alvaro and Adela Guerrero. Her father managed a lumber yard, but died of cancer when she was 11 years old. After his death, Guerrero's mother took a job in the school cafeteria in Mission where she is still employed today. Along with her brothers and sisters, Guerrero migrated as a farm worker during the summers to help support the family.

She is married to Lionel Aguirre, who works for Texas Comptroller John Sharp. They live in Austin with their three-year-old son, Leo.

## Bigger jury pool sought for Braun's death-penalty hearing

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — A sentencing hearing for confessed killer Gregg Braun probably will resume in August or September with a jury pool of at least 200 people, a defense lawyer says.

District Judge Jay Harris of Las Vegas, N.M., declared a mistrial Monday after questioning 61 prospective jurors and failing to find enough who hadn't read about out-of-state charges pending against Braun. Such information would be inadmissible.

Braun, 30, of Garden City, Kan., pleaded guilty but mentally ill to the July 23, 1989, shooting death of convenience-store clerk Geraldine Valdez at the J&T Mini-Mart in Springer. He also is charged in the killings of 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.

Attorney Gary Mitchell said a bigger jury pool will be sought. He

said the current plan is to keep the hearing in Taos.

After the mistrial Monday, Braun told a news photographer: "Tell your editor, 'Thank you for the great job.'"

District Judge Joe Caldwell will assist Harris in obtaining at least 200 prospective panelists instead of the 90 initially called. Mitchell said in a telephone interview from his Ruidoso home.

Of those 90, Mitchell said, only 71 were available by the time the hearing was to begin.

"Out of 71," he said, "63 showed up." And that was down to 61 by Monday.

"It's been my experience that you need an initial panel of 200 to 300 people to draw from," Mitchell said.

He said he accepts some of the blame for underestimating the need for a larger pool.

"I should have raised Cain and said ... you need more people," he said.

He said he believes a pool of at least 200 can be found in Taos County.

## Police investigating five burglaries

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Pampa police are searching for the person or persons responsible for a string of five burglaries in the city late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

In addition, two automobile burglaries were reported to police during the same time period.

And one of the burglaries, at Bill Allison Auto Sales, 623 W. Foster, was used to gain access to a car, from which a stereo was stolen, authorities said.

Police Deputy Chief Ken Hall stated the burglaries occurred at The Music Shoppe, 2139 N. Hobart; Taylor Mart, 1321 N. Hobart; a residence at 1053 Prairie Dr.; Pampa High School and Bill Allison Auto Sales.

Burglaries of motor vehicles were reported at 430 Crest and the Pampa High School parking lot.

During the burglary at Pampa High School, a glass panel in a trophy case near the front of the school was broken.

Principal Daniel Coward said, "They kicked in a door to a writing lab, broke into a science classroom and stole an electronic balance, and broke into the library and book room looking for petty cash. Best we can tell, they didn't get any."

Hall said merchandise was stolen from the Taylor Mart, a window cooler was taken from the residence on Prairie Drive, and it remained undetermined through this morning what had been stolen at The Music Shoppe.

Crime Stoppers is offering rewards of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons involved in the burglaries.

Cpl. Dave Wilkinson of the Crime Prevention Unit said anyone with information on the cases can call 669-2222.

In an unrelated incident, Pampa police are searching for a confidential informant who turned a would-be drug bust into an opportunity to make money.

A police incident report indicates the informant was given between \$20 and \$200 by a member of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Task Force to buy drugs from an alleged dealer.

However, instead of purchasing the drugs, the person took the money and disappeared.

Reports indicate the theft occurred in the 600 block of West Browning early Wednesday morning. "The informant decided to keep the money, so we are filing on him," Hall said.

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## Services tomorrow

NEPPER, Johnnie I. - 10 a.m., St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Amarillo.  
HAGAMAN, Carmel L. - 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.

## Obituaries

**JOHNNIE I. NEPPER**  
AMARILLO - Johnnie I. Nepper, 74, a former Groom resident, died Tuesday, April 16, 1991. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. Peter Jaramillo, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel.  
Mr. Nepper, born in Electra, moved to Amarillo in 1948 from Groom. He was a retired mechanic, having worked for Plains Chevrolet for 40 years. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Elizabeth Nepper; a daughter, Given McRoberts of Canyon; a son, Johnnie Lane Nepper of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three sisters, Sophia Hermesmyer of Amarillo, Elizabeth Cramer of Canyon and Minnie Peters of Paris, Ark.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.  
The family will be at 4622 S. Hayden St. and requests memorials be to the American Cancer Association.

## CARMEL L. HAGAMAN

Carmel L. Hagaman, 79, died Tuesday, April 16, 1991. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Metzger, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.



Mrs. Hagaman was born June 29, 1911, in Golden City, Mo. She married Verl Hagaman on Dec. 29, 1935, in Liberal, Kan. They moved to Pampa from Garden City, Kan., in 1940. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and Crusader's Sunday School Class. She was a former member of El Progreso Study Club and a member of numerous bridge clubs.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; a daughter, Joan Lynch of Wichita Falls; and several nieces and nephews.

## JIM AUFILL

Jim Aufill, 71, died Wednesday, April 17, 1991. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Aufill was born Nov. 29, 1919, in Amarillo and raised in Hedley. He moved to Pampa in 1942 and worked for Cabot Corp. many years before retiring. He was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvesters Church of Christ and a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. He was preceded in death in 1971 by a grandson, Timothy White.

Survivors include his wife, Annie, of the home; two daughters, Mary Fletcher and Mattie Norton, both of Pampa; two brothers, John Aufill of Lubbock and Arnold Aufill of Los Angeles; a sister, Almer Shannon of California; and five grandchildren.

## WILLIAM F. 'BILL' FARNSWORTH

William F. "Bill" Farnsworth, 67, died Wednesday, April 17, 1991. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Farnsworth was born Feb. 2, 1924, northwest of Glazier. He was a resident of Pampa since 1955. He married Betty Malcolm on April 9, 1950, in Canadian. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for Cabot Corp. 31 years before retiring in 1986. He was a member of Central Baptist Church and the Pampa VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Farnsworth, of the home; two daughters, Barbara Bellflower of Amarillo and Cindy Zumstein of White Deer; two brothers, Johnny Farnsworth of Memphis and Jim Farnsworth of Immoklee, Fla.; four sisters, Nevada Browning of Lela Lake; Margie Garrison of Spirit Lake, Idaho; Lola Kerr of Midland and Alice Munford of Boulder, Colo.; and four grandchildren.

## Fires

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 17

4:41 p.m. - A grass fire north of the Lake McClellan dam burned 15 acres. One unit and two firefighters responded.

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions**  
Joe Calderoni, Pampa  
Verlie Johnson, Pampa  
**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admission**  
Digna Russell, Shamrock  
**Dismissals**  
Donald Bodine, Shamrock  
Esther Scrivner, Shamrock  
Bobbie Sherard, Tucumcari, N.M.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa	Cabot O&G	17 3/4	dn 1/8
Wheat	79 1/4	dn 1/8	
No. 2	55 3/8	dn 1/2	
No. 3	59 1/2	up 1/2	
No. 4	44 1/2	dn 1/8	
No. 5	45 1/2	dn 1/4	
No. 6	49	NC	
No. 7	24	dn 1/8	
No. 8	45	up 1/8	
No. 9	29 1/2	dn 1/8	
No. 10	53 1/8	NC	
No. 11	8 7/8	dn 1/8	
No. 12	35 1/8	dn 1/4	
No. 13	2 5/8	dn 1/8	
No. 14	68 1/8	up 1/8	
No. 15	16 5/8	dn 1/8	
No. 16	51 1/4	dn 1/8	
No. 17	29	up 1/8	
No. 18	58 7/8	dn 7/8	
No. 19	30 3/8	up 3/8	
No. 20	45 1/2	up 1/4	
No. 21	68 7/8	NC	
No. 22	43 1/8	dn 5/8	
No. 23	359 5/8	NC	
No. 24	131 5/8	NC	
No. 25	35 1/2	NC	
No. 26		NC	

## Police report

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 17

Police reported a theft of cash in the 600 block of West Browning.

Taylor Mart, 1321 N. Hobart, reported a burglary at the business.

Music Shoppe, 2139 N. Hobart, reported a burglary at the business.

Pampa Independent School District reported a burglary at the high school.

Colin Jackson, 1065 Varnon Dr., reported a burglary at 1053 Prairie.

Leslie Neeley, 1022 S. Wilcox, reported cruelty to animals in the 1000 block of South Clark.

Bill Allison Auto Sales, 623 W. Foster, reported a burglary at the business.

Steve Organ, 1215 W. Crawford, reported burglary of a motor vehicle at 430 Crest.

Jenny Edwards, 1936 N. Zimmers, reported burglary of a motor vehicle in the 1400 block of Charles.

Walter Shed, 2413 Mary Ellen, reported a theft at the residence.

### Arrests

WEDNESDAY, April 17  
Benny Lynn Young, 36, Lefors, was arrested at 543 W. Brown on four warrants.

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

**PAMPA SINGLES ORGANIZATION**  
Pampa Singles Organization will meet Saturday at 7:30 p.m., 405 Linda, for snacks and games. Call 665-2960 for information.

**DESERT STORM RECEPTION**  
Desert Storm Support Group invites the public to join them in welcoming soldiers returning from the Persian Gulf War at a reception Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pampa Mall. Presentations will be made at 6 p.m. Soldiers to be honored at the reception include Shawn Harris, Marvin Hinds, William Powell, Dewey Wheat, David Aud, Gaylon Reed, Wade Morris, Shawn Frye, Lynn Reeves and Jeffery Smith.

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 17

5:24 p.m. - A 1984 Chevrolet driven by Amanda Leathers, 1213 Darby, collided with a 1989 Chevrolet driven by Robert Wilson, Skellytown, in the 1400 block of North Hobart. Leathers was cited for following too closely. A possible injury to Wilson was reported.

**DESERT STORM GROUP TO HONOR SOLDIERS FRIDAY**  
Ten members of the United States military from the Pampa area who served in Operation Desert Storm will be honored Friday evening during a two-hour reception at the Pampa Mall.

June Thurman of the Desert Storm Support Group, which is hosting the event, said the reception will begin at 5 p.m. in the courtyard near Bealls Department Store.

At 6 p.m. presentations of bricks bearing the person's name will be made. Those bricks will later be placed on the Veteran's Walkway at Memorial Park.

Among those to be honored are Shawn Harris, Marvin Hinds and Lynn Reeves of the U.S. Marine Corps.

From the Army are Jeffery Smith and Wade Morris of Lefors and William Powell, Dewey Wheat, David Aud and Gaylon Reed of Pampa.

Shawn Frye of the U.S. Air Force will also be honored. Thurman said the parents of Frye, Reeves and Smith will receive the bricks on behalf of their children, who have already returned to active duty and are no longer in the area.

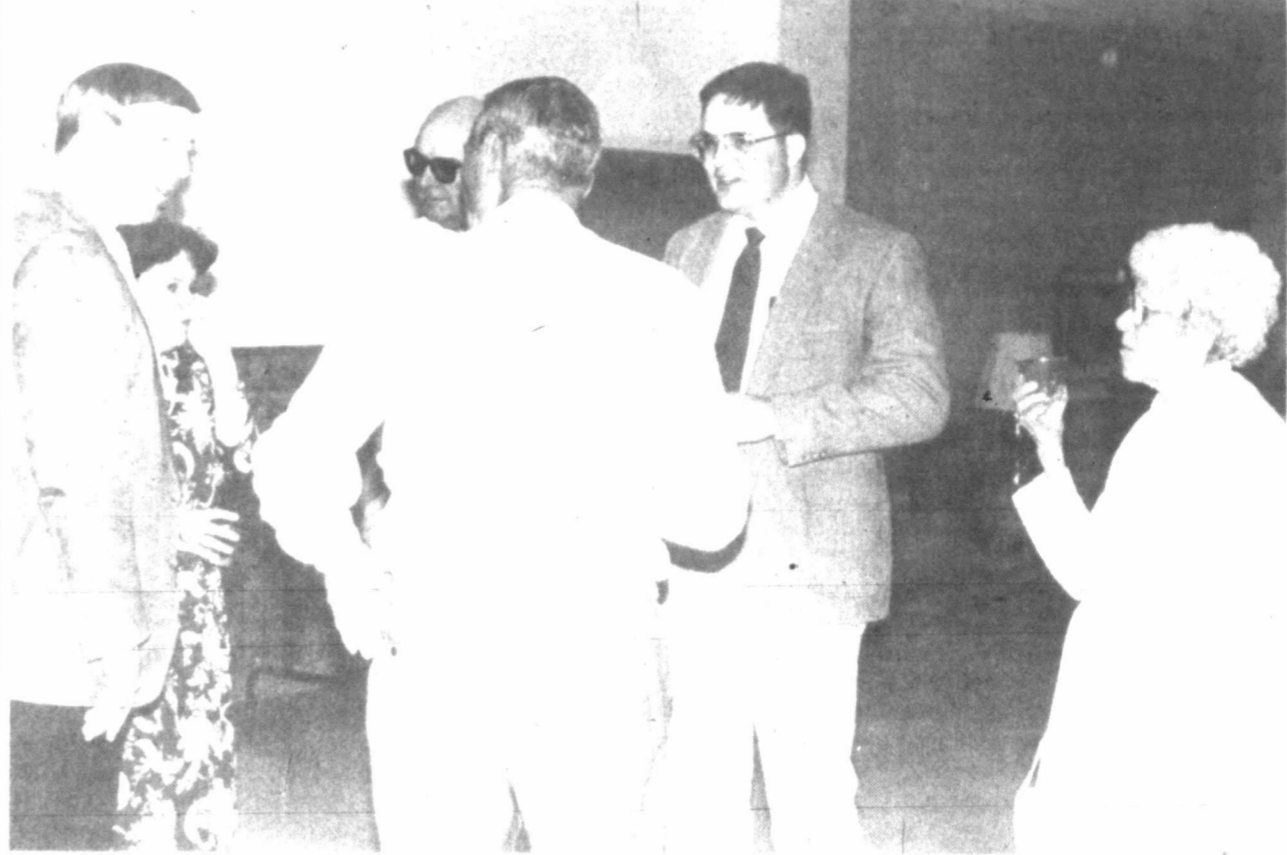
Army Lt. Col. Dewey Wheat is the highest ranking member of the military to be honored at the event.

**LEFORS ISD TRUSTEES CALL SPECIAL MEETING**  
LEFORS - The Lefors Independent School District board of trustees will be meeting in a special called session at 7 p.m. today in the Lefors Elementary School library.

The trustees will be discussing School Finance Bill 351 and its possible effect on personnel for the 1991-92 school year, and the district's position concerning the possible lawsuit with other school districts over SB 351.

The board also has scheduled an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

## College reception



The Clarendon College-Pampa Center held a reception Wednesday afternoon to honor Larry Gilbert, former dean of the Pampa campus, and to welcome Joe Kyle Reeve, incoming interim associate dean of the campus. Visiting at the reception, held in the Pampa Community Building, are, from left, Gilbert; Sarita Reeve, wife of the associate dean; Herman Vinson; Newt Secrest (back to camera); Reeve; and Mary Reeve, aunt of the associate dean. Gilbert is going to Navarro College-Ellis Center at Waxahachie to assume the dean position there.

## Ruling invalidates insurance liability arrests

AUSTIN (AP) - The Department of Public Safety is contacting prosecutors around the state after a court ruling this month apparently invalidated thousands of DPS warrants that charged drivers with failing to have liability insurance, officials said.

A court ruled on April 10 that failure to have insurance and show proof of it is not a crime. The decision in a 1983 case overturned the conviction of a woman stopped in Travis County who didn't provide proof of financial responsibility to a DPS trooper.

State law requires each driver be able to cover damage claims of at least \$55,000 arising from an automobile accident. The court said failure to provide proof of liability insurance wasn't the same as failure to meet the law's requirement of financial responsibility.

"With rare exceptions, courts must apply penal statutes exactly as they read," the court said. "In the explicit language of (the Texas financial responsibility law), there is no mention of automobile liability insurance, which is simply one method - albeit an obvious one - by which individuals may secure the ability to respond adequately in damages."

The ruling also said a DPS trooper's testimony failed to establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. In a teletype sent to all DPS offices, Col. Joe Milner said the department had determined that cases filed under the liability insurance law might be defective based on the Court of Criminal Appeals decision.

"Effective immediately and until further notice, DPS communications will not confirm any warrants for the offense of failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear on that charge," Milner said. "In other words, if a driver is stopped for some violation, and troopers call in to check for any outstanding warrants, they won't be told of any financial responsibility warrants. DPS spokesman Mike Cox said.

Cox said the DPS also is contacting local prosecutors and asking them to dismiss the charges. "The net effect to the average Joe is that if he has a warrant for his arrest for not having liability insurance proof, or for failure to appear ... there probably won't be any prosecution," Cox said.

Cox said thousands of cases are affected, although he had no precise estimate. "Our troopers still are going to endeavor to enforce the law, although it may be more difficult," Cox said. A bill soon will be presented in the Texas Legislature to correct the liability insurance law, Cox said.

## Phone solicitation creating confusion

A telephone solicitation campaign to "help the disabled and handicapped" has created some confusion for area residents. Bill Ripple of the Pampa Sheltered Workshop said the workshop had received several calls today concerning a telephone campaign asking persons to buy plastic bags, light bulbs, or household cleanser to "help

the disabled and handi-capped." Ripple said the callers are not giving a name of an organization. Pampa Sheltered Workshop has no knowledge of and is not involved in any way with this telephone campaign, Ripple said. "The sheltered workshop does not do telephone solicitation," he said, adding, "We never sell anything by phone - period."

**BRICK REPAIR:** Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.  
**JUST IN TIME,** one of a kind Mother's Rings, starting at \$139. In store financing. Goldkraft Jewelers, 1334 N. Hobart, 669-1244. Adv.  
**FEEL DRAB?** Need a new look? Call Barbara's Creations for Your Sewing Needs. 665-2024. Adv.  
**ALIVE PRAISE** Team from Hereford, Texas will present an evening of powerful and exciting praise and worship at 7:00 p.m. tonight at Faith Christian Center, 118 N. Cuyler. Adv.

**CABLE BOX \$49.95.** View cable channels above channel 13, like CNN, TNT, Nickelodeon and others on any VHF/UHF TV, includes cables, adapters and free installation in Pampa area. Owen Electronics, 274-7077, after 7 p.m. 665-6779. Adv.  
**LIKE TO show off** your classic automobile? Trophies will be awarded. For more information, 669-1225. Adv.  
**HAIR BENDERS.** Unlimited tanning. \$35 a month. New bulbs. 665-7117. Adv.

**THIS IS** the ideal time of year to test your dog for heart worms, and start preventive treatment. Roysie Animal Hospital. 665-2223. Adv.  
**BOB JEWELL** is still doing furniture upholstery. 669-9221. Adv.  
**VFW DANCE.** Post Home, Borger Hwy., Saturday April 20, 8 p.m.-midnight. \$5 per person, live band, set ups available. Adv.

**HAVE YOU** cleaned your car this Spring? Let the Pro's do it. Shop of Details 665-0807. Detailing by Ted 665-5529 beep then 328. Adv.

**Weather focus**  
**LOCAL FORECAST**  
Sunny this afternoon, with a high in the upper 70s, northerly winds 5-15 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and northerly winds 10-20 mph. Low in the mid 40s. Friday, mostly cloudy in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Cooler, with a high near 70. Wednesday's high was 69; the overnight low was 46.

**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
**Saturday through Monday**  
West Texas - Panhandle: Increasing cloudiness through Sunday with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Sunday. Becoming mostly fair Monday. Highs in upper 60s Saturday warming to mid 70s Monday. Lows in low to mid 40s. South Plains: Increasing cloudiness through Sunday with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Sunday. Becoming mostly fair Monday. Highs in mid 70s Saturday and Sunday warming to low to mid 80s Monday. Lows in low 50s. Concho-Pecos Valleys: Increasing cloudiness through Sunday with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday. Becoming mostly fair Monday. Highs in low to mid 80s. Low in upper 50s to low 60s. Far West: Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday. Mostly fair Monday. Highs in mid 70s Saturday and Sunday warming to low 80s Monday. Lows in upper 40s to low 50s. Big Bend: Increasing cloudiness through Sunday with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Sunday. Mostly fair Monday. Mountains, highs in mid 70s to near 80 and lows in the 50s. Lowlands, highs in low to mid

70s and lows in the 60s.  
North Texas - West: Chance of thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 70s Saturday and Sunday warming into the 80s Monday. Central and East: Partly cloudy Saturday. Chance of thunderstorms Sunday and Monday. Lows upper 50s to low 60s. Highs in the 70s.  
South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s with highs in the 80s. Coastal Bend: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s with highs in the 80s, near 90 inland. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Highs in the 80s east to 90s west. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Highs in the 80s.

**BORDER STATES**  
Oklahoma - Partly cloudy through Friday. Scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly southeast tonight and east Friday. Cooler north and west tonight and most sections Friday. Low tonight low 40s Panhandle to low 60s southeast. Highs Friday mostly 60s and low 70s.  
New Mexico - Late night and early morning low clouds and fog northeast. Otherwise fair to partly cloudy. Lows tonight 20s and 30s mountains and north with 40s to around 50 lower elevations. Little cooler north and east Friday with highs in the 50s and 60s mountains and north to near 80 southwest.

**Desert Storm group to honor soldiers Friday**  
Ten members of the United States military from the Pampa area who served in Operation Desert Storm will be honored Friday evening during a two-hour reception at the Pampa Mall.

June Thurman of the Desert Storm Support Group, which is hosting the event, said the reception will begin at 5 p.m. in the courtyard near Bealls Department Store.

At 6 p.m. presentations of bricks bearing the person's name will be made. Those bricks will later be placed on the Veteran's Walkway at Memorial Park.

Among those to be honored are Shawn Harris, Marvin Hinds and Lynn Reeves of the U.S. Marine Corps.

From the Army are Jeffery Smith and Wade Morris of Lefors and William Powell, Dewey Wheat, David Aud and Gaylon Reed of Pampa.

Shawn Frye of the U.S. Air Force will also be honored. Thurman said the parents of Frye, Reeves and Smith will receive the bricks on behalf of their children, who have already returned to active duty and are no longer in the area.

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**Skellytown to have Arts and Crafts Show**  
SKELLYTOWN - Skellytown will be having an Arts and Crafts Show this Saturday and Sunday, with proceeds benefiting the Skellytown park fund.

The show will be held in the Skellytown School gym from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

A concession stand will be provided by the 4-H youth.

In addition to the show, there will be door prizes and drawings, with a grand prize to be given away to one of the persons making donations for the park fund.

Booths are still available. For more information, call 848-2898 or 848-2477.

# Texas railway operations resume after strike settlement

By CHIP BROWN  
Associated Press Writer

The quick end to the nationwide rail strike was a big relief for corporate officials and government leaders in Texas who feared the worst for industries affected by the walk-out.

Officials had predicted that even a short-lived strike would damage Texas agriculture and petrochemical industries along with hundreds of other companies dependent on rails.

The end of the strike, after just one day, came sooner than most had expected.

"The union says it shouldn't be long," a member of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Local No. 2412 manning a picket line at a Santa Fe depot in Plainview had said on Wednesday. "We want to go back next week so we can eat."

Instead, rail workers were headed back to work this morning.

Lawmakers in Washington acted quickly to pass legislation ending the strike. President Bush was awakened and signed the paperwork about 2 a.m. EDT (1 a.m. CDT).

Government leaders had expressed the fear that even a short-lived strike would damage Texas agriculture and petrochemical industries along with hundreds of other companies dependent on rails.

Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Mission, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and the ranking Republican, Rep. Tom Coleman of Missouri, released a call-to-arms statement Wednesday.

"Based on information provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and industry sources, it is quite clear that this strike is a potential disaster for American agriculture, even if it lasts for only a few days," the statement said.

A small grain company in Bowie, about 60 miles northwest of Fort Worth, has already felt the impact of the strike.

"All of our grain is brought in by rail. The strike is a total shutdown for us," said Clint Shelton, whose father owns Shelton Grain Co. in Bowie.

The grain company sells about \$20,000 worth of Midwestern corn to area dairy farmers each day. The strike cut off all services, Shelton said. "We go from being in business to not," he said.

Railway workers across the state hit the picket lines early Wednesday, carrying signs and chanting slogans in effort to land better wages, work rules and health care costs.

Unions of major freight carriers have been arguing over better conditions for nearly three years.

"Nobody wants a strike, but we've had nothing but mock negotiations in the last few days," said Randy Haughton, a Union Pacific engineer and general chairman of the United Transportation Union's office in Fort Worth.

Some companies solely-dependent on rail to move goods had stockpiled products in anticipation of the strike.

The Lower Colorado River Authority, which serves about 800,000 people and 42,000 busi-



(AP Laserphoto)

**Railway worker Mike Osgood walks a picket line in front of a pair of idle tank cars at a Dallas freight yard Wednesday.**

nesses in Central Texas, amassed a 70-75 day supply of coal. Normally a 60-day supply is maintained.

In Arlington, where the General Motors Corp. operates an assembly plant with about 3,700 workers, officials said they weren't sure how an extended strike would affect their production.

An extended rail strike would have knocked out production at chemical plants across the state, costing Texas' chemical industry \$70 million daily, said Monte Janssen, a spokesman for the Texas Chemical Council.

Nearly one-fifth of the total tonnage carried by rail through Texas is related to the petrochemical indus-

try, the Railroad Commission said.

In San Antonio, about 500 Southern Pacific workers and about 350 Union Pacific employees and hundreds more from both companies throughout South Texas were off the job Wednesday because of the railroad strike.

Employees who were working were reluctant to discuss the matter.

All Amtrak passenger trains into and out of San Antonio stopped running Wednesday morning.

The strike had shut down freight operations of Burlington Northern Inc., the only major rail company based in Texas, but the trains resumed operation at 6 a.m. Thursday, said company spokesman Roger

Campbell. He said the company will have full operations by 6 p.m.

Burlington Northern, which ships about 840,000 tons of goods daily, operates the nation's largest track system, with more than 25,000 miles in 25 states and two Canadian provinces.

In Longview, several different unions, representing Union Pacific Railroad Co. employees in various fields, had members waving "On Strike" signs by the Longview train station Wednesday.

Standing in small bands near still tracks, sign-carrying Valley rail workers manned picket lines in the Rio Grande Valley on Wednesday.

An estimated 100 striking workers for Union Pacific, the largest of the two Valley rail freight carriers, took turns manning picket lines near the tracks in Brownsville and Harlingen. They walked pickets on schedules roughly coinciding with their work schedules.

Approximately 24 more Southern Pacific workers were on strike at Brownsville.

"We've been insulted; we've been complimented; we've been waved to and we've been shot the finger at," Union Pacific engineer Mark Jones, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Local 731, said in Harlingen. "I just smile and wave at all of them. ..."

"I don't think the public sympathizes with us at all. The company's put out too much propaganda about how we're overpaid and all this stuff. I feel like I'm well-paid, but I don't feel like I'm overpaid."

Union members said the railroads' insistence that employees pay for their own health insurance was the main reason negotiations broke down.

"They give us a little raise, but then they make us pay for the insurance and that takes away that raise," engineer Skipper Lee said.

Railroads also want cutbacks in crew sizes, and want more mileage figured into the average day.

"Instead of a man, they give you a walkie talkie, and that walkie talkie is supposed to perform the duties of a man," Nestor "The Bear" Ibarra, a railroad worker for 27 years and a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, said.

In McAllen, Ed Wallace, president of produce wholesaler E.F. Wallace and Sons Inc., worried as thousands of pounds of carrots normally shipped by rail began piling up.

The company has been shipping 2 million pounds of carrots per week, 95 percent of them by rail, and Wallace worried that "it could be catastrophic if they don't resolve this soon."

About 15 Permian Basin rail workers began picketing about 7 a.m. Wednesday at the Union Pacific Railway Station in Odessa after employment negotiations broke down Tuesday night.

About 25 workers picketed in Alpine beginning about 7 a.m., said City Secretary Anabel Holguin. She did not know how many of Alpine's Union Pacific workers were on strike. "It looked like it might have been all of them," she said.

## Bullock: School finance bill to cost \$15.9 billion

By PEGGY FIKAC  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Local school property taxes will increase by an average of 34 percent over the next five years under Texas' new school finance reform law, according to estimates released by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

That will total about \$8.3 billion in new property taxes, according to figures developed by the Texas Education Agency and distributed Wednesday.

There is an estimated additional cost to the state of about \$7.6 billion over the same time period.

In the first two years under the new law, local property taxes will increase an estimated \$2.1 billion statewide, rather than \$400 million as previously estimated by lawmakers for the same measure, according to TEA's figures. It will increase state aid \$1.3 billion over the next two years.

The estimate totals about \$2 billion more state and local money over five years, and a 2 percent average point larger property tax increase, than estimated for a previous bill approved by the Senate but rejected by the House. Some lawmakers who opposed the earlier measure said they were concerned about its price tag.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Carl Parker criticized some lawmakers in the House who he said refused to put more state money into the plan, thus increasing the burden on local property taxpayers.

"I think they (local property taxpayers) are going to be plenty displeased about it," said Parker, D-Port Arthur.

Bullock said, "Education is a state function, and we should be paying for it with state dollars." He has pushed for a state income tax to meet the Texas' needs in education and other areas.

Rep. Ernestine Glosbrenner, an Alice Democrat who heads the House Public Education Committee, questioned the estimates.

Some school districts will have to raise their local property tax rates to meet the new legal minimum, which begins at 72 cents per \$100 valuation and rises to \$1 in four years, Ms. Glosbrenner said.

However, she said, "There are a lot of school districts next year who will be able to maintain their current expenditures at a lower tax rate and will receive substantial increases in funding at the same tax rate."

Glosbrenner would not respond to criticism about the House: "I am not going to get into the

business of throwing rocks back and forth across the rotunda."

The school finance law will transfer hundreds of millions of dollars in local property tax revenue from wealthier to poorer school districts within new education taxing districts drawn largely along county lines.

The law was passed in response to a Texas Supreme Court order to even out funding to school districts.

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

Local districts' reliance on their own property tax revenue currently results in huge funding disparities.

Similar estimates for the previous plan were that it would cost about \$6.4 billion in additional state aid and \$7.5 billion in additional local school property tax money over five years.

The projections assume that local school districts will raise their tax rates to maintain their current level of revenue, and that all districts will increase their spending by 5 percent a year to cover increased costs.

## SCHOOL FINANCE COSTS

AUSTIN (AP) — Here, according to Texas Education Agency figures released by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, is the projected additional state and local revenue required to fund the new school finance reform law. [Chart shows each year, average district annual tax rate, revenue produced and increase over 1991 level. Revenue and increase figures in millions. Assumes stated average district tax rates.]

Year	LOCAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE		Revenue Increase
	Tax	Rate	
1991	\$1.00	\$6,391.0	—
1992	\$1.13	\$7,221.0	\$830.0
1993	\$1.20	\$7,672.0	\$1,281.0
1994	\$1.27	\$8,159.0	\$1,768.0
1995	\$1.34	\$8,620.0	\$2,229.0
1996	\$1.34	\$8,620.0	\$2,229.0
Total	1992-96:	\$40,292.0	\$8,337.0
Year	STATE FUNDING		Revenue Increase
	Tax	Rate	
1991	\$1.00	\$5,777.4	—
1992	\$1.13	\$6,187.1	\$409.7
1993	\$1.20	\$6,685.2	\$907.8
1994	\$1.27	\$7,374.2	\$1,596.8
1995	\$1.34	\$8,088.1	\$2,310.7
1996	\$1.34	\$8,199.8	\$2,422.4
Total	1992-96:	\$36,534.4	\$7,647.4

## Woman found innocent in son's alcohol death

AUSTIN (AP) — Patricia Ann Griffin wept and said "Thank you, thank you," to the Travis County jury that acquitted her in the alcohol poisoning death of her son.

Five-year-old Tinky Griffin died Feb. 23, 1990, four days after he was given a lethal dose of bourbon and told to "drink it like a man."

The six man, six-woman jury deliberated 10 hours over two days before finding Ms. Griffin innocent of felony injury to a child.

In January, a Tarrant County jury convicted 22-year-old Anthony Darron Jimerson guilty of murder for giving Tinky the alcohol during

a party. He was sentenced to 10 years' probation.

When she heard she had been acquitted, Griffin, 33, fell back into her chair. She later said, "That was my baby, and I loved him very much."

Griffin, who lives in the Fort Worth suburb of Everman, had faced up to 99 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted of waiting nearly 15 hours before seeking medical attention for the child.

Prosecution witnesses testified that Tinky vomited repeatedly and fell unconscious during that period.

Jurors also rejected two lesser charges, reckless injury to a child

and misdemeanor criminal negligence to a child.

Members of the jury said they were unconvinced that her failure to act could be considered a crime as outlined in the judge's instructions to the jury.

"I felt like we maybe wasted a lot of time and taxpayers' dollars here," presiding juror Kimberly Johnson said.

The trial was moved from Fort Worth because of extensive news coverage.

Griffin said after the trial that she plans to seek custody of her two younger children, 4-year-old Rashad and Rachel, born in September.

## Man struck by train

DENTON (AP) — Police were investigating the death of a local pedestrian apparently struck by a train early Wednesday.

Authorities were notified shortly after 7:30 a.m. that there was a male body by the tracks, said Denton police Sgt. L. Flemming.

The train involved in the accident did not stop and the crew apparently was unaware of the accident, Flemming said.

He said the last train through the North Texas city was about 1 a.m.

Flemming said the death had nothing to do with the national rail strike.

"I don't see any connection ... this victim shouldn't have anything to do with the strike," Flemming said.

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## Opinion

### Doomsayers miss mark on economy

Are the nation's resources dwindling? Are we running out of oil? On March 31, 1979, President Jimmy Carter warned, "There is a dwindling supply of energy sources. The prices are going to rise in the future no matter who is president, no matter which party occupies the administration in Washington, no matter what we do." You remember the days of gas lines and "malaise."

The crisis was triggered by the Arab oil embargoes of the 1970s. But something deeper was at work: the price controls imposed by Richard Nixon in 1971. In 1981, President Reagan killed the oil price controls and — *voila!* — the crisis ended. It's amazing what the free market can do when allowed to work. Even the recent crisis, caused by the Persian Gulf War, was only temporary.

But in February, John Dingell, the powerful Democratic chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, gave a Jim-myesque warning: "I wonder if we are serious enough about energy to solve the problem at long last." Rep. Leon Panetta of California, chairman of the House Budget Committee, has even introduced a bill that would establish a minimum price for oil — that is, price controls of the sort that proved so disastrous in the 1970s.

Now that Congress has returned from its Easter recess, Rep. Dingell's committee has 68 energy bills before it, including proposals to jack up gas taxes, force Detroit to increase car mileage, make businesses conserve fuel, and spend millions of tax dollars on expensive new energy schemes. Fortunately, most congressmen are asking, "What energy crisis?" And President Bush's own energy plan sensibly predicated itself on the expectation that for many more decades the United States will depend on oil.

What of other resources? Well, in 1980 a bet was made between Paul Ehrlich, the population doomsayer, and Julian Simon, the "cornucopian" economist. They bet \$1,000 on the price of five metals in 1990 (\$200 on each metal), with the winner to receive money for any change in prices he predicted. If there really was a resource shortage, as Dr. Ehrlich insisted, caused by more people using non-renewable resources, prices would rise. But if there was no shortage, as Dr. Simon contended — if, instead, there was an ever-increasing ability of man to use resources better — then prices would drop.

The result: Prices dropped for all five metals — copper, chrome, nickel, tin and tungsten. Dr. Simon was right. Resources are becoming less scarce. This happened even though during the 1980s the world's population jumped by 800 million people, a record. Dr. Ehrlich sent Dr. Simon a check for \$576.07, the amount the metals' price had dropped.

Dr. Simon has proposed repeating the bet across the next decade, this time wagering \$20,000. Dr. Ehrlich has chickened out, though he refuses to give up his doomsaying. The rest of us can bet on a future of plentiful energy and resources.

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## A day of our own making

When the Reagan administration trumpeted the recovery of America's manufacturing sector in the late 1980s, liberal economists shook their heads, doubting the government's figures.

As usual, the skeptics were wrong. According to a new Commerce Department report, America's industrial machine staged a dazzling comeback in the last decade.

Productivity — the measure of output per hours worked — is now climbing at 3.6 percent a year, just as fast as Japan's and Western Europe's. In addition, factories manufacturing everything from cars to cockroach spray now comprise a full 23 percent of the nation's gross national product (GNP), matching the peak period of the 1960s.

It is a far cry from the 1970s, when output sank to a post-World War II low. And it would have remained there, were it not for the economic policies of the Reagan administration.

As critics warned of a crumbling manufacturing base, President Ronald Reagan pushed ahead with tax cuts and deregulation. As expected, the new free-market emphasis led to the weeding out of inefficient businesses. Between 1979 and 1990, two-million manufacturing jobs were lost. But industrial production rose by a third — an "almost



**Edwin Feulner**

unbelievable productivity revival," confessed *The New York Times* in a recent article.

In fact, the nation's industrial base is much better positioned to tough out the current recession and play an active role in a rebound than the skeptics thought. For example, during the 1980s U.S. production of machinery, electrical equipment and aerospace technology all grew as a share of GNP.

"Fears of de-industrialization were overblown," admits Robert Lawrence, an economist at the liberal Brookings Institute.

As significant, the U.S. share of world manufacturing exports also increased — topping the percentage it held in 1980, its previous peak year. The change is vital, because the best yardstick of com-

petitiveness is how well a country's products sell in world markets. This is why Reagan opposed costly subsidies and tariffs, which tend to reward inefficient businesses.

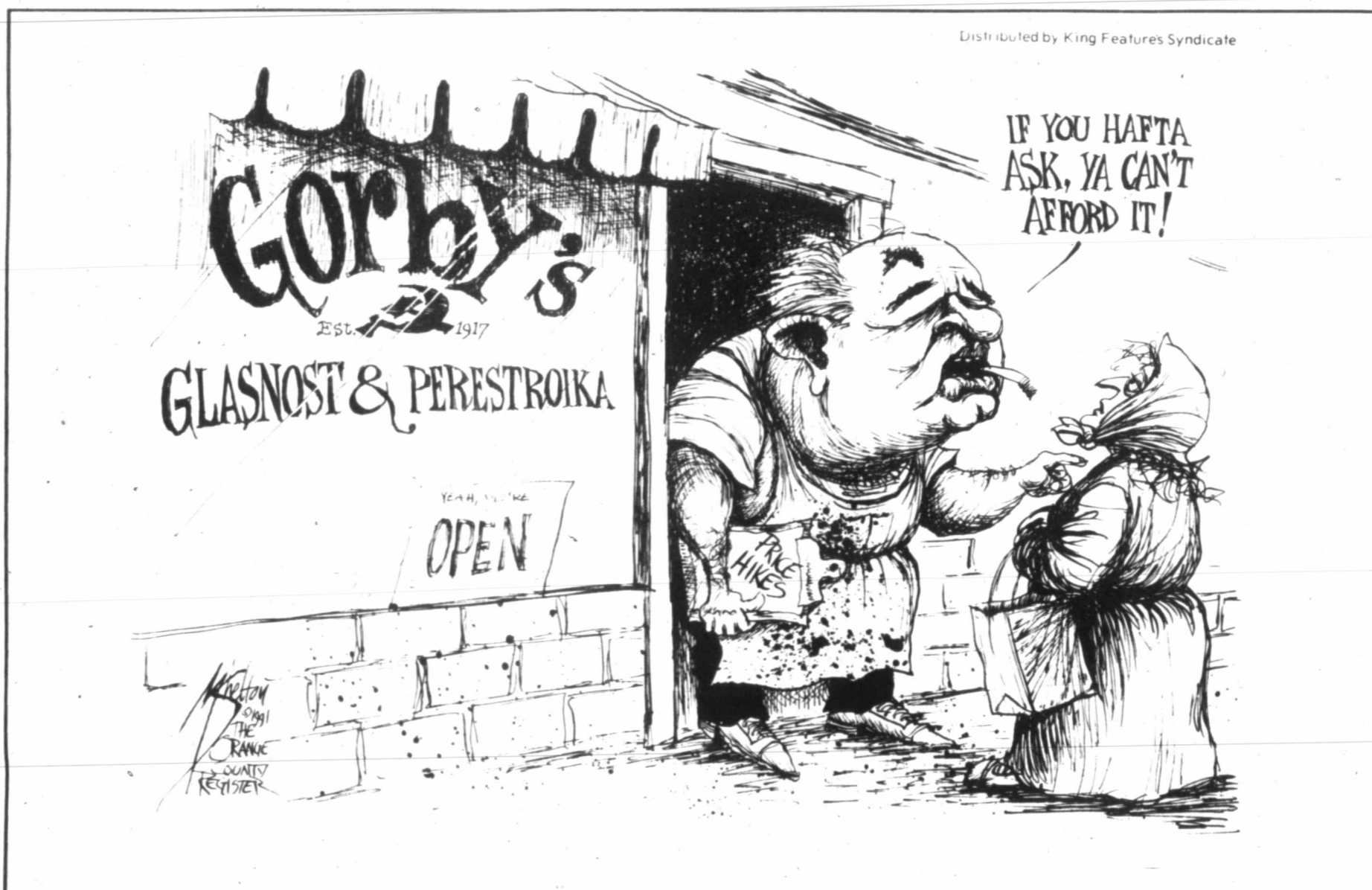
The Commerce Department report proves the Reagan dictum: Facts are stubborn things. "These partial revisions have rewritten history," says Lawrence Mischel, a research director at the left-leaning Economic Policy Institute, who had predicted shrinking manufacturing output.

Policy-makers should start doing some of their own rewriting — of tax, regulation and tariff laws. The largest tax hike in U.S. history and a new wave of industrial regulation — approved last year by Congress and the Bush administration — are grooming the economy for another epoch of decline in investment, savings and productivity.

Have we learned nothing from the malaise days of the 1970s, when liberals wore sandwich boards and wailed over a looming Economic Judgment Day?

If the president and Congress produce another budget packet like last year's, one that mirrors the failed tax-spend-and-regulate policies of the recession era, economic Armageddon may indeed be upon us. It will be a day of our own making.

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## Moonshiners 'still' going at it

Just about the time we finally are convincing the rest of the nation we don't do things like eat mud in the South and we have paved roads and indoor toilet facilities, the following had to hit the news:

According to newspaper reports, Georgia department of revenue officials say the consumption of untaxed whiskey in the state is on the rise.

"Untaxed whiskey" is an Atlanta way of saying moonshine or white lightning.

Here the state of Georgia is going to be the host of the 1996 Olympics and the Department of Revenue tells us, not to mention the rest of the nation, Pappy's back at the still cooking up a new batch of corn liquor.

The department came out with its statement after a 77-year-old Morgan County man was arrested for bootlegging Mason jars filled with moonshine.

The reason given for the increasing taste for moonshine was the rise in prices of legal liquor.

And what are the chances you could get your hands on a Mason jar filled with enough kick to send you to the cemetery?

"Bootleggers," Georgia's chief revenue officer Captain Homer Jenkins was quoted as saying, "are starting to pay more attention to the quality of their



**Lewis Grizzard**

product. They're a lot smarter than they use to be. They don't want to kill off their customers."

One wonders if the airlines and the tobacco industry could learn from that.

I come from rural Georgia and I partook from a Mason jar one night. We were all about 15.

We held the jar against a light and noticed a lot of unidentifiable things floating around inside the shine.

"Probably just a few sticks and bugs," said my boyhood friend and idol, Weyman C. Wannamaker Jr., a great American, who proceeded to purify the liquid by straining it through his T-shirt.

I was terribly ill the next morning. My mouth felt like the entire Chinese army had bivouacked in it the night before. My head felt like it had gotten into a disagreement with Mike Tyson's fists.

I never drank any more moonshine after that, and Weyman didn't either.

"Dang stuff ate right through my favorite T-shirt," he said.

So we're headed back to "Thunder Road," huh? Recall Robert Mitchum outrunning the revenuers in that '50s black and white classic?

It wasn't that far from the truth.

A Georgia mountain man once entered a stock car race at the old Lakewood Raceway in Atlanta when stock car racing was still on red dirt.

Revenuers appeared on the scene after receiving a tip his car was a tanker and loaded with white lightning.

The mountain man won the race but he never stopped to get his trophy or cash. He crossed the finish line and just kept going and escaped from the tax boys again.

But as interesting as all that is the idea of moonshining making a comeback in Georgia. We've come a long way to prove we no longer live on Tobacco Road or God's Little Acre.

So, as much as it goes against my upbringing, I'm pulling for the revenuers this time.

The Braves and the Falcons are enough of an embarrassment to Atlanta and the state.

We didn't need this, too.

## Fighting to save American babies

By CHUCK STONE

The sight of a beaming President Bush in a large Army base hangar as waves and waves of adulation wash over him defines more clearly than any other scene the crisis of America's values.

It is much more fun to play soldier than to work at saving babies.

The U.S. infant mortality rate is twice that of Japan and higher than those of 23 countries, including Singapore! Ominously, the infant mortality rate, highest among infants of low-income mothers, is failing to decline. Our success in fighting wars abroad is only dimmed by our failures in battling poverty at home.

But we have always placed more value on military success as a hallmark of greatness, going back to the time that our first president was memorialized as "first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Maybe it's not "we" so much as males. In Charlotte Perkins Gilma's book, *His Religion and Hers*, she

describes two divergent gender orientations based on the male and female experiences. For men, hunters and warriors, the pivotal experience is death. For women, the pivotal experience is the nurturing of life.

Little girls play with dolls. Little boys play with soldiers. Then they grow up to go off to war. The most successful become generals or presidents. Three of the four presidents sculptured on Mt. Rushmore had their careers distinguished by war.

Such historical symbolism has not been lost on George Bush. He is to be commended for his Rock of Gibraltar steadfastness in prosecuting the Persian Gulf War to its military conclusion. But that sweetest of all military victories now epitomizes his presidency. One can only wonder what country he will invade for a re-election encore.

No one should fault George Bush for preferring the national adoration one receives for a military conquest to the partisan bickering over a domestic crisis. But the lives of babies should not be impaled on

swords of partisanship.

The problem begins with the White House successfully lobbying Congress into authorizing \$152 million for the purchase of 20,286 more rockets for the U.S. Army Multiple Launch Rocket System, even though 312,057 rockets are still warehoused. Congress appropriated only one-sixth of that amount — \$25 million — to fight infant mortality.

Having erroneously second-guessed George Bush on the Persian Gulf War, anti-war Democrats in Congress were only too anxious to authorize the rockets and avoid giving the popular president another "I told you so" opportunity.

But, as *Time* magazine pointed out in a brilliant analysis of this fallacy of misplaced priorities, each dollar spent on a mother before delivery saves more than \$3 spent on infant medical expenses.

For black babies, increased expenditures are even more urgent. Black babies are twice as likely as white babies to die before their second year.

During previous administrations,

the educational value of Head Start was documented by longitudinal studies. Low-income children who were provided tutorial reinforcements in their first years in school performed with higher academic proficiency than children not assisted by Head Start.

The Bush administration has philosophically widened this assistance with Healthy Start. Again, the rationale is well-documented. Children who are nurtured, properly fed and accorded good medical care do better in school than those who are not. But the administration has gutted its own program by underfunding it.

Eventually, George Bush will have to come down off the Rocky Mountain high of his Persian Gulf victory and begin to think about winning the war for America's babies. Only an obscene morality would hold that manufacturing guns is more important than saving children. As an unknown author once put it: "A baby is God's opinion that the world must go on."

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### Berry's World



"How much does this next batter make?"

# 10 tickets split lottery jackpot

By STEVE GEISSINGER  
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Ten tickets in California's bank-busting lottery drawing had all six winning numbers and will split a national record jackpot of \$117.1 million, lottery officials said today.

Lottery officials said the winning Lotto 6-53 tickets were purchased in Red Bluff, Santa Cruz, Hawthorne, Stockton, Lancaster, Culver City, Anaheim, Los Angeles, Fontana and Victorville.

Each ticket is worth \$11.7 million, to be paid in installments over 20 years, lottery officials said.

The winning numbers picked Wednesday were 1, 7, 16, 19, 26 and 53. The odds of selecting the right numbers were put at 1 in 23 million. Getting struck by lightning was 12 times more likely than having the six main numbers, according to the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History.

A group of 31 people from a bowling alley who pooled their money on 310 tickets claimed they had one of the winning tickets. There was no immediate confirmation of the claim.

The 31 employees and patrons of the Lariat Bowl in Red Bluff, 130 miles north of Sacramento, each contributed \$10 toward tickets.

Participant Frank Britz, 75, said he broke out in a cold sweat and goose bumps when he heard the news.

"I feel great, but I'm scared," he said. "I know so many poor people and I've been a poor man. I'm afraid that people will be bouncing on me for money."

Bob and Patty Funk each put in \$10 to join the pool at the bowling alley, where she's a cook.

"Hey, I'm retired and this is going to come in at the right time," said Funk, 63. "We're going to enjoy it. This only happens once in a lifetime."

The jackpot is the richest ever in the United States, topping Pennsylvania's 1989 prize of \$115.58 million, in which 14 winning tickets were drawn. But it was not a world record. Spain's lottery reached \$1 billion.

California's largest previous jackpot, \$68.5 million, was divided among four winning tickets in February 1990.

The largest prize in U.S. history for a single ticket was \$55 million in the Florida lottery in 1988.

Wednesday's California ticket sales also set a record — \$54 million in one day. People poured in from Nevada, Arizona and Oregon and waited hours to buy tickets.

Half of total lottery sales go to players as prizes, at least 34 percent goes to public education and the rest is used to administer the games.

Lottomania even touched Gov. Pete Wilson, who bought his first-ever Lotto ticket. Wilson's computer-selected numbers weren't winners.



California State Lottery agent Jorge Garcia empties the lottery drum of its 53 balls immediately following the largest California lottery drawing ever. At the time of the drawing the jackpot grew to an astonishing \$117.1 million.

## FDA threatens to cancel license of Portland blood center

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration threatened to pull the license of the Portland, Ore., Red Cross center after an inspection found that blood improperly tested for AIDS and hepatitis was released for use.

Both the FDA and the Red Cross said Wednesday that although the Oregon blood facility has problems, there was no evidence that contaminated blood was released for use by the public.

However, the FDA said records at the American Red Cross Blood Services Pacific Northwest Region center show that blood units "inadequately or improperly" tested for AIDS and hepatitis B "were released in a small number of cases."

The agency also said the center accepted blood from donors who were at risk of being infected with AIDS and hepatitis.

"None of these problems are known to have resulted in transfusion of HIV-infected blood into any recipient," the announcement said.

"No units of blood were released or transfused that were positive for AIDS or hepatitis," said Dr. Jeffrey McCullough, a Red Cross senior vice president. "No patient has been put at risk."

But the FDA noted: "The prob-

lems represent a serious failure to comply with the standards and regulations that safeguard the blood supply."

The agency said it told the Red Cross that the FDA "will undertake action to revoke the license of its blood center in Portland, Ore., unless immediate action is taken to correct serious deficiencies at that facility."

Representatives of the Red Cross and the FDA were scheduled to appear today at a hearing before a House subcommittee.

The FDA announcement came after Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., released an FDA inspection report that said records in the Portland office suggested that a blood unit that initially tested positive for AIDS and two units that first tested positive for hepatitis B had been released for use.

Red Cross officials in Portland denied that blood that tested positive for the diseases had been distributed.

Dr. Gerald Quinnan, an FDA scientist, said procedures call for blood that is positive for AIDS in an initial laboratory test to be tested twice more. It is rejected if it shows positive in either of the second-round tests.

The blood reported to have been

released without adequate testing "will probably turn out to be a recordkeeping rather than a blood safety problem," he said.

"It appears that no infectious unit has been released for transfusion and we'll be confirming that within the next few days," Quinnan said. "The blood supply produced in that facility is safe."

Oregon and parts of Washington and Alaska are served by the Portland Red Cross center.

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is a fatal disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV. Hepatitis is a serious liver infection.

Dr. Frans Peetoom, director of the Portland blood center, said at a news conference that his facility had not released "contaminated blood

among the public."

He said Wyden's action in releasing the FDA inspection report may have alarmed patients and noted, "I think that's unfortunate and some might call it irresponsible."

The FDA report showed that one unit of blood initially tested positive for the AIDS virus and that there was no record of retesting. Two other units initially tested positive for hepatitis B. All three units were distributed in February.

Heidi Patterson, director of operations at the Portland Red Cross blood center, said that actually none of the units tested positive for disease, but had been set aside for retesting for other reasons. She said there were documentation errors about the new tests.

## McCain calls for new look at combat roles for women

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior member of the Senate Armed Services manpower and personnel subcommittee says the experience of the Persian Gulf War calls for a new look at the ban on U.S. servicewomen in combat roles.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Wednesday that the distinction between combat and non-combat roles has become blurred with the increasing range of missiles, aircraft and other weapons.

"I think it's time we re-evaluated that policy," McCain said. "I think that clearly women have demonstrated again that they can perform any role that they're called upon to make."

Of the approximately 540,000 U.S. military personnel who served in the gulf, 35,000 were women, according to the Defense Department.

McCain, the ranking Republican on the personnel subcommittee, is one of only a handful of lawmakers to speak out publicly for a change in the combat policy.

McCain, a former Navy pilot, was a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

By U.S. law, women in the Navy and Air Force are barred from serving in combat jobs. The Army is not covered under the same statute but has written its own regulations in line with the law.

Last year, several liberal House Democrats proposed legislation calling for a four-year test of whether women could hold combat-related jobs, but no action was taken.

Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., who sponsored the legislation, said Wednesday she will attempt to bring it back in a package of economic equality legislation for women that will be introduced in June.

In a telephone interview after the Senate hearing, McCain said he was unsure whether a review would lead to a total repeal of the ban or an easing of some of the restrictions.

"The clear lessons of the Gulf War is that women are entirely capable of performing in superb fashion," McCain said.

McCain's comments drew a favorable response from the Air Force, caution from the Navy and outright rejection from the Army and Marine Corps. Each service testified before McCain's subcommittee.

"In my own personal view, the last impediment we have doing that is the law," said Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Hickey, the Air Force personnel chief.

Lt. Gen. William H. Reno, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel, said five women were killed in the Gulf War, 21 wounded and two taken prisoner. But in each case, he said, the women were acting within the restrictions of Army policy.

"The policy is appropriate and we do not see any compelling reason to change," Reno said.

Lt. Gen. Norman H. Smith of the Marine Corps said of the combat ban: "I don't think it's broken. I don't think anything needs to be done with it."

Navy Vice Adm. Jeremy Boorda said his service had pushed the limits of the law with women working at jobs within the law. If a change were to occur, he said, "we would have to be willing to undertake the commitment to make it a truly equal opportunity for both males and females."

McCain said women in the military have told him they are prohibited from moving up the career ladder because of the combat service ban.

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**Bealls**

# Kurds in United States share the euphoria, bitterness and sadness

By BEN DOBBIN  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Once in a while, a furtive passer-by will drop a slim parcel over Vera Saeedpour's garden fence and hurry off. More often, the contraband books of Kurdish poetry or political history arrive anonymously in the mail.

The curator of The Kurdish Library has grown accustomed to the quirks of providing a citadel for the scant literature of a stateless people who are treated with hostility by most of their host governments in the Middle East.

The secretive benefactors are usually immigrants from Turkey, where it's a crime for Kurds to publish or broadcast in their Indo-European tongue. Often, the treasured volume will have been kept hidden for years in a family closet.

"The people who do that are ordinary Kurds who are sensitive and feel very left out. They'll want to give something," said Mrs. Saeedpour, whose 5-year-old collection on the parlor floor of her elegant brownstone home in Brooklyn is perhaps the most comprehensive of its kind

and the only one in the Americas.

"I would say 95 percent of the Kurds on our mailing list have box numbers," she said. "They fear reprisals against their families back home."

The ancient culture of the Kurds, an ethnic minority of some 25 million largely Sunni Muslim people spread through Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria and the Soviet Union, has been submerged by assimilation and battered since World War I by futile uprisings to liberate Kurdistan, their historic homeland.

Some Kurdish immigrants fail to lose their wariness when they come to America.

"We are born with this fear," said a stern-faced Kurd from Syria who lives in Bridgeport, Conn. "I don't tell anyone I'm Kurdish. They can hurt me here. (Syrian President Hafez) Assad is more dangerous than Saddam Hussein."

The faraway stirrings in northern Iraq have deeply affected Kurds here, many of whom fled a failed revolt in Iraq in the mid-1970s or the Iranian revolution in 1979. Because they come as citizens of five countries, their exact number here is unknown. Estimates range from 5,000 to

30,000.

They shared the euphoria in March when Kurdish guerrillas, capitalizing on Iraq's devastation in the Persian Gulf War, overran northern Iraq; the anger when President Bush initially refused to shield them from the avenging Iraqi army; and the pain as thousands of refugees succumbed to hunger, cold and disease on the arduous trek through snowy mountain-passes to Turkey and Iran.

"It scares my heart to see what my people are going through," said Chiman Zebari, a 29-year-old nurse in Nashville, Tenn. "You don't know how upset we are. I've never seen my husband cry before this."

For Mrs. Zebari, the nightly TV pictures of destitute Iraqi Kurds stirred dark memories of her own flight from her hometown of Erbil in 1975.

"You had to leave or be killed. During the day, we had to hide from Iraqi planes. The mines were everywhere. When I tell my children, they don't believe me."

Through hunger strikes, fundraising and demonstrations, Kurds across the country have appealed to fellow Americans to step up help for the refugees.

"I know something good will come out of this suffering," said Abdul K. Mustafa, 43, editor of the Kurdish magazine Barzan in Minot, N.D. "It is a tragedy, but we have to pay the price of freedom."

One benefit has already been revealed. Last week, Turkey lifted an 8-year-old ban to allow Kurds to speak their language at unofficial gatherings and listen to Kurdish music. The language remains outlawed in schools and cannot be used in political settings, publications and broadcasting.

Many Kurds here, from students and professionals to refugees originally settled in rural areas like North Dakota and Tennessee, have gravitated to San Diego, New York, Washington and other cities.

They surround themselves with mementos of home. Pictures of nomadic Kurdish encampments hang on walls; sweet tea and dolma, or stuffed vegetable, is a favored repast; ballooned pants and sequined, silk dresses are worn at Now Ruz (first day of spring) and other festivals highlighted by fire-leaping frolics.

The Kurds are often gregarious, with a fondness for picnics, singing, dancing and speeches. They are politically-minded, often to the point of ignoring other aspects of their culture.

"Very little literature has been produced because of the repression. The politics — that's all they think about," complained Mehrdad Izady, 33, a Kurd from Iran who lectures in Harvard University's department of Near Eastern languages and civilizations. He is also assistant director of the Kurdish Program.

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# Lifestyles

## Plant a tree



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Representatives of Pampa's Wal-Mart, background, and students of Judith Auwen's second grade class at Austin Elementary School observe the planting of a maple tree in front of the school building earlier this week. As part of Wal-Mart's observance of Arbor Day and Earth Day, the company donated two maple trees to the local school. Also present, but not pictured, at the tree plantings were Norma Self's second grade class at Austin.

## Grandview-Hopkins students take top prizes

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS — Grandview-Hopkins Elementary School students received top honors at the recent 1991 District 6-A UIL literary contest at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

Grandview-Hopkins ISD was top in team totals for the elementary division with 357 points. The second highest team total was 266 for Briscoe. In addition, 10 Grandview-Hopkins students were awarded first, second or third place in their respective categories at the literary meet.

In addition to being overall winning team, Grandview-Hopkins students brought home seven first places, nine second places, four third places, six fourth places, four fifth places, and three sixth places from the competition against seven other area District 6-A elementary schools.

First place awards were given as follows: Music Memory teams - 5th and 6th; Oral Reading 5th, Adam Stephens; Oral Reading 6th, Brad Houk; Listening 6th, Brad Houk; Dictionary Skills 5th, Ann-Elizabeth Loyd; and Ready Writing 6th, Stephanie Ollinger.

Second place awards were presented to Picture Memory 4th team; Number Sense 6th, Brad Houk; Oral Reading 6th, Justin Ritter; Listening 5th, Ashleigh McWilliams; Dictionary Skills 5th, Adam Stephens; Dictionary Skills 6th, Justin Ritter; Ready Writing 3rd, Brandon Houk; Ready Writing 4th, Ashleigh McWilliams; and Ready Writing 5th, Melissa Anthony.

Third place winners were: Listening 5th, Adam Stephens; Ready Writing 3rd, Chris Ollinger; Spelling 5th, Ann-Elizabeth Loyd; and Spelling 6th, Justin Ritter.

Those winning fourth place were Picture Memory 5th team, Listening 5th, Ann-Elizabeth Loyd; Listening 6th, Justin Ritter; Dictionary Skills 6th, Stephanie Ollinger; Spelling 4th, Ashleigh McWilliams; and Spelling 5th, Adam Stephens. Fifth places were awarded to Justin Ritter, Number Sense 6th; Stephanie Ollinger, Listening 6th; and Melissa Anthony, Dictionary Skills 5th. And sixth place winners were Brad Houk, Spelling 6th; Avery Taylor, Oral Reading 5th, and Stephanie Ollinger, Number Sense 6th.

Also competing in the UIL literary meet from this area were students from Mobeetie, Allison and Kelton elementary schools. Overall scores for the schools were 49 for Mobeetie, Kelton 36, and Allison, 106.



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

These students from Grandview-Hopkins elementary school won first, second or third place honors in the recent UIL District 6-A literary contest. Front row center is Brandon Houk; second row from left is Ashleigh McWilliams and Heather Brantley, third row, from left, is Chris Ollinger, Bradley Houk and Adam Stephens. Back row, from left, is Ann-Elizabeth Loyd, Melissa Anthony, Stephanie Ollinger and Justin Ritter.

Kelton's team won first and Allison's won third in Picture Memory 5th. Hayley Markham, Allison brought home a fourth place in the Oral Reading 4th. Clint Miller, Allison earned a fourth place in the Oral Reading 6th. Elissa Ray, Kelton received sixth place in Listening 5th.

Jamey Herren, Allison received second place in Listening 6th. Maria Yowell, Allison earned a third place in Dictionary Skills 5th. Ashley Estes, Mobeetie earned second place and Elish Downs, Allison received a fourth place in Storytelling 2nd.

Allison's Carissa Duckes won first place in Storytelling 3rd. Her schoolmates Jacee Herren and Terry Gray won third and fifth respectively. Amber Estes, Mobeetie won sixth place.

Amber Estes also received fifth place in the Ready Writing 3rd. Jamie Green, Allison received fifth place in Ready Writing 4th. Kelton's Elissa Ray won fourth and Jodie Crowover received sixth in Ready Writing 5th.

Mobeetie's Travis May received first place in Spelling 3rd. Devin Dieber, also of Mobeetie, earned second in Spelling 4th. Ian Jones, Allison received sixth place in that division, and Amie Boydston, Allison received sixth place in the Spelling 5th.

At the Junior High level, Kelton came in third place for the division with 139 points. Allison received 76 and Mobeetie 23, overall.

Jerome Grayson, Allison, received fourth in Oral Reading 8th. Jodie Crowover, Kelton, received first place in Ready Writing 7th. Justin Walker, Allison, earned third and Collin McCurley, Mobeetie, fourth in Spelling 7th.

Jodie Crowover also won first place in Number Sense 7th. Allison students Andrea Dukes and Jerome Grayson received fourth and fifth places, respectively in the Number Sense 8th.

Jodie Crowover's third first place win came in Calculator Applications 7th. Kelton student Doug Atkins and Will Scales won third and fourth place respectively in this division.

J.W. Ray, Kelton, and schoolmate Brandon Lewis took first and second places in Calculator Applications 8th. Greg Bryant, Kelton, received fifth place. Brandon Lewis, Kelton, won first place in Earth Science 8th category. Other winners in this division were J.W. Ray, Kelton, third; Jonathan Walker, Allison, fourth; and Keli Crockett, Kelton, sixth.

Collin McCurley of Mobeetie won first place in Life Science 7th. Jodie Crowover, Kelton, took second place; Justin Walker of Allison, fifth, and Brandi Connors, Kelton, sixth.

Justin Walker, Allison, received second place in Dictionary Skills 7th. An Allison student, Jonathan Walker, also took second in Dictionary Skills 8th. Monty Markham of Allison received fifth place.

## Disposables found to be healthier than cloth

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN  
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Day-care centers that use disposable diapers instead of cloth expose babies to far fewer diarrhea-causing germs, a study says.

But an environmental group said the difference may result from differences in sanitary practices and staff training rather than from diaper types.

Disposable diapers make up about 2 percent of the millions of tons of garbage dumped annually into overflowing U.S. landfills, the study noted.

Consequently, several states are considering banning disposables in day-care centers, said the study in the Journal of the American Medical

Association. In day-care rooms where disposables were used, researchers found significantly fewer fecal coliform bacteria on toys, diaper-changing pads and chairs than in rooms where children wore cloth diapers.

Some fecal coliform cause diarrhea. The greater the contamination, the greater the risk of a diarrhea outbreak, said lead author Dr. Larry K. Pickering, head of pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston.

About 70 percent of the funding for the study came from Procter & Gamble Co., a leading maker of disposable diapers, but the company "had absolutely nothing to do with the study design, the study or the data analysis," Pickering said.

The researchers took 2,946 speci-

mens from objects and the hands of care givers and children in 10 rooms at four Houston-area day-care centers over nine weeks.

Toys had the highest rates of contamination — about a 55 percent rate on those used by cloth-diapered children without overclothes — and about 24 percent on toys used by youngsters in disposables without overclothes.

"When you take either of those groups, and you put overclothes on them, you get further significant decreases in contamination," Pickering said.

Jackie Prince, a spokeswoman for the Environmental Defense Fund in Washington, said the findings are unlikely to change her organization's call for an end to use of disposable diapers.

## The first second of crash is fatal without belts



Dear Abby  
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I've been reading your column for so many years, for information as well as entertainment. I've read many worthwhile articles submitted by your readers, but never has anything startled me as much as the enclosed article from the Adirondack Advertiser in northern New York. Please print it, Abby — it may save a life. It certainly opened my eyes.

FRANCIS BOURASSA,  
LATHAM, N.Y.

DEAR MR. BOURASSA: It opened my eyes, too. But first a disclaimer to my readers: This is a very graphic description of what happens when an automobile going 55 miles an hour hits a solid object.

BUCKLE YOUR SEAT BELTS by the Georgia Paramedics Against Drunk Drivers

(submitted by Lucille Groat)

Do you know what happens in the first fatal second after a car going 55 miles per hour hits a solid object?

1. In the first 10th of the second, the front bumper and grill collapse.
2. The second 10th finds the hood crumpling, rising and striking the windshield as the spinning rear wheels lift from the ground. Simultaneously, fenders begin wrapping themselves around the solid object. Although the car's frame has been halted, the rest of the car is still going 55 miles per hour. Instinct causes the driver to stiffen his legs against the crash, and they snap at

the knee joint.

3. During the third 10th of the second, the steering wheel starts to disintegrate and the steering column aims for the driver's chest.

4. The fourth 10th of the second finds two feet of the car's front end wrecked, while the rear end still moves at 35 miles per hour. The driver's body is still traveling at 55 miles per hour.

5. In the fifth 10th of the second, the driver is impaled on the steering column, and blood rushes into his lungs.

6. The sixth 10th of the second, the impact has built up to the point that the driver's feet are ripped out of tightly laced shoes. The brake pedal breaks off. The car frame buckles in the middle. The driver's head smashes into the windshield as the

rear wheels, still spinning, fall back to earth.

7. In the seventh 10th of the second, hinges rip loose, doors fly open and the seats break free, striking the driver from behind.

8. The seat striking the driver does not bother him because he is already dead. The last three 10ths of the second mean nothing to the driver.

P.S. Readers: I suggest that you make several copies of this grisly piece, and the next time you ask a passenger to please buckle his or her seat belt and said passenger replies, "Oh, we're less than 10 minutes from where we're going," counter with, "I'm not moving until you buckle your seat belt." Then hand the passenger this piece.

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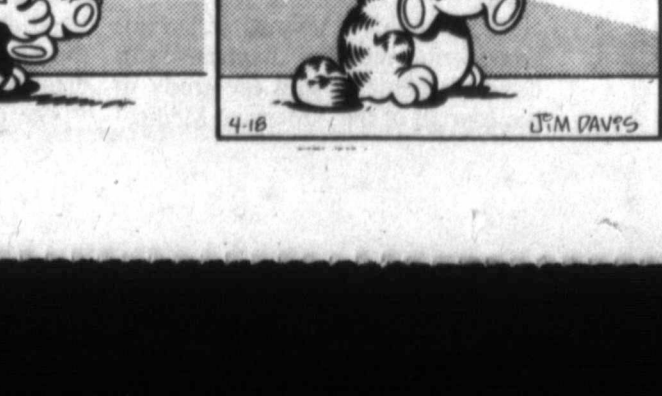
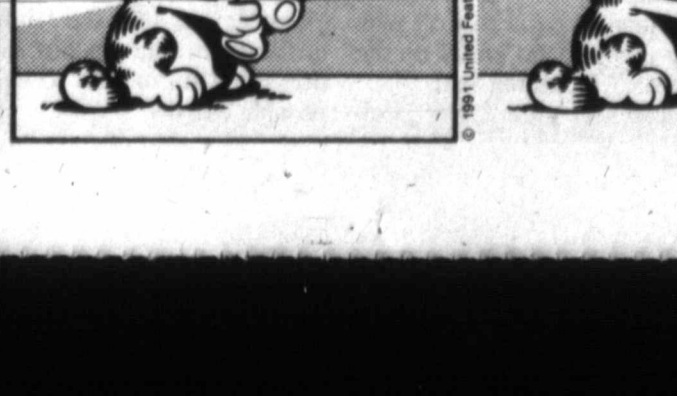
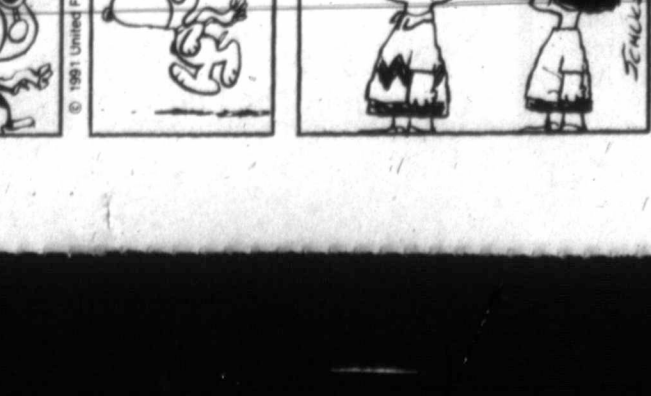
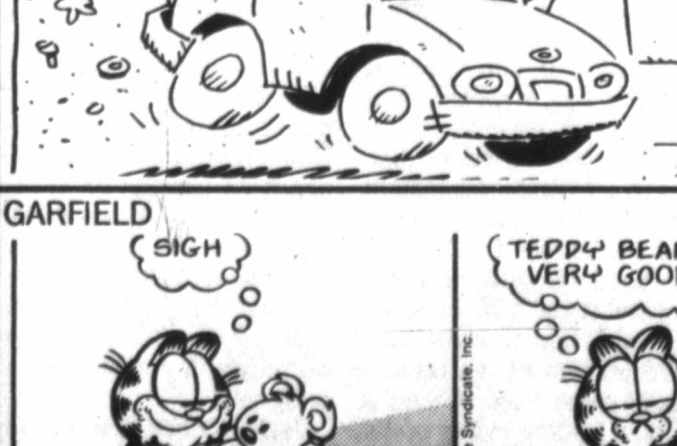
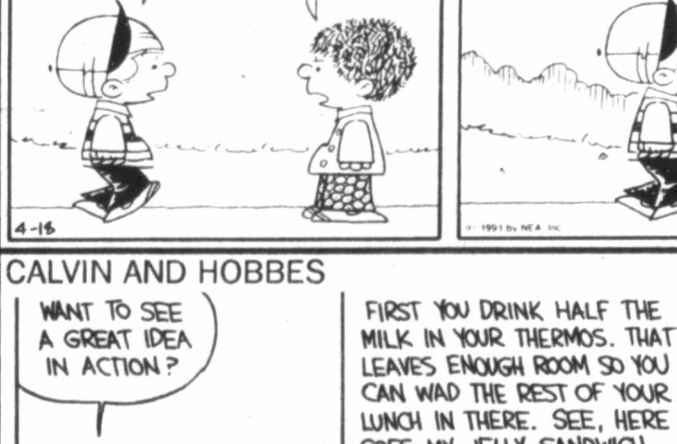
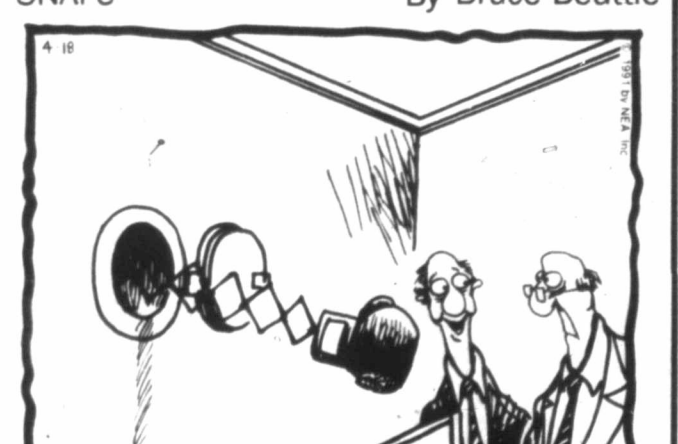
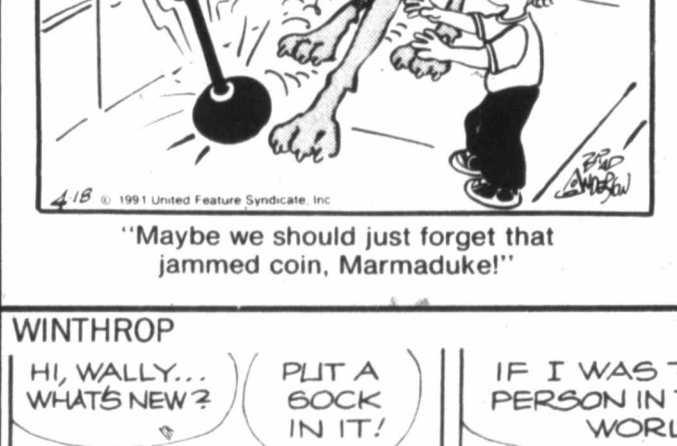
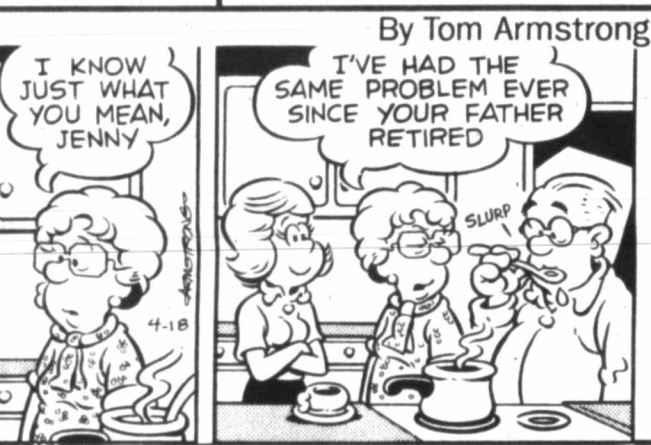
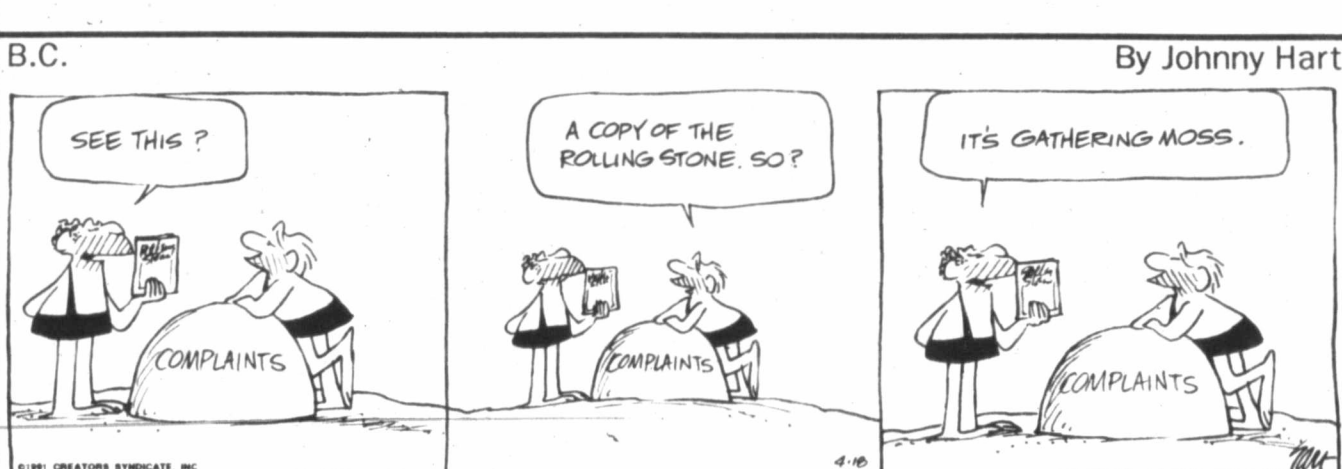
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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Failing to find productive expressions for your mental and physical energies today could put you in an irritable mood. Try to avoid involvements that aren't meaningful. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Aries Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Something or someone may inspire your creativity today, igniting a brilliant new idea or concept. Its possibilities for success will be enhanced — if you act immediately. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you haven't been pleased with your financial status quo, this is a good day to take positive measures to try to improve things. You might be surprised at what your actions generate.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** There's a possibility that you may become involved in an arrangement today where it's necessary for you to assert yourself as a leader. Don't let associates do something you know you can do better. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Try not to depend too heavily upon others to help you fulfill your ambitions today. If you fail to get their support, you may decide not to even try on your own.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** An acquaintance of yours has a faculty for stirring things up within your peer group. For harmony's sake, it's best not to identify too closely with this individual today.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Be very careful today that you do not alienate others in your attempts to gratify your personal interests. Being perceived as too self-serving won't help your image.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Strive to evaluate critical conditions from a logical perspective today rather than from an emotional one. If your feelings control your intellect, you're not apt to perform effectively.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your management of a situation might shift to another today. Try to accept, rather than resist, the change.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you're operating in close proximity to a strong-willed companion, don't let this individual make decisions for you that do not serve your best interests.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Your mental attitude can either make things much easier or more difficult than need be today. If you have to do something you resent, don't blow it out of proportion.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Don't take chances today on things that could turn out to be expensive miscalculations. Even if the odds appear to be in your favor, play it close to the vest.



# Sports

## A&M cager leaving for Oklahoma

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas A&M sophomore point guard Brooks Thompson, worried about NCAA probation, says he will transfer to Oklahoma State.

Thompson said he was concerned A&M could go on probation because of recruiting violations under former coach Kermit Davis, and that would hurt his dream of playing in the NCAA Tournament.

"The NCAA is here now on campus," Thompson said. "If I'm here and they go on probation, then I know I can't go to the NCAAs."

Davis was forced to resign March 15 following a critical university report on his recruiting practices.

Thompson will sit out next season and have two years of eligibility remaining for the Cowboys.

Thompson said the revolving coach's seat is another reason he decided to leave College Station.

"(Tony Barone) is my third coach in three years," Thompson said. "If I have to adjust to another coaching system, I want to do it somewhere else. Coach (Eddie) Sutton was a big reason for me wanting to go to Oklahoma State. He's a proven winner, and right now that's important to me."

Thompson said he made his decision to leave before Barone was hired last week and nothing was going to change his mind.

"I talked to Coach Barone, and he really respected my decision," Thompson told the Houston Chronicle. "I think he'll have it turned around here, but I'm not sure when he'll put it all together. And I'm running out of time for the NCAAs."

## Foreman tips scales at 257

Heavyweight title fight scheduled Friday night

By ED SCHUYLER Jr.  
AP Boxing Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Before the official weigh-in for the Evander Holyfield-George Foreman heavyweight championship fight, a reporter complained about how cold the Trump Plaza show-room was.

"Why do they always hold these things in a meat locker?" he asked.

"That makes it a perfect place to weigh in George Foreman," another replied.

The 42-year-old Foreman weighed in Wednesday night at 257 pounds, 49 more than Holyfield, for his bid to become the oldest man to win a world title in any weight class, Friday night at the Convention Center.

"It's a little light," Foreman joked after his weigh-in was announced. "I thought I'd be 265."

"I've got to eat it up. I'm going out to have dinner — revenge on the restaurant."

Only one man has weighed more than Foreman for a heavyweight championship.

That was Primo Carnera, who weighed 260 1/2 when he won the title from Jack Sharkey on June 29, 1933. In three defenses, Carnera weighed 270, 263 1/4 and 259 1/2.

Foreman will be the second straight opponent with a paunch for Holyfield, whose weight is identical to what he carried when he won the title from James "Buster" Douglas on a third-round knockout last Oct. 25.

Douglas was badly out of shape at 246, although previous bouts

had proven his best fighting weight was around 230. He weighed 231 1/2 when he upset Mike Tyson.

Foreman decided early in his comeback that at his age it would be wiser for him to be paunchy than sleek. He weighed 217 1/2, 219 1/2, 224 3/4 and 220 in four title fights when he was champion in 1973-74.

This will be the 12th straight time in his 25-fight comeback that Foreman has weighed more than 250.

The least Foreman has weighed in his comeback was 234 for his seventh-round knockout of Dwight Muhammad Qawi on March 19, 1989. Foreman said he didn't feel comfortable at that weight.

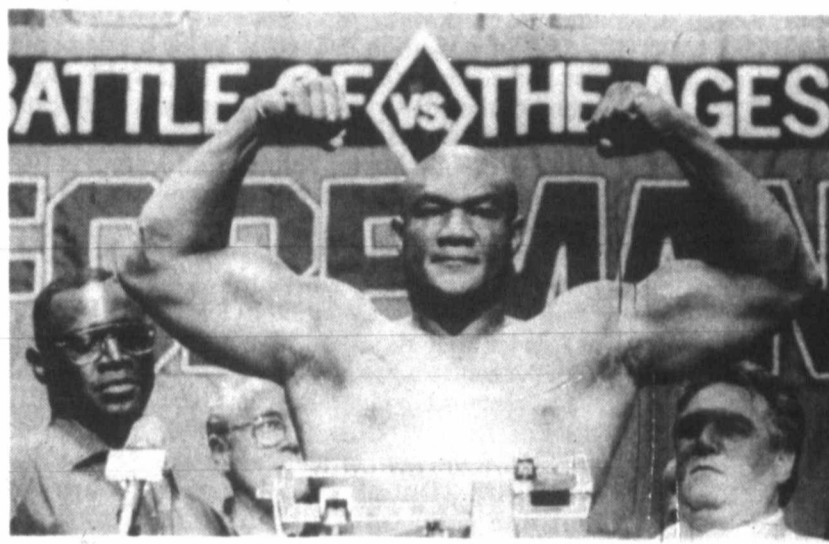
"I think he's in top condition," said Archie Moore, Foreman's 77-year-old trainer-guru. "He couldn't be in any better condition."

Foreman's thinking on his eating habits and weight is, "If it ain't broken, don't fix it."

It should be noted, however, that none of his previous 24 comeback opponents, 23 of whom he knocked out, could match Holyfield's super physical conditioning or his ability.

The weight difference between Foreman and Holyfield is the sixth greatest in heavyweight championship history. The biggest is the 86-pound advantage Carnera, 270, held when he outpointed Tommy Loughran in 1933.

Foreman and Holyfield's combined weight of 465 pounds is the sixth highest for a heavyweight title fight. The highest combination was 488 3/4 when Carnera, 259 1/2, outpointed Paolino Uzcudun, 229 1/4, in 1933.



George Foreman flexes his biceps at Wednesday's weigh-in.

## Cowboys may land "Rocket"

By HOWARD ULMAN  
AP Sports Writer

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — One of the largest pre-draft trades in the history of the National Football League reportedly could send Notre Dame running standout Raghib "Rocket" Ismail to the Dallas Cowboys.

According to Boston newspapers, the New England Patriots are discussing a deal with Dallas that would send their three top draft choices — the first, 28th and 56th — to Dallas for four of its draft choices — 12th and 14th in the first round, their second-round pick, a choice in the 1992 draft, and a player.

The Cowboys would use the Patriots' first pick to select Ismail, The Boston Globe said.

The proposal is the work of Patriots president Sam Jankovich and Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson, who have remained close friends since Jankovich, as athletic director at the University of Miami, hired Johnson as head coach.

"I talked Tuesday to Sam and I talked with Joe today," Johnson said Wednesday of conversations with his former college boss and Patriots player personnel director Joe Mendes. "We looked at the situations and have had some discussions."

"We are interested in the first pick. We think Rocket is a great football player. He does a lot more than just catch the ball," John said. "He'll make an impact on every game he's in. And getting him would certainly make (quarterback) Troy Aikman happy."

On Wednesday, Jankovich said that if they didn't trade the rights to Ismail, they will draft him even if he is unsigned.

## Mega-event for Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The city's million-dollar casinos and small businesses alike hope Friday night's heavyweight title fight will generate cash and restore interest in this struggling resort.

"This is certainly a mega-event for Atlantic City and the region," said Jim Wise, a spokesman for the Sands Hotel & Casino, which has bought \$400,000 in tickets for its high-rollers.

"It really could be the start of the ball we hope will roll through the summer season," Wise said Wednesday.

Joe Lochs, who pushes tourists along the Boardwalk in his rolling chair, said he expects the bout between the 42-year-old George Foreman and champion Evander Holyfield will bring him an extra \$150 to \$200 beyond his usual mid-spring take on a Friday night of \$50.

"If it rains, my feet will be smoking," Lochs said. "A big fight always has a big impact on this town."

He said a title fight brings a different customer to the city.

Instead of the bus patrons ferried in for the day from nearby Philadelphia, northern New Jersey or New York, big-spending customers come in from around the world.

"They're here to have fun. The money is here," said Lochs, who suffered financially through a dismal winter. "We look forward to them, believe me."

## Pampa High golf teams getting ready for Class 4A Regional Tournament

By L.D. STRATE  
Sports Editor

Winning district championships are becoming a regular habit for the Pampa High girls' golf team, which heads for the Class 4A Regionals next week.

The Lady Harvesters wrapped up their third consecutive district title this season and assistant coach Mike Jones believes the team has an excellent shot at qualifying for the state tournament.

"The way these girls have been playing, I think they've got as good a

chance as anybody at getting to state, at least as the No. 2 team, if not No. 1," Jones said.

Last season, the Lady Harvesters placed third at regionals, 10 strokes behind Snyder. This time around, Snyder may take a backseat to Pampa.

"Snyder has another good team, but we beat them twice in tournaments this year. Andrews will be at the top of the field at regionals. They have an excellent team," Jones said.

With so much young talent, the Lady Harvesters could be a serious

contender for a state tournament spot in years to come.

Tracy Webb is the only senior on the squad. District medalist Diana Pulse and Brandi Chase are both juniors. Amber Strawn and Leslie Bridges are sophomores.

Pulse had a four-round total of 356 to beat out Hereford's Paula Britten by six strokes for the medalist title. Chase was third in the medalist race with a 368 while Bridges and Strawn tied for seventh. Webb placed ninth.

"We're just real proud of these

girls. They didn't have anything locked up going into the last round. They still could have been beaten, but they held their own," said head coach Frank McCullough. "When one of them had a disappointing round, another one came along to make up for it."

Pampa held a 51-stroke lead over second-place Hereford going into the final round last Saturday at Hereford.

Pampa stayed comfortably in front the final round and extended their lead by nine strokes, 1522 for Pampa to 1582 for Hereford overall.

The Pampa boys' team also qualified for regionals, finishing second, 120 strokes behind district champion Borger.

"I guess I'm a pretty good predictor," McCullough said. "Everything turned out the way I thought it would. Looking at it realistically, Borger had the strongest team and I figured if our sophomores came through and played halfway decent, we could finish second."

The Harvesters finished 36 strokes ahead of Hereford to wrap up the district runnerup position.

"We never put up any flashy numbers, but we consistently shot between 80 and 84," McCullough said. "We missed out on regionals last year, but we got back on track. Hopefully, we'll keep it going for future years."

In Pampa's final round last weekend, Brandon Brashears shot an 82 to lead the Harvesters. Matt McDaniel, Jay Earp and Cory Stone all shot 83, followed by Mark Largent's 84.

The regional tournament will be held Monday and Tuesday at San Angelo.

## Sports Scene

**Soccer**

The Pampa Blitz under-16 boys' soccer team won one of three games against Amarillo teams last weekend.

In the opener, Pampa fell behind early, 1-0, on a deflected shot against the Amarillo Tornadoes, but came back to lead at the half on goals by Greg McDaniel, Michael Lewis, Tim McCavit and Jesus Lopez. Pampa dominated the game, closing out the scoring on a goal by Jason Soukup, for a 5-1 win.

Pampa lost the second game to the Amarillo Blue Thunder, 2-0.

Pampa trailed 1-0 at the end of the first half, but came back to tie the score with 15 minutes remaining on a goal by Greg McDaniel.

Amarillo scored the winning goal with one minute remaining on a high, arching shot into the wind that just caught the upper corner of the goal.

The Blitz lost the third game to defending champions Amarillo Tornadoes, 5-1.

Pampa's only goal was scored by Jesus Lopez.

Blitz coach Frand Kludt said Able Del Fierro and Russ Gunter were the top defensive players in the three games.

The Blitz play their next game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Amarillo Southwest Park's Field Three.

ishable by up to one year in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

The brothers allegedly were involved in a shouting match with other patrons at the West Houston nightclub when an off-duty police officer working as a security guard stepped in to break up the group.

Police said Roger Clemens jumped on the officer's back and choked him as he tried to arrest Gary Clemens. Police said the altercation erupted into a wrestling match between the brothers and several officers.

Clemens has denied the claim.

**Football**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Eagles personnel director Joe Woolley said Wednesday that the 1991 NFL draft is "the weakest one I've seen in 17 years."

"I know they don't want me to say that, but I'm not going to sit here and lie to you. It's weak," said Woolley, who with new Eagles coach Rich Kotite in a preview of the club's approach to the draft Sunday and Monday.

The Eagles pick 19th among the 27 teams on 10 of the 12 rounds. They will select 17th in the sixth round as result of a trade. They gave away their sixth-round pick in another deal.

"It's erratic I guess is the way to put it. There are some strengths in certain positions," Woolley said of the draft. "I think the thing that makes it so weak is at the top, the first round. That's where it's difficult to find a 27th first-round player."

Kotite agreed with Woolley, saying "certainly it's not the strong draft you would hope would be there. There is more unpredictability when you have a weak draft."

Woolley, who has served in personnel for Houston and New Orleans, said there are some good receivers and defensive backs and middle-round-type players who might help now but mostly would be considered future players.

Kotite, who succeeded the fired Buddy Ryan as Eagles head coach, listed offensive linemen and linebackers as his top two priorities.

## Astros hold off Braves for 4-3 victory

**Baseball**

By TOM SALADINO  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Mark Davidson drove in two runs in a three-run Houston first inning Wednesday night and the Astros held on for a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves, who continued to stumble at home.

The Braves (3-4) have lost four

of five at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. Their only victory was 10-4 Tuesday night over the Astros.

Houston took a 3-0 lead in the first off Steve Avery (1-1). Rafael Ramirez walked, Craig Biggio singled to extend his hitting streak to eight, Ken Caminiti hit an RBI single and Davidson added his two-run single.

Biggio, who had three hits, leads the National League in hitting with a .438 average.

Deion Sanders singled to open the Braves' first and scored on Jeff Treadway's first homer of the season, a 379-foot drive off Mark Portugal (2-0).

Houston added an unearned run in the seventh when Jeff Bagwell hit a run-scoring single following third baseman Jeff Blauser's error on Caminiti's grounder.

Blauser pulled the Braves to 4-3 in the seventh with a home run off Portugal.

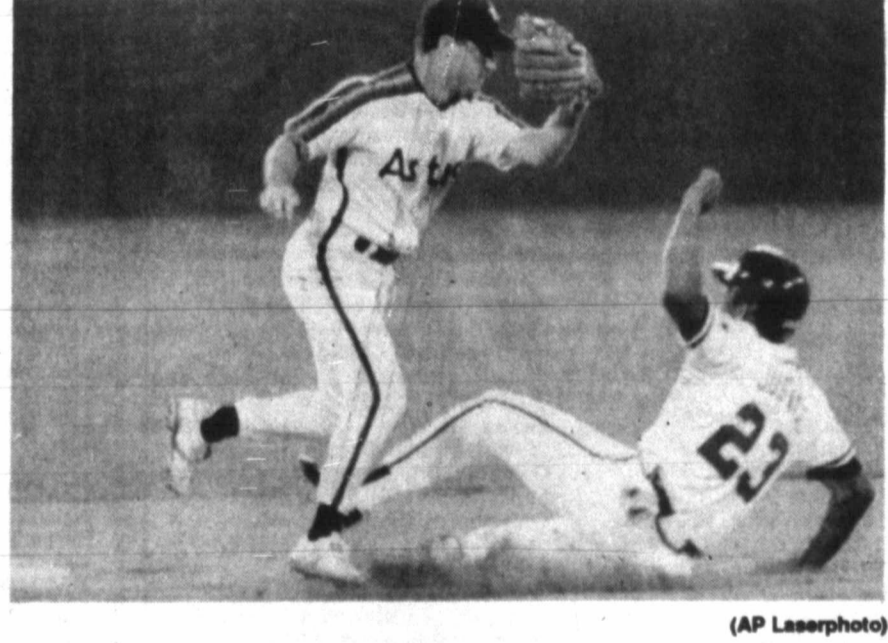
Portugal allowed six hits in seven innings, struck out six and walked none. Al Osuna got five consecutive outs and Curt Schilling finished for his third save.

Canseco put the A's in front to stay with a home run for the second time in three nights. He led off the fourth inning with his third home run of the season, a monstrous drive that landed about 15 rows into the elevated center field seats for a 2-1 lead.

The homer, his 11th in 28 career games at Anaheim Stadium, came one pitch after he fouled a ball off his left calf and began hobbling around. Canseco, who also fouled a ball off the same spot in his first at-bat, was still limping when he returned to his position in right field following the home run.

Henderson, 5-for-6 in Oakland's victory Tuesday night, hit his fourth home run of the season and fifth lifetime shot off Jim Abbott (0-2) in the sixth. Henderson is 9-for-16 against Abbott and the Athletics are 6-0 in games the Angels left-hander has started against them.

A single by Mark McGwire, a double by Harold Baines and Willie Wilson's RBI grounder put Oakland ahead in the second. The Angels tied it in the third on singles by Donnie Hill and Junior Felix and a run-scoring grounder by Dick Schofield. Schofield left the game after five innings with a groin injury.



Braves' Dave Justice steals second as the Astros' Casey Candaele tries for the tag.

## AstroTurf changed the way baseball was played

By WENDY BENJAMINSON  
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Some were fascinated, while others thought it was a travesty. But all agreed that fake green grass changed how baseball was played, say former Houston Astros who played the first major league game on AstroTurf 25 years ago Thursday.

"April 18? That was the first game on AstroTurf, wasn't it?" said former coach Buddy Hankins, when asked simply about a game played 25 years ago. "It was against the Dodgers."

And Hankins wasn't even there. The artificial turf had been tested

in 1964 in an indoor field house at the Moses Brown School in Providence, R.I., but it was not considered for professional sports.

But then Houston built the Astrodome in 1965 with a lucite roof that didn't allow real grass to thrive.

"They had to paint the lucite because you couldn't see to catch a fly," said former pitcher and current Astros announcer Larry Dierker, in an interview from Atlanta where the Astros played the Braves on Wednesday.

Dierker said the team was playing on a special strain of grass developed at Texas A&M University. But

without direct sunlight, the roots failed to take hold and "it would fly up in big clumps when you ran across it. It became more and more clear it wasn't going to work."

Based on its success in Providence, AstroTurf was installed in the infield of the Astrodome in time for an April 18, 1966 game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"Let's see, it was Dodgers 6, Astros 3 — I must not have been pitching," Dierker said.

But who won and who pitched is not what the players remembered, he said.

Reporters named the synthetic grass for the Astros, who seem to

have namesakes all around them: they play on AstroTurf at the Astrodome, next to the Astrohall, across the freeway from Astroworld in the city of the astronauts.

"Everybody was curious and fascinated, but there was the traditional purist feel that it was a travesty to play on anything but grass," he said.

Aesthetics aside, the new substance — which replaced the outfield grass in time for a July 19 game against the Philadelphia Phillies — allowed the baseball to "bounce truer," and allowed players to run faster, changing the skills necessary to succeed in the game, Dierker said.

Shootin' the Breeze



By J. Alan Brzys

Today's boxers throw phrases with punches

Why is it boxers of the past 25 years are quicker with punch lines than punches?

Could it be the outrageous amounts of money paid to these high-profile athletes allow them to hire writers away from the likes of David Letterman and Bob Hope?

Muhammed Ali is remembered for many a flowery phrase, including "I float like a butterfly and sting like a bee."

More on Ali later.

Mike Tyson has coined several, but I think his former wife owns the rights to them.

If there is a repository for ridiculous sports quotes, George Foreman's Tuesday one-liner belongs in the collection.

"Evander Holyfield was born so I could get my chance to become heavyweight champion of the world," said the pugilist who also preaches.

Do you really believe he could come up with something like that by himself?

I sincerely doubt it.

He considers it a miracle that he - who admits to eating too much - can come out of a 10-year retirement for a shot at again becoming heavyweight champion of the world.

Is that the stuff of which miracles are made?

Naw. That's just more stuff to sell tickets and viewing rights.

Promoters are predicting the fight will gross \$90 million, making it the richest fight ever.

I believe it. There are enough gullible people around to fulfill that dream.

He says he's not fighting for the money, however he'll pocket at least \$12.5 million. I'd believe him if he gave half his net earnings to charity.

Boxing has gotten so incredibly commercial, I'm surprised more people haven't said enough is enough.

Seriously, is there anyone out there who thinks an overweight, 42-year-old Foreman can defeat a trim, muscular, 28-year-old Holyfield.

Going from the ridiculous to the absurd, Foreman has predicted he will knock out his opponent Friday night before the second round comes to a close.

The only way Foreman will come out of the Atlantic City, N.J. ring victorious is if he lands an awfully lucky punch or the big fix is in.

No matter the outcome, Foreman gets to laugh all the way to the bank and can buy all the burgers on the planet.

That is, if there are any left. He weighed in Wednesday at a hefty 257 pounds, a statistic important enough to reportedly add a point to the fight's gambling odds at a major casino.

Holyfield, who tipped the scales at 208, is favored 4-1 to win.

So why is everyone so intent on seeing this unlikely and over-publicized match-up?

Perhaps it's the over-forty majority which relates to such a far-fetched contest.

Maybe it's all those overweight, out-of-shape, over-the-hill, baby boomers who might consider a Foreman victory as retribution for what nature and time has wrought.

Or maybe it's the boxing fans who insist on remembering the George Foreman who was victorious against Ken Norton and Joe Frazier. They might remember the Foreman who lasted nearly eight rounds with Ali.

Let us not forget, earlier this season baseball great Jim Palmer mounted a comeback only to find that his body wasn't ready for it.

Sure, Foreman has won a few fights to get to the title bout. But some question the competition he faced to get this far.

I'll never forget one afternoon in the mid 1960s. I had just driven through a Massachusetts Turnpike toll booth and, from a distance I heard a voice sing out, "I am the greatest!"

I immediately parked the car and ran up to the big, luxurious vehicle from which the voice emanated.

I looked through the rear window and, sprawled across the cushioned seat was none other than Ali, or Cassius Clay as he was then known.

I reached out to shake his hand; his huge paw totally engulfed mine. My first impression was, can you imagine getting hit by that.

Seconds later, the limousine sped away and from a distance I again heard, "I am the greatest."

Suns rescued from losing homecourt edge in playoffs

Basketball

By The Associated Press

Just before the sun set on the NBA season, Tom Chambers and Kevin Johnson returned to rescue the Phoenix Suns.

The Suns were in danger of losing the homecourt advantage in the first round of the NBA playoffs when they dropped four of six games, most of them with Chambers, Johnson and sixth-man Dan Majerle on the sidelines with injuries.

Chambers missed three games with lower back spasms, while Johnson returned for Tuesday night's victory at Denver after sitting out five games with the hamstring injury.

On Wednesday night, the Suns beat the Los Angeles Clippers 105-100, rallying in the second half as Chambers scored 21 of his 29 points after halftime and finished with 11 rebounds. Johnson, resting his sore hamstring, didn't play in the first half before getting 14 points and five assists in 19 second-half minutes.

"I'm really pleased by the way Tom Chambers played in the second half," Suns coach Cotton Fitzsimmons said. "He really responded and really went after the defensive boards. He made some great plays and just did a great job overall. Kevin also gave us the spark that we needed."

"It's so important to get Tom on track because he's such a big part of our offense," said Johnson, who entered the game with 7:24 remaining in the third quarter and Phoenix losing 60-55. "I just tried to push the ball upcourt to try and get some easy baskets for Tom. He also got some offensive rebounds on his own and that helped us."

The Suns trailed 28-24 after the first period, 51-50 at halftime and 70-62 with 3:26 remaining in the third period before Chambers keyed a 13-6 spurt, closing Phoenix to 76-75.

Jeff Hornacek's layup 44 seconds into the fourth period gave Phoenix its first lead since the first quarter, starting a 9-0 run that gave the Suns an 84-76 advantage with 9:16 left. Johnson had a three-point play and a dunk to cap the rally.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Charlotte 123, Atlanta 111; Cleveland 112, Orlando 102; Chicago 111, Miami 101; Dallas 102, Minnesota 100; and Golden State 118, the Los Angeles Lakers 111.

Xavier McDaniel had 21 points and Hornacek 20 for the Suns, who defeated the Clippers for the 12th time in their last 14 meetings.

Danny Manning and Ken Norman scored 20 points apiece for the Clippers, who lost their fourth straight game on the road and fell to 8-32 away from home this season.

"We started the fourth quarter with two missed free throws, and after some missed shots and turnovers we went from one point up to five down," Clippers coach Mike Schuler said. "It's been like that most of the season."

"We had a couple opportunities to capitalize on their mistakes and we didn't," Manning said.

NBA standings

By The Associated Press

Table with NBA standings: All Times EDT Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Pacific Division. Includes columns for Team, W, L, Pct., GB.

Major League Standings

By The Associated Press

Table with Major League Standings: National League East Division, West Division, and All Times EDT American League East Division. Includes columns for Team, W, L, Pct., GB.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF GRAY To: BELINDA SUE COBLE, Respondent(s) GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas at the courthouse thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of CECIL LEROY BOWERS AND WIFE, GEORGIA BOWERS filed in said Court on the 11th day of March, 1991, against BELINDA SUE COBLE, Respondent(s) and said suit being number 27658 on the docket of said Court, and entitled: IN THE INTEREST OF JASON LEROY COBLE AND JOSHUA LEE COBLE, MINOR CHILDREN the nature of which suit is a request to SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP.

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Richman favored in Arkansas Derby HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) - Richman, winner of the Louisiana Derby and second to Hansel in the Jim Beam, was established as the favorite for Saturday's wide-open Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park. Richman was listed at 2-1 for the \$500,000 event, which attracted 12 3-year-olds. Olympio, the only thoroughbred who has defeated Santa Anita Derby winner Dinard, is the second choice at 5-2.

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# 'Farm wake' marks end of Oklahoma farmer's 25-year career

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER  
Associated Press Writer

WATONGA, Okla. (AP) — Gideon Cowan ate little and smiled less at the wake for his life as a farmer.

The 42-year-old farmer expected to be evicted as early as today from the half-mile square of earth where he brought his bride and raised three children. On Tuesday, the Oklahoma Conference of Churches sponsored a chili supper for the family in a show of support that's become all too routine in a state that by some estimates loses a farmer a week.

The formality of the "farm wake" showed in the women's church dresses and the tucked-in, buttoned-up dress shirts worn by every man in the church basement.

After dinner, the testimonials began.

"Young Gid had a granddad Gideon Cowan," one white-haired man said. "I just pray that young Gid will keep his faith and be as good a Christian as his granddad was. He was a good man, and I'm for you."

"But for the grace of God there go I, Gid," another man said. "How many of us have been close to total financial failure?"

The Cowans' mailman congratulated them on the beauty of their children — sons ages 14 and 18 and a 12-year-old daughter — and the tidiness of their farm. A teen-age boy stood up to talk to the Cowan boys.

"Adam and Eric ... losing the

## Quarantine set up after sighting of Africanized bees

HIDALGO (AP) — State inspectors have quarantined a 2-mile chunk of Texas after a swarm of Africanized honey bees was trapped and killed in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

It was the second confirmed sighting of the so-called "killer bees" in the United States. The first reported swarm was trapped Oct. 15 in Hidalgo.

The bees, a defensive hybrid responsible for deaths in Latin America, were brought from Africa to Brazil by a scientist and escaped from a laboratory in 1957.

Anita Collins, research leader at the U.S. Agriculture Department's bee lab in Weslaco, said officials expect to find more swarms in their monthly check along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The area is home to Texas' \$11 million honey industry — the nation's sixth largest. The quarantine makes it illegal to move domestic honey bee colonies out of the area.

The USDA's Bee Identification Lab in Beltsville, Md., confirmed Wednesday the bees were the Africanized species.

The swarm weighed six pounds, including bees, comb and honey, Collins said. Considered to be average size, it was about twice as large as the first one. It had been in the trap for about two and a half weeks, she said.

An additional quarantine, covering a 100-mile radius of the first find, remains in effect.



(AP Laserphoto)

Farmer Gideon Cowan kneels on one of his fields near Watonga, Okla., recently. Cowan expects to be evicted from the farm soon, possibly as early as today. A six-year legal battle with First National Bank of Geary, Okla., ended up with the bank owning the land which Cowan and his family have worked since 1966.

land and all is hard on their parents, but these two guys have done the work of any full-grown man, spent as many hours out there on a tractor as their parents," the teenager said, as tears streamed down the stiff faces of the Cowan sons. "May God be with you. All of them. Your whole family."

The gathering is "kind of like a funeral, in a way," said Glen Wallace of Oklahoma Farm Ag-Link, who has been organizing "farm wakes" since 1985.

Wallace plans to buy another \$62.50 worth of chili later this week for a Tipton farmer whose goods are to be auctioned. He is also planning a dinner for a 62-year-old farmer, one afraid to tell his family he has mortgaged and lost the farm and everything else,

including his siblings' financial trust.

Cowan began working the land in 1966. At its peak, he raised wheat, alfalfa and cattle on 1,280 acres — 320 of which he owned, the rest leased. Five years ago, he gave much of his hay to drought-stricken farmers in the Southeast.

The family's six-year legal battle with First National Bank of Geary, Okla., documented in a foot-thick stack of folders at the county courthouse, ended with the bank owning the land.

The farm went into receivership after Cowan failed to repay loans on schedule. Later the bank claimed Cowan and his wife, Barbara, spent money without the approval of the court-ordered receiver. First National seized

Cowan's farm equipment in January.

Mrs. Cowan has packed a few dishes but was waiting for her husband to say where they will move.

Cowan thinks he might sell seeds to make a living. Many farmers wind up as truck drivers, others as hired hands for the people who take over their land.

As of Dec. 31, 1990, the nation's total farm debt, not counting bills owed by households, was \$133.9 billion, according to a federal report.

As of that date, the Farmers Home Administration, the farm lender of last resort, had 204,959 farm borrowers — 26,452 whose payments were overdue.

Cowan said he would challenge the eviction in court if he had any money left — or man-to-man if it would do any good.

"But it won't," he said. "All I'm going to do is sit in my chair

and if they want to get on either side of me and sit me in the middle of the road, they can do that."

Most of the 30 people at Tuesday's supper had tears in their eyes as Mrs. Cowan described how her faith in God helped her through the ordeal.

Cowan didn't speak for fear he would break down, he told a farmer after dinner. The other farmer replied that the same fear kept him from publicly delivering his highest praise to Cowan.

"Ya'll knew how to work," he said, shaking Cowan's hand.



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