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Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy, standing, discusses his proposal for redistricting at a special meeting of the Commissioners Court on Thursday. Sitting from left are Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley and Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene. All commissioners were present for the meeting.

County commissioners OK proposal on redistricting, set public hearing

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners Court on Thursday approved a proposal on a county redistricting plan, that moves county precinct lines in Pampa, and will hold a public hearing next Friday to gather information from the public.

The proposal was prepared by County Judge Carl Kennedy, who said he moved boundaries in the city of Pampa to try to make the four commissioners precincts more even.

According to the 1990 Census Bureau information, in the past 10 years, Precincts 3 and 2 in Gray County lost voters. Therefore, to evenly distribute the number of voters, county precinct lines in Pampa had to be moved to accommodate the distribution, Kennedy said.

The county's population, according to the 1990 census, is 23,967.

To make the precincts more even, Kennedy redrew the lines and moved 1,127 voters from Precinct 1 to Precinct 3 and 880 voters from Precinct 4 to Precinct 2. Also 324 voters were moved from Precinct 3 to Precinct 2 to allow voters to vote

for the commissioner who takes care of the roads in those areas.

"This is one person's effort and it is nothing more than an approach," Kennedy said. "It's the decision of this court (where to draw the lines)."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright commended Kennedy and said he was satisfied with the work the county judge had completed on the redrawing of the county precinct lines.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene said he would like to figure out a way to draw the county precinct lines where the county courthouse sits in all four precincts.

Wright commented that while the group was talking about redistricting, he would like to make the necessary arrangements to allow voters in County Commissioner Precinct 3 to vote for a justice of the peace and a constable.

Precincts 1, 2 and 4 each have a justice of the peace and a constable that the voters in the respective precincts vote on.

Precinct 3 does not have a justice of the peace or a constable and currently the voters in that precinct do

not get to vote for either of the two offices.

Wright suggested combining Precincts 1 and 3 and having one justice of the peace and one constable out of the two precincts. No action was taken on the discussion, pending the Commissioners Court talking to the three justices of the peace, law enforcement officers and the public to gather more input.

Kennedy said that the proposal can be changed at any point prior to submitting it to the U.S. Justice Department.

In other business at the Thursday special meeting, the Commissioners Court voted unanimously to check with the current major medical insurance carrier for the county to see if the current policy can be extended through December.

If the policy cannot be extended, the group voted to advertise for bids for major medical insurance coverage with the options of deductibles set at \$300, \$750, \$1,000 and \$1,500 and also for each of the plans to include the price with and without the prescription card.

The county's current policy expires at the end of July.

Prison groundbreaking moved inside today because of muddy land at site

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Officials with the city of Pampa were scurrying through this morning to move a 2 p.m. prison groundbreaking ceremony from the corrections site east of town to the M.K. Brown Civic Center due to heavy rains Thursday night.

City Manager Glen Hackler said the prison site, off Highway 60 East, is far too muddy for people to attempt to walk through the fields or buses to attempt to turn around in as they carry passengers to the event.

Instead, Hackler explained, the groundbreaking would be held indoors at the Heritage Room, with dirt from the prison site being brought in by Gray County Commissioner Joe Wheeley.

"Commissioner Wheeley is delivering dirt to the loading dock of the Heritage Room and at that point city crews will take it and set it on a canvas in the Heritage Room," Hackler said. "These were contingency plans that were set up earlier this week."

Hackler said limited access to the prison site, which would have meant carrying attendees to and from in Pampa school buses, is a problem eliminated by the rain.

"In terms of not having to shuttle people from Recreation Park to the site, this is an advantage, though there are some down-sides, too," Hackler said. "But it will still be a very exciting event and very memorable."

Hackler noted that staff from the Civic Center, Public Works department and Community Service division were joining with volunteers in decorating the Civic Center.

"We will be ready to go in a very short time," Hackler said this morning. "The Civic Center makes an impressive site and we will have a good ceremony there."

Members of the Pampa High School Stage Band were scheduled to perform during the groundbreaking, officials said.

"It's an exciting time. We've worked on the groundbreaking for two months and our goal is to have something the community will take part in and be very proud of."

Also on the agenda were remarks by local and state dignitaries and a keynote address by Lena Guerrero, chairperson of the Texas Railroad Commission, who, during her service in the state Legislature, was instrumental in helping Pampa get the prison.

"It's an exciting time," Hackler said. "We've worked on the groundbreaking for two months and our goal is to have something the community will take part in and be very proud of."

A noon luncheon at the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, for dignitaries was followed by the public groundbreaking at 2 p.m.

Afterward, the community was to be invited back to the Commu-

nity Building for a reception honoring Guerrero and others who have been responsible for the prison coming to Pampa.

Construction on the prison site is slated to begin on Monday, June 17.

More than 300 new jobs and a payroll of over \$7 million will be coming to the Pampa area with the arrival of the prison, with many of the jobs beginning new the completion of construction.

State and Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce leaders have estimated a \$24.5 million annual economic impact for Pampa, beginning with the opening of the prison.

Red McNatt of the Chamber said, "We are looking at a 13 or 14 month construction period, finishing up in August or September of 1992."

He stated that in Snyder 180 to 200 people were hired during peak construction of their prison, with a constant employment of around 125 people.

"Because the employment varies, we don't know the exact impact," he said. "But it is still 125 or more new jobs," McNatt said. "They will spend \$22 million to construct the prison, but a lot of that won't be spent here. The construction firm is out of Georgia, so they will probably hire a lot of people here and buy a lot of materials locally. Childress was very pleased with the amount of money that was spent locally (in the construction of their prison)."

TEA, Tax Board officials say new CEDs hard to explain

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

AMARILLO - Officials with the Texas Education Agency and State Property Tax Board confessed Thursday that clearly explaining new County Education Districts (CEDs) and their taxing authority to citizens of the state will be close to impossible.

School officials from around the Eastern Panhandle said justifying them may be even harder.

Those words came during a briefing for public school officials and tax appraisal district representatives conducted at the Region XVI Education Service Center.

Tom Patton, director of finance for the TEA, and Debbie Wheeler of the State Property Tax Board said local school boards no longer have the authority to set the "Tier 1" tax levels for their district.

Basic funding for school districts in Gray, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties will be the responsibility of members of the CEDs.

The CEDs are made up of one school trustee from each of the 16 school districts in CED 14.

If Lefors, Alanreed and McLean consolidate into the Northfork district as has been discussed, that



Allan Dinsmore

would reduce the number of members in the CED to 14.

"CED's have the function of levying and collecting taxes," Patton said. "Their only responsibility is to set the tax rate, collect it and distribute it to the schools. Your local board will still levy (additional) taxes for debt service and local enrichment."

Though published reports have indicated the property tax rate is now mandated by the state to be at

least 72 cents, Patton explained, "It will be an accident if the CED tax rate ends up at 72 cents. They will get the local tax rolls ... and discover what the rate of collection will be for the area as a whole."

"The state will say, 'You must raise this much money,' and the CED will say, 'We have to tax at this rate to raise this much money.'"

The point is to raise \$2,200 per student in each school district, state officials said. For small schools that cannot operate on that amount of money, consolidation is being recommended.

Unlike local school districts, CEDs are not subject to rollback elections for raising taxes higher than 8 percent, officials said.

Local school boards may then tax up to 78 cents in additional money, said Mark McVay, business manager of the Pampa Independent School District. The first 45 cents is for "guaranteed yield" or "local supplement money" to fund programs in that district.

"The state promises that for every penny you go above 72 cents up to \$1.50, you will make \$21.50 per student per average daily attendance recorded," McVay said.

The next 33 cents will constitute Tier III, a local fund-raising effort

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Education districts will change funding

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

AMARILLO - Highlights of the Texas Education Agency briefing Thursday on new County Education Districts and the effects of recently passed state education legislation will, in many instances, drastically change the way schools are funded and operated.

Highlights of that meeting include:

- Property taxes for education in Gray, Hutchinson, Ochiltree, Roberts, Hemphill and Lipscomb counties will no longer be set by the 16 school districts as has been done for decades, but by newly created County Education Districts.
- School taxes for districts in Carson County will be set by CED 3, which will convene in Canyon and include all schools in Carson, Armstrong and Randall counties.
- The CED 14 board will be made up of one trustee from each of the 16 boards of education in Gray, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Lipscomb and Ochiltree counties.
- The state will tell the CED how much money they must raise, thus essentially mandating the tax rate.
- CED tax rates are not subject to rollback.
- State officials are saying the only alternative to CEDs is a statewide property tax.
- If CEDs are thrown out as being unconstitutional, TEA is warning the state Supreme Court will take over operation and funding of schools.

Julian Shaddox of the TEA told superintendents, "I would be more afraid of the court master's plan than I am of (SB) 351 if I were a superintendent."

However, Allan Dinsmore, superintendent in Miami, a member of the Budget Balanced Schools Association that is fighting CEDs, dismissed the remark as "a threat."

Beginning in September 1992, all local construction done by school districts will have to be approved by the state. While TEA is saying they hope the standards are minimal, they concede there is an effort to set maximum standards.

"I hope we don't set standards of telling you that you couldn't put AstroTurf on your football field if you can afford it," said Shaddox, "but there are discussions in that direction."

• State funding is no longer set by average daily

attendance (ADA) for the best four weeks of the year, but based on the whole 180 day school year. Therefore, state funding will likely go down and local taxes will again be forced to pick up the shortfall. TEA says the move is designed to force districts to insist on high attendance for students.

Every day a student is absent, it will directly cut into the amount of funding the district will get from the state.

• If the state does not fund House Bill 2885 during a special session this summer, CEDs could be forced to make up the money through local taxes.

• Local districts will now have the right to give teachers up to 20 hours of staff development credit if they are working on master's or doctoral degrees during the summer. That would allow such teachers to miss staff development training sessions held during the year, but is subject to local acceptance by school districts.

• TEA is suggesting teachers take all or most of their 20 hours of required staff development training during the summer on a volunteer basis.

• TEA has developed standards for schools that encourage pre-kindergarten beginning at three years of age for children from financially disadvantaged families. Those programs will only be state funded on a half-day basis.

• Schools are required by Sept. 1, 1992, to have full site-based management teams that make recommendations to their school boards. With the state mandating tax rates and teachers making decisions on the campuses, critics of the plan are insisting that reduces the role of school boards to "rubber stamps."

• Districts must offer insurance plans by Sept. 1, 1992, that are "equivalent to state insurance," said Shaddox. "The plans may be partially or fully paid for by the employee, though state insurance is fully paid by the employer."

If the district chooses to use state employee insurance, it must be fully paid for by the school system.

• Students who bring any type of knife to school, even though they may never attempt to use it, are now subject to immediate expulsion.

• State minimum sick leave standards are now extended to include all district employees and not just teachers and administrators.

Grandma's helper



Jimmie Leon Craig sits with his grandmother, Bettie Craig, to check out one of the antique tractors his grandparents have collected on their land near Kingsmill. Robert Craig has been gathering the tractors for years. An article and photographs about his collection will be published June 23 in *The Pampa News*.

House restores space station money without increasing NASA spending

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House pulled the \$30 billion space station program back from the brink of financial death, but NASA might have to pay dearly for the victory through cuts in its other programs.

A 240-173 House vote Thursday restored nearly \$2 billion in space station funds that had been deleted in committee from a massive appropriations bill for housing, veterans and space.

But unless more money can be found later in the budget process, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration would have to find the funds among its own science, technology, aerodynamics and other endeavors.

"It would be a very, very difficult problem for us," said NASA Administrator Richard Truly.

The vote was a victory for President Bush, who had lobbied hard for the space station. The National Space Council said its chairman, Vice President Dan Quayle, even called House members while on a trip through Eastern Europe.

Salvaging the station was NASA's most important

issue because the space agency has "many programs that don't make sense" without it, Truly said. Loss of the station would leave the program "totally fractured," he said.

The orbiting laboratory, seven years and \$5.6 billion in the planning, is the centerpiece of America's space effort for the rest of the decade and well into the 21st century. Without it, some supporters claimed, there might not be a U.S. manned space program after the mid-1990s.

"Americans aren't willing to let some other space-faring nation lead the quest for this next frontier," said Rep. Bill Lowery, R-Calif., co-author of the winning amendment which allows \$1.9 billion to be spent on the space station in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The amendment by Lowery and Rep. Jim Chapman, D-Texas, reversed a decision by the House Appropriations Committee to cut nearly all money from the station. It passed only with strong backing from Republicans.

The station and the \$13.9 billion NASA budget were part of an \$80.9 billion spending bill. It also included \$32.6 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs and \$24.4 billion for the Department of Housing and Urban

Development. The bill next goes to the Senate.

"With Space Station Freedom, there can be no serious debate that we will make scientific discoveries, make medical breakthroughs, improve technology," Chapman said.

But Rep. Bob Traxler, chairman of the appropriations subcommittee that handles NASA spending, saw a darker picture.

"You are funding the station at the expense of every other NASA program," said Traxler, D-Mich. "It means space science programs are virtually wiped out."

After six hours of debate, Republicans voted for the station, 133-27, while Democrats split 145-107 against.

Space station supporters invoked the names of space pioneer Werner von Braun, the Apollo moon program, the Bible, "Neil Armstrong's Spirit," Daniel Webster and Star Trek. And they warned that America's young people would turn from science and engineering education without a big goal to shoot for.

"If we aim to become a second-class nation, then we should go ahead and kill the space program, kill the space station and kill it all," said Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Texas.

Opponents denounced the withholding of help for

veterans, the poor, the environment for the sake of a program that Rep. Dick Zimmer, R-N.J., called "a budgetary black hole in space."

The money for HUD contained \$151 million to help public housing tenants buy the places they live. That's less than half of what Housing Secretary Jack Kemp said he wanted for his pet project.

"This White House on one hand is cutting back on student assistance for working families and coming to this well with a tin cup begging for billions of dollars for a WPA project for the aerospace industry supposedly to motivate our youth," said Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.

The space station, to be built and in orbit by the end of the decade, is the focus of NASA's plans to meet the president's goal of establishing a base on the moon and sending an expedition to Mars. For such journeys, NASA must gather data on physiological changes that astronauts will confront.

The project, by NASA's estimate, will cost \$30 billion by 1999 when four astronauts can live and work on the station on a year-round basis. The congressional General Accounting Office puts the probable cost at \$40 billion.



(AP Laserphoto)

Overall view of lava, spewed from Mount Unzen, is observed Friday morning as it heads toward the community of Kita-Kamikoba, left foreground.

Fresh lava wells up in volcano

By MICHAEL HIRSH
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — A fresh lava dome welled up in Mount Unzen's fiery crater today, raising fears of another eruption and prompting a speedup of evacuations just five days after a flood of molten rock killed at least 38 people.

Officials at the national Meteorological Agency's Unzenake Observatory said the new dome of lava could break the hardened lava near the top of the crater and unleash another eruption.

Three volcano experts — including one American — and 14 journalists were among at least 38 killed Monday in Japan's first deadly eruption since 1962.

"We view the volcano as in the crest state in its activity, so I imagine the next few days will be extremely dangerous," said Masaki Kimura, an assistant professor of science at Ryuky University.

But the size of the new lava dome was less than half the old dome, the Yomiuri newspaper reported.

Most people have been moved a safe distance from the 4,452-foot volcano, about 600 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Shimabara city, at the foot of the mountain, today widened its off-limits areas to cover an additional 1,100 residents. The total evacuation area affects 5,100 people, about 11 percent of the population.

Beginning today, any trespassers in the evacuation area faced a fine of about \$75, said Hideaki Nishikawa, a Shimabara official.

About 1,000 army troops resumed efforts to retrieve the

remaining bodies on the mountain using helicopters and ground search teams. Five or more people were believed to be still missing.

On Thursday, one of the 10 helicopters made an emergency landing in a tobacco field after developing engine trouble in the ash-laden air. There were no injuries and another helicopter picked up the seven soldiers and five journalists aboard.

In published articles, the nation's newspapers praised the 14 Japanese journalists, most of them photographers, who died trying to cover the eruption Monday.

"Veteran Yomiuri Shimibun staff photographer Tsugikazu Tainaka remained a professional to the end, protecting his favorite Nikon camera and the valuable footage he had taken," the newspaper said in an article.

Tainaka's charred body was found on top of the camera. The corpse's right index finger was pressed against the shutter button, the Yomiuri said.

"Look at your father's finger. He was a photojournalist to the very end," Tainaka's wife, Emiko, told her two daughters after identifying the body.

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Astronauts prepare to fix loose seal in cargo bay

By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A loose seal on a cargo bay door presented an unexpected chore today for NASA engineers on the ground, as well as the prospect of a spacewalk for two Columbia astronauts.

A long piece of weatherstripping came loose along the edge of a door covering the bay during launch and landing.

The 60-foot-long doors must close tightly for the fiery re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere or the shuttle could burn up. If the doors close properly, but the loose seal causes a gap, the shuttle could be damaged.

Engineers have studied the problem since it was discovered shortly after Wednesday's launch and are considering sending two of the seven astronauts on board out to fix it.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration engineers planned to duplicate the problem today on the shuttle Discovery at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

"There are no real concerns that we couldn't today, right now if we needed to, crush that seal and latch the doors down," NASA flight director Randy Stone said Thursday. "But it's always the better part of valor to analyze things in their entirety."

Several white blankets of insulation also came loose in the payload bay, probably at the same time the seal was loosened, in a rush of trapped cargo bay air into the vacuum of space.

If the crew can close the doors tight enough, a spacewalk may not be necessary. But if need be, astronauts James Bagian and Tamara Jernigan could take a spacewalk as early as Sunday, Stone said. They would either snap the seal back in place or snip it off. It should take about 1 1/2 hours.

Bagian is part of the four-member research team conducting comprehensive medical tests in Spacelab, a compartment the size of a small bus stored in the bay and connected by a tunnel to the shuttle's crew compartment.

The astronauts worked in the lab for the third day in a row today, collecting blood samples from each other and monitoring other bodily functions to determine the effects of weightlessness on humans. They also moved urine samples from a Spacelab refrigerator back into a middeck refrigerator that got too warm Thursday night and had to be emptied.

The middeck refrigerator was back in order this morning, but Bagian said when he opened the door he was greeted by "a real stench that permeates the whole vehicle." He said that may be caused by drops of loose urine on the outside of the sample containers.

All the urine samples were in good condition despite the refrigerator problem, NASA said.

On Thursday, Bagian, a physician, worked up a sweat as he rode a bicycle for another test.

Twenty-nine white rats and 2,478 jellyfish also are on board. The temperature in a Spacelab facility holding 19 of the rats dropped overnight, but ground controllers decided it was not hazardous to the animals.

Astronaut M. Rhea Seddon, the doctor in charge of Spacelab, said the temperature for the cages was within limits and the rats appeared to be fine.

Astronauts injected iodine into the water of less than a third of the tiny jellyfish to accelerate their growth. Some will be allowed to mature on their own, and others will remain in the initial immature stage.

All the animals will be studied after their return June 14.

Ronald White, chief of NASA's life sciences division, said the crew on Wednesday and Thursday gathered data on how the body's fluids shift during the initial stages of space flight.

Otherwise, skies were generally mostly cloudy to cloudy except for partly clear skies in some eastern portions. Temperatures were generally in the 70s with some 60s reported.

Showers and a few thunderstorms also were reported in South Texas, with rain moving east from near Eagle Pass northward through Hondo and into the Edwards Plateau. Otherwise, skies remained mostly cloudy across the region.

Temperatures were mostly in the mid to upper 70s.

Clear skies prevailed over far West Texas while mostly cloudy skies were found elsewhere in the region. Light rain and a few thunderstorms stretched from the extreme eastern Panhandle southward through the eastern Edwards Plateau.

Temperatures ranged from 56 degrees at Dalhart to 64 degrees at El Paso and Sanderson. Winds were generally east to northeast at 5-15 mph.

The forecast called for partly cloudy skies over the far west and mostly cloudy elsewhere with scattered thunderstorms through Saturday. Severe thunderstorms along with locally heavy rain are possible this evening.

Tornadoes, heavy rains and hail blew into eastern New Mexico on Thursday, damaging dwellings, flooding intersections and injuring at least five people in Hobbs.

The twisters demolished one trailer, tore roofs off houses and uprooted trees and signs.

Scattered power outages left traffic signals dark in several Hobbs intersections, but officials said most stoplights were working again by 8:30 p.m.

"We had one small home destroyed. We had at least two trailer houses turned over, and then we had another portion of a house blown off, an addition," said David Hughes, assistant to the Hobbs city manager.

But he said the city escaped serious widespread damage.

"We're lucky in that regard," he said.

One youngster, about 9 or 10, said he and his sisters hid in a closet when one of three funnel clouds hit Hobbs late Thursday afternoon.

"It was just this loud boom, and the roof was gone," the boy told a reporter for the Hobbs News-Sun. The child didn't give his name.

Tornadoes, hail, high winds strike eastern New Mexico

By NANCY PLEVIN
Associated Press Writer

One man on Avenue B said his house escaped damage, but "everybody's roof is in my back yard."

A woman 1 1/2 blocks away from him said she heard a noise that turned out to be parts of someone else's roof hitting her house.

High winds tore a metal roof off a church in Tucumcari, and hail, an inch in diameter, fell in the area, authorities said. Tornadoes also touched down in the Portales and Elida areas, midway between Tucumcari and Hobbs, but no damage or injuries were reported there.

In southeastern Hobbs, about 10 to 15 power poles were blown over, and a 30-mph speed-limit sign was bent by the wind to a 45-degree angle.

A 40-year-old woman was admitted to Lea Regional Hospital in Hobbs with a fractured ankle, hospital officials said.

"She was trying to get her dog in the house," said emergency room nurse Dolores Owen. "She was running out of the house and the wind got her and blew her up against a cinder block wall."

At least four others were treated for minor cuts and bruises, Owen said.

She said emergency room personnel were braced for any additional injuries.

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Opinion

Treaty takes aim at parental rights

We've all heard of Big Brother. Now, if the United States ratifies a United Nations treaty on children, American families could find themselves subjugated to an international Big Momma and Big Daddy. Called the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the treaty was approved by the U.N. in January 1990. So far, 71 countries have ratified the document, including Sweden, Germany, France and the Soviet Union, and pressure is growing in Washington for the United States to join the list.

The overall purpose of the treaty has some merit. Its stated aim is to better the lives of children living under oppressive and corrupt governments. But we can be sure that the countries where the rights of children need the most protection, namely communist and Third World dictatorships, will be the least likely to actually follow the treaty's articles. We can also be sure that if the treaty were to be proposed by President Bush and ratified by the U.S. Senate, it would be considered binding in American society. Americans should think long and hard before we willingly submit ourselves to the rules, not of our own elected representatives or Congress, but to the authority of the United Nations.

While some provisions of the treaty make solid moral sense, others are downright dangerous. Many of the treaty's provisions would drive a wedge between children and their parents, undermine the stability of families and ultimately hurt the very children the treaty supposedly protects.

Article 13, for example, would guarantee to children the freedom of expression and the right to seek, receive and impart information and ideas with virtually no restrictions. The treaty makes no allowance for parents to intervene if they believe their children are being exposed to material that violates the parental sense of decency.

Similarly, Article 14 guarantees a child's freedom of "thought, conscience and religion." Again, there is nothing wrong with such rights in general, but the treaty makes no provision for parental authority. If a Christian couple makes their 8-year-old son attend church, even though he may not feel like it at the time, they could conceivably be violating his "freedom of religion" under the U.N. treaty.

Article 15 prohibits any restriction, by government or parent, of a child's freedom of association. If a teenager starts running around with the wrong crowd, parents could be barred from intervening. Article 16 would grant a virtually unconditional right of "privacy" to any child, including privacy from their own parents.

On the question of who should be responsible for promoting the "social, spiritual and moral well-being and physical and mental health" of children, the treaty looks to the mass media, not to parents. Other articles would have the perverse impact of enhancing, not limiting, the power of government. Article 18 would grant all children of working parents "the right to benefit from child-care services." Article 24 would mandate the establishment of government "family planning services," such as those provided by Planned Parenthood.

The House and senate have already passed resolutions urging President Bush to submit the treaty for ratification. Fortunately, the White House is having second thoughts on the potential adverse impact of the treaty on American family life. Unless concerned Americans make their voices heard, this treaty could be the law or our land before we know what hit us. While all children deserve government protection from abuse, their physical, mental and moral welfare must remain the responsibility of their parents. A healthy society relies on parents, not the government, as the primary teacher and guardian of children.

We do not help children by subordinating the authority of their parents to an international body of bureaucrats.

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Ruling cannot silence doctors

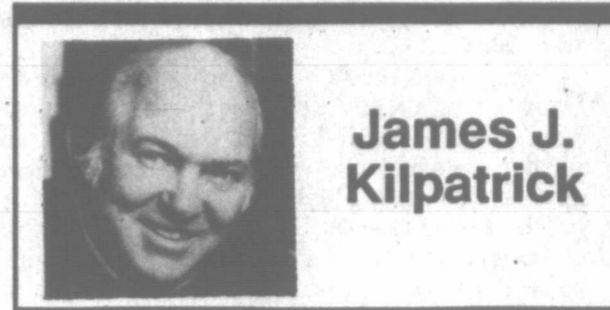
WASHINGTON — All of us have bad days now and then. The Supreme Court had a lousy one recently. In an important case involving federal family planning services, Chief Justice William Rehnquist produced a labored opinion that combined sound judicial tradition with patently specious reasoning. It wasn't his day.

This was a test case brought to obtain a binding interpretation of anti-abortion regulations issued under Title X of the Public Health Service Act. The law provides funds for clinics that offer women "a broad range of acceptable and effective planning methods and services." The act then provides that none of these funds may be used "in programs where abortion is a method of family planning."

Pursuant to the statute, Health Secretary Louis Sullivan issued regulations for the guidance of grantees. One regulation absolutely forbids doctors or staff from providing "counseling" concerning abortion. If a woman asks about abortion, the doctor is to reply, "The project does not consider abortion an appropriate method of family planning and therefore does not counsel or refer for abortion."

A group of Title X grantees and doctors brought suit to challenge the regulations. They contended that Secretary Sullivan had misinterpreted the act, and they argued that the rules violated a doctor's First Amendment right of free speech. On May 23, voting 5-4, the high court upheld the regulations and found no constitutional infirmity.

Rehnquist began by making a point that lawyers will appreciate. The suit challenged the "facial validity" of the regulations. As a matter of jurisprudence, this is a tough row to hoe.



James J. Kilpatrick

"A facial challenge to a legislative act," said Rehnquist, quoting a case from 1987, "is of course the most difficult challenge to mount successfully, since the challenger must establish that no set of circumstances exists under which the act would be valid."

Turning to the act itself, Rehnquist sighed: "We need not dwell on the plain language of the statute because we agree with every court to have addressed the issue that the language is ambiguous." The act says nothing at all about "counseling." The act denies funds only to "programs" in which "abortion is a method of family planning."

If a doctor in a federal clinic answers questions about abortion, is he expending funds wrongfully on a "program"? Rehnquist and his four colleagues obviously were uncertain. They retreated to traditional rules of construction.

When in doubt, the court must accord "substantial deference" to the interpretation of a federal agency. Secretary Sullivan is presumed to know more about the intention of the act than anyone else. Doubt also may be relieved by examining the leg-

islative history of a given act, but here "the legislative history is ambiguous and unenlightening..."

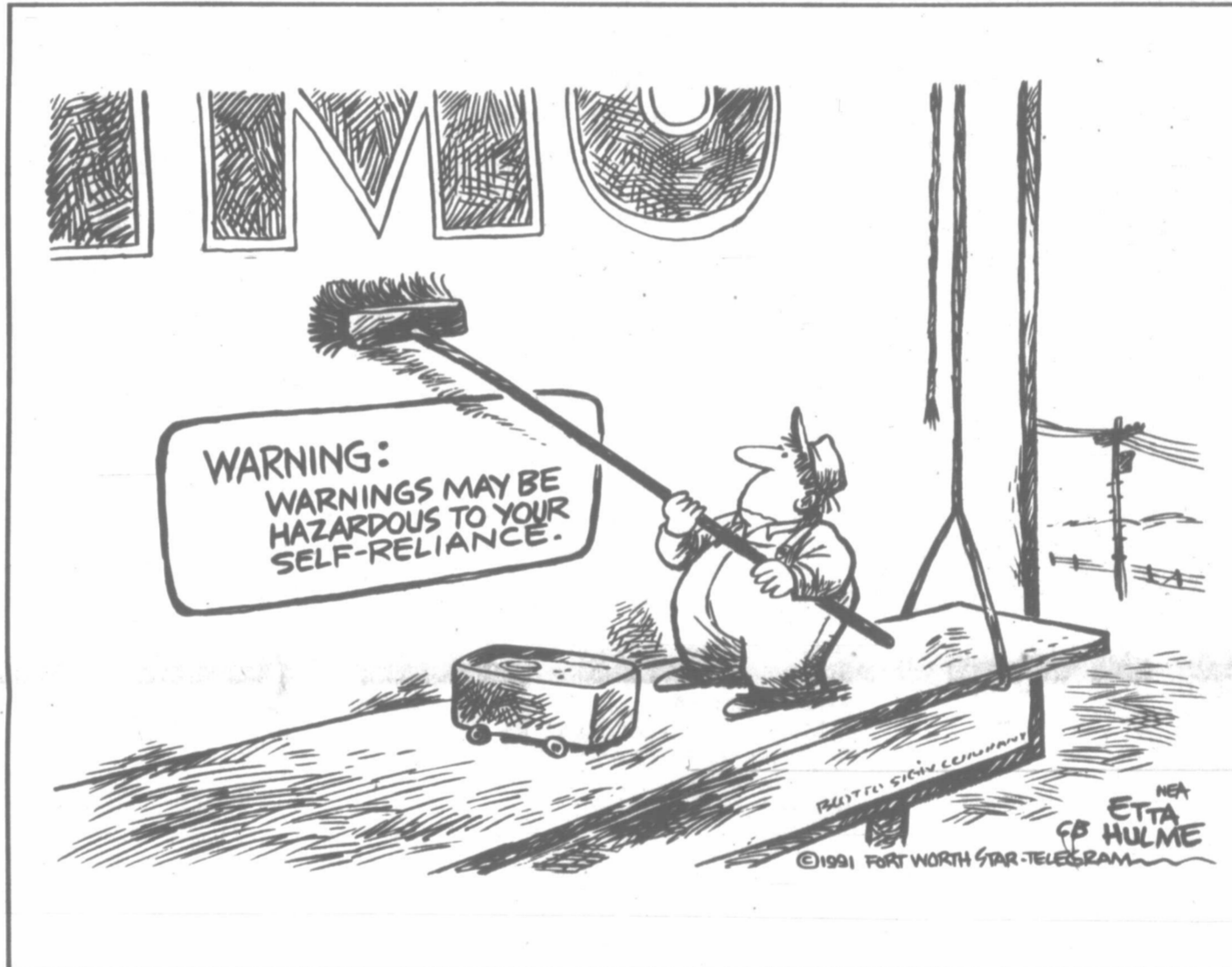
Throwing up their hands, the five justices in the majority concluded that Sullivan's construction was not impermissible. They felt they had to defer to it. Neither the act nor the regulations could be held facially invalid.

That left the constitutional issues. The court ought to have left them alone, but no. Rehnquist began in the magisterial voice of Sir Oracle: "There is no question but that the statutory prohibition is constitutional." Horsefeathers! Of course there is question. The 1st and the 10th Circuits both held the regulations invalid on constitutional grounds. Dissenting Justices Blackmun, Marshall and Stevens think the rules are unconstitutional.

Congress is not compelled to adopt any particular law, but once enacted, a statute becomes subject to the same constitutional conditions that apply everywhere else. One such condition is that Congress shall make no law abridging freedom of speech. If doctors are to talk candidly with patients, doctors cannot constitutionally be gagged.

Rehnquist denies that by banning any discussion of abortion as "unacceptable" and "inappropriate," the government is discriminating on the basis of viewpoint. Again, horsefeathers! The conduct of a program is one thing; the content of speech is something else.

Congress has the power of the purse to forbid outright payment for abortions. No question about it. But there is not money enough in the treasury to buy the silence of a doctor whose first duty is to this patient.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 14, the 165th day of 1991. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

On this date:

In 1775, the United States Army was founded.

In 1801, former American Revolutionary War General Benedict Arnold died in London.

In 1841, 150 years ago, the first Canadian parliament opened in Kingston.

In 1846, settlers proclaimed the free republic of California at Sonoma.

In 1917, Gen. John Pershing arrived in Paris during World War I.

In 1928, the Republican National Convention nominated Herbert Hoover for president on the first ballot.

In 1940, in German-occupied Poland, the Nazis opened their concentration camp at Auschwitz.

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed an order adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fraud disguised as charity!

Fraud in the name of "charity"! If that doesn't set you on fire, your wood's wet!

In Illinois a fund-raising for The Illinois Firefighters Alliance harvested \$20,000 a month — ostensibly to help the widows and orphans of firefighters.

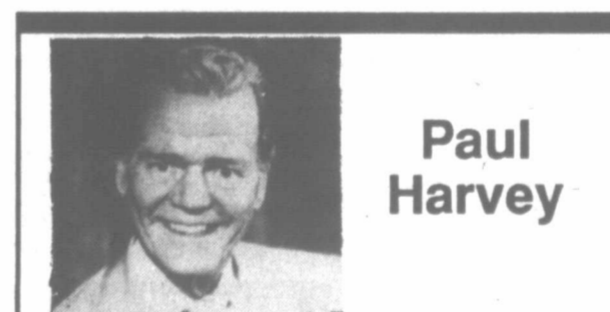
The Illinois attorney general says there is no such organization, that the fund-raisers have no affiliation whatever with local firefighters, they are not registered. In fact, Attorney General Roland Burris says, "We have no idea what they have done with the money."

I hope Illinois is atypical, but maybe you'd better pay attention in case.

An organization called Telesystems raised \$9 million in donations "to aid cancer-stricken children." Telesystems pocketed \$8 million of the \$9 million, calling it their "fund-raising fee."

During the Persian Gulf War, uncounted millions of Americans dug into their pockets in support of what turned out to be outright scams.

Responsible charities are going to be hurt in their fund-raising efforts by the exposure to follow, yet, there are some "responsible charities" that have been spending on themselves more than they



Paul Harvey

spend on "charity."

The state of Illinois hosts more than 13,000 registered charities. Burris believes only about 2 percent are unworthy. Yet, organizations with such high-sounding names as Drug-Free Kids raised \$70,000 and distributed only \$700.

Voices for Freedom raised \$500,000, but only 25 messages were placed between servicemen in the Gulf and the U.S.

For America's Missing and Abused Children, more than \$400,000 was collected, only \$24,000 spent for charitable purposes.

There have been solicitations in the name of the homeless and for the victims of cancer and AIDS

and for battered women. There are fund-raising efforts — some good, some bad — for the mentally ill, the indigent, the retarded.

All milk the compassion of benevolent Americans — though an embarrassing many spend most of the money they raise raising more money.

Burris recently invited representatives from the charitable community in Illinois to confer with him on ways and means of dealing with the fraudulent ones.

While he was thus "seeking advice and counsel," he was also getting the word around that charities are being monitored and the mercenaries are going to be exposed and prosecuted.

Maybe.

In Illinois 92 cents of every dollar donated to many charities goes into the pockets of the fund-raisers.

American Handicapped Association — the handicapped got only 8 cents of every dollar.

Even the Department of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars had \$1.5 million raised by a fund-raiser — and received 10 percent or \$150,000.

They may turn a lot of generous Americans into cynics, but meanwhile the professional fund-raisers are getting rich.

Here's an open letter to Gary Sick

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Dear Mr. Sick:

On April 15 you created quite a splash on the Op-Ed page of *The New York Times* by charging that, in 1980, officials of the Reagan campaign promised representatives of the government of Iran arms and spare parts if they would delay the release of our hostages in Tehran until after Election Day.

In particular, you charged, on the basis of statements made to you by numerous anonymous informants, that the late William Casey, Mr. Reagan's campaign manager, met secretly with Iranian representatives in Paris from Oct. 15 to Oct. 20, 1980.

In your very next paragraph, you go on to say:

"At least five of the sources who say they were in Paris in connection with these meetings insist that George Bush was present for at least one meeting. Three of the sources say that they saw him there. In the absence of further information, I have not made

up my mind about this allegation."

Bush was, of course, Reagan's vice presidential running-mate at the time. If the charges against him and Casey are true, they were guilty of truly monstrous behavior.

By ostentatiously suspending judgment on the accuracy of the charge relating to George Bush, you deftly put some distance between yourself and it. You also earned some brownie points for seeming cautious about what you were willing to charge — thereby enhancing the value of your firm conclusion that the allegations concerning Casey are true.

But you are the one who launched this cautious attack on the man who is now president of the United States, and you are the one who is diligently concealing the identity of "at least five" people who allegedly place George Bush in Paris sometime between Oct. 15 and Oct. 20, 1980. Moreover, you know perfectly well that the paragraph about Bush is the real heart of your long article, and the

principal reason for the massive public attention it has received.

So you must have been interested, to put it mildly, to see President Bush tell television reporters "Definitely, definitely, no," in reply to the question whether he had been in Paris in 1980, as alleged.

And you must have had powerful emotions of some sort when you saw L. Gordon Crovitz's article in *The Wall Street Journal* on May 8, listing exactly where George Bush (who was, of course, campaigning hard in the last weeks of the race) could be found on the relevant dates: Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1980 — in Nashville, Chicago and Rockford, Ill.; Thursday, Oct. 16, 1980 — in Detroit and Dearborn, Mich.; Friday, Oct. 17, 1980 — in Dearborn, Portland, Maine, Rutland, Vt., and Newark, N.J.; Saturday, Oct. 18 — in Westfield, N.J.; Philadelphia, Chester, Pa.; and Washington D.C.; Sunday, Oct. 19, 1980 — in Washington, lunching with Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart and Mrs. Stewart; Monday,

Oct. 20, 1980 — in New Haven, Conn.

Now, with all due respect, I submit that you cannot simply disregard these data. You must either assert, if possible with some evidence, that all or part of them are false, or you must concede that they are correct.

If they are correct, Mr. Sick, you owe Mr. Bush a prompt, public and profound apology. And you should also, at a minimum, publicly denounce the informants whose identities you are concealing as the lying blackguards they are.

For it is plainly not enough for you to argue that you never "made up (your) mind about this allegation." You are the one who made it public. You have dragged the name of the incumbent president of the United States through the mud without (you tell us) even bothering to decide whether, in your own opinion, the charges against him are true. Now you know they are not.

Apologize, Mr. Sick.

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It's official - Heeere's Jay

By DEBORAH HASTINGS
AP Television Writer

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) - Jay Leno is taking his new job as king of late-night television in stride.

"Fine with me. It beats having a day job," he said of being hired Thursday to replace Johnny Carson as permanent host of *The Tonight Show*. No more guest hosting, no more second fiddle, no more filling in for the man who has reigned over late-night television for nearly 30 years.

"I'm sort of a good soldier," Leno said Thursday. "You put your time in and maybe things happen and maybe things don't."

Leno, 41, put his time in for 20 years, crisscrossing the country, playing strip joints and small-time clubs as he honed his skills as a stand-up comedian. He built an audience that loyally followed him to television when he became *The Tonight Show* substitute host three years ago.

After Carson announced two weeks ago that he'll quit *The Tonight Show* next year, speculation centered on Leno as his likely successor. Leno said Thursday he had assumed NBC would offer him the job.

"It's a little bit like being Miss America," he said, laughing. "You know, 'If for some reason you are unable to serve,' I would step forward as the next one. I've always been standing in the wings as the next one."

But over the years, others had been considered Carson's likely replacement. Among them was David Letterman whose own *Late Night With David Letterman* follows *The Tonight Show* on NBC.

The *New York Daily News* quoted an unnamed source Thursday as saying Letterman was "fit to be tied" that Leno got the job.

"Before we continue I think we should congratulate our friend Jay Leno for being selected as the host of *The Tonight Show*," Letterman said during his own show Thursday.

"And I'm negotiating now for Aunt Blabby," he quipped.

Leno said he didn't know if NBC officials had talked to anyone else about the job.

"NBC's not going to say, 'Gee, Jay, you might get the job, but we've got to talk to four other people first,'" he said.

Leno said it is too early to say what changes he may make on the show. Announcer Ed McMahon and band leader Doc Severinsen will leave when Carson does, and Leno said he hasn't decided on replacements.

The Tonight Show, a fixture on late-night television since 1954, has almost always won the ratings competition in its time slot, although there have been exceptions.

During the Gulf War, ABC's *Nightline* moved into first place with a 6.6 rating, a full point ahead.

Jazz saxophone great Stan Getz dies at 64

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Saxophonist Stan Getz, a jazz innovator who fueled the sultry bossa nova movement with "The Girl From Ipanema" and played with Big Band greats such as Woody Herman, has died at age 64.

Getz died Thursday at his home in Malibu, said his publicist, Diana Baron of A&M Records. She did not disclose the cause of death, but author Leonard Feather, who writes on jazz for the *Los Angeles Times*, said Getz had cancer.

Getz, who won 11 Grammy awards, is best known for his 1964 recording of the Brazilian standard "The Girl from Ipanema." However, he was a dominant force on the jazz scene from the late 1940s.

He played and recorded with Dizzy Gillespie, Lionel Hampton, Benny Goodman, Stan Kenton and Woody Herman, and launched the careers of pianist Chick Corea and vocalist Diane Schurr.

Gillespie called Getz "one of the most gifted musicians that America has produced."

"He was sheer genius," Gillespie said from his New Jersey home early today. "And there's one thing about this man, he was the most melodic player on the jazz scene ... He knew melody."

Getz's 1948 recording of "Early Autumn" with the Four Brothers band gained him recognition as an innovator of cool jazz.

"He played in a way that was expressing his own self ... very emotional, very personal, very beautiful," guitarist Barney Kessel, a longtime friend, said after a performance Thursday at the Village Vanguard in New York. "In a world of angry sounds, he came out with pure beauty."

In the 1960s, Getz recorded *Jazz Samba*, an album that included the hit "Desafinado." The recording was one of the first to fuse jazz and bossa nova.

Getz was born Feb. 2, 1927, in Philadelphia. His family name had been shortened from Gayetzsky when his parents emigrated from Russia.



Stan Getz

His father, who was a tailor, moved the family to New York when Getz was 6.

The boy's high school bandmaster recommended him for scholarship to the Juilliard School, but Getz quit school instead to go on the road.

He was playing professionally with Jack Teagarden in Los Angeles by the time he was 16.

His latest recordings include the 1990 album

Apasionado, and a live recording of a recent tour with Kenny Barron.

Since 1981, he had taught summer classes at Stanford University.

Singer and pianist Bobby Short, who produced a 1985 concert at Carnegie Hall that included Getz, called him, "a giant in his field."

"He was exacting and temperamental, but he had a right to be," Short said.

Getz grappled with drug addiction for years. A heroin addict since the age of 18, he was arrested in 1954 for trying to steal narcotics from a Seattle drugstore. He served a six-month jail sentence and resumed his career in 1955.

"I have always been driven by a taut inner spring which has propelled me to almost compulsively reach for perfection in music, in fact, mostly at the expense of everything else in my life," Getz once said.

When he was young, he believed drugs enhanced his performance, but later changed his mind.

"Dope makes you think you're playing better," he said. "It's not true. The best way to play is completely sober, loose and happy ... or unhappy."

Getz sought a divorce in New York in 1981 from his second wife, Monica, after she went to court claiming her drug-addicted, alcoholic husband abused her and was unfaithful. She sought a court order for family support payments and protection from Getz.

The couple, who had married in 1956, later attempted a reconciliation before a state jury granted Getz the divorce in 1987. He claimed his wife was unfaithful and had tried to poison him.

Mrs. Getz appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing that New York's divorce law violates women's rights, but the court last year refused to hear the case.

Getz is survived by five children; his brother, Bob; grandchildren and a fiancée.

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Religion

First United Methodist Church to host Spirit Wind 1991

Spirit Wind 1991, the Northwest Texas United Methodist Annual Conference Youth Choir, will be performing at 7 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

The choir is a select group of United Methodist Senior High youth from all over the Panhandle and West Texas area. They have been selected from more than 170 who auditioned in Lubbock, Amarillo, Abilene, and Midland in January of this year and represent communities and churches of all sizes.

The Spirit Wind program is inclusive of many different styles, forms and periods of music. This year's concert is made up of music

focused on the liturgical or church year, from Advent to Pentecost.

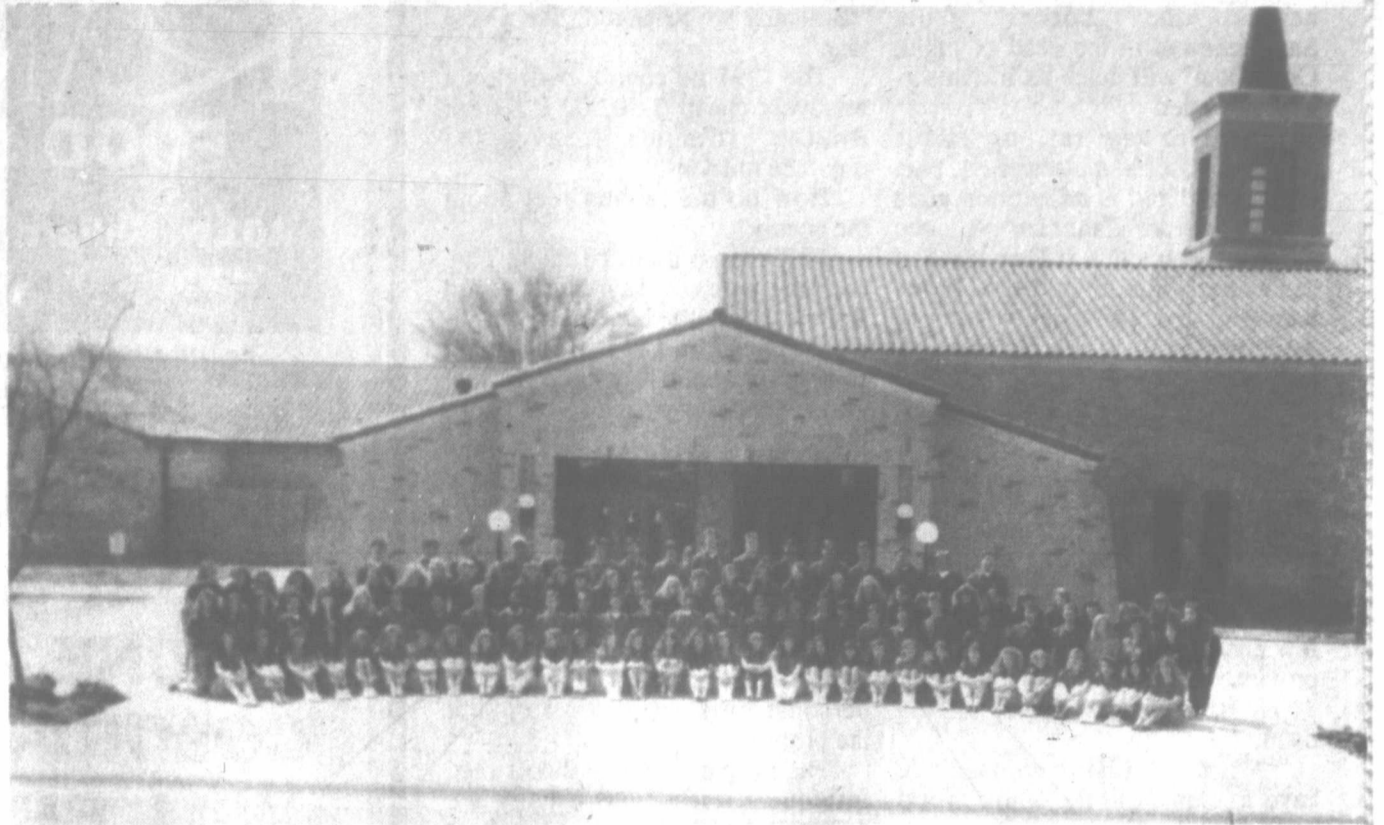
Music by composers such as Gilbert Martin, Jane Marshall, John Stainer, Lloyd Pfautsch, John Rutter, and many others will be included. The program will begin with a setting of a "Shaker Tune" — "Followers of the Lamb" by Phil Dietrich. Also included this year is a section of spirituals and two contrasting musical settings of Psalms.

Spirit Wind for the 10th year is under the direction of Bert W. Bostic, director of program/music for the St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland. Jon Johnson, the director of music for the First United Methodist Church in Level-

land has co-directed the group for the past three years. The choir is accompanied by Mrs. Debby Vester, music assistant/organist for St. Luke's.

Other leadership for the group includes Pasty Giles, technical director, and Wayne Hyde, Kerry Hyde, Danny Sanchez, Brent McCartney and Willa Dell Johnson.

The tour this year will include performances all over West Texas and the Panhandle consisting of Rotan, Levelland, Muleshoe, Friona, Hereford, Wellington, Vernon, Iowa Park, Perryton, Olton, Pampa, Stanton, Andrews, Eunice, N.M., and Midland.



(Courtesy Photo)

The Northwest Texas United Methodist Annual Conference Youth Choir will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

Church drops Baptist heritage to take up study in Judaism

By DAN GEORGE
Associated Press Writer

ATHENS, Tenn. (AP) — Smiling and shaking hands, the Rev. J. David Davis looks and sounds like your typical Baptist preacher as he greets members of his congregation.

"Gary, Martha, good to see you. You doin' all right?" he draws to one couple, his Georgia twang a casual counterpoint to his conservative blue blazer and imposing salt-and-pepper mane.

Then Davis steps back to the pulpit and, instead of speaking of sin and redemption, begins discussing passages from the Bible as they relate to Judaism.

Davis is the pastor of Emmanuel, a former Baptist church that has abandoned its fundamentalist heritage to seek spiritual guidance in Jewish thought.

The congregation's 80 members constitute the world's largest single bloc of B'nai Noah — or Children of Noah — a small but growing movement that has been called Judaism for gentiles.

The Noahites aren't Jews — they don't keep kosher or have bar mitzvahs — but they believe the Talmud's seven Laws of Noah contain the core of God's intended religion for non-Jews.

Those laws prohibit blasphemy, idolatry, murder, theft, adultery and eating the flesh of a living animal, and command followers to establish courts of justice.

"It's a very simple life. It's void of theology. And it's a very simple study," said Davis. "I think you can reduce it to two commandments, and Jesus gives us those two commandments: Love God and love people."

For 17 years, Davis was a Baptist preacher. But after becoming pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in 1972, he became plagued by doubts about the Bible's literal truth.

He learned about the Noahites from Vendyl Jones, an ex-Baptist preacher who runs the Institute for Judaic-Christian Research in Arlington, Texas. Gradually, the Noahite discussions replaced his Baptist sermons. Then, Michael Katz, an orthodox rabbi from Marietta, Ga., began leading the Athens congregation in Wednesday night study of the Torah.

"In 1986 is when we really made the break," said Davis, who is 46. "That's when we really came to grips with the fact that Christianity is paganism."

Like Jews, the Noahites reject the concept of virgin birth and the idea that Jesus Christ raised himself from the dead. They believe Jesus was an important rabbi but not God.

The definitive break came in one Sunday in 1989

when Davis and a handful of followers, deciding the church's steeple and cross were pagan symbols, sawed them off the building. They also removed the words "Baptist" and "Church" from the sign in front.

That got the attention of just about everybody in Athens, a Bible Belt town of about 14,000 people the Smoky Mountain foothills midway between Chattanooga and Knoxville.

Most people in Athens are Baptist — the First Baptist Church boasts 2,100 members — and more than a few were upset by the goings-on at Emmanuel, especially those with relatives in Davis' congregation.

"Here's some of the things we've been accused of: We make all our men get circumcised. We're becoming Jews. We get in a circle Wednesday night and chant. We don't believe in God. We don't believe Jesus," said Davis.

The ex-Baptist preacher contends "most Christians got just too much starch in their drawers."

"We intimidate the people here locally," he said. "They're great people here in Athens, but they don't understand it. And anything you don't understand, you're afraid of."

The furor, which included some of Emmanuel's younger members being taunted at school as devil-worshippers, prompted the Rev. Carlos Peterson, pastor at First Baptist, to meet with Davis.

"I think it's a cult," said Peterson. "To me, anyone who denies the divinity of Christ and begins to set up other standards as principles of truth ... is moving into a cult."

Katz scoffs at that idea, calling the Noahites a revival of an ancient faith in which gentiles endorsed many Jewish beliefs.

"That's ridiculous. There are no aspects of this that are a cult in any form," said Katz. "... A cult is something where you surrender your freedom to think, and they haven't done this at all."

Nevertheless, Peterson says the Noahites have created friction in Athens.

"These are hometown people, by and large," Peterson said. "And they are not ostracized by this community. They are not outcast and not cut off from anyone else."

"But it is a concern because we have a number of families in our church who have families there. When these people deny the very tenet of the Christian faith, it's very disconcerting to the families."

Still, the movement is growing. There are informal study groups in Houston, Kansas City, Mo., and Minneapolis, as well as Belgium and England. Every month, Davis mails out hundreds of newsletters and cassette tapes to an increasing number of inquirers.

Reservations being taken for leadership workshop

Organizers of an inter-denominational workshop on leadership skills, sponsored by First Assembly of God, said reservations are being accepted for the July 13 conference.

The event, to be held at the church at 500 S. Cuyler, is aimed at helping volunteer church leaders and professional ministers be more effective in executing their programs.

Bear Mills, youth pastor at First Assembly and a speaker at various denominations' youth camps, services and seminars, will lead the

conference.

He is also director of Youth Outreach United, a cooperative effort of 13 churches from nine denominations designed to assist churches in evangelizing the Pampa area.

"One of the most common things I hear from churches is, 'We can't get our people enthused,'" Mills said. "That led me to develop this conference, based on leadership concepts that have worked successfully for some of the best evangelical organizations in the world."

He said the workshop will be "equally meaningful for the Presbyterian youth volunteer as the Southern Baptist Royal Ambassador leader or the Pentecostal church elder."

Officials with First Assembly said there is a fee for the conference payable at the door. The event will include a continental breakfast, catered lunch and workshop manual.

Reservations are requested by July 1 to allow planning for attendance. For more information, call 665-5941.

Central Baptist VBS set next week

Central Baptist Church, corner of Starkweather and Browning, will have its Vacation Bible School next week with sessions from 9 a.m. to noon daily Monday through Friday.

school this year are four years old through sixth-grade.

Special days planned for the children include picture day, penny day, frog cookie day and parent's night on Wednesday evening.

Mary Guinn, Children's Division Director Sherry Seabourn, Pastor Norman Rushing and the VBS faculty invite children to attend the weeklong sessions.

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Alberta rat patrol fends off unwelcome invading rodents

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
Associated Press Writer

KITSCOTY, Alberta (AP) — There are no rats in the province of Alberta. And should one dare creep across the border from Saskatchewan in the dead of night, Orest Popil will make its life miserable and brief.

The Norway rat, or *rattus norvegicus*, a.k.a. the sewer rat, barn rat or wharf rat, is rodent non grata in this western Canadian province and has been since it first reached the eastern border in 1950. Folks here just hate 'em. They've created their own well-trained rat patrol to keep them out.

"You lie awake at night wondering where the little buggers are going to turn up next," said Popil, a rat control inspector, as he bounced his pickup truck down a muddy lane toward several crumbling grain storage bins.

Popil's job is to help locate the few rats that manage to slip into the province and eliminate them.

He doesn't really want to find them.

"When you find them, then you have to explain to the whole world how they got there," he said. "We're Albertans. We're not supposed to have rats."

The Norway rat first appeared on Canada's east coast around 1775 and gradually spread westward following human settlement. Not native to the region, it cannot survive Canadian winters in the wild and must live with man.

Rats consume or contaminate about one-fifth of the world's field crops, including at least 4 percent of stored grains, according to the Agriculture Ministry. It is estimated a single rat can eat, spoil or damage \$40 worth of goods a year.

The Norway, which weighs about 1 pound, can begin breeding at four weeks and have litters every six weeks. In two years, a pair can produce 15,000 offspring.

They also are well-known disease carriers and terrible gnawers.

Said John Bourne, regional supervisor for problem wildlife: "They can even gnaw through a lead pipe. They can swim a half-mile. They can tread water for two days. They can leap vertically six feet. They can climb wires."

Spreading across the prairies 15 miles a year, they were first spotted in Alberta on a farm near Alsask.

Officials decided to stop them in their tracks and created a system of eradication run by border municipalities and funded by the province.

"I could give you a history of all the wars we've fought," said Popil. "Basically we're waiting for a new war."

The 1991 rat control budget is a relatively cheap \$240,000 U.S., but Bourne estimates it saves the province millions.

How do the ratmen feel about the enemy?

"I despise them because I've seen the damage they cause," said Bourne, a wildlife biologist by training. "When you get a chance to do something about it, you really feel good, especially when you shoot them."

Popil's emotions are not quite so strong.

"I can't say I really hate the animals," he draws, checking the bait trays in a grain bin. "I can't say I spend my life chasing rats because they ate my baby sister or something. But killing them gives you personal satisfaction for stopping the problem."

The rat patrol rarely shoots rats. Infrequent infestations usually are destroyed with the anti-coagulant poison Warfarin in coarsely rolled oats.

The occasional rat does ride in on a rail car or cattle truck. But the public has been educated to call the ratman at first sighting. The ministry has had anti-rat poster contests in schools. It has even put out "Rat on a rat" bumper stickers.

There is no danger of invasion from the frozen north. To the south, the Montana prairies are too sparsely populated to attract rats. In the west, the Norway has yet to scale the Rockies.

The warfront remains an 18-mile strip along the eastern border where every building is inspected up to three times annually.

"In Saskatchewan, they live with rats like they do death and taxes," sniffs Bourne with disdain. "They don't perceive them as a dangerous problem."

Last year in Popil's area, there were 12 rat sightings.

"Only two were where a colony had set up," he says proudly. "The rest were just individual rats."

"It's not the first 1,000 rats that count," he intones gravely. "It's the last one. As long as you get the last one."

American students perform poorly in math, survey shows

By TAMARA HENRY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's children aren't learning the mathematical skills needed for either work or college, according to a federal survey released Thursday. Education Secretary Lamar Alexander called it "an alarm bell that ought to ring all night throughout this country."

"If our aim is to be first in the world in math and science by the year 2000, there is an enormous challenge ahead of us," said Alexander, referring to one of the education goals set by President Bush and the nation's governors.

The National Assessment of Education progress survey, popularly known as the "Nation's Report Card," tested 6,473 students in grades four, eight and 12 in about 400 schools across the nation from January to May of 1990.

It found:
• Virtually no fourth graders, only 14 percent of the eighth graders and 46 percent of the high school seniors could handle fractions, decimals, percentages and simple algebra — levels of math typically taught in the seventh grade.

• Eleven percent of the fourth graders, 67 percent of eighth graders and 91 percent of high school seniors could multiply and work two-step problems — material often included in the fifth grade.

• Only 5 percent of the seniors showed an understanding of geometry, algebra and beginning statistics and probability — considered the gateway courses to advanced mathematics.

"The mathematical skills of our nation's children are generally insufficient to cope with either on-the-job demands for problem-solving or college expectations for mathematical literacy," said the report.

Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, noted the report confirmed that U.S. students tend to do well in basic skills, such as adding and subtracting whole numbers. Seventy-two percent of the fourth graders, 98 percent of the eighth graders of all of the seniors passed on that score — a beginning level generally covered by the third grade.

But their performance in more complex intellectual tasks — such as using ratios and proportions — "continues to fall short of world-class standards," he said.

"The American public must understand the three R's just aren't enough. From the factory floors to high-tech

offices, we need a higher level of knowledge and skills," Shanker said.

The National Assessment was mandated by Congress and is the only continuing national assessment of America's students performance in various subjects.

For the first time, state-by-state results for eighth graders also were released covering 37 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands. About 100 schools and 2,500 students participated in the separate sampling for the state-by-state evaluation.

Students in North Dakota were best at handling fractions, decimals, percentages, elementary geometry and simple algebra. Still, only 24 percent of the state's eighth graders were judged proficient in this area.

North Dakota was followed by Montana, where 23 percent of the eighth graders mastered these mathematical principles, Iowa and Nebraska, 21 percent, and Minnesota and Wisconsin, 20 percent.

Students in only one state, Virginia, mastered advanced math — and only 1 percent at that.

"The big news is: none of the states are cutting it and there are huge differences among the states," said Alexander. "Even in the highest-scoring states, only about one in four eighth graders is proficient in simple algebra and beginning geometry — which is something eighth graders should know and be able to do."

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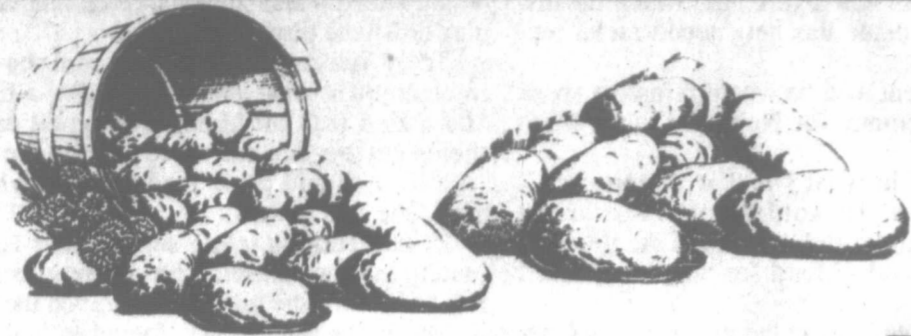
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Customers riled over bills for orders they didn't place

By DAVID E. KALISH
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Why does your mailbox contain a cookbook you don't remember ordering — and a bill for \$19.95?

The answer is a legal and increasingly popular sales method in which companies automatically bill consumers for products or services — with the onus on consumers to decline the offer.

The method isn't new. But after decades of use by book-of-the-month and music album clubs, a variety of companies are relying on it to sell everything from magazine subscriptions to cable channels to small-ticket items charged through credit cards.

Sellers like the practice because even if people lose interest in a product, sheer inertia may keep them from actually canceling an order.

However, recent violations are raising concern that the fast-growing "negative-option" method is forcing consumers to buy things they don't want, have no need for or can ill afford.

Criticism intensified recently when at least five states sued the nation's largest cable television operator, Tele-Communications Inc., for automatically billing customers for a new pay channel unless they called to cancel it.

The cable company incident reflects the growing skepticism over a procedure that makes it tough for buyers to beware — because they're often unaware they're buyers.

"While there is consumer choice, it exists largely in theory, not in reality, because consumers do not have the time or interest in carefully reading all communications or in taking the time to inform a company they do not wish a service," said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America, a Washington-based consumer group.

Companies generally say their plans are legal because they adhere to Federal Trade Commission negative-option requirements that, for instance, consumers give prior written permission to be billed for unordered merchandise.

In addition, sellers say consumers are generally astute enough to know what they are getting into when they sign up for automatic renewal or negative-option plans.

The idea of inertia "underestimates our consumers. They are well aware of how to reach us," said Diane G. Potter, vice president in charge of circulation at Times Mirror Magazines Inc.

Potter says Times Mirror is considering a test of a new "Auto Renew" system from Robert A. Bader Associates Inc. in Mount Kisco. Twenty magazines began testing the service in April.

The automatic renewal system

could save large millions of dollars a year for large magazines, which often send out as many as a dozen renewal notices a year per subscriber, says Dan Capell, editor of *Capell Circulation Report*, a newsletter based in Rye.

Critics argue that even within the letter of the law there is room for confusion.

"The key thing is whether the disclosure is adequate — whether it is comprehended by nearly everyone who fills out the form and sends it in," said consumer advocate Brobeck.

States, which usually draw on federal law in this area to clarify their own, said cable operator TCI failed to provide enough ways for consumers to refuse the pay channel service, which costs from \$1 to \$5 a month extra.

TCI, based in Denver, bowed to state pressure this week and partly backed off the plan. It said it would indicate to subscribers on the payment form that they do not have to sign up for the service.

But officials in Florida and other states say they will continue to pursue legal action until TCI, among other things, issues a written agreement for subscribers to sign that authorizes the negative-option plan. The other states that have sued are Iowa, Missouri, Texas and Washington.

"(TCI is) setting precedent here. If they can do it now, it's an open door to walk through," said Jack Norris, chief of consumer litigation at the Florida attorney general's office. "This a gigantic issue."

Last year, the FTC accused Field Publications, publisher of *Weekly Reader* Books and other book plans, of shipping cookbooks and children's dictionaries to subscribers without their consent and charging them \$15 to \$20 apiece.

Field agreed to refrain from the practice and pay civil penalties of \$175,000 under a consent decree filed in federal court in November.

"From our examinations of the Field case, it was our determination that people don't really like negative-option plans," said Angelo Presti, investigator in the FTC's New York regional office.

Yet negative-option plans continue to proliferate. American Express uses the method to sell things like calendars, pocket diaries and tax guides.

Bankcard Holders of America, a credit industry watchdog based in Herndon, Va., automatically renews its annual \$18 dues for some members to reduce renewal costs. Members can call a toll-free number to get a full dues refund.

"The danger as a membership organization is if you don't do it correctly, you'll rapidly end up with a lot of unhappy members," director Elgie Holstein said.

Legaldegoon Awards to be presented

AUSTIN (AP) — In an effort to persuade lawyers to use plain English, the State Bar of Texas will present its first annual "Legaldegoon Awards" to writing that seems designed to confuse.

For example, a 1981 court case between the Mississippi Bluff Motel, Inc. and the County of Rock Island has the winning passage in the 1991 Rise-of-the-Roman Language Award competition: "Parens patriae cannot be ad fundandam jurisdictionem. The zoning question is res inter alios acta."

"Basically, that's a fancy way of saying the court doesn't have jurisdiction," said Bryan Garner, chairman of the State Bar's recently formed Plain-Language Committee.

And the "Woolliness Award" goes to that old standby, the Internal Revenue Code: "For purposes of paragraph (3) an organization described in paragraph (2) shall be deemed to include an organization described in section 510(c)(4), (5), or (6) which would be described in paragraph (2) if it were an organization described in section 501(c)(3)."

"That's something tax lawyers continue to puzzle over," Garner said. Also among winners is a typographical error from a brief to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which points out, "In the index to this brief, the court will find an extensive copulation of authorities on this subject."

The plain-talk initiative is directed at the works of judges and lawmakers as well as lawyers, Garner said. For example, a Dallas congressional candidate's answer to an abortion question won the competition for "Politician's Obfuscation of a Legal Issue." The candidate was Rufus Higginbotham, who ran as an independent.

The quote, as printed in a newspaper: "I believe that privacy in making reproductive choices has certainly been a pillar of civilized humanity since earliest history. In this end of the 20th century, with the knowledge we now have of the infinitude of creation in the heaven above — and with our certain ability to proceed therein as a peaceably, so employed humanity, we would become so productively involved, driven by related questions deep within our very souls, more temporary questions as these would surely diminish to less concern."

Garner will present the awards at the State Bar's June 21 annual meeting in Houston. He emphasized that the awards are not targeted at any person, but at a form of writing. "We don't want to hold anyone up to ridicule. But we do want to ridicule certain types of writing — whatever is needlessly obscure, absurdly verbose, or downright nonsensical," Garner said in a Thursday statement.

While the awards represent a humorous attack on legalese, Garner said his committee is serious about its work. It has drafted a 10-point charter for plain legal writing, which the State Bar's board has approved.

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After the Storm



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A swarm of U.S. Army helicopters prepare to land on the Mall near the U.S. Capitol Thursday in preparation for Saturday's National Victory Celebration in Washington. The celebration is being held in response to President Bush's request that all Americans participate in welcoming home and thanking the American military forces who served recently in Operation Desert Storm in the Middle East.

AIDS: A horror that still can't be predicted

By ROBERT BYRD
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Ten years after the first mysterious cases were diagnosed in gay men in Los Angeles, the U.S. AIDS epidemic is increasing fastest among heterosexuals and Southerners. Experts are holding out little hope of improvement in this decade. The U.S. AIDS case count stands at more than 179,000, with more than 113,000 — six out of 10 — already dead, the national Centers for Disease Control reported Thursday. It was 10 years ago this week that the CDC first reported a mysterious cluster of rare pneumonia cases among male homosexuals in Los Angeles. The pneumonia turned out to be a symptom of what would be called acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which has infected an estimated 10 million people worldwide. "It's disturbing that the cases are still going up," said Dr. James Curran, director of the CDC's AIDS-HIV division. "We still have not peaked, with 43,000 cases reported last year. AIDS has become a major cause of death, with millions of infected people out there, and I

don't see us having any serious decline in morbidity and mortality for the next decade." The number of AIDS cases reported in the United States was up 23 percent last year compared to 1989. Most AIDS cases have occurred in homosexual men and abusers of injectable drugs in cities such as New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. But cases of heterosexually transmitted AIDS were up 41 percent in 1990, while cases among drug-abusing heterosexual men and women were up 24 percent and gay-male cases were up 19 percent. And AIDS in the South increased by 30 percent, compared with 27 percent in the Northeast, 17 percent in the Midwest and 13 percent in the West. "That's not surprising," Curran said. "It's a furthering of the trends we've seen in the most recent years." Curran said there's some comfort that the explosion of AIDS among gay men and drug abusers is at least slowing, compared with the mid-1980s. He said it was "particularly comforting" to see a decline in the number of AIDS cases related to blood transfusions since 1988.

The World Health Organization estimates that 8 million to 10 million adults around the globe — and another million children — are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. By the end of this decade, WHO estimates 40 million may be infected. Barring a miracle cure, they may very well be under a death sentence, Curran said. "We still want to be optimistic that there may be some exceptions, but it's important that those exceptions not define the rule," he said. Curran said the AIDS epidemic has turned into a tragedy that he and his fellow researchers couldn't have comprehended when they started their work a decade ago. "All of us working on AIDS in '81 knew that this was a much bigger problem than was being appreciated then," he said. "But no one — I repeat, no one — could have predicted that 10 years later we'd have a worldwide pandemic with 157 countries reporting AIDS. "From the world point of view, the horizons of this are totally uncertain. We can't predict how many people in the next 50 years will die of this disease."

U.N.: U.S. complaint of Iraqi food diversion exaggerated

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Bush administration complaints that Iraq is diverting emergency food supplies are exaggerated, the United Nations said Thursday. "The problem has been dramatized out of proportion," said U.N. spokesman Francois Giuliani, citing information from the office of Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, who is in charge of U.N. relief operations in the Persian Gulf. Giuliani said he had been informed that some food had been diverted, but "once the World Food Program pointed this out, the (Iraqi) government

replenished what had been taken, and there was no major problem." The Bush administration leveled the diversion charges Wednesday. White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater accused the Iraqi president of using the food "to buttress his regime's standing." A World Food Program spokesman in Rome on Thursday reiterated that claim, and said the U.N.-administered relief agency had stopped food shipments on Tuesday because 3,600 tons of flour destined for the Kurdish town of Mosul were missing. "It seems that some high up gov-

ernment official is diverting the food sent to needy Iraqis into the Iraqi Ministry of Trade's regular food ration system," spokeswoman Mercedes Sayagues said. Two trucks which were transporting 79 tons of the missing food were found empty in Tikrit, the hometown of President Saddam Hussein, she said. "We won't resume any shipments of food until the problem is resolved and we get the stolen food back or are repaid its estimated \$660,000 value," said Ms. Sayagues.

Cancer center begins expansion of complex

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Texas regents have approved a \$248.2 million expansion of its M.D. Anderson Cancer Center that will add a patient care and research complex as well as a separate clinical services building in the next five years. The University of Texas System Board of Regents, which oversees the 37-year-old cancer center complex in Houston's Texas Medical Center, said Thursday the new facilities will be open in phases between late 1995 and late 1996. "M.D. Anderson has experienced tremendous growth in the demand for services by Texans in the last decade," said center president Dr. Charles A. LeMaistre. "However, much of the new construction is related to the obsolescence of the older buildings that no longer can handle the new technology of cancer care and research or the large levels of care provided to our patients." Architects for the expansion, which will add 875,000 square feet to the world-renowned cancer center, will be Lockwood, Andrews & Newman Inc. of Houston and HKS Inc. of Dallas, who will oversee the project jointly. The expansion will be funded by a mix of revenue bonds, institutional earnings and private philanthropy. The research laboratories will be added in a six-story structure to the west of the current complex while the additional patient care will be located in a nine-story building in the same area. Together they represent \$206.2 million of the project. The clinical services facility, estimated at \$42.4 million, will offer new cancer prevention and screening programs and provide more outpatient care in a 10-story building to the east of the existing buildings.

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Black valedictorian says he won't share honor despite court order

By DEBBIE NEWBY
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal judge ruled Thursday that a black senior and his white classmate should share the title of valedictorian at a high school where the dispute over the top graduate has heightened racial tensions. But the black student said he would refuse to speak at Friday night's ceremony for Newton County High School. "I refuse to share in what I feel is an injustice," Johnathan Henderson, 18, told reporters after the judge's ruling. He said he didn't believe the decision was "right or fair. I worked hard for this award and I deserve it."

Henderson said he will attend the graduation in Covington, about 30 miles southeast of Atlanta, but other black students said they will boycott graduation if Henderson is not the valedictorian.

U.S. District Judge Marvin H. Shoob said Henderson and C. Thomas Allgood III should share the honor when they and 329 other seniors graduate.

Allgood, 17, who is white, had compiled a slightly higher grade-point average than Henderson. But before transferring to the school, he had earned some of his grades at a private school whose accreditation is in dispute.

"I'm happy with the decision," Allgood said Thursday at a Covington drug store where he works as a delivery person. "I think the fair, right thing was done."

Allgood said he was disappointed that Henderson won't speak at graduation. "I had hoped we both could be valedictorians," he said. "But I can't try to question his decision."

School system officials didn't return calls seeking to learn if Allgood will be allowed to speak Friday night without his co-valedictorian.

The dispute pits a white student against a black student at a school where racial tensions have been high in recent months, although students interviewed Thursday said they didn't view the disagreement in racial terms.

Interracial dating at Newton County High sparked fights and boycotts of classes last fall. Police were called in to patrol the school. Ku Klux Klansmen staged a rally at the courthouse to protest interracial dating.

After Henderson was chosen valedictorian, white students protested, saying school administrators were unfair to whites. Another Klan rally followed.

Although some black students threatened Thursday to boycott the graduation ceremony, others said they would attend — and students, black and white, sought to play down the dispute.

Tracy Walker, a black senior, said she is going to the ceremony "because this is a once-in-a-lifetime thing." She added that she thought Allgood and Henderson should get together and agree to share the honor.

"They should come together as a whole, and let it rest," she said.

Leslee Huff, a white senior, said Henderson was "really hurting himself" by refusing to share the title. She added that she thinks he deserved the award.

The judge said he was forced to make the decision because the county school board abdicated its responsibilities by deadlocking in a vote on the matter Monday night.

"This is a local issue," he said. "It should have been decided by the school board."

He said he would seek to determine why the board chairman did not attend Monday night's meeting and may cite her for contempt of court.

Board chairman Fran Ison was vacationing out of state. She had said last week when the judge ordered the board meeting that it was too late to change her travel plans.

The fight over the valedictorian began in April. County School Superintendent Richard Schneider recommended the two share the honor, which carries a \$1,000 prize. Henderson's father asked the school board to pick one valedictorian; it picked Henderson.

Allgood sued, contending he should be the top graduate because his grade-point average was 97.7, including grades from two years at the private George Walton Academy. His lawsuit was based on a federal law entitling students or parents to correct inaccuracies in academic records.

Henderson, 18, completed four years at Newton with a grade-point average of 96.96.

Shoob ruled last week that the decision was the school board's to make, and he ordered Monday night's meeting. After the board deadlocked 2-2, Allgood's attorney requested Thursday's hearing.

The judge agreed with Allgood attorney Pat McKee that the board's deadlock means Schneider's earlier recommendation will stand.

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Under sink pipes curved for your health and safety

By 3-2-1 CONTACT For AP Newsfeatures

It's not just the drain pipes under sinks that have a U-shape curve. If you could remove the floor, you'd see that the pipes under the shower

stalls and bathtubs have this U-shape, too.

The little U's are called traps. What they trap are gases that could travel up the pipes into your house.

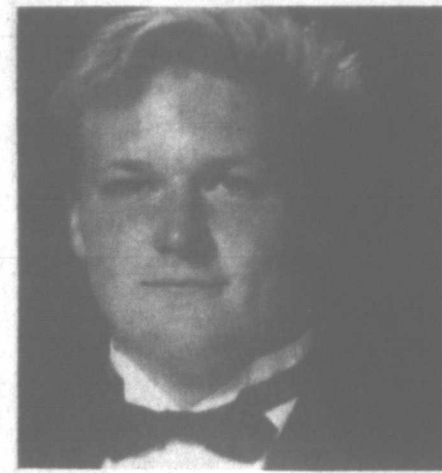
Here's why the traps are needed: the dirty water that drains out of

sinks and bathtubs goes down the pipes and into the sewer system or septic tank. Gases can build up there from the mixing and settling of waste. The gases are pretty smelly. They can sometimes be harmful, too. So you don't want them seeping

into the kitchen or the bathroom.

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Newsmakers



Jake Johnson

Jake Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, and grandson of Ernestyne J. Pulse, graduated with honors from Decatur High School, Decatur. He received three scholarships, Mid-America Pipeline Company, \$500; Optimist Club, \$500; and \$1000 from the Michael Peter Arrington Memorial Scholarship, presented by Dr. Terry Pulse, his uncle. He has four years perfect attendance in high school. Johnson is a member of the National Honor Society and has won first, third and honorable mention for his entries in the Decatur Art Show.

Johnson resides with his grandfather, Ed Bryan, and he is bricklayer's helper for his grandfather. He plans to attend Tarrant County Junior College, then pursue a career in ophthalmology.

Derrick D. Ryan, son of John and Barbara Ryan, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at South Plains College. A student must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point average. Ryan earned a grade point average



Derrick D. Ryan

of 3.75.

Kelly Don Bennett was a May 10 graduate of East Texas State University, Commerce. He received a bachelor of business administration degree.

Landee Jon Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Reeves, received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude with a major in psychology during commencement exercises at Ottawa University, Kansas, on May 19. Cum laude is conferred upon candidates who earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better.

James Skinner, a 1988 graduate of Pampa High School, graduated from Texas Aero Tech Aviation Maintenance Technology School in Dallas on May 23.

In June, he plans to take the FAA licensing exam to be qualified to work on all air craft frames and engines. Currently he is employed by Composite Technics, Inc., Irving.

Skinner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Skinner, Pampa.

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren



Victim's silence allows rapist to go unpunished

DEAR ABBY: I worked in a large office building. Each day my husband would drop me off in the morning and pick me up after work.

One day I took my break a little later than usual and went to the restroom down the hall from the office where I worked.

As I entered the restroom, I was grabbed from behind by a man who told me if I screamed or struggled, he would strangle me. Right there in the restroom that man raped me! I didn't know who he was because he wore a ski mask. After he finished, he said if I told anyone, he would hurt my 2-year-old son. Abby, he even told me the cross streets where my son was in day care!

I was so frightened, I told no one, not even my husband. For six weeks I found excuses not to go to work. When I finally told my husband, who had known something was wrong but had no idea what it was, he was so angry, he kicked a two-foot hole in our wall!

Since then, I have made a police report, but because so much time has gone by — and all the evidence has been destroyed — there is little hope of catching him.

I have contacted the Rape Crisis Center, moved my son to another day-care center and have filed for workman's compensation. I am also seeing a psychologist to help me deal with the mixed-up emotions I am feeling.

I want to tell other women that if something like this ever happens to them, to report it immediately! Hiding it was the worst mistake I could have ever made. Now they may never catch the creep who did this to me.

SCARED AND STUPID

DEAR SCARED: Thanks for giving me this opportunity to tell my readers that all rapes should be reported immediately. (For the record: A person is raped when another person forces her (or him) to have sex against that person's will.)

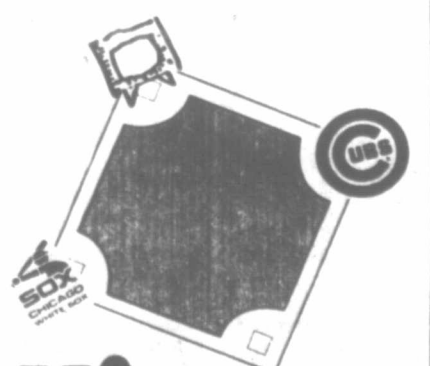
Many victims of rape fail to report the crime because they are ashamed or embarrassed. That's a big mistake. The rapist is then free to rape another victim.

DEAR ABBY: I do something I think more people would do if they just stopped for a moment and thought about it. I have a very select list of charities I always give to. But when I send a check, I also include a short note: "Please do not send me a thank-you! Save the postage. My canceled check is my receipt."

DON C. IN K.C., MO.

DEAR DON: Thanks. I learned something today. Most charities need every penny they can raise.

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 - 4 Former New York mayor
 - 8 Crazy one
 - 12 Rage
 - 13 Solo
 - 14 Part of brain
 - 15 Swift aircraft (abbr.)
 - 16 Type of pasta
 - 17 Hold in check
 - 18 Large antelope
 - 20 Income
 - 21 Cuckoo
 - 22 Drunkard
 - 23 King —
 - 26 Halo
 - 30 Author — Levin
 - 31 Strange
 - 33 — Valley, Idaho
 - 34 Place
 - 35 Surface measures
 - 36 Jackie's 2nd husband

- DOWN**
- 1 Hissing
 - 2 Celestial bear
 - 3 Cats and dogs
 - 4 Singer Lainie
 - 5 Small antelope
 - 6 Large town
 - 7 Bali
 - 8 Martial art
 - 9 — Cassini
 - 10 Acting award
 - 11 Between Colo. and Mo.
 - 19 Sink
 - 20 Dictionary items
 - 22 Unerring
 - 23 Smooch
 - 24 City in Utah
 - 25 Western defense org.
 - 26 Assumed manner
 - 27 Gravel ridges
 - 28 Fishing fly
 - 29 Novelist
 - 31 Los Angeles neighborhood
 - 32 Repeat
 - 38 Edmonton hockey team
 - 39 Encountered
 - 41 More tender
 - 42 Extremist
 - 43 — in Cincinnati
 - 44 Forest ox
 - 45 Producer Norman —
 - 46 Ship's rope
 - 47 Largest continent
 - 48 Pacific island
 - 49 Author Ferber
 - 51 Hawaiian timber tree

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

EEL & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

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MARVIN

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MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"They're against the wearing of fur."

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

THE WORST PART OUCH! ABOUT THE FLEA CIRCUS OUCH! IS WHEN THEY'RE SETTING UP OUCH! THE TENTS... OUCH! OUCH!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

KRON HAS BEEN GONE A LONG TIME!

YOU TWO STAY HERE WHILE I GO AND LOOK FOR HIM!

HE'S GONE, Ooola! MAYBE WE CAN UNTIE OURSELVES!

YES! TURN AROUND AND LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"Guess what! They want me back again in September!"

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

WHEN I GET MARRIED, I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO CALL ME "MRS.!"

WHAT WOULD YOU WANT THEM TO CALL YOU?

"YOUR HIGHNESS."

CALVIN AND HOBBS

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CALVIN AND SUSIE, WOULD YOU COME IN MY OFFICE, PLEASE?

IT WAS ALL HIS FAULT, MR. SPITTLE!

THAT'S A LIE! SHE STARTED IT!

ARE YOU GOING TO SPANK US??

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WAAAAHHH!! I WISH WE WERE DEAD!!

I HATE THIS JOB.

SNAFU

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"Your stress training for nighttime carrier landings will be New York City cab rides."

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YOU'VE HEARD OF TOO MANY COOKS SPOILING THE BROTH, GLADISE

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THE RECESSION MUST BE WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT... IT SAYS HERE THAT MANY ANNUAL REPORTS THIS YEAR WILL COME EQUIPPED WITH AIR BAGS.

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SO LONG, OLD SPORT!

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

BLINDFOLDED! TASTE TEST!

GULP!

I HATE YOU!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OPINION, SIR!

ASTRO-GRAPH

by bernice bede osol

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to further your own interests today, you may have to be a bit more assertive than usual. Focus on offense without being offensive. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something fortuitous may develop for you today that could produce material benefits. It will be a matter you'll treat confidentially.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A dream can come true at this time, provided you're prepared to take appropriate action to bring it into being. Just talking about it does not constitute fait accompli.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Have the courage of your convictions today to stand up and be counted regarding an issue you support. Your place is on the battlefield, not straddling a fence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Reciprocity in relationships is likely today. What you say and do will inspire others and they, in turn, will make you feel more reassured, upbeat and hopeful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your mate will be instrumental in putting you on the right track today. Listen to what is suggested, once you're underway, you can improve upon the ideas yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone who likes you has been trying to tell you something believed to be for your own good, but you've been too busy to listen. This individual will try again today, so pay heed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your possibilities for making money from a source other than your usual one looks good today. You may derive a fee for providing a service functioning as an agent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're good once you get going, but you may not be that great a self-starter today. Try to associate with one whose initiative and enthusiasm is contagious.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Planning ahead will make what you choose to tackle a snap rather than a snarl today. It will be like cruising unfamiliar territory with an up-to-date road map.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Creative enterprises could produce peripheral benefits today. Work on endeavors where you can use both your energy and imagination.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's a situation in which you're presently involved that can be substantially improved upon today — if you extend yourself. It's a priority matter that means more for your pocketbook.

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There's no mystery about new Stonehenge in Texas Hill Country

By DAVID MATUSTICK
Austin American-Statesman

HUNT (AP) — Unlike its counterpart in England, there is no question about who built the Kerr County arches.

But why Stonehenge II was built is just as elusive as the mystery surrounding the prehistoric megaliths rising up from the English countryside.

"We didn't set out to build Stonehenge," said Al Shepperd, who designed the structure along with neighbor Doug Hill. "We were just messing around with rock and it kind of grew. We certainly had no idea the way it would turn out."

Far from the Salisbury Plain, this modern-day monument rises in a pasture along a rural lane in the Hill Country, two miles west of Hunt on Farm Road 1340 — about 115 miles west of Austin.

The massive structure is generally 60 percent as tall as the original and 90 percent as large in circumference.

"When you turn the corner, you know what a great curiosity it is and the mindset — why is it here? Why is the original one built where it is?"



Al Shepperd leaves against his plaster and steel creation that he and a friend built in Kerr County.

"Doug pulled up at 7:30 (a.m.) and said 'I've got a rock out here for you,'" said Shepperd, 70, a retired motel owner.

"I said, 'It looks kind of funny by itself, let's put an arch somewhere,'" he said.

Hill constructed an arch 13 feet tall, with a three-foot wide opening. Together, the haphazardly placed limestone and the man-made frame reminded Shepperd of Stonehenge, which he had visited earlier in 1989.

The two then set out to create a replica of the famous landmark. From August 1989 to May 1990, Hill built hollow plaster arches that were reinforced with steel rods and metal lath.

Each pillar of the arches is set in concrete for stability. The plaster was tinted a dark gray and allowed to weather to resemble the stone of the original.

The four inner arches are 11-12 feet tall. The ones that ring the outside vary from 9 to 11 feet tall to compensate for the slope of the land.

Five thousand square-feet of plaster and 800 bags of cement were used in the construction.

Hill said he was more interested in making the Stonehenge replica

look right than trying to match the scale of the original. He said he did not attempt to align the sculpture with astronomical bodies — as the original Stonehenge appears to be — since the hills in the area block the sun at various times anyway.

"It's probably not perfect, but it gets the point across," Hill said. "It's a play thing. I like to think of it as a work of art, but I haven't found anyone else who needs one."

Since the early days of construction, cars have screeched to a halt when the project comes into view.

Already, there has been a wedding, youth campouts and numerous photo sessions — including one for a ballet troupe and rock album cover — at the site.

The story has appeared on national television and in a children's magazine.

"People thought we were crazy," Shepperd said. "They thought we were getting into satanism."

But not everyone likes Stonehenge II. Hill said an employee of a nearby youth camp told him she looks the other way when she drives by because she believes the design is evil.

"She is thoroughly against it," Hill said, "like it was an idol."

But most people see the sculpture as a quirky tourist attraction.

"It's another thing that draws attention to Kerrville and Kerr County," said Neighbors.

The Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce includes the sculpture on its list of attractions.

"We encourage people to come and look," Shepperd said.

He and Hill are planning to add a log book for visitors to sign. T-shirts depicting the project are also a possibility.

The two designers now are discussing a second project in the 22-acre field that would depict the crash of an unidentified flying object.

Hill said it will be up to the visitor to decide if the UFO has any symbolic connection to Stonehenge.

Shepperd said he generally visits the site during the day and doesn't get hooked into its mysticism.

Hill, though, says the replica is a special place.

"I come out every solstice," Hill said. "Full moons are really nice — to see the shadows on the ground is something you can't experience anywhere else."

At least not in Kerr County.

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