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(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Milt Hooks shows grit by winning the Group II calf riding event during Monday night's opening performance of the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show. The show continues with 7 p.m. performances today and Wednesday at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena at Recreation Park.

Youngsters show skills in Kid Pony Show

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Staff Writer

Milt Hooks wore No. 311 on his back Monday night while he dominated first-night action at the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show.

If the 7-year-old cowpoke continues his winning ways, he may someday compete in the race for the elusive No. 1 National Finals Rodeo back number.

Hooks two-handed an impressive six-second, 58-point jaunt across the arena to capture the calf riding event for boys 6 to 7 years old.

He later blistered the flag race course in 12.56 seconds for his second win of the night. Then, in the final boy's event of the evening, the Pampa cowboy stopped the clock at 17.43 seconds to grab the victory in barrel racing.

"He bucked on me," said Hooks of the calf ride as he set astride his horse called Topper. "My hands were full."

The calf Hooks drew bolted from the chute, bucking and running in a near-straight line. The crowd awarded the only successful calf ride of the night with cheers and applause.

"I've only rode one two times," he said with a wide grin. "It felt pretty good."

Asked about his win in the flag race, Hooks said, "It was hard to get down to (reach) such a little flag."

Following are results of the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show Monday night performance.

Stick horse race (boys group I): 1. Cody Jenkins, Pampa, 10.67 seconds; 2. Cody Atwood, Pampa, 10.86; 3. Clarke Hale, Pampa, 10.97.

Stick horse race (girls group I): 1. Lindsey Price, Pampa, 10.72; 2. Anna Johnson, Pampa, 12.50; 3. Taylen Gregory, Miami, 13.23.

Calf riding (group II): 1. Milt Hooks, Pampa, 58 points; 2. Levi Trevathan, Pampa; 3. Josh Cook, Pampa.

Flag race (boys group II): 1. Milt Hooks, Pampa, 12.56 seconds; 2. Bryson Short, Goodwell, Okla., 14.00; 3. Curtis Pritchett, Pampa, 19.11.

Flag race (girls group II): 1. Kaylee Holt, Gruver, 14.52 seconds; 2. Courtney Moore, Goodwell, Okla., 15.62; 3. Krista Hawkins, Guymon, Okla., 16.08.

Golfette (boys group I): 1. Keith Wood Holland, Pampa, 20.65 seconds; 2. Michael Pergeson, Pampa, 30.18; 3. Hawk Tucker, Pampa, 31.29.

Golfette (girls group I): 1. No winner.

Golfette (boys group II): 1. Justin Mosier, Clayton, N.M., 21.54 seconds; 2. Garrett Rhine, Pampa, 39.42; 3. Curtis Pritchett, Pampa, 44.45.

Golfette (girls group II): 1. Kari Joeeds, Elk City, Okla., 50.09 seconds; 2. Kayla Smith, White Deer, 55.66; 3. Krista Hawkins, Guymon, Okla., NT.

Goat ribbon race (boys group I): 1. Clarke Hale, Pampa, 4.02 seconds; 2. Cody Atwood, Pampa, 4.50; 3. Seth Foster, Pampa, 4.75.

Goat ribbon race (girls group I): 1. Kayla Hash, Bennington, Okla., 4.28 seconds; 2. Lindsey Price, Pampa, 4.37; 3. Erin Hooks, Pampa, 4.85.

Barrel race (boys group I): 1. Keith Wood Holland, Pampa, 25.93 seconds; 2. Hawk Tucker, Pampa, 28.02; 3. Brandonn Young, Pampa, 46.37.

Barrel race (girls group I): 1. Lindsey Price, Pampa, 24.65 seconds; 2. Taylen Gregory, Miami, 28.59.

Barrel race (boys group II): 1. Milt Hooks, Pampa, 17.43 seconds; 2. Bryson Short, Goodwell, Okla., 19.81; 3. Justin Mosier, Clayton, N.M., 22.35.

Barrel race (girls group II): 1. Kari Joeeds, Elk City, Okla., 17.03 seconds; 2. Courtney Moore, Goodwell, Okla., 21.20; 3. Krista Hawkins, Guymon, Okla., 22.37.

Gold rush: Tobee Bowman and Mike Cochran.

Lifestyles Editor Cheryl Berzanskis contributed to this article.

Challenge issued in Celebrity Pickup Race

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
News Editor

It's time again for the chills, thrills and spills of the Top O' Texas Rodeo's annual Celebrity Pickup Race beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, opening night of the rodeo.

The 1990 winners, Gary Gattis and Jim Richardson, are issuing a challenge to the 11 other teams competing in the race.

Citing his own ankle injury and Richardson's preoccupation with his wife's pregnancy, Gattis said the team will still emerge the victors of

the 1991 race and will soon be wearing the coveted silver belt buckles.

"Hey, we're giving everybody a handicap that's worth as much as starting a half a race ahead," "Gimpy" Gattis quipped. "We're sure looking forward to wearing those belt buckles. I talked to Art Rhine (who made the belt buckles) and I hear they've already started engraving my name on one of them."

Last year, Gattis and Richardson managed to win the race with one of the stirrups up under the saddle.

"It's a wonder that horse didn't buck them out of the stadium," commented Donald Maul, a Top O' Texas Rodeo director and organizer of the pickup race.

"It's a very physical race. My heart was pounding and I was breathing hard after last year," Gattis recalled. "I don't think people understand that it's not only the humor. There's a lot of work to it, too."

In a pickup race, a team of two contestants jump out of a pickup truck, race around to the back where

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Lefors studies ordinance against burning of trash

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

LEFORS - Lefors City Council conducted the first reading Monday evening on an ordinance prohibiting the burning of trash or garbage. A second reading of the ordinance is planned before it becomes effective.

The ordinance was drawn up after the City Council voted to close the city's landfill, effective Sept. 1, to try to defray enormous costs with operating a landfill due to more stringent state and federal regulations.

The no-burning ordinance is needed because the city will haul its trash to the Pampa landfill, which does not allow burned trash. The ordinance sets a fine of \$1 to 200 for each incidence of burning trash in barrels after the ordinance is in effect.

In related business, after much discussion both at Monday's meeting and prior meetings, the City Council voted unanimously to accept the "Chopperman Challenge" for 60 days beginning Sept. 1 as proposed by Councilman Larry Fulton.

Fulton challenged the council to try to keep the trash hauling business as a city operation instead of contracting it out with a private business. Fulton has proposed to haul the city's trash for a 60-day trial period and will work free of charge, and in no way be an employee or agent of the city, in an effort to test the system to see if it would be viable for the city.

City Attorney Rick Harris asked that two letters to Fulton's insurance carrier be contained in the minutes of Monday's meeting. Harris stated his concern that Fulton's insurance does not fully protect the city of Lefors in the event of negligence or an accident.

Harris said, "I certainly think anything to save the city of Lefors money is valuable. I'm simply trying to keep you guys out of trouble. I don't make the decisions for you. I simply advise you and you pull the trigger."

Fulton said, "I appreciate Rick's concern on this."

However, he added that he had talked with his insurance agent, who told him insurance cannot be written to keep the city of Lefors from being sued in the event of "any and all conduct, accidental or negligent," of Fulton, which is what Har-

ris' letter had requested in the way of proof of insurance.

The councilman's plan includes an incentive for residents who recycle tin cans, aluminum, glass, plastic and rolled up newspapers.

The council also unanimously voted to set a minimum monthly rate of \$3.25 with an additional charge of \$1.50 per barrel for non-recyclable trash and 50 cents per barrel for recyclable trash. A maximum total of \$12 per residential customer and \$30 per commercial customer a month will be billed.

Fulton said he plans to collect the garbage once a week.

"After 60 days the city will have an idea of if the system works," Fulton said. "Hopefully we can make the point that the city of Lefors is able to take care of our trash without overburdening the citizens financially."

All money collected from the recycling and the monthly rates during the 60-day period will be put into city coffers.

In unrelated business, the council appointed the following committees:

- Search and Commerce Committee: Sally Youngblood, Garrel Roberson, Larry Fulton, Wendell Akins, Sherry Swires, Johnny Woodard and Bobby Barnes.

- Home Improvement Committee: Pat Seely, Gene Gee, Eva Joyce Timmons, Derl Boyd, Joe Roper, Karen Lake and Ruby Kellison.

In other business, the council:

- Unanimously approved the minutes of a prior meeting.

- Unanimously approved the payment of the bills. Akins commented that he wants to see the speedometer readings and documentation of how much gas the city employees are using as was discussed at a prior meeting of the council. The employees are supposed to document the mileage and gas consumption and turn it in to the council at the end of each month.

- Unanimously agreed to give \$65 to a chair fund to aid in the purchase of 10 more chairs for the Civic Center. Ten chairs were recently purchased from a fund-raising hootenanny held last year.

- Unanimously accepted the resignation of Kirk Story as fire marshal and approved the appointment

of Michael Ray as new fire marshal, subject to his receiving certification.

- Unanimously agreed to furnish electricity for several hours each day for the Lefors cheerleaders to operate a snow cone machine to raise funds.

- Learned from Mayor Gene Gee that the city had received the deeds to three pieces of property that were not bid on at the last sheriff's sale.

- Unanimously approved having a full-time city employee to mow and clean up privately owned lots whose owners have not complied with notices from the fire marshal on cleaning and/or mowing lots. The council voted to charge \$25 for mowing a 25-foot lot and \$50 for mowing and cleaning a 25-foot lot. The fee will be pro-rated per foot above 25 feet.

- Unanimously approved a city employee drug testing resolution which calls for an ordinance to set the drug testing policy. No action was taken Monday on the ordinance.

- Unanimously approved a resolution for participation in the Texas Department of Commerce AimHigh Program Economic Development Training. The program is aimed at helping cities establish a form of economic development strategy and learn how to develop contacts with potential businesses. Fulton was designated as the city's economic development coordinator to attend a training session in Amarillo.

- Heard the city marshal's report.

- Heard from resident Shorty Minter, who asked for the second time why a dike was placed at 6th and Gulf streets in the last four years, causing Gulf Street to wash out when it rains between 5th and 6th streets. Council members said they could not answer the question, but decided to put the street conditions on the next agenda for discussion and action.

- Heard from resident Earl Maples, who asked why it was taking more city employees to serve 600 residents than it did when the city's population was 800 residents.

- Agreed to put the city employees work schedule as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Other residents who made brief comments at the meeting included Mary Hatfield and Mrs. L.O. Stone. All council members were present for the meeting.



The shaded area marks the route of Saturday's Top O' Texas Rodeo parade.

Rodeo parade still accepting entries

It's not too late to enter the Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

The parade forms at 10 a.m. in the field west of Coronado Center and will move out at 10:30 a.m.

Entrants must have a number to qualify in the competition. Winners will receive engraved trophies.

Divisions include:

- Most typical ranch entry - Chuck wagons, covered wagons, surreys, hacks, stage coaches, etc. First and second place trophies will be awarded.
- Best civic club or organization

entry - can portray any idea; not necessarily a western theme. First and second place trophies will be awarded.

- Most attractive commercial entry - First and second place trophies will be awarded.

- Best riding club - First place will receive engraved traveling trophy. Second and third place will receive engraved trophy.

- Classic cars - Antique cars will be included in this division. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded.

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Plans call for the parade to form in the M.K. Brown Auditorium parking lot, then travel across Hobart to Somerville; south on Somerville to Francis; east on Francis to Cuyler; south on Cuyler to Foster; west on foster to Ward; northeast on Ward to Hobart; across Hobart to Gwendolen; west on Gwendolen to Sumner; and north on Sumner back to the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

For additional information, call Kathy Topper at the Rodeo Office, 669-3241.



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

This belt buckle made by Art Rhine will be presented to the Celebrity Pickup Race winners.

School district says no to state's finance plan

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - An East Central Texas school board, saying the state has made affordable education impossible for its district, has voted against participating in Texas' new school funding plan.

"We, as loyal and patriotic Americans, have stood silently by and allowed our government officials to spend us into bankruptcy. This trend can no longer be tolerated," said an "open letter" from the board of the property-wealthy Leon Independent School District in Jewett.

But the state says the district doesn't have a choice about complying with the law. And Leon's superintendent, Edwin McAdams, acknowledged Monday that the district's fight is "an uphill battle."

The school district's seven-member board is scheduled to again discuss the issue tonight, McAdams said.

"Basically, I guess, we're making a statement," he said. But McAdams added, "My board is serious about being upset about it."

The board opposes a provision of the new

school finance law, scheduled to take effect for the 1991-92 school year, that sets up a new property tax system for public schools.

Education taxing regions, drawn largely along county lines, will impose a minimum local property tax rate under the law. Money from the minimum tax will be distributed to school districts within each region.

School districts also may tax more for construction or to enrich programs.

McAdams said that under the law, his school district would send at least \$1 million in tax revenue to the rest of the education region. Its current property tax rate of 70 cents would increase to perhaps \$1.20 to comply with the law and to recoup losses, he said.

The school board voted unanimously not to participate in the county education taxing region.

Leon is among 12 school districts in a taxing region composed of Anderson and Leon counties. The governing board for the region, made up of representatives of school districts, has not yet decided how the minimum tax will be collected.

Unless Leon plays a role in collecting the minimum tax, it will not be able to thwart the new law.

"At this point, a lot of it may be just talk. That's fine. If they want to carp about it, they can do that," said Texas Education Agency general counsel Kevin O'Hanlon.

"But if by their actions they start impacting other kids ... we can't allow that to happen," he said.

The state could go to court, or could lower the school district's accreditation and send in a management team to make sure the law is followed, said O'Hanlon and TEA spokesman Joey Lozano.

Leon has not appointed a representative to its taxing region's governing board. Neither has Centerville ISD, another property wealthy district in the two-county region.

"We're in agreement with Leon," said Centerville Superintendent Pierce Beard. He said his school board is looking at its options.

"I know people are unhappy statewide ... Everybody's trying to find a way to protect their taxpayers," Beard said.

A number of wealthy school districts have challenged the new law in court. State District Judge F. Scott McCown of Austin is considering their arguments that the education taxing districts are unconstitutional.

'Terminator 2' explodes at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The day of reckoning finally came for Arnold Schwarzenegger's action film *Terminator 2: Judgment Day* and the most expensive movie ever made was worth its \$90 million-plus price tag.

Over the five-day July Fourth holiday, the sequel to 1984's *Terminator* earned an estimated \$52.3 million for first place at the box office and one of the best debuts ever.

Box office figures compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. showed that *The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear* earned \$16.8 million for second place. *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* was third with \$14.7 million and *City Slickers* took fourth with \$11.2 million.

The new *Problem Child 2* was fifth with \$7.6 million.

Back to the Future Part II took in \$43 million over the five-day 1989 Thanksgiving holiday. *Batman* collected \$42.7 million over a three-day weekend in June 1989, making more per day in its premiere.

In *Terminator 2*, Schwarzenegger returns as a robot from the future. But this time he's a good robot trying to save a boy from an evil robot. Linda Hamilton plays the boy's mother.

Studio officials won't confirm the film's cost. Sources say it cost between \$90 million and \$100 million, making it the most expensive movie ever.

The movie's costs mounted with eye-popping special effects and generous salaries and perks: \$15 million for Schwarzenegger, including an \$11 million private jet, and a \$5 million minimum for writer-producer-director James Cameron.

Movie sequels tend to be relatively safe gambles, although last year *Robocop 2* and *The Godfather, Part III* flopped.

The financially struggling Carolco protected its investment by selling in advance the foreign and

domestic rights, as well as the rights for home video, cable television and broadcast television. That nearly equaled the cost of making the film, published reports have said.

Here are the top movie ticket sales Wednesday through Sunday according to Exhibitor Relations, with distributor, weekend gross, number of theater screens, average per screen, total gross and number of weeks in release.

Figures are based on a combination of actual box-office receipts and studio projections where actual figures are not immediately available.

1. *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, Tri-Star, \$52.3 million, 2,274 screens, \$23,002 per screen, \$52.3 million, one week.

2. *The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear*, Paramount, \$16.8 million, 2,378 screens, \$7,079 per screen, \$43.2 million, two weeks.

3. *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, Warner Bros., \$14.7 million, 2,369 screens, \$6,191 per screen, \$97.7 million, four weeks.

4. *City Slickers*, Columbia, \$11.2 million, 2,171 screens, \$5,182 per screen, \$74.6 million, five weeks.

5. *Problem Child 2*, Universal, \$7.6 million, 1,464 screens, \$5,220 per screen, \$7.6 million, one week.

6. *Rocketeer*, Disney, \$7.6 million, 1,886 screens, \$4,019 per screen, \$31.2 million, three weeks.

7. *Dying Young*, 20th Century Fox, \$4.5 million, 1,522 screens, \$2,933 per screen, \$24.5 million, three weeks.

8. *Backdraft*, Universal, \$3.8 million, 1,503 screens, \$2,527 per screen, \$64.5 million, seven weeks.

9. *Soapdish*, Paramount, \$3.1 million, 1,080 screens, \$2,880 per screen, \$31 million, six weeks.

10. *Thelma and Louise*, MGM-Pathé, \$2.8 million, 907 screens, \$3,060 per screen, \$32.5 million, seven weeks.

Rich districts file briefs in school finance lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) - Property-rich school districts challenging Texas' new school finance law said a state judge should not be distracted by side issues in deciding whether the measure is constitutional.

"If the statute is unconstitutional, it is the duty of this court to so hold without regard to whether the court believes this statute is better than S.B. 1 (the previous law), or is as good as the politicians will pass, or is being attacked by unpopular litigants," said Austin lawyer Jim George, representing a number of school districts, in a court brief.

His office said the brief was filed Monday with State District Judge F. Scott McCown.

George wrote that the defense of

the current law "has turned into a chant of 'rich districts, rich districts, rich districts - you have been better off than poor districts, how can you complain?'"

"The wrong done to the children, parents and taxpayers in the 'poor districts' in the past does not justify another wrong done in their name," he said.

The new law is designed to shift hundreds of millions of dollars in property tax revenue from wealthier to poorer school districts within education taxing regions, drawn largely along county lines.

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

Dallas lawyer Schuyler Marshall

- representing the wealthy districts of Highland Park, Plano and Richardson - said in a separate brief, "This court must not force or strain to find the school financing bill constitutional."

Marshall said McCown may not consider what other alternatives may be available to the Legislature in deciding whether the property tax system set up for public education under the new law is constitutional.

Rich districts challenging the law contend that it sets up an unconstitutional statewide property tax. If the county levy is a local tax, they say, a local election should have been provided.

The state, joined by a number of poor school districts, says the coun-

tywide property tax system is constitutional. But poor districts have voiced concern about some other parts of the new law.

McCown restricted a hearing last month to tax issues and a contention by some wealthy districts that the law is a "local and special bill" that regulates the affairs of school districts in a way not allowed by the Texas Constitution.

He has taken those matters under advisement.

The judge put off for a separate trial other questions, including whether the law produces equity. McCown said that trial would be scheduled after lawmakers meet in special session this summer and write a state budget that will include education funding.

'America's Funniest People' coming to Amarillo area

America's Funniest People is coming to Amarillo, looking for a new kind of talent for the hit television series.

A television crew from the show will be in the area July 13-14 to search for people who have amusing or unusual talents, ranging from commercial parodies and kids impressions of host Dave Coulier and Arleen Sorokin to funny pet antics and unusual musical instruments.

The area's own KVII Channel 7 and KISS FM in Amarillo will be working along side the hit television show crews to help discover the area's "Funniest People."

America's Funniest People's camera crew will be in Amarillo on Saturday, July 13, at Westgate Mall in Center Court (7701 West I-40) with *The Young Guns* of 107.9 KISS FM live from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, July 14, in Wonderland Park at the Miniature Golf Course (2601 Dumas Dr., Thompson Park) with 107.9 KISS FM from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. looking for those unusually talented people.

Says Executive Producer Vin Di

Bona, "Our show provides an outlet to the performer in all of us and gives everyone a chance to showcase their talents and possibly win \$10,000 in our weekly contest. And, if they're chosen, they'll be seen this coming season on ABC, directly following *America's Funniest Home Videos*."

In particular, *America's Funniest People* is searching for jokes, unique impressions and sound

effects, as well as lip-synching to favorite records, unusual physical comedy, novel singing and dancing routines, and just about anything else.

Anyone and everyone with that bit of unusual talent is invited to the auditions.

If you would like to tell the show your wacky ideas, or for more information, call (213) 662-5100 or send a tape to *America's Funniest People*,

P.O. Box 1881, Hollywood, CA 90078.

Enclose a \$3.00 U.S. check or money order for handling if cassette is to be returned. The show is not responsible for lost or misdirected tapes.

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Solar spectacle widely visible in U.S., but caution urged to protect eyes

By LEE SIEGEL
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While tourists flock to Mexico and Hawaii to watch the total eclipse of the sun Thursday, many Americans can see a partial eclipse by staying close to

home and using safe viewing methods.

"If you have any curiosity about the cosmos in which we reside, a partial solar eclipse is a good chance to see the solar system in action," said Edwin Krupp, director of Griffith Observatory.

When the moon lines up between the sun and Earth, a total eclipse will turn day into night along a swath stretching from the island of Hawaii to the southern tip of Mexico's Baja Peninsula, central and southern Mexico, Central America, Colombia and Brazil.

A partial eclipse will be visible from most of the United States and southern Canada, with the best views from the Southwest, Southern California and Hawaii's northern islands.

Only Alaska, New England and northeastern Canada will miss the show that will begin in Honolulu in the early morning and reach Los Angeles by late morning.

The safest, easiest way to watch the eclipse is on projectors set up at

many planetariums, science museums and university astronomy departments, according to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, which represents eye doctors.

Homemade pinhole cameras or projectors also will work, but not very well in places like New York, Washington and Pittsburgh, where only a small part of the sun will be eclipsed.

People risk permanent eye damage if they look directly at the eclipsed or uneclipsed sun — even for a few seconds — or watch the eclipse through binoculars, sunglasses, smoked glass, X-ray film, black plastic garbage bags and most kinds of welding goggles, photographic film and filters.

Eye doctors also warn people

may damage their eyes if they use filters endorsed as safe by some astronomy groups and magazines.

These include aluminized Mylar filters specially made for solar viewing; No. 14 arc-welder's glass; binoculars with aluminized Mylar filters; and double layers of fully exposed and developed, silver-based, black-and-white film.

"The risk is simply too great," said Gerald A. Fishman, a Chicago eye doctor and academy spokesman. "There have been past instances where a particular absorptive lens was supposed to be protective and in fact was not."

When the 1970 solar eclipse was widely visible on the East Coast, 40 percent of 145 reported U.S. eye injuries were among people who

mistakenly believed they were using safe viewing methods. The others looked directly at the eclipse.

In places where at least 35 percent of the sun is blocked, people who know about the partial eclipse in advance will notice the day grow a bit darker, Krupp said.

Such areas are located southwest of a line running roughly from Portland, Ore., to Omaha, Neb.; St. Louis; Memphis, Tenn.; and Atlanta.

Even in Los Angeles, with 69 percent of the sun eclipsed, "some people will miss it and figure it was clouds," Krupp said.

The partial eclipse will be virtually unnoticeable to people on the street in New York, where only 2 percent of the sun's surface will be covered.

HOW TO WATCH ECLIPSE SAFELY

By The Associated Press

The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends against watching Thursday's eclipse directly, even through filters endorsed as safe by some astronomy groups.

Here are some safe ways to view the eclipse indirectly as suggested by *Astronomy* magazine, *Sky & Telescope* magazine, Astronomical Society of the Pacific and the ophthalmology academy:

— Punch a small hole in one end of a cardboard box, allowing the sun's image to be projected inside the other end of the box. Hold the box over your head to watch.

— Mount binoculars on a tripod. Cover one side completely. Cover the big lens on the other side with an aluminized Mylar filter made for

solar viewing. Point the small end onto a wall or white paper. Use the filter or you'll start a fire.

— Punch a quarter-inch hole in a piece of paper. Tape the paper over a small, high-quality mirror, covering all the mirror except for the hole. Use a lump of clay to position the mirror on the sill of an open, south-facing window, so the mirror projects the sun's image onto a far wall in the room. Keep the room as dark as possible. Don't look into the sunbeam.

— Punch a one-eighth-inch pinhole in a center of a piece of cardboard. Stand with your back to the sun and hold the cardboard so the sun shines through the hole and onto a second piece of white cardboard. Focus the image by changing the distance between pieces of cardboard.

Locations and times to watch the eclipse

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A partial eclipse of the sun will be widely visible across the United States on July 11.

The following list shows the maximum percentage of the sun that will be covered by the moon, as viewed from major U.S. and Canadian cities.

For each city, three times also are listed: the time the eclipse starts, the time the partial eclipse reaches its greatest point and the time it ends. All times are in the local time zone for the city listed.

Atlanta — 28 percent, 2:30 p.m., 3:31 p.m., 4:29 p.m.

Calgary, Alberta — 9 percent, 11:53 a.m., 12:33 p.m., 1:14 p.m.

Chicago — 13 percent, 1:28 p.m., 2:16 p.m., 3:01 p.m.

Dallas — 51 percent, 12:56 p.m., 2:11 p.m., 3:23 p.m.

Denver — 37 percent, 11:43 a.m., 12:50 p.m., 1:56 p.m.

Edmonton, Alberta — 3 percent, 12:04 p.m., 12:34 p.m., 1:04 p.m.

Honolulu — 96 percent, 6:31 a.m., 7:29 a.m., 8:35 a.m. (The eclipse will be visible as viewed from Hawaii's Big Island, but not from Oahu.)

Houston — 60 percent, 12:59 p.m., 2:18 p.m., 3:32 p.m.

Kansas City, Mo. — 28 percent, 1:07 p.m., 2:08 p.m., 3:08 p.m.

Los Angeles — 69 percent, 10:12 a.m., 11:27 a.m., 12:47 p.m.

Miami — 43 percent, 2:41 p.m., 3:49 p.m., 4:51 p.m.

Minneapolis — 11 percent, 1:19 p.m., 2:04 p.m., 2:49 p.m.

New York — 2 percent, 3:09 p.m., 3:34 p.m., 3:59 p.m.

Pittsburgh — 8 percent, 2:28 p.m., 3:28 p.m., 4:06 p.m.

Salt Lake City — 39 percent, 11:32 a.m., 12:38 p.m., 1:45 p.m.

San Diego — 74 percent, 10:12 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:51 p.m.

San Francisco — 55 percent, 10:11 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 12:33 p.m.

Seattle — 19 percent, 10:32 a.m., 11:22 a.m., 12:14 p.m.

Toronto — 3 percent, 2:57 p.m., 3:24 p.m., 3:51 p.m.

Tucson, Ariz. — 72 percent, 10:23 a.m., 11:43 a.m., 1:04 p.m. (Arizona remains on standard time, not daylight time.)

Vancouver, British Columbia — 15 percent, 10:35 a.m., 11:22 a.m., 12:09 p.m.

Washington — 7 percent, 2:55 p.m., 3:33 p.m., 4:10 p.m.

Winnipeg, Manitoba — 4 percent, 1:22 p.m., 1:55 p.m., 2:27 p.m.

List compiled from *Astronomy* magazine, *Sky & Telescope* magazine and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Bush expected to lift South Africa sanctions

By JIM DRINKARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is expected to announce this week that he is lifting U.S. economic sanctions against South Africa, declaring that the white-ruled government has taken the required steps to end apartheid, administration officials say.

Bush's press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater this morning declined to say when an announcement would come, but one aide said Monday that it could come Thursday, when the president will be at his vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

"Our main concern is that he do it while Congress is in session," said an administration official, who like others spoke on condition of anonymity.

That apparently is intended to buffer the administration against criticism from congressional supporters of sanctions that Bush was trying to slip his action through while lawmakers were out of town. Congress plans to take a recess in August.

Bush on Monday received an analysis from Secretary of State James A. Baker III on the status of political prisoners in South Africa, and is reviewing it, Fitzwater told reporters this morning.

"He is expected to be able to send a determination to Congress soon," the spokesman said, adding that if Bush determines that Pretoria has released all political prisoners, the president will lift the sanctions.

Congress overrode a veto by then-President Reagan in 1986 to place the sanctions into law. Reagan contended that South Africa's black

majority would suffer the most if U.S. economic ties were cut off.

The law requires that the administration certify that South Africa has released all political prisoners before sanctions can be lifted.

The South African government says that virtually all such prisoners have been freed. But the African National Congress, a major black opposition group, says about 900 remain jailed.

Bush said last month that release of political prisoners was the only one of the five conditions in the 1986 law that remained unfulfilled. The administration is expected to find that recent changes announced by the Pretoria government meet that condition.

In June, the president said "dramatic progress has been made," but that "more progress must be made." The Congressional Black Caucus urged him not to lift the sanctions.


Nelson Mandela, the ANC's newly elected president, said Sunday that international economic sanctions against South Africa should remain in place despite racial reforms by that country's government.

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James Franciscus dead of emphysema at age 57

LOS ANGELES (AP) — James Franciscus, who starred in the TV series "Naked City," "Mr. Novak" and "Longstreet," has died of emphysema at age 57.

Franciscus died Monday night at the Medical Center of North Hollywood, publicist Phil Paladino said.

The actor was born in Clayton, Mo., and attended a Massachusetts prep school before going to Yale University. After a stint with summer stock theater in Massachusetts, he was cast in a 1956 film "Four Boys and a Gun."

But it was television that brought him fame. His TV career began in 1958 with ABC's "Naked City." He played Det. Jim Halloran but left after one season because the show was shot in New York and he wanted to live in California.

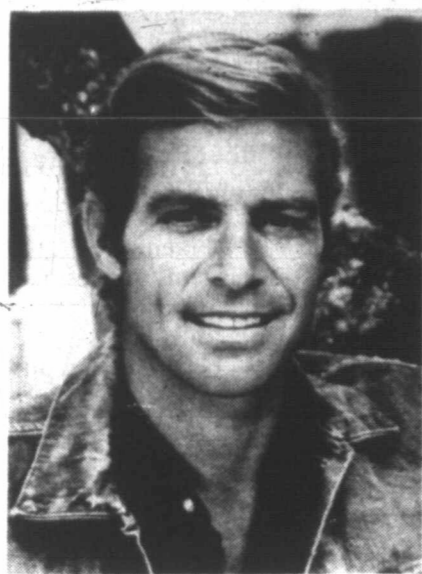
He became a teen-age heart-throb playing English teacher John Novak in the 1960s series "Mr. Novak."

Franciscus twice portrayed insurance investigators, first on "The Investigators" and later as blind Mike Longstreet on the ABC series "Longstreet."

The latter role was among his most challenging, he said in 1971, because it was difficult to keep his eyes unfocused.

"You've got to use them, yet not use them," he said. "In the first few shows my eyes would just go out on me along 2 or 3 o'clock. They'd be bloodshot and watery."

Franciscus was also a television producer, presenting small screen versions of such classics as "Jane



James Franciscus

Eyre" and "The Red Pony."

Twice he offered renderings of John F. Kennedy, first playing a Kennedyesque president in "The Greek Tycoon," starring Jacqueline Bisset and Anthony Quinn. In the 1981 television movie, "Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy," he played opposite Jaelyn Smith in the title role.

Franciscus also starred in the series dramas "Doc Elliott" and "Hunter." He was a regular guest actor on "The FBI," "Combat," "Father Knows Best," and "The Twilight Zone."

His other film credits include "The Outsiders," "Youngblood Hawke" and "Beneath The Planet of the Apes."

Survivors include his second wife, Carla, and daughters, Jamie, Kellie, Corie and Jolie.

U.S.A. remains a 'slumbering giant' as other nations seek economic growth

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' standard of living declined in 1990 for the first time since the last recession as U.S. standing among industrial countries continued to lag, a commission reported today.

The study by the Council on Competitiveness tracks America's performance since 1972 when compared with six other industrialized countries — Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada. Those nations along with the United States participate in a major economic summit every year.

The report also found that for the third year in a row, the United States invested less in new factories and equipment as a share of its total economy than any of its major competitors.

"While other industrial nations are laying the foundation for strong economic growth, the United States continues to be a slumbering giant," said council Chairman George Fisher, the head of Motorola, Inc. "The American dream may not be what most Americans expect if current trends continue."

The council, composed of business, academic and labor leaders,

promotes policies aimed at boosting America's ability to compete internationally.

Its fourth annual competitiveness index seeks to measure U.S. performance against its chief economic rivals in four key areas — investment, productivity, trade and the standard of living.

Those four areas were chosen because without adequate investment, America's productivity growth will lag. And without gains in productivity, the country will be unable to compete in international markets and its standard of living will fall.

The report said the United States, because of the recession, suffered a 0.1 percent decline in its standard of living last year. That was the first time the standard of living had failed to improve since a 3.4 percent drop during the severe 1982 recession.

It is not unusual for living standards — defined as total output of goods and services divided by total population — to go down during recessions because output declines while population growth continues.

While the United States still enjoys the highest standard of living of any of the summit nations,

the report said America's competitors have been rapidly closing the gap.

From 1972 through 1990, the U.S. standard of living has risen by 33 percent in real terms, compared with an 80 percent gain in Japan and a 57 percent average gain for all summit countries other than the United States.

Among the report's other findings:

TRADE — In 1990, Germany was the world's No. 1 exporter of manufactured goods with \$368 billion in sales. The United States was second with \$287 billion in sales and Japan was third with \$282 billion. The U.S. share of total manufacturing exports was 11 percent last year, which represented a comeback from the mid-1980s, when the share dipped to 8.5 percent.

PRODUCTIVITY — Productivity, output per number of hours worked, declined slightly in the U.S. manufacturing sector in 1989, the last year when comparable figures are available for other countries. This followed seven years of robust growth of 5.5 percent annual rates from 1982 through 1987, compared with a 1.6 percent average from 1972 through 1981. But during this period, Japan has averaged produc-

tivity growth of 5.6 percent, highest of any summit country.

INVESTMENT — U.S. investment in new factories, machines and equipment in 1990 remained flat at 12.6 percent of the total economy, the lowest of any summit country for the third straight year. Japan was the leader, investing 23.4 percent of its national income on plant and equipment.

The council's findings are likely to be used as ammunition by Democrats who contend the administration is failing in its responsibility to make America more competitive.

President Bush has called for more attention to the competitiveness issue and established the White House Council on Competitiveness headed by Vice President Dan Quayle. However, critics charge that the administration, faced with huge budget deficits, has opposed efforts to boost government support for commercially oriented research efforts.

Fisher, in releasing the council's report, said: "If we don't wake up to the importance of investing in infrastructure and in other areas that provide for productivity and growth in the long run, we may find that the future is not to our liking."

NRA coffers bulge after House defeat

By JOHN KING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to help keep a friend in Congress, the National Rifle Association gave nearly \$10,000 last year to Oregon Republican Rep. Denny Smith.

But after Smith lost the election, the NRA set out to make friends with the man who beat him, Democrat Mike Kopetski. The NRA sent him \$4,000 in February and another \$250 in May.

Such giving comes as no surprise to those who track the spending of political action committees, particularly wealthy, experienced power players like the NRA, considered one of the most sophisticated lobbying groups in the country.

Yet the organization is struggling these days as its membership declines and its influence in Washington wanes, as evidenced by congressional support for measures requiring a waiting period before a handgun may be bought.

"I don't think hunters and gun owners know how bad it is," NRA executive director Wayne LaPierre said in a recent speech.

Not that the NRA has given up. Indeed, the organization turned its defeat in the House vote on the so-called Brady Bill into a boon for its political action committee, sending an appeal to past donors that brought in more than \$555,000 in May alone — 25 times the \$22,000 it raised in the first four months of the year.

As it raised more money, the NRA also gave more.

The NRA Political Victory Fund gave \$91,000 to House and Senate members and candidates in April and May, nearly double the previous two months' giving.

Ten senators received NRA money in April and May, including several with influential roles in the debate over the pending federal crime bill. They include Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, GOP Judiciary Committee members Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, Charles Grassley of Iowa and Hank Brown of Colorado, and Sen. John

Breaux of Louisiana, an influential voice among moderate Democrats.

All told, the NRA donated about \$160,000 to 1992 House and Senate campaigns in the first five months of the year. It has a long way to go, but a lot of time to match the \$740,000 it gave to federal campaigns in 1989-90.

The NRA's chief rival, Handgun Control, has a \$6.5 million annual budget and also uses political donations to help press its case. The extent of its 1991 giving is unclear — unlike the NRA, which files with the Federal Election Commission monthly, Handgun Control opted to file semiannually, with its next report due at month's end.

The NRA's reports suggest the organization is following in the path of tobacco interests, which increased their giving in state races over the past decade as their influence in Congress slipped.

The NRA gave more than \$127,000 to state candidates and political organizations in the first five months of this year, according to its FEC filings. The organization's giving at the state level has been on the rise since 1988.

David Weaver, director of Handgun Control's state legislative office, said his budget for all of 1991 was \$50,000, about the same as it was last year.

"We can't match them in spending at the state level," Weaver said. But he contended that the NRA's defeats in Congress have hurt the organization at the state level as well. "When they lose at the national level they lose credibility at the state level," Weaver said.

The NRA reports show post-election donations to the new governors of Oklahoma and Kansas, David Walters and Joan Finney, respectively, as well as dozens of state lawmakers and political organizations.

"There has been a lot of activity at the state level," said NRA spokesman Jim Baker. "The record this year at the state and local level has been pretty good while the record at the federal level has not been so good."

Twelve indicted in nation's largest medical scam

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twelve people set up mobile medical clinics, attracted patients with promises of free tests, then submitted \$1 billion in phony insurance claims in the biggest such scam in U.S. history, officials say.

"It ranks right up with the Drexel Burnham insider stock trading case," David Smith, head of the Postal Inspection Service in Los Angeles, said Monday.

A 175-count federal indictment unsealed Monday expands on one unsealed last month. The new indictment alleges that brothers Michael and David Smushkevich, who are Soviet emigres, operated the ring with a mobile diagnostic testing service and clinics throughout Southern California since at least the mid-1980s.

They and the 10 others indicted submitted about \$1 billion in fraudulent claims to some 1,400 California insurance companies and collected

more than \$50 million, the indictment says.

They allegedly solicited customers by telephone and by way of diagnostic testing vans that were sent to health clubs and shopping malls. The defendants promised customers medical exams and tests for free or at nominal cost.

"The bills were falsified ... showing that the individuals who had come in for the services had been either ill or injured, which was false," said U.S. Attorney Lourdes G. Baird.

Billings averaged \$7,000 to \$10,000 per patient, authorities said.

The defendants used fictitious business names and taxpayer ID numbers to mislead insurance companies, the indictment says. When suspicious insurers stopped payments, the ring resubmitted the claims using new names and Social Security numbers.

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Almost every place in the Panhandle where there is standing water during the summer, there seems to be at least one pair of resident Mallard Ducks. You'll see them on playa lakes, ponds, rivers, large lakes, tailwater ponds, and sometimes even in the borrow ditches next to busy highways. It isn't unusual to see them at culverts, and we have often seen several of them near the junction of the Borger Highway and Price Road, where White Deer Creek crosses under those roads.

The male (or drake) is strikingly handsome, with iridescent green head, yellow bill, a white neck band, brown or chestnut breast, and gray back. (Do you remember the "duck tail" hairdo that was popular with young people, probably about 1960, where the hair was combed back on the sides, then met in a central curl in the back? The name came from the curled black central tail feathers of the male Mallard.) The hen is mottled brown, with an orange beak. Both sexes have bright orange feet and legs, and bright blue wing speculum feathers bordered with white.

Mallards are in the large grouping of ducks classified as "dabbling ducks". They seldom dive, but they dabble in shallow ponds or near the banks of large lakes, feeding on the aquatic vegetation growing in the mud under the water. The first time I can remember seeing a large number of them feeding in this manner, it really surprised me, because I could see some ducks on the water, but there were also a lot of strange-looking triangular peaks sticking out of the water. In a moment, though, some of them began to upright themselves, and I realized that they

have been feeding with their heads and the front part of their bodies under water, with only the hind part of their bodies showing above. About 75% of their diet comes from plants, and the other quarter is from tadpoles, small fish, earthworms, snails, crabs, or other small mollusks they find in the mud. They are principally vegetarians, eating the roots and seeds of streamside plants; but they will also feed in grain fields, and they are particularly welcomed by rice farmers, because they eat the wild rice and wild celery which comes up in the rice fields.

Ducks have always been important to the human race, providing vast quantities of eggs, flesh, and feathers for thousands of years, and Mallards have always been considered one of the favorite ducks for humans to eat. (Their meat probably tastes better than some other ducks because they feed particularly on grains, wild rice and wild celery.) In China, huge numbers of Mallards are raised commercially, and are an important part of the food supply of that country.

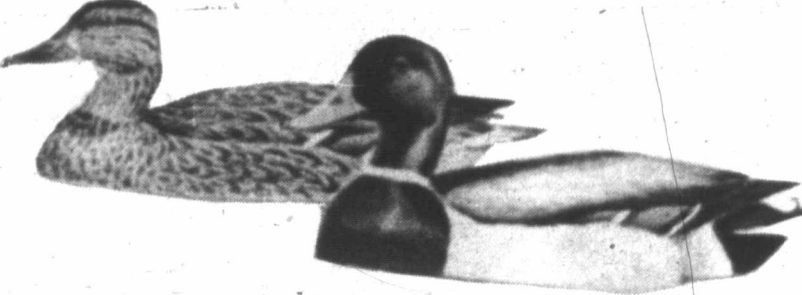
Mallards are the most widespread species of ducks throughout the Northern Hemisphere, occurring wherever there are wetlands. These are the ducks you most often see around ponds in parks, usually looking for someone who has brought some bread scraps to feed them, and quacking loudly as if demanding a handout.

Mallard nests are shallow bowl-shaped depressions lined with grass and down, and are usually hidden in marsh grass or reeds. Their 8-15 eggs are a light olive color. This time of year you may see a parent duck leading a flotilla of tiny brown fluffy ducklings, and that's always a



Panhandle Bird Watch

by Jan Elston



Female and male Mallards

joy to see. I hope you get to see some this summer.

I know farmers and ranchers are always glad to see a good rain, but birders are also glad when we get good rains, because the full lakes and ponds will afford more places to see interesting birds. After the "settling out" of mud and sediment after heavy rains, the birds will begin coming in to the water. This time of year you expect to see Avocets, Ducks, Killdeer, Willets, Yellowlegs, and Dowitchers.

If you don't have a bird book or field guide, you may want to go to Lovett Library and check one out. They have a wonderful selection of bird books. One book tells about how to build bird houses; another discusses some of the best places in the U.S. for birdwatching; some are fiction; some have beautiful pictures of birds; others give advice to gar-

deners on landscaping for attracting birds and wildlife.

This is the time of year you are most likely to see parent birds of all kinds with their babies. Some friends told me that they have gotten to see Purple Martins conducting "flight school" for their young; other friends thrilled to see a mother and father Cardinal teaching their young to leave their tree.

We enjoyed watching with some of our neighbors, as some Western Kingbirds tried to coax their little yellow-breasted offspring off an overhead wire. Those babies were snuggled up close together, and weren't at all interested in parting from the security of their nest-mates; but with much calling and coaxing, the parents finally succeeded in getting the first one, then another, to leave the high wire and fly back to a lower wire, then into their tree.

Quivira Girl Scouts extend registration deadline for camp

Quivira Girl Scout Council has extended the registration deadline for the four summer day camps offered; deadline is now Monday, June 22. Day camp is offered to all girls 5-17 years old whether they are Girl Scouts or not. The theme for this summer's day camps is "Explore Treasures."

The Pampa day camp will be at Camp Mel Davis, Lefors, July 29-August 2.

The Tri-City day camp will be on Yakes Ranch, July 29-August 2.

The Area day camp will be offered at M.K. Brown Boy Scout Camp, August 5-9.

The Borger day camp will be in the Borger Community Activity Center, August 5-9.

Each camp is limited to 100 girls each. Registration fees are due July

22; with a penalty charge for late registration.

Health history and registration forms are available at the Quivira Girl Scout Council office, City Hall, Room 301, Pampa. The phone number is 669-6862.

Fees include t-shirt, patch, and program activities. Rules for acceptance and participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to race, national origin or disability.

The day camps present many different areas of interest and are held during the daytime hours for at least five days. Camp staff consists of trained volunteers with a first aider on site at all times. All camps are governed by Girl Scout standards and the Texas Department of Health Youth Camp laws.

Nose-y talent

COGNAC, France (AP) — The 23,000 inhabitants of this little community, who mostly work at producing its world-renowned brandy, depend on a few men with "educated noses."

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To keep their nose and palate in top condition, master blenders avoid anything like garlic or pepper that would dull their sense of smell and taste. They are also try not to catch colds, some by drinking cognac and orange juice daily.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Man's best friend gets worst ride of his life

DEAR ABBY: "Liz in California" expressed her concern that pets in motor vehicles should be secured (buckled up) similar to small children. Well, here's another one for your "Now I've Heard Everything" file:

As I was driving along a Twin Cities freeway, I passed a man on a motorcycle doing no less than 60 miles an hour. Abby, he had a full-grown black Labrador dog perched behind him on the passenger seat of the motorcycle! The poor animal looked paralyzed with fear.

When I called the Minnesota Highway Patrol to report the cycle license number, I was told they could do nothing because the guy wasn't breaking any laws.

Abby, how about cruelty to animals? That terrified dog could jump or fall from the motorcycle and shatter all four legs on the concrete! Or, startled motorists could swerve out of control or be rear-ended slamming on their brakes, with a dog that size rolling down the pavement.

To me, it's just another indication that there is no shortage of idiots on the road in Minnesota.

SANDY IN MAPLE GROVE

DEAR SANDY: Why pick on Minnesota? There's no shortage of idiots on the road in any other state that has no law to protect man's best friend from this kind of brutality.

As a concerned citizen and animal lover, why don't you write a letter to the editor of your newspaper and cite this blatant cruelty? It might spur a state legislator to action.

DEAR ABBY: I fully agree with

your response to the woman of good character in Anchorage, Alaska, who had bought a secondhand car and found \$42 in the glove compartment. Her husband said that inasmuch as they had purchased the car "as is," she should keep the \$42. You told her to return it.

Your advice was similar to the story told by Rabbi Simeon, whose students bought a donkey from a merchant to assist their teacher in his livelihood of selling flax. His students found a costly pearl attached to the neck of the donkey, and they said, "Rabbi, you will not have to labor any more — we found this precious gem on the donkey!"

Rabbi Simeon responded, "Does the seller know of this pearl?" They answered, "No."

The sage then said, "I bought a donkey, not a pearl." The jewel was returned.

As a rabbi concerned that people don't simply tell themselves, "Business is business," I am pleased you chose to print that woman's letter.

The great writer Macaulay wrote: "The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out."

RABBI GEOFFREY BOTNICK, WILMETTE, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: I got a chuckle out of some of the messages left on telephone answering machines by people who had obviously misdialed. Add this one:

A female voice left this message on my machine: "Honey, I just came back from the doctor's office, and he says I'm pregnant."

Abby, I am a single man, living alone. I'm also ...

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Grant awarded to crisis shelter for abused women, children in Gray County

Gov. Ann W. Richards announced this week that the Texas Department of Community Affairs selected the Tralee Crisis Center to receive \$62,277 in funding for assistance in providing shelter to abused women and children in the vicinity of Gray County.

"This funding, combined with other resources available in a community," said Gov. Richards, "can achieve real progress in the fight against homelessness."

The funding is part of the \$1,910,000 Emergency Shelter Grants Program awarded to TDCA in April from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Emergency Shelter Grants Program is authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and funds cities, counties and private nonprofit organizations for activities relating to both the immediate care of homeless persons and the long-term prevention of homelessness.

Specific activities to assist homeless persons include shelter renovation, major rehabilitation or conversion of buildings, maintenance, operations, utilities, insurance and furnishings.

The program targets the prevention of homelessness through a variety of human services concerned with health, drug abuse, employment and education. These activities also may include direct assistance to prevent eviction, mortgage foreclosure or termination of utilities.

TDCA received 73 proposals from various organizations throughout Texas. After a review and rating process, department officials awarded 14-month contracts to 30 shelters across Texas with awards ranging from \$30,000 to \$95,000.

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Declaration signers Irish born

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Irish-born signers of the Declaration of Independence were Matthew Thornton (1714-1803) and Charles Thomson (1729-1824). Both were brought to America as children.

Thornton became a physician and practiced in New Hampshire. Thomson was a successful merchant in

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- Domestic
- Earliest born
- Margarines
- Space between hills
- Antarctic explorer
- Among
- Lively dance
- Singer
- Pinza
- Easy
- Greek letter
- Ship's lowest deck
- Rather than (poet.)
- Actor
- Mineo
- Burdens
- Ever (poet.)
- Country house

DOWN

- Where Naples is
- Observer
- 3-element tube
- Zooms (engine)
- Chemical ending
- Golfer Sam
- Water hole
- Berry shrubs
- Bearlike drink
- Thatch plants
- Collection
- Snooty person
- Broke (law)
- Modern painter
- Small sword
- Emerald Isle
- Malicious look
- Author Emile
- Part of a church
- Please reply
- Mane, e.g.
- Highly seasoned dish
- Norse deity
- B.
- Johnson
- Lives
- Boasts
- Thoughts
- Actress Dennis
- Art deco illustrator
- Isn't (sl.)
- Motion picture
- Fast aircraft (abbr.)
- Chinese pagoda
- Jackie's 2nd husband
- Aggregate

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SEOUL	TUESDAY
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Astro-Graph

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Consideration and charm are two tools you can use very effectively today. For best results, put yourself in the other guy's shoes and treat him as you'd like to be treated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An idea that you have been expressing has won you the respect of your contemporaries. This might not be apparent to you today, but it will become evident a little later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You are still in a favorable trend where the fulfillment of hopes and expectations are concerned. Be optimistic and positive, then expect good things to happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If there is something you can presently do where your career is concerned that will give you an advantage, by all means, do it now. This is the time for action!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You could be a bit luckier today in negotiating deals than you may be tomorrow. Try to keep the pressure on until everything is signed, sealed and delivered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful today that you don't jump to erroneous conclusions before weighing all the evidence — especially if you are working with another in advancing a mutual interest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone who finds you rather attractive has been wondering how you feel in return. In fact, you may have an opportunity to express your feelings today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It looks like you may finally be able to get something you've been wanting for your home. It may not be brand new, nevertheless it will be in mint condition.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you intend to mix business and pleasure today, try to do so in the morning rather than in the afternoon. Your most pleasant developments are slated to occur early in the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An associate, whose motives are sincere, might offer you a small consideration today for no apparent reason. Don't be reluctant to accept; there won't be strings attached.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be the recipient of some pleasant tidings early in the day. It should put you in a good frame of mind to deal with whatever comes up later.



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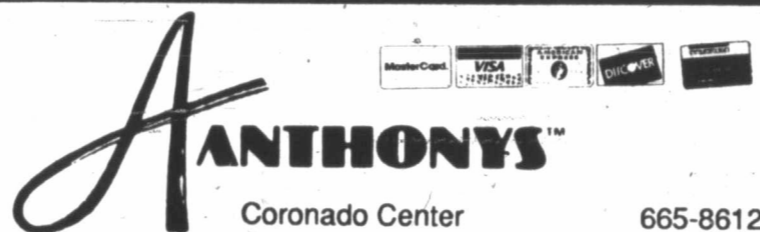


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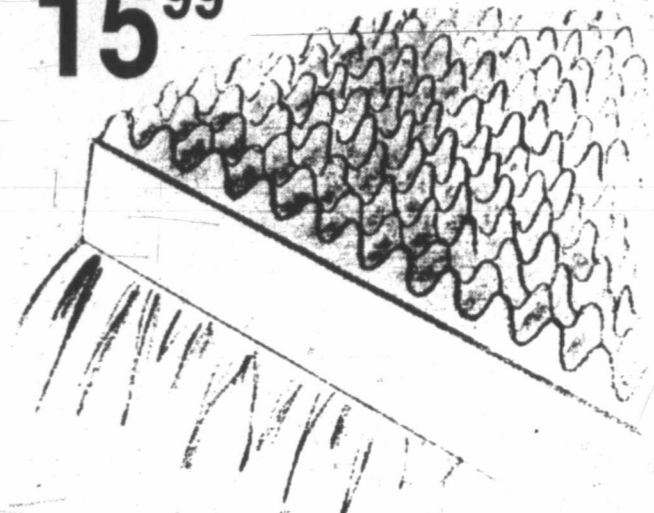
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