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Kid Pony Show concludes with champions named

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Staff Writer

Chasity Rickman is no longer a kid. Seconds ticked off the timer's clock Wednesday night, bringing to an end the Hereford 15 year old's hugely successful, five-year Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show campaign.

Rickman blazed through the cloverleaf pattern to win the girl's group VI barrel racing event in an impressive 17.86 seconds.

She captured the goat tying go-round in a quick 11.25 seconds, more than 2 1/2 seconds faster than her nearest competitor.

However, Rickman faltered and missed a perfect three-for-three for the evening when she brushed and knocked over a stanchion in the pole bending event. Her 22.06-second time would have assured victory, but the five-second penalty, tacked onto the score because of the miscue, knocked her out of the top three in that event.

However, the combined Wednesday night efforts earned her division Champion All-Around Girl.

"I probably will miss it, it's good practice for me," said Rickman during an interview minutes before the final Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show performance.

Settled back in one of many prize saddles aboard her mare called Flight Free, the Hereford teen indicated she definitely has no plans of slowing down.

Her dad rested against the two-horse trailer Chasity won in a 1989 rodeo competition and her mom sat in a lawn chair next to the pickup truck that hauls the trio all over the three-state area.

"I've been going to a lot of junior rodeos this summer," said the soon-to-be high school sophomore, who also participates in high school basketball and track.

Rickman has rodeoed more than half her life and plans to pursue rodeo through high school, college and as far as it will take her.

As a high school freshman, the pretty blonde made an immediate impact in Tri-State High School Rodeo Association competition. She won the championship in goat tying, captured top rookie girl honors and ranked in the top five in barrel racing.

In previous Kid Pony Shows, Rickman has won all-around honors as well as division titles in the other events.

"It's hard work ... (and) the horse is mostly the main part," she explained. "I have to hustle her a lot. She's getting lazy. She's slacking off."

Rickman uses a hackamore bridle on her mare during goat tying and the more conventional mouth bit in other events.

When asked what is her approach to successful goat tying, she said, "A good get-off and handling (properly) the goat rope."

After losing the pole bending event, Rickman showed the professional attitude that should take her a long way in rodeo; she pat and encouraged her mare and scolded herself.

Her parents admit "sometimes she's too competitive, she blames herself all the time."

Wednesday night's performance included many outstanding area performers in the 15 events for young people ages 12-15.

Julie Richardson of Groom took all-around honors in her division with a 22.00-second winning ride in and out of the poles, a quick 18.72-second run around the cans for second place, and a fast 10.09-second time for the runner-up spot in goat undecorating.

Craig Seely, a Lefors cowboy, grabbed all-around honors in his age group by winning the pole bending contest in 23 seconds and taking third place in barrels with a 19.11 run.

Joe Rae Richardson of Groom topped his division in barrels with a decisive 18.43-second ride.

Following are results from Wednesday night Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show rodeo action.

Bull riding (group V): 1. Mike Johnson, Wheeler; 2. Clint Ferguson, Pampa; 3. Matt

Jennings, Stinnett.

Goat tying (group VI): 1. Chasity Rickman, Hereford, 11.25 seconds; 2. Tara Pope, Mt. View, Okla., 13.78; 3. Meranda Whaley, Miami, 17.10.

Goat undecorating (group V): 1. Nikki Nettles, Liberal, Kan., 8.85 seconds; 2. Julie Richardson, Groom, 10.09.

Barrels (boys group V): 1. Stormy Nettles, Liberal, Kan., 18.25 seconds; 2. Matt Rhine, Pampa, 19.06; 3. Craig Seely, Lefors, 19.11.

Barrels (girls group VI): 1. Joe Rae Richardson, Groom, 18.43 seconds.

Barrels (girls group V): 1. Nikkie Nettles, Liberal, Kan., 18.44 seconds; 2. Julie Richardson, Groom, 18.72.

Barrels (girls group VI): 1. Chasity Rickman, Hereford, 17.86 seconds; 2. Tara Pope, Mt. View, Okla., 18.11; 3. Meranda Whaley, Pampa, 18.68.

Pole bending (boys group V): 1. Craig Seely, Lefors, 23.00 seconds; 2. Jeremy Winkler, Pampa, 23.09.

Pole bending (girls group V): 1. Julie Richardson, Groom, 22.00 seconds; 2. Kaysi Douglas, Pampa, 42.22.

Pole bending (girls group VI): 1. Angie Underwood, Pampa, 22.57 seconds; 2. Jennifer Medley, Pampa, 22.90; 3. Meranda Whaley, Pampa, 27.89.

Breakaway roping (group V): 1. Jamey Maxwell, Fritch, 5.71 seconds; 2. Stormy Nettles, Liberal, Kan., 6.5; 3. Matt Rhine, Pampa, 6.67.

Bull riding (group VI): 1. Jeremy Medley, Pampa; 2. Billy Everett, Pampa.

Gold rush: Dustin Brown, Billy Everett, Carlos Gonzalez, Craig Seely.

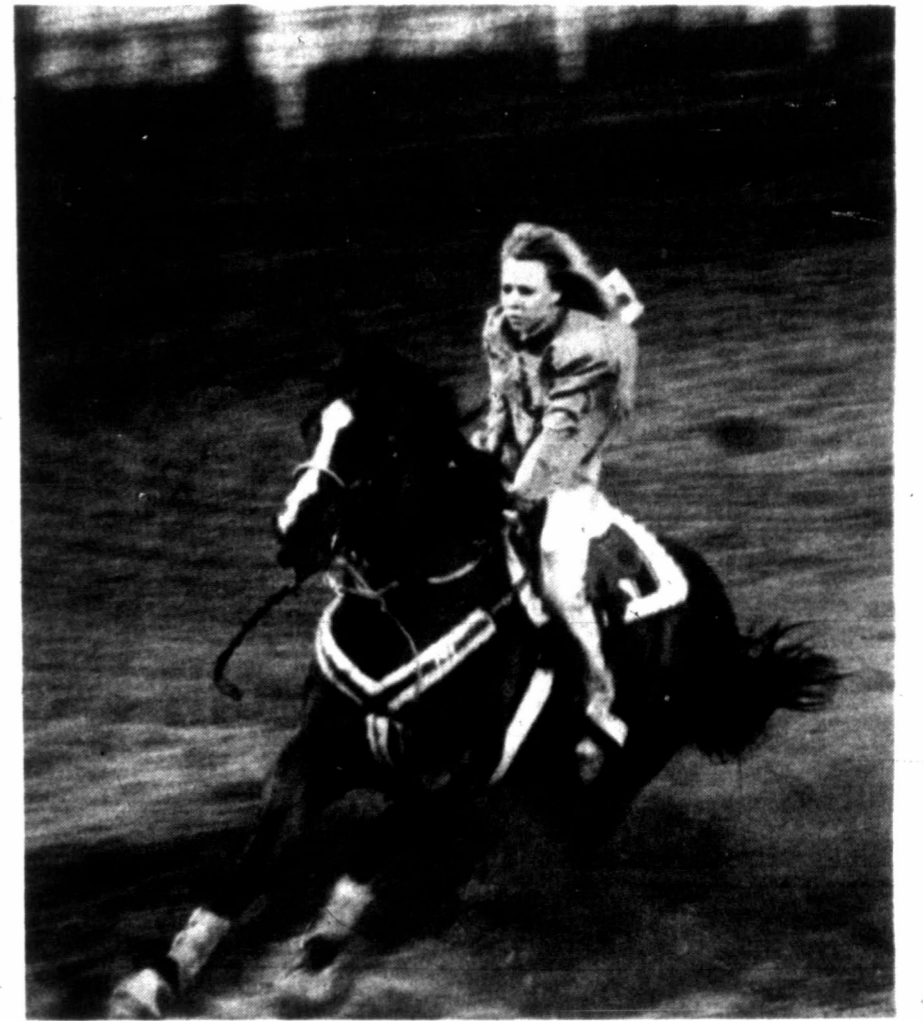
All around girl (group V): Julie Richardson.

All around boy (group V): Craig Seely.

All around girl (group VI): Chasity Rickman.

All around boy (group VI): Joe Rae Richardson.

Lifestyles Editor Cheryl Berzanskis contributed to this article.



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Chasity Rickman of Hereford returns from her pole-bending event run Wednesday night. She was named All-Around Girl in her division at the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show.

Rodeo activities, events get under way tonight

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Staff Writer

Encouraging exhortations like "ride 'em cowboy" will pierce the summer quiet as the 45th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo gets under way today for a three-day stand.

Dozens of activities are planned, highlighted by three exciting PRCA-approved rodeo performances. Area cowboys and cowgirls will get the opportunity to compete against some of the best rodeo performers in the world.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association once again is presenting action-packed rodeo.

The world-renowned Beutler and Gaylord Rodeo Company has shipped in some of the best rough stock available to guarantee ripsnorting, thrill-a-minute action.

Hall of Fame honoree Clem McSpadden once again will handle announcing duties.

The always-exciting Wrangler Bullfight, sponsored by The Pampa News and Wayne's Western Wear, is

scheduled during each rodeo performance.

The Coors Chute-Out, sponsored by North Country Coors Distributing of Borger, brings high-quality entertainment in every aspect imaginable.

Of particular note this year is the women's barrel racing event.

Several of the world's finest and many area stars are expected to sprint through the familiar cloverleaf pattern each night during the three-day PRCA-approved rodeo.

If everyone who signed up shows up, 39 ladies will be vying for purse money in the popular women's event.

Shan Til Hext, two-time Tri-State High School Rodeo Association (TSHSRA) barrel racing champion from Canadian, is slated to test her skills in the demanding competition.

Dawn Bleiker of Channing, who finished third in TSHSRA barrel racing year-end standings, is also scheduled to compete.

A strong contingent of Pampa area barrel racers includes Jo Linda Childress, Gina Greenhouse, Judy Mor-

riss, Lee Ann Nuckels, Cara Peirce, Kimbra Peirce and Edwina Reeb.

A passel of other lady Texans are expected to give a try at the run around the cans, including: Donna Kennedy of Evant, Sabrina Lewis of Odessa, Sharron Luker of Lubbock, Brittany Woods of Clifton, Cindy Smith of Stephenville, Cindy Stone of Graham, Mandy Terry of Colorado City, Ginny Wilkerson of Fort Worth, Edi Williams of Wellington, Brittany Woods of Mansfield, Sheila Zant of Harper, and Glenda and Mecca McMullan of Iraan.

Deb Mohon of Gladewater, currently ranked second in barrel racing world standings, is also entered in the event.

Other area rodeo cowboys entered are Wade Helton of Pampa, calf roping; Russell Seely of Pampa, calf roping; Jarrell D. Russell Jr. of Shamrock, calf roping; Reece Taylor of Perryton, steer wrestling; Jeffrey King of Clarendon, barebacks; Albin Peters of Amarillo, steer wrestling; Mark Cates of Follett, calf roping; Roy Cooper of Chil-

dress, calf roping; and Marty Devers of Booker, steer wrestling.

Today's activities begin at 5:30 p.m. with free barbecue to Thursday night ticket holders courtesy of the Mundy Companies. The Celebrity Pickup Race starts at 6 p.m. and the first PRCA performance begins at 8 p.m.

The second PRCA performance (family night - buy one adult ticket and get one child's ticket free), is set for 8 p.m. Friday. A rodeo dance, featuring music by the Hatch Brothers, starts at 9 p.m. at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

Saturday events include a rodeo parade beginning at 10:30 a.m. near Coronado Center; a Pony Express Tournament, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena at Recreation Park; a Pickup Race, also beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the arena; the finals of the Pony Express Tournament, beginning at 7:15 p.m.; and the final PRCA performance, beginning at 8 p.m.

A rodeo dance again will be held beginning at 9 p.m. at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion with music by The Hatch Brothers.

Pampa man escapes serious injury in truck-train collision Wednesday

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

A 31-year-old Pampa man escaped serious injury after pulling his tractor-trailer rig over a railroad track crossing in front of a train, causing a Wednesday afternoon accident, 3.4 miles west of Pampa.

Robert Kennedy, 31, 428 N. Christy St., was driving a 1981 truck tractor, pulling a semi-trailer loaded with freight from IRI International Corp., when he proceeded across the railroad tracks in front of an eastbound Santa Fe train, said Lynn Holland Jr., a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper.

The accident occurred at 3:25 p.m., at Railroad Crossing No. 14554U and the paved entrance to IRI International Corp.

The train's engineer, R.L. Schuchman of Wellington, Kan., stopped the train 0.4 of a mile after the 1980 EMD engine collided with the tractor-trailer rig.

Kennedy was admitted to Coronado Hospital for observation and remained at the hospital this morning, a hospital spokeswoman said. He was in stable condition.

Holland said Kennedy was leaving IRI International and had stopped at the railroad crossing and then proceeded across the tracks at the same time the lights and signals were activated for the oncoming train.

"Instead of stopping and rolling back, he proceeded across the tracks and an eastbound Santa Fe train struck the semi-trailer in the right side," Holland said.

Freight on the trailer from IRI was strewn throughout the area. The trailer, which was heavily damaged, was knocked 192 feet from the point of impact, but the

tractor, owned by Tex-O-Kan Transportation Co., was not damaged much, Holland said.

The trooper said the trailer was carrying axles and a block and tackle pulley.

Two of the four engines of the Santa Fe train were damaged in the incident. The lead engine received \$6,000 to \$7,000 in dam-

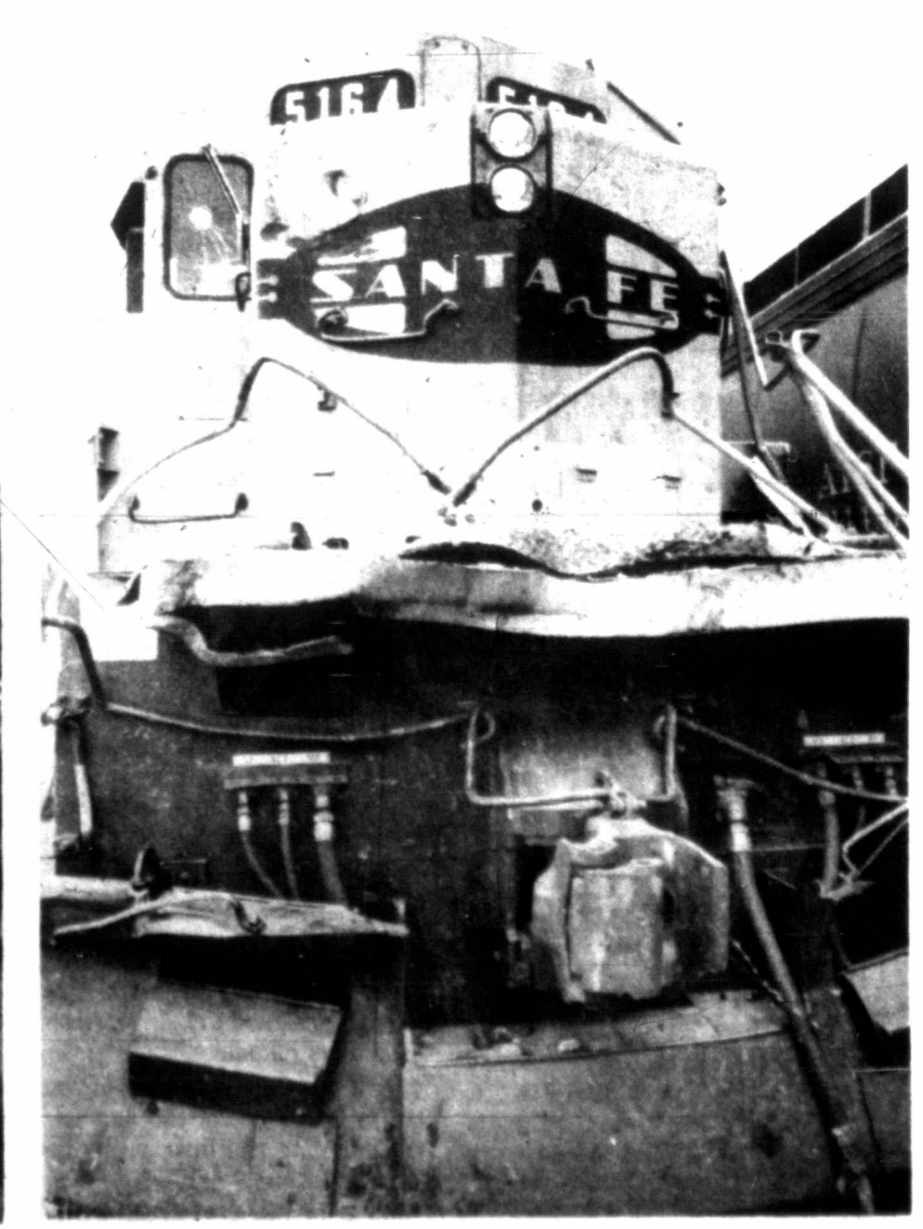
age and a second engine received a ruptured fuel tank and damage to walkway rails, estimated at \$500.

Citations are pending in the accident, Holland said.

Staff photos
by
Stan Pollard



Mike Helms, facing camera, and terminal manager Bob Brazil check the flatbed trailer that was involved in an accident Wednesday afternoon at the plant entrance near IRI International on U.S. Highway 60.



The front end of the Santa Fe train engine shows the damage sustained in Wednesday afternoon's accident. Another engine also received some damages.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

MAUL, Edna Josephine Byrum - 4 p.m., First United Methodist Church.
RICE, Mrs. Otto C. (Bess) - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

EDNA JOSEPHINE BYRUM MAUL
Edna Josephine Byrum Maul, 81, died Wednesday, July 10, 1991, in Pampa. Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Metzger, pastor, and the Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Maul was born Feb. 20, 1910, in Gray County. She was a lifelong resident of Gray County. She married George Maul on Oct. 26, 1930, in Pampa; he preceded her in death on June 22, 1990. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Maul, in 1985.
Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Benyshek of Pampa; a son, Donald Maul of Pampa; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of Pampa Inc., Church of the Brethren, Pampa Senior Citizens or a favorite charity.

The family will be at the Robert Benyshek home, west of Pampa.

HOWARD CRAIG MOORE

CANADIAN - Howard Craig Moore, 29, died Tuesday, July 9, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in First Christian Church with the Rev. Bob Miller, pastor of Gem Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Dell Cemetery by Stickley-Hill Funeral Home.

Mr. Moore was born in Canadian. He graduated from TSTI in Amarillo with a degree in saddle making. He was a self-employed saddle maker and silversmith. He also farmed and ranched with his father. He attended Gem Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Morris and Helen Moore of Canadian; and two sisters, Dena Conn of Canadian and Debbie Kupka of Amarillo.

Minor accidents

No accidents were reported by police in the city of Pampa during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, July 10

1 p.m. - A truck-tractor semi-trailer, driven by William R. Britton, 38, 113 S. Dwight, and a 1990 Ford pickup, driven by Kenneth J. Cloud, 37, 609 N. Christy, collided at Texas 152 (Alcock Street) and Price Road. Citations are pending. No injuries were reported.

3:25 p.m. - A truck-tractor, pulling a flatbed trailer, driven by Robert Kennedy, 31, 428 N. Christy St., and a train collided at the railroad crossing that leads to the IRI International Corp. paved entrance, 3.4 miles west of Pampa. Citations are pending. (See related story and photographs.)

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check is offered each Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell in downtown Pampa. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
Michella Cook, Lefors
Christy Lynn Phillis, White Deer
Herbert Wilbon, Pampa
Mildred Andrews (Rehab), Pampa

Births
To Mr. and Mrs. Jerel Brooks of Pampa, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. David Cook of Lefors, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Phillis of White Deer, a boy.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa		
Wheat	2.37	
Milo	3.60	
Corn	4.34	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Ky. Cent. Life	10 1/8	dn 1/8
Serfco	3 5/8	NC
Occidental	22 1/8	up 1/4
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan	64.27	
Puntan	13.41	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Ammoco	51 1/4	up 3/8
Arco	113 1/2	up 1/2
Cabot	29 1/8	NC
Cabot O&G	15 1/4	up 1/4
Chevron	69	NC
Coca-Cola	55 3/8	NC
Enron	56 7/8	up 1/4
Halliburton	36 3/8	up 3/8
Ingersoll Rand	50 3/4	dn 1/4
KNE	24	NC
Kerr McGee	39	up 1/8
Limited	28 7/8	dn 5/8
Mapco	49 3/4	up 1/8
Mesa	8 1/8	NC
McDonald's	33	NC
Mesa Ltd.	2 1/2	dn 1/8
Mobil	64 7/8	up 3/4
New Atmos	17 7/8	dn 1/8
Penney's	48	dn 3/8
Phillips	24 1/2	dn 1/4
SLB	59 1/4	up 3/8
SPS	29 1/8	NC
Tenneco	34 7/8	up 3/8
Texasco	62 3/8	NC
Wal-Mart	45 3/8	up 3/4
New York Gold	368.50	
Silver	4.39	
West Texas Crude	21.42	

Police report

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

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Janestyl Lashawn Scott, 1161 Varnon Dr., reported an assault with a beer bottle at a public park in the 1000 block of Neel Rd.

Gary Eugene Robinson, 1018 Love, reported an assault in the street near 716 E. Albert.

Vivian Loliche Nickelberry, 609 Plains, reported an assault by threat in the 1100 block of Huff Rd.

Linda Kay Alfredo, 213 N. Starkweather, reported disorderly conduct at the residence.

Fires

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

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11:51 a.m. - Grass fire was reported on north end of Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds at Recreation Park. One unit and two firefighters responded.

8:58 p.m. - Structure fire at 929 Barnard was out on arrival. Fire began in kitchen and caused light smoke damage. Three units and six firefighters responded.

Bush, Soviet foreign minister discuss arms treaty

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush and Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander A. Bessmertnykh expressed optimism today that remaining differences could be worked out on a strategic missile-reduction treaty, but Bush said he wasn't about to "give odds."

Bessmertnykh, speaking at a picture-taking session in the Oval Office, told Bush that he had brought a letter from President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. U.S. officials said it was a detailed plan for revamping the Soviet economy.

The plan is to be discussed next week by Bush and the leaders of the six other major industrialized democracies at a summit meeting in London. Gorbachev, who will make a personal pitch there to the president and the others, hopes it will persuade the wealthy nations to assist his perestroika program.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Gorbachev sent similar letters to the six other leaders. "It basically discusses what he plans to say" at the London summit, Fitzwater said.

Bessmertnykh said that during negotiations today, efforts would be made to "try to merge" U.S. and Soviet suggestions on how to resolve remaining obstacles to the arms treaty.

Bessmertnykh visited Bush before heading to the State Department for the talks with Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

The Oval Office meeting, also attended by Baker and Gen. Mikhail Moiseyev, the Kremlin's top general, lasted about 15 minutes before Bush left for his Maine home in Kennebunkport.

Bessmertnykh, speaking with reporters outside the White House, said he hoped that remaining differences could be wrapped up over the next few days.

He said there was "political willingness" on both sides to complete the pact now. "The two presidents want the treaty," he said.

"The issues are so technical that in a certain way we are hostages of either crazy professors or some technicians. But we are trying to break down the technicalities of the issue and to make the decisions," he said.

He said remaining loose ends were largely "the natural difficulty at the end of a long trip of nine years."

"I hope we can get it resolved," Bush said. But he declined to say how close he thought the chances were of wrapping up an agreement.

"We don't give odds in the Oval Office," the president said.

Bush, in his Oval Office comments, said he was "delighted" that Gorbachev would address leaders of the seven largest industrial democracies next week in London to discuss his troubled economy.

"I think it will go well," Bush said. "We all remain committed to the dramatic changes that you have undertaken there."

Bush said he was pleased that Gorbachev had sent Bessmertnykh and other top Soviet officials here on short notice in an effort to get the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) negotiations moving again.

"I know it's an inconvenience, you did it on very, very short notice. I think it demonstrates President Gorbachev's interest ... in reaching an accord on START, which is important to both our countries," Bush said.

"I think the American people see this as a significant step of principle by the Soviet Union and I would encourage that view because that's exactly what it is - on very short notice to come here to try to perfect these details," he added.

Bush has said he wants the START negotiations wrapped up before he meets with Gorbachev in Moscow for a superpower summit.

Salinity

handle and South Plains, composed of Pampa, Amarillo, Lubbock, Plainview, Borger, Brownfield, Lamesa, Levelland, Stalon, O'Donnell and Tahoka.

More than 110 pounds of salt flows into Lake Meredith every minute, making more than 29,000 tons per year. At times, chloride concentrations have ranged from 300 to more than 400 milligrams per liter.

Officials have said that the levels of salt in Lake Meredith are higher than both the Texas Department of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency recommend. The maximum level recommended by health and environmental agencies for drinking water is 250 milligrams per liter.

If the bills are passed into law, the Bureau of Reclamation will be given the authority to proceed with a project designed to help reduce the salt intake of the lake.

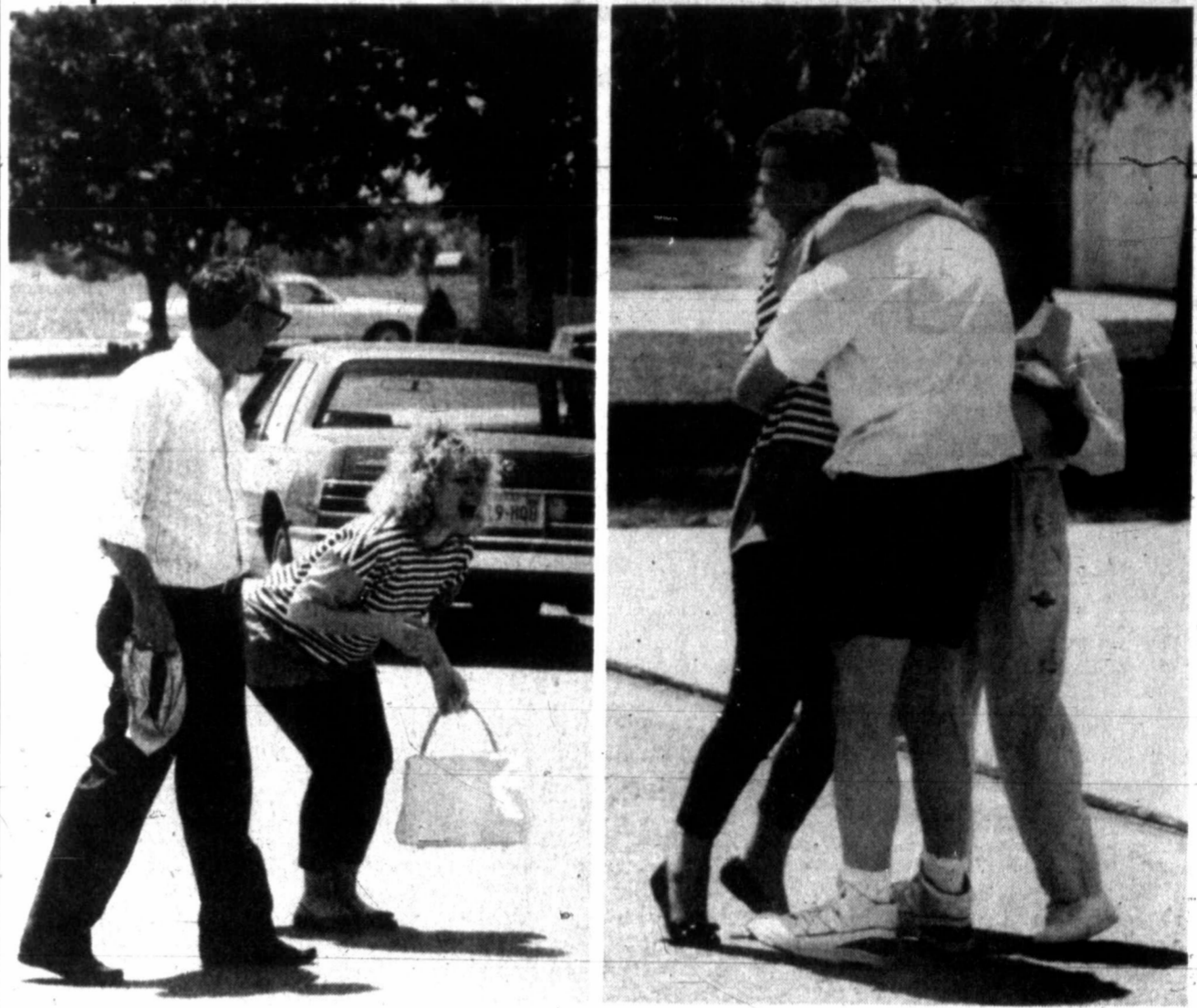
The project would aim at intercepting the brine at the source by well pumping and disposal by deep well injecting.

Most of the salt, about 70 percent, is believed to come from formations in New Mexico, according to the U.S. Geological surveys. The shallow brine aquifer in New Mexico is under artesian pressure and is leaking into the Canadian River, which flows into Lake Meredith, according to officials.

However, Waters said there is some concern that the salt problems may also be elsewhere. "There are other possibilities that may be contributing to the problem. Before 10 or 11 million dollars is spent, we want to be sure we have the full handle on what will alleviate the problem," Waters said.

Waters said the directors believe a broader spectrum needs to be looked at to determine the salt problems, and the main purpose of employing the two firms is to get a second opinion.

Surprise return



(Staff photos by Stan Pollard)

In photo at left, Ray Hupp watches his wife Katy show her surprise at seeing her son and daughter-in-law arriving at the Hupps' residence at 1817 Lea early Wednesday afternoon. Ray holds in his hand the blindfold he used to help keep Katy unaware of what surprise awaited her. At right, Katy hugs her son, Eric, as her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, watches. Eric and Elizabeth have been in West Germany for the past four years, stationed with the U.S. Army at Augsburg. Eric has already been discharged from the military and is waiting for his wife's discharge in about six months; they will be living at Fort Bragg, N.C., until that date. Ray said he had been planning the surprise for three months.

Pampans urged to use recycling bins carefully

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Officials with Clean Pampa Inc. and the city of Pampa are continuing to encourage area residents to carefully use the recycling bins at Wal-Mart.

Abuse of the bins by people who dump garbage into the receptacles has forced those managing the recycling center to have no choice at times but to dump all the contents at the city landfill.

Rick Stone, sanitation director for the city, confirmed that within the last two weeks the company which handles collection of the Wal-Mart recycling bins had to deposit the entire contents into the landfill due to the large amount of random waste it contained.

Jeff Boyd, a member of the Clean Pampa Inc. board of directors, said it is essential residents not abuse the recycling center.

"It's crucial that for a voluntary set-up like that, the entire community has to help by putting on the

intended items in the receptacles," Boyd said. "If they insist on putting garbage in there, it is not going to work."

Last month Clean Pampa Inc. Director Pam Locke also had to issue a plea for compliance.

She said abuse of the unattended recycling centers in Amarillo has taken that city to the verge of losing some of its recycling opportunities.

"There has been a tendency for people to just dump their trash in the bins in Amarillo," Locke said. "Let's not be like Amarillo."

Instead, she said Pampans should note that each bin is labeled for a particular recyclable material.

Locke said glass should be separated by color and placed into garbage bags before being put into the glass bin.

The metal bin, she said, can hold aluminum, copper, brass, tin cans or any other metal.

"They will take any post-consumer plastic," Locke said. "Anything you buy in a plastic container such as bleach, dishwashing soap,

milk, soda pop, cleaners, oils or anything else, they will take and recycle the plastic."

The bins are emptied twice each month by BFI Waste Systems, Locke noted, adding, "People should call me if they find the bins full and I will let the proper people know."

If the recycling center at Wal-Mart is successful, Locke and city officials have promised other recycling centers, including locations to put used motor oil, will be situated in Pampa.

"This is a first for us and we appreciate Wal-Mart for leading the way," Locke said. "We need to set an example for other communities, showing them how well recycling can be done."

An aluminum recycling center is also located at Coronado Center and buys aluminum products from the public.

Locke and Stone have both said they are available to do civic presentations to educate and encourage citizens in how to successfully support recycling efforts out of their home or business.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE Co., Clois Robinson, 1064 N. Hobart, Pampa, Tx. My new number 665-4410. Adv.

PEGGY'S PLACE - Friday and Saturday Rodeo breakfast buffet, from 10 p.m. til everyone is served, (buffet only). 301 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH Summer Clearance, everything 50%, 60%, 75% off. Also selected groups of jewelry - \$10 rack. Adv.

GUN SHOW, July 13th, 14th M. K. Brown Civic Center. For information, call Paul or Judith Loyd, 665-6127. Adv.

JULY SPECIALS: Southwest bandana's \$1.29. Sunshine Factory. Adv.

CARPOOL NEEDED to W.T.S.U. 665-6305. Adv.

PUMP JACK Liquor (rear of Derrick Club) Specials: Miller and Bush 16 oz. cans 6 pack \$2.95, 12 pack \$5.50, case \$10.75. Miller Lite cans case \$14.25. Adv.

FREE PIZZA every Wednesday 6-7 p.m. Come one, come all. Open to the public. Derrick Club. 2401 Alcock. Adv.

SHEAR ELEGANCE Salon 400 S. Cuyler, 669-9579. Perm special \$25. Senior Citizens discounts. Ethnic hair care. Nail technician on duty. Come see Alicia, Betty, Debbie, Kelley. New operators welcome. Adv.

CARSON COUNTY Rowdy Riders "Summer Play Day Bonanza." White Deer Arena, July 14, 3 p.m. Jack Pot barrels, \$25. Adv.

1/2 OFF all Summer merchandise at The Clothes Line! Adv.

FOR SALE - 1957 Chambers gas range with griddle. Excellent condition. Call 665-0200. Adv.

TEXAS BONANZA - New Craft and Antique Mall, Ballard and Browning. Unique gifts, come browse! Adv.

SENIOR CITIZENS Western Dance, Friday night. Refreshments. 500 W. Francis. Adv.

GARAGE SALE: 2207 N. Nelson. Motorcycle, Volkswagon, copier, clothes, other items. Friday and Saturday. Adv.

VINE RIPE tomatoes, yellow and zucchini squash, sweet onions, very sweet cantaloupe, seedless and all sweet watermelon, area honey. Epperson's Hwy. 60 East 2 miles. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, thunderstorms likely with a low in the upper 60s. Friday, a chance of thunderstorms with a high in the 90s. Pampa recorded 0.13 inches of rain during the past 24 hours, ending at 7 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Isolated to scattered mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms most areas through Friday. Considerable cloudiness Friday. Lows tonight mid 60s to low 70s. Highs Friday mid 80s to low 90s except near 100 Big Bend lowlands.

North Texas - Partly cloudy through Friday with isolated to widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Thunderstorms more numerous north west. Lows 71 southeast to 76 northwest. Highs 93 southeast to 99 northwest.

South Texas - Partly cloudy through Friday with hot days and warm at night. Isolated daytime showers near the coast. Isolated late afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms extreme west. High Friday upper 80s to near 90 immediate coast to 90s inland. Low tonight near 80 immediate coast and coastal barrier islands to the 70s inland.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Saturday through Monday

West Texas - Panhandle: Partly cloudy each day with a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs low 90s to mid 90s. Lows upper 60s to near 70. South Plains, Permian Basin: Partly cloudy each day. A slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms Saturday. Highs low to mid 90s. Lows upper 60s to low 70s. Concho-Pecos Valleys: Partly cloudy each day. A slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms Saturday. Highs mid to upper 90s. Lows low to mid 70s. Far West: Partly cloudy each day. A slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms Saturday. Highs mid 90s. Lows upper 60s to low 70s. Big Bend: Lows near 60 mountains to mid 70s along the Rio Grande.

North Texas - Partly cloudy days, fair at night. Widely scattered thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday evening. Lows in low to mid 70s. Highs upper 90s to near 102 Saturday, and mid to upper 90s Sunday and Monday.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Partly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Highs in the 90s to near 100. Coastal Bend: Partly

cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s, near 80 immediate coast. Highs in the 90s, upper 80s to near 90 near the coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Partly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s, near 80 immediate coast. Highs near 90 coast, in the 90s to near 100 inland. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s, near 80 coast. Highs in the 90s, upper 80s coast.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma - Scattered thunderstorms tonight and Friday all but the southeast. Lows tonight in upper 60s Panhandle to upper 70s east. Highs Friday in upper 80s to mid 90s.

New Mexico - Tonight, skies becoming mostly fair in the west. Variable cloudiness central and east with scattered showers and thunderstorms gradually diminishing. Gusty east winds likely by late tonight into the Rio Grande Valley. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to near 70 elsewhere. Friday, partly cloudy with scattered afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms. A little cooler in the east. Highs 70s and 80s mountains and north with mostly 90s south.

Thousands crowd Hawaii and Mexico to see day turn into night

By RON STATON
Associated Press Writer

ATOP MAUNA KEA, Hawaii (AP) — Thousands of thrill-seekers and scientists flocked to the middle of the Pacific to watch one of the longest and most widely visible eclipses in history turn day into night for four minutes today.

They came to see the moon line up between the sun and Earth and plunge into darkness a 160-mile-wide swath stretching from Hawaii to Mexico's Baja Peninsula, central and southern Mexico, Central America, Colombia and Brazil.

The moment of totality — when the sun is completely blocked by the moon — was 7:28 a.m. to 7:32 a.m. local time (12:28 p.m. to 12:32 p.m. CDT).

Eclipse mania gripped Hawaii and Mexico, which off red the best viewing spots on the globe.

About 500 astronomers and tens of thousands of amateurs arrived in recent weeks. Entrepreneurs peddled T-shirts and other paraphernalia. Events ranged from ancient eclipse rituals to a wedding atop a man-made waterfall in Hawaii.

In some places, part of an eclipse was nearly as good as a whole one.

In El Paso, Texas, summer school students planned to watch during lunch. "It'll be right over the lunch hour which is real convenient," said John Peterson, school district planetarium director. "It's like this thing was scheduled just for us."

In Mexico City, a ritual depicting the moon attempting to eat the sun was planned at the Anthropology Museum. Guatemalan Indian villagers, who worry during eclipses that the sun will disappear forever, were to ring church bells and bang pots and pans to resurrect it.

The Rev. Beverly Bates planned to marry Dene Halum and Kimberly Ruiz, who traveled to Hawaii from Houston. Bates planned to don special sunglasses during the ceremony, timed to culminate with a kiss at the moment of totality.

"I'll have on my white minister's robe and my



(AP Laserphoto)

Bill Jones, left, and David Keegan from California make preparations Wednesday at Jose Del Cabo, Mexico, for the total solar eclipse passing over the Baja Peninsula.

square little sun peeps," she said. Observers were warned not to look directly at the sun because of the risk of eye damage, even in the mainland United States and southern Canada, where only a partial eclipse would be visible. The best viewing

spots in the continental United States were in the Southwest and Southern California.

Vendors selling protective glasses were doing a brisk business, but the American Academy of Ophthalmology said they weren't foolproof and suggested ways to view

the eclipse indirectly, such as through homemade pin-hole cameras.

A local wit in Mexico City joked, "Be safe: Listen to the eclipse on the radio."

Astronomers and other scientists from around the world gathered at an observatory at the 13,796-foot summit of Mauna Kea, a dormant volcano, to study the sun's corona during the eclipse with an array of high-power telescopes.

It was the first time an eclipse path of totality would pass over a major observatory, scientists said.

"Before, we've always had to pack up our equipment and go to the eclipse," said Charles Lindsay, a scientist with the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy.

Scientists worried that the four-minute view would be less than perfect because of ash from erupting Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines.

One objective is to learn more about why the sun's corona is about 3 million degrees Fahrenheit, while the sun's surface is only 10,000 degrees, Stormon said. The sun's interior is about 27 million degrees.

Other experiments involve taking photos through the sun's atmosphere and watching the effect on Earth's atmosphere by the swift passage of the moon's shadow.

While scientists tended to their mountaintop experiments, tourists staked out good viewing positions. Hawaii County officials suspended a parking ban along highways to allow motorists to pull off to the side and watch.

Restaurants and other businesses offered souvenirs, eclipse theme dishes and drinks, and even eclipse hair-cuts.

"Everything is selling pretty well except for the eclipse frisbees. Nobody wants eclipse frisbees," said "Wild Bill" Lawrence, who helped out at Moonshadows, one of many small shops set up to sell eclipse mementos.

One church in Hawaii offered a nightly eclipse service. Another invited visitors to "come worship with the sun."

Pasadena police officer killed; suspect holding hostage

By WENDY BENJAMINSON
Associated Press Writer

PASADENA, Texas (AP) — A man held an elderly woman hostage and police at bay today after shooting a police officer to death.

Marvin Harris, 40, fatally shot officer Jeff Ginn, 29, after the patrolman drove into the quiet west Pasadena neighborhood to respond to a call Wednesday about smoke coming from Harris' home, officers said.

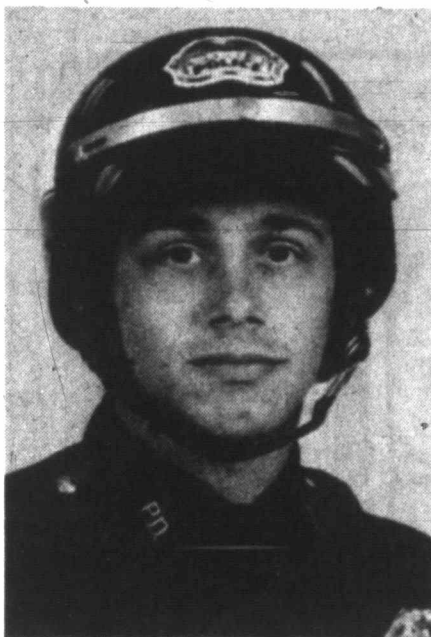
Capital murder charges were filed against Harris late Wednesday.

Mrs. June Harris, mother of the man inside the barricaded home, attempted two times early today to talk her son into surrendering, but failed. She talked to him once by telephone and a second time by a loudspeaker.

The confrontation began about 2 p.m. after Harris allegedly raised a high-powered rifle and fired eight or nine shots, witnesses said.

Ginn was hit twice — once in the chest and once in the temple. He was taken by helicopter to Hermann Hospital, where he died less than a half hour after arrival, about 3 p.m., said hospital spokeswoman Sue Vaughn.

"I heard the boom," said witness Rick Nichols. "I looked to one side, I saw the officer laying there



Jeff Ginn

and then he (the gunman) turned the gun on us."

Nichols said two bullets hit his Houston Lighting & Power Co. truck, but he escaped injury.

Officers cut off the street lights and turned out the lights in their cars as the hostage situation continued into the night.

After daybreak today with temperatures climbing into the 90s, authorities cut off the electrical power to the house. Police also were blasting loud music and their

sirens about every 10 minutes. Officer J.M. Higginbotham said the noise was an attempt to keep Harris awake.

Ricky Poe, a police chaplain, said officers later changed from rock music to classical.

"We want to give him something soothing," Poe said. "We want to give him something good to relate to."

Poe said he would not be surprised if the standoff continued through the day.

Police said Harris was armed with the rifle, the fallen officer's revolver and two antique guns taken from his hostage's home.

Officer J.L. Amos said authorities were negotiating with Harris by telephone, trying to talk him out of the house.

Police said Harris had requested the FBI on the scene so he could turn himself in to them. Pasadena SWAT team negotiators also were on site.

Authorities said they denied a request by Harris for an unarmed police officer to enter the house.

Witnesses said that Harris ran to a nearby house after shooting the officer, left with a woman and ran to a third house on the block.

The hostage, Jean Lina, is in her 60s, said neighbor Elsie Lyons. "Jean is probably praying and

everything else. At least TV said she was okay," said Ms. Lyons, who attends St. Augustine's Catholic Church with Ms. Lina.

Neighbors said Harris had a history of mental problems and had barricaded himself in his home a year earlier after firing shots in the neighborhood.

"He just shot at the house and the neighborhood and they had to get his mother out there to talk him out," neighbor Lee Glass said of the earlier incident.

Then, as Wednesday, authorities were called to the scene and tried to talk Harris out of the house.

"Less than an hour later he was back walking into his house as we were driving by and here they had the SWAT team and about 900 cops out there all day before that," Glass said.

A felony assault charge filed against Harris in last year's incident was dropped.

Ginn is survived by a wife and two daughters, age 2 and 5.

"The best comment you can make is that he was a good officer. When an officer hears that ... it means a lot," said Officer Ronnie Johnson.

It had been 48 years since the last time an officer was killed in the Houston suburb. That officer died while directing traffic.

Jesse Jackson says Thomas risks betrayal of his heritage

HOUSTON (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson says Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas must show some contrition for his stance on affirmative action or be considered a traitor to his heritage.

Jackson, speaking Wednesday at the 82nd annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, complained that the District of Columbia appeals court judge did not embrace affirmative action programs from which he had benefited.

"In the light of this reality, Judge Thomas is a strange creature," Jackson said.

"Some of us have come to where we are without the benefits of a government job. Judge Thomas has not asked for our support, indeed he has shown disrespect for our heritage," Jackson said.

The NAACP has not taken a position on Thomas' nomination. Convention delegates, however, unanimously approved emergency resolutions demanding the resignation of Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates and condemning President Bush for lifting economic sanctions against South Africa.

Bush tapped the conservative Thomas, 43, to replace retiring Justice Thurgood Marshall, 83, the high court's only-black and one of its most liberal members.

Thomas has declined to answer reporters' questions, but has said he benefited greatly from the civil rights movement and that his rise from an impoverished Georgia childhood was aided by such organizations as the

Urban League and NAACP. His remarks have been interpreted as an attempt to appeal to civil rights organizations.

The resolution against Gates said the police chief had shown "failed leadership and lack of accountability." Gates is the target of a move to oust him over the beating of black motorist Rodney King by white police officers.

The South Africa resolution urged that sanctions be re-imposed until all conditions of the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 were met.

The NAACP said, "The premature lifting of sanctions is indicative of moral shortsightedness on the part of the president and his administration."

Jackson, a former presidential candidate, also demanded that Bush sign a stalled anti-discrimination bill.

"It seems to be that President Bush is a bully and has us in a buzz saw," Jackson said in an often impassioned, hour-long address that brought 4,000 people to their feet, cheering.

In the July 10, 1991, Furr's Supermarket circular, Dole blackberries and raspberries are advertised at \$1.59 a pint. This is incorrect. Dole blackberries and raspberries are actually \$1.59 for a 1/2 pint. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Bicyclists to pass through Pampa in Bike Aid project

A group of bicyclists from four foreign countries and the United States will arrive in Pampa on Monday, July 15, as part of the Overseas Development Network's Bike Aid project.

Organizers of the event, based in San Francisco, said the cross-country ride, which will culminate in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 20, is aimed at "fighting global injustice" and raising funds for the Overseas Development Network.

Riders include activists from Bolivia, El Salvador, Zimbabwe,

Ghana and the United States, according to Reed Merrill of ODN.

He and Marcia Miquelon of ODN explained that cyclists will "meet with community activists in such diverse settings as homeless shelters, farmers' cooperatives, Native American communities and international organizations."

"The Overseas Development Network works to involve students in addressing the global problems of poverty, hunger, injustice and the inequitable distribution of resources," Merrill stated.

Among the international riders taking part in the event are Bernard Huitre of the Takawira Unemployment Benefit Fund in Zimbabwe and Guillermo Herrera, a labor rights organizer in El Salvador.

ODN, which was formed in 1983, has over 50 chapters on American high school and university campuses that raise funds for international causes and are part

supporting "grassroot solutions to development" in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the United States.

Cyclists are scheduled to arrive in Pampa on Highway 60 on Monday and depart on Tuesday continuing east into Oklahoma. Times of arrival and departure have yet to be announced.

Those wishing more information can call Roxanna Willis at 665-8933.

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Louise Fletcher
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Opinion

Owners' rights being 'stripped'

What happened to the cherished American belief that private citizens could determine their own moral code and guide their own lives, so long as they respected the selfsame rights of others, without the interference of governments?

It's that fundamental value that is at issue in the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court upholding an Indiana ban on nude dancing. The Court ruled that this type of entertainment is not constitutionally protected free expression and that governments may legitimately restrict it.

The ruling raises several questions. First, why isn't nude dancing a form of free expression? Because it offends the sensibilities of those constrained by their religious beliefs or paternalistic tendencies? It is evident that restrictions on such activities — now and throughout history — are enacted because a majority view them to be "indecent" and immoral. But isn't that the point of the First Amendment — that the unharmful impressions of a minority are protected even when the majority is offended by such expressions?

Second, what's the difference between, say, ballet dancing and nude dancing, provided neither dancer nor audience is coerced to participate? Again, it seems the only difference is that one offends a large number of people and the other doesn't. Hasn't this argument already been decided in the flap over the flag? Wasn't it determined that even expressions deemed immoral or otherwise offensive by the majority are still protected by the First Amendment?

Third, who is being harmed if someone pays a cover fee, goes into a bar and watches nude women dance? The women are dancing voluntarily and being paid for their performances; the owner is making a profit; the customers are not forced inside.

To ask such questions is not to demean the concerns of neighborhoods whose residents fear the unsavory activities that can spring up around such places of business. Nor is it to demean the concerns of people — perhaps most Americans — about the effects of unrestricted sexual license on individuals' psychological and moral health.

The fact is, however, that this society — the United States — has distinguished itself generally by holding at bay such concerns when they encroach on individual rights.

In some societies, morality is legislated; the government has the power to stop speech and other behavior, to prescribe the details of individual life, down to the clothing one wears.

In the United States, however, these concerns are not properly addressed by the government invading private property and restricting behavior that is engaged in without coercion or fraud.

Nude dancing in privately-owned establishments seems to meet that standard. It deserves constitutional protection.

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"Much have I travel'd in the realms of gold,
And many goodly states and kingdoms seen; ..."
John Keats

Cruel and unusual justices

Roald Harmelin should have picked a different crime. He should have mugged an old man and stolen his wallet, or kidnapped a child, or raped a woman at gunpoint, or maimed a pedestrian while driving drunk, or beaten someone to death in a quarrel. Then he would not be facing the certainty now before him, which is that he will never set foot outside a Michigan state penitentiary.

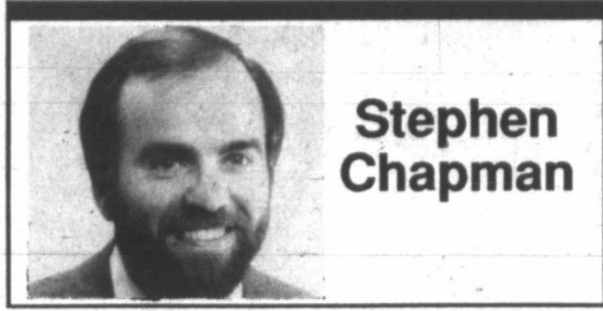
His sentence is life without possibility of parole, and any chance he had of getting it changed evaporated when the Supreme Court upheld the verdict. However harsh it may seem, said the court, the sentence is not unconstitutional.

Harmelin's mistake was to choose a crime that was likely to hurt no one, except maybe himself — possession of an illicit drug. Police stopped him for running a red light and found 672 grams of cocaine (about a pound and a half) in the trunk of his car.

He was arrested and convicted under a Michigan law which mandates life without parole for possession of 650 grams or more of cocaine — even if, as in Harmelin's case, it is a first offense. Our unlucky co-kehead appealed his sentence on the grounds that it was so disproportionate to the crime he committed that it constituted cruel and unusual punishment, which the Eighth Amendment forbids.

Harmelin had reason for hope. In 1983, the Supreme Court overturned the sentence of a man sent to jail for life without parole under a "habitual offender" law, after he followed several convictions for non-violent felonies with one for writing a bad check for \$100. "We hold as a matter of principle that a criminal sentence must be proportionate to the crime," declared the court.

But that was eight years ago, and in Supreme Court terms, a generation ago. In that case, the vote was



Stephen Chapman

just 5-4, and two of the five have since left the court (with one more, Thurgood Marshall, on the way). In this case, justice Antonin Scalia announced gleefully that the 1983 ruling was "simply wrong." Though he couldn't get even a plurality of the court to endorse that view, he got four other justices to agree that Harmelin's sentence is acceptable.

The difficulty here is making sense of the relevant phrase in the Constitution, which is as vague as it is emphatic. Scalia said the Eighth Amendment was intended to forbid only specific modes of punishment — flogging, say. Courts, in his view, may decide whether imprisonment is a constitutional method of punishment; having decided that it is, though, they may not decide that one prison term is excessive and another isn't.

Here he rejects not only the 1983 decision, but Supreme Court verdicts going back to 1910, which have said there is such a thing as a punishment that is tolerable for some crimes but not for others. The Eighth Amendment, the court said 81 years ago, "was directed not only against punishments which inflict torture, but against all punishments which by their excessive length and severity are greatly disproportioned to (the) offense." The death penalty is

allowed by the Constitution, but death sentences have often been ruled unconstitutionally severe.

Scalia and the rest of the majority prefer not to overturn Harmelin's sentence, partly out of fear that the cruel and unusual punishment clause will be an invitation for judges to throw out any sentence with which they personally disagree. But the courts are entirely capable of using clear, objective standards to evaluate sentences.

The court's 1983 opinion proposed two key inquiries to judge whether a sentence was excessive: (1) Is it more severe than the same state imposes for more serious offenses? (2) Is it more severe than other states impose for the same offense? Under these standards, federal judges have not run wild setting convicts free. Only four sentences have been found excessive in the intervening eight years.

By these criteria, Harmelin's sentence ought to have been thrown out. He got the most severe sentence possible in Michigan, which doesn't impose the death penalty. He got it even though plenty of violent crimes and other more serious offenses are treated more leniently. Only two other crimes (first-degree murder and drug dealing) are punishable in Michigan by life without parole.

Alabama is the only other state that demands such a severe sentence for first-time drug possession, and then only for 10 kilograms or more of the stuff (about 15 times more than in Michigan). Under federal law, Harmelin would have gotten 10 years.

Even by the standards of a nation that is absurdly ferocious in punishing drug users, his sentence is exceptionally draconian, which is another way of saying it is cruel and unusual. If this punishment is acceptable to the court, what isn't?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 11, the 192nd day of 1991. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel near Weehawken, N.J.

On this date:
In 1533, Pope Clement VII excommunicated England's King Henry VIII.

In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was created by an act of Congress.

In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal, aboard the cruiser "Houston."



How about Amtrak, Sununu?

Poor Lewis' Occasional Almanac:

I was in Washington recently and picked up a few interesting items:

White House Big Cheese John Sununu has a new nickname. It's "Air," as in Air Sununu. But the president is cracking down on him.

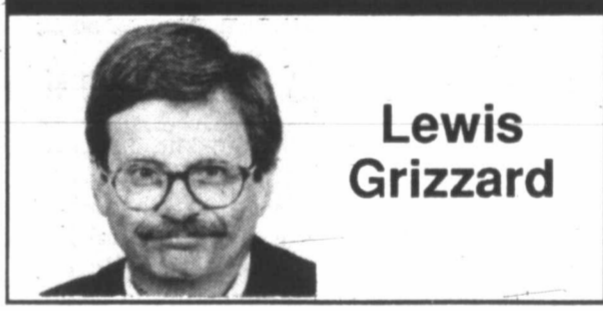
First, he's no longer allowed to take military aircraft on any of his jaunts.

Secondly, he can't take a government limo from Washington to New York to buy stamps anymore.

Now, he's been barred from hopping rides in corporate jets. If he violates any of these directives, such a transgression would be known, I suppose, as a Sununo.

A member of the Georgia congressional delegation tells me there is a very good possibility of a new Amtrak route in the future that will go to Chicago, to Atlanta, to Macon and Waycross, and on into Jacksonville. I remain convinced trains will make a comeback in this country. Commercial flying is getting more and more like the old bus rides from hell every day.

At least on a train you can get up and go to the bar car and get away from the two screaming babies, who are put on every flight just to bug passengers, flight attendants with an attitude, and some guy with a goat, which I fully expect to see one of these times my plans call for air travel.



Lewis Grizzard

Despite feminists' cries and wailings, there still aren't any women members of Burning Tree Golf Club in Washington. The old boys are standing fast.

All this reminds me of a true story that occurred at a country club that probably should remain nameless.

The president of the Women's Golf Association wrote the president of the Men's Golf Association complaining about men urinating on the golf course.

The men's president wrote back:
"Thank you for your letter. I fully comply with your thoughts and from now on the Women's Golf Association may have the same privilege."

Know what you get if you play a country music record backwards:

You get your wife back, your job back, your truck back and you sober up.

The Braves are finally stumbling a bit and nobody's going to catch the Dodgers. No matter, the worst the Braves are going to do is finish fourth in the National League West and they gave their fans a couple of wonderful months at the beginning of the season.

This team with some relief pitching and a John Smoltz like the old John Smoltz (14-11 last year) might one day be able to hang in until September.

Couple of marital notes: I have an aunt and uncle who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Imagine that. Living with one woman for 50 years.

I never made it more than four in any of my marriages. It looks like stuff like that would run in the family.

That, and a guy told me the other day he was remarrying his first wife whom he divorced two years ago.

"Why would you bogey the same hole twice?" I asked him.

He answered, "I wanted to be close to my money."

Hunting kills more than wildlife

By ROBERT WALTERS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Michael F. Corcoran, executive vice president of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, recalls a particularly appalling incident in which a deer hunter accidentally shot and killed two other hunters.

The only penalty imposed upon the man who committed the slayings was a \$47 fine for trespassing. "So it basically was \$23.50 a head," says Corcoran in coldly calculating the effective price paid for each fatal shooting.

Those deaths occurred several years ago in Nash County, but the carnage continues. During the state's most recent hunting season late last year, for example, a high school science teacher in nearby Wake County was similarly shot and killed.

The teacher, a Civil War buff, was exploring for artifacts in the woods behind his home when he was struck in the back by a hunter's bullet that apparently first struck a deer but then passed through the animal.

At about the same time, two hunters were shot to death in Caswell County

during a violent confrontation with property owners who claimed the victims illegally trespassed on their land.

Similar incidents are reported throughout the nation as longstanding tensions between hunters and homeowners are exacerbated by the ever-sprawling development that constricts the area in which high-powered rifles can be safely fired.

At the same time, hunters face heightened hostility wrought by cultural changes in an increasingly urban society. Says one angry property owner here in Wake County,

"I've had them shoot the locks off my gates, shoot the bottom out of my boat, regularly tear down the 'posted land' signs and generally trespass on my property rights. They think that if there's a deer in the woods, they have a right to it."

Adds a Maine man: "The problem is that your dyed-in-the-wool hunters just believe they have an inalienable right to hunt everywhere." Other Maine residents complain that reckless hunters have left bullets lodged in everything from

exterior walls to dining room tables.

But not all hunters are insensitive. Indeed, the gun-wielder in one of the most celebrated accidental slaying cases of recent years, Donald Rogerson, is a devoted father, conscientious scoutmaster and hard-working grocery store produce manager.

The remorse-filled Rogerson says he will never hunt again. A companion says that immediately after realizing he was responsible for a tragic accident, Rogerson knelt beside the prone, fatally wounded victim and cried out: "I've shot a human being. Oh God. Why does God allow this to happen?"

Killed by a single shot from Rogerson's hunting rifle was Karen Ann Wood, a 37-year old mother of one-year-old twins living in Hermon, Maine, a small town near Bangor. She was shot while walking in the woods 130 feet behind her house at mid-afternoon.

Wood was wearing a dark blue coat and white mittens at the time. Rogerson says he mistook the mittens for a deer's tail — and some of his defenders assign part of the blame to Wood for what they characterize as

dangerously inappropriate attire.

Indeed, some non-hunters fear for their lives if they venture into the woods during hunting season without wearing at least one garment colored blaze orange. "Hunters think that if it isn't fluorescent orange, it must be a deer," says one.

"I don't go down in the fields after the (hunting) season starts unless I've got on enough orange to attract a blind man's attention," says another.

Others fear even the brightly colored clothing may not protect them. "You don't go into the woods from Labor Day until it's time to get your Christmas tree," says one Maine woman. "No exceptions."

Here in North Carolina, as in other states, restrictions on discharging firearms close to homes and other dwellings often are imposed by cities, counties and other jurisdictions.

But the distances vary widely, from 300 to 1,000 feet. Moreover, hunters too often are unfamiliar with the local laws, the location of nearby buildings — and the proximity of fellow hunters and others in the woods.

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Commuter plane crashes in Alabama, killing 13 and injuring four

By HOYT HARWELL
Associated Press Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A commuter plane coming in for a landing during an electrical storm plowed into two houses, killing 13 people on board and scattering terrified residents. Four people on the ground were hurt, none seriously.

L'Express Flight 508, carrying two crew members and 13 passengers, went down Wednesday evening five miles outside Municipal Airport on a flight from New Orleans via Mobile, authorities said. The pilot and one passenger survived.

The twin-engine turboprop smashed into a home, slid across the street and plowed into another house where L.V. Hendking, his wife, Susan, and their niece Carolyn McCreary were watching television.

"I heard a loud boom and then heard glass shattering," Ms. McCreary said. "I went into the kitchen and there was a man in there with his head on fire. He said, 'Get out! There's been a plane crash!'"

Mrs. Hendking said she threw a towel on the man's head, and everyone ran out to escape flames engulfing the house. It was not immediately known if the man was the surviving passenger, Mabry Rogers, 43, a lawyer from Mountain Brook.

Police Capt. Bill Gaut said Rogers was walking around in a daze when he was rescued. He was reported in stable condition at a hospital today with a broken leg.

The pilot, Francis Fernandes, 54, of Niceville, Fla., was in stable condition with head and chest injuries, authorities said. Residents found him about 70 feet from the crash site. He was bleeding profusely.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known but a storm had been going through the area at the time.

"There was lots of high winds and thunder and lightning. The rain had just begun to come down," said police Sgt. Elvis Kennedy.

Susan Coughlin, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board team sent to the crash site, said this morning that the cockpit voice recorder was found. Investigators had thought there was no cockpit voice recorder on the plane — they are not required on commuter planes — "but they looked and found it," she said.

Investigators toured the crash carnage this morning, viewing the living room of one home where the plane sheared away a wall, leaving furniture in view from outside, including a lamp with a piece of the plane on it. A

police officer told investigators that several of the victims, including an infant, were found in a pile in the living room.

L'Express President Bruce Nobles said the pilot contacted the control tower shortly before the 6:12 p.m. crash and gave no indication of any problems with the plane.

The Beechcraft C-99 was 6 or 7 years old and was bought about 10 days earlier from Beech Aircraft in Wichita, Kan., where it underwent major refurbishment, Nobles said.

L'Express filed for a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition seeking a reorganization of its finances in January. But Nobles said the company's financial difficulties have not compromised its safety and maintenance programs.

Witnesses said the plane swerved as it came down in what may have been an attempt by the pilot to avoid the houses.

Nobles said the passenger list probably would be released late today.

In addition to the two houses hit by the plane, 13 were damaged by fire and debris, authorities said.

"I was standing on my front porch and it was coming straight toward me," said Helen Crowe, 65, who lives two doors down from the crash site. "I just thank the Lord I'm alive."

Todd Bennett, 30, who arrived at the burning wreckage before rescue workers, said passengers were in flames when he got close enough to see them.

"There were two people sitting up still in their seats, and they were burning," he said. "It didn't even look real."

"I didn't expect to see anybody alive in that plane. You couldn't see them for the flames, and you couldn't hear any screams," he said. "It was burning pretty good. As soon as it hit, it just went up in flames."

The plane's blackened hulk lay amid the rubble early today as rescuers began removing the bodies of the victims.

The Hendkings and McCreary were treated at a hospital for minor injuries and released. An 81-year-old man, Leon Warren, who lived in the first house struck by the plane, was in fair condition with minor burns, authorities said.

Carl Tackett, a L'Express vice president, said from the carrier's New Orleans headquarters that it was the airline's first crash since it began service in August 1989. L'Express operates in Louisiana, Alabama and Texas.



(AP Laserphoto)

Birmingham firefighters climb over the wreckage of L'Express Flight 508 after it crashed into two homes Wednesday.

'Little chance' seen for stopping base closings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disgruntled lawmakers say they'll try to block the closing of military installations, but Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell says there is "little chance" of stopping the action.

Bush signed off Wednesday on the recommendations of an independent panel, which targeted 34 facilities for closure by 1997. The president sent the report to Congress, where some lawmakers registered immediate protests.

Among them was Mitchell, a Maine Democrat who is upset by the decision to close Loring Air Force Base in his state.

"I strongly disagree with the

president's decision ... and I am disappointed that the president did not even give myself and other members of the (Maine) delegation the courtesy of the meeting we requested," Mitchell said.

Bush declared "total acceptance" of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's report. He praised the panel for avoiding political pressure and said any community affected could be expected to "raise Cain about it."

Congress has 45 days to approve or reject the package. It cannot amend the document, meaning lawmakers must cast a "take-it-or-leave-it" vote.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., upset over the proposed closing of the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and Naval Station, introduced legislation to kill the panel's list.

Lawmakers from Pennsylvania and New Jersey have also filed a lawsuit in federal court against the closing.

Commission chairman Jim Courter, a former New Jersey congressman, predicted the report would "receive the blessing of Congress" after much lobbying.

Mitchell agreed. "There is little chance that Congress will be able to override the president's decision," he said.

Nigerian jetliner crashes on take-off at Saudi airport; 261 believed dead

By MOHAMMED IBRAHIM
For The Associated Press

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A DC-8 jetliner carrying Muslim pilgrims home to Nigeria crashed in flames today just moments after takeoff, officials and witnesses said.

At least 261 people were aboard, and all were believed killed.

The plane had just taken off when the pilot called the King Abdul-Aziz International Airport control tower to say he had "technical trouble" and was returning, said airport and other sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Other aviation sources, who also would not be identified, said the pilot reported fire in the plane's landing gear. They said he was advised to dump his fuel and return, but the plane exploded into pieces before he could.

If all aboard were killed, it would be the world's 10th worst commercial aviation disaster.

The plane was chartered from Nationair, a Montreal-based carrier. The company did not immediately give other details, including who chartered the aircraft.

The Saudi government said it was leased by Nigerian Airways. A Nigerian Airways spokesman in

London, however, said the plane was leased to Holtrade, a private Nigerian airline.

There also were conflicting reports on the number of people on board.

Nationair said there were 250 Muslim passengers and a crew of 14, all Canadians. The Saudi government said the plane carried 247 pilgrims and 14 crew members. An agent at Nareen Travel in Jiddah, which arranged for the charter, said the jet carried a crew of 16, plus 248 passengers.

Witnesses said they saw, from a considerable distance, smoke and fire coming from the plane as it flew low over the runway. They said they thought it had caught fire as it was taking off.

One of the witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he later ran as close as he could get to the site and found "the plane crashed to the ground, and flames shooting into the air as high as six-story buildings."

He said the plane was "certainly all small pieces, no big pieces around."

The witness said the scene had turned into "a medley of trailers, ambulances, fire brigades, cars. ... They are trying to put out the flames and pick up the remains of the bodies."

The Nigerians were on their way home from performing the ritual known as the hajj, required of every able-bodied Muslim once in his or her life.

The ritual involves visiting the holy cities of Mecca and Medina via the route taken by the Prophet Mohammed when he established the religion of Islam about 14 centuries ago.

About 2 million Muslims — including hundreds of thousands of foreigners — performed this year's hajj, which climaxed June 21.

The pilgrims spend weeks preparing for their arrival, and it can also take weeks for them to depart.

The hajj is usually marked by trouble, either political disputes or security problems that arise from accommodating the large numbers of pilgrims.

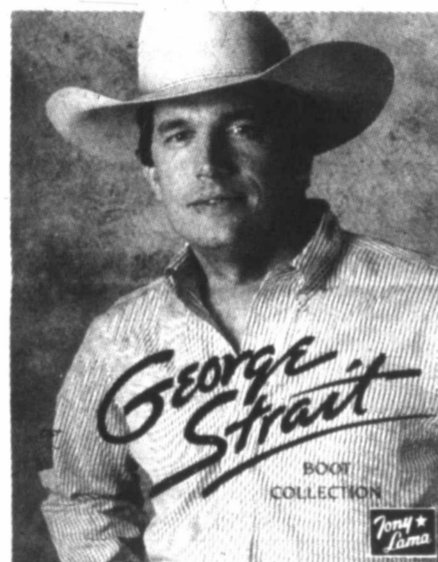
But this year the hajj had passed without incident. Last year, 1,426 pilgrims died in a stampede in a tunnel connecting sites at Mecca.

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Interested in Lake McClellan improvements? There's a group forming

I received a call from County Commissioner Gerald Wright yesterday. What he had to say may interest a number of people, not just those in Gray County but also many others throughout the Panhandle who are interested in the maintenance of Lake McClellan.

As you may remember, earlier this year, just a couple of months or so ago, it seemed that the lake was on the verge of drying up, or at least dwindling to become McClellan Pond. A good series of rains since then has brought the lake up to above normal depth, seeming to stave off that dire possibility, at least for this year.

But major problems remain, mainly a need to dredge out the lake to deepen it and thus help it maintain water longer to keep it over the dry spells. And those dry spells come quite regularly in this country.

In meetings with U.S. Forest Service officials, budget problems came up. In short, due to cutbacks in federal outlays, along with the long-term period needed to push any proposal through the government bureaucracy, the money hasn't been allocated yet to take care of the problems, and may not be for a few years yet.

But the Forest Service officials indicated that they have no objection to any group getting together to help raise funds and thus get work started earlier on the lake.

To that end, Gerald said, there will be a meeting at 7 p.m. next Thursday, July 18, in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse to discuss the formation of such a group.

Working closely on the Lake McClellan problems has been John D. Crowell, coordinator for the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council. Working out of the Soil Conservation Service office in Pampa, John's been busy coordinating a lot of the discussions and meetings revolving around the problems at the lake, working to get various groups, individuals and government agencies involved in finding solutions.

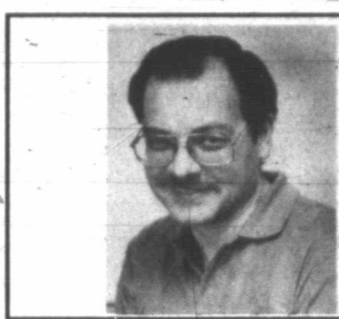
This group is one of the routes John sees as helping to bring about improvements at the lake, since he feels citizen input and support is very essential to the project's success.

Next week's meeting is open to anyone who is concerned with the deterioration of Lake McClellan and who would want to get involved in helping to find solutions.

The group will be formed as a non-profit organization to raise funds for dredging the lake and helping with other improvements. I know John Etchison, the lake concessionaire who brought the problems to my attention, would like to see some RV hookups, among other things, to help attract more travelers over to the lake from I-40.

Officers will be elected for the group and by-laws for its operation will be set at the meeting. Tracey Warner, local attorney, will be helping with the paperwork to get the organization off the ground, and local CPA David Smith will also be assisting.

Reggie Blackwell, U.S. Forest Service district ranger with the Black Kettle National Grassland



About town

By Larry D. Hollis
Managing Editor

office in Cheyenne, Okla., will be on hand to discuss the lake renovation proposals currently in the study stages and to answer any questions.

Gerald said the group, after its organization, will be involved in seeking grants and donations and otherwise finding fund-raising programs to gain the money needed to keep the lake as one of the Panhandle's beauty spots.

But for the group to have much impact, there needs to be a broad base of support. So if you have any interest in the Lake McClellan, free up a couple of hours next Thursday to attend the meeting. Gerald said he's hoping to see the courtroom filled up to show the support that exists for making needed improvements at the lake.

Gerald said those wanting to attend the meeting can enter the courthouse through the east door, which will be unlocked.

So see ya there.

Talking of Lake McClellan, longtime area resident Walter Elliott of Lefors called me up a few weeks ago to chat about the lake.

He was living at Kellerville at the time Lake McClellan was developed and dammed, back in the late

1930s. It began storing water behind the dam in June of 1940.

Walter said he remembers when the trees were brought in and placed around the lake. His wife's father was among those who helped bring the trees in.

As a scoutmaster at McLean, he used to take a number of boys camping at Lake McClellan, he recalled.

He pointed out to me where the lake's watershed lies - basically, between the Santa Fe and Rock Island railway lines (U.S. 60 and I-40) west of the lake. That's generally the area east of Panhandle, south of White Deer and north of Groom.

I went to check it out on a detailed area map we have hanging on a door here in the office and, yep, there it was - the McClellan Creek drainage. I also learned from the map that North McClellan Creek, which lies basically in the center of Gray County, does not feed into Lake McClellan. Instead, it joins up with McClellan Creek after it leaves the lake, and the joined stream flows on over into Oklahoma.

Amazing the things you can still learn even after living most of your life in Gray County.

Walter, who has served on the Lefors City Council, disputes claims

that live water from springs fed into the lake. He says early residents claim there was never any live water that created a lake, and added that there really wasn't much of a lake to even talk about until the lake was developed and dammed up. He says there is a good bit of live water below the lake, though, east of the dam.

But he's one who feels efforts should be made to keep the lake now that we have it.

An oddity of the Panhandle I've noticed:

As I was coming back from Amarillo last night, I encountered sporadic rain, and could tell it also had rained earlier along U.S. 60. Then, between Panhandle and White Deer, I could see what looked like thousands of little gray masses showing up on the pavement in my headlights.

My first thought was that it was gravel, but I hadn't noticed it on my way over to Amarillo and couldn't imagine it having been laid after I had passed earlier. Then I thought maybe it was hail left from the earlier storms, except the small masses weren't quite white enough to be that. And then I noticed some members of the mass were moving, and hopping.

Yep, there it was - another moving mass of small frogs crossing the highway. I won't go into details, but many of the little creatures lost their lives on U.S. 60 last night as the traffic moved unconcernedly along the road. I have great respect for animal life, but I certainly wasn't going to try dodging all the individual frogs, that's for sure. Dogs, cats,

deers and other such creatures, yes - small stupid frogs, no.

It's a situation I've encountered several times over my three decades as a driver in this area. But it never ceases to amaze me - just where do those thousands of small frogs come from?

Sure, I know there are those depressions and playa lakes off to the sides that occasionally fill up from the rains. But I never would think that they could produce, much less sustain, those thousands of small creatures in such an unstable existence so dependent upon our variable spring and early summer rains.

What amazes me more, however, is, what the heck are those stupid frogs doing trying to cross the highway at night anyway? (Actually, I guess it wouldn't be any easier for them in the daytime, either, but then I've never seen the frogs doing it in the daytime, only at night.)

I've heard of lemmings and their suicidal mass movements running off cliffs in a large mass to drown in the ocean, but I have never read anything about suicidal frog migrations. Or did I just happen to miss that lesson in my biology classes?

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President Bush reappoints Alan Greenspan to head Federal Reserve Board

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush said Wednesday he will appoint Alan Greenspan to a second term as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, endorsing the central bank's efforts to lift the economy from recession.

He praised Greenspan for his skill in juggling the competing economic concerns of keeping inflation low while stimulating growth.

"He has done an outstanding job," Bush said. "... He's been a fierce fighter against inflation, but I think he also is as strongly committed to growth."

He said Greenspan's reappointment, which is subject to confirmation by the Senate, "certainly should be a reassuring signal not only to domestic markets but to world markets."

The announcement, although withheld until Greenspan had only a month left in his four-year term, was expected.

"The markets would have been really, really upset if he hadn't been reappointed," said economist Jay Goldinger of Capital Insight Inc. in Beverly Hills, Calif. "Markets like predictability and a new Fed chairman would have brought a lot of uncertainty into the economy."

Over the past year, as the economy sunk into its first recession in eight years, Bush and his senior advisers have constantly pressured Greenspan and his fellow board members to stimulate an economic recovery by quickly and steeply lowering interest rates.

Central bank officials, however, have resisted loosening credit as forcefully as the administration had wanted, fearing that would lead to resurgent inflation.

At a news conference earlier in the day, Bush said

he had "high regard" for Greenspan but had been too busy to focus on reappointing the 65-year-old economist.

He waited until the financial markets closed to make his announcement.

Bush's triumvirate of top economic advisers - Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers Michael Boskin and budget director Richard Darman - joined the president and Greenspan in the White House briefing room for the announcement.

Greenspan, whose current term expires Aug. 11, told reporters that he believed the recession had ended.

"I think the evidence is increasing week by week, that the bottom is passed and the economy is beginning to move up. We still do not know how rapid the recovery is or the underlying strength of it, but I think it's a pretty safe bet at this stage to conclude the decline is behind us," Greenspan said.

In the last month, various economic indicators have given signals of an upturn in the economy, ranging from higher retail sales to increased output at the nation's factories. Even so, unemployment last month reached its five-year high of 7 percent.

Bush said he believed Greenspan shared his view that economic growth is important.

"I wouldn't be standing next to Chairman Greenspan ... if I didn't have full confidence. That isn't to say that you're never going to have differences," Bush said.

Both Bush and Greenspan sidestepped questions of whether the Fed should work to further reduce interest rates.

Greenspan is a longtime consultant to Republican presidents and one of Bush's tennis partners. He served

as chief economic adviser in Gerald Ford's White House. In 1987, Ronald Reagan appointed him to succeed Paul Volcker as chairman of the seven-member board governing the central bank.

Only two months after taking the job, Greenspan faced the October 1987 stock market crash. He received high marks for his handling of the crisis. He encouraged banks to keep loans flowing to cash-strapped stock brokers and later loosened credit to cushion the crash's blow on the economy.

Before Wednesday's announcement, financial mar-

ket analysts had speculated that the renomination was delayed to maintain pressure on the central bank to keep interest rates low.

Bush's announcement came a day after *The Wall Street Journal* reported that Fed officials decided in a closed-door meeting last week not to lower their money growth targets.

In the past, the Fed has regularly reduced the targets in an effort to fight inflation, but officials reportedly believed a further reduction would endanger the economic recovery.

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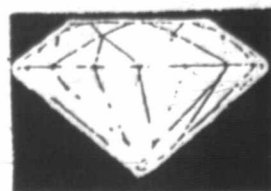
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Top spymaster accused in Iran-Contra cover-up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once, Clair George was the spymaster, the man who oversaw the CIA's espionage networks around the world. And he retired untainted by any of the murmurings of shame that swirled around others in his shadowy profession.

But now, the CIA's ex-deputy chief for operations stands accused by a former subordinate of covering up the Iran-Contra affair from Congress.

The 4 1/2-year-old scandal has been revived by allegations from ex-CIA officer Alan Fiers that George and others at the CIA knew about the diversion of Iran arms-sale money to the Nicaraguan rebels months before it was publicly exposed.

And Fiers said it was on instructions from George that the CIA hid the existence of Oliver North's Contra resupply network from Congress in October 1986.

George was untouched by the by Iran-Contra controversy when he left the agency in 1987. He is now a security consultant for various corporations in the Washington area. He did not return a reporter's call to his home on Wednesday.

George was well liked by many colleagues at the CIA, loathed by others, and served at CIA stations in Europe, the Far East and Africa during a three-decade career.

"Clair is colorful, tough, self-confident, everything a good operations case officer should be," said David Whipple, executive director of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers and a former CIA official.

George had thinly disguised contempt for congressional restrictions that barred the CIA from providing military aid to the Contras in 1985 and 1986.

"America looks ridiculous to legalize a war in such detail," George told congressional investigators in 1987.

A still-secret report by the inspector general of the CIA reportedly praises George for doing his best to adhere to congressional restrictions barring the agency from supplying military assistance to the Contras in 1985 and 1986. Congress approved

humanitarian aid. It was OK to provide certain kinds of intelligence.

But guns and ammo were out, and those items became the province of North's secret network — which Fiers now alleges that George arranged to hide.

A plane in North's operation was shot down over Nicaragua on Oct. 5, 1986, and Fiers says he planned to tell an inquiring Congress how a humanitarian aid network had been transformed by North into a lethal resupply operation.

"Mr. George ... stated that he wanted to avoid giving the level of detail suggested by Mr. Fiers about the genesis of the lethal resupply program," said a government summary of information Fiers has supplied to prosecutors.

Disclosing the information would "put the spotlight" on the administration of then President Ronald Reagan and thus reveal Lt. Col. North's involvement in the operation, George allegedly told Fiers.

The office of independent counsel Lawrence Walsh suggested to George several weeks ago that he ought to get himself a lawyer, one non-government source said.

Mary Belcher, a spokeswoman for Walsh's office, declined to confirm that or to comment on any aspect of the investigation.

George's career at the CIA got a big boost a decade ago when William Casey became the agency's director.

George can be charming, one reason Casey picked him to take over congressional relations for the CIA.

But George was miscast in the role as Capitol Hill schmoozer.

George's former boss, Robert Gates, explained why in a recent biography, *Casey*, by author Joseph E. Persico.

"Clair ... reinforced all of Casey's worst instincts," Gates was quoted as saying in Persico's book. "Their attitude toward the Hill was 'screw 'em.' And that attitude communicated itself throughout the operations directorate — don't tell Congress anything unless you're driven to the wall."

Saddam still has nuclear dreams for Iraq

By MICHAEL HIRSH
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — For 20 years, Saddam Hussein has struggled to build a nuclear program that would give him security in Middle East power politics.

Today, though his military power is devastated and Iraq's economy is gasping, many experts believe he hasn't given up.

What Saddam has striven for above all is parity with the West, and with his arch-enemy, Israel. One way to do that was to build a million-man army and surround himself with high-tech weaponry.

But experts and diplomatic sources said the Iraqi leader wanted to become the first Arab nuclear power, something that would represent a widespread longing in the Arab world.

This ambition may explain why despite Saddam's cooperation with most U.N. cease-fire terms, no matter how humiliating, his government has stalled and thwarted U.N. attempts to get at Iraq's nuclear program.

On Monday, faced with a renewed U.S. military threat to his battered regime, Saddam appeared to capitulate by revealing for the first time an extensive, sophisticated program to manufacture weapons-grade uranium.

U.N. inspectors are now free to view it and destroy it, as the cease-fire resolution permits them to do.

But Western observers are accepting the new move less as a capitulation than as further evidence of Saddam's dangerous penchant for brinkmanship — for getting away with as much as he can, as he did during the Persian Gulf crisis.

Nuclear experts now say they underestimated the advancement of Iraq's nuclear weapons program.

And believed hidden somewhere in Iraq — and not divulged on Monday's list of new sites and equipment — are up to 88 pounds of highly enriched uranium that could form the nucleus of a future program.

"Over the last 48 hours the consensus has emerged that there was a lot more stuff produced with calutrons (electromagnetic separation devices), probably enough for a bomb," Leonard Spector, a highly regarded nuclear analyst, said Wednesday by telephone from New York.

"What's new is that initially there was a tendency to be dismissive of what Iraq had ... that it was just a false start," Spector said. "Now there's a sober realization there's more of a danger ... that once the dust settles they've got something to play with."

The Iraqi list disclosed 30 electromagnetic separation devices as part of a nationwide network of three parallel programs for enriching uranium to bomb-grade. But Spector said it is believed Iraq has more.

Dimitri Perricos, chief of a 37-member U.N. nuclear inspection team here, said the Iraqis have been more cooperative than ever in numerous site visits since Monday.

But he was cautious in saying he could not yet judge how far along Iraq's nuclear program had been before the Gulf War.

Perricos said he has seen nothing yet that would counter the U.S. view that a bomb was several years off. A full analysis will take months.

"We're not going home until we've seen it

all, or at least had a good first look," he said at his Baghdad hotel Wednesday night.

Saddam's nuclear schemes began in the early 1970s, shortly after he took power. They took on added urgency in June 1981, when Israeli jets destroyed the French-built Osirak nuclear reactor near Baghdad.

"I think his determination will remain. He's not a man just to be humiliated in such a way and give up. He never gives up," said Jawad Hashim, who was Saddam's planning minister and adviser from 1968 to 1977.

Hashim, who now lives in London, said in a telephone interview that "after the Israeli raid he started to work on the three parallel programs as a matter of deception."

"Taking into account that he has been working on that since the 1970s, he probably must have that quantity" of bomb-grade uranium, Hashim said.

William Quandt, a Mideast analyst at the Brookings Institute in Washington, said that in the push for nuclear weapons capability, Saddam represents a widespread Arab desire.

"There's real resentment that among the Third World countries only the Arabs are going to be denied this badge of status," he said by telephone.

"One has to take seriously that this man is what he professes to be. He sees himself as leader in the Arab world."

Whatever Saddam may be hiding, few give him much chance of realizing his nuclear dreams now.

"It could be a moot point," said Spector. "The U.N. resolution calls for permanent monitoring. People are going to keep going after him."

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Yeltsin sworn in



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Boris Yeltsin, the first popularly-elected president of the Russian Republic, takes the oath of office Wednesday at the Kremlin in Moscow. The Russian flag hangs at left, with the Russian Constitution and the Declaration of Sovereignty on the table in the foreground. Yeltsin has overcome resistance from Communist hardliners to take over the reins of the republic's government during the changes brought on by reforms instituted under Mikhail Gorbachev.

Bush lifts U.S. sanctions against South Africa

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush lifted economic sanctions against South Africa on Wednesday, citing clear progress toward racial equality there. He declared, "We expect progress to continue."

Bush said his action was "the right thing to do" despite sharp criticism from civil rights groups and leading Democrats. South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela was also said to have told Bush he was acting prematurely.

The move ended five years of U.S. sanctions that forced U.S. businesses out of South Africa, dried up trade and contributed to the white-ruled nation's economic isolation.

The president, at a White House news conference, called on rival factions to work together to "help build a new South Africa."

He credited South African President F.W. de Klerk with overseeing a "profound transformation" of South Africa toward dismantling decades of apartheid laws that segregated the black majority from the white minority.

"This is a moment in history which many believed would never be attained," Bush said.

The president also said he would double U.S. assistance to black South Africans to \$80 million for housing, economic development and education programs.

Civil rights groups and key Democrats said that Bush had acted too hastily in removing the economic sanctions and that they should remain until reforms are complete.

"I think we've sent a terrible message. It's reprehensibly premature," said the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., said that despite Pretoria's reforms, "the most important element — political rights — has not been achieved. Some additional encouragement, pressure is needed."

Bush disagreed. "The time has come to do it," he said.

Before announcing the decision, Bush called Mandela, the new president of the African National Congress.

He said he told Mandela lifting sanctions was "the right thing to do in order to encourage continued change in his country" and help blacks prosper.

The president did not convey Mandela's reaction, but Herman Cohen, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, later told reporters that Mandela told Bush he disagreed.

"He felt it was premature," Cohen said. In a wide-ranging news conference, Bush also:

— Said he suspects Saddam Hussein still has not come "totally clean" about Iraq's nuclear weapons capacity and warned anew that the United States was deadly serious about eliminating it.

— Reiterated support for two controversial nominees — Judge Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court and Deputy National Security Adviser Robert M. Gates to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

— Approved plans to close 34 military installations by 1997 as a Pentagon cost-cutting move. Congress has 45 days to approve the recommendations or reject them, but cannot make any changes.

— Said a decision is near on whether to reappoint Alan Greenspan chairman of the Federal Reserve. Officials have said privately Greenspan will get another four-year term.

On South Africa, Bush said that all conditions set by the U.S. sanctions law passed in 1986 had been met by the Pretoria government, including the release of political prisoners.

The right to vote for blacks was not among the five conditions.

The 1986 law gave the president the power to lift the sanctions once he determined five conditions had been met. It did not provide for congressional review.

Democratic leaders groused but admitted there was little they could do to overturn the decision, short of starting from scratch with a new law to impose new sanctions — a step few advocated.

Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., chief sponsor of the

sanctions law, said Bush's action violated the law's intent as "apartheid continues and the black majority of South Africans cannot vote and cannot hold office."

But Dellums said it would be nearly impossible to put together a veto-proof majority to pass a new law.

Congress overrode a veto by President Reagan in 1986 to impose the sanctions. Bush, then vice president, has argued all along that the major victims of the sanctions are young, jobless blacks.

"I can't say that sanctions had no effects" on South Africa's racial progress, Bush said, but he suggested the impact had been minimal.

The State Department said it expected an increase in trade and U.S. investment to flow from Bush's decision.

The sanctions prohibited the import of South African coal, textiles, iron, steel and agricultural products. They also banned export of American crude oil to South Africa and prevented South African Airways from flying into the United States.

Left in place were a set of sanctions that existed before the 1986 law — including a ban on arms sales to South Africa and sharp restrictions on Export-Import bank loans to South African business.

Bush said those restrictions would stand for now.

Bush said he would talk to de Klerk today and tell him "we expect progress to continue."

He praised the South African president for freeing Mandela from a long imprisonment, for legalizing once-banned political parties and for leading the effort to repeal apartheid laws.

Bush's action was the latest step in growing international gestures toward re-establishing normal relations with South Africa.

The 12-nation European Community moved last April to lift its economic sanctions. On Tuesday South Africa was cleared to rejoin Olympic sports competition.

A South African representative was also signing a Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty on Wednesday at a State Department ceremony. U.S. officials said it would clear the way for trade in some nuclear materials with South Africa not related to weapons production.

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Lifestyles



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Patty Baggett finishes a rodeo flag for *The Pampa News*. The flag is a taffeta type material and is finished on both sides.

Patty Baggett is Pampa's own Betsy Ross

Patty Baggett stands up to sew in her country-style kitchen. She is known around town for her skill in sewing and craft work, but beginning last year she took on a new project—making rodeo flags.

She began by making a red and black 3'X5' flag for Wayne's Western Wear, then completed another white with brown for Panhandle Industrial. This year, she completed black and white rodeo flags for National Bank of Commerce and *The Pampa News*.

Baggett detailed how she goes about making the rodeo flags. The flags are made of a taffeta like fabric which is heavy enough to drape well, but light enough to be carried by the breeze. A logo is supplied by the business needing the flag. The logo is enlarged on a copy machine until it is the proper size to fit the flag. Baggett cuts out the paper pattern pieces, ready to use. She presses the fabric used for the flag letters onto a fusible polyweb. Baggett then traces the letter patterns onto the paper backing of the polyweb. The letter

shapes are cut out. She presses the fusible side of the polyweb onto the main part of the flag and stitches around the letter edges using a long applique stitch. She says this type stitch gives the smoothest finish and minimizes puckering.

After the letters are stitched on, she adds a stiffener to the left side of the flag, then serges three sides and most of the fourth side. She turns the flag to the right side, finishes the last edge, installs three eyelets and presses. Both sides of the flag are lettered, giving a completed look.

"I didn't even know if I could do it," she said. "I just tried it and this is what I came up with."

Baggett said she began in seventh grade sewing Barbie clothes. By ninth grade she made her own clothing. She said her mother always sewed alot and she developed an interest in it.

Baggett said, "I had three fabulous teachers, my mother, Mrs. Skaggs, and my mistakes."

Pampa college students receive awards

The Amarillo Area Foundation has awarded scholarships and awards to area students for the 1991-92 academic school year, announced Sandra Gilliland, chairman of the foundation's scholarship committee.

The scholarships/award represent a variety of donor interests including academic, accounting, athletics, medical and service. The recipients for the J.W. Gordon, Jr. and Betty C. Gordon Scholarship

were recommended by the Board of Trustees of The First United Methodist Church, Pampa, and approved by the Amarillo Area Foundation Board of Directors.

The J.W. Gordon, Jr., and Betty C. Gordon Scholarship was established in November, 1986. The recipient must be a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pampa and preferably attend McMurry College. This year's recipients of the \$1,000 awards are:

Mark S. Brown, McMurry College; Rebecca Jane Reid, University of North Carolina; Connie Beth Chisum and Steve Donnell, West Texas State University.

Jennifer D. Bailey will be the recipient of an \$800 award. She plans to attend Angelo State University. Renewal recipients are Leslie Bailey and David Brown attending McMurry College. All recipients are graduates of Pampa High School.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Teens out looking for jobs may need a new attitude

DEAR ABBY: It's summer vacation time, and many high school graduates probably are still out looking for jobs. Two or three years ago, you published some good advice for young people on how to dress, how to act and what to say when applying for a job. I cut it out to save, and now I can't find it. I have a grandson I want to send it to. Please print it again. It could help me and a lot of young people. Thank you.

DULUTH GRANDPARENT

think he'll keep his eyes open and work for me like he'd work for himself.

"He was willing to start at that point where I could afford to pay. Someday, perhaps, he'll get to the point where he'll have more authority over others and a better paycheck."

"You know, kid, men have always had to get a job like you get a girl: case the situation, wear a clean shirt and try to appear reasonably willing."

"Maybe jobs aren't as plentiful right now, but there are jobs. You may not believe it, but all around you employers are looking for young men and women smart enough to go after a job in the old-fashioned way."

"If you have even the vaguest idea of what I'm trying to say, let it show the next time you ask for a job. You will be head and shoulders above the rest."

"For both our sakes, get eager, will you?"

THE BOSS

DEAR GRANDPARENT: The advice to which you refer first appeared in William Raspberry's column. He quoted Karen Rak, a high school English teacher in Strongsville, Ohio, who composed a letter from an employer to let youthful job seekers see themselves as they are seen. I am pleased to print it again. It deserves as much exposure as it can get:

"DEAR KID: Today you came to me for a job. From the look of your shoulders as you walked out, I suspect you've been turned down before, and maybe you believe by now that kids your age can't find jobs."

"But I hired a teen-ager today. You saw him. What was so special about him? Not experience; neither of you had any. Attitude, son. A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E. He did his best to impress me. That is where he edged you out."

"He wasn't dressed like Easter Sunday, but then that wasn't necessary. His clothes were clean, and he had gotten a haircut. He filled out the application form neatly and completely. He did not ask to borrow a pen. He carried his Social Security card, had basic identification and did not ask, 'What's a reference?'"

"He didn't start to chew gum or smoke while being interviewed. He didn't keep looking at his watch, giving me the impression that he had something more important to do."

"He took the time to find out how we operate here and what his day-to-day tasks would be. I

DEAR ABBY: I'm getting married this fall, and I am faced with a difficult question. I am having a large formal wedding, but I do not know who should walk me down the aisle. My father died when I was very young, and I am not really close to any other male family members.

Would it be appropriate for my mother to walk me down the aisle? If not, whom would you recommend?

K.K. IN BOULDER, COLO.

DEAR K.K.: Of course your mother may walk you down the aisle. Or you might consider walking halfway down the aisle alone — the groom could meet you in the middle, and together you could make the trek to the altar.

To get Abby's booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)



The Book Report

by
Janette Quarles & Ellen Malone
Lovett Library Staff

Paper Star by Mary-Rose Hayes

In the bestselling tradition of Sidney Sheldon and Judith Krantz, Mary-Rose Hayes's *Paper Star* is a fast-paced, seductive, and thoroughly engrossing story of four friends who set out to conquer Hollywood with youthful gutsiness and raw talent — but nearly lose their dreams on the dark side of the glamorous town.

Vera, "Saint", Arnie, and JoBeth, thrown together at a celebrity party, pledge a friendship that will soon be tested by the seduction and decadence of southern California and all it has to offer them. Style and passion, suspense and betrayal, deadly obsession and tender love all play a part in this intricate tale of friendship and intrigue.

Vortex by Larry Bond

The emotionally charged atmosphere of South Africa becomes the setting of a new epic military thriller. A white South African Defense Force search-and-destroy mission targeted at African National Congress headquarters. A retaliatory attack by ANC guerrillas on a train transporting South Africa's Prime Minister. Two related acts of racist violence in the land of apartheid. Both culminate in the death of South Africa's National Party leaders and in effort by the United States to extinguish the conflagration of apartheid.

Bright Captivity by Eugenia Price

The author who enchanted the world with Savannah Quartet is back with a powerful tale set in Georgia's St. Simon Island in 1812. Combining careful attention to historical fact with her gripping narrative style, Price depicts the story of British officer John Fraser's romance with the daughter of a wealthy American family, Anne Couper. Their affair continues as they travel from London to Scotland and back to Georgia. Price populates her tale with characters from earlier works as well as actual historical personages, creating an unforgettable portrait of love and conflict.

"H" is for Homicide by Sue Grafton

This latest addition to the Kinsey Millhone series pits the lady gumshoe against a spurned lover with murder on his mind. After extricating herself from a dead-end relationship with L.A. gangleader Raymond Mal-

donado, Bibiana Diaz knows her life is in danger. She flees the city, but makes the mistake of raising money the Maldonado way, by pulling an insurance scam. Before long, Kinsey Millhone tracks Bibiana down and learns the hard way that Raymond Maldonado is not the type to bow out gracefully. In fact, Millhone may very well become another victim of love.

Fire in the Belly by Sam Keen

Sam Keen, a leading spokesman in the men's consciousness movement exposes the stereotypes, myths, and evolving roles of contemporary men and presents an alternative vision of virtue and virility for a modern age. *Fire in the Belly* is unique in that it provides ways for men to heal themselves and their relationships with women, each other, their families and the earth.

If You Really Loved Me by Ann Rule

From the author of the bestselling *Small Sacrifices* and *The Stranger Beside Me* comes her most spellbinding true crime story. *If You Really Loved Me* is an amazing tale of a millionaire computer genius who masterminded the murder of his 23-year-old wife by his 14-year-old daughter so that he could collect a million dollars in insurance money and marry his teenage sister-in-law! It's just the tip of the iceberg in this story of a consummate sociopath that's filled with twist, turns, and one surprise after another.

Foxfire: 25 Years edited by Eliot Wigginton

Twenty-five years ago, Georgia teacher Eliot Wigginton began an educational program that brought to the high-school students involved — and to the entire nation — a new appreciation for the artists, crafters, and customs of Appalachia. The program's first quarter century is celebrated in *Foxfire: 25 Years*. Compiled by Rabun Gap, Georgia, high school students and edited by Wigginton, this twenty-fifth anniversary volume profiles the students, teachers, and craftspeople who have shaped and contributed to the Foxfire program from the beginning.

Conversations with former students and Appalachian residents featured in earlier volumes are accompanied by reproductions of some of the crafts spotlighted. The mysterious and enchanting Foxfire light still gleams.

Explaining about community helpers



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Firefighter James Schaub visits with toddlers 18 months through three years old at Happy Times Day Care Center. He explained to them that they should not be frightened by his appearance, but in case of fire, he is there to help.

Mozu, the champion robot sumo wrestler

By 3-2-1 CONTACT
For AP Newsfeatures

What loves to wrestle, has mechanical arms and is both a high-tech whiz and a lean, mean fighting machine? The answer: Mozu, a robot sumo wrestler.

Mozu is one of Japan's newest metallic champions. At six pounds, Mozu is 500 pounds lighter than the heaviest of the real life sumo stars.

(Watching real sumo wrestling is one of Japan's national pastimes.)

The robot — as well as 300 other boxy athletes — competed at the All-Japan Robot Sumo Wrestling Tournament in Tokyo. In a ring, sumo wrestling robots proved their "metal" by outsmarting their opponents.

Under the tournament rules, the small robots couldn't be plugged in while wrestling, and no gasoline

engines were allowed. The sumo wrestlers were divided into two separate categories: those that were controlled by radio and those that could move on their own.

When it was over, many robot designers packed up their robots, vowing to return next year. "I can make him tougher next time," claims one designer whose robot's battery pack popped out during a match. "I'll be back."

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- 18 Small opening in door
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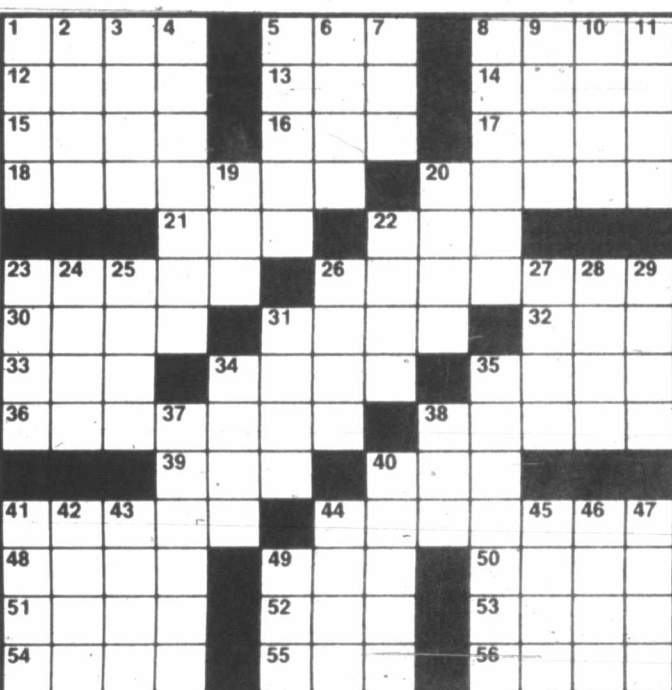
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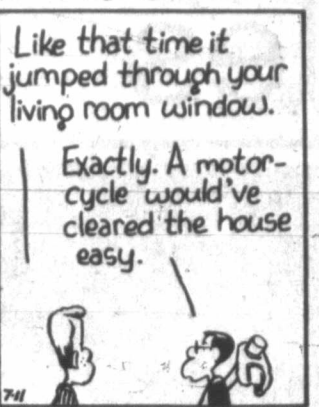
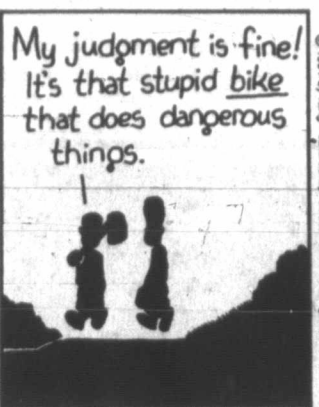
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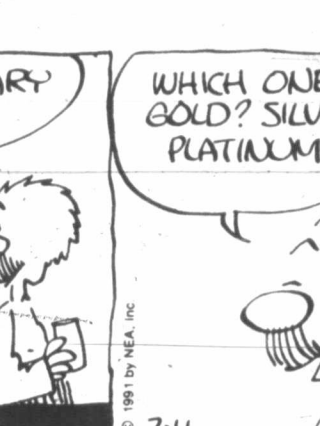
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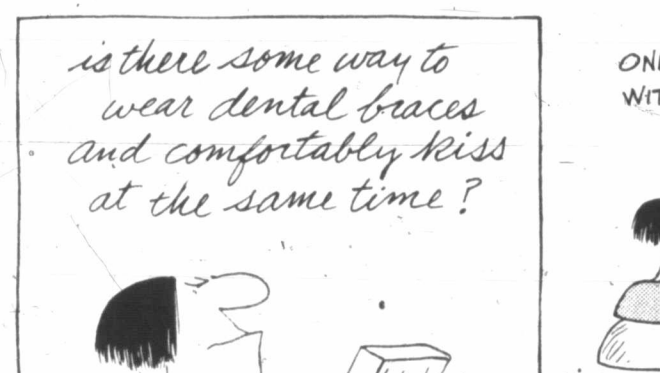
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) If there has been an improvement in your financial affairs recently, you'd be smart not to talk about it in front of a friend who has not yet repaid you an old loan. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences governing you in the year ahead. Send for Cancer's Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Rather than make waves today, you may make some concessions to someone with whom you're closely involved. But be firm when necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're not likely to lack initiative or industriousness today, yet you may not accomplish your objectives; there's a chance you'll use the wrong tools or procedures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The right types of social involvements could do a world of good for your attitude today. However, associating with negative companions will take the edge off your optimism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you challenge someone whose views and opinions are contrary to yours today, nothing of value is likely to be gained. Neither you nor this individual has the power to change the world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your faith in your philosophy of life might be tested and found to be lacking today. It might be wise to ask yourself, "Who is wrong, I or my beliefs?"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A joint venture in which you're involved could work out OK, provided there is parity in all things. Neither should be expected to invest more than the other.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You may request advice from several people today, then do what they told you not to do — in spite of their unanimous opinion. Don't blame them if it doesn't work out.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your productivity will be predicated upon the way you schedule your tasks today. The worst thing you can do is put your most difficult jobs last.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be put in an awkward position today where you have to defend an old friend regarding an issue you don't truly support. Do the best you can, even if your heart isn't in it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's very important that neither you nor your mate air your domestic differences in public today. If you do, both of you could severely tarnish your images.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something you feel enthusiastic about should not be discussed at this time with an associate who is notorious for expressing negative views. It could dampen your outlook.

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By Tom Armstrong

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"No, no, don't let him use our can opener on those hard-to-open trash cans."

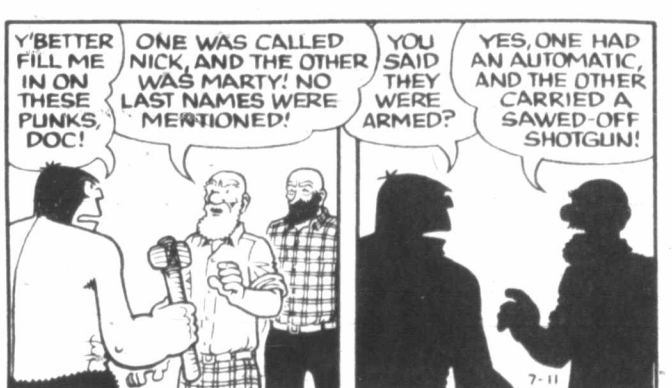
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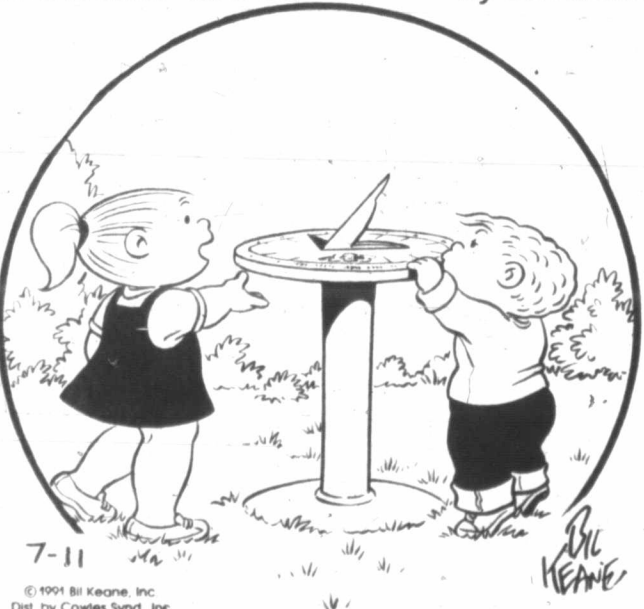
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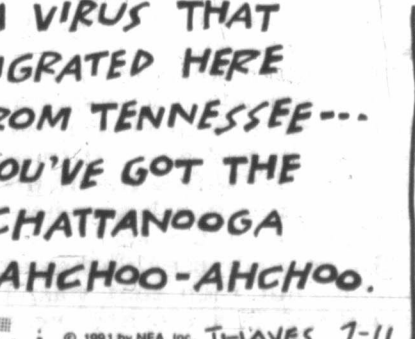
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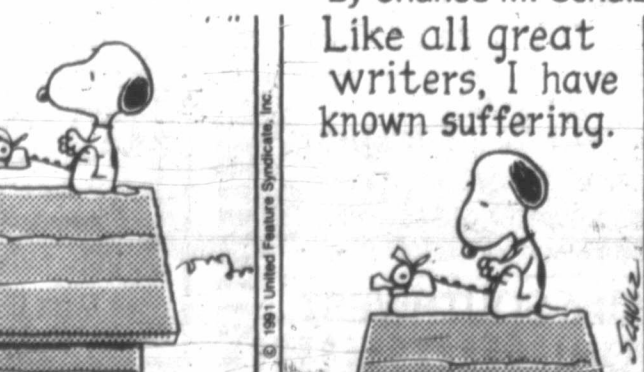
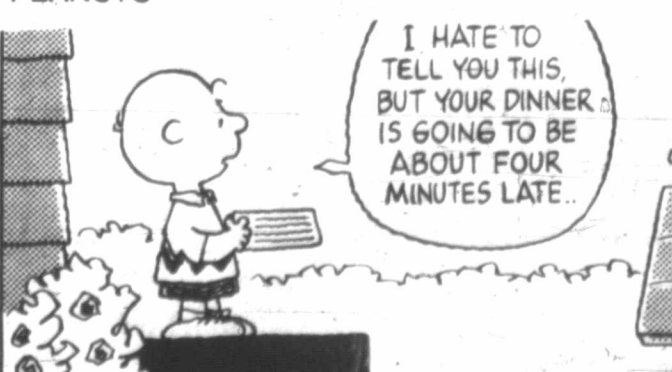
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Sports

Powerhouse bowls form college football alliance

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer
MIAMI (AP) — It could be the best thing that's happened to New Year's Day since the invention of aspirin.

A powerhouse lineup of four major bowls, two conferences and Notre Dame said Wednesday they've formed a coalition to improve the chance that the nation's two top-ranked teams will meet each Jan. 1.

"Most everybody says this sounds like, looks like and smells like it's going to be a great situation," said Harper Davidson, president of the Orange Bowl Committee.

The alliance will include the Orange, Cotton, Sugar and Fiesta bowls, as well as the Atlantic Coast and Big East conferences and Notre Dame. Negotiations began last February on the agreement, which takes effect with the 1992 season.

It could quiet proponents of a playoff system, who complain most loudly when the two top-ranked teams play in different bowl games. That's happened the past three seasons and six of the past eight.

"I've never been in favor of anything beyond the Jan. 1 games," said the Rev. E. William Beauchamp, Notre Dame executive vice president. "If this helps eliminate or reduces further discussion of national championship (playoff) games, I'm for it."

In addition, the mad midseason scramble each year by top bowls to fill out the postseason lineup will become a thing of a past. The

alliance plans to wait until after the final regular-season Associated Press poll in early December to determine its bowl pairings.

"One of the nicest things is that this has got a lot of flexibility," said Jim Brock, executive vice president of the Cotton Bowl. "I think the lateness with which we will decide matchups is better for everyone. It will definitely improve bowl matchups."

The plan, which still must be put into writing, was not without critics.

"The thing is that they're still trying to make a national championship forgetting half the country," Nebraska athletic director Bob Devaney said. "So it's not going to be a real national championship, but it will be a little closer than what we have now."

Under the agreement, the Big Eight Conference will continue to send its champion to the Orange Bowl. The Southwest Conference-Cotton Bowl and Southeastern Conference-Sugar Bowl affiliations will also continue.

After the Big Eight, SWC and SEC champions are determined, the other slots for the four bowl games will be filled by a five-team pool, which will include Notre Dame, the champions of the Big East and ACC, and two other highly ranked at-large teams. The at-large teams could be independents or conference members.

The highest-ranked team in the pool will be invited to the bowl that offers the highest-ranked opponent. For example, if Texas is No. 1 and bound for the Cotton Bowl, the

highest-ranked team in the pool will be invited to play in Dallas on Jan. 1.

Notre Dame has agreed to drop out of the pool if it has a mediocre season. The coalition would then select three at-large teams instead of two.

The Orange, Cotton and Sugar bowls have decades of tradition, which means exclusive company for the 20-year-old Fiesta Bowl. It was chosen for the coalition over the Citrus Bowl and other postseason games.

"Obviously we're pleased and honored and truly excited to have been invited and go forward with this group," said Chuck Johnson, president of the Fiesta Bowl.

Among the factors in choosing the Fiesta Bowl were its location, flexibility in starting time and an annual payout of more than \$6 million, officials said.

The Fiesta Bowl will play host to the national championship game if the five-team pool includes the teams ranked No. 1 and No. 2. Otherwise, the Fiesta Bowl likely will have to settle for the two lowest-ranked teams in the pool.

However, Notre Dame and the champions of the ACC and Big East have the option of declining one bowl's invitation to play in another bowl within the alliance. For example, if Notre Dame plays in the Sugar Bowl three consecutive years, the Fighting Irish might turn down another trip to New Orleans and play in the Fiesta Bowl instead.

The deal doesn't ensure that the two top-ranked teams will meet

each Jan. 1. For example, the No. 1 team might come from the Big Eight and the No. 2 team from the SEC; under that scenario, the alliance has no provision for putting the teams in the same bowl.

"It would probably be handled at the time it came up," Sugar Bowl executive director Mickey Holmes

said. "There are a lot of things that still have to be thought through."

The Rose Bowl, which extends automatic berths to the Pac 10 and Big Ten champions, might also eclipse the new alliance's top matchup. But the last team to emerge from the Rose Bowl as the national champion was Southern

Cal in 1972. Rose Bowl officials held no discussions with members of the alliance.

"We were not approached, nor did we try to approach them," executive director William B. Flinn said. "We feel the Rose Bowl is still the premier Jan. 1 game."



Orange Bowl Committee President W. Harper Davidson Jr. discusses a post-season football alliance in Miami Wednesday.

U.S. Women's Open is screenwriter's dream

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer
FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — With flawed greens, tricky winds and scorching Texas heat, the 46th U.S. Women's Open may not be all peaches and cream for the best of

the LPGA.

But it's a screenwriter's dream. When the curtain drops Sunday, we'll know if Betsy King defied the odds to win an unprecedented third straight Open title. Or if Amy Alcott, with her 30th victory, finally

qualified for the LPGA Hall of Fame.

Will 18-year-old Vickie Goetze, the 1989 U.S. Amateur champion, ride her recent fifth-place finish at Toledo to first place in Fort Worth, becoming only the second amateur in history to win an Open? Will Beth Daniel, No. 2, overtake Pat Bradley, No. 1, on the money list with the \$90,000 top prize?

Can Alice Miller, a budding superstar of the mid-1980s, use her slump-breaking victory at Toledo last week as a springboard to regain her former mastery?

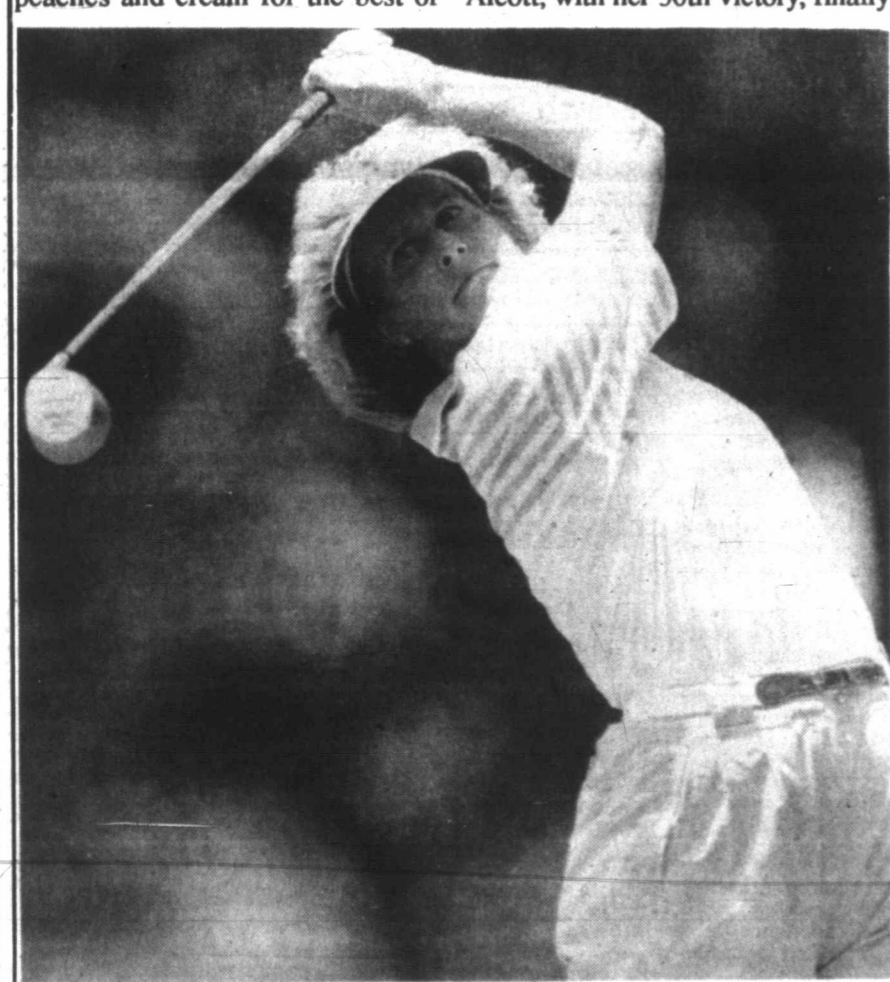
Or, as one scribe wondered, can Jan Stephenson overcome a car wreck, a broken foot, fractured ribs, a shattered finger, back problems, a mugging and a miscarriage and rescue her sagging career?

Finally, perhaps, can Meg Mallon make it two majors in three weeks or will some fresh new face escape with the LPGA's premier prize?

Not unlike Curtis Strange's ballyhooed but futile bid last year for a "threepeat" in the men's U.S. Open, Betsy King's shot at three straight Open crowns is the headline.

"It's been the big press question this year," King conceded somewhat wearily this week before today's opening round. "But why think about it now? If it happens, I'll tell you what it means..."

"I'll be happy when this week's over, no matter what happens." She indicated her chances were not all that good, but did not rule it out and insisted that the problem is not "a mental thing."



(AP Laserphoto)

Betsy King watches her tee shot during a practice round.

Groom, McLean students to participate in Texas 6-Man Coaches Association contests

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Sports Writer

Miller of Groom, will represent Groom High School in the annual 6-Man Coaches Association Texas all-star boys' football game July 20 at Stephenville.

Miller joins 32 selectees Sunday through July 20 at Tarleton State to practice for the 8 p.m. July 20 game in the school's gym.

During his Groom High School career, Miller was a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students, was selected an All-District football player for two years, named Most Valuable Player on the football team, and also participated in tennis, track and basketball.

Karen Babcock, daughter of Kenneth and Linda Babcock of Groom, will represent Groom High School in the Association's all-star queen's contest. The contest is scheduled July 19-20 in conjunction with the football and basketball games.

Misty Riley, daughter of Bill and Shelia Riley of Alanreed, will represent McLean High School in the

same competition. Babcock and Riley will compete with 30 other candidates for the title of State 6-Man Queen and scholarships of up to \$500 to Tarleton State.

The young ladies will be presented at the boy's all-star basketball game July 19 and again at the girl's basketball game July 20.

Contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges and judged on poise, personality and appearance during the two-day event. The winner will be crowned during the football game's halftime ceremonies July 20.

While in high school, Babcock participates in basketball, band, FHA, UIL and class offices.

Riley, during her high school career, was a member of the National Honor Society and served as secretary of the Student Council. She participated in various queen's contests, volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf, FFA, drill team and one-act play.

LeMond takes overall lead in Tour de France

By SALVATORE ZANCA
Associated Press Writer

ARRAS, France (AP) — Three-time winner Greg LeMond of the United States became the overall leader in the Tour de France when Wednesday's leader, Rolf Sorensen, did not start today's sixth stage.

Sorensen broke his left collarbone during Wednesday's fifth stage.

This morning his Arioste team director, Giancarlo Ferretti, said that Sorensen had already checked out of his hotel and was on his way to Paris to catch a plane to Italy. Ferretti said the Danish rider was headed to a sports clinic in Bergamo, Italy, where he'll be operated on.

Today's sixth stage is a 161-mile stretch in northern France from Arras to Le Havre.

LeMond was in second place Wednesday, nine seconds behind Sorensen after the Dane was aided by four bonus seconds in an earlier intermediate sprint.

When Sorensen did not start, LeMond became the leader. Out of respect for Sorensen, LeMond did not don the yellow jersey that traditionally is worn by the race's leader.

It was the third time in the history of the tour, along with 1971 and

1980, that no rider was wearing the jersey during one of the race's stages.

Sorensen, who had worn the leader's jersey since Sunday, fell about 2 1/2 miles from the finish. He touched the wheel of a rider in front of him. When the other rider fell, Sorensen went over him.

Sorensen went on to finish the race, 13 seconds behind the winner of the stage, Jelle Nijdam. LeMond was 16th, eight seconds behind.

LeMond took over the lead sooner than he wanted.

Roger Legeay, director of LeMond's Z team, wasn't too happy about his star going into the lead.

"It's too early for us to have the yellow jersey," said Legeay, who added that being in the lead wouldn't change his team's tactics.

"It's the beginning of the Tour and we have been attacking and riding as if we had the yellow jersey."

Will nightmare continue for Lefebvre, Mariners?

By JIM COUR
AP Sports Writer

come down to how many runs we score."

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle Mariners manager Jim Lefebvre said the week preceding the All-Star game was like a nightmare. He's wondering whether that nightmare will continue when the Mariners open the second half of their season.

"We've got to get guys on base," Lefebvre said. "We've got to get guys driving the ball. We've got to get guys playing up to their potential."

Mariners owner Jeff Smulyan gave Lefebvre a lukewarm vote of confidence last week, saying he thought his manager was doing "a pretty good job."

General manager Woody Woodward has said Lefebvre's status will be evaluated at the end of the season. Lefebvre is in the final year of his contract.

Lefebvre's future in Seattle may be decided by the ability of players such as Dave Valle and Alvin Davis to turn around woeful seasons.

Valle is hitting just .134, 102 points below his career average. Davis is hitting .220, 69 points under his career average.

In addition to Valle and Davis, Scott Bradley, Greg Briley, Pete O'Brien, Jay Buhner, Omar Vizquel and All-Star Ken Griffey Jr. are hitting below their career averages.

The Mariners begin a four-game series with the last-place Cleveland Indians after being swept in a three-game series by first-place Toronto and losing eight of nine games to end the first half.

In 20 games before Tuesday night's All-Star game, the Mariners went 7-13 and averaged just 2.4 runs per game.

"Our hitting has been a concern of mine from day one," Lefebvre said.

Lefebvre has needed a right-handed power hitter all season — and all last season. The financially strapped Mariners' ownership hasn't been able to get him one.

In their 40-42 start, the Mariners are pitching better than expected and hitting worse. They're batting .241, tying them for last in the American League. Their pitching staff has an ERA of 3.71, that's third in the AL behind Toronto (3.21) and Minnesota (3.51).

Smulyan said Sunday night he has lost almost \$20 million since purchasing the Mariners from George Argyros after the 1989 season. He said he probably will lose \$10 million next season.

Smulyan's Indianapolis-based Emmis Broadcasting Corp. reported last winter that it lost \$22.9 million during its previous fiscal year.

Those are not numbers that help build pennant contenders.

"We want to build a competitive team but we can't do it if we're \$20 million to \$25 million behind everyone else in baseball," Smulyan said, referring to the Mariners' financial position in relation to the other AL clubs.

He went public last month and pleaded his case for more support from Seattle's business community. He lamented the Mariners' lack of a cable television contract.

The Mariners drew 1 million fans

to the Kingdom in their first 40 home dates this season. But with only 5,500 season ticket holders, it's important that the Mariners play well during the second half to keep attracting fans.

Woodward has said he will bring up first baseman Tino Martinez from Calgary during the second half. Martinez, 23, is tearing up the Class AAA Pacific Coast League offensively for the second straight season.

The addition of Martinez, another left-handed hitter, could help the offense but poses a dilemma: What to do with O'Brien and Davis. O'Brien has taken Davis' first base job and Davis has been moved to designated hitter. They both hit from the left side, too.

On the advice of Woodward and Lefebvre, Smulyan signed O'Brien to a four-year, \$7.4 million contract in December 1989.

It would be tough for the Mariners, in their strained financial position, to bench O'Brien in favor of Martinez.

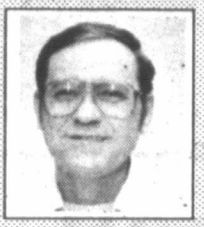
The Mariners will have bullpen ace Mike Schooler back from the injured list for the second half. But 41-year-old Ken Griffey Sr., Griffey Jr.'s father, is expected to announce his retirement this week because of a disk problem in his neck.

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By L.D. Strate



Cowboys will camp out in Austin again

If you're planning a vacation this summer, don't omit Austin from the travel route. Especially if you're a Dallas Cowboys fan.

Last year, the Cowboys drew nearly 100,000 fans to the St. Edward's campus for just over three weeks of practice sessions. This year's training camp starts July 14 and the Cowboys will occupy the university dormitories until August 16.

Austin city fathers welcomed the fans with open arms, and why not? The Cowboys' presence in the state capital last summer represented a financial impact of approximately three million dollars to the community, according to Glenn West, the President and CEO of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.

There could be even a bigger crowd on hand this summer since the Cowboys came within just one game of making the playoffs in 1990.

Owner-General Manager Jerry Jones of the Cowboys is looking forward to the return trip and has high hopes of the team improving on its 7-9 mark of a year ago.

"We can't wait to get started all over again," said Jones in a recent press release. "We were thrilled with the way the entire Austin community poured out to show its enthusiasm and pride in a very successful camp last year. We believe that the road to the playoffs will always begin in Austin, and this year we're looking forward to building upon the exciting turn-around that we experienced last year."

Fans will be treated to much more than just watching workouts.

The Cowboys' Golf Classic July 15 at the Hills of Lakeway kicks off the social schedule. The Cowboys' Gala, presented by First City July 21 offers fans the opportunity to see their favorite players in person at The Stouffer Hotel.

Besides the annual Blue-White Game July 21 at St. Edwards, the Cowboys will scrimmage the Houston Oilers July 25 at Burger Stadium. Last year's scrimmage drew a sell-out crowd of over 15,000.

Fans can also become familiar with new faces on the Cowboys' roster.

The Cowboys' top three draft choices, including Miami's Russell Maryland, the Outland Trophy winner and No. 1 NFL pick, report to camp on opening day. The others are receiver Alvin Harper of Tennessee and linebacker Dixon Edwards of Michigan State.

Some familiar Cowboys will be making their Austin debut. Emmitt Smith, last year's NFC Offensive Rookie of the Year, steps on St. Ed's field for the first time. So does second-year wide receiver Alexander Wright, tight end Rob Awat and linebacker Jesse Solomon.

If the spouse isn't a football fan, there's plenty of shopping malls in Austin.

The Houston Oilers have also made some big plans for both players and fans during their first training camp in San Antonio.

A "Welcome Oilers" barge parade on the Riverwalk, followed by a bar-b-que at Sea World is scheduled for July 14.

Training camp starts two days later for rookies, quarterbacks, one-year veterans and injured reserve players at Trinity University. Veterans begin practice with the first full-squad workout on July 19.

A second scrimmage with the Cowboys is set for 6 p.m. July 28 at San Antonio's Alamo Stadium.

The Oilers' camp is tentatively set to end August 15.

Flashback: July, 1972 — Web Wilder of San Antonio wins the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament by two strokes over Billy Bob Coffey of Fort Worth.

Young Babe found for feature movie

CLEVELAND (AP) — Makers of the feature film "The Babe Ruth Story" needed a husky boy who can hit left-handed to play the role of the young Babe. A search of Cleveland sandlots turned up 10-year-old Clinton Nageotte, who fit the bill perfectly.

John Peyton, Cleveland Baseball Federation program director, contacted long-time kids league manager Eugene Duke, who suggested a few players, among them Clinton. The youth, who is hitting a Babelike .650 and has nine home runs in his league this season, got the role.

"It was fun and a lot of work," said Nageotte, who plays four positions, pitcher, shortstop, catcher and first base.

Ruth, who died in 1948, was idolized by children, often visiting them in hospitals and cheering them with gifts of autographed baseballs.

Nageotte now has his own tale to tell his classmates when he returns to Cleveland's William Rainey Harper School after summer vacation.

Clinton did not have far to travel for his scenes — all he had to do was walk across the street to Harper School, where next month he will be in the fifth grade.

By coincidence, Harper School, located on Cleveland's West Side, had been selected some time ago to serve as the orphanage where Ruth lived as a youngster in Baltimore.

When he was 7, George Herman Ruth was sent to St. Mary's Industrial School, where he learned to play baseball under the eyes of the priests who ran St. Mary's.

"The movie people brought their own shrubs and trees, everything they needed to make the school look like an orphanage," Clinton said. "They had a lot of things in their big trucks, including air conditioning in the one that I used for a dressing room."

The temperatures were in the 80s and 90s two weeks ago when the movie was shot.

"I had to wear knickers, an old shirt, a beaked cap and black leather high-top shoes," Clinton said. "I also had to bat left-handed when the priest (an actor) threw me the ball. I was there for about six hours."

How does Clinton sum up his brief movie career? "It was a little bit boring, but not too much," Clinton said. "But, before I got the chance to play him, I knew (about) Babe Ruth and I read about him."

"I'm happy that I was able to play him."

Holyfield to meet Tyson on Nov. 8

By ED SCHUYLER JR.

NEW YORK (AP) — Evander Holyfield, the undisputed heavyweight champion, summed it up in one word for sports fans and probably for Mike Tyson, too.

"Fine," Holyfield said when told by manager Shelly Finkel that he will fight Tyson on Nov. 8 in Caesars Palace at Las Vegas.

It is The Fight, not a rematch with Foreman, at least at this time, which was about to happen.

Shelly Finkel, Holyfield's manager, said a fight with Foreman for Nov. 8 was ready to be signed.

Suddenly Wednesday, the Holyfield-Tyson match was made after a meeting between Dan Duva, the champion's promoter, and Don King, who promotes former champion Tyson.

Foreman can take a bow for his role. "He (King) had to do it," Finkel said. "Once he lost Foreman, where was he going?"

King, who has said, "We don't need Holyfield," had made a major effort to make a fight between Tyson and Foreman, the 42-year-old folk hero. But as of Tuesday it appeared Holyfield would fill the Nov. 8 date with a rematch against Foreman, who he out-pointed over 12 rounds on April 19.

"We had it (Holyfield-Foreman)," Finkel said. "If they hadn't contacted us yesterday, the deal was done."

Jose Sulaiman, president of the World Boxing Council, contacted Duva on Tuesday, saying that King wanted to meet him, according to Duva.

Foreman, who is supposed to fight Boone Pultz on Sept. 7 at Las Vegas for \$5 million on HBO, remains in the championship picture.

Part of the deal, Finkel said, was for "the winner to make a good-faith deal to fight Foreman."

"Dan will promote in association with Don King," Finkel said. "Evander will be guaranteed \$30 million and Tyson \$15 million. Evander will get 60 percent of revenues over \$48 million and there will be 40 percent over \$48 million for Tyson."

TVKO will handle the pay-per-view television fight.

Rich Rose, president of Caesars, said, "We are excited and pleased to have a match we think will be one of the super fights of the last 20 years. It's our first heavyweight championship fight in eight years and we know it will be a great one."

King had gone to the WBC seeking a 55-45 percent split instead of the traditional 75-25 percent split favoring the champion, should a mandatory defense go to purse bids because an agreement could not be negotiated.

The WBC ruled that the split should be 60-40, but Duva went to court and block the organization from holding a purse bid.

The International Boxing Federation, whose turn it is to supervise a heavyweight title fight, held purse bids June 11, and Duva topped eight other bidders with an offer of \$51,101,000, of which Holyfield would have gotten 75 percent, or \$38,325,750.

Duva's Main Events monitor had deposited \$10.2 million in the United National Bank of Plainfield (N.J.) as the 20 percent escrow amount required under IBF rules.

Under the agreement reached Wednesday, the guarantees are two-thirds to one-third.

King refused to accept the IBF purse bids, saying he and Tyson refused to recognize the organization because of its ties to South African fighters.

Earlier Wednesday, the IBF dropped Tyson from No. 1 to No. 5 in its ranking behind Foreman, Pierre Coetzee of South Africa, Riddick Bowe and Lennox Lewis of Britain because of Tyson's and King's refusal to recognize the purse bid.

After the fight was made, IBF president Bob Lee said he would still consider it a mandatory defense for Holyfield because Tyson was No. 1 at the time of the purse bids.

The 25-year-old Tyson could become the fourth fighter to regain at least a piece of the heavyweight championship, joining Floyd Patterson, Muhammad Ali and Tim Witherspoon.

Tyson, the youngest man ever to become heavyweight champion, lost the title on a major upset when he was knocked out by James "Buster" Douglas on Feb. 11, 1990, at Tokyo.

Holyfield won the title, recognized by the World Boxing Association, as well as the WBC and IBF, when he knocked out an out-of-shape Douglas last Oct. 25. In his first defense, he beat Foreman.

Midland's Howie leads team to Double A All-Star victory

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Mark Howie's return to Huntsville was memorable.

The Midland designated hitter homered and drove in four runs to lead the American League affiliates to an 8-2 win over their National League counterparts in the first Double-A All-Star Game on Wednesday night.

Howie, who played at Huntsville in 1987 before being traded to the Cleveland organization, was one of three players who received Most Valuable Player awards.

"It's really deja vu," Howie said of his return to Joe Davis Stadium. "It was really strange flying back in here. But it's nice to be back and also to come back on such a great occasion."

The American team wasted no time against Greenville's Turk Wendell, the National team's starting pitcher. Jim Thome of Canton-Akron and El Paso's John Jaha both singled before Howie hit an 0-1 pitch deep over the left-field wall.

Howie, hitting .367 with 13 homers and 82 RBIs in the Texas League, gave the American squad an 8-0 lead in the sixth with a sacrifice fly.

In between, London's Lou Frazier had a sacrifice fly, Kenny Jackson of El Paso and Jaha had RBI singles and Jacksonville's Bret Boone doubled home a run.

The National finally scored in the seventh on a sacrifice fly by Eric Young of Shreveport. Williamsport's Jeremy Burnitz homered to center in the ninth.

The game matched all-stars from the three Double-A minor leagues: Southern, Texas and Eastern. The teams were divided into American and National teams based on the major-league affiliation of the player's team.

Players from each of the three leagues received MVP awards. Joining Howie were Thome from the Eastern League and winning pitcher Pat Mahomes from the Southern. Thome was 3-for-3 with three runs scored, while the Orlando pitcher did not allow a run in two innings, striking out two.

"It was a lot of fun for everybody," Mahomes said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP AND CONTINUANCE OF BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership composed of Fred Urbanczyk of Gray County, Texas, and the joint partnership interest of Judith J'Non Urbanczyk Fountaine, Joan J'Non Urbanczyk Lathy, Jonathan Trygve Urbanczyk, and Christopher Henry Urbanczyk, collectively, previously doing business under the firm name of Grand Petroleum Company in Gray County, Texas, is dissolved effective as of May 1, 1991.

Fred Urbanczyk of Gray County, Texas, has transferred and assigned all of his right, title and interest in and to the Partnership known as Grand Petroleum Company to Henry Urbanczyk and has withdrawn from and ceased to be associated in the carrying on of the business effective as of May 1, 1991.

The remaining partners have mutually agreed to dissolve the partnership. Henry Urbanczyk, residing at Route 1, Groom, Gray County, Texas, will hereafter carry on the oil and gas business as Operator of the oil and gas leases and leasehold estates and the working interests evidenced thereby, as a sole proprietorship under the assumed name of Grand Petroleum Company, and he has assumed and will pay all liabilities of the business incurred on or after May 1, 1991, and in the future.

Judith J'Non Urbanczyk Fountaine, Joan J'Non Urbanczyk Lathy, Jonathan Trygve Urbanczyk and Christopher Henry Urbanczyk, collectively, will continue to own a joint working interest in and to the oil and gas leases and leasehold estates along with their father, Henry Urbanczyk, as Operator.

DATED: May 15, 1991, effective as of May 1, 1991.
Henry Urbanczyk
Grand Petroleum Company
July 11, 1991

IC Memorials

ADULT Literacy Council, P.O. Box 2022, Pampa, TX 79066.

ALZHEIMER'S Disease and Related Disorders Assn., P.O. Box 2234, Pampa, TX 79066.

AMERICAN Cancer Society, c/o Mrs. Johnie Thompson, 100 W. Nickl, Pampa.

AMERICAN Diabetes Assn., 8140 N. MoPac Bldg. 1 Suite 1300, Austin, TX 78759.

AMERICAN Heart Assn., 2404 W. Seventh, Amarillo, TX 79106.

AMERICAN Liver Foundation, 1425 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009-9990.

AMERICAN Lung Association, 3520 Executive Center Dr., Suite G-100, Austin, TX 78731-1006.

AMERICAN Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, Pampa.

ANIMAL Rights Assn., 4201 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79110.

BIG Brothers/Big Sisters, P.O. Box 1964, Pampa, TX 79065.

FRIENDS of The Library, P.O. Box 146, Pampa, TX 79065.

GENESIS House Inc., 615 W. Buckler, Pampa, TX 79065.

GOOD Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, Pampa, TX 79065.

HIGH Plains Epilepsy Assn., 806 S. Brian, Room 213, Amarillo, TX 79106.

HOSPICE of Pampa, P.O. Box 2782, Pampa.

MARCH of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, 2316 Lakeview Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109.

MEALS on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

MUSCULAR Dystrophy Assn., 3505 Olsen, Suite 203, Amarillo, TX 79109.

PAMPA Fine Arts Assn. P.O. Box 818, Pampa, TX 79066.

PAMPA Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2806, Pampa.

QUIVERA Girl Scout Council, City Hall, Room 301, Pampa, TX 79065.

RONALD McDonald House, 1501 Streit, Amarillo, TX 79106.

SALVATION Army, 701 S. Cuyler St., Pampa, TX 79065.

ST. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program FH, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 300, Memphis, Tenn. 38148-0552.

THE Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

TRALEE Crisis Center For Women Inc., 408 W. Kingsmill, Pampa, TX 79065.

2 Museums

WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa, Tuesday thru Sunday 1:30-4 p.m. Special tours by appointment.

ALANREED-McLean Area Historical Museum: McLean, Regular museum hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

DEVIL'S Rope Museum, McLean, Tuesday thru Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Open Monday by appointment only.

HUTCHINSON County Museum: Borger, Regular hours 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays except Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

LAKE Meredith Aquarium and Wildlife Museum: Fritch, hours Tuesday and Sunday 2-5 p.m., 10 a.m. Wednesday thru Saturday, closed Monday.

MUSEUM of The Plains: Perryton, Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekends during Summer months, 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

OLD Mobeetie Jail Museum: Monday-Saturday, 10-5. Sunday 1-5. Closed Wednesday.

2 Museums

PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon, Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, weekends 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

PIONEER West Museum: Shamrock, Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Saturday and Sunday.

RIVER Valley Pioneer Museum at Canadian, Tx, Tuesday-Friday 10-4 p.m. Sunday 2-4 p.m. Closed Saturday and Monday.

ROBERTS County Museum: Miami, Summer hours, Tuesday-Friday 10-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. Closed Saturday and Monday.

SQUARE House Museum Panhandle, Regular Museum hours 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 1-3:30 p.m. Sundays.

3 Personal

MARY Kay Cosmetics, free facials. Supplies and deliveries. Call Dorothy Vaughn 665-5117.

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS 1425 Alcock, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8 p.m., Monday thru Saturday 12 noon, Sunday 11 a.m. Women's meeting Sunday 4 p.m. 669-0504.

HOSPITALIZATION, Medicare Supplement, Non-Medical Life through age 80. Gene Lewis, 669-1221.

IF someone's drinking is causing you problems-try Al-Anon. 669-3564, 665-7871.

NYLYNN Cosmetics by Jo-Puckett. Free makeover, deliveries. 665-6668.

MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skincare. Facials, supplies, call Thea Wallin 665-8336.

BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics and Skincare. Free color analysis, makeover and deliveries. Director Lynn Allison, 669-3848, 1304 Christine.

CHRISTIAN couple with abundance of love wishes to adopt an infant to share our country home. Legal and confidential. Please call collect after 7 p.m. weekdays or anytime weekends, 203-838-0950.

4 Not responsible

AS of this date, July 9, 1991, I, Marsha Elaine Boyd, will no longer be responsible for any debts other than those incurred by me. Signed Marsha Elaine Boyd.

5 Special Notices

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

KIRBY Vacuum Cleaner Center. 512 S. Cuyler 669-2990. Pampa's only factory authorized Kirby dealer and service center. New, used, and rebuilt vacuums.

PAMPA Lodge #966 July 11, Study and Practice. 7:30, light refreshments.

14b Appliance Repair

RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN We have Rental Furniture and Appliances to suit your needs. Call for estimate.

Johnson Home Furnishings 801 W. Francis

14d Carpentry

Ralph Baxter Contractor & Builder Custom Homes or Remodeling 665-8248

ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. No job too small. Mike Albus, 665-4774, 665-1150.

LAND CConstruction. Cabinets, bookcases, paneling, painting. Call Sandy Land, 665-6968.

REMODELING, additions, insurance repair. 20 years experience. Ray Deaver, 665-0447.

OVERHEAD Door Repair. Kidwell Construction. 669-6347.

ADDITIONS, remodeling, new cabinets, ceramic tile, acoustical ceilings, paneling, patios. 18 years local experience. Jerry Reagan 669-9747, Karl Parks 669-2648.

CALDER Painting, interior, exterior, mud, tape, blow acoustic ceilings. 665-4840.

14e Carpet Service

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost. It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx, owner-operator. Jay Young-operator. 665-3541. Free estimates.

RAINBOW International Carpet Dyeing and Cleaning Co. Free estimates. Call 665-1431.

14h General Services

COX Fence Company, repair old fence or build new. Free estimate. 669-7769.

Larimore Master Locksmith Call me out to let you in 665-KEYS

CONCRETE work all types, driveways, sidewalks, patio, etc. Small jobs a specialty. Ron's Construction 669-3172.

INSTALL steel siding, storm windows, doors. Free estimates. Reid Construction Co. 669-0464.

MASONRY all types brick, block, stone, stucco. New construction and repair. Ron's Construction 669-3172.

QUIKI Wash Mobil Systems. Trucks, buildings, paint stripping. 665-4916.

14i General Repair

IF it's broken, leaking or won't turn off, call The Fix It Shop, 669-3434. Lamps repaired.

14i Insulation

BLOW in attic insulation and save \$\$\$ all year! Free estimates. Reid Construction Co. 669-0464.

14m Lawnmower Service

PAMPA Lawnmower Repair. Pick up and delivery service available. 501 S. Cuyler, 665-8843.

LAWNMOWER Repair. "Certified Technician" 1827 Williston, 665-8607.

RADCLIFF Lawnmower-Chain-saw Sales and Service, 519 S. Cuyler, 669-3395.

14n Painting

HUNTER DECORATING 30 years Painting Pampa David Office Joe 665-2903 669-6854 669-7885

CALDER Painting, interior, exterior, mud, tape, blow acoustic ceilings. 665-4840.

14r Plowing, Yard Work

LAWNS mowed \$15 and up. Fence repair, new. Call Ron 665-8976.

TREE trim, yard clean up, aeration, dethatching, Rooting. Kenneth Banks, 665-3672.

YOUR lawn and garden, mow, till, plow, shred. Lot clean up. Monday Senior Day. 665-9609.

Commercial Mowing Chuck Morgan 665-7007

Lawns Mowed and Edged Yards Cleaned Jessie Barker, 669-3002

14s Plumbing & Heating

Builders Plumbing Supply 535 S. Cuyler 665-3711

BULLARD SERVICE CO. Plumbing Maintenance and Repair Specialist Free estimates, 665-8603

LARRY BAKER PLUMBING Heating Air Conditioning Borger Highway 665-4392

STOP UP ? Drains cleaned. Plumbing repairs. 665-0547

JACK'S Plumbing Co. New construction, repair, remodeling, sewer and drain cleaning. Septic systems installed. 665-7115.

14t Radio and Television

CURTIS MATHES TV's, VCR's, Camcorders, Stereos, Movies and Nintendo. Rent to own. 2216 Perryton Pkwy, 665-0504.

14u Roofing

COMPOSITION roofing, competitive rates. 20 years experience. 665-6298.

18 Beauty Shops

Booth Rental Available Hair Expressions 669-7131

19 Situations

OPENING for two children. Licensed for 27 years. 665-5419.

21 Help Wanted

1 Collection person needed. Either come by 300 W. Foster or call 669-6095 to inquire.

BUYER needed, daily cash. 806-379-3685.

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69a Garage Sales

GARAGE sale 5 family: Lots of miscellaneous, John Sommer skateboard, walkie talkies, interiors, depression glass, antiques, porcelain figurines, clothes, ceramics, Jansport child's back pack, weights, 7 1/2 horsepower Briggs Stratton engine, record cabinets, records. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 943 E. Francis, 665-0028.

GARAGE sale: 2626 Navajo. Friday, Saturday. New baby bed, high chair, clothes, toys, 10 speed bike, other goodies.

GARAGE sale: 2643 Chestnut. Friday, Saturday, 9:00 to 5:00. Furniture, clothes and stuff.

GARAGE sale: 508 S. Main, White Deer. Thursday thru Saturday. Baby clothes, furniture, Misses clothes 5-9, etc.

GARAGE sale: 866 W. Foster. 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 70lbs, beer cooler (walk-in), food and wine cooler, shelving, kitchen cabinets, 2 refrigerators, 1 stove, 1 microwave, desk and chair, tires and wheels, couch and chairs, 454 exhaust manifold, 302 Ford heads, 302 Ford crank and much, much more.

GARAGE sale: 866 W. Foster, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

GARAGE sale: Antique table and chairs, books, clothes all sizes summer and winter, etc. Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 1534 N. Sumner.

GARAGE sale: Friday 8-5. Barbecue grill, mower, clothes, lots of goodies. 820 N. Dwight.

GARAGE sale: Friday 9-5. Tables, exercise bike and lots of miscellaneous. 929 S. Wells.

GARAGE sale: Friday, Saturday, 9 til 7 Canoe, trundle bed, childrens clothes. 617 Red Deer.

GARAGE Sale: Friday-Saturday until noon. Boys clothes, lamps, books and a lot of good stuff. 2227 N. Nelson.

HUGE yard sale: Friday. Furniture, clothes, dishes, lots more. 1422 1/2 S. Barnes.

J&J Flea Market Sale, 123 N. Ward, 665-3375. Open Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-5. Watkins and Fuller Brush products.

LARGE garage sale: Appliances, clothes, tires, furniture, fishing equipment, miscellaneous. No checks. Price road across from Skate Town. Friday and Saturday.

MOVING sale: 2514 Christine. Wood, clothes, trampoline, furniture and more. Saturday, July 13, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RESALE Unique, 859 W. Foster. Open Wednesday thru Sunday. New items added, antiques, dolls, marbles, books, bar stools, tricycles, other items too numerous to mention.

SALE at Call's, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 618 W. Francis. Jewelry, marbles, pocket knives, baseball cards, many new items.

SALE: 1908 Lea Friday, Saturday, 7:30-6. Adult pottie chair, walker, bicycles, exercise bike, window screens, drapes, tools, dishes, lamps, religious books, paperbacks, clothing, miscellaneous.

SALE: Something for everyone, dressers, tools, sewing machine, antiques, collectibles. Thursday, Friday, 11, 12th. 309 Gilmer Rd. 1 mile west of stop light. Wheeler. Early til late.

TRASH and Treasure Flea Market. Dishwasher, gun cabinet, sink, lots of miscellaneous. Open Friday, Saturday, 407 W. Foster.

WHAT a bargain sale! All items must go. Piano, doghouse, clothes, baby items, much more. Come check it out! 9 a.m. til 7 Thursday and Friday, 3004 Rosewood.

YARD sale: 706 Frost. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9 to 5. Lamburni car bed, furniture, clothes. Lots of miscellaneous.

YARD sale: 724 N. Banks. Great prices on kitchen items, small appliances, clothes, etc. Friday, July 12, 9 to 6.

70 Musical Instruments

BUY, sell and trade guitars, amps, PA's, band instruments, pianos at Tarpley Music 665-1251.

75 Feeds and Seeds

WHEELER EVANS FEED Special Horse & Mule \$9.50, 100 Bulk bags \$7.50, 100 665-5881, 669-2107

HAY/ New crop (Old World Bluestem). Large round bales. Fertilized/irrigated/bright/clean. Horse quality. On farm \$35.50, some deliveries \$40. Days 669-0973, nights 665-2851.

PEMSS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

"Miles and miles of Texas" depends on the Panhandle Emergency Services System, Inc. We are seeking a coordinator for PEMSS to direct the region's 219 Paramedics, 1,231 EMT's, 324 ECA's and 148 ambulances.

Outstanding opportunity for a Paramedic with TDH instructor certification, and a strong background in management, and EMS. Based at the Trauma Center at N.W.H. Routine travel is required.

Excellent benefits and relocation allowance. Contact Dalton Stewart at 1-800-367-6964 or 354-1051 (local), P.O. Box 1110, Amarillo, TX 79176, EOE

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669-3346

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Pam Deeds...669-3346
Judy Taylor...665-5977
Jim Ward...665-1593
Norma Ward, GRI, Broker

QUENTIN WILLIAMS REALTORS

669-2522

SOUTH FAULKNER
3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, large utility room & over-sized garage. MLS 1658.

HOLLY
Lovely 3 bedroom with tile porch and entry. Skylights, central heat and air, loss of wallpaper, sprinkler front and back, heated drive, double garage. MLS 1974.

LEFORS
Nice 3 bedroom in Wilson School District. 2 living areas, 1.75 baths, patio, large storage building. Garage in back. MLS 2012.

FRANCIS
Nice two bedroom with extra large rooms. Central heat and air, fireplace, storm cellar, steel siding, corner lot, double garage with storage. MLS 2021.

KELLER ESTATES
Lovely 4 bedroom home on approximately 7 acres. Basement, wet bar, microwave, 2.5 baths, fireplace, oversized double garage, large barn, lot of extras. OE-64.

Mary Ella Smith...669-3623
Rue Park G.R.I...669-0919
Dorothy Batten...669-0291
Beulah Cox Bix...665-3687
Susan Ratcliff...665-3695
Hazel Christoffer...665-6386
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BROKER-OWNER

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97 Furnished Houses

1 bedroom furnished trailer. Bills paid, \$200 a month. Call 665-3086.

1 bedroom house. Bills paid. \$225 a month, \$100 deposit. 669-9475.

2 bedroom Golden Villa mobile home, 1116 Perry. \$350 month, \$150 deposit. 665-2336, 665-0079.

2 bedroom, washer, dryer, nicely furnished country home. Water furnished close to town. 669-7808.

3 rooms, utilities paid, repainted, nice shower and furnishings. Single/couple. 669-2971, 669-9879.

CLEAN 1 bedroom with garage. Call 669-2036.

CLEAN 3 rooms, paneled, carpeted, private. \$250, bills paid. 665-4842.

LARGE 1 bedroom furnished, \$185. David Hunter Realtor, 665-2903.

SMALL clean house, nicely furnished, refrigerated air, fenced yard. \$200 month, bills paid. 665-4819.

98 Unfurnished Houses

1, 2, and 3 bedroom houses for rent. 665-2383.

2 bedroom and 3 bedroom \$250 to \$350 monthly. Walter Shed, Shed Realty, 665-3761.

2 bedroom, 2 living areas, large fenced back yard. Completely redecorated. 669-1429 leave message.

2 bedroom, 1 bath, with garage. \$200 a month, \$50 deposit. 1148 Neel Rd. 669-2118 after 3 p.m.

2 bedroom, 629 N. Christy. \$175 month/ \$100 deposit. No inside pets. 665-2254.

3 bedroom, den, carpeted and fenced. \$350 plus deposit. 312 Jean St. Call 665-5276.

BEECH Ln. 2 bedroom duplex. Nice. Clean. 669-2961 evenings.

BRICK 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$285. Mardell 665-2903.

CLEAN 1 and 2 bedroom houses. Call 665-6158, 669-3842 Realtor.

CLEAN 2 bedroom duplex, stove, refrigerator. 669-3672, 665-5900.

CLEAN 2 bedroom house. 669-9532, 669-3015.

FOR rent 2 room house. Bills paid. 212 1/2 Houston. Prefer older person.

FOR rent: 2 bedroom house. 315 N. Banks. Phone 352-1419.

FOR rent: Nice 3 bedroom, large fenced yard, with storage building. For more information call 665-1947.

100 Rent, Sale, Trade

2 bedroom Golden Villa mobile home, 1116 Perry. \$350 month, \$150 deposit. 665-2336, 665-0079.

102 Business Rental Prop.

Super Locations
2115 Hobart, 2121 Hobart. Call Joe at 665-2336 or 665-2832.

103 Homes For Sale

PRICE T. SMITH INC.
665-5158
Custom Houses-Remodels
Complete Design Service

BOBBIE NISBET REALTOR
665-7037...665-2946

2 bedroom, 1 bath, central heat and air, attached garage, kitchen remodeled, nice location, 509 Powell. Call 669-6775 or 669-9281 after 5:30.

TWILA FISHER REALTY
665-3560

COUNTRY living- Cole Addition 1/2 mile South of bowling alley on Clarendon Hwy. Brick 3 bedroom, 100 x 185 lot, shop building, cellar. Have to see to appreciate. 665-5488.

98 Unfurnished Houses

NICE 1 and 2 bedroom. Good location. Carpeted, garage. Fenced backyard. 669-6323, or 669-6198.

NICE 2 bedroom house. 665-6720.

NICE 2 bedroom, 1 bath, plumbed for washer and dryer. Near High school. \$225 month, \$100 deposit. Call Canadian 806-323-5161 or 323-5840.

NICE 3 bedroom, corner lot, 2235 N. Nelson, Travis school. \$200 deposit, \$425 rent. 665-8684.

ONE bedroom, stove and refrigerator. Fenced back yard. \$175. 669-3743.

RENTAL properties available. Pickup list at Action Realty, 109 S. Gillespie.

99 Storage Buildings

MINI STORAGE
You keep the key. 10x10 and 10x20 stalls. Call 669-2929.

CHUCK'S SELF STORAGE
24 hour access. Security lights. 665-1150 or 669-7705.

ECONOSTOR
Now renting-three sizes. 665-4842.

TUMBLEWEED ACRES SELF STORAGE UNITS
Various sizes
665-0079, 665-2450

HWY 152 Industrial Park MINI-MAXI STORAGE
5x10 10x10 10x20 20x40
Office Space for rent
669-2142

100 Rent, Sale, Trade

VERY Nice 3 bedroom 2217 Williston. See to appreciate. 669-9475.

104 Lots

FOR sale: 5 grave lots in Memory Gardens of Pampa Inc. These are in Block A lots 88/87. Call 665-8214.

FOR sale: Corner lot. On Dwight and Randy Matson Ave. \$8500. 665-4583 or 665-0984.

FRASHER Acres East-1 or more acres. Paved street, utilities. Balch Real Estate, 665-8075.

1984 10 foot Jayco Pop-up. Like new. Call after 4:00 or all day weekends. 669-2315.

106 Commercial Property

LEASE or sale. Excellent industrial shop building. 2608 Milliron Rd. 4900 square feet. 669-3638.

110 Out Of Town Prop.

712 CHAMBERLAIN, SKELLY-TOWN, corner lot, 2 baths, 2/3 bedrooms, large kitchen, asking \$11,000. MLS 1634.

104 BURDETTE, SKELLY-TOWN, 3 bedroom, nice yard, detached garage, needs some work, asking \$8,500. MLS 1820. Shad Realty, Milly Sanders, 669-2671.

FOR Sale or Trade: My lot in Bella Vista, Arkansas. Would trade for late model auto. Inquire 669-2643.

HOME for sale in Miami. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Completely remodeled. Owner will consider financing. 868-6881.

114 Recreational Vehicles

BILLS CUSTOM CAMPERS
Idle-Time trailers, Cabovers. Large selection of toppers, parts, and accessories. 930 S. Hobart, 665-4315.

115 Trailer Parks

CAMPER and mobile home lots. Country Living Estate, 4 miles West on Highway 152, 1/2 mile north. 665-2736.

116 Mobile Homes

FOR sale: 14 x 80 Mobile home on 3 lots. \$8500, small down payment. 410 Walnut St. Skellytown. 669-7961.

117 Furnished Houses

2100 Montague FHA approved 669-6649, 665-6653

118 Trailer Parks

Free First Months Rent Storm shelters, fenced lots and storage units available. 665-0079, 665-2450.

119 Out Of Town Prop.

First month rent free if qualified. Fenced lots. Close in. Water paid. 669-2142.

120 Autos For Sale

1986 Taurus, light Reatta blue, clean, 88,000 miles, must sell. Reasonably priced at \$4000. 665-7495, leave message.

MUST Sell! 1969 Pontiac Firebird, very nice, 400 automatic, new paint, etc. Near completion, \$3,900 or best offer. 665-4229.

1978 New Yorker, one family car, runs fine. 665-4842.

121 Trucks For Sale

1954 Ford pickup. Good condition, V8, Am-Fm stereo, \$1500 firm. 665-1432.

1985 Bronco, 351 high output, for sale. 665-8860.

EXTRA nice 1983, Chevy 1/2 ton pickup 250 cubic inch 6 cylinder, 3 speed standard shift on the column, factory air. 669-7555. 1114 Russell.

I still have it! 1981 Ford Courier with 2 new tires and new battery. Call 669-6465 after 5 p.m.

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Largest stock of parts and accessories in this area.

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Correspondent: Don't forget Nicaragua

By STEPHANIE SCHOROW
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — When three young, uniformed Nicaraguans pointed their rifles at him, news correspondent Stephen Kinzer thought fast.

Babbling in Spanish, he tried to create the appearance of a confused tourist who by sheer accident had wandered into a secret Contra camp in Honduras. As his photographer silently snapped pictures, he turned away, slipped into his car, threw it into reverse and drove like hell — backwards.

By escaping that day in 1983, he became one of the first reporters to bring back hard evidence that opponents of the leftist Sandinista government, the Contras, were launching attacks with U.S. weapons from across the border.

For much of the decade, aid for the Contras became a hotly debated topic. And Kinzer's dispatches for *The New York Times* made him one of the most significant journalists covering Central America.

His 1982 book, *Bitter Fruit: The Untold Story of the American Coup in Guatemala*, co-written with Stephen C. Schlesinger, has become required reading for many students of Latin American issues.

Kinzer recounts his discovery of the Contra camp in his new book published by G.P. Putnam's Sons, *Blood of Brothers: Life and War in Nicaragua*, which covers his 10

years on the beat.

It was only a year ago that an era of turmoil ended when Violeta Chamorro was installed as president of Nicaragua following the ouster of the Sandinistas in a free election. But "it seems like a century ago," said the 39-year-old Kinzer, who now covers Germany for the *Times*.

Fresh from a return visit to Managua, Kinzer said in a recent interview: "Nicaragua has more freedom now than ever in its history. There is true freedom of the press for the first time in history."

Nonetheless, he said, Nicaragua's economy remains in ruins and former soldiers are restive.

"Many of the former Contra fighters and many of the former Sandinista soldiers are waiting for a little piece of land and a little bag of seeds so they can start farming. It was promised to them. They've been waiting too."

He added, "It's really a very small investment for the world to put into Nicaragua in order to prevent this kind of tragedy from happening again."

A country of only 3 million people, Nicaragua needs foreign aid, but the world's attention is elsewhere, Kinzer said. After Chamorro's election, Nicaragua dropped off the front pages, which Kinzer called "outrageous."

"We're not protecting our investment in Nicaragua," said Kinzer, citing the millions of dollars the Rea-

gan administration poured — illegally and legally — into the Contra effort.

"If Mrs. Chamorro is not able to build the country economically, the time is going to come when Nicaraguans are going to start saying, 'Democracy didn't bring us any benefits.'"

Kinzer's book details the mistakes — often tragically fatal — made by the Sandinista guerrillas-turned-bureaucrats and depicts the Contras' atrocities and the courage of the persecuted Miskito Indians.

Kinzer has no kind words for Americans who went to Nicaragua in the '80s out of misguided admiration for the Sandinistas. The Nicaraguans called them "parachutes," he said.

"It irritated the Nicaraguans to see the kids come down, eat cheap lobster, pick coffee for a day, and go back to their church groups and sing the praises of the revolution," he said.

But Kinzer saves his harshest adjectives for former President Reagan and his foreign policy.

"One of the strangest aspects of living in Nicaragua in the 1980s was to live amid the misery and the poverty and see how little this country had, and then to turn on the radio and hear people in the Reagan administration warning that Nicaragua was this terribly powerful juggernaut that was poised to roll over the United States," Kinzer said. "This was a bizarre reversal of reality."

Africans reject U.S. Army's 'Meals Ready to Eat'

By RUTH SINAI
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is trying to give away food rations left over from Operation Desert Storm to millions of starving Africans. But it hasn't found many takers for the much-maligned Meals Ready to Eat.

The MREs were never very popular. Three lies in one, complained U.S. troops sent to fight Iraq. Meals Rejected by Ethiopians, was another oft-heard refrain.

But the Ethiopians, it turns out, are among the few who have agreed to take the food. The provisional coalition of rebel groups running the country has accepted 1 million MREs and given them mostly to former soldiers left stranded and hungry by the fall of the government in May, U.S. officials said.

The tiny country of Djibouti has also taken in about 500,000 MREs for Somali and Ethiopian refugees stranded there, although it's unclear whether the food has been distributed, said the officials. All spoke on condition of anonymity.

Attempts to give away another few million MREs stored in Saudi Arabia haven't met with much success — due to a combination of political, religious and bureaucratic hassles.

"We're really disappointed that the relief agencies won't take the food," said Roger Winter, director of the private U.S. Committee for Refugees. "When you're hungry, you'll eat anything."

Sudan, a largely Muslim country where as many as 9.5 million people risk starvation, opposes taking the meals — partly because some contain pork, which is strictly forbidden by Islamic dietary laws.

The United Nations, which is directing relief efforts despite government harassment, held off accepting a shipment of MREs destined for southern Sudan because it worried that distributing the food would create the appearance of American military help for the

rebels who control that area, U.S. officials say.

The rebels are mostly Christians and animists who aren't bothered by pork. But U.N. officials say the Sudanese may prefer sorghum — the staple of international relief efforts in the region — to the prepared military meals.

Meanwhile, about 96,000 of the meals destined for southern Sudan are piled up at the airport in Nairobi, Kenya, where they were brought last month by a giant U.S. transport plane, the officials said.

Another two flights of giant C-5 cargo planes scheduled to leave for Kenya Tuesday with MREs, blankets and tents have been suspended until the United Nations decides whether to accept the food, officials said.

Two shiploads of surplus food en route to the Kenyan port of Mombasa were also stopped at sea this week, said the officials.

Winter's refugee organization had strongly encouraged the Bush administration to offer the surplus food to the countries in the Horn of Africa, where an estimated 15 to 17 million people face starvation.

The Defense Department, for its part, figured that sending the millions of meals from stores in Saudi Arabia to nearby Africa was far cheaper than shipping them home. The Pentagon was stuck with many more meals than it needed for the war, which lasted 43 days, and millions of MREs are stored in Saudi Arabia.

A check conducted by the State Department for the Pentagon, however, found the U.N. relief agencies reluctant to take the food — even though it and the transportation were offered free.

In some cases, the U.N.'s World Food Program and UNICEF agencies told State Department officials they lacked storage space or means of transportation to distribute the food.

"I can't understand why this commodity is any different from others," said Winter. The MREs aren't perishable and U.N. relief agencies have many storage facilities in the region, he said.

14 science societies oppose space station

By PAUL RECER
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WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare, united protest, the presidents of 14 professional science societies have sent a joint letter to the Senate expressing strong opposition to NASA's plans to build a space station.

The letter said the organizations supported a balanced space program, but the "excessive cost" of the proposed space station "threatens the vitality of not only NASA's science and technology programs, but those of other independent agencies as well."

The House last month voted to give NASA \$1.9 billion for the station in the next fiscal year. The Senate is expected to vote this week on NASA's funding, including the station.

Signing the letter were the presidents of the American Chemical Society, the American Crystallographic Association, the American Geophysical Union, the American Mathematical Society, the American Society of Zoologists, the Consortium of Social Science Associations, the Institute of Food Technologists, and the Acoustical Society of America.

Also: the American Physical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, the Optical Society of America, the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics, and the Society of Rheology and Sigma Xi.

The scientists said they were "especially disturbed by the possibility of a reduction in funds for the National Science Foundation, the principal source of funding for the nation's fundamental science and engineering research."

President Bush supports construction of the space station and administration officials have said it is essential for America's leadership in space exploration and for future manned exploration of the universe.

Plans call for the station to be in place, with astronauts living on board permanently, late in this decade. NASA estimates that it will take \$30 billion to design, build, launch and assemble the space station in orbit.

Critics, however, say the station is too expensive for the value it will give to scientific research and that the ultimate cost could be as much as \$180 billion.

"There is no scientific justification for a permanently manned space station," Robert L. Park, president of the American Physical Society, said in a prepared statement. He said space exploration could be best accomplished by robots.

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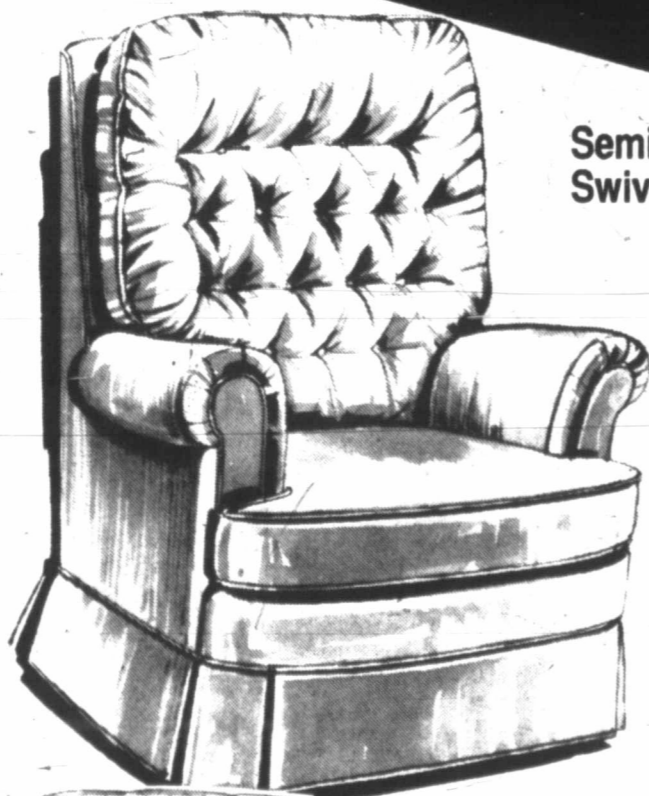
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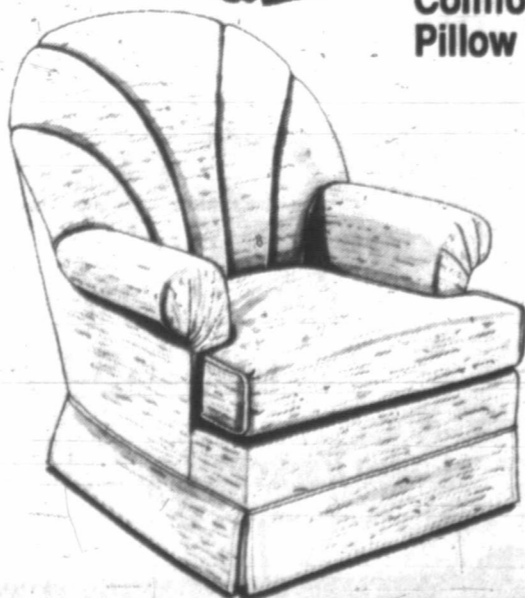
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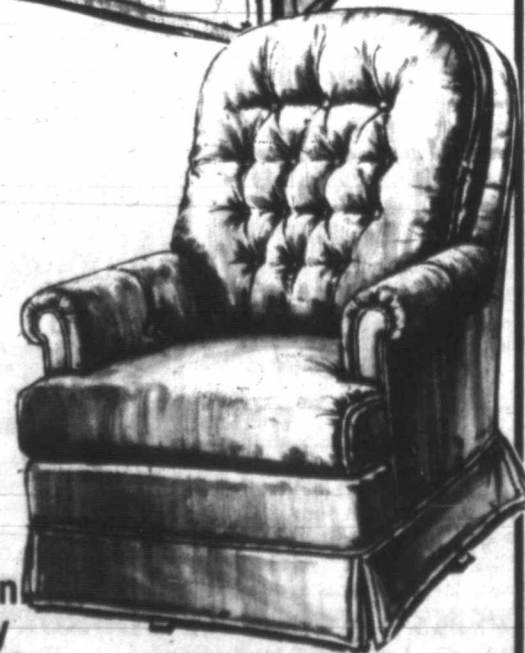
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