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THURSDAY

## County commissioners begin 1992 budget deliberations

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners were asking, but not getting many answers, Wednesday on where they are going to find an estimated \$1 million that the county is short on funding the proposed 1992 budget of about \$5 million.

The county has two choices - either cut services or raise the tax rate - commissioners said during the budget discussions, which began at 1 p.m. and ended at 5:30 p.m. Last year's tax rate was 27.39 cents per \$100 valuation.

The group discussed whether to continue the longevity pay - \$5 a month for every year of service, which becomes payable after four years with the county. The longevity pay for county employees in 1992 will cost the county \$42,540.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Ted Simmons said the longevity pay ought to stay in place. If longevity pay is not given, Simmons said, "It'd be like taking away some of their money."

The group took no action on deleting the longevity pay from the budget.

The Commissioners Court also discussed whether to continue the program of giving 3 percent, 2 percent and 1 percent discounts to people who pay their ad valorem taxes early in the months of October, November and December, respectively. No action was taken on the discount matter.

Regarding conference and travel fees requested by officeholders, Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright made a motion that the county fund the requested amounts of each officeholder, which range from \$200 to \$5,000. Wright's motion died for a lack of a second.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene made a motion, seconded by Simmons, to provide a maximum of \$1,200 for conference and training for each officeholder and to provide a maximum of \$500 for each deputy in an office that is required by law to have training. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners Court denied, on a 4-1 vote, a request from Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Creed Lamb to employ a full-time clerk. Lamb, in his first year of office, inherited the budget of his predecessor which provides \$4,327 for part-time clerical help.

Both Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 justices of the peace have full-time clerks and those employees receive

salaries of \$14,300 and \$14,500, respectively.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley voted against the motion to not allow the full-time clerk. Wheeley pointed out that in 1990, Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace brought in \$63,000 from fines, Precinct 1 brought in \$96,000 and Precinct 2 brought in \$61,700. This year to date, Precinct 4 has brought in \$52,000, Precinct 1 has brought in \$45,000, and Precinct 2 has brought in \$27,000, Wheeley said.

Wright made the motion, seconded by Simmons, to not allow the full-time clerical position. Wright said, "I'm sure the judge needs the help and I'd like him to have it, but we still are \$900,000 away from what we need. Somewhere we've got to say 'no.'"

Greene said, "The guy before was doing the same amount of work with the same amount of people. Why should you increase the personnel? He (Lamb) knew what the job was when he ran."

Regarding County Attorney Bob McPherson's budget, the Commissioners Court deleted a \$6,000 request for lease of computer equipment from the office, but said if McPherson did not have enough money in his hot check fund to pay the \$500 monthly charge, he could return to the Commissioners Court

next year and ask for help.

In budget requests by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters, the Commissioners Court agreed to delete a \$2,600 figure for a new public address system and consider the item under the Courthouse and Jail budget.

Waters also included a total of almost \$400 in dues to associations for himself and his court bailiff and court administrator. One of the dues was to the State Bar of Texas for \$235 for Waters.

Kennedy said, "The only one I have a problem with is the bar association dues for the judge himself. Get ready for four more attorneys who would like theirs paid if you approve this."

Simmons said that he believed the county should pay the dues because Waters cannot practice as an attorney because he is now a district judge.

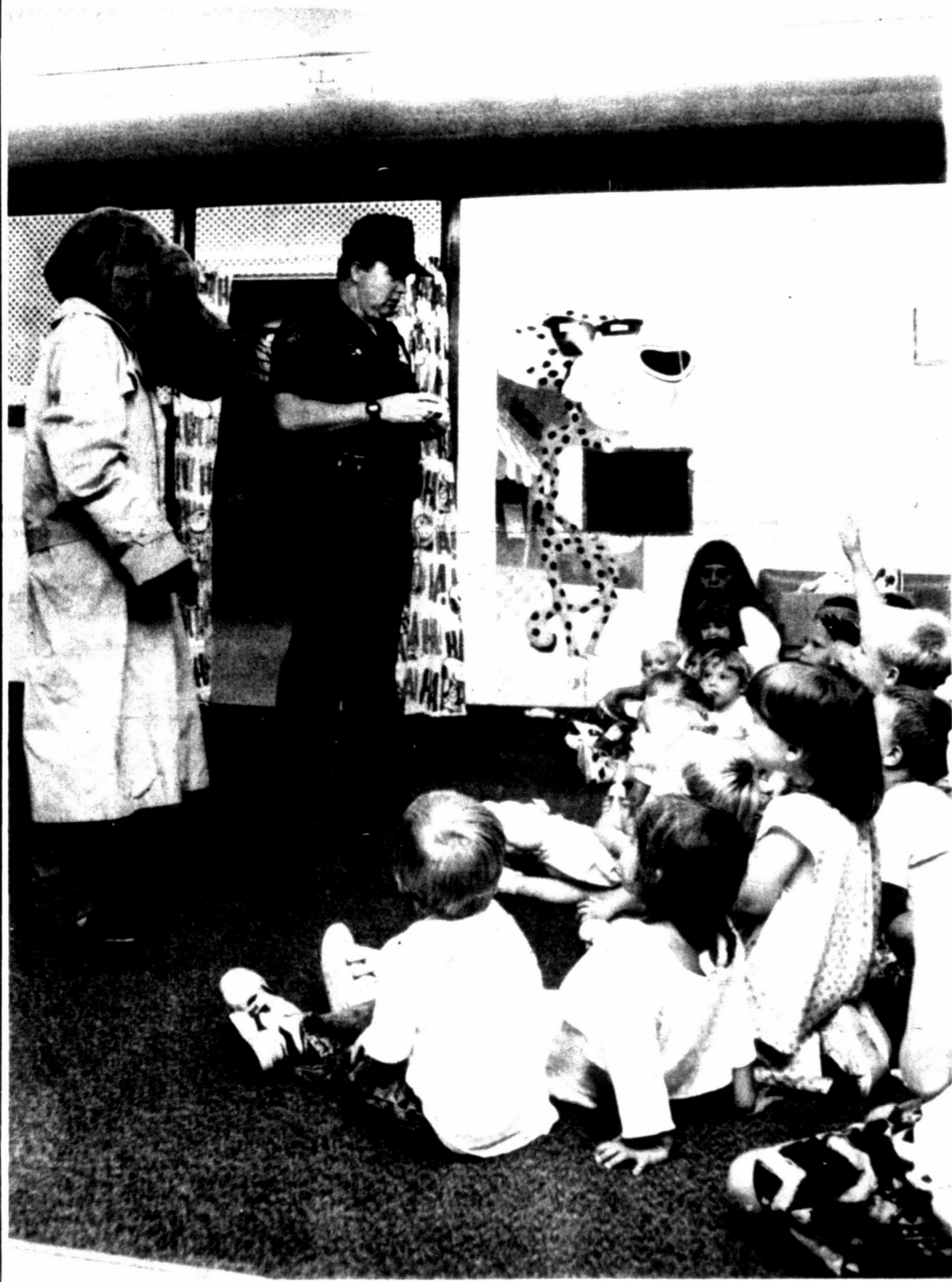
The dues were left in Waters' budget following the discussion.

The group also discussed an almost \$6,000 a year raise for the 223rd Court Bailiff R.C. Parker, which was requested by Waters to bring Parker's salary in line with that of a regular Gray County deputy.

Greene said that since Parker is certified as a deputy

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### McGruff visit



Cpl. Dave Wilkinson, crime prevention officer with the Pampa Police Department, introduces McGruff the Crime Prevention Dog to a group of youngsters at Happy Time Day Care on Banks Street. Cpl. Wilkinson and McGruff visited with the children Wednesday to discuss safety procedures and other information children should know.

## County votes to keep animal control service to help ranchers with coyotes

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

A dozen Gray County ranchers urged Gray County Commissioners Court to keep the animal control service, which has been responsible for killing more than 500 coyotes in the past nine months.

Following the discussion with the ranchers and Brian Byron, the trapper responsible for the coyote killings, the Commissioners Court voted unanimously to continue the service at a cost to the county of \$1,250 per month.

County Judge Carl Kennedy explained that the ranchers were asked to attend the meeting to get their input on whether the program should be continued, and whether county funds are the proper source to fund the program.

"The state is adding more and more for counties to pick up ... Our source of funds are the local county taxpayers," Kennedy told the gathering.

The fee for the service will be increased to \$1,250 a month effective Sept. 1. The fee has been \$900 a month for the past year and for two years prior to that was set at \$700 a month, Kennedy said. The program is a U.S. Department of Agriculture service, in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas Animal Damage Control Service and the Texas Animal Damage Control Association.

Bill Gething of Pampa told the Commissioners Court, "I've had a good deal of loss of calves (due to coyotes). This gentleman (Byron) did a fine job for me and lowered my death rate. If we can fund the airport and others, I think we can retain this service. I'm all for it."

James Hefley said he, too, was supportive of keeping the service. "I was losing 20 calves a year. He took out more than 120 coyotes and now I'm down to 2 or 3 percent, compared to 10 percent. That's a lot of money in my pocket. It'd almost be

impossible for me to run cattle without it (the service).

Ed Vincent said that prior to Byron working his ranch, he was losing 10-20 calves a year. He said that number is now down to two or three a year.

"He took 54 coyotes off my place last year - we've got a good supply," Vincent said. "Anyway we can keep him, I'm for it."

David Crockett said he has ranching interests in both Wheeler and Gray counties. Wheeler County has no trapper, but is on a waiting list to get one. "In Wheeler County, the coyotes are eating us up," Crockett said. "In Gray County last year, I had one bobbed-tail calf and I would have had 20 (without the trapper)."

Vincent added, "Once a coyote goes to killing, there's not but one way to stop it and Brian's it."

Billy Davis said that the number of calves the ranchers would lose without the service, compared to the

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## Weekend events to honor area veterans

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

Events get under way today for a weekend filled with activities honoring the influence of the military in the Pampa area.

The Pampa Army Air Field Association's annual gathering kicks off at 2 p.m. today when about 40 people will take a chartered bus to see the play *TEXAS* at Palo Duro Canyon.

Friday evening, another event in coordination with the PAAF gathering will be the Veterans Hall of Fame Banquet with five people to be inducted this year.

And Saturday morning the gates will open for a static display of aircraft at the Perry Lefors Field as Wings Over Pampa '91 kicks off. The air show begins at 2 p.m. and will feature aircraft of the Confederate Air Force.

All or part of the proceeds raised from the events this weekend will go toward a fund for the construction of the Pampa Army Air Field/Veteran's of Foreign Wars Museum in Pampa. The group will receive a matching \$85,000 grant from the M.K. Brown Foundation if the museum raises \$85,000.

Members of the PAAF Associa-

tion who are not seeing *TEXAS* tonight will be at the Club Biarritz for a gathering. An estimated 90 people will be in town for the reunion, said Mike Porter.

A golf scramble will get under way at 8 a.m. Friday at Hidden Hills Golf Course for the reunion group and a business meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Friday in the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn.

At 7 p.m., members of the reunion group will attend the Veterans Hall of Fame Banquet at the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at the door. The public is encouraged and invited to attend, Porter said. All proceeds from the banquet will go into the museum fund.

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, the group will have a food and drinks concession at Perry Lefors Field during the air show with proceeds from the concession to go toward the matching grant for the museum.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, the PAAF Reunion Association will have its annual highlight of a banquet in the Starlight Room at the Coronado Inn. At 8 a.m. Sunday morning, members will meet for a "goodbye" breakfast.

This is the second year for the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame

Banquet honoring selections to the hall of fame. Guest speaker for the dinner will be Gen. Tex Hill, U.S. Air Force retired, of San Antonio. Gen. Hill was one of the original Flying Tigers with Gen. Chennault.

Entertainment for the evening will be presented by Scott Sontag, Pineville, La. He is known as a "musician extraordinaire" and features music from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame banquet is to bring together those who participated in America's war efforts.

Honorees to be inducted this year are Capt. J.H. Nelson, Pfc. Charles H. Roan and Warrant Officer Larry D. Dirks, all of whom are being honored posthumously, and retired Lt. Col. Myron Joseph "Mike" Porter of Pampa and Chief Warrant Officer Roy C. Andrews of Mississippi.

"We are encouraging everyone to join us in honoring our Panhandle veterans at this banquet," Triplehorn said.

The Wings Over Pampa '91 air show will feature the aircraft of *Tora! Tora! Tora!*, SB-2C Helldiver, TBM Avenger, B-25 Mitchells and many other historic World War II aircraft.

## Thunder Junction to have progress meeting

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

CLARENDON - Directors of a proposed western theme park here have scheduled a public progress report for 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at Clarendon College's Bairfield Activity Center.

Organizers of Thunder Junction, which is planned to draw travelers off Interstate 40 and Hwy. 287 with its crafts, rides and entertainment, said the community update is to give the public the opportunity for input on the plan.

"We want to let everyone know the status of the project," said Bright Newhouse, board president of Thunder Junction. "In recent weeks numerous contacts have been made with potential sources for grant funding, donation of items and other assistance."

"Now we need to let area residents know where they fit in. Their help is critical to the next phase of the park, planning and design."

Thunder Junction is designed to be the Old West equivalent of the

Ozark theme park Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo.

It will feature arts, crafts, colorful histories of the cowboys, Indians and settlers in the Panhandle, Thunder Junction officials said.

A potential communitywide fund-raising project will be discussed at the meeting, said Pat Kaiser, promoter of Thunder Junction. She said if the community can come up with some funding and a show of good faith support of the project, she has been promised by a variety of financial sources that the majority of the capital can be secured.

Like Silver Dollar City, Thunder Junction will provide employment and craft-selling opportunities for hundreds of residents in the eastern Panhandle.

"Without regional support, this will not make it," Kaiser said. "It's a regional project that will help every city in this part of the Panhandle. As people from grant-giving organizations look at this and consider funding it, the first thing they want to know is what kind of support we have right in this area."

"The support of people in Pampa and the other cities surrounding Clarendon is essential. We have an opportunity to bring a quality project to life and if we take it seriously we will make it happen."

Kaiser said Thunder Junction will bear other similarities to Silver Dollar City in that eventually it will be the centerpiece in a chain of craft and tourist attractions in the Panhandle that could well include Pampa, Shamrock and other cities.

"We've got to take it one step at a time, though, and do Thunder Junction right."

She admitted that "a lot of people say, 'Why would tourists want to come to the Panhandle?'"

"At first we will just get people passing through who stop for a few hours," Kaiser said. "But millions of people come down I-40 and Hwy. 287 every year. If we could get just a fraction of them to stop, we will do very well. Then, just like Branson, which is not even on a major highway and is really in the middle of nowhere, people will begin to design their entire vacation around coming here."

## Pampa Army Air Field opened in 1942

The story of Pampa Air Force Base began with a small group of men who believed their city and people had something to offer to assist the war effort. Their efforts were rewarded by the visit of an Army Air Field site selection team on April 11-13, 1942.

The inspection team was headed by Col. Norman B. Olsen. The city and county governments convinced his team that land, facilities and utilities would be available for the construction of a pilot and aircraft mechanic training facility. An \$8 million dream came true in March 1942.

Actual construction began on June 1, 1942, under the direction of the Tulsa, Okla., office of the Corps of Engineers. Col. Olsen set up his first headquarters in the Culbertson-Small Building in downtown Pampa. Col. Olsen was replaced by Col. David S. Campbell on Sept. 15, 1942. Col. Campbell operated from the Rose Motor Co. building until headquarters was moved to the air base site on Nov. 18, 1942.

During the summer and fall of 1942, construction continued at the base site. Sufficient progress was made by November 1942 to allow the arrival of the first aircraft. A flight of 10 AT-10s arrived Nov. 27,

1942. The first class of Aviation Cadets (class 43-B) arrived Dec. 14, 1942. There were 174 eager young cadets from basic flight training in this first class. Advanced flight training began on Dec. 16, 1942, and Class 43-B graduated 16 in February 1943.

The first director of training was Lt. Col. Robert McBride. The equipment used by the pilot trainees was UC-78 and AT-9 twin-engine aircraft. These aircraft supported the flight training program until the arrival of B-25 trainers during the spring and summer of 1944. The Aviation Cadet population increased as each class arrived; the average class size was approximately 250 cadets. The average number of flying hours per month was 18,000.

As the war effort became more successful, the base began to gradually wind down its operation until the final closing Sept. 30, 1945. In the three years and three months of operation, there were 6,292 aviation cadets who graduated and 3,500 aircraft mechanics trained. The accident and fatality rate was among the lowest in the USAAF Training Command.

The above information was written and provided by the Confederate Air Force, West Texas Wing.

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## Services tomorrow

**MESSER, Levonia Ruth** - 10 a.m., Church of Christ, Wellington.

## Obituaries

**LEVONIA RUTH MESSER**  
WELLINGTON - Levonia Ruth Messer, 75, mother of a Pampa woman, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1991. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Church of Christ in Wellington with Bright Newhouse, a Clarendon minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Messer was born in McKnight and was a longtime Wellington resident. She married C.D. Messer in 1937 at Clarendon. She was a homemaker and a seamstress.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Ann Wauer of Wellington and Edith Hill of Pampa; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

## 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.

### ADULT CPR CLASS

Adult CPR instructor class will be offered Aug. 16, 6 p.m. at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. No charge.

### FIRST AID INSTRUCTOR CLASS

Standard first aid instructor class will be offered, Aug. 17, 9 a.m. at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. No charge.

## Clarification

A headline for a page 3 story on Wednesday intimated the Groom Independent School District would announce its 1991-92 tax rate at a Thursday meeting in Canyon. Actually, County Education District 3, of which the GISD is a member, will announce its tax rate, after which the GISD and other school systems in CED 3 will be able to set their local tax rate at a later time.

In another page 3 headline, it was incorrectly reported that Rep. David Swinford was asking that the Panhandle "recede" from Texas to form its own state. The headline should read, "Swinford wants Panhandle to secede." We apologize for the mistake.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	669-7432
Water.....	669-5830

## South Africa reaches accord on violence

**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)** - The government and the two leading black opposition groups have reached broad agreement on stopping violence in black townships, according to a report today.

The white-led government, the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party hope to work out remaining differences and sign a formal peace agreement on Sept. 14, said Val Pauquet of the National Peace Initiative, which helped arrange the talks.

The agreement would set a code of conduct for political parties and the nation's security forces. It also seeks to establish neutral monitoring groups and calls for political rivals to stop making inflammatory verbal attacks on each other.

A peace agreement could remove a major obstacle to talks on a new, non-racial constitution that has been proposed by President F.W. de Klerk.

However, previous peace talks have had no effect on halting black township violence.

The government and the ANC have been holding periodic talks for more than a year. In January, ANC leader Nelson Mandela and Inkatha chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi signed a peace agreement, but the battles between their supporters continue unabated.

The ANC-Inkatha feud has been the main cause of

## Hospital

<b>CORONADO HOSPITAL</b>	Beulah Wells, Pampa
<b>Admissions</b>	Mamie Spencer (extended care), Pampa
Jimmie Cottrell, Pampa	Margaret Wells (extended care), Clarendon
Betty Dunbar, Pampa	
Velma Lee Munson, Canadian	<b>SHAMROCK HOSPITAL</b>
Clorine Shackelford, Pampa	<b>Admissions</b>
<b>Dismissals</b>	Minnie Batchelor, Shamrock
Justin Johnson, Pampa	Lela Simpson, Shamrock
Robbie Lynn Kirkham, Pampa	<b>Dismissals</b>
	None

## Police report

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

### WEDNESDAY, Aug. 14

Police reported resisting and evading arrest in the 700 block of Sloan.

Police reported an attempted suicide in city jail (See related story)

Police reported domestic violence in the 1000 block of Varnon.

Cheryl Ammerman, 1024 Charles, reported a theft at 732 E. Frederic.

### THURSDAY, Aug. 15

Police reported domestic violence in the 200 block of North Houston.

### Arrests

#### WEDNESDAY, Aug. 14

Jerry Lynn Douthit, 24, 612 Warren, was arrested at 721 Sloan on charges of driving while intoxicated, evading arrest and resisting arrest.

#### THURSDAY, Aug. 15

Dewayne Smith, who refused through press time to give police his age or address, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee Street on a charge of public intoxication.

### DPS-Arrest

#### TODAY, Aug. 15

Ladd Martin Lafferty, 22, 718 N. Christine, was arrested on Texas 152, west of Pampa, on a charge of driving while intoxicated (first offense) and breath test refusal. He was released on bond.

## Minor accidents

Pampa police reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### WEDNESDAY, Aug. 14

1:20 p.m. - A 1982 Oldsmobile driven by Vivian Hather, Lefors, collided with a 1982 Mercury driven by Waulita Purvis, 912 E. Campbell, at Houston and Craven streets. Purvis was cited for failure to yield right of way.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		
Wheat.....	2.53	
Milo.....	3.80	
Corn.....	4.25	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of completion.		
Ky. Cent. Life.....	10 7/8	up 1
Serfco.....	3 5/8	NC
Occidental.....	23 7/8	up 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion.		
Magellan.....	67.82	
Puritan.....	13.85	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Amoco.....	51 5/8	up 3/8
Arco.....	115 3/4	up 1/2
Cabot.....	31 1/8	NC
Cabot O&G.....	16 1/4	NC
Chevron.....	69 3/8	dn 1/8
Coca-Cola.....	64 1/2	up 3/4
Enron.....	62 3/8	up 3/8
Halliburton.....	38 1/2	up 1/4
Ingenoll Rand.....	49 7/8	up 1/8
KNE.....	26 1/4	dn 3/8
Kerr McGee.....	41 3/4	NC
Limited.....	29	up 1/8
Mapo.....	49	up 1/8
Maxus.....	9 1/4	up 1/8
McDonald's.....	32 1/4	up 1/8
Mesa Ltd.....	2 1/2	NC
Mobil.....	66 7/8	NC
New Atmos.....	18 1/2	dn 1/4
Penney's.....	51 5/8	dn 3/4
Phillips.....	25 1/2	up 1/8
SLB.....	67 7/8	up 1/2
SPS.....	30 1/2	NC
Tenneco.....	41 1/4	up 1/4
Texasco.....	62 5/8	up 5/8
Wal-Mart.....	50 3/4	dn 3/4
New York Gold.....	358.50	
Silver.....	3.97	
West Texas Crude.....	21.27	

## Texas Civil Liberties Union says police need more control policies

**AUSTIN** - A new report by the Texas branch of the American Civil Liberties Union alleges there are few if any external controls to limit police brutality and civil rights violations by officers around the state.

Suzanne Donovan, acting director of the ACLU, said, "The survey reveals there is no consistent means of police oversight across the state, that police oversight is left to the chief's discretion and that the overwhelming majority of city police forces in Texas lack independent citizen input or review."

Among the findings in the ACLU report was that "Texas police officers have been investigated for civil rights abuses by the U.S. Justice Department more than 2,000 times since 1984."

In fact, the report, which used independent sources such as the *Dallas Morning News* for its research, showed Texas leads the nation in such reports of civil rights abuses by police, even though Cali-

formia and New York have greater populations.

The ACLU report concludes that the only way police departments can respond to growing public mistrust and reports of abuse by officers is to form independent citizen review committees that include blacks and other minority members.

The report quotes Eva McMillan of the Dallas Civilian Review Board, who said, "We may not actually win (in a dispute with police), but we get a lot of publicity and the police think twice before doing something ques-

tionable again."

In Pampa police are accused of violating the civil rights of a Hispanic woman during a May 10 drug raid when they conducted a body cavity search without her consent.

That case is currently pending in federal court. Two officers involved in the incident were suspended without pay for one week, but no other disciplinary action against the officers was revealed.

The city of Pampa has denied any wrongdoing in the case, however.

## Police officer's quick response credited for saving inmate's life

A Texas Ranger is crediting quick response by a Pampa police officer with saving the life of a city jail inmate who attempted suicide Wednesday night.

Ranger Gary Henderson was called to investigate the case after police found an inmate in his early 20's hanging by his shirt.

"One of the officers, Monty Roberts, was going to place articles back in the jail and saw him hanging," Henderson said. "He listed him up by his waste and called for other officers. They came in and cut him down."

Henderson said the man had been hanging for "probably three or

four minutes and had just started to pass out."

He also noted, "The police did a good job of checking the jail and stopping this right when it started."

Henderson indicated the man had tried to stop the suicide attempt after it began, but could not find a foothold and was about to pass out.

After being transported to Coronado Hospital, where he was treated and released, the inmate was transferred to a cell at Gray County Jail where he could be supervised at all times, Henderson said.

The name of the inmate is not being released.

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## Coyotes

cost of the trapper, is a "drop in the bucket."

"I think it's a very small expenditure," Davis said. "It's a good program."

Joe VanZandt, county Extension agent, said that many counties are envious of Gray County for having the service. "We're real fortunate to have the service. Brian can get extra help when he has trouble because he's already here," VanZandt said.

Byron uses various methods of catching and killing the coyotes and in the past has used a helicopter to fly him around to sight and kill the coyotes. In recent years, 450 coyotes were killed in 18 hours of flying, one of the ranchers said.

Asked if the ranchers would be willing to help share the expense, all of the ranchers nodded their heads in agreement.

However, Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene said, "I feel like it's something we ought to fund out of the county. This is somebody's livelihood, not recreation."

Greene made a motion, seconded by Precinct 4 Commissioner Ted Simmons, to fund the program this year.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright pointed out, "We're looking for about a million more to fund our 1992 budget."

Greene said, "If we don't fund this and ask them to do it, it's more or less double taxation."

The motion by Greene carried with a unanimous vote. The Commissioners Court also authorized the county judge to sign the agreement.

## Crime Stoppers seeks callers earning rewards

Pampa Crime Stoppers wants to notify two callers that they have been approved for a reward after their tips led to arrest and indictments, said Cpl. Dave Wilkinson, coordinator of the Pampa Crime Stoppers program.

Caller #1947 who reported the narcotics violation on May 21, 1991, is eligible for a reward, Wilkinson said.

Caller #3279 who reported an incidence of fraud on Feb. 19, 1991, is also eligible for a reward, he said.

These two callers are asked to contact Wilkinson either at 669-5700, extension 289, or by calling the Crime Stoppers number at 669-2222 so that they may receive their rewards.

## Hawk's eye



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

This hawk perches on a gate located on Highway 152 between Pampa and Mobeetie recently. While waiting for some unwary prey to pass by, it gives the photographer the old hawk's eye.

## City briefs

**BRICK REPAIR:** Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

**ALLSTATE INSURANCE** Company, Clois Robinson, 1064 N. Hobart, Pampa, Tx. 665-4410. Adv.

**4 JUNIOR Deluxe Burgers** \$2.50. Hamburger Station, 665-9131. Adv.

**SUNSHINE FACTORY** will be temporarily closed because of illness in the family. Adv.

**WASHERS AND Dryers** for sale. 536 Lefors. 665-1188. Adv.

**FOR SALE** - Alto Saxophone in great condition. Call 665-2785. Adv.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING** Course Saturday, August 17. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Lunch 12:00 - 1:00. J.D. Shanks Instructor, Clarendon College - Pampa Center, Rm. 1. Adv.

**75% OFF** at The Clothes Line. 109 N. Cuyler. Adv.

**BLACK DIAMOND** watermelons, peaches, super sweet onions, cantaloupes, tomatoes, squash and lots more. Watson's Feed and Garden. Adv.

**PANHANDLE RECORD** Bass 14 lbs. plus. At Alco, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Adv.

**ADDINGTON'S THIRD** Annual Sidewalk Sale Saturday, August 17, 9:30-5:30. Something for everyone. \$10 and up Ladies, Men, and Kids Jeans. Shirts, Belts and much more. Adv.

**SPECIAL GREENBEANS** \$13.50 a bushel. Very good beans. Best deal you have ever had on tomatoes for sauce or canning \$9.50 for 25 lb. box. This plus all fresh vegetables and melons and peaches. Epperson's Hwy. 60 East. Also located at 1900 N. Hobart. Adv.

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## Budget

he should receive the increase in salary from \$16,515 to \$22,294.

Kennedy said, "To me the duties of a court bailiff compared to a deputy sheriff are extremely different... the inherent dangers that go with being a deputy, that person is entitled to be paid for those risks. There is no comparison in the risks involved."

Wright added, "It's sort of different to give one person a raise and not the others."

Simmons said, "I think we're discriminating if we don't give him what the others (deputies) are making."

The group left the figure budgeted by Waters for the raise in the district judge's budget.

The Commissioners Court began discussions on whether the sheriff's office need five new jailers and four new dispatchers in 1992 when the new sheriff's office and jail will go on line.

Kennedy said that former Sheriff Rufe Jordan had nine deputies, two jailers, one secretary and himself for a total of 13 people.

Sheriff Jim Free, who is in his third year of office, has 12 deputies, five jailers, one secretary and himself for a total of 19 people.

Wheelely said, "I think we're jumping the gun on adding five more jailers. It will take several months to get in the grind of operating the jail. Any smart sheriff would start slow and try to get everything right... Just because you have the room overnight doesn't mean to go and put people in jail."

Wheelely added that for the "compassion" of the taxpayers who will foot the bill for the new personnel and operation of the jail, he thinks the sheriff should work into the situation rather than go "whole hog and fill it up."

The group is scheduled to continue the discussions on the sheriff's office personnel at a special meeting, set to begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the second floor courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse.

They will also consider other budget items, including whether they will add a license tag fee of \$5 or \$10 or continue like last year with no extra fee assessed. The \$5 or \$10 fee can be assessed for each license tag and be used for school crossing guards or road and bridge funds.

# Task force to check claim of 60 murders

By FRANK FISHER  
Associated Press Writer

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — Federal officials are setting up a task force to investigate a drifter's claim to have killed more than 60 people in 20 states.

"We've gotten calls from lots of jurisdictions, and I don't have a count of it but there are a bunch of them," Assistant U.S. Attorney Kent McDaniel said Wednesday.

Donald Leroy Evans, 34, of Galveston, Texas, has claimed he killed women and men during a decade of wandering bracketed by his departure from the Marines Corps in 1977 and his 1987 imprisonment in Texas for rape.

If his claims prove true, Evans would be responsible for more slayings than any other known serial killer in U.S. history.

Evans confessed to the slayings in admitting he raped and strangled a 10-year-old girl abducted from a Gulfport beach on Aug. 1, authorities said. He led police to her body in the woods Sunday.

Evans offered to cooperate because he wants to be executed, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Golden said.

"He says he never did a child before," said his lawyer, Fred Lusk. "Donald Evans says his heart, soul and conscience are heavy and the death of the child affected him greatly."

Lusk said that three killings have been confirmed so far. Details Evans gave of two slayings in Fort Lauderdale and Daytona Beach, Fla., match homicides there in 1985, the lawyer said.

"Donald Evans may be a con artist and if he is, he has conned the world into coming to Biloxi. But right now the score is 3-to-0 Donald," Lusk said.

Evans was being held without

bail in the Harrison County Jail near here in the girl's kidnapping.

The task force to be based here will include the FBI, the Gulfport police, the Sheriff's Department and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

An FBI unit specializing in serial killer profiles has been enlisted to help link Evans to other crimes, said FBI spokesman M.C. Overton.

Lusk said Evans held various jobs, from fishing to mechanical engineering to construction.

"I think he had a real tough childhood and what happened was probably the result," Lusk said.

No motive to the killings was apparent, Lusk said.

Lusk said Evans told officials he found most of his victims in rural areas. Usually he strangled his victims; sometimes he sexually abused the women, the lawyer said. Lusk said Evans told him he never stabbed a victim but shot a few.

"There is no doubt in my mind he knows right from wrong. He's rational," Lusk said. Lusk described Evans as being of above-average intelligence.

Evans claimed to have killed people in Nevada, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, Alabama, Arizona, California, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, Michigan, South Dakota, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, Illinois and possibly Georgia, Lusk said.

Among Americans, the most deaths are attributed to Donald Harvey, a nurse's aide sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to 37 murders in Ohio and Kentucky. Most were killings in hospitals where he worked, primarily in 1986 and 1987.

Henry Lee Lucas, a drifter arrested in Texas in 1983, confessed to nearly 600 killings in 26 states but recanted and now acknowledges only one slaying, that of his mother in 1960.

# Neighbor: Evans was friendly

By WENDY BENJAMINSON  
Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON (AP) — Donald Leroy Evans, a drifter who claims to have killed more than 60 people nationwide, once collected money for church charities and shared fresh fish and beer, a neighbor says.

Evans now remains in a Mississippi jail, held in the kidnap slaying of a 10-year-old homeless girl. Authorities are trying to verify his claims of slayings in Texas, Illinois and Florida.

Joe Whitted, who lived across the hall from Evans in a Galveston apartment building, remembers Evans as a friendly, well-dressed man.

But the 34-year-old drifter also drove off in a Suzuki Samurai that Whitted had just bought, and assumed Whitted's identity when he allegedly kidnapped 10-year-old Beatrice Louise Routh from a Mississippi beach Aug. 1, raped and strangled her with a rope in Louisiana and dumped the body in the Mississippi woods.

Whitted, a commercial diver, said he moved into the beachfront apartment complex in June, two months after Evans had been paroled from prison. Evans lived with his girlfriend across the hall.

"I knew he'd been in prison, but he said it was for racketeering," Whitted said Wednesday. "I can't blame a guy for trying to make an extra buck, but this ..."

Evans was arrested in Galveston in April 1986 and charged with sexually assaulting a woman at knifepoint. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison but was paroled in April 1991.

The sexual assault was his only conviction in Texas, law enforcement officials said.

Since his arrest in Louisiana

Aug. 5, Evans has claimed he killed 60 people in Florida, Illinois and Texas. State police in Texas are investigating whether Evans might be linked to any unsolved murders, Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said.

If all of Evans' claims are true, he would be responsible for more slayings than any known serial killer in U.S. history.

Whitted said Evans befriended him easily. "As soon as I got here, he would start dropping by with a beer and a fresh catch of red snapper."

Whitted said he returned the favors by driving Evans to his parole officer and lending him money, which Evans always repaid promptly.

Evans, who Whitted said "had a wardrobe that was unbelievable," also went door-to-door in the building collecting money for a Lutheran school church when he wasn't working at a fishery or as a night clerk at a beach motel.

But Evans, who told Whitted he was born in Indiana, had another side that makes his murder claims believable, Whitted said.

"He seemed kind of high-strung," he said. "He was a little off."

In July, Evans drove off in Whitted's 1987 Samurai on which he had only made one payment and needed to drive to his dive sites, he said. In the vehicle was Whitted's briefcase, birth certificate and other identification.

Evans apparently made a Louisiana driver's license with his picture and Whitted's name and address. He introduced himself to Tammy Giles Routh, Beatrice's mother, as Joe Williams.

"He took over my whole identity," said Whitted, who said he's been unable to work since then because the Mississippi authorities are holding his car as evidence.

# Mime's the word



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Amy Lowrance, left, and Aaron Fernuik practice miming techniques Wednesday at the Pampa Mall. The students were participating in a mime workshop conducted by Area Community Theatre Inc. (ACT I).

# Morales calls for meeting on prison and jail lawsuits

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales is seeking what he calls an "urgent and drastic response" to the state's prison and jail crowding problems.

Morales said Wednesday he wants to hold an informal meeting, perhaps as soon as next week, with the federal judges and parties in two long-running overcrowding lawsuits: the 19-year-old Ruiz state prison crowding lawsuit and the Alberti lawsuit, over conditions in the Harris County Jail.

"Frankly, the state has felt like a ping-pong ball," Morales told the Texas Association of Counties.

"The people of Texas are tired of the spectacle of federal courts running our affairs," he said. "Texans want to see both judges and all parties to these lawsuits in the same room at the same time to find a common path on which to proceed."

U.S. District Judges William Wayne Justice of Tyler and James DeAnda of Houston did not return telephone calls Wednesday from The Associated Press.

Morales said the meeting was necessary to clear up the meaning of recent rulings in the jail lawsuit that the state is financially liable for its prisoners.

Thirteen other counties also have sued the state seeking payment for the backlog of some 10,000 felons being held in county jails statewide, of which Harris County holds more than 40 percent.

State officials complied with DeAnda's order earlier this year to pay Harris County \$750,000 to transfer state prisoners to other, less-crowded jails. Last week, he ordered the state to pay the county

another \$1 million.

However, the state is under an order from Justice not to fill prisons to more than 95 percent of their capacity. Morales said that mandate has had "a directly negative impact on our ability to ease the county overcrowding crisis."

Lawmakers this year have failed to reach an agreement with Harris County officials over legislation to settle the jail crowding lawsuits. Gov. Ann Richards has scheduled a second special legislative session to begin Monday, and aides said the prison issue would be added to the agenda.

Donna Brorby, an attorney for Ruiz plaintiffs, said the meeting was a good idea because the state, in trying to comply with rulings in the county case, could create new prison crowding problems.

"In a way, what's going on with county jails threatens the end of Ruiz," she said. "Given the confusion that's been generated by the Fifth Circuit (Court of Appeal's) position in Alberti, it seems appropriate to have a joint status conference with all of the participants in both cases in one place at one time."

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# State budget described as too high and too low

By PEGGY FIKAC  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock is continuing his push for Texas to get away from relying on property and sales taxes, saying the alternative to spiraling hikes in those levies is a state income tax.

If Texans "want their schools funded for the future, if they want our children to be fed, if they want jobs for Texas ... They've got to weigh that against a tax system which doesn't produce what Texas needs for the future," Bullock said Wednesday.

The two-year state budget and tax increase just approved by lawmakers won't move Texas ahead, he said.

"At best, it keeps Texas from stumbling and from being bogged down, but there's no real progress," Bullock said. "In some respects, it's a step backwards."

The \$59.45 billion budget falls \$884 million short of the general tax spending needed to maintain the current level of services in education, human services, mental health, mental retardation services and corrections, according to figures from Bullock's office.

Under the \$2.7 billion tax and fee increase, state gasoline taxes will go up 5 cents and the sales tax will apply to some items that now are exempt.

Local property taxes also are expected to increase under the school finance reform bill approved earlier this year by lawmakers. Bullock said that might prompt a serious discussion of tax alternatives.

To help raise up to \$475 million over two years, lawmakers also decided to allow Texans to vote on creating a state lottery. Bullock said he likely would vote against the proposal.

"It's one thing for government to sanction gambling, but this time we're going a step further. The state of Texas is now in gambling" with a lottery, Bullock said.

The "one bright spot" from the recent budget session was a revision of the franchise tax to include a levy on corporate profits, he said. Bul-

lock has pushed for a state corporate and personal income tax.

The franchise tax change would require corporations to pay a tax on capital assets or profits, whichever is higher.

But a number of Republicans called the two-year budget excessive and criticized the franchise tax change.

Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, said the budget "presents great danger of a personal income tax before the end of the biennium."

**'At best, it keeps Texas from stumbling and being bogged down, but there's no real progress.'**

"There was a better way," said Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland, head of the House Republican Caucus.

Craddick said that less than \$600 million of about \$1.2 billion in spending cuts recommended by State Comptroller John Sharp were implemented. Sharp's office estimated the number could be between \$600 million and \$900 million.

The Republican Caucus itself proposed \$6 billion in spending cuts, Craddick said.

"We felt our proposals were sound, innovative and a constructive contribution to the search for a new approach to government spending," Craddick said.

But Bullock said at least one Republican money-saving idea — closing state government one day a month — is "the most absurd, irresponsible thing that I have ever heard of in my entire life."

The lieutenant governor also professed embarrassment at a Republican lawmaker's proposal to create a separate state from 26 Panhandle counties.

Rep. David Swinford of Dumas said that Texas' government is out of control and his region is tired of paying state taxes.

When people in other states hear about such notions, Bullock said, "People laugh, and they say, 'What are those dumb hicks doing down there in Texas?' Really, it's an embarrassment."

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## Opinion

### Tax revolt gains national support

Remember how last year's \$160 billion federal tax increase was supposed to reduce the federal budget deficit? The deficit has now soared to above \$300 billion. Congressional spendthrifts could not resist spending all that new money — even as they insulated themselves from the tax increase with a 25-percent pay raise.

Small wonder a tax revolt is spreading across the land. National Tax Limitation Committee President Lew Uhler says the major tactic should be "a constitutional tax and spending limit. We should use the Constitution as the founders intended, to place a limit on government." Twenty-nine of the 34 states needed have passed resolutions calling for a constitutional convention to limit both the taxing and spending powers of government.

Sen. Robert Kasten of Wisconsin has introduced a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget. It also would require a 60-percent supermajority vote to run up a deficit, to increase the permanent debt limit or to increase taxes. And it would require the president to submit a balanced budget each year. The bill has been introduced in the House by Rep. Joe Barton of Texas and Bill Tauzin of Louisiana.

Rep. Christopher Cox of California has introduced a bill, with more than 100 co-sponsors, to reform the budget process. Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi will introduce the bill into the Senate. It would require Congress to write a budget before it spends any money, to meet budget guidelines and to pass no more farcical "continuing resolutions" lasting months past the Oct. 1 budget deadline. It would also give the president enhanced powers to veto items that bust the budget.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona wants to change the rule, adopted in last year's "budget reduction" agreement between President Bush and the congressional leadership, that requires a 60-percent supermajority to cut taxes. Is it any wonder we have runaway budget deficit when it takes only a 50-percent majority to boost taxes or spend money, but a 60-percent supermajority to cut taxes? McCain's bill would reverse the arithmetic, requiring a 60-percent supermajority to increase taxes.

The most immediate tax battle is over the highway funding bill, which includes yet another 5-cent-a-gallon gas tax increase. The bill also earmarks \$6.8 billion for "highway demonstration projects" — porkbarrel.

The capital-gains tax cut idea lives on, though Bush remains wimpy about pushing it. And more people realize that it should not just be cut, but eliminated. How can we compete with Germany and Japan, which have no capital gains tax, when up to 33 percent of the capital we need to develop our industries is taxed away?

As people suffer more, these roots of the tax revolt will grow into great redwood trees.

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# Why Americans hate politics

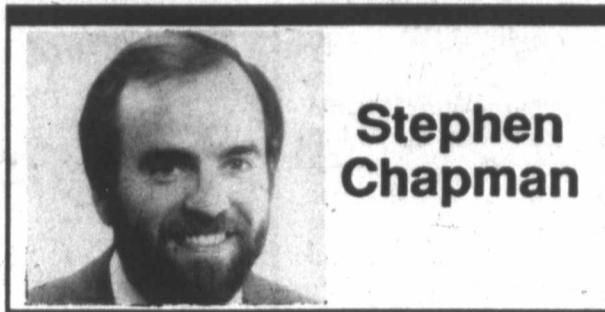
A woman in Dallas, quoted in a new Kettering Foundation report on attitudes about politics, expressed frustration at her lack of influence: "I'm never aware of an opportunity to go somewhere and express my opinion and have someone hear what I have to say ... I could write to the editorial page, but ... I wonder if anyone who is in a position to make changes would read my editorial." Gee, and I thought only newspaper columnists felt that way.

Americans like our Dallas woman love democracy in principle but apparently loathe it in practice, feeling that it ignores their concerns, avoids important issues, promotes division and gives outsized influence to insidious special interests. A new book by *Washington Post* political writer E.J. Dionne is entitled, *Why Americans Hate Politics*. The Kettering survey detected "an illness that is more pervasive and deeper than perhaps imagined, or at least suggested, by the current debate."

Maybe Americans have always felt disgust watching democracy in action. It was nearly a full century ago that Mark Twain described our highest elected lawmaking body as "the only native American criminal class." But maybe the revulsion really is deeper now than before. How come?

The Kettering study seeks wisdom in the utterances of plain folks, an approach that offers some illumination but obscures the fact that plain folks are not entirely blameless. A Dallas man, bitter that the desires of citizens are ignored by politicians, says, "In the end, the things we really need — like more prisons — are not being done." The fact is our federal and state officials have been building prisons at a frenzied pace, but our angry citizen hasn't raised his eyes to notice.

A Philadelphia woman gripes that the news media



Stephen Chapman

only cover trivial issues: "But I guess that's what sells newspapers. The health care problem, the homeless problem ... These issues don't get the press." What newspaper is she reading? *The Racing Form*?

A lot of journalists, including the one my wife married, devote every working hour to investigating and writing about such issues so that readers will understand them better. Most readers, however, spend a lot more time on the comics than the editorial page, and then wonder why they're not better informed.

Still, the complaints have a solid foundation. Americans are unhappy with their political system because their political system doesn't work very well. Neither does any other. The problem isn't peculiar to our form of democracy but inherent in government.

The U.S. government oversees the lives of 250 million people, who have a huge variety of opinions and preferences. But in most cases, it can give only a slight majority of the people the very roughest approximation of what they want. Those who get less than their desires, or nothing at all, can't improve their position without convincing a few million voters and a few dozen members of Congress to do something different.

Trying to affect the outcome of decisions made in Congress, or even in the voting booth, is like playing Nintendo with the controls unplugged: No matter what you do, you can't make the slightest difference.

What makes Americans so dissatisfied is not that the political system is so bad at responding to their needs but that the economic system is so good. Anyone walking into a supermarket, a department store or a new car dealership can choose from a vast array of products designed to satisfy a diversity of tastes. For most people, it doesn't take much effort to find the cereal or the skirt or the vehicle that suits them perfectly.

In the market, almost every individual can get what he wants, up to the limits of his budget, even if very few of his fellow citizens want the same thing. I can get hammered dulcimer folk tunes from Appalachia, you can get Ice Cube, your sister can get Philip Glass and your uncle can get the Ohio State University marching band.

In an election, by contrast, the majority gets the candidate it wants, while the other 49 percent gets stuck with someone they detest. Come to think of it, the 51 percent may not be so crazy about him either.

The other important difference is that in the market, people can't get what they want without giving something up in exchange, providing a limit on their expectations. In the political system, citizens always hope to get something for nothing — which encourages limitless demands and which makes every person's gain dependent on someone else's loss.

The American government, like all governments, is a clumsy, destructive creature poorly suited to pleasing anyone very much. Small wonder it is so exasperating to people whose economic system is exactly the opposite.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 1991. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 15, 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule. Jawaharlal Nehru became India's first prime minister.

On this date:

In 1057, Macbeth, the King of Scotland, was slain by the son of King Duncan.

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1888, T.E. Lawrence, the British soldier who gained fame as "Lawrence of Arabia," was born in Tremadoc, Wales.

In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.



# Country music's newest fans

Good news, America, especially those Americans who have teenage children or children who will soon become teenagers.

It appears at least some of the nation's youth are returning to earth after spending the last several years on the planet Mungo, where everybody wears orange hair and listens to music being played by one-eyed, mangy aliens who have no ears, which is why they can play as loudly as they do.

It was in my morning newspaper, and I quote: "Irma Nandl, an expert at predicting trends among the nation's youth, recently told *Fortune* magazine that country music will be bigger than ever among teenagers this year."

Did you get that? Teenagers listening to country music, not because their parents are punishing them for getting a tattoo of a bat on their forehead (very popular on the planet Mungo), but because they actually want to listen to country music.

It soon may be safe to go to the mall again without fear of losing your hearing because you're standing in line to get a Big Mac next to some kid with a radio the size of a 500-watt station, his zits popping to musical vibrations the Richter scale doesn't go high enough to record.

Miracles never cease.



Lewis Grizzard

I quote more from my newspaper:

"Television rating research shows that last fall's Country Music Association awards telecast had a 9 percent gain among 18-to-34-year-olds, with a whopping 60 percent increase in teen viewership."

I asked one of my favorite country jocks, Moby Carney of Atlanta's Kicks 105, who did rock in Texas before moving East, what he thought of all this.

"I think kids are just getting tired of all the horse hockey in rock," he said. "They want something they can sing along to. I think we're seeing some kids coming back to traditional values."

One distressing thought did occur to me, however. If teens come to country music, will teens change country, or will country change them?

"If you're thinking about Randy Travis suddenly having orange hair and wearing a long earring, I don't think so," said Moby.

I went country myself back in the '60s, the first time I heard the Beatles. Previous to that I was a fan of rock 'n' roll, but it certainly was not what rock is today.

You actually could hear the words to most of the early rock 'n' roll songs. ("Louie, Louie" being one of the few exceptions), and I can still sing along with Ricky Nelson's haunting, "Hello, Mary Lou," and never miss a beat. Ozzie would be proud.

But the Beatles, I somehow sensed, were a portent of strange musical things to come, such as lyrics you wouldn't sing in front of a rattlesnake, performers showing their privates on stage and biting the heads off things that sometimes carry rabies.

So I went country in my own teen years and I strongly believe that is why I have turned into such a solid citizen.

OK, so I've messed up a few things, but I don't have a tattoo, I've never exposed myself before a large number of people and I've never had rabies.

Welcome to Nashville and the fold, if you are a teenage country music fan, and as far as the rock planet Mungo is concerned: Horse hockey on it.

# When religion becomes an issue

By MARTIN SCHRAM

One is the grandson of sharecroppers. The other, being almost a generation older, is the grandson of slaves.

By sheer dint of intelligence and plain hard work, Clarence Thomas, 43, and Douglas Wilder, 60, have risen to become, for the decade of the 1990s, the most prominent Afro-Americans in their chosen professions. They are also becoming the most controversial, in their own ways.

Thomas, the sharecropper's grandson who is our new U.S. Supreme Court nominee, was schooled by nuns on the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas. He ended up with views embraced by senators whose philosophy spans the narrow range from Helms to Thurmond and judges who range from Rehnquist to Bork.

Wilder, the slave's grandson who is the Democratic governor of Virginia, aspires to be our future president. Yet those who make conventional wisdom say he's giving himself the sort of image that can be repaired only by a dentist who minored in podiatry. He's still apologizing for his most recent comment: a criticism of Clarence Thomas that seemed laced

with religious intolerance.

Wilder told reporters that senators must require Thomas to answer questions about his views on abortion — because "he has indicated he is a very devout Catholic ... The question is, how much allegiance is there to the pope?"

Conservatives pounced, led by columnist Patrick Buchanan, who wrote: "Wilder is indulging in one of the oldest bigotries of them all: You can't trust these people ... they take their orders from Rome."

Wilder may have to spend the rest of his political life apologizing for that impolitic eruption. But this much must be raised in his defense: Perhaps Wilder, no student of Aquinas, was taking his catechism from the teachings of Yogi Berra, who, in ceremonies honoring him at Yankee Stadium, humbly thanked all who "make this day necessary."

Sadly, intrusive questions tinged with religious discrimination have recently been forced upon us by a most unexpected source — the more conservative officials of the Catholic Church. Those of us who rejoiced 30 years ago when we thought John F. Kennedy courageously silenced such prejudicial inquiry must now wonder

whether it is necessary to consider the private Catholicism of public officials.

We cheered Kennedy's 1960 speech to Protestant clergy: "I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute — where no Catholic prelate would tell the president ... how to act ... where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from the pope ... where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials. ..."

But shockingly, views contrary to Kennedy's are being voiced anew — by prominent Catholic Church leaders.

"... The politicians have failed to recognize their obligation to bring their Catholic faith and morality into the public arena," declared San Diego's Roman Catholic Bishop Leo T. Maher in 1989, in denying communion to a legislator who was pro-choice on abortion. "We are trying to teach them, direct them, that that is their obligation."

Then, last year, New York's Cardinal John O'Connor said Gov. Mario Cuomo and any Catholic politician who was pro-choice on abortion could be excommunicated. Brooklyn

Bishop Thomas V. Daily said so, too.

If JFK was right, we needn't worry. But if the Bishop of San Diego and the prelates who share his predilection are right, then perhaps we owe Doug Wilder a reassessment of sorts. This grandson of slaves, who has felt the sting of prejudice all his life, made a politically incorrect blurtation — but it may lead us to accept a sad truth:

In this, the 30th anniversary year of the inauguration of our first Catholic president, the church may have forced us back to inquiring of Judge Thomas his views of the separation of church and state, prayer in schools, and potential for a conflict between the interests of the Founding Fathers and the Holy Fathers.

Will Judge Thomas side with Bishop Maher, et al., or will he endorse the works of JFK, who pledged:

"Whatever issue may come before me ... I will make my decision in accordance ... with what my conscience tells me to be in the national interest, and without regard to outside religious pressure or dictate. And no power or threat of punishment could cause me to decide otherwise."

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## NASA's earth study program may undertake new approach

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even the name has a nice ring to it: "Mission to Planet Earth." Instead of focusing on distant worlds like Mars where few of us will go, this NASA program seeks to study the world on which we live.

Until now, the space agency has planned that study to be a big-bucks extravaganza of large and small satellites, looking down from above at the interaction of atmosphere, oceans and land — our environment and what's happening to it.

One part of the program, the Earth Observation System, is planned to begin in 1997. Its cost, in this decade alone, is estimated in the \$17 billion range, rising to \$30 billion in the next century. That puts it in the same expense class as the controversial space station.

**Two panels of the National Research Council last year endorsed most science plans of the global change research program but said NASA should build several smaller spacecraft instead of a single large one.**

But faced with growing dissatisfaction with big, complex programs that can turn sour with failures of the most low-tech of components, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration now is considering a major change in the EOS program by substituting many smaller satellites for a few big ones.

Lennard Fisk, head of NASA's science programs, said Wednesday that the use of huge satellites, launched by big heavy-lift rockets, still is the best way to get the simultaneous scientific measurements needed for EOS.

But, he said, the big-satellite program is inflexible, particularly in times of tight money. If planned funds don't materialize, he said, the only option is to delay the project.

Instead, NASA is debating whether to use a version of the venerable Atlas rocket, with boosters added to increase its lifting capacity. It would need three of these to equal the payload of one Titan 4 rocket, which has been planned as the vehicle to carry EOS to orbit.

Until now, Fisk told reporters, using Titan class rockets has been the only option for launching the

large arrays of instruments the space agency needs for making multiple observations of the same column of air.

The Titan 4 rocket can carry 39,000 pounds to a low-Earth orbit. The current versions of Atlas can lift 14,500 pounds.

The EOS now on the drawing boards is 50 feet high, 14.2 feet in diameter and weighs 32,000 pounds. It requires a 50-foot platform, which is available on the Titan 4. A satellite sized for the Atlas would have to fit on a 26-foot platform.

The plan would be to group instruments on one satellite that need to make simultaneous observations.

Other instruments not so critical to instant observations would go on the other satellites.

The Air Force is planning to build an upgraded Atlas, along with facilities at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California for launching rockets into a polar orbit.

"If you take the payload and divide it up into Atlas-sized spacecraft," Fisk said, "you launch three spacecraft in place of one big one. If you don't get all the resources you expect to have, you launch the first on time and the second can slip." No such option exists when every instrument is on a single satellite, he said.

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NASA had intended to build three pairs of EOS satellites for launches on Titan 4 rockets beginning late in 1997.

NASA engineers will make a decision by year's end on whether the program can be restructured to make it more flexible while preserving comprehensive observations in order to reflect the change in the president's fiscal year 1993 spending proposals.

The Earth Observation System, which consists of satellites, a data and information system and a scientific research program is the centerpiece of the U.S. contribution to an international study of global change.

It has support in both houses of Congress but the Senate warned recently that NASA has to cut \$5 billion from the \$16 billion to \$17 billion it wants to spend in this decade.

## U.N. chief: Hostage deal could take weeks

By HANNS NEUERBOURG  
Associated Press Writer

GENEVA (AP) — Tempering hopes for a quick release of Western hostages, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today he remains optimistic the crisis will be resolved but that it could take weeks.

Speaking to reporters, Perez de Cuellar said he was awaiting reaction from the Lebanese hostage-takers to Israel's demand for solid information on the status of seven Israeli servicemen missing in Lebanon for years.

The MIAs are the key issue in talks to work out a reported trade of the 11 remaining Western hostages and the Israelis for hundreds of Arab detainees held by Israel.

"There will be no gestures before we receive reliable, clear and unequivocal information about our missing prisoners ... We will not be moved or give in to any pressure," Israel's lead negotiator, Uri Lubrani, said today.

But Lubrani also said Israel is "very, very ready to help" once information is given on the MIAs. A radical Palestinian leader said three of the seven missing Israeli soldiers are alive and four are dead.

Perez de Cuellar said earlier that if the MIA issue could be settled, "almost everything would be solved."

President Bush appeared pleased with recent efforts to break the hostage deadlock. "Sounds like flexibility on all sides," Bush said today in Kennebunkport, Maine,

where he is vacationing.

The U.N. secretary-general and Israeli negotiators predicted Wednesday that high-profile talks should give way to quiet diplomacy after a hectic week that brought the release of three Western captives.

Israeli negotiators met with the U.N. secretary-general on Wednesday.

Asked when the hostages might be released, Perez de Cuellar said: "Perhaps days or weeks, I don't know. It depends on how quickly I have a reaction from both sides."

He added, however, that four days of intensive diplomacy in Geneva left him "more optimistic than before."

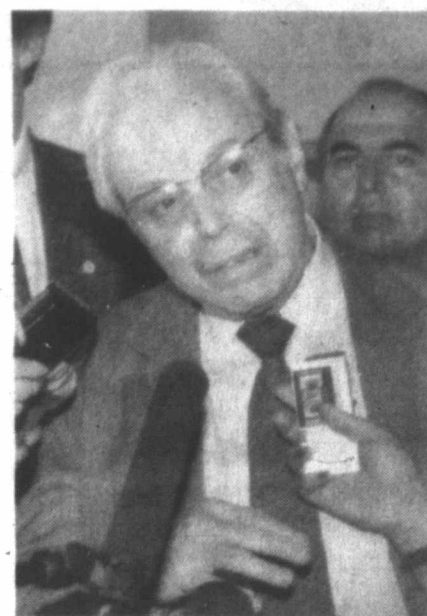
"I have a very clear idea what the Israelis want, what the Western countries want, what the captors want," said Perez de Cuellar, who headed today for a round of private visits in Europe.

His first stop is the Swiss city of Lucerne, where he will sit for a portrait being done by Swiss painter Hans Erni. He said he would stay in Europe so he could quickly return to Geneva if necessary.

In Syria, meanwhile, a government newspaper accused Israel of blocking efforts to find common ground for an exchange of hostages and Arab prisoners. Syria has been a broker in previous Western hostage releases.

"Israel adheres fast to its policy of maneuver and procrastination," the daily *Tishrin* said.

Perez de Cuellar said Wednesday that negotiations would now "enter a phase in which we are going to



(AP Laserphoto)

**U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar talks with the press Wednesday in Geneva.**

continue our efforts in a much quieter manner."

Lubrani said contacts "will continue and we'll do it on a lower profile. This very painful and intricate problem cannot be solved through the media."

After the talks, Perez de Cuellar telephoned Iran's U.N. envoy, Kamal Kharazi, at the Israelis' request to tell him about their "very firm position." Iran is a key player in the hostage crisis because the Westerners, including five Americans, are held by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim groups.

A variety of Lebanese and Palestinian are believed to have captured the Israelis following Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Radical Palestinian leader Ahmed Jibril reported three Israeli servicemen are alive, and that the other four are believed dead. Some Israeli officials believe at least three of the MIAs are alive, but there has been no firm proof on the fate of any of the MIAs.

The *New York Times* reported today that Iran has told Perez de Cuellar it only knows the status of two of the servicemen and that they are both dead.

Perez de Cuellar has suggested the Israelis make a good-will gesture by releasing some of their Arab detainees. Lubrani said this was not discussed during Wednesday's 90-minute meeting.

Israel and its allied militia, the South Lebanon Army, hold about 375 Lebanese prisoners. In addition, Israel has detained about 9,000 Palestinians.

Jibril, secretary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, said Wednesday he would demand that 18,000 Palestinians jailed by Israel also be released in any hostage-prisoner trade. It was not clear where he got that number, or what influence he has on the kidnappers.

Israeli officials have denied reports of a weekend release of some Arab prisoners, including Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid, kidnapped by Israeli commandos in southern Lebanon two years ago.

## Former hostage Tracy arrives in New England

By EVE EPSTEIN  
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Edward Tracy was in high spirits on his return to the United States after nearly five years in captivity, and a psychologist said he was reassured the former hostage had retained his sense of humor.

"Feels ... good, man, back in the states again, finally," Tracy said as he arrived Wednesday at the Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Tracy, who was freed by his Shiite Muslim captors on Sunday, was met by a team of doctors, an Air Force band and about 100 well-wishers at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford. One man held a sign that read, "You're My Hero."

While the band played "You're a Grand Old Flag," Tracy raised his arms, clenched his fists and saluted before leaving the Air Force jet that brought him from Rhein-Main Air Base outside Frankfurt, Germany.

A small American flag stuck in his breast pocket, Tracy walked a red carpet through an honor guard to a van that took him 15 miles to the VA hospital, which specializes in treating post-traumatic stress disorder.

When asked how he had been treated, Tracy said: "Beautiful." But when asked what he did while in captivity in Lebanon, he replied, "Beat my head on a floor on a chain."

Terence Keane, who heads the hospital's center for treatment of post traumatic stress disorder, said Tracy was in better shape than he had expected.

"His sense of humor was intact, and we were very pleased to see that, frankly," Keane said.

After his release, Tracy was disoriented and had trouble completing sentences.

Keane said Tracy, an Air Force veteran of the Korean War, told doctors he had been previously treated for psychological problems.

"There appear to be some psychological hospitalizations in his history," Keane said. He noted, however, he did not have those medical records and was relying on Tracy's account.

Tracy was accompanied on the flight by his daughters, Monica, 23 and Margaret, 28, who had flown to Germany from their home in the Canary Islands. Upon landing, he was reunited with his sister, Maria Lambert of South Burlington, Vt.

His mother, Doris Tracy, 83, of South Burlington, did not attend the ceremony.

"I can't see too well. My balance is poor. I don't ever go anywhere," she said.

Tracy said of his return to New England: "It's been a long time."

Tracy had little contact with his family until 1985, when he began corresponding with his mother, ex-wife and others.

He had roamed the world for nearly 30 years and has lived in Germany, Iran, Iraq, Ethiopia, Australia, Italy, the Canary Islands, Trinidad and Lebanon.

Although records in Vermont give Tracy's date of birth as Nov. 30, 1930, he told U.S. officials he was born in 1928.

Meanwhile, Tracy's German-born ex-wife, Ingeborg Tracy, said that callers speaking English with Arabic accents had threatened the lives of her and her daughters unless Germany releases two Shiite terrorists jailed in that country.

Tracy's ex-wife also told the *Burlington (Vt.) Free Press* just after he was kidnapped that his letters led her to question his mental state. In one letter, Tracy said he was "the father of 5,000 motorcycles," the paper reported in 1986.

She told the paper "the letters were so ridiculous, so crazy, they did not make sense at all."

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# Thirsty nation sucking huge lake dry

By CANDICE HUGHES  
Associated Press Writer

CHAPALA, Mexico (AP) — One of Latin America's largest lakes is vanishing, sucked up by a thirsty nation that never imagined something so vast and rich could die.

Lake Chapala holds less than one-third the water it did in 1923, when D.H. Lawrence lived and wrote on its shores.

In "The Plumed Serpent," he described a great "expanse of water, like a sea, trembling, trembling, trembling to a far distance."

A few blocks from the house Lawrence rented, Claudio Cuevas, a third-generation Chapala hotelier, sat in the octagonal dining room of his Gran Hotel Nido, pondering sepia photos on the wall.

"We won't be able to hold up our heads if we let the biggest lake in Mexico die," he said.

The photos show sail canoes laden with freight, men in straw boaters on the decks of elegant steamers, water lapping at the top of a pier. They capture Lake Chapala's golden age, the early part of the century before the explosive growth of Mexico's cities.

Today, piers jut into space and cattle graze around the exposed piles. The yacht club is stranded, its mooring facilities at least half a mile from the water.

"It's probably the only pier in the world where you have to take a taxi to the boats," said Tony Burton, a British naturalist who lives at Chapala.

When the photos in Cuevas' hotel were taken, the lake was 30 feet deep, teeming with succulent whitefish. It held 8 billion cubic yards of water and covered 465 square miles.

Today, the average depth is about 9 feet. Chapala holds 2.3 billion cubic yards of water and the surface has shrunk to less than 330



(AP Laserphoto)

People walk along a pier about one-half mile from Lake Chapala in Chapala, Mexico last month. The lake, one of Latin America's largest, is vanishing, sucked up by a thirsty nation that never imagined something so vast and rich could die.

square miles. The whitefish are gone.

Cuevas said Chapala, the third largest fresh-water lake in Latin America after Lake Titicaca and Lake Nicaragua, "should be a problem of international concern, but all we hear is talk, talk, talk. We're drowning in words."

The problem is simply described. More water is being taken from Lake Chapala than nature can pour into the rivers, streams and underground aquifers that nourish it. The water quenches the thirst of Mexico City and Guadalajara, Mexico's largest cities, and the farming and ranching country that feeds them.

Jorge Matute Remus has fought to save the lake since he was mayor of Guadalajara in the 1950s, then head of the city water department.

He said Chapala's decline began in the 1940s, but no one noticed. The Lerma River, which feeds the lake, was diverted to provide drinking water for Mexico City, 300 miles away. Irrigation systems were built and ranchers began gouging out reservoirs. Thousands of wells were dug on farms and in booming communities of the river basin.

Growth eventually became a population explosion. The number of people in Guadalajara, 25 miles from the lake, doubled between 1976 and 1990 to more than 4 million.

Lakeside villages became resorts where thousands of retired Americans settled among the bougainvillea and mango trees of Chapala's eternal spring.

Mexico City became a metropolis of more than 15 million people — equal to the entire country's population when Matute was born 80 years ago.

Through it all, as always, the lake seemed to rise and fall to the rhythm of the rains.

Then came one of the driest years in memory. "The long decline began in 1976 after the rains failed," Matute said. "The lake never recovered."

It took another decade for Chapala to shrink so visibly that the problem could no longer be denied.

In 1989, the federal government and the four states of the Lerma-Chapala basin signed a vague agreement saying the lake should be saved.

Guadalajara will draw part of its

drinking water from the Calderon River instead of taking more out of the lake. A dam on the river and an aqueduct built with Jalisco state and federal funds began operation last month.

None of the other states has acted, however. Nothing has been done to curb illegal wells and reservoirs that drain the lake's underground aquifer, or to stop such wasteful irrigation practices as flooding fields.

Unusually generous rains have raised the water level so dramatically in the past month or so that some local officials declare the lake saved.

"This is giving people a false sense of security," said Burton, the naturalist. "We're still taking out more water than is coming into the basin."

Matute said the rain — temporary relief at best — may be a curse in disguise, an excuse to ignore the underlying problem.

"We still don't regulate the amount of water that can be extracted from the lake and the rivers and the aquifer," he said. "We have to discipline ourselves. Nature only gives us so much water."

## Father gets ticket for rushing wife, son to hospital

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A man who led police on a chase in rushing his pregnant wife and ailing son to the hospital got a speeding ticket and faces a possible reckless driving charge, police said Wednesday.

John Hall said he sped past police on the way to Stanford Medical Center on Tuesday because his wife, Debra, was going into labor. En route, the couple's 2-year-old son stopped breathing and Mrs. Hall worked to revive the boy between labor pains, Hall said.

"Her water breaks. Sheriff's lights go on. He's having trouble breathing. She's in pain — and I wasn't going to stop," Hall said Wednesday.

"I did what was right for my family," he said. "I'd do it again."

A San Mateo County Sheriff's deputy tried to stop Hall about eight miles from the hospital, said Lt. Bruce Horan. He said Hall drove 110 mph on a highway and ran several red lights on city streets.

Hall was cited for speeding, but the district attorney may also charge him with failure to yield to police and driving in a reckless manner, Horan said.

Horan said police could have helped with the medical emergencies if Hall had pulled over, but his dangerous high speeds put others on the road at risk.

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A group of Argentine anthropologists excavate a clandestine grave found in the village of Chontala, about 90 miles west of Guatemala City last week.

### Forensic team tries to identify mass graves

By SHELLEY EMLING  
Associated Press Writer

CHONTALA, Guatemala (AP) — Guatemala is coming face-to-face with its brutal military past along barely passable dirt roads like the one outside Chontala, where forensic experts have begun exhuming bodies from mass graves.

Relatives say the graves hold the victims of an army scorched-earth campaign in the 1980s that claimed tens of thousands of lives in areas where the military thought leftist rebels were active or might find sympathy.

No member of the armed forces, the most powerful institution in Guatemala, has ever been prosecuted and punished for human rights abuses.

"We want to identify the bodies and work to put those people responsible in jail," said Anne Manuel, associate director of the human rights monitoring group Americas Watch.

Americas Watch brought in a team of international forensic experts at the request of the government and an organization representing 50,000 women widowed by Guatemala's civil war, the National Coordination of Guatemalan Widows of the Violence.

The team includes forensic anthropologists who honed their skills identifying the victims of Argentina's "dirty war" of the late 1970s.

Digging into Guatemala's past can be dangerous.

Families who support the forensic project have been threatened by paramilitary patrols. Americas Watch has been pressuring the Guatemalan government to protect human rights activists.

The forensic team has discovered 26 bodies so far. Human rights workers say there could be hundreds more in this area northwest of the capital in Quiché province, which was violently shaken during the anti-guerrilla campaign.

The forensic team works under the watchful eyes of relatives like Tomas Gonzalez, a 33-year-old Indian farmer who waited patiently alongside the road while the bodies of his two young cousins were exhumed.

They were killed, he said, by security forces in November 1980.

"The army was angry that day because they didn't find any actual guerrillas so they killed the people in the towns where they suspected guerrillas lived," he said. "They shot people they found at home after setting them on fire with gasoline."

Gonzalez' family is one of 22 in the area supporting the exhumation

project in hopes of seeing the killers brought to justice. Gonzalez said he realizes his support for the project and his outspokenness are risky.

"Last week, the civil patrols gathered up most all the people from Chontala and told us not to say anything to anyone," he said. "They asked us why we wanted to dig up old bones. They laughed and said it must be for soup."

The civilian patrols are paramilitary groups that act as eyes and ears for the armed forces. Like regular forces, they have been linked to the human rights abuses that continue to plague Guatemala.

Since Guatemala came under civilian rule in 1986, 23 human rights activists have been killed or

disappeared at the hands of the security forces or civil patrols. Americas Watch said in a recent statement.

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights, a branch of the Organization of American States, last week ordered the Guatemalan government to protect a dozen human rights activists threatened by civil patrols.

The ruling came in response to a petition filed by Americas Watch and the Center for Justice and International Law with the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights.

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# Of new and former eating places in Pampa

Two new eating places are coming to Pampa. Actually, one — the new Dairy Queen — has already opened, just earlier this week. The other — JC's Family Restaurant — will be opening soon.

Both are new businesses, but they are taking over former restaurants at their locations which, for one reason or another, had been closed. Thus, Dairy Queen has renovated the former Burger King business at Hobart and Francis, and JC's is remodeling a building at Hobart and Foster which has been the locale of previous restaurants.

Seeing the two new eating establishments going up reminded me of other restaurants, drive-ins and cafes that have fed Pampa area residents over the years. Of course, we have some now that have become longtime, seemingly permanent fixtures — the Coney Island, of course, along with Dyer's Bar-B-Que, the Lampliter, Ruby's Drive Inn, Jay's Drive Inn, Furr's Cafeteria, Sonic Drive In, the Rathskeller, the Pizza Hut and Pak-A-Burger, as well as the Heard & Jones and Moses fountain counters. These are places I can recall operating back when I was a student in schools here, or shortly thereafter.

Others, of course, have opened since then and are on their way to becoming longtime eating and gathering places for many of us.

Thinking of the new food places, I find myself recalling other places of yesterday, wishing some of them were still around.

The place that comes to mind the most for me, because of all the memories attached to it during my junior high and high school years, is Caldwell's Drive-In, located formerly where the new Dairy Queen has opened. I can remember a bit of sadness to learn the old Caldwell's was closing down, even though it was replaced by a bright, shiny, modern Burger King fast-food place. It just wasn't the same.



## About town

By Larry D. Hollis  
Managing Editor

I spent many an afternoon and night there with others while I was growing up, at first dropping there to eat with family members while a youngster and later spending seemingly hours there every week after I and many of my friends finally obtained our driver's licenses.

It was more than just an eating place — it was a social scene. When I first saw *American Graffiti*, I thought, "That's just like Caldwell's was" — the endless rounds of cars circling The Drag, the flirtations while trying to drum up a date, going on a date and then stopping by to see others there, meeting friends there for gab sessions between cars, leaving there to go back to The Drag or heading out into the country for late-night drag races, and, of course, having the radio tuned to Wolf Man Jack or Oklahoma City's KOMA.

As with teens now, the regular downtown Drag extended out to Sonic's when we grew tired of circling the same old area and wanted to see who was elsewhere. But, back then, there was also another extension to The Drag — west on Alcock to the old A&W Root Beer stand. To this day I miss those frosted Root Beer floats. The A&W was where I had my first bacon cheeseburger.

Another eating establishment I hit regularly with my friends, though usually late at night, was the old Fleetwood's Truck Stop Restaurant, back when there were still some 24-hour restaurants in Pampa to go to at 1 or 2 a.m., or later, when

you just wanted something to eat before heading home to face the wrath of parents wondering just where you had been "all night."

And there are a few other places from then I recall — the Empire Cafe, the Pig Hip Inn and the White Steer Inn come to mind, along with Patrick's, of course.

So, while some places have come and gone and others have lingered for seemingly decades, at least Pampa residents have been able to choose from a number of good eating places over the years. And I'm sure there will be other such places appearing in future years.

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Monday afternoon I was heading over to see my Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Tommy, where my cousin John Hollis and his family were up from Gainesville for the week.

Heading down Browning, I was planning to cross West Street when I noticed a pickup with flashing lights was stopped at the intersection, with a couple of other cars ahead of me halted. I wondered what was going on. Then I saw it — a long, flatbed truck was slowing moving south, carrying a white house on its back.

The house-laden truck reached the intersection, the pickup having moved on to the next intersection. The truck halted, and the driver got out to do some checking, then he got back in and proceeded slowly, the branches of a tree brushing against a porch awning jutting from the house roof. The house cleared

the tree, just barely, and the truck proceeded on its way to move the house to its new location. And I went on to make it over to see my cousins.

While not exactly a common sight, it's one I have seen a number of times over the years in Pampa.

I wonder how many homes have been moved from one location to another here over the years, some from one place in town to another, some from the countryside into town, others maybe even taken to another town. My own grandparents' house, which used to be on South Faulkner, is now just outside the city limits south of Alcock Street, but I missed the move when it occurred.

I doubt if records are kept on such moves, but it would be interesting to know how many homes in this area have been shifted from one locale to another. We often hear talk about "having a permanent home," but such moves show that while some houses may be around for a long time, they may not always be in the same place where they were built.

I wonder if pioneers ever moved their homes around.

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Just a reminder: This is the weekend for the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion, with people already gathering for the related activities. Friday night will be the banquet for the installation of the new inductees into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame.

And Saturday is the "Wings Over Pampa" air show presented by the Confederate Air Force and the Aviation Committee of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. Activities including the static displays of the planes get under way at Perry Lefors Field at 9 a.m., with the main air show events beginning at 2 p.m.

So if you haven't bought your advance tickets yet, you can still do so tomorrow, or you can purchase them at the show Saturday.

# Government accuses GE of bilking U.S. out of \$32 million

By JOE KAY  
Associated Press Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — The U.S. government has accused the General Electric Co. of defrauding the Pentagon of more than \$32 million on contracts to supply jet engines and military services to Israel.

The lawsuit was made public Wednesday by a federal judge in Cincinnati, where GE's aircraft engine group is based.

It was first filed in November by a GE manager acting under a federal whistleblower law, and the Justice Department joined the lawsuit.

The fraud allegations center on GE contracts to supply F110 jet engines to the Israeli military, which was reimbursed for the expenses by the U.S. government. Israel, America's largest recipient of aid, gets \$1.8 billion a year for military use and \$1.2 billion in economic assistance.

The lawsuit said GE officials routinely inflated costs by 19 percent and pocketed the extra money. They also billed for services and equipment never supplied.

The lawsuit seeks reimbursement as well as unspecified penalties against GE.

Many of the fraud accusations were made public in March when Brig. Gen. Rami Dotan, former

chief of equipment for the Israeli air force, pleaded guilty in Jerusalem to 12 criminal counts and admitted misappropriating \$12 million.

Dotan received a 13-year prison sentence and agreed to reimburse the money. Israeli military prosecutors said Dotan conspired with Herbert Steindler, a GE manager, to divert millions of dollars in U.S. aid.

The company said in a statement that it was conducting an investigation and would "take appropriate action as the facts warrant."

GE spokesman George Jamison said the company was unaware of the alleged improprieties until December, when it was approached by Israeli investigators. Steindler subsequently was fired. Other GE employees are implicated in the lawsuit as well.

Steindler could not be reached for comment Wednesday. A Cincinnati telephone number under his name had been disconnected.

A spokesman for the Justice Department refused to comment.

Chester Walsh, a GE manager in Israel from 1984 to 1988, sued GE under the federal False Claims Act, which would allow him to share in any money recovered.

The lawsuit said the Israeli government apparently was unaware of the fraudulent billing practices.

## Young doc graduates from med school at 21

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Joshua Hirsch has a tough enough time convincing people he's old enough to drink. Now he has to convince them he is a doctor, too.

At 21, Hirsch was one of the youngest graduates of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

He finished at the top of his class and is now an intern on his way to a specialty in interventional neuroradiology, a new field using non-invasive techniques for brain surgery.

Hirsch, who recently turned 22, left high school after the 10th grade and entered Touro College in New York at 14, earning a bachelor's degree in history in three years with a straight-A average.

He was 17 when he started medical school, and Fred Burg, vice dean of education, said Hirsch was ready.

"Right from the beginning he knew where he was headed," Burg said. "He didn't play little boy."

Hirsch said he had a "vibrant

social life" in college and medical school and didn't feel left out because he was four or five years younger than his classmates.

He said he's not even the smart one in his family from West Hempstead, N.Y. His four younger sisters are "much brighter," his father is a psychologist with "upteen million advanced degrees," and his mother, a teacher, is "ridiculously well educated."

Hirsch said that despite his young age he has been able to gain the trust of his patients.

"Patients care about competency and professionalism," he said. "I try to show them that I'm competent and I care."

He's been called Doogie after the TV whiz-kid doctor, and although Hirsch doesn't like the nickname, he sees little hope of avoiding it.

"It's like telling your patients not to smoke," he said. "If they get enjoyment out of it, they're going to do it."

# Elvis wannabes line up for Memphis competition

By WOODY BAIRD  
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Neither age, nor race, nor pitch of voice can stop an Elvis imitator. A freshly raked pompadour, a sequined jumpsuit and it's time to rock 'n' roll.

"It beats a daytime job," said Vince Preston, one of 50 Elvis Presley impersonators competing for the title of king of would-be kings.

The contest at a dance hall near Presley's former residence, Graceland, is part of the festivities surrounding the 14th anniversary of his death.

Like many Elvis imitators, Preston, 35, maintains the pompadoured, gold-chained look off stage as well as on. He generally performs in the Alberta, Canada, area.

"My girlfriend doesn't like it. She wants me to wear a baseball cap. She says, 'I'm in love with you, not Elvis,'" he said. "But you have to get into character."

Clarence Giddens, 36, a black singer and guitar player from Melfa, Va., took the stage Tuesday night in a light pink ensemble with dark pink trim and scarf.

Giddens said he shifted to Elvis in hopes of boosting a sluggish career in rhythm and blues. A friend suggested the change.

"I said, 'You've got to be kidding, a black Elvis.' But she told me to give it my best shot, so that's what I'm doing," said Giddens, who has been trying for three years to build his Elvis act into a full-time job.

Presley died at Graceland on Aug. 16, 1977, and up to 5,000 faithful are expected for Elvis International Tribute Week, an annual affair organized by managers of his estate.

Events include a sock hop, a concert featuring Presley's former backup musicians and a candlelight procession to his grave beside Graceland's swimming pool.



(AP Laserphoto)

Impersonators line up for fan photos during Wednesday night's Elvis Presley contest in Memphis, Tenn. From left are Tommy Matthews of Bunkle, La., Jerome Marlon of Peotone, Ill., Chuck Alan of Garrettsville, Ohio, and Bobby Blaze of New Orleans, La. Some 50 impersonators are competing in the week-long contest.

The white-columned house and its sprawling souvenir shopping center draw more than 600,000 visitors a year.

Graceland managers are less than wild about Elvis impersonators, and the contest at Bad Bob's Vapors Lounge is not on the list of events sanctioned by the estate. But it has been popular with Elvis fans and locals since 1987.

The contest has also drawn a female Elvis, a Japanese Elvis and several children, including a 3-year-

old. Children are no longer allowed in the contest but are still part of the show.

While occasionally leaning toward Presley's 1950s look, contestants generally favor his jumpsuits and lay on the spangles and jewelry.

The contest runs for six days. The winner gets a trophy and a weekend anywhere in the United States.

Without his white jumpsuit with red trim, Kenneth Wyatt, 44, works

at a Memphis plant making cardboard boxes.

"I'd rather be behind a microphone than trying to fold heavy boxes," he said.

Some of the impersonators have their own fan clubs and spend time between acts signing autographs and passing out pictures of themselves.

"On the whole, the Elvis impersonators are just as nice as Elvis was," said Toni Ichrist of Shawnee, Kan.

Jr., who heads licensing for the state. Akin was suspended indefinitely with pay Tuesday from his job at the Atlanta AIDS Research Consortium, a center that monitors the effects of experimental drugs on AIDS patients. The agency does not treat patients.

Amy Morris, executive director of the consortium, said the suspension came after officials discovered he had omitted the names of North Fulton Regional and Cooper Green hospitals from his resume when he was hired June 5.

# Nurse investigated in patient deaths surrenders Georgia license

By JOAN SANCHEZ  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — A nurse under investigation but not charged in the deaths of 18 critical-care patients in Georgia and Alabama surrendered his license because he falsified his credentials on a job application, his lawyer said.

No charges have been filed in either state against Joe Akin, 34, of suburban Marietta. Akin has been fired from at least five hospitals, including two where 18 suspicious deaths were under investigation, according to police reports obtained by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

There were 17 suspicious deaths at North Fulton Regional Hospital in the Atlanta suburb of Roswell while Akin worked there last year, and one in March at Cooper Green

Hospital in Birmingham, Ala., news reports said. Police provided no exact figures.

Akin relinquished his license because "it's just a common-sense thing to do," said his lawyer, John Matteson. "It's just to try to calm the situation down until he can get his name cleared in this whole thing."

The investigation began when nurses at North Fulton, where Akin worked from June to December 1990, noticed an unusual number of cases in which patients developed sudden, life-threatening problems.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation was "not even remotely close" to making an arrest, said Larry Wheeler, the bureau's assistant deputy director.

The Georgia Board of Nursing was urged last month to suspend

Akin's license after he allegedly admitted falsifying his educational credentials to get hired at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, where he worked from May 1989 until he was fired in March 1990.

Akin said he had earned a four-year degree, when he had earned a two-year degree.

Akin voluntarily surrendered his license and waived his right to a hearing. The nursing board met in an emergency session Wednesday and accepted the surrender of Akin's license, said William Miller

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# Lifestyles

## Scanning residents reveals alot about nursing home care

By GOOD HOUSEKEEPING  
For AP Special Features

When investigating nursing homes, a careful look at the current residents can reveal a lot.

Deidre Ray of the American Association of Retired Persons is quoted in the current issue of Good Housekeeping as suggesting you look carefully at patients in a facility for these qualities:

Are the people well-groomed, with clean clothes, combed hair, no body odor? Do they appear healthy? Are the living areas clean and well-maintained?

You should try to visit each nursing home during an early hour or mealtime, when most of the residents will be visible and you should stay for at least a few hours.

Stand near the nurse's station and watch to see whether call bells from patients are answered quickly. Talk to residents and-or their visitors to learn whether they are satisfied with the home. See if the staff is friendly and responsive to needs.

Be wary of any home where more than a few residents are physically restrained in their chairs. Some patients, however, may have to be restrained for their safety.

If a lot of residents seem dazed or sleeping, they could be over-medicated or drugged.

Keep an eye out for residents who appear dehydrated — very dry skin and mouth, sunken eyeballs — or who have an unpleasant odor. These things could indicate they are receiving poor care.

There are three types of nursing homes from which you will have to choose, and your physician can help you decide which is appropriate. They offer:

— Skilled nursing, for someone

who needs extensive medical care. Nurses are available on a 24-hour basis. Physical and occupational therapies are usually available. A doctor's order is required for admission. This often is the most expensive facility.

— Intermediate care, for someone who needs less intensive care. Nursing assistance and supervision are available, but less frequently than in a skilled-nursing facility. A doctor's order may be required for admission.

— Custodial care, for someone who requires room, board, some assistance with personal care but minimal health care services. This is the least expensive kind of care.

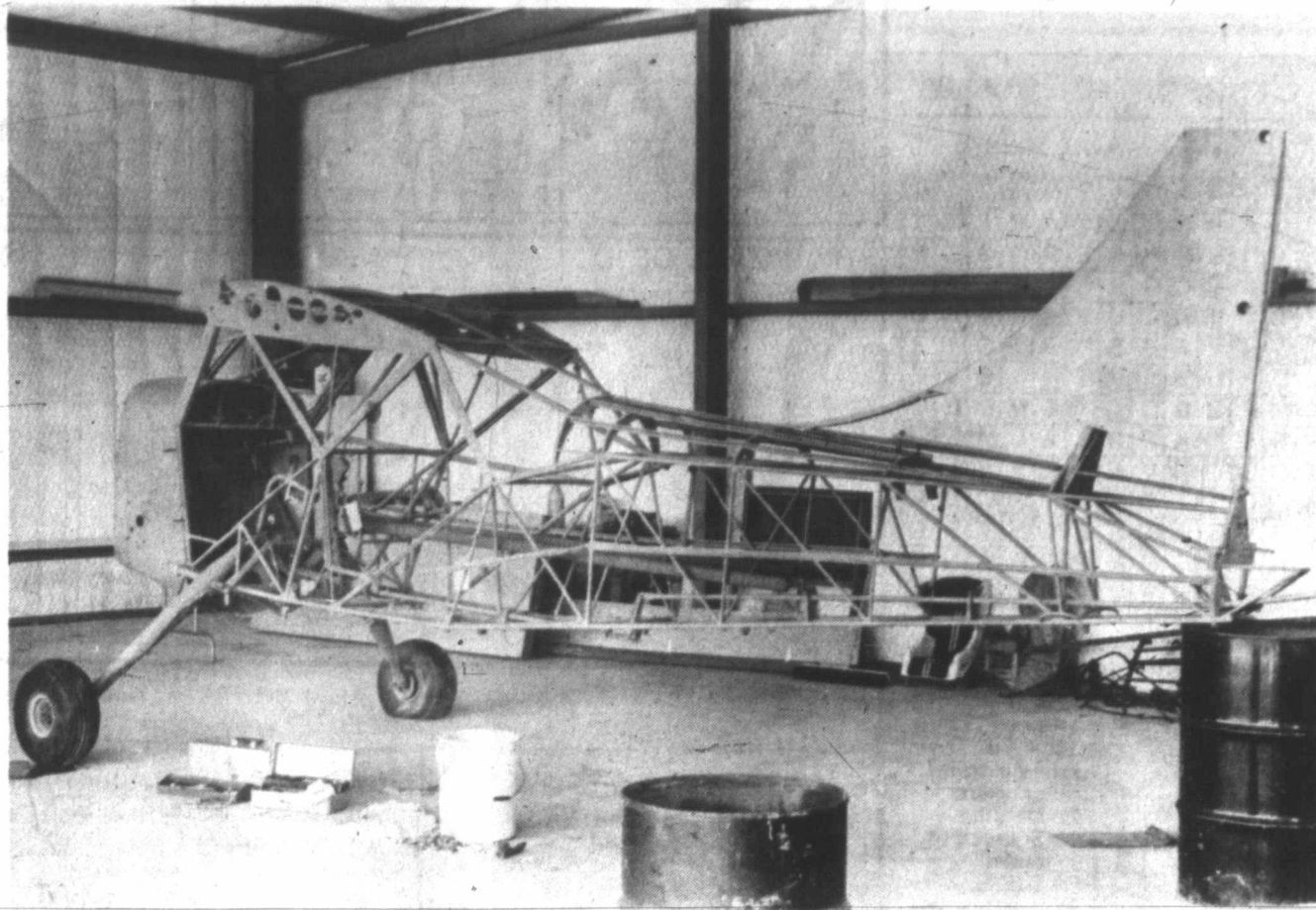
Once you know what type of facility is needed, ask a doctor, friends, a local agency on aging, or health department for recommendations of nursing homes in your area. Schedule visits to several.

When you meet with an administrator, ask to see the most recent state survey results, suggested Cynthia Wallace, executive vice president of Morningside House, a Bronx, N.Y., nursing home. All nursing homes are surveyed. This will list any of the facility's deficiencies.

You may also want to compare the results with previous surveys to see whether the home has a history of problems.

Check whether residents have access to a staff member to help them resolve complaints and problems. Ask about the kinds of activities available to the residents and their frequency.

Deciding to place a loved one in a nursing home is never easy, Andrea Mallozzi wrote in Good Housekeeping, but it is a choice many people have to make.



This is the Stinson L-5 Sentinel before restoration. It was stored in the Confederate Air Force hangar at Perry Lefors Field.



Left, Ken Fields and Malcolm Laing, are with "Nucs Tibi" or in English, "Nuts to You", a Stinson L-5 Sentinel aircraft, manufactured in 1942. It is one of the World War II aircraft to be displayed at the Aug. 17 air show. It was restored by members of the DEW Line Squadron of the Confederate Air Force.

## Eight year long restoration effort yields World War II plane aloft once again

By Cheryl Berzanskis  
Lifestyles Editor

In 1983, a Stinson L-5 liaison aircraft was purchased by the DEW Line Squadron of the Confederate Air Force from the Alamo Liaison Group in San Antonio. Since it was purchased, it has been completely restored by members of the DEW Line Squadron, and returned to flying condition.

The plane known as "Nucs Tibi" in Latin, or "Nuts to You" in English, has a cruising speed of about 110 miles per hour and holds two passengers. It was designed to take off and land on short, unimproved air strips. According to Malcolm Laing, check pilot for the West Texas Wing of the CAF, the liaison aircraft were designed for flying to and from the front lines gathering and transporting information.

At the time of purchase, the 1942

airplane was not only unable to fly, but it was disassembled and some parts stored in boxes. According to Guy Leach, public information and personnel officer for the group, about \$20,000 has been spent on the restoration effort.

According to Pete Hyatt, of the CAF, the engine, a 435-1 Lycoming with 190 horse power, was overhauled in Pampa, by Skip Kelly, a CAF colonel, of Lubbock. The plane was moved to Berger and the wings were rebuilt and recovered with a cotton-like fabric called Ceconite. Berger resident Floyd Jones, an A and P (air frame and power plant) mechanic was responsible for the work. During the winters of 1989, 1990, and 1991, CAF Col. Melton Hill, a Perryton resident, said that he worked "full time hours" on the craft. He did brakes and electrical wiring, plus preparing the plane for re-assembly. A new

wooden propeller, crafted in Pennsylvania replaced the old metal propeller, in order that the plane comply with the military configuration. The plane was trucked on to Slaton from Perryton. In Slaton, rust was removed from the fuselage, the plane was repainted and had a pre-flight inspection. The plane has been "modernized" with a Mode C transponder and Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELC). Under the supervision of Malcolm Laing, the L-5 was re-assembled and he had the privilege of making the first flight after reconstruction.

The plane is certified by the FAA as "standard". It may carry two passengers and fly anywhere with no restrictions.

Hyatt said, "This is squadron effort. Everyone did something. It may have been hauling, procurement, or fabricating parts, but everyone did something."

## Diaper service is alternative way to be dry

By MARTIN HOBRATSKY  
The Odessa American

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — It's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it. And Bob and Karri Moore said they're up to the task.

The Moores operate Permian Diaper Service, the area's only such company, from their garage. Actually, Bob Moore said, his wife does most of the work: accounting, delivery and pickup.

Permian Diaper Service will deliver clean diapers to a customer's doorstep weekly and pick up the soiled ones from the previous week.

The diaper service then cleans the cloth diapers either at its own facility or through a contractor.

Bob Moore, an independent insurance agent, said he wishes he had more time to devote to the business, especially in marketing. With a little bit of effort, he said, Permian Diaper could expand far beyond its current 100 customers.

"It's tough getting the word out with a very limited advertising budget," Moore said. "We reach people basically through word of mouth."

The Moores began the business in May 1990 when Mrs. Moore, who had worked in the home for five years, decided she wanted to run her own business.

Bob Moore said the idea meshed with the couple's desire to have Mrs. Moore care for their three children, ages 2, 4, and 8. They invested in 20,000 cloth diapers, contracted with a local company for cleaning and set up an office, he said.

These days the business operates from the couple's garage "to cut costs," Moore said. But there is still room to expand, he said.

"At the number of customers we have now, it's a cake walk," Moore said. "We could have 500 customers and we could handle it."

Moore said he initially was surprised at the relative lack of demand for the service.

"Diaper services in other parts of the country are going like gangbusters and have waiting lists," Moore said. "I guess people in this area are just not that environmentally concerned and they don't realize (cloth diapers are) better for baby."

Proponents say using cloth diapers keeps disposables out of landfills, thus extending the life of the municipal waste dumps. They also say the cloth is better for babies because it breathes and is kinder to tender baby bottoms than paper-lined disposables.

Moore said cost generally doesn't enter into the picture, because most clients are in moderate-to high-income brackets. The average cost for his service is \$9 a week. A bag of about 30 disposables, about a week's supply, runs about \$13 in most stores.

But Lynn Hailey, spokeswoman for Proctor & Gamble Co. of Cincinnati, maker of Pampers and Luvs diapers, said many claims for the environmental superiority of cloth diapers are "exaggerated."

"There are studies that say when you look at cloth and disposables in both manufacture and use, neither one is environmentally superior to the other," Hailey said.

And newer, "super-absorbent" designs keep babies drier and reduce the pH level of the skin, making diaper rash less likely, Hailey said.

"Using a disposable diaper is a matter of convenience," Hailey said. "In our view, parents ought to have the choice."



## Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

## Hickey on husband's neck tells truth behind his lie

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, when I was in the hospital for complications during my third pregnancy, my husband walked into my hospital room with a large hickey on his neck. He reeked of alcohol and was wearing the same clothes he had worn the night before. I looked him over and saw another hickey — only bigger — on the other side of his neck.

I asked him where he got the hickey and he said he didn't know what I was talking about, so I told him to go look in the mirror, which he did. "Oh," he said innocently, "those aren't hickeyes — that happened in a bar room scuffle. Some guy jabbed me with his elbow."

After my husband left the room, the woman in the next bed said with a knowing wink, "Hey, what were you two doing behind those curtains?" When I asked her what she meant, she said she had seen a big hickey on my husband's neck.

I have tried to just forget about it, but I can't. Abby, why is this still bugging me?

CAN'T FORGET

DEAR CAN'T: It's bugging you because your husband lied to you and when you confronted him, instead of admitting it — he lied again.

You need to resolve this and put it behind you. If your husband values his marriage, he will get into counseling with you. If he refuses, go without him. Your husband appears to have a lot of growing up to do. He also may have a drinking

problem, and unless he changes his behavior and gets help, he could wake up one day and discover that he has thrown away a good wife and three children.

DEAR ABBY: Car seating arrangements in America are usually automatically determined by the social class of the people involved.

If one working-class couple picks up another couple, the husband and wife whose car it is will usually sit in the front seat, and the guest husband and wife in the backseat.

Middle class: The two husbands sit in the front, the two wives in the back. Upper class: The woman guest sits in the front passenger seat next to the host driver, while the hostess sits in the back with the guest husband.

Abby, I believe that this pattern was discovered in a sociological research study that was done more than 40 years ago.

DONALD L. MIESEN,  
SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR MR. MIESEN: Thank you for the input. I was not aware that this topic had been the subject of a sociological study — until several readers wrote to tell me so!

A reader from Butte, Mont., wrote to say that you could tell which political party they belonged to by the seating arrangement: The Republicans usually sat with their wives, and the Democrats sat with the other fellow's wife.

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- 52 Electrical unit
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- 55 Pinch
- 56 Capital of Morocco
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### Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Guard against the inclination today to negatively prejudge those with whom you have dealings. To add insult to injury, your assessment would most likely be erroneous. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences governing you in the year ahead. Send for Leo'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.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** In order to fulfill your intentions today, you might employ tactics that associates will find unbecoming, such as attaching strings to what you offer to do for others.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** This is one of those days when you could do a good deed but jeopardize a relationship in the process. Think very carefully before lending money to a pal who is a poor risk.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Size up situations realistically, and don't get into anything where you're overmatched. You may be inclined to think you have more clout than you actually possess today.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** It's best not to volunteer to take on responsibilities for others today; you're not even apt to be effective in taking care of your own problems.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Steer clear of doing business with a firm today that hasn't lived up to its past promises. It's not likely to be any more dependable now.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Plans of significance to you might be rejected by your companions today. Attempting to force the issue won't help, but a compromise may.  
**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If you're having work or services performed for you today, your instructions must be detailed and explicit. If something is lost in the translation, the job could get fouled up.  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Don't let your emotions determine your treatment of a close friend today. This individual may not be able to live up to your unreasonable expectations. Remember, nobody's perfect.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** On most minor issues, you and your mate are likely to be in accord today. However, if something really important develops, you might be poles apart.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Instead of being supportive of a loved one who needs your approval today, you may criticize this individual without providing a possible solution.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You're likely to be astute and capable in your financial dealings today when handling small matters, but if you have to deal with something substantial, the profits could vanish.

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# Sports

## Blue Jays caught in tail spin

By The Associated Press

Things haven't been this bad for Toronto since the Blue Jays blew the American League East in 1987.

Toronto's losing streak reached seven — its longest since the 1987 season-ending collapse — when Chris Bosio led the Milwaukee Brewers to a 5-3 victory Wednesday night.

"We just have to ride it out, win a game and maybe we'll turn it around," Toronto manager Cito Gaston said.

### American League

The visiting Blue Jays maintained a two-game lead over Detroit, which lost to Chicago 9-8.

"We look at the scoreboard," Gaston said. "We care about what Detroit is doing. Why not?"

Bosio (9-8), who hadn't beaten the Blue Jays since Sept. 29, 1987, allowed one earned run and seven hits in seven innings as he ended a six-game losing streak against Toronto. Doug Henry pitched two perfect innings for his third save.

In other games, Seattle beat Oakland 4-0, California beat Minnesota

7-4, Kansas City beat New York 5-1 in 11 innings, Boston beat Cleveland 2-1 and Baltimore beat Texas 10-2.

**Mariners 4, Athletics 0**  
Randy Johnson's bid for his second career no-hitter was broken up by Mike Gallego's single with no outs in the ninth. Johnson (11-8) held on for a one-hitter in the Kingdome, matching his career high with 12 strikeouts.

Ken Griffey Jr. gave Johnson a 2-0 lead off Joe Slusarski (3-5) with his 16th home run.

**Angels 7, Twins 4**  
Dave Winfield ended a 1-for-27 slump with his 400th career home run and Wally Joyner hit another two-run homer off David West (3-3) at the Metrodome.

Winfield moved into 23rd place on the all-time list, passing Al Kaline. Winfield's two RBIs gave him 1,580 and moved him past Rogers Hornsby into 19th place on that list.

Kirk McCaskill (9-15) won for the second time in 10 starts since June 25, allowing three runs and eight hits in five innings.

**Royals 5, Yankees 1**  
Danny Tartabull hit a grand slam off former Royal Steve Farr (3-3) in the 11th inning and visiting Kansas

City won for the ninth time in 10 games. It was Tartabull's 25th homer this year and his seventh career grand slam.

Tom Gordon (9-10) pitched three innings of one-hit relief and Brian McRae went 0-for-5, ending the AL's longest hitting streak this season at 22 games.

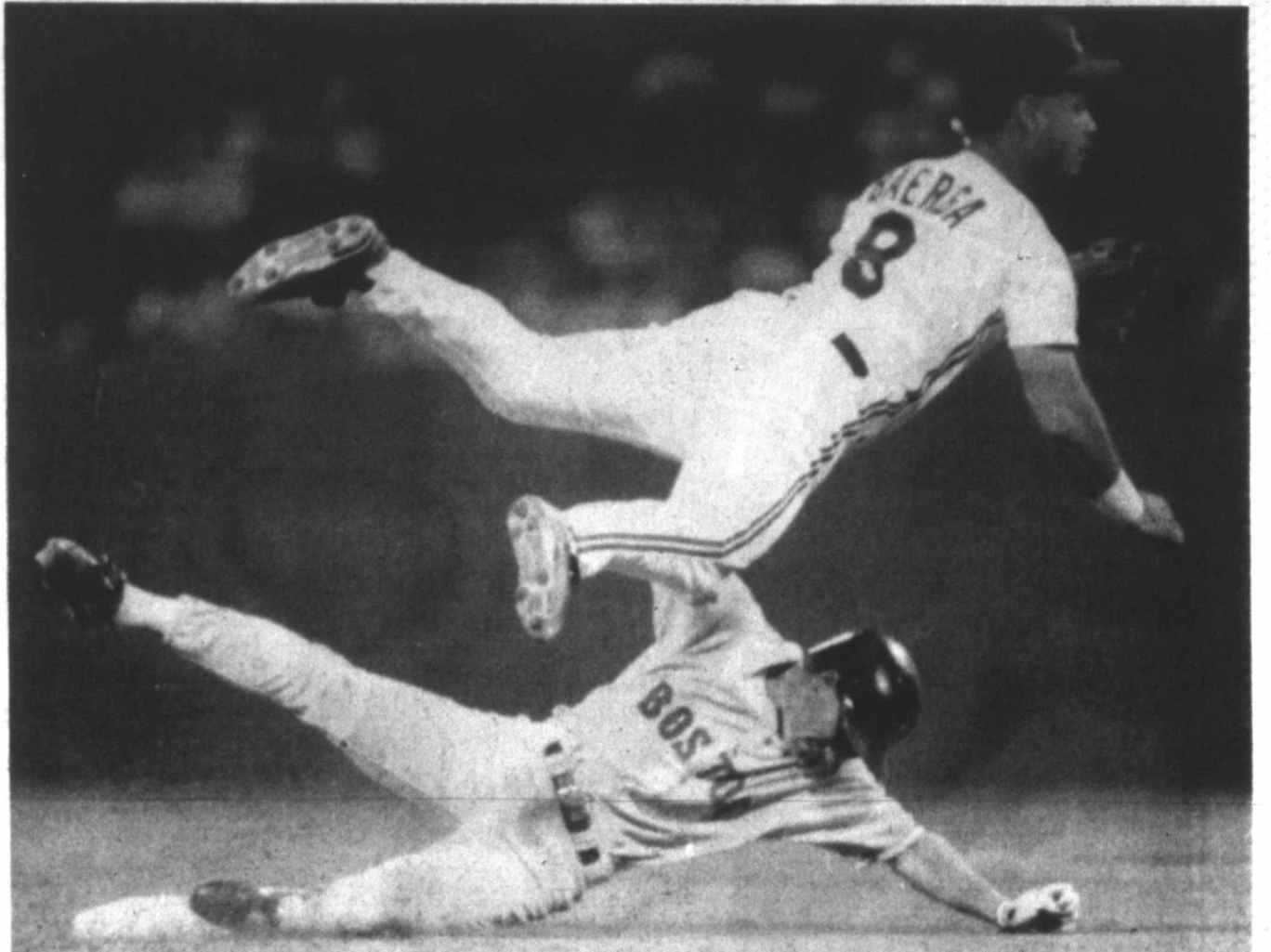
**Red Sox 2, Indians 1**  
Joe Hesketh won for the fifth time in six decisions and Tony Pena broke a 1-1 tie in the seventh with a sacrifice fly as visiting Boston won for the sixth time in seven games.

Hesketh (7-2) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings and Jeff Reardon pitched the ninth, giving him 30 saves for the sixth straight season.

Greg Swindell (7-11) allowed two runs and eight hits in 7 1/3 innings. Orioles 10, Rangers 2

Mike Mussina (1-2) got his first major league victory, striking out 10 and allowing three hits in eight innings. Chito Martinez, another rookie, homered twice for the Orioles, who won their fourth straight.

Gerald Alexander (5-3) gave up seven runs and seven hits in 2 1/3 innings for visiting Texas, which lost six of seven and 10 of 16.



Boston Red Sox runner Jody Reed upends Cleveland Indians second baseman Carlos Baerga (9) after Baerga throws to first for a double play Wednesday. (AP Laserphoto)

## Pirates stay in command; Mets continue collapse

By JOHN KREISER  
AP Sports Writer

On Aug. 15, the day that Pittsburgh manager Jim Leyland considers the official start of the pennant race, it looks like no one will catch the Pirates. The Philadelphia Phillies would settle for beating them.

The Pirates lead the NL East by seven games with 50 to go, the biggest margin among the four division leaders. They won their fifth straight game Wednesday night, spotting Philadelphia a 3-0 lead in a 5-3 victory, their 14th in a row over the Phillies.

"That's a good team in the other dugout, there's no question about it," Phillies manager Jim Fregosi said after the Pirates' fifth straight come-from-behind victory.

"That team's just got a hot hand right now," agreed Phillies starter Tommy Greene (8-5), who struck out seven of the first nine Pirates he faced before Pittsburgh scored four times in the fourth to run their record against Philadelphia this season to 8-0.

Andy Van Slyke's RBI single, Bobby Bonilla's two-run double and

Barry Bonds' RBI double overcame the 3-0 deficit. Bonds preserved the lead in the fifth when he climbed the left-field fence to take away what would have been a two-run homer by John Kruk.

In other games, it was Los Angeles 4, Cincinnati 1; San Francisco 8, Atlanta 3; San Diego 4, Houston 1; St. Louis 5, New York 4, and Montreal 2, Chicago 0.

**Dodgers 4, Reds 1**  
Los Angeles got some breathing room in the West as Tim Belcher won for the first time since June 23, beating Cincinnati at Dodger Stadium.

The victory, combined with Atlanta's loss to the Giants, left the Dodgers 1 1/2 games in front of the Braves.

### National League

Belcher allowed five hits before leaving with two on and none out in the eighth. John Candalaria escaped the jam and Jay Howell pitched the ninth for his 12th save.

RBI singles by Darryl Strawberry in the first and Brett Butler in the second off Mo Sanford (1-1) helped

Los Angeles to an early 3-0 lead. Paul O'Neill homered in the fourth for the Reds' only run.

"This was a big win for us; we needed this one desperately," Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda said. "The starting pitching has been outstanding, the defense has been great. We got a few runs early and that helped."

**Giants 8, Braves 3**  
San Francisco avoided being swept at home as Kevin Mitchell and Will Clark combined to overpower the Braves.

Mitchell one-handed the ball over the left-field fence in the first for a two-run homer off Steve Avery (13-6) and singled home Clark, who had tripled, in the third. Clark tripled again in the fourth, driving in two runs.

"You never, ever want to get swept at home, especially with the way Atlanta's playing. We're chasing them," Clark said.

Trevor Wilson (8-9) allowed only Ron Gant's NL-leading 27th home, a two-run shot, in seven innings.

**Padres 4, Astros 1**  
Fred McGriff tied a major league record with his second grand slam in as many games and Dennis Ras-

mussen ended his personal nine-game losing streak as San Diego beat Houston.

A single, a double and a walk loaded the bases in the first before McGriff connected off Jim Deshaies (4-10), who lost for the eighth straight time in San Diego.

Rasmussen (4-10) allowed one run and three hits in 7 2/3 innings. Larry Andersen finished for his career-best eighth save.

**Cardinals 5, Mets 4**  
The Mets' collapse continued as Ray Lankford's two-run triple off relief ace John Franco capped a three-run eighth-inning rally, handing New York its sixth straight loss.

After Kris Carpenter (8-3) escaped a bases-loaded, none-out jam in the top of the eighth, the Cardinals got a run on Jose Oquendo's RBI single off Franco (2-7) before Lankford hit his NL-leading 11th triple to put the Cardinals ahead and keep them seven games behind the Pirates. The Mets, who've lost 18 of 22, fell to 10 1/2 back.

Lee Smith worked the ninth to reach the 30-save mark for the sixth time, tying a record set earlier in the evening by Boston's Jeff Reardon.

## Cowboys' Hamel may sign

AUSTIN (AP) — Dean Hamel, starting defensive tackle for the Dallas Cowboys for most of the past two seasons, may be ending his 32-day holdout, but he will have plenty of competition for the job.

Hamel was expected to sign a one-year contract today that would pay him more than \$300,000 this year, then join the team for its afternoon workout.

The six-year veteran lost his starting job when the Cowboys used the first pick in the draft for Russell Maryland and later traded for Tony Casillas.

"The bottom line is that I want to play football," Hamel said Wednesday. "I'm sick of sitting around waiting, so we decided to take things into our own hands. I didn't want to be sitting at home in three months talking about a wasted year."

But Hamel wanted his agent, Art Rose, to examine an injury clause that the Cowboys are including in several veterans' contracts before signing on the dotted line. If Hamel spends the season on injured reserve, he will receive less than half his salary.

Hamel said his chances of starting waned as his holdout dragged into its second month. In addition to the presence of Casillas and Maryland, veteran Danny Noonan signed a new contract early in camp and rookie Leon Lett also has made a favorable impression in camp.

## Major League standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE						
East Division					East Division						
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	67	45	.598	—	Toronto	62	53	.539	—	—	—
St. Louis	60	52	.536	7	Detroit	60	55	.522	2	—	—
New York	57	56	.504	10 1/2	Boston	56	58	.491	5 1/2	—	—
Chicago	56	57	.496	11 1/2	Milwaukee	52	62	.456	9 1/2	—	—
Philadelphia	53	60	.469	14 1/2	New York	50	62	.446	10 1/2	—	—
Montreal	46	66	.411	21	Baltimore	47	67	.412	14 1/2	—	—
West Division					West Division						
Los Angeles	62	50	.554	—	Minnesota	68	47	.591	—	—	—
Atlanta	61	51	.545	1	Chicago	66	48	.579	1 1/2	—	—
San Francisco	56	57	.496	6 1/2	Oakland	64	50	.561	3 1/2	—	—
San Diego	55	58	.487	7 1/2	Kansas City	60	52	.536	6 1/2	—	—
Cincinnati	54	57	.486	7 1/2	Seattle	60	53	.531	7	—	—
Houston	47	65	.420	15	Texas	57	54	.514	9	—	—
Wednesday's Games					Friday's Games						
Late Games Not Included					Late Game Not Included						
Montreal 2, Chicago 0					Kansas City 5, New York 1, 11 innings						
San Francisco 8, Atlanta 3					Boston 2, Cleveland 1						
Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 3					Chicago 9, Detroit 8						
St. Louis 5, New York 4					Baltimore 10, Texas 2						
Houston at San Diego, (n)					Milwaukee 5, Toronto 3						
Cincinnati at Los Angeles, (n)					California 7, Minnesota 4						
Thursday's Games					Oakland at Seattle, (n)						
Montreal (Hansry 1-4) at Chicago (Scanlan 5-5), 2:20 p.m.					Kansas City (Gubicza 7-5) at New York (Sanderson 11-8), 1 p.m.						
Atlanta (Smoltz 8-12) at San Diego (Harris 3-3), 4:05 p.m.					Toronto (Stottlemyre 10-5) at Milwaukee (Pisac 1-4), 2:35 p.m.						
Philadelphia (DeJesus 6-4) at Pittsburgh (Fajardo 0-0), 7:35 p.m.					Oakland (Darling 2-0) at Seattle (Hanson 7-5), 3:35 p.m.						
New York (Whitehurst 5-7) at St. Louis (Comi 0-0), 8:25 p.m.					Chicago (Carter 0-0) at Detroit (M.Leiter 4-2), 7:35 p.m.						
Cincinnati (Rijo 8-3) at San Francisco (McClellan 2-1), 10:05 p.m.					Boston (Gardiner 4-6) at Cleveland (Oto 1-2), 7:35 p.m.						
Houston (Harnish 6-8) at Los Angeles (Martinez 14-7), 10:35 p.m.					Texas (Boyd 0-3) at Baltimore (Mesa 4-8), 7:35 p.m.						
Friday's Games					California (Langston 14-8) at Minnesota (Erickson 15-4), 8:05 p.m.						
Philadelphia at Chicago, 3:20 p.m.					Friday's Games						
St. Louis at Montreal, 7:35 p.m.					Texas at Cleveland, 2, 5:05 p.m.						
New York at Pittsburgh, 7:35 p.m.					Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.						
Houston at Los Angeles, 10:05 p.m.					Toronto at Detroit, 7:35 p.m.						
Atlanta at San Diego, 10:35 p.m.					Kansas City at Boston, 7:35 p.m.						
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 10:35 p.m.					Oakland at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.						

## Shootin' the Breeze

By J. Alan Brzys



## Are you ready for the 'new' Cowboys?

It's that busy time of year in sports. Pro baseball is in full swing. Pro football is halfway through preseason.

And a plethora of school sports on every level is about to begin. Help!

Seriously, it's one of the most exciting times of the year for sports fans and sports writers.

But it also can be a nightmare for anyone trying to fit all the sporting events that occur in a 24-hour period into a daily newspaper.

*Pampa News* sports editor L.D. Strate recently underwent back surgery and will not be able to return to the sports desk for an extended period of time.

Hopefully, doctors will allow him to return by early or mid September and every indication is that he will.

However, until L.D. does return, you're stuck with me. I'm going to need a little help, so please bear with me.

If you have a scheduled sports event or wish to make a sports-related announcement, and want notice of the event printed in the newspaper, it would really help if the pertinent information is typed or legibly hand written and mailed or dropped off at the *Pampa News* office.

A name and telephone number should be included on the notice. There is a slot near the front door through which notices can be placed when the office is closed. Please don't wait until the last minute. Ideally, it would be nice to receive the material a week or so before the event happens.

I'll make every effort to accommodate everyone's needs and desires. L.D. tells me he's feeling quite well and looking forward to returning to work as soon as possible.

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Speaking of pro football, I must share with you my past connection to the Dallas Cowboys.

I'm not name-dropping, I just want it known I've been interested in the Cowboys for at least two decades.

Many years ago when I attended grade school, there was a particularly large kid in my neighborhood.

As luck would have it, he was the same age as me and in the same grade at school.

Eventually, my buddy realized he stood nearly a foot taller than most of his friends and outweighed most of us by 50-100 pounds.

I don't remember at which age he decided to begin pushing his weight around, but I do recall the tumult it caused when the new era had begun.

He wasn't a real bully, but if he insisted that you carry his books home from school, well, you did it.

It wasn't any fun wrestling with him either. His sheer bulk made it no contest.

Although we went our different ways for several years, we were somewhat reunited in high school.

Our senior year, he was a real specimen. He stood about 6-foot-5 and weighed nearly 300 pounds.

Although our close friendship had waned, we remained on excellent terms. I never again was forced to carry his books.

He played guard on defense, mostly center on offense and fullback when our team was within 10 yards of scoring.

It was a sight to see - the big guy barreling through the center of the line into the end zone for a touchdown.

I don't ever remember seeing a high school defensive line capable of stopping him.

I do remember the day he landed on a player and broke the guy's arm.

My big buddy graduated, played college ball in Boston and for nearly a decade wore the royal blue, metallic silver blue and white as center for the Dallas Cowboys.

I remember him as "Fitzie." Cowboys fans will remember him as John Fitzgerald.

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**Rodeo notes:**  
Gray County 4-H Rodeo performances are scheduled to begin 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The Pee Wee Rodeo is slated to begin 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

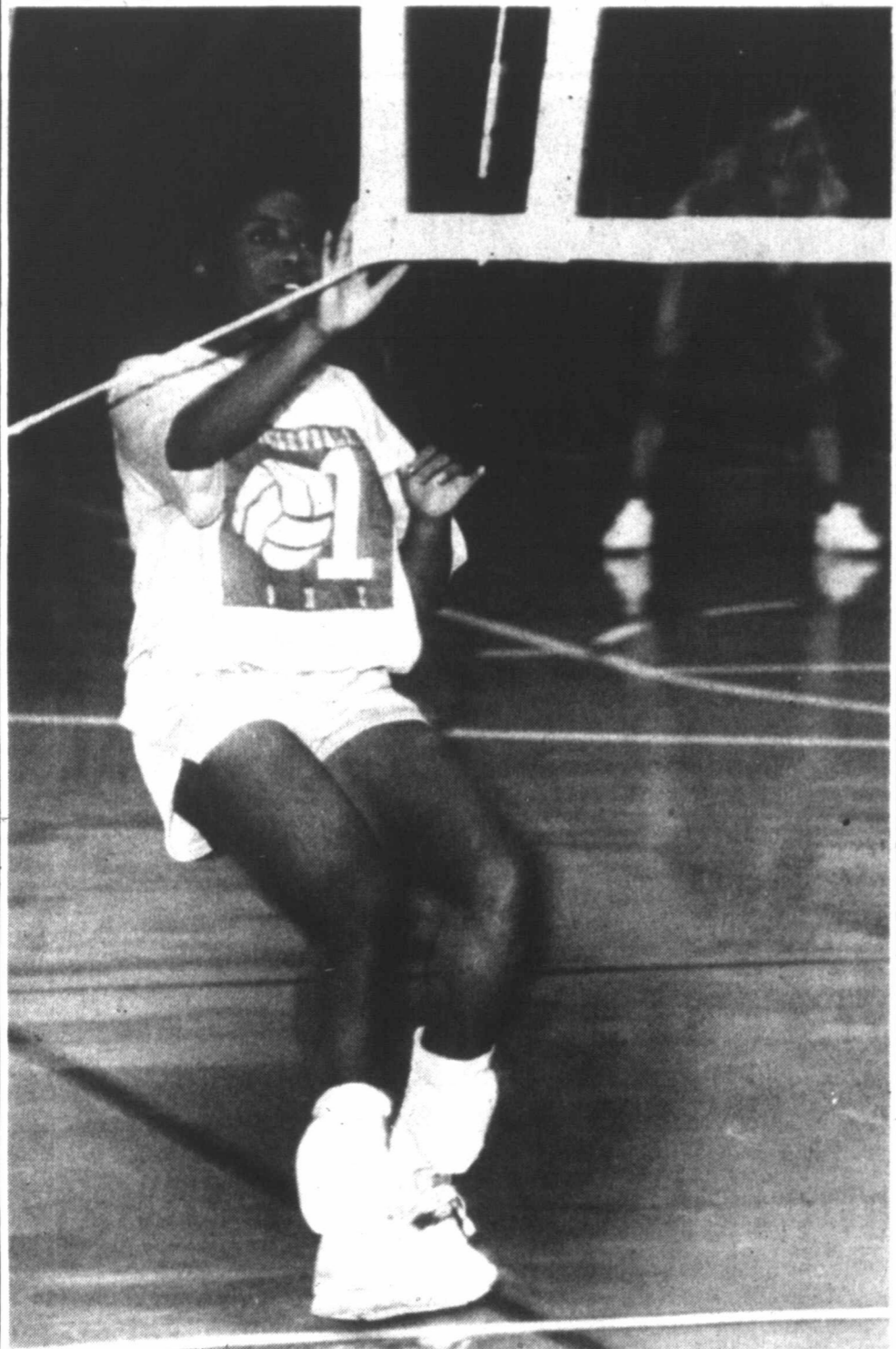
The Cowgirl Hall of Fame All-Girl Rodeo includes performances at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo as part of the annual Old West Days celebration.

The Panhandle Stampede Rodeo and Coors Chute Out, featuring Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association competitors, is scheduled for Aug. 22-24 at the Coliseum.

Congratulations to Buster Ivory on his induction Saturday into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame at Colorado Springs, Colo., as a "Rodeo Notable."

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(Staff Photo by Stan Pollard)

Pampa High School varsity volleyball player LaTonya Jeffrey rushes the net during a Wednesday workout at McNeely Field House. Jeffrey plays the hitter position for the squad coached by Denise Reed. A special workout is planned in the field house at 7 p.m. today for parents.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The City of Pampa, Texas will receive sealed bids for the following until 3:00 p.m., August 23, 1991 at which time they will be opened and read publicly in the City Finance Conference Room, City Hall, Pampa, Texas:  
**CENTRAL FIRE STATION ELECTRICAL CONTRACT**  
Bid documents may be obtained from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Pampa, Texas, phone 806-669-5700. Sales Tax Exemption Certificates shall be furnished upon request.  
Bids may be delivered to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, Pampa, Texas or mailed to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "ELECTRICAL CONTRACT BID ENCLOSED, BID NO. 91.30" and show date and time of bid opening. Facsimile bids are not acceptable.  
The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any informalities or technicalities.  
The City Commission will consider bids for award at their August 27, 1991 Commission Meeting.  
Phyllis Jeffers  
City Secretary  
August 8, 15, 1991

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**1c Memorials**

- ADULT Literacy Council, P.O. Box 2022, Pampa, Tx. 79066.
- AGAPE Assistance, P. O. Box 2397, Pampa, Tx. 79066-2397.
- ALZHEIMER'S Disease and Related Disorders Assn., P.O. Box 2234, Pampa, Tx. 79066.
- AMERICAN Cancer Society, c/o Mrs. Johnnie Thompson, 100 W. Nicki, Pampa.
- AMERICAN Diabetes Assn., 8140 N. MoPac Bldg. 1 Suite 130, Austin, TX 78759.
- AMERICAN Heart Assn., 2404 W. Seventh, Amarillo, TX 79106.
- AMERICAN Liver Foundation, 1425 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009-9990.

**1c memorial**

- AMERICAN Lung Association, 3520 Executive Center Dr., Suite G-100, Austin, TX 78731-1606.
- 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. 79066.
- 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.

**1c Memorials**

- 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.
- QUIVIRA 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.
- SHEPHERD'S Helping Hands, 422 Florida, 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. 38148-0532.
- THE Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.
- THE Opportunity Plan Inc., Box 907 - W.T. Station, Canyon, TX 79016.
- TRALEE Crisis Center For Women Inc., 408 W. Kingsmill, Pampa, TX 79065.
- WHITE Deer Land Museum in Pampa, P.O. Box 1556, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

**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.

**2 Museums**

- 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.
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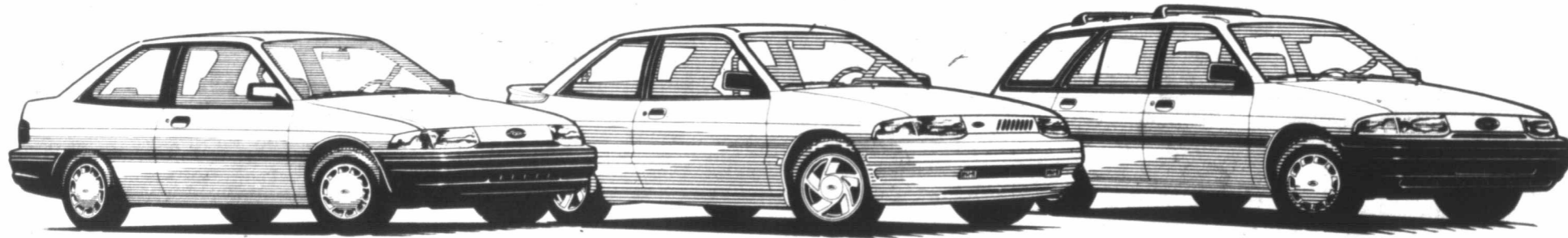
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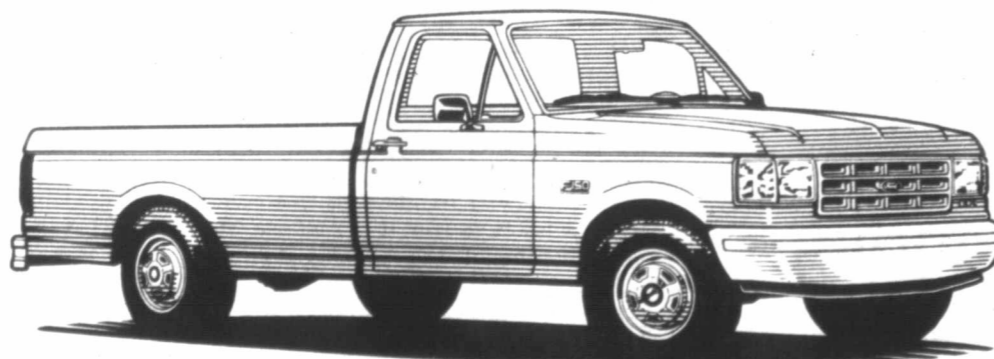


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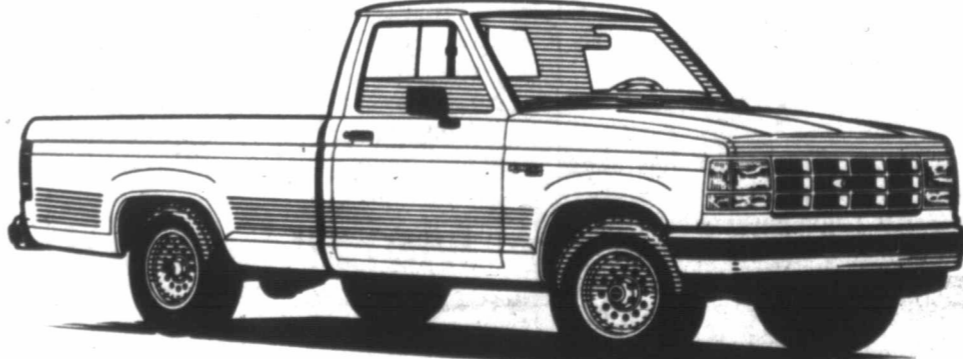
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## Homeless man 'lost' in prison system freed

By ALEX DOMINGUEZ  
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — At least 65 prisoners were found languishing for months without formal charges at a jail where a homeless man was held for a year without arraignment.

"It's hell spending a year looking at a wall without a penny, without getting a letter or a visitor," Martin Henn, 54, said at a court hearing Wednesday. "Nobody knew I existed."

Henn was jailed July 16, 1990, on an arson charge and remained behind bars because a paperwork error led jailers to believe he had been released, state officials said.

He was released Wednesday after the charge against him was dropped.

"I'm not bitter, but I would like to see it doesn't happen to someone else," Henn said.

Henn, an unemployed auto mechanic with a history of alcohol problems, was offered a home in an alcohol rehabilitation center.

It was initially thought that

Henn was one of seven inmates found waiting without court dates, but further checking put the number at 65, said LaMont Flanagan, acting jail commissioner. The defendants had been waiting between three and four months for a court appearance, he said.

"I'm surprised at the number but not startled," Flanagan said.

The lost prisoners were discovered during improvements to the records system after the jail was taken over from the city last month, said Leonard Sipes, a spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

The state took over the 3,000-inmate jail because the financially strapped city couldn't afford to run it.

Mayor Kurt Schmoke believes it's up to the courts or the state's attorney's office or the public defender to decide if there should be an investigation, spokesman Clint Coleman said.

"Apparently, the man fell between the cracks of the criminal justice system," Coleman said.

A civil rights attorney said he

approached the city four years ago about the problem but was ignored. "Let's say their records weren't always straight," attorney Frank Dunbaugh said.

Some state senators involved in the transfer of the jail to state control July 1 said the error was appalling, but not surprising considering the burden the crowded jail was placing on the city.

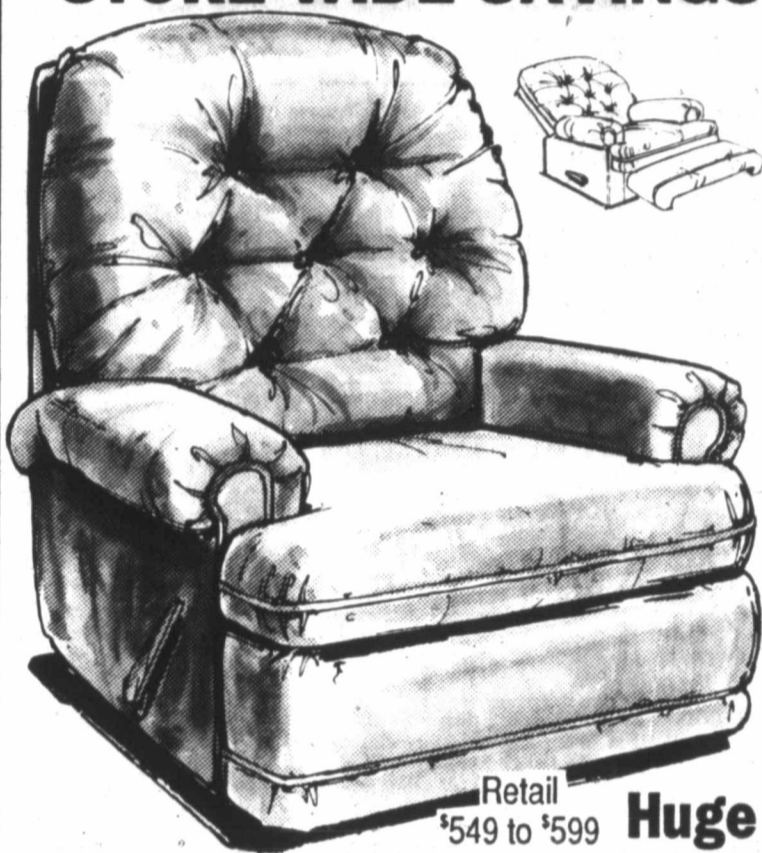
"Well, you could say the city was overwhelmed with the problem. The city lacked the resources to efficiently manage the jail," state Sen. John Pica, of Baltimore said. "Things like this will continue to occur until the state has a stronger hand on the jail."

Henn asked social workers repeatedly to find out the date of his court appearance, but was ignored, said Joy Phillips, head of the city public defender's office.

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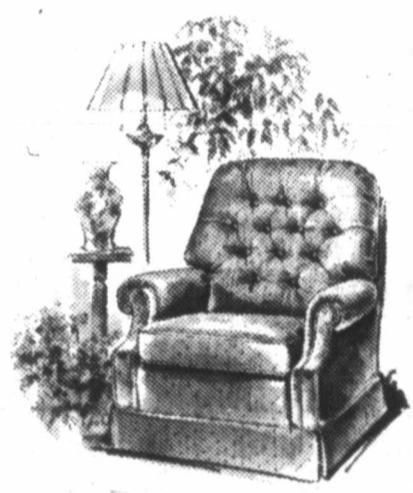
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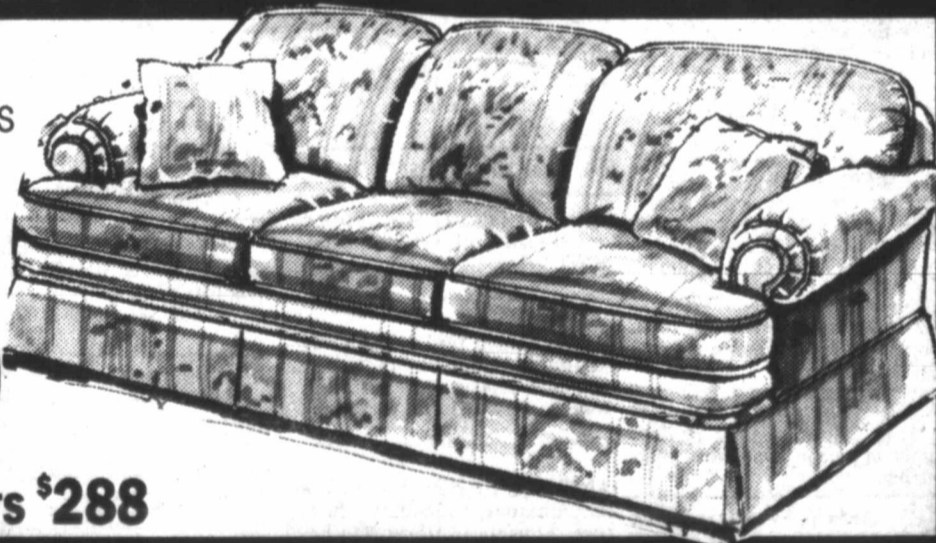
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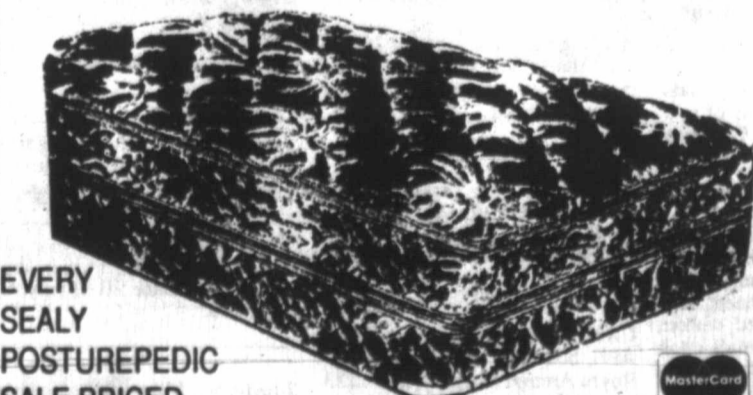
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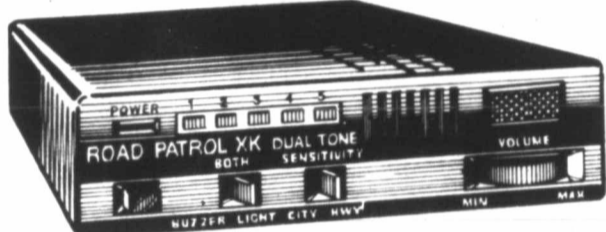
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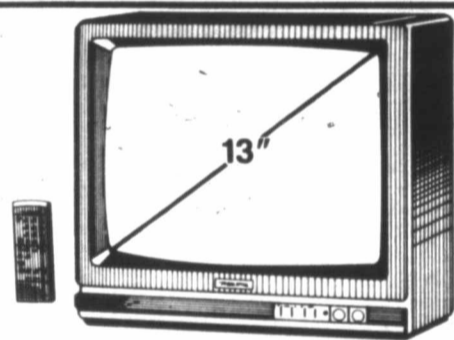
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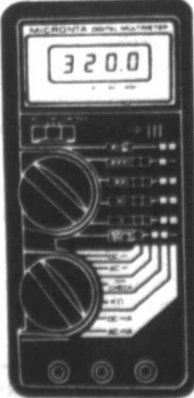


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