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City puts 10-year limit on proposed half-cent sales tax

By BEAR MILLS
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Pampa city commissioners attempted to sweeten the thought of a half-cent sales tax for economic development by setting a 10-year limit on it during their meeting Tuesday evening at City Hall.

The half-cent tax is one of three issues to be voted on by Pampans on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Projections by city leaders show the half-cent tax will generate about \$600,000 a year, or a total of \$6 million, before the levy expires in 2002.

Information from the Texas Chamber of Commerce and Amarillo Economic Development Corporation show the \$6 million sum is still small compared to what many other cities around the state and region are spending in their attempts to jumpstart hurting economies through recruiting new businesses and expansion of existing industries.

In Amarillo a half-cent tax for economic development is generating \$6.5 million a year, more than Pampa will compile in a decade.

An Associated Press report indicates cities such as Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and Minneapolis are offering low interest loans of as

much as \$650 million to corporations if they will relocate in their city.

Those funds are coming from taxes for economic development.

Pampa leaders say the money raised locally will be used to promote the city, provide industrial sites and encourage existing industry to expand.

Other issues on the ballot include another half-cent sales tax to reduce property taxes from 66 cents per \$100 valuation to 59 cents.

There is also a \$4 million street bond issue that would bring about the repair, paving or re-paving of 200 blocks of city streets, about 15 miles.

Mayor Richard Peet said of the 10-year limit on the economic development tax, "We discussed this rather thoroughly and the consensus was that we want to be responsible to voters and say there will be no tax after the 10 year limit."

He also noted, "There is no way that could be extended, though if the citizens wanted to do away with it during the 10 year time, they could through calling an election by petition."

Only the state legislature could nullify the 10-year deadline, city fathers said.

Commissioner Jerry Wilson, noted for his conservative fiscal convictions, said while he abhors



Mayor Richard Peet

Gary Sutherland

the idea of more taxes, he has studied the economic climate and believes Pampa has no choice but to adopt it.

"I'm struggling with this, but I think we've got to have it as a pragmatic choice to compete with area cities," Wilson said. "There have been some real horror stories in Kansas that I'm aware of where these funds are not well monitored or well spent."

"We've got to make sure that we

don't have those horror stories coming out of Pampa. This has the possibility of being very positive for our city, but there will have to be some unpopular decisions made in saying 'yes' and 'no.'"

Borger, Amarillo, Shamrock, Perryton and Childress have adopted the tax and are using it to help bring new jobs to their cities.

Wilson said the commission is committed to appointing five members who are extremely tight-fisted

with public monies to the Pampa Economic Development Corp. that would be created by passage of the tax.

Commissioner Gary Sutherland termed the half-cent tax, "A painless kind of way to raise funds."

City Manager Glen Hackler noted, "For literally pennies a day we can do this for our city. You ask merchants who gave generously during the prison pledge drive and they will tell you that if the same opportunity (to create 300 new jobs) came along again, they couldn't give like they did before. We have to have a source of funding."

Officials said the half-cent sales tax will cost the average consumer only \$20 a year, or less than six cents a day, with 30 percent of the revenue being generated by out-of-town shoppers coming to Pampa.

In asking voters to approve the street improvements, commissioners said the property tax rate reduction takes into account the \$4 million bond issue.

Commissioner Robert Dixon has termed passage of the street bonds a necessity in improving Pampa's image and quality of life. The matter was his primary platform during a reelection campaign earlier this year.

"This has got to pass," said Commissioner Ray Hupp of the

triple issue ballot. "We have got to have this for Pampa."

Commissioners also used the meeting to make official the January 18 election date and name election judges.

In other business, commissioners appointed several people to city boards. They include:

Electrical Board: Bobby Burns, Jim Erwin and Frank Slagle. Plumbing and Mechanical Board: Dick Wilkerson and Steve Thomas.

Golf Course Advisory Board: Doug DuBose and Dick Dunham.

Library Board: Dr. Ray Hampton, Vanessa Buzzard and Joe Davis.

Gray County Appraisal Board: Larry Cross.

ComputerLand's bid of \$12,482 for hardware equipment was accepted by the commission, as was Wrangler Construction's bid of \$112,648 for the scorekeeper/concession building Recreation Park.

A request by the Pampa Independent School District that a structure at 738 S. Gray be condemned because it is a hazard to neighborhood children was approved.

A bid of \$300 for tax property at 524 N. Davis was withdrawn by the bidder prior to any vote by the commission.



(AP Laserphoto)

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, left, speaks with Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs Barbara Jean during a dinner at Seoul's Shilla Hotel Wednesday.

Baker: Nuclear arms race in Korea 'urgent problem'

SEOUL (AP) - Secretary of State James A. Baker III told South Korea today that the United States views the possibility of a nuclear arms race in the region as "an urgent problem" that requires the political and diplomatic muscle of the major powers.

At the same time, Baker sought to allay concerns of the Seoul government that he was proposing that the United States, Japan, China and the Soviet Union would dictate a solution. The United States has expressed growing concern over North Korea's refusal to allow international inspection of its nuclear reprocessing plant or to join South Korea in declaring the peninsula a nuclear-free zone.

A senior State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, described the U.S. strategy as an effort "to heighten the sense of isolation of the North Koreans."

The official said North Korea has seen its once strong support from China and the Soviet Union wither away.

If China makes it clear "that it as well as the rest of us considers the development of this plan to be destabilizing," said the official, it might convince the Pyongyang government to agree with the South Korean proposal.

However, the official conceded the United States had no clear indication yet that China would put pressure on North Korea.

"I don't want to over-promise what their attitude is on this," he said.

Indeed, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen indicated today that

mounting international pressure on North Korea will not help to end the nuclear arms race on the Korean peninsula, diplomatic sources said.

Qian told Japan's foreign minister, Michio Watanabe, that pressure from major powers will compound the issue in the wake of President Bush's plan to withdraw U.S. nuclear weapons from South Korea, said the sources, who discussed the content of the Chinese-Japanese contacts on condition of anonymity.

Baker met with South Korean Foreign Minister Lee Sang-ock an hour before the opening of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation ministerial meeting.

At the opening APEC session, Baker reassured the delegates that the end of the Cold War would not lead to a lessening of U.S. interest in Asia.

"U.S. engagement in the Asia Pacific region is critical to the success of a post Cold War international system," he said. "America's future lies across the Pacific. Our ties to the region are both wide and deep - political, defense and cultural as well as economic."

The secretary of state told the delegates, "I know that some of you are troubled by a perception that with the end of the Cold War, the U.S. engagement in Asia may be diminishing."

"To the contrary, the end of U.S.-Soviet confrontation and the possibility of peace in Southeast Asia will allow us to begin to turn a page in history and focus on the new challenges of interdependence as we shape a new era."

Nurse accused of altering hospital documents

By BETH MILLER
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The plaintiff's attorney in a negligence lawsuit against Coronado Hospital accused a registered nurse of altering hospital documents during the first day of testimony Tuesday in the trial in 223rd District Court.

Catherine Land, a registered nurse at the hospital, was the first witness called by the plaintiff, Phyllis (Skaggs) Ekleberry.

Ekleberry, 32, filed the lawsuit alleging that a shot was improperly administered to her on Dec. 28, 1986, at the hospital's emergency room and that the shot has caused permanent and severe injury to her because it damaged her sciatic nerve.

During questioning, Amarillo attorney Robert Templeton asked Land, "Ma'am, you altered and changed that shot record at a later time, didn't you?"

Land responded, "No, sir, I didn't."

Templeton then produced what he said was a carbon copy of the shot record which had some differences from the original record kept at the hospital.

"Do you know where you slipped up?" Templeton asked Land. "The carbon copy was sent to the treating physician, who was Dr. Juan. That carbon copy was sent to Dr. Juan and you forgot about it when you changed this."

Templeton said changes included adding a notation that the shot was given "in right outer gluteal," adding a second sentence under "nurse's history," which said patient was "complaining of numbness and tingling down the right leg - does not want family physician notified," changing a L (for left) to an R (for right), and marking an X in the non-urgent treatment condition part of the form.

Land denied ever changing the record after Dec. 28, 1986. Later, after a break in testimony, she said she remembered making all of the changes, with the exception of making the L into

an R, at the end of the day on Dec. 28, 1986, when she was checking over reports.

Templeton questioned Land about two prior depositions that she had given and where she had stated she had not changed any of the documentation.

He then asked her, "Are you the person who actually gave the shot or are you covering up for someone else?"

She said she did give the shot and said "No, sir, I'm not" covering up for anyone.

The plaintiff's attorney also questioned Land about not notifying Dr. Alfredo Juan. "Dr. Juan prefers to be called (when one of his patients comes to the Emergency Room)?" Templeton asked.

Land responded, "She (Ekleberry) said she did not want him called because she said he'd probably put her in the hospital."

Templeton asked, "When you did that, you knew it was in violation of Dr. Juan's policy?"

Land said, "Yes, sir."

The plaintiff's attorney also asked the nurse if she had used proper procedure when making changes to the original record. She responded, "No, sir."

In opening arguments, Templeton said he believed the evidence would show that Ekleberry's problems with her right leg are permanent.

"I think the evidence will show a mistake was made and it was failure to use reasonable care. That is negligence," Templeton said.

Defense attorney James A. Besselman of Amarillo said in opening arguments that the hospital was going to present Ekleberry's own medical records to the jury.

"For at least two years prior (to the shot) she was complaining of shooting right pain down her leg," Besselman said.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit are Ekleberry and her two children, Amelia Jane Skaggs and Austin Shae Skaggs. The lawsuit names Hospital Corporation of America and Coronado Community Hospital.

That afternoon, Ekleberry's brother, Albert "Bert" Reynolds, testified that he took his sister to the hospital on Dec. 28, 1986, after she phoned his mother and said she was in pain and needed a shot.

Reynolds and his mother drove to Ekleberry's home in Walnut Creek, he said, where he found his sister in bed. Ekleberry got up, put her arm around his neck and walked to the car, Reynolds said.

After arriving at the hospital, Reynolds said he went inside, got a wheelchair and helped his sister into the wheelchair. He then waited in the waiting room until a nurse "stuck her head in the door" and said Ekleberry was ready to go home, he said.

Reynolds said he had to pick his sister up out of the wheelchair and place her in the car and then had to carry her into the house and put her in a recliner.

"Mother covered her up with a white comforter we had and all of the sudden Phyllis just started crying hysterically. I've never seen anybody cry like that," Reynolds testified. "She said, 'Momma, my foot feels like a thousand pounds.'"

Reynolds said he and his mother comforted Ekleberry as much as they could and he stayed with her so he could carry her to the bathroom and help her take care of her children. He said he remained with her through the rest of his Christmas vacation.

Under questioning from Templeton, Reynolds emphasized that he did not go to the treatment room with his sister, despite Land's earlier testimony that he was present in the room when the shot was administered. He also said that he did not recall Land handing a note to Ekleberry as they were leaving the emergency room.

Testimony continued in the trial at press time today, with plaintiff's and defense attorneys reading depositions which had been taken previously in the case.

(News Editor Dee Dee Laramore contributed to this report)

Pampa man arrested on car theft, burglary charges

By BEAR MILLS
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A 19-year-old Pampa man was arrested this morning after police received information he had stolen a car, stolen gas for it and used it in the burglary of an apartment, all in less than an hour.

Timothy Tyler Titsworth, who listed his address as 523 S. Ballard, remained in city jail through press time today on the charges.

Police incident reports indicate Charlie Monroe Lang of 408 E. Kingsmill reported his car stolen at 12:50 a.m. today.

As police were taking that report, a clerk at the Allsup's at 1025 W. Wilks called to report a vehicle driving off without the occupants paying for their gas. The car matched the description of the stolen vehicle.

While officers were searching for the car, a woman living in an apartment at 1342 Coffee called to say there were intruders in her home.

The woman had returned to her apartment around 1:20 a.m. to find four people inside, including Titsworth, police said. When officers arrived at the scene, Titsworth allegedly fled.

Arrested at 1:33 a.m. on charges of criminal trespass were 19-year-old Andre Honeycutt of 118 W. Albert, 27-year-old Lisa Dawn Doyle of 944 S. Barnes and 23-year-old Lyssa Dunham of 1215 W. Crawford.

Officer Bryan Hedrick, working with Sgt. Ken Hopson, located Titsworth at 2:05 a.m. as he reportedly hid in a backyard at 1335 Hamilton.

In an unrelated incident, police said more than 10 Pampa High School students participated in an attack on a girl's Geo Metro during Tuesday's lunch hour because they were angry with her.

Police reports show Christi Dawn Powell, 18, of 510 N. Nelson, was in her vehicle with two companions when the attack occurred.

A police report shows that Powell's vehicle was damaged and she was threatened.

One of the alleged attackers, 18-year-old Brandi Lee Wallin of 409 Naida, jumped on the hood of the car, police said.

Officials said Powell, fearing for her safety, accelerated, throwing Wallin from the hood and injuring her.

Powell then drove to police headquarters to file a report on the criminal mischief and damage to her vehicle, reports show.

Meanwhile, an AMT Paramedic Service ambulance was dispatched to the high school to carry Wallin to Coronado Hospital, where she was treated for unspecified injuries and released.

Sgt. Allan Smith said it remains uncertain exactly what spurred the incident but said both sides indicate it is part of an ongoing feud between two girls.

Pat Farmer, an assistant principal, said this morning it remains unclear what, if any, disciplinary action will be taken against those involved.

He also noted that initial concern that the incident would trigger other violence at the school appears unfounded.

"Yesterday there was more concern about what might happen, but we

haven't heard that much today," Farmer said. "We visit with students who are upset and ask them to come to us. We do not want any type of fighting taking place at high school and we

will do what we can to stop it." Smith said police will continue to investigate the incident today to see what charges might be filed as a result.

Extension agent Joe VanZandt given Superior Service Award

COLLEGE STATION - Curtis "Joe" VanZandt, Gray County agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Pampa, received the prestigious Texas Superior Service Award last week at College Station.

Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the statewide Extension Service, presented the award last Tuesday, one of 27 given to individuals and teams. The award is the highest given by the educational agency to its faculty.

VanZandt was recognized "for creative leadership and personal commitment to issue-based Extension educational efforts in agriculture, horticulture, community development and youth development."

A 26-year veteran with the Extension Service, VanZandt organized a successful "Top of Texas" Farmer's Market in 1987. He has become an expert in the control of goldaster, a weed that greatly reduces forage production in High Plains pastures, and has worked closely with Extension range specialists and experiment

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station researchers in conducting herbicide studies.

Irrigation is a critical issue in Gray County, and VanZandt has coordinated a highly diversified educational program in irrigation systems and management, Extension officials said.

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It's back to the drawing board on Texas House redistricting plan

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Republicans and Hispanics fighting to overturn the state House redistricting plan say they are pleased with the Justice Department's decision to throw out the map.

Late Tuesday, the Justice Department issued a letter ruling the plan invalid on the grounds that it does not treat Hispanics fairly.

In a letter to Texas Secretary of State John Hannah, Assistant U.S. Attorney General John R. Dunne said the map does not comply with standards established by the Voting Rights Act.

"Our analysis shows that the proposed Texas House redistricting plan exhibits a pattern of districting decisions that appears to minimize Hispanic voting strength through packing or fragmenting Hispanic population concentrations unnecessarily," the letter said.

"It's never over 'til it's over but this is a great first step," said Texas GOP Chairman Fred Meyer.

"We're delighted," he said. "We have said all along the plan the Democrats passed was illegal (and) it violated the Voting Rights Act."

The Republican Party and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund are among the groups that have filed lawsuits in

state and federal court seeking to overturn the plan drawn by the Democrat-controlled Legislature.

"It looks like we've gotten over all the biggest part of our concerns addressed," said MALDEF attorney Judith Sanders Castro.

The Justice Department cited specific instances in El Paso County, South Texas and Dallas County where the plan discriminated against Hispanics. MALDEF raised complaints in those areas, as well as Tarrant and Harris counties, which the ruling did not address.

The state had no immediate comment on the action.

"Unfortunately, we did not get a copy of that until late this evening,"

said Bill Cryer, a spokesman for Gov. Ann Richards. "The governor hasn't had a chance to really review it yet... so it would be premature right now to say anything about it until we've analyzed it."

Noting that the deadline for qualifying in the March primary is Jan. 2, Dunne said the state still has time to submit a revised plan.

The ruling forces the state into one of several postures. It can either negotiate with the Justice Department to address the problems; ignore the ruling and seek approval of the plan on an interim basis from a Washington, D.C. federal court; or Richards can call the Legislature into special session to devise a new plan.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales recently asked a three-judge federal panel in Washington to allow the state to use the plan for the 1992 elections until the various lawsuits can be resolved.

That court has scheduled a Dec. 2 hearing to review the House plan along with redistricting maps for the Senate, U.S. House and state Board of Education.

The plans have been challenged by various groups, including MALDEF and the state GOP, in South Texas state district court and federal courts in Austin, Brownsville and Washington.

Both Meyer and Ms. Castro said the Justice Department ruling likely

will strengthen their hand in court.

"I would think that it does because this is exactly what we had said at the time the plans were passed and at the time we filed our lawsuit," Meyer said.

On Nov. 25, State District Judge Mario Ramirez Jr. will hear a trial on charges the state plans are unconstitutional because they relied on the 1990 census, which missed about 500,000 Texans, mostly minorities.

In August, Ramirez ruled the plans unconstitutional. The state appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, which ordered the trial.

Currently in the 150-member House, 20 members are Hispanic and 13 black.



William Hall, president of CMC Foods, owner of 65 Dairy Queen franchises, digs into a County Basket at a Bedford DQ recently. More than 200 Texas DQ franchisees are in a dispute with the franchisor, American Dairy Queen Inc.

DQ country wants to stay that way

DALLAS (AP) — Texas is DQ country, the folks who run your local Dairy Queen restaurant say; and they want to keep it that way.

American Dairy Queen Inc., based in Minneapolis, is being sued by operators of more than 800 Dairy Queen restaurants in Texas.

The franchisor wants advertising and menus for its more than 4,600 units nationwide to be more uniform, says ADQ president Mike Sullivan.

Texas operators of more than 800 outlets like having control of their \$7 million marketing campaign, which they say has proven more successful than national ads.

DQs in Texas use a unique slogan, "This is DQ country," promoted by folksy television personality Bob Phillips.

"The Texas franchisees have been in charge of their own advertising and their own food system for years and years," said Homer Price, the attorney representing the Texas Dairy Queen Operators Council.

"But (ADQ) doesn't like Texas being any different from the rest of their system," Price said.

Texas menus are heavy on Mexican selections and boasts "Hungry Busters" hamburgers larger than

standard DQ burger varieties.

"American Dairy doesn't have a quarter-pounder, and our research shows Texans prefer a bigger burger," said Greg Regian, president of Regian Advertising, which handles the Texas operators' campaign.

"The council is interfering with our ability to run a franchise system in Texas," Sullivan said. "(The council) is trying to expand its activities, and they are trying to do it through a lawsuit funded by dollars that should be spent on advertising."

Three of the four lawsuits brought in August 1990 will be heard in a Fort Worth federal district court beginning in February. The fourth will be heard in a state district court in Tarrant County.

The Texas operators believe their fast-food survival is at stake, said William Hall, president of CMC Foods in Bedford. CMC Foods owns 65 DQ franchises in West and Central Texas.

"There's a saying that you're not officially a town in Texas until you have a Dairy Queen," Hall said. "We are part of the fabric of the state, its lore and its history. Nobody else owns that position."

Leader: Baylor, Baptist ties still strong

WACO (AP) — Baylor University will maintain strong Baptist ties despite a perpetual struggle between moderates and fundamentalists within the denomination, one Texas leader predicts.

The Rev. James "Dick" Maples, the Baptist General Convention of Texas' president-elect, said Tuesday he was pleased delegates in Waco voted in favor of a plan to limit control over the school's governing board.

Monday's vote of 5,745 to 3,992, allowing the convention to elect 25 percent of Baylor's board of regents, was a decisive blow to fundamentalists who have tried for a year to maintain convention control.

The board at Baylor, which embarked last year on a quest for autonomy, would elect the remaining 75 percent.

"I don't see Baylor straying from Baptist life, not in the near future, and hopefully, not ever," said Maples. "The proposed agree-

ment itself is one we can live with. It's one that both Baylor and Texas Baptists can go forward together with."

Maples, who takes the helm of the convention from the outgoing Rev. Phil Lineberger, pastor of Richardson Heights Baptist Church, said he believes Baylor-BGCT relations in the future will be solid.

"The agreement is a very good one, and we have guarantees that they will remain a Baptist institution and their regents will always be Baptist," he said.

"If the experiences in Missouri with William Jewel College are any indication, then there's no reason why a university cannot have a perpetuating board of trustees, and yet remain strong and tightly connected in the denomination. I would hope the same thing happens between Texas Baptists and Baylor."

Trustees at the 12,000-student university voted Sept. 21, 1990, to

Government to compile data on health hazards at Pantex

AMARILLO (AP) — Federal officials will investigate whether the Pantex Plant has been hazardous to the health of its neighbors in the Texas Panhandle.

Local action groups had raised health and environmental concerns about Pantex, where the nation's nuclear warheads are assembled and disassembled.

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry will begin reviewing records next month as part of a comprehensive public health assessment of the Pantex Plant, it was announced Tuesday.

Assistant Surgeon General Barry Johnson said the move to review health and environmental data related to Pantex operations was prompted by the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to place Pantex on the "Superfund" list.

EPA officials said this summer that Pantex should be placed under Superfund because of past and present waste practices. The practices included burning chemical wastes in unlined pits, burying waste in unlined landfills and discharging plant wastes into on-site surface waters.

Local groups said Tuesday they were pleased with the inquest. Among the agencies that had called for the investigation were Serious Texans Against Nuclear Dumping (STAND), Panhandle Area Neighbors and Landowners, the Texas Nuclear Waste Task Force and the Peace Farm.

"If they identify peculiarities that they think deserve more research, they'll arrange for that research to happen," said Beverly Gattis, president of STAND Inc.

The Texas Department of Health and the national Centers for Disease Control also will examine cancer data collected by Jeri Osborne, a landowner living near Pantex, Gattis said.

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Senators taking reports of alleged psychiatric care abuse at hearing

By KELLEY SHANNON
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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas senators investigating alleged abuses in the mental health field say they want doctors, insurance companies and others associated with the problem to help solve it.

"We need your help desperately," state Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, told witnesses Tuesday as they prepared to testify before his interim committee on health and human services.

More than two dozen people signed up to speak at the San Antonio hearing, one of several the committee is holding throughout Texas.

Committee member Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, urged Gov. Ann Richards to call a three-day special session to address the issue before the end of the year, saying Texans can't wait until after the 1993 regular session for new laws to take effect.

The senators questioned witnesses on involuntary commitments to psychiatric hospitals, inconsistent billing for medication and other abuses.

Scott Waychoff of New Braunfels described his experiences in 1990 with Colonial Hills Hospital in San Antonio. Waychoff said he was involuntarily committed because of an alleged alcohol problem, which Waychoff said didn't exist.

The doctor in his case later was determined to have obtained his state medical license using forged documents, and Colonial Hills officials said he was dismissed in May.

"He was able to get the state to hold me without any due cause, without any reason," said Waychoff of his commitment hearing. Waychoff said he remained at Colonial Hills 24 days, a stay which cost his insurance company about \$38,000.

Colonial Hills officials Tuesday referred all questions from The Associated Press to the hospital's parent company, Psychiatric Institutes of America.

PIA spokesman David Olson declined to respond to Waychoff's allegations because of privacy laws, but said Colonial Hills follows state law when committing patients against their will.

Olson also said though PIA officials don't plan to testify at any of

the Senate committee hearings, they will work with legislators trying to change mental health laws.

Moncrief said psychiatric abuses reach far beyond Texas.

"Although Texas is definitely in the forefront, it certainly is not alone," Moncrief said. "Clearly this is not a local problem. It is statewide, nationwide and international in scope."

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said private corporations in the psychiatric field have an obligation to work with lawmakers to correct abuses.

Lane Melton, director of special claims for the non-profit Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas, said his company is scrutinizing bills to ensure unreasonable amounts of money are not paid to psychiatric hospitals.

Melton said abuses in the psychiatric field are contributing to high insurance rates.

Moncrief told Melton about previous evidence the committee received showing a hospital charging from \$11 to \$46 for the same tablet of medication on different days. Melton said his company would not have paid that bill.

Oral Roberts wants \$500 million to counter a 'satanic conspiracy'

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Oral Roberts' ministry has a 30-day deadline in its drive to raise money to counter a "satanic conspiracy," Richard Roberts says.

Roberts, executive vice president of Oral Roberts University and son of evangelist Oral Roberts, also said Tuesday that the "typical person" does not understand the threat to the ministry.

The father and son earlier this week asked 1 million regular contributors to send \$500 each "or all hell is going to break loose against this ministry," according to the letter sent to the ministry's "prayer partners."

Richard Roberts told Tulsa television station KOTV on Tuesday that he would be "thrilled" if the ministry received \$500 million but declined to say what amount might suffice.

Roberts criticized coverage of the fund-raising campaign.

"I am not ashamed to stand before our partners and supporters of our ministry and university and ask them for money to help them educate ORU's young people," Roberts said.

"While Ted Turner is spending \$323 million to buy Hanna-Barbara cartoons, we've been educating young people. CNN's been hitting us all day long," Roberts said.

Roberts earlier said neither he nor his father would ask for donations on television because "this is a private matter."

"We went to our prayer partners — our family — with our need," he said. "It irritates the life out of me to be forced into the position of discussing this letter with the secular media."

The father and son earlier this week asked 1 million regular contributors to send \$500 each 'or all hell is going to break loose against this ministry.'

The letter cites a "satanic conspiracy" against the ministry but does not elaborate.

"I don't believe that the typical person who does not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ can understand what a satanic conspiracy is," Roberts said.

"The satanic conspiracy is very simply to destroy the work of God on the earth, and I believe ORU is a part of the work of God in the earth."

Faced by a shortfall in donations, Oral Roberts issued an ultimatum to prayer partners in January 1987 that God would call him home

if \$8 million was not raised by March 1987 for medical missionary scholarships.

A dog race track owner in Florida donated the final \$1.3 million eight days before the deadline.

Two years later, the 73-year-old evangelist said he needed \$11 million to keep creditors from dismantling his ministry, hospital and deluxe university. The medical school and the City of Faith Hospital were shut down six months later.

Richard Roberts linked a recent drop in donations to the scandal following reports that evangelist Jimmy Swaggart was with a prostitute when he was stopped last month by police for traffic violations.

"We're all very saddened over what has happened to Brother Swaggart. We know him, and we continue to pray for him. I must be honest with you, we have taken a hit financially since that occurred six weeks ago, or a month ago.

"Other ministries have contacted us, they have taken a financial hit, too, because of this. It's a real problem, and we had nothing to do with it."

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Opinion

Despite rancor, there's still hope

The Mideast peace conference ended on a sour note when Israeli and Palestinian delegates could not agree on where to hold the next series of discussions. While the events are disappointing, some setbacks had to be expected. Nonetheless, it is encouraging that three days of talks were held at all. Pessimists were aware that this historic endeavor could have collapsed entirely even before the start of three days of largely ceremonial discussions in Madrid.

The process is so fragile, in fact, that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker prohibited all participants from displaying their national flags at the conference table. His concern was that Palestinian representatives would unfurl their banner — which has been decreed illegal in Israel — and thereby prompt Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his delegation to walk out on the talks.

Yet, despite the enormous obstacles to a settlement, there are signs that after four decades of conflict the hour for compromise has arrived at last. All parties to the Arab-Israeli dispute have been forced by circumstances to become more pragmatic, and perhaps even more flexible. Thus, if a genuine desire for peace can be nurtured in the months ahead, there is a good chance the framework for a comprehensive solution can be fashioned in the bilateral negotiations that will follow the Madrid meeting. Those sessions will zero in on the nitty-gritty of relations between neighboring states — territorial claims, national aspirations, security concerns, natural resources.

But the path to peace is not uncharted. Two decades ago, United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 spelled out the basis of a settlement. That vision, which remains equally viable today, called on Israel to relinquish the Arab territories it occupied after the 1967 Six Day War. Those lands, encompassing most of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, would become a homeland for Israel's 1.7 million displaced Palestinians. In return, the Arab world would recognize Israel's right to exist within secure, established borders.

In 1978, the Camp David accords further defined this objective. They proposed an interim solution under which Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza would be permitted limited autonomy for a period of five years. During the time of partial self-rule, negotiations would be held on a permanent homeland for the Palestinians.

At the time of the Camp David accords, the Palestinian Liberation Organization adamantly rejected an interim solution and reaffirmed its pledge to wipe Israel off the map. In 1988, however, the PLO recognized the Jewish state's right to exist. A senior Palestinian official, in the recent talks, expressed the hope that the current talks would lead to the beginning of Palestinian self-government in the occupied territories as an interim step.

Limited Palestinian sovereignty in the West Bank and Gaza still points the way to a comprehensive settlement. Accordingly, a freeze on new Jewish settlements in the territories would advance the peace process greatly.

Although U.S. policy long has advocated this broad approach, President Bush has prudently refrained from proposing settlement terms to the participants in Madrid. The United States will become involved directly in the talks only if invited to do so by both sides. If the negotiations progress in good faith, there are sure to be impedes that Washington can help resolve. This will demand more vigorous diplomacy by Baker without abandoning America's traditional role as a tireless broker of the Mideast peace process.

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Time of the ancient mariners

WASHINGTON — Every war has its unsung heroes. Operation Desert Storm was no exception. Now that the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines have received the praise they earned, it may be time to say a word about 2,500 civilian men who haven't heard much about. They manned the cargo ships that kept the operation going.

There's quite a story here. In some ways the story is not a happy one. At the end of World War II, the United States had an oceangoing merchant fleet of roughly 4,700 ships. Then a steady decline set in. Today the U.S. fleet of deep-water cargo vessels is down to 498 ships. Their average age is 27 years. The Soviet Union has 2,400 merchant ships at sea; Greece has nearly a thousand. There just isn't much of a U.S. merchant fleet anymore.

As a consequence, there are fewer licensed merchant seamen than there used to be. When Desert Storm blew up in August of 1990, the Military Sealift Command undertook the staggering task of manning 78 ships called up from the Ready Reserve Force.

It proved to be no insurmountable problem after all. The Combat Merchant Mariners of World War II were sent out a call for volunteers. The maritime unions pitched in. And out of retirement, or from their regular civilian jobs, came 2,500 sailors, middle-aged and old, ready to move cargo once again.

Some of these salty fellows were old salts indeed. Many were in their 60s, some in their 70s. One volunteer, reportedly in his 80s, served as watch officer on a container cargo ship. These old sailors came out of the same sense of patriotism and pride that motivates members of the armed ser-



James J. Kilpatrick

VICES to volunteer for extra duty.

The old-timers had the old skills. It is a mistake to describe all the ships in the Ready Reserve Force as rust-buckets, for some parts of the force's small fleet are in good shape. Most of the ships had antiquated boilers. Some engines had not been fired up in years. Gauges were broken or missing. The sailors who were 20 years old in the 1950s had learned how to make the ships go. They still knew how to get them to sea.

So they came from all over the country to plunge into the day and night labor of making things shipshape. There were disappointments. At least three merchant ships broke down in the Atlantic and had to be towed. So many had to stop for repairs in Spain, said Sen. Fritz Hollings, that it looked as if we were supplying the Spanish instead of the allied forces in Saudi Arabia.

Before the task was done, the sealift had landed 2.5 million tons of vehicles, ammunition and equipment, plus another million tons of containerized food, uniforms and other supplies. Ninety-five percent of the cargoes delivered to the Gulf came

by ship. Eighty percent arrived in U.S. flag vessels, 15 percent in ships of foreign registry.

Vice Adm. Francis R. Donovan says of the old sailors, "We could not have done the job without them."

Comparatively speaking, the eight-month operation for Desert Storm was a breeze. In World War II, members of the Merchant Marine sailed through seas infested with German submarines. Enemy bombers were overhead. This time was better. Before the war ended in 1945, hundreds of cargo ships had been lost to enemy action, 5,662 sailors had died in action and 600 had been taken prisoner. The casualty rate of the Merchant Marine almost exactly matched the casualty rate of the Marine Corps.

Theirs was a dangerous, valiant service, yet it has gone almost wholly unrecognized. The merchant seamen were denied status as veterans; they received none of the GI benefits that went to men and women of the armed forces. True, during the war, they were paid civilian salaries much higher than Navy pay, but a U.S. District Court found that over the years after World War II, everything roughly evened out.

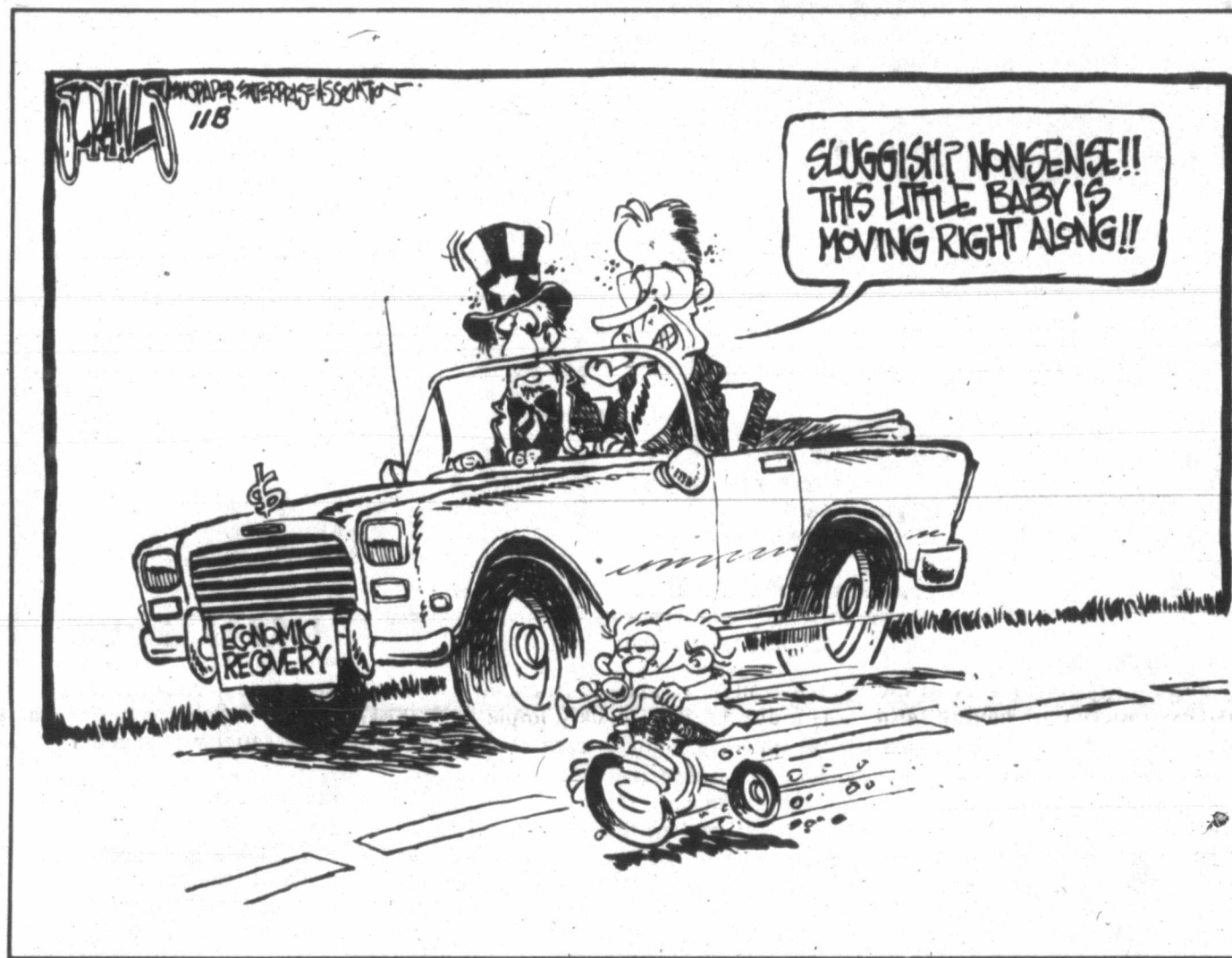
Sad to say, the combat mariners remain generally unrecognized. Those who were actually at sea in August 1945 belatedly were accorded veterans' status in 1990, too late for GI benefits to mean a great deal. Merchant seamen who were then in training lost out. A House bill to give them equal treatment has been buried in committee for the past three years.

My hat is off to the old salts. They have gained a nation's thanks the hard way. They've earned it.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Wednesday, November 13th, the 317th day of 1991. There are 48 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On November 13th, 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote a letter to a friend in which he said, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

On this date:
 In 1775, during the American Revolution, U.S. forces captured Montreal.
 In 1839, abolitionists gathered in Warsaw, New York, for a convention, during which they nominated James G. Birney, a former slaveholder, for president.
 In 1909, 250 miners lost their lives in a fire and explosion at the St. Paul Mine at Cherry, Ill.
 In 1927, the Holland Tunnel — the first underwater tunnel for vehicular traffic — opened to the public, providing access between New York City and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River.
 In 1937, NBC formed the first full-sized symphony orchestra exclusively for radio broadcasting.
 In 1940, the Walt Disney movie *Fantasia* had its world premiere at New York's Broadway Theater.



'Book burning' in America

There's a "book burning" going on in the United States.

It's not a single book or a dozen — it is tens of thousands of volumes that are being "burned up" from the inside out by acid.

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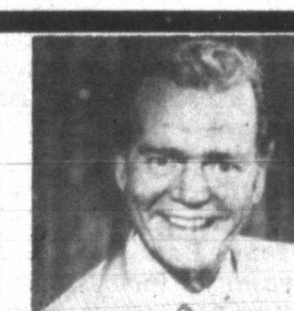
Books of that generation are being eaten away by a "cancer" that cannot be cured. Gradually, they turn brown and crumble.

This includes biomedical journals and books published in the 1850s, resources we cannot afford to lose.

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On Oct. 25 the National Library of Medicine



Paul Harvey

celebrated initial progress in rescuing these irreplaceable documents.

Dr. Lois Debaque reports that 40 percent of all medical journals are now printed on acid-free paper. After five years of diligent effort, that's an accomplishment worthy of celebration.

In Chicago, the Library of International Relations is watching its irreplaceable documents consume themselves and is presently computer-imaging its documents for storage on discs.

Ironically, there are writings of 35,000 years ago on cave walls and clay tablets that remain in good condition, while a 1912 work by Henrik Ibsen is already discolored and brittle.

The National Library of Medicine was original-

ly established in 1836, as the Library of the Army Surgeon General.

When Dr. John Billings became director in 1865, he expanded the library to make it available as a source of biomedical information for all physicians.

Today's director, Dr. Donald Lindberg, notes that modern computer and communications technologies are extending this service worldwide, and in the years to come newer technology promises even further to disseminate information from this source.

But it had to begin with preservation of the basic library.

If all written copies of all the music of Brahms, Beethoven and Bach were destroyed, this generation and all succeeding generations would be poorer.

If all the written records of medical research to date were to be destroyed, the loss in human suffering and human life would be incalculable.

Convinced that one good example is worth a thousand admonitions, let us hope that the work of the Debaque committee in preserving medical journals might next insure whatever funding is necessary to preserve the rest of what's left of our written heritage.

Is California exiling Republicans?

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Every now and then, for a brief moment, we are vouchsafed an opportunity to peek through a crack into the red-hot core of the machinery that runs the world and see how it really works. It is usually a frightening experience, and the one that I had recently was no exception.

I was talking with a Republican member of the California State Assembly, and the conversation turned to the flight of business from the state. For generations California has been among the fastest-growing states in the Union, if not the fastest, and this has applied not only to population growth but to the concomitant growth of industry and the economy in general.

Recently, however, the pace of economic expansion has slowed substantially, and various business corporations have begun leaving the state. A good many more are considering doing likewise.

The reason is not hard to find. Both houses of the California legisla-

ture have long been in the grip of the Democratic Party, which yields to no one in its determination to regulate and tax businesses in its jurisdiction. In addition, this general hostility to business has recently found a new outlet in environmental regulations of all sorts. The result has been a business climate that in some cases is becoming almost unendurable.

This is still, however, as they say, a free country, and right over the California border, in Arizona and Nevada, are state governments that are still broadly hospitable to business. Taxes are lower, regulations of all types are fewer, and environmental regulations in particular are notably saner. That's why so many California businesses have already moved — lock, stock and barrel — to these and other friendly states, and why many more will soon be doing so.

The effect on California has been severe, and will predictably get worse. Most departing businesses take along their managers and key members of their white-collar staffs, but blue-collar workers are left

behind — it's easier to hire new ones in the state they're moving to. This has thrown thousands of dismissed workers into the lengthening California unemployment lines.

In addition, of course, the State of California loses the tax revenues that it previously received from these departing businesses, their departing staffs and their dismissed employees.

My friend the Republican assemblyman told me that he had been discussing this disagreeable state of affairs with a fellow assemblyman of the Democratic persuasion, and had tried to convince him that this flight of businesses from the state was a serious problem. But his Democratic colleague was having none of it.

"Why should we worry?" he grinned. "The people who leave are Republicans."

And he's right, you know. The managers and top staff of the departing businesses are, overwhelmingly, Republicans. And the workers they leave behind are mostly Democrats.

Picture, then, the Edenic situation of

the Democratic majorities in the California state legislature. They can please the unions by passing all sorts of laws affecting wages, privileges and the work place. They can also grandstand for the environmentalist lobby by imposing all sorts of costly and technologically absurd requirements on manufacturing and other economic progress.

Then, when a business finally responds to this Chinese water-torture by leaving the state altogether, the Democrats automatically get a higher share of the state vote, and can score a few extra points by displaying their exceptional "compassion" for the workers who have lost their jobs.

It is a chillingly cynical scenario. Of course, it's always possible that the Republican assemblyman I was talking to was just making it up, but I doubt it — the story has an inherent plausibility. That is the way many politicians (and not always just Democrats) think. But whether they think that way or not, the sequence of events is precisely as described.

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Senate votes to ease limits for Social Security recipients

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of Americans would gain financially from Senate-passed legislation to end the current earnings test now in effect for working Social Security recipients.

The provision, adopted by voice vote Tuesday, would eliminate the earnings test now in effect for beneficiaries between ages 65 and 70 who earn more than \$9,720 a year.

These recipients lose \$1 in Social Security benefits for every \$3 earned over the limit.

The Senate attached the provision to the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and then approved the overall bill by voice vote. The reauthorization calls for \$1.7 billion in spending for senior citizen programs.

The bill now goes to a congressional conference, where it must be reconciled with a House-passed version that would not eliminate the earnings penalty.

The earnings change was sponsored by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who said he would try to attach it to another bill if the provision failed to survive the conference.

“The value of a \$5-an-hour job, subject to the earnings test, plummets to only \$2.20 after taxes,” McCain told the Senate. “The earnings test translates into an effective tax burden of 33 percent. Combined with federal, state and other Social Security taxes, it can amount to a stunning tax bite of nearly 70 percent.”

“This is plainly age discrimination, this is plainly wrong,” he said.

McCain's office did not have figures on how many Americans would be affected, but the senator said there are more than 40 million Americans age 60 and older.

The elimination of the earnings test has drawn opposition from the Bush administration, which said it would cost \$3.9 billion in fiscal 1992.

But McCain said the elimination would save money through collection of additional taxes and administrative savings.

In other action on the Older Americans bill, the Sen-

ate defeated an effort to make payments to some 38,000 elderly Americans whose pensions were lost in company failures before passage of a 1974 law insuring the benefits.

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, and others argued that Congress had a duty to restore lost benefits for workers who were vested in pension plans but never got any payments.

Republicans lambasted it as a new government entitlement program. They said it would jeopardize the financial stability of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., the quasi-government agency that protects people against pension losses.

Metzenbaum revived an issue that had been lingering in Congress since 1981, when lawmakers initially sought to make good on lost pensions. The government would make payments ranging up to \$1,500 for affected retirees — or a maximum of \$750 a year for their surviving spouses.

The proposal was intended to make payments to people who lost benefits when their pension plans were terminated before passage of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

It was directed toward helping people whose companies failed during the recessions of the 1960s and early '70s, such as Studebaker in Indiana and Perkins Machine and Gear in Massachusetts.

The benefits would cost approximately \$300 million, supporters said. Opponents argued that it would cost up to \$500 million.

“This is a matter of fairness. This is a matter of equity,” said Metzenbaum.

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., said Labor Secretary Lynn Martin indicated that her department would recommend that President Bush veto the Older Americans Act if it emerges with the pension provision intact.

Metzenbaum expressed disbelief.

“The president of the United States is not going to veto the Older Americans Act for the very small amount of money that's involved in this bill, which doesn't even violate any of the rules or regulations having to do with budgetary constraint.”



(AP Laserphoto)

Democratic presidential candidate Jerry Brown, left, shakes hands with Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, center as moderator Paul Duke looks on following the AFL-CIO Candidate Forum Tuesday in Detroit. The forum included former Mass. Sen. Paul Tsongas, second from right, and Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, right.

First Democratic debate brings unity on health care, economy; some salvos

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The 1992 Democratic presidential candidates are promising swift action to revive the economy and provide universal health care while portraying President Bush as out of touch with average Americans.

The six major Democratic candidates held their first debate Tuesday, with the economy and health care dominating a 90-minute forum that also provided early evidence of the likely lines of division within the Democratic field.

The overwhelming audience favorite at the forum held by the national AFL-CIO was Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, who implored labor for its support while brushing aside the potential pitfalls of such backing.

But even as they expressed support for Harkin, many of the union leaders said it was too soon for labor to rally behind one candidate. Many said they also were impressed with Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, who for now appear to be Harkin's chief rivals for the nomination.

Still others said they were waiting for the decision of New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, a longtime labor favorite who is leaning toward entering the 1992 race. He alone is seen as the candidate who might be able to win an early AFL-CIO endorsement.

Otherwise, the national federation and its major unions are likely to stay neutral while state and local labor groups choose sides.

Sharing a stage for the first time, the six major Democratic candidates voiced general agreement on several issues: the need for universal health care; improved education programs, including full funding for Head Start; targeted job training for the unemployed and underemployed; and a tougher stance against Japan and other trading partners.

And all agreed there was money to fund their programs, saying Bush simply had set the wrong priorities for the world's richest nation. All said defense spending could be pared, and Clinton, Kerrey, former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas and Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder said a cost-conscious national health care plan would save millions, if not billions, of dollars.

Harkin's message was clearly tailored to his labor audience as he sought to make inroads with a group that can provide crucial organizational and financial support in the Democratic primaries.

“When I'm president of the United States every double-breasting, scab-hiring, union-busting employer in America will know that the working people of America have a friend in the White House,” Harkin said.

Double-breasting refers to the business practice of having both union and non-union operations, often with the goal of replacing union workers.

Clinton told the union leaders he likely would have occasional differences with labor. But he portrayed himself as a candidate who can defeat Bush by winning back rank-and-file members who, “whether you like it or not,” have voted Republican in the past three presidential elections.

The Arkansas governor said he wanted labor's support, but only if it was willing to acknowledge that it, too, needed to change if the United States is to compete with Japan and Germany.

“Do you have the courage to lead

that charge by changing and doing what it takes to make this a high-wage, high-growth, high-opportunity society?” Clinton said in his closing statement. “I believe you do, and that's why we're all going to win in 1992.”

For his part, Kerrey was less dramatic than the other candidates but repeatedly pointed out that his health care plan is closest to labor's goal for a single, government-run system.

“There are lives at stake with this issue,” he said in criticizing Bush for not promoting a health care plan. And Kerrey won applause even from his rivals when he opened a steady line of attacks on Bush.

“The president of the United States just doesn't seem to understand that there's a life-and-death struggle going on in America today for working Americans who are facing decreasing income, caught in a squeeze of lower income and rising costs for health care, for housing and for education,” Kerrey said.

While all the candidates said there was a dire need to quickly implement a national health care plan, Wilder said Kerrey and Harkin could not criticize Bush alone for Washington's inaction.

“You were there too,” the Virginia governor told the senators.

Joining Wilder and Clinton in trying to craft an outsider's image were Tsongas and former California Gov. Jerry Brown.

Brown alienated some in the union audience by discussing labor's lagging power and railing against the corruption of politics by political action committees.

At a time of dwindling union membership, labor's multimillion-dollar PACs are its major political muscle.

Kidnap victim's bloody note prompts rescue

EL CERRITO, Calif. (AP) — Locked in a car trunk with his neck slashed, a man scrawled “help” in his own blood on a piece of cardboard and slipped it through a crack. A passerby saw it and called police, who rescued him.

William Francis, 50, was abducted by two men Thursday outside a Dublin fast food restaurant, said Dublin police Sgt. Patrick Adams.

They forced Francis into the back seat of his car, blindfolded him and drove him around, appar-

ently trying unsuccessfully to use his automatic teller card, Adams said.

They finally bound his hands and feet, cut his throat and put him in the trunk, Adams said. The car was abandoned at an El Cerrito shopping center.

El Cerrito police Sgt. Michelle Baran said a passerby spotted Francis' bloody note, and officers opened the trunk.

Francis was released from a hospital Sunday after surgery.

No arrests have been made, police said Tuesday.

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Witness says he overheard plot to assassinate Noriega

MIAMI (AP) — A drug trafficker says he overheard cocaine bosses plotting to assassinate Manuel Noriega in the belief he had betrayed them to U.S. authorities.

Cesar Cura, a Colombian rancher who went to work with the Medellín cartel's Ochoa family in the early 1980s, testified for the prosecution Tuesday at the former Panamanian dictator's drug trial. He was to return to the stand today.

Cura said he overheard the Ochoas decide to assassinate Noriega during a June 1984 tour of Europe and Israel.

“Later on ... I found out they had contracted ETA,” he said. ETA is a Basque separatist group that conducts terrorist operations in Spain.

Cura said the cartel was angered

by 1984 raids in Panama on their drug lab and cocaine-refining chemical shipments. The Ochoas had paid a Noriega aide \$5 million for protection, and called Noriega “two-faced” for violating the agreement, the witness said.

“They were saying that the general was with the authorities of the United States, and he was with them,” Cura testified. “They said ‘Look at him — he goes and embraces President Reagan, and the next day he goes and embraces Fidel Castro.’”

The plot was never carried out, Cura said, in part because he persuaded cartel leaders to conduct further negotiations with Noriega.

Two previous witnesses, an American marijuana smuggler and a businessman involved in the chemical

shipments, testified the suggestion to kill Noriega was made by the Panamanian military aide who received the alleged \$5 million bribe, Lt. Col. Julian Melo. The cartel never took the idea seriously, they said.

Noriega could get up to 140 years if convicted on all drug and racketeering charges.

Cura said he moved freely among the cartel leaders. “I was a peon, but a peon held in high esteem by the most important boss, Jorge Ochoa,” he said.

Cura was charged in New York, Louisiana and Florida and was facing possible life in prison without parole when he decided to cooperate with prosecutors against Noriega. He said he made \$10 million over his drug career.

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Apple tidbits: It's true what they say about an apple a day



French apple tart - Unsweetened applesauce forms the sauce base for this classic dessert made with tart apples. The apples are peeled, cored and sliced, and layered in rings over the applesauce base.

Prepared unsweetened applesauce, apricot preserves and butter are used to form the sauce base for this classic French Apple Tart. After baking, the tart is brushed with an apricot glaze.

Another apple idea: Normandy Apple Custard Tart. In this recipe, the apples are placed directly onto the crust, sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon, and then baked. A custard is poured over the apples and baked until the custard is set.

French Apple Tart
Vanilla Crust (recipe follows)
One 17 1/2-ounce jar unsweetened applesauce
1/4 cup apricot preserves
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
12 ounces tart apples
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
Apricot Glaze (recipe follows)
Prepare and bake Vanilla Crust in a 9-inch pie plate or a 10-inch tart pan with a removable bottom; set aside. In a medium saucepan cook applesauce over medium-low heat, stirring frequently, until reduced to 2 cups, about 10 minutes. Add apricot preserves and 1 tablespoon of the butter. Cool, stirring occasionally. Stir in vanilla. Pour into cooked crust.

Peel, core and slice apples 1/4-inch thick (makes about 2 1/2 cups). Toss apples with lemon juice. Arrange in concentric circles over applesauce. Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter; drizzle over apples. Bake in a preheated 375-degree F oven until apples are tender and lightly browned, 40 to 45 minutes. Just before tart is done prepare Apricot Glaze. Carefully brush over hot apples. Cool on a wire rack. Serve warm or cold. Makes 8 servings.

Apricot Glaze: Force 1/4 cup apricot preserves through a sieve. In a small skillet bring preserves and 1 tablespoon water to a boil. Cool slightly. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract.

Normandy Apple Custard Tart
Vanilla Crust (recipe follows)
2 1/2 pounds tart apples

A quick sauce for chicken a la king

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor
Better Homes and Gardens
Magazine
For AP Special Features

Chicken a la King is a cherished family favorite in many homes, but who wants to spend a lot of time in the kitchen? In this recipe, your microwave oven cooks the creamy sauce from scratch in less than 10 minutes — so you don't have to stand and stir over a hot stove.

Chicken a la King
1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
4 teaspoons all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup light cream, half-and-half, or milk
1 beaten egg yolk
1 1/2 cups cubed cooked chicken
1 tablespoon sliced pimiento
1 tablespoon dry sherry
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice

1/4 teaspoon paprika
6 rusks, toasted French bread slices, warm patty shells, or 1 1/2 cups hot cooked rice
In a 1 1/2-quart microwave-safe casserole, cook mushrooms, green pepper and margarine or butter, covered, on 100 percent power (high) for 2 to 4 minutes (low-wattage oven: 3 to 5 minutes) or until tender.

Stir in flour and salt. Stir in cream or milk. Cook, uncovered, on high for 2 to 4 minutes (low-wattage oven: 3 to 5 minutes) or until thickened and bubbly, stirring after every minute. Gradually stir 1/2 cup of the hot mixture into egg yolk; return all of the mixture to the casserole. Cook, uncovered, on high for 30 seconds. Stir in chicken, pimiento, sherry, lemon juice and paprika. Cook, uncovered, on high for 1 1/2 to 3 minutes (low-wattage oven: 3 to 5 minutes) or until heated through, stirring after every minute. Serve over rusks, French bread, patty shells, or rice. Makes 3 servings.

By The Associated Press

There are over 7,500 types of apples grown throughout the world, including 2,500 in the United States. But only about 20 are commercially important.

The leading apples in domestic production are Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, McIntosh, Rome Beauty and Granny Smith. Red Delicious represent nearly 45 percent of all apples sold in the United States.

Why So Many Varieties?

A botanical quirk is responsible for the thousands of varieties of apples. According to the "International Produce Cookbook & Guide," apple seeds from one tree do not necessarily reproduce exactly the same way again. So, if you

plant the seeds from one apple, you wind up with several different apple trees.

In addition, some varieties of apples are developed scientifically. For example, the tangy-sweet Empire apple was developed by crossing a McIntosh with a Red Delicious.

Two Apples a Day
Apples contain almost no fat, have no sodium or carbohydrates, but are high in complex carbohydrates. One apple contains 80 calories and is a source of vitamin C and other vital nutrients. Apples are also high in fiber pectin.

The National Academy of Science recommends that Americans double the amount of fruits and vegetables in their diets to five to six servings a day, in order to

reduce the risk of chronic disease.

Apples top the list of produce that consumers said they purchased for health reasons, according to the "Fresh Trends '90 Survey" by The Packer, a national weekly business newspaper of the produce industry.

Storing and Cooking Tips
When shopping for apples, look for those that are free of bruises and firm to the touch. Apples stored at room temperature will soften 10 times faster than if refrigerated. Among the apples suitable for cooking, baking and eating raw: Cortland, Newtown Pippin, Stayman and Northern Spy.

The following are some cooking tips from Phil Delaplaine, a chef-instructor at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.:

— Apples keep best in the refrigerator, but if you get a windfall supply, store the excess in a slotted box in a dark, cool and well-ventilated area. Apples can also be frozen.

Serving Ideas
Apples can be prepared in a variety of dishes. The following suggestions are from the Western New York Apple Growers Association:

- Spread applesauce on breakfast toast and add a sprinkle of cinnamon.
- Serve a fruit salad with apple, peach, pear and melon balls.
- Sprinkle cinnamon and sugar over apple slices for a quick dessert.

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Lifestyles

College HOTLINE available to answer questions for Texans on Jan. 11-12

The Texas Association of College Admission Counselors (TACAC) and First City, Texas will co-sponsor a toll-free telephone HOTLINE available to all Texas residents on Saturday, January 11 and Sunday, January 12, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

People in Texas may telephone toll-free 1-800-253-8989 with their questions about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid. The most up-to-date information regarding the application process, college majors, entrance requirements, financial aid, and meeting deadlines will be available.

College admission directors, high school guidance counselors and financial aid personnel will be answering the (10) phone lines. Spanish-speaking counselors will be available.

The College Information Hotline (available to any Texas via a toll-free call) provides information concerning post secondary educational opportunities to Texas students and families.

Teams of high school and college admission counselors will man 10 incoming WATTS phone lines. Each year, about 75 professional counselors from schools across Texas volunteer to take calls. Span-

ish-speaking counselors will be available on each shift. Hotline is operated from the Freshman Admission Center at the University of Texas at Austin. Volunteers taking the calls are members of the Texas Association of College Admission Counselors.

The Hotline is directed to anyone in the state who has questions about any aspect of college admission, financial aid, degree programs, housing, student activities or special programs.

Callers are predominantly high school students and their parents, but an increasing number of information requests are coming from middle school students, current college students, adults who did not complete college or who have never attended college and veterans with question about their education benefits.

The 1992 Hotline is the seventh year the project has been in operation. Funding is provided by First City, Texas. The Texas Hotline is the largest project of its type in the nation. Last year, over 1300 calls about college admission and financial aid were handled by the counselors.

Counselors spend much of the time during calls counseling stu-

dents and their parents on planning for college and careers. Callers may also request that catalogs and other materials from specific colleges and universities be mailed to them. If the counselors are unable to answer a caller's question, they will research the answer and provide the information within the week.

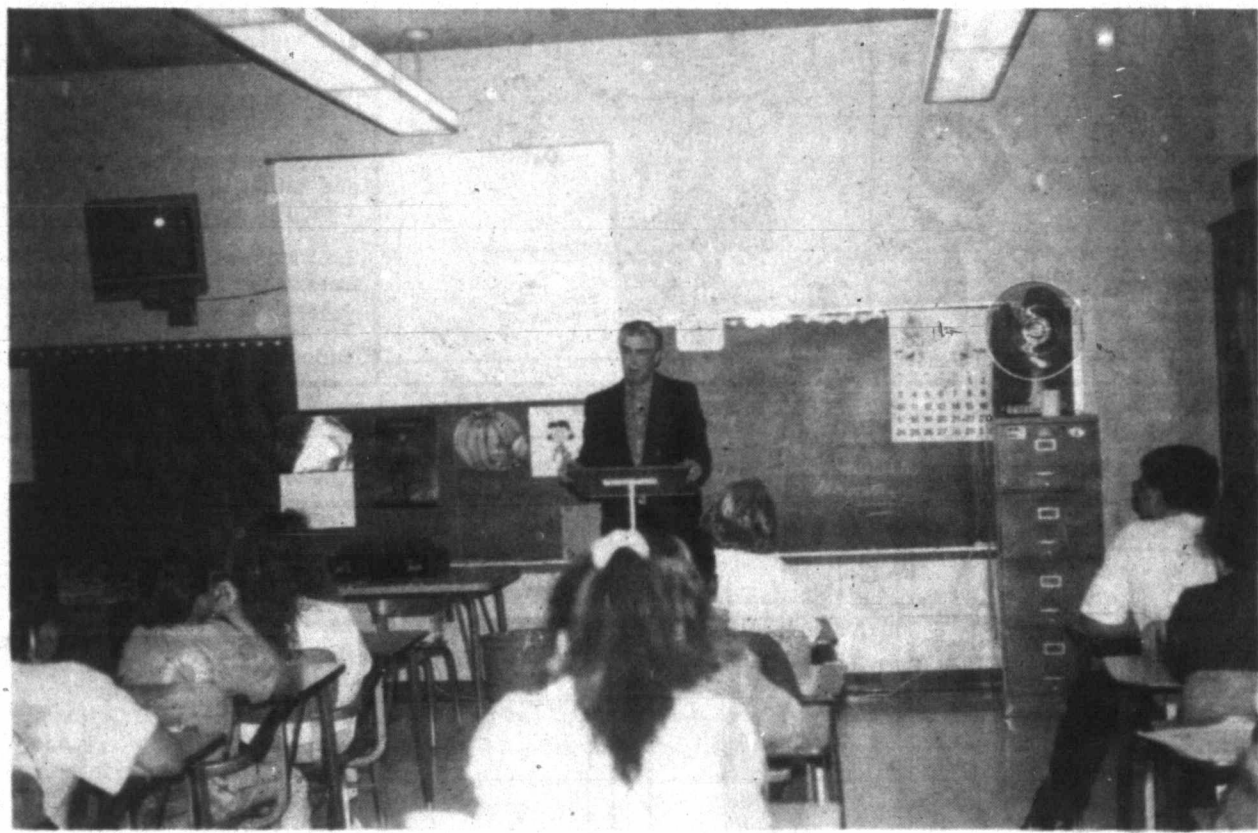
Admissions representatives from about 25 public and private Texas colleges will be on duty over the week-end. Although it is impossible to guarantee that a counselor from a school in which you are interested will be present when you call, we are often able to let you talk directly to someone from that school.

Hotline operators also field questions about vocational and technical schools, and community colleges. Information available from the Hotline is not limited to Texas schools.

Counselor's sources of information include college publications, computerized information systems and the collective experience of the 75 admissions professionals who are manning the phones.

Members of the Texas Association of School Financial Aid Administrators assist with some of the detailed aid questions.

Wright shares information with history class



Gray County commissioner Gerald Wright shared information about the Battle of McClellan Creek with Jan Stroud's history class at Pampa Middle School on Monday.

Youth groups invited to submit community service projects to Colgate-Palmolive for prizes

Local clubs and troops of the six largest national youth organizations, representing over 13 million young Americans, have been invited to enter their best community service projects in the 19th annual "Colgate's Youth for America" campaign. The award-winning program presents grants for the best executed projects in the U.S. by local units of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls, Inc., Camp Fire, and 4-H.

A celebrity panel of judges will determine the outstanding projects, and more than 200 winners will receive checks for up to \$2,000 from Colgate-Palmolive Company. Recent judges have included Alex Trebek, Phyllis Rashad, Tony Randall, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Dionne Warwick.

Clubs have until March 16, 1992, to devise and execute programs of

value to their communities and send in their reports. Participants range from five-year-olds to teenagers.

Top prizes in this past year's "Colgate's Youth for America" campaign reflect a wide range of creativity. An Oklahoma Boy Scout troop raised funds for the prevention of child abuse, an Illinois Girl Scout troop made hats for children undergoing radiation therapy, and a Rhode Island Boys Club created a buddy program to help special needs children make a transition to mainstream classrooms. An Indiana 4-H club implemented a poison awareness campaign, a Tennessee unit of Girls, Inc. volunteered as tutors at a day-care center, and a Minnesota Camp Fire unit created an emergency phone number guide for their community.

Reuben Mark, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of

Colgate-Palmolive Company, says, "Our 'Youth for America' program accentuates the positive side of today's young people. It brings to light their creativity and ability to make a positive change in their home town."

Part of a world-wide network of Colgate-sponsored youth programs, the campaign launched in 1972 to promote social responsibility among America's youth, has won a Freedoms Foundation Award and has been saluted by the White House, Congress and governors and mayors throughout the nation.

Entry forms are available through the regional offices of the national organizations, or may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Colgate's Youth for America, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058.

Nursing home shortage affects hospital costs

By ESTES THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Hospital patients who pay their bills are underwriting the expense of elderly patients too ill to go home but unable to find a nursing home bed.

"Traditionally, there's a shortage of nursing home beds," said Barbara Barnett of the North Carolina Hospital Association.

A May 1989 survey indicated 3,111 people were waiting for nursing home beds, she said.

The average wait for a nursing home bed was 15 days, Ms. Barnett said. But patients with complications could wait longer. A patient in a respirator had to wait an average 53 days and one with a tracheotomy waited 80 days.

In an effort to resolve the problem, the state Health Coordinating Council recently approved an additional 1,500 nursing home beds for 1992.

The problem is causing some hospitals to convert beds to nursing home use.

Rex Hospital in Raleigh already has opened a 140-bed convalescent care center that is much like a nursing home but not restricted to the elderly.

"It fits well into our goal for the hospital," Rex spokeswoman Karen Hinson said. "This is another step in being able to provide health care for the community."

Still, Rex finds itself keeping patients whose Medicare eligibility has expired. The patients are too sick to send home, but a suitable nursing home bed can't be found.

"That's one of the reasons hospitals are looking for some kind of reform in Medicare," Hinson said. "That is a major problem for all hospitals."

More hospitals are trying to get more nursing home beds.

More than 50 hospitals in the association have some long-term care services in place, Ms. Barnett said. Other hospitals are converting regular beds to nursing home use.

Converting a bed isn't simple. The state regulates the number of nursing home, hospital and other health care beds in each county.

Getting approval to build a nurs-

ing home can take six months, said Jim Keen of the state Medical Facilities Planning Section. Construction can take up to two years.

The state estimates there are 30,019 nursing home beds in operation, based on figures compiled in May.

Medicare is the federal program that pays health care costs for senior citizens. But the program reimburses hospitals only a set amount for each illness.

About 17 cents of every dollar paid for hospital care goes to make up Medicare shortfalls, said Ms. Barnett.

"The hospitals are left in a quandary," she said. "They feel like they have no options. They're in a business, but they're in the business of caring. ... You've got two choices: You can discharge the patient or you can keep the patient. You're not going to kick a sick person out."

"What the hospital does is absorb those losses," she added. "The way they do that is charge those of us who have health insurance more."

Altrusans salute recycling efforts



From left are Bill Hallerberg and Vic Raymond of IRI International; Myra Orr, president of Altrusa; and Jerry Moore and John Thacker of Hoechst-Celanese Chemical Group. The companies were honored with a recycling achievement award from Altrusa recognizing recycling efforts. The recycling awards are part of the commitment of Altrusans to environmental concerns.

Newsmakers

Navy fireman Scott E. Frazier, son of Ernest L. and Vanita M. Frazier, Pampa, recently completed training with Recruit Training Command, San Diego, Calif.

During the training cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on the job training.

Navy airman apprentice Nathan Hayes, a 1990 graduate of Canadian High School, recently graduated from the basic avionics aviation electronics technician course.

During the course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, Tenn., students received technical instruction on the fundamental necessary to perform job-entry level aviation electronics maintenance tasks.

Hayes joined the Navy in November 1990.

Navy airman recruit Charles P. Jones, son of Robert A. and Janet E. Jones, Pampa, completed training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

Recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on the job training.

Robert A. Wood, former Pampa resident now living in the Houston suburb of Kemah, has qualified for the Mixed Honor Roll of the American Radio Relay League Inc.

Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood of Pampa, earned the honor while he lived in Pampa but was recently awarded the honor after submission of the needed documentation.

ARRL lists 319 different parts of the world that can be contacted by shortwave radio. To make the honor roll, one must confirm contacts with 310 or more of the 319 entities. Mixed means that the contacts took

place on voice or by using Morse code.

It took roughly 10 years of active chasing to contact and confirm for this award.

A letter notifying Wood of his receiving the honor notes, "Your years of hard work have earned you a place among the most accomplished DXers in the world and your achievement is one in which you can take great pride."

A listing of Wood's honor will appear in the November issue of QST.

Navy airman recruit Michael K. Woods, son of Sammie R. Woods, Skellytown, completed training with Recruit Training Command, San Diego, Calif. During the training cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on the job training.

He is a 1991 graduate of White Deer High School, White Deer.

No news can be bad news about cancer

DEAR ABBY: I read a letter in your column in the Oregonian that shook me up. It was from a woman who said that her husband had had a physical every year since 1971, checked out 100 percent — then out of the blue he was diagnosed as having inoperable prostate cancer! No one had told him that if his father or a brother had had prostate cancer, he should take a P.S.A. blood test. After I read this in your column, I wrote "GET THIS" on the column and handed it to my husband, because his brother has had prostate cancer. So with no symptoms, my husband took the P.S.A. test and was found to have early prostate cancer!

Thank God for that letter — and thank you, Abby, for publishing it. I had copies made and sent them to all my male relatives. I even posted one on the bulletin board at our club. You may use my name.

BOBBI (MRS. FRED) JACKSON,
SOUTH BEACH, ORE.

DEAR BOBBI: Thank you for permitting me to use your name. For those readers out there who want to know — the name of the blood test is "Prostatic-Specific Antigen." And for those who need a nudge in the right direction — read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is a story about two men. One of them is my friend who went to his doctor for his regular physical examination. An elevated blood count indicated that he needed further testing and, as suspected, it was found he had two cancerous polyps on his prostate. They were removed by a simple surgical procedure. Prognosis: He will probably live a normal life.

The other one is my brother, who had ample warning of the same problem for a year, but who kept putting off a visit to the doctor until it became absolutely necessary. By then, the cancer had spread through his system and he required radical and painful surgery. Prognosis: We buried him last week, and it was so unnecessary! Please excuse the tear stains. I miss my brother.

GRIEVING IN THE OZARKS

DEAR ABBY: Last weekend I went camping with my family and a friend. I met a really special guy who I fell for right away. The problem is, I told him I was 17 (I am 15).

He is 17. Now I am worried that he will be mad at me for lying and think I am too young. The reason I told him I was older is because a lot of guys think I'm too young even before they get to know me. I look 17 and am very mature.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

I don't think age should matter if two people really like each other. How do I convince him that I like him so much, and that I'm sorry for lying?

SORRY I LIED
IN YUBA CITY, CALIF.

DEAR SORRY: Age does matter during the teen years, and so does the degree of maturity. Some 17-year-old "boys" are men — and much depends upon his degree of maturity at age 17. Liking him so much that you lied about your age is not much of a

defense, but my advice is just to be straightforward and tell him what you've told me. Lying about one's age is, in itself, immature. But if he likes you enough, perhaps he'll be forgiving.

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

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 - 7 Jane Fonda movie
 - 12 Lightly
 - 13 German
 - 14 Cared for
 - 15 Writings
 - 16 Lodging house
 - 17 — degree
 - 18 Sharp turn
 - 21 Hesitate
 - 23 Asian women's quarters
 - 25 Winter white stuff
 - 28 Long ago
 - 29 Look at
 - 30 Sand lizard
 - 31 Communications satellite
 - 33 Jewish nationalist
 - 36 Actor Alan —
 - 37 Perceived
 - 38 Of men

Answer to Previous Puzzle

MIDGE	MELLOW	
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INMATE	CRANED	
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MAIN	PSALM	
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AWORD	FEEES	
SALE	SEE	CRAB
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MEREST	MENAGE	
MOIETY	RECTOR	
ISOMER	STEAL	

- DOWN**
- 1 Make an edging
 - 2 Hasten
 - 3 Flower holder
 - 4 Long skirt
 - 5 Mixture
 - 6 Australian city
 - 7 Small falcon
 - 8 Luxuriant
 - 9 Actress Hagen
 - 10 Plaything
 - 11 Printer's measures
 - 13 Holding of property
 - 18 Actress Gabor (2 wds.)
 - 19 — Ocean
 - 20 Descend (2 wds.)
 - 22 Mark with spots
 - 23 Worker in a stable
 - 24 Lethal
 - 25 Expose to air
 - 27 Pale
 - 32 Bag
 - 34 Mental pictures
 - 35 Fasty
 - 39 Wears away
 - 43 Schubert's — Quintet
 - 45 Three-banded armadillo
 - 47 Hideous giant
 - 48 Singing syllable
 - 49 Long time
 - 50 Food additive (abbr.)
 - 52 Poetic contraction
 - 53 Dog assn.
 - 54 Football cheer

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Ethel is visiting relatives, huh, Howard?

Yeah. It's kind of odd being home all alone...

In the middle of the night, I find myself rolling over to her side of the bed.

There's a hole in your life.

There's a crater in my mattress.

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

OH, DON'T BE MAD AT HIM!

HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

WELL, I COULDN'T DIE!

THE WAY YOUR MOTHER LOOKED WHEN HE ASKED HER, "WHAT'S THAT?"

BUT HE'D NEVER SEEN AN IRONING BOARD!

EEK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

WELL, REGARDLESS OF WHAT HE SAYS... I THINK CLOMO IS GOING TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

THEY STARTED BREAKING GROUND FOR HIS PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

I'VE GOT THE FASTEST TONGUE IN THE WORLD.

HOW FAST IS IT?

ZOT

I HADDA GO AND ASK.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

THIS JACK FROST GUY DAD SAYS IS COMING APPEARS TO BE A RATHER UNSAVORY CHARACTER

I HEARD A SONG ON THE RADIO TODAY TELLING HOW HE LIKES TO NIP PEOPLE'S NOSES!

IF YOU DON'T QUIT INTERRUPTING MY NAP I'M LIABLE TO DO SOME NIPPING OF MY OWN

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"That leftover pot roast will become hash for dinner, so forget your taste test."

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

OH SURE... BLAME THE CAT!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WHAT'S UP, OSCAR?

WE CAME BACK HERE TO MAKE SURE NICK AND MARTY DIDN'T MAKE ANY WAVES HISTORICALLY...RIGHT?

RIGHT

WELL, I'VE DECIDED TO TAKE STEPS TO MAKE SURE OF THAT!

MY GOSH, OSCAR, YOU'RE NOT GONNA BLUMP 'EM OFF, ARE YUH?

I WON'T HAVE TO!

...WE'LL LET THEM DIG THEIR OWN GRAVES!

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"What are we going to do with him? He's allergic to feathers!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"If those people ever have to live in their car they'll have lots of room."

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

REMEMBER THAT REAL TINY TEACHER WE HAD... MISS WERBLER?

I WONDER WHERE SHE IS NOW.

SEARCH ME.

SHE WASN'T THAT TINY!

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

I'M BACK. SEE, I PUT ON SOME MICKEY MOUSE PANTS!

I'LL BE 'COOL' IN THESE, BOY. JUST LOOK AT THESE BIG YELLOW BUTTONS!

MICKEY MOUSE PANTS?? YOU DON'T LOOK COOL! YOU LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT!

HMPH! MAYBE I'M NEW WAVE. MAYBE YOU'RE JUST STUPID.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

THAT PIECE YOU'RE PLAYING IS HAUNTINGLY FAMILIAR... WHO'S IT BY?

I'M PLAYIN' SCALES, POP...

SCALES... OF COURSE, THAT'S IT! I KNEW IT WAS EITHER HIM OR BEETHOVEN!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

ONLY 38 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

ONLY 153 MORE HOPPING DAYS TILL EASTER

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

YOU KICK THE BALL, MARCIE, AND I'LL CATCH IT.

WHERE WERE YOU?

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

Garfield playing drums

Sports

Lefors, Canadian lady hoopsters aim for better play this season

White Deer Bucks have good nucleus

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

The Lefors Lady Pirates, the Canadian Lady Wildcats and the White Deer Bucks are three area basketball teams who will be looking for improved play during the 1991-92 season.

The basketball season opens Tuesday, the date the UIL allows the first high school games to be played.

Just a few more inches to go along with a faster pace could help Lefors girls boost their 12-16 mark of a year ago.

"We're going to average about 5-6 or 5-7, so we're going to have a little more height than we did last year," said Lady Pirates coach Carol Vincent. "We'll also have some speed, if we just use it."

Top returnees for Lefors are 6-0 senior Suzie Davis and 5-10 Starla Gilbreath, both starters from last season who will give the Lady Pirates a definite height advantage over many opponents. Missy

Wariner, a junior, saw parttime starting duty last season.

Misty Coleman, a senior transfer from McLean and an outstanding tracker, will help out in the speed department.

Other prospects include Alta Joslyn, Jamie Shook, Michelle Helfer, Shauna Lock, Shila McMullen, Brandi Steele and Michelle Shedeck.

"We should have more speed and our height is going to help us out," Vincent said. "If we get our shooting down, we should be able to contend in district."

Lefors, Briscoe and Allison will be the only teams competing in a new district alignment. Kelton girls were slated to be a member of the district, but had to drop out due to a lack of players.

The Lady Pirates had a 1-9 record in a six-team district last year.

"It was a much tougher district last season with teams like Groom and McLean," Vincent added. "We just started practicing today (Monday) and it's going to take some workout time to find out just what kind of team we're going to have."

Both Lefors boys and girls teams open the season Nov. 19 at Higgins.

Another team hoping to better themselves is the Canadian Lady Wildcats, who finished fourth in dis-

trict play last season, compiling a 14-14 overall record.

"We've got a pretty good nucleus still intact and I look for us to be quicker than we have been," said Canadian coach Don Drinnon. "Depending on the lineup I put out there, we can have a team with decent speed."

Drinnon returns three starters in Jenny Wilburn, Pam Goodwin and Jennifer Godwin. Goodwin, at 5-11, and Wilburn, at 5-9, provide the Lady Wildcats with board strength. Kendra Harper, a parttime starter, also returns.

Drinnon will also be counting on Misty Risley and Kim Cook to help carry the load.

"Misty is a tall girl and she was our No. 7 or No. 8 player last season. I look for her to help out," Drinnon said. "Kim has got quickness and she's a good defensive player."

Drinnon looks for Canadian to battle it out with three other teams for the top spot in the District 2-2A race.

"It should be a tossup between Panhandle, Wellington and Highland Park, and I feel like we should right in the middle of it. I don't think you can count anybody out," he said.

Canadian opens the season Tuesday at Shamrock.

When former Pampa coach Clay Richerson first took over at White Deer in 1989, the Bucks struggled to

a 3-18 season. Last season, White Deer upped that mark to 9-18. Now with three returning starters from last year's club, the Bucks have a chance to keep that won-loss ledger heading upward.

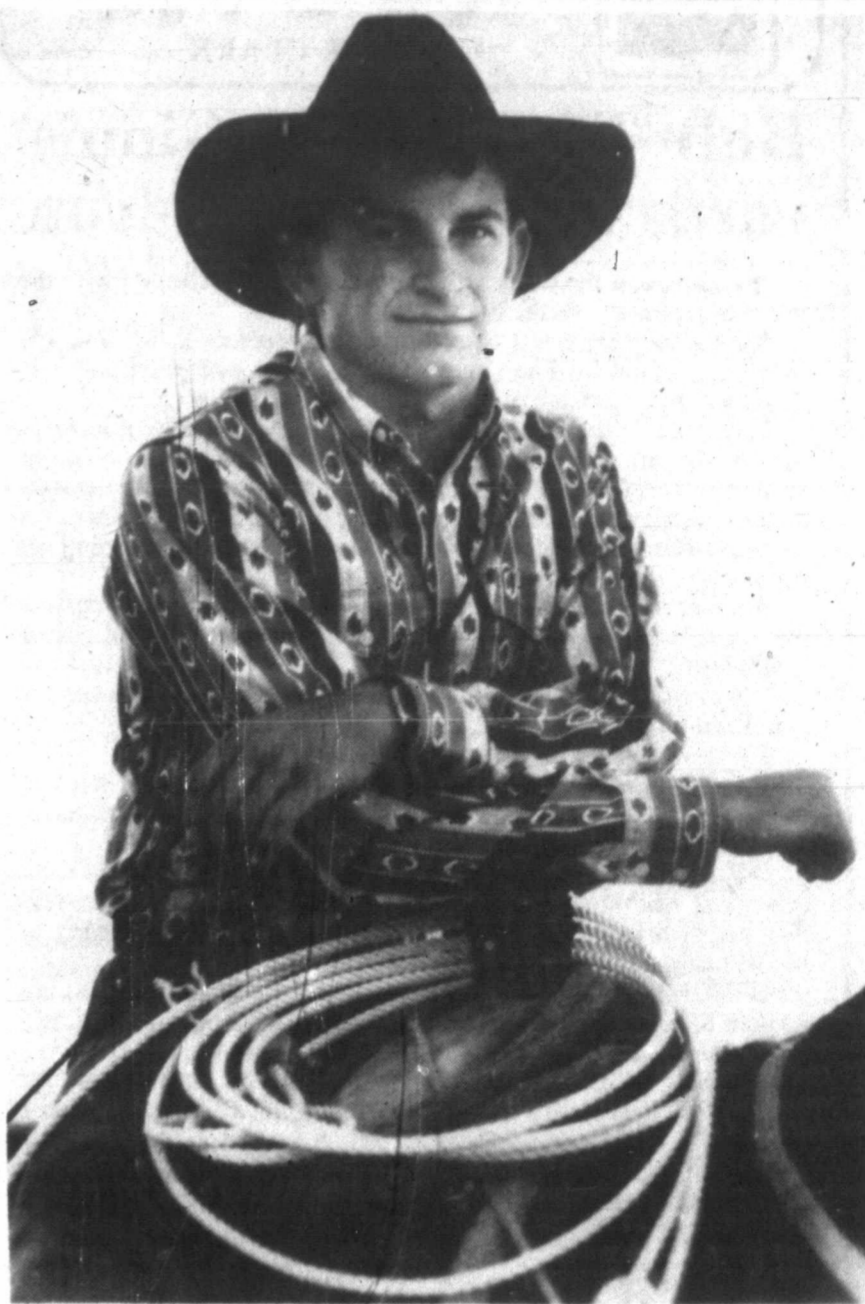
However, there still may not be enough bench strength and height available to get the Bucks above the .500 mark.

"I've got a good nucleus to work with, but our backups are going to be young and inexperienced," Richerson said. "Another of our problems is height. We've only got one other player (besides 6-2 Brandon Carpenter) in our program who is around six foot."

Carpenter, a senior, will be relied upon to give the Bucks scoring punch after averaging around 12 ppg last season. Other returning starters are Matt Freeman (5-8 senior) and Tyson Back (5-7 junior). Chris Estes, 5-6 junior, is a returning letterman.

White Deer is tentatively scheduled to tip off the season at Groom on Tuesday. If Groom is still in the football playoffs, that game will either be canceled or changed to a later date.

In other area action Tuesday night, Miami hosts Gruver, McLean is at Wheeler, Kelton travels to Lakeview and Briscoe visits Darrouzett.



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzys) Rowdy Slavin relaxes in the saddle between roping events at a recent Tri-State High School Rodeo.

Diverse sports extend athlete to steady gait

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Sports Editor

HIGGINS — The high school football season is finished for most players.

As the lucky few get ready for district playoff competition, others concentrate on the upcoming basketball schedule.

For football player Rowdy Slavin, it's time to devote time to his first love — rodeo.

The Higgins High School senior, throughout his high school career, has balanced carefully competing in six-man high school football and contesting in Tri-State High School Rodeo Association (TSHSRA) and other rodeo events.

"I'm not sure if I'd do it all over again," said the 5-foot-7, 160-pound, two-sport athlete in a recent interview. "It's hard to concentrate and give enough attention to both rodeo and football."

Although many students from a multitude of small Panhandle schools play football, basketball and track, far fewer athletes cross over from football to rodeo. And rodeo is not officially recognized by most high schools.

Slavin calf ropes, team ropes and ribbon ropes with the Canadian High School Rodeo Club in both the fall and spring TSHSRA schedules. He plays running back and defensive back for the Higgins Coyotes.

The fall football schedule includes 10 grueling Friday night games and Tri-State Rodeos are scheduled the day after at locations throughout the Panhandle.

The transformation from shoulder pads and helmet to cowboy hat, ropes and strings often wreaks havoc on travel plans, according to Slavin.

Several Friday nights this past season, Slavin, with the help of his parents, "started off right after the football game ... loaded up the horse and headed for a (Saturday) rodeo."

"It's hard to divide up your

time," said Slavin, who plans to become a veterinary assistant and hopes to attend college on a rodeo scholarship. "It (football) affects my rodeo performance.

"Spring is better," he explained. "I've done a lot better in rodeos during springtime when I'm not playing football."

Another drawback to participating in both sports is, "sometimes I'm really sore the next morning (after football)."

Although the Higgins senior class numbers 12 and the six-man football squad dwindled to seven players at season's end, Slavin said he felt no pressure to play football.

"I really enjoy football," he said. "That's why I play. Football is a team sport; rodeo is an individual-type thing."

Slavin ranks calf roping as his favorite rodeo event and spends hour upon hour practicing at the home arena. He has tried rodeo's rough stock events, but admits bull riding and barebacks "didn't suit" him so he stayed with the roping events.

"If you want to do it right, you've got to put in the time and practice," he added. "You've got to choose one thing and do it the best you can."

Slavin currently is ranked in the top 15 in calf roping and ribbon roping at the mid-way point of the Tri-State season. He competed in calf roping at the Texas High School Finals Rodeo in Abilene in his junior year.

The young roper showed up at a Tri-State rodeo this fall sporting a real shiner — the type of black eye usually attributed to physical contact sports like football.

Asked how he sustained the injury, Slavin said, "I was roping some good-sized calves and the rope snapped and came back at me. It hit me above the eye.

"I didn't really expect it," he added. "It had never happened to me before."

Agassi rips Becker

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Andre Agassi does everything he's not supposed to do, according to Boris Becker. It seems to work well for Agassi, though.

Agassi returned to tournament tennis Tuesday and beat Becker 6-3, 7-5 as he began defense of his title at the ATP Tour World Championships.

That was Agassi's fifth win over Becker in a row. Agassi said respect for Becker's game brings out the best in his own game.

Becker said it's a jinx that he seems to be incapable of overcoming.

"He hasn't played a tournament

for six weeks, I guess. He does everything he's not supposed to do, and then he comes here and plays like that against me," Becker said.

Agassi said it wasn't a question of having Becker's number.

"I think it's a question of having such a respect for somebody's game, that it just brings out the best in yours," he said. "It is unfortunate for him that every time I play him, I seem to hit the ball as well as I can hit."

Agassi broke Becker once in each set and never dropped his own service, winning in one hour and 39 minutes in a match that ended well past midnight.

Johnson: 'I truly lived the bachelor's life'

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite carrying the virus that causes AIDS, Magic Johnson says he still wants to play for the United States in next summer's Olympic Games.

"If I'm healthy, I might very well be on the floor for the opening tap at Barcelona," Johnson wrote in this week's issue of *Sports Illustrated*, adding that he's dreamed all his life about playing on a team with Michael Jordan and Larry Bird, two close friends who've also been named to the Olympic team.

"I get goose bumps just thinking about what it would be like to be on the floor with those guys," he said. "And I want to bring back the gold medal."

"I've accomplished everything in this game — from a team perspective and individually. I've won championships in high school, college and the pros. And I've won every award there is. But I don't have an Olympic gold medal. God willing, I'll get it."

Johnson's doctors have told him that the rigors of playing basketball might hasten the onset of AIDS.

Johnson also said he's certain he was infected with the HIV virus "by having unprotected sex with a woman who has the virus" and that he's never had a homosexual experience.

"I can't specify the time, the

place or the woman. It's a matter of numbers," Johnson wrote. "Before I was married, I truly lived the bachelor's life. I'm no Wilt Chamberlain, but as I traveled around NBA cities, I was never at a loss for female companionship."

Chamberlain, the NBA's all-time leading rebounder, wrote in his recently published autobiography that he had had sex with an estimated 20,000 women.

Johnson said he found out on Oct. 25 that he had tested HIV-positive and missed the Los Angeles Lakers' first three games with what was called "the flu" only because he and his doctors wanted to verify the first tests.

"I never had the flu as the team announced after I didn't show up for the game against the Jazz on Oct. 25 and then missed the first three games of the regular season," Johnson said. "I was not trying to deceive anyone. I only wanted to make sure that the insurance company's results were correct."

In announcing his retirement last Thursday, Johnson said he had tested HIV-positive while undergoing an insurance policy exam and said he had found out just the day before.

But in the *Sports Illustrated* article, co-authored by his biographer, Roy Johnson, Magic says that he

first found out when Dr. Michael Mellman, the team physician, telephoned him at his hotel room in Salt Lake City before an exhibition game Oct. 25.

"I need to see you in my office. Today," Johnson says Mellman told him.

Johnson then flew back to Los Angeles, where Mellman told him he had tested HIV-positive. From then until last Thursday, only a few people knew about the infection — his agent, Lon Rosen; Lakers owner Jerry Buss and general manager Jerry West; Johnson's wife and his parents.

"It was becoming more and more difficult to keep the secret from the other people who are closest to me — my teammates," Johnson said. "I wasn't even showing up at practice and they were beginning to wonder if something was wrong with me other than my so-called flu."

Just before his news conference, Johnson says he called five of his closest friends — talk show host Arsenio Hall; his former coach, Pat Riley, now of the New York Knicks; Bird of the Boston Celtics; Isiah Thomas of the Detroit Pistons, and Jordan of the Chicago Bulls.

"Larry cried. So did Arsenio. Isiah just didn't want to believe it.

Pat and Michael listened in stunned silence," he says.

Johnson repeated in the article that he is not a homosexual, the largest risk group for the HIV infection and AIDS.

"By now I'm sure that most of America has heard rumors that I am gay," he writes. "Well, you can forget that ... I sympathize with anyone who has to battle AIDS, regardless of his or her sexual preference, but I have never had a homosexual encounter. Never."

Instead, Johnson says he was one of the three most sought-after bachelors in Los Angeles along with Hall and actor-comedian Eddie Murphy.

"There were just some bachelors almost every woman in LA wanted to be with: Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall and Magic Johnson. I confess that after I arrived in LA, I was never at a loss for female companionship. ...

"I was the one most NBA players looked up to when it came to women. I lived the kind of social life that most guys in the league wanted to lead. Now I'm pleading for every athlete and entertainer who has also been 'out there' to get tested and, from now on to practice safe sex. Guys, get out your hat, your raincoat — whatever you want to call a condom — and wear it."

Baker-Finch leads PGA Grand Slam after first round

By BEN DIPIETRO
Associated Press Writer

KAUAI LAGOONS, Hawaii (AP) — Ian Baker-Finch is felling better, and it shows in his golf game.

Baker-Finch, who has been bothered in recent weeks with back problems, regained his form Tuesday to take a one-shot lead in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf.

Baker-Finch shot a 4-under-par 68 to stay ahead of Ian Woosnam and two in front of Payne Stewart. John Daly was five back at 1-over in this battle of 1991's major tournament winners.

Baker-Finch played very consistently, making four birdies and 14 pars. He missed three other birdie attempts when the ball lipped the cup. It's quite a change from his play in last week's Four Tours Championship of Golf in Australia, where he shot rounds of 79-76-79-74.

Baker-Finch said his back problems are gone, but attributed his improved play to making better shots with his irons.

"That's been the downfall over the last few weeks," he said. "Apart from the back problems, I never completed any good iron shots."

Despite his strong play, Baker-Finch knows Woosnam, Stewart and even Daly still can overtake him to

win the \$400,000 first prize in the \$1 million tournament.

"It's tough, anyone can still win," he said. "The other guys are right there."

Daly put himself back in contention after shooting a 3-under-par 33 on the back nine. He rebounded from a disastrous front nine, where he bogeyed five of the first eight holes.

"Basically, it's still almost a three-man race," between Baker-Finch, Woosnam and Stewart, said Daly. "But it was definitely a three-man race after the front nine."

Daly missed several opportunities to pull even closer when he failed to make birdies on the 11th, 14th and 16th holes.

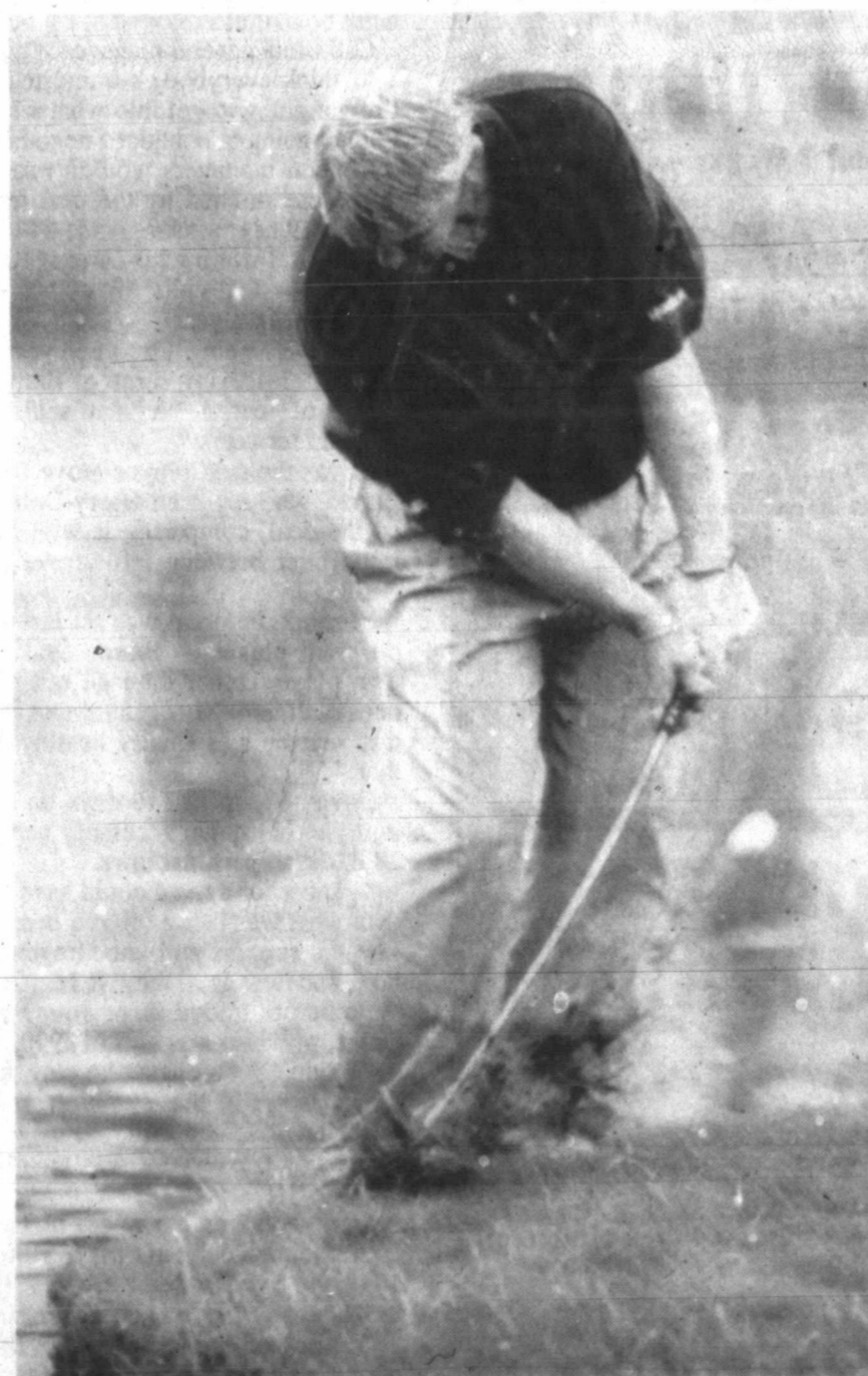
"I hit some shots that went right by the flag," said Daly. "I didn't make birdies with them and I thought I hit better shots than that."

Woosnam had an erratic round, making six birdies and three bogeys. Stewart tied Baker-Finch for the lead with a birdie on No. 11, but dropped back with a bogey on No. 12.

"The greens are very tricky. I think that's why there haven't been a lot of birdies," said Woosnam.

Stewart agreed that the greens were problematic.

"I need to hit more greens," he said. "I had to work around the greens a lot."



(AP Laserphoto) PGA Champion John Daly blasts his embedded ball from the hazard bordering a pond Tuesday.



IN THE ROUGH

BY RICK CLARK

Bob 'Tee Shot' McGinnis cards eagle 2 with 5-iron

It was nice to see many golfers returning to the courses with the return of pleasant weather last week.

During the next few weeks, I'll be listing some of the new rule changes adopted by The United States Golf Association and The Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews.

Under one of the rule changes, there will be no penalty if a player touches the ground in any hazard or water in a hazard as a result of or to prevent falling, in removing a movable obstruction, in measuring or in retrieving or lifting a ball under any rule or if he places his clubs in a hazard provided nothing is done that constitutes testing the condition of the hazard or improves the lie of the ball.

Another new rule, number 4-4 states that the addition or replacement of a club by borrowing from another person playing the course is prohibited.

If you have any questions about these new rules, please contact your local pro.

The new rules go into effect January 1, 1992.

TIP OF THE WEEK... Remember, in cold weather you need to use a lower compression golf ball. Use either a 80 or 90 compression ball.

GOLFING TRIVIA... Did you know Arnold Palmer's dad was a PGA pro? Arnold started playing golf when he was five years old. This just goes to show you, that getting those juniors started early in life will help tremendously.

CONGRATULATIONS to Neil Fulton for winning the Tommy Armour 845 golf clubs given away by the High School Golf Teams.

GOLFING FEATS: **HIDDEN HILLS...** Bob "tee shot" McGinnis had an eagle two on number 10. I hear from a good source, that he hit a 5-iron. Good shot Bob.

PAMPA COUNTRY CLUB... Ray Duncan had a nice 92, his best ever. According to what I hear, Ray just started playing last spring. Until next week, SEE YA IN THE ROUGH.

Special Bowling Tourney set

The fourth annual Special Bowling Tournament and Fund Raiser for the Gray County Association of Retarded Citizens will be held Saturday, starting at 1:30 p.m. at Harvester Lanes.

The tournament is hosted by The Pampa Women's Bowling Association.

Last year the Association raised \$1,375 for the Gray County Association of Retarded Citizens.

For more information on sponsoring a bowler and participating in the tournament, call Harvester Lanes at 665-3422 or Bonnie Clemens at 665-5368.

PHS plans pep rally

A community-wide pep rally for the 1991 District 1-4A champion Pampa Harvesters football team is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium.

The public is invited to attend festivities.

The Harvesters, 8-2 overall and 4-1 in district play, travel to Canyon

Friday to play the Snyder Tigers in opening round action of the bi-district playoffs.

The Pampa-Snyder contest begins at 7:30 p.m. at the West Texas State University stadium, also known as the 'Buffalo Bowl.'

Advance ticket sales started Monday at the PHS athletic office.

Glavine wins NL Cy Young award

By ED SHEARER
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Tom Glavine had a choice of professional sports to pursue. He chose baseball over hockey, his first love.

By winning the National League's Cy Young award on Tuesday, it proved to him he made the right choice.

"Hockey's probably my favorite sport, but I felt as though I was a better left-handed pitcher than I was a hockey player," Glavine said after becoming the first Atlanta Brave to win the award. "I felt I had a heck of a lot better chance of making it in this sport than I did in hockey."

A 20-game winner in his fourth full season in the majors, Glavine led the Braves to the first World Series in Atlanta's history and became only the second pitcher in franchise history to win the award. Warren Spahn won it in 1957 when the Braves were based in Milwaukee.

Glavine said he didn't know much about Cy Young, adding, "He must

have been a pretty good pitcher to have an award named after him. I just know he won an awful lot of games. I have a long way to go to catch him."

He said he first started thinking he might have a chance to win the award at the All-Star Game break when he was named the NL's starting pitcher. He finished the year with a 20-11 record and a 2.55 ERA. At 25, he became the youngest pitcher to win the award since Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets did it in 1985 at age 20.

Glavine made his choice of baseball over hockey when the Braves selected him in the second round of the 1984 June draft. A high school hockey star in the Boston area, he was a fourth-round choice of the Los Angeles Kings in the NHL draft.

Glavine spent spring training working on his changeup. He needed to develop the pitch after going 10-12 with a 4.28 ERA in 1990.

"I think the whole thing really just makes me feel a little bit more established, a little more secure

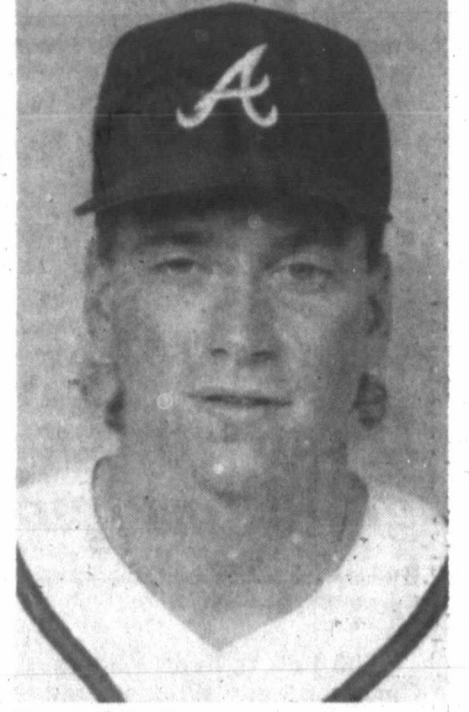
here, which is what I really want," Glavine said at a news conference following Tuesday's announcement.

He had been the odds-on favorite to win the award, but he told the Braves public relations staff he might not be at home to accept a call from Jack Lang of the Baseball Writers Association of America. He said he had to take his girlfriend to a doctor's appointment.

"We had it rescheduled," he said. Glavine received 19 of 24 first-place votes and five for second place for 110 points. Lee Smith, who led the majors with 47 saves for the St. Louis Cardinals, was second with 60 points. Smith got four first-place votes, 12 seconds and four thirds.

The NL's only other 20-game winner, John Smiley of the Pittsburgh Pirates, was third with 26 points and Cincinnati's Jose Rijo, who got the only other first-place vote, was fourth with 13 points.

Glavine became Atlanta's first 20-game winner since Phil Niekro won 21 in 1979. He also had the most victories by a Braves left-hander



Tom Glavine

since Spahn won 23 in 1963.

"I just want to go out there and continue to get better," he said. "It's amazing how far I've come."

Bulls clobber Pistons, 110-93

CHICAGO (AP) — Six months apart did nothing to cool off the bad feelings between the Chicago Bulls and Detroit Pistons.

The bitter rivalry that erupted in last spring's playoffs resurfaced in their first meeting of the new season Tuesday night as the Bulls whipped the Pistons 110-93.

"It's always advertised as a war," Michael Jordan said. "Sooner or later the confrontation was inevitable."

It happened after the Bulls had run off the first eight points of the second half when Horace Grant broke loose and scored while colliding with Bill Laimbeer. As Grant fell over, Laimbeer leg-whipped him and Grant went after Laimbeer. The officials broke it up as Grant and Laimbeer drew technicals. Isiah Thomas also drew a technical for shoving Chicago's Scottie Pippen.

"He fouled me, he tripped me and he kicked me," Grant said. "A leopard doesn't change his spots. I was surprised at myself for reacting."

Laimbeer wouldn't comment on the incident but Thomas said "I went over there as a peacemaker and the ref (Luis Grillo) grabbed me. I said 'Let me go, let me go.' Then he hit me with the technical." Thomas admitted shoving Pippen.

Athletes of the week



Pampa High School Boosters Club athletes of the week are, left to right, Ryan Parnell, football; Talitha Pope, swimming; Marcy Leal, cross country; Paige Bass, cross country, and Clay Partain, swimming.

Orioles' Glenn Davis, Brewers' Bill Wegman re-sign for megabucks

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Glenn Davis and Bill Wegman, who spent a lot of time on the disabled list in 1990 and 1991, are baseball's newest multimillionaires.

Davis, who played in only 49 games this season because of a nerve injury in his neck, re-signed with Baltimore for \$6,665,000 over two years.

Wegman, who has spent 306 days on the disabled list in the past five seasons and is just 51-51 in his career, re-signed with Milwaukee for \$9.5 million over four years.

Those deals came late Monday night in the final hours of the period in which players could deal only with their former clubs. The pursuit of the 98 players who filed began on Tuesday, with the New York Mets saying they're ready to go after Bobby Bonilla, the most prized free agent in the group.

"I'm not sure how many teams there will be, but I'm sure they'll be plenty of us," Mets general manager Al Harazin said. "If there aren't eight or 10 clubs interested, I'll be surprised."

California general manager Whitey Herzog had the same opinion. "I think everybody's interested in Bobby Bonilla," he said. "But I'm not going to get into what we're going to do, what our plans are. I'm not going to conduct a negotiation in the newspapers."

General managers wouldn't say so for attribution, but some said they were stunned by the deal for Wegman. The right-hander, who will be 29 next season, made \$440,000 in 1991 and went 15-7 with a 2.84 ERA, lowering his career ERA to 4.25.

His new deal calls for a \$500,000 signing bonus and salaries of \$2.25 million a year.

"We were going after three years and I thought that would be tough to get, considering some of the things that have happened the past couple of years," Wegman said. "I was really surprised when they offered four years."

It was the first player move for Milwaukee general manager Sal Bando, who replaced Harry Dalton after the season. Bando defended the deal, comparing it with the \$10 million, four-year contract last winter between left-hander Bud Black and the San Francisco Giants.

"I think the price was set last year and will continue to go up for different players," Bando said. "We felt we wanted to keep our own player rather than go out into the market and try one of the ones out there. My opinion was he was always a quality pitcher and last year he was finally healthy and he went out there and proved that."

Davis, 30, spent 116 days on the disabled list following an April injury to his spinal accessory nerve. He hit .227 with 10 homers and 28 RBIs, all personal lows.

"I know for a fact I could have went out and gotten far more dollars than what was being offered here," Davis said. "But the No. 1 issue was the support and encouragement from the community and fans here, and how great they've been to me and my family."

Baltimore traded three young players to Houston last winter for Davis, who also was hurt in 1990.

"I didn't get a chance to play much last year, and when a baseball player is put in that situation, sometimes people kind of turn their backs on you," he said. "It could have easily happened to me here, but it didn't. Everyone was great to us and encouraged us the whole way."

Davis is taking a pay cut in 1992. He made \$3,275,000 this year, and the new deal calls for a \$100,000 signing bonus, \$2,815,000 in 1992 and \$3.75 million in 1993. He can earn an additional \$600,000 in bonuses in 1992 if he is available for 140 games.

"There will probably be a lot of people in the baseball world wondering why I did what I did as far as taking a cut in salary. That was one of the issues I felt I needed to be flexible in," Davis said. "I didn't think it would be right to ask for a raise after what happened last year."

Sports Scene

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

	EASTERN CONFERENCE			GB
	W	L	Pct.	
Atlantic Division				
New York	4	2	.667	—
Orlando	4	2	.667	—
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	—
Miami	2	4	.333	1
Boston	2	4	.333	1 1/2
Washington	2	5	.286	2 1/2
New Jersey	1	4	.200	2 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	5	2	.714	—
Atlanta	4	2	.667	1/2
Detroit	4	2	.667	1/2
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	1 1/2
Cleveland	2	4	.333	2 1/2
Indiana	2	5	.286	3
Charlotte	1	6	.143	4
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	5	1	.833	—
San Antonio	4	1	.800	1/2
Denver	3	3	.500	2
Utah	3	3	.500	2
Minnesota	1	4	.200	3 1/2
Dallas	1	6	.143	4 1/2
Pacific Division				
Golden State	6	1	.857	—
LA Clippers	6	2	.714	1
Seattle	3	2	.600	2 1/2
Portland	4	3	.571	2
Phoenix	3	4	.429	3
LA Lakers	2	3	.400	3
Sacramento	2	5	.286	4
Monday's Games				
Philadelphia 102, Milwaukee 99				
Utah 106, Sacramento 90				
LA Clippers 106, Indiana 97				
Tuesday's Games				
New York 98, New Jersey 96				
Orlando 95, Washington 82				
Atlanta 118, Charlotte 100				
Cleveland 119, Milwaukee 113				
Chicago 110, Detroit 93				
Houston 98, Dallas 92				
Golden State 119, Phoenix 116				
Boston 126, Sacramento 103				
Portland 120, Denver 82				
Wednesday's Games				
Utah at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.				
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.				
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.				
New York at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.				
Washington at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.				
LA Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.				
Boston at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.				

College Poll

By Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press' preseason college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 1990-91 record, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and last season's final ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (49)	32-7	1,606	6
2. Indiana (11)	29-5	1,533	3
3. Arkansas (3)	34-4	1,390	2
4. Kentucky	22-6	1,278	9
5. Arizona	28-7	1,276	8
6. LSU (1)	20-10	1,171	22
7. Ohio St.	27-4	1,158	5
8. North Carolina	29-6	1,135	4
9. Seton Hall (1)	25-9	1,098	13
10. St. John's (1)	23-9	1,077	20
11. UCLA	23-9	1,048	16
12. Kansas	27-8	889	12
13. Oklahoma St.	24-8	864	14
14. Utah	30-4	684	10
15. Connecticut	20-11	628	—
16. Georgetown	19-13	532	—
17. Alabama	23-10	483	19
18. DePaul	20-9	364	24
19. Oklahoma	20-15	341	—
20. Michigan	14-15	329	—
21. Iowa	21-11	322	—
22. Wake Forest	19-11	319	—
23. Georgia Tech	17-13	258	—
24. Arizona St.	20-10	247	—
25. Louisville	14-16	103	—



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(AP Laserphoto)

An artist puts the finishing touches on a giant portrait of Prince Norodom Sihanouk in the Cambodian capitol of Phnom Penh today. Sihanouk returns to Cambodia Thursday for the first time in 13 years since being driven out by the Khmer Rouge.

Former king returns to war-shattered land

By DENIS D. GRAY
Associated Press Writer

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — One of modern history's greatest political survivors — Prince Norodom Sihanouk — returns from exile to his war-shattered homeland Thursday faced with perhaps the most difficult task of his stranger-than-fiction life.

For half a century, the prince has captured center stage in Cambodia: as king, independence hero, head of state, guerrilla chief and international diplomat par excellence.

Now he returns to the fairytale Royal Palace where as a 19-year-old he was enthroned by French colonialists who thought he would prove a playboy puppet whose strings they could easily pull.

From his regained seat of power, the 69-year-old prince must try to still fierce hatred among the country's four opposing factions and attract enough international good will and hard cash to rebuild a land bled dry by two decades of conflict.

Analysts say Sihanouk's role as head of an interim Supreme National Council will be pivotal in the next 18 months as U.N. peacekeepers attempt to disarm more than 150,000 soldiers and the country strives for democratic elections.

"He is probably the only Cambodian universally respected, universally recognized as the only Cambodian who can bring this nation together," Charles H. Twining, the new U.S. envoy in Phnom Penh, said in an interview.

To Sihanouk's advantage are a charismatic personality, widespread domestic popularity and finely honed skills which awed even seasoned diplomats as they watched him cajole, badger and outmaneuver during the tortuous negotiations of recent years.

Perhaps his strongest card is solid backing from the international community, including the United States, China and Soviet Union. These and other nations brokered the peace accord signed last month that seeks to end Cambodia's 13-year civil war and allowed Sihanouk's return.

Over the years the eccentric prince — who brings his fluffy dog Micky to the conference table — has attracted admirers. And even among his most acerbic critics there is acknowledgment that he is the best choice among a Cambodian leadership line-up which ranges from ineffectual has-beens to mass murderers.

Often in the past, Sihanouk had been counted down and out only to bounce back.

To the French, young Sihanouk seemed made of malleable stuff. But his giddy exuberance, soprano-register voice and extra-curricular activities (including women, French wine, singing love songs and making B-grade movies) masked a brilliant, sometimes ruthless political player.

He not only wrested independence from the French in 1953 but ran Cambodia as a private fiefdom, first as king and after 1955 as the political head of a one-party state.

He traveled throughout Cambodia, where peasants regarded him as a

cross between an ancient god-king of Angkor and a "papa" who would hand out gifts and speak their earthy language.

Indeed, while war enflamed neighboring Vietnam and Laos, Sihanouk managed to steer Cambodia along a perilous but peaceful course. He allowed Vietnamese communists to use Cambodian border areas as sanctuaries and looked the other way when American planes bombed them.

"Whether I swing to the right or to the left is my concern because I work only in the interests of my own country," he said, explaining before his 1970 overthrow why he sided alternately with the communists and the West.

Internally, he tried to root out opponents, including communists who would later be known as the Khmer Rouge. He also drew bitter criticism from the educated urban class, fed up with his one-man show and the rampant corruption of his wife Princess Monique and others of the inner circle.

This anti-Sihanouk sentiment, too, remains. Internal Khmer Rouge documents have described Sihanouk as "90 percent rancid, debauched" while non-communists in Phnom Penh today fear the old corruption will return on the prince's coattails.

The anti-Sihanoukists, encouraged by the United States, staged a coup in 1970, sparking a brutal, five-year war between communist-led rebels and the U.S.-backed government of Gen. Lon Nol.

From his exile in Beijing, Sihanouk served as the nominal head of a resistance front dominated by the Khmer Rouge. Many in Cambodia sided with the Khmer Rouge because of their loyalty to Sihanouk, who in the eyes of some historians thus shares responsibility for the destruction of his country.

"The Khmer Rouge do not like me at all, and I know that. Ooh, la, la. ... It is clear to me. When they no longer need me they will spit me out like a cherry pit," he said in a 1973 interview.

His predictions proved true. Returning to Phnom Penh after the 1975 Khmer Rouge victory, Sihanouk was kept prisoner in his deserted palace and only saved from execution by intervention of former Chinese leader Chou En Lai.

Around him, Khmer Rouge ultras were trying to reshape society by first destroying it. Their victims — hundreds of thousands of them — lie scattered as bones throughout Cambodia and include more than a dozen of Sihanouk's own children and grandchildren.

The Vietnamese probably also saved him. With Hanoi's forces driving toward Phnom Penh to oust the Khmer Rouge, Sihanouk was sent as an emissary to Beijing in a desperate, last-minute ploy by Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot.

Embarking on his second exile, he denounced both his captors and the invaders. He began to crystallize a guerrilla resistance that would fight the Vietnam-installed government in Phnom Penh for the next 13 years.

Massive art dictionary to fill 30 volumes

By GRAHAM HEATHCOTE
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Macmillan Publishers is betting that thousands of libraries and experts will cough up \$7,000 for a 30-plus-volume art dictionary that covers everything from pre-Columbian gardening to performance art.

The "Dictionary of Art," billed as the world's biggest and scheduled for 1994 publication, will be the result of a 12-year project involving thousands of advisers worldwide at a cost of millions of dollars, company officials say.

It will include 21,000 biographies of patrons, collectors and dealers as well as artists, and cover world art from prehistoric times, including the decorative arts and architecture.

"It will tell you that the ancient Egyptians employed dwarfs as metalworkers to mine gold, possibly to identify them easily if they ran off with the gold," said chief editor Jane Soaf Turner, 35, of the Cleveland suburb of Parma.

Researchers also found that

"10,000 human skulls were needed to fill a pre-Columbian skull rack," the editor said.

What about the art of gardening in the pre-Columbian Americas?

"One of our editors found it in Spanish chronicles," said Mrs. Turner, who has 40 editors and a support staff of 30.

By the time it appears in 30 or 32 volumes, "The Dictionary of Art" will contain up to 27 million words in 35,000 articles by 7,000 contributors from 106 countries and carry 16,000 illustrations, said publisher Ian Jacob.

The number of entries and subjects will make the dictionary more comprehensive than the three major existing multi-volume art reference works: the U.S. McGraw-Hill encyclopedia, the German Thieme-Becker lexicon and the French Benedit.

"The writers include every art historian in Albania and Ecuador, 10 to 15 in China and from every republic of the former Soviet Union," Jacob told an invited audience at London's National Gallery on Friday.

"The first print run will be of 10,000 copies and we hope for a reprint," he said.

The dictionary's projected price is \$7,000, but Jacob said although he is keeping a file of inquiries from would-be purchasers he won't take firm orders at this stage "because we cannot know what the economic cost will be three years from now."

The project reflects Macmillan's profitable experience with reference books and the success of their 20-volume "New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians" in 1980, which currently costs about \$2,000.

Jacob said 97 percent of the art dictionary's contents has been commissioned, with three-quarters of that submitted and one-quarter in proof.

He said the most challenging task was putting together the ideas submitted by thousands of advisers around the world.

Articles in the Macmillan dictionary on China alone run to 575,000 words and the entry on India is 570

pages long. Entries on the subjects of art range from chopsticks and medals to performance art and street furniture.

There are entries on 145 English cities, on the history of paper, wallpaper, paperweights and the Japanese art of paper-folding.

"We want the dictionary to be as up-to-date as possible so we shall reassess contemporary art in the final hours before publication," said Mrs. Turner, a specialist on Dutch and Flemish art.

Asked about the cost of the project, Jacob said only: "It is many millions."

Art historian Eric Shanes wrote in the November issue of Apollo, the British art monthly, that costs so far amount to around \$25.5 million and ultimately will perhaps top \$34 million.

Shanes said the dictionary looked like art book publishing's biggest gamble, but thousands of libraries would want a set and sales of between 9,000 and 10,000 would mean Macmillan's breaking even.

Dubrovnik burns as army negotiates cease-fire

By TONY SMITH
Associated Press Writer

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — Parts of Dubrovnik were in flames today as the Serb-dominated army hit the besieged Croatian port with shells and rockets and prevented a ferry from delivering supplies to its desperate residents.

In eastern Croatia, Croat defenders of the strategic city of Vukovar have run out of heavy ammunition and only their snipers and mined streets prevent federal troops from taking the city, Serb commanders told The Associated Press.

The European Community, meanwhile, sent its top negotiator, Lord Carrington of Britain, to Yugoslavia in another bid to end the 4 1/2-month-old civil war. The fighting has killed 2,000 people since Croatia declared independence June 25.

Dubrovnik was under mortar and rocket attack this morning from federal forces positioned around the city, Associated Press photographer Greg Marinovich said from the Adriatic port.

He said it appeared Serbian-led forces had captured key Croat positions on the hills above the city, which has been under siege for six weeks.

A cease-fire was to take effect at noon in Dubrovnik so EC monitors and residents could be evacuated, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug and Croatian news agency HINA reported. But it was not known if that happened.

EC spokesman Ed Koestel said the army took everything off the incoming ferry *Savija*, which was



(AP Laserphoto)

Miners carrying a placard reading "We are thirsty, naked and barefoot," take part in a mass rally in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia Tuesday.

reportedly stocked with food and medicine, and was allowing only one Red Cross ambulance on board.

Dubrovnik's medieval old town also came under fire today for the third day and City Hall was hit, Croatian television reported. The army had said it would not fire on the walled old town, which made Dubrovnik a tourist mecca before the war, unless Croatian defenders used it for their defense.

Sporadic gunfire also continued in the eastern city of Vukovar, where Associated Press reporter Dusan Stojanovic said Serb-led units had all but crushed Croat defenders.

The Danube River city has been under siege for three months, and some 12,000 people — down from the 70,000 who once called Vukovar home — are reportedly hiding in cellars without food and water.

"They are finished. It's a matter of days, maybe hours," said Mico Cuckovic, a Serb who commands a mortar unit in Vukovar, his hometown.

Serbs fighting house-to-house have taken about 200 people — mostly women and children — from basements in recent days. Among those found Tuesday, some cried and others shook with shock, Stojanovic

U.S. may host next round of Mid-East talks

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The United States has emerged as the most likely site for the next round of Middle East peace talks, but Syria and some Palestinians are reluctant to agree to negotiations on U.S. soil.

A senior Syrian official said Tuesday that his government was resisting a U.S. location because Washington still regards Syria as a sponsor of terrorist groups and denies Palestine Liberation Organization members U.S. visas.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Israel on Tuesday accused Syria of obstructing the peace talks and said the United States would have to set the date and place for the next round.

The negotiations would involve separate, direct talks between Israeli negotiators and Syrian, Lebanese and Jordanian-Palestinian delegations.

The United States and the Soviet Union are co-sponsoring the Mideast talks that began in Madrid late last month, but the Soviet Union, preoccupied with its own turmoil, has played a distinctly secondary role.

U.S. and Israeli officials said Tuesday that Washington has proposed that the third phase of the talks, multilateral negotiations on regional issues ranging from water supplies to arms control, would be held at a European site, possibly Moscow.

But Syria has said it will refuse to take part in those talks unless significant progress is made in the direct, bilateral talks, which are being held up by the touchy question of location.

Palestinian negotiators have said they want the direct talks to continue in Spain but would consider American compromise proposals.

Since the talks began with formal Madrid sessions, Israel has urged that the next phase alternate between sites in Israel and in Arab capitals.

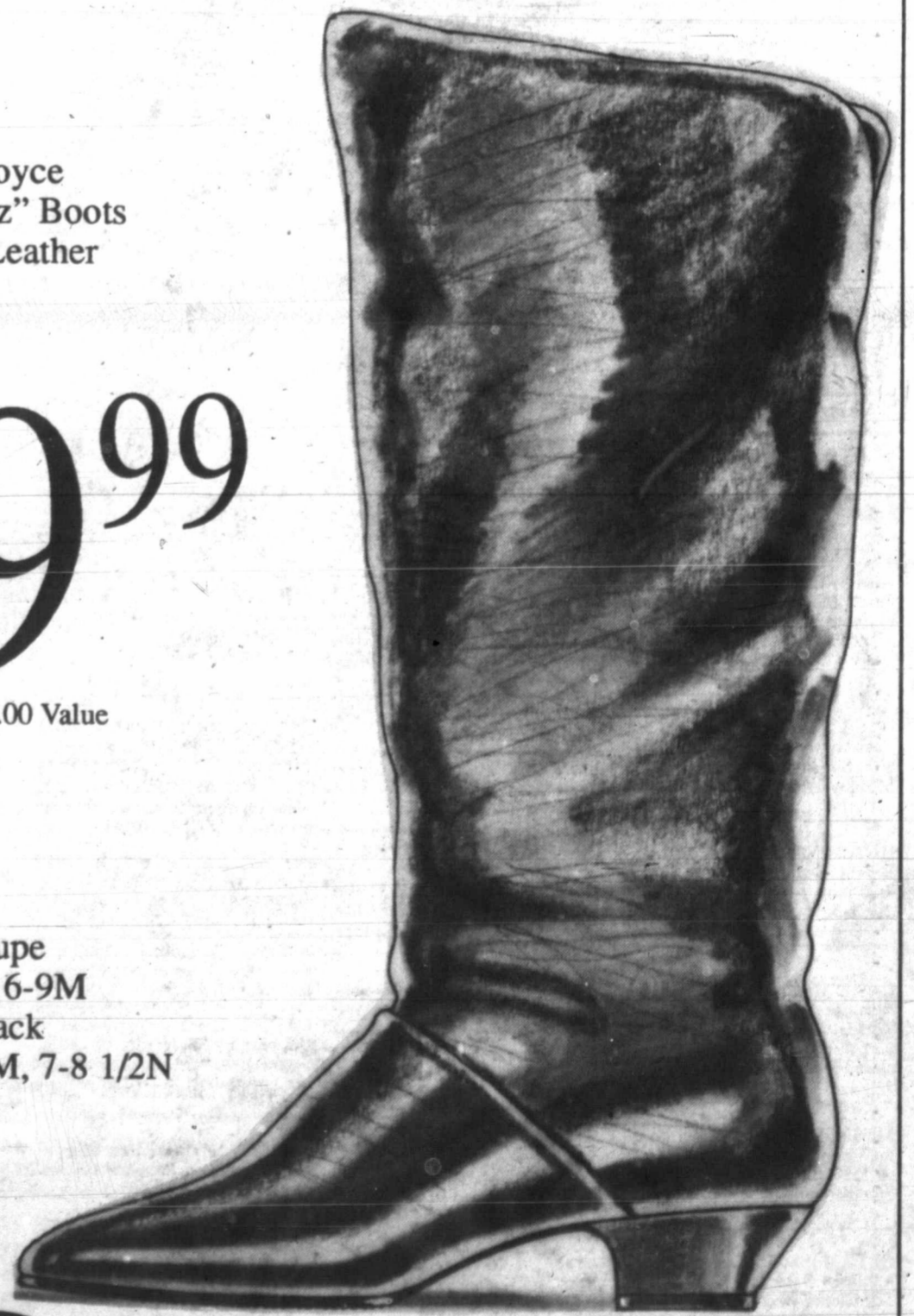
The Syrians and other Arab parties think this could be interpreted as recognition of the Jewish state and thus want the dialogue continued in Spain or some other "neutral" country.

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