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Testimony concludes in trial of medical negligence lawsuit

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Testimony in a medical negligence lawsuit against Hospital Corporation of America and Coronado Hospital concluded Monday and an Amarillo neurosurgeon testified for the defense that it was his opinion that a pain injection in question was properly administered by a hospital nurse.

However, the neurosurgeon, Dr. Wayne S. Paullus Jr., said he did believe that the plaintiff, Phyllis (Skaggs) Ekleberry, received a "partial sciatic nerve injury" from the shot on Dec. 28, 1986, at the hospital's emergency room.

Closing arguments and jury deliberations were scheduled today in the trial in 223rd District Court.

Ekleberry filed a lawsuit alleging that the shot of Stadol and Vistaril was not properly administered and damaged her sciatic nerve and resulted in Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD).

HCA and the hospital contend that the shot was properly administered. Ekleberry had undergone two back surgeries prior to the December 1986 shot and the defense has brought up the back surgeries and the pain she had suffered following them as a possible defense.

Dr. Paullus offered his opinion based on medical documents provided to him by the defense. He has never examined or treated Ekleberry.

The doctor said that RSD could result from injury to soft tissue,

bone or to the nerve itself, or a combination of the three.

Asked whether he believed Ekleberry was suffering from RSD today, Paullus said, "Yes, I believe she is."

Asked if someone could sustain a direct injury to the sciatic nerve without crying out, the doctor said, "No, it's too painful."

Testimony in the case has shown that Ekleberry did not cry out upon receiving the shot, although she testified Monday that there was an immediate "shooting, hot molten pain that traveled the entire length" of her right leg and out her toes.

She went to a neurologist in Amarillo on Dec. 29, 1986, the day after receiving the injection, complaining of injuries as a result of the shot.

Dr. Paullus said that RSD "most commonly" takes some time to develop.

He said that if Ekleberry had suffered from pain down her right leg before receiving the pain injection, it could be explained due to her multiple back surgeries. He also said that a fall on her buttocks on Sept. 4, 1986, could have been a contributing cause to the plaintiff's developing RSD prior to the injection.

Dr. Paullus said it would be possible for someone of the small size of Ekleberry to receive an injection in her buttocks and for the needle to travel through the muscle into the fatty plain near the sciatic nerve and for the injection still to have been properly administered.

He also said that in someone who has received numerous injections, such as Ekleberry, the muscle can become scarred. And he said that if the patient is not properly positioned, an injury could have occurred without the nurse being negligent.

Under cross-examination by plaintiff's attorney Robert Templeton, Dr. Paullus said that Besselman was his personal attorney and that he had represented him as a defendant in cases.

The doctor also said he believed it would be negligence to directly inject pain killer into a person's sciatic nerve. However, he said he did not believe a misdirected needle that hit or came near the sciatic nerve, if properly placed in the upper outer quadrant of the buttocks, would be negligence.

"I think she did have a partial injury to the sciatic nerve from the injection," Dr. Paullus said.

Other testimony came Monday from defense witness Dr. John Griffith of Houston. Griffith, a psychiatrist and clinical pharmacologist, said he performed a psychiatric evaluation of Ekleberry on Sept. 27, 1991, for two to three hours.

The psychiatrist said it was his opinion that Ekleberry was depressed, stressed, had an eating disorder and a borderline personality disorder. He said a borderline personality disorder is presumed to be inherited and is a remote relative of schizophrenia.

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(AP Laserphoto)
Former hostage Terry Waite waves from the steps of the airplane which brought him home to England Tuesday, ending his 52 months in captivity.

Waite: Release all hostages

By ELLEN NIMMONS
Associated Press Writer

Terry Waite, freed from his "1,763 days in chains," today called for the release of all prisoners in the Middle East.

Former American hostage Thomas Sutherland had an emotional reunion with his family in Germany and looked forward to the day when all hostages are freed. (See related story, Page 3.)

Waite, who was taken captive in Lebanon in 1987, reiterated today that his captors said the three remaining American hostages would be released this month. He said it was hoped the two German hostages would be freed by year's end.

Official Iranian radio also said today that the release of the Americans was imminent. "The speedy release of hostages show that the kidnap organizations have decided to close this case," Tehran radio said.

"The obstinacy of the Zionist regime or the incorrect stance and mistakes of some Western governments will have no effect on this aim," it said without elaboration.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar - who has led recent efforts to free the hostages - said Monday he believes all Western

captives may be freed by Christmas.

"It is wrong to hold people in such a way," the 52-year-old Waite said today of the holding of hostages. "It is self-defeating and those who do it fall well below civilized standards of behavior, no matter who they are and no matter what their nationality or what organization they belong to."

Waite reached his homeland on what he called a "typical English day" - rainy. He told reporters and well-wishers at Lyneham air base west of London that after "1,763 days in chains it is an overwhelming experience to come back and receive your greetings."

Waite, who went to Lebanon as an envoy for the Church of England in hopes of freeing hostages, said: "Those from whom I have just come can be assured that we in the church for our part will not rest until all are freed and there is justice and peace brought to people who deserve a better deal."

Waite did not refer directly to Israel or any other country. The Jewish state has been the third partner in a broad exchange of Western hostages, hundreds of Lebanese prisoners under Israeli control and Israeli soldiers missing in Lebanon. At least one Israeli soldier is believed to be a captive.

There was concern in Israel that it had been left out of the latest hostage developments. Uri Slonim, an Israeli Defense Ministry lawyer and hostage negotiator, told Israel radio Waite and Sutherland "were freed without any involvement by us."

Israel's foreign minister, David Levy, urged mediators "to act without any discrimination until everyone is released, including our prisoners." And Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he was "upset and disappointed" by the slow progress in getting information on missing Israeli soldiers.

In Germany, Sutherland, the American hostage who was freed Monday with Waite, also said the other American hostages would soon be released.

"In about a couple of weeks, all of the Americans will be freed, hopefully," the 60-year-old Sutherland said upon arrival from Syria early today.

"It feels awfully good to be here," said Sutherland, dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut, who was kidnapped June 9, 1985.

In Damascus, Syria, on Monday, Waite said one of the kidnapers predicted Americans Alann Steen and Joseph Cicippio would be released "we hope within the next five days."

Man indicted in electronic equipment thefts

CANADIAN - A Hemphill County grand jury on Friday returned 10 felony indictments, all relating to electronic equipment thefts, against a Granbury man.

Alan Lee Sherrer, 36, was indicted on nine counts of thefts from various individuals and companies, and on one count of burglary of a building, said Assistant District Attorney John Mann.

Mann said the thefts and burglary occurred in December 1990. Bond on Sherrer was set at \$10,000 on each of the theft charges and at

\$20,000 on the burglary charge.

The incidents came to light after the man reportedly admitted, in September, to thefts of at least \$4 million worth of electronic communication equipment thefts in nine states.

His initial arrest in September was the result of Texas Ranger Gary Henderson, Hemphill County Sheriff Billy Bowen, Sgt. Bill McMinn and Ochiltree County Deputy Terry Busshard traveling to Granbury to question Sherrer. He had been arrested by Granbury authorities in connection with similar thefts in New Mexico.

Sherrer was also recently indicted in Ochiltree County on related charges.

In September, Sheriff Bowen told *The Pampa News* that Sherrer operated an electronics business in Granbury.

The Hemphill County grand jury returned one other unrelated indictment on Friday against Kenneth Lee Childress, 20, 118 S. 3rd, Canadian. Childress was indicted on a Sept. 17 third-degree felony theft, which was enhanced to a first-degree felony based on alleged prior felony convictions.

Conferring with chairman



(AP Laserphoto)
Gov. Ann Richards, left, discusses issues with State Sen. Mike Moncrief of Fort Worth at the hearing of the Senate Interim Committee on Health and Human Services in Houston on Monday. Moncrief is chairman of the committee studying conditions at mental health institutions. See related story, Page 3.

Economic leaders say money is needed to bring businesses to Pampa

EDITOR'S NOTE: On Saturday, Jan. 18, Pampa voters will be asked to approve three measures supporters say will enhance the city's overall quality of life. One of those is a half-cent sales tax for economic development. This is the third in a six-part series examining economic development and the pros and cons of that tax.

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Say what you will about higher sales taxes, economic development leaders in Pampa insist there are really only two choices - provide money for recruitment of new businesses and expansion of existing ones or fade into the proverbial sunset.

Victor Raymond, president of IRI International, believes Pampa is the greatest place on earth, but said it takes money to show people outside the area that's true.

Raymond pointed out that thousands of cities are attempting to secure their futures through bringing in new industry and helping others expand.

They are investing hundreds of thousands of dollars into economic development and Pampans must also be willing to do the same thing, he insisted.

"The quality of the work force, the stability of the work force, the work ethic, they are all alive in Pampa," Raymond said. "The lifestyle here is as good as you will find anywhere and better than most spots. There is a

general attitude of appreciation of those who create jobs."

But, he said, people in much of the nation have no concept of Pampa or its quality of life. To sell them on Pampa takes money.

Cities such as Dallas, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Oklahoma City are offering between \$200 million and \$620 million in low interest loans to major corporations such as airlines to bring them to their city.

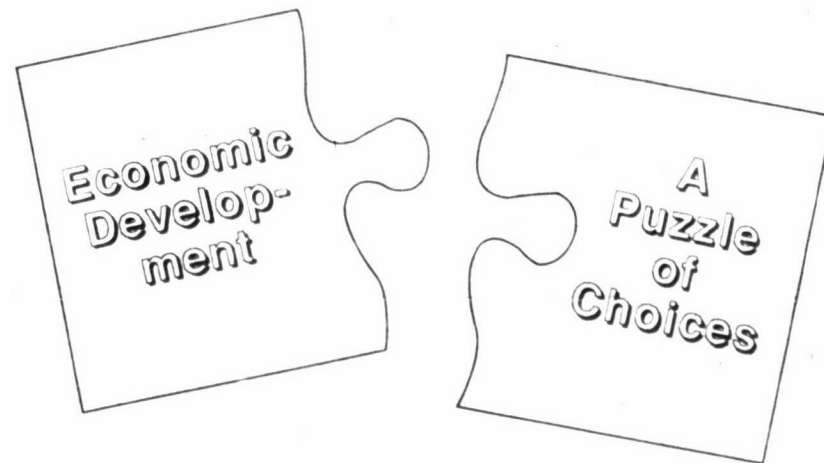
While Pampa is hardly positioned for such wheeling and dealing, those figures point to the realities of economic development in the 1990s.

For example, bringing a new prison and 300-plus jobs to Pampa cost around \$4 million.

"You ask people who pledged generously to that fund drive if they could do the same thing again if we got another similar opportunity and they will tell you 'no,'" said City Manager Glen Hackler.

He estimates it will cost those shopping Pampa less than \$20 a year to support the effort through the half-cent sales tax.

"And 30 percent of the money will come from outside the city from our area shoppers," Hackler said. "This means that those using Pampa's streets and shopping



Pampa - those who benefit from our opportunities - will all have an equal share in Pampa's future economic well being."

City Commissioner Ray Hupp said it is frustrating to chart a 35-year decline in Pampa's population and not have the funds to stop it by providing new jobs.

"This is about bringing jobs to our people," Hupp said. "It's not jobs at all costs, but it is about jobs and that's what we need."

"Why would a small company hiring 25 to 150 people come here?" Raymond asked. "Cities under economic development offer low inter-

est loans to help build a building for that company. Or sometimes they build buildings that companies can come in and occupy."

"They will offer college training for employees and the infrastructure like sewers and roads to that plant. All of that takes money."

Those funds would come from the half-cent sales tax, he said.

Merchants like Randy Hamby of Randy's Jack and Jill supermarket and Wayne Stribling of Wayne's Western Wear have signed on to support the tax because they see it as essential to Pampa's future.

"Because others cities have this

tax and are able to use it, they are going to get jobs that Pampa isn't," Stribling said. "I don't see that we have much choice if we want jobs. It takes money to bring them here."

"I don't think of it as a tax, but as an investment in the future."

Hamby said he gave all he could to the recent get-a-prison fund-raising drive, but could not match that donation again.

"We need to have this so that we will have money to work with when we need it," Hamby said. "It will also allow everybody who has a stake in Pampa to participate, not just a few people."

Raymond commented, "Quality of life is nice and I like to tout it, but for a small company looking to expand or move, they need (financial) help and incentives."

He and others point out that economic development funds will also bring about diversification of the economy.

Bringing in 10 new companies that hire 100 people each is preferable to one new company hiring 1,000, because if that one company were to close, it would be devastating to the economy, officials explained.

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Services tomorrow

DULL, Joseph Allen - 2 p.m., graveside, Fairview Cemetery.

Obituaries

ROYCE S. CRUTCHER

Royce S. Crutcher, 64, died Monday, Nov. 18, 1991. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Van Alstyne Cemetery in Van Alstyne by Flesher Funeral Home of Van Alstyne. Graveside military rites will be courtesy of Fort Hood. Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Crutcher was born on April 18, 1927, in Gunter and moved to Lefors in 1973 and then to Pampa in 1977. He was in the U.S. Army for 23 years, retiring in 1968. He was a Baptist and a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose.

Survivors include six brothers, Preston Crutcher of Maynard, Ark., Allen Crutcher of McLean, Harmon Crutcher of Pampa, Paskel Crutcher of Owasso, Okla., Edgar Crutcher of Yuma, Ariz., and Johnny Crutcher of Oklahoma City; four sisters, Thelma Lee Harris of Melissa, Helen Holloway of Owasso, Okla., Waunell Coleman of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Omega Chisum of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas, 79106.

CHARLES WAYNE FANNON

ELK CITY, Okla. - Charles Wayne Fannon, 76, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Monday, Nov. 18, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Martin Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Gene Allen officiating. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Fannon was born on July 18, 1915, in the Sandstone community near Elk City. He attended several neighborhood schools around Elk City. He married Muriel Stewart on Dec. 15, 1945, in Elk City. In 1955, the Fannons moved from Elk City to Pampa, Texas, where they resided until returning to Elk City in 1990. He was a truck driver for Armour's and Kelly's Dairy. His last employment was with Gulf Oil in Pampa. He retired in 1979.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Janice and her husband, Larry Walters, of Seminole and Marenda and her husband, Ken Hutson, of Tucson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

MAUDE MARIAH BROWN HALL

Maude Mariah Brown Hall, 95, died today, Nov. 19, 1991. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hall was born Nov. 7, 1896 in Indian Territory, Okla. She had been a resident of Tulsa, Okla., until the past few years when she resided in Pampa. She was married to Gaines E. Hall on May 4, 1911. He preceded her in death in December 1983. She was a charter member of Home Gardens Assembly of God, now Calvary Temple. She was preceded in death by two sons, Clarence Hall and Emmett Hall.

Survivors include two daughters, Nellie Hall of Mooresville, Ind., and Arlene Gibson of Pampa; nine grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

DIANA LANE LOGAN

GRAHAM - Diana Lane Logan, 44, died Monday, Nov. 18, 1991, in Wichita Falls. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Morrison Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Russell and the Rev. Wayne Blackshear officiating. Burial will be in Pioneer Cemetery.

Mrs. Logan was born July 27, 1947, in Pampa. She was a homemaker and member of the Church of God. She had lived in Graham since 1983, moving there from Terrell. She was married to Gerald Logan in Pampa in 1969.

Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Shelly Logan of Graham, Rita Swinford of Irving and Tammy Santaz of Hammond, Okla.; her father, Alfred Reynolds of Howardwick; two sisters, Betty Raines of Pampa and Cheryl Cloud of Amarillo; and a brother, Ricky Reynolds of Pampa.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.12	Cabot O&G	14 7/8	NC
Milo	4.05	Chevron	69 5/8	dn 1/8
Com.	4.35	Coca-Cola	66 1/4	dn 7/8
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:				
Ky. Cent. Life	9 1/8	Enron	72	dn 3/4
Serco	3	Halliburton	32 1/4	dn 1 1/4
Occidental	20	Ingersoll Rand	45 3/4	dn 2 7/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:				
Magellan	68.22	KNE	27 5/8	NC
Puritan	13.92	Kerr McGee	39 1/2	dn 7/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.				
Amooc	49 5/8	Limited	25	dn 3/8
Arco	112 1/4	Mapco	59 5/8	dn 1 1/8
Cabot	31 1/2	Maxus	8 3/8	dn 1/8
		McDonald's	34 1/4	dn 3/4
		Mesa Ltd.	1 3/4	dn 1/8
		Mobil	66 7/8	dn 1 1/4
		New Atmos	20 1/2	dn 1/8
		Pennsey's	49 7/8	dn 1 5/8
		Phillips	23 7/8	dn 5/8
		SLB	65 3/8	dn 1/2
		SPS	32 3/8	dn 1/8
		Tenneco	34 3/4	dn 1/4
		Texasco	61 5/8	dn 3/4
		Wal-Mart	47 1/2	dn 5/8
		New York Gold	NA	
		Silver	NA	
		West Texas Crude	22.25	

Calendar of events

PMS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Pampa Middle School Family Fun Night is planned for Thursday, Nov. 21. Hot dog dinner, 5:30 - 7:30; games and entertainment, 5:30 - 8 p.m. Tickets available at PMS or at the door.

Emergency numbers

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

Justice Department approves congressional redistricting map

WASHINGTON (AP) - Texas Republicans are expressing dismay over Justice Department approval of the state's congressional plan but say they will press forward with their legal challenge to the map.

Late Monday, the Justice Department endorsed the congressional and state Senate redistricting plans, and also

approved a state Board of Education map that had stirred little controversy.

In letters to Texas Secretary of State John Hannah, Assistant U.S. Attorney General John R. Dunne said the department approved the congressional and Senate plans solely on the basis of compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

"While we are pre-clearing this plan under Section 5 (of the Voting Rights Act), the extraordinarily convoluted nature of some districts compels me to disclaim any implication that our pre-clearance establishes that the proposed plan is otherwise lawful or constitutional," Dunne wrote.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions	Laura Kaye Trammell and baby boy, Pampa Sharon Vargas, Pampa
Don Floyd Brown, Pampa	
Frich Tommy Carver Sr., Pampa	
Doris Davis, Pampa	
Mollie Kuns, White Deer	
Billie Ousley, Pampa	
Wilma Prichard, Pampa	
Ray Weckesser, Miami	
Births	Lynn Petty, Shamrock Ruby Anders, Shamrock
To Stacy Marie Fellingham of Pampa, a boy.	
Dismissals	To Mr. and Mrs. Chester Davis Jr. of Erick, Okla., a girl.
Harold Fry, Pampa	
Atha Alice Helbert, Pampa	
Herman Kelly, Pampa	
Alice Nicholson, White Deer	
Verna Schroeder, Pampa	
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions	Richard Brown, McLean
Bumby Hiltbrunner, Shamrock	
Otis Ford, McLean	
Florence Cofer, McLean	
Dismissals	Pat Henry, Shamrock Grace Knoll, Shamrock Virgie Conner, Shamrock

Police report

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

MONDAY, Nov. 18

Police reported domestic violence in the 700 block of East Browning and the 300 block of Miami. A citizen reported sexual assault of a child at an undisclosed location in 1889 and 1990.

Police reported unlawful carrying of a weapon by a citizen in the lobby of the police department. The person departed before an officer arrived and the case will be investigated by Criminal Investigation Division.

Christine Overall, 509 N. Faulkner, reported a theft at the residence.

Sammons Communications, 1423 N. Hobart, reported a theft of services at 601 and 610 Carr.

Northgate Inn, 2831 Perryton Pkwy., reported a forgery at the business.

Pampa Concrete, 220 W. Tyng, reported criminal mischief at the business.

TUESDAY, Nov. 19

Police reported domestic violence in the 700 block of North Hobart.

Arrests

MONDAY, Nov. 18

Stanton Leroy Caviness, 40, 800 N. Wells, was arrested at the police department on a Potter County warrant for telephone harassment.

TUESDAY, Nov. 19

Michael R. Jones, 28, 1334 Coffee #1, was arrested in the 1300 block of North Hobart on a charge of public intoxication.

Gray County Sheriff's Office

SUNDAY, Nov. 17

C.E. Burk, 430 Ryder, reported burglary of a vehicle.

TUESDAY, Nov. 19

Sheila Hernandez, 717 E. Browning, reported violation of a protective order.

Romerly Edward Dowdy, 1113 Campanella, reported a theft.

Arrest

MONDAY, Nov. 18

Don Hrabal, 39, Tyler, was arrested on grand jury indictments. He was released on bond.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, Nov. 18

8 a.m. - A hit-and-run vehicle collided with a sign pole in the 900 block of West Alcock. Citations are pending.

3:35 p.m. - A 1980 Ford driven by Candyce Biegler, 710 N. Banks, collided with a 1985 Buick driven by Hazel Ascencio, 627 N. Christy, in the 900 block of West Buckler. Biegler was cited for following too closely and no proof of liability insurance.

DPS-Accident

FRIDAY, Nov. 15

10:25 p.m. - A 1980 GMC pickup, driven by Richard Robert Botello, 19, 1135 Crane Road, collided with a 1964 four-horse trailer parked on private property and owned by Dee Martinez, 417 N. Ward. According to the accident report, Botello lost control on a muddy road, went into a broadside and traveled onto the private property striking the horse trailer. Citations were issued. No injuries were reported in the accident. 3 of a mile southeast of Pampa on a caliche county road (Perry Street).

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Nov. 18

1:43 p.m. - Grass fire at 1240 S. Farley. Two units and three firefighters responded.

3:17 p.m. - Grass fire at intersection of Hwy. 273 and Loop 171 was out on arrival. Two units and three firefighters responded.

6:01 p.m. - Structure fire at 2001 Christine, owned by Ken Steele, caused by pan of grease catching fire on stove. Damage is estimated to be \$3,000. No injuries were reported. Three units and seven firefighters responded.

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Businesses

"At IRI we are basically one industry - oil," he said. "When the oil patch went south, we had about 1,100 people. Now we're down around 400 companywide. That's a horrible thing to impose on a city."

Hackler said to make companies aware of Pampa and the benefits of locating here isn't simple or cheap.

"We must be on an equal playing field in trying to get jobs for Pampans," Hackler said. "Hard work and effort and resources pay off. There will be good, positive results from this."

Since Pampa is not located on an interstate, Hupp said the city must offer incentives or at least promote itself in a way that will cause new industry to overlook that fact.

Cities like Plainview, Amarillo and Shamrock have a decided advantage over Pampa in that respect. Two of those also have the half-cent sales tax, as does Pampa's chief economic and civic rival, Borger.

Hackler said most cities, including Plainview, that say they're against the half-cent sales tax are already taxed to the legal limit or have alternative funding mechanisms for industrial development.

Those alternatives include the city and county raising ad valorem taxes to such a level they can then give tens of thousands of dollars to an industrial development team, or increasing fees to existing businesses to raise the money.

None of those lower taxes, Pampa leaders point out.

Jim Morris, local manager for Southwestern Public Service, said if the city had funds for economic development, renovations and repairs could be made on the Marie Foundations building at Marie and Foster.

"There have been several companies that have expressed interest in locating there, but the building needs \$100,000 or so in repairs," Morris explained. "If we could make those repairs, I believe we could locate a business in there pretty quick."

Funds from the economic development sales tax could provide that money, he said.

Morris said showing the building to business prospects, with its leaking roof and standing water, does not create an image conducive to luring new industry.

"Our image in West Texas is already poor," Raymond said. "And not rightfully so. I've been here 20 years and I think we have the finest climate on balance of anywhere in the country. But we are perceived as being barren, cold or sweltering hot, so you've got to have money to go out and tell people that our perceived defects are actually bonuses."

He continued, "I can store things outside that our plant in Beaumont can't because they will rust. Even inside it will rust in days in Beaumont."

"We need to find those people who want good employees, fair taxes, a good community," Raymond said. "We need to bring them to Pampa."

Local supporters say Pampa's lack of image can be traced to the oil boom bringing in all the money and people Pampa could handle.

Now, however, cities immersed in economic development for years are way ahead of Pampa, they say.

The city must make up for lost time, city commissioners and industrial development leaders are insisting, by joining the economic development game in a way that is fiscally responsible while putting the proper dollars to work.

Wednesday: Providing jobs for Pampans.

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Trial

He said a person with such a disorder has a "skewed" perception of reality and complains of feeling more pain than pleasure. He said people with the disorder often have eating disorders and are accident-prone for unknown reasons.

"They have feelings of not being loved or understood or accepted," the doctor said. "They frequently describe aches and pains, assuring people will listen to them."

When involved in legal disputes, Dr. Griffith said people with the borderline personality disorder will often selectively remember things,

but he added that anyone in a legal dispute is apt to do the same thing.

Under cross-examination, Dr. Griffith was asked by Templeton if a psychiatrist who had treated someone for a period of time would have a better understanding of the emotional state of the person than a doctor who examined someone for two hours, the doctor said, "Sometimes."

Also in testimony Monday, Ekleberry took the witness stand and said she has a definite difference in her right leg now as compared to before receiving the shot. She said the pain prior to the injection was a burning pain, usually localized on her outside thigh and more on top.

She said RSD pain is hard to explain, but was like putting your hand on a hot plate and keeping it there until it blistered. "It's a deep, deep burning pain."

She also said sometimes she feels stinging in her leg like a bee sting and will slap her leg. She said her right leg was her good leg before the shot, but her left leg is now the better leg. She said she wears an air cast on her right foot because she can't feel the bottom of her right foot when it hits the ground. She said the cast keeps her foot flat and from going to one side or the other.

Staff Writer Cheryl Berzanskis contributed to this report.

Mental agencies told to get house in order

By SUSAN FAHLGREN
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - A series of hearings by a Senate committee on charges of fraud and abuse in mental health institutes has brought out reports of cruelty, state senators say.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini said Monday that when the hearings began, she initially believed the reports were the result of "profit and greed gotten uncontrolled." But she has since changed her mind.

"I really believe think what we're seeing in the testimony of these witnesses who are sworn to tell the truth is examples of cruelty," said Mrs. Zaffirini, D-Laredo, a member of the Senate Interim Committee on Health and Human Services.

"There is no profit in allowing a woman to lie in her menstrual blood for 12 hours. There is no profit in denying telephone and bathroom privileges to the patients," she said. Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, said: "We are dealing with an industry where the people have been dehumanized with the way they've been treated."

Gov. Ann Richards on Monday sat through an hour and a half of the

first of two days' testimony before the committee at Rice University.

"As I was coming out (of the hearings), I saw one agency representative and I said, 'You better get your act together and you better get it ready before these hearings end - not wait until you hear what they recommend. You better get your house in order,'" Richards said.

The hearing, which continues today, is the third in a series of eight to be conducted around the state. The first two hearings attracted more than 300 people in Arlington and 200 in San Antonio, said state Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, who chairs the committee.

"Quite frankly, the allegations we have heard are frightening," Moncrief said.

Mrs. Zaffirini said the committee is not holding hearings to "hear more horror stories," but to come up with some specific recommendations to change regulations on the facilities and their operators.

One of those testifying Monday, Marvin Wilson, told of years of mistreatment of his ex-wife by several private psychiatric hospitals and his battle to keep her from being sent to a state mental facility

when her insurance ran out. He said the family and the woman's insurance company paid out more than \$300,000 for treatment for her depression and alcoholism over the last five years.

"She's made more progress in the last nine months than she did in five years of services in private psychiatric hospitals," said Wilson, who choked back tears several times during his testimony.

Shenandoah Police Chief Joe Cantu told the committee several patients from a psychiatric hospital in The Woodlands have called police after they believed they were being held against their will after signing 96-hour voluntary commitment papers.

One woman who sought help after her 4-year-old daughter was sexually assaulted in October was persuaded to commit herself to help the child make the transition, he said. But four days later, she called Cantu when she was not allowed to leave. Cantu said the woman was separated from her daughter and restrained in a straight jacket before he was able to get her released.

"The major complaint seems to be they don't know what they're signing," Cantu said.

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Tonight, clear with a low in mid 20s and northerly winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny and warmer with a high in the mid 50s and northwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Monday's high was 66; the overnight low was 41.

Persian Gulf War likely to lead to Mideast peace, Thatcher tells API

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite changes in the Soviet Union and movement toward peace in the Middle East, the United States should not cut back on its military, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher says.

Mrs. Thatcher said Monday that the defense buildup she and President Reagan began 10 years ago convinced the Soviets they couldn't compete with the West in military forces and also contributed to the swift conclusion of the Persian Gulf War.

"Unless we make the right decisions on defense today, we may not have the equipment to take on the tyrants in eight, nine, 10 years' time," she told the annual meeting of the American Petroleum Institute. "And history does not have a shortage of tyrants."

Peace in the Middle East likely is to be the greatest result of the Persian Gulf War, Mrs. Thatcher said.

"In the end, one must be optimistic," she said. "I don't want you to think it will happen too soon. It will take time."

"Some problems aren't solvable, but circumstances change."

Mrs. Thatcher said Scud missile attacks by Iraq on Tel Aviv provided the realization to Middle East countries that no individual country could be secure from tyrants.

"For the first time, it's obvious to all states in the

region, though there have many differences, they must struggle... to feel safe within their own borders. In the end, they know they must have a secure peace and must make arrangements."

She also said the backing of the Soviet Union for the United Nations' effort in the war aided in prompting the Middle Eastern countries to at least begin discussing peace.

In a wide-ranging address, Mrs. Thatcher also told about 2,000 oil industry officials that the free enterprise system is by far the best, and echoed a common oil industry complaint that environmentalists are making unrealistic demands.

"Every single person in this room is just as concerned that his family should grow up in a good physical environment as many of those special interest groups," said Mrs. Thatcher, who added both she and her husband once worked as chemists.

"Let there be no doubt. What we do have to do is have solutions that are sound scientifically and solutions that are sensible. It's important that you do not kill one problem by making another one worse."

Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., who spoke before Mrs. Thatcher, also railed against environmentalists and special interest groups who lobbied his fellow senators against a national energy bill which failed

to get even to the Senate floor.

"The special interest groups from both extremes succeeded in inserting their myopic views of the energy picture," Wallop said. "The special interest groups were aided by public indifference."

Drilling for oil by U.S. companies will wane unless the government enacts a national energy policy and opens offshore sites and other areas to exploration, an oil executive said at the meeting.

"We've been trying to drill, we want to drill," Allen M. Murray, Mobil Corp.'s chairman, president and chief executive officer, said Monday.

The number of possible domestic drilling sites is limited and many of those areas are federally protected from exploration activities because of environmental concerns, Murray said.

Blaming the closures on "politics," he urged the federal government to open offshore areas and other sites to exploration.

"The American industry is not abandoning the United States, we're being thrown out, closed out," said Murray.

"Everybody would love to look for oil and gas here but you have to go where it is, and more important, you have to go where people let you."

"I mean we are in a ludicrous situation in this coun-

try of having to look for oil all over the world and not being allowed to look in our own country," he said.

Meanwhile, Murray said companies are working on projects with other countries, including the Soviet Union, Nigeria and countries in South America.

The demise of the domestic drilling industry is "a very unfortunate thing, but it's very true," Murray said.

Murray is API's outgoing board chairman. C.J. "Pete" Silas, chairman and chief executive officer of Phillips Petroleum Co., was elected as the new board chairman.

Silas said the American public needs to realize that the United States needs a national energy policy. Both Silas and Murray said they believed the oil industry would continue to change and that additional layoffs in some areas were possible.

Many companies belonging to the API "are looking at their costs. And if you can't control the price of your product, you're going to control your costs," Silas said, adding companies are searching for ways to be more competitive.

"I don't think anybody's organization is going to look like it does today five years from now," Murray said. "Chances are if activity falls off, people fall off. It's going to be that simple. And certainly the activity is going to fall off unless the U.S. government does something."

Sutherland reunited with wife, daughter

By TERRENCE PETTY
Associated Press Writer

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP) — Former American hostage Thomas Sutherland saw his wife and one of their daughters today for the first time in 6 1/2 years and then sat down with them for a big lunch.

Sutherland, his wife, Jean, and their daughter Kit were served baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, tossed salad, strawberry tarts, ice tea and coffee at the U.S. military hospital in Wiesbaden.

Sutherland, 60, who arrived from Syria before dawn, is to undergo medical tests at the hospital. As he rested earlier in the day, the hospital issued a statement saying Sutherland "appears to be in good medical condition."

His wife, Jean, and Kit arrived on separate flights to Frankfurt today and were driven to Wiesbaden for the reunion. Another daughter, Joan, was scheduled to arrive later in the day. A third daughter, Ann, remained in Berkeley, Calif., where she was about to have a baby.

After years of captivity, Sutherland and Church of England envoy Terry Waite were released Monday by Shiite Muslim kidnapers in Beirut, Lebanon.

Sutherland, dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut, was kidnapped June 9, 1985.

Sutherland said Monday that he



(AP Laserphoto)
Freed U.S. hostage Thomas Sutherland waves to the media upon his arrival in Frankfurt early Tuesday morning.

believes the remaining three American hostages in Lebanon will be released "in about a couple of weeks."

Mrs. Sutherland was en route from Beirut to Ames, Iowa, for her father's funeral when she learned of her husband's release Monday. She landed in Newark, N.J., and took a flight to Germany.

She said she had talked to her husband by telephone soon after he was freed. "It was incredible," she said. "It was just like it was yesterday. We took up where we left off."

Kit Sutherland, 31, a research

associate at Colorado State University, said the family had gone "helter-skelter, everyone has gone in all different directions" to meet her father.

Asked what she would say to him, she paused and then uttered a phrase in Arabic. It means, "Hello, how are you, praise God," she said, recalling that her father had often used it himself.

She said it was too early to discuss the family's plans for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. "It depends on how much privacy Dad needs," she said.

Sutherland arrived in Frankfurt early today on a U.S. Air Force C-141 airplane and was taken in the U.S. ambassador's limousine to the military hospital in Wiesbaden, about a half-hour drive.

There, he joyfully sniffed a bouquet of flowers.

"I haven't seen flowers in 6 1/2 years," said Sutherland, who wore a light-colored jacket.

Air Force officials said Sutherland had a large meal on the plane from Syria: steak, green beans, baked potato with cheese, hot chocolate and milk. And they said he kept on eating fruit and buns when he arrived in Wiesbaden.

About 30 hospital patients and staff stayed up all night to greet Sutherland.

"I've never felt so wonderful in all my life," Sutherland said. "They've treated me in the U.S. Air Force as though I were a king. And here I am only just a lowly hostage."

Senator questions costs for new CEDs

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate Education Committee chairman is calling for a look at how much school districts spend to administer the new school property tax system, compared to what a statewide property tax would cost to operate.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, sponsored the law creating the new school finance system after a push for a statewide property tax was unsuccessful.

Lawmakers revamped the system because of a court order to even out school districts' access to funding.

The law enacted this year was designed to shift hundreds of millions of local property tax dollars from wealthier to poorer school districts. The money is redistributed within 188 new county education districts, each composed of one or several counties.

DPS gives winter driving tips

The Texas Department of Public Safety wants to remind motorists that the winter season is fast approaching, and it is once again time to repair our vehicles for one of the most dangerous times ahead, especially for the driver.

Maj. V.J. Cawthon, regional commander for the Texas Department of Public Safety in Lubbock, said, "Winter driving can be very dangerous. Drivers are faced with many more dangers than they usually have during the rest of the year, such as driving on icy or snow-packed highways, freezing temperatures, freezing rain, sleet, all creating dangerous conditions for the driver."

The most important safety tip for driving in the winter time when the streets are slick is to remember to slow down, he said. Remember — it can easily take from two to three times longer to stop compared to when the roads are dry.

When temperatures drop below the freezing point, drivers must remember to scrape the frost and ice from all the windows before driving, to keep the headlights clean of mud and snow, and above all, to keep plenty of windshield washer anti-freeze mixture in the window washers for those unexpected "splashes" from other cars.

A study commissioned by the Texas Association of School Boards found that the state's 1,052 school districts would spend about \$4 million this school year on operating costs for the county education districts, or CEDs, said association spokesman Dan Casey.

Parker said Monday he has seen figures indicating that if the state did away with duplicated tax-collection efforts in school districts, it could save about \$60 million a year. He said that is besides the operating costs of CEDs.

He asked the comptroller's office for an administrative cost comparison with a statewide tax overseen by the comptroller.

Under the law, school districts in each CED share the revenue from a minimum tax. Local school districts also may tax more, without pooling the revenue, to enrich programs and for construction.

Casey said that the \$4 million

figure likely was low because some school districts reported a zero operating cost for their CED, meaning that they are absorbing the expense.

The total operating cost is out of approximately \$4.5 billion in taxes being collected by CEDs, and is not "all that extraordinary," Casey said.

Parker singled out the Dallas County Education District for criticism, citing its operating budget of \$300,000. That CED includes 15 individual school districts.

"That is a total waste to spend \$300,000 running the county education district," Parker said. "If I couldn't run it on a third of what they're spending, I'd give up."

Donald Sheffield, chairman of the Dallas CED, said the budget was developed with input from "the finest business people" of the member school districts.

"We believe that in very uncharted waters, we have a very conservative budget," and CED members still are trying to reduce the figure, Sheffield said.

Casey said that the survey showed 59 percent of the CEDs have adopted operating budgets of \$15,000 or less for the year.

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School finance back in court

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers' latest effort to equalize public education funding is again being challenged before the Texas Supreme Court, which twice has declared previous laws unconstitutional.

The court was scheduled to hear arguments on the new school finance law today.

Individual taxpayers and property-rich school districts are fighting the new law, saying that it violates the Texas Constitution by imposing what amounts to a statewide property tax.

The law, enacted this year, is designed to shift hundreds of millions of local property tax dollars from wealthier to poorer school districts within new education taxing regions, made up of one or several counties.

Under the law, school districts in each taxing region share the revenue from a minimum tax. Local school districts also may tax more, without pooling the revenue, to enrich programs and for construction.

The average property tax rate of Texas school districts has risen under the law to \$1.20 per \$100 property valuation, up from \$1.06 last year, according to the

comptroller's office.

The state share of public school funding currently is 47 percent, excluding federal aid, education officials say. That is projected to grow to almost 51 percent under the law by 1994-95.

The law was passed after the Supreme Court, in a lawsuit by poor school districts, found two previous funding systems unconstitutional. The court ordered the state to even out school districts' access to funding.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown of Austin upheld the new law's property tax system in August, rejecting wealthy districts' challenge. But McCown added that other challenges, such as whether the law's funding level is adequate, had yet to be considered in court.

McCown also said in his ruling that Texas' public education system could constitutionally be funded completely with local dollars, as long as it ensured knowledge for all.

A coalition of groups representing rich, poor, large and small school districts has filed a request for the Supreme Court to strike down that statement, saying it is contrary to the state constitution.

The groups also say the new law relies too heavily on local property taxes, and that the state should pay a

larger portion of the cost of education.

However, the coalition is not challenging the tax structure itself or asking to be a party to the case. It has simply raised issues that it would like the Supreme Court to consider.

Besides the case heard by McCown, the Supreme Court also is considering taxpayer challenges to the new system from Somervell and Mitchell counties. Judges in those cases denied injunctions, and the taxpayers appealed to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court consolidated the cases for oral argument.

In addition to arguing that the law creates an unconstitutional state property tax, the wealthy school districts contend that the measure unconstitutionally transfers local tax money from one school district to another.

If the county levy is a local tax, the wealthy districts also said, a separate election should have been provided.

The state disagreed, saying the system is constitutional. A group of property-poor districts involved in the lawsuit, while expressing concern about portions of the law, defended the new property tax system.

Post offices have 'Letters from the Sand'

"Mom, I love you and B more than anything in the world," PFC. Wesley Hutto wrote his mother from somewhere in the Gulf. "I am fighting because I willingly joined the army to defend against all enemies foreign and domestic. Hussein is an enemy of democracy. I must die for his sins." PFC. Hutto was the first soldier from Alabama to die in the war.

Hutto's letter is one of 178 letters published in *Letters from the Sand*, released on Veteran's Day. *Letters from the Sand* is a collection of letters of Desert Storm and other wars published by the U.S. Postal Service to salute the millions of letters that moved back and forth between America and her soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen, and airmen serving in the Gulf.

Letters from the Sand is one of the philatelic books periodically published by the Postal Service to

call attention to American history. In *Letters from the Sand*, which is on sale at most post offices, there are reproductions of 51 previously issued stamps, all with a military or military history-related theme.

For example, Civil War battlefields at Shiloh and Gettysburg are depicted on stamps issued in 1962 and 1963, respectively. So are stamps which honored World War II leaders like Generals Eisenhower, Patton and Nimitz. In addition, stamps which honored the sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans are included.

Letters from the Sand grew out of the millions of letters that the postal service helped move to and from the Gulf in what would become the largest international mail operation in postal history.

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ters Richard Wilson of Pampa and Jo Lane of Lefors.

The published letters from Desert Storm and Desert Shield came as a result of more than 3,000 letters which the Postal Service received this spring from family members and armed forces men and women from around the world.

Published with the intention of sharing the sentiments and emotions of troops in the desert and those waiting at home, the Postal Service also found a common thread of hope, of pride of country, and of love of family in this collection of letters.

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Opinion

Hands-on peace work at its finest

Just a few weeks ago it seemed impossible the Israelis and Palestinians would agree to hold talks on resolving their differences over a Palestinian homeland. Now that the talks have been held — although admittedly little significant progress was made — there is hope for a peaceful future. Head Palestinian negotiator Haidar Abdel-Shafi shook hands with head Israeli negotiator Elyakim Rubinstein. The delegations smiled and told jokes. Even if nothing else came of the Middle East peace conference in Madrid, it is a certifiable — and surprising — success.

Why now? One hint can be seen by contrasting the Palestinians' warm attitude to the cold and hostile attitude of the Syrians. Syria is a powerful military force. Dictator Hafez Assad has been furiously adding to those arms even this year. He seems to seek a military, not a peaceful, solution to his dispute over the Golan Heights. On the other side, Israel maintains the most potent military force in the region.

By contrast, the Palestinians have no military except the Palestinian Liberation Organization, which is not attending the Madrid conference and is capable only of terrorist strikes. The Palestinian representatives therefore have everything to gain (including a possible political outflanking of the PLO), and nothing to lose. Conversely, the Israelis know that a resolution of the Palestinian problem would free Israeli forces now patrolling the troublesome Palestinian communities in the West Bank and the Gaza. These Israeli forces could perform other duties, including guarding against Syrian aggression.

Unfortunately, Israel's difficulties with Syria might not be capable of resolution until Assad is replaced. He is 61 and in poor health, though one should not underestimate his tenacity. And one certainly should not underestimate his potential to use terrorism again. Even so, Syria's delegation did show up in Madrid. And Assad knows that the new Western arms sources he is tapping (along with used Soviet material) would not, in a crisis, bring him unlimited resupplies. Nowadays only American friends in the region can expect resupply of the best weapons; resupply is the key to victory in modern war.

The talks have also brought Israel together with the major Arab states. Until now, only Egypt talked with Israel; Egyptian President Anwar Sadat paid for talks with his life when Arab extremists assassinated him in 1981. This time, terrorists could hardly assassinate every Arab diplomat and leader now talking with Israel.

These talks will continue for many months and years, with the United States expected to take the lead in the planning of the next meeting. The parties involved will suffer reversals, perhaps even walkouts and denunciations of one side by the other. But even in this age of global electronic communications, nothing replaces the importance of a handshake and directly seeing the face of another person. Contact humanizes an adversary. Arabs and Israelis are only now realizing that they might, just might, be able to live together in a small area that has had too many wars and too few handshakes.

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Hazardous trips in small cars

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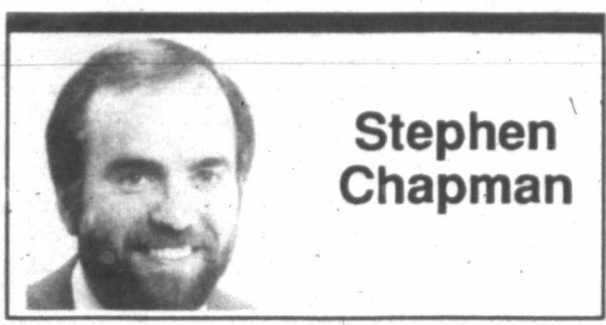
The subject arises because the U.S. Senate is considering whether to order the auto industry to increase the fuel efficiency of new cars. The most plausible way to increase fuel efficiency is to reduce the size and weight, which car makers say will also reduce safety. The car makers are right.

Those who favor the higher fuel economy standards can't defend dangerous cars, so they have gone on the attack instead. Two lobby groups affiliated with Ralph Nader recently accused the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of rigging crash tests to give the ridiculous impression that big cars are safer than small cars.

When two different cars were crashed into light poles, these groups reported, the smaller car actually did better; in one crash between a larger car without an air bag and a smaller car with one, the passengers in the smaller car would have been safer. They think the agency was unfair to stage a crash between a two-ton Ford Crown Victoria and a 2,000-pound Suzuki Swift — in which the Suzuki did roughly as well as Woody Allen would do in a collision with William "The Refrigerator" Perry.

Now, in some situations, a car's size is no particular protection. In many accidents, an air bag can be a great boon. But there is no doubt that on balance, a bigger and heavier car is also a safer car.

Don't take my word for it. One federal agency said in 1980, "The growing shift to smaller cars will increase the number of deaths and injuries on U.S. highways ... Small cars are less safe than large



Stephen Chapman

cars in collisions between these vehicles." That was the judgment reached by NHTSA when it was headed by Naderite Joan Claybrook — the same person who now accuses NHTSA of misleading people about the safety merits of large autos.

Nader's Center for Auto Safety once regarded bigger as safer — as in its 1972 book, *Small — on Safety*, which attacked the Volkswagen Beetle on many grounds, particularly its puniness. A sample passage: "Small size and light weight impose inherent limitations on the degree of safety that can be built into a vehicle. All known studies relating car size to crash injury conclude that occupants of smaller cars run a higher risk of serious or fatal injury than occupants of larger cars."

When Nader himself was asked in a 1989 interview what size car he would recommend, he replied, "Well, larger cars are safer — there is more bulk to protect the occupant."

What changed? In the past, the Nader groups highlighted the dangers of small cars to justify federal regulations aimed at improving safety. Today, they downplay the dangers to justify federal regulations aimed at improving gas mileage. As Sam Kazman of the Competitive Enterprise Institute in Washington puts it, "This is the first time the

Naderites have had to choose between more safety and more government, and they've chosen more government."

But changing their position is easier than altering the facts. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, usually an ally of the Nader groups, says the death rate in the smallest cars on the road is more than double the rate in the largest cars. The overall auto death rate declined between 1984 and 1989 — but in the smallest cars, it rose. In every type of wreck; including single-vehicle accidents, occupants of smaller cars stand a considerably better chance of enricing a mortician than people in bigger cars.

Advocates of higher mileage requirements says we don't have to make the choice — that fuel economy can be enhanced without making cars smaller or lighter. Don't bet on it. Past mileage rules produced smaller cars, and future ones will do likewise. To reach the standards being discussed in the Senate — 40 mpg for the average new car 10 years from now — the insurance institute says downsizing is unavoidable.

The idea that air bags and other safety improvements can offset any increased risk contains a kernel of truth, but only a kernel. These features won't come free, which raises the prospect that a lot of people will be forced to choose between an extravagantly priced miniature tank and walking. And there's no escaping the safety sacrifice: If a small car with an air bag is good, a big car with an air bag is better.

If we need to cut fuel consumption to avert global warming, which has yet to be proven, there are better ways than this to do it, like a tax on all fuels that contribute to the problem. The other ways also have the virtue of recognizing that a better environment is only valuable to people who are alive to enjoy it.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 1991. There are 42 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 19, 1863, President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

On this date:
In 1794, the United States and Britain signed the Jay Treaty, which resolved some of the issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange, Ohio.

In 1887, American poet Emma Lazarus — who wrote "The New Colossus" to help raise money for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal — died in New York at age 38.

In 1917, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was born in Allahabad.

In 1919, the U.S. Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 55 to 39.

Demon Spirits gaining clients

Here at Demon Spirits Inc., business has been great recently. We go through down periods when we can't stir up anything, like around Easter when everybody goes to church, even some of our major clients.

But that hasn't been the case the past several months.

We're the ones who got Ted Kennedy up at two in the morning to go to a bar with his nephew, Willie, and you know how that turned out. Ted's been one of ours for years.

We're not certain, but Willie may plead "the devil made me do it," in his upcoming trial. We certainly would be proud.

Then, you watched the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings. We were behind that, too.

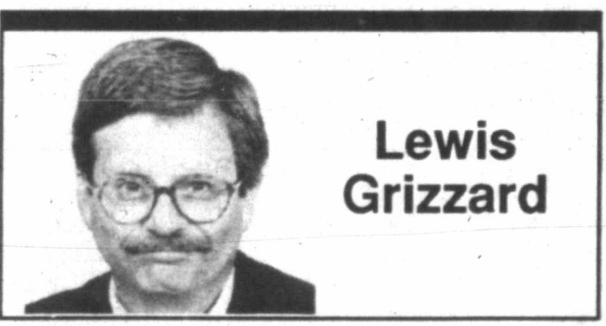
It was us, Demon Spirits, who put the public hair on the Coke can. Sex is our middle name.

"Long Dong Silver"? We produced that, along with those bikini beach movies that got all the kids stirred up in the '60s, and we also did an all-time arouser, the infamous *Deep Throat*.

And speaking of the Thomas hearings, we've always had a special feeling for politicians. They're so easy to possess.

Wilbur Mills was a cinch to demonize. And Nixon? We made him so paranoid. That's what started the Watergate mess in the first place.

Of course, we were exorcised out of guys like



Lewis Grizzard

Colson and Macgruder, who got religion. Not Nixon though. We've still got him, "The public still loves you. The public still loves you. Time for another comeback. Time for another comeback."

Our biggest problem at Demon Spirits Inc., however, is very few of the individuals we possess and force to do all sorts of evil things ever give us any credit.

That's why we're excited that Nephew Willie might try to get off by blaming the whole thing on us.

We rarely have that problem, however, with television evangelists, who are even easier to possess than politicians. Believe it or not, but they're greedier. And hotter to trot, if you will.

We've handled a lot of those guys. Jim Bakker was a cinch. We made him lie and take in all that money, and then we got him Jessica

Hahn. But he was never satisfied. "Can you make my head spin all the way around?" he asked us one day. "I can make millions on that trick."

Jim and Tammy Faye both talked about us Demon Spirits a lot, and we really appreciated it.

No, never at any time did we possess Tammy Faye.

Our favorite TV evangelist client, however, is Jimmy Swaggart. First, we convinced him to get that hooker in New Orleans.

But he managed to wiggle out of that one. But we didn't stop. We kept on and on, and finally, it paid off.

Not only did Jimmy get himself another hooker — this time in California — but he came right out in the national media and gave us full credit.

"Demon Spirits had control of me," Jimmy said.

What a guy. And the real devilish thing is that nobody believed Jimmy-boy when he blamed the whole thing on us.

"Sure, Demon Spirits had control of him," the cynics laughed.

We are working on teaching Ted Kennedy to turn his head all the way around, by the way. As many enemies as he's made, he needs eyes in the back of his head, so to speak.

Is there no stalling the ad rush?

By SARAH OVERSTREET

I'm not one who minds much when telemarketers call, as long as the telemarketer is an actual human and unless it is someone from the department-store chain that calls about every two weeks wanting me to buy insurance to protect the credit card it so charitably issued me.

Once in a while a telemarketer will have an offer I'm interested in — about as often as I have a yen for stewed beets, I'll admit, but it happens — and I usually empathize with the person on the other end. During my freshman year in college I was an Olan Mills telemarketer for the seven days it took Olan and me to discover that one week with zero family portrait packages sold does not a telemarketer make.

I've learned to carry and read two or three newspapers a day with seven or eight slick advertising inserts trying to fall out of each of them. I can completely shut out a television commercial and use that time to think

about something else, and billboards don't usually bother me anymore unless I can see them from my own house.

I get around the excessive commercials on most radio stations by listening to cassette tapes while I drive. I'm so savvy to all the envelope tricks that I can sort out junk mail from stuff I want to open almost as quick as I can flip it toward the trash can. In fact, I was beginning to think I could successfully negotiate any mine field of unsolicited advertising unscathed.

Then I went to the bathroom. Perhaps if I hadn't been at the most unentertaining seminar since the Suzanne Somers Sitcom Festival I could have stood it. But for two hours I'd been gulping iced tea and sucking in deep breaths of air to stay awake, when the tea did me a bigger favor and I insisted I exit the seminar room or explode.

I have to go to the bathroom! Yes! And I can probably get away with staying out of here a full FIVE MINUTES!

There I was, finally, away from Monoton Man and looking forward to five free minutes to stare at a soothing gray door and think about what I was going to do when I got out of that seminar, if I survived it. I closed the stall door.

Ack! Instead of sea-fluff gray, there were advertisements covering the entire inside of the door. For fitness centers, hair extensions, diet plans, artificial fingernails, cellular phones, rental cars, Realtors and restaurants. And in the one place I thought I could always count on to make the world go away!

Is nothing sacred? Once they've wormed their way into our bathroom stalls, what's next? The toilet lids? The paper? The bottoms of our shoes?

Any kook can come up with the next place to sell advertising, and if he puts the right spin on it, it should be a piece of cake. Church tithing down a little? Forget about trying to coerce members into signing those little pledge cards; just take "Life is fragile,

handle with prayer" off the magnetic sign in front and put up "For the perfect after-church brunch, Faye's Family Fiesta at Walnut and Main."

PTA tired of having bake sales and bazaars to raise money? Take the alphabet off the top of the blackboards and sell the space to Toys R Us and Little Debbie Cakes. Have a nice-looking car but trouble making the payments? Sell the door space for magnetic signs: "I keep my shine at Ye Olde Bathe 'n' Wax, 2229 N. Main."

And why stop there? We could reduce the national debt by selling the roofs and sides of federal buildings. Can you imagine how much money we could get by putting "Visit Sea World" and "Make a rush for the border ... Taco Bell!" on the Washington Monument or the White House?

Marketing professionals of the world, we are on advertising overload. Take your signs down from our bathroom doors before you lose us altogether.

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Carrier bags



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Kathy Massick, left, of Mr. Gatti's Pizza in Pampa, meets with some of The Pampa News carriers to show them the plastic "rain bags" purchased by the local restaurant. Carriers from left are Julie Nix, Carrie Ellis and Randall Ellis. Mr. Gatti's purchased the bags, which contain advertising coupons for the firm, and presented them to The News. The bags will be given to the carriers free of charge for their use in protecting their newspapers from rain and snow when thrown to subscribers.

Coronado Hospital implements patient pre-admission program

A multi-department task force at Coronado Hospital spent five months developing a more streamlined pre-admission program which the hospital began recently. The program is designed to make a patient's admission and discharge from the hospital easier and more efficient, according to Bruce W. Reinhardt, administrator.

"Hospitals throughout Health-Trust are instituting this type of program to make admission simpler for the patient. With the reconstruction of our lobby and admitting areas beginning soon, this task force has worked hard to get the program operational," he said.

The pre-admission nurse coordinator's office is temporarily located in the volunteer director's office in the front lobby area near the entrance.

"We felt it was necessary to have a registered nurse in this area to assess the patients who are coming in for admission. The nurse will add an element of safety to the process because she will be able to determine quickly if the patient needs any special help," Reinhardt said.

Pre-admission nurse coordinator is Norma Slagle, RN, a long-time employee of the hospital. A registered nurse with the Pampa hospital since 1975, she has worked in the recovery room, worked as the head nurse of surgery floor and, for eight years, served as outpatient surgery coordinator.

She is the chairman of a committee comprised of Judy Martin, Utilization Review/Quality Assurance director; Georgia McGee, business office director; Brenda Hansen, assistant business office director; Chuck Tanner, director of radiology; Joy Bivins, director of the lab; Deborah Musgrave, marketing representative; Ricky Walkup, director of cardiopulmonary; and Mary Seeding, LVN, admitting nurse.

The new program has been designed in three phases. In the first phase, all possible surgical patients will be pre-admitted. Slagle contacts each patient at home or at work before he is admitted. During that



(Special Photo)

Norma Slagle, RN, serves as Pre-Admission Nurse coordinator at Coronado Hospital.

phone call, she schedules a time for the patient to come to the hospital. During her office interview with the patient, she answers the patient's questions about the surgery. She schedules a pre-operative anesthesia consultation with the anesthesiologist and helps the patient complete a pre-anesthesia questionnaire. Slagle takes the patient's vital signs, height and weight for the health assessment. She then directs the patient to the business office and to the various departments for lab tests, X-rays, etc. After the diagnostic testing and anesthesia visit, the patient returns to Slagle's office for pre-operative teaching.

"When the patient leaves the hospital, he will know exactly what time to come on surgery day, where to go, what to bring and what to expect. We hope this program will help ease the patient's anxiety and eliminate any confusion about what will happen. A patient who is relaxed and who understands exactly what to expect during surgery is going to feel better and recover more quickly," Slagle said.

Patients who have been pre-

admitted will spend almost no time being admitted on the day of their surgery, she said. Also, the discharge process is speedier. "Because all the paperwork is taken care of early, the patient's discharge process is very quick," she said.

In Phase II of the program, she will add all G.I. Lab patients and radiology patients to the pre-admission list. Phase III will bring in all other planned admissions.

"When the program is fully operational, we expect to eliminate many problems that we have encountered in the past. With a pre-admission program, we will be able to have the patient's bed ready and waiting when it is time for him to come into the hospital. This program will also help us assure that we have the correct number of staff people on duty," she said.

The task force hosted luncheons at the Pampa Country Club recently to explain the new procedures to members of the physicians' office staffs.

Anyone wishing more information about the pre-admission program can call Slagle at 665-3721, Ext. 122.

Clashes continue in besieged Vukovar

By TONY SMITH
Associated Press Writer

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — Outnumbered Croatian fighters refusing to end their defense of Vukovar battled federal forces today while mediators sought to arrange evacuations from the war-ravaged town.

The clashes reportedly flared around a battered hospital, despite a call by a Croatian commander to surrender the town, which has been under attack by Yugoslav forces for nearly three months.

On Monday, Serb-dominated forces fired their guns into the air to celebrate their near complete takeover of the town in the secessionist republic.

War-weary residents crawled out of shelters — some people walking the streets for the first time in months.

The loss of Vukovar, which appeared inevitable now despite the last-ditch resistance, was Croatia's most bitter defeat in the nearly 5-month-old civil war. The federal forces have near complete control over eastern Croatia.

Elsewhere in Croatia, an Italian navy relief ship arrived at the besieged Croatian port of Dubrovnik to evacuate hundreds of people, mostly wounded, sick, women and children, Croatian radio reported.

In Belgrade, the capital of Serbia and the nation, an extremist group demolished the studio of the independent YUTEL TV, media reports said. The station was banned earlier this year for alleged anti-Serbian stands, and the attack appeared to be an escalating campaign against dissenters in Serbia.

The club-wielding attackers reportedly identified themselves as "White Eagles," a ultra-nationalist group that advocates violence. One guard was seriously injured in the attack, reports said.

Last week, assailants demolished the Belgrade headquarters of the Reform and UJDI parties. Both have spoken out strongly against the war in Croatia.

Federal forces and ethnic Serbs opposed to secession have captured about a third of Croatia, which declared independence June 25, touching off a civil war between Croats and Serbs who don't want to live in an independent Croatia.

The Croatian government says nearly 2,000 people have been killed in the civil war. But the figure does not include substantial casualties suffered by the army or Serb insurgents, neither of which provides comprehensive numbers.

A spokesman for European Community mediators said talks were to be held today about the details of an evacuation of wounded from Vukovar. An estimated 500 sick and wounded people were trapped in the hospital early today.

U.N. special envoy Cyrus Vance was reported to be headed to Vukovar today. Vance, a former U.S. secretary of state, is seeking to work out details on a proposed peacekeeping force in Croatia.

Vance was expected to meet today with Croatian President Franjo Tudjman.

Sources who witnessed the evacuation of 4,000 civilians and Croatian fighters from Vukovar on Monday said only 500 Croatian troops surrendered. They said at least 1,000 of the most determined defenders were still hiding.

A Croatian Defense Ministry source, speaking on condition of anonymity, insisted late Monday the Croats had not been given orders to surrender and were still in contact with military headquarters in Zagreb.

Some of the Serb insurgents who opposed Croatian independence want to make Vukovar the capital of a Serbian autonomous region carved from Croatian territory. Minority Serbs fear persecution in an independent Croatia.

But Croatian leaders have accused Serbia of using the minority issue as a pretext to expand at the expense of Croatia. And the question of territory is becoming a focus of talks on deploying international peacekeepers.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who met Vance on Monday, gave his strongest backing yet to the idea, saying peacekeepers "could bring long-lasting and justified peace to Yugoslavia."

Serbia seeks a U.N. peacekeeping force stationed between the two warring sides on Croatian territory. But Croatia has said it wants them on the Serbian-Croatian border.

Crime Stoppers

On Friday, Oct. 18, at 7:40 p.m., an unknown suspect burglarized the Chevron Oil Co. located at 613 W. Brown.

The burglary was committed by an unknown black male who approached the cashiers' booth on foot and asked for a bag of ice. When the female cashier opened the door to the booth to get a bag of ice, the suspect entered the booth and removed the money from the cash register.

The suspect then ran from the scene in a southwesterly direction.

Total loss in this business burglary was \$130.45.

Crime Stoppers of Pampa wants any information you may have leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this crime, or for any felony crime or narcotics trafficking in Pampa or Gray County.

There are many unsolved burglaries, thefts, vandalisms and people who deal in stolen property and narcotics on a daily basis. If you have information that would solve one of these crimes, you could be up

to \$1,000 richer through a Crime Stoppers reward.

The board of directors of Crime Stoppers wants to remind the citizens of Pampa and Gray County that Crime Stoppers works for everyone in the community.

Remember — when you call Crime Stoppers at 669-2222, you don't have to testify in court. Crime Stoppers doesn't want your name; all it wants is your information.

Crime doesn't pay, but Crime Stoppers does, up to \$1,000 in cash.

DPS urges defensive driving for holiday

One of the most heavily traveled periods motorists encounter is during the Thanksgiving holiday. This increased traffic has area and statewide law enforcement officials pondering what can be done to raise traffic safety awareness during this critical driving period.

Maj. V.J. Cawthon, regional commander for the Texas Department of Public Safety, stated, "We know that the potential for injury and loss of life is greater during holiday periods, especially a high volume holiday like Thanksgiving. We are asking people to drive defensively."

Many motorists have heard the term "defensive driving"; however, it seems few know what it involves.

"Most of the art of defensive driving comes from common sense and your own instinct," Cawthon said. "Training and knowledge of the proper procedures make these senses more effective."

Defensive driving can and should become a way of life for all drivers regardless of age or experience, according to safety experts.

Don't assume the other driver will make the right move. Be prepared for anything. Defensive drivers are in tune with their minds

and bodies as well as with the road. They are ready for any situation the road might hand them.

But some drivers are out of tune, Cawthon said. They give in to distractions: daydreams, fatigue, anger, stress, frustration or perhaps alcohol. They are not prepared to react when a dangerous situation arises.

Defensive drivers also make fewer mistakes. Drivers on the average make one error for every two miles they travel. While not every mistake leads to an accident, about 85 percent of all collisions are the result of driver error.

"The most common mistake is

speeding," Cawthon said. "Most people don't match an appropriate speed with driving conditions."

Once again, all available Troopers will be on the highways this holiday as they have in the past "to try to make the roads as safe as possible for all of us," he said.

"This holiday, give safety a second thought," Cawthon added.

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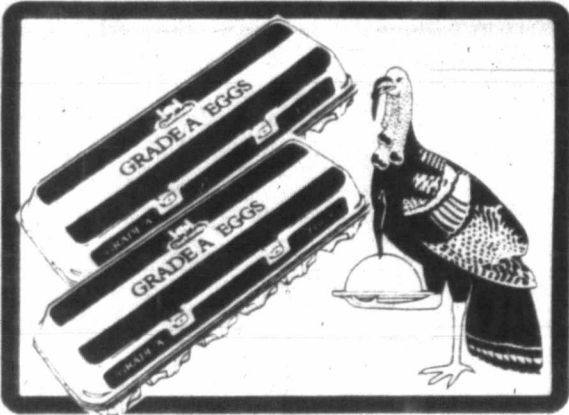


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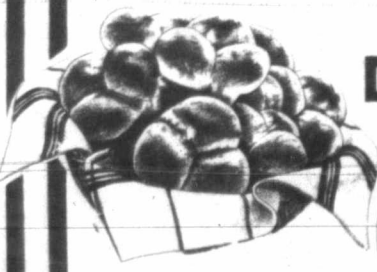
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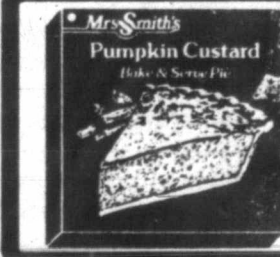
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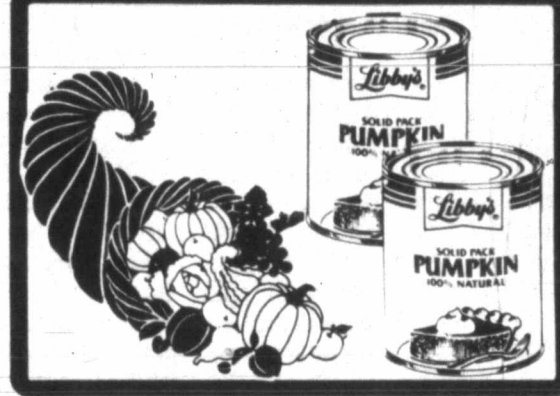
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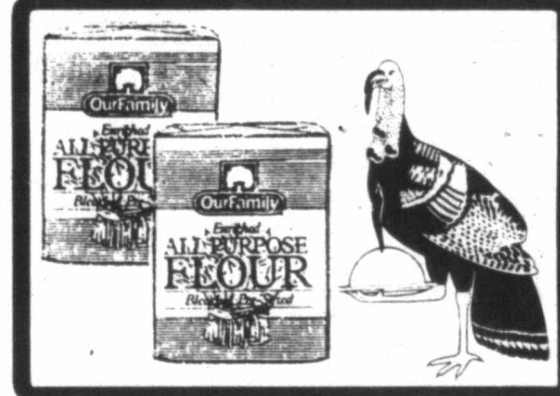


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By DAN SEWELL
Associated Press Writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Greeted by "oohs" and appreciative whistles, John F. Kennedy Jr. joined the parade of relatives showing support for William Kennedy Smith while quelling rumors that the rape case has split America's most famous family.

Legal experts and Kennedy-watchers said there is an apparent effort to place Smith in the legacy of Camelot, not Chappaquiddick.

The 30-year-old Kennedy, named "People magazine's Sexiest Man" in 1988, drew such shouts from spectators as "You're cute!" when he appeared Monday with Smith outside the Palm Beach County courthouse.

Jury selection for Smith's trial, entered its final phase today. The 31-year-old nephew of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is accused of raping a woman at his family's Palm Beach estate March 30. Opening arguments begin Dec. 2.

At least 44 prospective jurors were told to return for group questioning today. More than 100 people were questioned on attitudes about the Kennedys, the pre-trial

publicity and being sequestered. Six jurors will be seated.

The jury selection that began Oct. 31 has brought a closing of family ranks behind Smith.

"I don't think you can pick a jury that would be immune to their presence," said James Gailey, chief federal public defender for South Florida. "They are the closest thing we have to royalty."

Kennedy, who took leave from his job as a prosecutor in New York City, insisted he wasn't here to try to influence anybody about the case.

"William is my cousin and we grew up together," he said. "I thought I could at least come down and be with him during some difficult times."

Smith and defense attorney Roy Black have said that his right to a fair trial has been jeopardized by the publicity his famous middle name has drawn. The Kennedy name brings "a lot of baggage," Black said Saturday.

Sen. Kennedy, perhaps the family's most controversial member, will be a witness because he was with Smith at the Palm Beach bar where he met the 30-year-old woman who later accused him.

But Smith so far has been joined at the courthouse by relatives who

have mostly stayed clear of scandal — his mother, Jean, brother, two sisters, aunt Patricia Lawford and uncle Sargent Shriver, a former vice-presidential nominee.

"They're hoping some of the mystique could rub off on Willie," said Iain Calder, president of the National Enquirer, the supermarket tabloid that has made Kennedy coverage a staple.

The support of John Jr. appeared to serve a dual purpose: He adds positive publicity while rebutting accounts that his mother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, wanted him to keep his distance.

"First response? Good-looking," Janice Lanier, 34, a prospective juror in an unrelated case, said of Kennedy. She added, "It tells me that the family's behind him."

"I think it's the right thing to do. I believe also that a lot of people are convicting him (Smith) because he's a Kennedy," said Mel Beyers, 59, among some 100 people gathered outside the courthouse.

Sen. Kennedy has been the leading choice of prospective jurors when asked which Kennedy they respect the least. His reputation is tainted by alleged drinking and womanizing and memories of the 1969 Chappaquiddick death of a former

Kennedy aide in an auto accident.

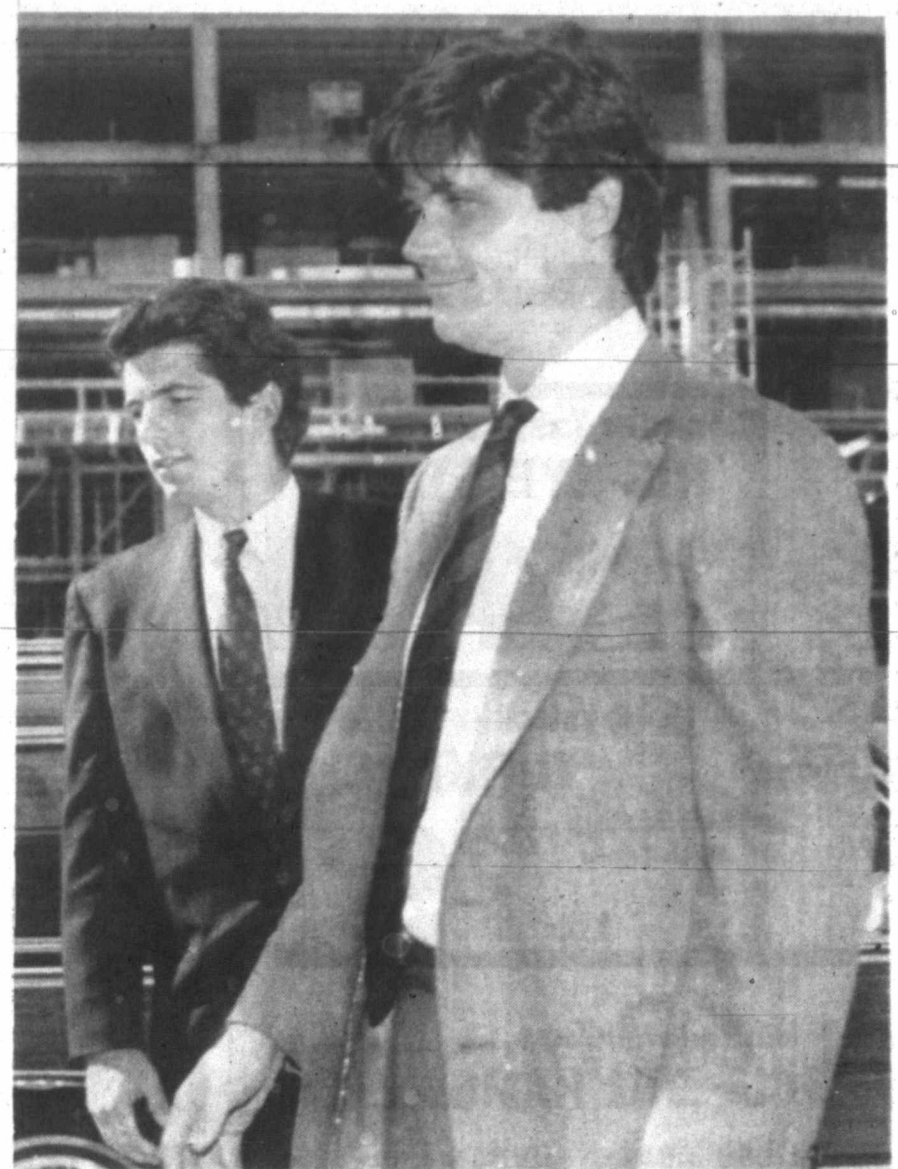
His assassinated brothers, John and Robert, and presidential widow Jacqueline have often been named as the most respected relatives in the jury questioning, which some published reports claimed has caused tension within the family.

And some stories last summer asserted that Ms. Onassis stopped John Jr. from attending the wedding of Matthew "Max" Kennedy, son of the late Robert Kennedy, because she didn't want John pictured with Smith. However, John Jr. and Smith were photographed together during Labor Day weekend family outings.

"The rest of the family told her you've got to help us now," said Calder, whose tabloid reported Ms. Onassis' supposed change of heart last month.

There were published reports Monday, denied by a spokeswoman for Ms. Onassis, that she will attend the trial. John Kennedy Jr. said reporters would have to ask his mother about her plans.

Black said "a lot of members of his family are going to come down and sit for a day, or two days, or half a day in that courtroom because they want to be there" to support Smith.



William Kennedy Smith, right, and his cousin John F. Kennedy Jr. leave Palm Beach County Court Monday during a lunch break in jury selection for Smith's rape trial.

Defense giant McDonnell Douglas' stock defies gravity of its situation

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been a tough year for McDonnell Douglas, the nation's largest defense contractor. The feds are investigating the company, whistleblowers say the wings could fly off its planes and, besides, the weapons business isn't so good.

So why has company's stock more than doubled in price this year?

Don't look to Capitol Hill for the answer.

"There are 21 open cases (against McDonnell Douglas), including defective pricing, cost mischarging, product substitutions, progress payment irregularities, and even one bid-rigging allegation," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., citing investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the FBI and Air Force.

Conyers, chairman of the House Government Operations Committee,

questioned government auditors at a hearing last week about what would happen if a company as big as McDonnell Douglas went under.

Where would the Pentagon buy its planes and cruise missiles and helicopters?

Do the taxpayers have to grimace and take it because the Pentagon has nowhere else to go?

Is the company like a huge bank — too big to fail?

"It's very difficult to conceive of what the implications would be of that kind of bankruptcy," said Nancy Kingsbury, the Air Force specialist for the congressional General Accounting Office.

Despite a year that included 20,000 layoffs, billions of dollars in lost bids, government investigations and the Pentagon's plan to sharply reduce military spending, McDonnell Douglas stock has defied gravity. Shares that traded early in the year for \$27 were going for \$73 on Monday.

McDonnell Douglas shares have

risen steadily through most of the bad headlines.

The secret, according to one aerospace analyst, is in the margins.

"The perception is when you're losing business you're going to lose money," said Paul Nisbet of Prudential Bache Securities. "But it doesn't work that way. They're going to make better margins on their sales."

Mature programs such as the Tomahawk missile, the Apache helicopter, and the F-15 fighter produce much more profit than new programs that involve major borrowing to tool up a plant, Nisbet said.

"Any time you're winding down a government program you're being reimbursed for all that financing," Nisbet said. "You're laying off a lot of people and they're getting hurt, but the company is recovering what it had invested in the program."

By almost any measure, McDonnell Douglas is the nation's largest defense contractor with 115,000 employees and, in

1990, \$16.3 billion in total revenue, 68 percent of which was from government sales. This year it is setting new revenue records.

"The company is on a sound financial footing," said McDonnell Douglas spokesman Mike Burch. "The company had some cash-flow problems earlier in the year but it has worked its way out of them. We have paid down our debt to its lowest level since 1989."

Analysts who have watched the company through the year have noted cost reductions in the company's combat aircraft division and promising sales of the new MD-11 airliner.

All this tends to provide a buffer from shocks such as last week's testimony by fired employee David Barton Jr.

before Conyers' committee.

Barton alleged that a machine used to attach wings to the C-17 Airlifter military cargo plane was putting rivets in the wrong place. He recounted the comments of a plant vice president:

"All of the wings are junk and should be thrown away, but we should sell them to the Air Force for limited duty."

The GAO said McDonnell Douglas, desperate for cash early in the year, asked for a \$1 billion advance from the Pentagon — even though three of its major defense contracts were running over their fixed-price contracts to the tune of \$2.7 billion.

Earlier this year, the Defense Contract Audit Agency said that as of last Dec. 31, McDonnell Douglas "was in an unfavorable financial

condition" and might default on some contracts. In April, the company lost in the bidding for the \$34 billion Army light helicopter project and a month earlier South Korea switched a \$5.2 billion fighter-plane order to a competitor.

Now McDonnell Douglas says it can't find any U.S. investors willing to put up \$2 billion for a 40 percent stake in its commercial aircraft business.

The company is seeking foreign investors to put up the money, which would be used to develop the MD-12, the latest line of commercial tri-jets. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., says he wants the administration to investigate the proposal to see if it might constitute a security breach to export aerospace technology.

Jury rules against stockbroker in asbestos-cigarette case

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal jury ruled against a stockbroker who blamed his cancer on asbestos-filtered cigarettes, but it did not address the central issue in the case: the danger of the filters.

The jury said Peter Ierardi, 56, failed to prove he smoked Kent cigarettes in the 1950s, when they had asbestos filters.

The lawsuit against Lorillard Inc., the nation's fourth-largest cigarette manufacturer, was unusual because it dealt with a highly toxic form of asbestos, not the hazards of smoking. Six similar lawsuits against Lorillard are pending.

The jury never addressed whether the filters could cause mesothelioma, a fatal cancer of the lining of the abdomen, chest cavity, heart and lungs. Doctors say more than 80 percent of mesothelioma cases can be traced to asbestos exposure.

"It's quite a victory. A good bit of our defense was that they could not have caused the disease, but that wasn't addressed," said David Hardy, Lorillard's lawyer.

Ierardi said he switched from Kools to Kents in 1953 and smoked Kents for 10 years. The Philadelphia man was diagnosed with mesothelioma in 1989.

Kent used the filters for four years in the 1950s. The filters were advertised as harmless, although

medical reports at the time linked asbestos with black lung and lung cancer.

Ierardi's lawyer, Daniel Childs, said Lorillard learned in 1954 that Kent smokers inhaled asbestos, but it did not scrap the filter for two years.

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Lifestyles

Fowl is object of prey for hawks

One day last week we were surprised to find a dead Hawk on our front sidewalk, probably killed when it flew against the glass door of our enclosed porch. Even with it lying there dead, it was difficult to identify, because there are two Hawks, which are so similar - the Sharp-shinned and the Cooper's Hawk. We finally decided that it must be a Sharp-shinned Hawk, because of its 13 inch length, its relatively short, rounded wings, and its slightly-notched tail which was more squared at the end. It was probably a female, since the female is larger than the male, and the male is described as being about ten inches in length.

It was a beautiful bird, with slate gray wings and top of head. On its white tail there were three dark bands about an inch apart. The proximal bands were narrow; but the terminal band was about an inch wide. The most striking thing about this bird, though, was the narrow orange and white traverse barring on its chest, abdomen and elongated leg feathers.

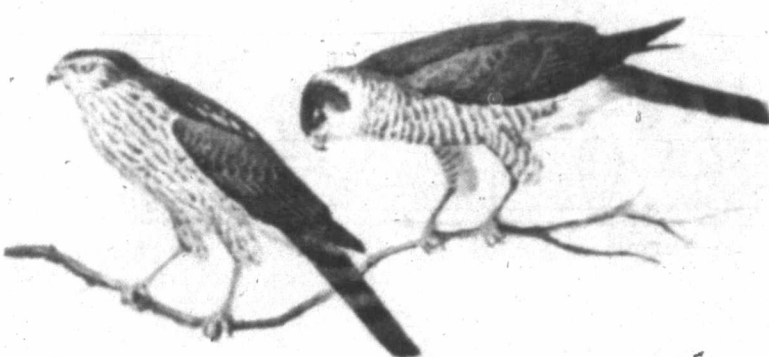
There are three species of Accipiters in the United States, and these three Hawks present a size continuum, ranging from the small Sharp-shinned to the large Northern Goshawk, with the Cooper's being intermediate.

Accipiters are bird hawks. They are recognized by their long, thin, cross-banded tails and short, broad, rounded wings. This combination of tail and wing shape enables Accipiters to maneuver quickly in wooded areas, in pursuit of birds. Small birds make up about 97% of their diet, and no birds, from the size of Doves, Robins and Flickers to the smallest Warblers and Titmice, are safe from their attacks. With blind fury, they will attack any bird which is within their hunting grounds. These murderous little villains do



Panhandle Bird Watch

by Jan Elston



Sharp-shinned hawk

not merely attack birds in the wild; but will sometimes decimate the number of songbirds coming to the feeders which people have put out in their yards. (This is probably what happened to the dead Hawk we found. It was probably diving between some of our trees to get to some of the House Finches and House Sparrows which have been so thick at our feeder since the weather has been so cold, when it hit our glass door). Sharpies have been known to dive down into yards and swoop up small chickens, even with people working in the yard! It's no wonder that the Sharp-shinned Hawk is most unpopular with people who raise poultry.

(Please note: Even though the Sharp-shinned Hawk is an enemy of so many smaller birds, you should never shoot one. **ALL predatory birds are protected by law.** This includes all Owls, Vultures and Hawks. Actually the only birds which aren't protected are Grackles, House Sparrows, Starlings, and Ravens.)

Sharpies are the most widespread of the Accipiters, and in the Peterson series of bird books, it is reported that many will winter from the Texas Panhandle on south. Sharp-shins, as well as Redtails and Broadwing Hawks, traditionally migrate in large flocks; and if you happen to be in an area where they are migrating, you may see thousands of them. Prime conditions for a large flight are created by a strong cold front and winds out of the

south or northwest. These winds, striking the sides of hills and mountains, are deflected and provide updrafts on which Hawks soar southward. Probably the most famous spot for seeing Hawks in migration is Hawk Mountain, in the Appalachians near Reading, Pennsylvania. Some other well known locations for seeing large concentrations of migrating Hawks (and also large concentrations of Hawk watchers) are Hawk Ridge, which is within the city limits of Duluth, Minn.; Cape May, N.J.; and some of the mountainous area of Arizona. (From the reports about the Hawk watchers who gather to see so many Hawks, it sounds like there might be nearly as many of them as there are Hawks!) It must be so interesting to observe such large numbers of Hawks. Twice, we've seen "kettles" of several hundred migrating

Hawks, but it must be even more spectacular to see thousands of them.

The Sandhill Cranes are being seen, as more and more of them are migrating to their wintering site at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge. The oldest national wildlife refuge in Texas, Muleshoe NWR was established in 1935 to provide resting and wintering areas for Sandhill Cranes and waterfowl.

The easiest way to differentiate between flocks of Sandhills or geese, is to look to see if their long legs are sticking out behind them. If you can see the long legs, then they are Sandhill Cranes.

The geese most often seen this time of year in the Panhandle are Canada Geese, although sometimes large flocks of Snow Geese may be seen.

They can read, too!



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard) Lamar School's Powerful Pack reading club, enjoys pizza at Mr. Gatti's. The students, grade 1-5, must turn in nine book reports in a nine week period to be part of the reading club. Submitted were 958 reports by 58 students.

Woman prefers her world to stay at arm's length

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter you printed concerning all the wonderful benefits of hugging, I had to write to express a contrary opinion.

Except for my husband, small children and animals, I am a person who does not like to be touched, and I think I have the right to feel that way. There is nothing wrong with me, and I am sure there are others who share my feelings.

Granted, a great many people feel that a hug can make their day, but a hug can ruin mine. Occasionally someone I know only casually will hug and even kiss me, when I have given them absolutely no reason to believe I would welcome such familiarity. Not wanting to appear rude, I grimace and bear it.

I don't know how this problem can be resolved, since apparently most people don't object. But how is one supposed to know in advance that someone does not want to be hugged? However, once I inform a person that I don't like to be touched, I would hope that my wishes will be respected.

I have even thought of wearing a T-shirt with "Thank you for not hugging me" across the front. Any suggestions? Just sign me ...

HANDS OFF

DEAR HANDS OFF: Lest you believe you are alone in your aversion to being touched, let



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

me assure you that you are not. When a known hugger approaches you, immediately offer your hand, inviting the hugger to accept a firm handshake. Your body language will signal that that's about as close you care to get. There is nothing rude about setting limits.

DEAR ABBY: Most of us lick postage stamps. Are they sanitary? How about envelopes?

HENRY LOBLE, HELENA, MONT.

DEAR HENRY: Maybe yes, maybe no. But since you are concerned, use a damp sponge to moisten postage stamps as well as the flap of the envelope, and you won't have to worry about whether they're sanitary.

Club News

Twentieth Century Club met at the home of Dorothy Stowers on Nov. 12.

In the absence of president Betty Johnston, Maxine Freeman presided. She called the club to order with the American's Creed and Collect. Members gave accounts of various events including the trip Reynold's Ranch by Adelaide Colwell and four teachers with 74 third grade students to learn the history and conservation practices of the ranch.

The program was given by Evelyn Epps, who shared portrait paintings and other paintings with the members.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Nov. 26 at the home of Adelaide Colwell. Sherry McCavit will give the program.

The Civic Culture Club met Nov. 12 in the home of Georgia Holding.

Geneva Dalton, president, presided over the business meeting. The group voted to bring gifts next month for Tralee Crisis Center. Plans for the Christmas party were made.

A letter from former member Annabel Wood was read.

Gracie Cantrell gave the program. She dressed as a pilgrim and spoke of the Thanksgiving customs of many peoples and former times. Each member present shared Thanksgiving custom of her own family.

The next meeting will be Dec. 10 with Gracie Cantrell as hostess.

Helen Hogan will give the program.

The Magic Plains chapter of American Business Womens Association met Nov. 11, at the Sirlain Stockade. The meeting was called to order by president, La Nella Hensley. Glenda Malone gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Wynona Seely, program chairman, introduced Carol Peet and Patsy Gates, owners of Ewe-nique-ewe dress shops in Pampa and Borger. She presented a review on maximizing the wardrobe by using a variety of accessories.

During business, a report was given on the craft/bake sale and pecan sale. The proceeds further the scholarship fund.

Jan Allen won the door prize. The next meeting will be 7 p.m., Dec. 9, Sirlain Stockade. A Christmas party will follow in the home of Bessie Franklin.

El Progreso Club met Nov. 12 in the home of Edna Hickman with president Julia Dawkins presiding.

The obituary of Lola B. Mundy, who died in Shamrock at the age of 102 on Sept. 20, was read. El Progreso Club contributes to the Lola B. Mundy scholarship fund in care of West Texas State University.

The club voted to contribute to Hospice of Pampa for its Christmas project this year.

Eloise Lane presented a program about well known patriotic songs of

the United States from the colonial period to the present.

The next meeting will be Dec. 10 in the home of Maxine Hawkins.

NARFE chapter 1648 met in the swing room of the Post Office building. The meeting was called to order by president Brunetta Steward. George Clark gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Ralph Ridgway.

Officers were elected for the new year. They are president, Brunetta Steward; Shirley Nicholson, vice-president; Charles George, secretary-treasurer; and Mickey White, service officer.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m., Dec. 3 in the swing room of the Post Office.

The Pam Extension Homemakers met Nov. 8, in the Pam recreation room.

Twelve members were present for the covered dish luncheon. Maxine Bennett read the minutes and Audrey Huff gave the devotional. The club discussed the Christmas dinner and decided to get an angel child from the Salvation Army to provide for.

It was decided to fix a Thanksgiving basket for a family.

The Progressive Extension Homemaker Club met on Nov. 12. Eva Dennis called the meeting to order. The class decided to provide Christmas gifts for Marge Holland's children.

Helen Hogan gave a program on

fashions in fragrances. She gave a quiz on the type of fragrance one was most likely to select.

Ten were present with Beulah Terrell as guest. Mildred Thrasher was the hostess.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party on Dec. 4, noon, Lovett Library meeting room.

Tri-County Democrat Club met Nov. 12 in Lovett Library Auditorium for a covered dish dinner and meeting. Attorney Bill Waters was guest speaker. He gave a speech on the heritage of Pampa, current economic situation and outlook. He gave information about the sales tax issue scheduled for January vote.

New officers for 1992 are: Zetha Dougherty, president; Alicia Heil, vice-president; Nancy Allen, treasurer; Helen Seitz, secretary. Elaine Cooper was appointed publicity chairman.

The next meeting will be planned for the library auditorium on Dec. 10.

Homeowners should check gutter for debris

By DO IT YOURSELF
For AP Special Features

Each winter, gutters deal with damaging rain and snow. Once most of the leaves have fallen, Do It Yourself magazine suggests checking gutters for debris, rust or leaks, and low spots.

Clear away visible leaves and twigs, then run a garden hose to be sure that gutters and downspouts work as they should. Use a plumber's snake to clear trapped debris. Trapped mud and rotting leaves block drainage, but they also hold moisture and corrosive acids. Leaf guards or wire strainers can keep solids out, but they can also lead to ice dams that fill gutters, break downspouts, and damage roofs. One solution: Lay heat tape along the lower rows of shingles.

If gutters have rust spots, wire-brush them away, then patch with roofing cement. Coat any leaks at gutter seams with silicone or butyl caulk and secure with pop rivets.

If water is still slow to drain,

gutter sections may be too close to level and need more slope. Drop each section about 1/8 inch per running foot, or about 1 inch every 8 feet. Hang sections of 40 feet or longer with the high point in the center. Replace gut-

ter hangers where necessary or add more where sections sag.

Note: Don't nail strap hangers over shingles, but between sheathing and bottom shingles. Then seal nail heads with roofing cement.

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The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Beta
- Escort
- College deg.
- Popeye's friend Olive
- Coronet
- Rowing tool
- Dividing
- Opposite of post
- Compiler of game rules
- Ancient chariot
- Annoy
- Mao — tung
- Perkier
- Sound of a blow
- Harem apartment
- Non-profit org.
- Male parent

DOWN

- Lavish
- Syringe (sl.)
- Badly
- Fully
- Use a chair

Answer to Previous Puzzle

XMAS	CUPID
WEIGHT	VINERY
ENDEAR	ATEASE
POSE	ATSEA
TNT	RIOT
GAPE	OTTER
WOMENS	EXHALE
ATONCE	MILLED
FORTH	TIDY
FEEL	CONE
ETAPE	OLIO
VERMIN	NABORS
ORIENT	TRIBES
NANNY	FEES

ACROSS

- Most worthy
- Of hearing organs
- South of Ga.
- Sea pheasant
- Of unorganized labor
- From — — Z
- Wily
- Useful
- Leans
- Favorite
- Weariness
- Sphere
- Water plant
- River barrier
- Compass pt.
- Clay pigeon shooting
- Face part

DOWN

- Ball —
- Aquatic bird
- Furries
- Explodes
- Jack rabbit
- A Scott
- Tennis player
- Nastase
- Makes garments
- Japanese robe
- Teaches
- Tennis shots
- The same
- Um
- Opp. of endo
- Phonograph machine
- Folksinger Guthrie
- Average
- Greenish-blue
- Sect member
- Russian no
- Narrates
- On top of
- Sea bird
- Let — — (Beatles album)
- Naked
- WWII event
- Ornamental pattern
- Astronauts' "all right"
- Sault — Marie
- Short for Susan

WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Every time we go camping, it rains, the tent leaks, and we spend a miserable night sleeping in the car! Not this time, Andrew!

How do you know that?

Let's just say I've got a feeling.

What, exactly, gives you this feeling?

Let's just say I accidentally locked the keys in the car.

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

My Family By Gene Day

My Dad goes to work. My Mom goes to work.

HELP ME OUT HERE, DAD!

EEK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

PRESIDENT BUSH SAYS A TAX CUT FOR THE RICH WILL CREATE JOBS

IT PROBABLY WILL...

HIS

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

YOU EXPECT ME TO PAY FOR ASKING YOU A QUESTION?

DO I LOOK LIKE A NUT CASE?

ASK ANY QUESTION I CLAM

ASK ANY QUESTION I CLAM

ZIP

ASK ANY QUESTION I CLAM

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) As long as companions are cooperative and make concessions, you'll be easy to get along with today. You're not apt to respond congenially, however, when contradicted. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Scorpio's Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The probabilities for fulfilling your ambitious objectives are favorable today, provided you don't take on something you're ill-equipped to handle. Operate within your known capabilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Think twice about attending a social involvement today where there may be people you dislike. It might turn out to be a waste of both time and money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's extremely important you reassess your objectives today. There is a possibility you might be striving for something that will not gratify you once it is achieved.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't waste your valuable time today arguing with someone about an issue to which this individual has a closed mind. It could upset you emotionally and accomplish nothing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Temporarily set aside involvements today that distract you from your own interests and focus on the affairs of another. In order to succeed, you must be dedicated to personal goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be self-sufficient today instead of relying on the support of another. Even if it is forthcoming, you might be better off without it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to be successful today, you must be consistent. Guard against tendencies to slack off on your endeavors just when your objectives are within reach.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Just because friends aren't totally in accord with your interests today doesn't mean they dislike you. Try not to let your emotions dictate your reasoning.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Certain advantages that can be gained today could be lost or minimized — if you exert too much pressure. Know when to stop pushing and to start pleasing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep an open mind today and give associates credit for being at least as smart as you are. If you discount their views and suggestions, it could prove counterproductive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you allow the other party to propose the offer, you're likely to get better terms today. People might treat you more generously than you had anticipated.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

I'M KIND OF CURIOUS...

HOW COME COWBOYS ALWAYS WEAR TEN-GALLON HATS?

TO CARRY OUR TEN-GALLON BOTTLES!

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"The kids at school loved him today. He ate everything in their lunches they didn't want!"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

SO NEAR, AND YET SO FAR...

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WE WILL GLADLY PROVE OUR STATUS TO YOU, GENERAL... BUT ONLY ON ONE CONDITION! CONDITION? WHAT CONDITION?

THAT YOUR SO-CALLED "GODS" PERFORM A SIMILAR FEAT!

HA! HA! HA! THEY WILL CHEW YOU UP AND SPIT YOU OUT, HAIRLESS ONE!

WANTA BET?

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

DOES YOUR MOM EVER SPANK YOU?

NO... WHEN SHE WANTS TO PUNISH ME...

SHE MAKES ME DANCE THE POLKA WITH MY ALINT HARRIET.

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

HOEDOWN TONIGHT

"Sorry, ma'am. I can't dance unless someone's shooting bullets at my feet."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"If it's a free country, why can't we spell words the way we like?"

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

BACK AND FORTH

BACK AND FORTH

TIDAL WAVE!

BEATS ME, MOM. MAYBE THE SEAL AROUND THE TUB LEAKS.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

MRS. V. IS WITH RELATIVES AND I'LL BE ALONE FOR THE HOLIDAY, SO I'D LIKE TO SHARE THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH YOUR FAMILY...

GEE, CHIEF, WE'D BE FLATTERED! IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN BRING?

PERHAPS YOU WEREN'T LISTENING...

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

OKAY, ALL YOU PEOPLE IN THE REINCARNATION SOCIETY, BE SURE TO GET YOUR HAND STAMPED.

HEAVEN ENTRANCE

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?

IT'S A DANCE PROGRAM

I LIKE TO WATCH PEOPLE HAVING A GOOD TIME...

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A GOOD TIME...

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

I REMEMBER MY FIRST KISS

EDNA RAPSNIK... WE WERE ON HER FRONT PORCH. THE MOON WAS FULL... THE MOMENT HAD ARRIVED... WE EMBRACED...

OUR BRACES LOCKED... SHE SCREAMED...

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT

Sports

Bills buffalo Dolphins on defense

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins thought they had a chance to win, and the Buffalo Bills took it away.

Buffalo recovered three fumbles, intercepted Dan Marino twice, turned the turnovers into 17 points and beat the Dolphins 41-27 Monday night.

The Bills, who went into the game with the second-worst giveaway-takeaway ratio in the AFC, committed no turnovers themselves.

"In the first eight games we were pretty pitiful as far as turnovers," quarterback Jim Kelly said. "The

last couple of games we've started to realize what we have to do. We have to take the ball away and not give it away.

"The defense came up with some big plays and we were able to go back out and score."

Buffalo's offense wasn't even needed following the first turnover. Blitzing linebacker Cornelius Bennett forced a fumble by Marino, recovered it and scored on a 6-yard return.

"I always try to set the tempo of the game by making a big play," Bennett said, "and the last few weeks I've been able to do that."

Buffalo improved to 10-1, best in the AFC and four games ahead of

the second-place New York Jets in the Eastern Division. Miami fell to 5-6.

"You have to play almost perfect football to beat the Bills the way they're playing right now," Marino said, "and we're not doing that."

The Bills mounted scoring drives of 83, 65, 72 and 89 yards. Thurman Thomas rushed for 135 yards in 23 carries and scored twice. Kelly threw for three touchdowns, including two to Andre Reed.

The 41 points were the most scored by Buffalo against Miami in a regular-season game since their first meeting in 1966, won by the Bills 58-24. The Bills beat the Dol-

phins 44-34 in the playoffs last January.

"We've beaten them 10 out of the last 11," Thomas said, "but during the '70s, they beat us 20 times in a row. It's always extra incentive to play well against those guys."

Buffalo is accustomed to production from its offense, ranked No. 1 in the NFL. Big plays by the Bills' defense, ranked third-worst, have been much less frequent.

The first and biggest turnover came when a blitzing Bennett beat tackle Mark Dennis to the outside, knocked the ball from Marino's cocked right hand, fell on the fumble, stood up and dashed into the end zone. That gave Buffalo the lead for good at 17-10 midway in the second quarter.

"I had my mind made up no matter how many guys blocked me that I was going to get in there and get a sack," Bennett said. "But I didn't know I was going to cause a fumble and recover it and score a touchdown."

With such lopsided turnover figures, Miami coach Don Shula said, "there's just no way you're going to win a game against a team with that kind of talent."

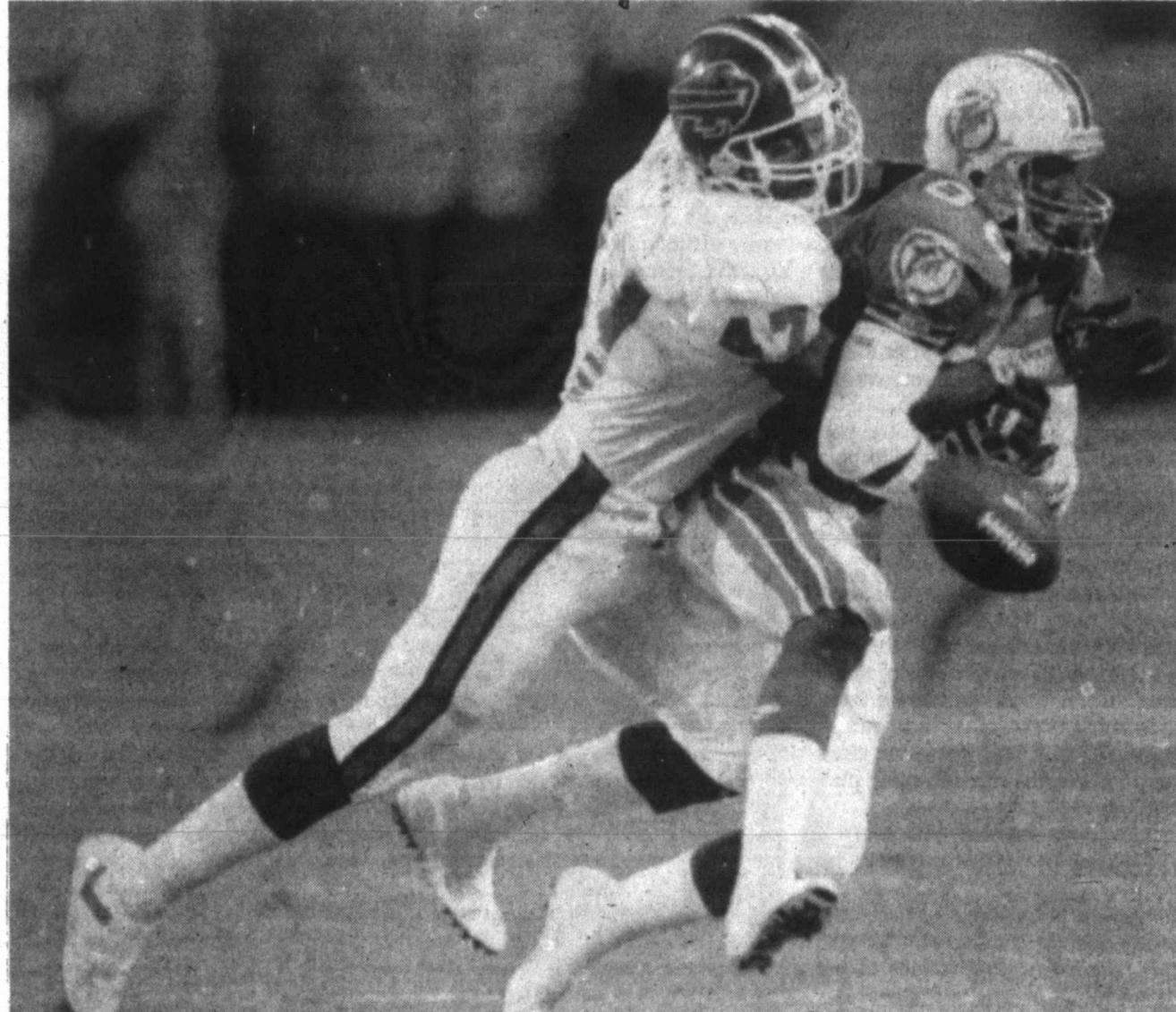
Kelly completed 20 of 28 passes for 185 yards and touchdowns covering 5 and 23 yards to Reed and 10 yards to Thomas.

"I told the guys we had to keep going," Kelly said, "because I knew even with a 21-point lead, when you're playing against a guy like Marino, he can still catch you."

Thomas topped the 100 mark in rushing for the seventh time this season and passed the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the third consecutive season. Kenneth Davis added 98 yards rushing on 25 carries.

"They've got an offense that is playing about as well as it can play, with some excellent players doing it," Shula said. "We didn't play well in a game we had to have."

Aside from the turnovers, Miami moved the ball enough to stay with the Bills. Marino completed 23 of 42 passes for 326 yards and two touchdowns, and Sammie Smith rushed for 64 yards and his first score of the season.



Buffalo Bills Kirby Jackson (47) knocks the ball from the grip of Miami Dolphins receiver Mark Clayton for a fumble Monday night in Miami. The play was called a fumble but later officials ruled it incomplete.

Astrodome is 'House of Pain' for Tech coach

LUBBOCK (AP) — For Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes, the Houston Astrodome's nickname "House of Pain" couldn't be more apt.

Texas Tech has not beaten the University of Houston in the Astrodome since the Cougars joined the Southwest Conference in 1976.

The Red Raiders, who play at Houston Nov. 30, are 0-6-1 against the Cougars and even dropped a 27-24 decision to Nebraska in the Astrodome in the 1976 Bluebonnet Bowl.

"That place hasn't been too friendly," Dykes said. "We'll have

to figure some way to unlock that jinx."

Dykes said Houston, which plays at TCU this week, is on the rise with a healthy David Klingler.

Klingler came off the bench with bruised ribs and a groin pull to throw five touchdowns and lead the Cougars to a 41-21 victory over Rice Saturday.

"There have been weeks when Klingler didn't play very well and Houston didn't play very well," Dykes said. "But he is back and when he's healthy, watch out."

The Red Raiders, who are idle this week, played their best game of the season Saturday in a 31-24 upset of Baylor, which accepted a bid Sunday to play in the Copper Bowl.

Tech's recent victories over SMU, Rice, Arkansas and Baylor have given the Raiders' a glimmer of hope for a berth in the Independence Bowl.

Arkansas would need to lose to Rice this week, and the Raiders would have to beat Houston for consideration from Independence Bowl officials.

"(The Independence Bowl offi-

cial) told me they weren't in any hurry to make a decision," Dykes said. "So as far as the bowl picture, there is a very, very, very slim chance."

"But first we have to beat Houston at the Astrodome, where we have never won before, so let's not jump the gun."

Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes says the Red Raiders' upset of Baylor typifies his team's entire season.

"We didn't start out very good (against the Bears), in fact, we looked kind of shaky," Dykes said Monday.

Auburn's NCAA woes continue

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Now the focus shifts to Auburn football.

The NCAA on Monday concluded its investigation of two sports at Auburn — men's basketball and tennis — by placing them on probation for two years, including a ban on any postseason play by the basketball team this season.

"We're obviously going through some very difficult times here at Auburn," said Pat Dye, the school's athletic director and football coach.

The basketball team admitted to recruiting violations that occurred soon after coach Tommy Joe Eagles was hired in April 1989. The focus of the investigation, assistant coach Ralph Radford, was reassigned to non-coaching duties for one year as part of NCAA and school-imposed sanctions.

The tennis program was cited for violations of the "extra benefits" rule committed by former coach Hugh Thomson and his staff. Thomson was forced to resign after it was learned he had loaned thousands of dollars to his players and their relatives.

"This was a major case," said Chuck Smrt, an NCAA director of enforcement.

It was the fifth time Auburn has been penalized by the NCAA since 1956, and a sixth case could be on the horizon.

The NCAA is conducting a preliminary investigation of Auburn's football team following highly publicized claims by former player Eric Ramsey that he received payoffs, performance bonuses and other illegal benefits between 1987-90. Ramsey has released portions of tape-recorded conversations with assistant coaches and boosters and claims to have more.

Will the basketball and tennis

sanctions have any impact on the football investigation?

Smrt said Auburn would not be eligible for the "death penalty" even if violations are found in the football program because they would have occurred before the initial case was completed. But, he added, the football team could face more severe sanctions because of wrongdoing in the other sports.

"I'm prepared to deal with whatever needs to be dealt with," Dye said. "I'll say this: let's put the tapes on the table and let everybody listen to them."

Auburn president James Martin remained firmly behind Dye and his athletic program.

"This is a fine intercollegiate athletic program, one that we can be proud of," Martin said. "I don't like the position we find ourselves in, but we're going to be stronger as a result of it."

The NCAA Committee on Infractions found a number of recruiting violations in the basketball program: providing gifts and benefits; offering to assist in obtaining a car loan; exceeding the number of allowed visits; falsifying the time when a national letter-of-intent was signed; and providing improper transportation.

Smrt said the penalties could have been more severe, but the committee did not find a lack of "institutional control" at Auburn. He also cited its cooperation with the investigation and willingness to adopt self-imposed restrictions as mitigating factors.

Dye expressed confidence in Eagles and left the door open for Radford to return to the coaching staff when his yearlong exile is completed.

"If I had a son who was a basket-

ball player, there's not a man I would rather him play for than Tommy Joe Eagles," Dye said.

A repentant Eagles said he was embarrassed by the situation and vowed to comply with NCAA rules in the future.

"I take full responsibility," he said.

Eagles also tried to explain how rules were broken so soon after he came to the school.

"We have a very hectic schedule," he said. "Some of these violations were the result of that busy schedule and trying to get our job done. That's not an excuse."

Radford has been assigned to new duties in the athletic department related to parking and non-revenue sports, Eagles said. The school has frozen his \$48,000-a-year salary until at least July 14, 1992; and won't fill his coaching vacancy for the upcoming season.

That leaves Eagles with only one assistant, Greg Haddock.

"The rest of us are going to have to work harder to get the job done," said Eagles, adding that he looked forward to Radford rejoining his staff.

"He's made some mistakes, but he's tried to learn and profit by them," Eagles said. "He needs to be given a chance to grow from his mistakes."

Auburn officials pointed out that while Radford was at the center of the investigation, Eagles and Haddock also were involved in some violations and had been reprimanded.

The Tigers are barred from the NCAA and National Invitation tournaments and, therefore, the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Birmingham next March. They will be allowed only a dozen scholarships for the 1992-93 season instead

Johnson dodges fine

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Jimmy Johnson says he's never, never ever going to do it again.

Johnson dodged a \$7,500 fine by the NFL Monday although he criticized the officiating in a 22-9 loss to the New York Giants as "the worst I've ever, ever, ever seen."

"I'm just happy I was not fined and I'm not making any more comments on officials," Johnson said.

He joked that if he had to pay the fine he would have taken up a collection from the media because "I gave 'em a lot of press."

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue faxed the Cowboys that Johnson had avoided being fined because he had previously adhered to league rules regarding comments about officials.

"Basically, it was a first time offender thing," said Rich Dalrymple, public relations director of the Cowboys.

Johnson wouldn't back down on what he said after Sunday's game in which numerous critical calls went against the Cowboys.

"I feel after studying the tapes that nothing has changed my feelings, but what went on is history now," Johnson said. "I was upset and said what I wanted to say."

Johnson turned in a report Monday to the NFL office. He said he does this weekly but admitted the file on officiating in the Giants game "was much thicker than in the past."

Johnson said "without question I try to abide by the rules and guidelines the league sets forth but sometimes you get sidetracked. It's an emotional game."

He was warned by the NFL that "any repetition of public criticism of officials will result in a minimum of a \$7,500 fine similar to what other head coaches have been fined in recent weeks for misconduct involving officials and official violation of league policies."

Tagliabue attended the game. Asked if he thought that helped his case, Johnson said "I don't know."

Johnson said after the game that referee Gordon McCarter's officiating crew was "the worst I've seen since my daddy said, 'Here's what you call a football.' I know I'm going to be fined, but there's no way I could live with myself if I didn't say something."

"If the officials had been a coaching staff, I know what

would happen to them — they'd be fired."

Four calls bugged Johnson. There was a first-quarter fumble by Emmitt Smith on a swing pass from Troy Aikman on a play in which it seemed questionable whether the halfback actually had possession of the pass. The Giants converted the mistake into a 37-yard field goal by Matt Bahr.

However, before Bahr's 37-yarder made it 6-0, McCarter also flagged Dallas tackle Tony Casillas for a face-mask penalty, nullifying a sack on Jeff Hostetler that would have pushed the field goal attempt to the 44-yard line.

The call that infuriated Johnson the most was a second-quarter holding call against Cowboys linebacker Dixon Edwards on a Giants third-and-goal from the Dallas 3. Hostetler was tackled two yards short of the end zone.

However, head linesman Dave Anderson flagged Edwards for holding fullback Maurice Carthon in the end zone, giving New York a first down and goal at the Dallas 1. Rodney Hampton scored on the next play.

"It's ridiculous," Johnson said. "They have got a quarterback running for a touchdown, but we cannot play off the block because we will get called for a holding penalty."

The last of the questionable calls came late in the third quarter with New York leading 16-9. The Giants had the ball at their own 12 when Rodney Hampton took off on a 9-yard run. He was hit near the end of the run and appeared to fumble, but the officials ruled him down by contact, ending the play.

Asked if thought there was a double-standard in the NFL for the elite teams, Johnson replied "the way I approach that is when we become one of the top teams in the league if that standard exists then we will benefit. Right now we have to be good enough to overcome the bad breaks."

We're fighting our guts out to try to squeak out a win and we're not at the level where we can have calls go against us and overcome them."

Johnson got bad news sprinkled with the good on Monday.

He learned that tight end Jay Novacek will miss Sunday's game in Washington with a sprained knee and could be out several weeks.

"Jay won't play against the Redskins," said Johnson. "He might be able to go in two weeks or three weeks."

Now it's Holyfield vs. Cooper

ATLANTA (AP) — Lou Duva calls Bert Cooper "the closest thing to Mike Tyson that you will see."

Duva, manager of heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, praised Cooper Monday after the 25-year-old fighter from Salem, Va., became a last-minute replacement for injured Francesco Damiani in Saturday night's title fight at The Omni.

"He's the same style as Mike Tyson and he can punch like hell," Duva said. "This guy can knock you out."

Rick Parker, Cooper's promoter, called his fighter "the baddest man on planet earth" and predicted he "will destroy Evander Holyfield. I think it will be a KO."

There was one who didn't share either man's views.

Murad Muhammad, promoter for third-ranked heavyweight Razor Ruddick, questioned what Cooper had ever done to merit a title shot.

"I don't understand this whole thing," said Muhammad, who telephoned The Associated Press to voice his complaint.

He said the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation "have nerve to even consider sanctioning something like this. I have no problems with them fighting, but why sanction it?"

Cooper, an unranked fighter with a 26-7 record that includes 23 knockouts, was brought in for the title bout in Holyfield's home town when Damiani withdrew because of a sprained ankle.

Damiani, the former European champion from Italy, also was a replacement fighter. Holyfield originally was scheduled to fight former champion Tyson in Las Vegas on Nov. 8, but Tyson had to withdraw because of a rib injury.

"The bottom line is if Bert Cooper licks up, look what we have for the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world," Muhammad said. "In shape, I would give him a chance because he's not fearful of any guy that's not bigger than him."

He's afraid of big heavyweights. He's not fearful of Evander Holyfield."

Cooper, who has won four fights by KO this year, is 5-foot-11, 211 pounds. Holyfield, making his second defense since winning the title from Buster Douglas, is 6-2 1/2, 212 pounds.

Both Cooper and Holyfield had workouts at The Omni on Monday.

Cooper's camp said their fighter was in good shape because he has continued to train since scoring a fourth-round knockout of Joe Hipp on Oct. 18.

Trainer Louis "Wit" Lowrey said Cooper won't do any sparring this week because it's too close to the fight to take any chances.

"He doesn't need any hard work the last week," Lowrey said. "He'll just do a little shadowboxing and a little bag work."

Holyfield sparred four rounds with Egerton Marcus and James Pritchard on Monday and also worked on the bags.

"This is not a match for anyone to take lightly," Parker said. "Cooper hits hard with both hands. When Bert Cooper is focused, he is a very dangerous man. His title is in jeopardy."

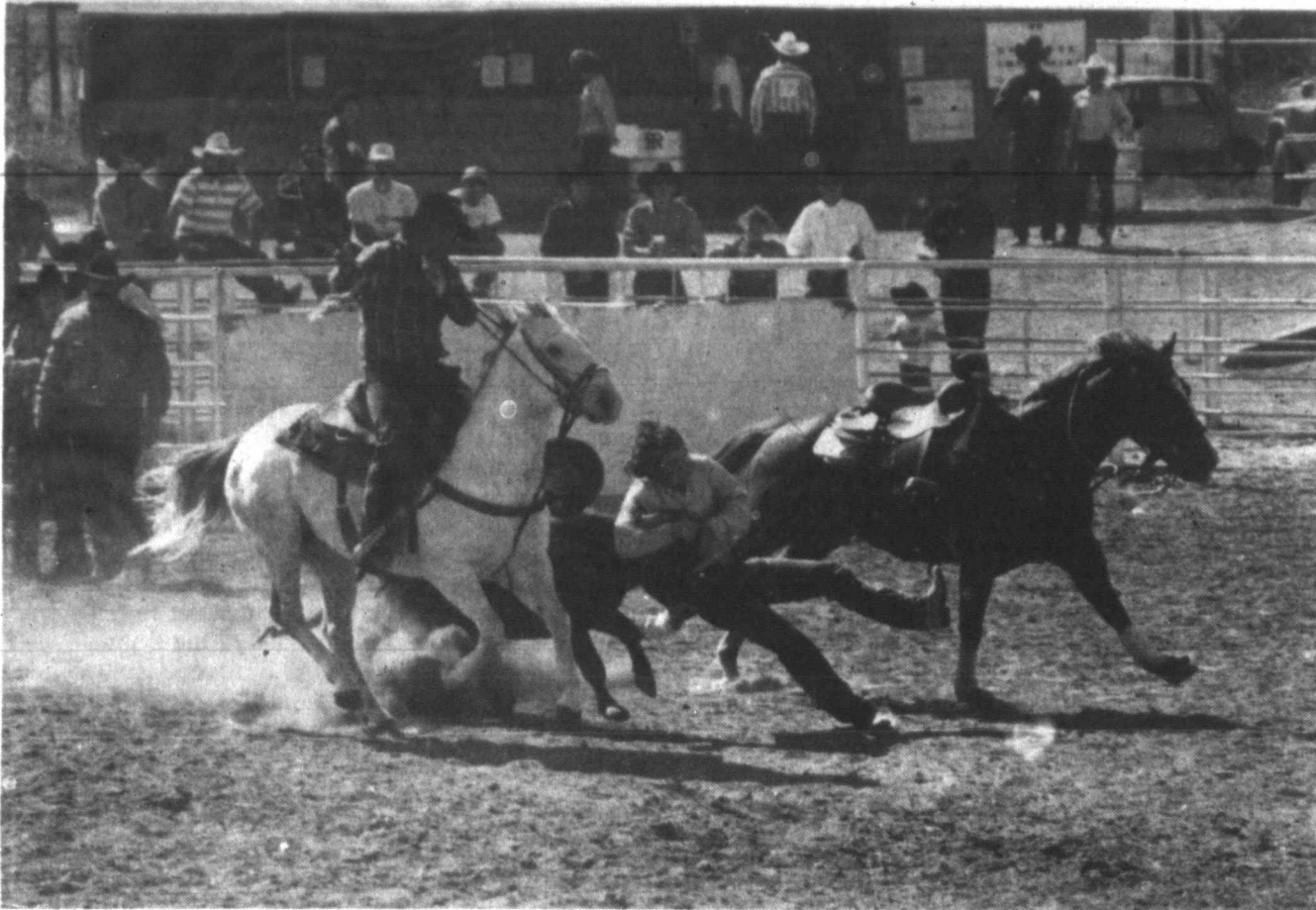
Stolen Duke memorabilia found at UNC

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The ball is back in Duke's court.

The ball is the one from the 1991 NCAA basketball championship that was stolen along with trophies and other Blue Devil memorabilia.

The ball was found on the University of North Carolina campus in some bushes outside a fraternity house, radio station WCHL reported. The ball was taken to the radio station and turned over to Duke officials.

Several items were stolen from Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium trophy case early Friday morning.



Corey Homer of Tascosa catches a steer in the bulldogging event last month at the River Road-hosted Tri-State High School Rodeo Association rodeo in Amarillo.

Races for TSHSRA titles offer fierce competition

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Sports Editor

Eastern Panhandle region rodeo contestants, at the midway point of the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association (TSHSRA) 1991-92 season, again are in the thick of the action.

Tri-State executive secretary Jane Thomas has released standings in the individuals races following the completion of the fall event schedule which began in Canadian and finished at River Road in Amarillo. The spring schedule begins in March.

Mark Eakin, of the Spearman-Stinnett High School Rodeo Club, holds a comfortable lead in the all-around boy category over Randy McEntire, who rodeos with the Wheeler club.

McEntire, of Sweetwater, Okla., last year won all-around champion boy honors, champion calf roper and champion ribbon roper.

This season, McEntire leads the pack in ribbon roping, is ranked fourth in calf roping and 14th in team roping.

Eakin is in first place in steer wrestling and saddle broncs, and is ranked fifth in ribbon roping and tied for fifth in calf roping.

Canadian's Clinton Born currently is third in the all-around, has a commanding lead in bareback and ranks fourth in bull riding. Last year, Born was reserve bareback champion and topped the finals average in the same event.

Wheeler's Travis Goad currently is fourth in the all-around and is setting fifth in team roping, sixth in steer wrestling, ninth in calf roping and 13th in ribbon roping. He is reserve champion in steer wrestling and finals average champion in the same event last season.

Canadian's Jim Locke, last season's rookie boy of the year, currently is ranked fifth in the all-around. He leads in calf roping and is eighth in both team roping and ribbon roping.

Jered Norris, also of Canadian, currently is ranked No. 1 in team roping.

Newcomer David McLean, of Adrian, leads in the race for rookie boy honors and is in first place in bull riding.

Pampa's Chad McFall ranks second in saddle broncs.

Shamrock's Charley Russell, riding with the Wheeler club, currently is ranked second in calf roping. Last

year he was reserve champion in calf roping and was finals average champion in the same event.

In girl's action, Adrian's Chasity Rickman leads the all-around girl category with 143 points, Wheeler's Kimberly Cloud is second with 107 points and Canadian's Shan Til Hext is third with 100 points.

Rickman, a top-finishing veteran of the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show, was last year's rookie girl of the year and goat tying champion.

This year, Rickman leads in goat tying and barrels, is tied for second place in pole bending and tied for 12th place in breakaway roping.

Cloud currently is first in poles, sixth in goats, tied for eighth in barrels and ninth in breakaway.

Hext has won barrels two-years running and currently is tied for fourth in the event. Last year she was third year-end in poles and currently is tied for second in poles. She is fifth in goats and tied with Rickman for 12 in breakaway roping.

Hub City's Shawna Davidson is fourth in the all-around. Last year she won breakaway and leads the event this year. She currently is third in barrels.

Amy Cunningham of Tascosa is second in goats and fourth in breakaway; Canadian's Kara Peirce is ranked second in barrels; Canadian's Krista Krehbiel is third in breakaway, and Wheeler's Lori Keathley is fourth in poles.

Wheeler's Sonya Coy leads in the rookie girl category, is fifth in breakaway, seventh in goats and 11th in poles. Wheeler's Jessica Dean is second in the rookie competition and ninth in goats.

Here are the individual TSHSRA standings through the River Road rodeo.

All-around boy: 1. Mark Eakin, 135 points; 2. Randy McEntire, 86; 3. Clinton Born, 79.5; 4. Travis Goad, 74; 5. Jim Locke, 72; 6. (tie) Marty McCloy, Ben Blue and Sage Brittain, 70; 7. Cody Gabel, 63; 10. Jess Turner, 48; 11. Charley Russell, 44; 12. David McLean, 40; 13. Dusty Harris, 38; 14. Rob Denny, 35; 15. (tie) Chad McFall and Rance Bray, 33.5.

All-around girl: 1. Chasity Rickman, 143; 2. Kimberly Cloud, 107; 3. Shan Til Hext, 100; 4. Shawna Davidson, 92; 5. Lorissa Edmondson, 63; 6. Amy Cunningham, 57; 7. Sonya Coy, 56; 8. Terri Gudgeon, 52; 9. Bobbi Spillers, 49; 10. Leslie Morton, 48; 11. Lori Keathley, 41; 12. Ricki Hughes, 38; 13. Heather Dickson, 36.5; 14. Jennifer Smith, 31; 15. Michel Reeves, 23.

Rookie boy: 1. David McLean, 40.5; 2. Adrian Macez, 31; 3. Jody Pinkert, 23; 4. Brandon Brown, 18; 5. John Gregory, 15; 6. Billy Everett, 14; 7. Ryan Burrow, 13.5; 8. Joshua Purcell, 11; 9. (tie) Flint Mask and C.M. Kuhlman, 6; 11. Joseph Ramsay, 4.5; 12. (tie) Brandon Nix and Tye Sims, 2; 14. (tie) Shawn Hill, Pistol Audrain and Michael Snelson, 1.

Rookie girl: 1. Sonya Coy, 56; 2. Jessica Dean, 17; 3. (tie) Catherine Foster and Chantel Ivey, 15; 5. Trinity Shearer, 8; 6. Niki Nixon, 7; 7. Nicole Williams, 6; 8. (tie) Kristy Wood and Misty Meyer, 5; 10. Kandi Graves, 4; 11. Sarah Oxley, 2; 12. (tie) Farah Oxley and Kari Cobb, 1.

Team roping: 1. Jerod Norris, 48; 2. Ben Blue, 47; 3. Sage Brittain, 35; 4. Adrian Macez, 31; 5. Travis Goad, 30; 6. Chancy Shearer, 28; 7. Marty Nicholson, 26; 8. Jim Locke, 25; 9. (tie) Billy Pillars and Jody Pinkert, 23; 11. Steve Tippett, 21; 12. Jake Monroe, 20; 13. Marty McCloy, 19; 14. Randy McEntire, 18; 15. Ryan Rankin, 17.

Steer wrestling: 1. Mark Eakin, 39; 2. Brandon Griffith, 29; 3. (tie) Richard Chumley and Corey Homer, 26; 5. Cody Gabel, 25; 6. Travis Goad, 17; 7. Dean Phelps, 15; 8. (tie) Seth Fiel, Josh Kinlaw and Tye Snapp, 10; 11. Matt Eakin, 8; 12. Joshua Purcell, 3.

Ribbon roping: 1. Randy McEntire, 42; 2. Sage Brittain, 29; 3. Jess Turner, 27; 4. Cody Gabel, 26; 5. Mark Eakin, 24; 6. Ben Blue, 16; 7. Marty McCloy, 14; 8. (tie) Rowdy Slavin, Ryan Rankin and Jim Locke, 13; 11. (tie) Charley Russell and Brandon Brown, 12; 13. (tie) Travis Goad, William Gill and Rob Denny, 9.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Mark Eakin, 38; 2. Chad McFall, 27.5; 3. Brady Pool, 19.5; 4. R.D. Horn, 8; 5. (tie) Marty McCloy and Judd Agee, 6; 7. R.D. Horn, 4.

Bareback riding: 1. Clinton Born, 56; 2. Justin Henderson, 22; 3. Heath Blackshear, 18; 4. Julio Medina, 11; 5. (tie) Paul Davis, Teddy Parker and Mike Brandwik, 7; 8. (tie) Ryan Burrows, Rance Bray, Chad McFall and Cloudy Kidd, 6; 12. (tie) R.D. Horn and Whitney Oxley, 5.

Bull riding: 1. David McLean, 36.5; 2. Dusty Harris, 32; 3. Jason Clevering, 27; 4. Clinton Born, 23.5; 5. Tod Keeth, 20.5; 6. Steve Sewell, 18; 7. Andy Stormes, 17; 8. Rance Bray, 15.5; 9. Jimmy Chambers, 15; 10. (tie) Billy Everett and Brent Nolen, 14; 12. Heath Blackshear, 12; 13. (tie) Paul Davis and Scott Beeson, 8; 15. Ryan Burrow, 7.5.

Calf roping: 1. Jim Locke, 34; 2. Charley Russell, 32; 3. Marty McCloy, 31; 4. Randy McEntire, 26; 5. (tie) Mark Eakin and Jess Turner, 21; 7. Leddy Lewis, 20; 8. William Gill, 19; 9. (tie) Travis Goad and Wes Avest, 18; 11. Rob Denny, 15; 12. Trey Johnson, 14; 13. Rowdy Slavin, 11; 14. Ben Blue, 7; 15. (tie) Matt Eakin and Sage Brittain, 6.

Goat tying: 1. Chasity Rickman, 49; 2. Amy Cunningham, 31; 3. (tie) Terri Gudgeon and Ricki Hughes, 29; 5. Shan Til Hext, 25; 6. Kimberly Cloud, 24; 7. Sonya Coy, 20; 8. Shawna Davidson, 18; 9. Jessica Dean, 17; 10. Kandi Watson, 15; 11. Samantha Winters, 12; 12. Lorissa Edmondson, 11; 13. (tie) Amy Hall and Chantel Ivey, 9; 15. Michele Myer, 6.

Pole bending: 1. Kimberly Cloud, 48; 2. (tie) Shan Til Hext and Chasity Rickman, 33; 4. Lori Keathley, 30; 5. Jodi Morris, 28; 6. Bobbi Spillers, 19; 7. Leslie Morton, 18; 8. Michel Reeves, 15; 9. Michele Meyer, 16; 10. Catherine Foster, 15; 11. Sonya Coy, 12; 12. (tie) Deana Schwarz and Jill Rowk, 8; 14. Heather Dickson, 7; 15. Chasity Rickman, 6.

Breakaway roping: Shawna Davidson, 33; 2. Leslie Morton, 30; 3. Krista Krehbiel, 27; 4. Amy Cunningham, 26; 5. Sonya Coy, 24; 6. Terri Gudgeon, 23; 7. (tie) Lorissa Edmondson and Bobbi Spillers, 22; 9. Kimberly Cloud, 21; 10. Stacy Collins, 16; 11. Jennifer Smith, 14; 12. (tie) Chasity Rickman and Shan Til Hext, 12; 14. (tie) Kandi Watson and Trinity Shearer, 7.

Feb. 4 - Allison, 6:30 p.m. home; 11 - Hedley, 6:30 p.m. away; 14 - Kelton, 6:30 p.m. home.

Nov. 19 - McLean, 7 p.m. home; 22 - Wellington, 7 p.m. away; 26 - Panhandle, 7 p.m. away.

Dec. 3 - Wellington, 7 p.m. home; 5-7 - Shamrock Tournament; 10 - Panhandle, 7 p.m. home; 12-14 - Wheeler Tournament; 17 - Memphis, 7 p.m. away; 31 - Dumas, 12 noon, away.

Jan. 2-4 - Canadian Tournament; 7 - Follett, 6:30 p.m. home; 10 - McLean, 6:30 p.m. away; 14 - Higgins, 6:30 p.m. home; 17 - Follett, 7 p.m. away; 24 - Vega, 7 p.m. away; 28 - Shamrock, 7 p.m.

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'Slims' tennis championships feature youth vs. experience

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - There was a time when Martina Navratilova ruled women's tennis. Then, along came Steffi Graf.

Now, there's Monica Seles, atop the roost at age 17, being pressured by 15-year-old Jennifer Capriati.

But the magic survives for Navratilova, at 35 an ancient in her sport, and the 22-year-old Graf. Both were victorious Monday night in their opening-round matches at the 16-player, season-ending Virginia Slims Championships.

Tonight, the first round continues in the \$3 million tournament at Madison Square Garden when seventh-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez, 20, faces Helena Sukova, 26, of Czechoslovakia; 19-year-old Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain, the fifth seed, plays Zina Garrison, 28; and third-seeded Gabriela Sabatini, 21, of Argentina takes on Bulgaria's Katerina Maleeva, 22.

Navratilova has won the Virginia Slims Championships four times, her last title coming in November 1986. Graf's two titles were in 1987 and 1989. As former champions, they know how to win, especially in pressure-packed matches.

"There's no warmup matches here," Navratilova said after shaking off first-night nerves and downing Lori McNeil 6-4, 7-5. "You have to be warmed up before you get here. Mentally, you have to be a little bit sharper."

Graf survived a midmatch slump to eliminate Conchita Martinez of Spain 6-0, 6-3.

"She can really play well. She showed that," Graf said of Martinez. "In the beginning of the second set, she played very deep, made very few mistakes, and there were some very, very close and tough points. I think she got a bit tired after that, but she can definitely play well."

Navratilova's match with McNeil was close the whole way. The fourth-seeded left-hander broke McNeil in the opening game of the match, then traded service breaks through the first four games of the second set.

Finally, in the 12th game of the second set, she broke McNeil once again, aided by two double-faults by McNeil, the second coming after the two battled to deuce four times.

When she held at 15 in the next game, Navratilova had advanced to the quarterfinals. "Wouldn't you be nervous?" asked Navratilova. "It's a brand new Garden. I haven't been here in two years and it feels like 20 years. And I don't really have that many years left."

She had too many shots for McNeil, who has resurrected her game after several years of being lost on the women's tennis tour. And, in the end, it was Navratilova's nerves that held and sharp volleys that won.

"I was digging out some pretty

good volleys," Navratilova said. "So, it was just a matter of keeping the pressure on her, and she finally cracked a little bit at 5-all, hit a couple of doubles. But I also returned pretty well."

When she ruled women's tennis, Graf measured her victories in minutes. But she needed one hour, 11 minutes to stop Martinez, who seemed content to move Graf around with a sliced backhand. That tactic, however, wasn't enough.

Graf rushed through the first six games, just like old times. Her big weapon, the feared forehand, found every corner and every line. Martinez was at her mercy, and Graf wasn't very merciful.

She served two aces, dominated the net — when she did venture in — and controlled every point. Martinez never actually won points. Graf lost them.

"When I tried to come to the net after my serve — serve and volley — every time I made a point," Graf said. "I had so much more power, just coming one or two more steps inside the court. ... It worked really great."

But the 19-year-old Spaniard finally settled down in this, her third Virginia Slims Championships. In fact, she broke Graf to begin the sec-

ond set, a game that went to three deuces. And when she held her own serve, Martinez had a 2-0 lead.

She had to battle through six deuces before holding her next serve, giving her a 3-1 lead and apparently reawakening Graf. It was a major mistake for Martinez.

Although she didn't dominate every point, as she had done in the opening set, Graf won all the points that counted. She sputtered at times, but won the next five games to advance in the quarterfinals after 71-minute battle.

"I expected a good match, and I think we had a good match, even if the score was 6-0, 6-3," Graf said. "I think it was closer than that."

The first round will be completed Wednesday night when No. 8 Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia plays Switzerland's Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere; Seles, the defending champion and top seed, faces Julie Halard of France, and No. 6 Capriati takes on Nathalie Tauziat of France.

The tournament winds up Sunday in a unique best-of-5-sets final, the only time during the year that women play more than a best-of-3-



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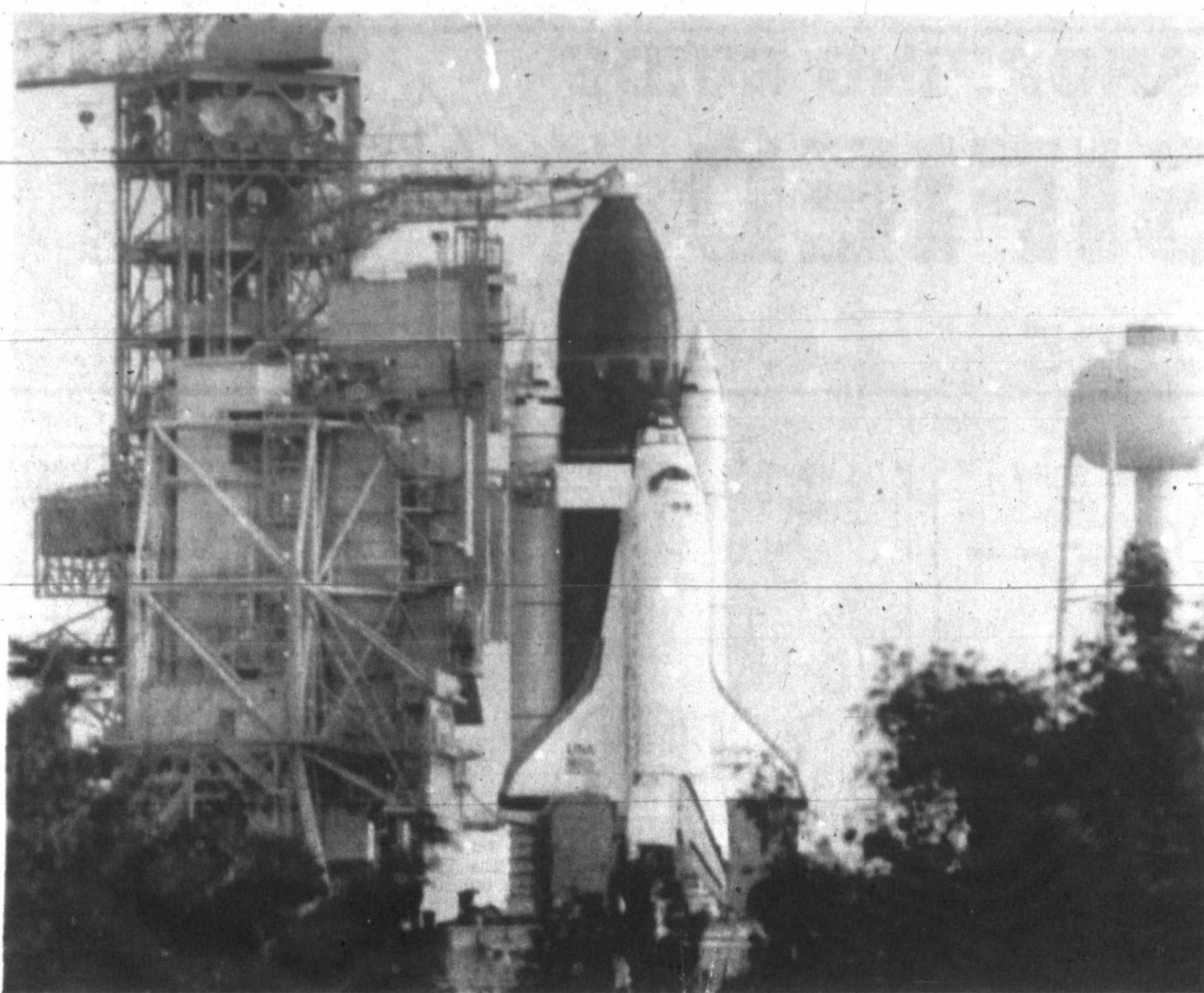
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(AP Laserphoto)

Space Shuttle Atlantis sits on Launch Pad 39-A early today at Kennedy Space Center preparing for lift off set for 6:51 p.m. However, a problem with a satellite on board caused NASA officials to abruptly call off the launch of the shuttle for tonight.

Satellite problem prompts delay in tonight's space shuttle liftoff

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA abruptly called off tonight's launch of space shuttle Atlantis because of a problem with the satellite on board. Officials predicted a delay of five to seven days.

Mission managers scrubbed the flight about 10 a.m., or nine hours before the scheduled 6:51 p.m. EST liftoff. The cancellation took place a half-hour before fueling was to begin.

NASA spokesman Dick Young said the trouble was with a guidance unit on a rocket attached to the \$300 million missile-warning satellite. The rocket is needed to boost the satellite from the shuttle's orbit to 22,300 miles above Earth.

Atlantis' six astronauts still were asleep when the countdown was halted. The countdown had gone

smoothly until late this morning; the only concern had been the threat of rain.

The astronauts' plans were uncertain, but they were expected to return to Johnson Space Center in Houston, probably later today.

Once Atlantis gets off the ground, the crew plans to release the satellite six hours into the flight. The men will conduct military experiments during the rest of the 10-day mission.

Until this flight, the Pentagon refused to discuss Defense Support Program satellites, which have been riding unmanned rockets into space for 20 years. The network of satellites transmitted data about Iraqi Scud launches during the Persian Gulf War.

Much else about the Air Force's Defense Support Program remains classified, such as the number of DSP craft in orbit and their performance during the war.

The satellite aboard Atlantis is bigger and more sophisticated than the earlier versions. It weighs 5,200 pounds and has 6,000 infrared sensors to detect the heat of missile plumes and nuclear detonations.

"As long as you have a society as free as the one that we have, you're going to have people who want to take it from you," said Col. John Kidd, director of the Defense Support Program. "The threat today is just as real as it was prior to the Cold War, it's just a different type."

The military experiments will include surveillance tests in which crewmen will use a telescope, cameras and binoculars to learn how much they can see from 224 miles up.

Thomas Hennen, an Army analyst chosen for his surveillance expertise, will zoom in on about 30 targets, mostly U.S. military installations.

Congress backs away from idea to reduce credit card interest

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shaken by last week's stock market plunge, lawmakers are searching for a way to back away from an effort to cap credit card interest rates.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., who had said last week the House likely would act on credit card legislation, said Monday, "I don't think we should rush forward without considering all the possible ramifications."

The House Banking subcommittee on consumer affairs, scheduled to act on a rate cap Monday, canceled its meeting with no new date set.

In the Senate, which last week attached a cap to pending banking legislation, Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas said he was talking with other senators about subsequent amendments to dilute the cap.

The legislators were reacting to a deluge of lobbying and publicity by the banking industry, which blamed the cap proposal for helping cause Friday's 120-point plunge in the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks. On Monday, the market regained a quarter of the loss.

Lenders said a rate cap would force them to limit cards to only their most creditworthy customers, depriving up to 60 million Ameri-

cans of their cards and sending the economy into a tailspin. That prospect spooked the market, they said.

The credit card debate was occurring as both chambers of Congress struggled to pass banking legislation rescuing the nearly insolvent Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which protects the nation's 110 million bank depositors.

The House Banking Committee planned today to consider a bill toughening bank regulation and expanding the taxpayer-backed borrowing authority of the FDIC by \$70 billion.

Two previous versions, which also contained Bush administration proposals giving banks broad new business opportunities, were rejected by the House on Nov. 4 and Nov. 14.

The Banking Committee chairman, Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, is said he would block any amendments to the stripped-down bill in hope of getting it enacted before Congress recesses next week.

His panel also planned to take up a measure doubling the taxpayer appropriation for the savings and loan bailout to \$160 billion from the current \$80 billion.

Sen. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said he hoped

the Senate would wrap up its work on the banking bill by late today.

However, banking trade groups are lobbying to kill the bill unless the credit card provision, sponsored by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., is removed or diluted.

The amendment would link credit card interest to the rate charged by the Internal Revenue Service on overdue taxes. The formula, if in place now, would put a 14 percent ceiling on rates. They currently average 19 percent.

Dole, who voted for the cap last week, said bankers were engaging in "scare tactics," but he conceded there was probably "some truth" in their warnings.

He said he was hoping to come up with a way that would "put a little heat on the banks to take a look at their practices" without imposing a government-required rate ceiling.

Reps. Esteban E. Torres, D-Calif., chairman of the House Banking consumer affairs panel, and Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., are working on possible compromises they hope would win Bush's signature.

They would delay a cap — Schumer for 18 months, Torres for nine — and impose it only if an independent commission, appointed by the president and Congress, determined that the industry had not become more competitive.

Retailers oppose credit card rate limits

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Some retailers say forcing credit-card issuers to cut interest rates would hurt storeowners by making it tougher for consumers get credit.

"It would affect our sales because we would not be able to extend as much credit to people," said Rob Longendyke, a spokesman for Spiegel Inc., whose businesses include Spiegel, Eddie Bauer and Honeybee catalogs and stores.

Economists and bankers also criticized the idea, saying lower rates would not boost consumer spending or the economy.

Credit card interest rates have "very little direct impact on credit-related purchases," said Sandra Shaber, an economist with Futures Group, a forecasting service based in Washington.

Ms. Shaber noted that many card users pay their bills as they are due and don't carry a balance from month to month. For other consumers, current rates of 20 percent and more have not been an impediment to spending, she said.

Last week, President Bush called on credit card issuers to lower the interest they charge as a means of

stimulating the economy. And the Senate voted to force rates that now average 19 percent to be sliced to 14 percent.

The proposal was blamed in part for a 120-point plunge Friday in the Dow Jones industrial average.

Investors apparently were unnerved by the banking industry's claim that a rate curb would force them to limit cards to their most creditworthy customers, depriving up to 60 million Americans of cards and plunging the economy into a downturn.

Congress appeared to back off the idea Monday, probably because of the effect on stocks. A House Banking subcommittee postponed a hearing on a rate ceiling and did not immediately schedule a new date.

But some lawmakers said they were still pursuing a limit — and retailers said they're opposing it.

At L.L. Bean Inc., which accepts major cards, business could be affected if banks revoke or cancel accounts, said spokeswoman Katherine Harnett.

She said consumers could then shop from L.L. Bean catalogs by mail, paying by check.

But ordering by mail is less convenient for shoppers than just picking up the phone and calling a toll-free number, so theoretically, some would-be buyers would forgo their purchases if they did not have credit cards.

Mysterious object to fly close to Earth in December

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A mysterious object will fly near Earth next month, and scientists don't know if it's a new type of asteroid or a 20-year-old Apollo rocket that shot past the moon and is now coming home.

"Unless the military knows and isn't saying, we don't know what it is," said astronomer Brian Marsden, director of the International Astronomical Union's Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams, a reporting agency for astronomy discoveries.

The object, estimated to measure one yard to 11 yards wide, "is one of the smallest asteroids ever discovered, if not the smallest — if it is an asteroid," said Steve Ostro, an astronomer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Whatever it is, it will fly within

290,000 miles of Earth at about 2 a.m. or 3 a.m. PST on Dec. 5, Marsden said Monday by telephone from Cambridge, Mass. It won't hit Earth or the moon, he said.

The only asteroid observed flying closer to the planet was a 30-foot-wide chunk of rock that flew 106,000 miles from Earth Jan. 15, Marsden said. That was less than half the distance between Earth and the moon and was considered a "near miss" by astronomers.

Paul Chodas, a Jet Propulsion Laboratory aerospace engineer, said his calculations suggest the object is an asteroid, but it may be an upper stage from one of the rockets that sent Apollo spacecraft to the moon from 1968 through 1972.

Some of those rockets were inten-

tionally crashed on the moon for seismic studies, but four rockets flew past the moon, escaped Earth's gravitational pull and started orbiting the sun, he said.

Most manmade space debris orbits Earth; the mystery object is in a solar orbit.

James Scotti, a University of Arizona scientist, discovered the object Nov. 6 through the university's 36-inch Spacewatch telescope on Kitt Peak. The telescope is used to detect asteroids that pass close to Earth or might smash into the planet with catastrophic consequences.

Scientists began to suspect the object may be a spacecraft because its orbit is a little larger and more elliptical than Earth's, Marsden said.

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Niece of Greta Garbo receives entire inheritance

SOMERSET, N.J. (AP) — The deadline for escalating a challenge to Greta Garbo's will has passed and her estate of more than \$20 million goes to her niece, Gray Reisfield.

Sven Ake Fredriksson had challenged the will after the actress' death April 15, 1990, claiming he is the illegitimate son of her late brother, Sven Alfred Gustafson.

In July, New York Surrogate's Court Judge Eve Preninger denied Fredriksson's motion to have the 1984 will reopened. Fredriksson's

lawyer said his client can't afford the cost of an appeal, which had to be filed by Nov. 7.

"My faith in the American legal system has been justified," Mrs. Reisfield said Monday. "I refused to settle or make any deals with the petitioner since this would have been a travesty to my beloved aunt's memory."

Fredriksson, 65, a retired salesman, said he and Mrs. Reisfield are children of the same father. Gustafson died in 1967. Garbo, 1941, was 84 when she died.

Fredriksson based his challenge to the will on newspaper stories that said the legendary recluse in her final years was an alcoholic who had clogged arteries, failed kidneys and was constantly in a medicinal fog.

He also claimed that undue influence by Mrs. Reisfield, who lives in Milltown, caused Garbo to disinherit him. The attorney who prepared Garbo's will said Fredriksson had never met Garbo nor communicated with her.

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