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Few oppose sales tax hike at town meeting

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

An overwhelming number of governmental and citizen speakers at an Optimist Club town hall meeting Tuesday night supported three proposed economic development issues up for election Saturday.

City Commissioner Robert Dixon and attorney Bill Waters of the Industrial Foundation termed passage of the three measures "do or die time for the city."

"In my judgment this is the acid test on whether we step up or step down as a city," Waters said.

If all three propositions pass, City Manager Glen Hackler explained to a crowd of about 90, property taxes will be reduced 7 cents per \$100 valuation, \$650,000 in economic development funds will be raised to help bring jobs to the city and 15 miles of streets will be paved, repaired or rebuilt.

Hackler said rumors that strip paving only means oiling dirt streets are totally false. He said strip paving simply means there will be no curbs or gutters built, such as is currently the case on West Kentucky east of Price Rd.

Mayor Richard Peet answered criticisms by some who said they support the three measures but wish more streets were being paved:

"This is not all we are going to do. This is not the end, only the beginning. We have 20-some-odd miles of dirt streets in Pampa and are paving four miles. This is just the beginning."

"Our history is largely one of lost opportunities," Dixon warned. "We've waited to do something for Pampa and we have waited too long. We can't talk about what was done or not done 20 years ago, we have to ask what are we going to start doing today."

Waters stated, "I wish we didn't have to think in terms of enticing business into coming to our area, but that is the era in which we live."

In fact, Waters said, the only time the Panhan-

dle has seen major businesses locate in the region without strong inducements was when they were lured by natural resources.

"Fifty years later we are not in such a situation," he said. "Our future is only limited by our own vision or lack of vision and by our attitude. Our vote on Jan. 18 is our last best hope for economic growth. Or (if the measures fail) it can be a death sentence."

He asked, "What is to keep Pampa from being another Panhandle or White Deer - just a wide spot in the road?" as dependence on natural resources continues to decline.

Waters insisted the only way to reverse a 30-year trend of population decline is to provide jobs for Pampans and that the only way to do that is to provide incentives to companies to locate or expand in Pampa.

Ray Velasquez, a frequent critic of local government, condemned the meeting as being "just what I was afraid of - that if you aren't for this, people make you out to be anti-Pampa."

He and another man, who refused to identify himself, urged failure of the three measures. They suggested several local businesses are not turning in all sales tax money and that if they did, Pampa's problems would be solved.

Dixon said if they knew of anything illegal going on, they have an obligation to report it to the state comptroller's office.

Both walked out of the meeting before it was over shaking their heads.

"I'm not anti-Pampa," Velasquez stated before leaving the building. "I'm anti-taxes. Why don't people see that?"

A woman who said she sells golf carts condemned the city for not buying their golf carts from her and said the additional penny of sales tax could drive her out of business.

Dixon replied that city purchases are, by law, done through competitive bids, with the city required to accept the lowest price, regardless of whether the business is a local one.

Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce members, along with spokespeople for the Amarillo and Borger chambers of commerce, have previously told *The Pampa News* there is no evidence of any business in those cities going under because of the additional sales tax.

Wayne Stribling, owner of Wayne's Western Wear, said he found it hard to believe anyone would lose their business because of another penny of tax.

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(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Members of the community listen to arguments for and against three economic development propositions on a Jan. 18 ballot during Tuesday's town hall meeting.

Lefors tables action on cable TV franchise plan

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

LEFORS - Lefors City Council received a proposed 15-year franchise agreement from Mission Cable during a regular meeting Monday night.

The City Council tabled action on the franchise agreement until the council and the city attorney can review the document. The current franchise agreement expires March 18.

A Mission Cable representative told the City Council that replacement of the trunk line system and other cable lines in Lefors is proposed to take place in 1992. He said he should know soon if his budget has been approved.

The council agreed to consider the franchise at the next meeting, set for Feb. 10.

In other business, the City Council discussed the recent hiring of a man to help with the trash hauling for a month. The council voted at a prior meeting not to pay the man because Mayor Gene Gee had hired him without the council's approval. They later rescinded that vote and paid the man for his work.

Gee explained Monday that the hiring was considered by him to be an "emergency."

"There's never been any attempt to bypass this council. All I'm asking you to do is leave that system in place so temporary emergency employees can be employed by the mayor on an as-needed basis," Gee said.

Council Member Derl Boyd said he had disapproved of Gee's hiring the other man because it was understood by him that one city employee would handle the trash hauling.

Gee said, "There was in my opinion at that time, an overload. I was trying to make the best of a difficult situation."

Boyd said that he could have made a few phone calls to the council to get their opinions on the hiring.

Council Member Larry Fulton said he had no problems with the mayor hiring someone on an emergency, temporary basis if there is actually an emergency.

"My objection was he drew a full month's pay and I don't think the emergency lasted a month," Fulton said.

The council unanimously voted on a motion by Wenuell Akins, seconded by Johnny Woodard, to allow

the mayor to hire temporary emergency employees as needed.

In unrelated business, Gee advised the City Council that talks regarding a new water well are continuing.

Lefors resident J.W. Franks said an alternative to drilling a new water well might be to dig a hole big enough to furnish the town with seep water. He said a treatment plant would also have to be built.

"I don't know, maybe it wouldn't be feasible, but we're sitting on top of all of the water in the world," Franks said.

Gee and the council said they appreciated Franks' input.

Franks also said he had some information on where the city might be able to get a used truck with a compactor for the trash. He also said it might be more feasible to have the truck centrally located for three days a week and have residents bring their trash to the truck.

"People here have never minded hauling their own trash," Franks said.

In other business, the City Council:

- unanimously approved donating \$50 to Lisa Naccarati's entry fee to Miss Teenage Texas Scholarship

Pageant to be held in Houston in March. Naccarati is a student at Lefors High School.

- learned that some people are not paying the \$3.25 base rate for the trash hauling service and it is creating a problem with the office work. Gee said those who refuse to pay the fee have not been having their trash hauled.

- approved the payment of salaries and bills.
- approved minutes of prior meetings.
- unanimously voted to provide tax exempt license tags and to pay for parts, including tires, for the city marshal's vehicle.
- unanimously voted to continue the lease on the city marshal's vehicle for another month. The city leases the vehicle from City Marshal Max Kellison for \$300 a month.
- voted 4-1, with Fulton voting against, to provide six uniform shirts for the city marshal, at an estimated cost of \$100.

Lamar to have meeting on year-round school proposal

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Lamar Elementary School is hosting a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday for parents and community members seeking input on proposals to go to year-round school on a pilot basis.

"We are looking for input to decide whether or not to pilot year-round school in Pampa," Principal Tim Powers said.

If endorsed by the community, year-round school at Lamar would be only one of several efforts by Lamar teachers to increase student performance and encourage more cooperation between teachers and parents.

Leadership teams at the school recently went to a program whereby students remain with the same teacher for two years instead of one and younger grade teachers are "adopting" newborn babies, periodically visiting the families from birth until the child is ready to enter school.

The last program is designed to build strong partnerships between parents and educators, said Powers.

He said it would also allow the Pampa Independent School District to offer suggestions for successful child development techniques that parents would have the option of

implementing as they desired.

Powers and teacher Susan Parrish have said the radical changes originated with instructors at the campus.

"We were given a sheet at the beginning of the year and told to make it a sort of wish list of things that would improve education," Parrish, a first-grade teacher, said. "All of the ideas started there."

The campus leadership team then discussed the ideas, gleaming the best ones and presenting them to the entire faculty for comment, Powers said.

"The first priority is to meet the needs of our kids," Powers said. "Year-round school decreases discipline problems, which to me is very inviting. Absenteeism rates decline and you have better attendance. You also have less burn-out."

Some studies also indicate year-round school increases student retention and improves test scores.

Parrish said she has "done a 360" regarding year-round school.

"I think opinions may be split because it is out of the norm," Parrish said. "We're changing decades of tradition."

Parrish said she believes year-round school is destined to be a part of every school eventually in order to meet the challenges of the future.

"I see it coming," she said. "Albuquerque (N.M.), Plano, Conroe are going year-round. More and more districts are going to it. It will be a necessity."

If Lamar parents support year-round school, which still only offers 185 days of classes a year, it would be implemented next fall for the 1992-93 school year, Powers said.

That will mean a district investment of "about \$10,000" in ceiling fans to help cool the buildings, he stated. That is \$240,000 less than it would cost to replace evaporative coolers at the campus with air conditioning units.

Powers admitted that the year-round school plan could be rendered void depending on what the Pampa school board decides to do with pending building utilization reports coming from an ad hoc committee of parents, teachers and administrators. That report is due by early spring.



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Businessman Cleo Meaker expresses his support for three economic development propositions on Saturday's local ballot during a town hall meeting Monday.

Residents take a chance to attack gasoline prices

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Though Tuesday's town hall meeting was to discuss three economic development issues on Saturday's ballot, several minutes were taken by citizens who insisted the biggest hindrance to the local economy is the high retail price of gasoline.

One man complained, "Why would a business locate here when we have the highest gas prices in the nation?"

He and others were egged on by furious applause that was reminiscent of earlier situations regarding Pampa's once poor cable television service. Repeated complaints eventually led to system rebuild and promises by Sammons Communications to do better in the future.

City officials responded to the complaints Tuesday about gas prices by promising the city is about to embark on a crusade to expose price gougers and profiteers to public scrutiny.

"I don't know how much we can do because we are not a regulatory agency, but I agree with you that it is a major problem," said Mayor Richard Peet.

Coincidentally, several hours before the meeting City Manager Glen Hackler informed *The Pampa News* the city is about to put local gasoline distributors under close scrutiny, looking for evidence of illegal activity or price fixing.

After the town hall meeting Hackler said, "As far as I'm concerned the city, and I hope the chamber and Industrial Foundation,

will seek to address the gas price issue."

"There is sometimes a misconception that we can do something about gas prices. While we can't do anything directly, we realize what those prices are doing to our economic development. Ninety-nine percent of our citizenry will support this."

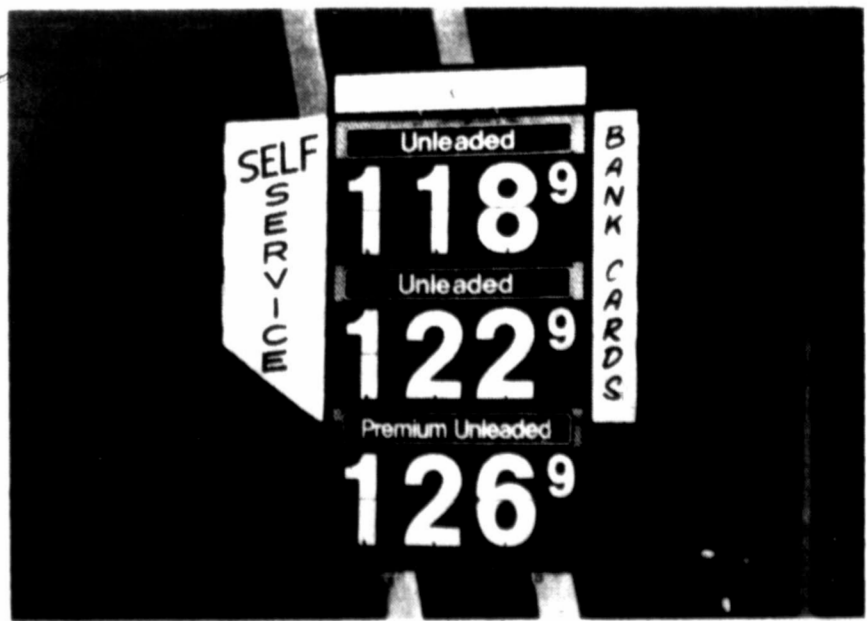
"I will add there have been no formal discussions by the City Commission, but I think this is on the magnitude of the prison issue and industrial development."

Hackler described local retail gasoline prices, which are regularly 10 to 15 cents higher than in Borger or Amarillo, as a deep "thorn in a lot of people's sides."

"There is a similarity" between this situation and public outrage over poor cable TV in the past, Hackler stated. "We all have the purchasing power to make a difference. I'm not advocating a boycott, but I am suggesting people express themselves. We are not a regulatory agency, but this merits a lot of investigation."

Previous attempts by *The Pampa News* to understand why local gasoline prices are so much higher than in other Texas cities have been met with "no comment" and suggestions "this is too complicated a situation for the average person to understand."

One distribution company employee suggested last year he would be happy to "take it outside" when a local reporter repeatedly inquired about high gasoline prices. However, the distribution company employee declined to offer any reason for the situation.



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Pampa's high retail gasoline prices, currently 10 cents more per gallon than in Amarillo, caused citizens attending a town hall meeting Tuesday to insist city government pressure local wholesalers to lower prices.

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Bank fraud trial begins for check kiting allegations

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

MIDLAND (AP) — A government witness says the deposits of \$50 million worth of checks written by El Paso car magnate Maury Kemp in 1990 and 1991 reveal Kemp was conspiring to defraud two banks in a scheme known as "check kiting."

Daniel Dubree, an FBI expert on hot check schemes, testified late Monday in the conspiracy and federal fraud trial of Kemp and two associates.

Kemp, Donna Frydenlund and Perry Pressley are accused of conspiring to defraud MBank-El Paso, now State National Bank, and First Interstate Bank of California of \$1.6 million.

"In my opinion there definitely was a check kiting scheme going on," Dubree told jurors under direct examination from prosecutor David Rosado.

"And the purpose was to deceive the bank into thinking there was sufficient funds in the account when really there was not."

Check kiting occurs when deposits are made in bank checking accounts with overdrawn checks. Dubree said a rapid series of such transactions falsely inflates account balances.

Dubree used graphs to show how Kemp in three months in 1990 wrote more than 1,200 checks totaling more than \$47 million "on accounts continually overdrawn" to cover losses at three struggling car dealerships in California.

Kemp's attorney, Bernard Panetta, said his client wasn't conspiring to steal from the two banks, but instead was using the time it takes for checks to clear a bank, sometimes called the "float," to try to save the California car dealerships.

"You will have to make a determination as to whether Mr. Kemp intended to defraud the banks and run with the money or if Mr. Kemp intended to sell his businesses and deposit the money in these banks," Panetta told jurors during his opening statement. "I think you will find my client not guilty."

Panetta also said the government would not be able to prove the defendants collaborated.

"Just because the other two were employees of Mr. Kemp doesn't mean they were conspiring when they were asked to write a check or make a deposit," Panetta said.

The trial was moved to Midland on a change of venue sought by Panetta, who feared Kemp's prominence in El Paso would diminish chances of finding impartial jurors.

In Midland Monday morning, a jury was seated in just 90 minutes for the case before U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton.

Prosecutors said the defendants shuffled as much as \$50 million between the California and Texas banks from April 24, 1990 to Jan. 4, 1991.

"Ninety-four percent were kited checks — in other words, money that wasn't there," Rosado said.

When testimony began late Monday, Tim Sharron, an officer with the former MBank-El Paso, said Kemp became a problem for the bank in 1990.

Asked by Rosado if a check kiting scheme was designed to fool a bank's bookkeeping, Sharon replied, "Yes sir, our bank system was fooled and it cost us."

He said it was not typical for overdrafts to be used as a loan, which Rosado called the effect of Kemp's alleged scheme.

If convicted, each defendant faces up to 30 years in prison and up to \$1 million in fines.

In a pretrial motion, defense attorneys asked that a statement Pressley made to investigators be disallowed as evidence. The statement implicated the defendants, the attorneys said.

Bunton ruled the statement would be admissible only as it applied to Pressley.

Mulch from trees



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Clean Pampa Inc. Executive Coordinator Pam Locke, right, and Peggy Ward of Ward's Tree Service load Christmas trees into an Asplundh wood chipper to be made in mulch. The wood chipping, using Christmas trees left at 900 N. Duncan by residents, produced 3,500 pounds of mulch from 166 trees in 25 minutes Saturday, according to Doyle Ward of Ward's Tree Service. The Wards say the mulch is "fantastic" for adding acidity and nitrogen to the soil and is great for strawberries and evergreen feeding. The mulch is available at Route 1 in the Cabot Kingsmill Camp. Locke said the project is an effort to help recycle discarded trees into a useable product instead of just dumping them in the city landfill.

Scholarship established in honor of Gene Steel

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — Hoescht Celanese Corporation announced that it has endowed a scholarship to the College of Engineering at Texas Tech University in the name of retired Vice President C. E. "Gene" Steel.

Scholarships from the Gene Steel — Hoescht Celanese Endowment will be awarded annually to promising engineering majors at the discretion of the Chemical Engineering Department at Texas Tech.

Steel, who is an alumnus of Texas Tech, retired Jan. 1, 1992, after 34 years with the company.

"Gene has had a distinguished career at Hoescht Celanese, serving the company well at the plant level in Texas through to his tenure at the corporate level in New Jersey," said Dr. Ernest H. Drew, president and chief executive officer of Hoescht Celanese Corporation. "This endowment is in honor of Gene's many contributions to the company's success."

Those wishing to contribute to the Gene Steel — Hoescht Celanese Endowment may make checks payable to the T.T.U. Foundation and send them to: T.T.U. Foundation, Gene Steel-Hoescht Celanese Endowment, College of Engineering, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 43103, Lubbock, Texas 79049.

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Steel joined the company in 1957 as a chemist at the Pampa, Texas, chemical plant. He went on to hold positions of increasing responsibility at the company's

chemical facilities, including superintendent of personnel, industrial relations manager, and director/administration at the Technical Center in Corpus Christi, Texas.

In 1972, he was named plant manager of the Pampa Plant. In 1980, he moved on to become plant manager at the company's Clear Lake, Texas, chemical plant.

In 1985, he was appointed vice president and general manager of Virginia Chemicals, a company subsidiary in Portsmouth, Va. In 1986, he was named vice president, Resource Administration, for the former Specialties Group.

In 1987, Steel was named vice president, Human Resources, for Hoescht Celanese, and in 1988 he was appointed vice president, Administration. Steel was a member of the company's Operating and Executive committees. He also was chairman and chief executive officer of Hoescht Celanese Foundation Inc., the corporation's philanthropic organization, and chairman of the Hoescht Celanese Corporation Political Action Committee.

He serves on the board of Clark Atlanta University and is a member of the Industry Advisory Board of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Steel holds a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Texas Tech University.

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Businesses applying for lottery applications by mail

AUSTIN (AP) — Temporary licenses for businesses to sell scratch-off lottery games will be issued before criminal background checks on the ticket sellers can be completed, Comptroller John Sharp says.

But Sharp said Monday that by the time permanent licenses are issued, which will take about one year, the criminal history checks will be finished. "The alternative is to wait a year," he said.

Currently, the state is shooting for a July startup on the scratch-off games, and a January 1993 deadline to start the more expensive games.

Lottery officials started mailing about 57,000 license applications and established a toll free telephone number for businesses to contact for more information on how to get a lottery license. The number is 800-

37-LOTTO.

Sharp predicted between 15,000 and 20,000 businesses would sell lottery tickets.

Lottery Director Nora Linares said most retailers selling tickets will increase their revenue because of the 5 percent sales commission and increased customer traffic.

The licenses cost \$125, and the applicant must submit fingerprints as taken by a peace officer.

Most persons with a criminal history in the last 10 years, or if their children, parents, spouses or parents-in-law have a criminal background, would not be allowed to get a license.

Although it would be difficult to determine if an applicant's relative has been convicted of a felony, Ms. Linares said that the applicant must sign a statement that all the informa-

tion provided is true.

Sharp also said the state can refuse to allow certain legally operating sexually oriented businesses from selling lottery tickets.

"We have a lot of flexibility to make rules," he said.

On Thursday, a citizen advisory committee recommended that businesses that offer services or devices intended to provide sexual gratification be prohibited from selling lottery tickets.

Judge approves Legislature's latest plans for redistricting

EDINBURG (AP) — A state district judge's ruling approving the Legislature's redistricting plans has ended one phase of the litigation involving Texas voting boundaries.

But the struggle to win final approval for the maps is far from over. The next round pits the state against a federal judicial panel.

"There will be one less ball in the air," said Rick Gray, a private attorney representing the state in the ongoing redistricting battles. "But there are still a lot of (other) balls up in the air."

State District Judge Mario E. Ramirez, who struck down the state's redistricting maps last August, on Monday gave the nod to House and Senate plans approved during last week's special session.

He also implemented a bill that allows them to take effect immediately after they're pre-cleared by the U.S. Justice Department.

The ruling was welcomed by attorneys, although they said it wouldn't mean much as the state brings its case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I don't think it'll make any difference," said Assistant Attorney General Javier Guajardo.

The state Monday filed an appeal of a Senate redistricting plan imposed by a three-judge federal panel. Texas Attorney General Dan Morales also asked the U.S. Supreme Court for an emergency stay to block the plan, which replaced a map approved last week by the Legislature.

The Legislature's plan was supported by most minority members and Hispanic groups that had successfully sued the state to increase minority representation. However, the federal panel said the plan weakened minority voting strength.

Justice Antonin Scalia gave state Republicans until 1 p.m. CST today to respond to Morales' motion, according to Gray McBride, Morales' press secretary.

Minority rights attorneys said the ruling by Ramirez will help the state present a unified front when it goes before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Hopefully they will be able to convince the Supreme Court that they ought not to impose the federal plan," said Jim Harrington, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project.

Harrington, the lead attorney for plaintiffs in the lawsuit that essentially sparked the redistricting battle, argued before Ramirez that the state's plans are superior to the federal court plan.

"We think those are the only plans that fit the mandate of the (state's) equal rights amendment," Harrington said.

He said approval could help the state in its challenge of the federal plans.

But while civil rights attorneys played up the possible effects of the ruling, the state's attorneys downplayed its ultimate effect. "It straightens out what our obligations are under the state law," said Gray.

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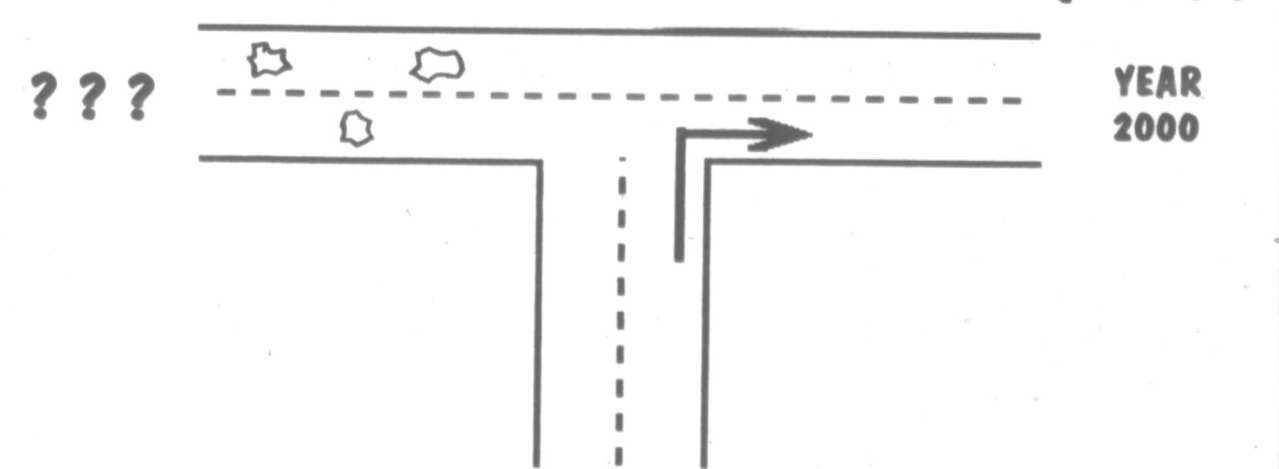
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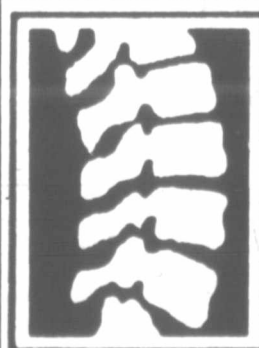
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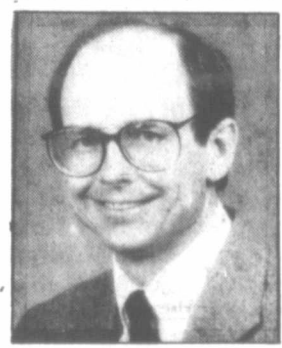
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Opinion

Losing ground in war on drugs

America is losing its war on drugs. The latest evidence is provided by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which recently reported that the number of Americans using cocaine at least once a month increased nearly 20 percent last year, while the number of weekly users climbed nearly 30 percent. This dramatic surge in cocaine use reverses a five-year downward trend.

If this were not enough bad news, a separate survey by the government's Drug Abuse Warning Network showed a 30 percent increase of heroin- and cocaine-related visits to hospital emergency rooms.

Notwithstanding these disturbing developments, federal drug czar Bob Martinez continues to put the best face on the situation. He says "we are continuing to make progress" and that "overall, most of the trend lines are going in the right direction."

To support his claim, Martinez points to evidence that casual drug use has subsided in recent years among middle-class Americans, suburban residents and teenagers. Indeed, the National Institute on Drug Abuse estimates that 12.5 million Americans used an illegal drug (mainly marijuana) at least once a month in 1991, compared with 14.5 million in 1988. Also, the number of teenage users declined to 1.4 million this year from 1.75 million in 1988.

But the question is whether these various conflicting trends add up to progress or regression in the war on drugs. While it is something of a comfort that casual use is abating, it is more disconcerting to know that hard-core use is greatly increasing.

Hard-core drug use leads invariably to other social problems. Cities report record levels of drug-related crime and violence, parental abuse of children is on the rise and poverty and welfare dependency has become endemic. But the federal drug czar prefers not to discuss those problems; perhaps he thinks that if they are not talked about, then they will just disappear in a whisp of smoke.

The administration's emphasis in its drug war is to consider the problem a criminal one, with more money allocated toward law enforcement efforts to track down the users and pushers and then incarcerate them. And incarceration, of course, requires more money to build more prisons and to hire more guards and to pay living expenses for those put behind bars. Little money — or effort — is expended on discovering what causes people to turn to drugs — despite all the warnings and the cries of "Just say no." And, of course, without knowing those reasons, really knowing them, the drug war "experts" will continue to battle the disease without treating the symptoms, and people will continue succumbing to the drug-use scourge.

Until progress is made in curbing hard-core drug use among America's lower-income, preponderantly urban residents, this country will continue to lose ground in its vaunted war on drugs.

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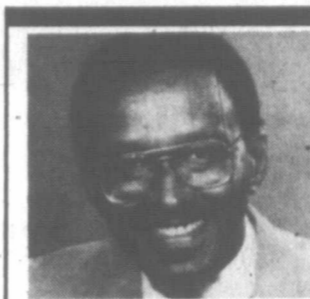
On the wall of an office in downtown Chicago hangs a framed crayon drawing that carries a quotation from Psalms: "Children are a gift from God." The picture, colored by a 10-year-old girl named Rebecca, features a smiling boy and girl and, crawling out of a brightly wrapped box, a baby. The office is the Loop Crisis Pregnancy Center, whose aim is to convince women considering abortion that their babies are indeed a gift.

The anti-abortion movement is often accused of a majestic lack of interest in the problems of women burdened by unwanted pregnancies. "They claim they are against abortion, but they vehemently oppose all proven ways of preventing abortion," says a newspaper ad for Planned Parenthood. "They want to turn back the clock to when women had no options, except the horror of self-inflicted abortions or back-alley butchery."

Some pregnant women share Planned Parenthood's restricted vision, which reveals only the choice of destroying the fetus. This center, one of hundreds throughout the country, tries to make them aware that there are other options — and help those who exercise them. It assures women (and men) willing to endure the trials of pregnancy that they will not have to endure them alone.

The center, which is financed entirely by private donations, opened in August 1985. In its first month, it had one client. Today it gets about 140 each month, served by a paid staff of one full-time person and three part-timers, with help from volunteers.

Most of the clients are black; many are poor, unmarried and living in single-parent homes. "All of them are scared," says Nancy Watson, the social worker who runs the center. Those who come in get a free pregnancy test and coun-



Stephen Chapman

seling about what to do next.

Almost all who test positive want an immediate abortion. Watson and three part-time staffers try to get them to pause long enough to give the question some careful thought. They explain facts about fetal development; they describe what an abortion does to a fetus; they point out all the forms of help available to expectant mothers who need it.

Most clients choose abortion anyway. Those who don't get whatever help the center can find a way to provide. Some need only an occasional counseling session. Others need much more: help in setting up doctors' appointments, maternity clothes and diapers, referrals to adoption agencies, a place to live.

Drawing on a host of churches and individuals willing to help in various ways, the center somehow manages to accommodate them. And it does so without ever charging anyone a fee — even those women who have abortions and later need help in living with that choice.

Among the women who have gotten help from the center is Brenda, a single, 30-year-old secretary. She was seeing a man whom she didn't want to marry, who had assured her he was sterile. She went to the center for a pregnancy test, prepared to

get an abortion if she was pregnant. She left resolved to have the baby.

What changed her mind was a conversation with Nancy Watson. "She showed me some brochures about when life begins, when the baby's heartbeat starts, and that touched me," she says. "I didn't know if I'd be able to have kids when I wanted to. I'd had one abortion, and I thought I was pushing it. I was running away from responsibility. So I just decided to accept it."

Brenda gave birth to a healthy boy in early January. She confesses, "You look and him and say, 'He's a beautiful child, and I almost killed him.'" She plans to find a full-time baby sitter and go back to work in the spring.

Unlike many of the expectant mothers, Brenda knew from the beginning that she could care for a child on her own if need be. Many of them have no idea how to diaper a baby, much less provide for one. Some inevitably end up on welfare, shifting part of the burden for their actions to taxpayers.

But Watson, like Brenda, sees the decision not to abort as the first step toward learning to accept responsibility. "We tell them loud and clear that we're going to help you plan constructively — where you're going to get a job, who's going to take care of the baby, how you're going to finish school," she says. "We don't allow them to be helpless."

A sense of helplessness comes naturally to a woman panicked by an unintended life growing within her. Deciding not to end that life means spurning ease and convenience to accept the pains and pleasures of motherhood. The Loop Crisis Pregnancy Center is there to see that in carrying through with that choice, she will be neither helpless or unhelped.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 1992. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Jan. 14, 1892, Hollywood producer Hal Roach — the creative force behind the *Our Gang* comedies and the teaming of Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy — was born in Elmira, N.Y.

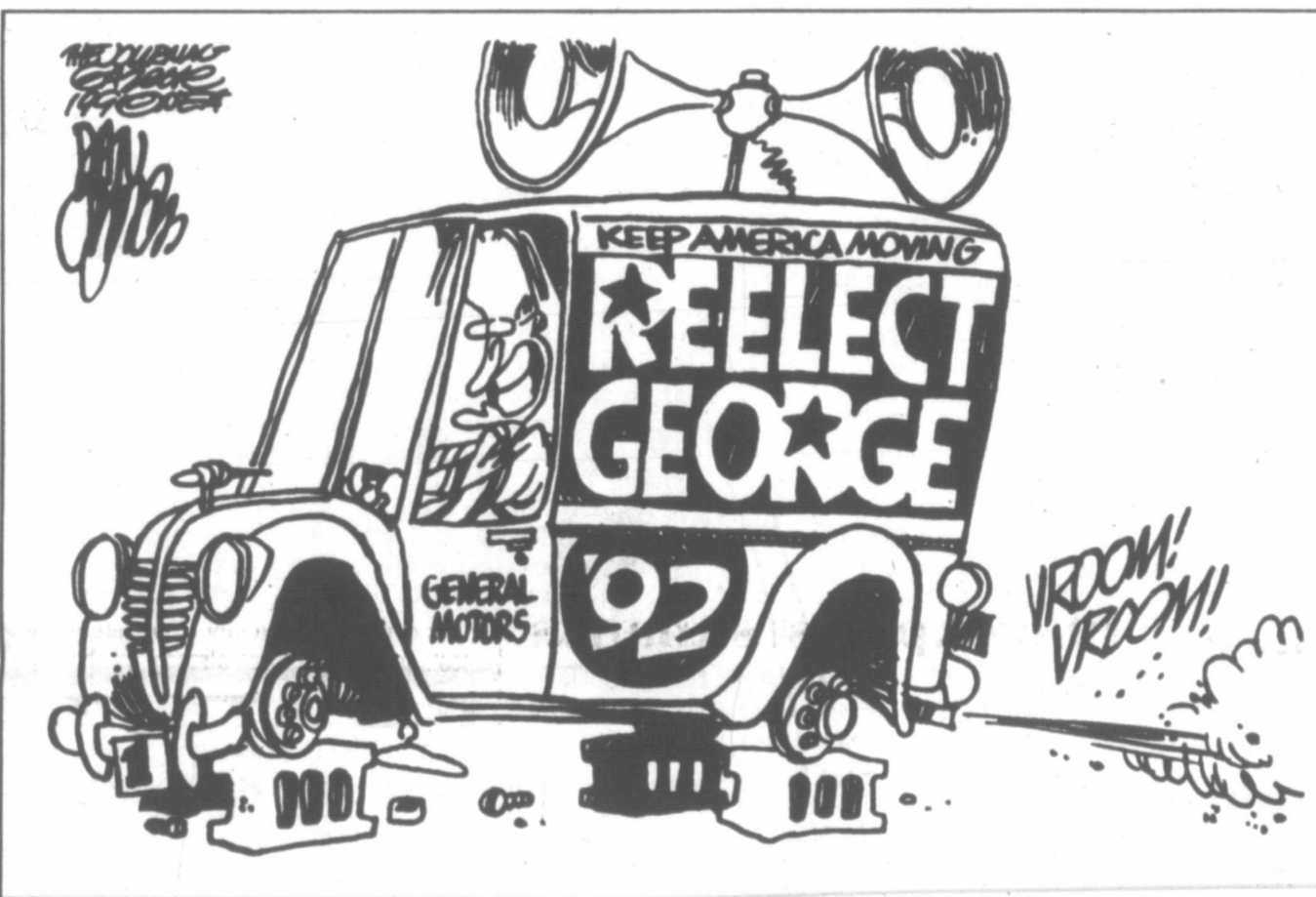
On this date:

In 1742, English astronomer Edmond Halley, who observed the comet that now bears his name, died at age 85.

In 1784, the United States ratified the peace treaty with England that ended the Revolutionary War.

In 1952, 40 years ago, NBC's *Today* show premiered, featuring Dave Garroway as host, with Jack Lescaoule and newscaster Jim Fleming.

In 1969, 25 crew members of the U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise were killed when an explosion ripped through the ship off Hawaii.



He admits he's a Pat-Backer

I realize the 1992 presidential election is still 10 months away and there hasn't been a primary or even a sex scandal yet (See Gary Hart: Monkey Business) but I'm ready to announce my choice to occupy the Oval Office next term.

Pat Buchanan.
Because he's a Republican? No, David Duke is a Republican but I'm not endorsing him for president. I'm endorsing David Duke for former Nazi of the Year. As far as I know no other former Nazi made it to the finals of a governor's race in 1991 as did Herr Duke.

Because Pat Buchanan is a columnist and I'm a columnist, and it's the first time in my life anybody has run for president with whom I can identify.

I'll just do the winners: Truman was short, Ike was a general, Kennedy was a blue blood, Johnson was a rancher, Nixon was paranoid, Ford was clumsy, Carter was a peanut farmer, Reagan was an actor and Bush attended Yale.

I'm tall. I was never in the Army. My mother taught in a public school. I don't care anything about horses or cows. I'm not paranoid; I got this twitch from being married too many times.

I've got good balance. Peanuts give me indigestion. I once acted on a television sitcom and never got asked back, and I don't trust anybody who



Lewis Grizzard

attended an Ivy League school.

But Pat Buchanan. He's a member of my tribe. He has stared at the blank page, felt the emptiness of walking across the creative desert and has prayed the columnist's prayer: "Lord, grant me my daily idea and forgive me for yesterday's."

Here is a man who can form an opinion on any subject in a heartbeat. Who can then reverse that opinion mid-column when he realizes the opposite opinion is easier to espouse.

Here is a man who realizes if someone steals from him it's plagiarism, but if he steals from someone else it's research.

Pat Buchanan has dealt with editors who do not see the greatness in each phrase he writes. Who knows the pain of seeding his brilliantly constructed

last paragraph whacked off in the composing room just because he ran a few lines past the space allotted to his column.

Who has awakened in a cold sweat after having a nightmare that 14 of the papers who carry his column have been taken over by the American Civil Liberties Union and have dropped him.

Here is a man who feels what he writes and writes what he feels. At least three times a year. Here is a man who detests facts. They can be (so) bothersome. (See Bush: Recession.)

Pat Buchanan, as all columnists, knows how public ridicule feels and knows how to deal with it — tell yourself everybody else is wrong and you are absolutely correct as always.

Pat Buchanan has approached deadlines with a sudden attack of mush-of-the-brain, a character builder if there ever was one.

Who has been introduced at a speaking engagement as "the popular communist," and who has carried on anyway. Who has received letters from people who think they are Jesus and who has been recognized in public as "aren't you the sleezebag who writes for ..."

Be a Pat-Backer. In your heart you know he at least thinks he's right. (See Goldwater: 1964 Landslide Defeat.)

Our imperfect legal system works

By SARAH OVERSTREET

A few years ago, while I was a reporter for a Missouri TV station, the state's worst mass murder to date was committed. Seven family members were found shot to death on two farms and the lone survivor blamed the spree on a teenage member of the family. The survivor, the boy's uncle, claimed he had to kill the boy in self defense after the boy murdered the rest.

Reporters were skeptical of the uncle's story from the outset, especially after those who knew the boy talked of his gentle nature and kindness. As pieces of the puzzle came together over the following weeks, evidence indicated the killer wasn't the nephew but the uncle, whose last murderous act was to slay the boy and wound himself to add credence to his story.

When the truth came out, people around here were as angry and disgusted by this crime as any I can remember. When the uncle was con-

victed and sentenced to death for three of the murders, sentiment was highly supportive of the judicial system.

Then, this past November, the Missouri Supreme Court overturned the convictions on what angry citizens are calling a "legal loophole," and "just another example of what's wrong with our system." Justices ruled that a circuit court judge violated state law during jury selection for the uncle's 1988 trial, so they're starting the process all over again.

It is hard to swallow, to have seen something so evil — to have watched the judicial process unfold and believe, as jurors did, that this man committed cold-blooded, premeditated murder and then tried to blame it on an innocent boy — and then to watch the judgment rescinded because such a small part of the overall process was flawed.

Yet if we have to start the legal process all over again in this man's case, it couldn't have happened at a better time in history to illustrate just

why it DID have to happen. With increased media attention on what we once knew as the Soviet Union, we have a powerful and compelling lesson in what can happen when the concept of law has no meaning.

The country's 74-year history is a study in leaders enacting law and then either using or ignoring it to gain personal political goals. Even Mikhail Gorbachev, who promised to build a state based on law when he came to power in 1985, followed this practice.

A recent remembrance in the *Kansas City Star* by former (Soviet news agency) Tass foreign correspondent Maxim A. Zniakov recapped the highlights of Gorbachev's "law and order" regime, where if the president wanted to do something contrary to the constitution, he simply asked lawmakers to alter or amend it, and they did. Then he either followed the new laws or didn't, according to whim.

With the promise of democracy and free enterprise held out like a car-

rot and then snapped back when affairs didn't suit him, we watched his nation unravel beneath his rule.

We often grumble about the costs of our system of justice, the "to-any-lengths" defense we give even the most heinous criminals. But inevitably, when we begin to talk about what part of the process we could suspend, we can come up with no answers that wouldn't threaten one of us if we were ever accused of a crime.

The truly amazing thing we do in this country — to keep in place laws that largely protect us from crime, governmental tyranny and unjust prosecution — remains fairly unappreciated until we have the chance to compare our system with one such as that of the former Soviet Union.

When one sees the colossal repercussions that happen when a country ignores even a few laws, it brings home the importance of maintaining them all until changed legally within the democratic process.

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Letters to the editor

Canadian nurses are valuable asset

To the editor:

Last month's letter by Mr. Dennis Sweeney of Amarillo expressed outrage that Coronado Hospital in Pampa "imported" Canadian Registered Nurses. He indicated that nursing schools have a record number of students, and graduating classes are larger than ever.

While this is very true, Mr. Sweeney is not aware of the recruitment efforts put forth by Coronado Hospital, and should be careful in determining what should be done.

Coronado Hospital has advertised extensively, not only in Texas, but in neighboring states in an ongoing attempt to attract Registered Nurses. But, so have many other hospitals.

The Amarillo Daily News article of Dec. 2 indicated the tip of the iceberg in the national nursing shortage. Texas anticipates a need for 48,000 more nurses in the next eight years. That means that every school has to produce 87 graduates (all of whom must pass the boards) and all must stay in the State of Texas. Also, no current nurse in Texas could leave, retire or die.

That has not happened in the past, and will not happen in the near future. Therefore, to properly staff the nursing care areas, each hospital seeks qualified applicants from whatever source is available, including the Philippines, England, Ireland, and other European countries.

If Mr. Sweeney is aware of any Registered Nurses who are involuntarily unemployed, he would do the people of the Texas Panhandle a great service by directing them to Coronado Hospital. He might also inquire into the recruitment practices of the excellent facilities in Amarillo. It is suspected that he would find that they too recruit from a variety of sources, with similar incentives.

In the meantime, the nurses from Canada have already demonstrated strengths in knowledge and ability to assimilate into the community and are a valuable asset to Pampa and Coronado Hospital.

Robert A. Jones, BSN, RN, CNA
Chief Nursing Officer
Coronado Hospital

Work for the future - vote 'yes' Jan. 18

To the editor:

We, the citizens of Pampa, have an opportunity to invest in the future of our city on Jan. 18, 1992, by voting yes on the three propositions on the ballot. In my opinion, it is a vote for a greater future for our city.

I realize that all of us are concerned with any proposition concerning tax increases; however, I think the time has come when the businesses and the people of Pampa must take a stand to improve our opportunities of attracting new industries to our area, thereby creating jobs for our young people graduating from school and retaining them as Pampans.

There is an old saying that has made an impression on me throughout my adult life, which is "Working for the Future - Today." Voting yes for these propositions is exactly what this is telling you.

Ben Shackelford
Pampa

Voters have power to shape community

To the editor:

To some extent a recession and the recovery from it can be attributed to the state of mind of the general population. How many mornings do the economic reports of doom and gloom put you in a wonderful, positive mood to start your day? The national media seems to work hard to find the negative in everything.

This is not to say that economic times are all that rosy in our country, and Pampa has probably been experiencing this situation a lot longer than the rest of the country. But isn't it great that despite all this, there

continue to be optimistic upbeat people who are willing to put up their money to start new businesses in our community. They and the existing businesses deserve our support.

I understand that currently two businesses are considering moving to Pampa. Naturally they are also looking at other cities, and you have to wonder what their representatives will find when they visit Pampa. Will they find people with a positive attitude, a positive outlook on the future and a progressive spirit? Or a community of people with a negative outlook, not even willing to vote to keep up their streets and provide a chance for their young people to live in Pampa if they chose to.

We, as Pampans, have the power to shape our community into what we'd like it to be. Other Texas cities are growing and prospering and it's up to us to put Pampa among those cities. Recession is more a state of mind than the theoretical economists would like to admit. Please vote YES! YES! YES! on Jan. 18.

Sandra Waters
Pampa

Think carefully on sales tax hike

To the editor:

Sales taxes, of course, have been a favorite instrument of generating revenue for governments in the state since the Sixties. However, the overall usefulness of sales taxes must be taken into consideration as the rates continue to climb. Sales taxes inherently are among the most regressive levies and place an undue burden on lower income groups. Granted, sales taxes do not apply to the most basic of necessities such as food, but obviously, other non-food household essentials are subject to the tax.

Beyond this textbook case, it is beneficial to know to what degree taxes in general have increased and who has been hit the hardest. According to one index traced by Fortune magazine, the average, overall per-capita tax burden has risen to 22.3 percent of total income. Meanwhile, the early Eighties trend of flattening out brackets continues. Therefore, more taxes are collected from the ranks of less affluent wage earners, namely the middle class. More startling is how close sales taxes are to reaching the 10 cents per dollar mark in Texas. Imagine paying a 10 percent tax for most everything. If it is possible to raise the sales tax to 8.25 percent in the coming referendum, then maybe there is no ceiling. Certainly most of the aforementioned taxes come from Austin or Washington, but this is one occasion when the city has a chance to control taxes directly.

Beyond the nature of sales taxes, the mathematical aspect of who would and would not benefit from reductions in the local property tax by raising the sales tax was made clear in Mr. Shoemaker's letter last Sunday. Thus, proposition three deserves careful consideration by voters. In regard to proposition one, perhaps raising the sales tax is justified, assuming all other means of creating an economic war chest have been exhausted. However, I do not think we as citizens can justly raise sales taxes any further after this election, either on the state or local levels.

Jeff Carruth
Pampa

She expresses thanks

To the editor:

Since my illness started three years ago with Lyme's disease, so many things have changed in my life, and I would like to take this chance to express my thanks.

To start with, Dr. Sisle and his office and staff. Sheppard's nursing center. And especially Ginger Jones, a person that if the world had more people like her, it would be a better place to live, because she not only does her job but goes that extra step further that is not part of her job. I would also like to mention Mackey Woods, my other nurse.

And I would also like to say that Pampans really do care, with my deepest and most heartfelt appreciation.

Dee Stice
Pampa

Dow moves to rebut allegations about studies on breast implants

By DEBORAH MESCE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Dow Corning Corp. today moved to rebut allegations that it rushed to get its silicone gel breast implants on the market and delayed certain safety tests for more than a decade.

The company released a former Food and Drug Administration official's independent review of data it submitted to federal regulators to support its claim the implants were safe.

"From all indications, the non-clinical studies reported establish that Dow Corning Wright's breast implant products, while not without risk, are safe and effective for their intended use," wrote Dr. Albert C. Kolbye, assistant bureau director for toxicological sciences in the FDA from 1972 to 1982.

Kolbye said the analysis was performed by a multidisciplinary scientific team and that it had found the non-clinical studies to be "extensive and complete" while the clinical studies were still under way.

"Essentially, the data support the safety and efficacy of the breast implants," he said.

Animal tests were done before the product went on the market in June 1975, but the implants were inserted in women before the results were in, according to company documents cited in today's New York Times and Wall Street Journal.

And none of the animal studies put the silicone in or under the animals' breast tissue, a consultant said in a memo quoted by the Times.

The FDA last week asked doctors to stop using the implants amid fears the gel might leak and raise the risk of cancer and immune-system disorders.

Robert Rylee, head of Dow Corning's health care businesses, said the memos reflected routine disagreements within the company. He insisted the product has been adequately tested and shown to be safe.

"It wasn't like we were starting from ground zero with brand X. The presumption of safety was already there because of the long history of silicone use in humans," he told the Journal.

Documents cited in both papers show the company was in a hurry to develop the product because of competition. Congress at the time was expected to exempt from safety tests medical devices already on the

market, the Journal said.

"We had a crash program," Thomas Talcott, a former materials engineer who quit in protest, told the Journal. "Dow Corning didn't have a soft-gel product on the market. ... We wanted to beat the device legislation so that our products would be grandfathered."

Top management gave a task force only five months to do two years of research and development, according to minutes of the task force's Jan. 22 and Jan. 24, 1975, meetings.

Animal trials began that month, but samples of the implant were inserted in women in early February - before the first tests results were in, according to the memos.

Minutes of the first meeting show that task force chairman A.H. Rathjen was concerned the gel would spread to other parts of the body. The staff told him no tests had determined the amount of silicone

that would bleed through the implant envelope, the Times said.

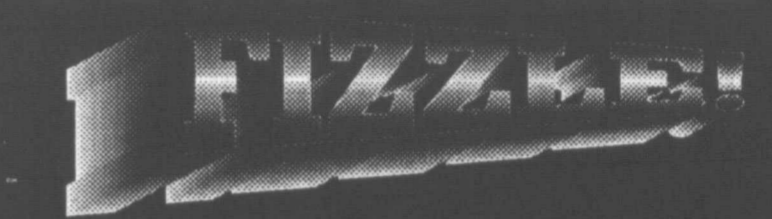
The following year Rathjen received complaints from doctors about severe inflammations in women who got the implants, and he urged the company to begin an in-depth study.

"Time is going to run out for us if we don't get under way," he said in a memo.

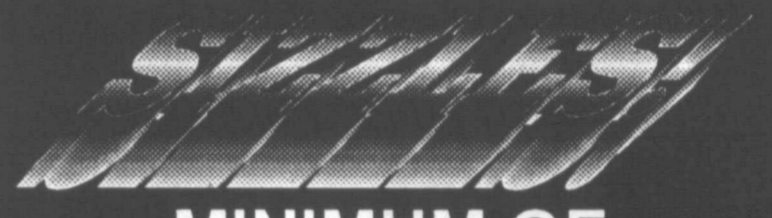
Similar memos urging the company to study immunological reactions and the possibility of leakage were written as late as 1987, 12 years after the implants went on the market, the Times said. In 1988 the FDA reclassified implants and required manufacturers to provide safety data within 30 months.

Company officials also worried that leaking silicone would make the implants feel greasy and told salesmen to scrub the implants before showing them to plastic surgeons.

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Citizen Gorbachev goes back to work as fund chairman

MOSCOW (AP) - Mikhail S. Gorbachev began his first workday as a private citizen today, meeting at his political think tank with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Gorbachev's return to work as chairman of the Fund for Socio-Political Research, which he founded last summer, marked the end of a three-week holiday after his resignation on Dec. 25 as president of the former Soviet Union.

Most of Gorbachev's powers - and his Kremlin office - now belong to Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin, who in December joined leaders of other former Soviet republics in creating the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Gorbachev's meeting with Kissinger was announced by Tass and in a front-page story in the daily newspaper Nezavisimaya Gazeta. It attracted dozens of reporters.

Gorbachev and Kissinger, both winners of the Nobel Peace Prize, met at the former Communist Party Institute of Social Sciences in northwestern Moscow.

The building is now the headquarters of Gorbachev's organization, which he founded on Aug. 27, six days after the August coup collapsed.

The stated goal of the organization, often referred to as "Gorbachev's Fund" in the Russian media, is to organize political and scientific exchanges with foreign experts, prepare research reports for Russian legislators and help politicians with election campaigns.

The organization charges fees for its research, rental of conference rooms and earns profits from a 160-room hotel attached to its building.

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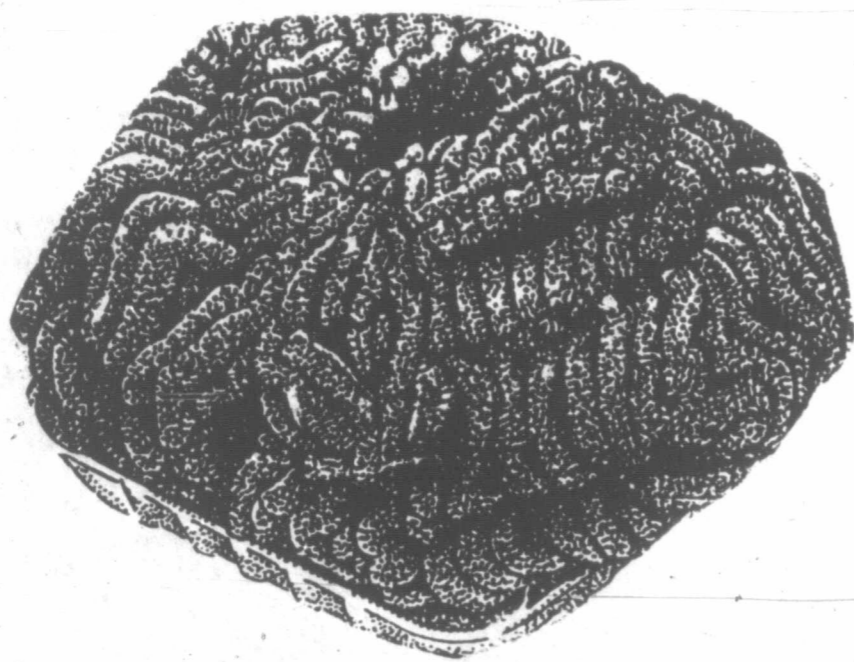
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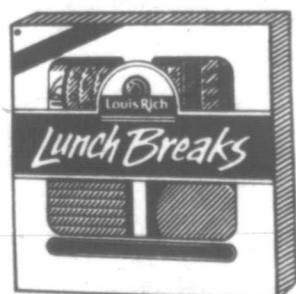
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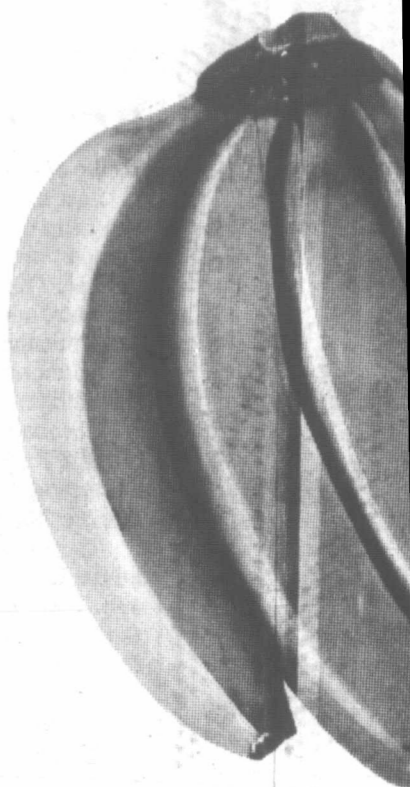
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Rick Pearson, right, president of the Pampa Jaycees, presents a \$1,000 check to Ralph Jackson, president of the Pampa Shrine Club, showing that two organizations can work together for a common cause. The money is to go to the Pampa Shrine's Crippled Children Travel Fund. The \$1,000 was raised through a bike-a-thon from Perryton to the Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo. The travel fund was established to pay airfare for a crippled child and one adult to fly to the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital which provides free care to crippled children.

Bribery scandal rocks Japan

TOKYO (AP) — The arrest of a senior political ally sent Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's troubled administration reeling today, immediately raising suggestions he may be forced to step down.

But the latest in a series of Japanese political and financial scandals may soon be overshadowed: Sources close to the governing Liberal Democrats say new allegations are linking senior politicians to a mob-linked company.

Former Cabinet minister Fumio Abe, 69, was arrested Monday in connection with bribery allegations.

Japanese media reports allege he took bribes worth about \$634,000 and used his influence as director-general of the Hokkaido Development Agency to help steel-frame maker Kyowa Corp. win lucrative

construction contracts.

Kyowa is now bankrupt and facing fraud charges.

Televized news reports showed Abe being taken to court today in a paddy wagon. Tokyo prosecutors declined to comment on the case or any of the allegations appearing in the media.

Abe denied the allegations when questioned by prosecutors today, the public Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) reported.

None of the media reports have linked Miyazawa directly to the allegations. The prime minister has called the case "regrettable indeed" but dismissed reports that some of the money purportedly received by Abe went to his campaign for prime minister.

"Of course, questions will be asked," Miyazawa said today.

Georgia's path dark after president's ouster

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY
Associated Press Writer

KHOBİ, Georgia (AP) — A steady rain falls on this western Georgia town and mourners slog through sticky, yellow mud splashed with lifeless red carnations. Wailing women in black robes surround the local administrator's body.

Tengiz Kajaia, 28, was shot above the right eye in the capital city of Tbilisi, killed late last month when he went to defend his beloved president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia.

Kajaia was one of at least 113 people who died in the battle that divided a nation and left a legacy of pain. The people who buried him still support Gamsakhurdia, and they're organizing.

The two weeks of violence began Dec. 22 — bloody and often boastful and theatrical, with vows to fight to the death and promises of revenge. In the end, the band of troops and dissident leaders laying siege to Gamsakhurdia's stronghold in the parliament building appeared to have won.

Gamsakhurdia fled to neighboring Armenia on Jan. 6, eight months after being elected president by 87 percent of the voters.

The military council that now rules Georgia says it led a popular uprising and is promising democratic elections by April. Yet its supporters have fired on peaceful Gamsakhurdia supporters and imposed a nightly curfew in Tbilisi, a city of 1.5 million people.

In Khobi, a town of 7,000 people about 210 miles northwest of Tbilisi, people are vowing to fight the council. They call it a "military junta."

Thousands rallied in pouring rain just before Kajaia's funeral on Saturday, holding portraits of Gamsakhurdia and the white, red and black Georgian flag.

This is Gamsakhurdia's home region, and opposition to the council appears well-organized. Buses packed with people travel to other cities for pro-Gamsakhurdia rallies. Volunteers enroll in armed groups.

"We want to avoid acts of terror by separate groups and fight by peaceful means, by holding demonstrations and strikes. We will not attack first, but we will have to defend ourselves if armed opposition troops arrive," said Walter Shurajia, a deputy who heads the newly formed National Disobedience Committee.

"The balance of forces is 10-1 on our side, but they have better equipment. Now, we are looking for ways to get our president out of the Armenian blockade and back to his homeland, to western Georgia."

The return of Gamsakhurdia to western Georgia could lead to a full-scale civil war — provided Gamsakhurdia has the financial and political means.

The ruling military council's leaders have proclaimed Gamsakhurdia guilty of authoritarian rule, of isolating Georgia, of using old Soviet economic models. They want everything privatized as soon as possible.

They have not imposed censorship, they have allowed the 30-odd political parties competing for power to operate freely and are promising to step down in a matter of days.

In the capital, life is slowly returning to normal.

But Georgia's economy resembles Tbilisi's ruined Rustaveli Prospect — the shattered scene of much of the fighting.

Military council officials say Georgia's coffers are nearly empty.

Shortages of fuel, grain and other products are severe. Prospects seem

doubtful of orderly economic links in the near future with the new Commonwealth of Independent States, which Georgia has so far declined to join.

Many Georgians, even supporters of the council, say it seized power too soon, that the economy would have forced out Gamsakhurdia within months. Now, they say, it might force out the new rulers.

And the precedent of political violence has been set.

Many people accuse Moscow of orchestrating Gamsakhurdia's ouster to drag Georgia into the commonwealth. Their suspicion has been bred by nearly two centuries of Russian and then Soviet rule.

The turmoil has Georgians longing for "the third force" — a unifying figure who could rise above the fray.

Once, Gamsakhurdia was such a figure. Now, some point to Georgi Chanturia, leader of the National Democratic Party.

Others favor Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister.

The military council wants a constitutional monarch who would put the Bagrationi dynasty back on the Georgian throne.

U.N. force ready to enforce truce between Serbs-Croatians

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — A Croatian soldier was reported killed and another wounded today as the first peacekeepers from the United Nations headed to war-torn Yugoslavia to enforce a fragile truce.

Fifty unarmed U.N. men from 18 nations were to take up posts in the Serbian capital, Belgrade; Zagreb; and in 11 trouble spots across Serbia, Croatia and the tense republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The six-month war has claimed the lives of up to 15,000 people across Croatia threatens to spread to Bosnia.

Sandwiched between Serbia and Croatia, the republic's population is more than 40 percent Muslim, about 30 percent Serb and 18 percent Croat.

Bosnia's deputy interior minister was quoted as saying today that his republic "is one big crisis point" with 2 million of its 4.3 million inhabitants under arms.

A bomb exploded overnight near Mostar, a particularly tense flash-point in western Bosnia-Herzegovina. No injuries were reported.

Croatian defense officials and reports in Belgrade suggested the



(AP Laserphoto)

The commander of a group of U.N. peacekeeping officers Col. John Wilson of Australia, left, shakes hands with Yugoslav Major-General Slavko Jovic upon his arrival at the Belgrade, Yugoslavia, airport today.

latest truce, which took effect Jan. 3, largely held overnight. But one Croatian soldier was killed and another wounded in a shootout with federal forces near the Adriatic port of Sibenik,

Croatian defense officials said.

Heavy shooting rang out from Serb positions along the 350-mile crescent-shaped front in Croatia around midnight as Serbs celebrated the Eastern Orthodox New

Year, Croatian officials said.

Shooting into the air is a traditional way of rejoicing for both sides.

The 50 men dispatched by the United Nations are intended to help the Serbs and Croats cement their fragile truce by helping them establish communications and restore peace if the cease-fire is violated, said their commander, Australian Col. John Wilson.

To help the truce hold, telephone links have been established between opposing commanders across the front line in several spots.

Croatian radio said another such hotline would be set up today between the Croat-held city of Sisak and Serb-held Petrinja, the scene of some of the fiercest fighting in recent months.

If the truce holds, the United Nations could dispatch up to 10,000 peacekeepers to trouble spots in Croatia.

The Serb-dominated federal army, which helped Serbian irregulars gain control of about one-third of Croatia during the war, is to withdraw from Croatia entirely and all irregulars are to be disbanded.

But Serbian leaders in Croatia have balked at the scheme.

Report: Korean school girls forced into prostitution

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — School girls were among tens of thousands of Korean women forced to serve in a corps that provided Japanese troops with sex during World War II, a schoolmaster said today.

The disclosure comes two days before a visit by Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and has enraged Koreans already angered by what they feel are inadequate apologies and compensation for wartime atrocities.

Ahn Jung-bok, principal of Yonghee Primary School in southern Seoul, said records kept at his school show that many students in their low teens were called into "Teishintai," a corps that provided "comfort girls" for front-line Japanese troops.

One record shows that five 11-year-old girls and a 12-year-old were removed from their sixth-grade class to serve the Japanese army in the closing years of World War II, he said.

Ahn said the records concerned students of the Bangsan Primary School, which was shut down and merged into Yonghee 10 years ago.

He said Masao Ikeda, 68, who identified herself as a Japanese teacher at the school in 1944 and 1945, visited his school recently and checked the records. Ms. Ikeda, who lives in southern Japan, was quoted in today's Dong-A Ilbo newspaper as saying she always felt guilty about sending the children away and returned a few years ago to trace the girls. She located one, she told the paper, but provided no details.

Meanwhile, about 150 family members of Koreans forced into the Japanese army during the war marched to protest Miyazawa's visit.

"Apologize, compensate," they shouted.

Koreans feel Japan has never properly repented for its brutalities during the war and its 1910-1945 colonization, when tens of thousands of Koreans were forced into prostitution and labor camps.

The Japanese government maintains the issues were resolved when relations with South Korea were established in 1965. Koreans never accepted that.

The issue of the "comfort girls" only recently became a public topic in Korea, where former prostitutes generally hide their past.

Japan apologized on Monday for the Japanese army's role in abducting and detaining the "comfort girls" and said the apology would be repeated during Miyazawa's visit with President Roh Tae-woo Thursday and Friday.

Today, Miyazawa expressed an apology when he met with about 20 reporters of South Korean newspapers stationed in Tokyo, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said.

Korean historians say from 70,000 to 200,000 teenagers and young women were forced into prostitution for front-line Japanese troops in China, Southeast Asia and Japan during the war.

Japanese officials contend that many young people worked at wartime munitions factories outside Korea and it's difficult to determine how many were in prostitution.

Yun Chung-ok, a retired professor who has interviewed survivors and witnesses over the past decade, formed the Council for the Recognition of the Problems of the Pleasure Corps a year ago to stir up interest in the problem.

Iraq admits building uranium enrichment program for bombs

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iraq has acknowledged for the first time that it built a large uranium-enrichment system suitable for production of nuclear bombs, a senior U.N. inspector said today.

"The significance of this ... is that Iraq acknowledged it has been pursuing a production-scale centrifuge enrichment program rather than simply a research program," said the official, Robert Gallucci.

"We don't have evidence they operated the machines, but we're not saying that they did not," said Gallucci, the second-ranking official on the U.N. Special Commission charged with destroying Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

He spoke in Bahrain on return from the latest inspection trip to Iraq.

On Monday, an official at the United Nations in New York said investigators think Iraq might have had the means to build four nuclear bombs a year using a large-scale, sophisticated system for enriching uranium.

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Lifestyles

Chronic envy can be a destructive emotion

By COSMOPOLITAN
For AP Special Features

Envy is a general, mean-spirited resentment of anyone else's good fortune and it is marked by the desire to bring others down rather than to build oneself up.

The all-encompassing nature of envy, according to an article in the current issue of *Cosmopolitan*, distinguishes it from jealousy, which does focus on something specific — a job, money, a lover, a parent's approval, something that seems to have been lost to another.

"Jealousy is rooted in the suspicion that someone has stolen — or is about to steal — something we value," psychiatrist Willard Gaylin said.

"Envy is much larger," Gaylin added. "The envious person feels diminished by anyone else's achievements or happiness; there doesn't have to be a personal connection at all."

"Envy flows from an overwhelming sense of deprivation, a belief that there's a limited quantity of love and happiness in the world, and there won't be enough left for us if other people seem to be getting more than their fair share."

Most envy-plagued women engage, not in acts of sabotage but in passive, whiny resentment toward anyone who seems to have more than a "fair share" of life's blessings.

What Gaylin calls "the comparative point of view" is critical to the development of envy, which originates in childhood.

"One of the first sentences children utter is 'it's not fair,'" said New York psychotherapist Linda Barbanel. "The adult consumed with envy is an overgrown child running around screaming the same thing."

Barbanel said the worst thing about envy is that there's no end to it.

"We've all had the experience of feeling sickeningly jealous over some man only to wake up one wonderful morning and find we just don't care about him anymore — we're free," she said. "But envy feeds on itself. There will always be someone who's prettier or richer or more successful or just plain happier."

One of the most destructive aspects of chronic envy is that no amount of good fortune ever makes it go away.

"It's natural," Gaylin said, "to feel a certain envy of happily married friends if you've always wanted to be married but haven't found the right person. This isn't necessarily destructive. It must mean you want something that someone else has and you wish you did, too."

"But chronic envy works in the other direction. You see someone else and want what she has only because she has it. A chronically

envious person could find it in herself to hate happily married people even though she herself is satisfied with single life. But then, she probably isn't satisfied with anything; that's the nature of envy."

The envious woman usually has troubled relationships with friends and lovers, because her inability to take pleasure in her own life makes it difficult for her to rejoice with — or provide support for — anyone else.

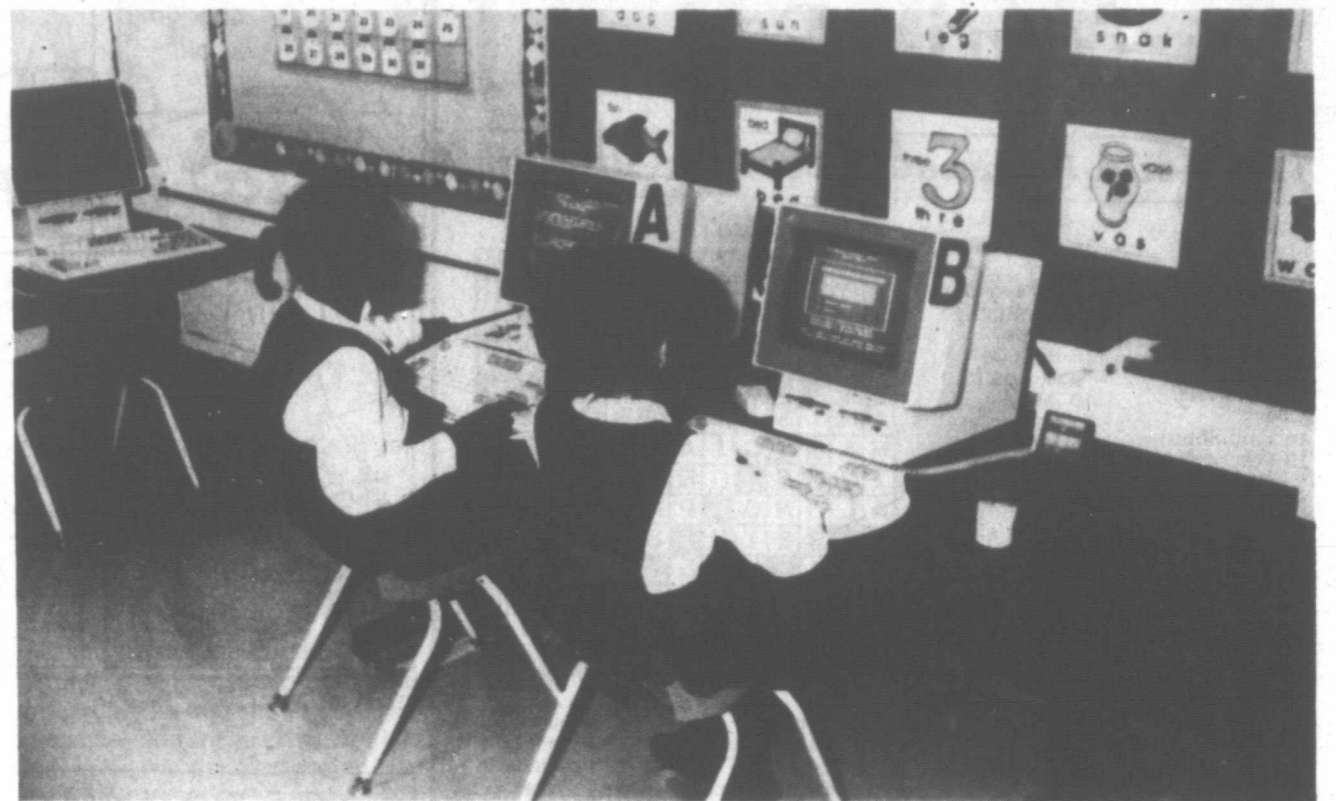
Men involved with envious women say they fall into the habit of censoring themselves whenever anything good happens.

Envy is a significant factor in the behavior of women who play the role of martyr, Barbanel said. Making other people feel guilty is the martyr's way of redressing the injustices she believes she is enduring.

The passivity of envy — the way in which it drains the energy needed for strength, courage and compassion — makes it a uniquely unproductive emotion.

"Unredeeming and unredeemable," Gaylin said, "it seems to serve none of the purposes that so many other emotions do. It does not alert us; it does not motivate us, liberate us or improve us."

The habit of envy is especially hard to unlearn, Susan Jacoby wrote in *Cosmopolitan*, because it provides such handy, responsibility-shifting rationale for all of life's disappointments.



Left, Courtney Echols and Wendy Arreola work on the computer utilizing the Writing-to-Read curriculum at St. Vincent's School

St. Vincent's School accepting new students

St. Vincent's School is accepting students for the spring semester, according to Rebecca Lewis, reading teacher.

Lewis said the school uses the IBM Writing-to-Read curriculum for language arts. She said the material is presented in a risk-free

environment which allows the child to be creative and imaginative.

"They have the freedom to be their own author and work at their own pace," Lewis said.

The average class size at St. Vincent's School is 10-12 stu-

dents. Religion classes meet four times weekly, plus a Friday mass. Lewis said that the school schedule also allows ample time for enrichment.

For more information about school enrollment, call principal Jess Baker at 665-5665.

Spalling bricks reflect freeze and thaw cycle

By POPULAR MECHANICS
For AP Special Features

Q: I have a brick retaining wall on either side of my driveway. Behind the wall is a grassy area. Quite a few of the bricks have spalled — the face has broken away, leaving cavities all over. Probably each broken brick will have to be chiseled out and a new brick will have to be inserted with fresh mortar. After going through this labor and expense, what can I do to keep the

new bricks from doing the same? A: Apparently, water is being absorbed by the bricks. During the winter this water freezes and thaws — a cyclical frost action that causes the bricks to spall.

Before you replace the damaged bricks, you must eliminate the source of the water. Seal and repoint all cracked and open joints in the coping on top of the wall and also between the exposed bricks. Perhaps the grassy area does not drain properly. If that soil periodically gets wet

and stays wet for long periods, the water could seep into the wall and cause the spalling.

In this case the wall must be protected from the water. You may have to excavate the area from behind the wall and fill it in with gravel to about 6 inches below the final grade. Cover the gravel with vinyl sheets and then with top-soil. Make weep holes by chiseling out the mortar in places between the bricks at the bottom of the wall if there aren't any.

Compulsion to overeat is threat to life

DEAR ABBY: I don't know what to do anymore. My life has been at a standstill for over 20 years because of my weight. I am extremely overweight, and have been all my life. I am in my late 20s and am embarrassed to admit that I have no friends, no social life, and I've never had a date.

Yes, I know that there are women who are overweight living happy, normal lives, but I am not one of them. I am living the life of a hermit. I am embarrassed to be seen and stared at. I have seen a diet doctor and tried every diet imaginable. I've tried fads, gimmicks, starvation, pills — the works. I lose a couple of pounds, then get hungry for something good to eat, and stuff myself.

Money is tight or I would go to a fat farm. I get depressed and cry for hours and think horrible thoughts. I know that my problem is in my head. I'm a compulsive overeater and I need help, and I need it now. I can feel my heart pounding in my chest from walking up a flight of stairs. I'm scared. I really am. Please help me, Abby. Life is passing me by. I'm too young to die.

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DEAR LONG ISLANDER: You are not alone; half the women in America are overweight — some are more overweight than others.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Anonymous? If you have, and dropped out, don't be embarrassed; give it another try — you won't be the first person who didn't make it on the first try. Look at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself you're worth saving. You are, but only you can save yourself — so get going, Long Islander. The longest trek in the world starts with one step. Good luck. You can make it if you try. Please write again. I care.

DEAR ABBY: As a physician, I have seen many women die of breast cancer. In 1960, this disease attacked one woman in every 20. It has risen steadily to the current toll of one in nine. Many women do not know that their risk of breast cancer is linked to foods.

Low-fat, high-fiber diets can reduce the risk of cancer dramatically.

The National Cancer Institute has recommended such a diet for years. Unfortunately, only one woman in five is aware of the link, according to a recent Opinion Research Corp. poll.

Abby, will you please tell your readers that the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine has a toll-free telephone number that people can call to get information on breast cancer prevention: Dial 1-800-U.S.-LIVES. The call and the information are free. By sending out this information, you will save more lives than any doctor could ever hope to. Many, many thanks.

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Geometry projects



Students of geometry teacher Frank McCullough display projects designed to utilize the principles of geometry studied during the fall semester. From left are Chris Pullin with a ranch scene, Zach Cambern with a guillotine, teacher Frank McCullough holding an off-shore drilling rig designed by Ray Adamson and a bedroom scene designed by Angela Rodriguez, and Stacie Johnson holding a model of a ranch house.

New evidence links in skin cancer to environment

By DR. IRWIN M. FREDBERG
New York University School
of Medicine

NEW YORK — Dermatologists have long known that too many days under the sun can cause skin cancer. But now we have a new understanding of the situation.

Researchers have discovered the unmistakable signs of genetic damage from excessive exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays in tumor cells grown from patients with squamous cell cancer.

It has been proven in the laboratory that genetic material is damaged by ultraviolet light and this discovery shows exactly what happens to a specific gene called the "p53 gene" when ultraviolet rays damage it, preventing it from making a protein which regulates cell growth. Without this protein the cells multiply uncontrollably, causing the skin cancer to grow.

The damage to p53 has also been linked to other types of cancer, including malignancies of the brain, breast, colon, lungs and other organs.

Unlike tumors which are in other parts of the body, skin cancers are easily seen. So it is possible that this research will in the future lead to a completely new type of prevention or treatment for skin cancer.

For the present, the linkage between p53, damage from ultraviolet rays and skin cancer is especially significant in light of a troubling environmental issue.

All forms of skin cancer are on the rise and scientists believe the reason is a direct result of holes in the atmospheric ozone layer, which normally absorbs harmful ultraviolet radiation.

The most common type of skin cancer is basal cell carcinoma. It is estimated a half million people are diagnosed with this tumor annually.

Squamous cell carcinoma is the second most common skin cancer, with about 100,000 new cases every year.

Although it can spread to other organs if untreated, squamous cell carcinoma is usually preceded by easily seen pre-cancerous lesions called actinic keratoses. They appear as white, brown or light red patches with a rough texture on areas of the skin most exposed to the sun such as the face, ears and the back of the hands. They can be easily removed, but the patient needs to be monitored for recurrent keratoses.

Matney to speak to task force

Deanne Matney, a native of the Panhandle will address the Formerly Battered Women's Task Force, 10 a.m. - noon, Saturday, Jan. 18, Polk Street United Methodist Church, Amarillo.

The FBWTF consists of women who have experienced abuse in some form from a partner at some time during their adult life.

Matney has been working in private practice for 22 years. She has taught classes in stress and anger management, healing the inner child

and co-dependency through Amarillo College's continuing education program.

Matney lectures on co-dependency, building self-esteem, healing dysfunctional relationships and addictions involving drug and alcohol abuse.

Matney will speak on setting and explaining personal boundaries, how boundaries are damaged and restored.

For more information, in Pampa call, 669-1131.

Newsmakers

Northwestern Oklahoma State University has named Jennifer Sims to the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester. To qualify Sims earned all A's or a 4.0 grade point average, in a minimum of 14 undergraduate hours.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University has named Shawn Michael Hoover, Booker; Jim

Newman Chandler and Christie Lee Peery, Canadian; and Connie Jeanine Rutledge, Pampa, to the fall semester Dean's List.

Mark Wood, Pampa, has been named to the fall semester Dean's List at Western Texas College. He is a sophomore engineering major who is also a member of the WTC golf team and Phi Theta Kappa honorary fraternity.

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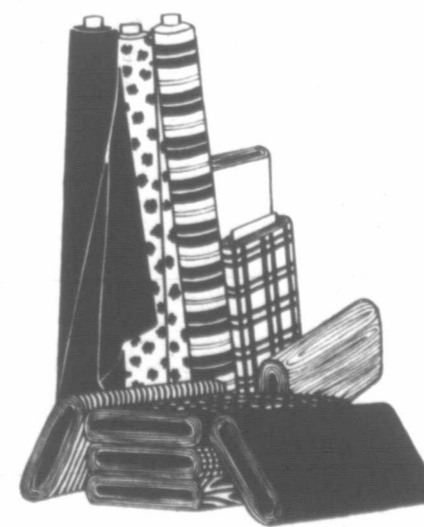
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The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE



By Mark Cullum

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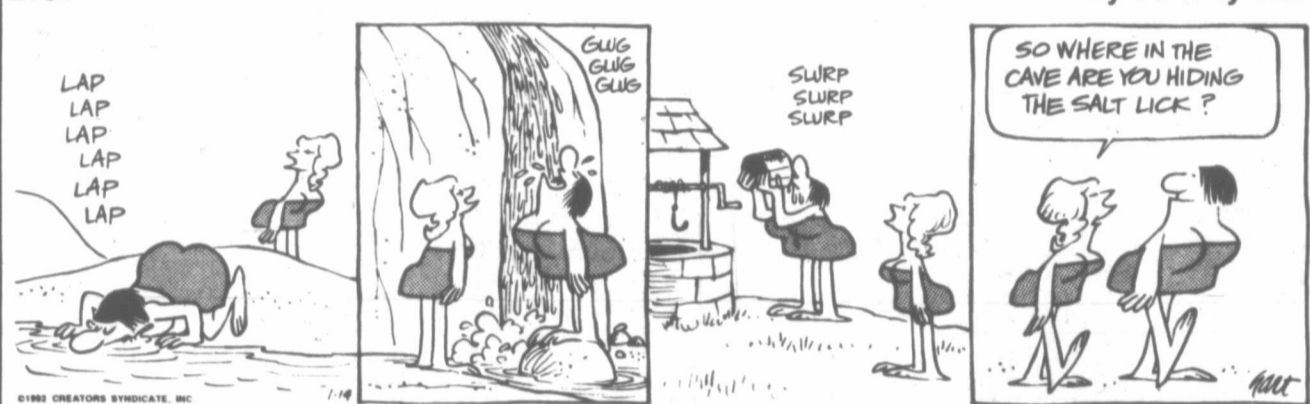
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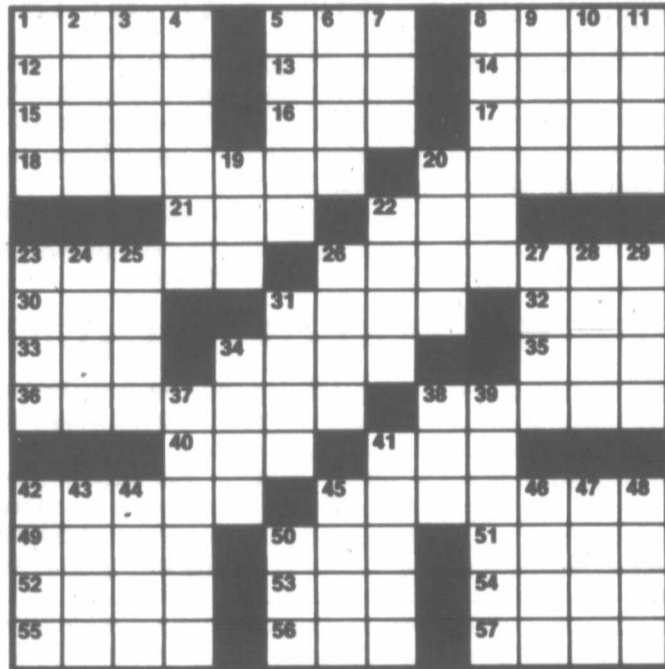


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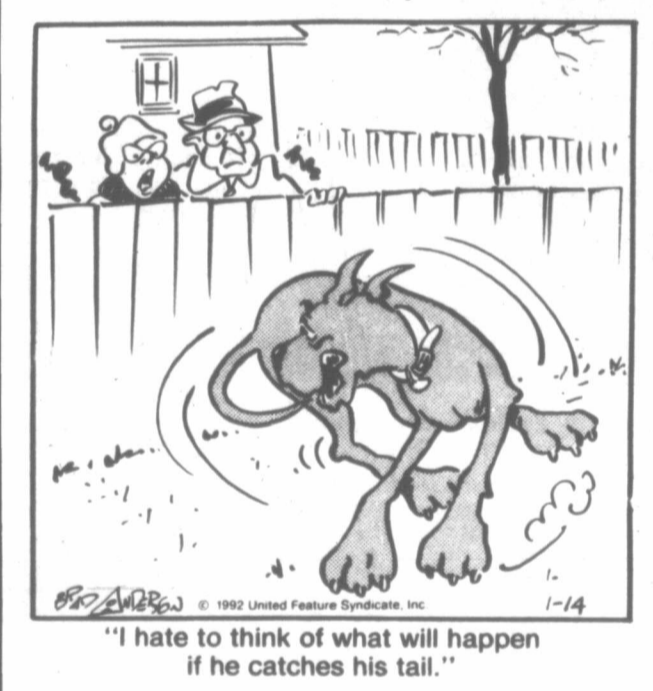
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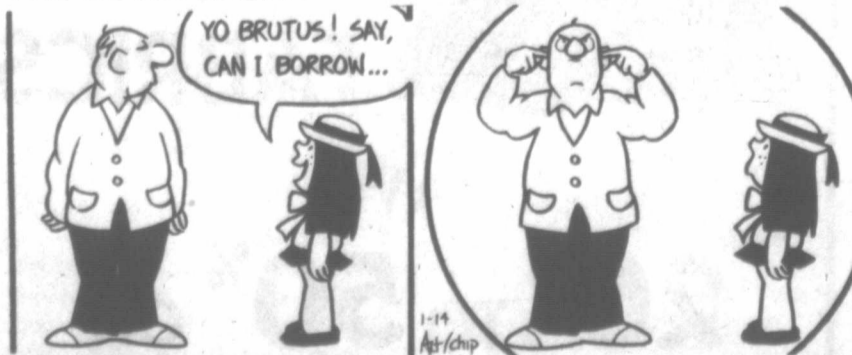


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by bernice bede osol

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have greater positive reserve upon which to draw today than you may realize. This will only become evident to you, though, when you have to deal with unexpected, challenging developments.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is a propitious day to launch a new endeavor, especially if it is a venture that involves a close friend. It will be up to you, however, to initiate events.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Dealings you have today which directly affect your status and material circumstances should work out to your satisfaction. Developments to enhance your sense of security are stirring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A beneficial contact who is presently separated from you by distance mustn't be neglected. Good things could result from re-establishing lines of communication.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're a tough customer to deceive today; you aren't likely to take things at face value. However, if you catch someone telling a small fib, don't blow it out of proportion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Associates will find you an agreeable individual to deal with today because of your strong desire to be cooperative. Any concessions you make will be matched with equal vigor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Focus your energy today on your most ambitious objectives. What was formally unattainable can now be achieved — if you try.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your ability to absorb knowledge and information could be keener than usual today. You should be especially adroit at picking up pointers from individuals you deal with on a one-to-one basis.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The end results you're hoping for should work out as you anticipate today, provided you leave nothing to chance. Carefully monitor every step of what you undertake.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Sunshine could begin to filter into several situations today which have been recently shrouded by clouds. This may be due to the support you'll now receive that you were previously denied.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are now in an interesting cycle where you could begin to generate increased earnings. Be sure to do the best job you can; your rewards will be proportionate to your productivity.

Sports

Jordan, Seles chosen AP Athletes of Year

Bulls' star is second from NBA

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Michael Jordan joins an elite club as *The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year* for 1991: The Chicago Bulls player is only the second NBA athlete to win the award.

"I'm very surprised since I thought all the awards had been handed out," Jordan said. "And I don't take the award lightly."

"I've had lots of honors over the years, and every one is very special to me," he added.

Jordan also was named NBA Player of the Week on Monday.

Jordan, 28, led the Bulls to their first title last season. He was named league and playoff MVP.

Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics was AP Male Athlete of the Year in 1986, the only other NBA player to win the award in its 61-year history.

"There are a lot of things that make Michael very special," said Bulls coach Phil Jackson.

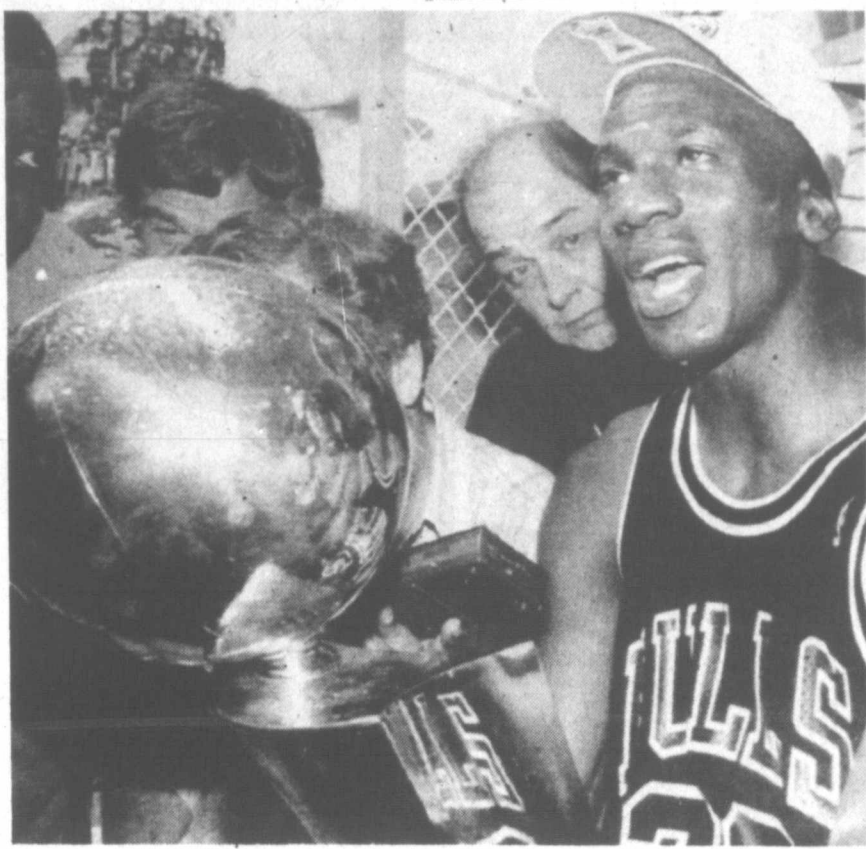
"The AP Athlete of the Year Award comes on the heels of the Sports Illustrated Award, but it has to be an honor he has to be very proud of," Jackson said of Jordan. "For whatever reason, and I don't know what it is, the NBA does not get too many of these kinds of awards."

AP-member sports writers and broadcasters were asked to vote for three athletes, with a first-place vote worth five points, second three and third one. Jordan compiled 348 points to 134 for long jumper Mike Powell and 80 for six-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time AP Male Athlete of the Year Carl Lewis.

Jordan got 46 of 122 first-place votes.

Powell, who broke Bob Beamon's 23-year-old world long jump record by leaping 29 feet, 4 1/2 inches at the World Championships, got 22 first-place votes.

Lewis' 10-year, 65-meet streak was broken by Powell. But at the Championships at Tokyo in August, he beat Leroy Burrell and broke his world record for the 100-meter dash with a time of 9.86 seconds. Lewis got eight first-place votes.



Michael Jordan, in a file photo, holds the NBA championship trophy the Chicago Bulls won last season. (AP Laserphoto)

Nolan Ryan of the Texas Rangers, baseball's no-hitter and strikeout king, finished fourth in the voting after a second-place finish last year to San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana. Ryan threw his seventh no-hitter last season. He led 10 balls and got 76 points.

Fifth with eight first-place votes and 68 points was Cal Ripken Jr. of the Baltimore Orioles, who won his second American League MVP award. Magic Johnson, who announced his retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers because he had contracted the virus that causes AIDS, also got eight first-place votes and finished with 48 points.

Finishing seventh in the balloting was tennis comeback sensation Jimmy Connors. Next were pole vaulter Sergei Bubka of Ukraine, Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard and comeback boxer George Foreman.

Jordan, a 6-foot-6, 198-pound guard, led the league in scoring for the fifth straight season with a 31.5 average. Only Wilt Chamberlain, with seven, won more scoring titles.

Jordan also made the All-NBA team for the fifth straight season and its All-Defense team for the fourth year in a row.

He came into this season averaging an all-time NBA-best 32.6. He scored 30 or more points 52 times last season and 40 or more on 11 occasions. His season high was 46 points against Milwaukee on April 15.

In postseason play, Jordan has averaged 34.6 for his career.

He was at his best last spring in leading Chicago to a 15-2 playoff record. The Bulls swept defending champion Detroit in the Eastern Conference finals 4-0 and whipped the Lakers 4-1 for the title.

Jordan averaged 31.1 points in the playoffs and had 142 assists (8.4 per game), his highest for the playoffs, and 108 rebounds (6.4 per game).

An All-American at North Carolina in 1983 and 1984, Jordan was the NBA Rookie of the Year in 1985 after the Bulls made him their first-round draft choice. He started in the All-Star game in each of his first seven seasons and won his other NBA MVP award in 1987.

Jordan, whose career high is 69 points in an overtime victory against Cleveland in 1990, holds numerous NBA records. His 17,606 career points are the most scored by a guard.

Seles' pick gives tennis 61 winners

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Monica Seles' eyes sparkled at the thought of being linked with the greatest women athletes of the century, some she had only read about and others she had admired from a distance.

After a year of glittering triumphs and embarrassing gaffes, a Grand Slam season with a giant hole in the middle and wild rumors swirling all around, Seles was the overwhelming choice of sports writers and broadcasters as the 1991 AP Female Athlete of the Year.

"It means a lot to me because of all the great athletes who have won it, like Florence Griffith Joyner and Jackie Joyner-Kersey," Seles said as she learned of the vote Tuesday at the Australian Open. "To be in that group, and with Michael Jordan winning the men's award, is a really great feeling."

Seles, just turned 18, became the youngest winner since 15-year-old Olympic gold medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton in 1984.

Tall and lanky, with her trademark two-toned grunt on groundstrokes, Seles won all three of the Grand Slams she entered in 1991 — the Australian, French and U.S. Opens — plus the Virginia Slims Championships while winning a record \$2.5 million and succeeding Steffi Graf as No. 1.

In the balloting, Seles received 72 of 120 first-place votes.

AP-member sports writers and broadcasters were asked to vote for three athletes, with a first-place vote worth five points, three points for second and one point for third. Seles compiled 432 points. Tied with 114 points were tennis player Martina Navratilova, a two-time winner, and golfer Pat Bradley.

Gymnast Kim Zmeskal was second to Seles in first-place votes. She got 10 and a total of 72 points. Ahead of her in points were golfer Meg Mallon, who got 104, and softball pitcher Debbie Doom with 96.

The naming of Seles, who succeeds golfer Beth Daniel as Female Athlete of the Year, gives tennis 23 winners in the 61 years of the award.



Tennis star Monica Seles, shown in action last week, won three Grand Slam events. (AP Laserphoto)

Rounding out the top 10 in the voting were tennis players Gabriela Sabatini, Graf and Jennifer Capriati, and track star Diane Dixon.

For all Seles' glory, her year was stained when she abruptly withdrew from Wimbledon just before the start, failed to explain her action and went into hiding. That led to rumors of pregnancy and abortion that persisted even after she said she had shin splints.

The episode, followed by her appearance soon afterward at an exhibition where she showed no signs of injury, sullied her once-pristine reputation and left her in the eyes of some as a liar, an out-of-control teen, or a manipulative money-grabber.

Suddenly, she wasn't the cute tennis princess, but an outlandish Madonna in sneakers, a "mystery girl" conning the world. She was even booed during her victory speech at the U.S. Open when she thanked Donald Trump for his support.

"I was playing great tennis through the whole year and there weren't too many really bad times," she said as she reviewed a year that was at once one of the best and worst of her young life. "The worst was probably Wimbledon because I

couldn't play it and such a big deal was made out of it.

"It was the first time I'd ever read stories about me that were lies. People just believed that junk and it hurt me knowing the kind of accusations people make up."

"I just really freaked. I didn't know what was going on at the time, but my agent showed me all those clippings, and even now they're still going on about it. Now if I'm injured, I'm just gonna go for it, even if I cry through the whole press conference."

When she turned pro three years ago, she didn't think she'd move up quite so quickly.

"I had a goal to be No. 1 by the time I was 21," Seles said. "I don't know why 21, but it seemed a safe age — not too young and not too old."

But when Graf's grip on No. 1 finally slipped after a record 186 straight weeks, Seles found herself thrust into the spotlight and facing new pressures.

"I couldn't be too happy because I had to defend my No. 1 ranking, or I could've had the shortest reign in the world," she said. "The problem now is what can happen this year. It might be all down. I want to win Wimbledon, though."

Super Bowl match is one for the books

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Super Bowl matchup of football's two best teams means super business for this state's bookmakers, who could take in a record \$50 million in legal bets by game time.

The game bettors love to bet the most could be the most heavily bet ever, thanks to the pairing of Buffalo and Washington and a point spread that figures to stay within a touchdown.

"Fifty million is a great figure," said Sonny Reizner, sports book director at the Rio hotel-casino.

"Every year the betting has gone up and up. It wouldn't surprise me if there was \$50 million bet legally in the state of Nevada."

Bettors got a good start on the game Sunday night, when sports books posted the opening line making the Redskins a six-point favorite over the Bills.

The early money pushed the line even higher, with Washington favored by seven points at some books by Monday morning.

"We're still getting people who can't believe Washington is only a six

and a half point favorite," said Lenny Del Genio, who manages the sports book at Bally's hotel-casino. "The public seems to really like Washington."

Bookmakers say this year's game matchup is one of the most attractive in recent years for bettors, who wagered an estimated \$40 million on last year's game between the Bills and the New York Giants.

Add to that the increasing popularity of sports betting and bookies are eyeing possible record numbers. "I know there's a recession but

sports betting hasn't seen it yet," said Michael Roxborough, an odds-maker who sets the odds for many Las Vegas books. "I think the betting will be up this year, just because of the two teams that are in it."

Del Genio said even people who don't normally bet on football games will make an exception with the Super Bowl.

"It's one of those institutions," he said. "I don't think anything in the world would stop betting on the Super Bowl. Last year we had the Gulf War and they were still betting the game."

NASCAR involved in suit

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Veteran race car drivers Darrell Waltrip and Ken Schrader were among today's scheduled witnesses on behalf of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing in a lawsuit that stemmed from Rick Baldwin's 1986 accident at the Michigan International Speedway.

Deborah Baldwin, the racer's wife, is suing NASCAR for \$50 million. She said she blames NASCAR-required safety equipment for her husband's serious injury.

Baldwin has been in a coma since suffering head injuries in a one-car crash at the track in Brooklyn, Mich., in June, 1986.

Mrs. Baldwin's composure broke several times Monday as she described how her husband's racing accident had devastated her family. She answered questions before a state district court judge about her family's life before and after the accident.

During cross examination, Mrs. Baldwin testified that her husband loved car racing and was aware of the risks involved. She identified his signature on several documents, including releases of liability from various car races and tracks.

Monday, a member of Baldwin's crew testified that, before the accident, the driver made modifications to his car that could have made it harder to handle.

The crewman said Baldwin had buckled his safety harness snugly and that several modifications had been completed to make the car "loose," or run faster.

In a written deposition, crewman Johnny Davis said an element of the car's suspension, the sway bar, was adjusted to coax more speed from the car. However, the adjustments also made the car harder to handle, he said.

Baldwin had practiced with the car the day before and the morning of the accident, Davis said. However, when Baldwin went to the track for his qualifying run, a change had been made, he said. The car's air vents had been taped to make it run faster, he said.

Davis testified that Baldwin made the adjustments to the suspension, and in the process had accidentally left a bolt loose. He said he mentioned the bolt to Baldwin after tightening it.

"Look, you need to watch what you do more," Davis said he told Baldwin, "because someone could get hurt if the bar was loose."

Mrs. Baldwin was the last witness called by her attorney.

Mrs. Baldwin told the 12-person jury that her husband had been a model father and that his incapacitating injuries have had lasting effects on the couple's two daughters.

Baldwin was injured while attempting to qualify for NASCAR's Miller 400. When he lost control of his car on a turn, the car spun 180 degrees and the driver's side hit the track's outside retaining wall.

Wrestling canceled

The Pampa-Tascosa wrestling match scheduled for tonight has been canceled due to semester exams. The match will not be rescheduled.

Arnsperger joins Chargers

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Bill Arnsperger resigned as Florida's athletic director to become defensive coordinator of the San Diego Chargers, his first NFL job in eight years.

Arnsperger, 65, Florida's athletic director since 1987, will take 35 years of coaching experience to the Chargers. He began his NFL coaching career with the Baltimore in 1964, where he stayed until 1970 when he joined Don Shula's staff in Miami. Arnsperger was head coach of the New York Giants for 2 1/2 seasons before returning to Miami.

He left the Dolphins in 1984 to become head coach at Louisiana State, where he stayed until accepting the job at Florida.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Green Bay general manager Ron Wolf said the Packers will return a 1992 second-round draft choice to

San Francisco in exchange for being allowed to hire Mike Holmgren as head coach.

Holmgren had been an assistant coach with San Francisco for six years, and had one year remaining on his contract with the 49ers. Green Bay obtained the second-round pick from the 49ers last season in a trade that sent Tim Harris to the 49ers. Wolf said the contract also resolves all conditions relating to the Harris trade.

NEW YORK (AP) — Buffalo linebacker Cornelius Bennett was named AFC player of the week and Washington quarterback Mark Rypien was honored in the NFC.

Bennett had nine tackles, including four for losses, in the Bills' 10-7 victory over Denver in the AFC championship. Rypien completed 12 of 17 passes for 228 yards in the Redskins' 41-10 victory over Detroit in the NFC championship.

Steelers close to decision

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers are close to a decision on a new head coach, but the team's director of football development said he won't be rushed.

"I don't want to be pinned down to a specific date, because there are still things that have to be done," Tom Donahoe said Monday.

Steelers officials apparently have narrowed their list of candidates to five, all but one of whom have ties to the Pittsburgh area. The Pittsburgh Press reported today that Woody Widenhofer, the Detroit Lions offensive coordinator, also was a candidate.

Widenhofer was a linebackers coach for the Steelers Super Bowl teams. A link to the city seems to be a prerequisite of owner Dan Rooney, who has stressed the team's tradition, family atmosphere and "mom and pop shop" approach to football.

The Steelers hope to choose Chuck Noll's replacement by the end of the week, but may put off the decision until next week.

Donahoe, who was named to his post after the end of the season, said the Steelers are looking for someone

with consistency in dealing with players and the ability to teach.

The Steelers have interviewed 11 candidates to replace Noll, who retired Dec. 26 after 23 seasons with the team.

The final candidates are Widenhofer; Joe Greene, Steelers' defensive line coach and former player; Dave Wannstedt, Dallas Cowboys' defensive coordinator; Bill Cowher, defensive coordinator of the Kansas City Chiefs; and Kevin Gilbride, offensive coordinator for the Houston Oilers.

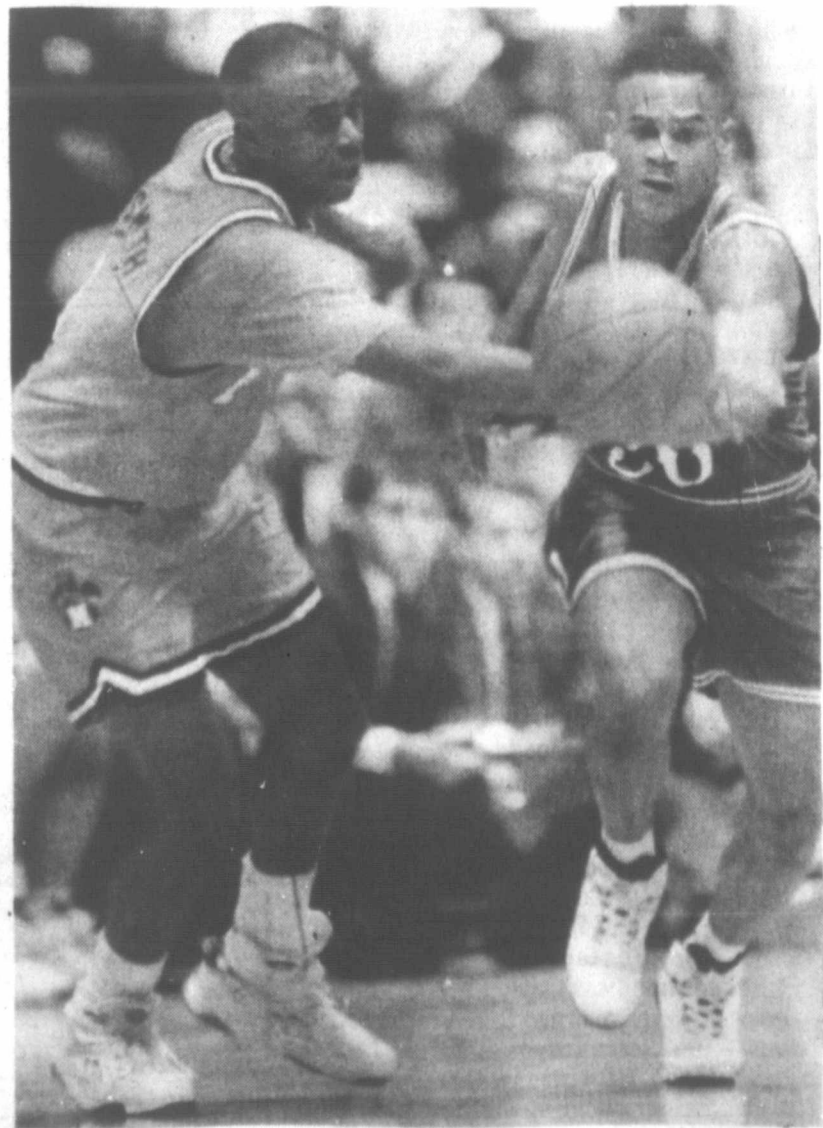
Gilbride has no ties to Pittsburgh. Greene played for the Steelers and Wannstedt and Cowher are area natives.

"I think it went well," Cowher said of his interview. "I feel about the same way the last time I was here. It's a situation for Mr. Rooney and Tom to get a better idea of myself."

"It's a great opportunity for a head coach to come in here," he said. "There's a very stable front office and a great corps of players here."

The Steelers first talked to Gilbride over the weekend, after meeting initial resistance from Oilers owner Bud Adams.

Jayhawks work overtime



University of Missouri-Columbia guard Reggie Smith, left, races against University of Kansas guard Alonzo Jordan for a loose ball during first-half action in Columbia Monday night. The No. 6 ranked Kansas Jayhawks beat Missouri 92-80 in overtime. (AP Laserphoto)

Mild McEnroe rips Dyke

By PAUL ALEXANDER
Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — John McEnroe returned to the scene of the crime today for a match remarkable mostly — surprise — for his good behavior.

Two years ago, the brash New Yorker was kicked out of the Australian Open after throwing a temper tantrum on center court. But the fans welcomed him back with open arms even though he ousted Broderick Dyke, formerly Australia's top-ranked player, 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.

The two-week Grand Slam event was marred for the second day by the withdrawal of a highly ranked player. Germany's Steffi Graf, the No. 2 women's seed, pulled out with a viral infection shortly before her first match and returned to Germany.

The illness, which began more than a week ago with an earache, is the latest in a string of ailments that has plagued Graf, who lost in the quarterfinals here last year and yielded her No. 1 ranking a few months later to defending champion Monica Seles.

Pete Sampras, the men's No. 6 seed, withdrew Monday with a shoulder injury.

A record National Tennis Center crowd of 23,832 still got its money's worth on a day highlighted by emotional matchups.

No. 2 men's seed Jim Courier drew a fine for a shouted obscenity as he struggled to a 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 victory against France's Rodolphe Gilbert.

Courier, the French Open winner and U.S. Open runner-up, didn't get much respect from the 84th-ranked Gilbert or officials, who at first assigned the match to a distant outer court, then moved it to the smallest of three show courts.

"There were a few things frustrating out there," Courier said. "I was not hitting the ball as well as I'd like to, and he was hitting it cleanly. He had a few let-cords in a row, and that irritated me, but I got out of it."

Wimbledon winner Michael Stich of Germany had his hands full with Spain's Javier Sanchez. The No. 4 seed was down a break in the first set and lost the fourth before finally struggling into the second round with a 7-5, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 victory.

Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, the No. 3 women's seed, pleased her loyal following with an easy 6-2, 6-0 victory over outgunned Julie Halard of France.

No. 7 Guy Forget battled on center court for nearly four hours with fellow French Davis Cup hero Henri Leconte before finally prevailing in a see-saw five-setter 2-6, 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 6-3.

After the emotionally draining match, Leconte climbed the net and hugged his doubles partner. The two walked off the court together with their arms draped around each other as the crowd stood and cheered.

At the same time, fans packed adjacent Court 1 even before Australia's Jason Stoltenberg and Goran Ivanisevic, who says he represents the breakaway Yugoslav republic of Croatia, took the court.

The smaller but very vocal Croatian contingent duled constantly with Stoltenberg's backers, waving Croatian flags and chanting "Goran." The support seemed to help as Ivanisevic prevailed 7-6 (14-12), 6-3, 6-4, saving seven set points in the first set.

McEnroe won the first dozen points and lost only two points on serve in the first two sets as Dyke, now No. 753 on the men's tour, sprayed balls everywhere but on the court.

In one stretch, after holding to 4-2 in the first set, the soft-serving Dyke won only three points over the next seven games.

"It was one of those matches where his game played well into mine," McEnroe said. "I think I did everything well. This is the type of match I like to play."

Asked if he really thought he could win this first Grand Slam event of the year, the 28th-ranked McEnroe cracked. "Perhaps if a few guys break their leg on the way, perhaps if Boris falls over during the match. But if I were you, I wouldn't bet your last dollar on it."

McEnroe next meets Russian Andrei Cherkasov, ranked No. 21, with the winner likely to face defending champion Boris Becker in the third round.

"I don't like to play the big servers," McEnroe said. "I like to attack, and Cherkasov is not a big server."

Downhill racer



Julie Parisien of the U.S. speeds down the women's special slalom course in Hinterstoder, Austria, today on her way to third place in Women's World Cup competition. Annelies Coberger of New Zealand took a surprise first place while Vreni Schneider placed second.

Pistons stop Mavericks, 84-81

By The Associated Press

With the score tied, Joe Dumars was worried about two things: winning the game for the Detroit Pistons and keeping the Dallas Mavericks from winning it.

So when Dumars saw an opening to shoot with eight seconds left, he waited a little longer. Finally, his 3-point shot from the top of the circle swished through the basket with 1.8 seconds left, too little time for the Mavericks to overcome the 84-81 deficit.

"It was perfect timing," Detroit coach Chuck Daly said. "The idea was to get the last shot."

After taking the inbound pass, Dumars dribbled four times before releasing his game-winning shot over Derek Harper, dooming the Mavericks to their eighth consecutive loss.

The Mavericks, whose losing skein is the longest active streak in the NBA, lost their previous seven games by an average of 20 points.

NBA Roundup

The Pistons, who won their fourth straight game and 11th in 13 tries, were led by Orlando Woolridge with 15 points. Dumars, Dennis Rodman and Isiah Thomas scored 14 apiece, and Rodman had 21 rebounds, the 13th time in 19 games the NBA's rebounding leader has grabbed 20 or more.

Terry Davis had 14 points and 21 rebounds for the Mavericks. Rolando Blackman scored 15 points.

Detroit, which led by as many as 10 points in the first half, had a 77-70 advantage with five minutes left, but Blackman scored five points during a 9-0 streak that gave the Mavericks a two-point lead with 2:16 remaining.

Thomas tied the game with a foul-line jumper, then passed to Bill Laimbeer for a jumper that gave Detroit an 81-79 edge. Harper countered with an 18-footer that tied the score, setting up Dumars' game-winner. A foul prevented Dallas from getting off a 3-point attempt in the final seconds.

Clippers 98, SuperSonics 94
Los Angeles beat Seattle for the sixth consecutive time at the Sports Arena as Ron Harper scored 25 points and Danny Manning 20.

The win was only the fifth in 14 games for the Clippers, who also got 16 points and 14 rebounds from Olden Polynice, traded to the

Clippers by the SuperSonics in exchange for Benoit Benjamin last season.

Eddie Johnson scored 20 points for the Sonics, who played without scoring leader Ricky Pierce because of the flu and lost point guard Gary Payton in the final minutes with bruised ribs.

The Clippers, who missed injured backup point guard Gary Grant because of a strained abdominal muscle, lost leading scorer Charles Smith with a sore shoulder in the second quarter and starting point guard Doc Rivers when he was called for a double technical foul in the third period.

With the score 96-94, Benjamin blocked Harper's attempted layup and the Sonics called timeout with 15 seconds remaining. But Johnson missed from 17 feet, Harper grabbed the rebound and sank two free throws with 3.8 seconds left.

Nuggets 111, Kings 109

Denver got a dominating performance from its front line, but the Nuggets needed Reggie Williams' 3-pointer with 14 seconds left to win at home against Sacramento.

Williams scored 26 points, fellow forward Greg Anderson had 22 points and 16 rebounds and center Dikembe Mutombo had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Nuggets, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Wayman Tisdale, who scored 29 points, put the Kings ahead 109-107 with an 18-footer with 27 seconds left, setting up Williams' go-ahead 3-pointer.

After a timeout, Sacramento set up for a final shot, but Tisdale's errant pass was intercepted by Anderson with 5.1 seconds left. Lionel Simmons, who scored 31 points, fouled Mutombo, who hit one of two free throws with 1.6 seconds left, completing the scoring.

Mitch Richmond missed a midcourt shot at the final buzzer.

Suns 131, Timberwolves 111
At Phoenix, Jeff Hornacek scored 26 points and Kevin Johnson had 19 points and 13 assists as the Suns improved their three-year record against Minnesota to 10-0.

Hornacek had 10 points in the third quarter, when the Suns outscored the Wolves 40-23 to take a 97-67 lead.

Dan Majerle added 20 points in 27 minutes for Phoenix, which won its fourth straight overall and 13th straight at home.

Pooh Richardson led Minnesota with 14 points.

Sexton, Thomas chosen by writers for additional postseason honors

Pampa High football stars Phil Sexton and Zach Thomas grabbed more postseason honors this week with both being named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A all-state team.

Sexton, a 230-pound senior, was a second-team selection at defensive end. Thomas, a 225-pound senior, was a third-team pick at linebacker. Sexton and Thomas earlier were named to the *The Associated Press Sports Editors Class 4A* all-state team which was announced last month. Both were first-team defensive selections.

Also honored as all-staters on the AP Sports Editors team were Harvesters Sammy Laury, a 180-pound senior who tied for second-team offensive back, and Todd McCavit, a 166-pound

senior who received honorable mention in kicking.

The all-staters and other members of the PHS football team will be honored at 7 p.m. Wednesday at a banquet in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room.

Pampa native and former Harvesters athlete John Jenkins, head football coach at the University of Houston, will be featured speaker.

A highlights film of this season's Harvesters team also will be shown.

The Harvesters, coached by Dennis Cavalier, posted an 11-3 record this season and went further than any previous PHS team in the playoffs. The Harvesters won the District 1-4A championship and won three playoff games in advancing to the state quarterfinals.

Borger squads beat PMS in roundball

Pampa Middle School 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams were defeated by Borger in games played last week.

Borger Red slipped by Pampa Red, 17-14, in the 7th grade game.

Scoring for Pampa were Katy Fortin with 7

points, Tina Dwight 3, Amy Morris 2 and Karla Murray 2.

Borger Red won over Pampa Red, 22-14, in the 8th grade contest.

Serenity King was top scorer for Pampa with 12 points, followed by Jane Brown with 2.

Highland Park takes pair from Canadian

CANADIAN — Luvirt Wells scored 32 points to lead Highland Park past Canadian, 65-58, Monday night in a District 2-2A basketball game.

Nick Hiemstra was high scorer for the Wildcats with 23 points, followed by Joel Robbins with 13.

Halftime score was 36-24, Canadian's favor. Joe McGill added 13 points for Highland Park, which boosted its record to 17-3.

Highland Park edged Canadian, 47-46, in the girls' clash.

Melissa Graham scored 13 points and Chanda Velasquez 12 to top Highland Park in scoring.

Myrlah Jaco was high scorer for the Lady Wildcats with 19 points. Teammate Jenny Wilburn added 13.

Canadian made a fourth-quarter comeback after trailing by 12 points after three quarters, but time ran out on the Lady Wildcats.

Canadian girls have a 7-9 record while Canadian boys are 11-6.

Cadillac Women puts trainer in drivers seat

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — Trainer Tom Pryor's ticket to his first Breeders' Cup was a \$4,500 yearling purchase called Cadillac Women.

For two weeks, in barn 41 at Churchill Downs, he soaked up the atmosphere.

"To go down there and be in the same barn, you had In Excess up here on the corner, you had Dance Smartly right down two stalls away, you had Itsaligreekto me," Pryor said. "The whole barn, everything that walked by you was a good horse."

"Visiting with those people and kind of being a part of it and feeling legitimately like you were ... very exciting, very exciting," he said. "It whets your appetite. We all dream about having one in there."

The fact that Cadillac Women belonged in the Breeders' Cup race for 2-year-old fillies is amazing considering that she did not race until Aug. 7 — less than 90 days before the race.

Owned by Pryor and Jones Biven, she won a maiden race by almost eight lengths and captured a stakes race before getting beat in a photo in the Arlington Lassie on Sept. 21.

After that, Pryor and Biven looked at the options. Keeneland offered a prestigious race but Pryor didn't want a hard 1-1/16-mile only two weeks before the Breeders' Cup. So, they focused on a new stakes race at seven furlongs at Keeneland on Oct. 9.

"Jones and I decided, 'Let's just

take her down there and if she wins that, there's her \$20,000 to pay her into the Breeders' Cup.' She would have made her own money," Pryor said.

Besides, he said, Cadillac Women would be in Kentucky and he could work her a mile at Churchill.

Cadillac Women won at Keeneland by almost a length and it was on to Louisville.

Two weeks after the Breeders' Cup, trainer Charlie Whittingham purchased the filly for almost \$500,000. Strictly business, Pryor said.

"It was too much money for Jones and I to risk," he said. "These things are very ... any second, they can be gone. It was the thing to do. And the thing for him to do in his situation was to buy a filly like that. It was really a matter of dollars."

"She may be one of the best fillies ever," Pryor said. "She still has that capability."

He pointed out that Cadillac Women soundly defeated a filly from France, who was named European Filly of the Year. "So, you're looking at the second or third best filly in the world," he said.

He said the buyers were shocked to find out that he and Biven had not insured Cadillac Women — the premium runs about 6 percent of the value of the policy.

"We don't insure horses," he said. "If you can't afford to lose them, you can't afford to insure them. You danged sure can't insure all of them. It's a risk game from the word go."

Pryor and Biven were willing to go as high as \$15,000-\$17,000 for Cadillac Women. They had had success with a filly named Mercedes Miss, the daughter of Carr de Naskra whose second dam was by Damascus. Cadillac Women is also by Carr de Naskra and her dam is by Damascus.

"We knew the cross would work," he said. "That day, at Fasig-Tipton, there was no one there. We bought 12 head of horses that day and felt like we stole several of them. We went back two or three times looking at this filly, saying, 'What did we miss?'"

Pryor, 47, has been around horses for years. He was shoeing horses in the late 1960s and the veterinarian he worked for had some race horses. "Take one of them home and play with it," the vet said.

So, Pryor shod horses during the day, trained them in the evening and hauled them to bush tracks in Oklahoma and Kansas on the weekend. He had success at a small track on the East Coast, but the track went under and he stayed home for the next 10 years and finished raising his family.

Pryor returned to the racetrack in 1987. A couple of years ago, he finished fifth in the Oaklawn Park trainer standings although he had only a dozen thoroughbreds. This year, he's got 22. Most of them have been at his farm, Pryor Downs, about 35 miles from Kansas City, Mo.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GRAY
By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the 223rd Judicial District Court of Gray County in the following cases on the 8th day of January, 1992, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th day of February, 1992, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the Designated door of the Courthouse of said Gray County, in the City of Pampa, Texas, the following described property located in Gray County, to-wit:
Cause No. Styling
1348 City of McLean vs Juanita Gray, Lots 3-6 Blk. 83 OT McLean.

1350 City of McLean vs H.W. Grigaby Estate, Lots 18-20 Blk. 64 OT McLean.

1353 City of McLean vs C.M. Jones Estate, W57.5 Ft. of Ls. 15-16 Blk. 106 OT.

1362 City of McLean vs J.M. Tindall, E55' of Ls. 8-10 Blk. 27 OT McLean.

1562 City of Lefors vs W.H. Stracener, Tr. 1: W27' L. 10 Blk. 3 OT Lefors; Tr. 2: N84' of Ls. 6-9 & W15' of Lot 5 Blk. 6 OT Lefors.

1563 Lefors ISD vs Leroy Titmus, Lts. 15-17 Blk. 1 Blackwell Addn-Lefors.

1564 City of Lefors vs Mable Vandlandingham, Lt. 18 Blk. 4 Thut Heights, Lefors.

1567 City of Lefors vs Henry Withers Jr., Tr. 1: L. 6 Blk 4 Ot Lefors; Tr. 2: L. 5 Blk. 3 OT Lefors; Tr. 3: Ls. 6 & 7 Blk. 3 OT Lefors; Tr. 4: Ls. 8 & 9 Blk. 3 OT Lefors.

1831 City of Lefors vs R.T. Jinks Jr., Lt. 16 Blk. 4 OT Lefors.

Levied on the 10th day of January, 1992 at the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes on October 2, 1991, together with interest at 10 per cent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of the City of Lefors and/or Lefors Independent School District and/or City of McLean and/or McLean Independent School District and/or Gray County. Given under my hand this 10th day of January, 1992.
Jim Free,
Sheriff/Constable,
Gray County, Texas
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HIGH Plains Epilepsy Assn., 806 S. Brian, Room 215, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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2 Museums

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69a Garage Sales

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(AP Laserphoto)

Joanne Arruda, seen at her home in Raynham, Mass., in March 1991, stands before a portrait of her slain daughter Mary Lou Arruda, 15, who was kidnapped and killed in September 1978. The Arruda family will have to relive the death of their daughter once again, as murder suspect James Kater will be retried on murder charges in Mary Lou's death for a third time.

Mother questions legal system as she readies for daughter's accused killer's third trial

By ANNE STUART
Associated Press Writer

RAYNHAM, Mass. (AP) — Joanne Arruda raised her children to respect the legal system. But if she had to do it again, she says, she doesn't know what she would tell them.

"I always thought that the law was on the side of the good. But it seems to me the only time the law is on your side is when you break it," said Arruda, who is preparing for the third trial of the man accused of murdering her daughter in 1978.

James Kater is charged with kidnapping 15-year-old Mary Lou Arruda, tying her to a tree and leaving her to die. Investigators said she choked to death on the rope.

Kater was convicted twice, but the state Supreme Judicial Court overturned both verdicts, ruling that evidence from hypnotized witnesses was wrongly admitted.

Jury selection for the third trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 21.

For Joanne Arruda, the legal maneuvers only intensify her bitter questions about American justice and make it harder to get over her daughter's death.

"Everyone's entitled to a fair trial," she sighed during a recent

interview at her home in this town of 9,500. "But three?"

Mrs. Arruda and her husband, Adrian, still live in the gray Cape Cod-style house where they raised Mary Lou and three younger children, now 18 to 27. Adrian, known as Rudy, drives a truck. Joanne manages the tiny Vin Della Chiesa Winery next door.

The family's nightmare began Sept. 8, 1978. Mary Lou had ridden the school bus to a friend's house to retrieve a bicycle.

"She hadn't arrived home at 5," Mrs. Arruda said, gazing down the road to Dean Street, where the high school cheerleader was last seen alive, pedaling toward home. "I'm a little nervous, but not in a panic," she recalled. "Then the paperboy shows up with her bike."

Police, friends, relatives and strangers joined in a search. Two months later, a dirt biker found Mary Lou's body in the woods near Fall River.

During the search, four neighbors underwent hypnosis at police request. Two later testified they saw Kater's car in the area that day, and a third said she recognized Kater, whom she had seen working in a doughnut shop.

Kater was convicted in 1979. The

state's high court overturned the verdict in 1983, ruling that prosecutors could not use testimony gained through hypnosis. However, the court said the witnesses could testify about what they remembered before being hypnotized.

Kater was again convicted in 1985. Last year the court overturned the verdict, saying prosecutors failed to prove the testimony was not tainted by hypnosis.

The use of hypnosis often prompts controversy in courtrooms. In Kater's case, the high court said two witnesses were hypnotized together, raising the possibility they heard each other's statements and repeated the information.

The court also said witnesses were asked to "zoom in" on the

crime scene, which may have caused them to make up details to fill gaps and please the questioner.

Last week, trial Judge Peter Lauriat ruled he would allow only evidence that the four witnesses provided before they were hypnotized — and that was written down.

Prosecutor Lance Garth appealed the ruling. A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday.

Kater, 44, remains in prison. His lawyer, Jonathan Shapiro, refused to comment.

Other evidence against Kater includes a tire print found near the girl's bicycle that bore marks similar to those of a tire on Kater's car, and a smear on his car that could have been caused by the bike's handlebars.

Judge won't dismiss charges in videotaped beating

LOS ANGELES (AP) A judge refused to dismiss assault charges against four white police officers in the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King, clearing the way for their trial next month.

Defense lawyers had argued that the officers had been denied their right to a speedy trial since their arrest in March.

Superior Court Judge Stanley

Weisberg on Monday concluded there was no significant delay. And he noted that most of the delays at the outset were caused by the defense.

The trial is set for Feb. 3.

In past months, the defense won a change of venue — the trial will be held in Simi Valley, just outside Los Angeles County — and had the previous judge on the case removed for giving the appearance of bias.

Clinton climbs in latest voter poll

NEW YORK (AP) — A national poll of Democratic voters found rising preference for only one of the party's five major presidential candidates, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.

He moved from 9 percent in an early November Gallup poll to 17 percent in a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll released late Monday.

Support for former California Gov. Jerry Brown remained at 21 percent, which pollsters said reflected his advantage in name recognition, the pollsters said.

Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey rose from 10 percent to 11 percent, while Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin dropped from 10 percent to 9 percent, and former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, from 7 percent to 6 percent.

On most of the major issues, USA Today pollster Jim Norman said he found the Democratic Party has a big edge over the Republicans. But vot-

ers think the GOP does a better job of handling trade by 52 percent to 32 percent and foreign affairs by 57 percent to 28 percent, the poll found.

The pollsters reported earlier Monday that only 49 percent of the nation's voters said they think President Bush deserves re-election. And the overall population was split on how he's handled his job — 46 percent approve and 47 percent disapprove.

Bush's approval rating has been on a steady slide in polls since its record postwar high of about 90 percent in March. But the president maintains his popularity will come back as soon as the economy picks up again.

"His political vulnerability is being overstated, just like his political invincibility was being overstated five months ago," said William J. Feltus, a Bush campaign spokesman.

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