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City commissioners approve settlement with firefighters

By BEAR MILLS **Staff Writer**

Pampa city commissioners voted 3-2 Tuesday to approve a settlement with several firefighters suing the city for overtime compensation.

or the split vote.

made the motion to approve the lowing court-ordered mediation. settlement and Robert Dixon sec- The original complaint filed in U.S. onded. Mayor Richard Peet also District Court... specifically alleged voted in favor of the settlement.

Jerry Wilson voted against settle- meal time from the firefighters' to trial in federal court.

Following the meeting City overtime compensation." Manager Glen Hackler issued a prepared by attorneys for both sides in the case.

A portion of the three-paragraph press release reads, "The case of Arnzen et al vs. city of Pampa, filed Following the vote, commis- in May 1990, by 18 current and six sioners declined any comment on former Pampa firefighters alleging the agreement to settle out of court incorrect payment of overtime pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Commissioner Gary Sutherland Act (FLSA) has been settled folthat since 1985 the city of Pampa Commissioners Ray Hupp and has improperly excluded sleep and

It also notes, "Recognizing the Judge May Lou Robinson. press release he said was jointly growing legal expenses and the ties have agreed to settle the dispute without incurring the time and be in the next 10 days. expense of litigation. The city of Pampa has agreed to change its firefighter who was not a litigant in method of overtime compensation the suit and is still working for the under FLSA to a more commonly- city who would have been due accepted method utilized in munic- compensation under the new foripal fire departments. The city has mulation of overtime will also be also agreed to compensate the paid any back wages owed. plaintiffs in exchange for a full and

improperly excluded captains from would receive, saying the plan had rently under the employment of the able hours. We will use a 28-day mer, Hackler said.

Hackler said, "Once that hapneed for strengthened manage- pens and it goes into the court the litigants, said, "I feel like we record." He anticipated that could

He also announced that any

complete release of any and all federal lawsuit, it's good to have it meal time were excluded. claims of back pay compensation." put to rest." Hackler said. "To Both sides declined to release maintain a sense of fairness, the threshold is 53 hours over a seven-proposition allows for \$4 million in the total amount of the settlement city does intend to also compensate day work period and sleep and street repairs, rebuilding and ment and in favor of the case going compensable hours of work and or the amount each of the litigants the 15 non-plaintiffs who are curmeal time are included in compens- paving which will begin this sum-

plan."

Captain Kelly Randall, one of and an amicable settlement and I'm gible." glad it's all over.

something like this there is a little dissension, and this will help that."

Hackler also said, "Pursuant to the plan we will adopt a 207K plan. Under the 207A they worked a 40-"Anytime you are involved in a over 40 hours, but sleep time and

not been approved by Federal city as if they were under this work period, which is 212 hours or 53 hours times four 7-day work periods."

Hackler said the monetary difment-personnel relations, both par- record it will be a matter of public have finally come to a conclusion ference to taxpayers will be "negli-

> During the same city commis-"Naturally, when you are into sion meeting, city fathers signed off on results from Saturday's triple-proposition election, declaring the votes correct as counted.

All three propositions passed, meaning on July 1 the sales tax will hour week and were paid anything go up 1/2 cent for economic development and on Oct. 1 it will go up another 1/2 cent to create 7 cents in "Under the 207K the overtime property tax reduction. The third

Sales tax rebates decrease for Pampa, most area cities

By BETH MILLER **Staff Writer**

almost a \$10,000 decrease in its month, down 19.62 percent over sales tax rebate received this month last year's check of \$1,851.08. said January's local sales tax as compared to last January's Skellytown received a \$644.08 rebates showed a modest start for rebate, according to the State check this month, a decrease of the year with payments to 933 Comptroller's office.

check this month, a 9.67 percent 9.14 percent with its check of decrease from last January's check \$3,397.44 this month, compared to payments of \$9.7 million, went to of \$104,247.24.

This month's checks include returns with the state.

The city of McLean is down last year's check of \$1,617.79.

The city of Lefors is up 40.47 year's check of \$748.86.

In Carson County all but one figures reported. city, White Deer, show decreases in the sales tax rebates received this \$8,418.78 check this month, up their portion of the local sales tax.

month White Deer received a check of \$8,053.42. Wheeler local sales taxes at the polls.

The city of Pampa shows received a \$1,487.85 check this \$3,563.76. 6.24 percent over last year's check cities totaling \$85.5 million, or 5 Pampa received a \$94,164.96 of \$686.97. Panhandle is down

\$3,739.11 received last January. In Hemphill County, the city of taxes collected on November sales Canadian is down 11.10 percent, steady economic growth for 1992 and reported in December by busi-receiving a \$12,418.82 check this in Texas, despite the national recesnesses filing monthly sales tax month. Last January's sales tax sion, and the retail sales should

In Roberts County, the city of improvement," Sharp said. 43.59 percent with its check this Miami received an \$867.57 check, month of \$912.67 as compared to down 18.38 percent from last taxes of up to 2 percent along with year's check of \$1,062.89.

4.54 percent over last January's

\$2,852.23 check this month, up received a \$3,614.83 check this 25.71 percent over last year's Jan-month, an increase of 1.43 percent uary check of \$2,268.98. Groom over last January's check of

> State Comptroller John Sharp percent more than last January's payments of \$81.4 million. January 106 Texas counties.

"We have projected slow but rebate to Canadian was \$13,970.02. continue to show moderate

Shoppers pay the local sales the state's 6 1/4 percent state sales In Wheeler County, both tax when they make taxable purpercent with a check this month of Shamrock and Wheeler showed chases. Merchants then send in the \$1,051.95 as compared to last increases in sales tax rebates while taxes to the comptroller's office the city of Mobeetie showed no with their tax returns. The state keeps its share and returns to cities. Shamrock received an counties and other taxing entities

Area voters must approve all



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzys)

Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony which marked the official opening of the McNeely Fieldhouse concession stand Tuesday night are, from left, Dennis Cavalier, PHS athletic director and head football coach; Les Weatherly, Harvesters Booster Club vice president and concession stand project manager; David Norton, director of environmental services for the Pampa Independent School District; Dr. Keith Teague, school board president; Therman James, project construction manager; and Daniel Coward, PHS principal.

PHS concession stand officially opens

By J. ALAN BRZYS **Sports Editor**

The new and vastly improved McNeely Fieldhouse snack shack officially opened Tuesday night with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and rave reviews. As testament to its success, hundreds of Harvesters

fans comfortably purchased a wide variety of food and beverage items during the Tuesday night basketball contests against Randall High School teams. "The booster club embarked on this as a method to under" the budgeted \$50,000 price tag.

raise more funds," said Les Weatherly, Harvesters Booster Club vice president and concession stand project manager, during the grand opening.

Speaking for the club members, who represent all 17 sports played at Pampa High School, Weatherly said, "Without their time and effort, this wouldn't have been possible. They worked very hard and very well with the

school board. PHS Principal Daniel Coward, after the ribbon-cutting festivities, said, "We believe we have a first-class streaming green ribbon to make the opening official. facility in our fieldhouse. We felt it was the one thing that was lacking."

Coward extended appreciation to the booster club cial arrangement with the school department.

and all involved in the project and said, "We're proud to have it open."

After the closely contested game between the Pampa and Randall varsity girls teams, fans filled the 35-by-45 foot lobby to buy snacks and beverages served by booster club members from the 10-by-31 foot food preparation area.

Although bids for the stand, which was added to the south end of McNeely Fieldhouse, were as high as \$96,000, Weatherly said construction costs "came in

He said it took 53 days to build the facility, well under the projected 90-day estimate. Therman James

served as construction manager. Weatherly said David Norton, director of environmental services for PISD, was instrumental in comple-

tion of the stand. "He (Norton) built the cabinets himself," said

Weatherly. Dr. Keith Teague, school board president, cut the

"It will take us (the booster club) five years or less to pay this off," said Weatherly, speaking of the finan-

Pampa school board to meet

meet in regular session 6 p.m. Thurs- public elementary schools. day at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Agenda items include a budget workshop to begin preliminary discussion on the 1992-93 school year

Board members are scheduled to consider action on setting a school the school day. board election for May 2, the sale of bids, a waiver for second semester tests by seniors who are passing those classes, a TAAS testing report and the Employee Assistance Pro-

ing recommendations on how to lack of funding

Pampa public school trustees will equalize enrollment in the city's six

Also on Orr's agenda for discussion is an update on Summer Academy funding and a report by high school principal Daniel Coward on "a possible significant change" at the campus regarding the organization of

No other details were available delinquent tax property, computer prior to the meeting on what those changes could be.

Orr, in a briefing to school board members, did notify them that funding for Summer Academy, which totaled \$115,000 per year, has ended, Dr. Dawson Orr, superintendent, meaning the district's extensive sumis also scheduled to present reports mer education program of the last on the ad hoc committee that is find- three years is in jeopardy due to a

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Gasoline prices at lowest point since Saddam invaded Kuwait

NEW YORK (AP) - Gasoline prices at the pump are at their lowest level since just before Iraq invaded Kuwait, the American Automobile Association says.

The average nationwide price for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded is \$1.068, down 1.4 cents from the week before, the auto club said

It was the lowest price since July 25, 1990, when gas cost \$1.05 per gallon. The invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990, sent prices soaring.

The actual price of gasoline is even cheaper than before the invasion, because the AAA figure includes federal, state and local taxes, which have gone up since the crisis. the auto club said.

tance to the new Commonwealth of Independent States today in Washington. Bush to seek \$645 million in Soviet aid WASHINGTON (AP) - President under pressure from Germany and "bring equal commitment to the Bush said today he will ask other Western European nations to challenge of helping to build and

Congress for \$645 million in new boost the U.S. contribution. aid for the shattered Soviet Union and challenged other countries to Yeltsin saluted the participants in a provide assistance to "give these message declaring "humanitarian people a reason to hope.

American assistance over \$5 billion, doubt help alleviate the difficulties most of which is in the form of agricultural credits.

He announced his proposal at the republics known as the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Nevertheless, the United States would welcome donations, particularly from live and work and think." oil-rich Arab kingdoms, and has been

President Bush gives an opening address to the 47-nation coordination conference on assis-

Russian President Boris N. and other forms of assistance by the ing democracies "must be a global Bush said the new aid would put international community will no coalition. Nothing else can work." our population is facing as we move to a market economy.

Yeltsin offered assurances that opening of a conference of 47 Russians have made an irrevocable nations exploring strategies for decision to create a civilized, demospeeding food, medicine and other cratic state. "However," he said, assistance to the former Soviet "one has to pay dearly for past mistakes and delusions.

The administration, in hosting the at the State Department, said: "A aid summit, said it is not meant to be new day has dawned throughout the credits for farm purchases. Last a pledging contest, insisting that the Commonwealth of Independent month Congress approved a \$500 primary goal is to coordinate aid. States, with hope for a fundamental million package - \$100 million in transformation in the way people humanitarian aid and \$400 million

He challenged the conference to weapons in the old Soviet Union

sustain democracy and economic freedom in the former USSR just as we did to winning the Cold War."

The effort to support the emerg-

Responding to critics who say the United States has not provided enough aid, Bush said all nations should work together 'in a spirit of partnership, avoiding sterile debates over which of us has done the most or the least."

Bush said the new U.S. funds would be devoted to technical assistance and humanitarian aid. Previ-Bush, in his address to the visitors ously, the United States had committed about \$4.1 billion, most in to help dismantle tactical nuclear

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BAILEY, Fannie – 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Miami. **BORTON**, Melba Marie – 2 p.m.,

Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel. BROWN. Audrey Marie - 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel.

REYNOLDS, Lillie (Ole Grandma) – 2 p.m., graveside, Memory Gardens Cemetery. STEVENS, Lowell E. - 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

TROY LEE BOYLES

OKLAHOMA CITY - Troy Lee Boyles, 67, a native of Shamrock, Texas, and relative of area residents, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 1992, at Veteran's Administration Hospital in Oklahoma City. Services were conducted at Garden Chapel in Woodward on Monday, Jan. 20. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery at Woodward.

Mr. Boyles was born April 27, 1924, in Shamrock, Texas. He grew up in Pampa, Texas. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS Fulton and in the submarine service. He married Beverly Burba in Valleio, Calif., on March 8, 1946. He began working in the oilfield which brought him to Woodward. In 1965 he purchased the Okie Bowl bowling alley in Woodward which he operated for 20 years before retiring in 1985. He married June McDonald on Oct. 17, 1980. After his retirement, they lived in California before moving to Oklahoma City in 1987. He was a member of Crown Heights Baptist Church and an active member and former governor of Woodward Moose Lodge #452.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Kimberly Sue Boyles of Oklahoma City; one son, Bruce Boyles; two sisters, Harriet Wylie of Waxahachie, Texas, and Treva Cochran of White Settlement, Texas; five grandchildren; and two aunts, Lil Wilkinson of Shamrock, Texas, and Tharon Leonard

AUDREY MARIE BROWN

Audrey Marie Brown, 81, of Deer Park, died Monday, Jan. 20, 1992. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Denton, pastor of Eleventh Street Baptist Church in Shamrock, and the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Higgins Cemetery in Higgins.

Mrs. Brown was born on Nov. 9, 1910, in Follett and was a former Pampa resident. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Pasadena and a former member of Calvary Baptist Church in

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Brown; a son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Norma Brown of Deer Park: a brother, Elby "Dutch" Crites of Higgins: a sister, Thelma Tarbox of Pampa; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

LILLIE (OLE GRANDMA) REYNOLDS

Lillie (Ole Grandma) Reynolds, 95, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1992. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Earl Maddux, Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Mrs. Reynolds was born Oct. 3, 1896, at Kusse, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1942, moving here from Canadian. She worked as a cook for the Schneider House for 20 years. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. She married Thomas Edward Reynolds at McAlister, Okla., in 1917; he preceded her in death in 1963.

Survivors include one son, Alfred L. Reynolds of Greenbelt; three daughters, Lillie Chamberlain, Deca Dalton and Dulsa Carver, all of Pampa; a sister, Pearl Young of Checotah, Okla.; 15 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchil-

The family requests memorials be made to Pampa Senior Citizens. The family will be at 321 N. Christy. LOWELL E. STEVENS

Lowell E. Stevens, 81, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1992. Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. John T. Tate, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Ceme-

Mr. Stevens was born on March 13, 1910, in Pearl, Okla., and moved to Pampa in 1952. He married Opal L. Bentley on Nov. 10, 1943, at First Methodist Church in Seattle, Wash. He was one of the first 30 soldiers sent to Gainesville to open Camp Howze. He was a chief warrant officer and served in Europe and in the Southwest Pacific with the 348th Harbor Craft during World War II. He was a member of the First Christian Church and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his father, who fought in the Civil War, his mother, three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sue and Larry Sides of Fort Worth; and several nieces and nephews, including Vera Barton and Gary Stevens, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Christian Church Children's Fund or the Genesis House.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa. Wheat	Enron	dn 3/4 up 3/8 NC up 1/2 NC up 1/8 NC up 1/4 up 1/4 NC dn 1/8 NC MC dn 1/8 up 1/4 up 1/4 up 1/4 up 1/2
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa. Amoco	SLB	dn 1/8 up 5/8 dn 3/8 dn 1/8 356.50

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions Coleene Carpenter, girl.

Pampa Heather Douglas, Pampa John Alan Hair Jr.,

Pampa Verlie May Johnson, Pampa Brandi Lenderman,

Pampa Daniel Alfred Pacheco, Pampa Tubb, Fountain

Pampa Jerry Ward, Pampa Deborah Ann Williams, Pampa

Births To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Douglas of

Pampa, a boy. To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams of Pampa, a

Dismissals Helen Freeman, Pampa Thomas Horton, Hig-

con, Ariz. Buford Treadwell, Pampa Deila Faye Adams (extended care), Panhan-

Lyle Reynolds, Tus-

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL **Admissions**

Dismissals Lee Boaz, Shamrock

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Jan. 21 Homeland, Pampa Mall, reported a forgery at the

James Brown, 2129 N. Dwight, reported a theft at the residence. Elmer Holder, 2215 N. Nelson, reported burglary

of a motor vehicle at the residence. Animal Control reported impersonation of a pub-

lic servant at the parking lot of the Caprock Apartments on Thursday, Jan. 16. Michael Helton, 412 Pitts, reported burglary of a

motor vehicle at 114 E. Francis. Sandra Jones, 521 Montague #11, reported an

assault at the residence. A juvenile reported an assault in the 100 block of East Harvester.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 22

Brady Hahn, 1165 Neel Rd., reported theft from a motor vehicle at the residence.

Arrests TUESDAY, jan. 21

Glenn Jack Noack, 24, 946 Malone, was arrested on a DPS traffic warrant. He was released on payment of fines.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

> Arrests TUESDAY, Jan. 21

Donovan Tomal Lewis, 24, Amarillo, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. Rick Villarreal, 22, 110 N. Faulkner, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation.

> **DPS-Arrests** TUESDAY, Jan. 21

David Roy Lambert, 38, Richmond, Ind., was arrested on Interstate 40 on a charge of possession of marijuana of more than five pounds, but less than 50

Walter Franklin Wintrow, 40, New Paris, Ohio, was arrested on Interstate 40 on a charge of possession of marijuana of more than five pounds, but less than 50 pounds.

Gary Dean Burgin, 32, Carson City, Mo., was arrested on a felony theft warrant out of Illinois. **Precinct 4 Constable-Arrest**

MONDAY, Jan. 20

Robert Lewis Hines, 22, McLean, was arrested on a charge of issuance of worthless checks. He was released on bond.

Precinct 2 Constable-Arrest MONDAY, Jan. 20

Jody Edward Brunson, 20, Yantis, was arrested on a warrant for issuance of bad checks. He was released on bond.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Jan. 21 10:34 a.m. – Two units and three firefighters

responded to a medical assist at Gray County Court House. 6:53 p.m. - Medical assist at 321 N. Christy.

Two units and four firefighters responded. WEDNESDAY, Jan. 22

2:23 a.m. - False alarm at Coronado Hospital. Four units and seven firefighters responded. 2:44 a.m. - False alarm at Coronado Hospital. Four units and seven firefighters responded.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets on Thursday at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at Clarendon College, Pampa Center. To arrange for a partner, call Marguerite Ward at 669-

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Dept. of Health Immunization Clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Texas Department of Health, 408 W. Kingsmill, Suite 100, and will be open Thursday, Jan. 23, 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. The fee is based on family income and size and the

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES The Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Pampa Senior Cit-

Warren Chisum among Texas lawmakers supporting constitutionality of sodomy law

By MARY MICKLE **Associated Press Writer**

DALLAS (AP) - Twenty-nine of the state's 181 lawmakers, including Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, have expressed their support of the Texas sodomy law in the form of a brief that will be read in court violence," Chisum said Tuesday. when the law's constitutionality is considered this month.

homosexual activity to health dangers and moral decay.

"There is no guarantee of a right The Rutherford Institute of Texas, a politically conservative legal organization that drafted the 600-page

become obvious that unrestrained Austin Jan. 29. homosexual practices lead to other harmful, anti-social activities, such as sex with minors and tendencies toward

"The recent Milwaukee case of In the "friend of the court" brief who has confessed to the rape, filed Tuesday in the Austin Court murder and dismemberment of 17 of Appeals, the lawmakers tie boys and young men, displays this ual sex offenders.' tendency all too clearly.'

in the constitution," said Kelly Department's policy banning upheld. Shackelford, executive director of homosexuals from the force - a state law which forbids sodomy.

Reps. Will Hartnett, R-Dallas, sodomy law unconstitutional in las Police Department's current Chisum, and Talmadge Heflin, R- 1990. But Texas Attorney General policy is valid."

Houston appeared in Dallas with Dan Morales appealed the decision, hoping to force a final ruling from "From my work on the House the U.S. Supreme Court if he wins Committee on Corrections, it has in the Texas Court of Appeals in

Shackelford said it took about six months to draft the brief, which had to be filed a week before oral arguments begin.

"This certainly will affect the Jeffrey Dahmer, the homosexual Dallas situation," Shackelford said. "If the law is upheld, you can't have police officers who are habit-

Dallas lawyer Donovan Camp-The brief's filing comes the day bell, lead counsel for the 29 legislabefore the Dallas City Council is to tors, said lawyers at the Institute to engage in homosexual sodomy consider changing the Dallas Police are sure the sodomy law will be

'The legislator's position is that policy officials say is based on the the law is constitutional and it will be upheld by the Texas Supreme State District Judge Paul Davis Court and the U.S. Supreme declared the state's 112-year-old Court," Campbell said. "The Dal-

DPS arrest two in marijuana seizure Tuesday

40 near McLean Tuesday morn- 50 pounds of marijuana. ing and charged with felony pos-

session of marijuana. New Paris, Ohio, remained in speeding, Holland said today. Gray County Jail this morning in Creed Lamb.

Lambert and Wintrow are

men were arrested on Interstate than five pounds, but less than consent to search and the troop-

bert, 38, Richmond, Ind., and was driving on Interstate 40, 1

The stop came at 9:22 a.m. traveling east, Holland said.

After being stopped, the Holland Sr.

McLEAN - Two out-of-state charged with possessing more trooper said the occupants gave a ers discovered the marijuana in DPS Troopers John Holland two bundles in two suitcases in and Ron Shank stopped the the trunk. Holland said it is esti-The two, David Roy Lam- rental vehicle which Lambert mated the marijuana weighs 40 pounds. It has been taken to the Walter Franklin Wintrow, 40, 1/2 miles west of McLean for DPS laboratory in Amarillo for weighing and analysis.

Assisting in the arrest were lieu of \$80,000 bond each, set by Tuesday and the 1992 Ford vehi- DPS Troopers Lynn Holland Jr. Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace cle Lambert was driving was and Hector Dominguez and Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Lynn

Police investigate report of person posing as animal control officer

A man impersonating a city of offering animals out of the back. Pampa animal control officer is learn his motives.

first was notified of the situation nicely." last Thursday.

causing concern as authorities and said she was concerned her 'where did those dogs come attempt to discover the man and daughter was trying to be lured to from?" Burns explained. "A little the truck. The man said he was girl said he had all kinds of animals Sandy Burns, director of animal with animal control and trying to in a pickup. We have an ongoing control, said this morning that she save the dogs from doom, to put it pedigree loss list of dogs and you

Burns said she is concerned "I don't know why the man was about the safety of a child who have to look into that also." doing it," Burns said of a man who might innocently trust a person pulled his pickup into the parking lot identifying himself as a city the case has been turned over to law of the Caprock Apartments and was employee.

"My concern is that he said he "I had a woman who called me was one of my officers and then always have a concern the animals might have been stolen and so you

Police Chief Jim Laramore said officers and is being investigated.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE Co., 1064 N. Hobart, 665-4410. Adv. FASTER REFUNDS with Free Electronic Filing when I prepare rates. M. David Webster, 109 W. Adv.

Kingsmill, 669-2233. Adv. January 23 at the "Moose Lodge" all members and guests. Adv.

50 TO 75% Off at The Clothes Line all week. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH, Fall for a \$20 gift certificate to be given Adv.

away every Saturday at 4 p.m. Adv. SUPER BOWL Party! Free food, Coors and Bud draft .75 cents per mug, \$3 pitcher, Coors Dry long necks .75 cents per bottle. Super Bowl Sunday, January 26, Derrick Club, 2401 Alcock. Adv.

MEALS on WHEELS 669-1007, P.O. Box 939. Adv.

PUMP JACK (rear of Derrick Club), Busch 12 pak \$6, Bud and Coors cases \$15.25, 12 paks \$7.65.

CRYSTAL CREEK from Lubbock, will be performing Wednesyour 1991 Tax Return. Competitive day thru Saturday at City Limits.

OVER 100 pair Rocky Moun-CALF FRIES Thursday nite, tains just arrived, all \$10 Off. The Clothes Line. Adv. SECOND HALF of Junior League Bowling now forming at

Harvester Lanes. Registration January 25, 10 a.m. For more informaitems 75, 70, 60, 50% Off. Register tion call 665-3422 or 665-5181. GOLF SALE: All Drivers

reduced. All merchandise reduced. Shoot Out Saturday, 10:30 a.m. David's Golf Shop. Adv.

MATHIS CARPET & Upholstery, Any 2 rooms 250 square feet max or 7 foot sofa or medium chair \$39.95. 665-4531. Free estimates.

BEAUTY SHOP or Equipment for sale, 301 W. Foster, Call 665-8264. Adv.

MR. DETAIL 4th Anniversary Blow Out. Wash-N-Vac \$15, all sizes. Wash-n-Wax \$24.95 all sizes. Call 665-9566. Thanks Pampa. Adv.

TAX SERVICE & Bookkeeping, Glenda Brownlee, 825 Dwight, 665-0310 or 274-2142. Adv.

PHS CLASS of 1972: Class Reunion Organizational Meeting Sunday January 26, 3:00 p.m. First Christian Church. For information call: Cindy Presnell Gindorf 665-6996 or Brenda Scott Tucker 669-2739. Adv.

ROBERT AND JoAnn Dixon Bookkeeping Tax Service, 1313 N. Hobart, 665-6846, 669-2113. Adv.

COUNTRY LOFT, Thursday Special, Tuna Melt \$2.95. Homemade desserts. 201 N. Cuyler, 665-

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clear and cold with a low near 20 degrees and northerly winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, sunny with a high in the lower 50s and westerly winds 5-15 mph. Tuesovernight low was 28 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST West Texas - Mostly sunny days and clear at night through Thursday. Highs Thursday mostly 50s. Lows tonight upper teens Panhandle with 20s elsewhere.

North Texas - Fair and cooler tonight and Thursday. Lows tonight 27 to 36. Highs Thursday 52 to 58. South Texas - Fair and turning colder tonight. Partly cloudy and cool Thursday. Low tonight upper

near 60 Hill Country. EXTENDED FORECAST Friday through Sunday

West Texas - Texas Panhandle. Friday through Sunday partly cloudy. Highs in the 40s. Lows in the 20s. South plains, low rolling plains, fair Friday. Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a slight chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow at times. Highs in the 40s. Lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Permian Basin, fair Friday. Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a

Edwards plateau, mostly cloudy Friday through Sunday with a chance of showers. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s. Lows in the through Sunday with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow at day's high was 57 degrees; the times. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s. Lows in the mid 20s to lower 30s. Big Bend area, mostly cloudy Friday through Sunday with a chance of precipitation. Highs, 35-45 mountains and 50-60 lowlands. Lows, 20s mountains and 30s lowlands. South Texas - Hill Country and

South Central Texas, cloudy and cool with a chance of rain and showers Friday through Sunday. Lows Friday near 30 hill Country to near 40 South Central. Lows Sat-20s to near 30 Hill Country, other- urday and Sunday near 40 Hill wise 30s north to 40s south. High Country to 40s South Central. Thursday in the 60s with 50s to Highs in the Friday in the 40s to near 50. Highs Saturday and Sunday in the 50s. Texas coastal bend, cloudy and cool with a chance of rain or showers Friday through Sunday. Lows in the 40s to near 50. Highs in the 50s. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and plains, cloudy and cool with a chance of rain or showers Friday and Saturday. Lows Friday and Saturday in the 40s to near 50. Lows Sunday in the 50s. Highs near 60 Friday and in the 60s Saturday and Sunday. Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast, chance of rain, possibly mixed with mostly cloudy and cool Friday. snow at times. Highs in the mid 40s Cloudy with a chance of rain or to lower 30s. Concho Valley, Lows near 40 Friday and the 40s

Saturday and Sunday. Highs in the 50s Friday, and 50s to near 60 Saturday and Sunday.

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North Texas - West, increasing upper 20s to mid 30s. Far West cloudiness late Friday. Mostly Texas, mostly cloudy Friday cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a chance of rain late Saturday and Sunday. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s Friday, lower 30s Saturday and lower to middle 30s Sunday. Highs in the upper 40s Friday, Lower 50s Saturday and Sunday. Central, increasing cloudiness late Friday. Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a chance of rain Saturday night and Sunday. Lows in the lower to middle 30s Friday, upper 30s Saturday and lower 40s Sunday. Highs in the lower 50s Friday and mid to upper 50s Saturday and Sunday. East, partly cloudy Friday, increasing cloudiness Friday night and Saturday. Mostly cloudy Saturday night and Sunday with a chance of rain. Lows in the middle 30s Friday, upper 30s Saturday and lower 40s Sunday. Highs in the lower 50s Friday middle to upper 50s Saturday and Sunday. **BORDER STATES**

Oklahoma - Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Lows teens Panhandle to mid 30s southeast. Mostly sunny Thursday. Highs mostly 50

New Mexico - Fair skies through Thursday, Highs Thursday from the 30s and lower 40s mountains and northwest to the 50s across the southern lowlands. Lows tonight from 5 below to 15 above to lower 50s. Lows in the mid 20s showers Friday through Sunday. zero mountains to the teens and 20s at the lower elevations.

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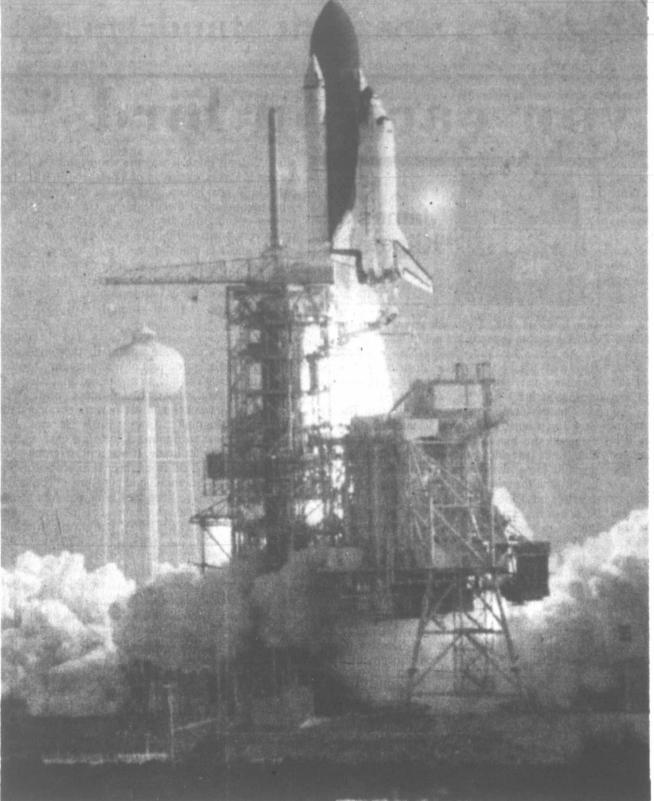
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The Space Shuttle Discovery with an international crew of seven aboard, lifts off early this morning from Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

Discovery roars into space today on international research mission

By MARCIA DUNN **AP Aerospace Writer**

- Discovery thundered into orbit Norman Thagard; German physicist from its seaside pad today on a Ulf Merbold; and Canadian neurolo- sion that we have ever undertaken," research mission with seven astronauts and a slimy assortment of

flies, worms, frog eggs and mold. 9:52 a.m. EST and darted through a hazy sky as it headed out over the Atlantic Ocean and up the East Coast.

"It's an exciting beginning to a great adventure ... a journey into the roundworms, 32 million mouse world of tomorrow," program scientist Ronald White said after watching the liftoff. The menagerie on board will be examined to see how organisms fare in space.

was delayed about an hour by lastminute weather concerns and a cranky power-generating fuel cell.

Early morning fog created the potential for lightning that could damage Discovery as the ship hurtled toward space. But the problem resolved itself as the fog

The unseasonably cold weather, in the 50s overnight, also posed no problem. NASA initially had been worried about the possible formation of dangerous slivers of ice on the external fuel tank.

There was one last-minute technical problem. A brief voltage surge was detected in a fuel cell during pre-launch equipment checks, but the trouble was resolved, NASA

Discovery's twin solid rocket boosters dropped empty into the ocean as planned, and the shuttle climbed into a 187-mile-high orbit 8 1/2 minutes after liftoff.

The space agency established stricter rules after the Challenger disaster. The temperature that morning - six years ago next Tuesday was 36 degrees. Investigators blamed the cold for the failure of an O-ring seal in a joint in one of the solid rocket boosters. The booster ioints now have heaters.

Today's launch was the 20th successful shuttle send-off since the accident.

Discovery's seven-day voyage is NASA's 45th shuttle flight and the first of eight missions planned for 1992.

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gist Roberta Bondar. Tucked away in the shuttle are scientist. boxes containing billions of organmeasure the effects of weightlessness and space radiation on plants,

insects and humans. The cargo includes 72 million back and forth. bone cells, 3 billion yeast cells, 180 oat seedlings, 95 wheat seedlings, and 360 oat seeds and sperm, slime mold, lentil roots, walls.

The international crew consists of bacteria and human blood cells. More than 225 scientists from 14 low Americans Stephen Oswald, countries are involved in the experi-

"It is the most international mis-

The 100-ton shuttle lifted off at isms prepared by researchers from men and one woman will submit to around the world. Scientists want to a battery of medical tests, some of them dizzying. The test equipment includes a rotating chair and a sled on tracks that lurches astronauts Fort Worth newspaper that lawyers

Researchers hope to learn more about motion sickness and back pain, common among astronauts. Doctors also want to see how 120 wheat seeds to be planted in well antibiotics work in space; orbit. There also are stick bacteria may be stronger in zero NASA's first launch of the year insects, fruit flies, frog eggs and gravity because of thickened cell

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Morales: More funding needed for state's colleges, universities

lawsuit, more money is needed for

inequitable, that is unfair ... Clearly, our state must do more," Morales said Tuesday.

The governor, the Legislature, said.

A Brownsville judge on Monday ruled that the higher education system discriminates against Mexican Euresti Jr. ordered lawmakers to by the 1991 Legislature. bridge the gap by May 1, 1993.

from Brownsville to El Paso.

Morales declined to say Ann Richards, legislative lead- it comes to higher education." ers and university officials However, press secretary Rafe said.

South Texas colleges and universi- hopes the lawsuit can be settled more money for higher education is ties, Attorney General Dan Morales rather than dragged through appel- going to be difficult - and it could

"We have a system of public Edgewood vs. Kirby public school other programs."

Lawmakers d higher education in Texas that is finance lawsuit. That case is pendfor a third time.

The Legislature should commit to

Richards' spokesman, Bill Cryer, education spending. said Richards wants to increase funding for South Texas schools and Americans. State District Judge Ben noted that some progress was made

The ruling came in a lawsuit by Legislature to rectify that situation there could be dangers in spreading Hispanic groups that claimed the for some time now, and I think in limited resources too thinly. state discriminates against Hispanics the next three years (of her term) by systematically underfunding you'll see that largely rectified even finite resources, it does not make schools in 41 counties stretching without the court decision," Cryer sense to me to go in and try to level

whether the state will appeal. He Bullock "has no doubt that South If we start trying to put Ph.D. prosaid he wants to meet with Gov. Texas has been shortchanged when grams on every campus, that's

AUSTIN (AP) - Lawsuit or no before deciding how to proceed. Greenlee said, "The problem is, The attorney general said he with the mood of Texans, finding late courts for years as was the mean taking money away from

Lawmakers did give some addiing before the Texas Supreme Court tional money to South Texas in the past two years.

First, several colleges and univer-"a responsible and fair level of sities in the region became part of the higher education system, must investment in our public institutions the University of Texas and Texas do more to ensure equity - particu- in South Texas and other parts of the A&M systems. Then in 1991, lawlarly with regard to the opportunities state that serve predominantly makers boosted funding for South that we provide to minorities," he minority constituencies," Morales Texas schools by \$33 million despite a general reduction in higher

The chairman of the Senate Education Committee, Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said he favors anything that increases Texans' ability to get "She has been working with the an education. But he warned that

"Where you have a system and off or take from one quality program A spokesman said Lt. Gov. Bob to create three mediocre programs. what's going to happen to us," he

Lewis may offer plea on ethic charges

AUSTIN (AP) – The two-count indictment on misdemeanor ethics charges against House Speaker Gib Lewis may be resolved without the case going to trial, according to published reports.

Reports in The Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Austin American-Statesman today indicated that lawyers for both sides have been attempting to work out a plea bargain that could be reached in time for a scheduled court appearance today.

The Dallas newspaper reported that Lewis plans to plead no contest to the charges. But Lewis spokesman John Bender said, "The speaker will not plead no contest or guilty on the two indictments. That is absolutely not part of the deal, because there is no substance to those indictments.'

Bender would not give further Goggan Blair & Williams, which not play a role in his decision."

Lewis, 55, is scheduled to go to trial Monday in Austin on charges that he violated state ethics laws.

The newspapers did not reveal During the flight, the crew of six details of the agreement, but the Dallas newspaper said Lewis, D-Fort Worth, is not expected to receive any jail time.

Sources close to the case told the have been trying to come up with a deal that would avert Lewis's often-delayed trial.

Defense lawyer Tim Evans had an interest in pending legisladeclined comment Tuesday when tion. asked if today's hearing for Lewis

announcement of a deal. be routine.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle could not be reached for comment by The Associated Press. His top ethics prosecutor would pursue the cases against declined to comment.

Lewis was indicted in December out a plea bargain. 1990 on charges of failing to report a gift and failing to file a complete maximum combined penalties of 18 months in jail and \$3,000 in fines.

The charges followed a grand

Lewis maintains his innocence would be the forum for an and predicted at his last court appearance that he would be exon-"Just be there," Evans said, hint- erated. He has compared the ing that the proceeding would not charges to speeding violations and has accused Earle of waging a vendetta for unspecified political

Earle has repeatedly said he Lewis but recently has not ruled

There has been a great deal of speculation that the charges would financial disclosure form, which carry be dropped since Lewis announced two weeks ago that he would retire

Bender, Lewis' spokesman, said, jury investigation of Lewis' busi- "There were no negotiations until ness and social ties to a San Anto- after he had already announced he nio tax-collection law firm, Heard was not running again, and that did

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Opinion

Federal projects retard economy

Desperate to show he is doing something about the recession, President Bush has been touting more government spending to revive the economy. It's a tactic that only shows the bankruptcy of economic policy in Washington.

Bush, under pressure to do something about the economy, has lamely pointed to new federal spending as one way to stimulate the economy. Pressed to cite an example of action on the economy, Bush told reporters that the six-year, \$151 billion transportation bill Congress passed this fall would create as many as two million jobs. At a news conference, he also announced he would speed up the distribution of almost \$10 billion in federal spending projects

The president has fallen for a myth as old as government itself: that spending tax dollars can create prosperity.

It is true that the \$151 billion transportation bill will give jobs to a certain group of people during the next six years. But it is also true, although less obvious, that it will take away jobs in other sectors of the eocnomy.

The 19th century French economist Frederic Bastiat referred to this phenomenon in an essay titled, "What Is Seen and What Is Unseen." What we see when government spends money, Bastiat obeserved, are the jobs directly created by that spending. What we don't see are the jobs and economic activity destroyed by the taxes, borrowing and inflation used to finance the spending.

In the case of the new transportation bill, what we will see are road crews and constructions companies building new highways and repaving old ones. We will see construction crews digging up city streets to make way for new mass transit projects.

What we won't see are the jobs that would have been generated by the \$151 billion had it been left in private hands instead of being taxed and borrowed by government. Left to consumers, that money would have been spent on computers, houses, clothing, food and cars. Left to businesses, it would have been invested in new machinery and factories. We will never know how many jobs that \$151 billion would have created in the private sector because now those jobs will never exist.

If government spending were the key to a nation's prosperity, the most prosperous nations in the world should be those whose governments spend the most. The former communist nations of Eastern Europe and the socialized economies of Africa and Latin America should have led the world in economic growth in the past 20 years. Instead, their economies have floundered.

If government spending really does bring prosperity, then the United States should be booming. Under President Bush and the Democratic Congress, federal spending has reached an ominous 25 percent of the national economy. At no point in our nation's peacetime history has federal spending ever accounted for such a large share of GNP. Yet we are mired in recession.

Parts of the transportation bill are worthy and will help the economy in the long run, but let's not kid ourselves that it will pull us out of recession. A nation cannot spend itself to prosperity through government. Prosperity depends on private-sector production, and that production depends on incentives offered by the free market.

Instead of bragging about how much money the government is spending, President Bush should be pushing new incentives for private production.

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Fly off, you carrion birds!

A few years ago, when I was living in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, I saw a flock of vultures go to work on a wounded deer. The birds have human counterparts. Behold the buzzards of press and politics as they sink their talons into the most decent man in high office today.

"President's Trip is PR Disaster," read one headline. "Bush Fails as Salesman," said another. Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa fluttered in: The Bush mission was a "hat-in-hand horror show." Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri belittled the mission: It was no more than a photo opportunity.

The Associated Press, which used to have a reputation for impartial coverage of the news, entrails, "boasting of 'dramatic progress' that will produce American jobs."

word "boasting" with professional admiration. It is escaped the buzzards. James Koontz of New a spin word, carrying all the unattractive images Hampshire, president of a company manufacturing that go with the image of a braggart. Bush the boaster! What did he have to boast about?

Troubles, they say, never come singly; troubles come in bunches, like grapes, and since this recession began in 1990 Bush has had a vineyard to harvest. He returned from the Far East on the very day that the figures came out on unemployment. Gloomy figures. They dominated the weekend news.

wring greater concessions from Tokyo. It is not the problems are here." auto industry's fault, he said, that Japan sells so many cars in the United States. He was fed up with tional, a food company, had no criticism of the mis-



that kind of talk. The executives who run the American auto industry are not idiots.

Ah, sir, a bystander might observe, the excuswooped down: "President Bush returned home tives may not be idiots, but considering their perfrom Japan," said the AP, eager to get at the formance they surely are morons - and overpaid

The president's trip was not a disaster. The New Those of us who deal in opinion will regard that York Times buried on Page 26 some comments that machine tools, had some sensible things to say:

> "I think the trip created recognition that there is a problem. The fact that we focused on the Japanese trade problem may have gotten some of work more with American vendors. 'On the other hand, our problems are not really

with the Japanese. They are at home. The major

Reginald Lewis, chairman of Beatrice Interna-

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sion. "I don't think it was the wrong thing to do." Dexter F. Baker, chairman of a petrochemcial company in Pennsylvania, was one of the executives who accompanied the president. He said: "Some market-opening initiatives were achieved. I think it was a very positive trip. This wasn't tokenism."

My guess is that the president's visit gave the inscrutable Japanese a great deal to get scrutable about. They should understand clearly that the cries of "failure" will fire up protectionists in Congress. In an election year all kinds of folly are predictable.

If the Japanese want to avoid a trade war that could set off worldwide upheaval, they may yet prove agreeable to reforms of real meaning. Meanwhile, the pledge to buy an additional \$10 billion a year in auto parts is not an insignificant promise.

Over that weekend, most newspapers carried the same photograph of George Bush. He was talking with reporters aboard Air Force One as his plane left Tokyo for home. It was a photograph of a weary man, half-dead from sheer fatigue, but there was something indomitable about it also. The lines in Bush's face have deepened over the past three years. Eight years as vice president prepared him the Japanese transplants to realize that they have to superbly for the Oval Office, but no preparation could have made him altogether invulnerable to a

Fly off, you carrion birds! George Bush is the Lee Iacocca, the Chrysler crybaby, leaped to a companies and unions have to sit down and agree only president we have, and he's doing the best he microphone to rail once more at the Japanese. He to make our plants more flexible and productive. can at a difficult period at home and abroad. Look was disappointed at the president's inability to The Japanese are 90 percent right in saying our at the five lightweights who are seeking to replace him. Their names are Brown, Clinton, Harkin, Kerrey and Tsorgas. Could any one of them do better?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 1992. There are 344 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Seventy-five years ago, on Jan. 22, 1917, President Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, saying there had to be "peace without victory." (By April, however, America was also at war.)

On this date:

In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 82.

In 1905, thousands of demonstrating Russian workers were fired on by Imperial army troops in St. Petersburg on what became known as Red Sunday, or Bloody Sunday.

In 1938, Thornton Wilder's play Our Town was performed publicly for the first time, at the McCarter Theater in Princeton, N.J.

In 1953, The Crucible, Arthur Miller's drama about the Salem witch trials of the 17th century, opened on Broadway.

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Too many Credit Card Junkies

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"Reduce down payments so people can spend more money!' "Promote new credit cards so people will spend

more money!" Politicians and some pundits are demanding

that we stimulate a sluggish economy by doing whatever is necessary so people can "spend more

Though 75 million Americans have already run up credit card bills they can't pay.

credit card debt. Just the finance charges on that debt cost him \$465 a year.

Yet, many keep on using plastic money to buy

more things they can't afford. The Wall Street Journal calls them Credit Card

Rates on other loans are the lowest ever but interest rates on credit card borrowing average 18.8 percent because so many cardholders are not pay-

Some disappear. Others declare bankruptcy. So you pay more to cover for them.

ing their bills at all.

Credit Card Junkies.

Every month an Atlanta real estate broker vows to pay off his credit card debt and never get stuck The typical American right now owes \$2,474 in again with that high interests, but every month he finds himself writing a check for the minimum due, for their money - Wal-Mart, Gap, K mart. \$120, on the \$5,000 he owes Visa.

> carry a credit card. Only about one-fourth pay the the ones that charge the lowest interest rates. balance due when it's due. They pay no finance

But one consumer owes more than \$30,000 on 15 different cards. Recently he stopped using credit cards altogether until he gets paid up. Few debtors demonstrate that degree of discipline.

have worsened their situation by using their credit drowning man to drink water.

cards to buy groceries only to discover themselves saddled with the cost of the groceries plus mounting finance charges. One college freshman applied for and got seven

credit cards, all bearing at least an 18.9 percent interest rate plus a \$20 annual charge. Though unemployed, she used those cards to

run up debts for expensive clothes, expensive gifts, a trip to the Bahamas. By her senior year she was \$9,000 in debt. Had

her parents not bailed her out she'd have been in hock for years! This recent Christmas shopping season demon-

strated that Americans have learned "to shop," They spent their money where they got the most

It's now possible to shop for credit cards also. One hundred and thirteen million Americans With 6,000 credit cards available, you can choose

Most Citicorp cardholders pay 19.8 percent, except those who keep their credit rating good can bargain for a rate of 13.8 percent.

Yet, 30 percent of American cardholders don't bother; most don't even know what their rate is.

Meanwhile, for politicians to encourage such Duirng the recent recession many Americans people to "spend more money" is like urging a

Lots of suggestions for new holiday Day." James Neuman, Sidney, Neb., linked (Gerlak Schneider, Kensing- AFB, Alaska, says build a sibling to

By BEN WATTENBERG

We do not have a winner, not yet, but – Wow! – do we have an idea!

In this space, in early December, a contest was born: To create a new holiday, preferably global, to celebrate the end of the Cold War. Readers were asked to submit a name, a date, a ritual and an essay.

is still arriving with wonderful, wild and often touching thoughts.

Now the Soviet Union is history. Gorbachev is rolling over his IRA. There are new nations. Obviously, we need an interim report and further plans.

Consider some entires: I love "Defrost Day," submitted by Lea Burkhard, of Howell, N.J., who also recommends that we drink "Bloody Marishkas." Cathi Monks, Topeka, Kan., suggests "Thaw Day." Both Craig Howard, Brea, Calif., and Stuart Brynien, Brooklyn, N.Y., offer "Borscht Day."

Personalities: Elaine Leuci, Amityville, N.Y., and Joe Herman, New York, N.Y., suggest "Ronald Reagan Day," while Mildred Hudson, ram's horn toppled Jericho's walls. Orange, Texas, offers "Gipper Goals Day." Dr. Archimedes Concon, Smith's birthday (1723). He knew Memphis, Tenn., picks "Gorbachev early that prosperity and freedom are

Day" (Yeltsin is not the first elected Russian president).

"Peace Through Strength Day" (Robert Dick, Somerville, N.Y.) has the process right, and his date, March fourth, is an English military command.

Chuck Foster, Valley Stream, N.Y., The response was robust, and mail Ends." Then there is "E2D2"; you know, "Evil Empire Death Day," (James Murphy, Ridgecrest, Calif.). How about "Sans Soviet Day" (John Sullivan, Denville, N.J.)? And Robert Taylor, Timonium, Md., offers "Brumaire Day," the 18th of Brumaire, Nov. 9, when Napoleon couped the Repub-

lic, reminding us to be ever vigilant. Scores of respondents offered "Liberty Day," "Democracy Day,"
"Freedom Day." Several suggested when the Berlin Wall fell.

I like "Jericho Day" (Al Villano, and a Western orchestra blew away the Iron Curtain just as surely as Joshua's For a date: Perhaps June 5, Adam

picks "Kerenski Future Freedom ton, Md.). August is a holiday-less the State of Liberty. Beth Crawford, Va.; others picked August to memori- sponsored stamp. alize the failed Soviet coup.

hands, eliminating the language barrisuggests "E Day" for "Evil Empire er. Saradell Crawford, San Antonio, congressional legislation. Texas, suggests prayer. David Sinder. New York, N.Y., says write a caustic letter to the editor, celebrate religion, travel across a border, make a public speech or see a dirty movie - impossible acts in an unfree country.

Lots of folks said: No gloating; we're not perfect; welcome immigrants; celebrate in spring; meditate; go global; thank God for peace.

Jennie Pitkus, Tunkhannock, Pa., says eat potatoes, the universal food, "Wall Day." Many proposed Nov. 9, and pray for the Chinese. Karl Lanstrom, Arlington, Va., says burn a Bronx, N.Y.). An American trumpet one for peace. Doug Weiskopf, Panorama City, Calif., says send money to feed Russians. Edward dents, hammers and sickles. Capt. That's how it works in a democracy. Richard McKinney of Elmendorf

month, notes Bob Shuler, Arlington, Anchorage, Alaska, proposes a U.N.-

Edward Wynne, University of Illi-How should we celebrate? Tom nois, Chicago, proposes an awesome Gill, North Beach, Md., says every- monument at the "V" where the rivers one, everywhere, should clap their meet at Harper's Ferry, W.Va. An activist, Wynne has already drafted

Keith Pepys, Buena Park, Calif., expressed what many respondents felt. He recalls the complacency while we lived hair-triggered to a nuclear holocaust, and says, "the whole world can breathe easy after holding its breath for 50 years.

Let's keep the ball rolling. The contest is open until Jan. 31. Respondents may suggest new names and/or dates and rituals, or endorse ideas listed above. No essays necessary. Enclose a clipping of this column identifying the publishing newspaper. red commie flag and hoist a white Send to this columnist, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Park

Ave. New York, NY 10166. Eventually, the best entries will be Aboufadel, New Brunswick, N.J., is forwarded to Congress and the presiinto ice sculptures, of rockets, presi- dent for action. Let's make it happen.

Desert boats may solve long-standing questions about pyramids

By MIMI MANN **Associated Press Writer**

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Among the most tantalizing mysteries of Egypt are those shielding the origins of the pyramids. Who built the first ones? Where, and why?

is convinced he's close to the

David O'Connor of the University of Pennsylvania believes the three away, they found boat pits covered famous Giza pyramids near Cairo, built over a 70-year period 4,500 years ago, grew from a fully developed religion that had existed for pottery, then sealed the pits.

where Egypt's earliest Pharaohs built monuments. The ancient religious center 280 miles south of Cairo honors Osiris, the god of res-

Their amazing discovery at Abydos of 12 buried wooden ships deserts around Cairo, some proto- big.

almost 5,000 years ago made sense pyramid, then a true pyramid. of an earlier find: a mound inside a Pharaoh's funeral structure.

So much of the mound was destroyed in antiquity that O'Con-ry is certain to add more fuel. nor and his colleagues were unsure exactly what it was when they dug it A leading American Egyptologist out in the late 1980s. Was it an early pyramid, they wondered - maybe even the first?

> Then in September, a quarter-mile by mud brick shaped in the contours of boats. Ancient priests had blessed the vessels inside with offerings of

In September 1991, O'Connor led Egyptian section of Penn's Universian archaeological team to Abydos, ty Museum, the boats are the key, "important clues that link up with Egypt's first pyramid."

"I'm not saying this has to be the Nile Valley. first pyramid," he said, "but we

belonging to Pharaohs who reigned type that became the first stepped

"I think I've found it at Abydos." hotly debated, and O'Connor's theo-

He said the earliest evidence of journey symbolized resurrection. the pyramid is in pictures on artifacts that predate the Pharaohs and depict a mound with sides in a stairstep design.

Much later, such a mound would pyramid of Pharaoh Zozer in puzzles Sakkara, south of the Giza Pyramids. To O'Connor, curator of the first major architectural achievement in stone, at about 2,620 B.C.

> The classic straight-sided shape evolved within decades and true Pharaoh were given." pyramids dominated 65 miles of the

pyramid represents the Pharaoh's ladder to heaven, the buried boats The origin of the pyramids is his means of riding eternally across the sunlit skies by day, the starry skies by night. The eternal

Zahi Hawass, antiquities director of the Giza Pyramids area, called the discovery of the Abydos boats 'wonderful and amazing." He be the model for the glorious six-step the road to answering the pyramid

"Early in Egyptian history, priests Royal architect Imhotep built Zozer's developed a formula for burial to 198-foot-high pyramid, the world's ensure the Pharaoh's resurrection," Hawass said. "You had a pyramid, boat pits and a funerary monument where prayers and offerings to the

Five pits surrounded the Great Pyramid of Cheops at Giza. A dis-At Abydos, the Pharaohs thought mantled vessel was pulled up in know something must have come small. By the time they reached the 1954, reassembled and put on disbefore the huge pyramids in the deserts around Giza, they thought play as the royal ship of Cheops, one of Egypt's greatest archaeologi-

ship lies in an adjacent pit.

By Cheops' time, 200 years mids on top. after Abydos, boats were so tains vents to allow the soul easy tried yet another trick. access to the buried boats for the eternal ride.

resurrection.

More energy went into temples, with the pyramid-topped obelisk replacing the traditional pyramid.

ing boats, they put boat scenes on pyramids and boat pits."

Many Egyptologists believe the cal treasures. A second dismantled tomb walls to transport their souls. Later tombs often had small pyra-

In the New Kingdom, 1,000 years important that his pyramid con- after the Giza pyramids, Pharaohs

They chose a forbidding wilderness across the river from Thebes, Unfortunately, pyramids were the ancient southern capital at the site of modern-day Luxor. Guarded "They said to robbers, 'Take me. by the goddess of silence on a hillagrees that O'Connor probably is on I've got goodies inside'," Hawass top, tombs were carved in the rocky said. "So Pharaohs had to find Valley of the Kings for Pharaohs, in another way of burial and means of the Valley of the Queens for their consorts.

"Had they still been using the old formula, we would never have had a King Tut's tomb filled with mar-Pharaohs covered tomb walls with velous things," Hawass said. "Robmagical formulas. Instead of bury- bers would simply have looked for

Fundamentalist leader walks line between faith, fear

By ELAINE GANLEY **Associated Press Writer**

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ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - officials, jailed since June. Poised between the guns of Alge-Front walks a thin line.

Hachani. "I'm trying to do every-riots to treason. thing so that it doesn't explode."

backed council that declared itself movement's divided forces. the government and canceled a runoff vote set for last week.

stay calm. But Hachani, in an the upper hand. interview with The Associated movement can only control the Front's ruling body during which before the people.' masses "within certain limits."

anything."

Petroleum Institute, Hachani, 36, enforce such measures as a ban on He hypothesized that the new satisfy those in power.

ria's new military rulers and the Abbasi Madani, and vice presi- in 1985 and in September, and it is A rock is hard," Hachani said. iron will of his followers, the dent, Ali Belhadj were among clear that activists at the move- "When there is too much pressure leader of the Islamic Salvation seven leading figures in the ment's run-down headquarters in it breaks.' "I'm holding a live grenade in unrest. They await trial on possibility of more arrests, or the my hand," says Abdelkader charges ranging from inciting banning of their movement.

In the uncertain realm of Alge- ment. ria's Muslim fundamentalists, Fundamentalists have so far where factionalism and betrayal are arriving," Hachani said. respected their marching orders: abound, Hachani, for now, holds

the moderates prevailed.

the cornerstone of all aspects of took office last week. neer and teacher at the Algerian extent to which they might have been reported since.

eloquence and charisma of its top cation or limits on political oppo-

The Islamic Front's president, Hachani has been jailed twice, group arrested in a crackdown on central Algiers are haunted by the

"Here you are interviewing me Hachani has a boyish face and the entire building is encircled Muslim fundamentalists feel despite his beard and spectacles. by security forces," Hachani, robbed of a near-certain victory in And his calm, almost priestly, seated behind his desk in a simple parliamentary elections, which manner belies an iron will and office, said at one point. During a were voided by the military- seemingly deft command of the false alarm minutes later, he asked his visitors to hide their equip-

Asked what he would do if soldiers entered, he replied: "If they President Chadli Bendjedid. His rise to the top was solidified take me, I'll go with them, but Press, said his highly organized in July, at a meeting of the Islamic they will bear responsibility on Jan. 11 before the military-

you know that despair can lead to They have said religion would be overtones since the new rulers action to counter the junta.

is an unlikely leader of a move- alcohol, restrictions on employ- rulers could be behind "attacks of ment galvanized by the fiery ment of women, curbs on coedu- provocation" but did not dismiss the possibility that the assailants were government opponents.

"There is pressure on the rock.

A member of the ruling council, Ahmed Merrani, has called Hachani a "schoolboy in poli-

But Hachani already has shown his prowess in maneuvering within the movement and without.

After helping negotiate the Islamic Front's participation in what were to have been the country's first free parliamentary elec-"Apparently the security forces tions since independence from France in 1962, he suggested the possibility of "cohabitation" with

> Benjedide was forced to resign backed council took over.

Hachani stiffened when told of Hachani is conferring with the "The people were mobilized to Neither Hachani nor his party an overnight attack that left one two other leading parties, which go to the elections. A certain kind have discussed in detail what kind soldier dead and two injured -- the once opposed the fundamentalists, of hope was born," he said. "And of Islamic state they envision. first reported fatality with political and says he is preparing a plan of

He refused to divulge details, A former petrochemical engi- society but have not specified the Other guerrilla-style attacks saying only that it will not sacrifice the fundamentalists' gains nor



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American Jewish delegation on first official visit to Saudi Arabia

JERUSALEM (AP) - Saudi Arabia for the first time has welcomed to the gulf kingdom, an American Jewish official in Jerusalem said

The official said the eight-mem- in Moscow. ber delegation of the New York Congress was to meet with King Fahd. He spoke on condition of anonymity; he is not a member of the congress.

The visit also was reported by the Hebrew daily Haaretz, which said the meeting with King Fahd would be in Riyadh today.

On Tuesday, the delegation met in the Saudi capital with the Saudi foreign minister, Prince Saud, The New York Times reported today.

"It's been an extraordinary experience in every respect," the paper quoted Henry Siegman, the congress' executive director, as saying. "We are very pleased with how the discussions went. We've been received here with extreme warmth and friendship.

It was believed to be the first visit by Jewish leaders to Saudi Arabia, an oil-rich nation that has been a key financial backer of most of Israel's Arab enemies and a staunch supporter of the Arab boycott of the Jewish state.

Only a year ago, the Saudis denied an entry permit to U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J. because he had an Israeli visa stamp in his passport.



and disarmament issues next week encounter.

City-based American Jewish said the historic visit follows two President Hosni Mubarak of years of contacts between prominent Egypt in Cairo and King Hussein Jewish leaders and the Saudi ambas- of Jordan in Amman before sador in Washington, Prince Bandar

bin Sultan.

In an unprecedented move, Prince talks.

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But since the Persian Gulf war, Bandar in November addressed a the Saudis have supported U.S. major forum of Jewish organizations a group of American Jewish leaders efforts to arrange Middle East peace in New York City. Siegman was talks and are expected to send a del- quoted by the Times as saying the egation to negotiations about water November meeting led to Tuesday's

The Times said the Jewish del-The Jewish official in Jerusalem egation would next meet with arriving in Jerusalem on Sunday to brief Israeli officials on its

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Choosing right wine need not be nerve wracking

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor **Better Homes and Gardens** Magazine

When it's time to buy the wine for that big party, are you bewildered by all the choices? Relax. Wine drink- serving, and the price. It helps to

However, if you'd like to feel more meal at all. comfortable about serving wine, locate a good wine store in your area and brush up on a few wine serving

Finding the Right Store

Seek out a wine shop that carries bodied wine with deep flavor. a wide range of wines and stores them properly. That means shelving wine publications or notes written mended as a good value. by store personnel. You may even find a store that offers selective tastings to introduce you to new vin- 750-milliliter-size bottles. Some best service any wine shop can pro- 1.5-liter size, which is ideal when a larger 1.5-liter bottle of wine, you wines, serve smaller portions.

al suitable wines.

Choosing Wines

When making your selection, consider your tastes, the food you'll be ing is much more casual than it used know if your guests prefer a lighter, sweeter wine, or a hearty red with a The right wine today is the one lingering finish (aftertaste). Beyond that tastes best to you and your that, you should know whether guests, not the one with the highest you'll be serving the wine before or price tag or a fancy French name. with a meal, with dessert, or with no

> Gone is the notion that white wines go with chicken and fish and that red wines must match red meat, although it's still true that stronger flavored foods often demand a full-

As for price, you can't always expect it to be the best indicator of wine bottles on their sides so the quality. At many of our tastings, the corks stay wet. Look for wine inforgroup favorite is often not the most mation posted near each wine. This expensive wine. Just look for a wine may mean reviews from various in your price range that is recom-

> How Much Wine Generally you'll find wines in

who can match your needs to sever-investing in the larger bottle though, decanter to make serving easier. make sure you like it.

> bottle for every two guests (one bot- may get into the wine. tle for every 3 to 4 guests if the wine for every four guests (6 to 8 guests erous glassfuls.

Serving Wine If a wine label suggests an ideal serving temperature, be sure to follow the suggestion. If none is rec-

ommended, follow these guidelines:

- Serve red wines at a cool room temperature (about 65 degrees F).

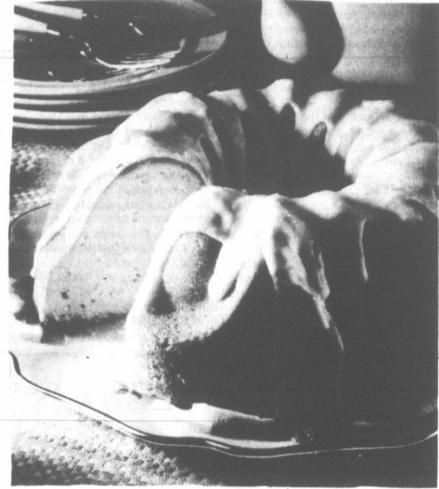
cooler (around 50 degrees F). (somewhere between 40 degrees F

and 50 degrees F). To serve, just open the bottle and pour. Most wines don't need to wines in smaller glasses. Fill wine "breathe," and they don't need glasses one-half to two-thirds full, decanting either (pouring the wine so you can capture the wine's tages or vineyards. But by far, the wines are also available in the larger into a fancy container). If you have aroma. For appetizer and dessert

vide is a staff of trained employees you're entertaining a group. Before might want to pour the wine into a be sure to sample a smaller bottle to However, do not store your wines for any length of time in a lead glass Plan on one 750-milliliter-size decanter because the harmful lead

Take care when opening a bottle will be served only during a meal). of sparkling wine. Handle the bottle Allow one 1.5-liter bottle of wine gently to minimize pressure buildup. Hold the bottle in one hand and if the wine will be served only dur- untwist the wire loop with the other. ing a meal). A 750-milliliter bottle Wrap the cork with a hand towel or of sparkling wine provides six gen- cloth napkin. Then, hold the cork with one hand and tilt the bottle to a 45-degree angle away from you (or anyone else). Twist the bottle while gently pulling out the cork with the other hand. The wine may overflow — that's when you use the towel.

Selecting Wine Glasses One set of well-shaped, fairly - Serve white wines somewhat long-stemmed, clear "tulip" glasses (9 or 10 ounces in size) will do for - Serve sparkling wines chilled any wine, even when you're serving guests sparkling wines, sherry or a dessert wine. However, it's nice if you can serve sherry and dessert



Light and lemony buttermilk pound cake is baked in a fluted tube pan an drizzled with lemon icing. Serve with freshly

Home cooks can have convenience of store-bought

Many home cooks confess to spending a large part of their weekend in the kitchen. What they're doing, they say, is preparing entrees or soups for freezing so there will always be a meal to heat up after a long day at work. They just take them out of the freezer and reheat them in the microwave or the oven or on top of the stove.

Casseroles are an age-old way of preparing food for maximum flavor with minimum fuss. Just spoon them in portion-size freezer containers, label and freeze until needed.

When freezing casseroles, cool them quickly once they are assembled and cooked. Either wrap the whole casserole in freezer-proof material or spoon into individual containers, label and date. Casseroles are best when reheated Saute onion and celery until crispwithout thawing.

CASSEROLE 2 tablespoons butter or mar

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1 cup onion, chopped

3/4 cup celery, chopped 3 tablespoons flour 3/4 cup beef broth 1 teaspoon dried leaf thyme 1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce 1 small head cabbage, cut in chunks (about 1 cup) 3 medium carrots, cut in chunks

(about 1 cup) 3 medium potatoes, cut in chunks (about 2 cups) pound kielbasa or other Polish sausage, cut in 1-inch

1 bay leaf

Melt butter in medium skillet. tender. Stir in flour; cook 1 minute. Gradually stir in broth until smooth. Add thyme and pepper sauce; mix

In a 3-quart casserole, arrange cabbage, carrots, potatoes and kielbasa; pour broth mixture over all. Add bay leaf. Cover.

Bake in a 350-degree oven 45 minutes. Uncover; bake 20 minutes longer, or until vegetables are tender. This kitchen-tested recipe breaking up meat with a fork. makes 4 servings.

this point a day ahead of time and leaf. refrigerated or frozen.

KIDNEY BEAN CASSEROLE 1 pound ground beef 1 large onion, sliced 2 cloves garlic, minced

1 16-ounce can tomatoes in

1 15-ounce can white kidney beans, drained 1 teaspoon dried leaf oregano, crumbled

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce 1 bay leaf Heat large skillet. Add beef,

onion and garlic; cook 5 minutes, Stir in tomatoes, beans, oregano,

Note: Casserole can be made to cumin, salt, Tabasco sauce and bay Spoon mixture into a 2-quart

baking dish. Cover.* Bake in a 350-degree oven 15

minutes longer until heated through. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 4 servings. *Note: Casserole can be made

to this point a day ahead of time and refrigerated or frozen.

A pound cake just like the one grandma used to bake

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor **Better Homes and Gardens** Magazine

Taste the flavor and moistness in a pound cake that's just like the one grandma used to bake. It's guaranteed to have everyone clamoring for seconds. Serve it for dessert or as an office treat, along with a cup of freshly brewed tea to match the cake's light and lemony flavor.

your refrigerator, you can easily substitute regular milk. Just add a tablespoon of lemon juice to a cup of milk and let it stand for 5 minutes

before making the cake. LEMON BUTTERMILK POUND CAKE

1 cup margarine or butter

1 cup buttermilk 3 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda 2 1/4 cups sugar

2 teaspoons finely shredded lemon peel

1 tablespoon lemon juice

l teaspoon vanilla extract 1 recipe Lemon Icing (recipe fol

Bring margarine or butter, eggs and buttermilk to room temperature. Grease and flour a 10-inch fluted tube pan or two 8-by 4- by 2-inch tency.

loaf pans. In a small mixing bowl stir together flour and baking soda. Set aside.

In a large mixer bowl beat margarine or butter with an electric mixer on medium speed until softened. Gradually add sugar, beating until combined. Add eggs, one at a time, beating for 1 minute after each addition and scraping bowl frequently. (Scraping the bowl assures that the batter will be thoroughly If you don't have buttermilk in mixed.) Add lemon peel, lemon juice and vanilla; beat well. (The batter will have a fluffy but somewhat curdled appearance.) Add flour mixture and buttermilk alternately to beaten mixture, beating after each addition just until combined. Turn batter into prepared pan(s).

Bake in a 350-degree F oven until wooden pick inserted near the center comes out clean. For the tube pan, allow 55 to 60 minutes; for loaf pans, allow 45 to 50 minutes. Cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely. Before serving, drizzle with Lemon Icing. Makes 16 servings.

Lemon Icing: In a small mixing bowl combine 1 cup sifted powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel and enough lemon juice (3 to 4 teaspoons) to make an icing of drizzling consis-

There's a reason to be serious about cereal

By AMERICAN HEALTH

With ample amounts of complex carbohydrates and little or no fat or cholesterol, cereal with milk often outshines its breakfast rivals, ed equal. Some are high in sugar,

according to American Health. For example, a one ounce serving of bran flakes and a half cup of skim milk totals 130 calories, with four to six grams of fiber (depending on the

Compare this to two scrambled eggs and three slices of bacon. They weigh in at a hefty 299 calories, with 24 grams of fat and no fiber.

However, all cereals are not creatothers have none; some are fortified with 15 nutrients, others aren't fortified at all. And, depending on which type you choose, cereal may not be healthier than other breakfast selecbrand of cereal) and one gram of fat. tions.

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tomato puree Microwave cooking is a quick way to prepare tamales By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor stitute hot Italian sausage for the casserole arrange husks; add the 2 dough onto a corn husk or parch-

Better Homes and Gardens Magazine

In today's world, a big drawback to most authentic Mexican cooking has been the time it takes to make it. But no more. Now you can explore real South-of-the-Border tamales, for instance, by making them in a fast, untraditional way - in your microwave oven.

For these hot tamales, chorizo (chor-EE-so), a Mexican pork sausage, spices up the filling. You'll find chorizo in Mexican specialty food stores. If you're using corn husks for wrapping the tamales, soften them quickly in your microwave. In a pinch, you can sub-

chorizo and plain parchment paper for the corn husks.

CHORIZO TAMALES 8 corn husks or parchment paper 2 cups water 1 and 2-3rds cups masa harina

tortilla flour 3/4 cup warm water 2-3rds cup shortening 1/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 pound chorizo or hot Italian sausage 1/4 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup salsa 2 tablespoons raisins 1/2 cup water Salsa (optional)

In a 3-quart microwave-safe

eight 8- by 6-inch rectangles.)

Combine tortilla flour and the 3/4 cup warm water. Cover; let stand for 20 minutes. In a large mixing bowl combine shortening and salt; beat ture; beat until combined.

In a 2-quart, microwave-safe casserole cook meat and onion, covered, on high 4 to 6 minutes or until away from the wrappers. no longer pink. Drain fat. Stir in the

1/2 cup salsa and raisins.

cups water. Cover; cook on 100 ment wrapper. Spread dough on percent power (high) for 4 to 6 min- wrapper into a 5- by 4-inch rectanutes or until boiling. Let stand about gle, leaving 1 inch space at both 1 hour, or until softened. Drain; pat ends. Spoon 2 rounded tablespoons dry. (Or, cut parchment paper into of the filling lengthwise down the center of dough. Fold one long edge over the filling, overlapping about 1/2 inch. Roll up jelly-roll style. Tie

Arrange tamales in a 12- by 7 1/2with an electric mixer on medium by 2 1/2-inch microwave-safe bakspeed until fluffy. Add flour mix- ing dish. Add the 1/2 cup water. Cover with vented microwave-safe plastic wrap. Cook on high for 8 to 10 minutes or until dough is pulling

To serve, snip ties and unwrap tamales. If desired, serve with addi-For each tamale, spoon 1/4 cup tional salsa. Makes 8 tamales.

Cube, cook, cool and crunch this microwave cheese snack

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor **Better Homes and Gardens** Magazine

Cube. Cook. Cool. Crunch! In less time than it takes to shred cheese, you can fix these crispy cheese wafers in your microwave oven. Use them in place of shredded cheese and croutons on salads, as a

cracker topper, or serve with fruit. Fat may come out of the cheese cubes as they cook, so have paper towels handy to wipe the pie plate between batches.

CHEESE CRISPS 6 1/2-inch cubes Jarlsberg, Swiss, or Cheddar cheese, about 1 1/2

All-purpose flour Non-stick spray coating

plate, spacing cheese as far apart as serving. Makes 6 crisps.

possible. Cook on 100 percent power (high) for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 min-Toss cheese with enough flour to utes or until golden and bubbly over coat. Spray a 9-inch microwave-safe entire surface. Use a spatula to pie plate with non-stick spray coat- remove crisps from the pie plate. ing. Arrange cheese cubes in the pie Drain on paper towels. Cool before



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Lifestyles

Michael Jordan look out!



The Lamar Elementary School Booster Club sponsored a Super Shooter Shoot Out on Saturday. Above are girls who won in the fourth and fifth-grade division of the contest, from left, third place, Lindsey Donnell; second place, Trisha Buckner; and first place. Heather Petty



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reatigar, ified ortihich ot be elecBoys who won in the fourth and fifth-grade division were, from left, third place, Zane Powers; second place, Kevin Osborn; and first place, Justin Roark.



Winners of the second and third-grade division girls were, from left, third place, April Shorter, second place, Micki Petty, and first place, Melissa Williams.



Boys who won the second and third-grade division, from left, were second place, Kirk George and first place, Shawn Strate. Not shown is third place winner Keenan Davis.

Newsmakers



Mark E. Thornburg

Mark E. Thornburg, son of Ellis and Lavonna Thornburg, Dumas, has been named to the Dean's honor roll at Frank Phillips College. He earned a 3.77 grade point average.

Thornburg is the grandson of Mary Opal Thornburg, Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Carter, all of Pampa.

Virginia Megan Ackfeld was named to the dean's list at Texas A&I University for the fall 1991 semester. Students on the dean's list must maintain a 3.65 grade point

average for a minimum of 15 hours. Four Pampa area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the honor roll for the fall semester at the university. Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll include Aaron Patrick Lopez, a finance

major; Lisa Dawn McNeely, an

elementary education major; and

Sherri LeeAnn McDonald, a nurs-

Those listed on the 3.5 to 4.00 honor roll include Stacie Delaine Neff, a government major, and Kee-

ley Kay Orman, a finance major. Roby Connor, son of Frances and Harold Connor, received an academic scholarship for the spring 1992 semester at Schreiner College. Criteria for the award includes a minimum 3.25 grade point average and evidence of good citizenship.

Elaine James was named Carri-R. E. McCain, and Mr. and Mrs. er of the Month for November. She carries the 2200 block of Duncan to Hobart, and has been on the job for 15 months. James attends Hobart Baptist Church and enjoys refunding and couponing. She said her earning are used for family extras.

Beauty beyond birthmark is what mom sees

DEAR ABBY: I have a 6-year-old daughter. She is a beautiful child. 'Angie" has long blond hair and beautiful sky-blue eyes. She was born with a brownish birthmark over one eye and down her cheek. I do not consider her "disfigured"; in fact, when I look at Angie, I don't even see the birthmark.

I find it very distressing when people react to the birthmark instead of to the person. Strangers will grab Angie's chin and turn her face, asking, "What's wrong with your face?" Abby, there is nothing wrong with her face. She is beautiful, and we have taught her that God gave her this birthmark to draw attention to her beautiful blue eyes.

It is too bad more people can't look beyond the surface and see the person within. In this day of diets and plastic surgeries, we seem to have lost respect for nature and re-

Never have we considered any type of surgery to remove Angie's birthmark. She is not harmed by it in any way. The harm is from wellmeaning people who want to "comfort" me and her. Any remarks about surgery to "fix" her face are demeaning to her, and telling me that she is not good enough the way she is. People should realize, it's what's on the inside — not the outside that counts. I am sure you under-

A LOVING MOTHER



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

stand, and I know how you feel, but Angie's feelings must be considered. No child wants to be "different," and Angie's birthmark makes her different - and immediately conspicuous. Ask her if she would like to have her birthmark removed.

A consultation with her teacher, the school nurse, her pediatrician or your clergyperson might be helpful. Please consider these suggestions, and be assured there are several options for making such birthmarks less conspicuous.

DEAR ABBY: I'm getting married in June, and although this is not a serious matter, I have a nagging question that it seems only you can

The question relates to throwing rice vs. birdseed at weddings.

I've heard two rumors: (1) Any rice eaten by birds expands in their DEAR MOTHER: I do under- stomachs and kills them; (2) The

first rumor was started by the manufacturers of birdseed in order to promote their product.

Which rumor is true, Abby? I would prefer to have rice thrown at my wedding but not at the expense of any luckless birds who might happen

DONNA IN ATLANTA **DEAR DONNA: My current** bird expert, Mike Cunningham, associate curator of birds at the Los Angeles Zoo, just chirped me this message: "Most birds that eat hard seeds and grains have a gizzard, which grinds the object before it reaches the stomach.

"They also have very good digestive systems, so rice presents no problem for them. If a bird were to die from eating rice, it would be a freak accident."

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'Van Go' has a new meaning in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - An African elephant mask to don, a Maya whistle to toot, or a Japanese kimono to sashay around in are likely to arrive up when the New Orleans Museum of Art's "Van Go" comes visit-

Van Go, the museum's "Museum-on-Wheels" outreach program, takes "handson" art collections out to schools, libraries, clinics and senior centers throughout Louisiana.

In the Van Go presentations, audiences can get to know more than just the work of art. "In many cultures," explains E. John Bullard, the museum's director, "art is not intended to decorate walls or be viewed through cases ... rather, artists create their objects to be used, worn or touched."

And touched they can be on Van Go's visits, helping promote understanding of non-Western cultures and the different roles art plays in these cul-

The museum says the program has already served around 17,000 children and adults around the state.

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There is a possibility you might make a major career change in the year ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're likely to have an extremely lively imagination today. In the morning, you might be a trifle negative, but toward afternoon, you'll be more optimistic, positive and successful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you're required to make a decision today that affects a close friend, bend your thinking a bit to tilt in this individual's favor rather than make an objective

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You should be able to get along quite well with others today, provided competitive elements aren't allowed to enter the picture. Egos could be easily bruised, including yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your possi-

bilities for deriving material benefits from other than your usual source look good today. Fortunately, though, you could also reap gains through your customary channels.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others will do your bidding today, provided you figure out some way for them to share or participate in what you hope to get. Happily, you'll be in a rather generous mood.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things should go smoothly for you today, provided you put your trust in individuals who have proven their reliability in the past. If something isn't broken, don't bother to fix it. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Relations can be

substantially improved today with an individual who has never been too supportive of you in the past. Take advantage of your opportunity to turn an adversary into a friend. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might find yourself in a position today where

you can share something with an individual who made only a minor contribution. It may reduce your immediate profit, but increase later returns. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It may be nec-

essary for you to exercise your authority over a specific situation today. It can be done in a way that will earn respect, not animosity SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's best for you to follow your humane instincts to-

your cause is just, the results won't be worth the anguish.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A close friend might be in need of your moral support today. If you truly believe in this individual and want to make an impact, don't do things partially. Go all

the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An objective of consequence can be achieved today, not by taking shortcuts or lowering your standards, but by adhering to principles that will enhance your reputation.



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I WAS WONDERING WHERE I'D LOST THAT

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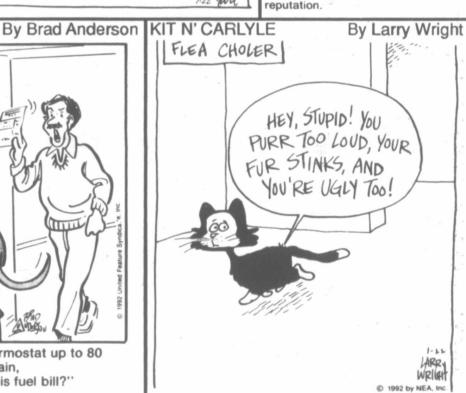


THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane 1-22

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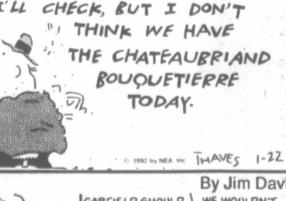
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'Blind bogey' tourney livens winter activities

Taking advantage of nicer weather last Thursday, the Hidden Hills Seniors held a "Blind Bogey" Tournament.

First low gross went to Bob McGinnis with a score of 41, first low net went to Jim Maher with a 33, and 2nd low net went to Arthell Gibson with a 34.

If you're a senior, and would like to join this fine senior association, contact Hidden Hills.

Congratulations go out to Paul McIntire for a fine showing in his first professional tournament last week at the Bob Hope Classic.

Paul's first round 73 was on the 6,854 yard LaQuinta course, his second round 73 was on the Arnold Palmer PGA West 6,931 yard course, the hardest of the courses they played. A third round 5-under 67 was on the 6,927 yard Bermuda Dunes course. Finishing with a 2-under 70, and a total of 283, Paul missed the cut by three shots. That's not bad considering Paul had a triple bogey in his third round, when he shot 67. Good luck in your next tournament, we're all pulling for you.

Did you know? In 1954, Arnold Palmer wanted to buy his future wife, Winnie, an engagement ring but didn't have the money. So he took on what he later termed a "sucker bet" when he first played a course in Clementon, N.J., that year. Palmer would win \$100 for every stroke he scored under 72; he would pay \$100 for every stroke over 80. "I was in love and nothing could scare me," he said. He shot 68, and Winnie got her ring. GOLFING FEATS...

PAMPA COUNTRY CLUB...Wyatt Earp, eagle-3 on number one. Jim Cantrell had a fine 34 on the par-36 back nine. Mark McVay and Jim Honderich both chipped in on number 17 for a

HIDDEN HILLS...Bill Washington had a double eagle-2 on the par-5 number four hole. Good shot Bill. The shot was witnessed by Evert Butler, Jim Maher, and Doug Debose. Until next week, SEE YA IN THE ROUGH.

McEnroe ousted at Open after exceptional effort

Courier next will face unseeded

Edberg and Krajicek gave the cen-

Courier, who has now dropped

only a set in five matches, was rele-

gated to nearby Court 1 and spent

less than two hours demolishing the

Lendl appeared well in command

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best match for me so far."

in their long rivalry.

me out there," Stich said.

ning in the semifinals 6-4, 5-7, 3-6,

Unseeded Krajicek blasted 22 aces

"I thought I was playing against

Krajicek also had to battle back

Stich ran into trouble for the last

time while serving at 3-3 in the

double-fault. The German promptly

against Stich as both men dominated

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - calls that went against him, packed John McEnroe's magical run at the his bag quickly and left with his head Australian Open came to an end down and no acknowledgement to today at the hands of a 20-year-old the cheering crowd.

Wayne Ferreira, ranked 46th in the had hoped to meet McEnroe in the game Friday night," Hale said. world, gave McEnroe a thorough final, now will be cheering for Ferbeating with a booming serve and reira to knock off Edberg. Courier's stinging groundstrokes in advancing hopes for the No. 1 ranking hinge on to a semifinal meeting with top-seed- winning the tournament and having gym and Harvester fans are urged to ed Stefan Edberg on the strength of a Edberg lose in the semifinals. 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory.

McEnroe, owner of one of the best Lendl 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1 in service returns in tennis, had to a battle of two-time champions to watch as Ferreira blasted 15 aces and advance to the final four, while numerous winners. His go-for-broke Courier claimed an easy 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 style meant that when he missed, he victory over outclassed Amos Mansmissed badly. But he didn't miss dorf of Israel. often.

McEnroe, broken once in each set. Richard Krajicek, who ousted fourthcould manage only three break points. Ferreira had at least one ace Michael Stich 5-7, 7-6 (7-2), 6-7 (1in each of his first 10 service games. 7), 6-4, 6-4. He finished off the first set with ace No. 6 and the second set with No. 13. ter-court fans their money's worth.

The New York left-hander, who Their back-to-back five setters lasted beat No. 3 Boris Becker and No. 13 a combined six hours and 45 min-Emilio Sanchez in his last two utes, leaving the fans drained after matches, watched Ferreira's almost ebb-and-tide fights that yielded flawless display in disbelief, often standing ovations. standing with his hands on his hips after watching winners zing by.

The packed, pro-McEnroe crowd in the 15,000-seat Center Court, enchanted by his return to the limelight and immaculate behavior, also was stunned by the ease with which of his match against Edberg, but sud-Ferreira put together his best style in the biggest match of his career.

Those who brought American Edberg's serve to win the first set, he flags had few chances to wave them. Instead, the few South Africans in committed three errors. the stands proudly waved a couple of orange, blue and white banners.

McEnroe, wearing a red-and-black 11 games to go up two sets to one. elastic support on his right knee for the third straight match, never got a chance chance in the beginning," Edberg to display his deft touch at the net.

He appeared a little sluggish and from there on I played some very had trouble taming an inconsistent good tennis. I thought this was the first serve that had him shaking his head when an inordinate number hit the tape and sailed long.

During a stretch of five service just four points in four service games games spanning the end of the first in the fifth. set to the middle of the third, Ferreira gave up only three points.

He put himself in position to finish off the match with a sharply angled 7-6, 6-4. He still leads Edberg 13-12 backhand half-volley crosscourt that landed well out of McEnroe's reach and made it 30-15. A forehand in the to 15 for Stich in a battle of two of corner brought him two match points. the best servers in tennis. They also

But McEnroe saved the first with a combined for 108 serves that never forehand crosscourt pass. He got the made it back into play. crowd pumped up briefly when he went to deuce on a long and wide forehand approach by Ferreira.

Ferreira took his third and final match point with an excellent back- on their serves. There were only hand volley crosscourt, and ended the three breaks in 56 games, and each one-sided affair with a forehand deep decided a set. in the corner that McEnroe could barely touch with his backhand.

deciding set, with his problems com-Ferreira leaped with his arms up, while a dejected McEnroe slumped plicated by a disruptive fan. his head, walked to the net slowly and congratulated him with a handshake and a pat on the shoulder.

McEnroe, who maintained to the complied, then waved his hand to the end his good behavior despite obvi- fan and shouted derisively: "Thank ous annoyance over numerous line you!"

Harvesters rack up 20th win Ladies lose 75-68 war

vs. Randall

By L.D. STRATE **Sports Writer**

Grabbing win No. 20 was like another routine night at the office for the No. 1 ranked Pampa Harvesters. Just put on the work clothes and punch that old time clock.

The Harvesters, with everybody on the roster getting in on the action, rolled to a convincing 94-69 win over Randall Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa upped its overall record to 20-2 and 2-0 in District 1-4A. Randall drops to 10-11 and 1-1.

"We've got a group of guys who play hard and practice hard. It's a fun time for us," said PHS head coach Robert Hale.

Pampa jumped out quickly to a 7-0 lead and by halftime the Harvesters were ahead by 21, 51-30.

Senior post player Jeff Young led the Harvesters' scoring assault with 23 points, tossing in 16 points in the first half. Cederick Wilbon followed with 16, Dwight Nickelberry 15, David Johnson 14 and Randy Nichols, 10.

Hale inserted reserves Ryan period. Erwin and Brent Skaggs into the starting lineup and they combined for 6 points and 13 rebounds.

Topping Randall in scoring was Shane Anderson with 15 points. Jared Swopes and Marc Franklin added 11 points each.

The Harvesters held a wide edge in rebounding, 37-25, with Erwin's 8 boards leading the way. Paul Brown had 6 points, Skaggs

4, Sammy Laury 3, Erwin 2 and Seveirn Wallace 1 to round out Pampa's scoring. "This was an important game for

us as all our district games are," who has never won a pro tournament. Second-seeded Jim Courier, who Hale said. "We've got another big

Friday night, Pampa visits longtime rival Borger for a district clash. Gametime is 8 p.m. in the Bulldogs' get there as early as possible again. because a sellout crowd is expected. Edberg beat fifth-seeded Ivan Borger edged Dumas, 49-46,

> Tuesday night. The Harvesters remain ranked No. 1 in Class 4A in the latest Associated Press poll.

The District 1-4A girls' game was much more exciting as Pampa gave fourth-ranked Randall all it seeded Wimbledon champion could handle before bowing, 75-68.

"Anytime two teams can go out and score 22 points each in the first quarter, you know it's got to be an exciting game for the fans, said PHS head coach Albert Nichols. "Randall is ranked No. 4 and we're No. 13. I didn't see much difference between the two teams."

Indeed, the two teams battled on contest. The score was tied eight times in three quarters of play with Randall clinging to a three-point (21-2 overall, 4-0 in district) with 18



(Staff photos by J. Alan Brzys) Pampa's Cederick Wilbon (25) left, successfully launches a shot over Randall defender Shane Anderson (12) in first-quarter action Tuesday night at McNeely Fieldhouse. In photo below, Pampa's Dalawana Meloy (22) scores against Randall standout Tandy Dunavin.

lead (59-56) going into the final

Randall stayed in front the remainder of the game and Corey Norman's 3-point shot gave the Lady Raiders an eight-point lead,

Just prior to Norman's 3-pointer, the scoreboard malfunctioned with 5:11 showing on the clock and time had to be called so maintenance personnel could fix it. The scoreboard was operational in about five min-

"I think when the scoreboard broke down it hurt our rhythm, but we showed we could play with Randall," Nichols said. "And we're going to have another chance at

Nikki Ryan's bucket pulled Pampa within five, 73-68, with just under two minutes to play, but the Lady Harvesters wouldn't score

Randall had problems at the foul line with a minute to go, but Pampa couldn't cash in. In four consecutive trips to the free throw line, Randall missed two foul shots and were whistled for lane violations the other

Ryan was the top scorer Pampa with 21 points and the 5-10 senior also pulled down a dozen rebounds to help give the Lady Harvesters a wide 36-19 margin in rebounding.

the boards," Nichols said. "We had a pretty good height advantage on Dalawana Meloy had 14 points,

"We caused Randall problems on

Amber Seaton 13, and Kristen Becker 12 for the Lady Harvesters, who equal terms for the majority of the are 13-7 for the season and 3-1 in district play.

Amanda Sandlin led Randall



Norman had 13 and 12 points points each for Pampa. respectively.

points. Tandy Dunavin and Corey LaTonya Jeffery and Lisa Jeffery, 2

Pampa goes to Borger for a dis-Kristie Jones had 4 points, trict tilt at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Can Redskins shut down Bills offense?

After riding a first-game break of MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Was it a served for the second at 5-4, but fluke? Or was it a harbinger of the Super Bowl?

That allowed Edberg to break and Did Denver's defensive effort in start a string in which he won 10 of the AFC Championship game provide the Washington Redskins with 'I didn't really have too much the secret to shutting down the nohuddle attack? Have the Skins been said. "He gave me the chance, and given an unmatchable edge against the Buffalo Bills?

> Have Jim Kelly and his buddies been exposed?

Edberg lost only three points in six "Denver caught Buffalo offservice games in the fourth set, and coordinator Richie Petitbon said Tuesday. "I don't think we'll catch Lendl took their last five-setter on them off-guard. the same center court last year, win-

"Denver put great pressure on Kelly, played a lot more man defense and was dogging (blitzing) more than most teams have done. The Broncos hadn't shown those things that much and the Bills weren't expecting it."

The Broncos were so effective in the AFC title game that they held the from the hurry-up.' Bills to 12 first downs, 213 yards and 10 points. It wasn't enough to get Denver to its fourth Super Bowl in six years, but it was impressive.

"It was surprising," said Pro two receptions for 19 yards. "It surprised me a lot. Everybody felt we should have scored a lot of points.

play as well against Houston. They After faulting at 0-15, the fan felt they had the No. 1 defense and yelled "Double!" suggesting Stich had a lot to prove against us."

The Redskins have proven to be one of the NFL's stingiest defenses all year, Only New Orleans allowed

Bowl with an entirely different defensive scheme. The Skins substitute like crazy, even to the point of having a first-down linebacker (Matt Millen), a second-down linebacker (Kurt Gouveia) and a third-down LB (Monte Coleman). They line up differently. They're bigger.

"Denver runs a 34 and we have a four-man front," Petitbon said. 'One of the strong points of our defense is we like to use a lot of guard, I think," Redskins defensive people. That's hard to do with this offense. That's one of the things the no-huddle does to us and we could be hurt by it."

But the Skins have had no trouble with wide-open attacks. They swept five games with run-and-shoot a smart team and we don't make Thomas said. "But we have to be teams this season.

'We don't view Buffalo as a runand-shoot," Petitbon insisted. offense similar to us, but they do it

The Bills operated the hurry-up and went nowhere in their last game. It has to be a big concern, particularly since Washington is as capable of dominating the ball and the clock as Bowl receiver Andre Reed, held to the Giants did in beating Buffalo 20-19 in last year's Super Bowl.

'We didn't lose any confidence in it," Jim Kelly said of the AFC's "The week before, Denver did not most prolific offense, second only to Washington's in the NFL. "We kept our poise all season and one game Bass award, which goes to the overdoesn't determine our offense or how we feel about it."

Still, there will be questions, which is ironic. Until the Denver game, it was Buffalo's defense that was doubt-

Washington comes to the Super ed. But while the defenders were ty. A weak offensive display almost peaking — the Bills have allowed just certainly would mean a second 21 points in two playoff games, and straight Super loss, too. And it the 14 points by Kansas City came might place doubt on the no-huddle. after the game was decided — the vaunted offense was stumbling.

"It's kind of crazy, isn't it?" Reed title game). It is a horror show when said. "That game, the defense rises it flops. up and wins it for us after the offense in other weeks was doing it. because of the way our offense We've come to expect the offense plays," linebacker Darryl Talley will perform and score and be more said. "It can wear you down, unless of a factor.'

'We missed a lot of assignments other team try to catch up." and we're not happy with that," said Thurman Thomas, held to 87 yards total offense by Denver after averaging 136 a game to lead the league for the third straight season. "We're those kind of mistakes."

Making them Sunday will put an

Before the Bills can make the Redskins try to catch up, they have to catch fire.

they are scoring and making the

which is a thing of beauty when it

works correctly (see the 1990 AFC

"Our defense is on the field a lot

"It's one of those situations where we might not confuse them at all," prepared and know our assignment just a little bit better than we did all

extra burden on a defense that year long. This is the game we have "They run a classic one-back doesn't need any more responsibilito execute better."

Bassmasters to celebrate

will celebrate 20 years of existence treasurer Gary Carter. at the club's annual awards banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Coronado our club is one of the oldest in the Inn's Club Biarritz in Pampa.

Charter members have been the oldest club in Texas. invited as special guests of the club, which was founded in 1972. The club's top six anglers from

last year will be honored and a Mr. all winner, will be presented. The Top O' Texas Bassmasters is

affiliated with B.A.S.S.(Bass Anglers Sportsman Society), which has clubs all over the United States,

The Top O' Texas Bassmasters according to incoming secretary-

"B.A.S.S. is in its 25th year and nation," Carter said. "It probably is

Carter said the Top O' Texas Bassmasters is a non-profit organization which is striving to become more active in environmental issues and community

'We do trash pickups at selected lakes and put on fishing tournaments for boy and girl scouts and the handicapped youth," Carter said.

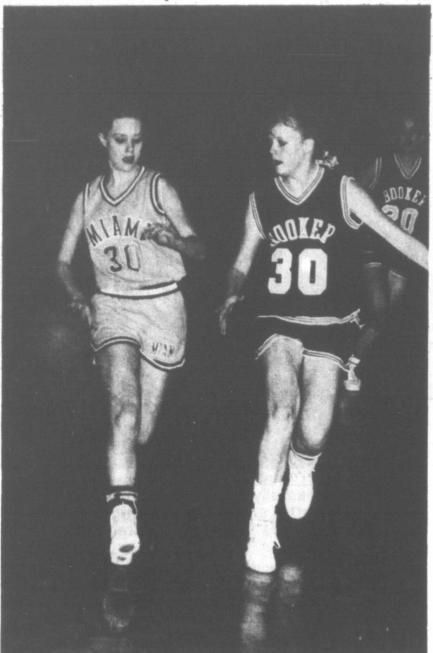
Miami girls squeak by Booker; Groom squads grab a pair

MIAMI - Miami held off Bookwin over Booker in girls' basketball action Tuesday night.

The Warriorettes were ahead by five points after three quarters and led Booker the entire fourth quarter.

er in the fourth quarter for a 35-33 team effort," said Miami coach South and Sersa added 6 points to win the girls' game. Dwight Rice. "Cam McDowell each. rebounded hard for us and Nancy Gill and Jamie Sursa both had good

McDowell led Miami scorers Booker is 9-9.



Miami's Krista Krehbiel (30) dribbles furiously down the court, pursued by a Booker player Tuesday.

"We had a pretty good overall with 8 points each while Michelle

Booker was led in scoring by Jenni Hoyle with 9 points. Miami has an 8-11 record while

The boys' game was also a close with Booker coming out on top, 76-

Booker led at halftime by six (41-35), but Miami cut the gap to three (60-57) going into the fourth

Booker (16-5) was led in scoring by Dustin Hoover with 25 points while Chad Phillips chipped in 23.

Miami's Melvin Seymour was the game's high scorer with 29 points. Aaron McReynolds added 20 points for the Warriors, who have a 7-14 record.

WELLINGTON - Canadian district. girls won a 51-50 squeaker over Wellington in a District 2-2A battle

for Canadian with 10 points while Shannon White led Wellington with

Canadian has a 9-9 record and is 2-1 in district. Wellington is 11-8 and 1-2.

Wellington won the boys' contest, 65-35.

Wesley McKnight topped Wellington in scoring with 19 points. Canadian's scoring leaders were Nick Hiemstra with 13 points and Joel Robbins, 11.

The Wildcats are 12-7 for the season and 1-2 in district. Wellington is 6-3 overall and 3-0 in district.

ALLISON - Briscoe, led by Dallas Fillingim's 24 points, rolled to an 86-51 win over Allison in a District 11-1A boys' game Tuesday night.

Scott Dyer had 19 points to lead

Briscoe is 2-0 in district play and 16-4 overall. Allison is 5-13 overall and 2-1 in district.

Briscoe outlasted Allison, 43-40, tossed in 21 points to pace Pan-

Briscoe's top scorers were Mary Swigart with 13 points and Lindsey night. Fillingim with 12.

Andrea Dukes led Allison with

Briscoe girls have a 9-10 overall mark and stand 2-0 in the district standings. Allison is 12-7 and

GROOM - Wes Hall scored 22 points as Groom posted a 69-63 District 11-1A overtime victory over Hedley Tuesday night.

Kevin Johnson led Hedley with

Nick Kuehler added 10 points for the Tigers, who upped their overall record to 13-7. In district play, Groom is 2-0.

Hedley is 11-7 overall and 1-2 in Groom overwhelmed Hedley,

71-9, in the girls' game. Karen Babock had 18 points and Jenny Wilburn was high score Kristy Case 17 to lead the Tigerettes' attack.

> Groom is 20-1 in all games and 2-0 in district action.

Area Basketball

LAKEVIEW - Daniel Harris scored 22 points to lead McLean to an 82-50 win over Lakeview in District 12-1A action Tuesday night.

Bobo Wiggins also scored 22 points for the losers. Christian Looney contributed 16 points for the

The Tigers boosted their record to 16-4 overall and 2-0 in district. McLean toppled Lakeview, 56-20, in the girls' game.

Mindy Magee, Joetta Bailey and Brandy Melton scored 15 points each to lead McLean's balanced scoring attack.

McLean girls have 6-14 overall record and are 2-0 in the district

handle to a 57-40 win White Deer and 0-3 in district. in District 2-2A play Tuesday

Brandon Carpenter was high scorer for White Deer with 13

The Bucks fall to 4-17 overall

Angie Ogletree's 20 points sparked Panhandle to a 69-32 win the girls' game.

Kandi Cargal led White Deer (3-17, 0-3) with 18 points.

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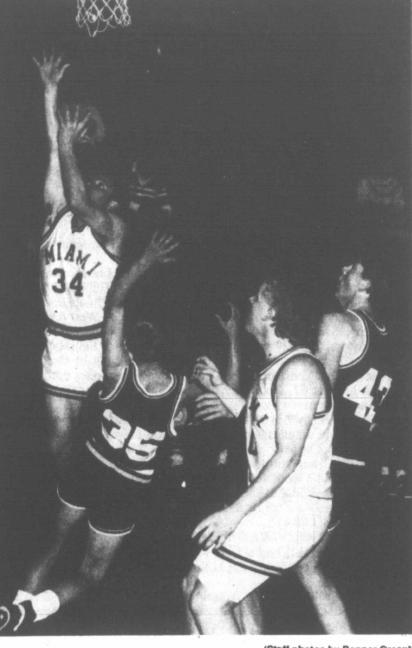
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(Staff photos by Bonner Green) Miami's Greg Kauk (34) drives for a layup against WHITE DEER - Kelly Clark Booker defenders Tuesday night at Miami.

Michigan's Heisman winner Howard opts for pro career

Heisman trophy winner Desmond perhaps his mother. Howard's decision to leave Michigan in favor of playing professional football came down to one question. What did he have left to prove?

could have done — maybe break a the stadium where Howard thrilled sional basketball career with the Los few more records, but as far as the nation with many of his sensa- Angeles Lakers. awards and accolades are con-tional touchdown catches last fall. The difference cerned, once you've won the Heisman, then most people in college football think that you've done it all," Howard said Tuesday

"All I would have been striving for if I would have come back would be the national championship.'

Howard's decision to give up his last year of eligibility for the lure of next step. whatever the market will bear for a

would be here for Jermaine," Hattie Canadian league. Howard said Tuesday after

and Mrs. Howard hoped Desmond college to do. would be here to show his younger brother around.

sort of did what he wanted to. I'm

ing experience.'

lead with 11:26 remaining.

coach Steve Fisher said.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) - some, but it surprised no one, save Howard said he talked with Rocket Ismail, the Notre Dame speedster "My gut feeling was that he who left school early to join the

He also talked with Earvin John-Desmond's news conference in son, who left Michigan State after "There was nothing new that I Crisler Arena, the building next to his sophomore season for a profes-

Jermaine Howard will attend Gary Moeller said, is that Howard bottom line on his career. 134 catch-

"Maybe his mother said it best of all. She looked at me and she said, "Leading Jermaine on, that's 'One thing we have to concern ourmom's desire," she said. "But he selves with is, 'What else can he do?'

"There's a lot to that statement not hurt, I'm just nervous about the because he has done it the right way. We're looking at a student-athlete, The next step likely will be a and I hope it comes across to everylow first-round NFL pick saddened lucrative NFL or CFL contract. body in that way," Moeller said.

Howard will graduate in May For now, he's still a student. team on a grass field. He also wants grade point average in the fall.

record-tying 19 touchdown passes, tract and relative obscurity.

"Four years ago, a young child Michigan to pursue his degree," Howard said. "He would be the first person in his immediate family to get a degree in four years and be the best college football player he could be. I'm graduating in May, and the Heisman's (at home) in Cleveland."

Even with the hype of the Heisman on "Good Morning America" today and Michigan's Big Ten champi- to take a test he missed Tuesday. all business, even if that means fol-On the field, he caught an NCAA lowing Ismail north to a huge con-

punt and a kickoff for scores. The Howard said, "In the business, the draft world, it's about marketability. You highest bidder.'

NFL scouts have figured Howard the No. 9 pick.

Howard, who shied away from

with a communications degree. Howard turned down an appearance his post-graduate degree in social work to be paid for by his team. Howard said he has an insurance

onship season, Howard had a 3.44 But Howard knows what follows is policy with Lloyds of London to protect him against injury. He said he'll probably take part in the scouting combines, where NFL scouts get ran for two others and returned a "At this stage, it's a business," a look-see at the talent coming in

"Personally, if it had been my Michigan as a freshman this fall, will have finished what he came to es, 32 touchdowns and 2,146 yards try to position yourself to go to the decision to make, I would have made it a lot earlier," teammate Tony McGee said. "Knowing the left Cleveland, Ohio, to come to for a top-10 draft pick, probably kind person he is, it wouldn't be out among the second five players of the realm of imagination for him taken. Coincidentally, Howard's to have returned and pursued that hometown Cleveland Browns have degree because that's the type of individual Desmond Howard is.

> Moeller said he would have liked questions about money, said he to have Howard back next season, wants to play for a warm-weather but he knew better than to expect it.

'Nova, Volunteers knock off ranked teams

Michigan guard Michael Talley, who had

15 points. "We will take this loss as a learn-

51, but Indiana rallied with 10 straight

The Wolverines (10-4, 2-3) closed to 53-

By The Associated Press

The Big Ten and the Big East. Two basketball conferences always listed among the nation's best, it seems only logical their first-place teams, even this early in the season, would be among the country's top teams.

Fourth-ranked Indiana remained the only unbeaten team in the Big Ten with an 89-74 victory over No. 16 Michigan on Tuesday night, increasing its overall record to 14-2 and its conference lead to 1 1/2 games over the Hoosiers with a basket that started an 8record.

Villanova's 70-60 victory over No. 13 Syracuse on Tuesday night vaulted the Wildcats into first place in the Big East with a 5-1 record, one-half game ahead of Connecticut and a lot better than their overall mark of 7-7.

College Basketball

No. 4 Indiana 89, No. 16 Michigan 74

The Hoosiers won their 12th straight as

Damon Bailey and Calbert Cheaney had 22

points each. Indiana went to the free throw

line an Assembly Hall-record 50 times,

Bailey was 8-for-10 from the free throw

"I'm waiting to see Bailey better than

"An awful lot of our free throws came

All those foul shots meant a lot of fouls,

and three of Michigan's heralded five fresh-

who led the Wolverines with a season-high

this," Bob Knight said. "He's improved,

from Michigan offensive boards. We

So much for that theory.

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he's got a way to go.

blocked out pretty well.'

26 points and 10 rebounds.

Ohio State and Minnesota with a 5-0 2 run "We were in a position to keep it close, Sounds like the theory is holding up nicebut we missed our shots and fouled and they made their free throws," Michigan

Villanova 70, No. 13 Syracuse 60 Wildcats coach Rollie Massimino admitted his team was affected by playing for first place. "We were a little apprehensive early, I

at halftime it's only a game, just relax, and play like you know how.' In other games involving ranked teams That means defense, and Villanova held on Tuesday night, it was No. 1 Duke 95, the Orangemen (13-2, 5-2) to their lowest Boston University 85; Tennessee 107, No. 8 output of the season, 22 points below their

guess because of the intensity of playing for

first place," Massimino said. "I told them

Kentucky 85; No. 19 North Carolina Charseason average. lotte 82, Davidson 70; and No. 21 Tulane "I thought we played a terrific defen-87, Virginia Commonwealth 85 in oversive game," said Massimino, who employed a variety of defenses through-

> out the game. David Johnson had a season-low eight points for visiting Syracuse, well below his OT 22.8 average.

"We're not going to win many games shooting 18-for-58," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "Our rebounding was fine, line, grabbed a team-high five rebounds and but it was just a case of not making our tied teammate Chris Reynolds with five assists. That's not enough to wow his

A 12-2 run by the Wildcats, capped by a jumper by Chris Walker, who had 17 points, gave Villanova a 57-44 lead with 5:35 to

This was the fourth straight game Villanova played a ranked team, and the Wildcats have won three. They beat No. 5 Connecticut and No. 21 Seton Hall, but lost at No. 10 North Carolina on Sunday.

men fouled out, including Juwan Howard, No. 1 Duke 95, Boston U. 85 Christian Laettner had 25 points for the Blue Devils (13-0), who won their 19th topped the Rams with 27 points.

"If you can play with Indiana, you can consecutive game. Visiting Duke took play with anybody in the country," said advantage of its height advantage and spent a good portion of the night at the free throw line, making 36 of 56. Trailing 85-61 with 7:45 left, the Terriers (5-8) went on a 24-9 run to get within nine with 19 seconds left.

Jason Scott had a career-high 30 points for the Terriers, just the third team to stay points, five by Bailey, to build a 12-point within 10 points of the defending national champions this season.

The Wolverines refused to fold, however, Tennesee 107, No. 8 Kentucky 85 as they outscored Indiana 9-2 and closed to 73-69 with 5:02 left. Bailey again ignited

With just over three minutes to play, the Volunteers (10-6, 3-2) led 83-76 and then went to work from the free throw line, making 17 of 22 foul shots in that span while Kentucky managed just two field goals.

The loss was the first this season in the Southeastern Conference for the Wildcats (14-3, 4-1), who have lost 16 of the 21 games they have played in Knoxville. Allan Houston had 36 points and Carlus Groves had 23 for Tennessee.

Jamal Mashburn led Kentucky with 28 points before fouling out with 3:28 to go, just seconds before the deciding run

began. No. 19 N.C. Charlotte 82, Davidson 70 The 49ers (12-2) rallied from their week-

end loss at Duke to win the "Battle of I-85." Henry Williams had 21 points and James Terrell added 19 as North Carolina Charlotte led by at least seven and as many as 20 in the second half. Jason Zimmerman led the visiting Wildcats (5-8) with 26

No. 21 Tulane 87, Va. Commonwealth 85,

Freshman guard Pointer Williams made five of six free throws in the final 31 seconds of overtime as the Green Wave (14-1, 3-0) rebounded from their first loss of the season with the Metro Conference

The Rams (9-6, 2-2) had one last chance, but Rod Ladd's 3-pointer bounced off the front of the rim at the buzzer.

Virginia Commonwealth tied the game 76-76 with 38 seconds left in regulation on Sharron Mills' jumper from the foul

Kim Lewis had one last shot for the visiting Green Wave, but his 19-footer missed as time expired. Anthony Reed led Tulane with 16 points, while Kendrick Warren

Spurs dump Brown

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - First he was fired, then he wasn't, then he was.

Whatever the blow-by-blow details, one thing was certain Tuesday night: Larry Brown was no longer head

coach of the San Antonio Spurs. Brown was terminated at his own request earlier in the day, and Spurs vice president Bob Bass stepped into the position for the rest of the season.

For many Spurs fans at Tuesday night's game, the

change was inevitable. "Larry Brown was an excellent teacher but failed to motivate his players," said Dr. Joel Rutstein, 45. "His biggest fault was he couldn't get along with David Robinson. You have to get along with the top players, and David and Larry didn't get along.

Although Brown and Robinson never publicly acknowledged a rift, some observers long speculated it

Tricia Alemon, 23, a payroll clerk, said she thought

Brown's leaving was a good idea.

"The Spurs made too many excuses for losing," she said. "We'll see if changing coaches will end all of the excuses. Some of the problems were on the court, but most happened with the staff."

The Spurs, winners of consecutive Midwest Division championships, are 22-17 this season before a 114-100 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Tuesday night. Judy Becerra, 42, a state employee, said she disagreed with Brown's termination. "He had spark and fire and fought to the end for his

team," Ms. Becerra said. "He had class and style -something this team doesn't have now.' Spurs players reacted with shock to the news of

Brown's departure. "We're sad to see coach go," forward Sean Elliott said. "I think he did the best job that he could."

Brown said he was fired in a meeting with Spurs owner Red McCombs on Monday. But Brown reportedly was told he could keep his job later that day after a team meet-McCombs, in a hastily called news conference Tues-

day, said Brown failed to show up for another meeting Tuesday and then requested the termination. McCombs said Brown felt McCombs had lost confidence in his "Larry has made a great contribution here," McCombs

said, "We're all the better for it. I wish it was the kind of thing that could have gone on forever." Bass said he would be making some strategy changes

as coach, but declined to give specifics. "I'm going to have a couple of games before I have a practice, so that's always exciting," Bass said.

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Husband living in fear of wife who tried to hire hitman - three times



By CHARLENE SMITH **Associated Press Writer**

woman who tried to hire a hitman have her husband killed. to kill her estranged husband could spend the next 50 years in prison. from behind bars.

"I'll probably never feel safe," County Jail where his wife, Darlene to hire a hitman. Svoboda, awaits sentencing on Fri-

er police officer she thought filed that time.

2/3 and 50 years in prison.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - A hasn't kept her from attempting to prove it," she said.

Once, police said, Mrs. Svoboda wrote a letter to another inmate, to her husband's house. That part, But that's little comfort to him: asking whether the woman's she doesn't deny. But she said it she's allegedly tried twice more boyfriend would kill Svoboda. The was the officer who actually inmate gave the letter to police, and planned the killing. Mrs. Svoboda was charged with Kevin Svoboda said in a telephone attempted murder. The charge was thought it was some kind of joke," interview from his home in Dwight, dropped in exchange for her guilty she said. "Things like this don't about 40 miles from the Lancaster plea to the original charge of trying happen in Lincoln, Nebraska."

ered she was plotting to have both report a single homicide in 1991. The woman, who admitted her husband and the undercover

was a hitman, faces between 16 In a telephone interview from before they separated. Svoboda

According to court records, she gave the undercover officer a map

The city of 172,000, home to the

Mrs. Svoboda said her husband offering \$5,000 to an undercov- officer killed. No charges were has a "very nasty temper" and was abusive during the 15 months ing.

policy.

"This gal was good at deceiving people," he said. "It seemed like She was then arrested. there were different personalities in

her, scary ones, too.' After he demanded a separation last February, he said, she tried "Yeah, I went along with it. I. twice to kill herself. He said he rescued her both times when he found her passed out in the garage, the car engine running.

Police said Mrs. Svoboda asked a Later, police said, they discov- University of Nebraska, did not co-worker about hiring a hitman after the couple separated. The coworker contacted police, and an undercover officer arranged a meet-

jail, Mrs. Svoboda said Monday denied abusing his wife, saying she taced Svoboda and took pictures of But Lincoln police Sgt. Jim she was set up each time. "I know may have wanted him dead to colhim posed as if he were dead. Breen said that so far, incarceration Kevin's behind this ... but I can't lect on his \$130,000 life insurance When the officer showed the photos to his wife on May 15, police said, she expressed her satisfaction.

Since then, Svoboda said, he has run to another part of the state after learning of each new threat. But he said he has too many ties to the community to move permanently.

Meanwhile, he is having his mar-

riage annulled. He said he has

learned it was never valid because his wife had not divorced her third husband when she married him.

When their relationship soured, Svoboda said, his wife told him she would ruin his life. And that's what she's done, he said: "I'll always be After the meeting, police con- looking over my shoulder."

Japan's hedges on trade commitment draw rebuke

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL agreement for the Japanese gov-**Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - A top tioned Japanese auto makers to expect "a very negative reaction" if they back off their goals for

U.S. auto parts and cars. And House Majority Leader lion trade surplus. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said

behavior." Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi base." Miyazawa said in Tokyo on Monday that the figures announced during President Bush's visit - to import nearly 20,000 more American cars and buy an additional ness" of his trip to Japan. \$10 billion worth of auto parts were "a target rather than a firm

reassurances that Miyazawa had to solve the problems, it doesn't not reneged on the pledges made

during his summit with Bush. Bush, asked today if he had

said, "No. None." was not concerned that the the United States. Japanese may be backing off the promise to buy more U.S. autos and parts, saying that was never an official government-to-government pledge.

have in the past," Hills said.

Toyota Chairman Eiji Toyoda said Monday that his company "will study and consider the possibility of selling GM cars. It is too much to say we will actually sell them."

J. Michael Farren, undersecretary of commerce for international trade, said of those statements: "It may be a sign of backing off from the stated goals that they have unilaterally set for themselves."

commitment and then qualify it government of Japan.' heavily at a later date. This doesn't shock me," Farren said.

automakers should know there government acted to "in essence will be "a very negative reaction embrace those goals as being in here in the United States if they Japan's national interest," he don't expeditiously move to meet said. and exceed the goals."

Japanese Foreign Minister Michio entire auto parts network in their Watanabe arrived here for meet- country "a situation we would ings today with top U.S. officials, never tolerate in this country." including Vice President Dan Quayle, Secretary of State James Japanese over auto parts and A. Baker III and Defense Secre- other issues are continuing. "We tary Dick Cheney.

scheduled to attend a White auto market in one visit," Farren House signing ceremony of an said.

ernment to buy U.S.-made super-

Bush took the heads of the Big Bush administration official cau- Three U.S. automakers and other executives with him on his trade mission to Japan two weeks ago. Leading Democrats have charged sharply increasing imports of Bush wasn't tough enough with the Japanese over their \$41 bil-

"Mr. Toyoda's comments show that unless the Japanese face that Japan has no intention of penalties for failing to meet the opening its home markets to U.S. goals, "you'll never have the cars," said Sen. Donald Riegle, pressure you need to change the D-Mich. "Japan's trade cheating in cars and other goods is steadily The warnings came after destroying the U.S. industrial

> Riegle said Bush's decision to take his Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher rather than Hills demonstrated "the empti-

Gephardt called the Japanese leaders' remarks Monday "another indication that when you use Today, Japanese leaders issued traditional methods we have used work well.'

Gephardt is cosponsoring legislation to force Japan to eliminate concerns that the Japanese were its trade surplus by 20 percent a reneging on their commitment, year over five years. If those goals were not met, quotas or And U.S. Trade Representative other barriers would be imposed Carla Hills told reporters she also to limit Japanese cars exports to

> Farren said the 20,000 figure was never included in the formal Japanese government statement at U.S. request.

"We told them we did not want "We will monitor to be assured a number in there on autos," Farthat the agreements will be car- ren said. "Frankly any number ried out in the future just as we they might come out with would probably be low and not necessarily realistic."

But the goal of raising auto part imports from \$9 billion to \$19 billion by 1994 "was in the document the government put out," said Farren, who attended the Tokyo summit.

The \$19 billion represented "individual commitments that the Japanese auto companies made in their voluntary plans," he said.

"This was not a governmentto-government trade agreement," "It is not unusual for Japanese Farren said. "The numbers were a government officials to make consequence of Japanese compawhat looks like a fairly basic ny decisions, not an edict of the

Recognizing that Japan's market essentially has been closed to Still, he added, Japanese foreign auto parts makers, its

Farren called Japanese auto The firestorm erupted as makers' control over almost the

Meanwhile, talks with the did not expect to come away with On Wednesday, Watanabe is a solution to the closed Japanese

Mayors again call for more federal help to cities

ed States won't be able to pull itself my." out of the recession unless the feder-

Raymond Flynn, president of the for 83 percent of all income. conference, said at a news confer-

Those nations, Flynn said, The study said the government "understand the link between strong could hasten economic recovery by, breaks for the wealthy and tax cuts tial campaign.

Metropolitan areas generate the al government increases its aid to overwhelming bulk of income in the

cities, according to a report commis- United States, economists Joseph sioned by the U.S. Conference of Persky, Elliott Sclar and Wim Wiewel said in their study. In 1989, "We're the only country that they said, those areas housed 75 perignores its cities," Boston Mayor cent of the population and accounted

"Urban America is not just a panence Tuesday. "Japan would not handler looking for a handout," Perwould not think of ignoring tools; a basic program of invest-

ment.'

a work force through basic education and training.

"We can't have a healthy America and a healthy American economy if the cities are dying," said Jeff Faux, president of the Economic Policy Institute, a non-profit, non-partisan research group that conducted the

"It is up to the federal governsaid, contending that tax cuts won't

put the economy back on track.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Unit- cities and a strong national econo- among other things, rebuilding for the middle income are not the urban infrastructures and developing solution for getting people back to

> "I would rather see that money invested in projects that put people back to work," he said.

The authors of the study propose paying for the federal investment with savings from a reduced defense budget and increased taxes for high

income taxpayers. Flynn criticized the Bush administhink of ignoring Tokyo. Germany sky said. "Urban America needs ment to provide the stimulus," Faux tration for not proposing any serious plan for revitalizing the nation's cities, and said the issue would be a Flynn agreed, saying that "tax major element of the 1992 presiden-

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Urban League head slams both parties

WASHINGTON (AP) - Politicians in both parties are coming up with little more than tinkering and grandstanding to deal with a recession that amounts to a depression of one of the nation's oldest civil rights organizations.

"Every indicator of economic well-being shows that African- Japanese to start affirmative-action Americans are doing far worse than whites," John E. Jacob, president of the Urban League, said. "We were smoke and mirrors or by political in a recession before this recession grandstanding," said Jacob. hit, and now we are in a deep economic depression."

league issued its 17th annual report on "The State of Black America," reiterating its demand for a domestic "Marshall Plan" of economic support for education, job training, transportation, water supplies, waste treatment and telecommunications

The league president said he is said Jacob.

"very disturbed that national leadership - in both parties - thinks this recession can be waited out or fixed with a little tinkering.'

"I'm disturbed by proposals for for black Americans, says the leader tax cuts that would drain away resources that should be used to create jobs," he said. "I'm disturbed by trips to beg the

> programs for U.S. exports." "This recession won't be fixed by

Asked about presidential candidates' proposals for relief for mid-Jacob spoke Tuesday as the dle-income Americans, Jacob said. "If middle-class people are angry because of 18 months of recession, they ought to try being black with

400 years of oppression. "This country can not deal with her productivity issues, her competitiveness issues, unless we deal with people who have the greatest need,"

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