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16 killed as plane hits hotel, restaurant

By BOB LEWIS
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EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — The military transport plane that smashed into a restaurant and hotel, killing 16, appeared to be banking too steeply right before the crash, a witness told investigators today.

One wing tip was pointing almost toward the ground when the Kentucky Air National Guard plane lost altitude and fell just after taking off from a nearby airport, former paratrooper Fred Collins recounted as he waited to be interviewed by Air Force investigators.

Although many witnesses have said the plane appeared to nose-dive into the ground Thursday, Collins said he thought the wing hit first.

"I saw him trying to get back to the airport, and I said to myself, 'It looks like he's in trouble.' I've flown in those dozens of times, jumped out of them when I was in the service," said Collins, who served in the 82nd Airborne Division.

The Lockheed C-130 Hercules, a four-engine turboprop, exploded into a giant fireball and spewed flaming aviation fuel as it hit a JoJo's restaurant and the adjacent Drury Inn motel Thursday.

"If you hadn't known, you would swear someone had set off a nuclear warhead. It just went up in a huge ball and mushroomed," David Bretz, a plumber and chief of the nearby Cynthiana Volunteer Fire Department, said today. He said he believed the plane hit nose first.

Sixteen people died: the plane's five-man crew, two restaurant workers and nine employees of a plumb-



(AP Laserphoto)

Firefighters and soldiers walk through the wreckage of a C-130 military transport plane that crashed Thursday into a restaurant and hotel in Evansville, Ind.

ing supply company who were meeting at the hotel. At least 19 others were injured and 10 of those were hospitalized, three in critical condition.

An Air Force team from Scott Air Force Base in Illinois was investigating the crash. "It's way too early to speculate on anything ... We're at as great a loss as you are to determine what happened," said Lt.

Col. David Moremen.

The breakfast crowd had about gone Thursday and cook Michael Kelley was preparing for the lunch rush when the plane and flames hit.

"The wall and ceiling, they just came in on us and the grill came out toward me and knocked me down," said Kelley, who was in the kitchen. "I got up and called back, 'Everybody get out.'"

"It looked like Pearl Harbor," Mark Whitehead, who lives nearby, said of the 60-foot flames and tower of black smoke.

Kelley said he and others tried to rescue the restaurant workers.

"The whole world was on fire. ... It was too hot. There was so much fire," he said between sobs.

Jojo's manager Dennis Serio said about 20 people in the restaurant

escaped without serious injury. The two who died, he said, were in a corner of the building demolished on impact.

"There was this incredible fireball bursting through our window. Where there should have been daylight was a big spinning ball of flame," said William Capodagli, who was directing a quality-control seminar at the hotel for the plumbing supply company.

Capodagli, 48, said his shirt caught fire, and he dropped to the floor and rolled. He suffered first- and second-degree burns and smoke inhalation and was in serious condition at Evansville's Deaconess Hospital.

The 24-hour restaurant, part of a chain, and the motel are near U.S. 41 in this city of 125,000 at the southwestern tip of Indiana.

About one-fourth of the restaurant was destroyed. The four-story hotel was damaged mainly by fire. The twisted metal of the plane was not recognizable as an aircraft by the time the fire was out at dusk.

The plane's crew, based with the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing in Louisville, was practicing touch-and-go landings at Evansville Regional Airport, about a mile away, said Guard spokesman David Altom.

In the routine maneuver, a plane lands and then takes off immediately.

"They did two touch-and-gos. And they asked permission for a low approach and were taking off when they fell into the ... hotel," Altom said.

Vanderburgh County Coroner Charles Althaus asked families at a

community center Thursday night for dental records and other documents that might help identify the bodies, which he said were burned beyond recognition.

Only the names of the five crew members were released, but the other bodies were presumed to be those of two missing restaurant workers and nine members of the Evansville Plumbing and Industrial Supply Co. The company's vice president, Bruce Stallings, said the nine made up much of the firm's work force and included his brother John.

Moremen said the airplane, built in the late 1950s, wasn't considered an especially old model, and that the C-130 is known as one of the safest and easiest military planes to fly.

The crew's pilot-instructor, Maj. Richard A. Strang, 39, of Floyd's Knobs, Ind., was "highly experienced and had impeccable credentials," Moremen said.

Strang piloted the first C-130 that landed in Panama during the 1989 U.S. invasion, said Maj. Jeffrey Butcher of the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing.

The C-130 Hercules is a workhorse for the military, a medium-range craft that carries mainly cargo or people on a variety of missions. The four-engine plane normally has a crew of five. It has a wingspan of 132 feet and is 97 feet long.

It was the second time in 4 1/2 years that a military plane crashed into a hotel in Indiana. On Oct. 20, 1987, 10 people died when a crippled Air Force fighter jet crashed into the Ramada Inn-Airport in Indianapolis. The pilot bailed out before the crash.

Grills for Recreation Park



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

IRI International employees, left to right, Dennis King, Harvey Dunn and Bill Counts show City of Pampa Parks Department Director Reed Kirkpatrick one of 10 new grills they constructed during the last month for installation at Recreation Park. The grills will be part of a new lake, camping area and softball complex that is being built with state grants, in-kind city and county labor and private donations such as the one by IRI.

Clean Pampa gives year-end report

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Clean Pampa Inc./city of Pampa community recycling center is being utilized, although more education is required for people to learn how to properly present their recyclables, Pamela Locke, executive coordinator of Clean Pampa Inc., said during a Thursday meeting of the Clean Pampa board of directors.

The center, open Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., is located on Municipal Drive in Hobart Street Park.

Locke also gave a progress report of the past year's activities of Clean Pampa Inc. and said the upcoming Highway Beautification Project on U.S. 60 will kick off with a groundbreaking ceremony at 11 a.m. next Wednesday at the site. The public is invited to attend.

She said that in the past year, Clean Pampa's major project has been the opening of the recycling buy-back center in cooperation with the city of Pampa. The center allows residents the opportunity to recycle plastic, tin, glass and aluminum.

"We hope to encourage the citizens of Pampa to have a more responsible attitude toward their own solid waste through this process," Locke said.

She said that plastics brought to the center need to be rinsed and have the lids removed unless they are oil or antifreeze containers, in which case the lids should be kept on. Only glass food containers or bottles will be accepted and glass needs to be separated by the three colors — brown, green or white. Non acceptable glass items are mirrors, light bulbs, broken drinking glasses or cups. Tin cans need to have the labels removed, be rinsed and have at least one end open.

In conjunction with that center, the Rotary Club of Pampa will sponsor a three-month program to reward individuals participating in recycling.

Monthly drawings will be held for U.S. Savings Bonds in February, March and April. One bond per month will be awarded to eligible participants. To be eligible, recyclers must bring in at least enough of one of the following recyclables to fill a large paper grocery sack: #1

and/or #2 plastics, glass or tin cans. The recyclables need to be prepared in accordance with the recycling center's guidelines and should be brought to the center only during the hours of operations.

Aluminum can donations of at least one pound are also eligible for the drawings.

In the annual report, Locke noted that during the past year, Clean Pampa has worked with almost 500 volunteers who have been involved in various programs of the organization. And Locke said information on recycling and current environmental issues has been shared with more than 800 residents and students.

Keep American Beautiful, of which Clean Pampa is a part of, charts the progress of its Clean Community System affiliates with a year-end report, Locke said. The report includes evaluations of litter control, a cost/benefit analysis, volunteer involvement, education, solid waste management information and economic impact.

In the past year, Locke said, Pampa has seen a litter reduction of 53.66 percent as measured against the original index taken in 1984.

Local officials awaiting TDCJ staff visit to check prison proposal site

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Local officials are preparing for a visit Wednesday, Feb. 12, by Texas Department of Criminal Justice staff members to review the site and proposal being offered by Pampa for a new state corrections unit.

Attorney Bill Waters of the Industrial Foundation said today, "We recently received a timetable from Huntsville for the calendar of events. We now know when to expect a short list selection and the final selection."

Waters said the short list of finalists will be announced during a TDCJ board meeting March 13, with prison-winning cities to be announced April 10 in Austin.

"There will be a team of five people from the staff of TDCJ Huntsville visiting with us Wednesday ... from the utility, construction, agriculture, health services and administrative departments," Waters said, noting they will be making a swing through the Panhandle that day checking all perspective sites.

In addition to Pampa, Borger, Shamrock, Amarillo, Childress and Plainview have also submitted proposals for prison units.

Insiders in the selection process say it is unlikely more than one Panhandle community would receive a prison during the upcoming round.

Waters said one big advantage Pampa has over other cities is the Industrial Foundation here has already

arranged interim financing that would allow construction on the new prison unit to begin within 30 days of the determination.

Waters and City Manager Glen Hackler confirmed some cities that promised large incentive packages to the state during the last round of prison building had to "go back home and figure out a way to raise the money" over the next 12 months.

Both men said the state is now extremely interested in making sure procurement of promised incentives is already arranged prior to award of a prison unit.

Waters said this weekend the prison committee, made up of representatives from the city, Gray County, Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation, will launch a letter writing campaign asking TDCJ board members to give serious consideration to Pampa's proposal.

He said the letters will be collected through Monday, Feb. 17, at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, with further information to be released to the media this weekend.

"We will make available names and addresses of each member of the criminal justice board for people to send letters," Waters said. He said the chamber will mail the letters to save postage costs, but that citizens could also mail them themselves.

"We are trying to save expense of postage," he said. "We would UPS them in one shipment. In 1990 (when Pampa was awarded a prison) we found the level of support was impressive to board members."

Gov. Richards to call special session to handle school finance legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers will meet again in special session to try and adopt a school finance plan, Gov. Ann Richards said.

Richards said Thursday she doesn't know when she will call a special session, but that the Legislature cannot wait until next year to fix the system that was declared unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court.

"I'm not going to rush. We're going to take our time so that when we do it, we try to get it right," she said.

The Texas Supreme Court last week struck down the new county education district (CED) system of school funding, but gave lawmakers until June 1, 1993, to adopt a new funding plan.

The delay means lawmakers could wait until their next regular session in 1993 to adopt a new

school finance plan.

But Richards said legislators need to work on it sooner so that whatever they adopt can be decided by voters in the form of a proposed constitutional amendment.

Richards did not offer any specific plan, saying that many options were under discussion.

She also declined to say whether a tax increase would be needed to satisfy court-ordered reforms to equalize funding between property-rich and property-poor districts.

"I don't think we are at a point where you say, 'You can't do this, you can't do that.'"

But, Richards added, "Now I'm realistic. I know there are certain things you can't do to get it through the Legislature."

After meeting with staff mem-

bers for several hours Thursday, Richards was scheduled to meet with Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Montford said he would oppose any tax increase. "I think we can make it work on what's been allocated," he said.

Richards did endorse a recommendation by minority groups to create a blue-ribbon task force to help the Legislature.

"It is going to be very important for us to have a group, a committee that is going to be looking at it not in any selfish interest but in the interest of the children. Undoubtedly we will do something like that," Richards said.

Representatives from the NAACP and LULAC said such a committee is needed to build a consensus on school funding since the Texas Supreme Court has ruled three times against legislative attempts to fund schools equally.

"This political gamesmanship ... is wreaking havoc with the future of all our children," said Raul Reza Vasquez, state legal director to the League of United Latin American Citizens. He said the blue-ribbon committee should consider consolidating school districts in large, urban counties.

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Controversies abound over preparations for state lottery

By MICHAEL HOLMES
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AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas lottery, which won't be selling tickets for months yet, finds itself at the center of a firestorm of controversy. Gov. Ann Richards voiced satisfaction with the handling of state lottery preparations, and the game's director said Thursday that Texas has been hit by "notoriously nasty" lottery industry infighting. But a state lawmaker, contending that serious questions about lottery operations remain, urged creation of a legislative oversight committee. And the Republican Party chairman charged that the lottery is "in chaos." The governor said lottery officials have acted properly as the state moves to begin instant-win, scratch-off games by July 1.

"I really don't think there have been any secrets. I think everyone has pretty well known what the plan is, and I have expressed to them that I think it is very important for them to go forward. We're talking about a lot of revenue here," Richards said. The lottery, approved by voters last year, is forecast to bring the state more than \$400 million during the current two-year budget cycle. "They have handled this in the most ethical possible manner by trying to make everyone aware, and I think all the players were," Richards said. Lottery director Nora Linares said Texans are anxious to play the

game and that state officials are working to start one with a process that is honest and aboveboard. The state will award a contract worth \$5 million to \$10 million for printing instant tickets, and one worth up to \$200 million for computerized on-line games. Ms. Linares said competition among lottery companies for lucrative state contracts is fierce. "Lottery industry fights are notoriously nasty, and this nastiness has clearly broken out here in Texas," she said. "Industry lobbyists are doing nothing but harming themselves, their clients and the state with their scud attacks by fax, phone and press release." The lottery's private consultant resigned this week after news

reports that he was related by marriage to an official of the company being awarded a contract to print the instant tickets. Rep. John Carona, R-Dallas, said in a letter to Linares that the resignation of consultant John Pittman corrected "the obvious conflict of interest." But Carona said he remains worried that the bidding process for lottery work may be tainted. "When you have knowingly allowed the fox to guard the henhouse, as was apparently the case in the Pittman matter, you have to expect the concern and skepticism which now exists," the lawmaker wrote. "My recommendation is that a bipartisan oversight committee be

immediately formed from among state legislators to avoid even the remote appearance of future improprieties," he said. Carona said further negotiations with two companies — Scientific Games and GTECH Corp. — seeking the multimillion-dollar lottery contracts should be suspended until a new consultant is hired and an independent analysis of all lottery bids can be completed. If contracts are awarded for instant tickets and computerized games without such precautions, Carona wrote, "It will be my intent ... to ask the Travis County district attorney to investigate" the bidding and evaluation processes. Texas GOP Chairman Fred Meyer joined the fray Thursday,

sending a letter to Comptroller John Sharp that said, "Frankly, your lottery operation is in chaos." Sharp's office oversees lottery operations. Meyer said the resignation of consultant Pittman had left the operation "with no one who knows anything about running a lottery," and he accused lottery officials of gambling with tax money in a "cavalier manner." Responding, Linares said, "The attacks by the Republican Party chairman, who headed the 1990 Republican convention that voted overwhelmingly for a party platform that opposed a lottery, are clearly partisan, non-constructive and based almost entirely on falsehoods."

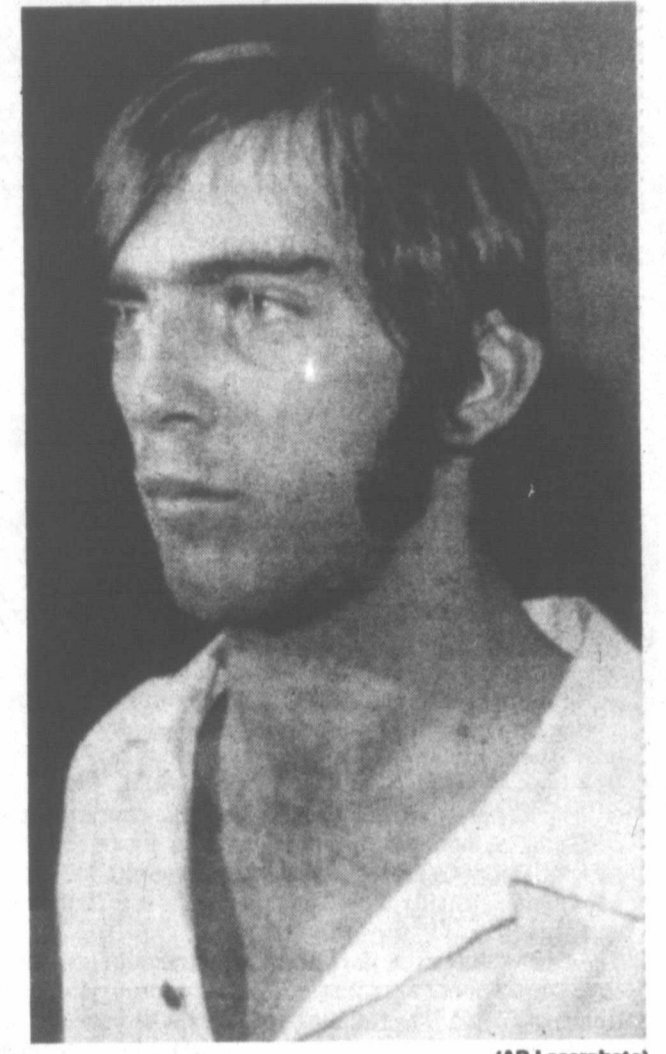
Bishop's efforts to save killer spark debate in Amarillo

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AMARILLO (AP) — Forgive him and spare him, says Bishop Leroy Mathiesen. No, let him die, says the Rev. Jim Smith, reflecting the overwhelming feeling of Amarillo residents over whether Johnny Frank Garrett should be executed for killing a nun. Mathiesen of the Catholic Diocese of Amarillo has been working for several weeks to spare Garrett from lethal injection. Garrett was convicted of raping and murdering 76-year-old Sister Tadea Benz after breaking into a Roman Catholic convent in Amarillo in 1981. Mathiesen's efforts on Garrett's behalf drew the attention of human rights group Amnesty International, which then solicited an appeal from Pope John Paul II. Garrett was an hour away from receiving a lethal injection last month when Richards granted a 30-day reprieve, citing the appeal from the pope. Garrett, 28, is now scheduled to die on Tuesday. The bishop's outspokenness and subsequent reactions by the pope and governor have angered residents and caused some local church leaders to charge that politics have tried to interrupt justice. "I think the bishop has a right to stand up for his convictions, but I think he has been too outspoken in this case," said Smith, senior pastor of St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo. "Because this affected a person in his diocese, he must show love and forgiveness. But the way of the Lord is to treat all people equally under the law, and this cannot be an exception." An informal poll taken by the local newspaper showed residents were 10 to 1 in favor of executing

Garrett, who broke into the St. Francis Convent near his home and stabbed Sister Benz, a Franciscan nun, before raping her and leaving her to die. Garrett had said the victim recited the Lord's Prayer while he raped her. "He should die now. It's taken long enough," said Brad Bowers, a local gun shop owner. "The bishop is not talking for the whole community. I think about the family of the victim more than I think about the Catholic church. Garrett took a life and I think he should pay for that." Mathiesen, who has also spoken out against the Pantex nuclear weapons assembly plant near Amarillo, denied any political motives in fighting for Garrett's life. "I have no political ambitions," said Mathiesen, who is in his early 70s and has lived in Amarillo for more than 40 years. "I would invite the critical people to sit here and take the angry calls I get. I have come to say I am no saint, but if I was, I would be the patron saint of lost causes." "I don't accept that the scriptures teach we have to support all the regulations and laws of the state," he added. "The role in the scriptures was constantly to challenge and shape public policy." Some blame Richards for making Garrett's case a political concession to Catholics, but Bill Cryer, spokesman for the governor, said Thursday "there was no concession to any church." "There were some legal matters in Garrett's case that came up and all the governor wanted to do was give them enough time to make sure all the I's were dotted and T's were crossed. It's the least you can do before taking someone's life."

Cryer acknowledged the pope's personal appeal had an influence. "Any time you get a letter from the pope it certainly makes you pause," he said. "It would be ridiculous to say we get letters from the pope every day because we don't." Garrett's attorney, Warren Clark, and Mathiesen have argued that evidence gathered since Garrett's trial in 1982 shows the death row inmate was driven crazy by years of sexual and physical abuse. The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles considered the evidence during a clemency hearing Wednesday before recommending Garrett be executed. Mathiesen said Thursday he was frustrated by the board's decision. The bishop said he recalled Garrett playing at the convent as a child and hearing from other leaders at the convent about the boy's abusive home life. Mathiesen acknowledged Thursday he feels some guilt for not acting sooner. "At the time we were aware the Garrett family was dysfunctional and we did not take any real action," Mathiesen said. "We didn't have any idea it would end in such tragedy." "We were insensitive to the problem. And maybe the only good thing that will come out of this is that we will all be more aware of the problems we have with physical and sexual abuse of our children." Dee Slocum, pastor at Highland Baptist Church in Amarillo, said Garrett's past abuse is no excuse for his crime. "To be mistreated doesn't give you license to go out and mistreat and abuse someone else," Slocum said. "The price tag has now come due for some poor choices Garrett has made in life and for the crime he has committed."



Johnny Frank Garrett

Board to set course on classroom television program Channel One

By PEGGY FIKAC
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AUSTIN (AP) — Channel One, a classroom television program that includes commercials, has been described as a boon and a bane to Texas education in testimony to the State Board of Education. Board members on Thursday heard from parents and educators about Channel One, which is part of a package put together by Tennessee-based Whittle Communications. The company offers schools color televisions, videocassette recorders and a satellite dish if they run the 12-minute daily news and information program, which includes two minutes of commercials. The package also includes a non-commercial educational channel, and a channel with programming for educators. "I can think of no more damning evidence in the eyes of the world that American education is in an advanced state of decline than the fact that some school districts are actually forcing students to watch advertisements for deodor-

ants and bubble gum and corn chips and candy every day," Austin parent John Kerr told the board. But Superintendent Jim Tollett of the San Augustine Independent School District said the program offers his students current events and geography, and that the commercials "are in good taste, and some are directed in positive endeavors, such as stay in school and become a productive member of society." Carolyn Crawford of Beaumont, who heads the State Board of Education, said she expected the panel to decide Friday whether to ban, regulate or take a hands-off approach to Channel One. In making its decision, chairwoman Carolyn Crawford of Beaumont said the board will have to remember that about 1,000 Texas schools already have contracts with Whittle. "There are many legal aspects to those contracts, and (local school) boards have legal authority to enter into contracts," Ms. Crawford said Thursday. She said the board may have to look at grandfathering existing contracts, but that the panel has not yet received a legal opinion on the issue. If the board decides to regulate the program, the process would take several months because a rule or policy has not been formally proposed, Crawford said. "I think the decision (Friday) will be how does the board want to move forward," she said, declining to give her preference. Board members have been warned in a staff discussion paper that the state "will most certainly be sued" if it attempts to regulate Channel One. But the board has that authority, according to its lawyer, Kevin O'Hanlon. O'Hanlon has said that the time students spend watching commercials can be considered a fee, and that puts the program under the board's authority. About 9,000 U.S. schools, including the more than 1,000 in Texas, have Channel One, according to Whittle. That includes 6 million students, with 865,000 of them in Texas, which has a total of 3.3 million pupils.

Psychologist says corpses in Dahmer's apartments seen as 'hunter's trophies'

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Much like a hunter, Jeffrey Dahmer stalked his prey, killed it, fileted it, sometimes ate its flesh, and preserved the remains, but he is sane, a psychologist says. "His hunting method was a way of obtaining sexual gratification," clinical psychologist Samuel Friedman testified at Dahmer's sanity trial Thursday. "He kept the remains as trophies. That may sound kind of cruel, but he was a kind of hunter." Friedman evaluated Dahmer at the request of a psychiatrist, George Palermo. Palermo was appointed by Circuit Judge Laurence C. Gram Jr. as a neutral witness to testify after the defense experts. Friedman's testimony was to continue today. Afterward, the prosecution was to open its case with the testimony of two young men who Dahmer had said he took home but decided not to kill. Dahmer, 31, has pleaded guilty but insane to murdering and mutilating 15 young men. Defense lawyer Gerald Boyle argues that Dahmer suffered from

necrophilia, a compulsion to have sex with corpses, and was driven to kill to satisfy his urges. But District Attorney E. Michael McCann contends that necrophilia is a personality disorder, not a mental illness, and that Dahmer could have controlled his urges. In other testimony, Friedman said Dahmer's parents, who are divorced, blamed one another for their son's problems. Joyce Flint described her ex-husband as a distant, absent parent unhappy with his son's achievements, Friedman testified. Lionel Dahmer linked his son's problems to what he characterized as his ex-wife's serious emotional and psychological problems, the psychologist said. Dahmer has admitted killing 17 young males since 1978 — 16 in Wisconsin and one in Ohio. Prosecutors said there is insufficient evidence to charge him with one of the Wisconsin slayings. He will stand trial in Ohio later.

Highwater keeps more than 30 roads closed

AUSTIN (AP) — High water kept four major Texas highways and more than 30 secondary roads closed Friday morning, the Texas Department of Transportation reported. In Brown County, southbound traffic was being detoured around a closed section of U.S. 377 at the Colorado River bridge in Winchell. Texas 236 at Mother Neff State Park in Coryell County also remained closed. In Bell County, Texas 317 was closed north of Texas 36 and in Bexar County, Texas 211 was closed for repairs from Texas 16 to Farm-to-Market 471. Thirty-two farm-to-market roads also were closed in central and southeastern Texas. Three farm roads were closed in De Witt County. Comanche, McCulloch, Navarro and Travis counties each reported two closed farm roads.

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Opinion

'Race norming' distorts the goal

To comply with the new civil rights law, the Bush administration has declared that state employment agencies must desist from the practice of "race norming." Under this procedure, the scores of black and Hispanic job seekers on a federal aptitude test are raised artificially in order to improve their employment prospects in competition with whites and Asians.

"The Civil Rights Act of 1991 makes what is known as race norming illegal immediately upon signing of the act," said Labor Department Solicitor Marshall Berger. The department now is writing new job-testing regulations that conform to the new law.

The General Aptitude Battery Test, the country's most widely used employment test, is administered in 30 states to ascertain the job skills of 600,000 workers a year. As a rule, the highest-scoring participants, usually those finishing in the top 20 percent, are preferentially referred to private employers.

In 1981, however, the Labor Department began encouraging state employment agencies to use race norming techniques to adjust final test scores. Thus, scores now are ranked according to race, rather than according to how an individual fared against the overall pool of test-takers.

In practical terms, this has meant that when black and white test-takers actually have received the same raw score, the black job seeker is given the preferential referral. That is because a score that places a black individual in the top 20 percent among all black test-takers would only be good enough to place a white individual in the top 30 percent among all white test-takers.

In the four decades that state employment agencies have administered the General Aptitude Battery Test, whites consistently have scored 16 percent to 20 percent higher than blacks and 5 to 10 percent higher than Hispanics. Now that race norming is disallowed under the law, many fear there will be a drop-off in the number of blacks and Hispanics referred by state employment agencies.

But this does not necessarily have to be the case. It is true that minority job seekers may be underrepresented if state employment agencies base referrals strictly on test scores. But there is nothing to stop states from revising their referral policies to take not only test scores into account, but other factors as well.

The sentiment behind race norming — to improve the job prospects of minorities — is admirable. But the real life practice is contrary to the vision of a colorblind society — a goal that is shared by Americans of all complexions. By steering away from preferences based strictly on race, America will move closer to the day when that vision can become reality.

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When is 'taking' not taking?

WASHINGTON — It sounds clear enough. The Fifth Amendment says that no person may be deprived of property without due process of law. Then it says, "Nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

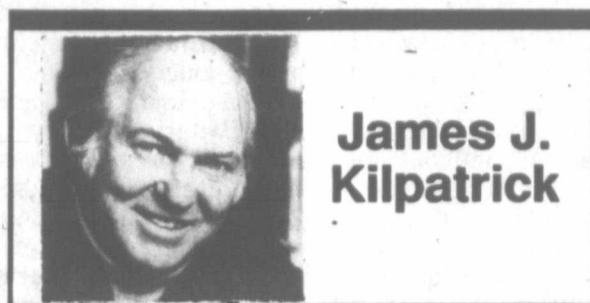
A hundred years of jurisprudence have established this much: The "Taking Clause," as it is known to lawyers, is about as clear as old motor oil. Now the Supreme Court has accepted a South Carolina case in which the clause may be more definitively construed.

The case is Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council. It will be argued March 2. Meanwhile all kinds of briefs are flooding in. Some come from property owners backing David Lucas, some from friends of environmental regulation. Depending upon the scope of the high court's decision, billions of dollars could go one way or the other.

The facts are not seriously in dispute. In December 1986 Lucas purchased two large lots on the Isle of Palms near Charleston, S.C. He paid \$975,000 for the property. His plan was to build a house on each lot, one for his own family, the other for resale. At the time of purchase, no law or regulation would have hindered him in going ahead.

Things changed in 1988. Before Lucas could lay the first brick, the state Legislature passed the Beachfront Management Act. The law created the coastal council, and the council in turn defined the Lucas property as a "critical area." Beyond a certain setback line, no new construction could occur.

The object of the act was to encourage tourism, to provide a habitat for plants and animals, to protect life and property as a storm barrier, and to provide a pleasant environment for South Carolinians to spend their leisure time.



James J. Kilpatrick

The effect of the act was to deprive Lucas absolutely of the value of his land. Under the regulation the two lots cannot be used for much of anything except to look at. He contends that this amounts to a "taking" under the Fifth Amendment, and that he is entitled to just compensation.

Lucas' counsel deny that a ruling in his favor could control questions of wetlands and flood plains, but anxious environmentalists are not so sure. If government should be required to pay "just compensation" for preservation of designated wetlands, the bill could be enormous.

The principle behind the Taking Clause is not obscure. As the high court said in a 1960 case, it is intended to prevent government from forcing some people alone (such as Lucas) to bear public burdens "which in all fairness and justice should be borne by the public as a whole."

When the Taking Clause is exercised under the power of eminent domain, no problems arise. Governments may condemn land for schools, highways and public buildings. Clearly such acquisitions are for "public use." But South Carolina does not want to condemn Lucas' lots and pay for them. The state wants only to prevent

Lucas from building his houses.

The Supreme Court has had a tough time with the Taking Clause. One of the first cases emerged from the great Boston Fire of 1872. In order to stop the progress of the conflagration, firemen blew up a \$60,000 building owned by one Bowditch. He said this was a "taking," and demanded pay. The court said, no, tough luck.

Another Boston case, this one in 1909, established that zoning laws regulating the height of structures are not a "taking." Cities may zone for merely aesthetic reasons if the zoning is "reasonable."

A string of cases soon came along. The owner of a livery stable in "the greatest shopping district in the entire state of Arkansas," downtown Little Rock, was ordered to move. The owner of an \$800,000 brickyard in Los Angeles was told he could move his clay but he could not make bricks. In Shenandoah County, Va., the owner of some cedar trees had to cut them down to prevent the spread of cedar rust to neighboring apple orchards. None of these plaintiffs received a dime in compensation.

Generally, the high court has held that no compensation need be paid when government acts to abate a public nuisance — laundry smokestacks in one case, a Kansas brewery in another. But the court has upheld awards for airport noise that diminished property values.

Lucas contends that his houses are no nuisance, and he argues that the state has gone "too far." That was the vague criterion laid down by Justice Holmes in a famous Taking Clause case in 1922. But how far is "too far"? We will have an answer before the high court adjourns in June.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 1992. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 7, 1964, thousands of screaming fans welcomed the Beatles upon their arrival at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport as the "Fab Four" began their first U.S. tour.

On this date:
In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1931, aviator Amelia Earhart married publisher George P. Putnam in Noank, Conn.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.



Fear-mongers are at it again

Last year Carl Sagan, astronomer, predicted that Kuwait's burning oil fields would trigger a "petroleum autumn," cooling the Earth.

It did not happen. David Icke, former spokesman for England's "Green Party," predicted that England would suffer earthquakes, hurricanes, tidal waves and volcanic eruptions in 1991.

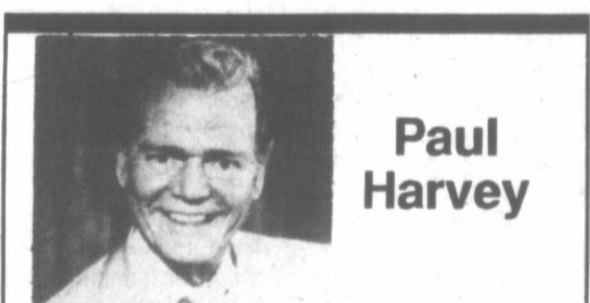
It did not happen. Acid rain was the bugaboo of the 1980s, threatening lakes and rivers and forests in northeast states and Canada.

A \$500 million federal study has concluded that menace was exaggerated. But the government report received much less public attention than did the false alarm.

One way to get a government grant or a foundation grant for "research" is to come up with some scary thesis, adequate to add urgency to your appeal.

A lot of the scary theses later prove to be fiction, but by then the money is in the pipeline and some university or some organization with an impressive-sounding name is financially able to perpetuate itself.

The BBC produced a documentary titled *The*



Paul Harvey

Greenhouse Conspiracy, an expose of the phony "global warming" scare.

Public Broadcasting Service at first refused to air it, though London's *Financial Times* called it "the best scientific documentary of the year."

Our Environmental Protection Agency has now concluded that dioxin is far less dangerous to human health than its own scientists had previously believed. But this after the lives of thousands of people had been disrupted. Syndicated columnist Alston Chase says, "Americans are rightly concerned about pollution and preservation, but their rescue efforts are often misplaced."

He says that, cumulatively, all the blunders we've been making by listening to the scare-mon-

gers have contributed immeasurably to recession, yet many self-appointed environmentalists continue to wage war on the economy — and with the willing complicity of the media which have their own vested interest in "scary headlines."

I'm not sure you're ready for this next. I wasn't. The Southern California Air Quality Management District cites one of the state's major polluters as its trees!

This government agency now says that tree resin and tree sap are environmental dangers, emitting as much as 250 tons a day of dreaded "vegetation hydrocarbons" that supposedly contribute to smog.

This "alert" is second only in silliness to the recent suggestion that belching cows were damaging the ozone layer.

Organizations with scientific-sounding names are everywhere seeking to justify their existence and fleece contributors.

If legitimate environmental concerns are discredited by false alarmists to our ultimate endangerment, let's let history record their names for appropriate punishment.

If that does not deter scare-mongering, nothing will.

Rx: Health care, American style

By BEN WATTENBERG

President Bush is considering a bold plan that deals with health care in a uniquely American way, blending conservative individualism with a liberal safety net.

American health care is beset by a paradox. American medicine — doctoring, research, technology — is the world's best. American medical economics — costs, insurance, access — may be the worst. Question: How can the worst be made better while not making the best worse?

What America needs to solve its economic health-care dilemma revolves around the letter "P." We need a system that is Portable, Permanent, Plenary, Parsimonious — and Private. What we have now doesn't come close.

It's neither portable nor permanent. Switch jobs and you may be denied coverage due to "pre-existing conditions." Lose your job and lose your insurance. (Some insurance!) It's not plenary; even discounting for crisis-mongering, many millions of Americans don't get suitable medical care. It's not parsimonious; health costs have soared. It doesn't get the

full benefits of private-sector competition; tax-free status of employer-sponsored benefits yields a perception of "free" care, diluting incentives for comparison shopping.

And so, resentment. The last straw arrived with the restructuring-recession. When GM and IBM lay off employees, and privately purchased health insurance is sky-high, the resentment gets mixed with raw fear. That yields a political response. Congress, the White House and presidential candidates are at work.

There are two main strategies, with variants: a) increase the role of government; b) decrease it.

Many liberals are looking to government, particularly the Canadian system. But the Canadian (and British) program is replete with horror stories of long waits for limited service by demoralized doctors. Canadian doctors sometimes suggest that patients go across the border to America for treatment. Across which border could American doctors send patients?

Many of the proposed plans are hybrid public/private. The most prominent of these are called "Play or Pay" (PoP), which would obligate

many businesses that do not now extend health care to their employees to do so (play), or give cash to the government so that insurance can be bought (pay). PoP deals with rising costs by government regulations.

PoP's problems stem from its root in the employer-sponsored system. Added insurance makes American businesses less competitive. And the pure PoP plans leave about half of the currently uninsured as medical orphans: the unemployed, those not in the labor force, those working in still-uncovered businesses. Nor do they deal with fear. Lose your job, lose your insurance — even with PoP.

The private plans have conservative pedigrees and many liberal precepts. Of particular interest to The White House now is "AEI/Pauly" (AEI-P), stimulated by the American Enterprise Institute and authored by four experts headed by Wharton School economist Mark Pauly. (I work at AEI.)

In policy-wonk language AEI-P is a "redistributionist, mandatory, refundable tax credit for medical insurance." Some of these are not concepts usually associated with the word "conservative," but there is a

quiet logic at work.

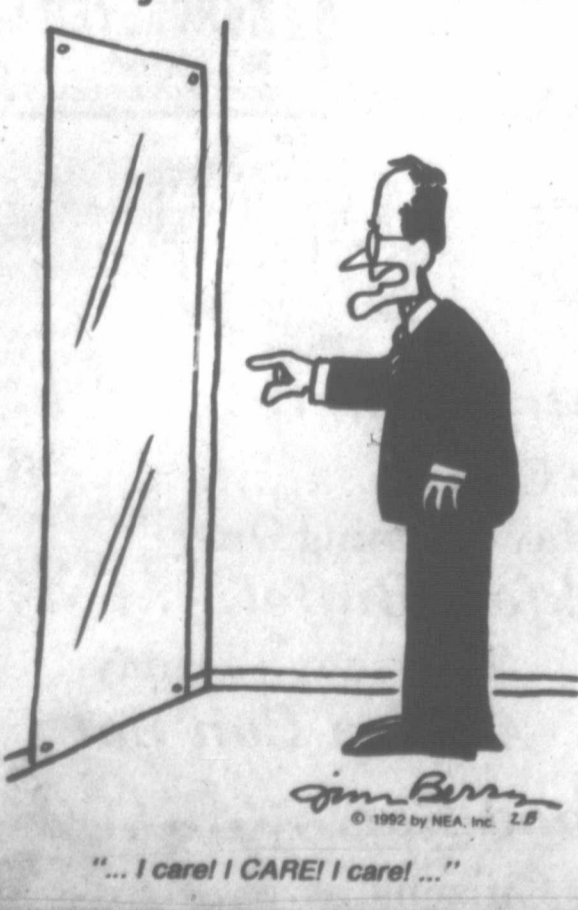
Every American, singly or by family, would enroll for private health insurance of their choice, either individually or by group, often, as at present, through an employer. To defray basic insurance costs, they would receive a tax credit, or voucher, scaled to their income. But tax-free status of continuing employer medical benefits would be ended.

The plan is portable, permanent, plenary, parsimonious — and private. It's real insurance; it stays with you, employed or unemployed, in sickness or in health. Eliminating tax-free status encourages comparison-shopping, which should slow down cost increases. By gradually scaling the tax credit down to zero, wealthier people would pay more than the middle class, and poor people would pay nothing.

There is another "P" to consider: Politics. It is an election year. It is a daring idea. It can be attacked. Some Americans would pay more (but get more). But doing nothing, or tinkering, or going the government route, doesn't make sense. This does. It could cure what ails us.

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Unemployment rate sticks at 7.1 percent

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate remained stuck at a five-year high of 7.1 percent in January, with 8.9 million people out of work, the government said today.

A seasonally adjusted 38,000 more Americans joined the ranks of the unemployed last month, the Labor Department said. The number now is 2.5 million more than since the recession began in July 1990 and is at the worst level since 1984.

"The recession is still with us. ... a lot of people thought we were bottoming out here ... but this data fits with the idea the economy is still shrinking," said economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch.

The fresh deterioration in the job market came despite recent signs elsewhere the economy was recovering, including gains in housing encouraged by the lowest mortgage rates in nearly a generation and better-than-expected sales last month among major retail chains.

Analysts explain that an economic upturn must be well under way before employers are confident enough to start hiring again.

The government estimates the unemployment rate and the number of jobless Americans from a survey of households. A separate survey of employers' payrolls, often considered a better gauge of labor markets, painted an even bleaker picture in January, showing a loss of 91,000 jobs.

Interest rates on the bond market fell in early trading in response to the report. Traders were betting the Federal Reserve would cut interest rates soon to stimulate the economy. Steinberg said he expected the Fed to push short-term rates a quarter to a half of a percentage point lower this month.

Increases in jobs in government and in health and financial services were not enough to offset a sharp drop in factory and retail jobs. Automakers alone laid off 15,000.

Construction lost 6,000 jobs despite increased building activity. The decline in retail jobs came despite

weak holiday hiring that had led many analysts to hope for fewer layoffs after Christmas.

Meanwhile, December's job gain, previously estimated at 31,000, was revised down to 3,000.

The January loss brought the number of jobs lost since October to 300,000, negating the gains that had been made in the previous six months, a period when many economists believed the recession was ending.

Rising unemployment hit the South and West particularly hard in January after pushing rates up a month earlier in the industrial Northeast and Midwest.

California's rate shot up to 8.1 percent in January from 7.7 percent a month earlier. Florida's rose to 8.7 percent from 7.5 percent. The Texas rate was 7.8 percent, up from 7 percent.

Nationally, the unemployment rate rose for adult men, particularly black men. That rate, 13.4 percent, was the highest of the recession.

The number of discouraged workers, people who have quit looking for work, remained at about 1.1 million. The number of people holding part-time jobs rose by 400,000 in January to 6.7 million. All of the increase was accounted for by people who were looking for full-time work but could not find it.

Analysts expect the unemployment rate to inch higher in the next few months before improving later in the year, even if the economy skirts a continued recession. The problem is that so far the economy isn't expanding fast enough to create jobs to accommodate the growth in the working-age population grows.

"The economy is sort of hanging in there in a state of suspended animation," said economist Robert Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "It's not the sort of environment that makes businesses aggressive about hiring workers."

The Bush administration, in its economic report this week, is projecting a painfully slow improvement in the unemployment rate, even if Congress adopts the president's proposal for reviving the economy with tax incentives.

Sheltered Workshop donation



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Pampa Sheltered Workshop director Ruth Durkee, far right, accepts a \$400 donation from Eudell Burnett, Festival of Trees and Gift Boutique chairman, bringing the total donation to \$1,700 for the workshop from December's Festival of Trees proceeds. Observing the presentation earlier this week are, from left, Festival of Trees committee member Debbie Davis; workshop clients Taisey Phillips, Stanley Barnett, Mark McMinn and Rita Diaz; and Festival of Trees committee members Charlotte Watson, Burnett, Forrest Cloyd and Peggy Cloyd.

France, Russia ink new treaty

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — France and Russia today signed a cooperation treaty they hailed as symbolizing the warmest relationship ever between the two nations, and promised to work together to keep the peace and cut nuclear stockpiles.

"We are now no longer enemies," Russian President Boris Yeltsin said during the signing ceremony at the presidential palace at the end of his three-day visit. "We want to become allies."

During his stay, Yeltsin also gained French pledges of financial aid for Russia's troubled economy.

After the signing, President Francois Mitterrand said France was prepared to join talks on nuclear arms reductions as soon as the United States and Russia carried out a further phase of deep cuts in their arsenals.

"Once these cuts have reached a certain level, in a fixed time frame, France could join these negotiations," Mitterrand told a joint news conference, without giving any specifics.

Yeltsin said he "understood and respected" France's reluctance to reduce its arsenal as long as the U.S. and Russian forces were vastly larger. France possesses an estimated 500 nuclear warheads. Yeltsin has suggested trimming Russia's arsenal to 2,500 warheads.

Mitterrand said the cooperation treaty "marks an area of good understanding between our two countries ... I believe we have worked in the interest of history."

Yeltsin described the accord as "a document without precedent" in French-Russian relations, surpassing a major 19th century trade accord.

The new accord, which replaces a Franco-Soviet friendship pact signed in October 1990 by Mitterrand and Mikhail Gorbachev, calls for annual French-Russian summit meetings and twice-yearly meetings of foreign ministers.

It sets up an emergency consultation procedure in the event of threats to peace, and it confirms French support for increasing Russian participation in European security and economic deliberations.

In the accord, the two countries assert the need for a "minimal" nuclear force for deterrent purposes and pledge to cooperate in curtailing nuclear proliferation.

Mitterrand, eager to divert attention from his own political problems, said the visit marked a turning point in bilateral relations.

A high point of the visit came Thursday evening, when Yeltsin played host at a reception at the Russian Embassy for descendants of the aristocrats who fled to France after the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. Among the guests was Prince Vladimir Kirilovitch Romanov, heir to the czarist throne.

Romanov said he had "no reason to mistrust Boris Yeltsin, because up to now he's shown himself to be a decisive man who makes just decisions."

Yeltsin apologized for the way the exiles' families had been treated by communism and said those who fled were Russia's "moral and intellectual elite."

He said the Russian parliament would study the possibility of granting dual citizenship to the descendants of those who fled abroad.

French and Russian officials signed several economic accords Thursday, including an agreement for France to provide \$370 million in credit for grain purchases. France also announced plans for a \$280 million loan to finance Russian imports of French industrial goods.

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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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The Woodwards Church names Woodward as new pastor

The Rev. Richard Woodward and his family will begin their pastorate of the First Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, this Sunday.

Pastor Woodward and his wife, Sonja, said they are looking forward to serving the church and the community.

Woodward graduated from Mid-America Nazarene College and has pastored in International Falls, Minn., and Searcy, Ark. His wife graduated from Southern Nazarene University with a bachelor's degree in music, from the University of Kansas with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and from Kansas State University with a master's degree in multicultural education. She has taught in elementary schools for 21 years.

The public is invited to attend Sunday morning worship services, beginning with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The 10:50 morning service follows. Services Sunday evening begin at 6 p.m. and Wednesday evenings services are at 7 p.m.

Office hours for the church are 8 a.m. to noon Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays and Saturdays. The phone number is 669-3144. To contact the pastor at other times, call 669-7217.

Fellowship Baptist to show movie about prophecy

"A Thief in the Night," a motion picture about Bible prophecy from Mark IV Pictures of Iowa, will be shown at Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The movie is a dramatic portrayal of what could happen when Jesus Christ returns. The suspenseful story centers around Patty Meyers (played by Patty Dunning Risinger), a young woman caught up in living for the present, with little concern for the future.

What happens when this thinking finally catches up with her provides an action-packed, unforgettable drama.

The fast-moving pace evolves into increasingly tense moments as the rapture predicted in Bible prophecy takes place, leaving Patty in a world which forces her to make a choice: either for a life of fleeing the inevitable sufferings of death or for UNITE, a new world government which rejects Jesus Christ and forces citizens to receive the "mark" warned against by God. Suspense builds to a thought-provoking climax as Patty faces the consequences of her choice.

The movie portrays the Biblical predictions, "There will be no place to hide" (Revelations 20:11).

"A Thief in the Night" was given the "Best Film of the Year" award by the National Evangelical Film Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa. Risinger received the "Outstanding Female Actress" award.

St. Mark's to host red and white tea

St. Mark CME Church, 408 Elm St., will host a red and white tea on Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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Religion

'Muscular Christianity' has longtime antecedents

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

After the Washington Redskins' victory in the Super Bowl, coach Joe Gibbs and some players mentioned their dependence on Jesus Christ.

Such affirmations have become common in the sports world, ranging from prayer circles on the field to discussions of faith by notables such as baseball's Darryl Strawberry and Dave Dravecky.

In various crowd-drawing sports, star performers frequently speak out about their religious commitment, apparently at the behest of conscience, and sometimes explicitly as a boost to evangelism.

They've been called "jocks for Jesus." Historically, the combination is termed "muscular Christianity." Judging by recent indications of "the strength of the movement, these athletes' activity and the publicity given to them are not likely to decline soon," says sociologist James A. Mathisen.

"Muscular Christianity is not going to disappear." Besides its modern prevalence, however, it also has long roots going back to 19th century England, and indirectly perhaps even earlier as a Christianized version of an ancient Greek ideal — sound mind and sound body.

Mathisen, who teaches at Wheaton College in Illi-

nois, traces that history and also its present-day manifestations in the ecumenical weekly, *Christian Century*, published in Chicago.

For more than a decade, "the press and public have struggled to make sense of the increasing number of elite athletes who proclaim their faith in Jesus," Mathisen writes.

"What is the significance of the burgeoning number of athletes using their cultural prominence as a platform for Christian convictions?"

He sees both positive and negative effects: It spreads a message that can help individual lives, yet does so with an inadequate "folk theology" that accepts the sports culture without subjecting it to biblical standards. On the benefit side, he says, sports ministries since World War II have provided evangelistic "enthusiasm and energy," rooted in fundamentalist approaches, for spreading the Christian witness.

"Sports evangelism participants also have helped spread the news that the Christian gospel can still make a difference in everyday lives," he says. But he adds there also is "a downside."

"Modern muscular Christianity has little if any appreciation for the intrinsic value of leisure or play — its practitioners tend to reduce sports to a mere tool in the hands of enthusiastic evangelists.

"Athletic values of performance, competition and

winning are all too easily accepted in the interest of spreading the gospel of muscular Christianity.

"Furthermore, American muscular Christianity has been unable to confront the anti-Christian structures of bigtime sports. At one level this has been inevitable, given the symbiotic relationship that has developed.

"Nevertheless, it is striking that muscular Christianity has largely avoided challenging the racist, sexist, dehumanizing, anti-academic and drug permissive structures of bigtime sports."

Mathisen traces "muscular Christianity" to works of British Christian socialist-novelists Charles Kingsley and Thomas Hughes in the mid-1800s. They held that morality and patriotism could be inculcated through athletics.

A legacy of their thinking is the "still widespread, virtually untestable assumption that the values learned in athletics — discipline, persistence, manliness and patriotism — might transfer to later life experiences," Mathisen says.

He offers this further background of the movement: A version of it turned up in the Young Men's Christian Association, founded in 1844, which viewed sports chiefly as a means to get young boys involved in Bible study and prayer meetings.

Termed the "most direct forerunner" of the movement is C.T. Studd, an internationally famous

British cricketer who in 1885 led a group to China, intent on using sports prowess as a platform for evangelism.

Subsequently, Americans such as James Naismith, inventor of basketball; Amos Alonzo Stagg, legendary University of Chicago football coach, and Billy Sunday, retired baseball player-turned-evangelist, created an alliance between Christianity and sports.

Sports Ambassadors, formed in the early 1950s as an outgrowth of Youth for Christ, is considered the modern prototype of sports evangelism, followed by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in 1954 and Athletes in Action in 1963 — the "Big Three" of sports evangelism.

They include big-name players who appear at schools and meetings to promote the cause. In the mid-1980s, to make for closer cooperation, North American and international umbrella groups were formed — Sports Outreach America and International Sports Coalition.

A trailblazer of their approach was Gil Dodds back in the 1940s. He had twice set a world record for the indoor mile. He appeared at a 1944 Madison Square Garden rally to tell about his Christian faith, and in 1945 raced a mile around Chicago's Soldier Field before a crowd of 65,000 youths.

"Running is only a hobby," he said, "My mission is teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Atheism gaining, religion declining in Eastern Germany

By MARK FRITZ
Associated Press Writer

WITTENBERG, Germany (AP) — The Gothic cathedral where Martin Luther transformed Western religion has become a lonely fortress of faith, encircled by apathy and atheism.

Nearly five centuries after the Protestant reformer nailed 95 theses criticizing the Roman Catholic papacy to the door of the Castle Church, the soaring stone edifice has been reduced to a relic.

"The church once overflowed with people," said Peter Freybe, 51, a lanky, bearded minister at the church where Luther began the Reformation in 1517. "Those crowds are gone."

Two years ago, East Germany's Lutheran churches were crucibles of revolt. The passion of protest filled the pews.

"When someone wanted to criticize the government, they came to church," Freybe said. "Now, they have other outlets. They don't need the church."

Eastern Germany's economic free fall and tremendous cultural upheaval have been accompanied by a paradoxical plunge in religious worship, experts say.

"Usually, tough times are good for religion, but for now and the foreseeable future, east Germany is a de-Christianized society," said Erwin Scheuch, a Cologne University sociologist.

Wittenberg, a city of 52,000

on the Elbe River about 60 miles south of Berlin, is a dingy mix of medieval and socialist architecture smeared with the soot of dying rubber and fertilizer factories.

Thomas Ruediger, a 22-year-old native, seeks salvation in the seminary school built near Luther's home just after his death.

Ruediger doesn't study in the seminary; he practices in the cellar with his heavy metal band, Dirty Wishes.

"Church attendance during the revolt had nothing to do with religion," said the young man, who sported a pony tail and "Megadeth" T-shirt as he carried his drums down a winding stone stairway.

"I went for the same reason everyone did. The only people who believe are the old people."

Researchers at the German Central Archive for Empirical Research, which Scheuch directs, find that atheism's roots run deep after more than four decades of communism.

Some preliminary results of their survey of social attitudes, due for release in March, were given to The Associated Press. Among the findings:

Nearly 75 percent of easterners don't believe in God, compared to 32.8 percent of western Germans, and nearly 86 percent in the east do not believe in life after death, compared with 45.2 percent of westerners.

The poll was based on questionnaires completed by 3,000 Germans from May through July. No margin of error was given.

Its results reflect a yawning cultural gulf that has caused friction between both politicians and churches in the two parts of Germany.

"The gulf between the churches is greater," said philosophy Professor Konrad Feiereis, assistant rector of the Catholic seminary in the eastern city of Erfurt.

Under West German law, which now governs the entire reunified country, people must declare their religion and pay a "church tax" equivalent to 8 percent or 9 percent of their income tax.

Churches are required to teach religion in public schools and offer pastoral services to soldiers. Such concepts are abhorred in eastern Germany.

"The people fear this new ideology, people coming into their schools and teaching religion," Feiereis said. "The West had little understanding. They instituted these rules overnight. We forgot how great atheism is here."

Freybe, the Castle Church minister, said eastern churches are resisting the school and military instruction edicts. He also thinks the church tax has discouraged membership.

"We want a stronger separation of church and state," he said. "We had that before. The old time was also a good time."

Catholics and Lutherans each claim about 40 percent of the churchgoers in western Germany, but the Lutherans dominate the east

and acted as mediator between the opposition and communists.

Many eastern Germans now view that role with contempt.

Newly unsealed files of the communist secret police reveal infiltration of the Lutheran Church and complicity by some clergy. Peter Michael Diestel, a former interior minister of East Germany, says even some bishops informed on dissidents.

No statistics are available yet on how many eastern Germans attended church or paid church taxes last year, the first after reunification. Church attendance is clearly far below that of 1989, the year of protest, and many clergy say it is even lower than the years before, when many people were simply afraid to worship in public.

Peter Kollmar, spokesman for the national Lutheran Church, said it struggles to compete in the soul rush of new sects staking Klondike-like claims on godless east Germany.

He said many groups offer simple answers, structured lives and clear authority figures — ready replacements for communism.

"Sometimes it's easier to gravitate to fundamentalists and sects," he said. "We have to fight hard against these one-dimensional groups."

Luther is buried in the Castle Church. In east Germany, so are many of his beliefs.

"There is a vacuum of the soul here," Feiereis said.

New Life Worship to hold groundbreaking ceremony

After four years of meeting in a store front building, Pampa's New Life Worship Center will hold the groundbreaking for a new church building at 12:30 Sunday afternoon.

Pastor Allen Poldson said, "We will be having our regular Sunday morning worship service (at 318 N. Cuyler). Then we will be going out to our property that is bounded by North Sumner, Randy Matson, North Wells and Harvester for the groundbreaking."

The new building will be located on the northeast corner of the property, Poldson said and will cover 6,500 square feet.

"It will have our sanctuary, education rooms and offices," Poldson said. "We have a geodesic dome-style building, which is on the cutting edge of what is happening."

He noted that a recent issue of *The Futurist* magazine heralded

geodesic domes as maximizing space and acoustics while minimizing heating and cooling costs.

"In Barcelona, Spain, at the Olympic Village the American Pavilion is a geodesic dome," Poldson commented.

"This is something this congregation has been looking forward to for four years," Poldson said. "After we break ground Sunday our engineer has told us the building will be up in 18 weeks."

Poldson said the New Life Worship Center has a congregation eager to welcome people of all ethnic groups and economic levels for praise and worship of the Lord, as well as study of Scripture and the building of friendships.

"We are excited about this and want the community to join us for this groundbreaking and to feel free to join us in worship," Poldson said.



Rev. Don Cass FBC in Pampa sets evangelism rally for Tuesday

The First Baptist Church of Pampa will host the Palo Duro Baptist Association for its February meeting with an association wide evangelism rally on Tuesday.

Featured speaker for the event, beginning at 7:25 p.m., will be the Rev. Don Cass, associate for personal evangelism of the evangelism division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Cass has been a pastor in Texas Baptist churches for 20 years prior to his going to the evangelism division in 1988.

He will lead a training seminar for area Baptist pastors and other staff members during the afternoon from 1 to 5:30 p.m. and will then preach in the rally that evening.

All area Baptists and others who might be interested in attending the evangelism rally are encouraged to do so.

The Rev. John Glover, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Pampa, will be in charge of the music for the rally.

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Chief tax writer hints at capital gains compromise and a 'millionaires tax'

By JIM LUTHER
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, the chief tax writer in the House, smiled and rubbed his hands together while calling for a "millionaires tax" to finance tax relief for the middle class.

Citing a poll that found 92 percent of Americans surveyed favored a higher tax on the wealthy, he said "It's like eating ice cream 24 hours a day."

The Illinois Democrat, in an interview Thursday with The Associated Press, also hinted at a compromise that could give President Bush some version of the capital-gains tax cut he prizes so highly.

"It's not something we are going to close our eyes to," Rostenkowski said.

A reduction in the capital-gains tax, which applies to profits from the sale of investments, could be included in the tax bill on which Rostenkowski's Ways and Means Committee begins work next week. He indicated any reduction should be more limited than the broad cut favored by the president.

"We put it (a capital-gains reduction) in our bill two years ago" only to see it killed by Senate Democratic leaders, Rostenkowski recalled.

He did not spell out what type of cut he would accept, although many Democrats insist that any benefit should apply only to future investments, not those already owned, as Bush's would do.

Bush contends a capital-gains reduction would encourage the investment needed to create jobs. Democratic leaders oppose it because most of the tax cut would go to people with annual incomes over \$100,000.

Rostenkowski said he wants House members to choose between Bush's entire tax plan — including the capital-gains cut — and the version that will be written by Democrats on his committee.

The Democratic version is likely to start with Rostenkowski's own proposal to give workers a two-year tax credit of up to \$200 (\$400 for a couple) a year and finance it with higher taxes on those with incomes over \$125,000 (\$250,000 for couples).

Rostenkowski, who would prefer to write no tax bill at all this year, said of his own proposal: "I don't know if \$200 or \$400 is a stimulus" to the economy. But it does give some people a little more to spend ... and it carries the fairness argument."

The fairness argument has

become a mainstay of Democratic politics over the 18 months, and Rostenkowski proudly pointed out that it was his committee that started the ball rolling.

The argument holds that middle-income Americans took a beating from tax and spending policies of the 1980s and that it is up to Democrats to correct those inequities.

Rostenkowski cited his opposition to some of Bush's tax-cut ideas and to some of the ways the president proposes to finance them.

Nevertheless, Rostenkowski said, "The administration wants a tax proposal. I'm going to give it to them. ... It behooves me to give them a vote on their legislation. ... Let the Republicans support the president. Let's see if Gingrich can be the standard bearer." Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia is the assistant House Republican leader.

Such a showdown vote could come early in March.

In addition to a capital-gains cut, Bush wants a credit of up to \$5,000 for home buyers who have not owned a home for three years or longer; expanded Individual Retirement Accounts; a \$500-per-child increase in the personal exemption; and special incentives for business investment.

Airline safety inspections faulted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government safety inspectors fail to target airlines that pose the greatest safety risks, according to congressional investigators and the Transportation Department's own inspector general.

Their reports also said the Federal Aviation Administration's inspections often are superficial and that there is little followup to make sure that safety problems are actually fixed.

"The possibility exists that serious problems will remain unidentified, putting airline passengers at risk," said Kenneth M. Mead, director of transportation issues for the General Accounting Office.

Anthony J. Broderick, the FAA's associate administrator for regulation, said the GAO report "does not realistically portray ... where we stand in our efforts to improve our airline surveillance and inspection programs."

"I find it disturbing that very little credit is given to the tremendous efforts we have made or the progress we have achieved." Broderick said.

A. Mary Sterling, the Transportation Department's inspector general, said her own investigation supported the GAO's findings.

However, both she and Mead said

that although there is "a need for significant improvements in FAA's inspection program, our findings should not be taken to imply that flying is unsafe."

The two testified on Thursday before the House aviation subcommittee whose chairman, Rep. James L. Oberstar, D-Minn., said FAA inspections have improved and that air travelers "should not be concerned that ... safety has taken a nose dive."

Sterling said that about 1,900 aircraft operators received no FAA inspection during the 1989 fiscal year "while 84 other operators were inspected between 200 and 18,000 times for no apparent reason."

She said her investigators found "almost no evidence" that operators were selected for inspection because of factors that might affect safety.

"The lack of a systematic approach to making discretionary inspections resulted in some aircraft and airmen being inspected repeatedly, although no problems were identified, while many others were never inspected," she said.

"Generally, inspectors did not properly report and follow up on deficiencies," she said. "At our request, inspectors followed up and

found six instances where an airline did not make the necessary repairs ... Two aircraft were immediately removed from service when the airline was notified of the lack of corrective action."

Mead said the FAA "does not target inspection resources on the basis of airline risk" but focuses inspections primarily on the number of planes in an airline's fleet.

Mead said that when the GAO performed its own analysis on FAA data collected during fiscal 1990, it found that 886 of 3,605 airline companies did not receive at least one required inspection.

All but 31 of the 886 airlines were air taxis, small operators that fly unscheduled routes.

But Mead said that in 1990 such air taxi services had an accident rate 15 times greater than that of major airlines.

Mead said that the FAA also needs to establish a risk-assessment system, similar to a system already used by the Defense Department, to identify high-risk airlines.

Broderick said the FAA targets airlines with labor-management problems, those that have experienced a series of accidents or incidents, or those that are showing signs of financial distress.

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Wartime prime minister involved in forced prostitution

TOKYO (AP) — World War II government documents obtained today show that Gen. Hideki Tojo, Japan's wartime prime minister, was directly involved in forcing Asian women to work as prostitutes for Japanese soldiers.

Documents unearthed from military archives by an opposition legislator include a telegram addressed to Tojo, also then-war minister, reporting results of health examinations of Chinese, Korean, Filipino and Japanese women who were forced into virtual sex slavery.

The government recently was forced to acknowledge for the first time its direct involvement in forcing Korean women to work in brothels for Japanese soldiers during the nation's wartime expansion through Asia. The latest evidence shows that women from other countries also fell victim to the forced wartime prostitution.

Following the disclosures, Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Kato told reporters today that Japan may expand its investigation to include Chinese and other Asian women as well as Koreans. He said the documents could not be ignored.

A copy of the March 12, 1942 telegram addressed to Tojo by the commander of the Japanese Imperial Army stationed in Taiwan, obtained by The Associated Press today reads:

"Regarding a request received from South Theater Headquarters to dispatch 50 native (Taiwanese) com-

fort women to Borneo, (I) ask your permission to send the following three selected by the military police as brothel managers."

"Comfort women" was the term used in official documents to describe the prostitutes.

Hideki Ito, a Socialist legislator, found the documents in the Defense Agency library and released them to journalists this week.

Ms. Ito said the documents she found show that military police overseas were involved in rounding up women to work as prostitutes, citing a report by a military doctor in Shanghai thanking the police, known as Kempeitai, for their efforts to find women who were free of venereal disease.

"Forcing the women to have sex with soldiers 20 to 30 times a day was same as torturing them to death over and over again," Ms. Ito said. "It's extremely cruel."

A 1943 document issued in Nanking, China, reported that 1,098 Japanese, 198 Korean and 820 Chinese "comfort women" had received hygiene exams in four Chinese cities.

Another record addressed to the Kempeitai included names of about 20 Filipino women who received a similar examination. Individual names were blacked out to protect the women's privacy.

Although the military brothels are common knowledge, the government only acknowledged the army's

involvement in forcing Korean women to work in the wartime prostitution rings last month, just before Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa visited South Korea. The government previously had claimed the brothels were run privately.

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Ryan Gibson, left, and Clint Ferguson, were elected mayor and vice-mayor at Pampa Middle School in a recent election. They will serve for the second semester of the school year. (Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Newsmakers



Tiffany Gee



Airman Oren S. Roach

Tiffany Gee of Pratt, Kan., daughter of former Pampa and Lefors residents, Royce and Debra Gee, was chosen Miss Congeniality in national Pre-Teen Competition in Orlando, Fla., in December. Gee, who is Miss Kansas Favorite Pre-Teen, represented the state in com-

petition which included formal and sports wear, talent and interview segments. Each contestant wrote an essay about their home state. Gee was also named first runner up in talent and won the award for the highest grade point average. She is the granddaughter of

Karen Parnell and Alvi and Viola Gifford, Pampa, and Royce Gee, Edmond, Okla.

Airman Oren S. Roach has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

He is the son of Oren L. and Brenda S. Roach of White Deer. He is a 1987 graduate of White Deer High School.

Named to the dean's academic honor list at Baylor University for fall 1991 semester were Holly Lynn Hofman, Shamrock, and Julie Renee Gortmaker, White Deer.

Navy petty officer 3rd class Carey D. Smith, son of Carey D. and Cheryl A. Smith, McLean, departed with Commander Amphibious Squadron Five, San Diego, for a six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean.

The 1986 graduate of McLean High School joined the Navy in February, 1989.

Memories of violence haunt mom and child

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I blocked all this out of my mind until my daughter, who is now 14, confided in me that when she was 6 years old, a teen-age neighbor guy who baby-sat for her made her do terrible things to him, then threatened to do bodily harm to her father and me if she told anyone. Now I recall that she had horrible nightmares for the longest time, but I never knew why. She doesn't want her father to know for fear of what he might do to this guy who still lives in the area. She asked me if it was too late to bring him up on charges of molestation. I don't know. Is it?

Both my daughter and I plan to get counseling soon. Is it too late to make the feeling that I am dirty and cheap go away? And is it too late for



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Abigail Van Buren

my daughter to make the guy who molested her face up to his crime? NIGHTMARES IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR NIGHTMARES: No. The healing process begins when the victim (and both you and your daughter are victims) confronts the guilty parties. The city you mentioned has an excellent Rape Crisis Center. It is listed in your telephone book. Call them. Laws vary in different states. The center will know if there is a statute of limitations on the crime of rape and/or child abuse or molestation.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of

three years refuses to sleep on his left side. He believes that if he sleeps on his left side over a long period of time, it will damage his heart. So every night he hugs me for a few minutes (I sleep on my left side), then he turns his back on me in order not to damage his heart.

Abby, he is making me paranoid about this because I always sleep on my left side, which my husband insists is bad for my heart.

Is there any medical evidence to support his claim? LEFT-SIDE SLEEPER IN TEXAS

DEAR LEFT-SIDE SLEEPER: A call to the American Heart Association confirms the following: Sleeping on one's left side does no damage to the heart.

Nominations open for Women's Forum Distinguished Service Awards

Nominations are now being received by Amarillo Area Women's Forum for the 1992 Distinguished Service Awards. The awards will be presented at the annual Distinguished Service Luncheon, noon, April 11, at West Texas State University, at the Mary Moody Northern Hall.

The committee will accept nominations through March, according to

chairman Jane Rouk. There are have been 121 recipients who were honored for exception and outstanding contributions in the fields of art, business, finance, health care, civic responsibility and the legal system.

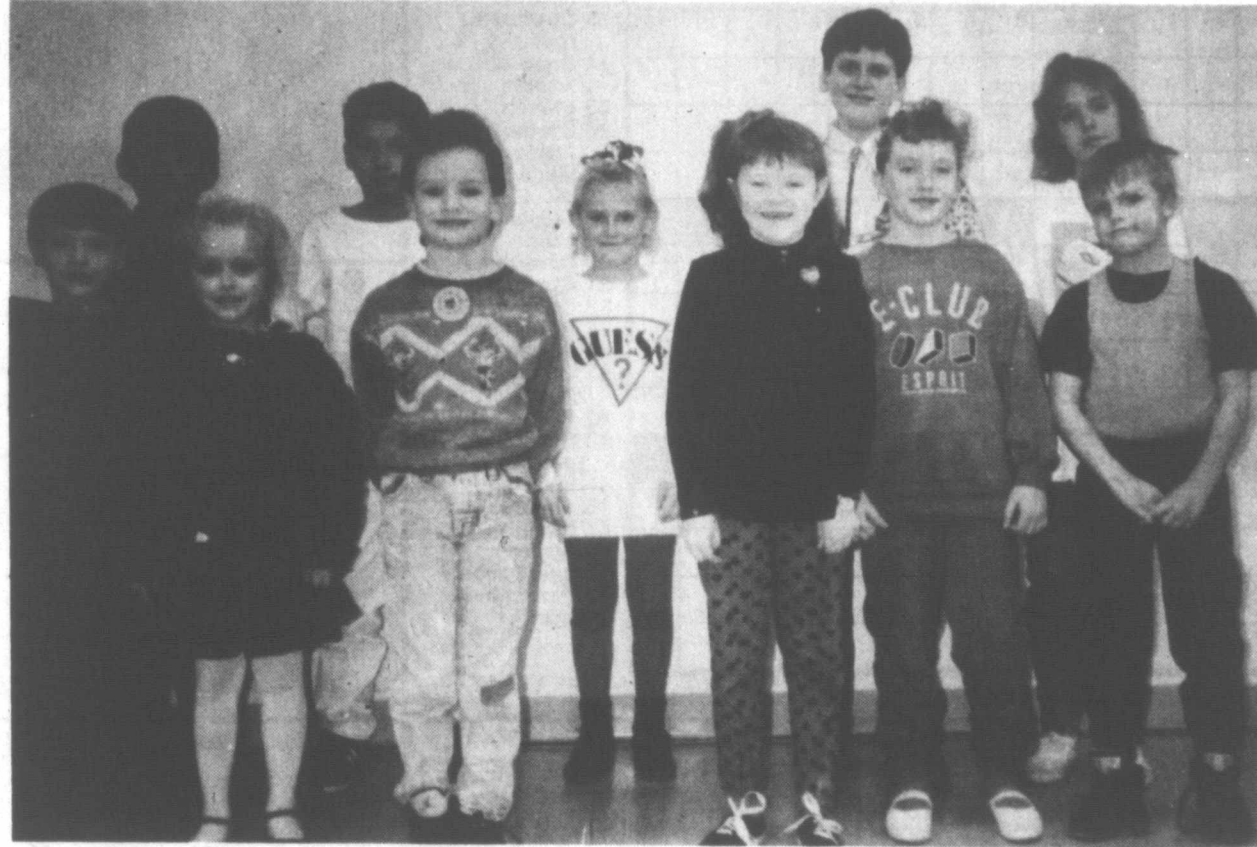
The committee encourages nomination of any woman who has had a significant impact on the Panhandle of Texas through her local commu-

nity in one or more categories.

Winners are selected on the basis of lasting contributions that have had an impact on the region, Rouk said.

Nominees and others interested in attending the awards luncheon may make reservations by contacting Millie Bingham, Box 1331, Amarillo.

Students of the Month



Named as students of the month at Wilson Elementary School were front row, left, kindergarteners, Cody Atwood and Cara Pryor; first graders Ryan Schindler and Ashley Harden; second graders Lindsey Courts and Aaron Keller. Back row, left, are Steven Portello, third grade; fourth graders, Jason Harlan and Jennifer Brewer; and fifth graders Jeremy Whitely and Laci Thrasher. Not pictured is third grader, Connie Lerma.

Brief medical test recommended to detect serious problem

NEW YORK (AP) — People 50 and older who have high blood pressure, another chronic disease or are overweight should get a brief test during routine physicals to check for a serious blood-vessel problem, doctors say.

The recommendation also applies

to people with family histories of the condition, called abdominal aortic aneurysm, says the New York Regional Vascular Society.

The aneurysm is a weakening and ballooning out of part of the abdominal aorta. The aorta is a tube about as big around as a garden hose that carries

blood to vital organs in the abdomen and to the lower trunk and legs.

Doctors can check the abdominal aorta with a painless, five-minute test that uses ultrasound, the society says.

If necessary, aneurysms can be repaired with surgery.

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The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Planist
- 2 Room in jail
- 3 Uncle
- 4 Sixty minutes
- 5 Major (constellation)
- 6 Incite to attack
- 7 X-ray picture
- 8 Lace
- 9 Sew lightly
- 10 Roman bronze
- 11 Formerly
- 12 24 — bread
- 13 Dog in Garfield
- 14 Calif. airline destination
- 15 Film-splicing machine
- 16 Attack
- 17 Throat feature
- 18 — fly

DOWN

- 19 Before (poet.)
- 20 Actress
- 21 Albright
- 22 Actress
- 23 Hayworth
- 24 —
- 25 Lollobrigida
- 26 — Lingus (airline)
- 27 Writer Allison
- 28 —
- 29 Glass display case
- 30 Late in paying (2 wds.)
- 31 State-cutting tool
- 32 Sour
- 33 Busy as
- 34 Comedian — Phillips
- 35 Clear
- 36 Sub — (secretly)
- 37 Lair

Answer to Previous Puzzle

REVS	IRMA	LEO
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LES	DIDO	PAUL
ACUMEN	KETTLE	
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CONTEST	NINJA	
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ACROSS

- 1 Suit part
- 2 Freshwater fish
- 3 Peachlike fruit
- 4 — Evert
- 5 Pertaining to dawn
- 6 Pushed
- 7 gently
- 8 Si plus one
- 9 Musician
- 10 Xavier —
- 11 Slips up
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- 13 Glittery fabric
- 14 Preoccupy
- 15 Canvas shelters
- 16 Cowboy's rope
- 17 Order of whales
- 18 Stench
- 19 Synthetic fabric
- 20 Made parody of
- 21 Clenched hand
- 22 Olive genus
- 23 Greasier
- 24 Drier
- 25 Wash basin
- 26 Surrounds
- 27 On the ocean (2 wds.)
- 28 Fibber
- 29 Hooklike parts
- 30 Invasion
- 31 Angers
- 32 Identify
- 33 Royal guardsman
- 34 Part of corn plant

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I WAL NUT COVE

Where's your car, Joey?

In the shop. The fan belt was making irritating noises.

I could just barely hear it with the stereo turned up, but I thought I'd better deal with it before it got worse.

's gonna cost me \$230.

Good grief!

Just for a new fan belt?

No, for a bigger stereo.

By Mark Cullum

ARLO & JANIS

WHY DO YOU BUY LOTTERY TICKETS?

CIVIC BETTERMENT! THE PROCEEDS GO TO PUBLIC WORKS, EDUCATION, ETC.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HIT THE JACKPOT?

FOR STARTERS, I'D MOVE OUT OF THIS CRUMMY RAT HOLE OF A TOWN!

By Jimmy Johnson

ECK & MEEK

DO YOU THINK THE ECONOMY IS GOING TO IMPROVE, SENATOR?

WELL, PRESIDENT BUSH SAYS HE SEES A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL...

BUT IT'S PROBABLY JUST ANOTHER NEON 'NO ADMITTANCE' SIGN IN JAPANESE.

By Howie Schneider

B.C.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE PROCRUSTINATORS CLUB?

WHEN DO YOU MEET?

EVERY WEDNESDAY.

SURE. SIGN ME UP.

WONDERFUL.

SEE YOU THURSDAY.

By Johnny Hart

MARVIN

JEFFREY! I THOUGHT YOU WERE PAINTING THE GUEST ROOM!

I WAS, HON.

BUT THE PAINT FUMES WERE MAKING ME WOOLY, SO I THOUGHT I'D FEEL BETTER IF I SAT DOWN FOR A FEW MINUTES.

THE SCORE IS TIED IN THIS BARNBURNER OF A GAME, WITH ONLY 3 1/2 MINUTES LEFT ON THE CLOCK!!

By Tom Armstrong

MARMADUKE

"Promise you won't mangle the junk mail and you can help me deliver the mail."

By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT SUDDENLY I FEEL LIKE BOUILLABAISSE...

By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP

SO OUR MISSION'S TO FIND WHAT FATE BEFELL TUNK, TO SEE IF HE'S DEAD OR STILL FULL OF SPUNK?

THAT'S IT, FOOZY!

...AN' WE'LL HAVE T'BE MIGHTY CAREFUL, HOW WE GO ABOUT IT!

YOU'LL GET NO STATIC ON THAT FROM ME... IT'S A POINT ON WHICH I FULLY AGREE!

MY WISH IS THAT WE DO OUR BIT, AND NOT WIND UP IN A LEMMAN PIT!

I'LL SECOND THAT!

By Dave Graue

WINTHROP

"HERE IS YOUR PERSONAL DAILY HOROSCOPE FOR TODAY:

"REMEMBER, A GLIP OF THE LIP CAN SINK A SHIP!"

I WONDER IF THEY RECYCLE THESE THINGS.

By Dick Cavalli

SNAFU

"We're not taking him off till we raise \$10,000!"

By Bruce Beattie

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

This isn't your book report, Billy. It's just some drawings in circles.

I didn't have time to do my regular homework.

Billy reveals how filling in for Daddy affects his personal life.

By Bill Keane

CALVIN AND HOBBS

HELP HELP! MY HEAD SOMEHOW GOT TWISTED COMPLETELY AROUND! I'M FACING BACKWARD!

LOOK! I CAN READ THE TAG ON MY SHIRT! I CAN SEE DOWN MY OWN BACK!

...OH, WAIT. THERE'S MY BELLY BUTTON. I MUST JUST HAVE MY SHIRT ON BACKWARD.

NEVER MIND. I'VE GOT MY HEAD ON STRAIGHT AFTER ALL.

OH, I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR.

By Bill Watterson

THE BORN LOSER

I WANT TO DISCUSS ALL THE WRITING PAPER YOU'VE BEEN BRINGING HOME FROM SCHOOL... YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT STEALING.

I WANT YOU TO RETURN EVERYTHING TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING...

BESIDES DADDY GETS US ALL THE PAPER WE NEED FROM HIS OFFICE!

By Art and Chip Sansom

FRANK AND ERNEST

TONIGHT'S CLASS: THE ANATOMY OF COMEDY

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

THE LOCATION OF THE HUMERUS, THE FUNNYBONE AND THE JOCLAR VEIN.

By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS

I'M A HUMAN BEING AND YOU'RE A DOG...

HUMAN BEINGS ARE BIGGER AND SMARTER AND HAVE MORE MONEY SO GET OUT OF THE WAY!

I ALWAYS FORGET ABOUT TEETH...

By Charles M. Schulz

GARFIELD

HMMMPH. ANOTHER MOVIE ABOUT THE HEROIC FEATS OF A KIND-HEARTED, LOVABLE DOG.

WHY IS IT YOU NEVER SEE ANYTHING LIKE THAT ABOUT KIND-HEARTED, LOVABLE CATS?

MOVE OR DIE, BEAN BRAIN.

By Jim Davis

Astro-Graph

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You say today will be very carefully analyzed by your companions. Remarks that might seem harmless and trivial to you may appear condemnable to them. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A close friend who is wasteful when it comes to personal resources might look upon you as a backup today. Be careful your pal doesn't get to your piggy bank.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The Sarah Bernhardt within you might vie for expression today and encourage you to do a bit of playacting. Pretending to be what you're not won't win audience approval. Be yourself!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your intuitive business perceptions could be on target today, but your insights relating to human behavior in social situations might be way off base. Don't rely on it too heavily.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be wary of making impulsive decisions today, especially if they involve money and friends. Conditions tend to be much more complicated than you first perceive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Devote efforts where your career is concerned to performing your assignments well today. Avoid associates who aren't interested in emulating your example.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might spend more time and energy rationalizing than producing today. Those you'll be involved with may have difficulty going along with your reasoning.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Betting on what might happen could be folly today, especially if the success of the endeavor is predicated upon circumstances you don't control.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Important matters you want your mate to attend to for you today should be covered with detailed instructions. Don't merely assume your partner understands your intentions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your possibilities for personal gain look reasonable today, but they may not gratify your expectations. This might be due to the fact that you'll spread your forces too thin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your economic discipline could be eroded today — if you come across something you strongly desire but can't afford. Don't forget that whatever you buy now must be paid for later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your generosity has its limitations today regarding individuals for whom you're responsible. However, in meeting your own needs, you're apt to be a very liberal provider.

Sports

Southwest Outdoors

By Mel Phillips



Exposition features kids' casting contest

Last Friday on LAKE FORK, Barry St. Clair, an East Texas rancher, established a new Texas largemouth record when he caught a bass that tipped the scales at 18 pounds, 2.88 ounces. In light of the thousands of bass anglers who hope to catch a huge bass, what does Mr. St. Clair suggest?

First, use 12 lb. line in 42 foot of water and fish near the dam in 49 degree water.

Second, use a little minnow for bait, and while waiting for that next big bass, one can pass the time catching CRAPPIE.

That's right, Mr. St. Clair was fishing for crappie when he hooked the new record. Surely the fish gods are smiling about rewarding a "minnow dunker" while the serious anglers were busy throwing their jig-n-pigs, hawg-worms, and other big-bass lures.

It's the unpredictable nature of fishing that causes the kid in each angler to want to go fishin'.

SPEAKING OF KIDS: This Saturday morning, **OUTDOOR WORLD** in the Amarillo Civic Center will mark the start of the BassMaster BP Casting Kids competition that could lead to prizes and money totaling \$225,000. A special thanks to the Top of Texas BassMasters in Pampa and all the 806 region bass clubs for making this contest an official event.

Similar to Punt, Pass, and Kick in football, the kids will be divided into two age groups (7-10 and 11-14) and take turns as they try to "flip, pitch, and cast" their way to the state championship and eventually to the big money at the BassMaster Classic. It all at the local level and entry is **FREE**.

Every kid will receive a certificate of competition. All 12 professional fishermen in town for fishing seminars at Outdoor World will be on hand to meet the kids and give them a quick lesson.

Parents must sign a release form and the fun begins at 10:00 A.M. with entry time closing at noon.

While at Outdoor World, register to win the following prizes: Grand prize is a fully rigged boat, motor, and trailer from Y-94 KBUY radio; weekend houseboat vacation from LAKE AMISTAD MARINA; pheasant hunt for two from the MULESHOE PHEASANT CLUB, and an R.V. weekend at LAKESHORE MARINA at Possum Kingdom.

Delicious Rainbow trout can be caught at the indoor trout tank starting at noon on Friday.

SPECIAL DEAL for all readers: A copy of this article will save you \$1.00 off the adult admission price of \$4.00. Limit one discount per adult. Kids from 6 to 14 cost \$1.00 and all kids 5 and under are free. **OUTDOOR WORLD** is a family event.

Brown named Clippers coach

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Larry Brown believes he got off on the wrong foot in San Antonio and he doesn't intend to make the same mistake with the Los Angeles Clippers.

"At San Antonio, we won 21 games our first year and that didn't satisfy our owner," Brown said. "From Day One, I thought he felt he made a terrible mistake in hiring me. No matter what we did after that, I always felt that was the case."

Being fired by the Spurs was a unique experience for Brown, who had not been fired before during his 20 years as a coach — and five jobs — in the pros and college.

At a news conference Thursday to introduce him as the Clippers' new coach, Brown said he wants to establish a quick rapport with the players.

"You've got to adjust to dealing with these players now. A lot of things on your mind is that the coach wants to make them better," Brown explained. "Then there are some that think you're getting on them all the time. I think there's a fine balance."

"My job now is to give these guys the confidence that I'm there as a coach to help them become better players. I'm going to start out on that from Day One."

Brown, whose five-year contract with the Clippers reportedly will pay him \$750,000 annually, said the team's management has laid a solid foundation for his relationship with the players.

"You have to realize that we're sending out a terrible message in this league," he said. "You see coaches all over professional sports that are leaving and it's a situation where the players feel like they're going to be there and, if something

White Deer coach resigns

Dennis Carpenter said Friday morning that he has resigned his positions as head coach and athletic director at White Deer High School.

Carpenter told *The Pampa News* that he submitted his resignation Tuesday morning after learning about a Monday night meeting of a group of parents had with White Deer schools superintendent Larry Johnston and principal Kenneth Cox.

"Because the meeting was allowed to happen is the reason I'm leaving," Carpenter said. "I guess the people just didn't want me anymore."

White Deer resident Harold Reid, who attended the meeting, said "extension of contracts" were discussed, but he said other information concerning what was said should come from Johnston.

goes wrong, the coaches will be the ones to go.

"I have a commitment (from management) here. I think they made a statement and I think that statement is going to be made to the players."

"I don't know whether the players at San Antonio ever felt I was in control of the basketball end."

The match of Brown with the Clippers seems a natural one. He's a coach well versed in turning programs around, and the Clippers are a team sorely in need of a turnaround.

While the 51-year-old Brown has had only one losing season in his career, 21-61 in his first year with the Spurs, the Clippers haven't had a winning season since 1979, when they were in San Diego.

And they haven't been to the NBA playoffs since 1976, when the franchise was called the Braves and played in Buffalo.

"Every program Larry Brown has been associated with has improved during his tenure," Clippers general manager Elgin Baylor said. "We are working to make the Clippers a winning franchise this year and for years to come, and bringing in a coach of Larry's stature and ability is a big step toward that end."

The Spurs were 22-17 when Brown was fired on Jan. 21. His record was 153-131 at San Antonio. After his first season, the Spurs got center David Robinson and Brown guided them to the best single-season turnaround in NBA history, 56-26. The Spurs were 55-27 last season, winning their second consecutive Midwest Division title.

The Clippers, meanwhile, were 31-51 last season, Mike Schuler's first as their coach. Schuler was fired last Sunday after the Clippers had lost 10 of 15 games. They now are 22-25.

Both Johnston and Cox were unavailable for comment at press time.

White Deer's football team had a 6-24 record in Carpenter's three years as head coach. The year before Carpenter came, in 1988, the Bucks won the Class 1A state championship.

White Deer has been in Class 2A the past two years, but because of a declining enrollment the Bucks were dropped again to Class 1A by the recent UIL realignment. In Carpenter's first year, the Bucks posted a 4-6 record in Class 1A.

"I think the White Deer program will improve going to the lower classification," Carpenter said. "I don't have another job right now, but I've got some feelings out."

France hopes for Olympic lift

By DAVE CARPENTER
AP Sports Writer

ALBERTVILLE, France (AP) — The government is wracked by scandal, the economy is in the doldrums, the immigration problem is exploding. So what are Carole Merle, Franck Piccard and Surya Bonaly going to do about it?

Gold, silver or bronze would provide a nice temporary cure for what ails the French, merci beaucoup.

"For France, the Games will be a success if they're well-organized — but not without athletic success, too," Bernard Bourandy, press officer for the French Olympic Committee, said Thursday.

"Even if the Games are well-organized, the French people won't consider them a success if our athletes don't win eight to 12 medals," he said.

Such pressure could feel like Mont Blanc on the shoulders of Merle, Piccard, Bonaly and company in the Albertville Olympics that begin Saturday. France, after all, has earned only 10 medals in the last five Winter Games.

Call it the Curse of Killy.

Since Jean-Claude Killy, co-president of the Albertville organizing committee, flashed to three gold medals on his home slopes in 1968, France has racked up a total of — count it — one gold.

French pride, which has taken its lumps in international affairs in recent years, will be on the line for 16 days as the world's best winter athletes return for the first time since Grenoble.

"The French are very proud that the Games are in France," said Jean-Francois Renault, editor-in-chief of the nation's daily sports newspaper, *L'Equipe*. "A great sporting event can raise the spirits of a troubled region."

The latest woes include a huge uproar over President Francois Mitterrand and his government, already highly unpopular, allowing Palestinian guerrilla chief George Habash to receive medical treatment in France.

Most of the 2,000-odd athletes had arrived by today. Olympics personnel dragged the ski slopes and made last-minute checks before the eyes of an estimated 2 billion television viewers around the world are trained on Albertville for Saturday's opening ceremonies.

In today's training runs for the men's downhill on Sunday, Markus



(AP Laserphoto)
Austria's Guenther Mader flies during a practice run on the downhill course in Val d'Isere, France, Friday.

Wasmeier of Germany recorded the fastest time for the second straight day at 1 minute, 51.18 seconds. Top U.S. skier A.J. Kitt of Rochester, N.Y., was sixth-fastest, while favorite Franz Heinzer of Austria took it easy and was 14th.

Also today, IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch temporarily laid to rest the controversial issue of blood testing, saying the tests won't be used in Albertville because the International Olympic Committee's executive board has not approved them. The tests would supplement the standard doping control procedure of urinalysis.

France is fielding its best team in years and seems certain to best its two-medal total from Calgary in 1988 — a gold in the inaugural super-G and a bronze in the downhill, both by the skier Piccard.

L'Equipe polled 800 French adults last week and confirmed that hopes are high for France's performance.

The newspaper survey found that 71 percent think Merle will win a medal in women's Alpine skiing, 70 percent believe Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay will medal in ice dancing and 47 percent say Bonaly, the European figure skating champion, will get a medal here.

"French people are very aware of the 20-year crisis of the Alpine ski team," said *L'Equipe* editor Alain Billouin. "The Killy era has elapsed. They aren't expecting miracles. But they dream of the highest success."

France has been the weakest of the five major Alps countries for the better part of those two decades, far inferior to Austria and Switzerland and often unable to match even Italy and Germany.

"The country is still resting lazily on its laurels from '68 — ah, Grenoble! — wishing unreasonably that a team that no longer arouses as much interest or effort remains the best in

UIL reorganization impacts area basketball

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Basketball, like football, underwent some major changes in the University Interscholastic League's new realignment released Jan. 30 by the UIL office in Austin.

Basketball will certainly have a new look, especially in Class 1A as all the area districts become larger with the exception of District 1-1A. Schools with only basketball programs must be accommodated and placed with the football-playing schools to try and create a balanced district.

Briscoe and Kelton are the only schools covered by *The Pampa*

News which don't have football programs. However, Allison and Hedley, both non-football schools, have teams in the area districts.

District 10-1A in basketball added one more school and now includes Briscoe, Miami, Allison, Follett and Higgins. The current district lists Lefors, Kelton, Briscoe and Allison. Miami is now in with Higgins, Follett and Darrouzett.

"The bigger district is going to help. We'll be able to start district two weeks earlier and it won't be as hard to schedule our games," said Miami basketball coach Dwight Rice.

Rice said Darrouzett no longer

has a high school because of a dwindling enrollment. He said the Darrouzett students will probably go to either Booker or Follett.

Lefors moves into a bigger district (11-1A) along with Groom, McLean, Kelton, Hedley and Samnorwood. Groom and McLean are currently in District 12-1A with Samnorwood and Hedley.

Groom boys' basketball coach Jay Lamb said he was pleased with the new District 11-A realignment.

"It's a good alignment. It didn't surprise me," Lamb said. "Kelton coming in is going to make it a tougher district. Hedley is going to be tough next year and so is McLean."

District 1-1A stays the same size with four teams, but White Deer and Claude move in while Gruver and Wheeler move out. Booker and Shamrock stay in the district.

White Deer, which moves from Class 2A to Class 1A, becomes part of a four-team district (1-1A) with Booker, Claude and Shamrock. However, the football district will be larger, adding on Happy and Vega to comprise a six-team district.

According to the new enrollment breakdown by the UIL, the average daily membership for Class 1A is now 144 and under. It will stay that way through the 1992-93 and 1993-94 school years.

Contestants testify at Tyson trial

By THOMAS P. WYMAN
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Tyson hustled beauty pageant contestants for sex at a rehearsal but was later polite and cordial, a contestant testified today at the fighter's rape trial.

Tonya Traylor, testifying for the defense, said the former heavyweight champion walked along a line of contestants practicing a dance number, asking for dates.

"He said, 'Do you want to go out and go back to my room for sex or a kiss? A kiss will do, but sex is better,'" Traylor testified.

But later, at a concert, Tyson appeared to change, behaving politely and not repeating earlier sexually aggressive talk and action, she said.

The defense called Traylor and four other Miss Black America contestants today and Thursday to try to show that Tyson's "flirtatious come-ons" should have tipped off his accuser that he was interested in having sex.

Another pageant contestant testified Thursday that Tyson made aggressive sexual advances to her and several other contestants during rehearsals in July.

"I could have any one of these bitches out here. I know you want me. I know you want me," Parquia Nassau quoted Tyson as saying.

Traylor said she refused a photo

session with Tyson after he insisted the contestants sit on his lap. "I didn't want a picture of him that bad," she said.

At opening ceremonies for the pageant hours before the alleged July 19 assault, one contestant held Tyson's hands, remarking at their size, and the boxer made a suggestive comment about "what they are good for," Traylor said.

"He didn't do anything to me. He talked to me. We joked," Traylor said. "It was a cordial conversation. We hugged, but it was mutual."

Tyson, 25, is charged with raping an 18-year-old contestant in his hotel suite. If convicted, he faces a 60-year prison sentence.

His lawyers claim the woman consented to sex and viewed him from the start as a potential source of wealth.

Another contestant, Madelyn Whittington, quoted the accuser as saying after Tyson asked her for a date, "You see what Robin Givens got out of him."

Tyson and Givens, who is an actress, divorced in 1989 after a rocky eight-month marriage. Neither side disclosed settlement terms, but lawyers said Givens kept jewelry, several cars and an undisclosed amount of cash.

On cross-examination, the 20-year-old Whittington said she merely had the impression that Tyson's

accuser wanted to be like Givens but that the woman never actually said so.

Nassau said she heard one of the accuser's friends say of Tyson, "Here comes your husband, but he can't talk too well."

She said Tyson's accuser replied, "He'll make all the money, and I'll do all the talking."

Nassau also testified that Tyson and the accuser were hugging and talking behind a ballroom pillar at the pageant rehearsal.

"I saw them cuddling up to each other," she said. "They looked like they were involved."

But prosecutor Greg Garrison

pointed out that in a statement to investigators, Nassau said she hadn't paid much attention to Tyson and his accuser when they were together.

The trial resumed Thursday after a fatal fire Wednesday at the jurors' hotel caused a one-day delay. Two firefighters and a guest died in the blaze.

Superior Court Judge Patricia J. Gifford excused one juror after the panel was questioned to determine whether they were too shaken or frightened to serve. He was replaced with an alternate.

Prosecutors said the juror asked to be removed, but provided no further details.

Holmes-Mercer fight tonight

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The videotape of Ray Mercer smashing Tommy Morrison unconscious plays over and over in a lobby at Trump Plaza.

It is a bit frightening even if you know the previously unbeaten Morrison escaped injury after being knocked cold in the fifth round last Oct. 15.

"I'm not going by what he did to Tommy Morrison," said Larry Holmes.

Other people are. "They're making Ray Mercer a killer," said the 42-year-old Holmes, who recalled a New York TV

sportscaster saying on the air: "Please write to Larry Holmes and tell him not to fight because Ray Mercer will kill him."

Holmes and Mercer will fight tonight in a Bob Arum-Trump Plaza presentation at the Convention Center.

The 30-year-old Mercer was a 4-1 favorite to win the 12-round match, but he said he isn't being lulled by Holmes' age.

Mercer recalled that Teddy Brenner, a former matchmaker who was one of the best in boxing, said that every old fighter "has one good day left in him. Hopefully, his (Holmes) good day won't be Feb. 7."

Democrats scorn Bush on health care, turn on each other

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EXETER, N.H. (AP) — The Democratic presidential candidates turned on each other as voters began to pay more attention, agreeing on only one thing: to heap scorn on President Bush's health care proposal as an election-year ploy.

Overshadowing a day of frenetic campaigning on health care and economics were questions — and criticism — about Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton's use of a deferment during the Vietnam War.

"I wouldn't call it sniping. What this is is an elevated level of engagement. Voters are paying attention now" as the race speeds toward the Feb. 18 leadoff primary, said Barry Piatt, New Hampshire spokesman for Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin.

Clinton, campaigning before a packed house at the Phillips Exeter Academy, said Bush's response to the health care crisis, unveiled Thursday, was merely a way to "paper it over with a promise and a photo opportunity."

"George Bush doesn't want to fix the health care system. He wants to fix the election," Clinton said, calling the plan "classic Reagan-Bush," coming "11 years after taking office and nine months before the election."

Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey called it "medical Darwinism: survival of the rich once more."

"We have been waiting in George Bush's waiting room for 12 years. There are lives at stake. It's time to say to Dr. Bush, 'You're guilty of malpractice and we're going to revoke your license,'" Kerrey told students at Keene State College.

Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin and former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas also assailed it for providing no cost controls. Former California Gov. Jerry Brown, in Los Angeles for a fund-raiser, called it a "cruel hoax" that will bust the federal budget.

The heart of Bush's plan is a system of tax credits and deductions to help poor and middle-income people pay health insurance costs of up to \$3,750 per family.

But they also turned their

rhetoric on each other.

Harkin criticized Clinton and Kerrey for their records on children's issues. The Iowa senator released a child-care proposal that calls for a family leave law, subsidizing more guidance counselors for elementary schools and expanding nutrition programs for women and children.

Kerrey promptly counterpunched, saying Harkin's child care proposal "is like painting a barn for the sixth time" because it expands current programs.

Much of New Hampshire's campaign action centered on a published report that said Clinton avoided being drafted during the critical two months in 1969 that his draft board told him to expect to be called up. The Wall Street Journal reported that he agreed to sign up for a Reserve Officers Training Program but never actually joined.

Clinton denied he tried to avoid the draft, saying he gave up the deferment after two months because "I didn't think it was right to keep it." Two rivals wasted no time in

responding when asked about it by reporters and voters.

Kerrey, a Medal of Honor winner who lost part of a leg leading a Navy SEAL unit, said Clinton's explanations "just don't have the ring of truth."

"I hope he's telling the truth but I've got some doubts," Kerrey said.

"The last thing Bill Clinton needs now is another story questioning his veracity and integrity," said Harkin, who served as a Vietnam-era cargo pilot based in Japan.

Clinton declined to engage on the Vietnam question.

"I don't want to get in a fight with those guys about what they said. I'm just going to keep plowing ahead," he said.

It recalled allegations that arose during the 1988 campaign that Dan Quayle used family influence to enlist in the National Guard and avoid the draft during the Vietnam War.

The vice president, on a tour of newly independent Baltic states, dismissed any comparison, however, saying he served six years in the Indiana National Guard. "One of my guard units of Indiana went to Vietnam, so my case is not similar, in fact, with Bill Clinton's situation," he told reporters in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius.

The draft controversy arose just as the Clinton campaign was recovering from unsubstantiated accusations by an Arkansas woman who said she had a 12-year affair with the governor. Clinton denied the charges.

At Clinton's Exeter appearance, someone in the audience asked him about the issue, and he said, to the crowd's applause, "The record is absolutely clear. I did not do anything wrong, and I certainly did not do anything illegal." He said the issue had been hashed over in Arkansas for more than a dozen years since first

brought up by Republicans.

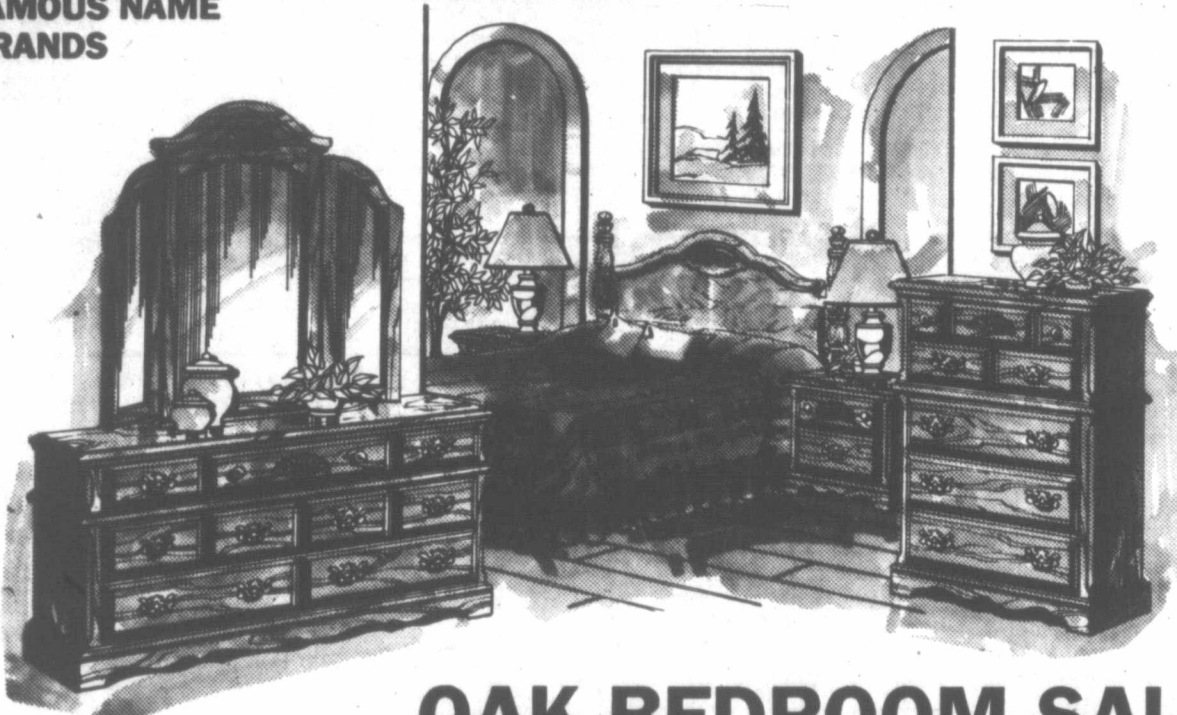
Clinton gave a new speech outlining his plan to lead America's recovery from a decade that has valued "wealth over work, greed over greatness ... and the fast buck over the long haul."

Tsongas didn't touch the Clinton-draft controversy, saying he wanted to stick to economic issues. But he did release a new TV ad that dismissed election-year tax-cut plans — which are supported by Clinton and Kerrey — as "gimmicks" that won't help the economy.

Harkin also had a new ad out Thursday. It shows pictures of pro-democracy demonstrators in China's Tiananmen Square and rails against American companies' use of Chinese labor to keep prices low, a practice that reduces the number of American jobs. As president, he says, he would prohibit imports of products made with such workers.

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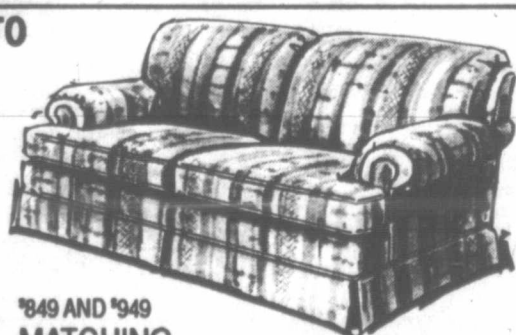
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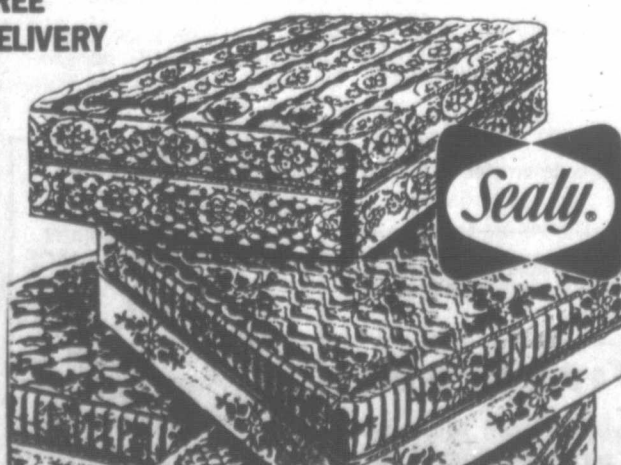
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