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Reed gets 27 years in prison

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO — A 47-year-old Pampa woman was sentenced to 27 years in federal prison Tuesday for her part in trafficking and distributing cocaine and crack in the Texas Panhandle, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Gloria Reed was sentenced along with five other people by U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson.

Reed, described by the U.S. Attorney's office as the ringleader, received the heaviest sentence from Judge Robinson. Reed's sentence also includes six years of supervised release and a \$350 special assessment.

Reed had been in custody since she was convicted Dec. 4 by a federal jury because she was considered a high risk to flee from authorities. She was convicted on counts ranging from possessing with intent to distribute cocaine to distribution of cocaine and conspiracy.

According to federal court records, five other members in the drug distribution ring, which was in operation from 1985 until 1991, received sentences ranging from 11 years to 24 years.

Reed and six others were tried together during a five-week trial. One of the defendants has been awarded a new trial, which is scheduled to begin in May.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Sharon Kimball said the drug trafficking occurred in Pampa and Amarillo.

"They found her (Reed) guilty of participating in a conspiracy lasting from 1985 to 1991 to bring cocaine into Pampa and Amarillo and convert it to crack," Kimball said in December. "It was in turn sold to mid-level dealers who sold it on the street. She is the one who was bringing in kilo amounts and distributing it to dealers."

The government had nine eye-witnesses who had participated in the dope dealing with the defendants, Kimball said.

The cocaine was transported from Houston to Pampa and Amarillo in a plot orchestrated, for the most part, by Reed, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

A person convicted in federal court normally serves most of the sentence handed down, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. A person can get 53 or 54 days a year good time, depending on conduct in federal prison.

Hospital chain action criticized

DALLAS (AP) — A national chain of psychiatric hospitals named in a lawsuit by state Attorney General Dan Morales has stopped accepting patients at one of its 12 Texas facilities, a company official said Tuesday.

National Medical Enterprises of Santa Monica, Calif. confirmed that Laurelwood Hospital in Houston — one of several NME-owned hospitals under attack by patients and state officials — stopped admitting psychiatric patients on March 3.

Laurelwood will become a physical rehabilitation center by the end of April, once all remaining patients are relocated or discharged, said NME spokesman David Olson.

NME is the parent company of Washington-based Psychiatric Institutes of America, which owns Laurelwood.

Olson said the decision to convert Laurelwood had nothing to do with the state's lawsuit against PIA. The lawsuit, filed last fall in Harris County, accuses the company of fraudulently recruiting patients.

"It was felt that there was an unmet need for physical rehabilitative services in that part of Houston, and at the same time the other psychiatric centers could meet the need for quality psychiatric care," said Olson.

The move to convert Laurelwood drew criticism Tuesday from state Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, who leads a Senate committee investigating the psychiatric care industry.

"I think that's absolutely absurd," said Moncrief. "One needs to only look at the Yellow Pages of the Houston phone book ... I think there's a financial opportunity presenting itself."

A dubious distinction



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Karen Evans, center, gives George, the porker, a peck Tuesday at the Kiss-A-Pig contest sponsored by the Taylor Food Mart of Skellytown. The event was conducted to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Andy Wilson, left, had the honor of holding the pig whose services were donated by Skellytown Mayor Max Owens. Taylor Mart Manager Barbara Roe initiated the Kiss-A-Pig fund-raiser three weeks ago as a way to raise money for MDA. Jars were placed at the store for each clerk. The clerk with the most donations won the opportunity to kiss a pig on St. Patrick's Day. Evans won the pig kissing honors despite a close race with City Judge Neil Kennard, a part-time store employee. Funds were also raised by selling tickets to win a crocheted musical doll donated by Sherry Hutchinson. A total of \$707 was raised for MDA.

Smith, Goes receive promotions

By BETH MILLER
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Pampa Police Officers Allan Smith and John Goes received promotions today to lieutenant and sergeant, respectively, said Chief of Police Jim Laramore.

Smith, 42, has been with the Pampa Police Department for almost 10 years. Prior to coming to Pampa, he worked for the Amarillo Police Department for five years.

He has an associate of applied science degree in law enforcement technology from Amarillo College and holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from West Texas State University.

Smith worked as a patrolman prior to being promoted, and will now be the lieutenant in charge of the Criminal Investigative Division (CID). For the last year, Smith had also been in charge of the special operation unit's tactical unit. He replaces former Lt. Roy Denman, who retired.

Smith had been a sergeant since May 1988. As the new CID lieutenant, he will coordinate the activities of the task force and narcotics unit for Pampa Police Department, be in charge of investigations of criminal activities and be in charge of victim assistance, Crime Stoppers and crime prevention.



Allan Smith

A graduate of El Cajon Valley High School in San Diego, Calif., Smith served in the U.S. Navy for almost three years as an electronics technician in communications.

He holds the basic, intermediate, advanced and instructor's licenses from Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCL-EOSE).

He has been married for 22 years to Linda Smith. They have two children, Kenneth, 22, and Kira, 6.

Goes, 46, started with the Pampa



John Goes

Police Department in April 1981 after graduating from the law enforcement academy in Amarillo. He holds the basic, intermediate, advanced and instructor's licenses from TCL-EOSE.

He has been a corporal at the police department for four years. While at Pampa Police Department, he has served in patrol, in CID and was a warrant officer in the courtroom for about two years. He will remain in the patrol division, filling Smith's position.

Goes has been a Pampa resident since 1952, graduating from Pampa High School in 1963. He attended West Texas State University for 2 1/2 years, majoring in marketing.

Laramore said the promotions were made through a testing process, with anyone who wanted to take the test and was eligible being considered.

Phyllis Jeffers, head of the city's personnel department, said the two promotions were based on written examination, educational requirements, time in service and time in previous rank.

The testing was first done in February when three tested for lieutenant, four tested for sergeant and five tested for corporal. Because no one passed the written examination last month, retesting was done on March 12.

On March 12, two people tested for lieutenant, two tested for sergeant and four tested for corporal.

Based on the testing, an eligibility roster was not established for corporal. However, there is one person remaining on the eligibility list for sergeant. Jeffers said that should a sergeant's position become available, that person would be able to be promoted.

South African referendum wins by landslide

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President F.W. de Klerk today won a mandate to end apartheid and share power with the black majority for the first time by scoring a landslide victory in a whites-only referendum on reform.

Based on results from all 15 election districts, de Klerk had 68.7 percent of the vote. De Klerk won all but one of the reporting districts, including four traditionally pro-apartheid districts. Voter turnout was 85.7 percent, much higher than expected.

"Today we have closed the book on apartheid," the president told cheering supporters in Cape Town.

De Klerk's margin of victory exceeded most predictions and cleared the way for him to continue reforms on scrapping apartheid and giving blacks the vote. It was an unprecedented declaration for peace and compromise by whites in a nation branded for decades as an intractable stronghold of racism.

White and black political leaders

said it was clear that most whites believed sharing power with the nation's black majority was the only solution to South Africa's problems.

"White voters have faced up to reality," said Ken Andrews, a lawmaker of the liberal Democratic Party, which backed de Klerk's governing National Party.

Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, hailed the victory saying, "An overwhelming 'yes' vote means the process (of democracy) is definitely on course."

Andries Treurnicht, leader of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party, conceded defeat. "De Klerk has won ... that is clear," he reported.

Patrick Lekota, another leader of the ANC, the nation's main black opposition group, told a rally in Johannesburg that the days of white minority rule were almost over. "We say it's the last time the white constituency votes by itself. We've had enough of that," he said.

Right-wing groups opposing de Klerk said they would not abandon their struggle for a white homeland despite their poor showing in the referendum.

De Klerk's victory came as thousands of blacks marched peacefully in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Pretoria to protest their continued exclusion from power. The ANC called the marches to protest the presentation of the annual budget today in Parliament in Cape Town, where blacks are not represented.

A rival black group, the Pan Africanist Congress, denounced the referendum despite the result. "The all-white referendum is an obscenity and an insult to the dispossessed masses of our country," it said.

De Klerk, who has abolished major apartheid laws since coming to power 2 1/2 years ago, needed the win to push ahead with his last and most important reform — a new constitution extending full political rights to the 30 million member black majority.

Midwest generous to Bush, Clinton

By TOM RAUM
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and Democratic front-runner Bill Clinton are anxious to focus on the November general election and put an end to a divisive primary season. But Clinton still has a long way to go.

For Bush, things are looking up after a winter of Republican discontent.

AP Analysis

He emerged from Tuesday's primaries in Michigan and Illinois with a 16-0 win record, the GOP nomination essentially in his pocket and a pledge from the camp of challenger Patrick Buchanan to suspend all anti-Bush television ads.

Furthermore, a spate of government reports Tuesday provided further promise that the long-stagnant economy finally may be on the mend.

On the Democratic side, Clinton also swept the two Midwestern industrial states on the heels of major Super Tuesday victories.

Barring any surprises, Bush and Clinton will be their respective party standard bearers in the November general election.

But surprises are always possible — and often the norm — in the political process. And while it seems unlikely that Bush needs to fret much longer about Buchanan's insurgency, Clinton still has some key hurdles to cross.

"Bush, Bush, Bush," was the response given by Clinton deputy campaign manager George Stephanopoulos when asked where Clinton wanted to focus in upcoming primaries in Connecticut, Kansas, Wisconsin and New York.

It might have been wishful thinking. Clinton still needs to vanquish his two Democratic foes before he can turn his full attention to Bush and the general election.

"I think we always make a mistake" in putting too much importance on the most recent set of primaries, said veteran Democratic pollster Peter Hart.

While Clinton now appears to be the odds-on favorite to go all the way, Hart said, "I think you really have to go through the Eastern triad — Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania — to know if there's going to be a change in rhythm."

In 1980, Jimmy Carter ran through Ted Kennedy in Illinois like a hot knife through soft butter. Then, all of a sudden it turned around," Hart recalled.

The Bush campaign might have responded "Clinton, Clinton, Clinton" when asked about the new focus of the campaign, because the Arkansas governor now is looming as Bush's likely opponent.

"We have to turn our sights on the general election," said Bush campaign political director Mary Matalin.

But since Clinton has yet to be nominated by his party, Bush will have to hold his specific fire and keep campaigning against generic Democrats — and those that control Congress.

In fact, just as Bush strategists hoped, the president all but wrapped up the nomination just three days before the artificial March 20 "deadline" he gave Congress to act on his economic stimulus program.

Aides said they expect Bush to make a lot of speeches about the economy and the Democratic-led Congress in the days ahead.

Clinton's formidable lead did not stop former California Gov. Jerry Brown and former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas from pledging to fight on.

Tsongas, already in Hartford, Conn., campaigning for next Tuesday's primary, said that if losing builds character, he has enough now and "we have to start winning for a change."

Brown told supporters in Madison, Wis., that he was determined to represent the unrepresented and "to work for real change. However long it takes me, and that's my commitment."

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Cracked parts ground bombers

ABILENE (AP)—Cracks found in the landing gear assemblies of more than 50 of the nation's B-1B Lancer bombers have resulted in the fleet being grounded.

Fifty B-1 aircraft of 74 inspected Monday at four air bases were found to have the cracks. They have been removed temporarily from service pending a complete analysis, officials said.

Col. Johnny Griffin, commander of the 96th Wing at Dyess Air Force Base, showed reporters at a Tuesday afternoon news conference one of the cracked parts and noted that the damage is so small it can't be seen without some type of magnifying device.

"You can't see it, you can't feel it, you can't smell it and you can't taste it, but it makes headlines," he said.

He said the cracks are tiny stress fractures and are a natural part of a plane's maturation process. New parts will be fabricated and the replacements made soon, Griffin said. He said it would take one person about two hours to change the part out.

The same part also will be changed out on the rest of the fleet, which fly out of Ellsworth Air Force Base at Rapid City, S.D.; Grand Forks Air Force Base at Grand Forks, N.D.; and McConnell Air Force Base at Wichita, Kan.

All the planes could be put into service within minutes in case of war, he said. Since it's peacetime, the parts are being replaced as a precaution, Griffin said.

"We consider it really a non-problem," Griffin said. Each part has a back-up on the B-1, and there were no cracks in the corresponding part on the other side of each aircraft, he said.

The problem part, a bracket, is about 6 inches long, and made of a metal alloy.

Griffin said 4,000 pounds-per-square inch of pressure is put on the bracket when the landing gear is raised or lowered.

Although reports still had not been received on 22 of the B-1's, Griffin said it is probable that cracks will be found in the same ratio as the 74 already inspected—about two of every three had cracks.

The part hasn't been inspected routinely in the past, but it will be from now on, Griffin said.

A fleetwide inspection was ordered on Monday after a crew at Dyess found the cracks in the nose landing gear uplock bellcrank assembly last week while troubleshooting a gear retraction problem, Dyess officials said.

The maintenance crew made the discovery after putting the aircraft on jacks to test the landing gear

retraction system. On March 9, the crew on one of the B-1's stationed at Dyess reported it was unable to close a door after retracting the landing gear.

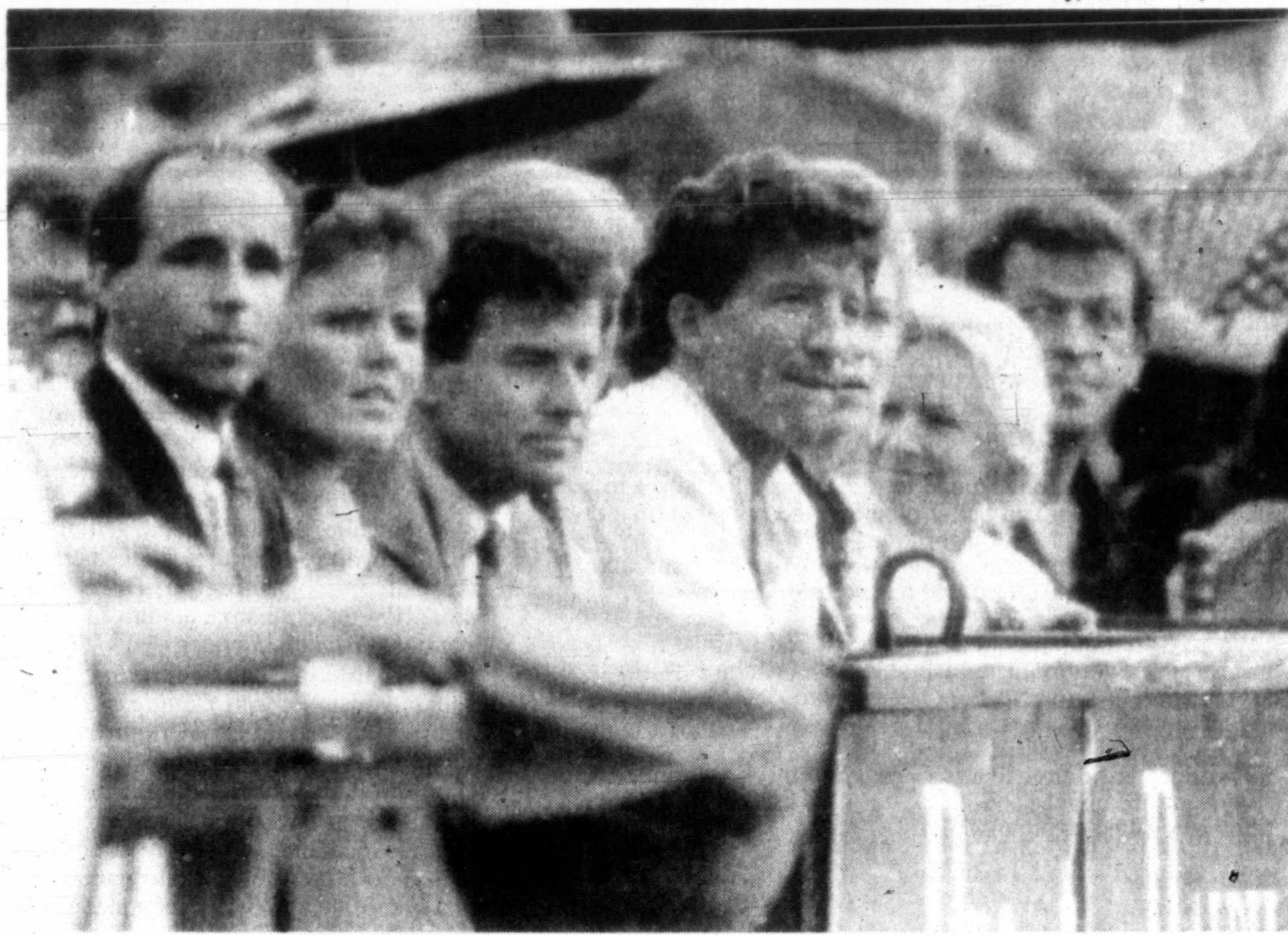
Surplus fuel was exhausted before the plane landed again, without problems, but an inspection was ordered.

After inspections Monday, officials said all but one of the 26 B-1's at Dyess were found to have cracks. Of those with cracked parts, the fracture was less than 1/4-inch long on six planes. The 19 other B-1's were ordered temporarily out of service.

Originally, the Air Force had 100 B-1s spread among the four bases, but three crashes reduced the total to 97.

Three airmen from Dyess were killed in a 1987 crash in Colorado after a B-1B Lancer, while flying at low altitudes, was hit by a large bird above one engine. The impact ripped out a critical part of the aircraft's pneumatic and hydraulic system, and the crew was unable to control the plane, the Air Force said.

No one was killed in the two other crashes. One of those crashes was blamed on a fuel leak in one engine that caused the engine to catch fire, and the other was attributed to flying error during a night landing.



The Duchess of York, second from left, watches a polo match with two unidentified men flanking her and Steve Wyatt, fourth from left.

Britain's royal couple to split

By MICHAEL WEST
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LONDON (AP)—News reports said today that Prince Andrew and the Duchess of York, the former Sarah Ferguson, are preparing to announce their separation after five years of marriage.

Buckingham Palace refused to comment and Maj. Ronald Ferguson, the father of the duchess, said: "I do not make any comment on my daughter's private matters."

Ferguson is polo manager and Prince Charles, who Andrew's brother and heir to the throne.

The London newspaper the *Daily Mail* said news media discussion about the friendship between the duchess, dubbed "Fergie" by the tabloids, and wealthy Texan oilman Steve Wyatt had brought matters to a head.

In January, the paper reported that photographs of the duchess and Wyatt taken while they were vacationing in Morocco with friends were found by a cleaner at a London apartment vacated by Wyatt.

It said at the time that the pictures were shown to the paper before being handed to police.

British tabloids have repeatedly criticized the extrovert duchess, alleging she is noisy, tactless, a poor mother and prefers holidays to royal duties.

The *Daily Mail* said today that over the past year she has become increasingly disillusioned with royal life, finding constraints and criticism depressing.

The paper said the queen's lawyer, Sir Matthew Farrer, and other lawyers on Sunday discussed what it called tangled legal issues of separation with Andrew and his wife at their home Sunninghill Park, 20 miles west of London.

Andrew, the second of Queen Elizabeth II's three sons, and Fergie were married on July 23, 1986. Both are 32 and they have two children—Princess Beatrice, 3, and Princess Eugenie, who turns 2 on Monday.

The *Daily Mail* said it was understood the duchess will have custody of the children and that Andrew, a Royal Navy helicopter Flight Com-

mander who fought in the 1982 Falklands War, will have full access rights to them.

Andrew is currently on a training course at the Army Staff College at Camberley near Sunninghall Park. His military duties have often separated him from his wife for weeks at a time.

The *Daily Mail* said that in January the queen discussed their wish to part at a meeting at Sandringham, the 65-year-old monarch's country estate.

Other London tabloids had similar reports. The *Sun* reported: "Andy and Fergie are to split up."

The royal family is no stranger to marriage problems.

The queen's sister, Princess Margaret, 61, and her husband Lord Snowdon divorced in 1978 and the queen's only daughter, Princess Anne, 41, and her husband Mark Phillips, separated in August 1989.

British tabloids have also periodically reported strains in the 10-year-old marriage of Charles and Princess Diana.

Bentsen: Millions for rural housing lost

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
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WASHINGTON (AP)—Over \$100 million in federal low-income housing assistance for rural Texans has been unused and given to other states because the agency overseeing the program isn't doing its job, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen says.

But a spokesman for the Farmers Home Administration—which administers the low-income housing assistance programs—says Bentsen is wrong to say rural Texans aren't being helped.

"We're definitely not refusing applicants so that we can return money to the national office," FmHA spokesman Rob Sweezy in Washington said Tuesday.

But Bentsen, D-Texas, contended Tuesday in a letter to FmHA Director LaVerne Ausman that the state FmHA office has "the worst record in the nation for providing low-income housing assistance."

He urged Ausman to immediately review the way in which housing loans are made.

In a three-year period, the Texas FmHA failed to use more than \$100 million—or 40 percent of its funds—in four major rural housing programs, Bentsen said.

In 1991, the Texas office returned to its national headquarters over \$42 million for low-income housing assistance, using only 66 percent of its total allocation, he said.

"These funds have certainly not gone unspent because of a lack of need for rural housing assistance in Texas," Bentsen said.

"Texas leads the nation in the number of rural poor and ranks first in the percentage of occupied substandard homes," he said. "I believe it is essential that the federal dollars that are sent to Texas be used to make life better for rural Texans."

Sweezy said Bentsen was wrong in claiming three of the four housing programs did not use up their full allocation.

The single-family housing program was the only one with a surplus, he said.

"There's a number of reasons

why it's not all used, one of which is just the general state of the economy and the real estate market down there," he said.

A shaky Texas real estate market in Texas in recent years meant a surplus of homes returned to the FmHA because of loan defaults or other reasons, Sweezy said.

Last year, FmHA placed 659 families in houses it had in its inventory, he said. So far this year, the agency has placed 251 Texas families in the so-called credit sales homes.

Placing families in those homes doesn't reflect against the state's allocation, Sweezy said.

Art Collings, a spokesman for the Housing Assistance Council in Washington, said the FmHA on the whole is "doing a pretty good job of obligating the funds nationwide."

Although some state FmHA offices place housing loans at the bottom of their priorities, Collings said Texas FmHA Director Neal Sox Johnson was known as an advocate of low-housing loans.

Man battles to see unknown son

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—A Northeast Texas man says he's spent \$11,000 so far in his legal battle to see a son he didn't know he had until after he learned that the son had been adopted by a New Jersey couple.

Randy Wiggins, 19, of Atlanta, says he has nearly drained his mother's account in the legal battle that he hopes will unite him with his 4-month-old son, who is now living with foster parents in New Jersey.

"I really don't think we can (financially) go much further," Wiggins said Tuesday. "At first I was worried I would never get my son. It looks better now, but I still could lose him."

Wiggins will go to court in San Antonio today to attempt to get the adoption overturned.

Lawyers for San Antonio-based Adoption Alliance are expected to

dispute Wiggins' claim to his child by arguing he knowingly abandoned a pregnant woman and did not provide her with medical care or try to contact the child.

Attorneys representing the Adoption Alliance and the adoptive parents did not return repeated phone calls Tuesday, the San Antonio Light reported today.

Wiggins claims he has paid child support since December and repeatedly has tried to contact the child.

If a district court judge finds that Wiggins abandoned his child and the infant's mother, Wiggins forever would lose rights to his son.

Wiggins said he first learned about the son when he received adoption papers.

Wiggins' longtime girlfriend gave birth to his son Nov. 14 in Harlingen and signed papers relinquishing her

right to the child to Adoption Alliance, Wiggins' lawyer Maria Teresa Brito said.

Wiggins said he had left the woman last May without knowing she was pregnant.

"My girlfriend didn't tell me about it (the birth) and gave it up for adoption without telling me," Wiggins said. "I didn't have a chance to say my feelings."

Wiggins said the girlfriend signed the papers of adoption, the alliance took the child the day it was born, and the baby was turned over to the foster parents.

The man claims the baby improperly was placed for adoption because both parents did not agree to relinquish their rights to the child. He said he was not contacted until the transfer of the child was complete.

Doctor with AIDS virus worked at 2nd hospital

FORT WORTH (AP)—A John Peter Smith Hospital doctor who has announced she has the AIDS virus worked in another hospital for two months after an accident she said caused her infection, according to JPS officials.

Patricia Wetzel worked with AIDS patients at JPS, but also worked parttime as an emergency room doctor at All Saints Hospital-Cityview in Fort Worth from July 1990 until last Nov. 21, officials said Tuesday.

Officials at All Saints Hospital said they learned the news the same way the general public did, from Ms. Wetzel's news conference Monday.

Ms. Wetzel, head of the infectious diseases unit at JPS since

July, said she was accidentally stuck in September with a needle used on an AIDS patient. She said she tested positive in December for the virus that causes AIDS.

AIDS experts said the risk brought by Ms. Wetzel to her emergency room patients so early in her infection would be small because the virus most likely was not yet contagious and because the emergency room work she performed was unlikely to expose her patients to her body fluids.

All Saints said it will test any of Ms. Wetzel's emergency room patients for the AIDS virus and is reviewing the records of her 200 patients to determine whether the hospital should notify them.

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Opinion

Trust, but verify arms reductions

The United States and Russia agreed to meet for a summit sometime in July. At the summit, President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin plan to sign a new arms-reduction accord, and could agree to a joint program of strategic defense. The summit is crucial in order to adapt to the vast change in the strategic climate that has taken place since the failure, last August, of the neo-Stalinistic coup in Moscow.

To put the negotiations on a fast track, on March 10 Secretary of State James Baker and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev began working out the details of the arms reductions. This procedure by-passes the usual, circuitous route of letting lower-level negotiators haggle over details for months, even years.

Despite the promise of these negotiations, it will not be easy. This is shown by the collision in international waters north of Murmansk, of the USS Baton Rouge, a Los Angeles-class submarine potentially armed with eight tomahawk cruise missiles tipped by nuclear warheads, and a Sierra class Russian submarine potentially armed with nuclear missiles. Each side remains a little wary of the other.

Another vexing question: who will control the old Soviet arsenal? Ukraine now claims the Black Sea fleet for its port in Crimea. Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan have inherited thousands of old Red Army missiles and nuclear warheads. To confuse matters even more, there is some chance that the new commonwealth of Independent States, whose major members are Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, could end up managing some or all of the old forces.

Despite those problems, warm relations, better economic conditions and the stabilization of democracy and liberty in Russia could improve matters. Another major factor working toward disarmament is the hard times experienced by the old Soviet (now Russian) arms industry. Top minds in physics, metallurgy, and other fields are seeking work from Western firms (and, unfortunately, from Iran, Iraq, and other terrorist states).

One matter of agreement between Bush and Yeltsin is expected to be an international ballistic missile monitoring system. It could detect launches anywhere in the world, including in Third-World terrorist nations, helping us keep tabs on the spread of missile technologies.

As the United States looks to the July summit, it should pursue disarmament. The Cold War is over; both sides can now relax and cut the number of missiles and nuclear warheads.

However, we should, even now, remember the old Russian proverb that Ronald Reagan used to quote to President Mikhail Gorbachev: *Doyeryai, no provoryai* - Trust, but verify. Russia should have no objection to stringent verification procedures that would allow U.S. arms experts complete access to Russian missile and bomb factories, and to missile test and launch sites.

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"The Old Man and the Sea"

Do schools or parents educate kids?

Like Mark Twain's weather, everybody talks about public-school students' poor performances, but nobody does anything about them. In fact, those who try tend to get caught in a buzz-saw power struggle between the tradition-rooted education establishment, self-serving union leaders and turf-protecting politicians.

Meanwhile, the students are getting shafted. In rampantly inferior school districts in places like Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Chelsea, Mass., low-income students are failing and dropping out at frightening rates.

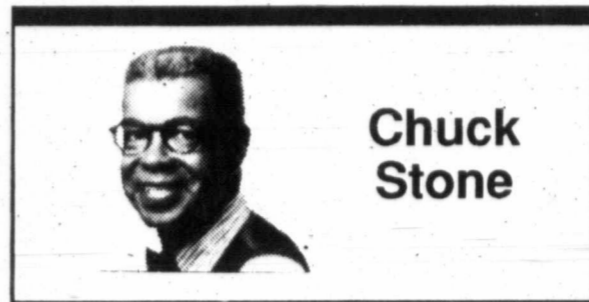
If President Bush, Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander and Congressional Democrats were really serious about improving education, they would mandate a cutoff of federal funds for school systems like those until they demonstrate quantifiable progress in academic achievement.

In the meantime, city councils and state legislatures should pass legislation placing school systems in receivership when they prove unable to get their pedagogical act together.

It's a matter of record that the vast majority of public schools do a fine job of teaching and enhancing cognitive development. Who do you think are filling up our colleges, universities and graduate schools - and entering the work force every year?

The problem is reclaiming the 30 to 40 percent of low-income students who not only drop out of school, but drop out of society.

Hoping to staunch this hemorrhaging of the



Chuck Stone

educational body, Bush and Alexander came up with a "break the mold" plan that would allocate federal funds to innovative schools. But resistant Congressional Democrats contend the Republican proposal will politicize school systems. A plague on both their houses.

A more critical question must be asked? Whose mold?

Is it the mold of these extraordinarily successful children of Indochinese refugees, who have been here for only a few years and are setting academic records all over America?

Is it the mold of school children in California's Palos Verdes Estates, an upper-income community of Dinuba, Calif. (only 200 miles from Palos Verdes), where fewer than 20 percent of high-school graduates go on to college?

Why the vast differences in academic achievement?

As a recent study by three University of Michigan professors documented, Indochinese children

have achieved extraordinary success in the public schools, many of which are located in low-income areas. In the Michigan study's random sample of 536 Indochinese children, almost half earned A's in math, and less than 4 percent had averages below a C.

The researchers found close correlations between academic success and five variables, the most significant of which were intense parental supervision and longer homework time (three hours a day on for Indochinese students vs. one-and-a-half hours for other students).

In Palos Verdes Estates, wealthy parents annually raise over \$500,000 for their public-school system. In Dinuba, on the other hand, an all-Anglo power structure has systematically excluded Mexican-American families from the decision-making in the schools.

These two school systems symbolize a historically consistent correlation in education: academic performance rises with median family income.

But lower-income Indochinese students are managing to score higher on standardized math and science tests than white students from upper-income families. Why?

If our Republican president and Democratic-controlled Congress are serious about "breaking the mold" in education, they should start by funding programs that reward parents who get as intimately involved in educating their children as the Indochinese parents.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 18, the 78th day of 1992. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 18, 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

On this date:
In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act.

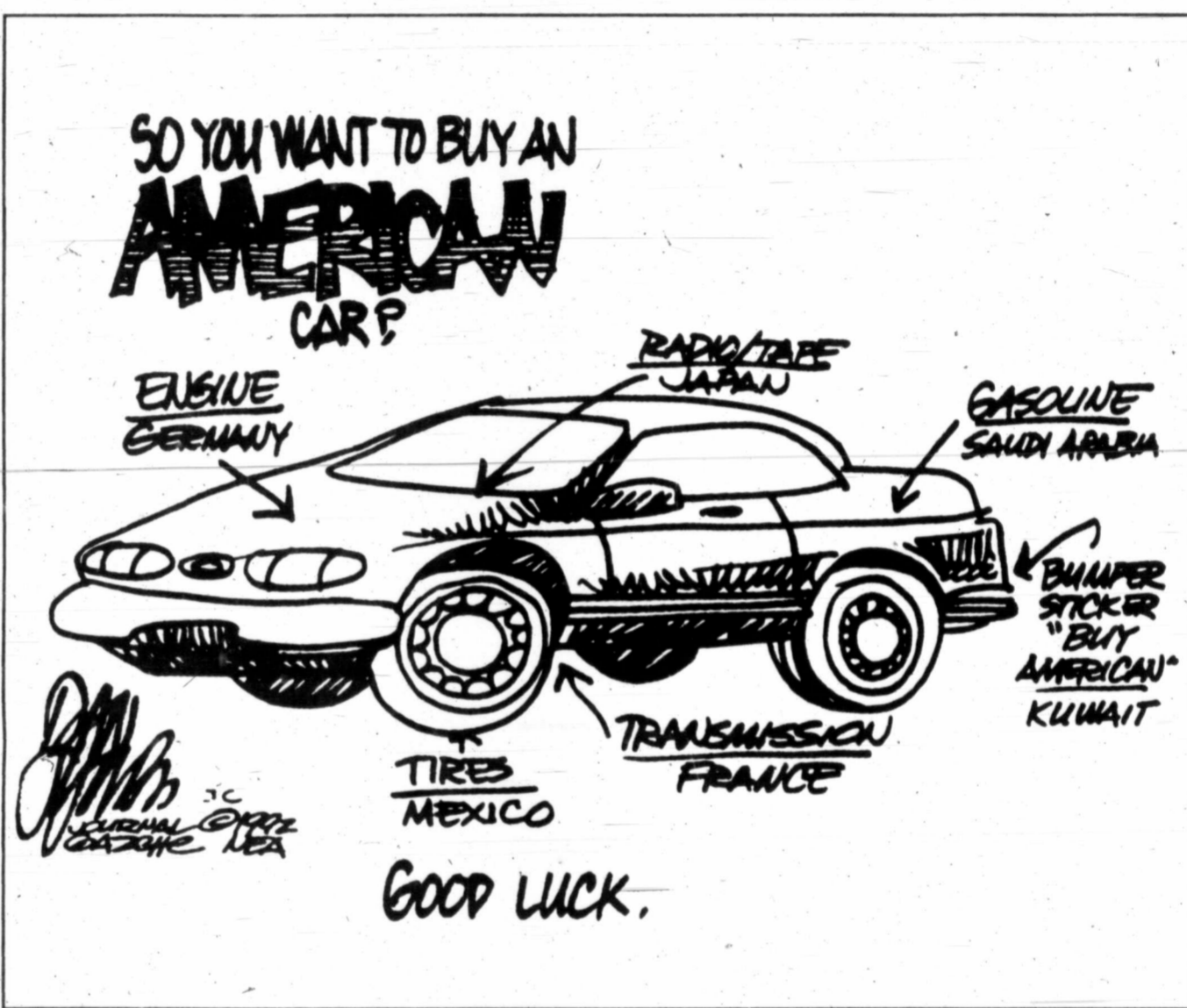
In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)

In 1937, more than 400 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1938, Mexico took control of foreign-owned oil properties on Mexican soil.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini held a meeting at the Brenner Pass during which the Italian dictator agreed to join in Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov left his Voskhod 2 capsule and remained outside the spacecraft for 20 minutes, secured by a tether.



The more sinister air pollution

Yes, you have been seeing more cigarette smoking by actors and actresses in movies and on TV.

Entertainment Weekly has confirmed that most movies - 53 percent of all movies made in the last four years - depict cigarette smoking.

Another study shows that last year the percentage was up to 85 percent.

In the movie "GoodFellas," somebody was smoking something 56 times.

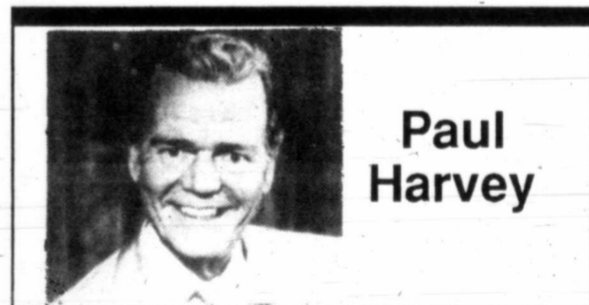
In the movie "Reversal of Fortune," actor Jeremy Irons sucked his way through 20 cigarettes. The brand was Vantage.

That brand name is the key. Cigarette makers provide generously if characters in movies are allowed to re-glamorize smoking.

The noble TV networks, which sacrificially gave an overt cigarette advertising, are now doing it more subtly and probably more effectively.

You've not yet heard the worst. With this month's (March 1992) Supreme Court decree, radio and TV programs can be as nasty as they want to be.

The High Court will allow "indecent" programs



Paul Harvey

at the discretion of the industry notably lacking in discretion.

The FCC and the courts have been quibbling about whether the dirty stuff should be reserved for nighttime hours. This silly concession to conscience assumes that everybody under 16 is sound asleep by 8.

It also assumes that wallowing in sex, nudity and naughty words is acceptable for grown-ups.

And so crusaders get ulcers on their ulcers worrying about the pollution of our nation's water and our world's ozone layer while they casually allow our airwaves to become an open sewer.

The American Psychological Association

assigned a task force to evaluate the positive and negative influences of television.

American children spend more time watching TV than they spend in school, so whatever TV is teaching them is likely to be more consequential.

Nine psychologists, after a five-year study, concluded that watching violence in sexual context can instigate antisocial behavior.

And the average child by the time he graduates from elementary school has witnessed 8,000 murders.

It does not take many hours of watching even daytime TV to conclude that the weirdos are being showcased so persistently that an adult audience is being indoctrinated to accept the abnormal as normal.

Yes, of course, movies, TV and radio may be and are a positive influence, depending on the types of programs presented.

But the psychological carcinogens sandwiched between the "Sesame Streets" and the "NOVA" episodes are more than enough for toxicity.

History demonstrates that excesses invariably, eventually, are their own undoing. But historically, inevitably, it is a painful process.

Once upon a time it took a dark age that lasted a thousand years.

Beating up on Israel again

In the nearly 30 years I've been in Washington, only once can I recall a situation in which the United States is now treating Israel: in 1978, when Jimmy Carter told the Republic of China on Taiwan to take a hike and welcomed Communist China to the U.S. bosom.

My disagreement with George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker is not over the administration's refusal to support Israel's request for a \$10 billion U.S. loan guarantee. On the narrow issue of the loan guarantees, I agree with the president and secretary of state.

Unfortunately, they arrived at the right position for all the wrong reasons. The loan-guarantee request should be judged on economic merits. Banks don't give us loans because we're good people and need money. They lend us money because we're good credit risks - and on this score the Israelis fall short. Indeed, as economist Edward Hugins and writer Joel Rosenberg pointed out recently, Standard and Poor's currently rates Israeli investment-grade bonds just above "junk bonds." Not a ringing endorsement.

But this isn't why the administration has balked at the loan-guarantee request. Instead, the administration is using the issue to coerce Israel into making concessions on security matters that could affect the tiny country's very survival.



Edwin Feulner

The United States wants the Israelis to trade land that now serves as a buffer against invasion and terrorist attack for a promise of peace from Israel's enemies. Since Israel's settlement policies in the occupied territories are seen as a rebuff of the "land-for-peace" formula, the administration is using the loan issue to bully Jerusalem. But instead of asserting their sovereign right to act in their own best interest, the Israelis have allowed the loan albatross to be hung around their necks.

The Israelis say they need to borrow the money to help pay for the resettlement of the estimated one million immigrants expected to flood the country from Russia and the other former Soviet states over the next five years. The problems of absorption are daunting. One million immigrants arriving in Israel, a nation of less than 4.4 million,

would be like 60 million immigrants flooding U.S. shores.

But taking out loans is not the way to fund such an undertaking. The Israeli economy is a socialist basket case. As we have seen time and time again, the last thing that a country deep in debt needs is another loan.

Face facts: Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East and America's only true friend. The Israelis are more than friends: They are part of the family of nations that shares America's values.

If the Israelis need humanitarian assistance, the United States should offer it to them. But if they want loans, they should look elsewhere - until they take the tough steps needed to reform their economy: cut taxes, trim their bloated bureaucracy, and privatize state-run businesses.

Meanwhile, if it caves in to the administration's requests, the Israeli government takes a dangerous chance. Until there is real peace in the region, the territories the administration wants the Israelis to abandon are vital to the country's survival. It's that simple.

If the Israelis are as smart as I think they are, they will shelve the loan guarantee request and let the administration know they can't be bullied. So long as the loan issue remains, Israel's freedom of action is jeopardized.

Food

Selecting olive oil is slippery business

By JOAN CIRILLO
For AP Special Features

NEW YORK (AP) — Selecting a good bottle of wine is easier than selecting a good bottle of olive oil, says cookbook author and teacher Giuliano Bugialli.

Thinking that you can get the best oil because it is expensive is a gimmick, he says. And, Bugialli warns, just because an oil is bottled in a particular region, doesn't mean that the olives are necessarily from that area.

Like grapes, olives can vary in quality, depending on the crop. Consumers have no way of knowing whether the oil, pressed annually, came from a bad crop. Because of these annual variations, settling on a particular brand does not assure that the oil will always be the same, he says.

For this reason, Bugialli favors vintages for olive oil so consumers can know the year of production and select their oils accordingly. He says the Italian government is discussing this possibility.

Consumers must be guided by their own taste and what appeals to them, he says, rather than the cost of the oil, packaging or color.

"Taste has to be the bottom line," Bugialli told food writers and educators at an Italian olive oil seminar here at The Italian Trade Commission.

"Dark green olive oil does not mean wonderful taste," he said, addressing some misconceptions about olive oil. The color can range from a light golden tint to a rich dark green and bears no relationship to the taste.

The variations in oils are determined by differences in climate and soil and the some 60 varieties of olives in Italy. Oil from Liguria, for instance, is paler and straw-colored

with a delicate scent and taste recalling almonds or pine nuts. By contrast, Lombardy and Venetia produce a green oil, with a stronger scent and delicate fruity bouquet.

The three grades of olive oil — extra-virgin, virgin and pure — are determined by the oleic acid (acidity) content, flavor, color and aroma. Standards are closely regulated by the European Economic Community.

Bugialli says the less acidity, the better the flavor. In extra-virgin oil, the highest grade, the acidity must not exceed 1 percent of weight. The oil is pressed from the finest quality handpicked fruit, squeezed without any chemical manipulation.

In virgin olive oil, the oil is also free of chemical manipulation but the acidity is not higher than 2 percent of weight. In 100 percent pure olive oil — the type most familiar to consumers — the acidity is also not more than 2 percent. The oil is obtained from clear oil that has undergone alkaline and physical processing and is blended with extra-virgin olive oil.

Oil does not need to be refrigerated, but is best stored in a tightly capped, dark glass container, placed in a cool cupboard, away from direct light. Bugialli advises cooks to buy a large tin of oil, often more economical, then immediately transfer all the oil to bottles. Otherwise, the flavor of the oil, interacting with air, can be affected by the metallic container.

Bugialli says he prefers unfiltered olive oil, which is cloudy in appearance and not readily available in this country.

Commenting on California olive oils, Bugialli says he finds them "very oily," attributable to the texture of the pulp of the California olive. "The pulp is too soft," he says.



For a honey of a cake, baked whole-wheat carrot cake, filled with nuts, carrots and fiber-rich whole-wheat flour and wheat germ.

Carrot cake boasts more fiber than Grandma's did

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor
Better Homes and Gardens Magazine

This rich-tasting cake looks like it came right from grandma's kitchen. While it tastes just as delicious, each piece offers more fiber than grandma's ever did. Whole-wheat flour and wheat germ, plus the carrots, boost the fiber count of this honey-sweetened cake to 4 grams per slice. That'll help toward the 20 to 30 grams a day of fiber you need every day. Even with the fiber, you should enjoy this cake as you would other desserts — in reasonable portions as an occasional treat.

Whole-Wheat Carrot Cake
2 cups whole-wheat flour
1 tablespoon toasted wheat germ
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 1/4 cups honey
1/2 cup margarine or butter, melted
1 teaspoon molasses (optional)
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 eggs
3 cups finely shredded carrots
1 cup chopped pecans
1 recipe Cream Cheese Frosting (recipe follows)
Grease and flour two 8- or 9-inch round baking pans. In a large mixing bowl combine whole-wheat flour, wheat germ, baking powder, soda, salt and cinnamon. Add honey, margarine or butter, molasses (if desired) and vanilla.

Beat with electric mixer on low speed until combined. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in carrots and pecans. Pour into prepared pans.

Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes. Remove cakes from pans; cool completely. Frost between layers and top with Cream Cheese Frosting. Store, covered, in the refrigerator. Makes 12 servings.

Cream Cheese Frosting: In a medium mixing bowl combine one 8-ounce package softened cream cheese and 1/2 cup margarine or butter; beat with an electric mixer on high speed until fluffy. Beat in 2 cups sifted powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1/2 teaspoon molasses or honey. Stir in 1/4 cup chopped pecans. If necessary, chill until the frosting is of spreading consistency, about 30 minutes.

Even burning the sauce, a winner takes the cake

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — When Gretchen Schuler burned the butter rum sauce for her Cran-Orange Pound Cake, she didn't think she had a chance of winning the National Annual High School Recipe Contest.

"I was so depressed when I burned the sauce," Schuler recalled. But her contest entry had the judges going back for seconds. They all agreed: even without the butter rum sauce, Schuler's baked goods were special.

Schuler, 19, of Warwick, R.I., was declared the grand-prize winner from a field of nine finalists during last year's competition. She was awarded a full four-year scholarship to Johnson & Wales University, where she is majoring in baking and pastry arts.

Strawberries and Cream Bread
For the filling:
Two 3-ounce packages low-fat cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg

For the bread:
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
2/3rds cup oil
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup frozen, unsweetened whole strawberries, thawed and sliced
1/2 cup chopped pecans

For the garnish:
2 tablespoons chopped pecans
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Generously grease the bottom only of a 9- by 5-inch loaf pan.

For the filling: In a small bowl, blend the cream cheese, sugar and egg; beat at medium speed until smooth. Set aside.

For the bread: Combine the flour, sugar, cinnamon, salt and baking soda in a large bowl; mix well. In a separate bowl, blend the oil and eggs; add the strawberries. Combine oil-egg-strawberry mixture with the flour mixture. Stir in pecans, blending until the dry ingredients are just moistened.

Pour half of the bread mixture

into the prepared pan. Pour the filling over the batter, spreading to cover. Pour remaining batter on top. Garnish with the 2 tablespoons chopped pecans. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 65 to 75 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes; remove from pan. Cool before slicing. Makes 1 loaf.

Cran-Orange Pound Cake
For the cake:
2 3/4 cups granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups margarine, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
6 eggs
3 cups cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
8 ounces low-fat yogurt
1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries.

For the butter rum sauce:
1/3rd cup margarine
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon flour
1 tablespoon low-fat yogurt
2 teaspoons rum extract

For the garnish:
1 tablespoon orange zest
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Generously grease a tube pan.

For the cake: In a large bowl, beat sugar and margarine until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and orange peel. Add eggs one at a time.

In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry ingredients to sugar mixture, alternating with yogurt. Gently fold in the cranberries. Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 65 to 75 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes before removing from pan, turning upside down.

For the sauce: In a small saucepan, melt margarine; combine with sugar and flour over medium heat. Stir in 1 tablespoon yogurt and 2 teaspoons rum extract. Cook over medium heat until thickened and bubbly, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Pour warm sauce over cake. Garnish with orange zest. Makes 1 cake.

Microwave brews spice tea in minutes

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor
Better Homes and Gardens Magazine

Keep this stir-together drink mix on hand for a quick pick up. In your microwave oven, you can heat from one to four servings in mere minutes. But before you sip, take a whiff. The steamy, cinnamon-y aroma is as soothing as the tea itself.

Spiced Orange Tea Mix
1 cup orange-flavored instant breakfast drink powder
2-3rds cup instant tea powder
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
Whole stick cinnamon (optional)

In an airtight container stir together drink powder, tea powder, sugar, ground cinnamon and cloves. Cover and store for up to 4 months in an airtight container in a cool, dry place. Stir before using. Makes 2 cups mix (enough for 12 servings).

For 1 serving: In a microwave-safe mug stir 1 rounded tablespoon of mix into 2-3rds cup water. Cook, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) for 1 to 2 minutes or until hot. If desired, serve with a cinnamon stick.

For 2 servings: Cook on high for 2 to 3 minutes.

For 3 servings: Cook on high for 3 to 5 minutes.

For 4 servings: Cook on high for 5 to 8 minutes, rearranging once.

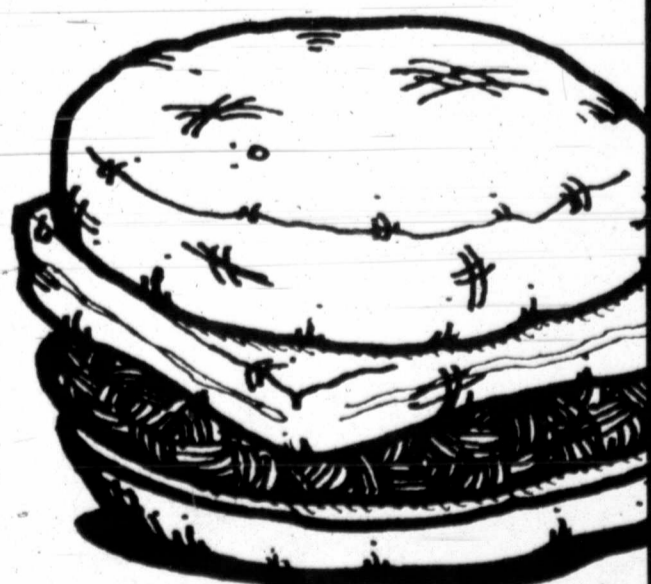
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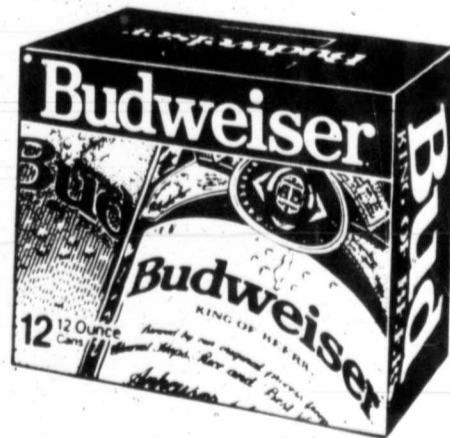
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Lifestyles

Crow honored by marketing educators

During DECA's annual business meeting at the State Career Development Conference held March 5-8, Donna Crow was honored as the Marketing Educators of Texas new Outstanding Coordinator for district 8.

Crow is in her fifth year as marketing coordinator for Pampa High School. During these five years, Crow has served as the district 8 president of the Marketing Educators of Texas and the district 8 president elect. She is also a member of the American Vocational Association and Marketing Educators of Texas.

In addition to the professional organizations, Crow was selected along with 7 other Texas marketing coordinators to implement a competency based/mastery learning program for marketing education. Her marketing education classes are in their second year of the state model program.

Crow is also involved in the youth organization for marketing education. For the past four years she has organized and implemented the leadership development conference for district 8. The purpose of the conference is to help young people develop their leadership skills and to function successfully as a group member.

During the past five years the Pampa Chapter of DECA has been successful under Crow's direction. The chapter has been selected the Outstanding Chapter in District 8 in 1989-90, 1990-91, and 1991-92. The members participate in the leadership development conference held in the fall and the district, state and national career development conferences held in the spring. The Pampa Chapter has also had state and district officers.

Crow was selected because of her dedication in DECA and marketing education.



Donna Crow

(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Boy Scouts of Pack 404 receive awards

At Boy Scout Pack 404 meeting, awards were distributed. Tigers receiving awards were Chris Bowles, #3 and #4 paws; Brian Watts, Tiger participation patch; and Craig Stallings, first year service star.

Wolfs Brian Huddleston, Andy Keeton and Don Shuck received wolf badge, one gold arrow point and one silver arrow point. Chad Holland, Ricky Morgan, James Norwood and Andrew Persyn received their wolf badge, and

one gold arrow point. All received their one year service star.

Bears include Aaron Childress, Jason Griffith, Chris Sampson, James Shawn and Luke Wilson. All received their Bear batch and two year service star.

Webelos are Rikke Bowles, Heath Keeton, John Montgomery and Darrel Schroeder who received their three year service stars. Kevin Persyn and Cleatus Shawn received four year service

star. All received their Citizen Activity Badge.

Receiving their God and Country Patch were Chris Bowles, Andy Keeton, Don Shuck, Chad Holland, James Norwood, Aaron Childress, Jason Griffith, Heath Keeton, Brian Huddleston, Darrel Schroeder, Cleatus Shawn, Rikke Bowles and John Montgomery. Leaders are Cheri Van Houton, Tiger Cub Coach; Kim Keeton, Wolf; Linda Childress, Bears; Bill Schroeder, Webelos.

Head and heart do battle over married man

DEAR ABBY: I am 21, and my boyfriend is 40 and married. I am trying to decide what to do about this relationship. The age difference is not the problem. My mother and others close to me tell me that this is an unhealthy relationship ("once a cheater, always a cheater"), and I should break it off. Half of the time, I think they're right because being in love with a married man has me sneaking around like a criminal. Then there are times when our love is so beautiful, it's worth all the pain I go through, and all the thoughts of breaking up go right out the window.

He tells me he loves me and he will marry me once he gets everything straightened out.

Should I keep on seeing him and hoping for the best, or break it off now and tell him to get in touch with me when he can make a commitment? I realize that only I can make that decision, but your advice would help me immensely.

IN LOVE, BUT CONFUSED

DEAR IN LOVE: You have answered your own question: Break it off now and tell him to



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

get in touch with you IF and when he is able to make a commitment.

DEAR ABBY: It happened again! Yesterday, acquaintances from where we lived in North Carolina nine years ago appeared at our door. (We are now living 850 miles from there, but they found us.)

They rang our doorbell at 6 p.m., saying they wanted to surprise us. They had arrived in town at noon, found our house, and spent six hours imposing on our next-door neigh-

bors waiting for us to come home from work!

Abby, these are not close friends. He was my husband's barber. They said they were vacationing and had made several stops since leaving North Carolina — looking up some old Army buddies from 30 years ago.

Of course we weren't prepared for dinner guests, so we took them out to eat and invited them to spend the night in our guest room. The next morning we took them out for breakfast and told them we were working folks. They thanked us for the "wonderful" time. It would have been more "wonderful" if we had had a little notice.

Abby, why do some people insist on "surprising" acquaintances with a visit?

UNPLEASANTLY SURPRISED

DEAR SURPRISED: Because if they called, they might be told, "Sorry, we were just leaving town," or, "The kids have the measles," or some other reason they could not be made welcome. This way, they surprised you — and you were stuck.

Groom piano students compete in solo contest

On March 7, three piano students from Groom competed in the UIL Solo Contest in Canyon.

The junior high students competing were Stanley Homer and Suzy Pool, both eighth graders.

Stanley Homer received a I rating. Stanley is the son of Joe and Barbara Homer and grandson of Al and Agnes Homer of Groom.

Stacy Fields, a freshman at Groom High School, advanced to the State UIL contest to be held in Austin, June 1. She played the Haydn Sonata #43. Fields is the daughter of Keith and Shirley Fields and the granddaughter of Billy and Shirley Fields of Groom and the granddaughter of Ed and Juanita Vincent, Lefors.



Stacy Fields

Honor Roll

Baker Elementary School announces honor students for the fourth six weeks grading period. They are:

Self-contained developmental - best citizen - Terry Hernandez; P.A.L. award - Diana Cabrales.

Kindergarten - best citizen - Jasmine Cordova, Laura DeLatorre; P.A.L. award - Alex Couch, Frank Shaw.

First grade - best citizen - Jesse Hernandez, Mindy Leal, Danita Holguin, Luis Gonzales, Vicky Mangus. P.A.L. award - Drew Wilson, Carlos Solis, Carissa Seger. Honor roll - Joel Botello, Luis Campos, Zachary Ferris, Janee Perez,

James Silva, Carlos Solis, Luzann Garcia, Julian George, Luis Gonzales, Henry Hernandez, Chris House, April Morgan, Jesse Santacruz, Damian Vilarreal, Drew Wilson.

Second grade - best citizen - Jose Alfaro, Tiffany Lucas. P.A.L. award - Lisa Torres, Desiree Vigil. Honor roll - Shelly Gage, Julia Hernandez, Misty Moman, Chris Tice, Jose Alfaro, Dolly Anderson, Holly Lawrence, Oscar Ortega, Randy Tice, Desiree Vigil.

Third grade - best citizen - Eric Chavez, Nahum Nunez. P.A.L. award - Veronica Saldierna, Chris Batman. Honor roll - Eric Chavez, Vanessa Portillo, Gavino Armen-

darez, Chris Batman, Derrick Cummings, April Mobbs.

Fourth grade - best citizen - Dora Chavarria, Shana James. P.A.L. award - Brittany Lorensen, Terra Hembree. Honor roll - Teresa Carver, Dora Chavarria, Brittany Lorensen, Luis Matos, Leticia Medina, Glen Moon, Sammy Ramirez, Amanda White, Lidia Resendiz.

Fifth grade - best citizen - Jessica Watson, Kelby McClellan. P.A.L. award - Keisha Roby, Angie D'Jesus. Honor roll - Audrey Cooper, Rodolfo Ramirez, Cecilia Solis, Narciso Solis, Candice Jameson, Gloria Resendiz, Derrick Crawford.

Professional Social Workers Month spotlighted by Coronado Hospital

Lori Sailor performs a valuable service for patients at Coronado Hospital, but many people aren't even aware her department exists, according to Bruce W. Reinhardt, administrator.

"During Professional Social Workers Month, we hope that more people learn about the social work function in our hospital because it is a valuable service to the community," Reinhardt said.

"A social worker is only as good as the resources in community," Sailor said. "I am blessed to work in Pampa where people are so willing to help others."

Sailor said that her job is to "assist patients in resolving personal, emotional, and social problems that are interfering with their access to or maximum use of medical facilities."

"What that really means," she said, "is that if a patient can't pay their utility bills at home, he or she has a harder time getting well. We try to address the whole area of a person's life."

As part of her job, she helps patients and their families through the maze of red tape involved in applying for certain entitlement programs. "If I can help a patient qualify for Medicare or Medicaid, that relieves one more worry for them," she said.

She said that technically she serves as a resource person to refer people to the right services.

"I have a list of phone numbers I can call here in Pampa to find shoes for a patient's baby or to find groceries for the family at home. There are a lot of wonderful people in Pampa who quietly help their neighbors," she said.

"Here at Coronado, the nursing staff is my biggest asset. They are so cooperative in helping me identify problems that need to be solved. Since they see the patient on a daily basis they often become aware of problems before I do, and they alert me," she said.

As a professional social worker she is trained to assess the patient's problem and refer him or her accurately to the right resource to solve that problem. She responds when critical patients are brought to the Emergency Room, when a rape victim is brought in, or when a patient dies.

"My job is to offer what consolation and help I can. With the rape victim, I help to explain the hospital procedures and stay with her until workers from Tralee Crisis arrive," she said.

As the person in charge of discharge planning at Coronado, she helps patients find home health care or arranges for medical equip-

ment or helps families make arrangements to transfer the patient to a nursing home.

"One of the most difficult parts of my job is making transfer arrangements, because that is usually a traumatic time for both the family and the patient," she said.

The majority of patients who leave the hospital simply go back home to their families, she noted, but for some there are special needs.

"With the changes in Medicare in the last few years, it has become even more necessary that many patients get help when they leave the hospital. That's where the social worker can facilitate the patient's discharge and make it easier on both the patients and the family," she said.

Sailor, who grew up in Pampa, is a 1983 graduate of Pampa High School. She completed her bachelor of science degree in social work at West Texas State University in Canyon in 1988. She served an internship at Tralee Crisis Center for Battered Women, working at the shelter and in the administrative office. She has been in charge of social services at Coronado since September, 1990.

She and her husband Artie have one son Levi, 3, and a daughter, Laci Allison, 1 week.

Middle school girls attend science conference

Five Pampa Middle School girls attended the Women in Science Endeavors on March 7 at Crockett Middle School, Amarillo. Participating were eighth graders Edith Osborne, Jennifer Fischer, Kamron Harris and Amanda Kludt, plus seventh grader Ann

Carmichael. The conference was sponsored by the Don Harrington Discovery Center, Amarillo Independent School District, Region XVI Education Service Center, Amarillo College and the American Association of University Women. It was

developed to encourage and provide role models for young women in the 7th and 8th grades who have shown interest in the sciences.

Featured speakers were geologist Jerry Perry, SPS engineer, Gizle Early and aquatic biologist Cindy Zbonar.

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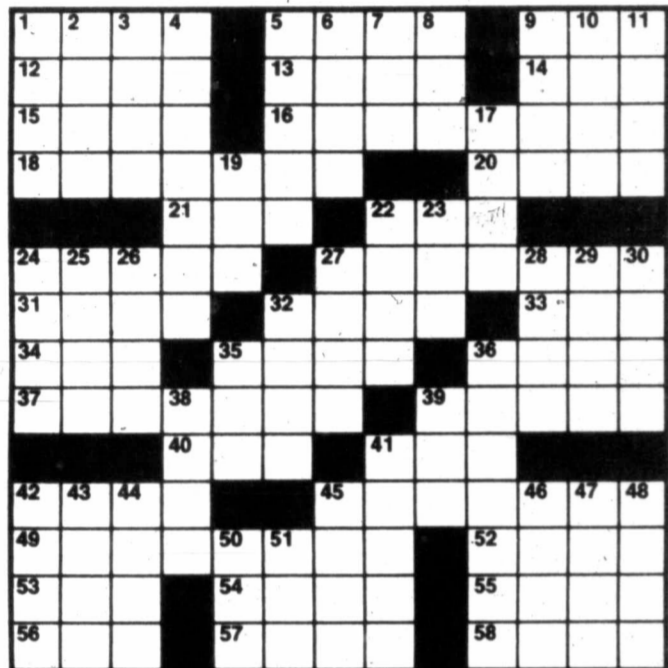
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The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Small amount
 - 5 Baseball glove
 - 9 Experienced person
 - 12 — avis
 - 13 At a distance
 - 14 Face part
 - 15 Protection
 - 16 Federal
 - 18 Covered passageway
 - 20 Alpine wind
 - 21 Always (poet.)
 - 22 Victory symbol
 - 24 Black dairy cow
 - 27 The King of Marvin
 - 31 Baseballer Nolan
 - 32 Source of ore
 - 33 Large tub
 - 34 Charged atom
 - 35 Warplanes
- DOWN**
- 1 TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
 - 2 Othello villain
 - 3 Math subject
 - 4 — Standard
 - 5 Time
 - 6 Large country house
 - 7 — first you don't ...
 - 8 Bi plus one
 - 9 — vidi vici
 - 10 Young hawk
 - 11 T of TV
 - 17 King David's grandfather
 - 19 Bridge of San Luis
 - 22 Trucks
 - 23 Rather than (poet.)
 - 24 Actor — Kristofferson
 - 25 Island
 - 26 Genus of frogs
 - 27 Musicians' jobs (sl.)
 - 28 Always
 - 29 Zola heroine
 - 30 Amaze
 - 32 Manner
 - 35 1,051, Roman
 - 36 Becomes adept at
 - 38 Boxer Max
 - 39 Family
 - 41 Undetermined
 - 42 Flowers
 - 43 Toward the center of
 - 44 Stop working
 - 45 Small insect
 - 46 Future
 - 47 L.L.B., exam
 - 48 Grafted, in heraldry
 - 49 Experiment
 - 50 Repent
 - 51 Profit on bank acct.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	U	D	S	C	U	B	E	O	P	E	
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Astro-Graph

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you're negotiating an important matter today, be protective of your self-interests. There might be a tendency on your part to yield larger concessions than required.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Individuals who perform special services for you today should be fairly compensated, but not overpaid. Awarding a bonus could set a precedent that will be hard to undo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid the lines of least resistance today. What appears to be simple could prove to be complex, while what appears difficult might be the easiest route in the long run.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A well-intentioned associate might do everything today to assist you in reaching your objective. Unfortunately, this individual's contribution may be counter-effective.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are frank today, it will win you the respect of your contemporaries. Conversely, if you gild the lily, it will give them cause to doubt your future statements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Skillfully managing your resources or the resources of others might not be your long suit today. Be extremely careful in both of these areas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If there is not harmony of purpose regarding an important objective within a partnership today, good intentions will count for little. Both participants must aim for the same target.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might pretend today that you were not adequately compensated for something you did for another. In actuality, what you received was determined by the contribution you made.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be extremely careful how you behave today; it will determine how you are perceived by your friends. Do nothing to make them think you're nice only to those who can do you some good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If the achievement of an important objective comes easily for you today, be careful; you may not have attained your goal. Retrace all your steps to be certain you have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A situation where you were very fortunate previously might be governed by a different set of ground rules today. Be prepared to make quick adjustments — if the same tactics do not apply.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your financial projection looks quite good for today, but there is also a chance you might not capitalize properly on all your opportunities. Indifference is self-defeating.

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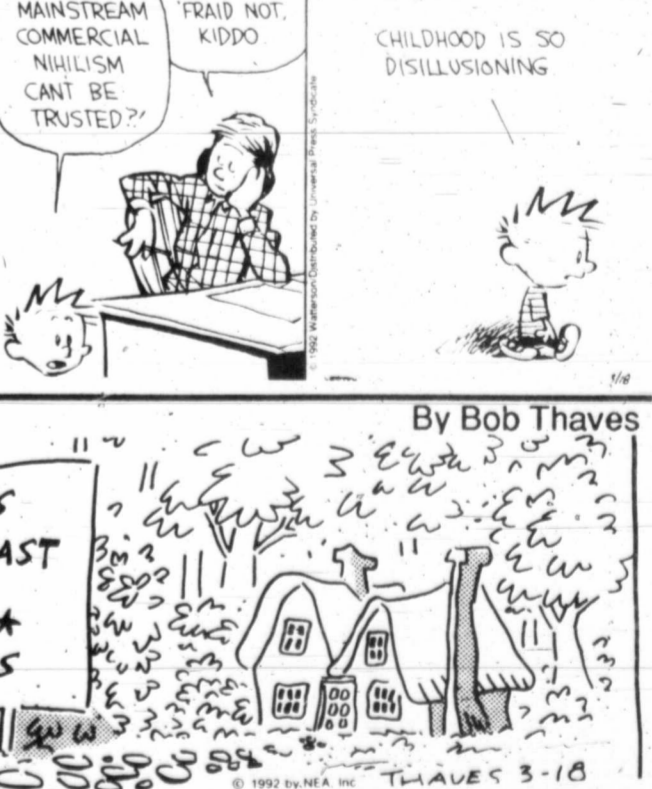
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