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Brown victim of retaliation, says judge in civil rights trial

By BETH MILLER
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AMARILLO — U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson said Thursday former Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Lynn Brown was retali-

ating an EEOC complaint," Judge Robinson said.

"The threshold question is whether the county is exempt from this lawsuit," the judge later said.

She instructed the two attorneys to submit briefs not to exceed 10

also alleges he was not offered overtime as other white deputies and was made to work the midnight shift.

He also alleged he was retaliated against in his firing on Feb. 3 for filing the EEOC complaint and the civil rights lawsuit.

Gray County alleges it should be immune to the lawsuit because Brown's employment was at the "will" of Sheriff Free and because Brown served on the sheriff's "personal staff."

In closing arguments, plaintiff's attorney David Hamilton told the judge, "The allegations of racism are horrible. The realization of racism in today's society is despicable."

Hamilton said that "almost immediately" from the time Brown was hired on Jan. 2, 1989, he was called a "nigger."

"And judge, he reported it to Mr. Free and he believed (former deputy) Dave Keiser."

After reporting numerous incidents of racism and the sheriff taking no action, Hamilton said Brown did as any person would do and he kept to himself.

"Mr. Brown had about as much as he could stomach," Hamilton said.

Regarding damages, Hamilton said the testimony was clear that Brown was denied overtime and compensatory time privileges in the amount of about \$6,000. He also said Brown's car allowance was taken away about three months before other supervisors, making him lose about \$1,600. He said an estimated \$500 out-of-pocket expenses were spent while looking for an attorney to take his case and Brown lost about \$500 in gas money driving his vehicle to work after other white deputies were given take home cars.

Hamilton also said Brown was not on the "personal staff" of the sheriff because other people had authority over Brown, including sergeants, the chief deputy and the lieutenant. He said the chief deputy also has the authority to hire and fire.

Defendant's attorney Dan Burrows said "all" the witnesses testified that Brown was not discriminated against in overtime, car allowance or working the night shift.

Burrows also said there was no evidence of Brown being discriminated against because of race and the plaintiff has the burden of proof.

"There is no competent, credible evidence that there was intentional conduct by the Gray County Sheriff's Office or that Lynn Brown was discriminated against because of his race," Burrows said.

Deputies testify on Thursday

By BETH MILLER
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AMARILLO — Four Gray County sheriff's deputies took the witness stand in U.S. District Court on Thursday, testifying that former deputy Lynn Brown had an attitude problem and they never saw incidents of racial discrimination.

Brown filed a civil rights lawsuit, alleging racial discrimination against Gray County. The trial was held this week.

Lt. Bill Brainard, who started with the sheriff's office in December with more than 20 years of law enforcement experience, said Brown would often come in after his shift and not talk to anybody.

"There was no interaction among the deputies," Brainard said, adding how important it is in a small department to interact.

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Regarding the issue of personal staff, he said, "We think the issue is uncontroverted. Not only was there evidence of the close working relationship, but the sheriff was directly responsible for his deputies' actions in the county."

The judge instructed the attorneys to prepare chronologies of events relating to damages both for retaliation and Brown's termination.

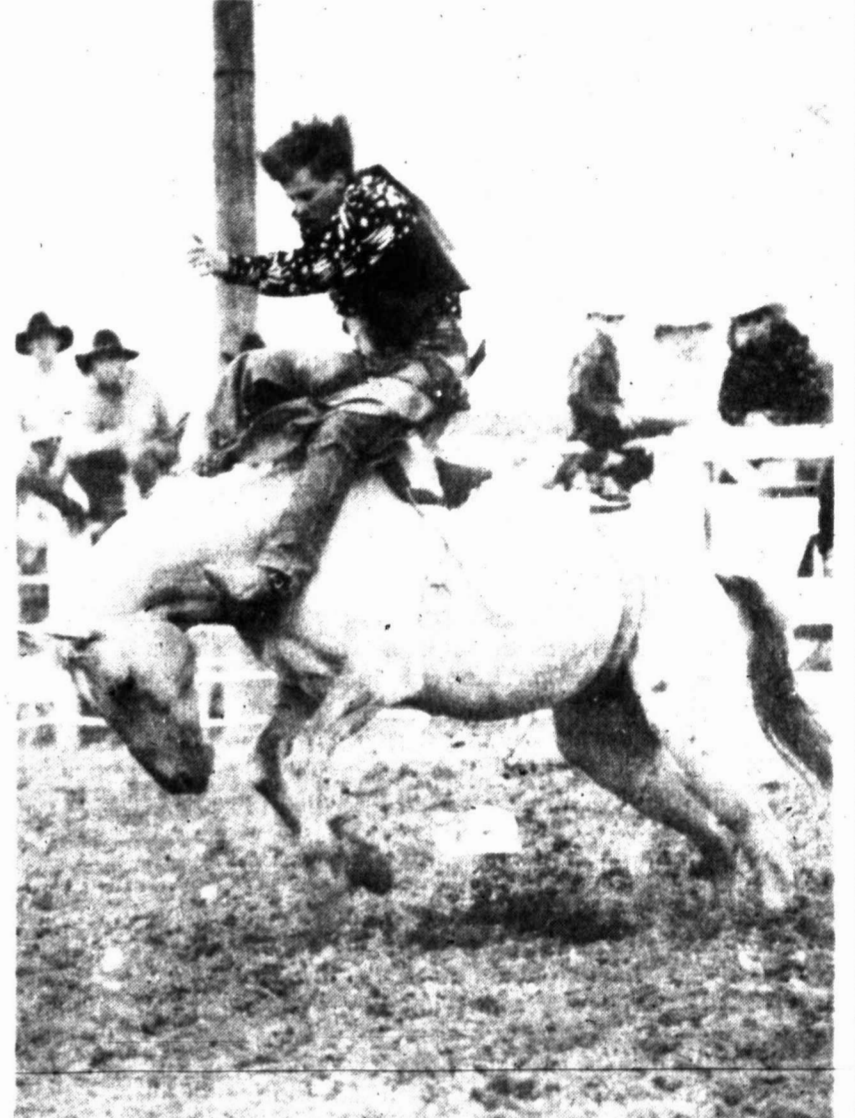
Hamilton said following the trial that Brown has a second EEOC complaint pending, which was filed after he was fired in February. He said another lawsuit could be filed on that complaint.

Regarding the judge's statement that she believed Brown was retaliated against, Hamilton said he believed Brown was happy and relieved.

"I watched his face (Brown's) when she said that. I think that Lynn Brown wanted someone to stand up and say, 'You're right.'"

Lt. Bill Brainard with the sheriff's office said today that although the judge has not made a ruling, "We feel good about the lawsuit at this time."

'Just holdin' on'



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

Pampa's Chad McFall takes a rip-roarin', bronc-snortin' ride to the top of the Thursday night bareback riding charts at the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association Finals in Amarillo. Please see page 3 for additional results of the rodeo which continues tonight and Saturday.



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Lynn Brown leaves federal court building in Amarillo Wednesday, followed by his daughter, Tammy. In the background, Brown's attorney David Hamilton exits the building with his legal assistant and son.

ated against for filing an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission complaint.

Robinson's comments came during the end of the trial alleging civil rights violations perpetrated against Brown, who sued Gray County. A four-woman, four-man jury was abruptly dismissed after lunch Thursday when the judge told them the case was being withdrawn from the jury and submitted to the court for decision. The trial began Monday afternoon in U.S. District Court.

"I'm satisfied Mr. Brown was retaliated against in the firing for fil-

pages by next Friday on whether Brown was a member of Sheriff Jim Free's "personal staff," which would in effect eliminate the cause of action against Gray County. She did not indicate when she would rule on the case.

Brown, the first black deputy in Gray County's history, alleged he was racially discriminated against by being called "nigger" and was not promoted as other white deputies were, even though he had the most experience. Both sides agreed that Brown is a highly-qualified law enforcement officer. Brown

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Lighting strike starts fire, damages grocery

By BETH MILLER
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McLEAN — The sole grocery store in McLean was struck by lightning early this morning, catching a cash register on fire and causing damage throughout the building, said McLean Fire Chief Clifford McDonald.

The fire was reported through a 911 call about 5:30 a.m. today. Six units and 18 firefighters with McLean Volunteer Fire Department responded and three units and six firefighters with Shamrock Fire Department also assisted.

"It was caused when lightning hit the electricity and started the cash register on fire. We pinpointed

it. You can see where the wiring

bubbled together," McDonald said. He said an estimated \$15,000 in structural damage was caused, but was unsure of the dollar damage to the inventory.

"There was smoke and heat damage throughout the whole building," he said, adding that the actual fire did not burn a spot more

than six-foot square in the building.

"It was smoldering at least two hours before we got the call," the fire chief said.

The last firefighter left the scene at 8:45 a.m. today, he said.

Puckett's Manager Alta Mason said that the store plans to clean up the mess, renovate and reopen as quickly as possible.

"We're already in the process of cleaning it up," she said about 10 a.m. today.

"I got our cash register," she said of the fire.

She said some of the food is damaged and store officials were waiting for a health inspector with the Texas Department of Health in Canyon to arrive on the scene and give them instructions about what can be salvaged.

"We haven't got an estimate. It damaged the front of the store more than anything. It's mainly smoke damage at the back."

Although Mason said she was hopeful the store would be back open in a week, she added, "I just can't say when. It's going to be a job."

She said she was appreciative of the help and encouragement from the McLean Fire Department and residents who have stopped by.

Puckett's is a chain store, owned by Craig Puckett of Sayre, Okla.

In an unrelated fire this morning, McDonald said lightning struck a tank battery one mile west and one mile north of Kellerville, burning the fiberglass top of the steel tank.



(Staff photo by Daniel Wiegars)

Puckett's store manager Alta Mason examines damage caused by a fire this morning after lightning caused a cash register to catch on fire.

Bush says average voter will come back to him

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says Ross Perot may be popular now, but once the Texas billionaire is pinned down on the issues "the guy in the neighborhood" will return to Bush on Election Day.

At a news conference Thursday night, Bush said he would not yet take on the independent presidential hopeful, who is favored by as much as a third of potential voters in nationwide public opinion polls.

But Bush gave his aides and supporters the green light to do so. He also signaled that his campaign would highlight Perot's opposition to the Persian Gulf War and lobbying connections to Congress that belie Perot's claims to be a Washington outsider.

"I have the confidence that it won't be just the Republicans that will be supporting me, it will be the guy in the neighborhood" by the time election day arrives in November, Bush said.

The president sought to portray himself above the political fray. He said he had not even "been in the playing field" during the primary season, despite the fact that he barnstormed across the South before the Super Tuesday primaries in March and paid repeated visits to New Hampshire and other primary election states.

During the news conference — which only CNN of the major networks chose to carry live — Bush also:

— Renewed his attack on what he calls environmental extremists. He said he's watching out for American jobs in opposing any treaty on global warming that is tougher or more costly than the one he will sign next week at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"And if they don't understand it in Rio, too bad," he added in reference to criticism his decision is receiving from other summit participants.

— Expressed hopes, sure to be fulfilled, that the Republican platform committee will retain a strong anti-abortion plank that reflects his personal view.

— Said "prudence and caution pre-

vents military action" at this time in Yugoslavia where U.N. economic sanctions have so far failed to stop the Serbian-supported army from attacking other states of the former Yugoslav republic.

— Took a swipe at Perot's independent presidential candidacy by lauding the two-party system for giving the nation "fantastic historical stability."

Former President Richard Nixon, in an interview on NBC-TV's "Today" program, said of the campaign for the White House, "At the present time, it's a two-man race, a race between Bush and Perot." Nixon said he supports Bush and believes he will win in November, but he said Perot will be "a formidable candidate ... he has a chance to win."

"I do not think Perot is going to flame out. This isn't simply because he has a lot of money to spend. It's because he is a nonpolitician. He is for change, and the American people want change," Nixon said.

On Perot, whose popularity has soared while the president's approval ratings have spiraled down, Bush said he understands "the quest for change and the appeal."

"I also think the American people are pretty smart," he added. "Some day you guys are going start (asking of Perot) 'How are you going to do it, how are you going to get this through the Congress?'"

In a pointed reference to Perot's failure to support the U.S.-led war against Iraq, Bush suggested reporters also should ask whether Perot stood by Bush when he "had to make a very tough call on sending back aggression, a move that was saluted all over the entire world."

Asked if Perot, who is financing his own campaign, was trying to buy the White House, Bush said, "so far he's not."

Bush used the news conference, a rare session in the formal East Room of the White House, to beat the drum for congressional passage of a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget.

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Bank officer, 3 others arrested for doctoring Texas Lottery tickets

HOUSTON (AP) — A bank officer and three other persons have been arrested in three separate incidents involving attempts to cash in doctored lottery tickets for \$10,000, police say.

Patsy Bolander, 52, a consumer banking officer with Bank One; Joseph Mouton, 55, and his wife, Teresa Mouton, 36; and Alice Rubens, 49, were being held in lieu of \$2,000 bond each following their arrests on forgery charges in three separate incidents Thursday, authorities said.

The arrests, though unrelated, came within minutes of each other, said Tommy Headrick, an investigator with the Texas Lottery.

The couple and each of the two women presented sloppy, cut-and-paste forgeries in which \$10,000 squares were glued onto otherwise worthless tickets to show three matching numbers, he said.

All three attempts were foiled by computerized bar codes on the back of each ticket, used to verify winners, he said.

"You are not going to get away with this anywhere in the state of Texas," Headrick said. "The Texas Lottery is not going to write someone a \$10,000 check if we cannot verify the winning ticket."

The four were charged with forgery, a third-degree felony, carry-

ing a possible sentence of up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

The Moutons allegedly tried to cash in a \$10,000 ticket Wednesday at the central lottery claim office, Headrick said.

Clerks became suspicious and asked the couple to return Thursday to collect their winnings, he said.

Headrick was called in from Austin to investigate that case and had detained them when the other two women arrived within 10 minutes of each other.

Houston police took all four people into custody.

Ironically, only hours before the arrests, three valid \$10,000 lottery tickets were cashed in, back-to-back, at the lottery center. Winners must go to a center to collect claims of more than \$1,000.

Lottery Director Steve Barber said three other forgery attempts have been reported during the first week of operation.

In El Paso, a 33-year-old man pasted \$1,000 squares on a worthless ticket and was arrested at the claims office. Two similar arrests were made in Waco, Barber said.

Five more possible forgeries are under investigation, Barber said, but he would not disclose the locations.



Canadian's Shan Til Hext throws a loop in the breakaway roping event Thursday at Will Rogers Range Riders Arena in Amarillo. (Staff photo by J. Alan Brzys)

Vapors may be cause of office explosion

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Investigators were focusing on dust or vapors as the possible cause of an explosion on the first floor of a six-story office building, officials say.

The blast Thursday blew equipment, furnishings and shards of window glass into the street, but out of 40 people in the Hutchinson Building at the time, only 11 suffered minor injuries.

"This is absolutely phenomenal," said Donald Zadeck, an owner. "How could people be on that floor and not be killed?"

"Only by the grace of God did no one die," said Bo Roberts, lead Fire Department investigator.

Some stairwells were blocked by debris, so 25 workers exited by climbing out a third-floor window to the roof of an attached building and down fire department ladders.

Investigators said they were keying on chemicals used in a printing machine in the Abstract and Title Services Inc. offices on the first floor.

Abstract and Title Services enlarges prints from microfilm.

Michael Anders, 38, an employee of the company who was operating printing machines in one room, said the paper in one machine stopped running, there was a motor glitch, and the paper burst into flames.

"There was a fireball that went over my head and set our paper supply area on fire," he said.

Anders said he reached for a fire extinguisher, then the blast hit.

"It blew me five to 15 feet across the room," said Anders, who had burns and cuts on his arms, his face and eyebrows singed. "It just picked me up and dropped me ... Then the sprinklers kicked in."

"I was trapped in there," he said. "The room was dark. The power was out, and there are no windows in that room."

"I had to tear the sheetrock out to get out," he said.

Vapors apparently had built up near the ceiling, investigators said. The concussion blew out ceiling panels while some papers stacked on the floor were undisturbed, they said.

Dust and vapors collected from ductwork will be analyzed by the federal bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Other floors were undamaged.

However, Ella Friddle, the city's chief building inspector, said occupants won't be allowed to return until a structural engineer has assessed the building.

Pat Bradford, Shreveport Fire Department spokesman, said the building was last inspected in September 1991, and has had no major violations since it was reopened in 1980 after a \$1.25 million renovation.

Rita Hummingbird, who works for an accounting company in the building, said she was alone on an elevator when it suddenly stopped between the second and third floors, and smoke and dust started coming in.

"I was really scared," she said. "Everything just stopped. The elevator started falling. I couldn't do anything. The elevator stopped. It started filling up with smoke."

"I tried to use the elevator phone but it didn't work," she said. "Then I started yelling so someone would know that I was trapped in there but no one answered. Then I decided that it was time I got myself out of there."

She pulled apart the closed doors and climbed onto the floor above her.

Laura Norman, a microfilm clerk at Abstract and Title, said the explosion blew out front windows in the building, providing an exit.

"I just got out of there," she said.

Tri-State rodeo action explodes

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Managing Editor

AMARILLO — Rodeo is a sport of spunk and determination.

Pampa's Chad McFall displayed true grit with a gut-checking, high-hopping ride good enough to top the first go-round in the bareback riding event Thursday night at the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association (TSHSRA) Finals.

"I've been out for the last four weeks from three broken ribs and a punctured lung," said the Pampa High School Rodeo Club cowboy after the 59-point ride in the Will Rogers Range Riders Arena.

He said a lot of people were surprised to see him entered, including his doctor, but he added, "I'm not real sore."

McFall was injured in May at the TSHSRA rodeo hosted by the Hereford Rodeo Club, the same rodeo where his brother Marty was hurt last year.

Canadian's Shan Til Hext blistered the arena - made heavy by spring rain - with a 16.143-second gallop over the barrel racing cloverleaf to top the go-round by one-one thousandth of a second. Hext, looking for her third consecutive TSHSRA barrel racing championship, added to her substantial lead in the standings.

Hext's teammate on the Canadian Rodeo Club, Kara Peirce, stopped the timer at 16.144 seconds

and in both (saddle broncs and barebacks)," said McFall of his expectations at the finals.

McFall was setting in third place in saddle bronc riding going into Thursday night's go-round, but was dumped shortly after he broke out of the chute by Hext Rodeo Company's Dragon.

The Tri-State finals rodeo brings together more than 100 qualifiers from all over the Panhandle for the annual event, according to Wheeler's Jane Thomas, TSHSRA executive secretary. The second and third performances begin at 7 p.m. today and Saturday.

Marv Pierce of Wister, Okla., is announcing the performances with crystal-clear clarity; Mike Goad of Wheeler is arena director and Doug Munsell of Guymon, Okla., is handling bullfighting chores.

Amy Cunningham of Tascosa is reigning rodeo queen.

Following are partial results of the Thursday night performance of the TSHSRA Finals.

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SADDLE BRONCS: 1. Rance Bray, Dumas, 57; 2. Marty McCloy, Gruver, 56; 3. Heath Blackshear, W/C, 55; 4. Brady Pool, Gruver, 46; 5. Mark Eakin, S&S, 42.

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BREAKAWAY ROPING: 1. Shawna Davidson, Hub City, 3.471; 2. Jessica Dean, Wheeler, 3.865; 3. Krista Krehbiel, Canadian, 4.527; 4. Chasity Rickman, Adrian, 5.403; 5. Samantha Winters, Hereford, 6.261; 6. Amy Cunningham, Tascosa, 9.378; 7. Terri Gudgell, Adrian, 9.915; 8. Kimberly Cloud, Wheeler, 13.403.

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for second place to keep alive a chance to catch Hext in the standings.

In pole bending, Pampa's Michel Reeves finished second with a fine 22.529 run. Wheeler's Bobbi Spillers placed third and Pampa's Sarah Oxley finished fifth.

In breakaway roping, Wheeler's Jessica Dean latched her draw in 3.865 seconds to place second. Canadian's Krista Krehbiel was a close third. Shawna Davidson of Hub City won the event.

Charley Russell of Shamrock, riding for the Wheeler Club, roped and tied his calf in 9.909 seconds for second place in calf roping. Wheeler's Randy McEntire finished third and Canadian's William Gill picked up fourth place.

McEntire is in a taut battle for top honors in ribbon roping and calf roping with Gruver's Marty McCloy.

McFall, who enters his senior year at PHS this fall, said, "It didn't feel as nice as I wanted it to, but I was happy with it."

Riding Hext Rodeo Company's Gold Dust, McFall said the horse came out of the chute bucking pretty high at first.

"It made me look good," he said. "I just held on. It gave me a little more confidence than I had going in."

Canadian's Clinton Born finished second in the event with a 53-point ride.

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Passengers hurt when jet hits turbulence

NEW YORK (AP) — Severe turbulence rocked a Delta Air Lines jet like a yo-yo, causing minor injuries to four passengers but no damage to the plane, the Federal Aviation Administration said today.

Flight 62 from Atlanta to New York was flying at 37,000 feet over Charlotte, N.C., on Thursday when it was blown 1,000 feet up, then 1,000 feet down, FAA spokesman Duncan Pardue said. The A310 Airbus was carrying 75 passengers.

The pilot made a controlled descent to 29,000 feet and complet-

ed the flight to Kennedy Airport at 5:29 p.m. without further incident, the FAA said.

A doctor who happened to be on board provided emergency treatment to the injured and the passengers elected to continue to New York rather than land sooner, Pardue said.

One person suffered an anxiety

attack and was taken to a hospital upon landing.

Pardue said the seat belt sign had been on when the plane hit the turbulent air.

Investigators took statements and removed cockpit recorders for the National Transportation Safety Board before the plane went on to a scheduled flight to Hamburg, Germany.

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One year after transplant from baby conceived to save her, sister will wed

By LYNN ELBER
Associated Press Writer

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Anissa Ayala and her little sister, Marissa Eve, walk down the aisle this evening as bride and flower girl, one year after a bone marrow transplant to which both owe their lives.

Marissa, now 2 1/2, was conceived to donate marrow to her big sister, who suffered from a deadly form of leukemia.

"Four years ago, things looked so gloomy, and now Anissa's doing great," her father, Abe Ayala, said on the eve of the wedding. "We're being so rewarded. It's amazing."

Anissa, 20, and Bryan Espinosa, 25, are to marry before 350 guests at a Victorian mansion in this city 50 miles east of Los Angeles.

Although Anissa remains a bit weak, she has been putting in long

hours with her mother and future mother-in-law on the wedding, Ayala said. She resumed working, at a bank, about three months ago.

"She's even having a hard time sleeping at night, she's so excited," he said.

Dr. Rudolf Brutoco, Anissa's doctor, said she showed no trace of leukemia and is "recovering at an excellent rate."

He described Marissa, whose part in the operation was virtually risk-free, as a precocious and healthy toddler. Ayala described her as "a little angel."

"We couldn't ask for any child more beautiful," Ayala said. "She's a miracle."

Ayala, 48, and his wife, Mary, 45, decided to try to have a child to provide a bone marrow match for Anissa after extensive efforts to find a donor failed. Anissa's disease, chronic myelogenous leukemia, is fatal in 80 percent to 90 percent of

cases without a transplant.

Some medical experts questioned the ethics of producing a child as a utility measure, even to save another child's life. And there was no guarantee that Marissa, born in April 1990, would be a donor match.

The couple also has a son, 21-year-old Airon.

The City of Hope National Medical Center, which performed the transplant on June 4, 1991, calculates the odds of a cure at 80 percent for a patient under age 20. If the patient remains disease-free two years after the transplant, the odds increase to 95 percent.

Ayala said his daughter wonders, as she watches her baby sister, whether repeated radiation treatments have ruined her own ability to bear children.

But Ayala tells her to have faith, saying: "Look at the odds you've beaten so far."

Magic Johnson and wife parents of baby boy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Earvin "Magic" Johnson and his wife, Cookie Kelly, are the parents of a baby boy.

Mother and son were in excellent health Thursday night, and neither was infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, said their obstetrician, Dr. Scott Serden.

The couple "brought a little magic into the world today when they announced the birth of their

son, Earvin Johnson III," Cedars-Sinai Hospital and Johnson's agent said Thursday in a statement.

The baby, born Thursday night, was 20 inches long and weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

"The father is said to be looking forward to many late-night feedings and endless diaper changes," the statement said.

Johnson retired from the Los Angeles Lakers last November

after announcing that he has HIV. He has since become an activist on AIDS issues and was named to President Bush's National Commission on AIDS.

Johnson was the most valuable player at the National Basketball Association's All-Star game and plans to play for the U.S. Olympic team for the Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

He also has a 10-year-old son.



(AP Photo)

Demonstrators burn the U.S. flag and clash with riot police near the site of the NATO meeting in Oslo, Norway, Thursday. With an eye on the violence in Yugoslavia, the U.S. and its NATO allies approved the unprecedented use of their troops and equipment for peacekeeping operations in European conflicts.

Russia, others prepare to sign landmark arms control treaty

By SALLY JACOBSEN
Associated Press Writer

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Promising to follow through with the Kremlin's arms control initiatives, Russia and other former Soviet republics plan to cut back on tanks and non-nuclear weapons.

The pact, to be signed today by eight former Soviet republics, further eases Western fears that the collapse of the Soviet empire would leave the republics in discord and place arms reduction efforts in jeopardy.

The landmark Conventional Armed Forces treaty was signed in November 1990 by the 16 NATO nations and the six members of the now-defunct Warsaw Pact, including the Soviet Union.

The agreement calls for reductions in the enormous stockpile of tanks, artillery and other conventional arms across Europe. It was originally designed to prevent the Soviet bloc from launching a lightning strike on Western Europe.

"This is an important step for our common security and the future of arms control, disarmament and confidence-building measures," said Manfred Woerner, NATO secretary-general.

The signing ceremony was being held on the sidelines of a meeting of foreign ministers from NATO nations and the former Warsaw Pact.

The ministers, who have met twice before in the special North Atlantic Cooperation Council, will discuss ways of forging closer ties.

But their talks may be dominated by the ethnic strife between the former Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan. Foreign ministers of both nations were expected to attend the session.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger urged the

nations to agree to send civilian observers to the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh under the auspices of the 52-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. The mainly Armenian-populated region lies inside Azerbaijan.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said he supported the American proposal. The CSCE draws together the United States and Canada with European nations.

Eagleburger also urged the East European countries to take part in NATO's plans, approved on Thursday, to deploy soldiers and equipment on peacekeeping missions in conflicts on the continent.

He raised the possibility that forces from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the ex-Warsaw Pact "so recently deployed for war against each other may henceforth be deployed side-by-side in missions to preserve the peace of a Europe, whole and free."

The conventional arms reduction pact is the latest weapons agreement to survive the fall of Kremlin power. The four nuclear powers in the former Soviet Union — Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus — have agreed to abide by a pact calling for reductions of about 38 percent in long-range nuclear missiles, bombers and submarines. The United States will cut its weapons by about 30 percent.

After much squabbling, the republics last month agreed on how to divvy up the conventional weapons cuts assigned the Kremlin. Russia will retain the lion's share of the arms.

A table released by NATO showed Russia holding onto 6,400 — or nearly half — of the 13,150 tanks allotted the former Soviet Union under the accord.

It would keep more than half of the 20,000 armored combat vehicles and nearly 50 percent of a total of

13,175 artillery pieces assigned by the agreement.

The agreement provides for an extensive inspection system, setting out measures for checking weapons stocks and making sure arms are destroyed or converted to civilian use as promised.

In addition to Russia, other former republics pledging to abide by the pact are Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Ukraine.

All the treaty nations have promised to ratify the accord by early July, but NATO officials said recently several of the former republics were likely to miss the deadline. All NATO nations but Spain, Portugal and Turkey have approved it.

The Cooperation Council was set up in November as a way of drawing the new democracies in Eastern Europe closer — without granting them NATO membership and accompanying security guarantees. All former Soviet republics are members.

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Truck bomb hits Peruvian TV station

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Leftist rebels detonated a truck packed with dynamite outside a television station early Friday, killing at least three people, officials said.

The bomb, carrying an estimated 650 pounds of dynamite, destroyed the front part of the building containing offices of Channel 2, one of seven television stations in Peru that broadcast nationwide. It damaged houses in a 15-block radius.

The fatalities included a reporter and two guards.

Channel 2 has taken a hard-line on Maoist Shining Path rebels, and has backed President Alberto Fujimori since his April 5 imposition of one-man rule, which included a crackdown on the guerrillas.

"This subversive group, upon feeling itself cornered, has taken this attitude," Interior Minister Gen. Juan Briones said.

A bomb squad official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, blamed leftist rebels, though he did not say which of Peru's two insur-

gencies carried out the attack.

The Shining Path has carried out at least 20 attacks since security forces put down a prison uprising by rebels of the group in early May, leaving at least 36 inmates dead.

The prison clash came in Fujimori's crackdown on the 12-year insurgency.

Fujimori suspended Congress and the judiciary with military backing, saying the move was necessary because corruption was impeding his efforts to fight the rebels and bring reform.

Thirty journalists have been killed in political violence since 1980, but the attack shortly after midnight was the worst by rebels on a media outlet in Peru, Briones said.

Previously, rebels have mainly thrown sticks of dynamite from passing cars at television stations.

Both the Shining Path and the pro-Cuban Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement have set off car bombs in the past.

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Religion

Low-cost storefront churches proliferate in urban areas

By RICHARD VARA
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — Crammed into the space of a large living room, 20 excited worshippers clap to upbeat Pentecostal songs that precede the preaching of evangelist Ben Guerrero.

Outside, some church members stop traffic to allow cars to park on the esplanade in front of Rock of Salvation Pentecostal Church, 7207 Irvington on Houston's north side. There is room for only 10 or so cars in front of the florist-shop-turned-worship-center.

Rock of Salvation, in its first month at this location, has joined an uncalculated number of "storefront churches" dotting older neighborhoods and inner cities of the nation's large urban centers. Their futures look assured, if only because the high cost of church construction dictates more non-traditional worship centers.

"There are thousands and thousands of them in all major cities," said Willie McPhearson, director of black church extension for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Several years ago, as a minister in Los Angeles, McPhearson noticed the phenomenon of storefront churches. One Sunday morning he and his wife counted storefront churches in a 10-block stretch: they tallied 62.

Oscar Romo, director of language church extension for the Home Mission Board, describes the storefronts as "mom and pop" churches.

Such congregations are ubiquitous because of their low costs, their ability to minister to people uneasy in traditional sanctuaries, and their proximity to worshippers who lack convenient transportation.

"It is attractive to a congregation that is not only small but poor," Romo said. Folding chairs and a simple pulpit are all that's needed.

Rock of Salvation illustrates many characteristics of storefront churches. It is operated by the Rev. Juan Diaz, 76, and his wife of 52 years, Helen Diaz.

Many who come are family members, including all eight surviving sons and daughters of the 10 Diaz children. As part of the opening festivities last month, Guerrero was leading a week of revival services.

The Irvington site is Diaz's 15th church in a ministry that dates from the 1940's. He has been a full-time minister since 1973.

Rock of Salvation found its new home when one of Diaz's sons spotted the florist shop for rent several weeks ago. At the time, Diaz was pastoring his Rock of Salvation in the Heights. The church was not growing.

The new site was closer to his home and offered growth potential. "So here we are," Diaz said, sitting in his simply furnished office. "We just stepped out in faith."

Most of Diaz's churches have been of the home-centered or storefront variety, he said.

He has undergone triple bypass heart surgery and suffers from diabetes and asthma. But like most storefront pastors, Diaz feels com-

pelled to minister even at an age when he could retire and enjoy his grandchildren.

"I am concerned with lost souls," he said.

Diaz is convinced God called him to the ministry because, in a dream many years ago, he saw himself preaching behind a pulpit. "God was dealing with me," he said.

That kind of spiritual commitment undergirds storefront ministries.

"They exist because there are people who feel God called them to do a ministry, to preach and pastor a church," McPhearson said.

Neither McPhearson nor Romo has seen any studies of storefront churches.

But Sunny Nash, a freelance writer and photographer who lives in Edge, has produced an exhibit on Houston's storefront ministries that is now on national tour.

McPhearson conjectured that most begin in a living room. When space becomes a problem, the ministry looks for a building. For those in downtown, inner-city or older suburban areas, a storefront is usually the cheapest place to rent or lease.

"No one is aware of how many are viable," McPhearson said. "Many of them will never become a (traditional) church. They will never be anything but a storefront."

Daniel Diaz, one of the minister's sons, said a traditional church is his father's dream. "Our goal is to raise funds and buy property for the church," he said.



The Rev. Juan Diaz and his wife, Helen, stand in front of their storefront Pentecostal church in Houston last month. The Rev. Diaz and Helen run both the store and serve the congregation. (AP photo)

Bible translators speak at Zion Lutheran

Paul and Karen Vollrath, who have served for many years as Christian missionaries in Papua, New Guinea, will be leading a combined youth and adult Bible class and preaching at Zion Lutheran Church this Sunday.

Vollrath initially served for nine years in Papua, New Guinea under the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod board for missions as a teacher and principal in the Lutheran schools for national children. At the same time, Mrs. Vollrath used nursing skills in a government health program for mothers and infants. Their two children were born on the mission field.

Upon returning to the United States, the Vollraths went into Bible translation work. Their studies included linguistics, literacy techniques, anthropology, translation principles and New Testament Greek. Both were then accepted by Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. Five months of jungle training camp in southern Mexico rounded out their preparations for returning to Papua, New Guinea.

The family arrived back in that country late in 1977 and began living among the Hewa (HAY-wah) people in July, 1978. The Vollraths are primarily responsible for the linguistic and anthropological studies necessary for good translation.



Paul and Karen Vollrath

Mrs. Vollrath spends a significant amount of time meeting the medical needs of the remote people.

The Vollraths are now in the United States sharing experiences from their ministry among the Hewa people.

The public is invited to Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, to see a slide presentation by the Vollraths during Bible class, 9:15 a.m. Vollrath will be preaching in the morning service at 10:30 a.m.

Bible School set at First United Methodist

First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, plans to host its annual Vacation Bible School next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The theme for this year's event is "God's Champions—Equipped to Follow Jesus!" Hours of the Vacation Bible School are set from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and

from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Children ages three through fifth grade are invited to attend the Bible school. Children need to bring sack lunches on Monday and Tuesday.

God's Champions is a three-day experience featuring fun, crafts, music, and active Bible learning. By visiting different "sports camps" each day, chil-

dren will meet champions from sports and Bible times, while learning what it means to be one of God's champions. Kids will have an opportunity to learn the values of telling the truth, making good choices, sharing their faith, trusting God, and reading the Bible.

For more information, call the church at 669-7411.

Croatia, Bosnia topic of Spahich speech

AMARILLO — The advisory council of the Amarillo Diocese is concerned for the people of Croatia and Bosnia regarding the military aggression and destruction waged against them.

Amarillo Diocese Bishop L.T. Matthiesen and the advisory council invited Eck Spahich of Borger, a native of Bosnia, to explain the struggle for freedom,

democracy and survival of the two nations formed from former communist Yugoslavia.

Spahich delivered a program to the council today, June 5, in the de Falco Retreat Center, 2100 N. Spring.

Rev. Joe Bixenman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, who serves as president of the bishop's council, said

Spahich shared the story of his people where a ruthless war of aggression is being waged.

Spahich, a Borger Realtor and former editor of the Borger News-Herald, is an American citizen who grew up in communist Yugoslavia. He immigrated from Bosnia to join his father in Dumas as a teenager after 15 years of separation.

'The Cornerstone Singers' in concert Sunday

"The Cornerstone Singers" of the Rio Grande Children's Home will perform and share their testimony at Calvary Baptist Church at 11 a.m., Sunday, June 7.

The Rio Grande Children's Home is located in Mission,

and is a Christ-centered home caring for neglected, abused, needy or orphaned children. The home was founded 29 years ago by Rev. Buddy Owens.

Executive director of the Rio Grande Children's Home is the

director of "The Cornerstone Singers", Ralph E. Owens.

The public is invited to attend. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 900 E. 23rd St. in Pampa. For more information, contact the church at 665-0842.

Presbyterian convention opens with Indian ritual

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) opened its annual convention with an Indian ritual for expelling unwanted spirits and attracting favorable ones. Among the items on the agenda: abortion rights.

The ritual of walking through smoking sage was performed Tuesday at the church's 204th General Assembly. About 4,000 delegates are attending the nine-day convention.

Strong debate is expected over a policy statement supporting abortion as an "option of last resort." Some Presbyterians want

the 3-million-member church to quit the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights.

The decision to borrow Indian traditions drew criticism last week from some Indian members who didn't want their practices integrated into the Christian church, and from some conservatives who considered the ritual pagan.

There were no protests during the brief ceremony.

On the agenda today was the election of a moderator, the presiding officer of the church's governing body.

Clergy, laity head for Earth Summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before many of them headed for the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, religious and scientific representatives urged "bold action to cherish and protect the environment of our planetary home."

Although sometimes antagonistic in the past, "science and religion, working together, have an essential contribution to make toward" mitigating "the world environmental crisis," the 125 participants said.

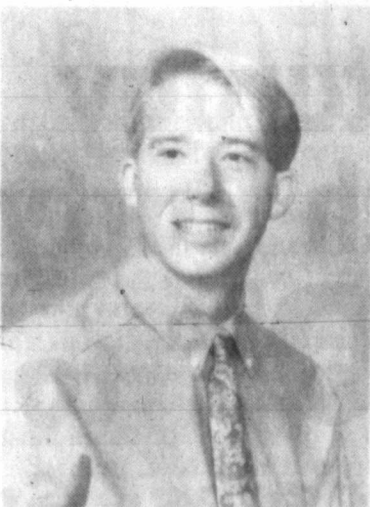
The meeting included a broad religious spectrum — Roman Catholics, mainline and evangelical Protestants and Jews, and scientists of various fields.

Paul Gorman, director of program for environmental issues at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, said the issue "dissolves long-standing barriers in the name of a common cause."

The Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, outlined a "major presence" of religious representatives at the Rio conference.

She said this nation, as a "leading polluter," has an "inescapable moral duty to lead the way to genuinely effective solutions not only through words but by binding actions."

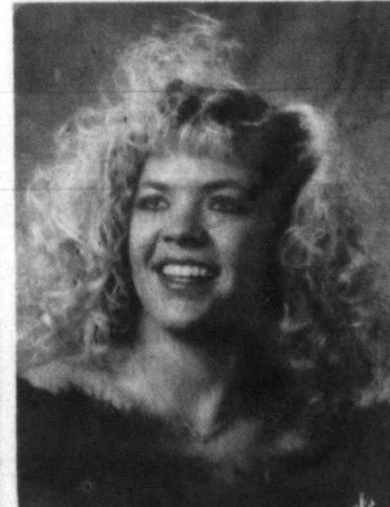
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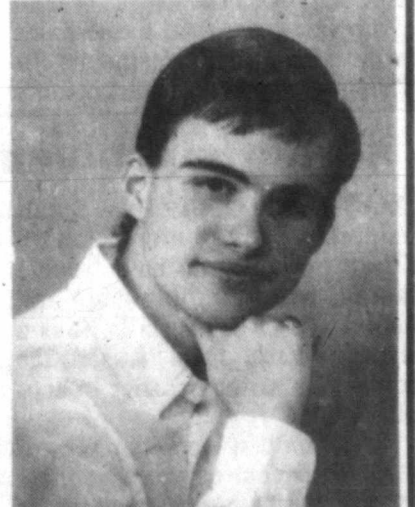
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Lonni Robinson, a reservations operator for Delta Air Lines in Atlanta, Ga., shows the strain of the heavy load of calls from buyers wanting the cheap tickets offered by airlines lately. Though Delta raised their fares \$10 to \$20, these operators stayed busy Thursday afternoon.

Fare war may hurt airlines, but travel agencies benefit

By DIRK BEVERIDGE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite a huge demand for cheap air fares, it is uncertain whether a buying binge on half-price tickets will revive the struggling airline industry. Other travel companies, meanwhile, are cashing in.

The surge in ticket sales has triggered a big increase in business for car rental agencies and hotels — at regular prices.

"Based on what we've got now, it's already a good summer, and we didn't have to do anything to trigger this," said Joe Russo, spokesman for the Hertz Corp., the nation's largest car rental company. "We just sat there and took it in."

That's a welcome sign throughout the travel industry, which has been in bad shape since the Gulf War scared off many vacationers

and the recession cut deeply into demand for travel.

The half-price sale, which began last week, was scheduled through today.

Since the fare war began, airlines were bombarded by a record number of reservations. But many people clamoring for cheap fares merely traded in more expensive tickets to take advantage of the bargains.

Thousands more would have flown anyway at higher prices this summer.

Many in the airline industry worried they ended up selling too many seats for not enough money. Travel executives said they may discover that several weeks or months of ticket-buying was compressed into about a week and a half of frenzied activity.

"We'll have to sort of wait and see," said Emily Porter, spokeswoman for the American Society of Travel Agents. "There is a fear that travel will slow down for

the rest of the summer and bookings will slow down."

The fare war began when Northwest Airlines launched a promotion to let a child and an adult fly this summer for the price of one ticket.

American Airlines, which began a new simplified fare system in April to do away with such discounts, responded by cutting in-half the price of its cheapest tickets for travel in the lower 48 states through Sept. 13.

Several airlines took steps to control the damage.

When Continental Airlines matched the fare sale, it said it would limit the types of flights where the bargain tickets can be used.

Delta Air Lines this week raised the price of the sale tickets by \$10 to \$20 per round trip, based on distance.

American West Airlines did the same thing in markets where it could do so without running the risk of losing passengers.

Senate OKs lifting ban on fetal tissue research

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is sending President Bush a bill that would lift his ban on the use of aborted fetuses in research, and anti-abortion forces are counting on the House to uphold his expected veto.

The Senate voted 85-12 on Thursday to approve a broader bill that includes a provision lifting Bush's ban on the use of fetal tissue from elective abortions in publicly financed research.

The same measure passed the House last week on a 260-148 vote, which was short of the two-thirds necessary to override the president.

Both sides say they expect Bush's veto. Supporters say that despite falling short last time, they still will try to override his veto in the House.

In fetal tissue transplants, cells are placed in the disabled part of a recipient's body, where the cells can help an organ begin functioning normally. Scientists have turned to fetal tissue for the transplants because cells from adults often are rejected by the recipient's body.

Proponents say fetal tissue holds the promise of new treatments for Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's

disease, diabetes and spinal cord injuries.

Bush argues that such research should be limited only to tissue from tubal pregnancies and miscarriages, on grounds that women might otherwise be encouraged to have abortions to produce tissue for medical use.

Bush has moved to establish a tissue bank to collect and preserve tissue, but critics say that won't provide sufficient usable fetal material.

The provision removing the ban is a part of a broader bill authorizing \$5.4 billion next year for the National Institutes of Health, the principal medical research agency of the federal government.

Although abortion opponents have led the campaign to prevent use of aborted fetuses in research, some leading anti-abortion senators voted in favor of the bill.

"Everybody in this chamber knows I'm a strong opponent of abortion," said Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C. "However, this is not an abortion issue. It is a research issue. ... If I felt this bill would in any way encourage abortions, I would not support it."

But taking the other side, Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., said: "There is a moral line we cannot cross,

even in medical research."

Bush has vetoed 28 bills during his presidency, and Congress has never overridden one. Asked last week if he would veto the bill, Bush nodded yes.

Wood, grass burning slowing greenhouse effect, study says

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The onset of global warming by the greenhouse effect may be delayed briefly because smoke from burning tropical forests and grasslands is shading and cooling the planet, a new study says.

In a report published today in the journal Science, researchers at the University of Arizona and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory said the smoke and atmospheric aerosol from the burning of up to 5 billion tons of plant matter annually is acting like a cooling parasol for the Earth.

But Joyce E. Penner of the Livermore lab said the cooling effect will not save the Earth from the eventual temperature rises predicted as the result of industrial society dumping too much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

"This study is not really comforting," Penner said. The cooling effect caused by the smoke "is just masking the greenhouse effect. If you stopped the burning you would immediately start to feel the effect of global warming."

The researchers said the cooling effect of smoke from massive forest and grassland burning is enough to explain why global temperatures have not risen as rapidly as scientists had forecast under the greenhouse theory.

"The warming that we have

observed up to now is quite a bit less than what we expected," said Robert E. Dickinson, a researcher at Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics and a co-author of the study. "A good explanation of that is that the smoke effects have been partially canceling the greenhouse effect up to now."

But "this is not a solution to greenhouse warming," said Dickinson. "It just may have slowed it down by a few decades."

The scientist said the cooling effects of the smoke is not sufficient to merit modification of treaties now being considered at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Some 15,000 delegates from more than 120 nations are considering pacts that would reduce the amount of carbon dioxide put into the atmosphere by industrial processes, and make other changes in the way the Earth's resources are used.

Most scientists believe that carbon dioxide and some other gases in the atmosphere cause heat to be trapped about the planet, just as a greenhouse traps heat while allowing the energy of the sun to continue to pour in.

If the levels of carbon dioxide go up, more heat will stay with the planet instead of radiating into space, they say, and the result will be global warming.

Not all scientists, however, accept that global warming is inevitable. Some studies have suggested that the increase in levels of carbon

dioxide in the atmosphere could be balanced by the more vigorous growth of plants, which consume carbon dioxide.

Smoke and other aerosols in the atmosphere help block sunlight from reaching the planet surface, Dickinson said in an interview.

"Little particles (in the smoke) reflect solar radiation," he said. "In the tropics in the dry season there is smoke all over the place."

About half of the smoke is caused by man, including the use of wood for fuel, burning agricultural wastes and slash-and-burn techniques of clearing forests, while the rest comes from natural fires in the grasslands and forests, Dickinson said.

Between 80 percent and 90 percent of the global burning of plant matter now occurs in the tropics, he said.

Smoke from fires remains in the Earth's atmosphere for only a few days, said Penner, while the excess carbon dioxide and other gases from industrial processes may be in the atmosphere for up to 200 years.

"If you stopped burning and stopped putting carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, you would still see a global warming that would continue for at least 30 to 50 years," she said.

Science, which published the study, is the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

House calls for ban on weapons tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic-controlled House wants President Bush to impose a post-Cold War ban on nuclear weapons testing as a signal of the United States' conviction to stop proliferation of atomic arms worldwide.

Working on a \$274 billion military budget, the House on Thursday voted 237-167 to impose a one-year moratorium on nuclear testing, provided the former Soviet republics continue their current unilateral ban.

The House neared final approval today of the overall bill, which is \$7 billion smaller than Bush has proposed for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The administration opposes the bill based on the total amount, deep troop reductions and cuts in the antimissile Strategic Defense Initiative.

Funds for SDI, commonly known as Star Wars, and a proposal to stop the B-2 stealth bomber program at 15 planes headed the list of measures on the House docket today.

The Armed Services Committee trimmed \$1.1 billion from Bush's \$5.4 billion request for SDI and eliminated all money for space-

based weapons. The budget reflected the decision last year of committee chairman Les Aspin, D-Wis., to endorse deployment of a ground-based SDI system.

The \$4.3 billion for SDI, the highest level the committee has backed, came under attack from several House Democrats, who have proposed deeper cuts.

Aspin worked behind the scenes in recent days to undermine an amendment that would reduce the SDI budget to \$3.3 billion.

"He really has invested a lot of his power as chairman," Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said of Aspin.

Arm-twisting also occurred on an amendment that would stop production of the B-2 stealth bomber at the 15 planes currently in production. The Armed Services Committee gave conditional support to Bush's plan to complete the program at 20 planes.

Freshman Rep. Thomas Andrews, D-Maine, sponsor of the B-2 amendment, acknowledged the pressure. "It indicates that we've struck a nerve," he said.

Proponents of the nuclear test ban contended that a moratorium would set an example for other nations, including China, which exploded a one-megaton bomb last month, to end proliferation of nuclear weapons.

"There is no good reason to continue testing. Politically, there's every good reason to stop," said Rep. Mike Kopetski, D-Ore., chief sponsor of the measure.

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev imposed a unilateral one-year moratorium on nuclear testing in October, and France followed with its own testing ban earlier this year.

Published reports last week said the administration was considering plans to scale back testing before Bush's meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin later this month. The White House said it had no plans to limit testing "at this time."

In the Senate, Republican Mark Hatfield of Oregon said he has signed up 45 supporters of a moratorium bill he is sponsoring and said he hoped to have 51 backers — a voting majority — by the time it comes to the floor in the next few weeks.

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Literacy a problem in the workplace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Small businesses employ more than 10 million workers who have trouble reading, writing, doing math and handling other basic skills, says a private research group that calls the problem "a serious barrier to economic gains."

The 10 million workers represent up to 40 percent of small-business workers, the Southport Institute for Policy Analysis said Thursday. Half of the nation's 5 million small businesses report skills problems that merit corrective programs, but only up to 5 percent have them, the study said.

Some examples of the problems that result:

- Workers improperly read instructions on an assembly line.
- They give customers the wrong change.
- Verbal directions are misinterpreted.

"Because small firms employ 57 percent of the American work force, this is clearly a serious national problem that demands national attention," said institute President

Forrest P. Chisman, author of the report.

"Problems with basic skills are a serious barrier to improving the productivity of these firms and the nation's economic competitiveness," he said. "But despite the severity of the problem, no public or private programs currently provide significant help."

The institute called for a \$100 million federal program to bring workplace education to small firms.

The plan calls for a national network of work force specialists who would bring federal, state and local efforts together, help employers understand the skills problem and help them customize workplace education programs.

Chisman said the report, based on an 18-month study of formal, on-the-job basic skills courses in small and medium-sized firms, is the first comprehensive study of the skills of small-business employees. Small businesses are those with fewer than 50 employees; medium-sized companies have 50 workers to 500 workers.

Lifestyles

Dreams of T.D. Hobart become reality

In February, 1903, after T.D. Hobart had been employed by the bondholders of the White Deer Lands, George Tyng introduced him through the columns of the local newspapers - probably those of Miami and Panhandle as Pampa had no newspaper at that time.

"When you see his advertisement just steer homeseekers toward him, if you want to see this country settled up with good neighbors whose presence here will add value to your own property and business."

"Mr. Hobart believes that it is better for the owners and better for the country to sell this land to farmers rather than in large tracts."

At the time Hobart assumed his position as manager of the White Deer Lands, negotiations were already in progress for the sale of the Dixon Creek Pasture in Carson and Hutchinson counties to S.B. Burnett of Fort Worth. In the closing stages of the sale, Russell Benedict came from New York to Panhandle, Texas, to supervise the proceedings.

A rift developed between Benedict and Hobart because of their disagreement over the question of power of attorney and other matters concerning company policy. Hobart felt that he should be allowed to exercise his own judgement since he had been employed by the British owners and not by Benedict.

While returning on the train after closing the Burnett transactions, Benedict told Hobart that he needed a clerk. Hobart replied that he had an employee named Brown who could ably fill the position. When M.K. Brown met the train and was introduced as Andrew Kingsmill's nephew, Benedict's attitude changed.

The White Deer Lands were a challenge to Hobart who believed that they provided an excellent field in which to experiment with colonial schemes that he had cherished for years. Titles to land had to be cleared; hundreds of miles of fence had to be built; section lines and corners had to be established; wells had to be drilled; windmills had to be erected; roads had to be marked out; farms had to be established and homes had to be built.

The White Deer Lands, equal in area to the state of Rhode Island, contained lands ranging from slopes and rough lands admirably adapted to stock raising, to the level prairie lands of the plains ideal for farming. The rich fertile soil ranged in texture from a dark chocolate loam on the uplands to a sandy soil in the Canadian River Valley. These lands were drained on the north by the tributaries of the Canadian, and on the south and east by the Red River and its tributaries. The climate was well suited for both farming and stock raising. Hobart saw an excellent opportunity for merging the two industries on the White Deer Lands.

However, things were more or less at a standstill in the spring of 1904. The panic of 1903 was clearly reflected by conditions in the Southwest. Cattle prices were low; few land sales were being made and immigration was at a low ebb. Hobart wrote that the winter of 1903-1904 was one of the driest he had experienced in the Panhandle but prospects looked better with the coming of the spring rains.

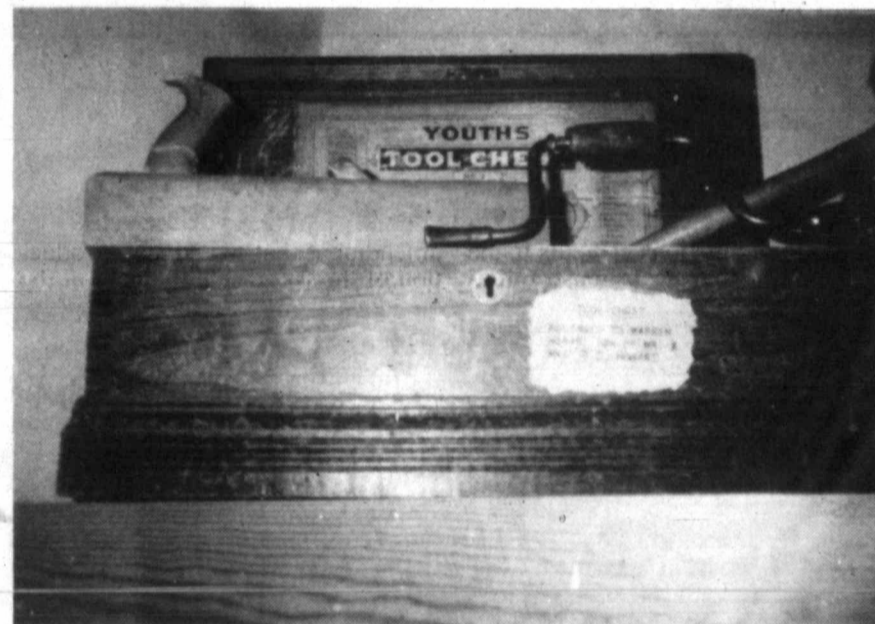
He believed that these temporary conditions were only a prelude to better things. He had a large clientele in the Middle Western and Eastern states who kept him busy

Museum Mementos

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum



(White Deer Land Museum photo) The dress worn by Minnie Warren Hobart in 1880 when she was about 20 years old, was T.D. Hobart's favorite dress for his wife. Made of green faille, the jacket had 12 covered buttons in front. The full length skirt, pleated around the hem, had three rows of shirring trimmed in lighter green silk. The suit, complemented by silk top hat and cane, was worn by T.D. Hobart when he and his son Warren went to England in 1904.



(White Deer Land Museum photo) The tool chest, used in 1898, belonged to Warren Hobart, who died of pneumonia when he was 19 years old.

answering their inquiries about the purchase and sale of both land and cattle.

He collected scores of written testimonials from early settlers and ranchmen who had been experimenting with Panhandle soils as farming land. He formed a plan of advertising outside of the newspapers as soon as conditions were favorable.

Hobart realized that the British creditors understood nothing about conditions in Texas, and that they were interested only in transferring the White Deer Lands into cash in order to satisfy the first lien on the property. He knew that his task would require many delays, and that the holders of the lien would have to understand and approve of his pro-

gram if he were to succeed. He decided to sail for London where he could explain his plan in detail to the English lien holders.

Before sailing for England, Hobart secured letters of introduction from United States Congressmen and other influential leaders. He contacted the American Ambassador and other high officials in London. He wrote to his kinsman and former employer, Major Ira H. Evans, for advice.

Major Evans was pleased that Hobart was going to make the trip, for he believed that it would clear up all possible misunderstandings between Hobart and his new employers. He advised Hobart, "Dress is very important with



(White Deer Land Museum photo) The dress with leg-o'-mutton sleeves was worn by Laura Hobart Fatheree in 1904. The bonnet and "dinner bucket" belonged to her best friend, Fannie Fern Pope Henry.

Englishmen and in London. You will need a Prince Albert suit and silk hat over there. Foster is strong socially and you will have to be ready to hold your own with him. You should take along full data, such as deeds and copies of Tyng's letters, to support your statements."

Hobart made all possible preparations for his journey and on June 8, 1904, accompanied by his young son Warren, he sailed on the Teutonic of the White Star Line for England. He was well received in London and his employers, lien holders, and bondholders, gave their hearty approval of his program for the disposition of the White Deer Lands.

Hobart's intentions were twofold: (1) to enable his employers to realize a profit on their investments and (2) to develop the property in a manner to benefit the community. He felt that the gradual development of what was almost a desert into a permanent settlement of stockfarmers and ranchers would contribute to the stability of land prices and work to the advantage of both seller and buyer. He wanted prospective customers who were interested in establishing homes and willing to endure the hardships of life on a semi-arid plain.

Greatly concerned with the future of Pampa, Hobart was most interested in selling land only to settlers and not to speculators. Most of the land was sold in small plots of 160 to 640 acres, and it was stipulated in the contracts that improvements were to be made on the land. Hobart was a favorite with the early settlers and allowed them long terms to pay for the land.

The scanty population of Pampa moved in 1904 when Hobart moved his family from their ranch on the Washita River in Hemphill County. Their first home in Pampa was a small, white frame house at 318 West Foster - location of the Rex Theater and later the La Vista Theater. In 1913, the Hobart family moved to the house which is still standing at the corner of North Hobart and Alcock. Mrs. Fred A. Hobart resides in the house at 215 North Hobart.

(From *The Life and Times of Timothy Dwight Hobart* by L.F. Sheffy, pp. 177-180, and *A Chronicle of Carson County*, Vol. III, pp. 119-120).

Square House Museum auction



(Photo by James Hinkley, Square House Museum) The Carson County Square House Museum annual auction and dinner is planned for 7 p.m. June 12 in Panhandle. Kelly Lane, museum volunteer, left, is displaying a china cigar box donated by Graham Furniture, and Barbara Nichols, auction chairman, shows a collector country cow doll from Lil' Bit O' Kountry in Borger. More than 200 businesses and individuals have donated items for the auction. Among the auction items are two tickets to New Orleans courtesy of American Airlines. Participants may bid by mail or in person. Bidders may view the items and pick up auction catalogs from the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building through June 12. Dinner seating is limited to 110 people. Reservations can be made by calling (806) 537-3524.

Grandparents' vigilance can prevent poisoning

DEAR ABBY: Your response to the poison-wary mom from Pesotum motivated me to provide the most recent poisoning statistics compiled by the American Association of Poison Control Centers. In 1991, there were 44 deaths of children under 6 years of age. However, more than 1.8 million poisonings were reported, including nearly 1.1 million accidental poisonings in children under 5 years of age.

Of course, these numbers represent only those poisonings that were reported to poison control centers participating in this surveillance system. Many additional unreported poisonings actually occurred. A recent study showed that more than a third of pediatric poisonings from toxic prescription drugs involved the ingestion of a grandparent's medication. I cannot imagine any grandparent wanting to be responsible for a life-threatening illness in a grandchild. Imagine your grandchild, comatose in an intensive care unit, with a tube in the stomach, IVs in the arm and a respirator hissing in the background. Yet, grandparents are regularly implicated in childhood poisonings.

Perhaps it would help to focus attention on those household products that are extraordinarily dangerous, and limit our expectations of grandparents to keeping these extreme hazards out of the child's reach. For example, iron supplements caused 11 needless deaths in toddlers in 1991. Other causes of pediatric poisoning deaths were prescription medications, acid toilet bowl cleaners, alkaline cleaning substances (such as drain cleaners), gasoline, kerosene, lamp oil, fabric protector, charcoal lighter fluid, gun bluing and oil of wintergreen. Pesticides, windshield washing solutions and antifreeze also merit special vigilance.

Grandparents can make a difference!

TOBY LITOVITZ, M.D.,
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF POISON
CONTROL CENTERS,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR DR. LITOVITZ: Thank you for your attention-getting letter, and for informing me of the correct 1989 statistics from the American Association of Poison Control Centers - 1,581,540 poison exposures reported to



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

your association. Approximately 935,000 of those were accidental poisonings in children under 5 years of age, and 1,072,292 were accidental poisonings in children under the age of 18. Of special interest was the comment, "Extrapolating from reported cases to actual poisonings allows us to estimate that 2.75 million children under 5 years, and 3.16 million children under 18, were actually poisoned accidentally in 1989."

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, you asked readers to send in their pet peeves with respect to the misuse of words. Mine is the frequent statement, especially by news media persons who say "a million and a half dollars" when they mean "one and a half million dollars."

Abby, there is a \$499,999.50 difference between those two. A million and a half dollars can only mean \$1 million and 50 cents. The "half" takes on the dimensions of the word following it, not that preceding it.

Why should anyone care? Perhaps because if we don't care, the younger generation will think it doesn't matter - besides, who needs mathematics anyway?

The other evening, a national news person said that the S&L scandal may ultimately cost "a trillion and a half dollars." Should I send them 50 cents and make it an even trillion?

Thanks for letting me vent my spleen. This is better for me than yelling at the TV set.

JOHN F. CHRISTMAN,
EMERITUS PROFESSOR,
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Paint problems? Perfection is in the preparation

By POPULAR MECHANICS
For AP Special Features

Usually it's the paint itself that gets the blame for paint problems on your home's exterior. In most cases, the cause lies elsewhere. Here are some common problems and ways to prevent them:

Blistering is the earliest stage of peeling and is usually caused by moisture trapped under the new paint coat or by poor surface preparation. If it occurs within the first few weeks, it's probably caused by trapped moisture.

While latex paint can usually be applied to damp surfaces without any problem, alkyd and other oil-based paints form a moisture barrier skin that traps the water inside. The water then turns to vapor and forms blisters.

To avoid this, never paint with alkyds after a rainstorm, when the relative humidity is more than 85 percent, while dew is on the siding, or too soon after you've washed the old surface. Also, never paint when the temperature is more than 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

If the blisters appear after a

month or so, the problem is probably poor surface preparation.

If you washed the surface down with detergents, did you take the time to rinse completely? Unless such films are removed before painting, they can cause blistering. Also, glossy surfaces must be given a light sanding, so the new paint will grip well.

Peeling is the curling of large pieces of dried paint and is merely a later manifestation of blistering. Severe peeling may also indicate use of a poor primer, or a heavy film of dirt, grease or dust.

Prevention involves sanding or wiping the old finish with a deglossing liquid. Then follow the manufacturer's directions as to what primer may be required before applying the top coat of paint.

Alligatoring is a cracking and flaking of the paint in a square pattern. It can result from applying paint over a previous coat that had a high gloss finish that was not sanded, use of the wrong primer or use of old paint, particularly paint that's been stored in an unheated space and allowed to freeze.

To repair the condition, sand the

surface smooth and apply the proper primer before applying a new coat of paint.

Checking is a series of long lines, with shorter check marks crossing between, usually caused by the wood underneath expanding and contracting. This can be a problem with exposed plywood siding regardless of the kind of paint used.

Sanding and then applying a new coat of wood primer will usually solve the problem. But if the new paint shows signs of coming loose, complete removal of the old paint is required.

Wrinkling results in a crinkled surface that is caused by interfering with required drying time. Contributing factors are too-thick finish coat, building up of too many layers, undercoat that was not completely dry, wrong solvent or improperly stirred paint. Repair by sanding smooth and applying proper primer before painting top coat.

Chalking or powdering characteristics are designed into some paints to keep the surface looking new. Chalking of old paint can interfere with proper bonding of a

new coat, so scrub off as much as possible beforehand. In severe cases you may have to apply a bonding primer or sealer.

Mildew manifests itself as patches of black spots. Though most exterior paints contain mildew-inhibiting ingredients, none work under all circumstances.

Remove mildew by washing down the affected area with a bleach solution. Use one-third cup powdered laundry detergent, two-thirds cup of household cleaner containing trisodium phosphate, and one quart of household bleach. Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, goggles and a respirator to avoid breathing the fumes.

Stains that bleed through the paint are often the result of sap from knots in the wood seeping through the surface. But it also can be caused by rust from nails and hardware.

Many discolorations bleed through coat after coat of paint, so repainting alone is not the answer. Instead, apply a primary coat of stain-killer, such as pigmented shellac-base sealer, and then apply your paint.

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 - 14 Cooking fat
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 - 33 Fencing sword
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 36 Tried
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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

I didn't have a job after the kids left home, but I would get up each morning and fix breakfast for my husband...

Then one day it hit me...fixing Sherman's breakfast was the only reason I had to get out of bed every day!

Suddenly it just seemed so...pointless!

So you told him you were getting a job.

No, I told him to start fixing his own breakfast.

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

AH, COME ON, MOM! PLEASE DON'T QUIT!

EEK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

BUSH IS GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT...

AND SOON...

NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

NEVER HIRE A LAWYER WHOSE PET REPLY IS: 'WHATEVER'.

ADVICE

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

WAAAAAAH!

JEFF... IT'S YOUR TURN TO FEED THE BABY!

WHILE YOU'RE UP, YOU MIGHT AS WELL PUT THE DOG OUT

OKAY, HON...ZZZZ

THE WORST PART IS KNOWING BITSY'S INSIDE ENJOYING MY BOTTLE

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE FOREST, ALF?

...IT'S JUST THAT WE'VE NOT ONLY LOST GAME WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES, BUT PEOPLE AS WELL.

WOODSMEN, GAME-KEEPERS, HUNTERS, NOW AND AGAIN 'AVE JUST UP AN' DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE!

SO IT'S NOT TH' FOREST I FEAR, M'LADY...

...IT'S WHAT'S IN IT!

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

BAGGAGE CLAIM

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"Our vacation was so lousy, getting the shots before we left was the best part."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"I know what 'running to' is, but what's 'fro'?"

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

HERE'S THE PITCH...IT'S A CALLED THIRD STRIKE AND THE GAME IS OVER

STRIKE?

HE MUST BE BLIND! THAT PITCH WAS A FOOT OUTSIDE!

THAT CRUMMY UMP COST US THE GAME!

THE TROUBLE WITH UMPIRES IS THEY DON'T CARE WHO WINS

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

SO BECAUSE YOU'RE A DOG, I GUESS YOU HAVE TO DEPEND ON ME, BUT I DON'T REALLY WANT YOU TO FEEL YOU HAVE TO DEPEND ON ME... YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?

WHY DO THEY ALWAYS HAVE TO SAY, "YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?"

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"The boss is a stickler for legal tender."

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

PARROTS ARE STRIKINGLY HANDSOME, INTELLIGENT...

WITTY, SOPHISTICATED, SLAVE... AND, ON TOP OF THAT...

PARROTS ARE MASTERS OF UNDERSTATEMENT.

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

ALL RIGHT, CALVIN, GO AHEAD. WHAT'S YOUR STORY ABOUT?

I DON'T KNOW YET, BUT I'M SURE IT'S GOOD!

MY STORY IS ENTITLED, "HOW HOBBS, THE HANDSOME TIGER, SAVES THE DAY..."

...NO THANKS TO CALVIN, THE TIME TRAVELING CHONDERHEAD.

WHAT?!

IS THERE A PROBLEM?

THERE WILL BE FOR A CERTAIN STRIPEY FURBALL WHEN I GET HOME.

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH YOUR SET. THE RUBBISH YOU SEE ON THE SCREEN IS REAL. PLEASE ADJUST YOUR STANDARDS DOWNWARD.

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It might be necessary to pursue a bolder course of action in a project that has recently captured your fancy. Don't leave things up to chance; determine the direction for yourself. 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.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your first ideas are likely to be your best ones today, so don't be afraid to implement your concepts. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A brilliant but incomplete idea you've been toying with might find its soul mate today. There's a chance you'll have a meeting of minds with someone who will supply the missing half.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Scale mountains today and ignore foothills. Your chart indicates you're up to doing things in a big way, so don't waste time on meaningless endeavors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your powers of persuasion are very strong today, so you shouldn't have difficulty in getting others to support ideas you espouse, especially once they understand how each one benefits them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Possibilities for fulfilling your ambitious objectives are better than usual at this time. Fortunately, you'll use your gifts to your advantage today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You have excellent leadership qualities today, yet you're also a good team player. Your peers will recognize this and want to be their captain in a competitive involvement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's not just "business as usual" today. Conditions are propitious for you to successfully accomplish a truly meaningful objective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you don't take yourself too seriously today, you can considerably enhance your probabilities for success. Try to make life a game, not a grumble.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you're buying or selling something today, don't be afraid to haggle over the price. A little shrewd bargaining could sweeten the deal.

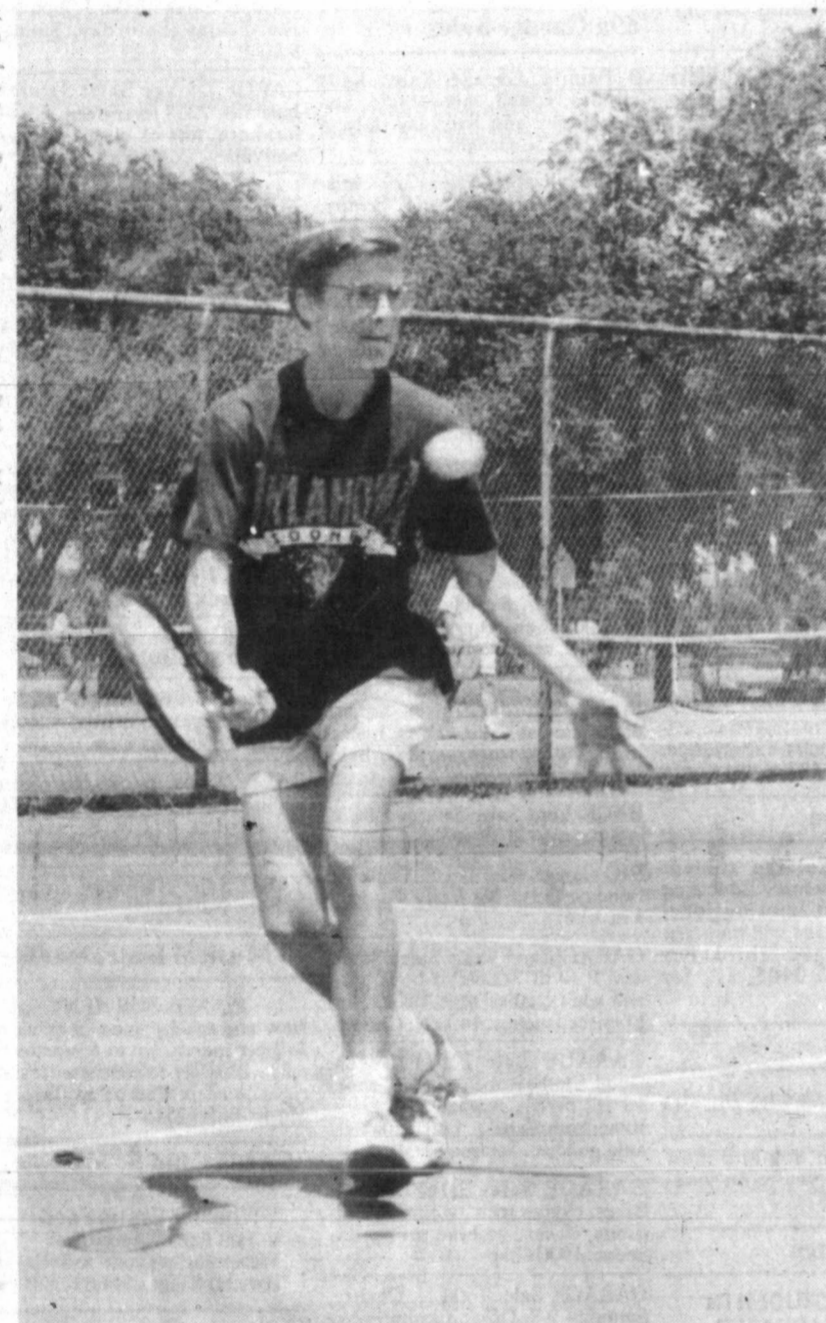
ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're basically a gregarious person, but today you are not apt to dwell on idle chatter. What you have to say will have purpose and conviction and will be directed to a select few.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Instinctively and intellectually, you're well-equipped to handle financial or commercial affairs today. Use your gifts to put yourself in the profit column.

Sports



(Staff photo by Daniel Wieggers) Pampa's McKinley Quarles rushes to the net after returning a serve at her match Thursday in the 18-and-under mixed doubles division of the Pampa Open.



(Staff photo by Daniel Wieggers) Stefan Bressler of Pampa uses a forehand shot to return a volley during his victory in the boy's 16-and-under singles division.

Tennis, anyone?

The Pampa Open tennis tournament began yesterday with 75, 12- to 18-year olds sweating, volleying and having fun at the Pampa High School tennis courts.

"We have a lot of interest in tennis in Pampa lately," said Donna Turner, the tournament's director. "There are 75 kids out here which is a good draw. I'm not sure how many we had last summer, but several have said there are a few more this year."

The players were seeded into four different age classes in both boys and girls' divisions. There was one class of mixed doubles for players who were 18-years old or younger.

Turner said she hoped to play as many matches as possible on Thursday because of the recent rainy weather. Only seven finals remained and are scheduled for today if it is dry after last night's rain.

Most of the players were from Pampa. However, several journeyed in from Miami, Berger and other area towns to play in the tournament.

"This tournament has grown and got better in the two years I've played here," said 14-year old Bill Pittman of Spearman. "Pampa used to have only two or three good players, but now there's a lot. I like to come over here and play because the competition is 10 times better than at home."

The adult division of the Pampa Open begins Saturday with the finals scheduled for Sunday.

Cavalier favors two possible UIL changes

By MARK SPENCER
Sports Editor

The seeds for two changes in Texas high school football next fall possibly are being planted this weekend in Austin at the meeting of the University Interscholastic League's six member Legislative Council Standing Committee on Athletics.

Any proposed changes to existing rules still have more voting and scrutiny to go through at October's Legislative Council meeting before they are legalized. However, Pampa football coach and athletic director Dennis Cavalier said yesterday there were two amendments of special interest being considered.

The first proposal calls for a one-site playoff location for all classes.

Under this plan, a site for the state championship game would be determined before the season begins, and all classes would hold their championships on one or two days.

This would change the present plan that allows the two schools in the title game to negotiate a neutral site.

"I like that plan," Cavalier said. "From a coach's and a fan's stand-

point, I think it would be a wonderful thing to plan for your family to go somewhere and spend a day watching the best high school football in the country. I really think it could be one of the nation's greatest sports spectacles."

Cavalier said this plan had been favored in recent polls by school superintendents but disfavored by coaches.

"I'm sure the superintendents' thinking is partially economics," Cavalier said. "I think most of my colleagues are a little reluctant to change because it might create an unfair fan advantage for someone."

The second proposal calls for a change in deciding the outcome of tied games.

Currently, ties are broken in district games by number of first downs and total yardage. That becomes especially significant when it comes to determining the two 4A playoff qualifiers from each district if teams have the same records at the end of the season.

The second proposal would eliminate the adding of statistics and break the tie on the field with an overtime period.

Although not specifically outlined yet, the overtime periods

would be like the NFL's sudden death overtimes or like the "four-downs to score" system used in Oklahoma and other states.

In the Oklahoma version, a team gets four downs starting on the other's 10-yard line to score. The other team then goes on offense from the opposing 10-yard line and gets four downs to match or beat the first team's score. The process repeats itself until a winner is decided by points.

Like the first proposal, the overtime amendment is meeting resistance from the state's coaches, Cavalier said.

"Until I moved to Texas, I always had an overtime," Cavalier said. "In Oklahoma, we had that system. And I've been on the winning side and the losing side. At least both were settled on the field."

Cavalier said he would like to see some type of overtime to eliminate unusual situations.

For instance, a team that is ahead in first downs during a tied game in the fourth quarter might be more obliged to run out the clock instead of making a decisive score.

"That's not natural to football," Cavalier said. "And that's not the way you coach."

Waves' grand slam washes Longhorns out of Omaha

By TOM VINT
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Pepperdine pitchers made the start of the College World Series look easy for the Waves. Now people know Pepperdine also has muscle.

"We've been notorious for coming back," said All-American second baseman Steve Rodriguez, whose seventh-inning grand slam brought the Waves from a 4-1 deficit to a 5-4 victory over fourth-ranked Texas Thursday night.

"We weren't that down. We knew we'd come back," said Dan Melendez, who had a pair of doubles.

Coach Andy Lopez' 47-11-1 club goes to the school's first championship game at noon Saturday, where it will meet the winner of tonight's Miami-Cal State Fullerton contest.

Texas (49-16) goes home with a fourth-place finish, marking the 15th time in his record 16 CWS appearances that coach Cliff Gustafson teams have finished that high.

"Who isn't good here?" Lopez asked. "You can put all the names in a cap. There will be no complaints about the teams left. Cal State and Miami are also great clubs. Whoever happens to show up on Saturday, we will be ready for them."

The Waves, seeded seventh, set a CWS record for consecutive shutout innings to open a tournament with 24, erasing the old mark of 22 set by Florida State in 1970. Then Braxton Hickman's second homer of the series, a three-run liner in the top of the seventh, broke the spell.

Hickman's homer came off Wave relief ace Steve Montgomery (10-2), who had just taken over for starter

Steve Duda. Duda hit pinch-hitter Doug Pettit and surrendered only his second hit of the game, both singles by Tim Harkrider.

"I was still surprised that we had shut out two teams and I was happy that we kept putting zeros up there," Lopez said. "I'll probably remember how it ended and then call up Montgomery in the middle of the night and yell at him or something."

"Duda pitched extremely well. Steve Montgomery has been a phenomenal pitcher. If you polled our team and asked who they would like on the mound when and if we were down by one, they would vote for Steve Montgomery."

Montgomery allowed another run on Calvin Murray's single, stolen base, an error and wild pitch before shutting the door on Texas the rest of the way.

That set the stage for Rodriguez.

"I can't take credit for all that," he said. "I had three guys in front of me that just hit seeds and I just had to hit them in."

Mark Wasikowski, who doubled and scored on Scott Volmer's single in the second, and Eric Ekdhahl singled to load the bases for Rodriguez. The second baseman, with only four previous homers on the season, lofted a ball deep to left-center off Texas starter Brooks Kieschnick (11-3), who earlier was named American Baseball Coaches Association player of the year.

"I didn't think it was gone at first," Rodriguez said. "I knew it had a chance for the gap and extra bases."

"Rodriguez was not expected to hit one out," Gustafson said. "There was no one I'd rather have on the mound than Brooks. He ran out of gas. I never thought of taking him out."

Blazers wary of sluggish third quarter

CHICAGO (AP) — The first half of the opener of the NBA Finals doesn't scare Portland coach Rick Adelman nearly as much as the third quarter.

Michael Jordan set NBA records with six 3-pointers and 35 points before halftime of Chicago's 122-89 rout of the Trail Blazers Wednesday night.

But the wheels didn't really come off for Portland until the third quarter, when the Bulls outscored the Blazers 38-17.

"When Michael got on a roll, we started thinking, 'We've got to get it back,' and it just got worse," Adelman said Thursday. "But I learned from Jack Ramsay you have to be resilient in this league. We're going to have bad quarters and bad games and good quarters and good games."

The Bulls trailed by as many as eight points in the first quarter despite Jordan's 18 points, but they led 66-51 by halftime after Jordan scored 17 more points in the second period.

"We all realize Michael had a great game, but we also realize there are many other reasons on both ends of the floor that caused us to lose," Adelman said.

Jordan scored just four points in the third quarter, but he had five of his 11 assists in the period as the Bulls pulled away.

"Michael carried a great weapon in the first half, and in the second half he found his teammates," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "Michael was moving the ball in the second half and Portland may have overcompensated."

The Trail Blazers don't expect Jordan to have another big game from 3-point range.

"He might score 39 points again, but I don't think he will do it with 3-pointers again," Clyde Drexler said. "This wasn't a typical game for him. We couldn't plan for something like that. It was a special night for him."

Drexler, who guarded Jordan for most of the first half, said that double-teaming Jordan near the 3-point arc would be counter-productive.

"He was shooting from pretty far out, but all the man guarding him can do is put more pressure on him," Drexler said. "We can't double-team him from 3-point range."

"We still have to worry more about him penetrating more than outside shooting," said Portland forward

Jerome Kersey, who guarded Jordan in the second half. "The closest guy has to pick him up. But wherever he shoots the ball, we have to put more pressure on him. We can't let him go up for a shot uncontested."

"But when you allow him to get to the basket, he's going to dunk or the other guys are going to get easy baskets or offensive rebounds."

Drexler said Jordan's shooting gave all the Bulls confidence, while the Trail Blazers panicked. Portland had 21 turnovers, leading to 34 Chicago points.

"As a leader, I should try to calm everyone down, but when you're guarding Michael Jordan, it's difficult," Drexler said. "But I didn't take his performance personally because it's a team game."

Major League Standings

By The Associated Press

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	33	20	.623	—
Baltimore	31	20	.608	1
New York	27	25	.519	5 1/2
Boston	24	24	.500	6 1/2
Milwaukee	25	25	.500	6 1/2
Detroit	23	30	.434	10
Cleveland	21	32	.396	12
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	30	22	.577	—
Minnesota	29	22	.569	1/2
Texas	31	25	.554	1
Chicago	24	25	.490	4 1/2
California	22	29	.431	7 1/2
Seattle	22	30	.423	8
Kansas City	19	32	.373	10 1/2

Toronto at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
California at Milwaukee, 2:35 p.m.
Oakland at Chicago, 2:35 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 2:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	29	23	.558	—
St. Louis	27	24	.529	1 1/2
New York	27	25	.519	2
Philadelphia	23	27	.460	5
Montreal	22	27	.449	5 1/2
Chicago	22	29	.431	6 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	28	22	.560	—
San Diego	29	24	.547	1/2
San Francisco	27	24	.529	1 1/2
Los Angeles	24	25	.490	3 1/2
Atlanta	25	28	.472	4 1/2
Houston	24	29	.453	5 1/2

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh 7, New York 2
Houston 12, San Francisco 6
Los Angeles 7, Cincinnati 4
Only games scheduled

Today's Games
Detroit (Gallikson 6-3) at New York (Kamienicki 1-2), 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland (Armstrong 1-6) at Boston (Clemens 8-3), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Key 3-3) at Baltimore (Sutcliffe 7-4), 7:35 p.m.
California (Abbott 2-7) at Milwaukee (Botso 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Darling 4-3) at Chicago (McCaskill 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Jones 2-1) at Kansas City (Appier 4-3), 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Banks 0-0) at Texas (Guzzman 4-3), 8:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Cincinnati (Heny 1-4) at San Francisco (Black 2-1), 10:25 p.m. Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh 3-4 and Nabholtz 3-4), 2, 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Tewksbury 6-1) at Philadelphia (Mullholland 5-4), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Covey 5-3) at San Diego (Lefferts 6-3), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Rijo 1-4) at Los Angeles (Ke.Gross 3-4), 10:35 p.m.
Houston (Henry 1-4) at San Francisco (Black 2-1), 10:25 p.m. Saturday's Games
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St. Louis (Tewksbury 6-1) at Philadelphia (Mullholland 5-4), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Covey 5-3) at San Diego (Lefferts 6-3), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Rijo 1-4) at Los Angeles (Ke.Gross 3-4), 10:35 p.m.
Houston (Henry 1-4) at San Francisco (Black 2-1), 10:25 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Cleveland (Nagy 6-3) at Boston (Viola 5-3), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Stewart 3-5) at Chicago (Fernandez 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Morris 5-3) at Baltimore (McDonald 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Aldred 2-5) at New York (Perez 4-4), 7:30 p.m.
California (Abbott 2-7) at Milwaukee (Navarro 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Hanson 2-8) at Kansas City (Pichardo 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Smiley 4-3) at Texas (Nolan 0-1), 8:35 p.m.

Today's Games
Chicago (Jackson 0-7 and Maddux 5-5) at Montreal (Gardner 3-4 and Nabholtz 3-4), 2, 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Tewksbury 6-1) at Philadelphia (Mullholland 5-4), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Covey 5-3) at San Diego (Lefferts 6-3), 10:05 p.m.
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Cincinnati (Rijo 1-4) at Los Angeles (Ke.Gross 3-3), 10:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 8-3) at San Diego (Harris 2-4), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Sunday's Games
Cleveland at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 1:30 p.m.

Today's Games
Chicago at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
New York at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Los Angeles, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 8:05 p.m.

Courier whips overmatched Agassi at French Open

PARIS (AP) — Defending champion Jim Courier overwhelmed Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 with a display of powerful, almost error-free tennis today and moved into the final of the French Open.

"This could have been my best match on clay," Courier said.

Reaffirming his No. 1 world ranking, Courier demoralized Agassi from the start with implacable calm and brutal groundstrokes. The match took just two hours, one minute.

"It went much better than I possibly could have thought," he said. "I didn't expect it to be like that."

Courier has now reached the finals of three straight Grand Slams, losing to Stefan Edberg in last year's U.S. Open and winning the Australian Open this year.

The defeat was another Grand Slam disappointment for 11th-seeded Agassi, who has reached seven semifinals in the four major events but never won a title. He lost in the final here to Courier last year and to Andres Gomez in 1990.

Agassi said it was easier to accept defeat this year.

"Last year he had some luck; this year he just won it," Agassi said. "He's playing really efficiently. He's not giving up any careless errors. He's serving well. He's moving well."

"He's really putting everything together in this tournament. I said beforehand that if he could go out there and beat me, he'd make a believer out of me."

Agassi had billed the match as

tantamount to the final because the day's second semifinal featured two outsiders. Unseeded Henri Leconte of France, the crowd favorite, faced No. 7 seed Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia, who had never before played on center court here.

The Agassi-Courier match failed to excite the center-court fans at Stade Roland Garros. On a cloudy, cool day, the stands remained partly empty throughout the match, with many French fans apparently deciding to arrive only in time for the Leconte-Korda semifinal.

"The key for me was that I was able to return his serve a lot more comfortably than he was able to return mine," Courier said.

Almost the only similarity between Agassi and Courier was

their white baseball caps. In the first two sets, Courier made only a handful of mistakes while Agassi double-faulted contributed to his foe's first two service breaks. At match point, Agassi made an unforced error on a backhand.

Courier now has a 22-match winning streak, including 12 straight wins on clay. The last time he lost was to Michael Chang in the semifinals at Key Biscayne in March.

Courier moved to a 5-4 career edge over Agassi, winning the last four matches.

In the women's final Saturday, top-seeded Monica Seles will be seeking her third straight title against No. 2 seed Steffi Graf, the champion here in 1987 and 1988.

Cease-fire collapses again, fighting continues in Afghanistan

By SHARON HERBAUGH
Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Fighting resumed early today between an Iranian-backed rebel group and pro-Saudi rivals after a

new cease-fire collapsed in this capital weary of war.

The new caretaker Islamic government today sent in loyal rebel and militia forces to intervene in the dispute. But those forces came under attack.

Most experts say the government of ex-rebels, which replaced Communist rule in late April after 16 years of civil war, may not be strong enough to enforce any imposed cease-fire.

The opposing sides are Hezb-e-Wahadat and Ittehad-e-Islami. Hezb-e-Wahadat, a coalition of eight small parties supported by Tehran, represents Afghanistan's Shiite minority. Ittehad-e-Islami is aligned with Saudi Arabia and belongs to the Sunni sect of Islam that has dominated Afghanistan for three centuries.

The sides signed a second truce late Thursday. But within hours a fist-fight between two sentries sparked a fourth day of intense fighting. The rival forces lobbed rockets and mortars at each other's positions in densely populated areas of western Kabul, setting some houses ablaze and residents fleeing. Doctors said at least 60 people were wounded.

Defence Minister Ahmed Shah Masood deployed pro-government militia forces to the battle zones, but they came under fire

as they tried to separate the two sides.

More than 100 people have been killed and hundreds more wounded in the fighting, which has also destroyed hundreds of homes and businesses and damaged the Red Cross hospital. Each side has also seized hundreds of civilians off the streets and are holding them hostage.

Israeli aircraft attack Palestinian camp twice

SIDON, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli aircraft blasted a guerrilla target in Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp on the outskirts of this southern port city in two separate strikes today, police said.

First two Cobra helicopter gunships and then two jetfighters hours later attacked a house used by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command in the Ein el-Hilweh camp, police said.

Two guerrillas were reported wounded in the second attack.

The house is used to distribute social services to camp residents, according to police and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"We want peace but there are others who don't," said Hezb-e-Wahadat spokesman Moheemmed Hasan.

Hezb-e-Wahadat has blamed renegade guerrilla chief Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who is close to Ittehad-e-Islami leader Abdul Rasool Sayyaf, for instigating the attack to discredit the coalition and its demands for a

greater role in the new Islamic leadership.

Afghanistan's Shiite population is concentrated in five impoverished and oppressed provinces known as Hazarajat. They comprised about 10 percent of Afghanistan's pre-war population of 15 million, but are believed to make up about half of Kabul's 1.5 million residents.



The Afghan caretaker government's armored vehicles patrol a Kabul street today in an attempt to control fighting between two rival rebel factions. (AP Photo)

Peasant party leader nominated as prime minister amid struggle

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — President Lech Walesa today nominated a peasant leader as Poland's fourth post-Communist prime minister, in a bid to pull together a Parliament deeply divided over the pace of economic reform.

Walesa sought the removal of Prime Minister Jan Olszewski amid a furor over the Olszewski government's abrupt release of names of government officials who may have collaborated with the Communist secret police.

Walesa submitted the name of 33-year-old Waldemar Pawlak, leader of the Polish Peasants Party, to parliament after the body ousted Olszewski's 5-month-old government in a marathon session.

If approved, he would be the nation's first without roots in the Solidarity labor movement since the fall of Communism.

Pawlak would give a political voice to the increasingly restive farmers hard-hit by the end of socialist price guarantees and subsidies. More than 40 percent of Poles work in agriculture; Pawlak himself runs a 42-acre farm northwest of Warsaw.

Parliament, which must approve Pawlak, immediately began considering the nomination in caucus meetings. A vote was expected today, along with the possible ratification of the 1992 national budget drawn up by the Olszewski government.

Olszewski's failure to broaden a shaky minority coalition stalled key economic legislation, delayed reforms, added to the political instability seen to be discouraging foreign investment and led to the failure of his government.

Asked why he selected the youthful farmer leader, Walesa said, "The point is to reach agreement between different groups, expand solidarity and strengthen reforms."

Pawlak would be the fourth prime minister since the 1989 toppling of the Communists.

The Peasant Party is the fourth-largest in parliament, and its withdrawal of support for the Olszewski government this week was key to bringing it down.

It is not clear if Pawlak can build a substantial coalition in the deeply factionalized parliament, where the largest party has only 13 percent of the seats.

The Peasant Party was long allied with the Communists but since 1989 has changed its name and its philosophy, and now strongly backs the transition to a market economy — as long as there are protections for farmers, a controversial caveat.

The vote to dismiss the Olszewski government early today, on a motion submitted by Walesa, was 273 to 119 against, with 33 abstaining.

It came amid a furor over the Olszewski government's abrupt release of names of government officials who possibly collaborated with the Communist secret police.

Olszewski charged in a television speech that it "no coincidence" the move to unseat him came as the list of purported informants was made public. However, Olszewski's government has been shaky from the start and he and Walesa have been feuding for months. The distribution of the list — without corroboration or an opportunity for those named to defend themselves — galvanized parliament against Olszewski.

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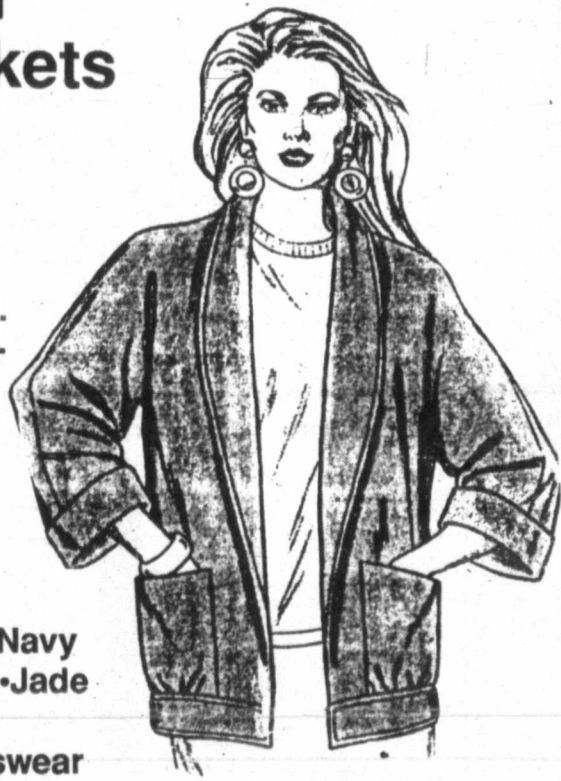
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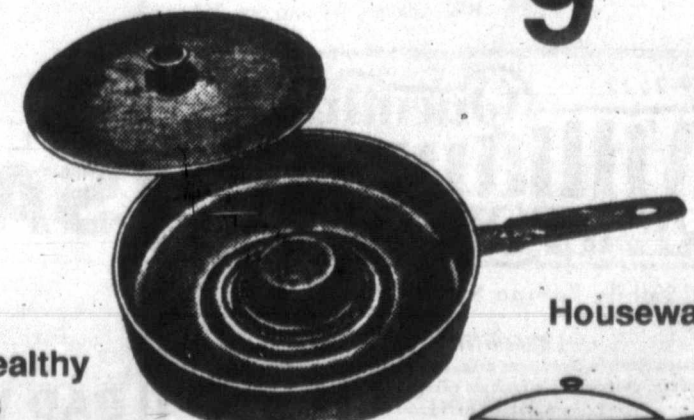
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