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City saves \$\$\$ on truck buy

By BETH MILLER
Senior Staff Writer

Pampa City Commission on Tuesday approved the purchase of two medium-duty dump trucks from an Amarillo company, at a substantial savings from what had been budgeted.

The total bid of \$55,430.48 from Southwest Truck Sales in Amarillo was awarded as the lowest responsive bid. The only other bid was from Culberson-Stowers Chevrolet in Pampa for \$60,052.74.

During a work session prior to the regular meeting, City Manager Glen Hackler said the bid on the two trucks for the street department was a \$27,000 savings to the city on what had been budgeted.

Hackler explained that originally a dump truck and a water truck had been budgeted. However, he said an old dump truck will be used to place a water container on the back, since a water truck is only needed about 30 days each year.

Hackler said it is estimated the water container on the dump truck will last another 10 to 15 years.

In other business during the regular meeting, the City Commission approved the May list of disbursements and approved minutes of prior meetings.

During a work session prior to the regular meeting, a new franchise ordinance proposed by Southwestern Bell Telephone was discussed with the City Commission.

The proposed five-year ordinance would increase the city of Pampa's revenue from Southwestern Bell from \$59,512 to \$137,000 a year. The current ordinance with the telephone company does not expire until 1994, but the company is offering the new municipal fee ordinance now to cities throughout the state, said Gary Stevens, area manager of Southwestern Bell.

The new ordinance has been adopted by 170 cities to date, Stevens said Tuesday. He said the telephone company likes the new ordinance because of state-wide consistency and uniformity. The ordinance is also seen as a compromise to a rate litigation case filed against the company by some Texas cities.

"If the majority of the cities take this same ordinance, we'll have common ground throughout the state," Stevens said.

The purpose of the franchise ordinance is for the telephone company to pay the city for access and use of the city's alleys, streets, sidewalks or other city property.

Stevens said the proposed ordinance has been the result of several years of work between the telephone company and several large Texas cities. He said some of the language in the older ordinances is "archaic" and most cities wanted more money under the franchise agreements.

"This ordinance has been palatable to the company and the various cities," Stevens said.

Stevens also said the company plans to pass on any increase in the franchise fee to its customers. He

said the average residential customer is now charged 55 cents per month for the franchise and the average residential customer's bill would increase to 89 cents per month.

City Commissioner Jerry Wilson questioned whether the increase to the customer's would be another form of a tax increase.

Hackler explained that the city was not raising the customer's telephone bills, only Southwestern Bell had the authority to do that.

Following the meeting, Hackler said of the proposed ordinance under which Southwestern Bell would pay the city \$137,000 a year: "We feel like this is consistent with their fare share."

Hackler pointed out that the proposed ordinance would be consistent with what other companies, including cable, gas and electricity, pay the city under franchise agreements.

In unrelated budget discussion during the work session, Hackler pointed out that out of the last eight years there has not been an ad valorem tax increase to the taxpayers with the exception of one year when the rate went up 2 cents per \$100 valuation to purchase two fire trucks. He also said there was one year where there was a 1 cent per \$100 valuation decrease during that eight-year period.

The ad valorem tax rate will decrease from 66 cents per \$100 valuation to 59 cents per \$100 valuation during the 1992-93 budget year.

"This is not just a maintenance budget," Hackler said. "To me it's significant we're a city operating efficiently without a tax increase."

Hackler also pointed out that although five full-time positions are to be reduced through attrition, part-time and seasonal labor will help fill the labor gaps in those areas.

For instance, although the Parks Department will lose two maintenance positions, Hackler said two six-month employees in the summer and other part-time help will provide the work force when needed.

In the library, one library clerk's position will be deleted, but two 20-hour a week vocational education students will be hired, at a \$9,000 savings to the city, to help with the library work.

"We are not reducing the level of services," Hackler stressed.

City commissioners said they applauded the city manager and his staff for the work on the 1992-93 budget.

Commissioner Ray Hupp said he had two concerns with the proposed budget - whether enough money was set aside for litigation expenses and police training.

Hackler said that in most instances the litigation expenses are kept low because of a low insurance deductible. Regarding police training, Hackler said the city will continue to capitalize on local classes for as many officers as possible.

"We've moved away from just two or three people getting the most amount of training," the city manager said.

Offers for durable goods drop 2.4 percent in May

WASHINGTON (AP) - New orders for "big ticket" manufactured goods fell an unexpectedly sharp 2.4 percent in May, the government said today in a report underscoring the uneven nature of the economic recovery.

The Commerce Department said orders for durable goods, items from bicycles to battleships expected to last three or more years, declined by a seasonally adjusted \$2.98 billion to \$119.5 billion. It was the steepest drop since December.

In advance, most economists were looking for a modest 0.3 percent advance, which would have been the third consecutive rise. Orders rose 1.9 percent in April and 2.1 percent in March.

Analysts had been describing manufacturing as one of the bright spots in the recovery from the 1990-91 recession, although they still had been predicting the rebound would be the weakest on record since World War II.

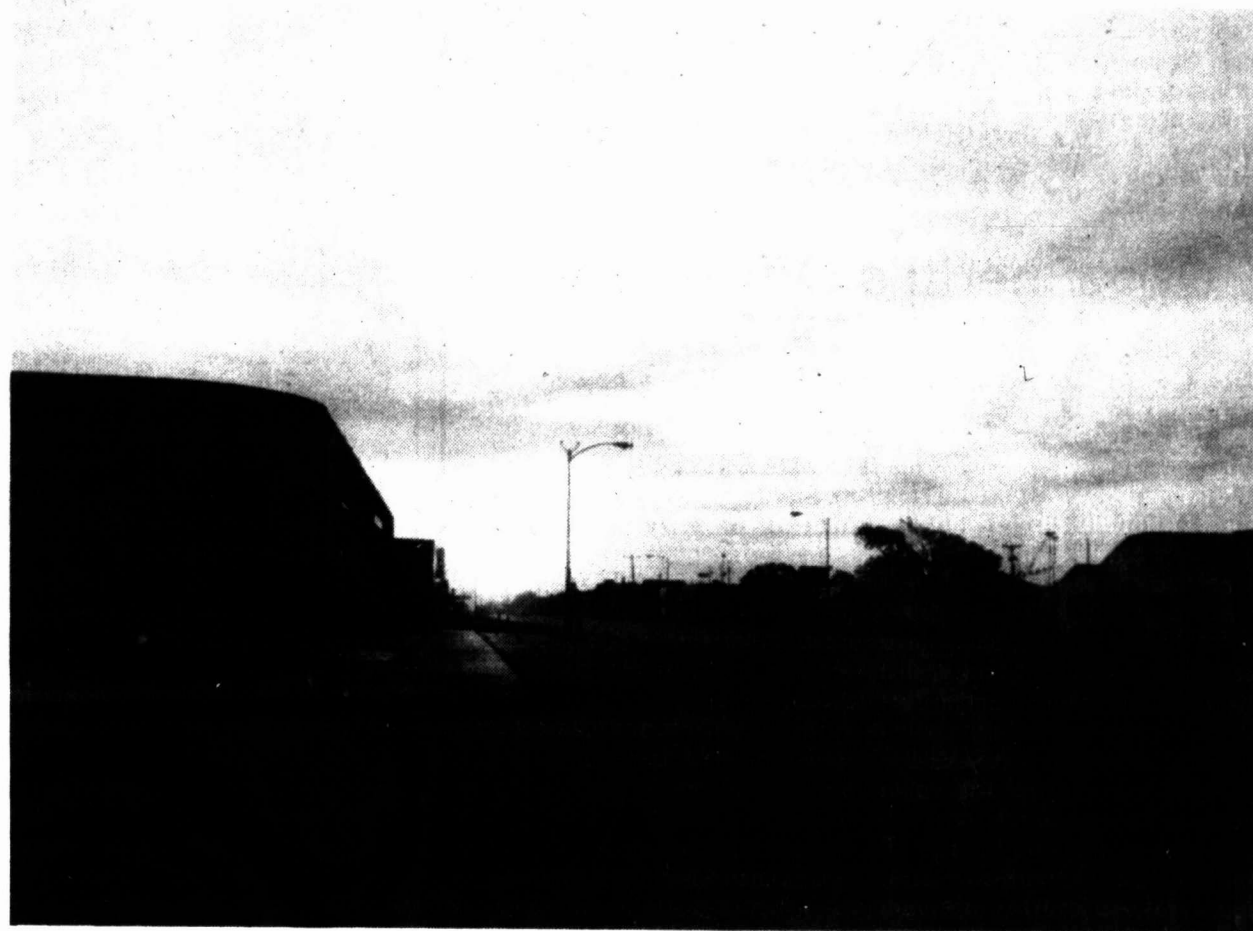
The economy's anemia poses a challenge for President Bush, who is trying to persuade voters to reelect him. In an interview published in today's editions of The New York Times, Bush called on the Federal Reserve to give the economy a boost with lower interest rates.

"I'd like to see another lowering of interest rates," Bush said. "I think there's room to do that. I can understand people worrying about inflation. But I don't think that's a big problem right now."

The Fed cut rates sharply through early this year, but has not acted since early April. In public statements since then, central bank policymakers indicated they believed another cut in interest rates would provide little economic benefit and would, in the long run, push up inflation.

In May, overall durable goods orders were pulled down by a 6.2 percent plunge to \$30.9 billion in the volatile transportation category, which had been up strongly in April and March.

Dawn



(Staff photo by Daniel Wiegars)

The summer sun rises this morning to a barren Foster Street with temperatures expected to climb to the lower 90s today.

A 'slap' in the face! Trooper encounters air bag

By BETH MILLER
Senior Staff Writer

McLEAN - Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper John Holland had his glasses knocked off his face, his hat thrown off his head and felt like he'd been slapped Friday afternoon while patrolling Interstate 40.

"I thought, 'What happened?'" Holland said today.

Holland said he was crossing the median around 5:30 p.m. to stop a "violin" - a speeding motorist - when his car bottomed out in the dirt and the event began to unfold.

"I was still looking at the violator and my glasses were down around my chin, the hat was gone, my ears were ringing and my face felt like it had a real bad sunburn," Holland said.

"I felt like I had been slapped and the radio mike was on the floor and I thought, 'Where's my hat?'"

The trooper did get slapped - by an air bag which popped out when

the sensors indicated he was involved in a collision.

He said this was the first incident he had experienced of the air bag popping out in his 1990 Mustang, although other troopers throughout the state have had similar happenings.

"I had the window down and I first thought something came in through the window. It happened so fast."

Holland said he had always feared driving down the road and the air bag popping out and creating an accident. However, he said now that he has experienced the air bag he knows it deflates too quickly to cause him to have an accident.

"If it scares you enough you die, that would be the worst thing to happen," he said.

He said he had no idea why the air bag deployed, but intends to ask questions of the garage employees in Austin who will install a new air bag this week in his vehicle.

He said he expected it would cost a "couple of hundred bucks" to put in the sensors and another air bag, but was surprised when he was told that it would be more like \$3,500 for the labor and equipment at a Ford dealership.

Since the DPS has employees and spare parts in the Austin shop to fix the air bag and sensors, he said that is where the vehicle will be taken to save on costs.

"We've bottomed out time after time and maybe the sensors were weakened," he said of a plausible explanation of why the air bag was set off. "There has to be some common denominator there of what happened. I just don't know what it is."

The air bag, which has been pushed back in its hole and had tape placed over it, readjusted the size of Holland's glasses and gave his chin "a carpet burn."

As for the speeding motorist, Holland said, "I watched him go off into the sunset."

Court rules cigarette companies can be sued under state laws

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court ruled today that cigarette companies may be sued under state laws for allegedly misrepresenting the dangers of smoking. The decision could prompt a flood of lawsuits seeking billions of dollars from the companies.

The court said a federal law requiring warning labels on cigarette packages does not shield the companies from all suits based on state personal-injury laws.

In another decision, the court reaffirmed its 30-year ban on officially sponsored worship in public schools by prohibiting prayers at graduation ceremonies.

The justices refused in their 5-4 decision to use a school-prayer dispute from Rhode Island to fashion a new interpretation of the Constitution's ban on "an establishment of religion."

The cigarette ruling is a big victory for the family of the late Rose Cipollone of New Jersey, who died of lung cancer at the age of 58 in 1984 after 42 years of smoking.

The nine-year legal battle between the family and the cigarette industry now goes back for a new trial in New Jersey.

The justices voted 7-2 to allow the family to sue the cigarette companies on grounds the manufacturers deliberately concealed the dangers of smoking and also conspired to withhold the truth.

Justice John Paul Stevens, writing for the court, said the basis for such a lawsuit goes beyond any restrictions in the federal labeling law. Such claims are predicated on a manufacturer's duty not to deceive, he said.

But the court rejected efforts by the Cipollone family to sue the companies on the grounds that their adver-

tising neutralized the effect of the federally required warning labels.

Stevens said that claim is preempted by federal law because the family is alleging the companies tried to minimize smoking's health hazards in their advertising rather than deliberately deceive.

Thus, while the ruling permits the companies to be sued, it sets standards that still may make it difficult for people to win their cases.

Federal law "preempts the imposition of state law obligations with respect to the advertising or promotion of cigarettes," Stevens said. The claims that the companies "concealed material facts are therefore not preempted insofar as those claims rely on a state law duty to disclose such facts through channels of communication other than advertising or promotion."

"For example," he said, "if state law obliged (the companies) to disclose material facts about smoking and health to an administrative agency, (the law) would not preempt a state law claim based on a failure to fulfill that obligation."

Also, Stevens said, the companies can be sued for "allegedly false statements of material fact made in advertisements."

Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

Scalia, writing for both, said the court adopted an "unprecedented principle of federal statutory construction: that express preemption provisions must be construed narrowly."

He said today's ruling is bound to confuse the lower courts because it contains inherent contradictions.

Scalia said the majority in one part of its decision ignores the rule it

Board names principal, sets new calendar

By ANGELA LEGGETT
Staff Writer

A new Travis Elementary School principal was hired and modifications were approved in the 1992-93 school year calendar at Tuesday night's regular meeting of the Pampa Independent School District board.

Superintendent Dawson Orr said Douglas Rapstine was hired to replace Mike Shearer as the new principal at Travis. Rapstine has been the assistant principal at Pampa Middle School since 1987.

Changes in PISD's school calendar were made Tuesday because the Texas Education Agency released the state required testing dates which did not correspond with an earlier calendar approved for PISD.

"We made September 21, 22 regular school days because the test days were scheduled then," Orr said. "October 5-6 were approved as in-service days for students and May 10, 1993, was made a snow make-up day instead of May 3, 1993, because there cannot be a three-day weekend around school board elections which is the first weekend in May."

In other action, the board approved students be dismissed from Woodrow Wilson at 2 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, September through April during the next school year. The time would be used as training for staff, teachers and administrators.

"I envision us meeting together to interpret test scores and work together," Woodrow Wilson Principal Raymond Thornton, said.

A financial report was presented and bidding procedures were explained.

"Expenditures are right on line with last year," Business Manager Mark McVay said.

In other action, revisions to the Whittle Educational Network School and Network were approved. As part of the agreement between the State Board of Education and Whittle Communication three changes were made to the standard school agreement.

"Overall I think it is a plus, the program focuses in on news for young people," Orr said.

Bids totaling \$73,529.61 for paper, furniture and typewriters for the PISD were approved. A bid for computer supplies was rejected to give more flexibility and better prices in purchasing the supplies needed.

Presentations were made for the superintendent's report.

"We have just completed our seventh year with 139 children," Londa Snider, director, said as she presented her annual Latch Key Report. "We appreciate everyone who helps with the program."

Food Service Director Debbie Middleton reported that a survey of area school cafeterias showed PISD cafeteria prices are comparable.

Other actions included:

- approval of a technology plan. The plan has to be submitted in order for PISD to receive state funding in technology.
- approval of the Lamar Elementary-Partnership School Initiative Campus Plan.
- approval of Career Ladder payments for 115 Level II teachers and 58 Level III teachers.
- approval of Chapter II federal funding.
- approval to sell two delinquent tax properties at 919 W. Rham, and 1037 S. Clark.
- discussion of the tax rate.
- approval of an amendment to the 1991-92 budget.

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Services tomorrow

BLACK, Steve 'Buster' — 2 p.m., graveside, Memory Gardens Cemetery.
GOOCH, Bess L. — 2 p.m., Richerson Funeral Home Chapel, Shamrock.

Obituaries

STEVE 'BUSTER' BLACK
WHEELER — Steve "Buster" Black, 78, died Monday, June 22, 1992. Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Earl Maddux, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church of Pampa and Bill Morrison, minister of Wheeler Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are by Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Black was born in Goree. He operated Wheeler Locker and Grocery for 12 years. He moved to Pampa in 1962 and worked for Ideal Foods until retiring in 1976. He married Irene Chennault in 1980 at Pampa and returned to Wheeler in 1988. He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church at Pampa.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mary Jones of Wheeler and Patricia Ann Hudson of Briscoe; two sisters, Thelma Green of Tolleson, Ariz., and Lorene Perrine of Phoenix, Ariz.; two stepsons, Terry Chennault of Oklahoma City and Gaines Chennault of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Phyllis Elsheimer and Sheelah Chennault, both of Pampa; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and two great-stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Norma Lee Glover Black, in 1981.
The family requests memorials be made to the Panhandle Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 2200 W. Seventh Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79106 or the Wheeler Care Center Auxiliary, Box 525, Wheeler, Texas 79096.
The body will be available for viewing today at the funeral home in Wheeler and then from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in Pampa at the Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis.

MELLIE BOLING
ALBANY — Mellie Boling, 85, mother of a Pampa woman, died Monday, June 22, 1992. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. today in Albany Cemetery with Dale Scott of Wichita Falls officiating. Arrangements were by Godfrey-Neese Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boling was born March 7, 1907, in Dexter County, Okla. She married John B. Boling in 1927 in Throckmorton County; he preceded her in death in 1974. She was a member of the Church of Christ and was a homemaker.

Survivors include four daughters, Bertia Surrey of Rhome, Alice Stewart of Pampa, Laredo Messenger of Throckmorton and Patsy O'Daniel of Burleson; three sons, John Boling of Sloam, Ark., Ralph Boling of Albany and James Boling of New Mexico; a sister, Toosie Haefner of Perry, Okla.; one brother, Ralph Parker of Everett, Wash.; 19 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

BESS L. GOOCH
LUBBOCK — Bess L. Gooch, 90, a former Shamrock resident, died Tuesday, June 23, 1992. Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Richerson Funeral Home Chapel at Shamrock with Doug Hale officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery.

Mrs. Gooch was born in Collingsworth County and lived in the Abra community for 60 years. She moved to Lubbock from Shamrock three years ago. She married Guss Gooch in 1922 at Wellington; he preceded her in death in 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of Dozier Church of Christ and the Abra Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Gooch of Lubbock and Cecil Gooch of Darrouzett; a sister, Kathleen Mundell of Roswell, N.M.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.
The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

ESTHER HILL
WHEELER — Esther Hill, 76, died Tuesday, June 23, 1992. Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Helsley, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hill was born in Martin, Tenn., and moved to the Kelton community in 1927. She married Harold Hill in 1936 at Sayre, Okla.; he preceded her in death in 1985. They moved to Wheeler in 1977. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church and a former member of the Progressive Study Club.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, June 23
Spearman Police Department issued a wanted outside agency report.
City of Pampa reported a vehicle parked in the roadway at the intersection of Francis and Rose streets.
George Reames, Miami, reported disorderly conduct.
Ron Carr, 1320 Christine, reported theft under \$20/over \$200 in the 400 block of Graham.
Beth Hulsey, 1022 Duncan, reported theft under \$20 at the residence.
Terry Hembree, 610 Magnolia, reported reckless damage in the driveway to a 1992 Ford pickup.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Arrest
TUESDAY, June 23
Orvis J. Davis, 70, Star Motel #9, was arrested on warrants charging theft of property by check and issuance of worthless checks.

DPS-Arrest
MONDAY, June 22
Ricky Dean Putman, 34, 511 N. Russell, was arrested on Texas 152, five miles west of Pampa on a charge of driving while intoxicated (second offense).

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
DPS-Accident
MONDAY, June 22
7:10 p.m. — An unknown vehicle collided with a legally parked 1985 Oldsmobile, owned by Tommy Kuykendall Lightsey, 533 N. Sumner, 0.1 of a mile southwest of Pampa on Rider Street.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.15	
Milo	4.44	
Com.	4.71	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Ky. Cent. Life	7 1/8	dn 1/8
Serco	2 5/8	NC
Occidental	19 7/8	dn 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	63.26	
Parnian	14.63	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:

Amoco	48 1/8	up 1/8
Arco	111 1/2	up 1
Cabot	43 3/4	NC

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
Robin A. Anderson and baby girl, Borger
Barbara Louise Kidd, Pampa
George Lee Miller, Pampa
Novis L. Newman, Pampa
Yessenia O. Soria and baby girl, Pampa
Grace C. Thomas, Pampa

Births
To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson of Borger, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Paulin Soria of Pampa, a girl.

Dismissals
Angelia Gail Collins and baby boy, Pampa
Alta Mae Haddock, Pampa
William C. Stanton, Pampa
Howard T. Thompson, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Newton Bruton, Shamrock
Otis Ford, McLean
Florence Cofer, McLean

Dismissals
Otis Ford (observation), McLean
Florence Cofer (observation), McLean

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
Pampa Bridge Club meets at 10 a.m. on Thursday in Room 11 at Clarendon College, Pampa Center. To arrange for a partner, call Marguerite Ward at 669-7543.

ACT I WORK NIGHT
ACT I work night at the theatre is set for 7 p.m. Thursday. The theatre is located in the Pampa Mall.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

One in the hand is worth ...



Despite damage caused by recent heavy rains, this bird found a field of wheat east of the city off U.S. 60 much to its liking Tuesday. Forecasts call for mostly sunny skies Thursday.

Perot denies investigating Bush family, says he's not playing Sherlock Holmes

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unannounced presidential candidate Ross Perot today denied that he had investigated members of President Bush's family or had set out to probe Bush's finances and other dealings, saying "I'm not running around like Sherlock Holmes."

In an interview on NBC's "Today" show, the independent challenger reiterated his assertion that he had been the victim of a Republican "dirty tricks committee" and sought to put the blame directly on Bush.

President Bush's spokesman Marlin Fitzwater this morning quickly repudiated that assertion, saying, "That's nonsense."

"Mr. Perot's paranoia knows no bounds," Fitzwater said.

Perot accused the GOP of being behind a recent rash of reports describing investigations that he supposedly either initiated or financed.

And at one time, he unsuccessfully attempted to persuade interviewer Bryant Gumbel against airing a short section of recent tape showing Vice President Dan Quayle.

"You're wasting your time if you do that," Perot protested. "This is propaganda."

In the clip, Quayle wondered that if Perot were elected and in charge of the FBI and the CIA, "who is going to be investigated next?"

Perot's comments were part of a media counterattack the Texas billionaire is mounting to seek to deflect the recent stories on the investigations and that follows recent polls showing his negative ratings among voters to be increasing.

Articles last week in *The Washington Post*, *Time Magazine* and

the *New Republic* reporting that Perot had hired private investigators to look into the lives of people with whom he disagreed and even to keep watch over his children.

He also scheduled a news conference later today during an appearance in Annapolis, Md. And, in an interview published in today's editions of *The Washington Post*, Perot depicted an "election-year fantasy carefully crafted by the Republicans."

In the 40-minute "Today" show interview from New York, Perot accused Republicans of "nonstop saturation bombing" in an attempt to portray him as an investigation-crazy zealot. He said the frequency has increased recently because of expectations by some that he would formally announce his candidacy on Saturday, his 62nd birthday.

He won't, Perot said. Asked if he thought such a dirty tricks campaign came directly from the Oval Office, Perot said, "There's no where else for it to be."

"This is politics at its lowest and worst," Perot said. "I'm not running around like Sherlock Holmes," he added.

But Fitzwater, speaking to a group of reporters this morning, referred to Bob Woodward, the author of *The Washington Post* story on Perot, saying, "Does anybody here seriously believe that Bob Woodward gets his information from the White House?"

Perot disputed a suggestion that he had investigated members of Bush's family.

However, he conceded, "I received an unsolicited report that two of his sons were involved in activity related to the Nicaragua-Contra project. I called him, father to father, and said ... I felt you should know this was going around."

"He thanked me. End of story," Perot said.

He produced a 1986 letter from Bush thanking him and saying, "I was very touched by your call(s) about my kids." In the letter, Bush defended his children as "all straight arrows, uninvolved in intrigue."

Fitzwater said Bush wrote the letter "at a time when he thought they were good friends. Obviously he didn't know anything about the investigations at that time."

Fitzwater also said in reply to a question that the White House was relying on the account of the episode that appeared in *The Post* and had no independent information concerning a Perot investigation of Bush's sons.

Actually, *The Post* did not say Perot investigated Bush's sons but only that he gave Bush a "friendly warning" about information passed to him by a Florida investigator.

Perot did confirm a *Washington Post* account that he hired a Washington law firm in 1987 to look into a Texas land deal that resulted in a \$48 million tax deduction for Pennzoil, a company run by J. Hugh Liedtke, a former Bush business partner.

But he denied that he began the probe to look for dirt on Bush. And he denied the newspaper's account that he volunteered the results of the investigation.

"They came to see me and asked about this transaction ... and asked to see the documents," he said.

Perot went through other reported instances where he was alleged to have initiated or financed probes in Bush's activities or into personal lives and business transactions of those close to him, dismissing them all as part of the same purported GOP smear campaign.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

J. McBRIDE Plumbing, 665-1633, 669-2724, Pampa area. Adv.

HALF PRICE Sale continues thru Wednesday on bedding plants, shrubs, perennials, selected trees and hanging baskets. Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

TEACHING TUSH Push and Sweetheart Schottish. Thursday 7:00 p.m., 324 N. Naida. 665-1083. Adv.

SIDING: STEEL and Vinyl. Anthony Construction, serving Pampa since 1976. Free estimates. 665-1961. Adv.

RADIO FLYER from Oklahoma will be at City Limits this weekend. Adv.

LOVE JEWELRY? Come see how to get it free! Joyce will be at Chez Tanz from 10-4, Thursday, Plaza 21. Adv.

THE MUSTARD Seed and Olde Town Kitchen, 420 W. Francis, come in and see new shipment of potpourri and mountain marmalades, frames, pictures, cotton covers. Adv.

SOFA, BROWN mixture, queen size, new, never used. 665-1388. Adv.

THE COUNTRY Loft Home Cooking, delicious desserts, Soup and Salad bar daily. Thursday Special shrimp or catfish basket served with fries, cole slaw and hush puppies, \$5.95. 201 N. Cuyler, 11:00-2:30. Adv.

BETTE'S BACK Room, Big Savings now at 25% off sale prices. 708 N. Hobart. Adv.

FREE DELIVERY from 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. \$5 minimum. The Hamburger Station. Adv.

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

WHEN YOUR Pampa News carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards and hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Department.

LAWN MOWER CHAINSAW Repair - all makes. Pick up, delivery. Radcliff Lawnmower Chainsaw Sales & Service, 519 S. Cuyler, 669-3395. Adv.

TAMMY'S CUP-UPS. Come have fun with us! Sebastian Makeup and Color Specialist, 29-30th. Call or come in for details, 665-6558. Adv.

AT EPPERSON'S Garden: Fresh tomatoes, squash, green beans, cucumbers, sweet onions, peaches, cantaloupe, watermelon, sweet corn, honey, 2 miles East Hwy. 60. Adv.

YOU ASKED for it! You got it! Music Shop Close Out continues through Saturday. 2139 N. Hobart. Thanks for your loyalty. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low in the lower 60s. Thursday, mostly sunny with a high in the mid 90s.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma - Partly cloudy and

warm through Thursday with scattered thunderstorms most sections. Highs Thursday in the 90s. Lows tonight lower 60s Panhandle to lower 70s east.

New Mexico - Partly cloudy through Thursday with a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms, mainly northcentral mountains and northeast. Highs

Thursday in the mid 70s and 80s mountains, mostly 90s to 102 lower elevations. Lows tonight mid 40s to mid 50s in the mountains, 50s to mid 60s elsewhere.

Editor's note: Due to technical difficulties, the regional and extended forecasts were not available today.

Triumphant Rabin vows to push peace and jobs

By KARIN LAUB
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — After scoring a stunning election victory over conservative Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Yitzhak Rabin pledged today that his Labor party will push for peace with the Arabs.

"The first stage has begun, the first stage of a new hope," a flushed Rabin, 70, said as hundreds of frenzied supporters at Labor headquarters in Tel Aviv chanted "Rabin, king of Israel."

Shamir, 76, did not formally concede defeat but suggested his political career is nearing its end.

Rabin, who led Israel's capture of the West Bank and Gaza Strip 25 years ago, has promised the Palestinians in the occupied lands autonomy within nine months. He has also vowed to halt settlements and use the funds to find jobs for a wave of unemployed ex-Soviet immigrants.

The freeze may prompt the Bush administration, which had no immediate reaction to the election results but had grown frustrated with Shamir's lack of flexibility, to drop its objection to \$10 billion in loan guarantees to Israel.

The moves would likely speed up U.S.-brokered Middle East peace talks.

Rabin has, however, pledged to make no concessions on Jerusalem or permit Palestinian statehood — a position consistent with that of Shamir.

In the Arab world, the PLO hailed Shamir's defeat and called for a direct dialogue with Rabin.

Jordan and Lebanon cautiously welcomed the change and Egypt expressed a strong belief it will have a positive impact on the peace talks. An editorial in a Syrian government newspaper cautioned Arabs against too much optimism.

With all but soldiers' ballots counted, TV and radio stations projected 45 seats for Labor — a gain of six, 12 for its likely allies in the left-wing Meretz bloc, and 32 for Shamir's Likud in the 120-member Parliament.

With Arab parties expected to take five seats, there seemed no way Shamir, whose party lost eight seats, could stay in power.

Rabin will have to negotiate a coalition pact with Meretz and at least one other party to secure the premiership. Labor has said it would not include the Arab lawmakers in a coalition, meaning it would likely court a religious party.

Far-right parties won nine seats and religious parties 16.

Rabin took 34.8 percent of the vote, Likud 24.9 percent and Meretz

9.2 percent, results showed with 100 percent of precincts reporting.

Rabin was to meet with Labor colleagues today to map strategy for coalition negotiations. Formally, he has to wait for a nod from President Chaim Herzog.

Tuesday night's drama began with Israel TV's exit poll projecting an upset. The nation watched live broadcasts of Labor headquarters erupting in cheers and song, and a grim-faced Shamir getting the bad news.

Shamir did not formally concede. But hours after the polls closed, his voice a hoarse whisper, he hinted he would soon step down a leader of Likud.

"I've said this many times — that I'm at the end of my road," Shamir said. "Even if we had won, you wouldn't have seen me for a long time."

The result portrayed an Israel still deeply divided on the future of the occupied territories, but more ready for Labor's pragmatic approach than Shamir's ideological attachment to the occupied land.

Labor got a big boost from among the nearly 300,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union, half of whom backed Rabin. Some 40 percent of the immigrants are unemployed and the stagnant state of Israel's economy, compounded by

the uncertain security situation, was a key issue.

About 77.5 percent of Israel's 3.4 million eligible voters, or 2.65 million, participated in the balloting, down from 79 percent in 1988.

Labor and Meretz leaders said the vote was a clear "yes" to the peace process. "It means we are entering a new era of relations with our neighbors ... with the United States and Europe," said Meretz leader Shulamit Aloni.

Some hard-liners said Labor could not carry out major concessions without Likud's backing.

"It won't work. There would be a tremendous outcry. Without Likud, he couldn't do it," said Israel Harel, a pioneer of settlements in the West Bank.

Samuel Lewis, a former U.S. ambassador to Israel, said he believed the Americans had hoped for a Rabin victory, based on their previous experience with him as Israeli ambassador to Washington and defense minister.

"He can establish very good working relations with senior American officials and I think that is a necessary part of making progress both on the peace process and ... improvements in the U.S.-Israeli relationship," Lewis told Israel TV.



Israeli opposition Labor Party leader Yitzhak Rabin gestures as he makes a victory speech to supporters at a Tel Aviv-area hotel early today.

De Klerk returns to South Africa to address political crisis

By GREG MYRE
Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Faced with a breakdown in black-white political talks, President F.W. de Klerk convened an urgent Cabinet meeting today but declined to say how he would respond to the crisis.

The African National Congress on Tuesday night called off all negotiations on ending apartheid in response to last week's massacre of more than 40 blacks in the Boipatong township south of Johannesburg. The ANC accused police of failing to stop the killings.

Despite the formal suspension of

talks, ANC Secretary General Cyril Ramaphosa is expected to meet with de Klerk in the next two days to explain the group's decision and present a list of demands.

If the government "takes practical steps that are adequate ... the negotiation process will be back on track," Ramaphosa told reporters Tuesday night.

De Klerk curtailed a visit to Spain to return for the Cabinet meeting, which was expected to last most of today. Before entering the meeting, de Klerk said he was disappointed with the ANC's withdrawal from the talks, but declined to say how he would react to their demands.

Speaking Tuesday in Spain, de

Klerk said the ANC's decision to pull out of discussions was "based on a fundamental untruth — namely that the government is involved in the killing of people."

The collapse of talks has created the country's most serious political stalemate since de Klerk legalized the ANC in 1990 and began negotiations to end apartheid.

"The National Party regime of F.W. de Klerk has brought our country to the brink of disaster," Ramaphosa said.

The ANC issued more than 10 demands to be met before talks can resume, including an investigation of political violence by an international commission.

The ANC is also demanding that an international group monitor violence and that the U.N. Security Council to hold an emergency meeting on the fighting, which has claimed some 8,000 lives since de Klerk came to power three years ago.

Ramaphosa said the ANC was reviewing South Africa's international sporting engagements, which include next month's Olympic Games. South Africa is scheduled to make its first Olympic appearance in 32 years at Barcelona.

Ramaphosa said Monday will be a day of national mourning for victims of Boipatong, and he urged people to stay away from work that day.

Township residents allege the killers came from a workers' hostel, a stronghold of the Inkatha Freedom Party. Inkatha, the ANC's archrival in a bloody township war, has denied involvement in the attack. Police detained and questioned

some 150 black hostel dwellers Tuesday, but they were released after a few hours.

Many residents say that police transported hostel dwellers to the township for the attack, a charge police deny.

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Report: U.S. failed to destroy Scud launchers

NEW YORK (AP) — A missile expert working for the United Nations claims the United States did not destroy any of Iraq's mobile Scud launchers during the Persian Gulf War.

The claim, contained in an op-ed piece in today's *The New York Times*, sharply contradicts assertions made by U.S. commanders, including Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, during the war.

The article quotes Scott Ritter, a former Marine captain who is a missile analyst with the U.N. commission charged with supervising the destruction of Iraq's weapons, as saying that no mobile launchers were destroyed.

The op-ed piece was written by Mark Crispin Miller, a professor of media studies at Johns Hopkins University and the author of the forthcoming book "Spectacle: Operation Desert Storm and the Triumph of Illusion."

During the war, Schwarzkopf said that U.S. forces had destroyed 30 fixed-site launchers and as many as 16 of the estimated 20 mobile launchers that Iraq possessed.

But Miller said U.N. officials

determined, during 11 inspections beginning in June 1991, that only 12 fixed-missile sites were destroyed, Miller wrote.

At a Jan. 30, 1991, briefing, Schwarzkopf said 11 vehicles carrying Scuds were bombed. But Miller said the vehicles were probably carrying fuel, not Scuds.

U.S. intelligence agencies and

military officials disagree over the effectiveness of the anti-Scud campaign during the war.

The Air Force insists that many

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Opinion

NEA funding is indecent

A federal judge has struck down as unconstitutional the National Endowment of the Arts' decency standard. If the thought process is followed to its logical conclusion, the NEA itself will be declared unconstitutional.

Ruling in a suit brought by four "performance artists," U.S. District Judge A. Wallace Tashima, said the decency clause violates free speech guaranteed in the First Amendment. Tashima, in his ruling, said that while "professional judgment is inescapable in arts funding," government cannot "impose whatever consent restrictions it chooses."

The NEA established the decency clause in 1990 following public outcry against artwork and performances some consider obscene. For example, one of the "artists" party to the suit on which Tashima ruled had previously received an NEA grant to dance nude while covered with chocolate. Another made a living, at taxpayer expense, by convorting in the nude and in one instance urinated on the stage. The Bush administration had argued that grant resources are limited and the decency standard was one tool used in deciding which projects and artists to support.

If indeed the NEA selections panel cannot use the decency clause in determining what to fund because to do so might violate freedom of speech or expression, the grants awarding process becomes more subjective. That's a subject for another day. At issue now is the NEA itself.

A price for living in an open society is accepting that bad, insulting and even indecent "art" will be produced. Even those who find an artistic creation or performance indecent should take comfort in the fact that freedom requires tolerating that which we abhor. This is not to say that such art need be accepted; in a free society we have the option of not looking or buying.

In the NEA's case, however, art is subsidized unwittingly and unwillingly by all citizens. Money taken from individual earnings is used to finance the NEA grants. If a performer wants to dance nude while covered with chocolate, and can find a sponsor, that's her privilege. However, she should not be given taxpayer money to perform. Subsidizing art is not included in the Constitution as a legitimate function of government. The real issue isn't indecency of artistic acts but forcing taxpayers to subsidize them. The Fifth Amendment says something about taking private property (income, in this case) without just compensation.

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One vote for Donald Duck

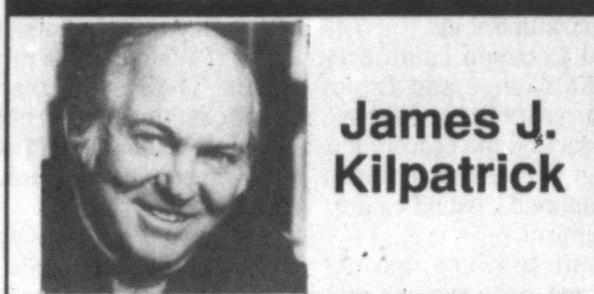
Let this be said for Justice Byron White: He's consistent. In Supreme Court cases involving access to the ballot, he voted wrong in 1968, wrong in 1974, and wrong again in 1983. Last week he swept the series by voting wrong yet one more time.

White won the trophy in a case dating from Hawaii's 1986 elections for its state House of Representatives. A voter named Alan B. Burdick found that in his legislative district, only a single candidate would be on the official ballot for the general election. Burdick regarded the candidate as unappealing.

When he inquired about writing in a vote for someone else that November, Burdick found that write-in voting is unlawful in Hawaii. He could vote for the lone official candidate, or he could stay home. If he and his friends attempted to write in a vote for someone else, their votes would not be counted.

Burdick filed a federal suit, contending that such a prohibition denies him his First Amendment right of political association. The District Court agreed, but the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit reversed. Last week Burdick lost out. Speaking through Justice White, the Supreme Court told Burdick, in effect, that he might as well stay home. Nothing in the Constitution requires a state to permit write-in voting.

A state's regulation of its own elections, said White, inevitably will impose some burdens upon candidates and voters. If regulations are reasonable, neutral, and not based upon a candidate's views, they will be upheld. States have power to prevent a sore loser, defeated in a primary, from running again in a general election. States may fix filing deadlines and filing fees. White ruled that



James J. Kilpatrick

Hawaii's ban imposes no more than a "light" burden on Burdick. Disgruntled voters have no other means available to voice dissension.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, joined by Justices Harry Blackmun and Sandra Day O'Connor, dissented. They had by far the best of the argument. Kennedy termed the burden "significant." Hawaii is almost a one-party state. Democrats outnumber Republicans 6-to-1. On average, only one independent candidate a year gets on a general election ballot. Burdick and others are deprived of the right of exercising their own choice. The deprivation is "total."

Over the years, the high court has considered dozens of cases involving state regulation of elections. Many of these have turned on access to the ballot.

In 1968, Alabama's Gov. George Wallace sought to get his American Independent Party on the presidential ballot in Ohio. His effort reached the Supreme Court, where Justice Hugo Black denounced the state's restrictive laws. These made it "virtually impossible" for a new political party to participate. The court voted 6-3 to grant Wallace's petition.

White was one of the three dissenters in 1968. In 1974 he was on the winning side. The case had to do with a candidate for Congress who became ensnared in California's highly restrictive election laws.

At that time, California required independents to obtain supporting signatures from not less than 5 percent nor more than 6 percent of the number of votes in the preceding general election. The signatures had to be obtained from persons who had not voted in a primary, and they had to be obtained within a specific 24-day period. Writing for the majority, White found nothing too burdensome in the requirements.

In 1983, White was back on the losing side. John Anderson sued for a place on Ohio's presidential ballot. The state then set a deadline of March 20 for third-party candidates to qualify for a place on the ballot nearly eight months later. This imposed five members of the court as an impermissibly heavy burden. Anderson won his case over the objections of Justices White, Rehnquist, Powell and O'Connor.

Until the Hawaii case came along last week, the court's decisions were based upon questions of degree. How heavy a burden is too heavy? What restrictions are too restrictive? Here there was no question of degree. Hawaii's ban against write-in voting is total.

During oral argument on March 24, Burdick's counsel made an irrelevant point. In a free election, a voter ought to be able to case a protest vote even for Donald Duck. You bet! I think Justice White and his colleagues were wrong in upholding Hawaii's law. When one considers some of the candidates who get elected to legislative office, Donald Duck looks pretty good.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 24, the 176th day of 1992. There are 190 days left in the year.

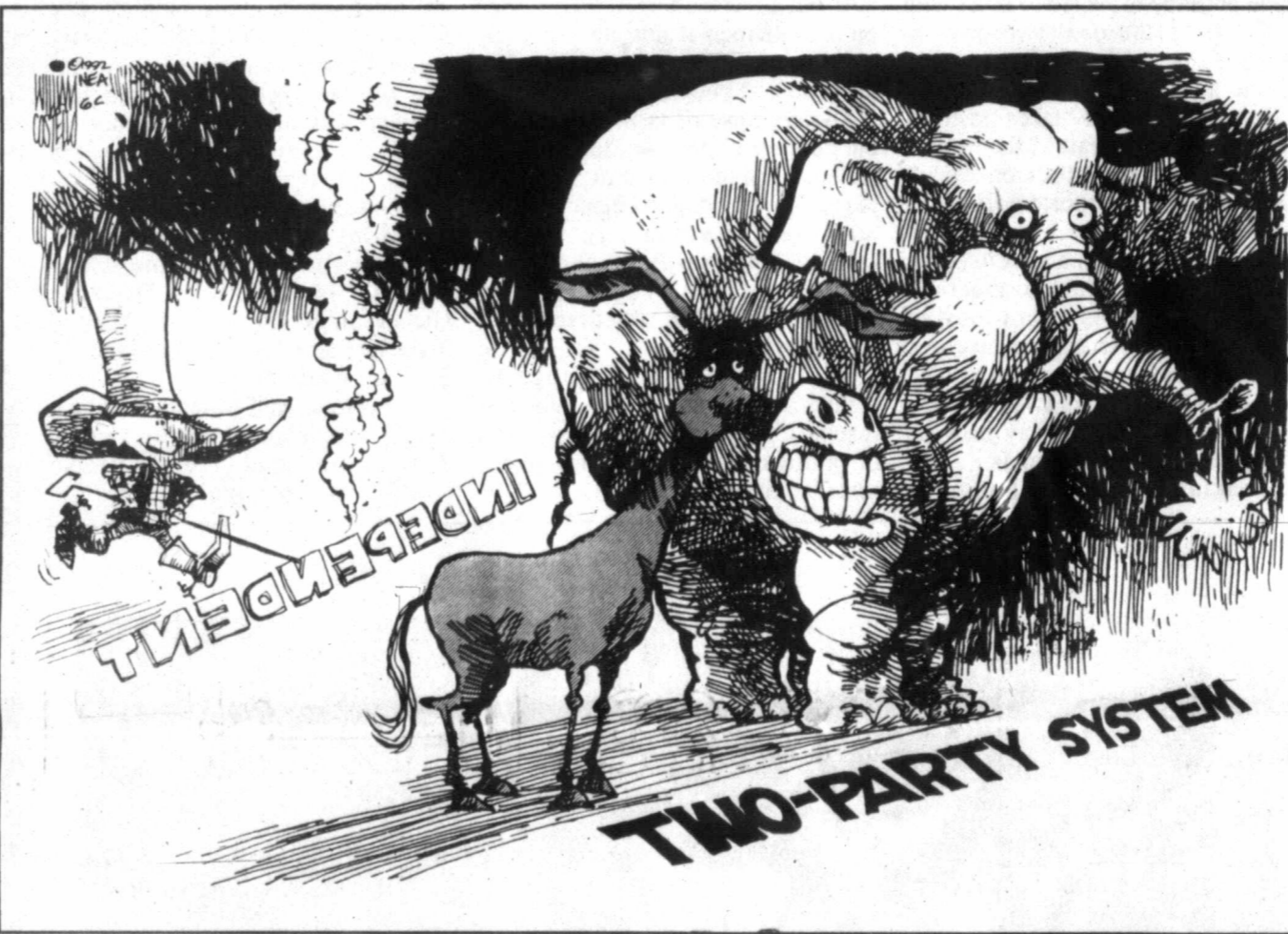
On June 24, 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the United States to organize a massive airlift of supplies into the city's western sector to counter the blockade.

On this date:
In 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot, on a voyage for England, spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.
In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England.

In 1842, 150 years ago, author-journalist Ambrose Bierce was born in Meigs County, Ohio.

In 1915, more than 800 people died when the excursion steamer "Eastland" capsized at Chicago's Clark Street dock.

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.



The penalty of leadership

These next words are not original with me. It is an essay from the *Saturday Evening Post*, Jan. 2, 1915. Copyright, Cadillac Motor Car Division.

"In every field of human endeavor, he that is first must perpetually live in the white light of publicity.

"Whether the leadership be vested in a man or in a manufactured product, emulation and envy are ever at work.

"In art, in literature, in music, in industry, the reward and the punishment are always the same.

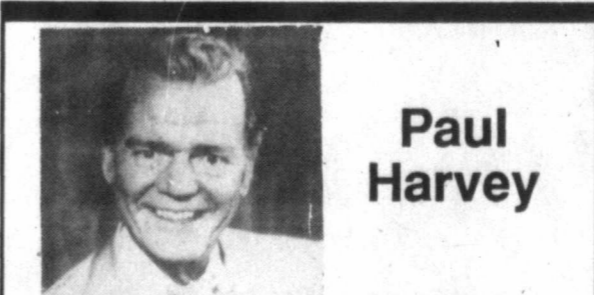
"The reward is widespread recognition; the punishment, fierce denial and detraction.

"When a man's work becomes a standard for the whole world, it also becomes a target for the shafts of the envious few.

"If his work be merely mediocre, he will be left severely alone - if he achieves a masterpiece, it will set a million tongues awagging.

"Jealously does not protrude its forked tongue at the artist who produces a commonplace painting.

"Whatever you write, or paint, or play, or sing, or build, no one will strive to surpass or to



Paul Harvey

slander you, unless your work be stamped with the seal of genius.

"Long, long after a great work or a good work has been done, those who are disappointed or envious continue to cry out that it cannot be done.

"Spiteful little voices in the domain of art were raised against our own Whistler as a mountebank, long after the big world had acclaimed him its greatest artistic genius.

"Multitudes flocked to Bayreuth to worship at the musical shrine of Wagner, while the little group of those whom he had dethroned and displaced

argued angrily that he was no musician at all.

"The little world continued to protest that Fulton could never build a steamboat, while the big world flocked to the river banks to see his boat steam by.

"The leader is assailed because he is a leader, and the effort to equal him is merely added proof of that leadership.

"Failing to equal or to excel, the follower seeks to depreciate and to destroy - but only confirms once more the superiority of that which he strives to supplant.

"There is nothing new in this.
"It is as old as the world and as old as the human passions - envy, fear, greed, ambition and the desire to surpass.

"And it all avails nothing.

"If the leader truly leads, he remains - the leader.
"Master-poet, master-painter, master-workman, each in his turn is assailed and each holds his laurels through the ages.

"That which is good or great makes itself known, no matter how loud the clamor of denial.
"That which deserves to live - lives."

What do conservatives think of Perot?

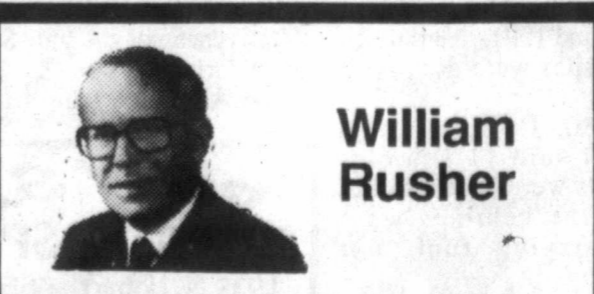
The attitude of the two major parties toward Ross Perot is no mystery. To the GOP, he is quite simply bad news: a strong and appealing voice for "change," with a demonstrated knack for luring away conservative Republicans and Reagan Democrats without whom George Bush cannot win re-election.

The Democrats' attitude toward Perot is more complicated, but not much. They, too, dread him because he personifies the public's longing for change, a longing which by rights they believe ought to help their candidate, Gov. Whatshisname. Instead, the governor has all but disappeared from political radar screens, while Perot is scooping up lower middle-class voters who might otherwise vote Democratic.

Privately, however, the Democrats dream that, if everything works out just exactly right, Perot may split the conservative vote with Bush, allowing their horse to gallop home victorious.

It's still far too early to say which of these assorted hopes and fears are justified. But it's not too early to comment on the attitude toward Perot of one major political group that we haven't yet discussed: the conservative movement.

The modern conservative movement, which arose in the 1950s and captured the Republican Party in 1964, and then nominated, elected and re-elected Ronald Reagan, and accepted and elected George Bush as Reagan's heir, is a major presence in American politics. It is not a political party, but a set of ideas and a network of individuals and organizations dedicated to furthering these ideas. As



William Rusher

such, however, it must find expression through a party, or at least through political candidates. The Republican Party has been its chosen vehicle for 30 years; but what does the conservative movement think about Ross Perot?

I can testify from personal experience that many individual conservatives are already supporting Perot. (One prominent example is William E. Simon, Nixon's Treasury Secretary.) It's all too easy to see why.

George Bush's roots are in the pre-conservative Republican Party, and while he has worn (sometimes uncomfortably) the mantle of heir to the Reagan legacy, and received the support of the conservative movement in 1988, the relationship has not been without its strains.

Bush's closest cronies are Ivy League contemporaries like Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, who regard Goldwater-type conservatives as disagreeable necessities at best. It was those conservatives who cheered Bush on when he vowed, "Read

my lips: No new taxes." It was Brady (and Darman, and a few other "pragmatists") who destroyed Bush's reputation for honesty forever, in the eyes of American voters, when they persuaded him to break that pledge.

Confronted with a Reagan "heir" who seems to have lost his way, while the Democrats remain entangled in the fatal embrace of greedy and aggressive "minorities," many serious conservatives are wondering: How consistent, or inconsistent, is Ross Perot with the aims of the conservative movement?

For starters, he seems to be an outspoken, patriotic, incorruptible "can-do" American, disgusted with Washington's "gridlock." On the evidence to date, the social beliefs of this billionaire Texan graduate of the Naval Academy are conservative to the core. When it comes to economics, his basic inclinations likewise seem conservative, though there may be a streak of East Texas populism in him capable of promoting him to endorse higher taxes on "the rich." A more serious difficulty, at least for libertarians, may be a readiness to use government to coerce solutions for national problems - just as a CEO might use internal directives.

But a conservative case can undeniably be made for him. Certainly, in electing Ross Perot (if they do), the American people won't be repudiating conservatism, let alone turning "left." On the contrary, they will simply be registering their disgust at what they perceive as the pallid, ineffectual leadership of Ronald Reagan's "heir."

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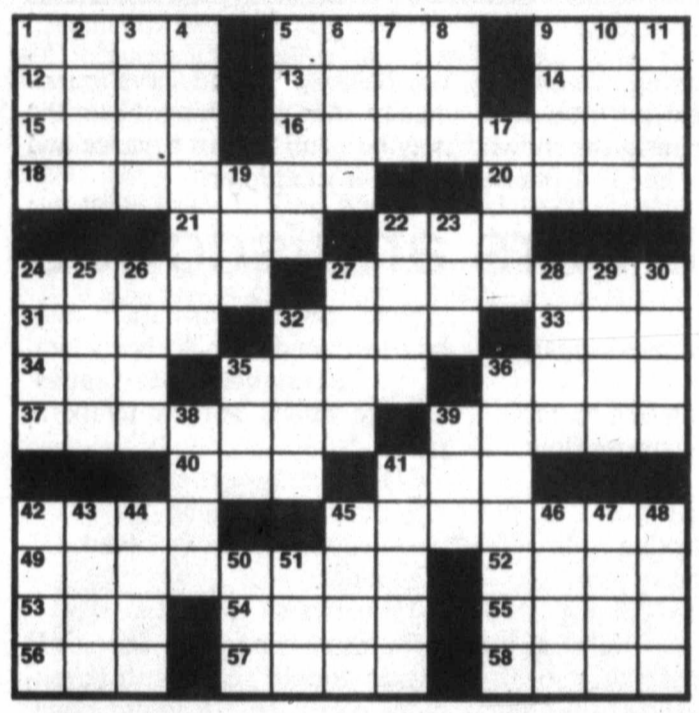
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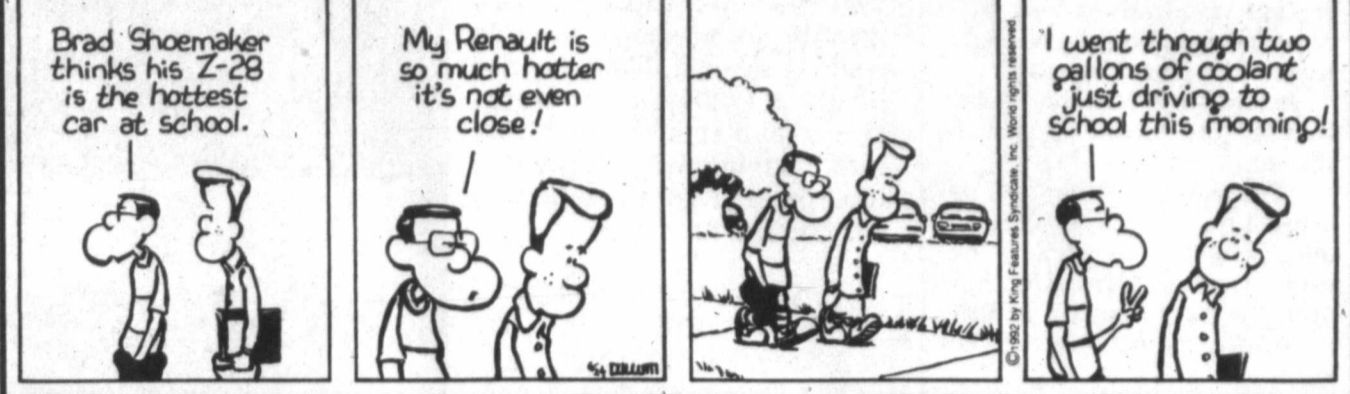
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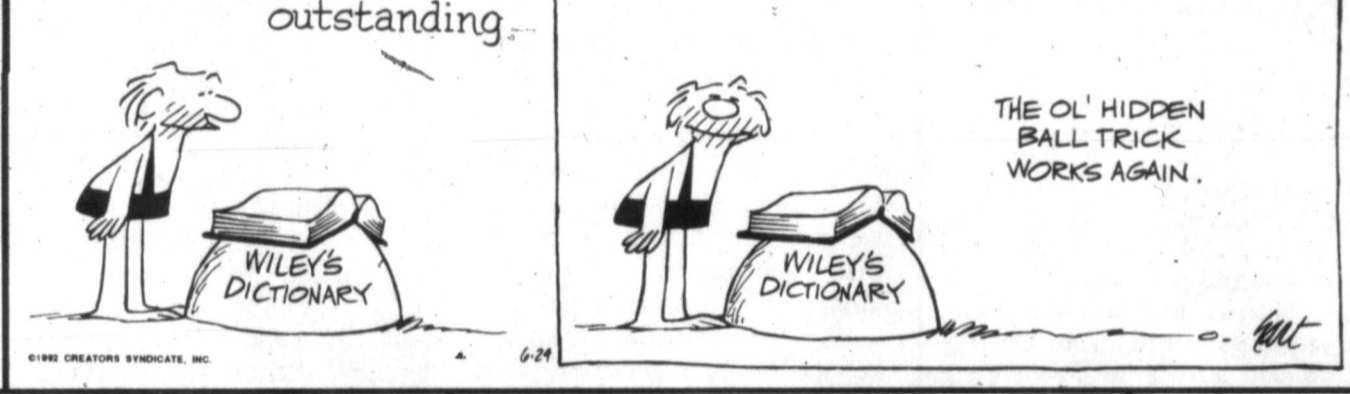
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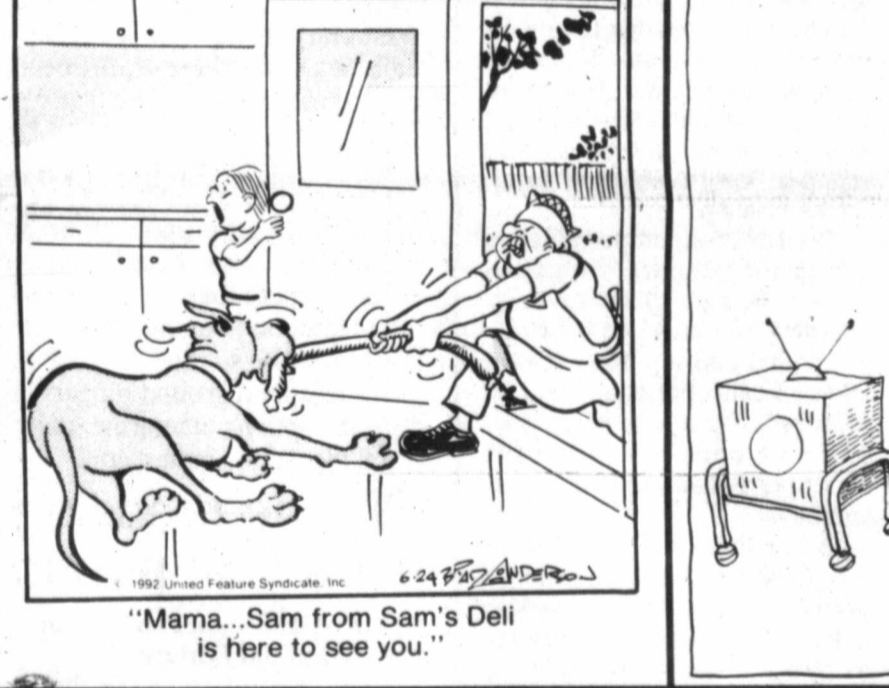
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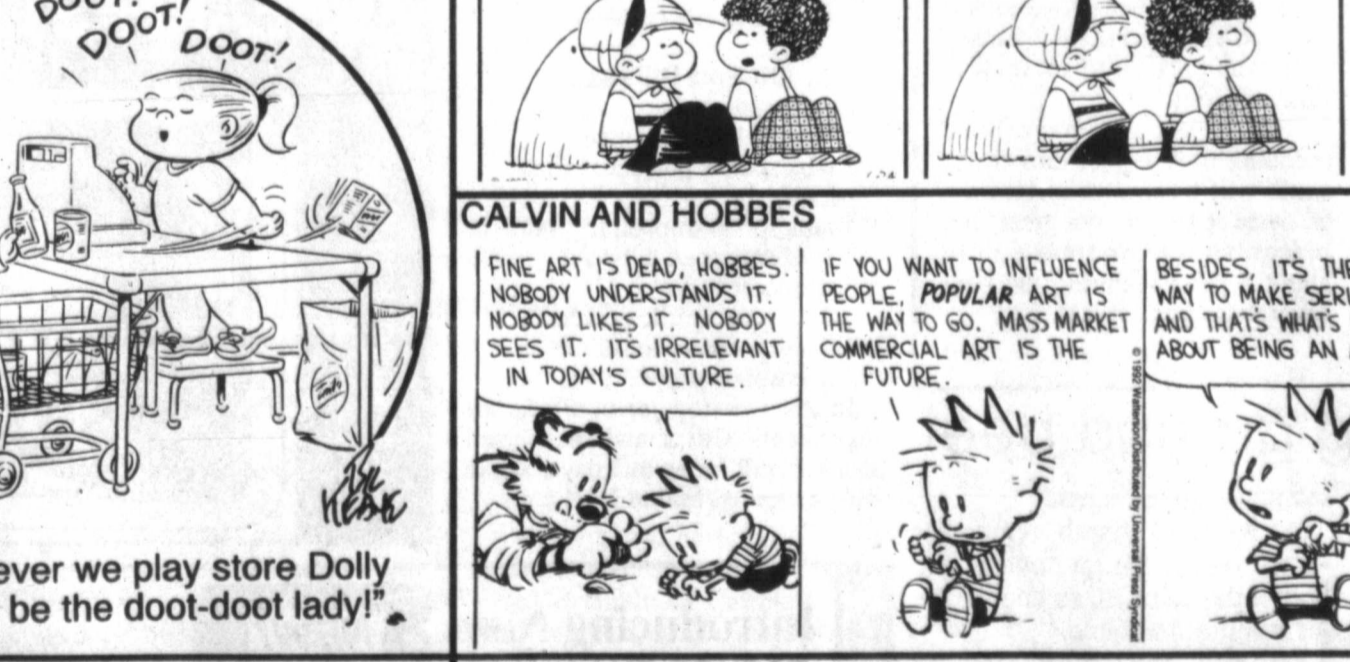
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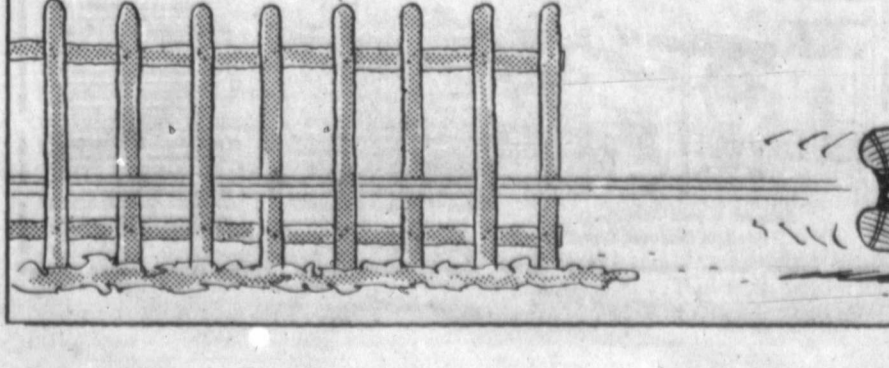
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have the gift today of being able to sway others to your way of thinking. Don't waste it on the insignificant, though; try to promote something of substance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're in a lucky cycle where Dame Fortune might put you in the right spot at the right time today, ready to reap a harvest from seeds you haven't sown. Be alert for unusual opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something extremely interesting could happen today that will involve you and a close friend. It could help you fulfill a hope you both share.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There are larger than usual rewards available to you at this time where your work is concerned. You'll have to be very discerning, however, because they won't be that obvious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be extremely lucky today with just about everything except money. When operating in the financial realm, be very careful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're not likely to be able to sit idly by and do nothing about the inequities you see today. Your strong sense of justice will motivate you to make improvements.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is a good day to work on anything that pertains to communication, such as returning phone calls or answering letters. A happy surprise could be in the offing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Chances for fulfilling your material expectations look very good today; you're not likely to be fearful of taking a calculated risk to get ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Recent experiences have added zest to your take-charge abilities, and now you're not likely to be reluctant to use them. You know your destiny remains in your own hands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to function effectively today, you need to be left to your own devices. However, this doesn't mean you shouldn't consult with associates if circumstances require it.

Food

Fresh fruits, veggies hit the market in abundance

COLLEGE STATION - The salad days of summer are returning in June with fresh, tasty vegetables and fruits coming to market.

Tomatoes and peaches are but two of many favorites that have been missing much of their flavor since last summer.

"It's nice to have peaches in February, although they frequently smell, taste and have the texture of styrofoam," said Dr. Dick Edwards, marketing expert with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "This also can be said for any number of items that come to market during the winter."

Tomatoes will be on sale in June for about 39 cents per pound. Blueberries at 99 cents a pint will be available, he said. Watermelon will be marked down to 25 cents per pound.

The continuing parade of other fresh, domestically grown vegetables that started in May will be sweet onions, artichokes, radishes and carrots.

Reappearing in the market will be apricots, red and black raspberries, cherries, cantaloupes, sweet corn, honeydew melons, plums, yellow squash, green beans, rhubarb, mangoes and pineapples.

"This past winter was relatively warm with more rain than has been seen in the past few years. These conditions have guaranteed excellent production for many of these crops."

The only dark cloud over the good news is a late freeze that hit some regions of Georgia and South Carolina. This caused damage to about 20 percent of the peach crop in the second- and third-leading peach producing states. California produces the most peaches.

"However, the crop should still be large enough to allow prices to drop down to the 65-cent per pound range," he said.

In Texas, peach producers are expecting one of their best years ever.

"We're doing great, except it's murderous trying to get the peaches picked with all this rain," said Dr. John Lipe, Extension Service horticulturist in Fredericksburg.

He termed this year's crop better than last year's in yield and size.

"And last year was better than any other crop in 10 years," he said.

Wholesale prices are holding fairly stable," Lipe said. "We've had good prices for the producer, but they're not high prices."

Two-inch peaches are selling wholesale for \$10 to \$13 for half bushels, he said. Pick-your-own peaches start at \$10 for a half-bushel.

With the emphasis on fresh, wholesome products that began about 10 years ago, fruits and vegetables have become increasingly popular.

"Riding the same crest of popularity are salad dressings," Edwards said.

Each year, during May and June, new varieties appear on supermarket shelves. This year is no exception, with honey-mustard flavors being promoted,

he said. Connoisseurs of salad dressings should watch for the new-product coupons in newspapers and magazines.

A strong marketing push on pre-cut salad mixes also will occur in June, dropping prices to around \$1 a pound, he said.

June also is National Dairy Month, and promotions will abound.

"The most attention will be focused on everyone's summertime favorite - ice cream," he said. Another warm weather treat - yogurt - also will be featured in sales and coupons, he said.

A massive marketing campaign is gearing up for iced tea. Diet teas, herbal varieties, lemon-added, and even raspberry-flavored tea are but a few selections from which to choose, he said.

June also is the kick-off month for the summer promotional season for all soft drinks. National brands of carbonated drinks will be on sale weekly from 99 cents to \$1.25 per six pack. Store brands will be at least 20 cents cheaper, Edwards said.

Seafood is growing in popularity, and catfish producers have been disappointed that their product has not followed this trend.

"Consumption was down in 1991 and they are determined to reverse this trend. They will do it the old-fashioned way - by reducing prices," he said. Whole fish prices will remain below \$2 a pound and fillets should stay less than \$3 per pound."

Shrimp prices will follow a pattern similar to that of poultry, he said. Prices have remained constant for more than a year, with imports from other countries stifling any price increases. The best buy remains the medium-sized, 36- to 50-count shrimp, which are priced at \$3.50 per pound.

Other seafood items reduced in June will be snapper, king crab legs, trout, and crab salad.

Poultry consumption leaps during the summer, with fried chicken being a picnic favorite. Whole birds at 45 to 49 cents per pound and leg-thigh cuts at 29 to 35 cents per pound will be featured. Boneless breasts at \$2.25 or bone-in breasts for \$1.19 per pound are both excellent buys.

Meat marketing will shift toward products that are faster to prepare or that can be cooked outside. Expected sale prices are \$1.59 for round steak, \$1.79 for sirloin, \$3 to \$3.50 per pound for rib and T-bone steaks. The best buy will be hamburger in the chub packs for about \$1 per pound.

"Prices will not be quite as pleasing as they were during the winter months because demand for such cuts during the summer will cause prices to increase," Edwards said.

Producers also have been reducing their herds, thus fewer cattle will be available. However, these forces are not great, and prices should increase only about 5 percent during the next several months, he said.

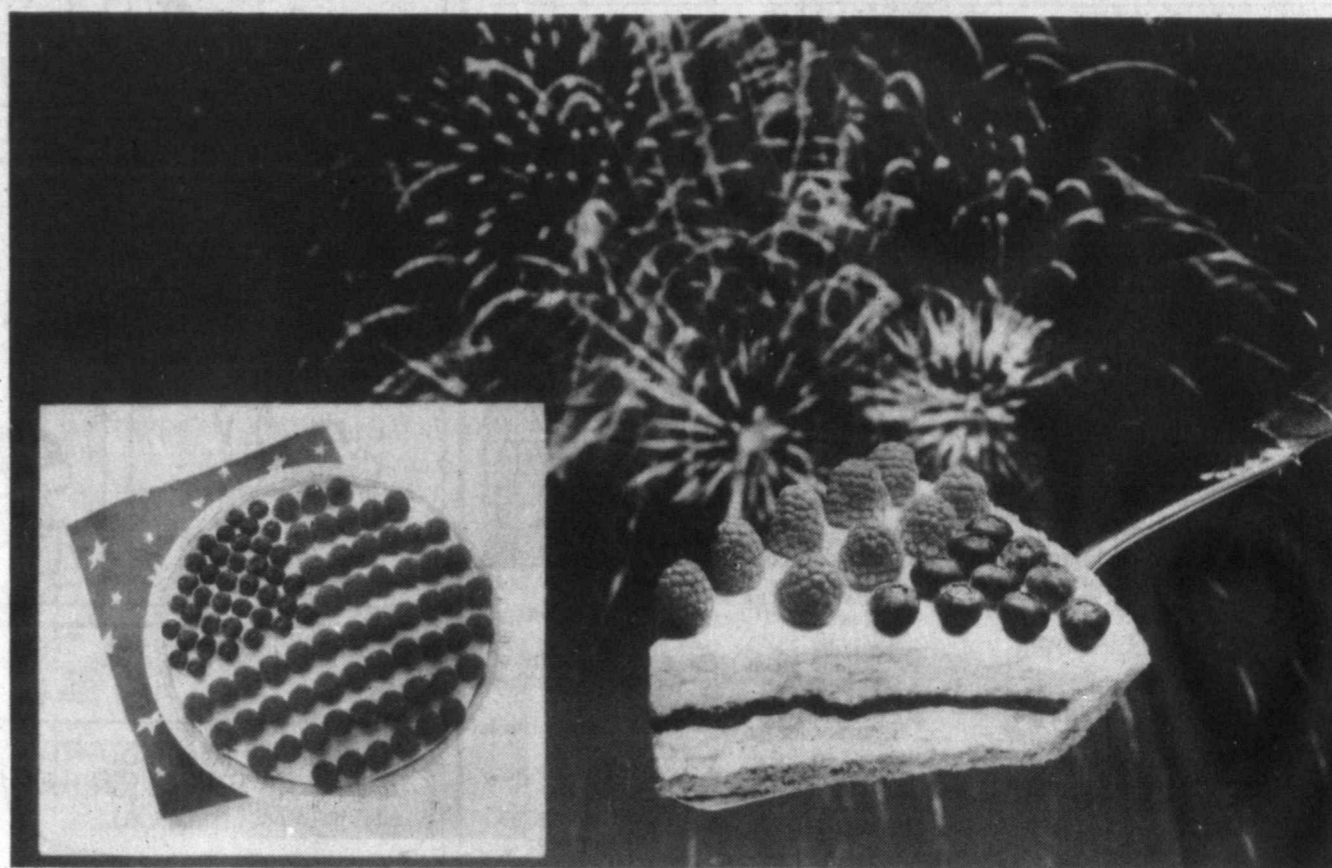
Whoop it up with 'Stars 'n' Stripes' pie

Light up the sky! Ring up the flag! Get ready for a spectacular Fourth of July with a wonderful day of outdoor foods and a red, white and blue dessert that will set off a few fireworks of its own. Stars 'n' Stripes pie looks great but is so simple the kids really could do it. Make the base of the pie early in the week, freeze and then garnish just before serving with this patriotic look created with blueberries and raspberries.

"STARS 'N' STRIPES" PIE

1 Keebler Ready-Crust Graham Cracker pie crust (6 oz.)
3 pints vanilla ice cream, softened
6 oz. raspberry or strawberry preserves
1/2 pint fresh blueberries
1/2 pint fresh raspberries

TO MAKE: Spoon half of softened ice cream into Keebler Ready-Crust pie crust and spread flat on the middle and slightly up the side of the crust. Gently spoon preserves onto ice cream and spread flat. Working



Stars 'n' Strips pie - so easy a child could do it.

from the edge to the center, spread remainder of ice cream on top of preserves. Freeze pie at least three hours.

Just before serving, remove pie from freezer and garnish with fresh fruit in flag design as shown. For best results, keep raspberry

tips pointing up and serve immediately after garnishing. Note: Pie may be garnished in advance and frozen if you prefer.

When it's time for tea, serve tea bars and scones

By The Associated Press

Today's teas can be as elegant or as simple as the hostess chooses.

You can bring out the formal silver and the linen tablecloth for a bridal shower or summer wedding, or decorative plastic plates and napkins for a child's kindergarten graduation party.

The following recipes for scones, tea bars and meringues can be served at formal and casual gatherings. These recipes, developed by the Sugar Association, have less fat and calories than their traditional counterparts.

Pear Scones

1/2 cup pear, shredded
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup white sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
2 tablespoons margarine, cold
2 tablespoons butter, cold

1/2 cup buttermilk
1 tablespoon white sugar
Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Spray a baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. In a food processor, shred pear and set aside.

Combine the flours, baking powder, baking soda, sugar and ginger in the food processor. Add margarine and butter. Pulse machine on and off until the mixture has a meal-like texture.

Transfer to large bowl. Stir in the buttermilk and pear until dough begins to clump together. On a lightly floured board, knead dough briefly by hand. Roll dough to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut into rounds with a 2 1/2-inch biscuit cutter. Sprinkle tops lightly with remaining sugar. Place on prepared pan. Bake in a 400-degree F oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until tops are golden. Serve with jam. Makes about 30 scones.

Blackberry Tea Bars

3/4 cup reduced-calorie mar

garine
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
2 egg whites
3/4 teaspoon almond extract
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup blackberry jam

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9- by 13-inch baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. In a large bowl, use electric mixer at medium speed to beat margarine, sugar and egg whites. Using mixer on low speed, blend in almond extract, flour, salt and baking soda. Do not overbeat. Spread dough in prepared pan. Smooth top of dough with rubber spatula. Lightly run spatula over the top of dough to make 7 or 8 criss-crossing diagonal grooves. Fill grooves with jam. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 20 to 25 minutes until top is firm and edges begin to brown. Cool and refill grooves with jam. Cut into bars. Makes about 28 bars.

Note: Sweet marmalade may be substituted for blackberry jam.

Strawberry Meringues

3 egg whites, at room temperature
1/4 cup strawberries, frozen
1/2 cup white sugar
1/4 cup premium shredded coconut
1/4 teaspoon almond extract

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Cover cookie sheet with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Use a food processor to shred frozen strawberries or cut into small pieces. Quickly fold shredded strawberries and remaining ingredients into egg whites. With a tablespoon, drop onto prepared cookie sheet. Bake in a 325-degree F oven for 10 to 15 minutes or just until meringues begin to brown on top. Turn oven off. Leave meringues in oven for several hours or overnight to dry out. Serve alone or with fresh strawberries. Makes about 20 meringues.

Oil-free dressing uses fruit pectin

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor For AP Special Features

The same thickener used for jams and jellies — powdered fruit pectin — lends body to this zippy vinaigrette without adding the fat you'd get by using salad oil. In this recipe, you match the pectin's thickening ability with the bold flavors of vinegar, herbs and other seasonings.

Oil-Free Dill Dressing

2-3rds cup water
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
3 tablespoons powdered fruit pectin
1 tablespoon snipped fresh dill, or 1 teaspoon dried dillweed
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1/8 teaspoon pepper
In a screw-top jar combine all ingredients. Cover and shake well to mix. Chill for up to 3 days. Shake before serving. Makes 1 1/4 cups.

Tips for buying ground beef

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor For AP Special Features

Whether you're making meatballs, burgers or a casserole, you need to know that all ground beef is not created equal, especially when you're trying to curb fat.

Most ground beef products are labeled according to meat industry and government guidelines. The distinction between types of ground beef is indicated on the label. (Ground beef cannot be less than 70 percent lean.)

For the least number of calories, look for low-fat ground beef (90 percent lean), which contains about 149 calories and 7 grams of fat for a 3-ounce broiled serving. Lean ground beef (80 percent lean) contains about 228 calories and 15 grams of fat for a 3-ounce broiled serving.

In some parts of the country, you can also buy 95 percent lean ground beef, which has some of the fat replaced by water and plant-derived ingredients to

maintain the juiciness.

As a rule of thumb, remember — the higher the fat content, the higher the calories, so choose the leanest meat suitable.

Ground beef may also be labeled as ground chuck, ground round or ground sirloin to indicate that all the meat is from a specific cut. Ground round is leanest, followed by ground sirloin and ground chuck.

Sometimes the fat content of the beef is less critical, such as when you're broiling, grilling or browning the ground beef in such a way that you can drain off all the excess fat. For example, even though it may be higher in fat, you can consider buying ground chuck or regular ground beef when you know you can drain the fat. It costs less, and because you drain it, the fat content of cooked ground chuck is about the same as ground round after cooking.

However, for fattier meats, you'll have a little less total meat after cooking and draining.

Do you have a favorite recipe to share?

The Pampa News is interested in receiving "favorite recipes" from Panhandle residents. Submitted recipes must be clearly typed or printed. Include any interesting anecdote or history about the recipe. Recipes will be printed as space permits. The Pampa News reserves the right to print or reject any recipe.

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Lifestyles

Museum of the American Indian was built from the spirit outward

Late at night, when he's thinking about the future, Rick West hears the voices of his Native American brothers and sisters. They are insistent and assured voices, and West listens closely to their messages:

"An Indian child has to come here and be proud. We have nothing here in this capital."

"The museum is being given birth, not being planned...the land where it will sit has a spirit..."

"Close to nature, not set apart in the universe."

"Our stories should be told in quiet and strong voices...as a mosaic."

These are but a few of the hundreds of voices heard during the last year by West, a member of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and director of the National Museum of the American Indian, as he and his staff have immersed themselves in planning this newest of the Smithsonian's museums.

A hallmark of the National Museum of the American Indian, which consists of three facilities, is the unusual way in which it is being planned. Typically, when a new museum is going to be built the staff of the museum decides what it should be, an architect is hired and the building is designed and constructed.

Early on, West insisted, "This museum is not going to be a traditional museum, so we're taking a non-traditional approach to its design." To West, this meant holding a series of consultations with Indian communities and other constituencies to find out what they think.

To assist with this task, the museum hired the award-winning architectural firm Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates Inc. of Philadelphia to seek advice on developing program guidelines for two of the museum's facilities—a research and study facility in Suitland, Md., and the museum itself on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The third facility is the George Gustav Heye Center to be located in the Alexander Hamilton Custom House in New York City.

In May 1991, the first official consultation was held in Washington with museum directors, administrators

and designers. Additional meetings have been held with contemporary artists, researchers, educators, archivists and librarians, and communications and technology experts in Washington; New York City; Santa Fe, N.M.; and Anchorage, Alaska. The majority of invited participants from outside the Smithsonian have been Native Americans. Among the dozens of Native Americans who have been involved in the process are George Horse Capture, a member of the Gros Ventre tribe who is now developing a tribal museum in Fort Belknap, Mont., and Rina Swentzell (Santa Clara Pueblo), an architect and scholar from Santa Fe.

The consultations have been lively—at times frustrating—affairs, with new individuals expressing bluntly their concerns, ideas, fears and visions for the new museum. Every idea was meticulously recorded and transcribed by Smithsonian and Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates Staff.

Through this arduous process, the hopes and aspirations of Native Americans for the museum have begun to emerge. "Each consultation has had its own flavor," West says, "but they have all reconfirmed our idea of what the building should be—a place for living cultures, where Indians have a direct involvement in the interpretation of those cultures."

A number of ideas have emerged in "The Way of the People, the National Museum of the American Indian," the report which summarizes these consultations. To begin, the museum is perceived by everyone as a "radically new enterprise for the Smithsonian Institution, which perceives it as its 21st century vanguard, humanistically charged to create policies and programs directed towards an international audience of Native and non-Native scholars, artists, teachers and interested laypeople.... No other modern museum has so self-consciously sought out focused input of special concerns from a user population. The result is that few decisions or requirements can or must be taken for granted or based on precedent."

Stated another way, at one of the consultations, Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colo.), an early supporter of the new museum, said: "No one ever wanted to build



(Smithsonian News Service photo)

The National Museum of the American Indian's collections number one million items, including this Sisseton Sioux (South Dakota) vest with quill decoration showing deer, American flags and Indians in headdress.

something just of bricks and mortar. We wanted to build a legacy."

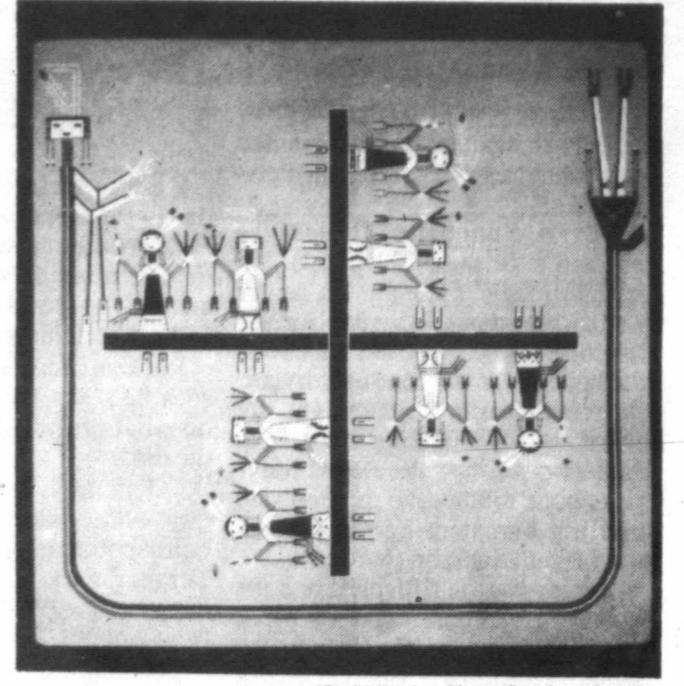
Of course, the museum will have bricks and mortar, and the consultation process has focused heavily on program requirements for the Suitland facility and for the Mall museum. The Suitland facility, dubbed "the brain and soul of a new museum," will be a "home, not a storage warehouse for its objects, library and archival collections."

The museum's magnificent collection was assembled between 1903 and 1956 by George Gustav Heye, a New York banker. By the time he died in 1957, he had accumulated a collection of more than 1 million artifacts, spanning more than 10,000 years in time and covering an area ranging from the Arctic Circle in the north to Tierra del Fuego in southernmost South America.

Among the artifacts are fine wood, horn and stone carvings from the Northwest Coast of North America; turquoise jewelry and dolls from the Southwest; archaeological objects from the Caribbean; textiles from Peru and Mexico; goldwork from Colombia, Mexico and Peru; jade from the Olmec and Maya peoples; Aztec mosaics, and painted hides and garments from the North American Plains Indians. The collection also has such one-of-a-kind items as Sitting Bull's drum, Geronimo's hat and Crazy Horse's shirt. In addition, there are 85,000 historical photographs.

The Suitland facility will have a hospitality area to welcome visitors and private ceremonial spaces with access to the sky and outdoors that will also permit the safe use of fire and smoke. (Sweetgrass, sage, cedar and other materials are often burned for ceremonial purposes. The resulting smoke is frequently symbolic of a prayer.)

"The Fourth Museum"—not a real facility but a concept that embodies outreach efforts that will go beyond traveling exhibits and programs—will also be centered in Suitland. It will function as an information clearinghouse and as a production facility for educational, exhibi-



(Smithsonian News Service photo)

A Navajo sand painting from Arizona is one of the one million objects in the collections of the National Museum of the American Indian. From the center, four elements reach out to the four cardinal points of the compass where "Father Sky" and "Mother Earth" sit at the extreme horizon.

tions and audiovisual materials.

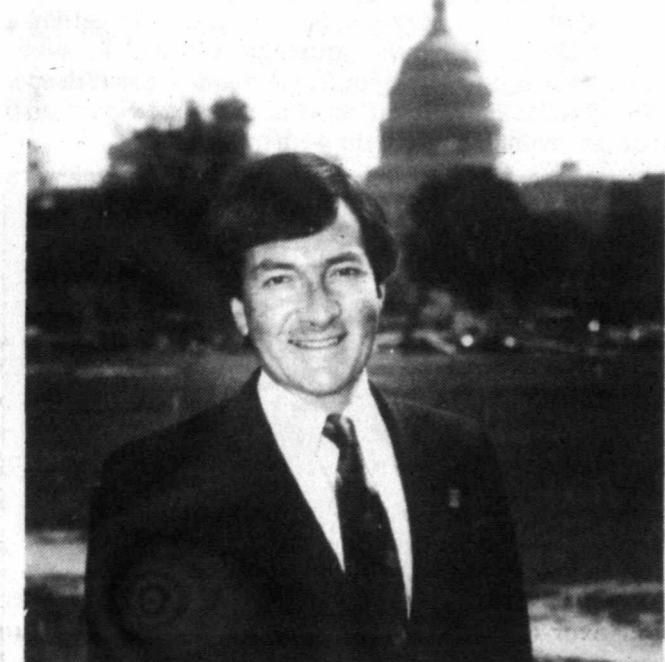
The Mall museum will be guided by the principles expressed so eloquently by architect and scholar Rina Swentzell: "As tribal people of the Western Hemisphere, we are wonderfully diverse yet essentially similar. We honor the exquisite variety of each other's lifestyles yet recognize that we have some common principles which are essential in the presentation and interpretation of our respective ways of being."

"The measure of the Mall museum will be the success with which it communicates, with Native voice, Indian stories, values and culture to millions of individual visitors through a multisensory experience that reaches people, not only through visual media, but through smells, sounds, touch and, for some, taste as well," the report states.

The consultation process, West says, "will go on indefinitely," even after the requirements for the design and the design itself are completed. It is a lengthy process, with the museum on the Mall scheduled to be open at the end of the decade. "This museum is dynamic, so we must constantly get information from the outside."

While it is difficult to say precisely how the consultation process will translate into guidelines for the design of the buildings, it is clear that the Mall museum will be a welcoming place for Indians and non-Indians, with a strong Indian voice, changing exhibitions, performances and demonstrations, dining and shopping areas.

One need only listen to the voice of one American Indian who said of the Mall museum: "It should be a natural experience to go there, juxtaposed to the Neo-Greek around it. It should touch children and have the blessing of spiritual leaders. One should feel the love of Indian people for who they are. These things are alive and part of today. Test the design with children and elders, then we'll know the power. Smell sweetgrass and sage."



(Smithsonian News Service photo)

W. Richard West, Jr., director of the National Museum of the American Indian, stands on the site of the newest Smithsonian museum, at the foot of Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.



(Smithsonian News Service photo)

Among the treasures of the National Museum of the American Indian is this black-on-white Mimbres ware bowl dated to 1000 - 1050.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Man hopes his teen angel is still waiting in the wings

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago, when I was a senior in high school, I dated a sweet, bright and very pretty girl I'll call "Lisa." I was crazy about her, but I am ashamed to say that I hurt her deeply when I dropped her, because I was ready for a sexual relationship and she wasn't. I ended up dating several girls I couldn't take home to Momma, and Lisa started dating a real "straight arrow."

I lost track of Lisa when she went off to college and became engaged to the straight arrow. I married someone else and later divorced (no children), but I've never been able to forget Lisa.

With our 20th high school reunion approaching, I've been in touch with some old friends from high school and learned that Lisa never married the straight arrow—in fact, she never married at all. However, she had a son a few years ago and gave him the same first name as mine. While it may have been a coincidence, it is not a very common name. Now I'm wondering if maybe she hasn't been able to forget me either, but I haven't the faintest idea of how to approach her.

I live 2,000 miles from my hometown, and don't know if there is another man in Lisa's life. I would go to the reunion if I knew she'd be there and was not involved. But how do I find out? I don't want to contact old friends for fear of making a fool of myself.

Any ideas, Abby?

REMEMBERING LISA

may not be the boy she remembers. But it's worth a gamble. Win or lose, it could be an exciting adventure.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem concerning my wedding, which will take place in August in a banquet hall instead of a church. Bill (not his real name) and I have been dating long enough to know that we are right for each other. This is a first marriage for both of us.

My problem is that Bill doesn't want to wear a necktie. I have no problem with this because I know Bill hates neckties. However, my mother is upset; she says she will be embarrassed in front of her friends if Bill doesn't wear a tie.

Abby, you have always given great advice in the past. Bill says I should ask you, and he will do whatever you say. So what do you say?

BILL'S "TWEETIE PIE" (HIS NAME FOR ME)

DEAR TWEETIE PIE: Where is it written that the bridegroom must wear a tie? Couples have been married parachuting from airplanes, suspended from hot air balloons, and even under water. If Bill is mature enough for marriage, then he — not your mother — is responsible for what he wears. This big day belongs to you and Bill. Please yourselves and don't worry about your mother.

DEAR READERS: Spied in the column titled "Sno' Foolin'" by A.C. Snow in the News and Observer in Raleigh, N.C.:

"All the media mileage on candidates' past peccadilloes makes us appreciate Dorothy Sayers' comment: 'As I grow older and older 'And totter toward the tomb I find that I care less and less 'Who goes to bed with whom.'"

Canes: Something to lean on, something to look at

By BARBARA MAYER For AP Special Features

George H. Meyer has a wardrobe of walking sticks that many a 19th century gentleman would have envied. After all, a man wasn't considered well-dressed without one.

Meyer, a lawyer, has amassed about 1,000 canes — all made in America, most by artisans unknown — since he began collecting them about 20 years ago.

He and his wife, Kay, display them in their home in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and have written a book, "American Folk Art Canes: Personal Sculptures," (University of Washington Press).

"They were pieces of sculpture, yet they didn't cost very much when I first started," says Meyer, who bought his first cane at a flea market in the mid-1970s.

He doesn't recall how much that first cane cost, but he says a good collectible cane today goes for between \$800 to \$1,500. A lucky few may find one for \$100, and prices can go as high as \$10,000.

To those who can read their symbolism, some of the canes in Meyer's collection are vivid documents of American history — the Civil War, the rise and fall of slavery, winners and losers of political battles.

Like other works of art and craft, they can disclose a lot about the maker — including his prejudices. Before World War I, for example, some of the canes reflect highly unflattering attitudes toward women, American Indians and African Americans.

Meyer's collection comes from many parts of the country and dates from the 18th century to the present. He says canes have been made in every state and have been carved from tree limbs, roots, saplings, shrubs and vines. The woods are mainly indigenous, such as maple, walnut, cherry, ash, hickory, willow,

elm, birch, pine, poplar and cedar.

Canes are a great decorative collectible, says Kay Meyer, because "you can collect quite a few and still have room for other things. They aren't fragile and don't require any special care. They can be moved around, taken out and put away, and they can be stored quite easily."

The Meyers display some of theirs in the foyer in a Victorian umbrella stand and hang them with fishing line on hallway and guest bedroom walls. But most are in the "cane room," formerly a guest room.

"In decorating with canes, less is more," Kay Meyer says, noting that if too many are hung vertically they can look like prison bars.

To avoid this, she hangs them in small groups. Put all of the snake motifs together, she says, and "you see how the same twists and turns are done in different ways by different artists."

A few canes look best hanging horizontally, such as one depicting the Battle of Antietam along its length. Kay Meyer also suggests fanning them on a wall with the handles farthest from the hub, or using them to frame a painting or a group of photographs.

Metal floor mounts allow the cane to stand upright. The mounts, which are about 6 inches high and flare a bit at the bottom, function like a holder for a long-stemmed flower. Using them, you can group a collection of canes in an alcove or on a stair landing. The mounts, available through dealers, are sometimes included in the price of the cane.

Canes were widely used as a personal accessory from the 17th to the early 20th centuries, but most canes found at antique stores and auctions today date from 60 to 70 years after the Civil War.

Besides Civil War imagery, snakes are a common theme, perhaps because they lend them-

selves so well to the form. Often, the body slithers up the cane and the head forms the handle. The human figure is another favored subject. One of Meyer's more unusual canes has a handle depicting four wrestlers entwined in competition.

Canes are no longer customary accessories, but they are still

being made. Unlike earlier artisans, today's folk carvers are often known by name, and their work is avidly collected.

"There are folk carvers popping up all over the country," Meyer says. "The best American cane makers transform a simple utilitarian object into something aesthetically beautiful."

Honor Roll

Lefors Schools announce A and A-B honor roll students for the third six week grading period. A honor roll students are:

Grade 1 - Amanda Daugherty, Joshua Jackson, Cory Jackson, Ian Spencer.

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Grade 5 - Shelia Berry, Kody Franks.

Grade 6 - Angie Davenport, Misty McMullen.

Grade 7 - Tennifer Franks.

Grade 8 - Bryan Bockmon.

Grade 9 - Shawna Lock.

Grade 12 - Patricia Lawrence.

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Strike shuts down freight lines, Amtrak service

By CHRISTINE DONNELLY
Associated Press Writer

Freight railroads shut down today coast-to-coast and Amtrak stopped passenger service almost everywhere after a union went on strike against one of the nation's biggest freight lines.

Freight shippers, farmers and a small number of commuters scrambled to arrange backup ways to markets and to work.

Union leaders accused the rail companies of locking out workers in an attempt to create a national emergency and force Congress to intervene. And Transportation Secretary Andrew Card called on Congress to do just that.

"They should step in quickly," Card said this morning on Cable News Network.

"We need to keep the economy moving..." he said. "This is jeopardizing that recovery."

President Bush said before the strike that a nationwide shutdown would be so devastating to the economy that "it ought to end the day it begins," through legislation if necessary.

The shutdowns came less than two hours after other unions had agreed to extend contract talks with Amtrak and Conrail and other freight railroads for at least 48 hours past a strike deadline of midnight Tuesday.

A strike by the Machinists union against CSX Transportation derailed that agreement. Machinists union officials did not return calls early today seeking comment.

The Association of American Railroads, which represents all major freight railroads, said the Machinists had placed pickets at key CSX points.

"Because of the seamless nature of the nation's freight rail system, a strike that begins in one region of the country affects service in the entire

nation. Thus, the freight railroads are taking steps to proceed with a safe and orderly shutdown," said AAR President Edwin L. Harper.

Minutes later, Amtrak suspended operations because the vast majority of the 24,000 miles of track over which it operates is owned by the freight lines.

Amtrak spokesman Howard Robertson said the only unaffected service would be the line between Washington and Boston, which is entirely owned and operated by Amtrak. But in Chicago, Amtrak said service between that city and Milwaukee also continued, because the 90-mile route was on Soo Line track, which is not affected by the stoppage.

Robertson said that there would be "a mixed impact" on commuter lines around the country that use Amtrak stations or tracks, but that hundreds of thousands of commuters in New York should not be affected. Officials of the Long Island Railroad and NJ Transit said trains were running close to normal today.

Commuter rail service in the Boston area was unaffected today, said transit agency spokesman Bob Devin. And service also was normal in Chicago, where Amtrak workers who help route commuter train traffic into Union Station were on duty even though most long-distance Amtrak service was canceled.

But service on two commuter lines that carry about 5,000 people a day from Baltimore and western Maryland into Washington was suspended, said Dianna Rosborough, Maryland Transit Administration spokeswoman. Service on the busiest line into Washington continued, she said.

A leader of a maintenance workers union said that the Machinists' strike was limited and that the rail companies had escalated the action to get their way.

"They have locked out every freight employee in the country and are holding the American people hostage by creating a severe economic emergency," said Joel Myron, a negotiator for the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees. "They're trying to play Congress for a sucker."

Card said whether it is a strike, work stoppage or lockout isn't the main question.

"I don't take sides in this dispute," he said. "The reality is that the trains are not running."

The dispute involves unions representing about 20,000 carmen, engineers, dispatchers, machinists and other employees. More than 200,000 other rail workers were expected to honor picket lines.

Earlier Tuesday, Jed Dodd, chief negotiator for the railroads' maintenance workers, who have not had a said that bargainers were making significant progress with Amtrak but that the unions and Conrail remained "pretty far apart."

Negotiators had been deadlocked on such issues as wages and work rules.

Four of the smaller unions resolved their disputes with Amtrak on Tuesday. But talks continued late into the night with the three largest unions representing maintenance workers, engineers and machinists.

Some companies were quickly feeling the effect of the freight service disruption.

In Fairview Heights, Ill., near St. Louis, Zeigler Coal Holding Co. president Chand B. Vyas said nearly all of its coal is shipped by rail. "I feel I've been railroaded," he said. "When a strike occurs, it completely paralyzes the country."

Before the shutdown, members of Congress would not say what action they might take, though Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., pledged, "Congress will not sit idly by."

A freight strike in April 1991 lasted only 19 hours before Congress and the White House stepped in to stop it.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said a rail strike would lead to 180,000 layoffs within three days and 570,000 in two weeks.

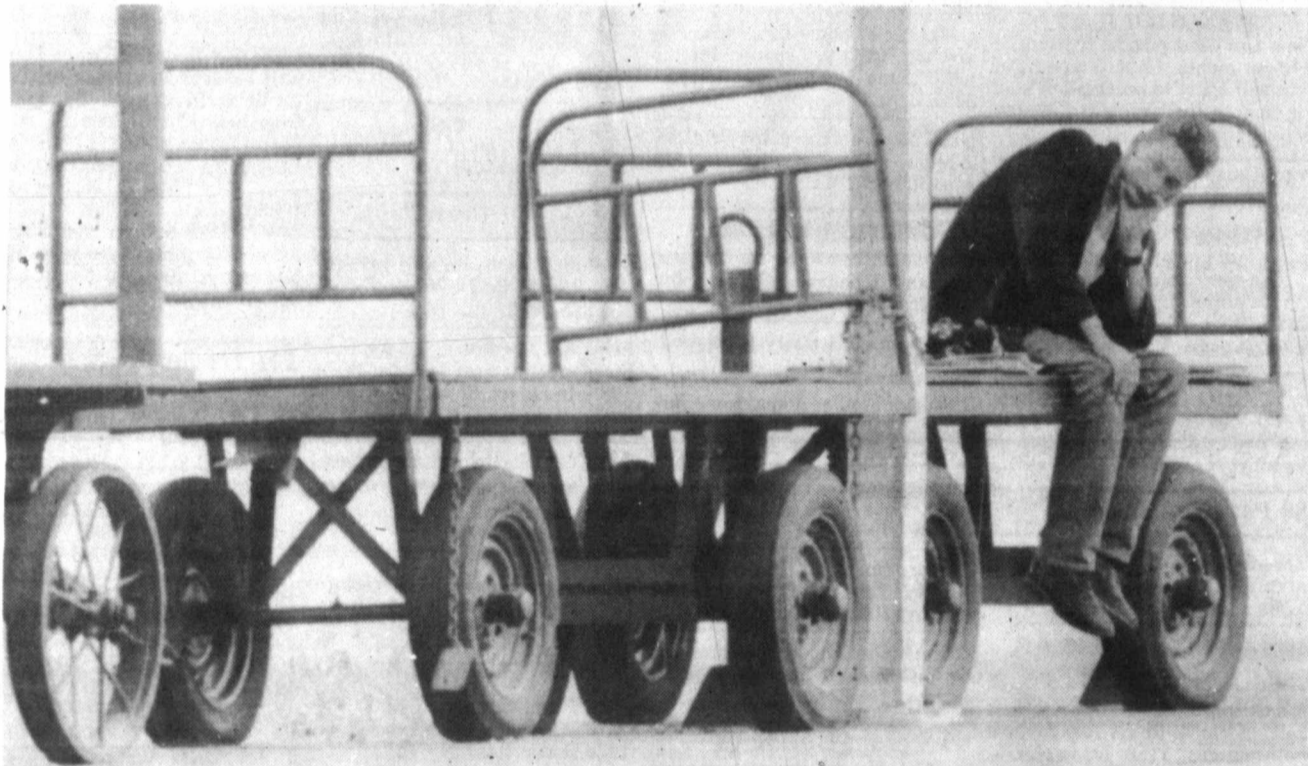
Amtrak, citing government data, said the initial cost of a strike would be \$50 million a day. But it said that

would rise to \$637 million a day if the strike lasted more than two weeks and \$1 billion daily after a month.

Robert Stempel, chairman of General Motors Corp., said the auto industry could be badly hurt. GM, Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. obtain most of their parts and ship most of their finished products by rail.

A coast-to-coast rail strike could also tie up shipments of coal, chemicals, grain and some major

Trailways, Greyhound and other intercity bus companies said they would honor Amtrak tickets. The railroad also announced agreements with USAir, United Airlines and Delta Air Lines to accommodate Amtrak passengers stranded by a strike.



Marc Van derMolen, 18, a student from Amsterdam, agonizes over his predicament at the Amtrak Station in Orlando, Fla., Tuesday afternoon. (AP Photo)

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Statement on POWs possible in two weeks

NEW YORK (AP) - Russia should soon be able to say definitely whether any American POWs remain alive in the former Soviet Union, a U.S. investigator in Moscow said today.

But Malcolm Toon, a former U.S. ambassador to Moscow, said the preliminary search indicated there were no U.S. soldiers still alive in Russia. Russian government spokeswoman Tatyana Samoilis said Tuesday a search of KGB files turned up no new information on missing Americans.

"My own gut feeling is that what has come out so far is probably correct," Toon said in an interview from Moscow broadcast on ABC's "Good Morning America" program. "But I have to pin this down, because the American public is rightly disturbed at Mr. Yeltsin's remarks."

Toon arrived in Moscow on Sunday on orders of President Bush after Russian President Boris Yeltsin caused a sensation at the Washington summit by saying some American soldiers had been kept in Soviet prisons after World War II, the Korean War and perhaps the Vietnam War. Yeltsin indicated some might still be alive.

"I see no reason why the Russian government can't find out within a two-week period whether there's any live American POWs in the areas which are under their control," Toon said.

He said he met this week with top Russian intelligence officials, who told him they had searched files but found no evidence any American soldiers were still alive.

"They don't quite know what Mr. Yeltsin had in mind by his statement in Washington," Toon said.

Toon and Dmitri Velkoganov, a military historian and adviser to Yeltsin, head a U.S.-Russian commission that has been studying Soviet-era files and pursuing tips from Russians who claim to have seen or known Americans POWs in prison camps.

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