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THURSDAY

Jail dedication set for Saturday

By BETH MILLER
Senior Staff Writer

Gray County residents are invited to participate in a piece of Gray County's history with the formal dedication of the new Gray County Jail and Sheriff's Office on Saturday morning.

The dedication is scheduled to kick off at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in front of the new facility, said County Judge Carl Kennedy. Refreshments and tours will follow. The facility will be open until about 6 p.m. Saturday for people to tour at their leisure.

Open house has also been scheduled for 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday.

"We'd like very much for anyone interested in seeing it, to come out," Kennedy said. "My only regret is not having it during the school year."

Jack E. Crump, executive director of Texas Commission on Jail Standards, was named as the keynote speaker of the dedication event.

Crump has served as executive director for Jail Standards since October 1988.

The Commission on Jail Standards is the state's regulatory authority for county jails. Crump manages a staff that develops and enforces standards, inspects jails, reviews construction plans, provides consultation and structural assistance and effects payments to counties housing convicted felons who are being transferred to state institutions.

Crump previously served the Commission as its chief planner. He has direct jail management experience with Bexar and Travis counties.

Crump is a former member of the U.S. Air Force, and graduated from Arkansas College and received a master's degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

He is a member of the American Jail Association and American Corrections Association. He frequently participates in training seminars for associations, counties and universities.

During a Wednesday Gray County Commissioners Court meeting, Jim Sartain with A&S Steel, general contractors of the jail, reported that all of the work directed by the architects is now complete.

"We're ready for inspection and have notified the architect," Sartain said.

Kennedy said that July 27 is the tentative date set for the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to conduct the inspection. Prisoners cannot be housed in the facility until the facility passes an inspection.

Sartain also asked commissioners whether they wanted him to start the air-conditioning system and asked if the county would consider helping with the utilities.

The Commissioners Court instructed Sartain to have the utilities put in the county's name immediately and to start up the air-conditioning system.

Regarding the jail dedication, Kennedy reported that invitations were sent out to officials in Gray and surrounding counties and that a souvenir-type program is at the printers.

He said the county has received permission to rope off part of Russell Street for the dedication ceremony, which he expects to last not more than 45 minutes.

Kennedy will provide a welcome, followed by an invocation by the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church. Guests will be introduced and the general contractor will make a few remarks, followed by comments from Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, Rep. Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, the four county commissioners and Sheriff Jim Free. Crump will then speak.

Guests will be provided with cookies and soft drinks in the south end of the facility's lobby following their tour of the facility. Sunwest, the company awarded the meal contract at the jail, is providing the cookies.

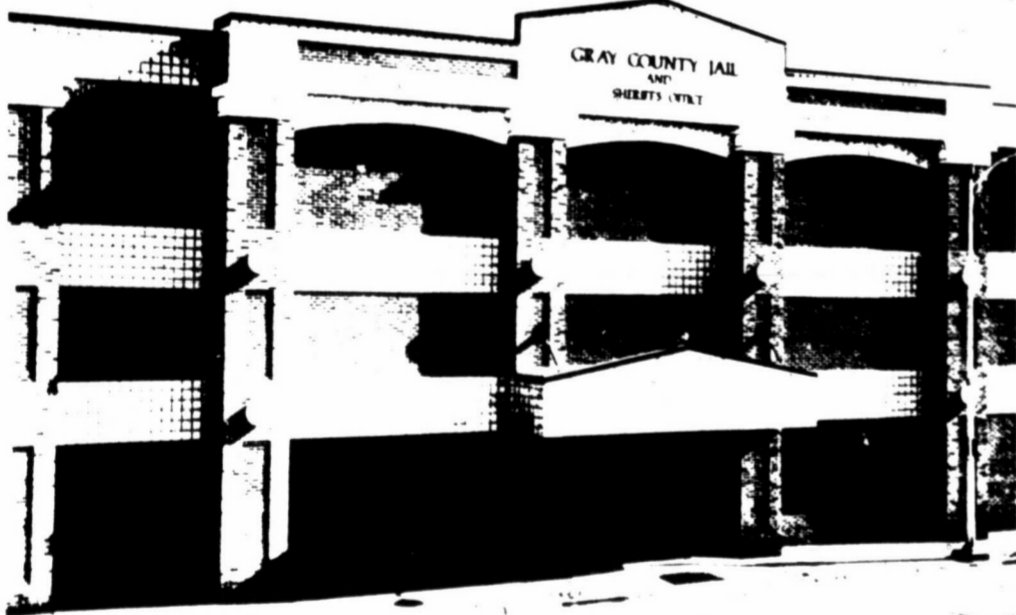
"We anticipate having plenty of cookies and plenty of soft drinks," the county judge said.

Kennedy said multiple register sheets will be at the entrance of the facility for those attending the dedication to sign.

"We'll eventually turn over the register to the White Deer Land Museum for historical purposes," Kennedy said.

The sheriff said jail trustees will do touch up cleaning at the facility prior to the dedication. He also told commissioners that AmWest Savings has donated 14 chairs and desks to the county for use at the facility.

"They're going to be real nice and save us a lot of money," Free said.



This is a linecut of the new Gray County Jail and Sheriff's Office. (Staff graphic)

Pedal to the metal



Lill Thomason, from left, holds and comforts Benjamin Mulanax, 6, as Pampa firefighter Doug Pritchett, Battalion Chief Dan Rose and AMT Paramedic James Shook remove the back tire of a bicycle to free Mulanax's leg about noon Wednesday. The incident took place at the intersection of Naida and Lincoln. (Staff photo by Daniel Wiegars)

Clinton clinches party nod Perot quits presidential quest

NEW YORK (AP) - Bill Clinton accepts the Democratic presidential nomination tonight, hoping a dramatic convention address will send him surging into a White House race tossed into fresh turmoil by Ross Perot's stunning decision not to run. Clinton urged Perot volunteers to "join our efforts to change this country."

Perot said he had decided he could not win in November, in part because of "the revitalization of the Democratic Party."

Clinton, after a phone conversation with Perot, spoke in a statement of the Texas billionaire's remarkable volunteers: "We have heard their message and share their hopes. I ask them to give us a fair hearing."

President Bush's spokesman made a similar entreaty. The shocking news stole some of the thunder from Clinton's crowning moment even as it left without a candidate - and perhaps open to Clinton's entreaties of change - millions of voters who had been rallied by Perot's promise to shake up Washington.

Word spread quickly to meetings of Democratic delegates preparing for the climactic night of their convention, the launching pad for Clinton into what many thought would be a hard-fought three-way race. Now Clinton and running mate Al Gore will go head-to-head with President Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle.

"Well I'll be damned," Missouri Democratic Chairman Gene Bushmann said of the news. He then voiced the hopes of the delegates - and the Arkansas governor: "It will be a bigger boost for Clinton ... because Perot was saying things need to be changed and Clinton has always said that."

Clinton briefly delayed a visit to the convention hall to rehearse his speech as he soaked up the news.

"It shakes it up again," former New Mexico Gov. Toney Anaya said in the understatement of the day. "Both campaigns are going to have to re-evaluate their strategies."

Even before the announcement in Dallas, Brown had said: "This is a fluid race."

Earlier, Clinton took his morning jog and said of the speech that was meant to highlight his triumphant convention after a roller-coaster primary campaign: "We'll be ready; I'm working hard."

Bush was on a fishing trip but was hastily called with the news. "We welcome any and all of Mr. Perot supporters to support President Bush," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. "It's good in the sense that it unlocks a large segment of voters that we can appeal to and a large group that we think will vote with us."

Polls showed Clinton was getting a major convention bounce even before Wednesday night's thumping nominating address by New York Gov. Mario Cuomo. An ABC News-Washington Post poll showed Clinton ahead of Bush 42-30 and Perot trailing with 20 percent.

It was quite a reversal; a little over a year ago, Bush's approval rating topped 90 percent. A month ago, Clinton was running third in a three-way race.

"Am I dreaming?" said party chairman Brown.

Ignoring tradition Wednesday night, an exultant Clinton strolled into Madison Square Garden shortly after he won nomination in a long and loud roll call of the states.

Invoking the generational theme Democrats see in their new-age ticket, Clinton harkened to the convention of John F. Kennedy.

"Thirty-two years ago, another young candidate who wanted to get this country moving again came to this convention to say a simple thank you," Clinton said from a convention podium shimmering in confetti.

The delegates loved it, and the 45-year-old Arkansas governor promised to return tonight as "the comeback kid." When he does, he'll be introduced with a biographical film that includes footage of a young Clinton shaking Kennedy's hand.

Beforehand, the delegates will approve Clinton's choice of Gore, the 44-year-old Tennessee senator who completes the Democrats' moderate Southern ticket. After Gore's acceptance speech, Clinton will end the convention.

The final tally gave Clinton 3,367 delegates, Jerry Brown 594 and Paul Tsongas 209.

Perot's announcement came a day after campaign co-manager Ed Rollins, the Republican heavy hitter Perot hired just 45 days ago, resigned and took a bevy of aides with him. Perot canceled weekend appearances to regroup, fueling speculation that proved prescient.

Perhaps lost amid the glitzy confetti drop and the colorful if corny 50-state roll call was a remarkable changing of the Democratic guard.

Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy was there for a ceremony honoring slain brother Robert. "President Clinton and Vice President Gore," was the silver-haired Kennedy's reminder that the party's torch had been passed.

Commissioners KO County Appraisal District budget

By BETH MILLER
Senior Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners Court unanimously voted Wednesday to disapprove the 1993 budget of the Gray County Appraisal District because raises in salaries are proposed.

The Appraisal District proposed budget calls for a 3 percent salary increase for its employees.

Precinct 1 County Commissioner Joe Wheelley said, "Where I don't agree is for you to come to a taxing entity to go to the taxpayers to increase taxes when we're looking at a decrease in taxable values."

Appraisal District Chief Appraiser said, "I certainly can't agree with you tying salaries to the tax base."

Bagley also said the county's share of the proposed raises will be \$1,300 or less.

"It appears there was some politics going on," Bagley said today of the Commissioners Court decision. "I think it's not necessarily something to be proud of that we're not willing to reward our employees who work hard for us."

"This is not even a cost-of-living raise, it's below cost of living. It's just trying to keep their salaries in a reasonable range of cost of living and trying to do everything we can to reward employees who work so hard."

Bagley also pointed out that the Commissioners Court had no complaint about the quality of work the Appraisal District provides. He also said the Appraisal District has cut from 13 to 11 employees and is still performing quality work.

"I don't think anybody can argue we do a good job," Bagley said.

Gray County's share of the Appraisal District budget for 1993 is \$68,872, about \$3,000 more than last year. However, this year's share is less than in 1991, when Gray County paid \$69,242.

County Judge Carl Kennedy raised his standard objections to the depreciation and contingency funds in the Appraisal District's budget.

In early discussion, Kennedy said it was commendable of the Appraisal District to "hold the line" on its budget in the past few years.

Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jim Greene said, "All us taxing enti-

ties are drawing money from the same pot. When we aren't going to give a raise, it's hard to see someone else drawing out of the pot."

The Appraisal District will have a public hearing on its budget during a meeting at 5 p.m. next Thursday at their offices, 815 N. Sumner. Bagley said he would convey the Commissioners Court's concerns to the board of directors.

In unrelated business, the Commissioners Court adopted a plan for jury selection that will broaden the jury pool for trials.

The plan, in accordance with Senate Bill 52, calls for the sources of names of prospective jurors to be taken from current voter registration

lists and names listed by driver's license numbers as provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety to the Secretary of State.

District Clerk Yvonne Moler is designated as the official to be in charge of the jury selection process.

The plan calls for the district clerk to prepare the prospective juror file once a year, between Dec. 1 and Dec. 15, and make two copies on magnetic tape.

The plan was recommended by District Judges Lee Waters and M. Kent Sims for approval by the Commissioners Court.

In other business, the Commissioners Court:

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- added five county roads to the priority list of improvements to county roads by the Texas Department of Transportation. Also priorities of one and two were exchanged, making the top priority a five-mile stretch of road near the prison. Second priority is now a two-mile stretch of road off Texas 70.
- unanimously approved the payment of \$298,875.37 in salaries and bills.
- unanimously gave the sheriff permission to replace a dispatcher.
- unanimously approved the following transfers: \$1,290 from District adult probation to the Performance Reward Funds (to repay loan); \$51,122 from the general to the salary fund; \$17,796 from FM&LR to Precinct 1 R&B; \$14,214 from FM&LR to Precinct 2 R&B; \$12,483 from FM&LR to Precinct 3 R&B; \$9,139 from FM&LR to Precinct 4 R&B; and \$825 from Highland General Hospital fund to Courthouse and Jail.
- took no action on letters from the retirement system regarding sup-

plemental death benefits and the annual contribution rate plan.

- unanimously approved a special checking account for the sheriff for the placement of drug money divided from seizures.

- unanimously approved a checking account for the tax assessor-collector for fax and teleprinter money.

- approved a list of election judges.

- approved designating the polling place in Precinct 6 to be the Jean Sims home near Laketon.

- took no action on a letter from Pampa Independent School District regarding elections.

- discussed briefly, but took no action, on the 1993 budget. Copies of individual officeholders' budget requests were passed out to the Commissioners Court for review.

- unanimously approved releasing paychecks beginning at 8:30 a.m. July 31, even though the Commissioners Court will not meet until Aug. 3.

- unanimously approved the 1990-91 independent auditor's report, without comment.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BURDINE, Walter - 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Hedley.
CLAY, Mary Edna Burdine - 3 p.m., Quail Baptist Church, Quail.
STEVENS, Hershel - 10:30 a.m., graveside, Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Obituaries

WALTER BURDINE
AMARILLO - Walter Burdine, 93, died Tuesday, July 14, 1992. Services are set for 10 a.m. Friday in First Baptist Church of Hedley with the Rev. Larry White, pastor of Quail Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Hedley Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Burdine was born in Jones County and had lived in Amarillo for several years. He was a Baptist and had farmed many years. He was a caretaker at Lake Texhoma for 15 years and served on the school board at Gracie, now called Kellerville.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Nall of Amarillo; a brother, L.J. Burdine of Rice; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Billie, in 1934, and two daughters, Ruby Dell Burdine, in 1925, and Margie Graham, in 1976.

The family will be at 6705 Bent Oak Drive.

MARY EDNA BURDINE CLAY
MEMPHIS - Mary Edna Burdine Clay, 89, died Tuesday, July 14, 1992. Services are set for 3 p.m. Friday in Quail Baptist Church at Quail with the Rev. Larry White, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Quail Cemetery by Cox Funeral Home of Memphis.

Mrs. Clay was born in Paducah and was raised in Quail. She married Bill Clay in 1922 at Pleasant Hill; he preceded her in death in 1965. She had lived in the Bray community near Hedley since 1922. She was a member of Ring Baptist Church and was active in the Quail community. She also was a member of the Quail Friendship Club, Quail Booster Club and the Hedley chapter of Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a son, Alvie T. Clay of Hedley; four daughters, Addierene Mickels of Santa Maria, Calif., Mildred Langley of Wellington, Avyrilla White of Quail and Peggy Dawson of San Antonio; a brother, L.J. Burdine of Rice; five stepgrandchildren; 10 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family will be at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. today and requests memorials be made to the Hedley Senior Citizens Association or the Quail Cemetery Association.

PERLE L. SMITH
 Perle L. Smith, 91, died Wednesday, July 15, 1992. Graveside services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Smith was born on Dec. 5, 1900, in Waupaca, Wis., and moved to Pampa in 1977 from Crystal Lake, Ill. She married Stanley Smith in 1924 at Wheaton, Ill.; he preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1985. She was a homemaker and a Christian Scientist.

Survivors include two sons, James C. Smith of Pampa and John S. Smith of Longview; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

HERSHEL STEVENS
 Hershel Stevens, 63, died Wednesday, July 15, 1992. Graveside services are set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stevens was born on Dec. 27, 1928, in Eli. He moved to Pampa from Eli. He married Mary Ruth Riggins on Nov. 8, 1963, in Panhandle. He worked for Hogan Construction Co. for 23 years, retiring in 1970. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ruth Stevens of the home; two sons, Martin Stevens and David Stevens and his wife, Margaret, all of Pampa; a daughter, Dorinda Sue Hayes of Pampa; his mother, Lillie Mae Stevens of Pampa; two sisters, Wanda Hutcherson of Denver, Colo., and Linda Rainey of Amarillo; four brothers, Joe Stevens and Garland Stevens, both of Pampa; and Gayle Stevens and Wilburn Stevens, both of Fort Worth; two grandchildren; Dawn and Meesha Stevens, both of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Stevens, in 1987.

O.B. WORLEY
KERMIT - O.B. Worley, 76, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, July 14, 1992, in Kermit. Services are set for 1:30 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Kermit with the Rev. Bob Sawyer and Clarence Henderson, officiating. Burial will be in Kermit Cemetery by Cooper Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Worley was born June 20, 1916, in Rayland. He married Janie M. Zhanal on March 29, 1941, in Kermit. He is a retired oil and gas accountant for Cabot. He was a Methodist and a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II. He was a member of the Kermit Downtown Lions Club, and was a former secretary/treasurer of Winkler County Country Club. He was a longtime Kermit resident and a former Pampa resident. He was a former member of Big Spring Kiwanis Club. He was a former president of Texas Credit Union Advisory Commission and was appointed by Gov. Price Daniel and named president by Gov. John Connally. He was past president of Texas Panhandle Petroleum Accountants Association.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John B. Worley of Austin; a daughter, Linda Mitchell of Kermit; a brother, L.D. Worley of Norman, Okla.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, July 15
 Troy Bradstreet, Mustang, Okla., reported theft at 237 Henry.
 Joan Graham, 2325 Mary Ellen, reported theft at 409 W. Brown.
 Nancy Everson, 1116 S. Sumner, reported a hit and run.
 City of Pampa reported criminal mischief in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Arrest
THURSDAY, July 16
 Jason Alton Carlson, 20, 1237 Christine, was arrested in the 1900 block of North Hobart on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was booked directly into Gray County Jail.

DPS-Arrest
WEDNESDAY, July 15
 William Harold Prather, 62, Gentry, Ark., was arrested by a license and weight trooper on Texas 70, 13 miles north of Pampa, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Accidents

Pampa police reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, July 15
 Time unknown - An unknown vehicle collided with a 1966 Chevrolet pickup legally parked and owned by Nancy Everson, 1116 S. Sumner, in the 1100 block of South Sumner. No injuries and no citations were reported. The date of this accident is unknown.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, July 15
 11:00 a.m. - Three units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm at 1704 Beech.
 12:09 p.m. - Three units and six firefighters responded to a rescue call at Lincoln and Naida streets. A child's foot was caught in part of a bicycle. The wheel was removed and the foot was released.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Jennifer K. Armbrister, McLean
 Charlene Rose Harrington, Canadian
 Bernice Mac Rippetoe, Pampa
 Jack A. Nix (extended care unit), Canadian

Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. James Armbrister Jr. of McLean, a girl.

Dismissals
 Jimmie Ray Carroll, Pampa
 Stephen A. Ferris, Pampa
 Petra Garza, Pampa
 Jennifer D. Lowther, Pampa
 Leslie Matlock, Pampa
 Jack A. Nix, Canadian
 Heather Lynn Wilkerson, Pampa
 Golda J. King (extended care), Pampa
 Margie J. Mitchell (extended care), Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Linda Childress, Shamrock

Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Childress of Shamrock, a girl.

Dismissals
 Jennifer Dyer, and baby girl, Wheeler
 Jerry Pritchard, Shamrock
 Jeannie Hennig, Wheeler

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK
 A blood pressure check is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

PHS CLASS OF 1972 REUNION GOLF SCRAMBLE
 Pampa High School class of 1972 plans a golf scramble for July 24. For more information call Karen Huff Keyes, 669-6964, or Hidden Hills Golf Course.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		
Wheat.....	3.00	
Milo.....	4.16	
Com.....	4.50	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Ky. Cent. Life.....	8 3/4	dn 1/8
Serfon.....	2 11/16	NC
Occidental.....	19 3/8	dn 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan.....	65.38	NC
Puizan.....	14.99	NC
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Amoco.....	49 1/2	dn 1/2
Arco.....	110 1/8	dn 5/8
Cabot.....	48 1/8	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G.....	14 7/8	dn 1/8
Chevron.....	69 1/2	dn 1/8
Coca-Cola.....	40 1/8	dn 3/8
Enron.....	43 1/2	dn 3/8
Halliburton.....	28 1/8	up 1/8
HealthTrust Inc.....	14 3/4	NC
Ingersoll Rand.....	27 3/4	up 1/4
KNE.....	24 5/8	NC
Kerr McGee.....	40 7/8	dn 1/4
Limited.....	20 1/8	up 1/8
Mapco.....	57 1/4	dn 1/4
Maxus.....	26 3/8	dn 1/8
McDonald's.....	45 3/8	dn 3/8
Mobil.....	63 1/2	dn 1/8
New Atmos.....	20 1/2	NC
Parker & Parsley.....	13 1/4	dn 1/4
Pennsey's.....	70 1/2	dn 1/8
Phillips.....	26 3/8	dn 1/8
SLB.....	63 1/4	dn 1/8
SPS.....	32 1/2	dn 1/8
Tenneco.....	35 3/4	NC
Texasco.....	62 7/8	dn 1/2
Wal-Mart.....	55	NC
New York Gold.....	352.30	
Silver.....	3.90	
West Texas Crude.....	21.71	

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	669-7432
Water.....	669-5830

Trash for cash



Dr. Joe Lowry of the Pampa Rotary Club presents Michele Andorfer with a certificate signifying her as a winner of a \$50 United States savings bond in the Rotary's Trash for Cash promotion.

Economic Development group meets

By ANGELA LEGGETT
 Staff Writer

Organizational decisions and discussion of the position of director took place at the second meeting of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation Wednesday.

Cheryl Pink of Amarillo, manager of economic development for Southwestern Public Service Co., advised board members of qualities they should look for when hiring a director for their organization.

"We will not get people in our area by knocking on the door and telling them we are as nice as Dallas," she said. "You are opportunity power brokers and you need someone who makes deals."

Pink questioned the control that the Pampa City Commission would have over the organization

and the hiring of a director.

"At the beginning, I think the City Commission will want to have hands-on input until they become more comfortable, then they may say use your best judgement," said president Bill Waters.

City Manager Glen Hackler said, "I think that is correct."

The commission would also like to know how tax money is spent, he said.

In new business, bonds for the president, vice president and treasurer were discussed.

Vic Raymond, vice president, presented the figures for a \$25,000 or \$100,000 bond to cover board members.

"It would run us \$500 to \$700 monthly for the \$25,000 bond or \$1,500 a month for the \$100,000 bond," he said.

Members decided to check with other cities and see how they were dealing with their bond.

Second item on the agenda was insurance for directors, officers and employees which could not be discussed without the presence of treasurer Benny Kirksey.

Drafting an overall Economic Development Plan and development of a proposed budget will be tabled until a director is hired, Raymond said.

The final item on the agenda dealt with obtaining a tax identification number for the corporation for tax exempt status.

"There is a statute that exempts us from paying taxes," Waters said. "But we may have to get a number."

Members approved minutes from the previous meeting.

Science ship returns with bleak report from Persian Gulf

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) - A research vessel sent to study the environmental impact of the oil Iraq dumped in the Persian Gulf during the war has returned with a sober assessment: It will take decades for gulf beaches to recover.

The Mount Mitchell, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, was welcomed home Wednesday after a six-month mission.

The agency's John H. Robinson, the federal government's top expert on oil spills, said it will take decades for the devastated Saudi Arabian coast to recover.

"I think that's the best we can pin it down at this point," Robinson said. The Iraqis piped up to 350 million gallons of oil into the Persian Gulf during the war.

Robinson described Saudi Arabia's gulf beaches as virtually lifeless, with sea grasses wasted and crabs and other marine creatures gone. Along the Kuwaiti coast, coral reefs are about 90 percent destroyed, he said.

The Mount Mitchell reached the area in mid-February, about a year after the war. "We were amazed that a year later it was as bad as it was," Robinson said.

The situation is far better offshore. The scientists made 180 dives off the Saudi coast and found oil only three times, he said.

Experts will meet in January to go over their findings. Participating in the mission were 140 scientists from 15 nations.

Robinson was the government's science coordinator for studying the Exxon Valdez disaster, the nation's worst oil spill.

Nearly 11 million gallons of Alaskan crude spilled in Prince William Sound in the spring of 1989.

City briefs

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

TOP O' Texas Gun Show, July 18 and 19. M.K. Brown Civic Center, Pampa, Texas 665-6127. Adv.

REWARD MISSING since July 6th, McCullough Street vicinity black Baldy steer, calf weight 300. Call 665-0786 or 665-2961. Branded left hip (Drag V). Adv.

EPPELSON'S HAVE ripe tomatoes, shelled blackeyes, other vegetables, our 1015Y onions, new potatoes and melons. Adv.

LINGERIE SHOW, Thursday July 16th at Barney's, 600 S. Cuyler July 16th at Barney's, 600 S. Cuyler \$1 entrance fee. Adv.

BOBBIE'S SEWING Basket has relocated. Call 669-1600 for alterations. Adv.

VACATION BIBLE School, Saturday, July 18, 10-5 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd. Ages 3 thru 5th grade. Adv.

HAIRSTYLIST NEEDED at Salon 301. 2 weeks free rent. Call 665-0015 or come by 301 W. Foster. Adv.

DANCE TO Six Pack Saturday, July 18 at 9 p.m. at Barney's, 600 S. Cuyler. Adv.

30% TO 50% off repriced Summer merchandise. The Clothes Line. All sales final. Adv.

FREE LOTTERY Ticket to members Tuesday thru Friday 4-8 p.m. No purchase necessary. Barney's, 600 S. Cuyler. Adv.

DRIVER SAFETY Course will be offered by Clarendon College and U.S.A. Training Inc. on Saturday, June 20, 1992, 8:00-5:00. Cost \$25. Adv.

CLARENDON COLLEGE will offer a CPR class on July 20 and 21 from 6-10 p.m. The cost is \$10. For more information call 665-8801. Adv.

BENEFIT DANCE for Othal Hicks, Friday, July 17th, 8-12 p.m. at Barney's, 600 S. Cuyler. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, a low near 60 degrees and northeasterly winds 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms, a high in the mid 80s and easterly winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday's high was 92 degrees; the overnight low was 62 degrees. Pampa recorded one-tenth of an inch of rain during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Partly cloudy days and partly to mostly cloudy nights through Friday. A chance of thunderstorms except Big Bend and extreme West Texas. A few storms could be severe with locally heavy rainfall this evening South Plains, low rolling plains and Permian Basin. Highs 80s and 90s to near 105 to 108 Big Bend. Lows upper 50s Panhandle and mountains to 60s and 70s elsewhere.

North Texas - Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms through Friday, some severe tonight. Lows tonight in the lower to mid 90s. Highs Friday near 90 to the mid 90s.

South Texas - Partly cloudy

through Friday with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms mainly north and east, some possibly severe north this evening. Lows tonight near 80 coast to 70s inland. Highs Friday from the 80s coast to the 90s inland and near 100 west.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Saturday through Monday
 West Texas - Panhandle, partly cloudy with a chance of mainly evening and nighttime thunderstorms. Highs upper 80s to mid 90s. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. South and Rolling Plains, partly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s. Lows partly cloudy with isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Big Bend area, highs in the 90s except upper 80s mountains and near 105 lowlands. Lows in the 70s except around 60 mountains.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central Texas, partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Highs in the 90s. Texas Coastal Bend, partly cloudy with widely scattered daytime showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s to near 80. Highs from the 80s coast to the 90s inland. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and plains, partly cloudy with isolated

mainly daytime showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s to near 80. Highs from the 80s coast and 100 to 103 Rio Grande plains. Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast, partly cloudy with scattered mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows from near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs from the 80s immediate coast to the 90s inland.

North Texas - Partly cloudy and humid with a chance of thunderstorms each day. High temperatures in the low to mid 90s. Lows in the low to mid 70s.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy west and mostly cloudy east. Scattered showers and thunderstorms this evening in the east. Gusty east winds through the mountain passes into the central valleys. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to 60s elsewhere. Friday mostly cloudy east in the morning. Otherwise partly cloudy with scattered afternoon thunderstorms from the Continental Divide eastward. Cooler southeast and a little cooler central sections. Highs mostly 70s and 80s mountains, north and east to the 90s southwest.
 The Oklahoma forecast was not available by press time today.

'Cop Killer' furor center of Time Warner meeting

By E. SCOTT RECKARD
AP Business Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Protests of rapper Ice-T's "Cop Killer" — and counterprotests by free speech advocates — loomed over today's shareholder meeting of Time Warner Inc.

Police groups — joined by such conservative figures as Oliver North and Charlton Heston — are demanding that the company stop distributing the rapper's song and the album "Body Count" on which it appears.

The album "condones and may therefore encourage the killing of police officers, rape, matricide and the mutilation of the bodies of murdered victims," Accuracy in Media said in a statement.

The conservative watchdog group planned a news conference today outside the meeting at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, where counterdemonstrators planned to rally.

A coalition of free speech advo-

cates took out an ad in Wednesday's Daily Variety praising Time Warner for resisting calls to censor the music.

The coalition included the ACLU Foundation of Southern California, producer Norman Lear, director Oliver Stone, and the bands Anthrax and Sonic Youth.

On Wednesday, Time Warner officials met with representatives of the Law Enforcement Alliance of America.

Time Warner corporate counsel Tod R. Hullin called the meeting "constructive," but LEAA's executive director, Jim Fotis, said no progress was made.

In defending the song, company officials have cited First Amendment protections of free speech. Ice-T has said the song expresses blacks' anger at police brutality, but is not a call to action.

His lyrics include: "I got my .12-gauge sawed off; I got my headlights turned off; I'm 'bout to bust some shots off; I'm 'bout to dust some cops off."

Police officers blinded and disfigured by shotgun attacks — the weapon mentioned in the song — also gathered in Beverly Hills on Wednesday.

"We need Time Warner to do what Spike Lee says: 'Do the right thing,' and take this horrible song off the market," said one of them, Suffolk County, N.Y., police Sgt. Kenyon Tuthill.

Police in several states have urged people to boycott Time Warner products — including the hit movie "Batman Returns" and to sell their company stock.

The furor over the song has overshadowed the absence from the annual meeting of Time Warner's ailing chairman, Steven J. Ross, who has cancer.

The meeting will be run by Gerald M. Levin, named co-chief executive in February after Ross orchestrated the ouster of Nicholas J. Nicholas.

Nicholas headed Time Inc. before it merged with Ross' Warner Communications Inc. in 1990.



Ed Rollins answers questions in Dallas following a Wednesday press conference in which he announced his decision to resign as co-manager of the Perot campaign.

Police hunting alleged cult leaders in sacrificial slaying of 8-year-old

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — The wife of a small town mayor was desperate to turn around her husband's sagging political and business fortunes when she contacted satanic cult members, police say.

They say the cost for the good-luck ritual was \$2,000 — plus the life of a boy.

Now, at least seven people are under arrest — including the mayor's wife and daughter — and police are searching for a couple they say led the cult that abducted the 7-year-old boy and mutilated his body.

The couple — Jose Taruggi and Valentina de Andrade — also are wanted for the abduction of an 8-year-old boy, whose whereabouts are unknown.

The incident shows that cults, while still on the fringe, remain strong at a time when Brazil's Roman Catholic clergy is trying to halt a decline in church membership.

In 1980, 89 percent of Brazilians described themselves as Catholics. The figure dropped in 76 percent in 1990, according to a Gallup Institute poll. Many joined Protestant evangelical movements and cults, which are often based on African traditions.

The couple sought by police disappeared following the arrest of

cult members who confessed to killing 7-year-old Evandro Ramos Caetano, Detective Joao Arnaldo Hobmeir said in a telephone interview Wednesday from Curitiba, capital of the southern state of Parana.

"There is evidence that points to the existence of an international network of satanic cults," Hobmeir said, but declined to elaborate.

The case broke early this month when police arrested seven people allegedly involved in the murder of the boy, whose body was found in a field near Guaratuba five days after he disappeared on April 6.

Hobmeir said the boy was sacrificed at a Guaratuba saw mill owned by Aldo Abagge, the town mayor. The boy's ears, hands and genitals were cut off, and his heart, liver and intestines removed.

His blood was collected, mixed with sawdust and thrown into the sea, the detective said.

Among those arrested were the mayor's wife Celina Abagge and their daughter Beatriz.

Oswaldo Marcineiro, a self-described "high priest" in the normally non-violent African spirit religion of Umbanda, and two of his assistants have confessed to killing the child. Umbanda is widely followed in Brazil.

Hobmeir said the sect worships Exu, a god representing the devil in the Umbanda religion. He could not say how many people belonged to the sect.

Police allege Celina Abagge paid members about \$2,000 to kill the boy in a ritual intended to improve her husband's foundering business prospects and reverse political setbacks caused by his mismanagement of city hall.

Mrs. Abagge, a city employee who administered grade schools and day care centers, allegedly selected the boy and lured him with candy. She and her daughter confessed to involvement in the killing and provided details, but later retracted their statements.

On Tuesday, police indicted the mayor and an aide, charging both with involvement in the case.

That day, Marcineiro's two assistants told police they abducted 8-year-old Leandro Bossi in Guaratuba on Feb. 15 and turned the boy over to Taruggi and De Andrade at Abagge's home. The couple paid them \$2,000 for the boy, who is missing, police said.

Six to eight other children have been reported missing in Parana, but the detective said police have no evidence linking them to the case.

Perot starts to regroup after Rollins departure

By SCOTT McCARTNEY
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Ross Perot's still-undeclared presidential campaign has hit a rocky patch. He's lost his co-chairman and 10 aides, other senior advisers are openly expressing frustration and planned campaign trips are being canceled.

The decision for Ed Rollins to leave was reached mutually, said a top Perot aide who spoke on condition of anonymity. The aide said Rollins didn't want to stay with the campaign any more than Perot wanted him on board.

Ten of Rollins' associates also quit Perot's campaign, including members of his advance team who had been preparing for a now-canceled trip to Minnesota and Virginia.

Perot, who in reality acts as his own campaign manager, and Rollins bickered over when to launch advertising, when to make the formal announcement of candidacy, and whether to polish up his campaign speeches.

Perot has been out of sight since his awkward appearance Saturday at an NAACP convention in Nashville. He declined interview requests and television appearances.

"The reality is that the kind of campaign that I wanted to run and the kind of campaign that Mr. Perot wanted to run just weren't really compatible," Rollins said.

Perot objected to Rollins' proposed timetable for advertising and announcing his still undeclared candidacy. He sees the race as a fall sprint to Election Day, rather than a five-month marathon, and he balked at spending millions on television time in July. He also is determined to keep his campaign unconventional, aides said.

"Most things in July will be forgotten by November," Perot's long-time aide and campaign chairman Tom Luce said.

"He may very well be able to move this movement forward," Rollins said of Perot. "He's gotten this far without any professionals and obviously he's going to win or lose it based on his own instincts."

Perot had intended to spend much of the Democratic convention week preparing his issues platform.

But the campaign has been beset by signs of disarray. Some found Perot offensive when he referred to blacks in a speech to the NAACP as "your people" and told anecdotes some considered patronizing; the ad agency Rollins had hired was dismissed on Monday and on Tuesday, rumors circulated that Rollins' co-chairman Hamilton Jordan was going to resign.

Wednesday brought the Rollins resignation, instead.

Jordan, too, has told associates he is frustrated by what he views as drift within the Perot organization. Luce said Jordan would stay on and assume the title of campaign manager.

Also Wednesday, former arms-control negotiator Paul Nitze said he "didn't find any comfort" in Perot's views and expected to be dropped as a volunteer adviser on foreign affairs.

Republican sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that Rollins was dismayed by Perot's NAACP speech.

"He told Perot in strong language that you can't run this campaign out of your hip pocket," said one source close to Rollins.

Republicans and Democrats were quick to predict the Rollins departure was the beginning of the end for Perot.

Political party leaders cited the resignation as the beginning of the end of Perot's candidacy.

GOP Chairman Rich Bond said, "I think this is the beginning of the end of the Perot candidacy. My educated guess is that Ross Perot ultimately will not seek the presidency in 1992."

"The first vote on Ross Perot was cast today by Ed Rollins and the vote was 'No,'" said Democratic Chairman Ronald Brown.

"This may be a sign of it falling apart," Clinton spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said of the Perot candidacy. "It was always a fragile coalition made up of very diverse ideologies and very diverse ideas about government."

An ABC News-Washington Post poll released Wednesday shows Perot's support among likely voters dropped 18 points from a month ago, but the ongoing Democratic National Convention may have affected those numbers.

Rollins ran President Reagan's reelection campaign in 1984, and his appointment to the Perot team was announced six weeks ago with great fanfare. He was hired along with Jordan, a former Carter campaign and White House aide.

Pope recovering after removal of benign tumor from colon

ROME (AP) — Except for complaining about some pain, John Paul II was recovering well from surgery to remove a benign colon tumor, and his doctors said he could be out of bed today.

By today, "we should be able to put him in a chair," Corrado Manni, chief anesthesiologist, said after checking the pope Wednesday evening about eight hours after John Paul, 72, came out of surgery.

"Everything is going smooth, very smooth," cardiologist Attilio Maseri said Wednesday night.

Manni said the pope complained of pain "as all patients do" after such surgery and was given sedatives.

The pope, who leads the slightly more than 900 million Roman Catholics worldwide, has received get-well wishes from around the globe — even from Mehmet Ali Agca, who is in prison for trying to assassinate John Paul in 1981.

With two biopsies done — one tissue sampling during a pre-surgical exam and another during the operation — the testing for possible cancer

cells was "99 percent" finished, Maseri said.

But doctors said pathologists would need a couple of more days to test slices of tissue from the tumor, which measured some 2 1/2 inches to 3 inches long, to make sure there weren't any abnormal cells.

In all, a 6-8 inch piece of the sigmoid section — a curved stretch of large intestine — was removed, doctors said. Tests before the surgery had also revealed gall stones, so the doctors removed the gall bladder as well.

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Let Peace Begin With Me

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Louise Fletcher
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Managing Editor

Opinion

Bush is allowing our men to suffer

New developments keep tumbling out concerning America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. First, a 1985 Defense Department memo on the Pentagon's investigation into the POWs was leaked last week to *The Tacoma News Tribune* of Tacoma, Wash., and later to *The Associated Press*. In the memo, retired Rear Adm. Thomas Brooks wrote, "The deeper I looked into the POW investigation, the less professional the operation appeared."

He provided details: "Case files were incomplete, sloppy (all mixed-up, loose papers, undated scribbled analyst notes, misfiled papers, etc.) and generally unprofessional.... Follow-up actions had not been pursued. In some cases, obvious follow-up actions were called for but were never taken and years had passed.... We had never employed some of the most basic analytic tools such as plotting all sightings on a map to look for patterns, concentrations, etc." Rear Adm. Brooks's conclusion: "There is a great element of truth in... statements that we have done a sloppy job."

Has this incompetency led to seven years of delays in rescuing POWs who still might be in Vietnam? Have some of our men, if they were alive, died because of the delays? Only full public disclosure of all the files, and competent accounting by independent researchers, will tell us.

Second, the restoration of freedom to Eastern Europe has begun yielding some secrets from the Cold War. According to news reports, former Eastern European operatives from the days of the Warsaw Pact alliance with the Soviet Union and Communist China indicate that some U.S. POWs from the Korean War were shifted to Communist China. The Chinese then reportedly subjected our men to psychological torture experiments. This is a serious matter because, unlike in decommunizing Russia and Eastern Europe, most of China's leaders today held top positions in their country's communist regime in the 1950s.

Once again, these files should be declassified so that we might know the truth.

Third, the full U.S. Senate voted unanimously, 96-0, for President Bush to declassify all documents on POWs and MIAs from the Vietnam war. It was a non-binding resolution. However, if Bush does not act soon, the Senate should vote again, this time with the House of Representatives, to order the president to declassify all the files. Unanimous votes in both houses would be veto-proof.

Why is President Bush stalling? Is he that cozy to the dictatorship in Beijing that he doesn't want to embarrass Deng Xiaoping? Does he not want this issue to explode before the November election? Whatever the reason, American men — if they are alive — might be suffering, perhaps dying, needlessly.

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Campus speech codes

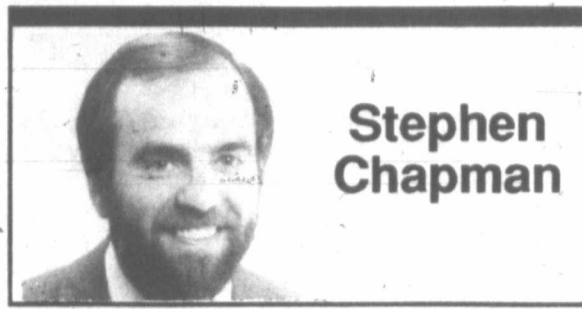
Colleges are supposed to be the sturdiest bastions of untrammelled inquiry, fiercely dedicated to the belief that the search for truth has to be free to travel down any road. Americans who were around in the 1950s or 1960s can remember academic administrators battling right-wing politicians to defend the right of professors and students to question national policies or even preach revolution.

But today, if you read about a speaker being shouted down for unpopular views, you can be sure the luckless soul was on a college campus. In many academic quarters, the pursuit of knowledge has taken a back seat to the enforcement of ideological conformity. The campus left, once the object of political persecution, now wields power in many places and relish giving back what it used to get.

One result has been the proliferation of university speech codes — ostensibly aimed at preserving ordinary courtesy but often used to silence those who question the prevailing dogma. But the Supreme Court, in a recent ruling on a Minnesota "hate crime" law, has sent speech codes the way of loyalty oaths. Most of those enacted by public institutions will require major revision or outright repeal, and private colleges, though they aren't legally affected by the ruling, will be under pressure to follow suit.

In the hate crime decision, the court said that while certain kinds of speech may be banned — insults that amount to "fighting words," for example — they may not be banned selectively. The city of St. Paul, Minn., may not prohibit vile epithets about certain groups while tolerating vile epithets about others, any more than it can allow libel suits by Republicans but not Democrats.

That, of course, is exactly what campus speech



Stephen Chapman

codes do. Typical of the genre is the University of Wisconsin's, which bars slurs "intended to demean the race, sex, religion, color, creed, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry or age of the person addressed." If you call someone a black SOB, you're in trouble; if you call someone a rich SOB, you're blessed. Racial minorities, women, homosexuals and other favored blocs are allowed to use terms of abuse against other groups that other groups are not allowed to use against them.

If the goal is civility, the differential treatment makes no sense. If the goal is political correctness, it makes perfect sense.

The policies don't target just verbal abuse and harassment. At some campuses you can run afoul of the code merely for questioning the official line on race and sex.

After the University of Michigan established a speech code, it published a student guide to proper behavior which indiscriminately lumped racist threats and graffiti with such conduct as displaying a Confederate flag on one's door, laughing at a joke about someone who stutters and failing to invite someone to a party because she's a lesbian.

In practice, the policy was even worse. One stu-

dent was convicted of "sexual harassment" for arguing in a class discussion that homosexuality is a disease that can be treated with psychological therapy. Another male student, offended by his gay roommate's pinups of nude men, asked the university for permission to move, only to be threatened with discrimination charges.

The phenomenon isn't some odd plant unique to Ann Arbor. When a University of Pennsylvania freshman expressed doubts about consciousness-raising sessions on racism and sexism, citing her "deep regard for the individual," an administrator sent her letter back with the word "individual" underlined and the note: "This is a RED FLAG phrase today, which is considered by many to be RACIST."

A Vassar student newspaper lost its funding when it criticized a black student for anti-Semitic remarks. The University of Wisconsin, however, dismissed a complaint by three students who objected to being called "rednecks." Said a school official, "Redneck is not a demeaning term."

The university codes do two things, one of which has always been forbidden by the First Amendment and one of which is now. The first is banning some things that amount to constitutionally protected speech (displaying a Confederate flag, regarding homosexuality as an abnormality). The second is banning unprotected speech in a selective way (prohibiting racist vulgarities but not anti-racist vulgarities).

Thanks to the Supreme Court, they won't be doing it anymore. University of Michigan officials say they'll probably have to more or less junk their speech code, and other public universities and colleges also will have little choice but to abandon the crusade to stifle speech they find politically objectionable. Good riddance.



Voodoo economics

Economists are always looking for indicators that will tell them which way our downtrodden economy is headed.

Today I have an indicator of my own. I sold my house. The one I moved out of three-and-a-half years ago. The one that has just set there like a big fat empty money-eater, all that time.

The one I reduced and reduced and it still wouldn't sell.

The one I happened to mention in a column and said that if anyone would buy it, I would send their firstborn to college and come over each weekend and wax their car.

The one nobody wanted even with that offer.

The one I had to pay a visit to each month with a wheelbarrow loaded with money.

I would open the front door and dump all the money into the house.

Don't get any wrong ideas here. I didn't make any money on the house. As a matter of fact, I lost money on the transaction.

It's the way of the '90s. Buy high. Pay and pay and pay. Then, sell low.

I often have heard these wild tales of people selling their homes and going to the closing and actually leaving there without a check. Not me. At the closing, I had to write one of my own. The New Economics: seller writes a check instead of receiving one.



Lewis Grizzard

But I'm thankful I've finally unloaded the house regardless of what it cost me to do so. And I've learned my lesson. The day of the easy real estate buck is gone. I'm not certain where it went.

Perhaps the Japanese were responsible for it. Perhaps Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina had just taken a bath in a real estate deal when he bashed the Japanese recently with mention of the surprise the Enola Gay brought to the Land of the Rising Sun in '45.

Maybe it was Reaganomics. Maybe it was the federal deficit. Or, perhaps it was simply carelessness and putting too much faith in an American capitalistic system that is limping that got me into the troubles I had with that house.

I admit I was cocky. What happened was I found another house I liked better. The new house was in a convenient location.

No problem. I bought the new house, thinking the old one would sell overnight. Not only would I be in a new house perfectly suited for me, but I'd make a bundle on the sale of the old one.

Nope. I know the true meaning of the phrase "Voodoo Economics." A real estate agent with the magic powers of a witch doctor couldn't have gotten anything near what I originally asked for that turkey.

As a matter of fact, several years ago I went to see Madame Coldwell Banker, a fortune teller, who specialized in real estate, and asked her to look inside her crystal ball and tell me what she saw in the future in regard to the house I was trying to sell. "I see a tall, dark stranger," she said.

"A buyer willing to pay cash for the asking price?" I asked.

"No," the seer replied. He looks more like a bankruptcy lawyer."

Yeah, I learned my lesson. Actually, I learned several.

LESSON NO. 1: Never buy another house until you've sold the one you're in.

LESSON NO. 2: Never think about burning a house you can't sell. You never know just how close you might come to actually doing it.

LESSON NO. 3: Selling my house at a big loss is an economic indicator all right: It indicates that I'm an idiot when it comes to real estate.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 16, the 198th day of 1992. There are 168 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb, in the desert of Alamogordo, N.M.

On this date: In 1790, the District of Columbia was established as the seat of the U.S. government.

In 1862, David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the U.S. Navy.

In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II, his empress and their five children were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1935, the first parking meters were installed, in Oklahoma City.

In 1951, the novel "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger was first published.

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Taking a fresh look at old problems

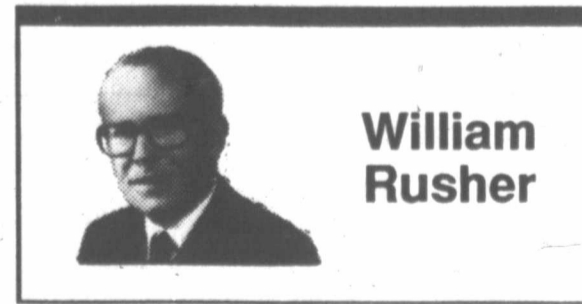
People who construct computer models designed to reflect some large reality — an ocean liner's hull, say, or the American economy — are forever trying to refine their models to bring them into closer accord with the reality under study. If they fail, their calculations will be invalid — garbage in, garbage out, as the saying goes.

What is often overlooked by political commentators is that their conclusions, too, are vulnerable to invalidation of their notion (or model) of reality is out of date, or is mistaken for some other reason. For we commentators, too, construct our own concepts of reality. The actuality is much too big to comprehend directly.

Thus, one of the liberals' favorite criticisms of conservatives is that the latter have an outdated vision of what America is like: a series of Judge Hardy households out of the 1950s, in which everybody is conventionally married to someone of the opposite sex, has 2.2 children, and lives in the garage, in a medium-sized town in the Middle West.

Conservatives reply, of course, that liberals think America is populated largely by bigoted Bubba-types and rednecks from the Appalachians to the Rockies, with sleazy millionaires infesting both coasts, while millions of involuntarily unemployed are compelled to sleep on the streets and still other millions are gay couples who seek only the right to marry, settle down and adopt a family.

To the extent that both models are mistaken, pol-



William Rusher

icy choices based on them are inevitably skewed in mistaken and even counterproductive directions.

Let me do what I can, therefore, to dispel a couple of current misconceptions.

Misconception No. 1: The Cold War fallacy. Although the Cold War is over, many commentators assume that mindsets developed during it, for the purpose of coping with it, are still generally valid. On the contrary, almost everything is different now.

The American economy, just for starters, must be thoroughly reorganized and rerouted, with millions of workers being directed into new and more relevant jobs. For another thing, all sorts of stupid and/or disagreeable things can happen all over the world now without Uncle Sam being compelled to dash in and straighten them out. Thirdly, many voters are far more inclined than they were during the Cold War to take a flyer on a risky president — whether Clinton or Perot.

Misconception No. 2: The "town meeting" fallacy. We often tend to rely on rules that work splendidly at the local level but that cannot conceivably be applied to problems on the scale of the entire nation.

This is a huge country — the third largest on earth, now that the Soviet Union has crumbled into its components. We have one state 20 percent larger in population than Canada, and another 70 percent as big. Altogether, we are 10 times as big.

In a small town, one or two drunks or dope addicts present no great problem. In America today, however, we have an entire underclass, numbering in the millions, largely paralyzed by alcohol and drugs. In a small town, everybody may know (but not say) that the church organist is gay. In America today, homosexuals are banded into aggressive voting blocs that many politicians fear.

In short, the differences of scale are so great that whole problems, once manageable, require brand-new solutions. The first (and worst) impulse is to look to government for them. The second, almost equally bad, is to assume that every problem must have some ready solution — if not government, then something else. The third is to suppose that, in any case, the only imaginable-kind of solution is a political one.

We will, however, never solve any of America's major problems until we bring our conceptual models into closer accord with reality.

California cracks down on staged auto accidents

By ELISE ROSEN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California authorities are cracking down on an insurance scam in which motorists purposely get into accidents with tractor-trailers.

Illegal aliens are paid as little as \$25 to cause the crashes, and at least one has been killed.

"This is crazy. This is dangerous," Attorney General Dan Lungren said Wednesday, standing by a mangled Pontiac Firebird at a towing yard in suburban Sun Valley.

The car's driver deliberately swerved in front of a big rig on busy Interstate 5 in the San Fernando Valley last month, causing a collision that killed one passenger and injured several others. Four men, including the driver, were charged with murder.

An investigation of three fraud rings in the Los Angeles area has led to 20 arrests, Lungren said, and as many as 70 more arrests are expected.

Illegal immigrants are recruited to drive the cars and be passengers, and are paid \$25 to \$100 per accident, Lungren said.

Typically, the staged accidents involve tractor-trailers because the rigs are well insured and likely to produce jury awards favorable to plaintiffs.

A trucker targeted for an accident is locked into his lane — unable to swerve — by up to seven other vehicles riding alongside and in front of him, according to the California Highway Patrol.

In one scenario, the trucker is forced into rear-ending a scam artist's car, whose driver slams on the brakes when a car driven by another participant in the scam cuts in front.

The cars the truckers hit usually carry many passengers to produce multiple insurance claims, Lungren said.

The arrests came after undercover agents with the attorney general's office and highway patrol infiltrated the fraud rings, Lungren said.

Last month, three Los Angeles law firms were searched for case files related to allegedly fraudulent insurance claims, he said.

Lungren said he hopes to prosecute attorneys and doctors who may have helped arrange the accidents or file the claims, but he is not optimistic.

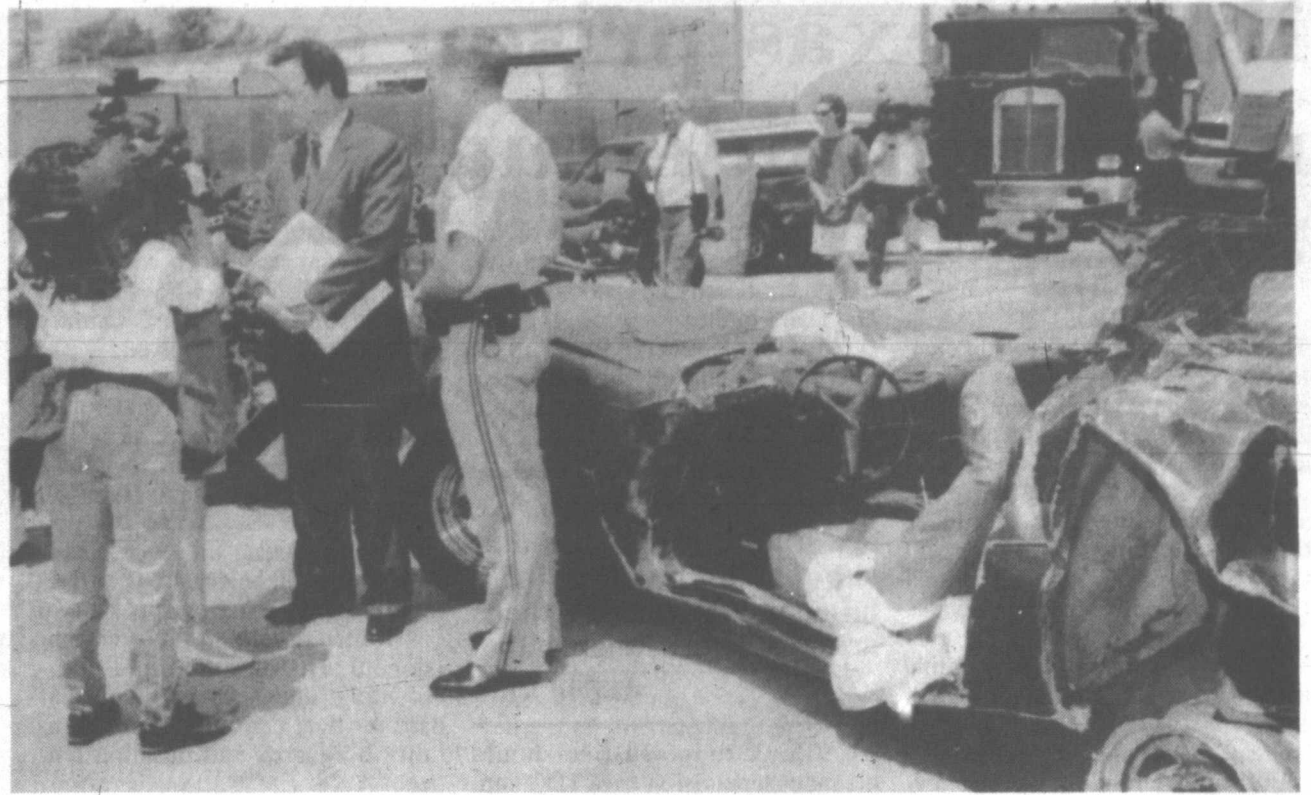
"What we have to show is knowing participation, and that is very hard to prove," he said.

Authorities have investigated 347 staged collisions in the state in the past year, said Keith Miller, assistant chief of the California Highway Patrol. More than half the accidents were in Los Angeles County.

The Western Insurance Industry Service estimates that up to a quarter of 570,000 recent accidents were deliberate. The industry group says 15 percent of all insurance premiums pay for fraudulent claims.

At one time, staging accidents was considered a low-risk, high-profit crime, Miller said.

"Now criminals will look at five to 10 in the state pen," he said.



Attorney General Dan Lungren, center, speaks with the media at a news conference Wednesday announcing the arrest of several persons involved in fraudulent auto accidents and insurance scams in Los Angeles.

Fierce storms pound northeast

By The Associated Press

Fierce storms packing lightning, high winds and hail pounded the Northeast and Midwest, downing power lines and flooding local streets.

The National Weather Service said a tornado touched down Wednesday night in the Queens borough of New York City, about 12 miles east of where the Democratic National Convention was meeting in Manhattan. The were no reports of injuries or damage.

Crews today were working to restore electricity to tens of thousands of customers on Long Island, east of New York City, where power lines were downed and transformers damaged, Long Island Lighting Co. officials said.

"There are a lot of reports of heavy winds, hail, basically real heavy rain, some flooding," said Mike Wyllie, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "In parts of western New Jersey, they had an inch to 2 inches of rain in a 20-minute period."

There were severe thunderstorms Wednesday night from New York to North Carolina and over parts of Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska.

In Iowa, storms blew down a barn in Clinton County near the Illinois line, killing cattle inside a barn near Lost Nation. Five inches of rain fell in less than two hours in Union County in south-central Iowa.

"I'm wetter than a frog in a pond," said Union County Sheriff John Coulter.

Hail almost 2 inches in diameter damaged crops and gardens in Taylor County in southeast Iowa.

In Indiana, cleanup operations were underway after more than a week of rain left rivers at flood stage. Rain has fallen in Indiana all but three days in July, the weather service said.

The Indiana National Guard piled sandbags around the swollen St. Mary's River in Decatur in northeast Indiana on Wednesday.

But the river held steady just below flood stage and no evacua-

tions were necessary, said Chat Sloane, director of preparedness for the State Emergency Management Agency.

Elsewhere in northeast Indiana, the waters of the Mississinewa River near Marion receded after cresting about 5 feet above flood stage Wednesday morning.

Just before midnight, the river had fallen to more than 2 feet below flood stage, said Dale Johnson of the Marion Wastewater Treatment Plant. "It's definitely on the way down," Johnson said. "I'm kind of surprised."

Water from a creek that empties into the Mississinewa had gone down enough by late Wednesday to allow residents of Stonecrest Manor to leave their trailer park. They had been stranded there since Tuesday morning because of waist-high water from the creek.

"The manager out there called me and said she'd sent someone out to get milk, bread and cigarettes," said Lori Austin, a spokeswoman for the Grant County emergency management office.

Spotted owls' taste in mates questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials have come up with a new explanation for the decline of the northern spotted owl — its amorous attraction to an unsavory invader of the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest.

Bans on timbering intended to protect the spotted owl from extinction may be in vain because the threatened bird is mating with the more aggressive barred owl in Oregon and Washington, says Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan.

If so, environmentalists counter, it's only because logging has created the "open forests" that have allowed the barred owl to make inroads in the region.

And wildlife specialists question whether there's really that much hanky-panky going on between the two species.

Charles Meslow, professor of wildlife ecology at Oregon State University in Corvallis, said Wednesday there are only six or seven documented cases of spotted owls breeding with barred owls. In contrast, there have been 3,000 to 4,000 observed breedings between spotted owls, he said.

Any chicks born from unions of spotted barred owls could not be considered a spotted owl under the terms of the Endangered Species Act, according to an Agriculture Department official.

The spotted owl was declared a threatened species in 1990 under the act. Biologists estimate that only about 3,000 breeding pairs of the birds remain. The ancient

forests are their primary habitat, but they can also be found in second- and third-growth forests.

Madigan raised the issue of the spotted owl's mating habits on Tuesday during a meeting with state leaders of the American Farm Bureau Federation. His information came from a government document on the owl prepared by experts in and out of government.

The Agriculture Department's Forest Service has come under fire from a federal judge in Seattle who contends its latest plan to protect the threatened bird is inadequate and violates environmental laws.

Earlier this month, U.S. District Judge William Dwyer extended a ban on logging in Northwest national forests and ordered the government to devise a plan to save the spotted owl.

"The point the secretary was making is that nobody is sure what is happening to the spotted owl," an Agriculture Department official said Wednesday. "It could as easily go down from predation and competition as from cutting down the trees."

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said predators and breeding problems with the spotted owl are occurring under the very canopy of forests that environmentalists say must be protected from logging to ensure the bird's survival.

"It's hard for government to be God, to say this creature will be saved. God has a lot of ways to get rid of creatures," he said.

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Ruiz: Texas prison system needs outside supervision

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

TENNESSEE COLONY, (AP) — The inmate who filed a lawsuit challenging conditions in Texas prisons says he would do it all again despite 20 years of litigation and personal suffering.

"I believe in what I do. We are still human beings and should be treated in a humane manner and there are laws supporting that," David Ruiz said Wednesday.

"If you cage an animal and kick him every day, one day that animal is going to attack," he said. "I never asked for a Holiday Inn. I asked to be treated as a human being."

But with the resolution of the lawsuit this week, Ruiz said he fears the state corrections system now will revert to its old inhumane ways.

"TDC will always have to have someone looking over its shoulder," he said, referring to what now is known as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division.

"They still have officials who worked before Judge (William Wayne) Justice. These officials have in their minds they can only treat prisoners in an inhumane and savage manner. That's why I feel there has to be some outside supervision. If not, we'll go back to the cave-man days."

Justice, the Tyler-based federal judge who has been overseeing Texas prisons for years since he found Ruiz's complaints in 1972 were valid, must approve the settle-

ment announced Tuesday involving attorneys for the inmate plaintiffs, the prison board and Attorney General Dan Morales.

Convicted burglar Ruiz, in an interview at the Coffield Unit where he is serving a life term, said Justice should not OK the accord.

"I believe in what I do. We are still human beings and should be treated in a humane manner and there are laws supporting that."

—David Ruiz

"I think Judge Justice should maintain supervision over TDC until they get all the old ones out of here and bring in a new class of people. I don't have much faith in the agreement."

Among items in the agreement is an easing of the 95 percent cap on inmate population, now one of the nation's largest at about 49,000. Some inmates also could be confined in tents.

Ruiz predicted the settlement changes would lead to inmate violence.

"If you put 150 men (in a small area), where are they going to sit?" he said. "In the summer, with no air conditioning, arguments are going to arise."

Ruiz, who has served time in six Texas prisons, acknowledged there have been improvements in medical care and elimination of the building tender system, where inmates were

used as guards. But he complained medical care was dispensed promptly only to inmates who were not troublesome and that inmate grievances were not resolved.

"They're always passing the buck, always claiming prisoner allegations can't be verified," he said.

Justice was expected to hold a hearing on the case within 60 days.

In 1980, acting on Ruiz' handwritten lawsuit, he declared confinement in the Texas prison system constituted cruel and unusual punishment. His opinion cited overcrowding, under staffing, substandard medical care and routine brutality by guards and building tenders.

After more than a decade of massive spending increases to build new prisons, state officials said they had earned the right to take back control of the system.

Attempts to end the lawsuit hit snags, resulting in fights between Morales and the inmates' attorneys for most of the year.

On Tuesday, the parties announced they had reached an agreement, clearing the way for Texas to be able to place about 3,500 more inmates into already crowded prisons and new prisons within a year.

"What will happen is if they continue to build prisons one after another, pretty soon they'll have to build a fence around Texas," Ruiz said. "There are ways to eliminate crime. Locking up and throwing away the keys isn't one of them."



(AP Photo) Texas prison inmate David Ruiz discusses the resolution of his 20-year-old lawsuit challenging conditions in Texas prisons Wednesday at the Coffield Unit in Tennessee Colony. Ruiz fears the state corrections system will now revert to its old inhumane ways.

Republican legislators criticize settlement

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican legislators are critical of a settlement aimed at ending a 20-year lawsuit over state prison conditions, saying Texas would have fared better by fighting the case in court.

Attorneys of inmates who brought the suit signed the agreement Tuesday. Attorney General Dan Morales gave his approval two months ago on behalf of the state of Texas.

Various GOP lawmakers complain that the agreement will do little if anything to lighten the crush of state inmates in county jails or alleviate the early release of prisoners.

"This is an outrageous sellout to the convicts' attorneys," said Rep. John Culberson, R-Houston.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, called the settlement "a prescription for disaster. There is no relief in sight in my mind."

The 29-page agreement obligates the state to maintain the prisons in a constitutional manner, but also allows 3,500 more inmates to be placed in existing

prisons and lifts population caps on future prison units.

Culberson, who has written laws on prison population guidelines, said the agreement actually restricts the state from using tents on a large scale.

Without the settlement, tent cities within prison walls would have been possible, and the backlog of 14,000 felons in county jails could have been wiped out, he said.

"It's a lay-down winner in appellate court," Culberson said. "Texas has everything that we need to win this case on appeal except an attorney general with backbone."

Under the agreement, tents could be used only as temporary facilities to house forestry crews, wilderness camps, work camps or boot camps.

Richards Collins, head of the Associated Texans Against Crime in Dallas, said the Morales settlement "doesn't do anything to solve the state's problems with crime."

Autopsy shows newborn found in pool had been embalmed

HOUSTON (AP) — An infant found dead in a Harris County apartment complex swimming pool apparently came from a medical laboratory and did not drown or fall victim to foul play, authorities say.

The body of the boy, which was thought to be no more than a day old, was found on the pool's bottom by residents Tuesday night. Emergency workers tried to revive the baby, Harris County Sheriff's Sgt. Bruce Williams said.

However, an autopsy showed that

the infant apparently was a medical specimen that was embalmed before it was put into the pool.

"Apparently it's going to be taken from some clinic or something, and dropped out at that location," Williams said. No clinic or laboratory had yet reported the body missing, he said.

Whoever put the baby's body in the swimming pool could face a Class A misdemeanor charge of abusing a corpse, Williams said.

Homicide investigators were

looking into reports that the body had been put in the pool as a prank, he said.

"There had been some talk that possibly some young boys had dropped that out there, but as far as anything, concrete evidence ... we don't have anything to support that at this time," he said.

"This is a very rare thing. We have run across a few fetuses before that had come from laboratories before that had been found, but as far as infants, no," Williams said.

Justice requests reasons government should not return abortion pill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration offers a pair of simple reasons for keeping the French abortion pill RU486 out of the country.

First, because no company has asked the FDA to market the morning-after drug in the United States, the agency that regulates much of what Americans eat, drink, inject or swallow sees no reason to approve it.

"It's not that the FDA has refused to approve it," said agency spokesman Gary Fendler. "We can't answer a question that we haven't been asked."

And second, the agency doesn't look upon pregnancy as fitting the loophole it created to allow people faced with life-threatening illnesses to bring in unapproved drugs for their own use.

"We do allow in very limited situations unapproved drugs into country for personal use for serious and life-threatening diseases for which there is no known cure or therapy," Fendler said.

The Justice Department is likely to echo both those arguments in response to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' request Wednesday to explain why the government should not be made to return the RU486 it confiscated from a woman challenging the U.S. ban on the pill.

The case wound up here after a series of lower-court decisions in New York earlier this week saw judges appointed by Democratic and Republican presidents taking opposite sides of the issue. Thomas is

responsible for emergency cases from New York.

Leona Bente, a 29-year-old American social worker who brought the pills from England on July 1, is nearly eight weeks pregnant and can safely start taking the pills only until Saturday, her lawyers say.

"I don't like surgery, I don't like hospitals, and I believe in self-determination, so I'd much rather take a pill than put myself in the hands of someone who's going to do a procedure on me," Ms. Bente said in an interview published by The New York Times.

RU486, developed by the French pharmaceutical company Roussel Uclaf, causes a fertilized egg to be expelled before it can be implanted in the uterus wall. It has been used by some 110,000 women in Britain and France.

Fendler said RU486 was tested in the United States in the mid-1980s but the company, which he did not name, did not then submit a request for approval to market the product.

The approval process for a drug can take years, but it has to start with a drug company asking the FDA to let it begin studying a pro-

posed product. The company submits the results of those studies, including trials in animals and humans, to the agency. The FDA gives the material to a panel of experts who examine the scientific evidence and advise the agency on whether they believe the product is safe and effective.

In the end, that's what the company must prove: that the drug does what it's supposed to and that it does no harm.

"We're not standing in the way of legitimate research, never have, never will," Fendler said.

Drake S. Cutini, a Justice Department lawyer, argued before lower courts that the FDA was right to bar RU486 because it has not been proved safe. The government also said the abortion pills should not be returned because Ms. Bente could have a surgical abortion.

The confiscated pills remain in the custody of Customs officials in New York, who seized them after Ms. Bente arrived from England at Kennedy International Airport. Ms. Bente and her supporters, who wanted the issue decided in court, had alerted Customs officials of her arrival.

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(Special photo) Chautauqua committee members are, left, Carolyn Smith, exhibits; Berinda Turcotte, co-chairman; and Faustina Curry, foods. They plan with chairman Sandy Crosswhite, seated, for the 11th annual Labor Day event in Central Park sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Chautauqua committee named

The 11th annual Chautauqua is set for Labor Day, Sept. 7, in Central Park. The free, all-day outing will feature stage events including bands, soloists, dancers and a melodrama. The stage events are headed by Brenda Payne. Eileen Kludt is in charge of the arts and crafts booths and Patti Lowrance and Katrina Hildebrandt are planning a variety of children's events. The Pampa Fine Arts Association's tent will feature home-spun art in the morning and artists in action in the afternoon, followed by a 3 - 5 p.m. children's workshop. The tent activities are chaired by Darlene Birkes.

Miniature hobbyists set October show and sale

The Merri Mini Makers and Mini Casa de Amarillo have set noon until 5 p.m., Oct. 10 and 11 for the annual miniature show and sale at the Amarillo Garden Center. Besides miniature houses, room and vignettes, a miniature Christmas Festival of Trees will be displayed. Proceeds from the show benefit the Evaline Rivers Christmas project and the Spirit of Christmas, sponsored by Team Bank. Both are organizations which donate gifts to local needy children. Dealers from several states will attend the miniature show and sale. From 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 10, workshops about miniatures will be taught. Costs vary and no reservations are necessary.

ACT I sets Aug. 7 and 8 for children's production

Area Community Theatre Inc. will present a children's production of "Help! I'm Trapped in a High School" at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 7 - 8 in their theatre in the Pampa Mall.

In the comedy, written by Tim Kelly, four "Vally-type" students are transferred to Public School Maxium Security (commonly referred to as "Last Chance High") due to a computer error.

The pampered, new students find incorrigible, tough and dangerous students and in their attempts to transfer out, find an egomaniacal principal, a weird staff, a dietician stuck on spaghetti loaf and licorice gelatin and a psychiatrist victimized by flying insects.

Tickets are available by calling the theatre, 665-3710, or by contacting cast members.

Saturday concert to aid Red Cross

"Big Tread and The White-walls" will present a concert benefiting the Red Cross at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The group features music from the 1950's and 1960's. For ticket information call 669-0216.

Stressed out wife regrets couple's endless invitations

DEAR ABBY: I need a suggestion for a problem for which there seems to be no solution.

I've been acquainted with "Cecelia" for about five years. We met at college. She is very sweet, but we have nothing in common, and her husband and my husband have zero in common.

Cecelia continues to call me and invite us over for dinner. Twice I accepted her invitations, and reciprocated. Now she's calling me again, asking me to set a time for the four of us to do something together.

Abby, it is so stressful. My poor husband was bored to death in her husband's company, and frankly, Cecelia is also a bore. Now he absolutely refuses to go there again for dinner, and he doesn't care for the kinds of movies they enjoy (foreign films).

I've met her for lunch alone, but she keeps insisting that the four of us get together in the evening for dinner. Her husband doesn't care for sports, and my husband loves sports.

How can I get out of socializing with this couple without hurting her feelings? It's very difficult when she calls and asks which night is best for us. She is very persistent. Help! Maybe one of your readers has a workable solution.

TRAPPED IN THE SUBURBS

DEAR TRAPPED: Continue to be "busy" when she calls to set up a date with you and your husband. There is no way you can tell a woman that your husband is bored with her husband without hurting her feelings.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Baffled," who suggested that we just print enough money to pay off the national debt, calls to mind a kitchen debate I had with a neighbor back in 1956.

I attempted to illustrate, by means of a ludicrous example, the futility of endless price/wage increases without productivity increases.

I posed this hypothetical scenario: "Assume the population of the United States to be 250 million people. If each person were to give you 1 cent,

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

you would have \$2.5 million — and not one donor would complain about the loss of a penny, right?"

She agreed. I then said, "Why not make a list of every person in the United States. Start with the name at the top of the list and have everybody give that person 1 cent. That person would then be a millionaire. Move to the next person on the list and do the same. When you have gone through the entire list, everyone is a millionaire, right?"

She pondered for a few minutes, then she said, "It sounds like a good idea, but there must be something wrong with it or someone else would have thought of it already."

I changed the subject.

JIM TILLOTSON,
LOS ALTOS, CALIF.

DEAR JIM: Thanks for recalling that humorous story, but I wonder how many good ideas have been lost because somebody thought, "There must be something wrong with it, or someone else would have thought of it already."

DEAR ABBY: To "Young at Heart," who is upset because her "peach of a man" always drops in unannounced and expects her to be available without notice: I smell a rat. I'll bet Monopoly money he's married.

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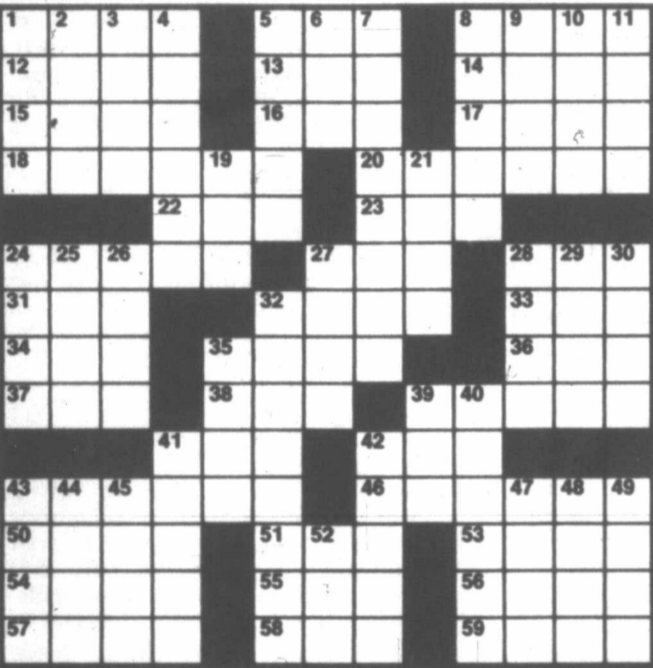
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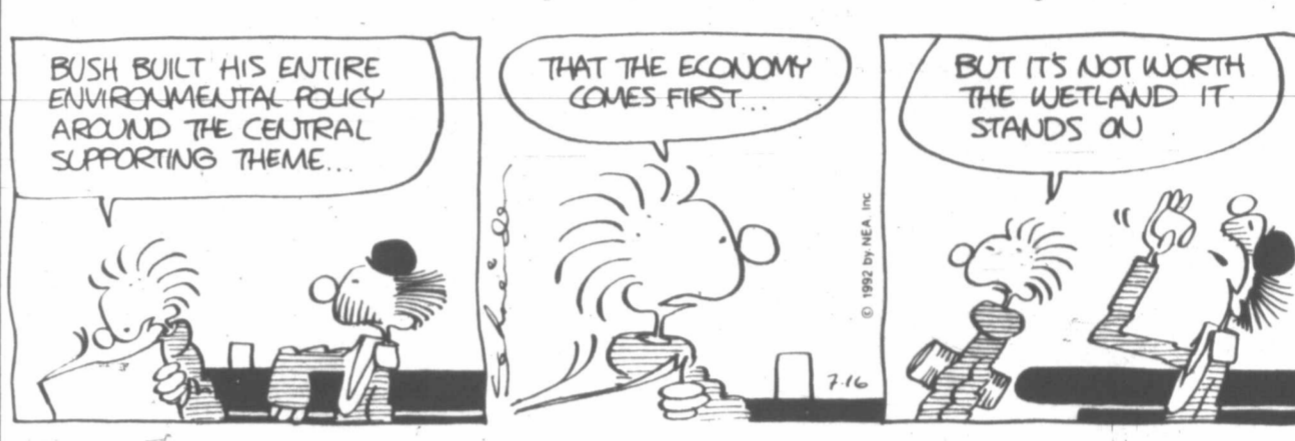
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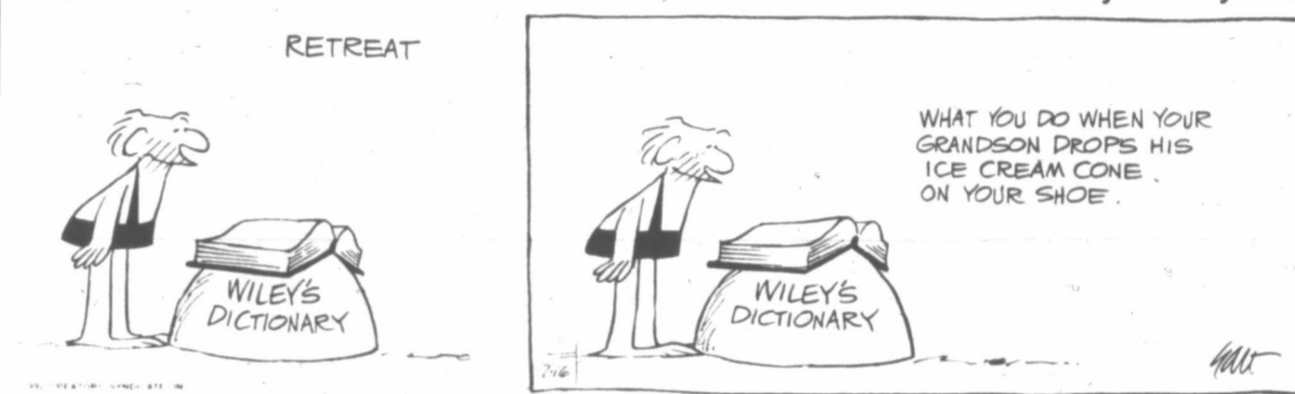
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conditions you'd like to change — not only for your benefit, but because you think they'll prove advantageous for others as well — can be implemented today. Give them a try. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences governing you in the year-ahead. Send for Cancer's Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Usually, it's not a good policy to let others make critical decisions for us. But letting a well-intentioned ally call the shots today could be a worthwhile exception.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Fortuitous developments are not likely to emanate today from individuals in authority, but rather from your co-workers. Good things can happen when each looks out for the other.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You are both popular and influential with your peers at this time, even though you might not be fully aware of it. Fortunately, it doesn't need your recognition or approval.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Get-togethers with friends aren't likely to be nearly as gratifying today as doing things with your family and relatives. If forced to make a choice, keep this in mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Timing is extremely important regarding issues you're anxious to promote. Make sure you have a strong game plan before making any moves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Beginning today, there could be a noticeable shift in circumstances that could prove to be materially advantageous for you. Keep an eye peeled for indicators.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take the initiative today instead of waiting on others to get an endeavor off the ground. The ball is in your court, not theirs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Situations you have little or no control over could turn out better for you than those you're steering yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A close friend might talk to you today about something new that is, according to your pal, full of promise. Don't dismiss it lightly; your friend may be right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're truly persistent regarding your ambitious objectives today, substantial progress can be made. Once you establish a course, don't let outside influences deter you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Instead of merely talking about your bright ideas today, make an effort to execute them. It is action that will bring them into being, not words.

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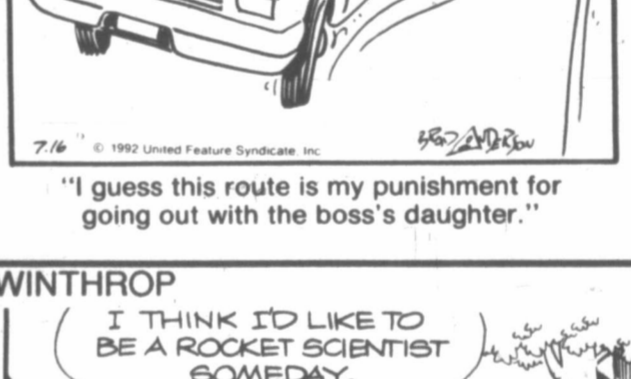
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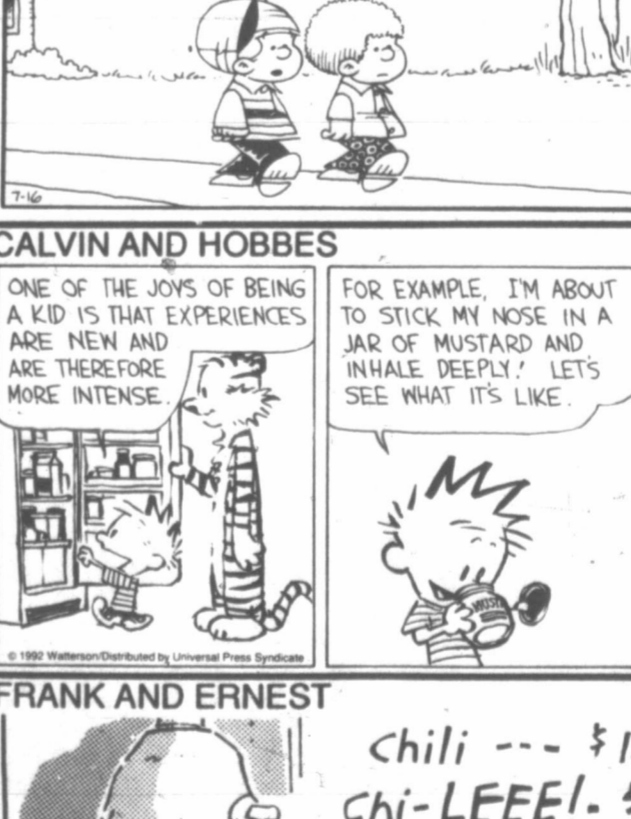
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Sports

Southwest Outdoors

By Mel Phillips



Please tell me where all the bass have gone

Poor Texas Parks and Wildlife—after catching some heat for the poor bass fishing conditions in our part of the world, both the regional biologist, Joe Kraai, and the number one guy for Inland Fisheries, Phil Durocher, repeatedly promised that TPW would "stock significant numbers of bass" when the lakes in West Texas show major increases in lake levels.

THE GOOD NEWS Mother Nature did her part by providing some unusually heavy spring rains that have benefited virtually every lake in our region.

After nearly five years of low water, LAKE WHITE RIVER is up 13 feet. At last, it is full and the amount of newly flooded cover is simply unbelievable.

LAKE MEREDITH enjoyed its fifth largest rise in the last 20 years, when the level increased a full six feet to 86.72 feet. Virtually all water over the 82-foot level contains perfect largemouth bass cover—lots of flooded trees, brush, and even laydown logs.

On Friday, June 26, I couldn't stand it any more and placed a call to Mr. Kraai, just to confirm that bass were on their way to our lakes. Visions of lakes full of both water and bass danced in my head, B-U-T Kraai was on vacation.

No problem, I also know the powerful Mr. Durocher and was sure that he was privy to when that "first convoy" would arrive from the hatchery.

THE BAD NEWS Guess who is out of B-A-S-S? Durocher flatly stated that "no additional bass stocking are planned for any Panhandle lakes" in 1992. He reported that "TPW hatcheries simply have no bass."

Just our luck, the Panhandle finally gets some water and the only people who can legally stock fish are out of bass and CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET ANY UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

As someone slowly getting used to the thinking at TPW, I appreciate their problems, explanations, and finger pointing. Mother Nature is going to have to shape up and provide those rain showers on a schedule that is more convenient.

"Playa Pete" is less kind to TPW: "I will gladly trade a boat load of those paper-shuffling bureaucrats for just one dedicated state employee who recognizes the need to do some old fashioned 'horse-trading' and get us some bass."

Saddest part of this story is that if no fish are stocked until 1993, the lake levels will probably be lower and any stocked bass face both a lower survival rate and much slower growth rate.



Ian Baker-Finch practices Wednesday.

Pate paces British Open in first round

GULLANE, Scotland (AP) — Steve Pate, who saves some of his best golf for the majors but has yet to win one, marched over surprisingly tame Muirfield at 7-under 64 today to take the early first-round lead at the British Open.

Ian Woosnam, a Masters champion hoping to win a major closer to his Welsh home, stayed right with Pate at 7-under through 16 holes.

"Amazing what happens when you start putting good," Pate said as he walked off the course after a cool 10-foot putt

saved par on the 18th following birdie putts on the 13th, 14th and 15th.

"I hit a long way from the hole and made it a lot," he said.

Nick Faldo, the 7-1 favorite, was only two strokes off with a 66 that tied him with Lee Janzen, who won his only tournament in Tucson, Ariz., in February.

Thousands of gawking golfers in the birthplace of the game got their first look at Long John Daly's giant drives as the 121st edition of this event began with a breeze nor a sprinkle to bedevil the



Nick Faldo, right, helps Gary Evans in Scotland before today's first round.

field. Dark clouds threatened, but light showers at midday passed quickly and the air stayed relatively calm.

Daly, playing with defending champion Ian Baker-Finch, quickly brought oohs and aahs from the gallery as he bogeyed the first hole and birdied the second and fifth. Daly's drive on 351-yard No. 2 was hole high just off the green, but for all his power he could manage no better than 1-over through 15 holes.

Rather unnoticed but only two strokes off Pate's pace were Andrew Magee and

Costantino Rocca at 67.

Pate, who tied for third in the Masters last year and seventh in the PGA championship, has five PGA Tour victories — the latest in San Diego this year — and has risen to one of the better players in the game over the past few years. Pate also finished sixth at the Masters this year.

He made the Ryder Cup team last year, but suffered a deep hip bruise in a pile-up of three limousines as the team traveled from Kiawah Island, S.C. into Charleston for the

opening banquet. He played one team match, but had to sit out the singles. That was the low point in an otherwise solid year that brought him nearly \$728,000, sixth on the tour.

Jack Nicklaus made an ignominious return to the links where he won the first of his three British Opens and learned to love seaside golf.

Nicklaus double-bogeyed the par-4 first hole, but started to get the feel of the course again on No. 5, matching Woosnam's birdie. After 16 holes, though, Nicklaus was 3-over.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Both Texas teams chase hot leaders in second half

Rangers' hopes hinge on Harrah

DALLAS (AP) — When spring training started, this was the season the Texas Rangers saw as theirs.

All the veterans were in place and many of their highly touted prospects had gained major league experience.

So when management saw the season slipping away last Thursday, they fired manager Bobby Valentine, who coached more games (1,186) for one team without winning a pennant than any other coach this century.

With interim manager Toby Harrah in place, the second half begins with high hopes that Texas can make up the 6 1/2 games that separate them and the first-place Minnesota Twins.

The Rangers announced today that Harrah will be retained through the rest of the season.

Harrah said he's the right man for the job. "Being manager is a lot neater than being interim manager," he said.

The Rangers, who have traditionally faded in July and August, begin the second half with a four-game series at home against Baltimore.

This could be Texas' best chance at a pennant because this could be the last year in a Ranger uniform for Nolan Ryan, Ruben Sierra, Jose Guzman, Jeff Russell and others who are either getting older or are free agents.

"It might be a little more of a now-or-never situation than before because of the magnitude of our free agents," general manager Tom Grieve said Wednesday.

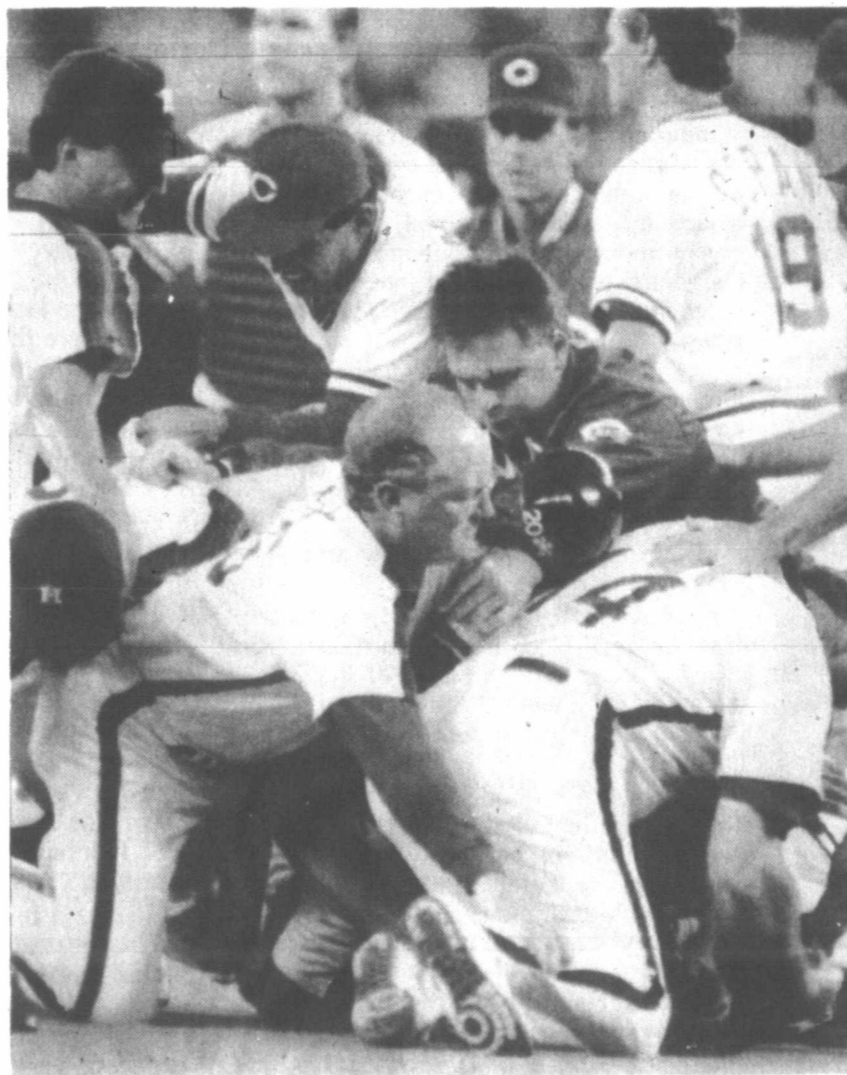
"The fans have been very supportive, but the longer you go without winning, the more impatient they get."

The Rangers, at 48-42 in third in the AL West, have plenty going for them this year. Kevin Brown, the All-Star game winner, leads the majors in victories with 14. Sierra and catching sensation Ivan Rodriguez were also All-Stars, while emerging sluggers Dean Palmer and Juan Gonzalez are quickly making their marks.

Rafael Palmeiro, a career .300 hitter who has struggled this year, has shown signs of finding his stroke, going 5 for 5 in the Rangers' last game before the break Sunday.

But the Rangers face the same nagging problems they had this spring: an unreliable bullpen and sub-par defense. Julio Franco, the defending AL batting champion, also continues to battle a knee injury that has kept him out most of the year.

Harrah went to work on the defense immediately after his promotion, installing Jeff Frye at second and the speedy Donald Harris in center. Gonzalez was moved from center to left field, a trouble spot all year for Texas.



The Houston Astros have an 11-game deficit to overcome before they can get into a divisional fight with the Cincinnati Reds. That was not the case in this brawl earlier in the season.

Astros hit road while GOP meets

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros will have to solve their problems in the worst possible setting in the second half of the season — on the road.

They have one of the worst road records (13-27) in the league, and after a 10-game homestand beginning tonight, they'll start a record 26-game, 28-day road trip necessitated by the GOP National Convention, which is being held in the Astrodome.

Road woes are nothing new for the Astros. They have the worst road record in the major leagues for 1990-1991 at 54-108.

The Astros are in the second year of their youth movement that last year produced Rookie of the Year Jeff Bagwell at first base and left fielder Luis Gonzalez.

This season hasn't been as successful in terms of youthful progress.

Pitchers Ryan Bowen, Butch Henry and Darryl Kile have struggled. Bowen and Kile have earned trips back to Triple-A Tucson. And Juan Cedeño started the season at shortstop but he, too, is now in Tucson.

"We had too many checkered first halves from too many people," general manager Bill Wood said. "I'm encouraged that there's still plenty of room for improvement. That's a positive and not a negative."

Catcher Eddie Taubensee, obtained in a trade with Cleveland

for promising outfielder Kenny Lofton, also returned to Tucson on June 12 after hitting .152 with the Astros.

Wood also expected more from pitching prospects Jeff Juden and Chris Gardner. They received invitations to the major league camp in spring training but they are still struggling at Triple-A.

Gonzalez, who took a brief refresher course at Tucson, and Bagwell, also struggled early in the season.

The biggest experiment this spring was moving All-Star catcher Craig Biggio to second base and it got a big payoff. Biggio made the All-Star roster this season at second base.

"It took me a month out there to feel good about where I was standing," Biggio said. "Once you feel comfortable, everything gets easier."

Biggio also has prospered in the leadoff position. He's scored a team-leading 59 runs and is on pace to become the Astros' first 100-run producer since Enos Cabell in 1977.

"If he hits .280 with a bunch of walks, he could get 100 runs this year," bench coach Matt Galante said.

After failing two straight years to stick with the Astros, rightfielder Eric Anthony showed from his power potential in the first half of the season and forced himself into the starting lineup.

Flu ravishes horses on East Coast

By The Associated Press

Hundreds of thoroughbred race horses have been quarantined at several major tracks in the East as the result of an equine disease described as the "flu."

The most serious outbreak appeared to be at Suffolk Downs, where between 30 and 40 horses have shown signs of the potentially fatal equine virus. They will be quarantined at Suffolk Downs for about two weeks, a spokesman said Wednesday.

"They'll all get a two-week vacation, whether they need it or not," Chip Tuttle said.

Saratoga Race Course, Belmont Park and Rockingham Park also have quarantined a number of race horses, officials said on Wednesday.

In addition, the virus forced the cancellation tonight of racing at Foxboro Park, many of whose horses are supplied by Suffolk Downs.

"We did not want to run a short field," said Foxboro spokesman Craig Scoulos, who added that the virus has not hit any of the 560 horses housed there.

State officials quarantined all 500 horses at Suffolk Downs on Tuesday in an effort to curb the spread of equine disease at the track.

Some of the sick horses were suffering fevers and swelling, but appeared to be responding well to "horse aspirin" and other medicine, Tuttle said.

"It's almost the same as humans getting the flu," he said.

Tuttle said I Got Away, a 2-year-old

racing horse, died early Tuesday in the Suffolk Downs barn of trainer Dennis Elliott. But Tuttle said there was no indication the horse died of equine disease, which is highly contagious.

A similar outbreak of equine disease has been reported among some of the 1,400 horses being kept at Rockingham Park in New Hampshire. This has had a direct effect at Saratoga and Belmont Park.

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets called for the quarantine of five horses at Saratoga and nine at Belmont Park in New York City because the horses were at Rockingham.

"I don't think we're going to have any effect at all (from the disease)," said John Mangona, the New York Racing Association's resident manager at Saratoga.

Pampa Optimist Club needs host families

Optimist Club officials have developed a king-size headache in trying to find housing for youngsters arriving later this month for the Southwest Regional Bambino Baseball Tournament in Pampa.

"We just haven't had much luck at all," said Susan Finney, who is one of the volunteers trying to put host families and out-of-town players together. "We're very far behind right now, and we're starting to panic."

In addition to the Pampa team, Finney said two teams from Arkansas, two from Louisiana, one from south Texas and one from Oklahoma are expected for the 11-12-year tournament starting Aug. 1. Each team will have 15 players.

"There's two workers in a lot of families these days and that's causing us problems. The first week of August is also a good vacation time for families and that's another problem," Finney said.

Finney said a minimum of 10 host families was needed and each family was required to house two youngsters for the week-long tournament.

"We want to keep two of the kids who know each other together," she said. "At least one family member needs to stay with them at night. They'll also have to feed them, see that they get to the ballpark on time and wash their uniforms."

Finney also mentioned a few

perks in being a host family.

There will be a free banquet Friday night, July 31, for the host families, and they will also be able to get into all the games free, she said. Many parents will be accompanying the players, but lodging has been reserved for them at a local motel.

"We want to provide a home setting for the players. My son went to one of these tournaments a couple of years ago, and it was just a wonderful experience for everybody," Finney said. "We want to be able to return the favor, but we need help."

Persons wanting to know more about the host family arrangement can call 669-6786 or 669-3397.

NFL CAMPS

Oilers sign second round pick

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Eddie Robinson decided to get off on the right foot with his new employers, the Houston Oilers.

He held firm at the negotiating table until late Wednesday and then he agreed to contract terms and prepared to suit up for today's first workout with the other rookies and free agents.

"It's good to get off on the right foot and not coming in late and start off a week or two weeks late and have verbal wars in the newspaper," Robinson said.

"That's not a good way to start a relationship. This is a good way for me to start with the club."

Robinson, the Oilers' second round selection in the 1992 draft, led a parade of signees Wednesday that also included linebacker Joe Bowden of Oklahoma, wide receiver Dion Johnson of East Carolina and linebacker Anthony Davis of Utah.

"I'm just happy to be here," Robinson said. "I didn't want to sit home one more day and just watch on TV everything that's going on."

Coach Jack Pardee already had warned against late arrivals.

The Oilers' five-game preseason schedule that includes an Aug. 1 game in Tokyo against Dallas and two other scrimmages with the Cowboys gives the Oilers an unusual training camp.

"We'll have the same number of working days but we'll have extra game and travel time so these first few workouts will be so important to the rookies," Pardee said. "It's more like a game-week schedule."

Bucky Richardson, who earlier agreed to terms of a two-year deal, already had signed his contract. Richardson, an eighth-round pick who led Texas A&M to two Cotton Bowl appearances, likely will work at running back.

Wide receivers Corey Harris (third round) of Vanderbilt and Mario Bailey (sixth round) of Washington remained unsigned, leaving a wider gap in the Oilers receiving corps.

Also unsigned were tackle Mike Mooney (fourth round) of Georgia Tech; defensive tackle Tim Roberts (third pick in fifth round) Southern Mississippi and

wide receiver Elbert Turner (seventh round) of Illinois.

Kicker Joe Wood of Air Force, a 12th-round pick, must fulfill military service before joining the Oilers.

Defensive back Mike Dumas was a camp holdout in 1991 and he suffered throughout the season because of it, Pardee said.

"If they miss any of these workouts we can't go back in two weeks and practice for them again. Last year we had a lot of missed time. (Mike) Dumas missed so much he didn't get to play and he was one of the top choices of the defensive backs."

Pardee doesn't anticipate problems because of the Oilers' hectic preseason schedule.

"You can't do anything about it so why worry?" Pardee said. "The players say all the travel will be tiring. I tell them, 'Would you rather be sitting on an air-conditioned plane or working out two times a day?'"

While late-arriving rookies will suffer, backup players already indoctrinated in the Oilers system will benefit from more game-condition playing time, Pardee said.

"We'll have a lot of games and let them get some playing time," Pardee said. "That's all some of them need. They've been in camp and know the system, they just need to play."

Dumas fits into that category along with defensive linemen Jeff Alm and Willie Peguese and defensive back Steve Jackson.

The Oilers also have potential contract problems among the veterans. Six veterans are unsigned and quarterback Warren Moon may not report Sunday if terms of a bonus clause (worth about \$800,000) is not resolved.

Three Pro Bowl performers, guard Mike Munchak, cornerback Kris Dishman and defensive end William Fuller, are unsigned along with starting receiver Curtis Duncan and free safety Bo Orlando and backup linebacker Scott Kozak.

Sean Jones ended a bitter contract battle in 1991 by signing a three-year contract but he announced last week he's quitting football.

Dallas Cowboys

Defense will be the main attraction today when the Dallas Cowboys start training camp in Austin.

With top receivers Michael Irvin and Jay Novacek still unsigned, coach Jimmy Johnson will focus on the defensive line and the secondary.

"I'm anxious to get the guys in pads," Johnson said. "There's going to be quite a few interesting battles, maybe not for starting spots but for backups."

"Most will be on the defense, where we've got a lot of young guys in the line and in the secondary."

All eyes will be on Texas A&M rookie Kevin Smith, who is expected to battle veteran Issiac Holt at left cornerback. But Smith suffered a setback this week when he pulled his left hamstring during pre-camp workouts at the Cowboys Valley Ranch facility.

"It's still sore, and I don't want to push it and come back too soon," said Smith, who was injured in a pass coverage drill Tuesday.

"It's going to kill me not to be able to go the first day or so, but it's better to sit out now than to hurt it worse and sit out in the regular season."

The defensive line will also attract much of Johnson's attention.

At the center of that struggle will be Air Force pilot Chad Hennings, who is trying to rejuvenate his career after a four-year layoff. Dallas must decide on probably four backups from Jimmie Jones, Danny Noonan, Hennings, Leon Lett, Kevin Harris and Tony Hill.

Noonan has been the topic of trade rumors the entire offseason. However, the former University of Nebraska star has bulked up to 296 pounds, making him more attractive to teams using three-man defensive fronts.

"I feel better than he ever, said Noonan, bigger now than when he tried steroids in college. "Everybody I talk to says I'm the prototype AFC nose guard. Wherever it may be, I just want to be the best I can be."

Los Angeles Rams

Two veterans came to terms — eight-year tight end Damone Johnson and 11-year quarterback Mike Pagel.

Johnson, a starter, had been a holdout

two of the last three years. Pagel is expected to be Jim Everett's backup.

The Rams also added fourth-round lineman Shawn Harper to the list of signees.

New York Jets

The bad old days weren't so old and were as bad as you can imagine.

Yet, just two years removed from a 4-12 record that marked the end of Joe Walton's coaching days, the New York Jets are a playoff team. In the third year of Bruce Coslet's regime, the next step, the most difficult step, is the next challenge, the most difficult challenge.

"It's the toughest," Coslet said Wednesday as the Jets opened training camp. "You go through high school and college and graduate school and on to your doctorate and each step gets harder."

"We have to develop consistency. That's been one of the buzzwords we've had since I took over. We can't be backsliding."

The Jets sort of backed their way into the playoffs last season. They went 8-8 and did not beat a team that finished with a winning record. They lost three of their last four games.

But when given one more chance, they seized it, beating Miami in overtime to squeeze into the final AFC wild-card berth.

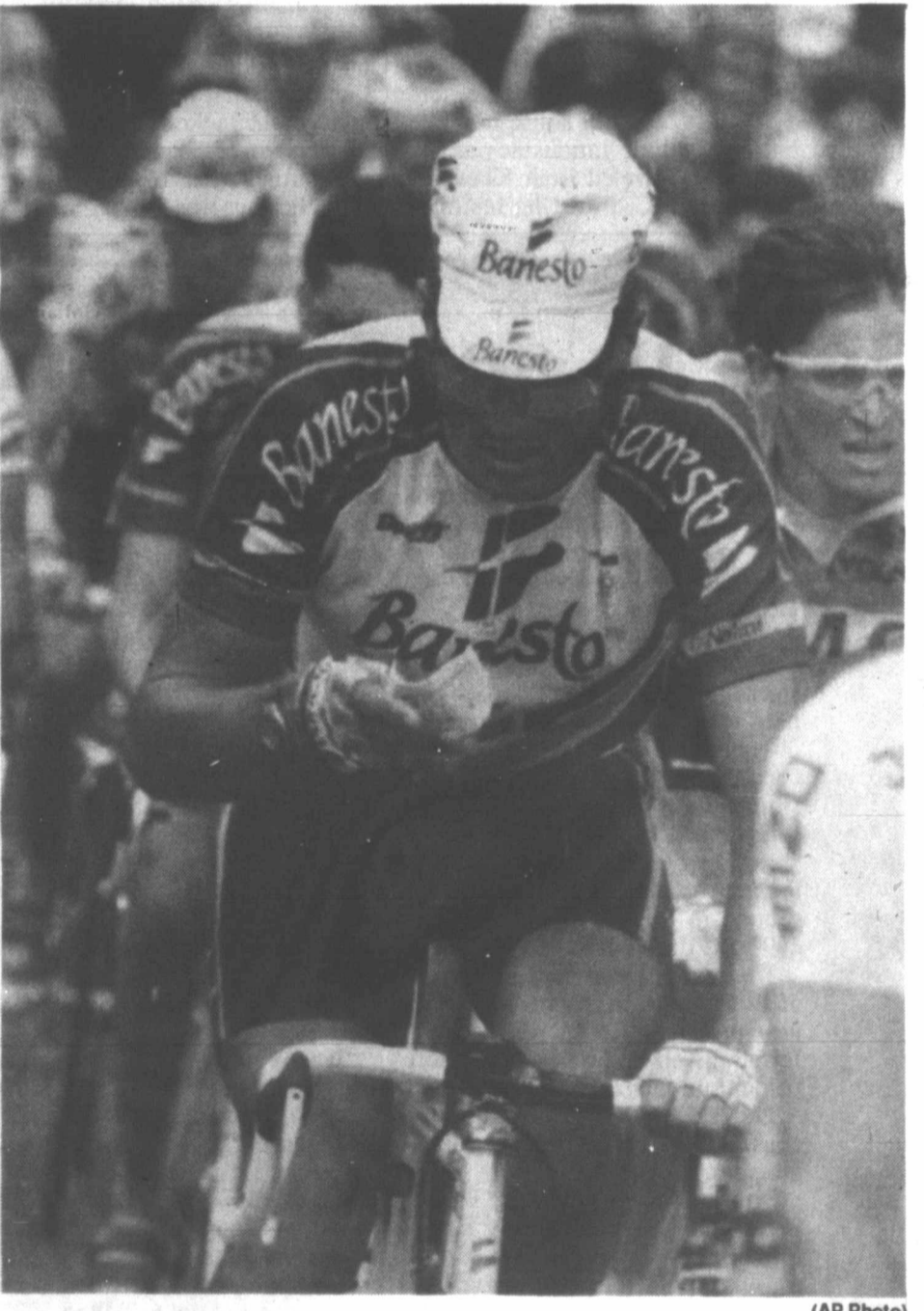
Coslet is looking for more this year. Even though he seriously is contemplating a switch from veteran Ken O'Brien (currently a contract holdout) to second-year quarterback Browning Nagle.

Even though several positional switches are being made defensively. Even though, in Coslet's two years as coach, the Jets have displayed an annoying habit of playing well against better teams, only to fold in the stretch.

"We should be more competitive at virtually every position," a relaxed, joking Coslet said. "We'll go into the season with higher expectations. You can read into that what you want."

Cincinnati Bengals

Offensive lineman John Earle, Cincinnati's 11th-round draft choice, signed a contract. The 23-year-old Earle played center most of the time for Western Illinois, but will be used at guard and tackle.



Spain's Miguel Indurain checks a terrain map during the 11th stage of the Tour de France Wednesday.

Tour de France hits halfway mark with few changes

MULHOUSE, France (AP) — The first half of the Tour de France ended about the same way it began.

Miguel Indurain was the favorite and there are a lot of questions about Greg LeMond.

Indurain, although in second behind Pascal Lino of France, is regarded as the man to beat. After his remarkable performance in Monday's time trial, and with several mountain stages coming up, it's considered only a matter of time before Indurain again wears the leader's yellow jersey.

As defending champion, Indurain wore it at the start of the prologue then held it for a day when he won the preliminary time trial.

Indurain gave it up temporarily, but it's his to take for the asking.

Meanwhile, LeMond is having problems again.

As he did in the first two stages of the Tour, LeMond faded in the first modest climb. Then, with the help of his Z teammates, he came back among the leaders to finish in the pack without losing time.

But that doesn't bode well when the Tour hits the real mountains. There are two tough climbs on Friday. Then on Sunday is the killer climb to l'Alpe d'Huez with three mountains rated "out of category" on a scale of steepness and difficulty.

Lemond remained 4:27 behind Lino

and moved to fourth but it wasn't encouraging. He is still three minutes behind Indurain.

The others saw LeMond struggling and wanted to take advantage of it.

"When I saw LeMond let go of us, I spoke with Gianni Bugno and we said we had to try something," Laurent Fignon said. "I wanted to do something today. I feel in great shape."

Fignon won the 11th stage of the Tour, the last leg before the only rest day of this year's race. He broke away from the pack about 36 miles from the end of the 155-mile stage.

It was the ninth stage victory for Fignon, who has had ups and downs since winning the Tour in 1983 and 1984. Twice since then he had to drop out of the Tour. He moved to an Italian team this year after being France's hope for a number of years but never fulfilling it after 1984.

He also has an eye to move up from his 10th place.

"I think with Bugno we still have a chance to win the Tour," Fignon said. "It seems that Indurain is beatable but we have to verify it."

The Tour has a rest day at Dole on Thursday then resumes with the longest stage of this year's Tour, 167 miles to Saint Gervais.

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE	
East Division	West Division	East Division	West Division
Toronto	Minnesota	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati
Baltimore	Oakland	St. Louis	Atlanta
Milwaukee	Texas	Montreal	San Diego
Boston	Chicago	New York	San Francisco
New York	Kansas City	Chicago	Houston
Detroit	Seattle	Philadelphia	Los Angeles
Cleveland	California		

Sports Notebook

Pampa blasts Big Spring

The Pampa High School softball team defeated Big Spring, 13-3, in the opening round of the United Girls Softball Association Championships in Midland Wednesday.

Kristin Becker was the winning pitcher and struck out 11 during the five-inning, run-rule shortened contest.

Leading the Harvesters' charge at the plate was Rhonda Been with a home run and Misty Plunk who had two hits.

Pampa was scheduled to play Snyder at 1:30 today in the tournament's second round. Win or lose, the Harvesters will also play Sweetwater at 8:45 tonight.

Penn St.—Pitt. rivalry continues

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Penn State and Pitt, whose 99-year rivalry was endangered when the Nittany Lions announced their move to the Big Ten, have reached an agreement to resume their series in 1997.

The schools will play each other

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The City of Pampa will receive sealed bids for the following until 10:30 a.m. July 24, 1992 at which time they will be opened and read publicly in the City Finance Conference Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall:

BLEACHERS
Specification packets may be obtained from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, 806/669-5700. Tax Exemption Certificates shall be furnished upon request.

Bids shall be returned to the Office of the City Secretary, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelopes shall be marked "BLEACHERS BID ENCLOSED, BID NO. 92.25" and shall indicate time and date of bid opening. Bids not received before the specified bid opening time and date shall be returned to the sender, unopened. Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

The City of Pampa reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted and to waive any informalities or technicalities. The City Commission will consider bids for award at the July 28, 1992 regular scheduled Commission Meeting.

Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary

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ALANREED-McLean Area Historical Museum: McLean. Regular museum hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

DEVIL'S Rope Museum, McLean, Tuesday thru Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Open Monday by appointment only.

HUTCHINSON County Museum: Borger. Regular hours 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays except Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

LAKE Meredith Aquarium and Wildlife Museum: Fritch, hours Tuesday and Sunday 2-5 p.m., 10 a.m. Wednesday thru Saturday, closed Monday.

MUSEUM Of The Plains: Perryton. Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekends during Summer months, 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m., 1-5. Closed Wednesday.

OLD Mobeetie Jail Museum. Monday-Saturday 10-5. Sunday 1-5. Closed Wednesday.

PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, weekends 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

PIONEER West Museum: Shamrock. Regular museum hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Saturday and Sunday.

RIVER Valley Pioneer Museum at Canadian, Tx. Tuesday-Friday 10-4 p.m. Sunday 2-4 p.m. Closed Saturday and Monday.

ROBERTS County Museum: Miami. Regular hours, Tuesday-Friday 10-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. Closed Saturday and Monday. Closed Holidays.

SQUARE House Museum Panhandle. Regular Museum hours 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 1-5:30 p.m. Sundays.

3 Personal

MARY Kay Cosmetics. Supplies and deliveries. Call Dorothy Vaughn 665-4953, 665-5117.

MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skincare. Facials, supplies, call Theda Wallin 665-8336.

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New prison brings 100 new jobs to Fort Stockton

Some residents apprehensive

FORT STOCKTON (AP) — A 500-bed prison opened has opened just east of Fort Stockton, and brought with it 100 new jobs and smiles on the faces of business people around this town of 8,500.

Some merchants say the prison is providing the first economic surge in the area since the decline in the oil industry a decade ago.

"The city is enjoying a growth in the short term that will probably continue for the next two to three years," said Clayton Alexander, owner of a

real estate business in Fort Stockton.

The criminal justice board also announced plans to build another 1,000-bed prison southeast of Fort Stockton as part of its 25,300-bed expansion program statewide. Construction of the second state lockup is scheduled to begin in early January.

All of that means two things to merchants: more jobs and more money.

Seventy correctional officers, 52 of whom were hired locally, will work three shifts. There are 100 people on staff, including medical,

clerical, laundry and food service workers, Foster said.

"It's hard to put into words what these prisons are doing for this community in terms of business and hope," Alexander said.

Alexander said rental property agents were the first to notice the growth.

"We have a real tight rental market anyway and with the new employees of the prison, it has gotten a lot tighter," he said. "Once construction starts for the second prison, there will be construction of residences for rent and purchasable properties."

Not everyone is delighted about

inmates being kept nearby, despite the assurances of warden Terry Foster that Fort Stockton residents are in no danger.

The first 96 inmates from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division arrived at the Fort Stockton unit Wednesday afternoon.

"The prisoners who are housed in this unit already have one foot out the door," said Foster, who has worked for the state's department of corrections for 16 years.

"The inmates already have been approved for parole and will spend an average 60 to 90 days here before being released," he said.

"These inmates are the cream of the crop. They likely were in outside trustee positions in the prison units where they come from. They lived and worked within the prison system, but with limited supervision and security."

Pat Pruitt, 43, lives about 100 yards from the prison. She doesn't share Foster's optimism.

"I still don't like it this close to my house," she said. "It's not that the prisoners scare me. It's just that it's like a big monster in my backyard. More so now that there are inmates in it. I guess I had just become used to it sitting there empty for so long."

However, the Houston-based developer, N-Group Inc., and Pecos County were embroiled in an argument about who was responsible for securing inmates.

In June of last year, the county canceled its contract with N-Group. Four months later, a Pecos County grand jury issued a five-count indictment against the developer, alleging N-Group was guilty of criminal antitrust, court records said. No trial date has been set.

On April 10, 1992, the state agreed to buy the prison in Fort Stockton, as well as five others around Texas built by N-Group, for \$6 million each.

Paroled killer's lawyer asks that capital murder trial be moved

WACO (AP) — A lawyer for paroled killer Kenneth Allen McDuff has asked a judge to move McDuff's capital murder trial out of Central Texas because of extensive news coverage of the case.

Dwight Goains filed the change of venue motion on Wednesday.

Judge George Allen of 54th State District Court has not scheduled a hearing to consider the motion, but he called several judges last week to see if they would be willing to accept the case should he decide to grant the motion.

McDuff pleaded not guilty last Friday to capital murder charges in the deaths of Melissa Ann Northrup and Valencia Kay Joshua.

He is being held in the McLennan County Jail without bond because his parole has been revoked.

In the change of venue motion, Goains included newspaper articles

from around the state, along with an order signed by U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. in which the judge wrote that it would be "difficult" to select an impartial jury in Central Texas. Smith said he would grant the change of venue.

Smith had been scheduled to preside over McDuff's trial on drug and weapons charges. The charges have

been dismissed after the McLennan County grand jury indicted him in June on capital murder charges.

The case, particularly the details of McDuff's release on parole after his conviction in the deaths of three teen-agers in Fort Worth in 1966, have been highlighted by the state's largest newspapers and television stations, Goains said.

But he noted that if the case were moved to another city, court officials would have a larger jury pool from which to draw and that could lessen the effects of the publicity.

McLennan County District Attorney John Segrest said his office will oppose the motion. Approval is automatic if prosecutors do not, he said.

"The people of McLennan County are well able to follow the law and their oaths as jurors," Segrest said.

McDuff's death sentence in the Tarrant County killings was commuted to life in 1972 when the Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty was unconstitutional. McDuff was released on parole in 1989, but his parole was revoked in

September 1990 because of terroristic threats he reportedly made to a teen-ager.

Two months later, he was released on parole again.

Authorities suspect that McDuff was involved in the deaths or disappearances of several Central Texas women, including Regina Moore, 21, of Waco.

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