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Emergency group hears pipeline safety lecture

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Safety around buried pipelines — it's not only the best course of action, it's also the law.

That was what representatives from the Mid-America Pipeline Co. were trying to communicate to the members of the C.A.E.R. Steering Committee in a meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Rick Partain, supervisor of the Skellytown Station, and Bob Wilson, regulatory coordinator at the station in McPherson, Kan., lectured and showed videos dealing with some of the more common problems and solutions faced by the industry.

Two of the dangers faced by people who break through pipelines include gas clouds and explosions, according to Wilson.

"We keep the product which we pump under pressure to keep it in a liquid form so that we can pump it," Partain said. "You take propane, butane, isobutane and you keep it under pressure your talking about a lot of pressure and the expansion rate in the atmosphere is tremendous."

Five things to remember when dealing with a pipeline that has been damaged are:

- abandon equipment,
- leave area quickly,
- warn others,
- seek aid of local authorities, and
- notify pipeline owners.

Sometimes what seems like the

best course of action really isn't. With a fire, for instance, it is sometimes best to let whatever is on fire burn itself out.

"If you do have a rupture and there is a fire ... putting the fire out is the last thing one wants to do," Wilson said. "It's a lot safer for that vapor or fuel to burn than to have it extinguished and have the vapors accumulate."

Mid-America has more than 9,000 miles of pipeline extending through Texas, Wyoming, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Mississippi. Most of which consist of eight-inch and 10-inch lines.

In Gray County, Mid-America only operates several four-inch lines from its Skellytown Station, the only station they run in the Texas Panhandle.

The Skellytown Station has everything needed to make whatever repairs are necessary, said Partain.

Some of the products transported via pipeline include natural gas liquids, liquefied petroleum gases, refined gasoline, jet fuels, crude oil and anhydrous ammonia.

One way the company has of making sure the pipes remain safe is through aerial inspection. A pilot will check for exposed lines or possible dangers at least twice a month.

Another way of checking for leaks along the hundreds of miles of pipeline is through the pressure which has to be kept constant. If the pressure drops below or raises above

20 percent of what it should be, the computer will sound an alarm. On average, the computer checks every 10 seconds, according to Partain.

"If something does happen or if someone gets into our line we really want outside agencies to give us a hand," Partain said. According to Wilson, one of the best ways of doing that is through traffic control and evacuation if that becomes necessary.

In other business, on March 24-26, the office of Emergency Management will conduct a decontamination course.

Lewis Berry, Bureau of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Health, will be instructor. The course is open to the public. For more information, contact Capt. Paul Jenkins with the Pampa Fire Department. The classes held on March 24 and March 25 will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The class held on March 26 will be from 8 a.m. to noon.

On March 26, a weather spotter training class will be conducted from 10 a.m. to noon in the City Commission chambers on the third floor of City Hall. The meeting is open to the public and will be taught by Jose Garcia, meteorologist in charge at the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

The next meeting of the C.A.E.R. Steering Committee will be June 9. The next meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee is April 14.

That's what friends are for

By DAN FROMM
Sports Writer

"It's great to see them do something you taught them to do," Darin Wyatt said.

Matt Clark added, "(I like) to see them accomplish something they've never accomplished."

Clark and Wyatt are among seven Pampa High School seniors who are sports partners for the Special Olympics. They act as coaches, teachers, players and most importantly, as friends, for the members of the high school's senior developmental class.

Five of the seven sports partners are also peer tutors for the class. That means they get one course credit for spending an hour each day helping out around the classroom. But the Special Olympics is not part of that program. It's something these students do on their own time. Sitting in a room adja-

cent to the developmental classroom, these seven students spoke about why they enjoy the Special Olympics and what they're learning from it.

"It's really a lot of fun," Tamara Dreher said. "I like working with them." Dreher, Clark, Wyatt, Will Winborne and Bryan Calfy are also peer tutors. Jerry Osby and Paula Winkleblack volunteer as sports partners. Osby has been involved in the Special Olympics for four years and he works with younger students. The other six volunteers are all first-timers.

Dreher said this is something she'd like to pursue as a career. Osby, on the other hand, said it's something he'd like to continue to do only in his spare time. All of them said they've learned a lot from their experience.

"Their skills just keep getting better and better," Osby said of the kids he helps.

"I've learned to have patience when helping them," Winborne said. "It can become pretty frustrating."

Despite their handicaps, Clark said the students are "just regular people like me and you."

Jarilyn Wichert, the teacher of the developmental class is amazed at the dedication of the volunteers. "They all come and talk to the kids when they have free time," Wichert said. "The program has built friendships between our kids and the sports partners, because of the practices and tournaments."

Practices take place twice a week for about 90 minutes each time and it's something the students definitely look forward to according to Winkleblack and Calfy.

"They always say, 'don't forget practice,'" Winkleblack laughed.

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Pampa High School seniors who volunteer as sports partners for the Special Olympics pose in the senior developmental classroom. From left are: Jerry Osby, Bryan Calfy, Will Winborne, Matt Clark, Paula Winkleblack, Darin Wyatt and Tamara Dreher.

Senator releases school spending plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Most school districts would benefit under a spending plan for redistributing some local property tax money, the Senate Education Committee chairman says.

The measure released Wednesday by Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, shows generally how money would be distributed if a share-the-wealth constitutional amendment on the May 1 ballot is approved by voters.

Redistribution of some local tax money would be authorized by the ballot proposal to meet a Texas Supreme Court order to equalize funding among property-rich and poor school districts.

The court has set a June 1 deadline for lawmakers to come up proposal.

The plan to implement the proposed constitutional amendment doesn't yet include specific school funding figures, largely because the Legislature has not approved a state budget for the next two years, Ratliff said.

"We can't finally pass it until we know what's in the budget," he said. But Ratliff said his plan gives people enough information to help them decide on the ballot proposal.

The current system for equalizing school funds, in which some proper-

ty tax money is shifted from wealthier to poorer school districts within single- or multi-county education districts, has been ruled unconstitutional.

But if voters amend the constitution, it would allow such a so-called Robin Hood system.

No multi-county education districts would exist under Ratliff's plan. Some property tax money still would be redistributed within counties, but the state also would take some money from some of the wealthiest school districts for redistribution statewide.

Under the ballot proposal, the amount redistributed could equal no more than 2.75 percent of state and local public school money, or about \$400 million. Ratliff's plan has been estimated to come in just below that.

He said 106 school districts of 1,048 in Texas would send some of their property tax money to other school districts within their same counties under his plan.

Of those school districts, 37 also would send property tax funds outside of their counties, to be redistributed statewide.

Ratliff said a total of 942 school districts, containing 94 percent of the state's students, would benefit under the plan.

The House Public Education

Committee's head, Rep. Libby Lineberger, said her legislation likely will have a similar county tax structure.

Ratliff's plan would increase to 90 cents the tax rate per \$100 property valuation in the county education districts, up from the current 82 cents.

Basic allotment at that rate would be \$2,500 per student, up from the present \$2,400. Ms. Lineberger, D-Manchaca, said her proposed county tax rate likely would be a bit lower.

On top of the county rate, local school districts could tax up to another 60 cents, with the total rate for maintenance and operations of \$1.50. Property tax revenue above the 90-cent rate wouldn't be redistributed.

Ratliff said that in an effort to prevent huge gaps among school districts, no district could levy a tax rate bringing in more than about \$5,200 per student. That excludes taxes for debt service.

Ratliff announcement will not satisfy people who want to know exactly how their school districts would be affected before deciding on the ballot proposal, said Rep. Tom Craddock of Midland, head of the House Republican Caucus and opponent of the share-the-wealth proposal.

Investigators await exit of 3 cult members

WACO (AP) — Federal agents locked in a standoff with a doomsday cult for a 12th day were told three men would leave the group's fortified compound today, the first to exit in nearly a week.

A member of the Branch Davidians told the FBI early today that three men, including an Australian, had received permission from sect leader David Koresh to leave, FBI Agent Dick Swensen said this morning.

"I think it's an excellent sign that three people are going to be coming out," Swensen said.

But he cautioned, "Until they come out, we won't be comfortable that they are coming out."

Koresh has allowed 21 children and two elderly women to leave the sect since a deadly shootout Feb. 28

with federal agents who tried to arrest him.

One of the men expected to leave was identified as Oliver Gyrfas of Australia, Swensen said. He was unsure of the precise spelling of the man's name.

Koresh, an apocalyptic preacher who has claimed to be Jesus Christ, has not talked with agents since Tuesday evening, Swensen said.

But cult member Steve Schneider, who has taken the leading role in the talks with agents, occasionally consults with Koresh, the FBI said.

"He's still remotely or indirectly involved," Swensen said.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has also gathered evidence in La Verne,

Calif., and Richland, S.C., of arms transactions involving the cult.

"We're looking into many different sources of arms for Mr. Koresh," Dan Conroy, ATF deputy associate director, told a news conference in Waco on Wednesday.

Koresh and his sect have held an army of federal agents at bay since the Feb. 28 raid became a gun battle that left four ATF agents dead, and 16 wounded.

Federal officials, in sworn statements, say Koresh and his followers have a massive cache of weapons. The search warrants executed Tuesday in California and South Carolina were to collect evidence against Koresh and others for the murder of federal agents, Conroy said.

In a two-story house owned by Branch Davidians in La Verne, Calif. officials found audio and video tapes, and other records "that reflect evidence of violence by David Koresh and others with the Branch Davidian group," Conroy said, but he declined to provide more details.

Conroy did not elaborate about the search warrant of a company named Shooters Equipment Co. in Richland, S.C. There was no telephone number listing for such a company in Richland. According to the ATF, there was no such company in South Carolina with a federal firearms license.

King gives controlled testimony

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Put through a wearying cross-examination, Rodney King admitted to lies, contradictions and memory lapses, confessing he was not too sure about his earlier claim that police had taunted him with racial slurs.

"I forget a lot of things that happened that night," the black motorist said before stepping down from the stand Wednesday. But King insisted he didn't deserve the 1991 police beating, even though he had been speeding and drunk.

During his two days on the stand, King wandered and grew weary but kept his cool, even under harsh cross-examination.

Officers Theodore Briseno, Laurence Powell and Timothy Wind and Sgt. Stacey Koon are charged with violating King's civil rights during the beating, in which King was clubbed and kicked while an onlooker videotaped the scene.

Defense attorneys said outside court that King's testimony generally helped their case, even though he proved to be a sympathetic witness.

"It's better for us," said Ira Salzman, who represents Koon. "Now he's not this mythic looming presence in the sky. He's just a guy."

King left court without comment. He never testified in the officers' state trial, which ended in acquittals and an outbreak of deadly rioting last year.

Much of the cross-examination focused on King's assertion Tuesday that officers had taunted him with the word "nigger" as they clubbed him. Later Tuesday, as cross-examination began, King said he wasn't certain that word was used.

Asked repeatedly Wednesday whether he was sure that officers used the slur, King said again and again: "I'm not sure."

"I heard either 'nigger' or 'killer,'" he said.

King said that when questioned by investigators, he initially denied hearing racial slurs because, he said, his mother had told him in the hospital, "We all know what went on. You don't need to make it a racial issue."

Defense attorney Michael Stone also established that King's accounts varied about where he put his hands when he was stopped — on the steering wheel or dashboard — as did his account of when he was first

struck. Some of his recollections also conflict with the video.

Stone also elicited King's concession that he lied when he told investigators the day after the beating, "I don't do dope." He admitted he had

used marijuana some time before the beating.

King maintained his composure even under relentless cross-examination by Briseno's attorney Harold Braun.

Shamrock shooting results in attempted murder charge

By BETH MILLER
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SHAMROCK — A 71-year-old Shamrock resident was charged with attempted murder and released on bond after he allegedly used a 12-gauge shotgun to shoot his tenant who was moving out on Wednesday, Shamrock Chief of Police Art Taylor and Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan said today.

The shooting apparently erupted from a long-standing dispute between 71-year-old Audrey Downs and the tenant, Stanley Wayne Arnold, who is about 35 years old, Jernigan said.

Jernigan and Taylor, who are investigating the shooting, said that in October some items, including a grandfather-type wall clock, a blanket, an electric heater and other items went missing from Downs residence.

Some of the items were later recovered from Arnold, but some of the items were still missing.

"That's what the dispute was about," Taylor said today.

Downs, who lives at 304 S. Wall in Shamrock was selling a house he owned next door at 306 S. Wall to Arnold. However, Arnold had apparently turned the house back to Downs and was attempting to move his furniture and other items out of the house when the shooting occurred about 11:50 a.m. Wednesday.

Downs and Arnold were on their respective porches when the shooting occurred, Taylor said.

Asked if the two men were arguing at the time, Taylor said, "Not a word was exchanged between them. He (Downs) was standing in

his doorway and shot across on the porch (hitting Arnold)."

Ironically, Jernigan and Taylor had been at the scene of the shooting just minutes before it occurred, Jernigan said.

Jernigan said Downs had called them when he saw Arnold back at the residence moving furniture out. Arnold had been in Indianapolis and had returned to Shamrock to move the rest of his items. Downs asked the law enforcement officers to try to get the rest of his property back after the October incident.

However, Jernigan said Arnold told the law enforcement officers he did not have the property and they explained that to Downs and then left the two residences.

Pellets hit Arnold from eight to 10 inches above his waist to eight to 10 inches below his waist on the right side, Taylor said.

Another neighbor, hearing the gunshot, called an ambulance. The Wheeler County Ambulance Service transported Arnold to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, where he was listed in stable condition today, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Immediately after the shooting, Taylor and Jernigan said, Downs went to the police station and reported that he had shot Arnold.

Downs was charged with attempted murder and arraigned before Justice of the Peace Herbert Stacy, who set bond at \$5,000. Downs was released on the \$5,000 bond.

The semi-automatic 12-gauge shotgun used by Downs had two shells in it when recovered after the shooting, Taylor said. Only one shell was fired from the shotgun.

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Michael Griffin, left, is led away Wednesday from the Pensacola Police Department by an investigator.

Abortion foe shoots doctor

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PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — An abortion foe who admitted fatally shooting a doctor outside an abortion clinic asked a judge today to let him keep his Bible in jail as a legal document.

Escambia County Court Judge William J. Green ordered Michael Frederick Griffin held without bond in the Wednesday shooting.

The slaying of Dr. David Gunn was the first ever reported at an anti-abortion protest. Abortion-rights activists called it an example of growing extremism in the anti-abortion movement.

At the hearing, Griffin told the judge that he wanted to be his own attorney and "I would like to keep my Bible as one of my legal documents." The judge said those requests should be taken up with the jail administrators.

While about a dozen demonstrators picketed the clinic entrance, Gunn was shot three times after getting out of his car near the back door, police said.

"The guy just went up, chased Dr. Gunn and just shot him point blank," a witness, Steve Powell, told The Miami Herald.

Griffin, 31, was charged with murder after walking around the building and surrendering to police watching the protest, Sgt. Murray Holt said.

Griffin was dressed in a gray suit "like he was going to church," when he told the officers, "I've just shot Dr. Gunn," said John Burt, a lay preacher who led the protest.

On Sunday, Griffin had offered a prayer for the doctor at the Whitefield Assembly of God Church outside Pensacola, Burt said.

"He asked that the congregation pray, and asked that we would agree with him that Dr. Gunn would give his life to Jesus Christ," Burt said. "He wanted him to stop doing things the Bible says is wrong and start doing what the Bible says is right."

Appearing on CBS television this morning, anti-abortion leader Randall Terry, who founded Operation Rescue, described the killing as an "inappropriate, repulsive act," but then went on to attack Gunn as a murderer.

"While we grieve for him and for his widow and for his children, we must also grieve for the thousands of children that he has murdered," Terry said.

Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, charged Gunn's killing was the direct result of the anti-abortion movement's tactics.

"The fact is that we, many of us, have stood silently by while a campaign of intolerance and violence has occurred in this country," Michelman said.

Gunn, a 47-year-old father of two, worked at women's clinics in three states. Friends said he was committed to ensuring women had access to abortions — even in conservative areas where no other doctors would perform them.

Senate Judiciary Committee approves Reno nomination

By STEVEN KOMAROW
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Janet Reno won unanimous approval Wednesday from the Senate Judiciary Committee to become the nation's first female attorney general after hearings that one lawmaker called "a veritable lovefest."

The panel's action sent her nomination toward a vote in the full Senate, where she is expected to win easy confirmation and complete President Clinton's Cabinet. Committee Chairman Joseph Biden said he hoped the vote could take place by week's end.

"I think from the time Ms. Reno is sworn in that the American people will know that they do have a friend, that they do have an advocate, that they really do have a people's counsel," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said just before the Judiciary vote.

Said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.: "I think, in fact, it is history in the making, and I am very proud to be here to be part of it."

The vote was 18-0. Reno, 54, chief prosecutor in Miami for the past 15 years, had cautiously weaved her way through two days of questioning that revealed more about the breadth of the Justice Department's mandate than about her.

She fielded questions on subjects ranging from international terrorism to the tax system on Indian tribal lands, promising to work with committee members about their con-

cerns but saying she needed to learn more.

After a particularly long and detailed answer from Reno on how she wanted to focus more attention on the juvenile justice system, Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., asked a follow-up question.

"Did you say you would support increased funding for juvenile justice?" he asked.

"Didn't say," she answered. Chuckles floated around the big hearing room.

"I can see you're getting the hang of this. Might as well keep the momentum going," Biden said later, after Reno declined the offer of a break from her second day of testimony.

"This hearing demonstrates in my mind that the best qualified man for the job is very often a woman," Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun said. "And I must say ... this has been a veritable lovefest for you."

"I can't quite describe a confirmation hearing as a good time," Reno said.

Careful not to offend the senators, Reno also was wary of straying from President Clinton's public positions — including the lawsuit over closed meetings involving Hillary Rodham Clinton's health care commission.

Asked by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., about federal laws which require open meetings for any commission that includes non-federal employees, Reno said she understood that for the purposes of the law, the first lady "is recognized as a federal officer."

That was before a federal judge ruled Wednesday that Mrs. Clinton was not.

Reno's description of her approach to legal management was decidedly centrist, and she promised consultation not only with senators but with local law enforcement officials. She recalled visiting the Justice Department during the Carter administration.

"I was prepared to be in awe. I left kind of confused," she said.

During the two days of hearings, no one questioned the qualifications of the Harvard Law School graduate to take the job as the nation's top law enforcement official.

Reno on Wednesday repeated her support of the Brady Bill, which calls for a waiting period before people can purchase handguns, but said she opposed any outright ban on handgun ownership. She knew too many cases where handguns had saved lives, she said.

Reno also supports limits on the sale of high-powered "assault weapons," the firepower of choice for street gangs and drug smugglers.

Again and again, Reno said one of her highest priorities was to make sure the public was confident that criminals would be punished, and that victims of crimes should have a say before cases are plea-bargained.

However, she cautioned that defendants' rights had to be protected. For example, she expressed misgivings about radical changes in the rules that say illegally seized evidence cannot be used by prosecu-



Janet Reno

tors. She supported the exception for cases where police had a warrant, acted in good faith, but made some mistake.

But she said she still was open-minded on that and other issues Congress might consider in an omnibus crime bill. "It is important to not become too dogmatic on where you stand," she said.

She also said she was aware of the intimidating power of government, in response to a question from Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., who suggested that small businesses lived in fear of government litigation.

"People should look at the government as us, not as them, and not in terror," she said.

Mattox says he won't seek Senate seat

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
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AUSTIN (AP) — Former attorney general Jim Mattox's decision not to run for the U.S. Senate will strengthen the Democratic Party's chances at holding on to the seat, several party leaders say.

Mattox, a Democrat, announced Wednesday that he will not challenge interim Democratic Sen. Bob Krueger in the May 1 special election. Krueger has been endorsed by most state Democratic leaders in the race.

State Democratic Party Chairman Bob Slagle said that if Mattox had been a candidate, a runoff would probably have been inevitable and might have been lost to a Republican because of a split in the Democratic vote.

"Before, there was no way on God's earth you could ever consider running without a runoff," he said. "(Mattox's decision) changes the dynamics of the race a great deal."

Gov. Ann Richards, who has stressed the need for a united Democratic Party going into the election, said Mattox's decision was "a great and generous gesture."

"It certainly solidifies the party to the point that you don't have divisiveness on the inside," she said.

Mattox said his main reason for staying out of the race was that he didn't want to hurt the Democratic Party's efforts to keep the seat.

"Given the fairly equal footing between the two political parties in Texas, a divisive race between Bob Krueger and me could very well jeopardize the Democratic Party's

chances of holding on to the Senate seat in the runoff against whichever Republican who might emerge," he said.

Mattox did not immediately say whether he would endorse Krueger in the race, but said he planned to meet with him and Vice President Al Gore in Austin today.

Krueger, in a written statement, thanked Mattox for stepping aside, saying he had "made a magnanimous decision, setting aside his personal goals in order to serve the good of the Democratic Party."

Meanwhile, Republican leaders blasted Mattox's decision. State Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer said it was evidence that "liberal special interest groups control the Texas Democratic Party."

And U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, a candidate in the race, said Mattox "is the Mario Cuomo of Texas politics — he could have been a factor in the election but he never became one."

About a dozen people have said they will run in the May 1 special election, including Dallas lawyer Jose Angel Gutierrez and Dallas financier Richard Fisher, both Democrats.

On the Republican side, state Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, congressman Jack Fields and Barton, and Houston businessman Clymer Wright are all campaigning.

A handful of independents have also said they will run, the latest announcement coming Tuesday from Lottie Bolling Hancock, the 76-year-old great, great niece of John Hancock.

Group accuses congressmen of abusing franking privileges

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the weeks before last fall's election, Rep. Esteban Torres sent 65 postage-free mailings to California constituents and each batch contained no more than 499 individual letters, a taxpayers' group says.

Each mailing was just small enough to avoid violating the House size limit on free mass mailings during political campaigns. The rule is designed to prevent unfair advantages for incumbents.

Torres, D-Calif., headed a list of 24 House members cited by the National Taxpayers' Union on Wednesday for finding ways to skirt rules regulating franking — a privilege that allows lawmakers to send constituents letters, meeting notices, newsletters and other items without paying for postage.

"During their final sprint towards re-election, it appears some members of the House violated the spirit, if not the actual letter, of the law," group Chairman James Davidson said in a written statement.

Torres said he did nothing sneaky or wrong and resented implications he spends taxpayer dollars too freely. Other congressmen said the founda-

tion's study was grossly inaccurate. House rules prohibit representatives from sending 500 or more pieces of mail in a single drop 60 days before an election. Senators can't send any mass mailings during that time.

U.S. Postal Service records show the House members sent a total of 300 separate mass mailings — some just one or two envelopes short of the limit — at a cost of \$109,314, the taxpayers founda-

tion said. It obtained the records under the Freedom of Information Act.

Torres also went to the greatest lengths to sidestep restrictions, the foundation said.

PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 1, 1993

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Section 1 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to redistribute among other school districts ad valorem taxes levied and collected by a school district. The amendment would also allow the legislature to create county education districts with the taxable property of existing school districts in one or more counties combined. County education districts may levy, collect, and distribute ad valorem taxes as authorized by general law. The legislature would be allowed to set the rate of the ad valorem tax to be imposed in a school district or county education district or it may authorize the board of trustees of each school district or county education district to set the rate, provided that the rate of county education district ad valorem taxes may not exceed \$1.00 per \$100 valuation of taxable property, unless a higher rate is approved by the voters of the district. The amendment also provides that the amount of ad valorem taxes redistributed among school districts by the legislature and effectively redistributed within a county through county education districts may not exceed 2.75 percent of the sum of the state revenue appropriated for public schools and the revenue from local ad valorem taxes levied and collected for public schools. The term "state revenue" does not include revenue from ad valorem taxes, revenue for the provision of free textbooks, or contributions to a retirement system. Finally, the amendment provides that it does not affect the distribution of the available school fund under article VII, section 5, of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing limited redistribution of ad valorem taxes for schools, authorizing the legislature or local districts to set

a minimum tax rate in county education districts, and placing a cap on the ad valorem tax levied by county education districts."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Section 2 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that, except for state educational mandates imposed in compliance with the Texas Constitution or federal law, or unless enacted by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature, a school district may not be required to comply with an obligation requiring expenditure of school district funds unless the obligation is fully funded. The amendment also requires the legislature to provide by law a procedure for determining whether an obligation is fully funded. In the absence of such a procedure, and at the request of a school district's board of trustees, the comptroller of public accounts shall determine whether or not an obligation is fully funded. This amendment applies only to state educational mandates enacted after December 31, 1993.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment exempting a school district from the obligation to comply with unfunded state educational mandates."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 4 proposes an amendment to article VII, section 5(b), of the constitution, which currently authorizes the legislature to provide for using the permanent school fund to guarantee bonds issued by school districts and certain education-related revenue bonds issued by the state. The amendment would repeal the provision authorizing

the use of the permanent school fund to guarantee state revenue bonds, but would permit the legislature to provide by law for the issuance of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds of the state for the purpose of making loans to, or purchasing bonds of, school districts for the purpose of acquisition, construction, or improvement of instructional facilities, including all furnishings. The amendment also provides that the state, pursuant to general law, may forgive the payment of principal and interest on all or part of a loan made to a school district under the amendment to partially finance an instructional facility. The cap of \$750 million on the amount of bonds that could be issued under article VII, section 5(b), as amended, would be retained. The amendment would repeal the current provision of the constitution permitting the legislature to authorize bonds in excess of \$750 million by two-thirds record vote of both houses of the legislature. While any of the general obligation bonds issued under the amendment or any of the interest on those bonds is outstanding and unpaid, there would be appropriated out of the first money coming into the state treasury in each fiscal year, not otherwise appropriated by the constitution, the amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds that matured or became due that fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of \$750 million in state general obligation or revenue bonds to assist school districts in partially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payments of loans made to a school district for partially financing facilities, and repealing the authorization for \$750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund."

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of \$750 million in state general obligation or revenue bonds to assist school districts in partially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payments of loans made to a school district for partially financing facilities, and repealing the authorization for \$750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 1 de mayo de 1993. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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Opinion

Was raid in Waco really necessary?

As we mourn those who were killed or wounded, it might not be amiss to ask a few questions about the raid in Waco, against the odd, cult-like groups known as the Branch Davidians. Was it really necessary or advisable for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to charge into the group's apparently well-guarded compound with guns blazing? Did the alleged offenses of the group warrant such an assault? Finally and only slightly facetiously, who does the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms still exist?

To treat the last question first, the bureau has its roots in Prohibition, which began in 1919 and ended in 1933. But just because a US government agency's job has been taken away seems no reason to eliminate the agency. In 1972, the BATF was given its present name and authorized to handle violations of federal alcohol, tobacco, and firearms laws. In 1982, its mission was expanded to include commercial arson.

With little experience in violent encounters against an armed encampment, the Bureau seems an odd choice to take out the Branch Davidians — except that from all the news reports, the only reason for any agency of the federal government to concern itself with the group was the suspicion that it had some firearms the federal government doesn't allow private citizens to own. The raid was undertaken to arrest leader Vernon Howell (who has legally changed his name to David Koresh and claims he is Jesus) on weapons charges, and to execute a search warrant for weapons.

Or was the weapons charge more like a pretext for raiding a religious group that is just too weird for most of us and might conceivably do dangerous or violent things?

By all reports, the Branch Davidian organization — or the piece of it Howell-Koresh controls — is pretty strange. It was founded in 1934 and has split several times, sometimes violently. The leader claims to believe he is the Lamb of God, with access to the Seven Seals referred to in the Book of Revelation in the Bible. Howell-Koresh is said to rule with an iron hand, to have taken as many as 15 wives and fathered numerous children, and to beat children of sect members. The compound outside Waco is loaded with weapons.

But freedom of religion, including the right to hold all manner of bizarre beliefs, is supposed to be guaranteed in this country by the First Amendment. There was a shootout at the compound in 1987 following a split with a rival leader. But the seven members arrested were acquitted, and charges against Howell were dropped after a mistrial.

Some neighbors of the compound have complained about shooting within the compound but they haven't been hurt or attacked.

So was this raid necessary or prudent? The question is uncomfortable, but it needs to be asked.

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Is there room for reality in pesticide policy?

Cancer is a major health risk, killing one out of every four Americans, and nothing creates more alarm than finding that something we're exposed to every day can induce malignancies. But connoisseurs of irony will be pleased by this paradox: The Clinton administration is doing a favor to public health by proposing that we discard one weapon against cancer.

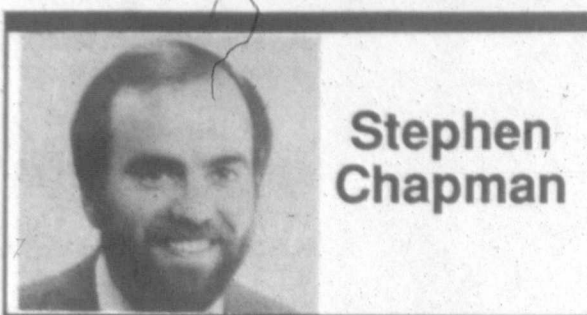
Since 1958, a federal law known as the Delaney clause has stood for the proposition that the only acceptable cancer risk is zero. It bans any additives in processed food that have been found to cause cancer in people or laboratory animals.

The law has been used to knock lots of agricultural pesticides off the market, which doesn't mean it has been an ally of human welfare. When the law was passed, scientists could measure pesticide residues in foods in parts per thousand or, if they were lucky, part per million. Today, they can sometimes detect concentrations as low as parts per quintillion — "roughly the same as a tablespoon of liquid in all the Great Lakes combined," Time magazine notes.

A consumer is about as likely to get cancer from a part per quintillion of a pesticide in her food as a Chicagoan is to die from a spoonful of arsenic poured into the middle of Lake Superior. But the law is oblivious to the hints made by reality.

The Environmental Protection Agency tried to relax its application of the Delaney clause to incorporate some respect for common sense. But environmentalists, led by the Natural Resources Defense Council, sued to stop it and won. The federal courts ruled in effect that when a law is ridiculous, it's still a law.

The effort to weaken the Delaney clause, howev-



Stephen Chapman

er happened under the sinister Republican EPA, which was presumed to be a puppet of Amalgamated Poisons Inc. Now we have a benign Democratic EPA, headed by a former aide to environmentalist darling Al Gore. And what does Carol Browner think of the Delaney clause? She thinks it's bunk.

Releasing a list of 35 agricultural chemicals that could be prohibited as a result of the court decisions, she said the agency "does not believe that the pesticides ... pose an unreasonable risk to public health, based on available data."

Browner apparently preters something like the previous EPA position, which was to replace the zero-risk standard with a "negligible risk" policy. It would permit a pesticide if, based on the most cautious assumptions, it would cause no more than one additional case of cancer in every million people if they were exposed to it for a lifetime.

That was also the policy recommended in 1987 by an expert panel convened by the national Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine. It said a zero-risk policy forces the EPA to waste time on insignificant hazards, and, if consistently followed, "would cause severe adjustments in agricultural prac-

tices, particularly in control of plant diseases."

Allowing any cancer danger may sound like a dangerous departure. But the fact is we pay no attention at all to 99.9 percent of the pesticides in our food — those toxins produced not by people but by plants, to ward off fungi and animals.

"Americans eat an estimated 1,500 milligrams of natural pesticides per person per day," says University of California at Berkeley biologist Bruce Ames, "which is about 10,000 times more than they consume of synthetic pesticide residues." Contrary to myth, moreover, man-made chemicals are no more hazardous than natural ones.

Apples acquainted with Alar were pulled out of produce bins, but Ames notes that even the most pristine apples are laced with at least three carcinogens and 134 other chemicals that have never been tested for cancer-causing properties. Everything from carrots to cocoa, from peanut butter to pepper, carries substances that could, in sufficient doses, kill you.

Considering the risks inflicted by nature, it's silly to worry so much about the ones contributed by man. In fact, banning pesticides in the attempt to prevent cancer is likely to have perverse results. A diet rich in fruits, vegetables and grains is one of the best ways to reduce the risk of cancer. But when farmers are prevented from using valuable pesticides on their crops, yield of these foods are lower than they would be otherwise and prices are higher, discouraging their consumption.

Fewer pesticides, more cancer: This is the legacy of the Delaney clause, a reminder that benevolent motives are no guarantee of sound policy. Carol Browner has learned something from the experience, even if a lot of her fellow environmentalists have not.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 11, the 70th day of 1993. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

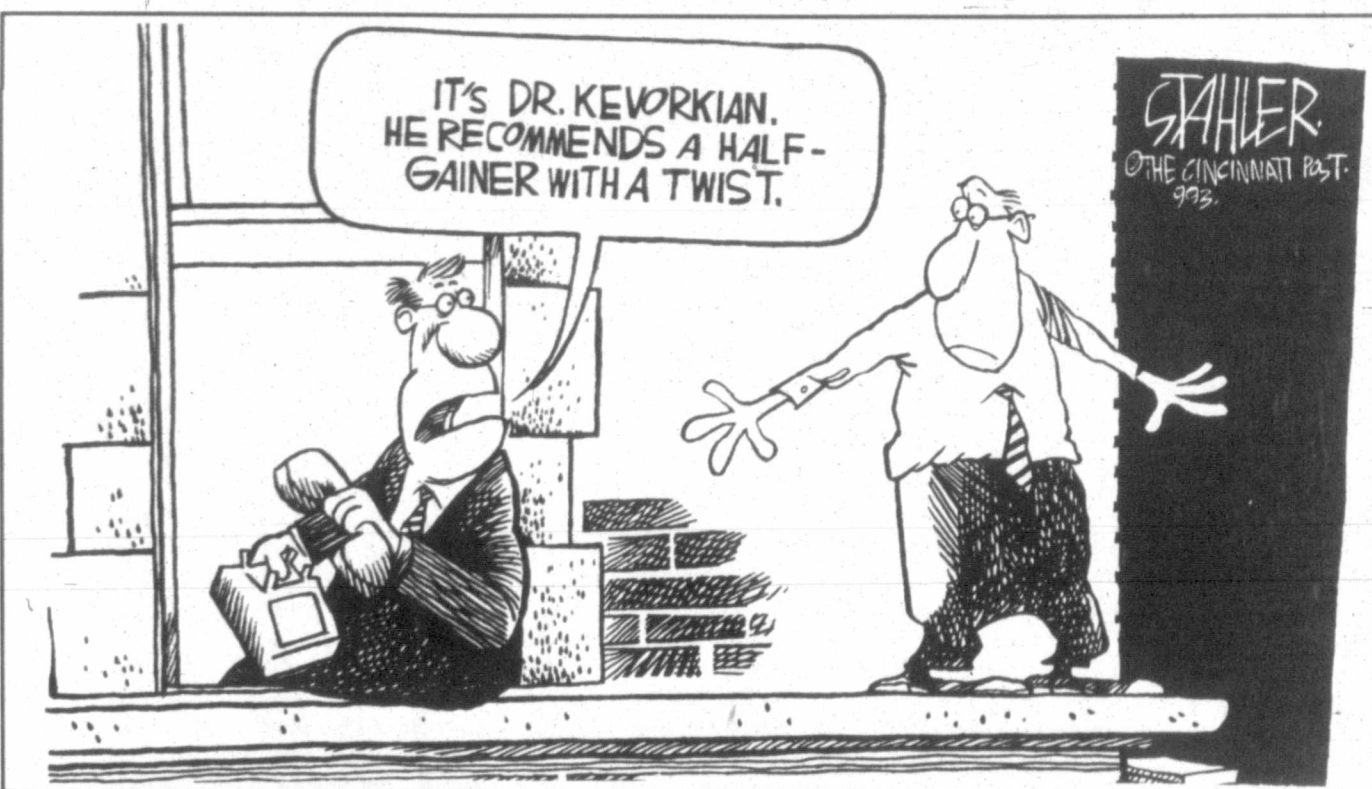
On March 11, 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left Corregidor in the Philippines, bound for Australia. In a message before departing, MacArthur uttered his famous vow: "I shall return."

On this date:

In 1810, Emperor Napoleon of France was married by proxy to Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.

In 1861, the Confederate convention in Montgomery, Ala. adopted a constitution.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Union forces under General William T. Sherman occupied Fayetteville, N.C.



It's only once a year

The annual *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Issue is out and so are its usual blue-nosed critics. Feminist groups are saying it's the worst thing since chastity belts and dunking stools.

I read a piece on an op-ed page that said the photographs of the swimsuited beauties were nothing but pornography. The writer went on to say that many of the models were pictured on their all-fours with their hindparts sitting at upward angles.

The writer deduced this was done on purpose to further titillate the leers because the pose was reminiscent of the female animal mating position.

Sports Illustrated has been doing its annual swimsuit edition for years with the same results each time.

It sells a whole lot of copies and the critics come out of the woodwork and it sells a whole lot more copies.

The dufuses who rant and rave about the issue still haven't figured out their criticism simply makes more people want to go out and buy it. I've had a little experience with that sort of thing myself. I get letters from readers saying, "You filthy, insensitive idiot, I'll never read your column again. Of course they will because they want to know what this filthy, insensitive idiot has to say next."

What I can't understand is why all this anger toward *Sports Illustrated*. Once a year it shows models in bathing suits. I admit SI has gotten a bit



Lewis Grizzard

more daring through the years, but it's no more than a Victoria's Secret, the lingerie catalog preference of many men.

Scream at *Playboy*. Or, even more to the point, scream at *Penthouse*.

Once a month *Penthouse* shows it all. ALL! The magazine also pictures various states of kinkiness, including two-on-one fast breaks, and women cavorting one with another in various stages of undress. At least SI leaves a little something for the imagination.

I subscribe to *Sports Illustrated*. It comes to my house each week, and 51 weeks out of the year I see a bunch of guys playing ball mostly.

And this time of year when they are bouncing a ball in what seems like every corner of the planet, you get a lot of photographs we used to call "arm-pit shots" in the sports department.

That's a photograph of a basketball player rebounding or shooting. Usually the player has his arm in the air while doing this, and there are these two hairy arm pits staring at you.

I don't like to look at anybody's hairy arm pits and, luckily, the models in *Sports Illustrated* still shave under their arms even in this enlightened time when feminists might say to do such a thing is nothing more than further evidence of male dominance.

Get real. I've already mentioned *Playboy* and *Penthouse*, and then there's *Hustler* and *High Society*, neither of which eve pretends to be anything other than a magazine filled with dirty pictures.

They don't even bother to offer a high-faluting writer now and then as does *Playboy* and *Penthouse*, so their readers can say, "I didn't look at the pictures. I read the insightful piece by Gore Vidal."

So get off *Sports Illustrated*'s back. This time next week it will return with photographs of millionaire baseball players basking in the sun at spring training, and maybe even a few arm-pit shots, as we reach the part of the college basketball season we call March Madness.

And as far as the models' poses are concerned, get down on your hands and knees and put your head on the floor and see if your butt doesn't point toward the ceiling naturally.

If it doesn't you might want to consult a chiropractor.

Who pays for Bill's bills?

The biggest political debate of our time has concerned "government" vs. "markets."

Two recent presidents boldly changed the balance in America. Lyndon Johnson did it in the mid-1960s with his Great Society, the root of which was that government could do more to help people. Ronald Reagan preached the opposite, that government was "the problem, not the solution."

Their time had something to do with their plans. Johnson's America was booming, ready to roll. Reagan's America was in the grip of stagflation.

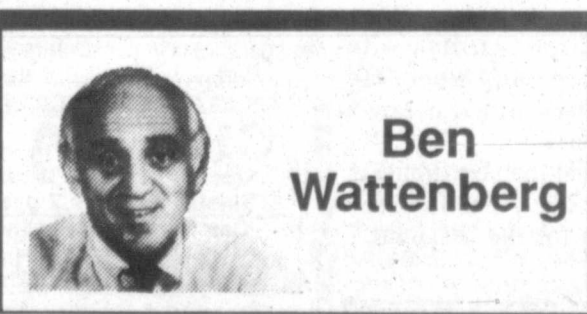
Comes now, Is Bill Clinton's economic plan bold enough to be in the LBJ or Reagan league? If it is, might it "reverse Reagan"? Are the times propitious for such a path?

Experts differ. Some say it is bold; others say it is only modest.

The actual Clinton numbers are modest. Over the next four years the Gross Domestic Product will about to \$30 trillion. Clinton's new spending on domestic discretionary programs — a good spot to observe the growth of government — involved \$97 billion, or about .03 percent (and only half that if his reductions are real).

But numbers aren't everything. Mindset may be more important than magnitude. A nose under the tent can yield a camel under the canvas. Just who is this masked man we elected? What does Clinton believe about markets vs. government?

On balance — and there is some balance — what Clinton sent to Congress shows us the face of "Government Bill." Its key chapter, titled "A Legacy of Failure," is an economically illiterate rewrite of the 1980s in order to shape the 1990s. In its own key



Ben Wattenberg

words, but in my arrangement: "Trickle-down Reaganomics eroded family structures, offered succor to the greedy privileged few who engaged in financial scheming, while ordinary Americans were left behind and could no longer dream the American dream."

(All that, mind you, describing the world's premiere economy, which gained 19 million jobs, where real family income among rich, poor and middle class increased.)

But we have another president, too. He spoke to the Chamber of Commerce last week. It was that good old market man from Arkansas, "Business Bill!" That fellow knows regulations get in the way, that government is inefficient. He did not mention to his applauding audience that they were, in fact, the greedy, scheming, privileged few.

So what is Schizoid Bill really up to? What is the net balance of decisive direction as opposed to the modest magnitudes, of markets vs. government?

The actual Clinton budget plan itself is more Government Bill than Business Bill. He likes government. So he wants to increase existing, often tired, programs for food stamps, weatherization,

AIDS, parenting, trees, forests, immunization, mass transit, worker-profiling, Head Start, one-stop career shopping and clean water, for starters. All right. That's what Democrats do, and they won.

What is distressing is the Daddy-knows-best high-tech planning: "information highways," "cross-cutting high-performance computing," and acronyms like NIST, FCCSET, CRADA, designed to let all-wise government bureaucrats pick the commercial winners and losers.

The former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Michael Boskin, now at the "American Enterprise Institute, looks at the Clinton blueprint and says its direction is toward: "social engineering, big government, high taxation, interventionism, redistributionism, protectionism and industrial planning."

Well, yes. But not much of it. Yet.

So are we in for more government? I doubt it. Presidents are important. But what's happening in real time is more important. Clinton's moment is neither Johnson's nor Reagan's.

The market philosophy, boosted now by an unexpected explosion of global trade, technology, peace and democracy, has unleashed the commercial animal spirits everywhere. It's apparent in China, Russia, Latin America and all the way-stations in between. In the U.S., global market competition is causing down-sizing, lean-and-mean restructuring, a creative boom in small businesses and more exports. It's a turbulent tidal wave. It engenders governmental responses.

But it creates prosperity, and everyone knows it, even Government Bill.

Classroom Corner

Lessons behind a desk? Not always

By The Associated Press

Looked into your child's classroom lately? In some elementary schools across the country, kids don't sit passively at their desks anymore.

They dart around, ask questions and work in groups — sometimes with younger and older children, reports Better Homes and Gardens magazine. These new teaching practices include nongraded classes, math manipulatives and cooperative learning.

Nongraded classes: After kindergarten comes first grade, right? Not always. Some schools are creating nongraded classrooms, also called mixed-age grouping, which combine several grades.

Not all kids can process the same material at the same rate. For example, a child might read well, yet have trouble with math. Or vice versa. Mixing older and younger kids provides a chance to work with students of similar ability.

"Putting children in grades is unnatural and unrealistic," said Robert H. Anderson, coauthor of "Nongradedness: Helping It to Happen" (Technomic, 1993). "We have an abundance of studies that say children in multiage classrooms learn more than kids in traditional classrooms — no matter what their ages."

Math manipulatives are simple everyday objects that kids can count, combine, subtract, or divide. Mary Lindquist, president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, says anything that turns math into a picture for students helps their understanding.

During a visit to a first-grade class in Wisconsin, Lindquist watched as the teacher collected lunch money from her 20 students. Discovering that eight students had brought their lunches, she posed a question to the class: How many didn't bring their lunches?

"Some got out blocks, some got out toy figures, some used number lines, some used their fingers, and some just thought through it," Lindquist said. "There were 10 or 12 different solutions, and each child wanted to explain his or her way. In the past, this class would write 20 minus 8 on a piece of paper and use straight arithmetic to get an answer."

Cooperative learning. In cooperative learning, children are grouped together to review material first presented by the teacher. The goal: to make sure everyone understands the information, said Robert Slavin, author of "Cooperative Learning: Theory, Research and Practice" (Allyn and Bacon, 1990).

Researchers such as Slavin say

kids who work in groups learn better than those who struggle on their own. "You get your peer group behind you, and once you've got that, then you're going to succeed," Slavin said.

Kids also teach one another. For instance, one child might translate the teacher's instructions into words that another student can better understand. In theory, the first child also learns by having to explain the subject.

Whole language. Whole language teachers immerse students in real books and stories instead of drilling children on letter sounds and simple words. Kids listen to books, make up stories and invent spelling for words they don't know. The goal is to encourage kids to become avid readers and writers, with correct spelling developing as they read and write.

"It means starting kids off with reading and writing, not bits and pieces of it," said Ken Goodman, professor of education at the University of Arizona and author of "What's Whole In Whole Language" (Heinemann, 1986).

Whole language proponents say students develop phonics in the context of reading and writing. They say that children learn to read and write much in the same way that they learn to talk.

Hats off to Texas



Mrs. Lafin's second grade class at Travis Elementary entertained parents and grandparents with "Hats Off to Texas" during Texas Public Schools Week March 1-5. The children sang song about Texas and recited facts about the Lone Star State.

Honor Roll

Honor roll students for the fourth six weeks grading period have been announced at Baker Elementary.

Self-contained developmental — best citizen — Ronnie Tucker; PAL — Anthony Graham.

Kindergarten — best citizen — Pilar DeLaTorre, Jay Kelly, Keshia Bookout, Blanca Hernandez. PAL — Marina Cuellar, Jatin Patel, Jackie Cooper and Arceli DeLaTorre.

First grade — best citizen — Cesar Hernandez, Billie Ramirez, Raquel Ramirez, Tracy Henderson, Enrique Morales. PAL — David Weatherly, Zachary Woodruff, Jesse Hernandez, Shannon Lewis. Honor roll — Allison Phelps, Dean Moman, Hector Serrano, Jose Garcia, Dustin Medley, Raquel Ramirez, Aaron Silva, Minnie Vasquez, Zachary Woodruff, Angel Bishop, Jaime Chavez, Alex Couch,

Ryan Davis, Bobbie Chavarria, Carrie McAnear, Billie Ramirez, Valerie Vigil, Leslie Weatherly, David Weatherly, Tracy Henderson, Diana Lozano.

Second grade — best citizen — Marisela Gutierrez, Viviana DelaTorre. PAL — Damian Villarreal, Drew Wilson. Honor roll — Luis Campos, Heather Day, Zach Ferris, Luzann Garcia, Janie Hernandez, Chris House, Janee Perez, Damian Villarreal, Joel Botello, Megan Davis, Viviana DelaTorre, Julian George, Luis Gonzales, Levi Holder, Griselle Ramirez, Shaunta Reed, Drew Wilson, Jesse Santacruz, James Silva.

Third grade — best citizen — Oscar Ortega, Julia Hernandez. PAL — Stephen Pierce, Amanda Mason. Honor roll — Desiree Vigil, Dolly Anderson, Michael Campos, Randy

Tice, Chris Tice, Antonio Estrada, Shelly Gage, Holly Lawrence, Oscar Ortega, Jason Coble, Lupita Resendiz, Kristen Wendt.

Fourth grade — best citizen — Stacy Dunn and Beatriz Cabrales. PAL award — Veronica Saldierna and Eric Chavez. Honor roll — Chris Batman, Monica Campos, Derrick Cummings, Stacy Dunn, Daisy Leal, Lucas Oliva, Vanessa Portillo, Veronica Saldierna, Eric Chavez, Matt Garza.

Fifth grade — best citizen — Cari Walker, Marisol Silva. PAL award — Martha Silva, Constance White. Honor roll — Teresa Carver, Kristie Leal, Glen Moon, Sammy Ramirez, Martha Silva, Amanda White, Jonathan Brockington, Terra Hembree, Lidia Resendiz, Brittny Lorensen, Constance White.

Honor Roll

Honor roll students from Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District were named for the fourth six weeks grading period.

A honor roll: Allison Baxter, fifth grade; Stephanie Blankenship, fourth grade; Tandi Quisenberry and Lauren Acker, second grade; and Clay Ritter and Pete

Helton, third grade.

A-B honor roll: second grade - Sarah Blankenship, Cody Babcock; third grade - Chandler Bowers; fourth grade - Marci Babcock, Lori Stephens; sixth grade - Bryant Smith.

First-graders earning an Award of Merit were Paul Baxter, reading;

Chance Bowers, math; Collin Bowers, spelling; Michael Dominguez, math; Jake Hopkins, language arts; Kandace Roby, math; Calvin Schaffer, math.

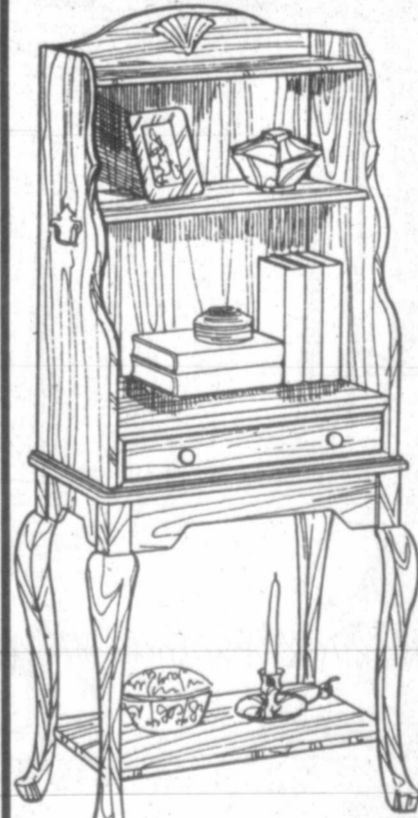
Earning awards for special effort and improvement were third graders Krista Roby — science, and Shaun Smith — math.

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Business, teachers unite to improve training

By DEBRA HALE Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — It's time for businesses to stop bashing education and help improve it, says Ed Bales, education director for Motorola University, the in-house academic program for Motorola Inc. Bales said Motorola realized the nation's educational system needed changing about five years ago. Of 480 Motorola employees who applied for 50 jobs in its cellular telephone business, just 49 passed the required math test.

"That really showed something was wrong here," he said. These employees, who had been outstanding in the traditional workplace, could not function in the new, more computer- and team-oriented workplace.

"We have engineers coming out of a college who are brilliant but who cannot communicate," he said. Bales added, "Most educators know that things have to change. It's really moving from a confrontational approach to a collaborative approach."

CUBE is an acronym for Coalition for Universities and Businesses for Education. The project was launched about a year ago by Gordon H. Lamb, president of Northeastern Illinois University.

"Business leaders were pretty critical of what they were getting out of secondary schools," he said. But businesses "had never been asked what they need out of the schools."

Lamb contacted university presidents. They, in turn, contacted local businesses. Teachers, principals and superintendents have since joined the teams. Twenty-six colleges in 16 states are working with businesses in their communities to bring the concepts of efficiency and teamwork into education.

Changes have already occurred. Teachers are training education students and field trips are being organized for elementary teachers to increase their knowledge of math and science.

At the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, for example, prospective elementary school teachers will

take one team-taught science course instead of three next fall. That's because elementary pupils study one overall science course, not chemistry or physics, noted Marjorie Smelstor, the university's vice chancellor for academic affairs.

She said the university also plans a summer institute for elementary teachers, to be taught by teams of business people and educators.

Smelstor said many elementary teachers are apprehensive about teaching math and science because they lack a strong background in the subjects.

"So, we're going to attempt some instruction, hands-on experience and field trips to increase their knowledge of science and math and to decrease their apprehension," she said.

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FBI: Second suspect in Trade Center blast had bomb-making know-how

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The second person arrested on charges of helping to carry out the World Trade Center bombing was identified as Palestinian-American chemical engineer believed to have the know-how to mix explosives.

Nidal Ayyad, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the FBI at his home in Maplewood. Like Mohammed Salameh, he was charged with aiding and abetting in the Feb. 26 bombing that killed at least five people and injured about 1,000.

The man had a joint bank account, authorities said. And investigators believe the bombing was financed with \$8,000 wired from Europe to the account, The New York Times reported today, citing unidentified law enforcement sources.

Authorities would not specify what role Ayyad was alleged to have played in the bombing. But FBI agent James Esposito said: "By his educational background he has expertise that lends itself to this kind of crime. He certainly has some expert knowledge because of his training in the chemical engineering field."

Jeffrey L. Rankin, assistant dean of Rutgers University's engineering school, where Ayyad earned a degree, said that Ayyad was a student in a course he taught that covered some principles of bomb-making.

On Tuesday, James Fox, the head of the FBI's New York office, told a congressional panel in Washington that investigators believe the bombing was carried out by a large and highly professional terrorist group.

Salameh, 25, rented a van thought to have carried the bomb into the parking garage under the twin 110-story towers.

Ayyad and Salameh worshiped at the same mosque and are of Palestinian descent, investigators said. Salameh was born in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, grew up in Jordan and entered the United States on



Federal agents lead Nidal Ayyad, his head covered by a coat, into federal court in Newark Wednesday for an appearance before a U.S. magistrate in connection with the World Trade Center bombing.

a now-expired tourist visa. Ayyad was born in Kuwait, came to the United States in 1985 and became a U.S. citizen in 1991.

Salameh withdrew money from their joint account at a National Westminster Bank branch in Jersey City, according to the Times.

And the day before the bombing, the FBI said, Salameh called Ayyad four times at his office at AlliedSig-

nal Inc. in Morristown, where Ayyad is a research engineer. AlliedSignal makes aerospace and auto products.

Salameh was calling from a self-storage facility in Jersey City where agents found chemicals that could make an explosive, the FBI said in court papers.

On Feb. 15, Ayyad rented a red General Motors car and listed Salameh as an additional driver, the

FBI said. When the van believed used in the bombing was rented, Salameh was accompanied by someone in a red GM car, the FBI said.

Like Salameh and another man charged with obstruction of justice in the case, Ayyad was ordered held without bail for another hearing, on Friday. If convicted, he could receive life in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

More base closures in store, Aspin says

WASHINGTON (AP) — New defense spending cuts began to hit home with some early word on base closings and a warning from Defense Secretary Les Aspin that the next batch of closures won't be the last.

Aspin, set to announce the military's suggested base hit list, warned lawmakers in a memo Wednesday that their constituents will have more pain to swallow in the coming years.

"I am confident ... future changes will decrease force structure and will require more, not fewer, base closures than those I will recommend at this time," he said.

Senate sources said lawmakers should begin receiving word on closures today, but word already was leaking out on which bases will be affected, drawing swift protests.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said the Pentagon was proposing to strip McGuire Air Force Base in his state of its active-duty personnel, turning it into a National Guard and reserve base.

"I'm prepared to fight this proposal every inch of the way," Lautenberg said. "New Jersey should not be the target of more cutbacks," he said, citing 1991 decisions to turn Fort Dix into a reserve base and close the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

California officials said they had learned that 46 percent of the economic losses from base closures would be sustained by their state, one of the big losers in two previous rounds of closings.

California state Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, in Washington to lobby the White House on the bases issue, reminded President Clinton that his decisions toward the state "could adversely affect California in such a way that Californians would not forget it short-term or long-term."

The Pentagon's suggestions for base closures and cutbacks will be delivered to an independent com-

mission, which will have until June 30 to consider any changes. The panel then will present the list to the president and the Congress for approval or rejection.

The military services have recommended that at least 30 major bases be closed or reduced, and more than 100 smaller installations be cut or consolidated.

Pentagon and congressional sources have identified Fort McClellan in Alabama; the Long Beach, Calif., Naval Shipyard; K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in Michigan; the Charleston, S.C., Naval Shipyard; the Newport Naval Station in Rhode Island and hurricane-damaged Homestead Air Force Base in Florida as among the facilities on the list.

Outlining his reasons for the closures, Aspin said the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War means the Defense Department "must get smaller."

He argued that the defense budget will be cut 40 percent in real terms from 1985 to 1997, and the number of men and women in uniform by 30 percent. But only two bases have been closed in the United States since 1988, the secretary said.

Clinton has announced plans to pare the current level of 1.8 million troops to 1.4 million, and to slash \$122 billion from the defense budget over the next few years.

Aspin said base closures will save money that would otherwise go to unnecessary overhead and will "support the investment necessary to foster economic growth."

He pledged that his base closure decisions will be "fair and objective" and will hit bases overseas harder than those at home.

Contrary to past practice, Aspin has not scheduled a news conference to explain his decisions once the list is made public. Instead, he will accompany Clinton on a visit to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt off the coast of Virginia on Friday.

Retail sales show modest increase during February

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales rose a modest 0.3 percent in February after consumers paused to catch their breaths in January, the government said today.

Strong sales at building supply and hardware stores, supermarkets and gasoline stations pushed overall sales up to a seasonally adjusted \$167.8 billion last month, the Commerce Department said.

In advance, economists were looking for February sales to hold steady. However, the department revised away a previously reported January increase and now shows sales for that month unchanged from December.

Meanwhile, in a separate report, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits unexpectedly shot up 25,000 in the week ended Feb. 27.

Claims totaled 382,000 during the week, the highest level in four months.

Economists say an improving job market is the key ingredient needed this year to produce sustained increases in retail sales. Late last year, they rose largely because consumers were heartened by the election of a new president and hungry to let loose after several years of restrained spending.

The first two months of this year, taken together, show retail sales eking out only small gains, but economists weren't unduly concerned. They said a slacker pace was almost inevitable after strong gains in the fall and during the holiday shopping season. Sales rose 1.1 percent in December.

"This is not an indication of a return to recession on the part of consumers, but somewhat of a correction from a very strong fall and Christmas. I'm expecting generally moderate growth in consumer spending this spring," said economist Lynn Reaser of First Interstate Bancorp in Los Angeles.

In February, sales at building supply and hardware stores jumped 3.3 percent. Receipts at food stores rose 1.3 percent and at gasoline stations, 1.6 percent.

Department store sales rose 0.3 percent; restaurant sales, 0.4 percent, and drug store sales, 0.5 percent.

Auto sales, however, dropped 2.2 percent. Furniture stores reported a 0.5 percent decline. Sales at clothing stores fell 1.7 percent.

Excluding the volatile auto category, sales rose 0.9 percent in February following a 0.1 percent decline in January.

Overall sales in February were 5.3 percent higher than a year ago.

Economists closely follow retail spending because it represents one-third of the entire economy. They say a number of conflicting factors will be influencing consumers in the next few months.

One drag on spending will be disappointing tax refunds. President Bush reduced payroll withholding last year. Another negative is worry among higher income people about President Clinton's proposed tax increases.

"Tax refunds for 1992 have already started to slow down and expectations of tax increases for 1993 and beyond have started to rise. These factors may have started to influence consumer attitudes and perception of future disposable income," said economist John Silvia of Kemper Financial Services in Chicago.

On the plus said, low interest rates are spurring spending. There is another wave of mortgage refinancing going on. That is lowering some homeowners' monthly payments, giving them more cash to spend.

Low rates will encourage others to buy new homes and that, in turn, should produce related spending on new furniture and appliances.

Shelly Long to return for 'Cheers' finale

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shelley Long will return as the scholarly barmaid Diane Chambers for the final episode of "Cheers."

The one-hour episode May 20 will conclude the 11th and final season of the NBC barroom series, Paramount Pictures

spokesman John Wentworth said Wednesday.

Miss Long won an Emmy as Diane during the comedy's first season.

She was nominated three more times in her remaining four years with the show

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Lifestyles

Tiniest antennas could play role in exploring universe

By MERCER CROSS
National Geographic

BOULDER, Colo. — A spiral antenna the size of a grain of sand and made of gold may someday help reveal the origins of the universe, solve the enigma of global warming and diagnose mysterious human diseases.

As slim as a human hair, it is the world's smallest antenna. It resembles the antennas that some kinds of insects have had for millions of years.

Scientists at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder have developed this electronic microantenna through the same techniques they use to make integrated circuits.

"What infrared technology has given civilization is the same capability that insects have: We're able to see in the dark," says physicist Donald G. McDonald, one of the three scientists who produced the antenna.

"Is that important? Ask anybody who was in the Persian Gulf War. It was of paramount importance there."

Attached to an individual detector, the new microantenna can't do much. Its value, McDonald explains, will be demonstrated in large arrays of hundreds or thousands of detectors and antennas. Besides national defense, other potential applications are numerous. Among them:

— In conjunction with powerful telescopes, antennas could play a role in exploring the universe, detecting infrared signals from far outer space and forming images from those signals.

— Mounted on spacecraft orbiting above Earth's atmosphere, they could continuously monitor atmospheric pollutants below, such as carbon monoxide. "To my mind," McDonald tells National Geographic, "the thing of greatest importance to civilization is studying things like pollution so that we can avoid some kind of future catastrophe."

— In a medical laboratory, they could detect disease symptoms in the human body that are beyond the reach of today's sophisticated equipment.

— Outside a skyscraper, they could measure exactly where heat is leaking.

The minuscule lithographic — photographically produced — antennas are capable of picking up infrared wavelengths six times shorter than previous antennas, according to the Boulder institute, which is part of the U.S. Commerce Department.

Contrasted with the vastly longer wavelengths at the other end of the electromagnetic spectrum, such as radio and television, infrared wavelengths are short — only 3 to 30 microns. A micron is one-millionth of a meter. (A meter measures 39.37 inches.)

Without the new antennas, which are about 60 microns wide, the superconducting detectors would be unable to sense infrared wavelengths. With the antennas, the detectors can "see" images of heat radiating from objects and organisms both on Earth and in space.

Electronic miniaturization, a technology that's been around for relatively few years, makes it possible. "You want to have greater and greater sensitivity to weaker and weaker signals," McDonald says.

Other key members of the research team are scientists Erich N. Grossman and Joseph E. Sauvageau. A long time ago, nature already had

done much of their work for them.

Similar antennas evolved on insects that "see" in the dark, including such common species as mosquitoes, fire ants and cockroaches.

"If you go out and find 300 different types of man-made antennas, I'll find some type of insect that has every one of those shapes," says Phillip S. Callahan of Gainesville, Fla. "The only difference is that the man-made ones are made of metal."

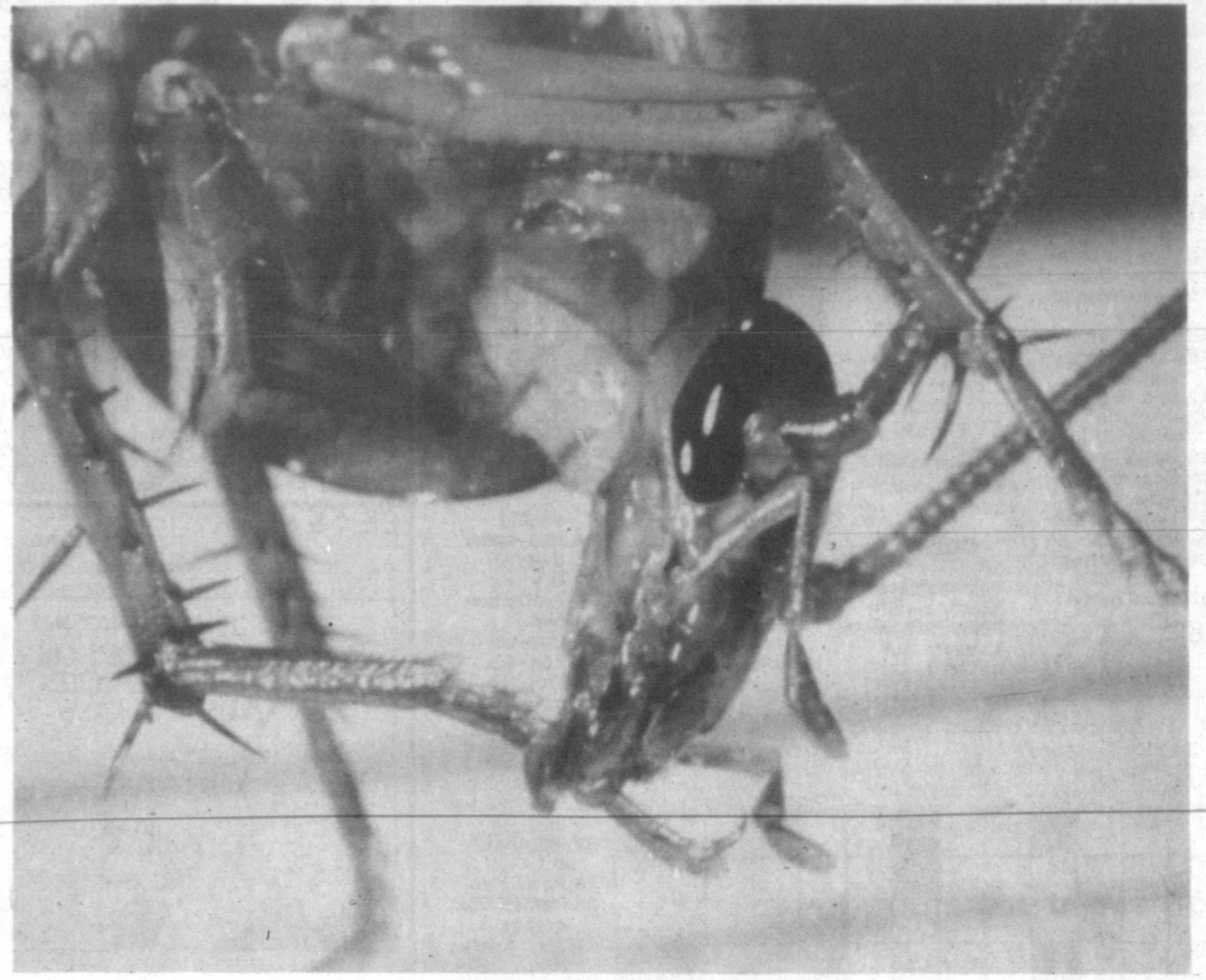
Callahan, a retired entomologist for the U.S. Agriculture Department, has been studying insect antennas since 1956. "I was doing this 25 or 30 years before the physicists thought about it," he says. "I've got so much proof that it makes Einstein's relativity look like it hasn't been proved at all."

The work in the Boulder laboratory has been supported in part by the Strategic Defense Initiative — "Star Wars" — through the Office of Naval Research and by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

McDonald says he anticipates a lag of about three years before the sensors and antennas will be produced in quantity and put to practical use. Among the potential customers, he says, will be technology-oriented federal agencies such as NASA and the Defense Department. Other future users could be in the health sciences field.

Meanwhile, private companies are doing their own research. "What technologists have been doing for years is advancing long-wavelength technology to shorter and shorter wavelengths. The frontier of that is infrared," says McDonald.

"All we can do is present the possibilities. The commercial world decides what's viable."



(National Geographic Society photo)
The loathed cockroaches function in darkness, using their efficient antennas. The long, segmented antennae, angling upward in this magnified photograph, are also sensitive to pressure and moisture.

Newsmakers

Mert Cooper, a member of the board of trustees of McMurry University, is scheduled to attend a meeting of the board in Abilene on March 11-12.

The meeting coincides with the Bennett-Willson Lectures and reception honoring retiring President Thomas A. Kim. President-elect Robert E. Shimp will be introduced as a part of the two-day event.

He has been appointed to serve on the special services committee, the development and public relations committee and the financial and business affairs committee.

A Pampa native, Cooper is a graduate of McMurry University and the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He is an independent oil and gas producer in Canadian. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Cooper, Pampa.

John A. Sturgill, son of Donna Sturgill and the late George T. Sturgill, graduated from Texas Tech University with a 3.3 grade point average. He was named to the Dean's list for the fall semester.

He was appointed a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He is scheduled to undergo six months officers training in Virginia and will be stationed in Dallas in a National Guard unit.

He majored in commercial art and is employed by a Dallas art firm.

Sturgill is a 1988 graduate of Pampa High School.

Navy Fireman Apprentice Jarrod W. Slatten, son of Robert G. and Louie M. Slatten, Lefors, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego, Calif.

Slatten is a 1990 graduate of Lefors High School and joined the Navy in November 1992.

Ruth Durkee, director of Pampa Sheltered Workshop, was chosen as Distinguished Employee of the Month by Amarillo State Center. Employees are nominated by

Chili cookoff set to benefit hall

A chili cookoff is slated for 2-5 p.m. March 20 to benefit the Sanford Community Hall, Sanford, according to Patricia Pair, secretary-treasurer.

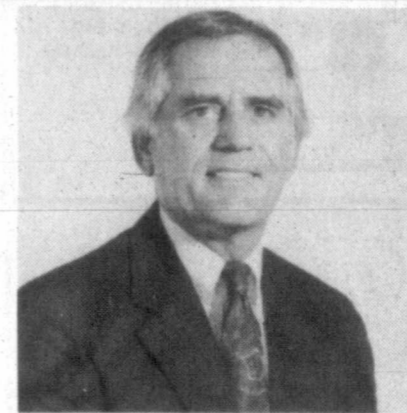
The purpose of the cookoff is to raise funds to help defray the cost of remodeling and renovating the hall.

Individuals and businesses are invited to enter the contest which will award four prizes, including a people's choice award.

Chili will be scored on authentic Texas taste, texture, originality and flavor.

For entry information call Phyllis Key, president, at 865-3816.

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Mert Cooper

their peers and are selected by the reward and recognition committee for consideration. Durkee was awarded a plaque, day off with pay, and dinner out for two.

Jimmy Hannon, Lefors, received a certificate in welding technology and Alan Thompson, Pampa, received an associate of applied sciences in computer science technology from Texas State Technical College. Both graduates were named to the President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 grade point average for the winter quarter.

Scott Gafford received a certifi-



John A. Sturgill

cate in professional truck operations and was named to the Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll with a 3.5 or greater grade point average for the winter quarter.

Christian Engle, Jerry Lindsey and Venita Roland each received an associate of applied sciences in interior design technology and Lyle Gage received an associate of applied sciences in computer science technology.

Matthew Minatrea was named to the President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 grade point average for the winter quarter. James Guthrie was named to the Dean of Instructions Honor Roll.

Dog's life is directed by instinct, not thought

DEAR ABBY: While your advice never to leave a child alone with dogs is correct, the reasoning behind it is flawed.

I am a police sergeant and the K-9 trainer/instructor for the Culver City (Calif.) Police Department. I have been involved in the training and use of dogs for more than 13 years. I am concerned with what makes them behave as they do and how to channel it to our uses.

Many dog owners say, "My dog thinks he's a person." This leads them to attribute human values and emotions to their dog. These people believe that a dog can think, reason, and behave inappropriately because he harbors ill feelings toward his owner or others.

I believe this is impossible. A dog is incapable of thought or harboring ill feelings. A dog views the world from a dog's point of view. He considers himself a dog and us as other dogs. We are merely members of his "pack."

Dogs occasionally kill or injure children because of several differences between human children and puppies. Dogs are driven by instinct. That is what makes them dogs. There about six of these drives. The one at work here is the "pack drive," which forces the dog to become a member of a pack and to establish his "pecking order" within that pack. He does that by non-verbal communication, primarily by body language.

The difference between human infants and children and dogs is that when puppies or adult dogs are



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

placed in a submissive position by a dominant member of the pack, they exhibit body language that communicates to the dominant dog that he has achieved his dominance. Human infants and children do not have this instinct, and wouldn't know how to communicate their submission if they did.

For example: When a puppy who is nursing bites his mother's nipple too hard, she will take his entire head into her mouth. She will bite down until the puppy lets out a yell and becomes completely still. Then she knows that she is applying enough pressure to get his attention. She will hold this pressure for a moment and then release him.

If a child were to displease a dog, the dog would react in a similar fashion. But when human infants and children suffer pain or discomfort, such as the dog biting their head, they react in an opposite fashion. Instead of becoming passive and motionless, they cry and thrash

around. Their screams become louder as they receive more pain.

This communicates to the dog that he is not applying enough pressure, so he bites harder. This frequently results in death for the infant or child, when his skull fractures.

Your statement that "the most docile pets have been known to turn on a child, unprovoked" is rooted in folklore. The dog does not "turn on a child" — rather, he treats the child as if he were a dog, and when the child does not respond as a dog, the dog steps up his expression of dominance.

In short, any dog can be a danger to any child, because of the different instincts each species possesses.

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Dr. William E. Green named museum head

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon recently named Dr. William E. Green as curator of history. He assumed duties on March 1.

Green earned a bachelor or arts degree in history and English from Hardin-Simmons University, a master of arts degree in history at Baylor University, and a Ph.D. in history from Texas Tech University.

Recently Green served as capitol

historian for the State Preservation Board and did research on the construction of the Texas Capitol building. He is currently working on a book based on that and subsequent research. Green has also served as visiting lecturer in history at Texas A&M University, associate curator of history with the Witte Memorial Museum in San Antonio and curator of historic furnishings with the Museum of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Green specialized in Texas and Southwestern history and published topics such as Fort Concho, the XIT Ranch, the Alamo and others.

"We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Green become a part of our staff. He is well-known and respected throughout the State for his research and expertise in the Museum field. I look forward to working with him," stated Walter R. Davis, director of the PPHM.

'Toxic Tour of Texas' scheduled for exhibition

"Toxic Tour of Texas" is scheduled for exhibition at the Carson County Square House Museum Wednesday through April 4.

The exhibit is a 40-piece black and white photographic exhibit depicting sites in Dallas, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Nueces, Hudspeth and Carson counties which display signs of pollutants.

American Cancer Society makes research award to Amarilloan

The American Cancer Society awarded a \$100,000 national research grant to Dr. Judith Kapp of Amarillo. Beginning in January and continuing through the year, Kapp will use grant funds to study how specific genes regulate the body's defenses.

Kapp is one of 61 American Cancer Society national research

grant recipients working in Texas.

"Money raised by our local units for research does return to the Panhandle and other research facilities throughout Texas," said Camille Nies, field representative for the ACS.

According to ACS information, 37 percent of all money raised in

Texas by ACS goes to research.

Survival figures note that 73 percent of children with leukemia survive, compared to four percent in the 1960's. The survival rate of skin cancer, the most common type, is about 90 percent when detected early and the chance of surviving localized breast cancer is about 92 percent.

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- Chemical suffix
- Bewildered (2 wds.)
- Last syllable of word
- Tiny particle
- Et — Brute
- Something to smoke
- Greek letter
- Language suffix
- Bull, Spain
- Doctor's asst.
- Chats
- Ocean
- Ache
- Type of boat
- Roman 51
- Remove from office
- Naval petty officer
- Mans auto

DOWN

- Speechless
- Increased by 3
- No. of ft. tall
- Leaves out

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ACROSS

- Capital of Nigeria
- Waste away
- Thatch palm
- Hubbub
- Short jackets
- Model Carol
- Adjective
- ending
- Babylonian deity
- Dry
- Protection (var.)
- Unusual person (sl.)
- Wooden tub
- Verve
- Misbehavin'
- Whimper
- Again
- Was dressed in
- Motorists' org.
- Harsh rule
- Refuse from grapes
- Jane Austen title
- Run away to marry
- Doll's House author
- Farm animals
- Leaf of book
- Flying saucers (abbr.)
- Center of sail
- Half a qt.
- Decay
- Characteristic of (suff.)
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Astro-Graph

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In general, conditions look favorable for you today, so don't take yourself or life too seriously. Know in the back of your mind that everything is OK and likely to get even better. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Pisces' 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your probabilities for material gratification are likely to be better today, and these will stem from your second source of income rather than your primary one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might have to make a decision today that will affect another person besides yourself. Try to do what is good for him or her as well as what is good for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Services you render for loved ones today could bring you a strong sense of personal satisfaction. Do your good deeds and feel better about the world.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something that you're presently involved in isn't being managed as effectively as it could be. Since you'll be aware of the flaws, step in and make the necessary adjustments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you associate with procrastinators today, they could have a negative effect upon your productivity. Use your initiative, and don't be influenced by ne'er-do-wells.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Associates are likely to be more receptive to your ideas or concepts today than they were yesterday. Don't be bashful about going back to people whose support you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Financial trends are starting to move in your favor at this time, so give priority to situations that could make or save you money. Profit is likely, as long as you handle things properly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone who never did you a favor previously could turn out to be your biggest booster today. This will be due to factors that you won't be aware of at first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be logical in matters that are of significance to you today, but, by the same token, don't discount hunches or intuitive perceptions, because they could provide the edge for success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This could be a very fortunate day for you where your career is concerned. Lady Luck will be doing everything she can to help, but she expects you to do your share as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If your objectives are clearly defined today, this will enhance your motivation and desire to succeed. Once you convince yourself you can do something, chances are you will do just that.

Sports

Brock helps make state hoops tourney hottest ticket around

Plainview goes against Port Arthur Lincoln

AUSTIN (AP) — The Brock Eagles are one of the reasons the boys state high school basketball tournament that begins Thursday is one of the hottest tickets around.

Coach Jim Vaszauskas, whose team is averaging 95 points a game, makes sure the game is fun for his players, and that makes it fun for fans to watch.

"If you don't have a ticket, don't show up, that's the advice I have," said Peter Contreras, a spokesman for the University Interscholastic League. "With all respect to the Dallas Cowboys, it's the hardest sell in all of Texas. The tournament

is a sellout for the third straight year."

Someone could probably walk up and buy a ticket for a tournament game in Class A, 2A or 3A, Contreras said, "but I wouldn't even try for 4A or 5A."

Brock (33-4) is one of the four Class A teams. The Eagles are playing Petersburg (29-8), who beat Brock in the first round of last year's state tournament.

Vaszauskas had to replace five of his eight top players from last year's team, including three starters and the first player off the bench. But his strategy is the same.

"Our game plan is pretty simple: If you're open for the three, take it; if not, pass it to someone who is open for the three," Vaszauskas said. "If we can't get the three, I want to get the first shot we can.

Then we hit the boards and set out press."

The Eagles scored 121 points in one game this season.

"This (the state tournament) is not a one-shot deal for us. We have good players in the lower classification teams, in the junior high and even down to fourth grade. I expect we will be back to state four or five times in the next 10 years. We are building a tradition here, and winning does breed success," Vaszauskas said.

Brock and Petersburg tip off at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the opening game of the state tournament. Defending champion Laneville (34-3) and Calvert (28-7) follow at 10 a.m.

Classes 3A and 4A also have their semifinal games Thursday, with Classes 2A and 5A getting in their

first-round games on Friday. The five championship games are Saturday.

In Class 3A, Southlake-Carroll (24-9) is making its first appearance in the basketball state tournament and will be after a rare double state title. Carroll won the state football championship in December.

Carroll and Woodville (30-4) play at 2 p.m., followed by Ferris (26-8) vs. Gonzales (23-11) at 3:30 p.m.

Later on, in Class 4A, Dallas Lincoln (31-3) will play Waco University (29-7) at 7 p.m., and Port Arthur Lincoln (29-5) will take on Plainview (29-5) at 8:30 p.m. PA Lincoln, making its eighth trip to the state tournament in 12 years, has won the championship six of the

previous seven tries, including three titles since 1988.

On Friday, Class 2A semifinals pit Amarillo Highland Park (28-4) against Randolph (22-5) at 9:30 a.m. and defending champion Troup (30-5) vs. Itasca (24-9) at 11 a.m. It's the fifth straight tournament appearance for Troup, which is led by 6-5 junior forward-center Greg Austin, whose brother, Allen, now plays at Texas Tech.

In Class 5A, Fort Worth Dunbar (33-4) will be trying to end a nine-year record of futility. Dunbar lost its first-round game six times and was beaten in the championship game the other three trips to the state tournament. Dunbar will play Houston Milby (31-5) at 3 p.m., followed by Converse Judson (33-3) vs. Killeen Ellison (32-5) at 7 p.m.

Converse Judson, like Southlake-Carroll, will be trying to put a state basketball championship trophy alongside the football trophy the Rockets won three months ago.

Few people expected Killeen Ellison to make it to Austin. Ellison finished second in its district to No. 1-ranked Temple. But Ellison, after losing to Temple four times during the season, beat its rival in the finals of the regional tournament, earning the trip to the state tournament.

It's the first state tournament appearance for Calvert in A, Amarillo Highland Park in 2A, Ferris, Woodville and Southlake Carroll in 3A, Waco University in 4A and Converse Judson and Killeen Ellison in 5A.

Indiana tames Michigan to clinch Big 10 crown

By STEVE HERMAN
AP Sports Writer

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Greg Graham tied his career-high with 32 points, including 23 in the first half, as No. 2 Indiana beat Michigan State 99-68 Wednesday night.

The Hoosiers (27-3, 16-1), already assured of an NCAA tournament berth with one game left in the regular season, made short work of the Spartans (14-12, 6-11), who dropped their fifth straight game and perhaps any chance of a post-season bid.

The win assured Indiana of the outright Big Ten title. There had been a mathematical chance that Indiana would finish with the same conference record as Michigan.

Sophomore forward Alan Henderon, Indiana's leading rebounder who missed four games after injuring his knee in practice, played the final 6 seconds but did not touch the ball.

Michigan State matched Indiana basket-for-basket over the first four minutes, but the Hoosiers steadily pulled away by repeatedly hitting 3-point shots.

Graham hit three straight 3-pointers and then added a basket and free throw to give Indiana a 14-8 lead. Two 3-pointers by Pat Graham and one apiece by Calbert Cheaney and Damon Bailey during a 23-8 Indiana spurt pushed the lead to 43-20.

Shawn Respert, the Spartans' leading scorer, did not score until under four minutes remained in the first half.

Indiana took a 56-30 lead at halftime, turned back a brief Michigan State rally that cut the lead to 19 points midway through the second period and built the margin to as much as 35 points in the closing minutes.

A reverse layup by Greg Graham gave Indiana a 93-58 lead before he left the game with three minutes to go.

The 32 points matched his career-high set earlier this season against Purdue.

Cheaney, who last week set a Big Ten career scoring record, added 17 points to push his career total to 2,485.

Matt Nover had 15 points and Pat Graham 11.

Mike Peplowski led Michigan State with 15 points and Respert added 14.

Palmer strives for consistency

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Texas Rangers third baseman Dean Palmer soared and crashed through the 1992 season, his first full year in the major leagues.

Palmer homered in the first three games and hit .435 in the first seven games but unfortunately, the season lasted much longer.

He finished with a .229 average that was damaged by frequent slumps, including a .151 average over one 24-game streak and he had nine hits in the Rangers' final 15 games, typifying his hot-cold season.

Palmer tied teammate Jose Canseco with 26 homers, including two grand slams but he struck out a league-high 154 times.

Defensively, Palmer ranked second among American League third basemen with 124 putouts

but he was third in errors with 22.

He's seeking a smoother road in 1993.

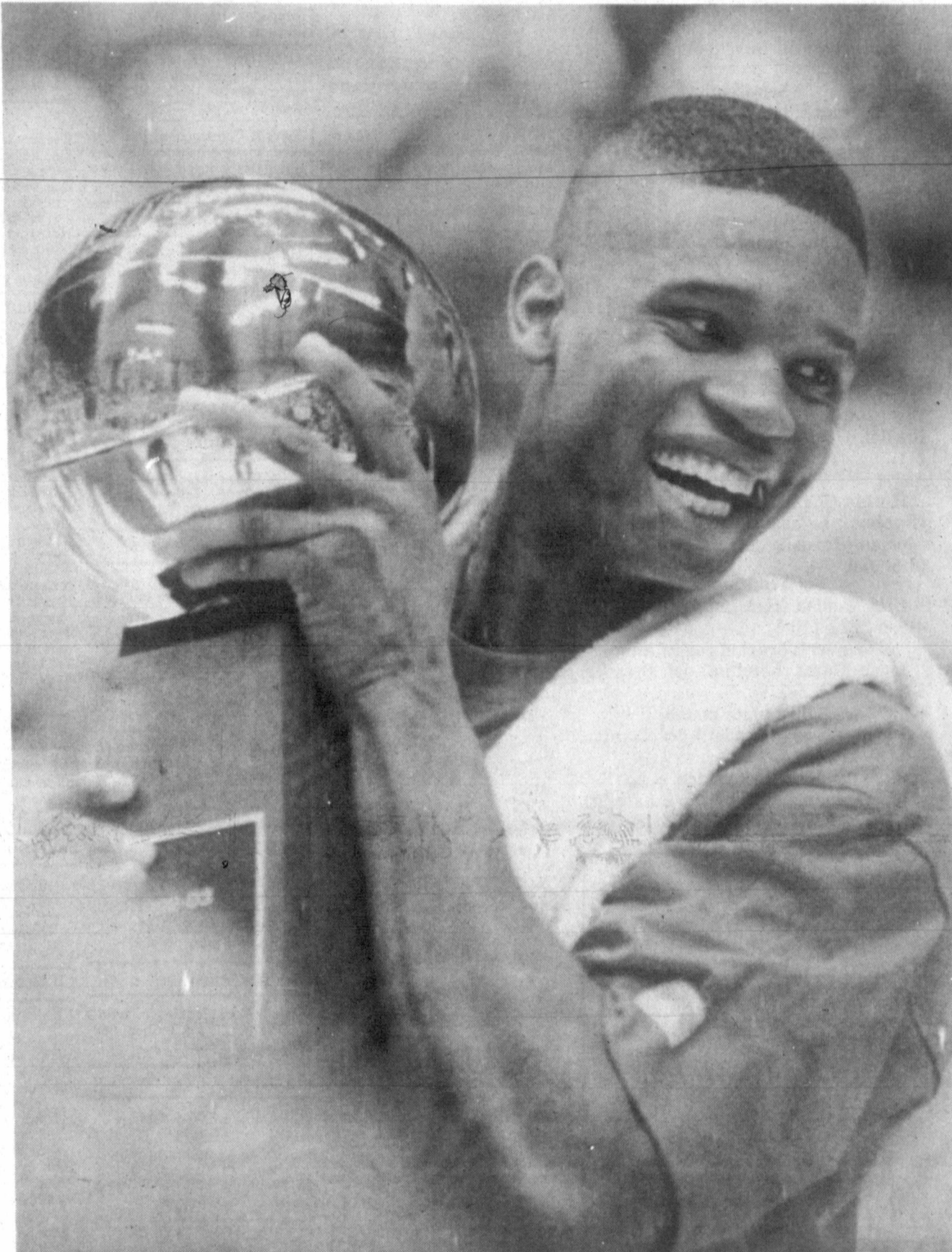
"I just hope to make the adjustments that I wasn't able to make last year and make myself better," Palmer said.

"You got times when you're red hot and other times when you go into a slump," Palmer said. "The key is to hold onto it longer. Keep the slumps down instead of 20 at bats to 10 at bats."

A big goal for Palmer is to cut down on his strikeouts.

"You can't show me anyone who enjoys striking out," Palmer said. "If they tell you they don't care about striking out they're lying. I don't want to be known as a strike-out player."

"I want to be known as an all-around hitter that can do a little bit of everything."



Indiana's Calbert Cheaney clutches the Big Ten championship trophy. (AP Photo)

Sweepstakes winner preparing for million dollar shot

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Dave Cowens, a Hall of Fame center, never quite accepted the concept of basketball's 3-point shot.

"I get to shoot hook shots against Jabbar with guys pushing me and I get two points," he said. "They stand out there by themselves and get three."

"It doesn't seem quite right." Because 3-pointers arrived at the end of Cowens' NBA career, he only tried 14 of them and made just one. "From the corner in the dome in Detroit," he said proudly.

Now 1-for-14, an .071 career percentage, is a less-than-terrific endorsement for coaching 3-pointers. But Bobby Shivar, a pipe fitter from Beulaville, N.C., is hardly in a position to pick and choose. "Any help at this point is greatly appreciated," he said.

Shivar, winner of a sweepstakes, will be taking one 3-point shot during Final Four weekend at halftime of the Coaches All-Star Game in New Orleans. Make it and he gets \$1 million. Miss it and, well, he doesn't.

And you thought shooting at the buzzer with the game on the line was pressure?

Shivar learned he had won the Gillette sweepstakes and an instant \$25,000 payoff in August, but he didn't start practicing for his \$1 million 3-pointer until after the first of the year. "I waited till hunting season was over," he explained.

There are, after all, priorities in Beulaville.

Once he got to work from the 19-foot, 9-inch line, though, he has done pretty well. There was a streak of seven 3-pointers in his backyard recently and another string of seven shooting at Camp Lejeune, where he works.

Coach Cowens has been emphasizing the basics. "He told me to

focus, get everything else out of my mind, follow through, get my legs involved," Shivar said. Like Prof. Harold Hill in "The Music Man," Cowens preaches concentration.

"Bobby doesn't need a whole lot of coaching," Cowens said. "He's going to make it. No question about it."

Shivar, 45, is also going in with a strategy. He will take his one and only shot from the top of the key. "That way, if I overshoot, I have a

chance of it banking in off the backboard," he said. "You've got to use every advantage."

"I wish they'd got me 25 years ago," he said. "I was in better shape then."

When he shoots for \$1 million, there will be no on-court warmup. One shot and that's it. So Shivar is practicing hard beforehand, encouraged by Cowens, who watched his student shoot some threes on Wednesday.

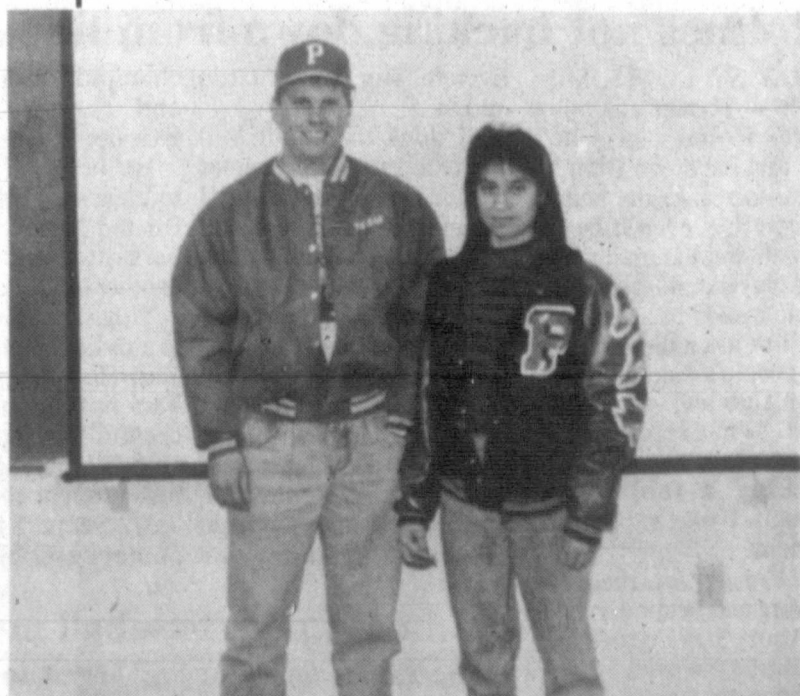
Lady Hawk



(File photo)

Christa West (12) of Pampa is a reserve sophomore guard for the Rockhurst Lady Hawks of Kansas City, Missouri. The Lady Hawks were ranked No. 11 nationally in the NAIA women's college poll this season and finished with a 30-2 record. They were eliminated by Midwestern of Wichita, Kan. in the first round of the NAIA Tournament at Jackson, Tenn. West, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale West, is pictured above when she played for the Lady Harvesters.

Top athletes



(Special photo)

Chris Poole in baseball and Marcy Leal in girls' track were selected as athletes of the week by the Harvesters' Booster Club.

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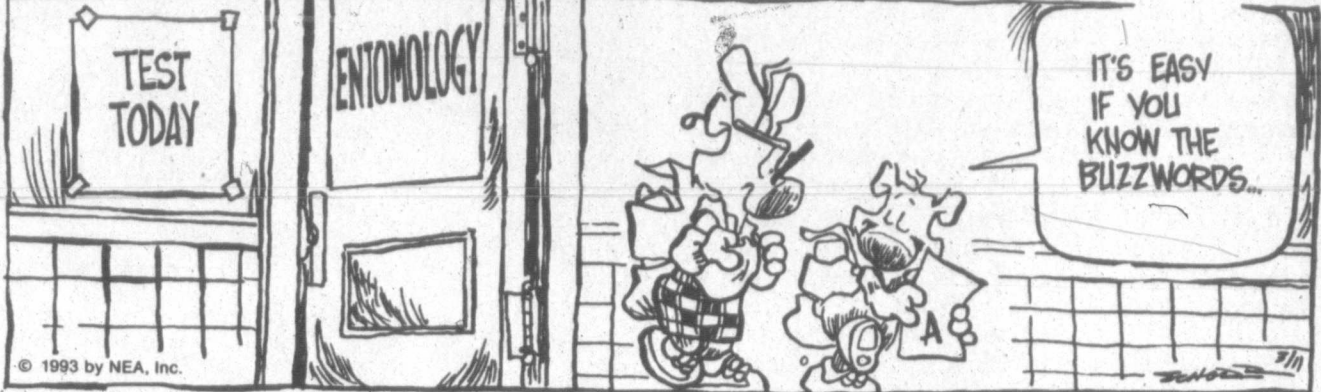
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Iditarod champ puts daylight between self, nearest foe

OPHIR, Alaska (AP) — Defending Iditarod champion Martin Buser put at least three hours between him and his nearest competition as the 21st Iditarod finished its fifth day Wednesday.

Buser reached the Ophir checkpoint, 444 miles from the starting line in Anchorage, at 7:22 p.m., still running the 20-dog team he began the race with.

Meanwhile, four-time champ Susan Butcher dropped three more dogs Wednesday, bringing her down to 12. Butcher, who began the race Saturday with 18 dogs, appeared to be in second place and was heading for Ophir Wednesday night after leaving the Takotna checkpoint at 7:11 p.m.

Both Buser and Butcher have completed a mandatory 30-hour layover and are putting distance between them and the rest of the frontrunners as they cover the 1,100 miles to Nome.

Dee Dee Jonrowe — nursing an injured knee — and Montana musher Doug Swingley were finishing up their layovers at Ophir and were expected to get back on the trail in the early morning hours today.

Five-time Iditarod champ Rick Swenson and Jeff King were at

Takotna, between Nikolai and Ophir. The mushers declared their 30-hour rest periods there and were also expected to get back in the race early today.

Many of the mushers were also nursing dogs ill with what race veterinarians believe is food poisoning.

Race coordinator Joanne Potts said head veterinarian Jim Leach suspects warm temperatures in late February spoiled meat dropped at the Rainy Pass and Rohn checkpoints, making many teams ill by the time they reached Nikolai.

Potts said food and stool samples would be sent to Anchorage Thursday for analysis.

Nearly half of the 63 mushers still in the race have elected to take their layovers in Nikolai — 335 miles into the race — and Potts said that may be because of the spoiled food earlier in the race.

But medication and the rest apparently has put the dogs back in racing shape, Potts said.

For the mushers, adjusting to spoiled food has meant abandoning strategy and replacing it with doctoring skills. Jonrowe said she's been saved by having fish along the trail, which apparently hasn't spoiled like other meats.

"This is a situation that takes you into another phase of competition, that is, how good a doctor you are," she told Alaska Public Radio Network Wednesday.

King said he's replaced the meat with commercial dog food to keep his team healthy.

"I've been making some hard decisions about what to feed," King said while taking his break in Takotna. "I feel lucky I sent out so much. I sent over 2,700 pounds of food out, and there are few items I haven't touched."

As frontrunners calculated who gained or lost by taking breaks, other mushers lost more than time.

Kate Persons apparently misplaced her ax and food. And rookie Dave Branholm reported a lost dog from his team on the trail between Rohn and Nikolai.

Branholm told the Alaska Public Radio Network the dog's neck line and the sled's tug line were clipped when he drove over a stump.

The Iditarod commemorates a 1925 sled dog run to deliver diphtheria serum during an epidemic. The winner of the race, first run in 1973, earns \$50,000 from a total purse of \$400,000.



Dr. Terry Adkins of Sand Coulee, Mont., feeds his dogs Wednesday in Nikolai. (AP Photo)

Congress strips Yeltsin of many remaining powers

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's Communist-dominated Congress voted today to strip President Boris Yeltsin of more of his powers and canceled a national referendum he had called in a bid to cement his power.

In a series of votes, hard-line lawmakers signaled their unwillingness to resolve the power struggle that has paralyzed the government for months and put Yeltsin's already shaky political future in greater jeopardy.

Communists seated in the Congress before the Soviet collapse have hammered away at Yeltsin's power since December, when they forced him to fire Yegor Gaidar, his acting prime minister and architect of free-market reforms.

It was at that session that Yeltsin proposed holding a referendum to let the people decide who should wield supreme authority in Russia, the democratically elected president or the Communist-era legislature.

But today, the second day of an emergency session called to settle the crisis, the Congress of People's Deputies nullified the December agreement that approved an April 11 referendum.

Public opinion polls have indicated Yeltsin is more popular than the legislature and might prevail in a referendum. But many regional officials, some fearing for their jobs, insist a plebiscite could divide the nation.

Today's votes also reinstated a constitutional amendment that

stripped Yeltsin of his power to rule by decree, which he had used to implement market-oriented reforms abhorred by many hard-liners. The social cost of such policies has been rising unemployment and spiraling inflation.

The measures passed today do not spell the president's remaining powers. Nor do they specify what freedom Yeltsin would have to appoint prime ministers or other Cabinet members.

It was not clear what further steps Yeltsin might take to try to reassert his authority. But Yeltsin's spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov noted that the president had pointedly shaken hands with the ministers of defense, security and interior on entering the Congress hall.

In today's maneuvering, the deputies first took a straw poll and Yeltsin's proposed power-sharing agreement received 382 votes in favor and 329 against.

The proposal to rescind the December agreement on the referendum, backed by Khasbulatov, won 623 yes votes and 252 no votes.

Under the complex voting procedures used by the Congress, deputies were to have an opportunity later in the session to reverse the vote.

But reformist deputy Vladimir Gurevich said the measures were likely to pass without amendment.

Yeltsin had headed into the session proposing various plans to share power, but all have been rejected by the lawmakers. Earlier today, he accused the lawmakers of jeopardizing Russia's future.

"The Congress must make a choice between agreement or con-

frontation," Yeltsin said. "It's either one or the other."

But in a stormy speech, his arch foe, parliamentary speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, called Yeltsin's proposed compromises "petty ideas" and demanded the ouster of two key reformist ministers.

Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly Chubais has been heading the president's drive to privatize Russian industry. Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev is despised by hard-liners for his pro-Western policies.

The political showdown has been building for months as both the executive and legislative branches grapple for power in the vacuum left by the collapse of Soviet rule in 1991.

The action by the deputies, if finalized in a second vote expected later in the day, would also allow the immediate removal of the president if he is found to have violated the constitution.

The Brezhnev-era constitution has been amended scores of times by the Congress, and the Constitutional

Court already has found Yeltsin to have violated it at least twice.

On Wednesday, hard-line lawmakers tried to set the stage for Yeltsin's impeachment by accusing him of trying to undermine the constitution. But they were blocked by the pro-Yeltsin minority.

Khasbulatov on Wednesday accused Yeltsin of trying to undermine Russia's constitution and drag the armed forces into the crisis.

There is "a direct attempt to involve the army, the Interior Min-

istry (and) the security forces into the political processes," he said without mentioning Yeltsin by name.

The president last week discussed the political standoff with military leaders. But he and Russia's generals have said the armed forces will not enter the political fray.

The post of an expanded presidency was created in the waning days of the Soviet Union, and did not exist under the 1977 constitution that Yeltsin's adversaries say is the only document they recognize.

Research boosts balloon therapy for heart attacks

BOSTON (AP) — Angioplasty — in which a tiny balloon is used to force open clogged arteries — works better than clot-dissolving drugs in stopping heart attacks, researchers reported today.

The results are controversial, in part because they could influence the kind — and price — of routine care provided for victims of heart attacks, which strike 1.5 million Americans a year, killing one-third of them.

The study, headed by doctors from William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich., compared the two strategies and found that balloon angioplasty cut the risk of death and new heart attacks by more than half.

Angioplasty is already a widely performed procedure for chest pain. However, its use is limited to larger hospitals. Only about 18 percent offer it, and many of those don't staff their angioplasty facilities on nights and weekends.

Clot-dissolving drugs, what doctors call thrombolytics, are the nation's leading therapy for heart attacks and are given in all emergency rooms.

"On the basis of these findings, our own center and many others have abandoned the use of thrombolytics for the routine management of heart attack patients and switched over to angioplasty," said Dr. William W. O'Neill, senior author of the study in the New England Journal of Medicine. "I think a lot of large medical centers will gear up to offer this treatment around the clock."

However, building and staffing these facilities is expensive. And O'Neill said small hospitals would not treat enough heart attack patients to justify the expense.

In an accompanying editorial, Drs. Richard A. Lange and L. David Hillis said, "The modest long-term benefits and monetary savings, in our opinion, do not justify the huge expense of making angioplasty universally available."

Another smaller study, conducted in the Netherlands, also found angioplasty more effective. But a third, performed at the Mayo Clinic, concludes the two methods are equally effective.

If given quickly enough, thrombolytics can break up clots before heart muscle is irreversibly starved of oxygen and dies.

But the medicine can cause strokes by triggering bleeding in the brain. Because of this, doctors are often reluctant to give the medicine. Only about one-quarter of heart attack victims are considered good candidates for the therapy.

With angioplasty, doctors thread a thin tube into the clogged artery, then blow up a tiny balloon to squeeze it open. It is considered effective and safe if done quickly but requires labs and teams of doctors, nurses and technicians.

In the Beaumont Hospital study doctors randomly assigned 395 men and women with heart attacks to get angioplasty or TPA, a clot-dissolving drug. Among the findings:

—Twelve percent of the TPA patients and 5 percent of the angioplasty patients died or suffered new heart attacks while recovering in the hospital.

—Two percent of the TPA patients suffered bleeding strokes. None of the angioplasty patients had this complication.

—Angioplasty was somewhat cheaper, because patients were sent home from the hospital sooner.

—The benefits of angioplasty appeared to be greatest for women. Four percent of women and 2 percent of men died after angioplasty, compared with 14 percent of women and 4 percent of men after TPA.

A report released earlier this week showed that women are 10 times more likely than men to die after angioplasty for chest pain. Their higher age and worse health only partly explained the difference.

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