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Policy irks some PHS seniors, parents

Graduation participation hinges on TAAS results

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

A group of parents and Pampa High School seniors appeared at the Pampa school board meeting on Thursday to protest the school district's policy barring seniors who had failed to pass their exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test from participating in the May 29 graduation ceremony.

The policy forbids seniors who did not pass their TAAS test from sitting with the graduating seniors or from crossing the stage with them.

"I have worked 13 years to cross the stage, even if I get an empty folder," said a teary-eyed senior Anna Belt, who did not pass the TAAS test. Belt added that she wanted to participate in the event with friends from her grade level.

A total of 14 seniors this year at Pampa High School did not pass their exit-level TAAS test. The state of Texas requires that all public high school students in Texas pass the exit-level TAAS test in order to receive a high school diploma. Graduation exercises for 259 seniors at Pampa High School are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. May 29 at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Belt's mother, Karen Belt of Pampa, urged the school district to

rescind its three-year-old policy prohibiting seniors who do not pass the exit-level TAAS test from participating in graduation exercises. If the school district ended that prohibition, Mrs. Belt said, it would "give their self-esteem back to them (the seniors who did not pass the test)."

About 50 people attended the school board meeting during the approximately 30 minutes of public comments on the policy. The parents' and students' appearance at the meeting represented the first organized protest in the history of the policy, said Daniel Coward, principal of Pampa High. Coward noted that the number of seniors who did not pass the TAAS test this school year was higher than usual; last school year, only two seniors did not pass the test, he said.

The Pampa school board delayed taking action on the item, which was not listed on the agenda.

Coward said today that he met this morning with about 15 students from the school — nine of them seniors who did not pass the TAAS test — and was impressed by their politeness in presenting their request for rescission of the policy. Coward said he told the students that the administration plans to review that policy.

Coward noted that the current policy reflects the perception by the

general public that the graduation ceremony should recognize academic accomplishment. The policy is aimed at ensuring "that those who have met the criteria participate," he said.

The seniors who did not pass the TAAS test can participate in next year's graduation ceremony if they take the TAAS test in the meantime and pass it, Coward said.

Pampa schools Superintendent Dawson Orr noted that the current policy barring seniors who do not pass the exit-level TAAS test was developed about three years ago by a Pampa High School campus leadership team, composed of teachers as well as others. The school district administration about three years ago approved that policy based on the recommendation of the campus leadership team, Orr said.

A survey this year of Panhandle school districts found that 20 out of 33 school districts responding — Dumas and Tulia school districts among the 20 — also prohibit seniors who fail to pass the TAAS test from participating in graduation ceremonies, Coward said.

Teresa Henson, mother of senior Alisha Henson, who did not pass the exit-level TAAS test, accused Pampa school district of "mental and emotional abuse" from barring her daughter and others not passing



(Staff Photo by John McMillan) Elizabeth Alexander puts her hand on the shoulder of her daughter, senior Amy Alexander, who did not pass the TAAS test, during the school board meeting on Thursday.

the test from participating in the graduation ceremony.

"We think that they should not be punished..." Mrs. Henson said, noting that the seniors who failed to pass the TAAS test had attended

school for 13 years. "... We should build their self-esteem, rather than destroy it."

Mrs. Henson also expressed doubt about whether the school system prepares students adequately for the

TAAS test. "There's something wrong with our (school) system when our children have to take the TAAS test four or five times and still are not completing it," Mrs. Henson said.

Development group approves guidelines

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

In Thursday's meeting of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors, the topic of expanding existing business and industry through loans was addressed.

The board of directors unanimously approved a policy statement outlining the corporations policy and standards for loans to businesses.

Some of the guidelines set forth by the statement include:

- An emphasis on loans that promote the creation or retention of skilled and semi-skilled industrial, manufacturing and processing sector jobs.

- A ratio of \$2 of private sector money to \$1 of the PEDC's money.

- Loans for activities including the acquisitions, conversion and repair of businesses; purchasing and developing land and material; purchase of equipment and supplies; pollution control and abatement; and start-up costs.

One of the few questions brought up about the policy concerned the exact definition of "start-up costs."

It was pointed out by board member that the definition of start-up costs can vary depending on what equipment and financing a business has access to.

In issuing the policy statement, one of the things the PEDC wanted to outline efforts it is willing to undertake to attract business to Pampa and promote those that are already here through loans.

At the same time, the board of directors didn't want to have any iron-clad rules they were forced to follow.

"Both Amarillo and Borger has painted themselves into a box listing things they can do and then all of a sudden they get something that is just outside of something they can do and then they scramble around to try to fix it," said Bill Miller, director of the PEDC. "You can't legislate common sense."

It was Miller who created the

policy that the board of directors approved.

By not giving definite guides they have to follow, it is largely left up to the judgement of the board members as to what business they would extend loans to and who they would not.

"I don't think that it deprives us of any judgement calls on any application, but it does give us some opportunity to screen some out," said Bill Waters, the president of the PEDC's board of directors.

In other business concerning the business loans by the PEDC, a local business man submitted a request for a loan for \$70,000.

After reviewing the application, many of the board members had a number of problem approving the loan.

Some of the problems involved the businessmen's ability to pay the loan back, his accounting procedure and the fact that the loan he was requesting was in part going to go to refinancing earlier loans.

"I have ... a little apprehension about his source or ability to repay, that concerns me some," said Waters.

It was pointed out by Miller that the foreign market for the product was very strong and that demand was bound to pick up during the Summer and Fall.

It was also pointed out that the businessman had taken out smaller loans in the past and had repaid them.

In an effort to resolve some of the problems the board had, Waters suggested Wayne Stribling and Miller are going to meet with the businessman and his accountant to review the financial statement.

"It's not that the board is unfriendly or unresponsive, but we can't make heads or tails out of his finances and we need something that will give us a better look-see at it," Waters said. "It appears to me that gives us a better understanding of where he is and what he needs."

School officials discuss discipline proposal

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Pampa school board on Thursday discussed a tentative proposal for disciplining students who engage in fighting on campus the same as if the incident had occurred off-campus — by reporting the incident to police as a disorderly conduct incident and pressing charges with the police.

Daniel Coward, principal of Pampa High School, told the school board that "the level of violence has gone up. The goal no longer is to whip an opponent, the goal is to hurt or significantly injure."

Coward said today that he has observed a gradual increase over the last few years in the incidence of violence by PHS students.

Last school year, one PHS student struck another student on the head during industrial arts class and one student smashed another student's head through a closed door window, Coward said.

There have been 39 students involved in fights at Pampa High this school year, an increase of five from the previous school year, said John Kendall, assistant principal of PHS.

Coward noted that Plainview and Heretford High schools, as well as Tascosa High School in Amarillo Independent School District, have policies of reporting on-campus incidents to police, and those policies apparently have contributed to a significant reduction in the incidence of on-campus fighting at such schools, Coward said.

"We'd like to take a zero-tolerance

stance on fighting at our school," Coward said.

Currently, Pampa High School imposes discipline on its own for students caught engaging in an on-campus fight. The school responds to the first such incident from a student by imposing in-school suspension on him, Coward said.

School board member Pat Kennedy expressed support for the proposal to respond to on-campus fighting the same as if it were off-campus, saying, "I'm happy to see you take a strong action as far as discipline's concerned, because I know that's such a problem."

Also on Thursday, the Pampa school board approved plans to build a 76-foot-by-55-foot addition to Lamar Elementary School that is expected to include two classrooms

and a new library for the school. The cost of the construction is expected to be \$120,000, and the project is tentatively scheduled for completion by Sept. 1.

The school district plans to remove the addition to Lamar where the library is currently housed. That addition, a former military barracks, was installed about 25 years ago.

The Pampa school board also approved plans for an approximately \$180,000 project extending the seventh grade wing of Pampa Middle School with a free-standing six-classroom addition. That construction project is expected to be completed by mid-September, said Jerome Stewart, principal of Pampa Middle School.

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Relief aid available due to winter snowfall damage

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Nine counties of the Texas Panhandle, including Gray County, will be eligible for disaster relief aid from the federal government due to the heavy snowfall this winter.

The Farmers Home Administration will administer the aid to family-size farms and ranches in the form of low-interest emergency loans.

"The loans would be available to people who have qualifying losses and their going to harvest their crop before we know what their losses are going to be," said Johnny Earp,

county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration office in Pampa. "It could have affected some milo crops last year, but more than likely, we're talking about this year's wheat crop."

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy, along with Senator Bob Krueger and Congressman Bill Sarpalius, announced the aid package Wednesday.

Espy declared the county a disaster area due to excessive snow between Nov. 23, 1992 and Feb. 17, 1993.

The eight surrounding counties, Armstrong, Carson, Collingsworth, Donley, Hemphill, Hutchinson,

Roberts and Wheeler, are also available for disaster relief.

While the surrounding counties were not declared disaster areas, it is the policy of the Department of Agriculture to extend aid to areas surrounding the county declared a disaster area, according to Matt Street, Grey County Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office in Pampa.

It was the ASCS responsibility to assess the damage done because of the excessive snow.

More than \$500,000 of damage was done to the cattle industry alone

in the county, according to Street. Most of that damage came in the form of weight loss to cattle and reduced productivity, he said. While death to cattle was reported, it was a minor part of the overall damage.

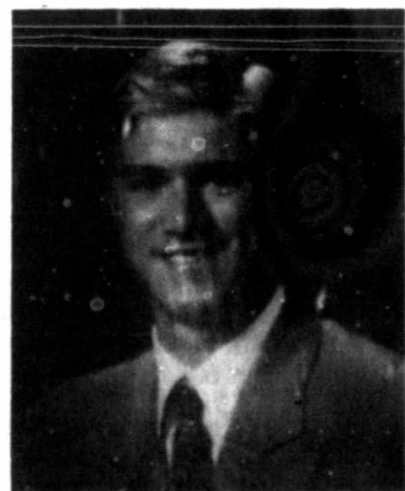
Other losses due to the bad weather came in the hog industry, grazing and as a result of late planting by farmer, according to Street.

As of Thursday afternoon, the FHA did not have any directives about the amount of aid it will distribute from the federal level, but it should be receiving some information in the next few days, according to Earp.

Hiemstra, Ramp top Canadian grads

Editors note: This is one in a series honoring valedictorians and salutatorians of area high schools. Through May 29, students who have excelled in their high school careers will be featured in The Pampa News.

CANADIAN — Nicholas Hiemstra has been named 1993 valedictorian of Canadian High School.



Nicholas Hiemstra

Named as salutatorian was Vicki Jo Ramp.

Hiemstra held a variety of leadership positions at CHS. They include Student Council vice president (12), National Honor Society president (12); basketball co-captain (10-12), United Methodist Youth Group president (10-12), United Methodist Council on Min-



Vicki Jo Ramp

istries representative (10-12), senior class secretary, band president (12), Student Council representative (12,11), Key Club representative (9-10), Key Club vice president and sergeant-at-arms (11,12), and treasurer of Gifted and Talented (12).

Over the course of his high school career, Hiemstra has been a member of various organizations in and out of school. They include: basketball (9-12), tennis (9-12), National Honor Society (10-12), high school band (9-12), Texas UIL literary competitions (9-12), stage band member (9-12), student tutor in math and science (9-12), year-book staff (11), United Methodist Youth Group (9-12), Key Club (9-12), Gifted and Talented Mentor Program (11-12), Future Teachers of America (10), FLAME Student Support Group (11,12), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (9-12), Adopt-a-Highway litter clean up program (9-12), aluminum recycling program (12), public library summer reading program for children (10),



tree planting and distributing (9), Spanish Club (10,11), Speech Club (10), volunteer coach and referee for YMCA Kid's Basketball (12).

Hiemstra's awards and honors include: Coca-Cola Regional Scholar (12), state champion in boys tennis singles (11), state qualifier in boys tennis singles (12), National Merit Commended Student (12), John Phillip Sousa Award in band (12) and All-District basketball (11).

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

KEETON, Marlin 'Buster' — 11 a.m., Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel, Lubbock.
LERCH, Stacey Ann — 11 a.m., Christian Heritage Church, 900 S. Nelson St., Amarillo.

Obituaries

STACEY ANN LERCH

AMARILLO — Stacey Ann Lerch, 37, a native of Pampa, died Tuesday, May 18, 1993. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Christian Heritage Church, 900 S. Nelson St., with the Rev. Gary Burd, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lerch was a resident of Amarillo for 16 years. She married Fred Lerch in 1990 at Amarillo. She was a licensed vocational nurse and a member of Christian Heritage Church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, David Jacob Everley Taylor of the home; four brothers, Mark Phillips of Springville, Calif., Jeff Phillips, Forrest Messer and Douglas Messer, all of Amarillo; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.Y. Holman.

The family will be at 2509 S. Van Buren St., Amarillo.

Hospital

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| CORONADO HOSPITAL | Pampa, a girl |
| Admissions | Dismissals |
| Pampa | Pampa |
| Rhonda Susa Dowdy | Alletha V. Altman |
| Vonie Cheri Everson | Donna Faye Darling and baby girl |
| Hunky Greene | Lettie May Fish |
| Rae Danielle Mayer | Jean W. Massey |
| Keri Lynn Moxon | McLean |
| Vadie Provence | Helen H. Glass (extended care unit) |
| Mary Louise Pryor | SHAMROCK HOSPITAL |
| Lettie May Fish (extended care) | Admissions |
| Canadian | Shamrock |
| Walter Alton Mooney | Births |
| Births | Viola Miller |
| To Mr. and Mrs. James Everson of Pampa, a girl | Dismissals |
| To Ms. Keri Moxon of | Shamrock |
| | Viola Miller |

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

SOUTHSIDE MOBILE MEALS

Southside Senior Citizens mobile meals menu includes pinto beans and ham, mixed greens, buttered yams, cornbread, pudding.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING COURSE

The American Association of Retired Persons plans to sponsor a 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course at the Pampa City Hall, north door, 5:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. For more information call Phyllis Laramore, 669-7574.

PAMPA HOME SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP

USED TEXT BOOK SALE

The Pampa Homeschool Support Group will sponsor a used text book sale 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday Lovett Memorial Library.

Emergency numbers

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

Police report

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

THURSDAY, May 20

Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a theft of over \$20.

Wallace Fritts, 841 Brunow, reported a burglary of a habitation.

Dottie's Lounge, 2122 Alcock, reported a burglary of a coin operated machine.

AmWest, 221 N. Gray, reported a forgery.

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Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a criminal simulation.

Barliasis Sue Perry, 702 Brunow, reported a burglary of a motor vehicle.

Leon Higgins, 712 Naida, reported a theft of over \$20 and under \$200.

TODAY, May 21

Donald Ray Buckley, 1021 Valon, reported a burglary of a habitation.

Arrests

THURSDAY, May 20

Michael Bryan Sears, 27, 609 Texas, was arrested at 1233 N. Hobart on a charge of criminal simulation.

Lucas Manuel Soto, 27, 1213 Faulkner, was arrested at his residence on a charge of domestic assault.

Charles Wayne Jones, 20, 714 N. Banks, was arrested at 1233 N. Hobart on an outstanding warrant and a charge of theft over \$20.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, May 20

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported an agency assist at the Roberts County Sheriff's Office.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, May 20

2:25 p.m. — A 1982 Dodge pickup driven by Leonard Noel Doss, 83, 1102 E. Francis, collided with a 1978 Oldsmobile driven by Shelley Ann Hahn, 20, 1165 Neel, at the intersection of West Brown and South Cuyler. No injuries were reported because of the accident although Doss was transported to Coronado Hospital where he was treated and released for another reason. Doss was cited for running a red light.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, May 20

6:13 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire at 400 N. Ballard.

Stocks

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| The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa. | | |
| Wheat..... | 2.88 | |
| Milo..... | 3.58 | |
| Com..... | 4.25 | |
| The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation: | | |
| Ky. Cent. Life..... | NC | |
| Serfco..... | 5 3/8 | dn 1/4 |
| Occidental..... | 21 1/2 | dn 1/4 |
| The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation: | | |
| Magellan..... | 68.65 | |
| Puntan..... | 16.32 | |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa. | | |
| Amoco..... | 57 | up 1/4 |
| Arco..... | 125 | up 1/2 |
| Cabot..... | 46 1/4 | dn 1/4 |
| Cabot O&G..... | 22 5/8 | dn 1/4 |
| Chevron..... | 84 3/4 | up 1/8 |
| Coca-Cola..... | 41 5/8 | dn 1/2 |
| Enron..... | 56 5/8 | dn 1/8 |
| Halliburton..... | 41 5/8 | up 3/8 |
| HealthTrust Inc..... | 18 3/8 | dn 1/8 |
| Ingersoll Rand..... | 33 7/8 | NC |
| KNE..... | 34 1/4 | dn 1/4 |
| Kerr McGee..... | 51 5/8 | NC |
| Limited..... | 24 1/4 | dn 1/8 |
| Mapeo..... | 56 3/8 | NC |
| Maxus..... | 9 1/2 | dn 1/8 |
| McDonald's..... | 50 3/8 | NC |
| Mobil..... | 70 1/4 | dn 1/4 |
| New Atmor..... | 28 3/4 | up 3/4 |
| Parker & Parley..... | 25 | up 1/4 |
| Penney's..... | 47 1/2 | dn 1/8 |
| Phillips..... | 29 3/4 | dn 1/4 |
| SLB..... | 64 1/2 | up 1/4 |
| SPS..... | 31 7/8 | up 1/4 |
| Tenneco..... | 47 1/8 | NC |
| Texasco..... | 64 3/8 | up 1/4 |
| Wal-Mart..... | 28 1/4 | dn 1/4 |
| New York Gold..... | 372.90 | |
| Silver..... | 4.50 | |
| West Texas Crude..... | 19.54 | |

Canadian

Also, All-District basketball honorary member (12), Boys State (11), FINA All-State Scholar-Athlete finalist (12), state qualifier boys tennis doubles (10), regional qualifier boys tennis doubles (9), first place in Texas Shootout calculator applications (11), third place in Texas Shootout number sense (11), Who's Who in American High Schools (11,12), all "A" honor roll and highest grade point average in class (9-12), Air Force Academy Summer Scientific Seminar (11), DAR History Award (11), International Jazz Educators "Outstanding Trumpet Solo" citation (11), "Outstanding Musician" award from high school band (10,11), All-Region Band (9-11), band state solo/ensemble contest qualifier in eight events (9-12), state ensemble division rating (11), "Outstanding Student in High School Mathematics (10,11), "Outstanding Student in High School Typing" (9), first chair in all-senior honor band comprised of Texas and Oklahoma schools (12), first chair in All-Region band comprised of bands in the Texas Panhandle (12), ATSSB qualifier in band (12), and Basket-

ball King of Canadian High School (12).

In University Interscholastic League competition, Hiemstra has been a state qualifier in calculator applications and mathematics (12), took third place in state in calculator applications (11), fifth place in state in accounting (11), sixth place in state in Keyboarding (9), fifth place in regionals in calculator applications (10), regional qualifier in calculator applications (9), regional qualifier in number sense in mental math (9-12), regional qualifier in math (11) and placed second in district in biology (10).

Vicki Jo Ramp is a Canadian native, the daughter of Jim and Bobbie Jo Ramp. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church. Her sister is Cindy Ramp, who attends West Texas A&M; her brother is Jake Ramp, 13.

She was a member of the Wildcat

band and participated in All-Region for four years, qualified for State Solo/Ensemble contest and served as drum major her senior year. She served on the Cat's Tale staff for three years, acting as co-editor this year. She is vice president of the National Honor Society after three years of membership. She is president of the drug prevention/student support group, FLAME.

In academic UIL competition, Ramp has participated in editorial writing, feature writing, literary criticism, ready writing and current events, qualifying for regional competition three years.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University to study environmental engineering.

Canadian High School graduation exercises are scheduled for 8 p.m. today in the school gymnasium. Fifty-seven are expected to graduate.

Police program to target three new locations

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program of the Pampa Police Department is targeting three new areas of town for monitoring.

The monitoring is in response to complaints by residents concerning speeding in the neighborhood.

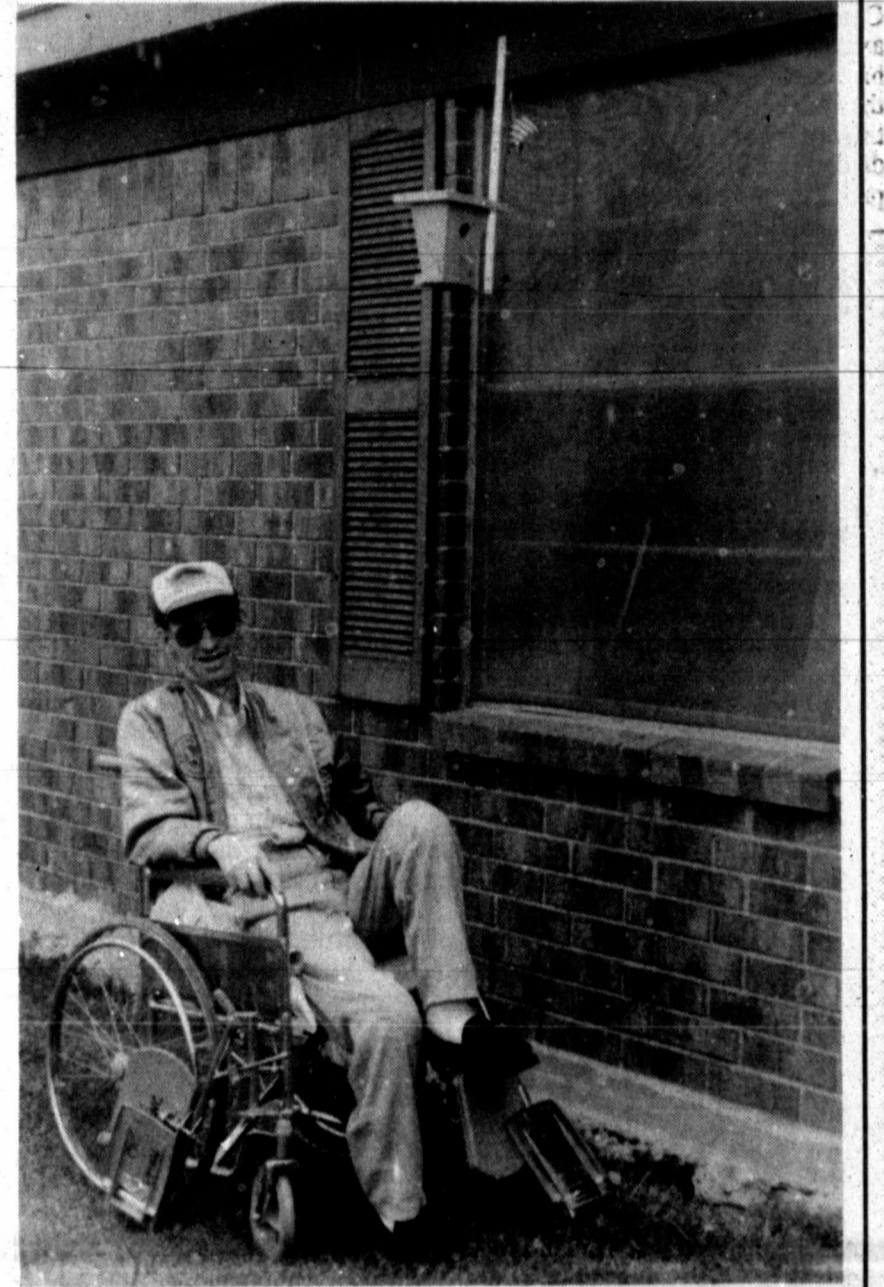
Beginning today and continuing through May 29, police officers will be monitoring 22nd Street from Nelson to Hobart. The speed limit for the area in the area is 30 mph.

The hour of operation will vary and depend on officer availability, according to a press release.

Others area scheduled to be monitored are the 300 through 700 blocks of North Sumner, where the speed limit is 30 mph, and Cuyler from Brown to Albert, where the speed limit is 35 mph.

Anyone interested in requesting an area for monitoring can pick up a request form from the Pampa Police Department during regular business hours.

Home sweet home



Robert Ward sits beneath the birdhouse Thursday he constructed in a craft class at Coronado Nursing Center.

Buckle up - it's the law

City briefs

WATER WELL Service, Doug Kennedy, 665-4088. Adv.

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

FRANK SLAGLE Electric. All electrical services, 665-3748. Adv.

BI-LINGUAL WORKING Partners, wanted. International Food

Giant expanding into Mexico - immediate income opportunities in the Texas Panhandle and International Markets. 669-3139, 665-8766. Adv.

CALLIGRAPHY - BASIC Class. Early sign up please. Don Jonas, 665-3440. Adv.

RUTHIE'S NEW Hours - 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. 665-9236. Evening perms \$20. Adv.

DISPOSABLE TINTED Contact Lenses now available. Drs. Simmons & Simmons, 665-0771. Adv.

DANCE at McLean Country Club, Saturday 22nd, music by Country Boys, 8-12. Everyone welcome. Adv.

3 FAMILY Yard Sale: Queen size Somma waterbed, crafts, infant boys-girls, women-mens wear, dishes - plastic and glass, window boxes, curtains, valances, mag wheels, bathware. Free puppies, a lot of odds and ends. 925 S. Nelson, Friday, Saturday 9-? Adv.

WOULD LIKE to trade 2 recliners, like new, for nice divan. 2424 Cherokee. Adv.

8x12 WOODEN storage building on skids. \$500. 669-7214. Adv.

CLEAR SHIELD Chip Repair: 1st repair only \$15, each additional only \$5; same windshield. I come to you! Call from anywhere, anytime! 669-8277. Adv.

NOTICE: 2ND Time Around new business hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 2 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday. Adv.

CHURCH OF The Brethern, 600 N. Frost is having a Revival with Ray and Elsie Christianson, starting Friday night, May 21, at 7:30 thru Sunday May 23rd. The puppets will appear nightly for the children. Adv.

ALL MOVIE Rentals including Nintendo, 2 for \$2.50 plus tax, Randy's Food Store, 401 N. Ballard. Adv.

GRADUATION GIFTS, Fitted Hats, Umbro Shorts, Umbro Shirts, Button Up Baseball Shirts, College Hats. Gift certificates available. T-Shirts & More, downtown Pampa, next to Gift Box. Adv.

JOANN MCKAY invites you to shop JoAnn's Creations for that special female graduate. 1200 Mary Ellen, 669-2157. Adv.

3 FAMILY Garage Sale: 623 N. Somerville, 9 to 5. No Early Birds. Adv.

TAKE FOUR parts Straight Shooter, one part Kick Back and mix in a Lot, that's what Cactus Crunch! Live at Easy's, Saturday night. Adv.

JUST ARRIVED new shipment of concrete bird baths, fountains, urns and other statuary. Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

GARAGE SALE, Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 2224 Christine. Adv.

Senate panel eyes TV violence

By DIANE DUSTON
Associated Writer Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers criticized television today for using violent programming to boost ratings and promised to take legislative action if the industry doesn't voluntarily reduce murder and mayhem on the tube.

Top television executives agreed TV violence should be controlled but urged the government to let the industry do it.

Only three nations, Japan, Germany and the United States, have no government censorship of television and movies, said Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., at a hearing of his Judiciary Committee subcommittee on the Constitution.

"I regard that as an asset. Everyone in the United States does not regard that as an asset," he said.

"I don't see the industry regulating itself," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

She strongly supported a proposal by Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., to require TV manufacturers to build sets with a computer chip that could block violent programming, similar to the chip now being built into new sets to reveal captioning for the hearing impaired.

She also praised legislation introduced by Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. to require the Federal Communications Commission to monitor television for violence and

report quarterly the number of violent programs shown.

Capital Cities-ABC Chairman Thomas Murphy said the industry could do more to minimize the violence in entertainment.

"Our goals should be balance, so that violence is appropriate to subject matter, hour and audience," he said. But he asked the government to "use restraint. We must guard freedom of expression."

While Congress has criticized the programming this month as "murderous May," TV viewers are demonstrating they don't find violent programs all that entertaining.

The public generally has responded to TV mayhem by changing channels, according to the A.C. Nielsen Co. viewer ratings.

Last week, for example, the top 10 shows, in order, were "Cheers," "Home Improvement," "Seinfeld," "Roseanne," "Home Improvement: Special," "60 Minutes," "ABC Monday Night Movie: Tommyknockers, Part 2," "Murder, She Wrote," "Coach" and "PrimeTime Live."

Perhaps the most violent show of the week, the 1989 theatrical movie "Lethal Weapon II," was 57th in the Nielsen with a 9.4 rating. That means about 8.7 million of 93.1 million households tuned in, compared with 18.7 million for top-rated "Cheers."

The week before on ABC, the weapons-oriented theatrical movie "Total Recall" lost out overwhelm-

ingly to the nostalgic, relationship theatrical film "Fried Green Tomatoes" on NBC in the same time slot. "Total Recall" had a 13.1 rating (12.2 million households), while "Fried Green Tomatoes" had a 23.8 (22.2 million homes).

Television and motion picture executives acknowledge that there is a perception of excessive violence on television and it must be addressed.

"I don't think there is any doubt that programs with violence can do very well (capturing an audience)," said Frank J. Biondi, president and CEO of Viacom, which owns the cable networks Showtime, MTV and Nickelodeon and local cable and broadcast operations.

"This is not a topic we are likely to wrestle to the ground" soon, he said at a Media Institute luncheon Wednesday.

But he said the issue is whether the dramatized violence is a true reflection of society or whether it's irresponsible.

Biondi and executives from ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, Turner Broadcasting and USA cable network were called to testify before Simon's Senate Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution.

They and officials from the motion picture industry also will be sending representatives to a meeting in Los Angeles Aug. 2 to talk about reducing violence in programming, in response to legislation that had been sponsored by Simon.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, some possibly severe thunderstorms, low in the upper 50s. Saturday, variable cloudiness, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, the high in the mid-80s. Thursday's high was 68 degrees; the overnight low was 52 degrees, with 0.11 inch moisture.

REGIONAL FORECAST

South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas; Tonight, partly cloudy this evening and mostly cloudy after midnight. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Saturday, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s. Saturday night, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Extended forecast: Sunday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s to near 90. Monday and Tuesday, cloudy at night. Partly cloudy during the day. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Highs in the 80s.

West Texas — Panhandle; Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms, a few possibly severe during the evening. Lows in the 50s panhandles and in the upper 50s to lower 60s in the South Plains. Saturday, partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s. Saturday night, partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows mostly in the 50s. Extended forecast: Sunday through Tuesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. A little cooler in the panhandles Monday and Tuesday. Highs from the mid 70s to near 80 panhandles and in the 80s South Plains. Lows mostly in the 50s.

North Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Saturday, mostly cloudy and windy with scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s. Saturday night, continued mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Extended forecast: Sunday and Monday, mostly cloudy with a chance of

thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the 60s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Cooler with highs in the 70s. Lows in the 50s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, partly cloudy evening and mostly clear late night. Slight chance of evening thunderstorms west with isolated thunderstorms central mountains and east. Lows upper 30s and 40s mountains with 50s to lower 60s elsewhere. Saturday and Sunday night, becoming partly cloudy north-central and northeast with isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Fair skies elsewhere. Breezy in the afternoon. Highs 60s and 70s mountains and north with upper 70s to near 90 elsewhere. Lows upper 30s and 40s mountains with 50s to lower 60s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in upper 50s to mid-70s. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in upper 70s and lower 80s.

House passes school finance reform legislation

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A school finance reform bill that's loaded with other education issues has been given preliminary approval by the Texas House, as the clock ticks toward a June 1 court deadline.

The bill, which passed 98-44 Thursday, faces another House vote. If approved, it goes to the Senate, which earlier passed its own measure. A conference committee could be appointed to work out differences.

Although the measure touches on issues ranging from the no pass, no play rule on extracurricular activities to students skipping school, House Public Education Committee Chairwoman Libby Linebarger said lawmakers haven't lost sight of the main issue.

That's meeting the Texas Supreme Court deadline to even out funding available to school districts that have differing property wealth. If they fail, they face a court order cutting off state aid to schools. School districts rely on state aid and local property taxes.

"I think both the House and the Senate are committed to one thing, and that's to meeting the June 1 deadline and keeping the schools open," said Ms. Linebarger, D-Manchaca.

Under the House bill, the wealthiest school districts would be consolidated with one or more of their poorer neighbors — unless a district instead chose among the following options:

- Merging its tax base with one or more poorer school districts;
- Sending money to the state to pay for educating other students in poorer districts;
- Contracting to educate students in other districts;
- Consolidating voluntarily with one or more other school districts; or
- Moving some taxable property to another district's tax rolls.

For the first three options, local voter approval would be required.

Under the plan earlier passed by the Senate, the state would shift some business property from the tax rolls of the richest districts to poorer ones.

The House considered about 50

proposed amendments to the school funding plan during 8 1/2 hours of debate. Among those approved were:

- Giving campus principals the option of lifting no-pass, no-play suspensions after three weeks — rather than the current six weeks — if students make no grades lower than 70 out of 100 during that period. It was part of a larger bill that earlier passed the House and was added to the funding measure to speed its way to a House-Senate conference committee.
- Making it a misdemeanor offense, punishable by a fine up to \$500, for a youth to have five or more unexcused absences during six consecutive months. A second offense would be punishable by drivers' license suspension. The student would have to appear in court with his or her parents in order to be convicted.
- Preventing school districts from using tax money to pay professional lobbyists.
- Giving students who fail the exit-level test required for graduation but complete other requirements a special diploma.



(AP Photo) House Public Education Chair Libby Linebarger, D-Manchaca, confers with representatives Mario Gallego, D-Alpine, left, and David Swinford, R-Dumas Thursday morning in Austin.

Hair's the Clinton issue

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Clinton kept two commuter planes circling at Los Angeles International Airport while he had a little taken off the top and sides by a pricey Beverly Hills hair stylist aboard Air Force One.

Some political observers got a little snippy about the whole thing. "He ought to be more concerned about trimming the deficit than his own hair," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

Clinton got a trim from Christophe before his jet, parked off to the side, took off Thursday.

A commuter flight from Arizona and another from Palmdale were delayed for about 20 minutes for security reasons while the \$200-a-haircut stylist snipped away at the president's graying locks.

"It was not a problem at all," said Diane Reesman, spokeswoman for the city Department of Airports. "These kinds of things cause virtually no interruption in operations. We get VIPs here all the time."

Greg Schneiders, a pollster who worked for President Carter, said Americans would forgive a president a few frills. But an on-board

haircut from a Beverly Hills barber might not be one them.

"It smacks of being a little bit light, a little bit starstruck," he said. "It's a political mistake and cultural myopia," said Kevin Phillips, a conservative political analyst.

Cristophe, who has worked on Dustin Hoffman, Betty Ford and Roseanne Arquette, knew Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton before they moved to the White House and used to cut their hair in Little Rock, Ark., said the stylist's publicist, Paulette Kam.

Last week, however, Mrs. Clinton passed over Cristophe and got a \$275 do from New York's Frederic Fekkai.

Christophe has a personal services contract with the first family that the Clintons pay out of their own pocket, White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos said. He said he didn't know the terms of the contract.

But, reporters wanted to know, does a Cristophe haircut fit Clinton's image?

"I think he does have the right to choose who he wants to cut his hair," Stephanopoulos said.

TV's Cheers survives last call

NEW YORK (AP) — Sam's bar didn't burn down. He didn't marry anyone. He didn't wake up to find that Cheers and its patrons were nothing but a dream.

After all the buildup for Thursday night's finale, "Cheers" came to an end in the only way it could and still be true to itself: by simply pledging to go on.

One burning question was answered for all time: As tens of millions of viewers looked on, Sam and his long-absent ex, Diane, called it quits after one final rendezvous.

The overnight Nielsen ratings from 29 major markets indicated that 46.7 percent of television homes in those cities — or 22 million households — tuned in. Not surprisingly, the rating in Boston was high at 54.1. The markets include about half the nation's television viewers.

If the numbers held up, the "Cheers" finale would edge into the Top 10 most-watched broadcasts ever, falling far short, however, of the most-watched show ever, the 1983 wrap-up of "M-A-S-H," which drew 60.2 percent of all TV households in the final ratings.

In many ways, "Cheers" episode No. 275 re-stated what the series

stood for during 11 laugh-filled seasons: You do the best you can, and you do it with friends.

"You look exactly the way I remembered you," said Diane, returning to Cheers after six years.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," replied Cliff, on his customary barstool.

In the final scene, which NBC kept secret until airtime, the usual "Cheers" laughs mostly subsided as the regulars took stock of themselves.

"What is the point of life?" Sam asked sadly.

"I've got the solution," said the fatuous Cliff. "Comfortable shoes."

"The point of life is having kids," said waitress Carla, who has eight.

"You want to know what I love?" said Norm, as always, the last one to go. "I love that stool. If there's a heaven, I don't want to go there unless my stool is waiting for me."

Then Norm left, and Sam finally got it.

"I'm the luckiest son of a bitch on earth," he told himself, all alone, in the poignant closing moments. Then, from the street, the camera caught a lingering last look at the bar he'll always love.

day's "Cheers" reasserted the right to stand firm. Far from over, the show remains a fixture on TV. Reruns air daily on 197 U.S. stations and in 37 countries. But the ground has shifted.

Thursday may have brought to a close a dynasty of great and timeless sitcoms that began with "I Love Lucy" and "The Honeymooners" four decades ago.

In the unruly new TV world where scores of channels scrap for the viewer's affection, no broadcast series may ever again win the wide and long-term favor "Cheers" did. And its departure from NBC's Thursday nights finishes that network's legendary lineup that once boasted "Cosby," "Family Ties," "Night Court" and "Hill Street Blues."

It was at Boston's Hampshire House restaurant that most of the "Cheers" cast watched the last episode, which was followed by Jay Leno broadcasting the "Tonight" show live from the Bull & Finch Bar downstairs. That's the tavern that inspired the fictional Cheers.

In his monologue, Leno targeted NBC, which he said would miss the series more than its fans.

"As you know, to the folks at

NBC, 'Cheers' is not just a TV show. It's all we've got, ladies and gentlemen," Leno said. "This is it."

This is it for its stars, too. Ted Danson (who starred as Sam) will stick to the big screen, where his new comedy, "Made in America," will open soon.

Woody Harrelson (the clueless Woody) already has hit it big in the movie "Indecent Proposal" and next will film Oliver Stone's "Natural Born Killers."

Kirstie Alley (Rebecca) is filming "Look Who's Talking 3."

Shelley Long (Diane) will be back in the fall on her new CBS sitcom, "Good Advice."

Kelsey Grammer (the pompous psychiatrist, Frasier) will reprise his role in the lone "Cheers" spinoff, "Frasier," on NBC Thursday nights next fall.

John Ratzenberger (mailman Cliff) will star in "Locals," a new sitcom likely on the Fox network's fall schedule.

George Wendt (Norm) is appearing in an off-Broadway play and may be back in an NBC sitcom next season.

And Rhea Perlman (Carla) is taking a break.

As for barkeep Sam Malone, he's right where we left him.

California Supreme Court upholds surrogate mother contracts

By BOB EGELKO
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A woman who signed a \$10,000 deal to bear a couple's baby has no rights to the child, California's Supreme Court said in the first ruling by a state's high court upholding a surrogate-motherhood contract.

The 6-1 ruling, issued Thursday, gives Mark and Crispina Calvert full rights to the 2 1/2-year-old boy that Anna Johnson gave birth to in 1990. The boy, named Christopher, was born after an embryo created by sperm from Calvert and an egg from Mrs. Calvert was placed in Johnson's womb.

The case differed from the Baby M case heard by the New Jersey Supreme Court in 1988. In that case, a woman agreed to bear a child for another couple, but the baby was the product of her egg and sperm from the husband.

The New Jersey high court ruled that a surrogacy contract involving money violated the state's adoption laws. It awarded custody of the child to the couple but gave the birth mother visitation rights.

The California court discussed only contracts in which the birth mother is implanted with an embryo and has no genetic relationship to the child. The court did not say whether its reasoning would apply in a Baby M case.

Writing for the majority, Justice Edward Panelli said a surrogacy agreement is as valid as any other voluntary contract. And although most surrogate mothers are poor, he said, there is no proof such contracts exploit poor women.



(AP Photo) Shown in a September 1990 photo is Anna Johnson.

"The argument that a woman cannot knowingly and intelligently agree to gestate and deliver a baby for intending parents carries overtones of the reasoning that for centuries prevented women from attaining equal economic rights and professional status under the law," Panelli wrote.

"To resurrect this view is both to foreclose a personal and economic choice on the part of the surrogate mother, and to deny intending parents what may be their only means of procreating a child of their own genetic stock."

Justice Joyce Kennard, the only woman on the court, was the lone dissenter.

"A pregnant woman intending to bring a child into the world is

more than a mere container or breeding animal; she is a conscious agent of creation no less than the genetic mother," Kennard said.

She said such disputes should be decided according to the best interest of the child until the state establishes standards for surrogacy agreements.

Attorneys for both sides said the ruling marked the first time a state's highest court upheld a surrogacy contract. The attorney for the surrogate mother said he would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A state appeals court had previously declared the couple to be the legal parents because the surrogate had no genetic connection to the child, but it declined to rule on the legality of surrogate contracts. Instead, it urged the Legislature to step into that field.

A bill to make surrogacy agree-

ments legal under state regulation was vetoed last year by Gov. Pete Wilson.

The Calverts' lawyer, Robert Walmsley, said Calvert told him after hearing the news, "I'm going to go hug my son."

Ms. Johnson's lawyer, Richard C. Gilbert, denounced the ruling. "There was an absence of judicial sensitivity. Shame on them," he said of the court.

The Center for Surrogate Parenting Inc., based in Beverly Hills, called the decision a milestone that would help "in defining the rights and protections of infertile couples, of the exceptional women who agree to help them by being

surrogate mothers and, most importantly, of the children who are born as a result of these relationships."

The Calverts had been childless; Mrs. Calvert had had a hysterectomy.

Johnson, a nurse, signed the contract with the Calverts in 1990, but

relations between them soured almost immediately. Johnson, who said she bonded with the child in her womb and couldn't give him up, sued for custody.

The Calverts also sued, and said Johnson lied to them about previous miscarriages and demanded more money.

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The Austin American-Statesman on gay ban in military:

President Clinton should reject the idea of compromising on his decision to end the ban on homosexuals serving in the armed forces. Why Clinton made the issue one of the first and most prominent of his presidency remains unclear to many, but the fact is that he did. The fact also is that he was right to oppose discrimination in the military against homosexuals and to announce that he would lift the Pentagon's 50-year policy of forbidding homosexuals to serve.

Key members of Congress have latched onto a plan they think would represent a "compromise" that Clinton could live with. But this issue is not a classical political one which can be settled by agreeing on a middle ground, like vehicle mileage standards. It is a matter of principle, of right and wrong.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Georgia, and others have spoken favorably of a partial repeal of the ban. Under the proposal, the military could not ask recruits about their sexual orientation. A strict code of conduct would be imposed, and there would be no attempt to ferret out homosexuals. But anyone who proclaimed that he or she is homosexual wouldn't be able to join the service or remain in it.

All of which adds up to a policy of continued discrimination, which is no real change.

Certainly, any homosexual who wishes to remain in the closet should have a right to do so. But equally, any gay person who wants to be open about it should suffer no penalty. The proposed policy would continue to force many homosexuals to hide their basic persona in order to serve their country.

The real issue here is conduct, not sexual orientation. A strictly enforced code of conduct that applies equally to all members of the armed services should suffice to handle any problems.

The testimony of powerful and popular figures such as retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf adds to the probability that Congress will support the proposed compromise.

All the more reason for the president to stand fast. Clinton has a pragmatic streak that serves him well in the ordinary run of political haggling. But, again, when it comes to principle, there is little difference between compromise and retreat.

The Houston Chronicle on lottery funds for education:

State Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, has proposed dedicating state revenues from the lottery to fund public education and universities.

This may be someone's idea of good public relations, but it does little or nothing to change or ease the education funding-equity situation.

Under Montford's bill, lottery revenues would simply be substituted for a like amount of education funding now being provided by general revenues. This amounts to the state shifting money from one pocket to the other. ...

Since its inception a little less than a year ago, the lottery has provided Texas with roughly \$550 million in revenues. To fund public elementary and secondary education in this school year alone, the state provided \$7 billion. Over the next two years, it is estimated that an additional \$4.5 billion will be required to equalize funding between the state's rich and poor school districts. In that period, the lottery will only raise about \$1.5 billion. ...

Setting aside the lottery money for education would set up one more dedicated fund. The state already has too many of these. It does not need another.

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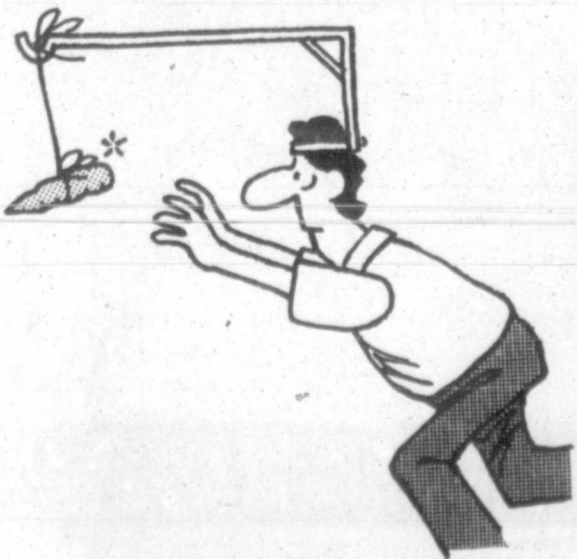
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*SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

The energy tax: Complications

Once again, the Congress (or, specifically, the House Ways and Means Committee) is making exceptions. The new energy tax will extend certain protections to farmers, to the aluminum industry, and to home-fuel users.

When the government decides to incorporate into its tax codes benefits for activities it approves of (the Red Cross) or penalties for activities it doesn't approve of (smoking), or to provide for special situations (depreciation rates), the Loophole is born. One begins to see behavior by taxpayers designed not to increase productivity, but to diminish tax exposure. The result is distortions.

A huge effort was made in 1986 to eliminate the loopholes in exchange for low marginal rates. But we are back in the business of special exemptions and special subventions, all of which brought a sigh from New York Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, whose memory extends all the way back to 1986: "I thought we had settled all those questions."

But with the energy tax, we are up against it one more time.

Still, it is hard not to acknowledge special problems. Take, for interest, the trucking industry. The clerk who goes to the office — or for that matter, works at home — uses daylight to do most of his work. The proposed energy tax will not greatly concern him. In conversation with a businessman in Pittsburgh the evening before the House committee vote, one learned that the proposed energy bill will add \$2-million to the cost of his business overhead, which last year came to \$50 million. The



William F. Buckley Jr.

little company is heavily engaged in competing for export patronage.

He points out that under the GATT protocols, one can't claim to be competitive after pricing one's product with reference to tax costs. Those are considered to be privations in some cases, subsidies in others. So that the rule has been to leave them out of your reckonings when the question arises whether you are engaged in fair trade.

The net effect of this non-deductibility and of the heavy increase in the overhead of doing business under the energy bill means that the company seriously jeopardizes its competitive edge. And if it were lost, there would be contraction, jobs lost, export revenues declined.

Here surely is a situation that fresh tax legislation needs to notice, notwithstanding the general rule that the Internal Revenue Service is best off not tinkering with categorical tax levies.

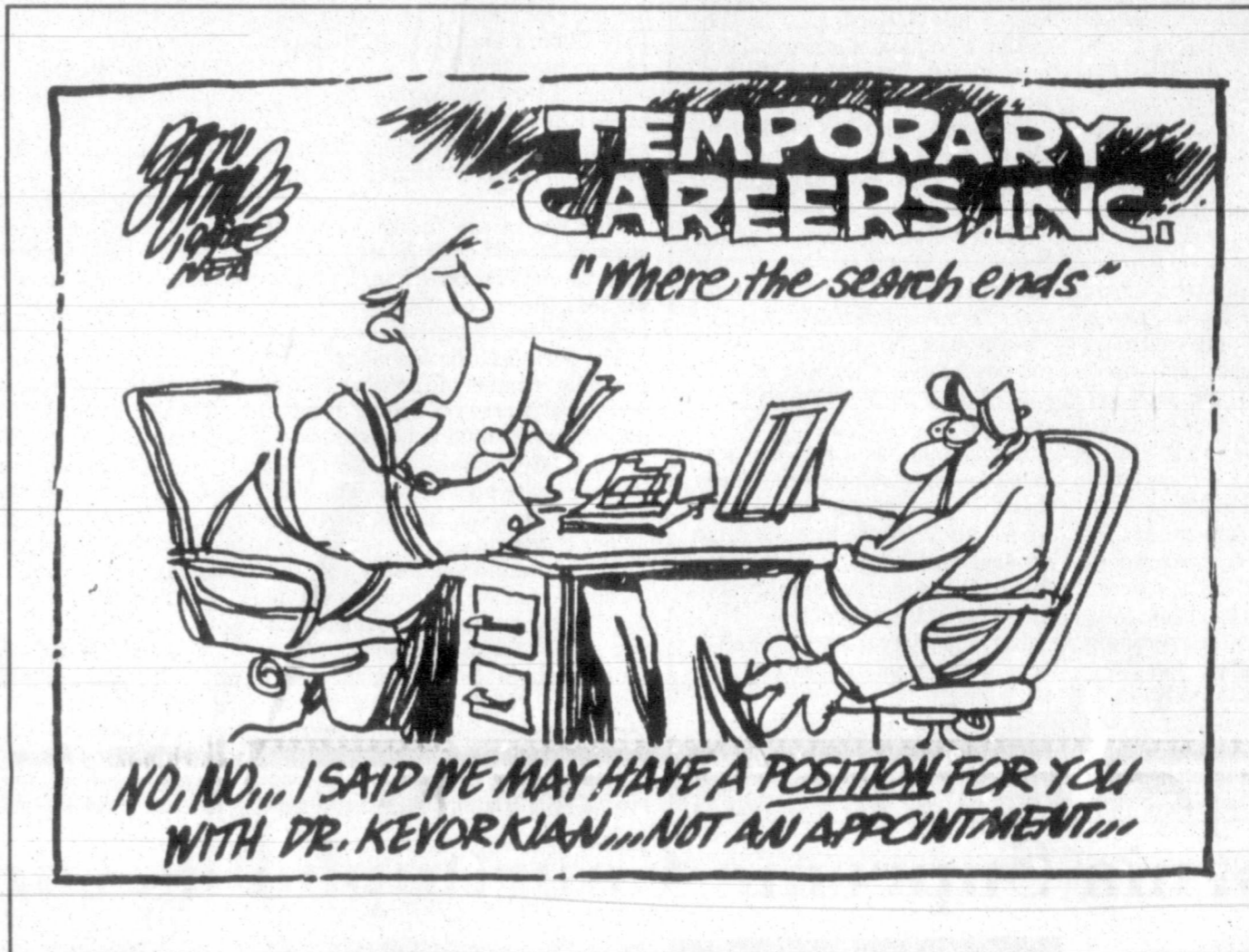
One obvious means of relief would be to limit the energy tax levied against any particular business to

a sum that reflects some concern for what that business engages in. If the general idea is not to burden a company with more than a 1 percent increase in its overhead, then the tax on a \$50 million-per-year enterprise would have a cutoff point at \$500,000, which is fairer than the flat exemptions being given to farmers. By such a device, the new tax would protect businesses that depend heavily on energy from singular and unintended sacrifices.

We need to factor into the whole matter the general public concern to conserve energy. We need to do this because we tend to be profligate in our use of energy. The cost of a gallon of gas today is less than it was 20 years ago measured in constant dollars. There is, then, that general anxiety to conserve, and it is expressed, for example, in those laws that tell Detroit how many miles to a gallon its cars must achieve.

Again, here we have the problem of federal fine-tuning. The best way to limit gluttonous consumption but to permit it for those who can afford it and are willing to pay the bill is via the gasoline tax. The car buyers, not the government, will be applying the pressures on Detroit. Meanwhile, the government needs to consider the special impact of the proposed tax on businesses, big and small, whose very existence depends on heavy use of energy.

The general feeling in Washington is that the House bill becomes a serious proposition only when it reaches the Senate. In the best of worlds, the Senate would kill the whole thing. But at least it should make important modifications.



Who are the crazies?

What are we going to do with the crazies?

Claiming freedom of speech, tabloids print lies. In the name of freedom of religion, some individuals wrap themselves in our Constitution and then set fire to it.

We have come to expect fanatical extremists in the Middle East and the Caribbean ... But they are here now.

The year 2000 is construed by some as the time of fulfillment for the biblical prophecy — and end of the millennium, the beginning of the Apocalypse.

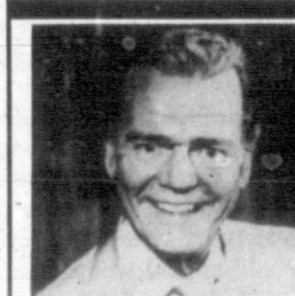
And ironically the same Scripture with which these individuals justify their behavioral extremes ... That same Scripture that warns us to "beware of false prophets," specifically states that "nobody knows" the time of the end.

Some cults, such as the Branch Davidians, construe government to be "Satan" and themselves to be "survivalists."

Someday, our Supreme Court is going to have to specify limits on "speech rights" and "religious rights."

We are not free, as Justice Holmes insisted, "to shout fire in a crowded theater."

We are not free, it seems to me, to amass an Army-sized arsenal of gangster guns.



Paul Harvey

Leading others implies an enormous responsibility.

Repeatedly, social scientists have demonstrated that most people follow orders from a presumed authority, even when those orders contradict conscience.

Psychologist Stanley Milgram, for one, demonstrated that 65 percent of subjects delivered what they believed were high-voltage shocks to another person when told to do so by an experimenter in a white coat.

In recent months a tragic procession of boys and girls has testified that they were sexually misused by men in clerical collars.

In his book "The Wrong Way Home," psychia-

trist Arthur Deikman argues that we all cross the line into cult behavior, conforming our view to those of others, keeping silent when we should speak up, anointing those who exert power or charm with a degree of deification.

This weakness charismatic misleaders can exploit.

With the fragmentation of the traditional American family, young people, seeking surrogate families, are malleable putty for such egomaniacs as David Koresh.

Ironically, it's easier between wars, between acute social or economic crises. Young people in troubled times can promise themselves that "things will be better" when the crisis passes.

But since 1960 we have been without a major war, our economy has tripled.

Yet during that same 30 years there has been a 560 percent increase in illegitimate births, divorce rates have quadrupled, the teen suicide rate has doubled, and SAT scores are down 80 points!

Like the children of ancient Israel we can take 40 years of hunger and privation and hardship — but we can't take it easy.

We've gotten to the promised land of milk and honey, we turn to excesses and are consumed by them.

When reality belies rosy forecasts

WASHINGTON — Even an overstated promise can be a political plus — right up to the point at which it abruptly becomes a liability. Problem-solving optimism sometimes backfires when it doesn't come true.

President Clinton is at or beyond that hazard line on taxes, health care and more surprising, the Bosnia crisis his secretary of state calls the problem from hell.

Promises help gain support, for policies as for candidates. But they also come due, and then, exaggerated expectations can mean trouble.

That is in part a legacy of the presidential campaign, open season for overstatements like Clinton's flat promise to reform health care without new taxes. He didn't stop there. He has, for example, just renewed his offer of a middle-class tax cut later while pressing the case for an increase now.

"Now, I've got four years, give me four years to try to deliver on the middle-class tax cut," he said in San Diego the other night. "But the first thing we need to do is drive the deficit down."

That suggests that what goes down stays down, an outlook that does not match the projections. By Clinton's budget arithmetic, deficits could deepen late in the decade, without the tax cut he talked of reviving. And there's going to have to be yet another increase, sure to affect middle America, to finance broadened health care, an administration proposal expected next month.

Walter Mears AP Special Correspondent

The economic and health care programs are at the center of the Clinton agenda. The Yugoslav crisis is an added problem; on it, the president tried to buttress his policy with claims and forecasts of allied backing that was not there.

Even while U.S. allies in Europe were balking at military intervention in Bosnia, Clinton said "there is a lot more agreement than you think."

"And I think in the next few days, you'll see a common approach emerging," he said. That was on May 7.

He favored air strikes against Serbian artillery positions, and an end to the embargo on arms shipments to outgunned Bosnian Muslims, while saying that the United States would not act unilaterally.

Clinton advocated a toughened U.S. stance during his campaign for the White House. "We're going to get involved," he said soon after taking office.

But when he sought to do so, allied resistance got in the way. Clinton then said there was disagreement only around the edges, over specific tactical steps to be taken. It obviously runs deeper.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher told a House committee on Tuesday that the best course would be to lift the arms embargo, with standby authority for air strikes against Serbian positions.

"Our allies and friends in Europe are not prepared to follow this course at the present time," he said.

That's not what Clinton had forecast, but when he sets a course, he tends to advertise it as a success in the making. That may contribute to another problem he remarked upon, saying that credibility is hard to come by in Washington.

"We also have in this country a crisis of belief and hope," he said in New York a week ago. Clinton said that when John F. Kennedy took office, more than 70 percent of Americans believed their leaders were telling the truth and their system would succeed.

"Now it seems as if half the people just stand around waiting to be disappointed, waiting to be told what's wrong and who's failed," he said.

That recalls the diagnosis of the last Democratic president, Jimmy Carter, who told the nation in 1979 that "a crisis of confidence" was eroding America's will and faith in the future.

Carter didn't call it malaise, but that became the label, and he never really shook it.

The Carter comparison is one the Clinton people would rather avoid. Their man prefers the risks that go with erring on the side of optimism.

Judge strikes down Michigan ban on assisted suicide

By NANCY COSTELLO
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — A ban on assisted suicide that was rushed into law to stop Dr. Jack Kevorkian was struck down on procedural grounds by a judge who warned that even if the flaw were fixed, the measure still wouldn't stand up.

The ruling Thursday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Cynthia Stephens could thwart efforts to prosecute Kevorkian, who was arrested Sunday after being present at a 16th suicide — the first death he attended since the law took effect.

The Michigan American Civil Liberties Union had challenged the law on behalf of two terminally ill people and seven medical professionals.

Stephens ruled that the law was unconstitutionally tacked on to a bill that dealt with a narrower aspect of the debate. That, she said, changed the meaning of the original bill and put the ban in a bill with an unrelated title.

While striking down the law on procedural grounds, the judge also



Dr. Jack Kevorkian, right, is shown with his attorney, Geoffrey Fieger on May 16 in Detroit. (AP Photo)

found "a right to die" for the two terminally ill patients. "This court cannot envisage a more fundamental right than the

right of self-determination," she wrote. "Without that right none of the others, such as speech, association, the right to bear arms or to due process can have meaning or effect."

ACLU Executive Director Howard Simon said the ruling was "a complete rebuff to the governor and the state Legislature."

"The court has sent a message: To tread on the privacy rights of the people of Michigan is not going to be permitted," he said.

A spokesman for Gov. John Engler said the state had not decided on its next step. "We can see if there are grounds to seek an appeal or ... see if it's something that can be fixed easily by the Legislature," John Truscott said.

But Simon said there is no point in the Legislature trying to fix the law. Instead, he said, lawmakers' only option is to get to work on legislation that would make assisted suicide a regulated part of the practice of medicine.

The Legislature rushed the ban into effect Feb. 25 after Kevorkian had helped three people die the week before. The law made assisting in a suicide a crime punishable

by up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine. It was to remain in effect for up to 21 months while a commission studied the issue and the Legislature acted on its recommendations.

Kevorkian's attorney Geoffrey Fieger said his client was disappointed there wasn't going to be a court battle. "It deprives him of the opportunity to show the world what's going on," he said.

Kevorkian has maintained that he would continue to be involved with assisted suicide regardless of the outcome of the case.

Kevorkian has not been charged in the 16th suicide, but another of his attorneys, Michael Schwartz, said Stephens' ruling, in effect, ends the investigation.

"Clearly if the police are looking at it from that possibility, there's nothing more to look at. The law is over," Schwartz said.

Calls to Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair were not immediately returned.

The state of Michigan suspended Kevorkian's medical license in 1991. California, the other state where he was licensed, followed suit last month.

Dismissal of White House travel staff protested

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House's justification for firing seven longtime travel-office employees is being challenged on Capitol Hill as the ousted head of the staff protests that he and his people did nothing wrong.

Billy Dale, barred from his office after 31 years, rebutted suggestions of wrongdoing.

"I have not stolen anybody's money. The guys in my office have not stolen anybody's money," Dale said Thursday, adding that holding down costs "was one of my main concerns."

The White House abruptly fired the entire travel office staff Wednesday, accusing them of financial mismanagement of money received from news organizations for trips with the president. The White House said the FBI had been brought into the case.

A 25-year-old cousin of President Clinton was named to run the office on a day-by-day basis, and an Arkansas travel agency was picked,

without competitive bidding, to handle travel arrangements.

The travel office had handled about \$11 million in press payments over a 16-month period examined by auditors, and questions were raised by Clinton's staff about records relating to between \$18,000 and \$19,000 in cash transactions.

Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., asked the White House for an explanation of why the staff was fired and why a Little Rock company was asked to step in.

"I am concerned that these dismissals — occurring without any opportunity to allow the accused to defend themselves — do not seem fair," said Bond, the ranking Republican on a Senate subcommittee that oversees the White House budget.

Moreover, Bond said he was "concerned about a developing pattern of experienced public servants being fired to make room for young political appointees."

The former director of press

advance for the Bush administration, John Herrick, rebutted charges that the travel office did not seek competitive bids.

"The travel office attempted as much as they could to offer the business to any company that was willing to do it," Herrick said in an interview. "I know they talked to several different airlines and charter companies routinely to see where they stood and what their interest level was in doing it."

The Clinton White House offered a different picture of what happened.

Spokesman George Stephanopoulos said a Hollywood friend of Clinton, television producer Harry Thomason, had complained recently that colleagues in the air charter

weren't being allowed to bid on White House trips.

Stephanopoulos said Thomason contacted David Watkins, director of the White House Office of Administration, and was "just passing on the information" from frustrated charter operators.

The spokesman said Thomason's call was one of several reasons why White House officials began looking into the operation of the travel office, leading up to Wednesday's mass firing.

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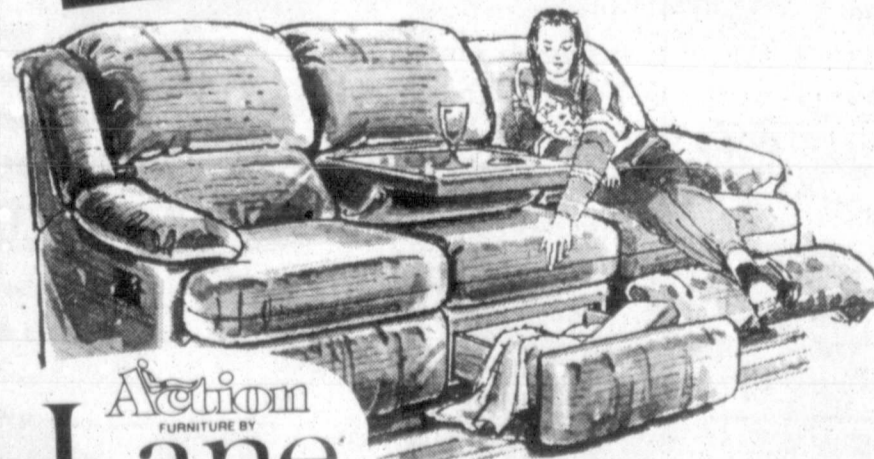
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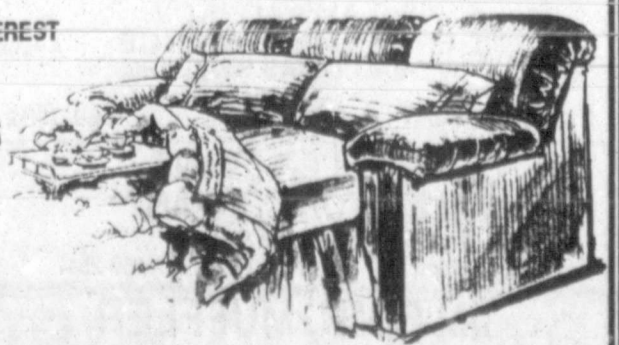
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Religion

Divine apparitions sweeping the United States

By KRISTEN MOULTON
Associated Press Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — One by one, middle-aged women step up on the altar of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, placing roses before the Virgin Mary statue, caressing her outstretched hand and bowing their heads.

Perhaps tonight, they'll hear what they came for: the words of Jesus or Mary, purportedly spoken through the Rev. Jack Spaulding or one of nine young adults who say they hear the voice of the Savior and his mother.

For five years, St. Maria Goretti has been home to a phenomenon that is sweeping the United States and other countries. Hundreds of people say Mary and Jesus are calling them to prayer and reconciliation.

Reports of Marian apparitions come from Ireland to Venezuela, Africa to Ukraine. The reported appearances of Mary to six young people in Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, since 1981 have attracted millions.

In the United States, the number of reported apparitions or "messages" has exploded in the past five years, particularly in the past 18 months.

Tens of thousands of pilgrims have converged on a neighborhood in New Jersey, a church in Texas, a hillside in California, a shrine in Colorado, many of them hoping to see Mary or a miracle.

Hundreds of prayer groups have been formed. In Utah alone, the number has risen from about a dozen to more than 50 since 1989. Marian conferences and newsletters abound.

Sandra Zimdars-Swartz, a religious studies professor at the University of Kansas and author of the 1991 book "Encountering Mary," said the phenomena should not be ignored.

"It's a popular movement and it's going to have an impact," she said. At St. Maria Goretti, a modern parish of 2,500 families in the affluent Phoenix suburb of Scottsdale, Spaulding discourages apparition chasers and doesn't make public speeches.

He welcomes prayerful visitors, but said, "If they come to be spectators and see all the visionaries and talk to me, they're barking up the wrong tree. This hasn't turned into a three-ring circus."

In 1988, after Spaulding heard what he believes was Mary's voice while in Medjugorje, young adults

started telling him they were hearing a woman's voice asking them to pray and to move closer to her son.

One woman, Gianna Talone, 36, claims to have had a dream in which she saw nine women and men, then ages 17 to 31, who later became the visionaries.

Most claim to receive only inspirations or to hear Mary's voice, though four say they have seen Mary in person. Talone sees both Mary and Jesus, her friends say, sometimes during the Thursday prayer.

Spaulding, 48, said that since late 1988, Jesus and Mary have used his voice to speak to the prayer group, now attended by 800 to 1,000 regulars and visitors.

Talone and Mary Cook said they sometimes receive messages from Mary that Spaulding reads to the

prayer group. Cook, 30, abandoned a lucrative sales career to seek faith.

"When I was 25, I had the big sports car, was making money, trying to impress with clothes," she recalled. "In 1988, I decided it wasn't worth it — the drinking, the traveling, wheeling and dealing."

A trip to Medjugorje changed her. Now director of the parish's preschool, she attends Mass daily.

Scottsdale is a far cry from the traditional apparition sites of Europe, remote villages where Mary reputedly appeared to shepherds and children.

"People can't look at us and say, 'Oh well, they're so poor that's all they have to hold on to, they're so unsophisticated or uneducated that they can be duped,'" Spaulding said. "They were yuppies."

"She has come here to show people that if we can be converted, no one else has an excuse," Spaulding said.

A diocesan bishop's commission found no evidence of supernatural events at St. Maria Goretti in 1989, but the bishop allowed the prayer groups to continue because they seemed to encourage faith.

Catholic authorities in Rome leave such calls up to local church authorities, but can overrule them.

Zimdars-Swartz, the Kansas professor, said the times are right for the Marian movement in the United States.

"Given the kinds of crises we've had, economic and political, there's been a need for understanding mysteries in one's life, for believing that there is some kind of plan, that things are going to work out in the end," she said.

Family undertakes ministry of cheer in memory of son

By BILL W. HORNADAY
Tyler Courier Times Telegraph

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Before showing signs of the rare brain tumor that took his life last month, Keenan Clendennen shied from his family's love of Christian clowning.

But his parents, Wendell and Leila Clendennen, remember the October 1991 visit to Kids Village, a Florida haven for terminally ill youths, which forever changed their second of four children.

"He was very considerate, never big on drawing attention to himself. But after being with those kids, he had no problem going back," said Wendell Clendennen, a 31-year-old Tyler postal worker and jester for 14 years.

"He did it only for the kids, though," said Leila Clendennen, 31, who also took up clowning in 1991. "He performed just six times, but they always enjoyed 'Giggles the

Clown.' They hollered 'Gig-gles!' and he would just laugh."

In February, humor became a rare commodity for the Clendennens when doctors at Dallas' Children's Medical Center gave 7-year-old Keenan a year to live.

That was cut to two months after radiation therapy. The malignancy on his brain stem suddenly and inexplicably extended its grip, compressing Keenan's spinal column to a pencil lead's width.

Keenan lapsed into paralysis during his final three weeks and constantly needed morphine.

Clendennen said it was "like watching him step off a cliff and fall straight to the bottom."

Yet for another reason physicians could not explain, Keenan never lost his mental faculties. With his parents at his side, death claimed him peacefully one early Monday morning, but his spirit will have the

last laugh. It was his dying wish.

"The way he hung on was unreal. He was worried about the other kids like him and wouldn't let go," said Mrs. Clendennen. "He knew he would never get to, so he insisted we work it out with the doctors to clown for the kids at (Children's Medical Center)."

"Once we convinced him, it was like he took a big sigh of relief ... and was gone. His last words were 'I love you, I love you, I love you.'"

As soon as new costumes are readied, Keenan's parents, along with brothers Lee, 9; Sean, 4, and sister Amber, 6, plan performances every other weekend at Children's Medical Center.

Their volunteer ministry, "For the Love of Giggles," is described by Clendennen as "clowning with a focus" and designed to ease the fears of young patients with life-threatening ailments.

Some feel the family needs more time to overcome their loss, but Clendennen said most tears were shed before Keenan's funeral. They stand ready to administer the medicine they find most useful — laughter.

"We try to lead objective lessons to a central religious theme. Through laughter, we hope to take their minds off what is going on around them," said Clendennen, whose approach is non-denominational. "It also helps that we've gone through some of the same trials and understand the pain they and their families face. It's a terrible load to carry and we hope to relieve some of it."

"I'm sure they will make some very happy days," said Dr. Naomi Winick, who treated Keenan. "Parents have offered their help before, but never as clowns. They (Clendennens) are loving parents who care about more than just their own children."



Mike Stevens

Mike Stevens Ministries sets series of services

Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S. Sumner, will host Mike Stevens at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Mike Stevens Ministries will also conduct additional meetings at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room. These meetings are interdenominational.

Stevens is a native of Pampa with a Shreveport, La., based ministry.

He is on the evangelistic team of Mario Murillo, one of the top evangelists in America, according to information from the church.

Stevens speaks at churches nationwide, and has appeared on the 700 Club and Trinity Broadcasting Network. He is involved in ministry in Russia.

For more information about these special services call 665-3255.

Church of the Brethren to host evangelist Sunday

Ray Christenson, local evangelist, will minister at the Church of the Brethren, 600 N. Frost, Friday through Sunday. Evening services are at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday service begins at 11:30 a.m.

A ladies brunch is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday with Elsie Christenson speaking. A puppet show for children is planned for each service.

The Christensons have pastored churches for about 30 years. He served a three-year term at North

Pole, Alaska, as a radio missionary. Since 1980, Christenson has traveled as an evangelist. His travels include a trip to Denmark and Poland in 1984, and the Billy Graham International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists in Amsterdam in 1986.

Mrs. Christenson's parents were the late Amos and Verna Harris who attended the Church of the Brethren from the time they moved to Gray County in 1931. The Christensons were married in 1950 at the local church.

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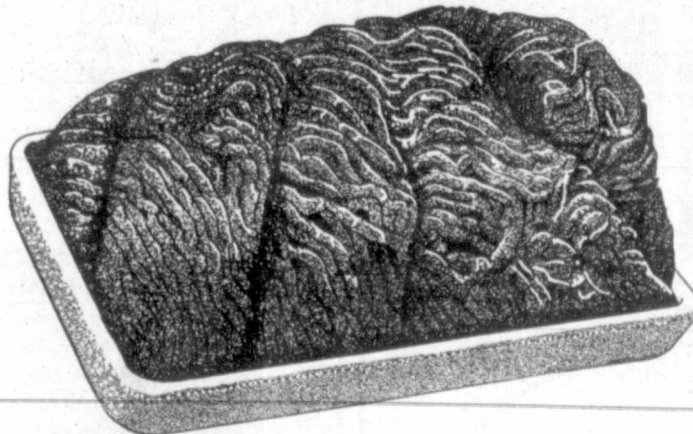


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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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 - 9 Timid
 - 12 Evil deed
 - 13 Shadow
 - 14 — Hwy
 - 15 Push into narrow space
 - 17 Illness
 - 19 — whiz!
 - 22 Foes
 - 25 Asphalt
 - 29 Italian river
 - 30 Tree of birch family
 - 32 Irritate
 - 33 Mrs. in Madrid
 - 35 Weird
 - 37 Rocky hill
 - 38 Type of arch
 - 40 Soothing medicine

- DOWN**
- 42 Bold
 - 44 Entertains sumptuously
 - 45 Consume
 - 47 Trade for money
 - 48 Range of view
 - 52 Paper measurer
 - 55 Convened
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 - 61 Sixth sense (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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 - 9 The woman
 - 10 Female bird
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 - 16 Explorer Vasco da —
 - 18 Israel's Golda
 - 20 Mosquito genus
 - 22 Computer-printer name
 - 23 Norway, to Norwegians
 - 24 More withered
 - 26 Excite
 - 27 Piece of garlic
 - 28 — Johnny!
 - 31 Goes by bus
 - 34 — Lingus (airline)
 - 36 Enthusiastically
 - 39 Nights before
 - 41 Story
 - 43 Coarse person
 - 46 Wrongful act
 - 48 Kind of curve
 - 49 Bark
 - 50 Sched. abbr.
 - 51 Aunt in Spain
 - 53 Married woman's title
 - 54 Drink slowly
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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

You did what? You heard me, Howard... I signed you up for an aerobics class. Miriam signed Glen up, too. Both of you are out of shape. Out of shape? What do you mean out of shape? I'M A PERFECT OVAL!

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

DO YOU THINK I LOOK GOOD IN THIS DRESS? YES! YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE YOU THINK I LOOK GOOD IN EVERYTHING!

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By Howie Schneider

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B.C.

By Johnny Hart

HOW LONG CAN YOU MAKE IT RAIN FOR? HOW LONG WOULD YOU LIKE? WELL, WE HAVE A 165 GAME SCHEDULE...

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

I HEARD MY MOM SAY THAT WHEN MY GRAMPA WENT THROUGH A MIDLIFE CRISIS, HE CHANGED CAREERS. MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY THAT. BUT ALL I'VE EVER BEEN IS A HOUSEPET. I'M AFRAID FETCHING SLIPPERS AND NOT MESSING ON THE CARPET ARE HARDLY THE NECESSARY SKILLS NEEDED TO GET A JOB OUTSIDE THE HOME.

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

A FEVER IS STALKING OUR PEOPLE AND MANY ARE SICK! OUR MAGIC MAN NEEDS A SPECIAL HERB TO MAKE THEM WELL! THIS HERB NO LONGER GROWS IN OUR LAND! BUT IT GROWS IN THE JUNGLES OF MOO, IS THAT IT? YES! THAT IS WHY WE CROSSED THE DESERT AND ENTERED YOUR TERRITORY!

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"Oops! Sorry...mosquito."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"Our other grandfather's in heaven, but I'm glad we have a grandfather who art on earth."

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"No! No! No! No more weddings!"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

DARN, IT'S HARD TO MAKE A CLEAN GETAWAY AFTER RAIDING THE JELLY JAR...

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

"YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE: IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY..." "YOU ARE HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO DRAFTS." "STAY AWAY FROM SPAGHETTI STRAINERS, BAGELS AND SWISS CHEESE!"

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

READY? FIVE WORMS DOWN THE HATCH! HERE GOES! CLOSER... CLOSER... WRIGGLING, SQUIRMING, DIRTY, SLIMY WORMS! CLOSER... CLOSER! BOY, THEY'RE REALLY CLOSE NOW! HOW REVOLTING! CLOSER... CLOSER! UM, FEEL FREE TO RUN AWAY SCREAMING ANY TIME. NOT WITH MY NICKEL AT STAKE.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

I'M AFRAID I'VE PUT ON A LITTLE TOO MUCH WEIGHT TO COMFORTABLY FIT IN ONE OF THESE SPORT JOBS ANY MORE! AH, BUT LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE... YOU WON'T BE NEEDING A DRIVER'S SIDE AIRBAG!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

I WONDER WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THOSE FOUR GUYS WHO GOT PLASTIC SURGERY AND MOVED TO MOUNT RUSHMORE...?

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

I CAN SEE YOU NOW SITTING ON THE BENCH OF THE SUPREME COURT. THEY'D PROBABLY PUT YOU RIGHT NEXT TO JUDGE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR. IS SHE CUTE?

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

SO, HOW'D THE DATE GO?

Astro-Graph

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If things have been a trifle slow for you in the romance department recently, don't despair. This is the time to get out and circulate, because you could meet someone new and interesting. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your possibilities for fulfilling a secret ambition look very encouraging at this time. This is when you should be pushing, not procrastinating.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might be in for a pleasant surprise today when you discover you have a secret admirer. Oddly, it could be a person whom you've always thought didn't like you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Favorable financial trends are indicated in your present cycle. You could be fortunate earning income from a second source. Keep an eye on good investment possibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Partnership arrangements represent one of your primary comfort zones, and this time frame is no exception. Solid alliances, both socially and commercially, are possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In situations where you utilize your talents and industriousness, major achievements are possible today. You might rack up impressive scores in career and finance areas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be bold in matters of the heart today. If there is someone to whom you are attracted, let him or her know exactly how you feel. The response should please you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Persistence in pursuing objectives is one of your most admirable assets. It could be the primary reason for your success today. Follow your natural inclinations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Look for ways to express your artistic and creative abilities today. You might do something very worthwhile that will provide you with a positive sense of achievement.

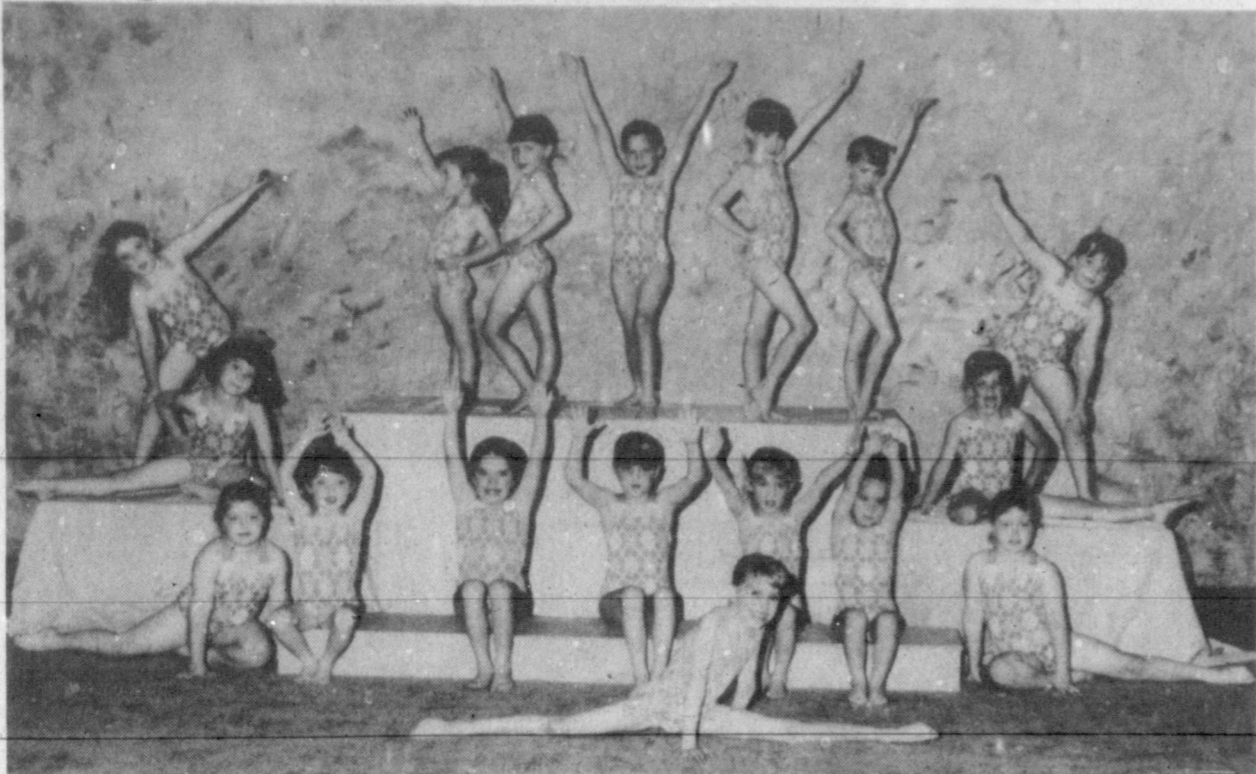
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you're presently involved in something that could make you money or enhance your material security, stick with it until you get the desirable end results you anticipate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) People with whom you're involved today are likely to automatically delegate the chairperson or leadership role to you. They will innately sense that you're the one to head up the operation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your intuitive perceptions toward your financial affairs could be extremely helpful today. Use your common sense, but don't underestimate your feelings.

Lifestyles

Young rockers



(Special photo)

Set to "Rock 'n' Roll" at 2 p.m. on Sunday are Stephanie Lehman, Ashley Childress, Nichole Dyer, Alisha Jones, Natalie McVay, Jade Skinner, Ashley Zimmer, Alyssa Bromwell, Nicole Bryan, Jennifer Bryan, Kori Dunn, Holly Miller, Ashley Garner, Carrie Clay, Bridget Craig, Audrey Dunn, Kaylee Greenhouse and Ann Hampton. They will perform in Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center's exhibition and competition, 1345 S. Hobart.

Man without birth certificate can get one pronto

DEAR ABBY: I read your column every weekday in our local paper, and you help a lot of people. I'm sure that my brother isn't the only one with this problem:

So far, he has been unable to get a copy of his birth certificate. The hospital where he was born burned down, and he has written the appropriate places in his state to get a copy of his birth certificate. They wrote back and told him that they didn't have a birth certificate in that name!

Someone told me that there is a place in Houston that has copies of everyone's birth certificate in the United States. Do you have any idea of an address where he could write to get his birth certificate, or an idea about what he should do to get one somehow?

VAL IN FLORIDA

DEAR VAL: According to officials in Florida, your brother can request a form to get a "delayed" birth certificate by contacting the state Office of Vital Statistics in Jacksonville. He will be sent forms and instructions, which include the requirement for two proofs of age (such as school records and/or voter registration or motor vehicle records). When

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

he returns the information, and a fee, he will then be issued a birth certificate.

DEAR ABBY: Last year, my mother gave me a lovely set of china. I thought it was a beautiful set, so my husband and I shopped around and found a very handsome china closet in which to display it.

A few days ago, my mother came to visit us, and while admiring the china closet and its contents, she said, "I expect you to leave the china I gave you to Ramona." (Abby, Ramona is my niece!) I was rather surprised and somewhat disturbed to hear this, because I had planned to leave the china and cabinet to my daughter and son-in-law. I should have said something, but I didn't.

My question: Am I obligated to leave the china to Ramona?

CONFUSED IN GEORGIA

DEAR CONFUSED: No. Though it's somewhat late, I

advise you to tell your mother immediately that you had planned to leave the china closet and its contents to your daughter and son-in-law.

To avoid misunderstandings and confusion, state your wishes in your will.

DEAR ABBY: Hooray for Al Seivertson and Janice Wingard — the folks who enjoy smoking, and find it appalling that fellow workers and total strangers feel free to make rude and obnoxious remarks about it.

One man said to me, "My God, Catherine, are you smoking again? Don't you know it's a dirty habit?" If rudeness is to be condoned in the workplace and elsewhere, let's make it more universal. Such as:

"My God, Janice, are you eating again? You're as big as a house already!"

CATHERINE E. KIBLER, PONTIAC, MICH.

DEAR CATHERINE: The two issues are not comparable. Janice can get as big as a house without endangering the health of those around her. A smoker fouls the atmosphere for all in the proximity of the smoker.

'Buckle Up, America! Week' planned

The American Association of Retired Persons, AARP, strongly encourages all motorists and their passengers to use safety belts and child safety seats on every trip in a motor vehicle. May 24-31 is "Buckle Up America! Week", which highlights the life-saving potential of safety belts, child safety seats, and air bags.

"Many people just don't realize how much the proper use of safety belts can reduce the risk of serious injury or death," said Phyllis Laramore, an associate state coordinator with AARP's 55 Alive Mature Driving Program.

Numerous studies indicate that lap and shoulder safety belts significantly reduce the risk of fatal or serious occupant injury. It is

estimated that safety belt use saved Americans nearly \$10 billion last year alone by preventing deaths and injuries. Currently 42 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have enacted safety belt use laws.

While people who never wear seat belts are at risk, so are drivers who only wear their belts when on the highway, in bad weather, or traveling long distances.

"A large majority of fatal crashes occur during routine trips to or from work, or to the grocery store," Laramore said. "Drivers who think they don't need seat belts for short trips are wrong. Seat belts should be worn every time, on every trip!"

AARP offers the 55

Alive/Mature Driving Course, which helps older drivers sharpen their skills and prevent accidents. This driver improvement course entails 8 hours of classroom work for drivers age 50 and older.

Texas state law requires all auto insurance carriers to offer a discount on premiums to qualified graduates aged 50 and older of approved courses such as 55 Alive. Policy holders should contact their insurance carriers for more information about such discounts.

The next 55 Alive/Mature Driving class is set for 5:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday at the Pampa City Hall, second floor in the North door. To enroll or get more information contact Phyllis Laramore at 669-7574.

Mick Jagger: father, grandfather and Stone

By ESQUIRE
For AP Special Features

Mick Jagger turns 50 in July and has become a grandfather, while the Rolling Stones keep rolling along as the rock group marks its 30th anniversary this year.

"I don't really set a lot of store by these anniversaries," Jagger told Kurt Loder in an article in the current issue of *Esquire*.

"Rolling Stone" magazine seems to have them all the time, but the Rolling Stones never celebrated their 15th or 20th or 25th year in show business.

"When I went to see John Lee Hooker for the first time when I was, like, 17 — I thought, he's so old. He'll never be able to carry on much longer. And he must have been about 38 then. And he's still there. Either you're dead or you move along."

In rock 'n' roll, some performers either died (Buddy Holly, Otis Redding, Jimi Hendrix, Elvis Presley) or graduated to more traditional gigs (Jerry Lee Lewis), to religion

and commercial irrelevance (Little Richard), or to jail and an afterlife of oldies shows (Chuck Berry). Other celebrated bands of the 1960s — the Beatles, the Yardbirds, Sly and the Family Stone — are long gone. The Stones, however, reportedly have a \$30 million deal with Virgin Records — not bad for a gym teacher's son from a middle-class London suburb.

"When I was about 12 or 13," he said, "I was thinking of becoming a journalist — I know, terrible, isn't it? Then I saw what you had to do — five years of weddings and football matches. The local press. Then I was imagining that I was gonna be in some form of government because I was interested in macroeconomics — how government influenced the economy."

He studied at the London School of Economics, but also was hooked on American rock 'n' roll, blues and country — Muddy Waters, Johnny Cash, George Jones. His parents, he said, hated it but weren't worried

about his making music a career. "Because pop singers in those days were like Frankie Avalon and Pat Boone and Fabian, and they knew I didn't want to be like that," he said.

Today Jagger lives in a New York townhouse with Jerry Hall, the mother of three of his children — Elizabeth, 8, James, 7, and Georgia, 1. He also owns a chateau in the Loire Valley of France and a house on the Caribbean island of Mustique. Things can get wild on Mustique — parties at David Bowie's house, late nights at Basil's Beach Bay, European heiresses sunbathing nude on Macaroni beach and millionaire tough-guy executives showing up at parties in dresses.

In addition to his children with Hall, he also has Jade, 21, by ex-wife Bianca, and Karis, 22, by Marsha Hunt. It was Jade who turned Jagger into a grandfather.

"It's very time consuming," he said of his family. "They all have their wants and their needs."

Crisis Center receives funds

Tralee Crisis Center was the recipient of \$455 from the Pampa Wal-Mart. The donation, in honor of mothers and children, was based on a percentage of sales 8-11 a.m. May 8, the day before Mother's Day.

"The Pampa Wal-Mart associates are pleased to provide this additional support for a local charity," said Jim Anderson. "We thank all of our great customers who shopped with us during that time and who helped make this event a success."

Benefit bake sale set for Saturday

A bake sale is set for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Southside Senior Citizens Center, 438 W. Crawford. Cakes, pies and cookies will be available.

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Amanda Morris, at right, was presented a \$750 scholarship by vice president of the Pampa Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association, Odessa Ledbetter. Morris the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Rhoades. She plans to attend South Plains College, Levelland, and major in elementary education.

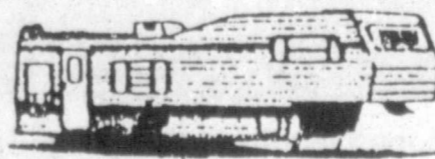
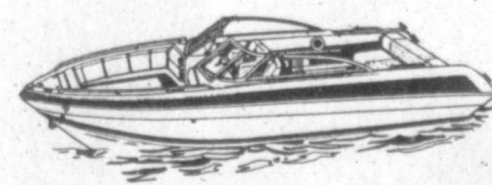
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Sports

Rockets down Sonics to avoid playoff elimination

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Kenny Smith ended his shooting slump by scoring 30 points and the Houston Rockets avoided playoff elimination Thursday night with a 103-90 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics.

The Western Conference semifinal, tied 3-3, will be settled Saturday in Seattle.

Smith, 3 of 13 in his two previous games, was 13 of 16 from the field, including four 3-pointers, in the highest scoring playoff game of his career.

He had 15 points in the first half and 10 in the breakaway third period when the Rockets outscored Seattle 36-13. Vernon Maxwell, scoreless in the first half, struck for 12 third-quarter points.

Sam Perkins and Derrick Perkins led Seattle with 14 points apiece but Shawn Kemp, who had 19 points in Game 5, scored only 1 point, that coming with 7:07 left. Houston center Hakeem Olajuwon was limited to 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Sonics jumped on the Rockets from the start, just as they did in their runaway 120-95 victory in Game 5 and fought off every challenge for a 47-43 halftime lead.

But the Rockets looked like a different team in the third quarter. They started with a 28-11 run that vaulted them to a 61-58 lead with 6:12 to go in the period.

Then they used another 18-4 charge and ended the period with a 79-62 lead, outscoring the Sonics 36-15 for the quarter.

Seattle lost the lead twice in the

tight first half, the second time when Houston took a 27-26 lead on a jumper by Smith with 9:26 to go. But that ignited an 8-2 Seattle run and the Sonics kept a step ahead of the Rockets the rest of the period.

Derrick McKey fueled the Sonics' first quarter run and had 13 points at intermission.

Suns end Spurs' season

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The big reason the Phoenix Suns survived another rough playoff series was the man with the big shot — Charles Barkley.

The best regular-season NBA team, the Suns made it to the Western Conference finals when Barkley put his basketball magic to work again Thursday night. He lifted the Suns to a 102-100 victory over the San Antonio Spurs with a game-winning, top-of-the-key jumper over the outstretched arm of David Robinson with 1.8 seconds to play.

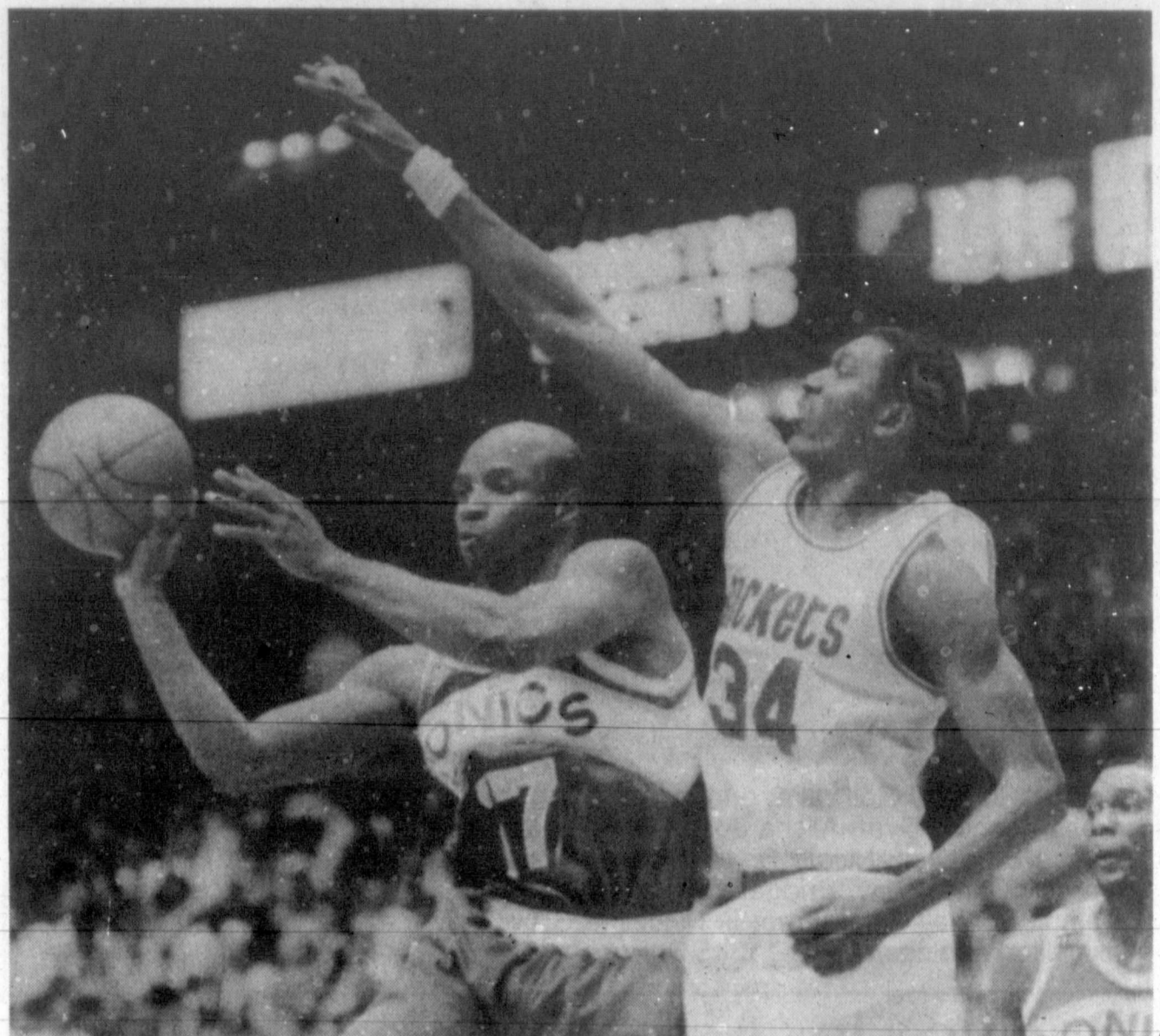
"I always expect to hit the big shot," said Barkley, who scored 28 points and had 21 rebounds. "It felt good the second it left my hand. I knew it was in."

The Suns, taking the best-of-7 series 4-2, now face the winner of the Houston-Seattle series. Game 7 of that series will be Saturday at Seattle.

For San Antonio, it was a distressing finish to an up-and-down season of coaching changes, winning streaks followed by streaks of mediocrity, then a trip to the conference semifinals for the first time since Robinson's rookie year four seasons ago.

"It was a tough way to lose, especially at home. We are all really disappointed," Robinson said. "I feel like a train that hit a wall, but my body could use the rest. Mentally I'm ready to play on."

Robinson led the Spurs with 22 points and 14 rebounds.



Hakeem Olajuwon of the Rockets tries to block a pass by Vincent Askew in the second half Thursday. (AP photo)

Mariners turn back Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Edgar Martinez's two-run pinch homer in the eighth inning keyed a six-run rally Thursday night, sending the Seattle Mariners past the Texas Rangers 7-4.

Martinez hit the first pitch from reliever Jeff Bronkey over the wall in left-center for his first homer of the year, snapping a 2-2 tie. Martinez, the defending AL batting champion, had only three previous at-bats this season after missing the early part of the year with a pulled left hamstring.

Tim Leary (3-1) allowed five hits in 8 1-3 innings, striking out six with one walk.

The Rangers rallied in the bottom of the ninth against relievers Jeff Nelson and Norm Charlton, and Gary Redus almost won the game with a two-out grand slam, but the ball landed 10 feet foul down the left field line.

Redus then struck out on a check swing to end the game.

The Mariners tied the game at 2-2 in the eighth off Charlie Leibrandt (4-2). Dave Valle led off with a double and scored when Leibrandt threw wildly on a pickoff attempt. Martinez homered on the next pitch.

Sports scene

SOFTBALL

Men, women and mixed teams are needed for the Wheeler softball leagues, starting May 26.

For more details, call Brenda Childress at 826-5219 or Steve Zybach at 375-2382. If possible, please leave messages at either number.

GOLF

A beginners golf clinic, instructed by Pampa High School golf coach Frank McCullough, is scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at Clarendon College-Pampa Center.

The clinic will be held from 6 to 8 each evening on the above dates.

Participants will receive instruction on the basic fundamentals, grip, stance, swing, alignment and rules.

Registration fee is \$35.

Interested persons are urged to sign up early at Clarendon College-Pampa Center because class size is limited to the first 10 participants.

Call Clarendon College-Pampa Center at 665-8801 or coach McCullough at 665-7367 for more information.

FOOTBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The

Pac-10 Conference has reached a two-year agreement for its fourth-place team to play the Southwest Conference's third-place team in the Alamo Bowl.

The new bowl game will be played Dec. 31 in San Antonio's new 65,000-seat Alamodome indoor stadium.

The Alamo Bowl announced the Pac-10 agreement Wednesday and the Southwest Conference agreement Monday.

The Alamo Bowl received its initial certification last month from the NCAA Special Events Committee.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Each year, the NBA draft is something of a dice game, a high-stakes gamble that college talent will translate smoothly to the pros.

This season, the bets paid off handsomely.

The All-Rookie team, announced Thursday, followed the order of the draft almost pick-by-pick, with five of the top six choices showing up on the first team.

They were led by Shaquille O'Neal and Alonzo Mourning, the draft's first two selections, who led turnarounds for Orlando and Char-

lotte. Both were unanimous selections, each receiving the maximum 52 points — 26 first-team votes from the 27 coaches, who chose first and second teams, but were not permitted to vote for their own players.

Joining them were Minnesota's Christian Laettner, the third selection in the draft, Washington's Tom Gugliotta, who was No. 5 and LaPhonso Ellis of Denver, chosen No. 6.

Jimmy Jackson of Dallas, the fourth pick in the draft, did not sign with the Mavs until March 4 and still received three points in the voting by the coaches.

Chosen for the second team were Walt Williams of Sacramento, the draft's seventh selection, Robert Horry of Houston, Latrell Sprewell of Golden State, Clarence Weatherspoon of Philadelphia and Richard Dumas of Phoenix.

O'Neal and Mourning, no-brainers as the draft's top two picks, delivered immediate dividends for the Magic and Hornets.

O'Neal, chosen Rookie of the Year earlier, led all rookies with 23.4 points, 13.9 rebounds and 3.5 blocked shots per game.

New NFL rules could sideline Cowboys' Smith

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith held out his rookie year until a week before the regular season began. If he does that again this summer, he would almost certainly kill his chances at a third consecutive NFL rushing title.

A long holdout could force Smith to sit out up to three regular season games, under new league rules.

Smith wants a contract somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4 million a season, making up for what turned out to be a bargain price for his first three years in the league. The Cowboys, however, appear to have the leverage in negotiations.

The contract crunch will come in August before the Cowboys' third exhibition game. The precise date is Friday the 13th, the day before the game.

The new NFL collective bargaining agreement says that if Smith is not signed by then, the Cowboys have the option of placing him on the roster exempt list. Such a move would mean the league's leading rusher misses the first game, a Monday night opener in Washington.

If they do this, the Cowboys must give five days' prior notice in writing.

If Smith, seeking to become the first runner to earn three consecutive NFL rushing titles since Earl Campbell, is unsigned Aug. 20, before the next-to-last exhibition, he could miss a second regular-season game, this one at home against Super Bowl foe Buffalo.

And should Smith still be unsigned by the day before the final preseason game on Aug. 27 in Chicago, he could forfeit the chance to play in a third game, this one against Phoenix.

"We don't think it will ever come to that," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. "We think both sides are aware of how not getting a contract signed can hurt Emmitt and the team. This new rule should help give a sense of urgency to negotiations."

It would appear the Cowboys have the biggest hammer. Smith shopped his wares in the offseason and no team even made an offer, aware that the Cowboys could match it. The Miami Dolphins looked into signing Smith and decided his heart was still in Dallas.

Swoopes honored



Texas Tech basketball standout Sheryl Swoopes laughs with House Speaker Pete Laney, right, and Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, during her visit to the House Thursday in Austin. Introduced as a "super superstar," Swoopes led the the Lady Raiders to the 1993 NCAA women's basketball championship. (AP photo)

Waite grabs first-round lead in Kemper Open

POTOMAC, Md. (AP) — Two years after he first gained his PGA Tour card, Grant Waite finally is ready to play golf with the big boys.

Waite, who regained his PGA Tour card in January after a two-year hiatus, shot a bogey-free 66 Thursday to take a 1-shot lead after the opening round of the Kemper Open.

Waite, a New Zealand native who now lives in Salt Lake City, is a two-time Australian junior champi-

on and a three-time All-American. But he found himself overwhelmed during his first year on tour in 1990.

"You get into a new town every week and it takes you a day just to find your hotel and the golf course," he said. "I was as intimidated as anyone else. But the longer you're out here, the more comfortable you get."

Waite, 28, spent 1991 and 1992 playing golf in Australia, Asia and

Canada. His aim was to get his game — and his mind — in shape for a return to the PGA Tour.

"My game's a lot better now," he said. "It was a shock up here during my first year, but now I feel competitive out there."

Waite won just over \$50,000 in his first year on the tour and now has earned \$134,689 in his brief career. His best finish was a tie for fourth at this year's Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic.

Goodyear confident of another strong finish

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Scott Goodyear likes the view he'll have for the start of the May 30 Indianapolis 500 more than the one he had in 1992. He'd also like a better finish.

The 33-year-old Canadian started last year's race in the back row of the 33-car field and finished second to Al Unser Jr. in the closest Indy 500 ever.

This year, he's on the inside of the second row on the starting grid, immediately behind pole-sitter Arie Luyendyk.

Goodyear also will have Mario Andretti and Raul Boesel in the row ahead of him when the race begins.

"Mario is going to charge out there. You know that," said Goodyear, a major surprise last year when he

Indianapolis 500 preview

crossed the finish line just .043 seconds behind Unser.

That finish produced some dramatic changes in Goodyear's life. He was relatively unheralded until last May, but backed up that showing with a victory last August in the Marlboro 500 and his first Indy car pole last month at Phoenix.

"There's a lot more confidence," Goodyear said Thursday as his team prepared his Lola for some final pre-race testing. "The whole package is coming together ... We're starting to fit together really well."

That has allowed Goodyear to concentrate on driving and preparation of his car more than prior to his first three Indy starts.

"I no longer have to worry about whether our bills are being paid, which I had to do with other teams because the team manager and myself really had no control over the ownership," he said. "We'd go to races and we'd have the same motor in the car that we

had before and we didn't have a new motor to put in. "And all of a sudden you're trying to put 600 or 700 miles on a race motor and that won't happen. We were falling out of races in '91 because of that."

This isn't the first time Goodyear is starting close to Andretti, who had Thursday's fastest lap in practice. Andretti was caught at 227.118 mph in the final hour of the session — the quickest since the speedway opened May 8. Goodyear also had his fast lap of the month at 225.378, which was the day's second fastest.

"The weather definitely played a role," Andretti said. "We just worked and worked and worked because today was a good day to do a lot of detail work because it was the first day with zero wind. I felt that for my type of driving, today was very useful."

"We worked for a balance. ... Now the trick is to put that setup on the race car."

Jim Crawford had the quickest lap of any driver hoping to join the starting field when time trials conclude Saturday and Sunday. Crawford reached 221.212, and rookie Robby Gordon posted a lap at 221.136. Geoff Brabham was next on the list of drivers who haven't qualified, with a speed of 220.626.

Goodyear has already learned what it's like to start a race close to Andretti this year. At Phoenix, the 1969 Indy champion was right next to the Canadian for the start and went on to win the race.

"When I was on the pole and I was on the side of him at Phoenix, I thought there were better places to start a race than beside Mario," said Goodyear, noting Andretti's reputation for quick starts. "Those guys will have that to contend with in the first turn. Mario is difficult to get past no matter where he is."

Goodyear is trying to be ready for whatever happens.

Ferguson listed as 40-lunderdog against Bowe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jesse Ferguson wouldn't mind getting some action on himself as a 40-1 underdog in his challenge to heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe.

"I don't know how people feel, but I feel I can win it," the 36-year-old Ferguson said Thursday.

"If he bets on himself, he'll go home broke," Bowe said.

Ferguson will get \$500,000 for challenging Bowe on Saturday night at RFK Stadium. He got the

shot by upsetting Ray Mercer for just his second victory in six fights.

"When I feel I can take him out, I'll take him out," the unbeaten 25-year-old champion said.

Then, as if to temper his apparent cockiness, Bowe said, "By no means I am taking Jesse lightly. This is Jesse's last chance."

"Jesse Ferguson might come out fighting. You know I'm not going anywhere. It could be a barn-burner." "I'm in the best shape of my

life," said Ferguson, whose career record is 19-9 with 13 knockouts. "I don't want people to come out and see another Michael Dokes fight. That's why I've worked so hard."

In Bowe's first defense, he knocked out a flabby Dokes in the first round Feb. 6 at Madison Square Garden.

While Ferguson says he won't play the role of Dokes for Bowe, the champion says he won't be playing Mercer for the challenger.

Glo-Valve continues winning ways

Glo-Valve Service continued its winning ways by outslugging Cabot Corporation, 10-7, to hold onto first place in the Optimist Major Bambino National League Thursday.

The winners, who had 10 hits in the contest, started in a hurry in the top of the first inning as Amos Valmores singled on the first pitch and Leo Ramirez tripled on the second pitch. Ramirez later scored on a passed ball. Cabot got both runs back in the bottom of the first on a triple by Jeremy Hall, a sacrifice fly by Casey Owens, a single by Josh Franklin and an RBI double by Jeremy Buck.

Cabot edged ahead in the bottom of the second when Shawn Stone walked and later scored on a passed ball. Glo-Valve

regained the lead in the third inning when Valmores walked and scored on a double by Heath Cowan, who scored on an error.

Valmores led off the Glo-Valve fifth inning with a double. Ramirez followed with his second triple and Cowan lined a home run over the left field fence. Cabot scored once in the bottom of the fifth on three walks and an error.

Glo-Valve padded its lead in the sixth. Roy Don DeVoll led off with a walk. Brian Doss was hit by a pitch. Valmores doubled home DeVoll. Doss came in on an infield out by Ramirez. Valmores scored on a single by Cowan.

Cabot threatened in the bottom of the sixth, scoring three times on four walks and a double by Franklin.

However, Cody Shepard, who had two hits for Glo-Valve, stranded three Cabot runners by striking out the last hitter.

Shane Flynn, Valmores and Shepard pitched two innings each for Glo-Valve with Valmores credited with his second win of the season. Owens, Colby Street and Franklin pitched for Cabot with Owens suffering his second loss of the year.

In Major Bambino American League play, Rotary Club plays Dean's Pharmacy at 6 p.m. today. Dyer's Barbeque takes on Duncan Insurance in the 8 p.m. game.

In the 9-10 year-old league Thursday, Mean Mother Motor Company and Celanese battled to a 6-6 tie.

Mr. Gattis defeated Malcolm Hinkle, 9-8, in a girls' 10-12 softball contest.



(Staff photo by Danny Cowan)

Pinky Campos of Mr. Gattis makes it safely home after the catcher drops the ball in girls' softball action Thursday at Optimist Park.

Pena's big hit lifts Cardinals by Cubs

By R.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — While Geronimo Pena is batting .421 right-handed and .158 left-handed, the St. Louis Cardinals haven't quite given up on him as a switch hitter.

Pena was batting left-handed Thursday night when he came up with the big hit, a three-run double, in a 6-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

"It's too early to bag that," St. Louis manager Joe Torre said. "He hit well early in the year and he hit well last year. I think he's still worth working with as a switch hitter."

Pena thinks so, too, even though he entered the game with two RBIs and 20 strikeouts in 76 at-bats from the left side. He doubled just inside the first-base bag on a 3-2 pitch from Jose Guzman (4-4) to cap the Cardinals' four-run third.

"That was really the ballgame there," Guzman said. "I can't say it was a bad pitch, because that's where I wanted to pitch it. It was good for him, but bad for me."

"That was a relief," Pena said. "I have to be better than that. I don't want to be like that all year."

Bob Tewksbury won his fourth consecutive decision for St. Louis and extended his hitting streak to five games with a single in three at-bats. Tewksbury, baseball's best control pitcher, struck out three and walked none in seven innings and has walked only two batters in 55 1-3 innings this season.

"If I have to walk somebody, I'll walk them, but I'm not going to try to give anybody a free pass when it's not appropriate," Tewksbury said. "They know I'm going to be around the plate and I don't get deep in the count."

Tewksbury (4-3) was working on a two-hitter and had a 5-0 lead until the sixth, when Dwight Smith hit his fifth home run. Steve Buechele hit a two-run drive in the seventh, ending a 5-for-40 slump, his fourth home run this season, but Tewksbury retired Smith with runners on second

and third for the final out in the seventh.

"As far as I'm concerned, that was the ballgame," Tewksbury said.

Cardinals left fielder Bernard Gilkey got the Cubs started in the seventh when he dropped Ryne Sandberg's routine fly ball with a one-handed effort. Six batters later, Gilkey he used two hands when Smith flied out, ending the inning.

"To err is human," Gilkey said. "No one in the ballpark felt worse than I did."

Lee Smith pitched the ninth for his 12th save, but only his second this month. Smith has appeared in only four games in May.

Ray Lankford added a run-scoring single in the third, and Erik Pappas drove in a run in the second. Mark Whiten added a run-scoring groundout in the seventh as the Cardinals emerged from an offensive funk. They scored a total of five runs in their previous four games, losing three, and had scored only 12 runs in their previous six games.

Guzman lasted 4 2-3 innings and gave up five runs and eight hits. He's 3-1 with a 3.83 ERA in Wrigley Field and 0-3 with a 6.00 ERA on the road.

"I've had struggles at home too, a little," Guzman said. "I just have to try and get it together."

Notes: The Cardinals' Gregg Jefferies, who entered the game with only eight strikeouts in 149 plate appearances, fanned three times against Guzman. ... Lee Smith, who already owns the major-league career saves record, tied Todd Worrell (129) for the Cardinals' team mark. ... Ozzie Smith has three triples, one more than all of last season. ... The Cubs have won the first two games of their last three series, but failed to sweep any of them. Chicago hasn't swept the Cardinals at Busch Stadium since June 10-12, 1988. ... Cubs reliever Chuck McElroy left in the seventh with a bruised shoulder after being hit by Lankford's splintered bat. ... Sammy Sosa is in a 1-for-16 slump.

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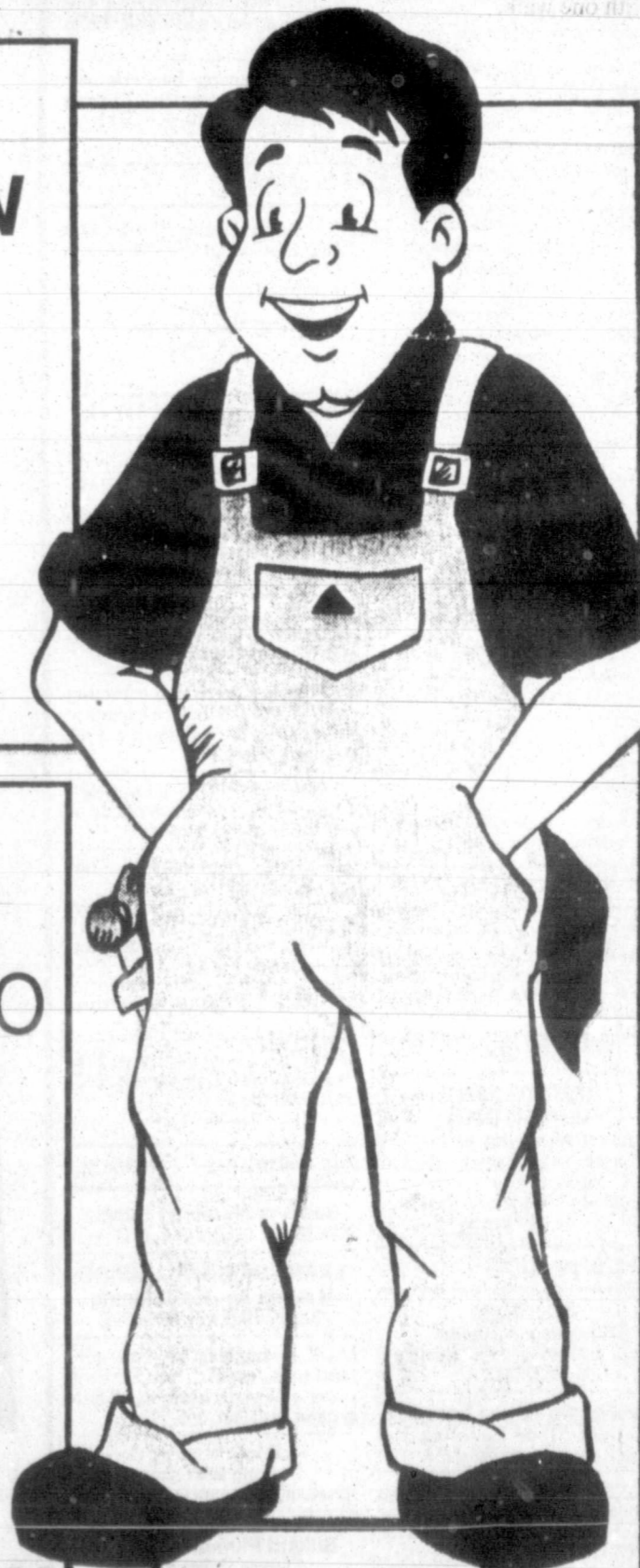
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| First Round (Best-of-5) | (Best-of-7) |
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| Thursday, April 29 | Sunday, May 9 |
| Cleveland 114, New Jersey 98 | New York 111, Charlotte 95 |
| Boston 112, Charlotte 101 | Monday, May 10 |
| Houston 117, LA Clippers 94 | Seattle 99, Houston 90 |
| San Antonio 87, Portland 86 | Tuesday, May 11 |
| Friday, April 30 | Chicago 91, Cleveland 84 |
| New York 107, Indiana 104 | Phoenix 98, San Antonio 89 |
| Chicago 114, Atlanta 90 | Wednesday, May 12 |
| Seattle 99, Utah 85 | New York 105, Charlotte 101, OT |
| LA Lakers 107, Phoenix 103 | Seattle 111, Houston 100 |
| Saturday, May 1 | Thursday, May 13 |
| Charlotte 99, Boston 98, 2OT | Chicago 104, Cleveland 85 |
| Portland 105, San Antonio 96 | Phoenix 109, San Antonio 103 |
| New Jersey 101, Cleveland 99 | Friday, May 14 |
| LA Clippers 95, Houston 83 | Charlotte 110, New York 106, 2OT |
| Sunday, May 2 | Saturday, May 15 |
| New York 101, Indiana 91 | San Antonio 111, Phoenix 96 |
| LA Lakers 86, Phoenix 81 | Chicago 96, Cleveland 90 |
| Chicago 117, Atlanta 102 | Houston 97, Seattle 79 |
| Utah 89, Seattle 85 | Sunday, May 16 |
| Monday, May 3 | New York 94, Charlotte 92 |
| Charlotte 119, Boston 89 | San Antonio 117, Phoenix 103 |
| Houston 111, LA Clippers 99 | Houston 103, Seattle 92 |
| Tuesday, May 4 | Monday, May 17 |
| Chicago 98, Atlanta 88, Chicago wins series 3-0 | Chicago 103, Cleveland 101, Chicago wins series 4-0 |
| Indiana 116, New York 93 | Tuesday, May 18 |
| Utah 90, Seattle 80 | New York 105, Charlotte 101, New York wins series 4-1 |
| Phoenix 107, LA Lakers 102 | Seattle 120, Houston 95, Seattle leads series 3-2 |
| Wednesday, May 5 | Phoenix 109, San Antonio 97 |
| Charlotte 104, Boston 103, Charlotte wins series 3-1 | Thursday, May 20 |
| San Antonio 107, Portland 101 | Phoenix 102, San Antonio 100, Phoenix wins series 4-2 |
| Cleveland 93, New Jersey 84 | Houston 103, Seattle 90, series tied 3-3 |
| LA Clippers 93, Houston 90 | Saturday, May 22 |
| Thursday, May 6 | Houston at Seattle, 3:30 p.m. |
| New York 109, Indiana 100, OT, New York wins series 3-1 | Conference Finals |
| Seattle 93, Utah 80 | Sunday, May 23 |
| Phoenix 101, LA Lakers 86 | Chicago at New York, 3:30 p.m. |
| Friday, May 7 | Tuesday, May 25 or Wednesday, May 26 |
| New Jersey 96, Cleveland 79 | Chicago at New York, 8 p.m. |
| San Antonio 100, Portland 97, OT, San Antonio wins series 3-1 | Saturday, May 29 |
| Saturday, May 8 | New York at Chicago, 3:30 p.m. |
| Houston 84, LA Clippers 80, Houston wins series 3-2 | Monday, May 31 |
| Seattle 100, Utah 92, Seattle wins series 3-2 | New York at Chicago, 3:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, May 9 | Wednesday, June 2 |
| Cleveland 99, New Jersey 89, Cleveland wins series 3-2 | Chicago at New York, 9 p.m., if necessary |
| Phoenix 112, LA Lakers 104, OT, Phoenix wins series 3-2 | Friday, June 4 |
| Conference Semifinals | New York at Chicago, 9 p.m., if necessary |
| | Sunday, June 6 |
| | Chicago at New York, 7 p.m., if necessary |

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CAL FARLEY'S FAMILY PROGRAM is a home for young children. In the immediate future, we will be building new homes for these children. At present, we are seeking a person to work as child care worker during the night time hours. A high school education is required. If interested, please let me know by mail.
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68 Antiques

ANTIQUES & MORE
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69 Miscellaneous

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When you have tried everywhere and can't find it, come see me, I probably got it! H. C. Eubanks Tool Rental, 1320 S. Barnes, phone 665-3213.

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5 horsepower Rototiller, like new, 3 gear speed, forward, neutral and reverse. Craftmans radial arm saw used very little and 4 drawer work table \$260. Call 665-4847 after 5 p.m.

ESTATE and 3 family garage sale: 1310 Williston. Friday and Saturday. No Thursdays.

EVERYTHING Sale: 815 N. Frost Saturday, Sunday.

GARAGE Sale Saturday 8-2, 2700 Comanche.

GARAGE Sale: 1040 Cinderella, Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Numerous items!

GARAGE Sale: 1400 N. Zimmers. Dishes, bedding, boys clothing, toys, miscellaneous. Friday, Saturday 8-7

BAHAMA Cruise. 5 days/4 nights. Underbooked! Must sell! \$279/couple. Limited tickets. 407-767-8100 extension 4249 Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

69 Miscellaneous

JOHN Deere 165 Hydrostat riding lawnmower, 38 inch deck with bagger and cart. 665-2923. \$1500.

69a Garage Sales

3 Family Garage Sale: 2545 Mary Ellen. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

3 Family Yard Sale: Infant to toddler clothes, junior to large women's clothes, microwave, maternity clothes, books, household goods, stove. Saturday May 22, 9 a.m.-7 1125 Crane Rd.

4 Family Garage Sale 1040 Siroco, 8-4 Saturday only.

BIG Sale at Call's this weekend, 618 W. Francis.

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DON'T Be sad because you didn't come to THE GARAGE SALE!! Couches, loveseat, waterbed, big screen TV, tires, golf attire and bag. Jewelry, clothes, buckets for gardens. Can't list all, But don't miss out. Nothing from last year's sale. Travel North on Perryton Hwy turn right on Loop 171-turn left on blacktop-winding road 3/4 miles-White house with white fence all around. We will have signs. 8 a.m. - 7. Come shop til you drop. Anything you could want.

GARAGE Sale: 820 N. Wells, Saturday and Sunday, 9-5.

GARAGE Sale: 9-7 Saturday only. 2416 Evergreen. No early birds!!

GARAGE Sale: Baby clothes, infant to toddler, cradle, travel bed, car seats, youth bed, miscellaneous. 1201 Kiowa, Saturday 8:30-1 p.m.

GARAGE Sale: Boys clothes 0-4, toys. 2213 Chestnut, Saturday 9 a.m. - 7.

GARAGE Sale: Cookware and more 1115 E. Harvester Saturday 8:00 a.m. Country Place East Apartment.

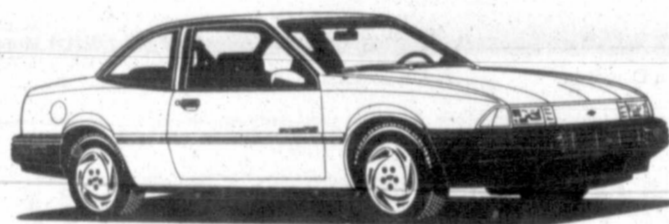
GARAGE Sale: Friday, Saturday, 1542 Williston. Children clothes, quilts, much more.

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SALE: 604 Lefors. Lots of things to choose from. Saturday only 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

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The Amarillo Democrat told a House Natural Resources subcommittee Thursday that debate over the program's merits is being unfairly clouded by the debt.

Citizens Against Government Waste, the National Taxpayers Union and others frequently cite the helium program as an example of a

government program that long ago outlived its usefulness.

The program dates back to World War I, when the military required an assured supply of helium for its blimps and there was no private production. Nowadays, private producers account for 90 percent of domestic production of the natural gas derivative.

The government still uses helium in the space shuttle program and a variety of other research projects, including anti-missile weaponry.

"It's one of the few projects we have that makes money for the taxpayers," Sarpalus said of the program, which is centered mostly in Amarillo.

"It's a good operation. The only problem is the interest that we have on that note right now and that's what we are trying to correct."

The Interior Department's Bureau of Mines, which manages the helium program, owes the U.S. Treasury an estimated \$1.3 billion. That's the interest and principal on a \$252 million loan obtained in the 1960s to buy helium to stockpile in an underground dome northwest of Amarillo. All parties also agree that the helium program won't be able to repay the debt, which increases by \$100 million a year at a time when the program is paying \$10 million at most back to the Treasury.

Officials from the Bureau of Mines, the Interior Department inspector general's office and the General Accounting Office testified Thursday in favor of the debt cancellation, saying it would have no effect on the deficit or on government spending.

"The government owes itself interest," said James Duffus III, director of the GAO division that has examined the helium program. "It's taking money out of one pocket and putting it in another pocket."

The GAO, which is the investigative arm of Congress, recommended in October 1992 that inter-

est on the debt, which is about \$1 billion, be forgiven. Sarpalus introduced legislation Wednesday that would do just that, making the Bureau of Mines responsible only for the \$252 million principal.

While Sarpalus made the case that the helium program isn't costing taxpayers any money — and in fact is returning anywhere from \$7 million to \$10 million a year in surplus revenue to the Treasury, others disagreed.

If the 32 billion cubic feet of helium in the reserve were sold at market prices, its approximately \$1 billion return could be used to help reduce the deficit, said Rep. Craig Thomas.

"The basic issue is: Is there a need for this government program?" asked Thomas, R-Wyo. "I am critical of this kind of an operation which just seems to go on when things change."

A fellow House Republican also attacked the program.

"The National Helium Reserve is a federal program whose time has come and gone," said Rep. Chris Cox, R-Calif., who has intro-

duced legislation to kill the program.

"It is the worst kind of governmental anachronism: a program without a clearly identifiable mission, a program that private industry could do more effectively, a program that is \$1.4 billion in debt," Cox said.

Witnesses at the hearing urged Congress to reexamine the entire structure of the helium program, something lawmakers haven't done since 1960.

Asked by subcommittee chairman Rep. Richard Lehman, D-Calif., whether the GAO would recommend termination of the helium program, Duffus said: "We believe Congress should decide which way to go on that issue."

Selling off the helium reserve at once would "devastate" the private helium market, said Carl Johnson, chairman of the Helium Advisory Council. "If the reserves are sold, extraction of helium from natural gas currently being produced will cease, and further investment in helium recovery will not happen," Johnson testified.

Clinton takes populist tack in energy tax fight

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and his Democratic allies are skewering an effort by a Senate faction to reshape his deficit-reduction plan as a move that would take from the poor and give to the rich.

Four senators from both parties proposed an alternative budget-cutting package Thursday that would kill Clinton's energy tax, ease his levies on the rich and make extra cuts in Social Security, Medicare and other benefit programs.

That was a formula Clinton attacked with the same populist theme he employed last year during his White House contest against President Bush.

"When you strip all the rhetoric away, there's \$40 billion worth of burdens on people just above the poverty line, and \$40 billion less on those of us like me who can afford to do a little more for our country," Clinton said.

Though it seemed to have almost no chance of passage, the senators' measure represented the latest complication hindering Clinton's fight to get a skittish Congress to accept his \$500 billion deficit-reduction plan.

The plan was unveiled by energy-producing state Sens. David Boren, D-Okla., and Bennett Johnston, D-La., and Sens. John Danforth, R-Mo., and William Cohen, R-Maine.

The senators said their measure would satisfy Americans' appetites for deeper spending cuts and fewer tax increases than the president wants, and eliminate an energy levy that would hurt businesses and the middle class.

"The authors of this package have tried to be very careful to ensure that it protects the economic interest of lower- and middle-income Americans," Boren said.

Whatever the arguments, the senators' package added to the unease of House and Senate members nervously preparing to vote on Clinton's deficit-reduction medicine.

The \$72 billion energy tax is a

Koresh aide killed boss, then shot self

HOUSTON (AP) — Forensic experts suspect David Koresh's chief lieutenant shot him in the head with a rifle as the compound near Waco went up in flames, then put the muzzle under his chin and killed himself, a newspaper reported.

The *Houston Chronicle* said Thursday it was unclear to the experts whether Steven Emil Schneider killed Koresh at the cult leader's behest.

The *Chronicle*, citing unidentified sources, said pathologists believe that as the fire started, Schneider sat in the communications room with Koresh, leveled a rifle at the center of Koresh's forehead and pulled the trigger.

Then, Schneider, a 48-year-old former professor of religion, killed himself, a source said.

Officials in the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's did not return calls Thursday to comment on the theory. Medical Examiner Dr. Nizam Peerwani is in charge of the examination of the remains of those who died in the compound.

The exact number of those killed in the compound is unclear, but investigators last week said they believe 78 died.

Investigators are trying to determine whether the 11 bodies bearing apparent gunshot wounds were suicides, murders or a combination of the two.

major part of the \$340 billion collection of tax increases and spending slashes the House planned to vote on next Thursday. It would be levied on the heat content of fuels.

Many House members fear that if the Boren-Danforth plan gains support, it may force the administration to agree to drop or weaken the energy levy. That would leave representatives who voted for the original version vulnerable to political attack for supporting an unpopular new tax.

"Nothing would please me more than to see the energy tax gone," said Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, a conservative who has been trying to add extra spending slashes to Clinton's plan.

Amid the uncertainty, lawmakers and aides conceded that next Thurs-

day's vote would be postponed if support was weak.

To avoid that, House leaders and Stenholm were trying to end an impasse that has led conservatives to threaten to oppose Clinton's bill unless spending caps are clamped on the government's big-ticket benefit programs. Both sides said the talks were going well.

In an effort to keep the maverick senators' plan from gaining momentum, top administration and congressional figures paraded to microphones all day to denounce it.

"If the choice in the Senate is going to be whether you add additional cuts in Social Security benefits to 22 million elderly in this country vs. whether you do a balanced (energy) ... tax across this country, I think the decision's going

to be very clear," White House budget chief Leon Panetta said.

Besides killing the energy tax, the senators' alternative would eliminate Clinton's plan to impose the Medicare tax on all of the wages of the richest Americans; delay for six months the higher taxes Clinton wants to impose on corporations and well-to-do people; and ease the yearly increases in the capital gains tax caused by inflation.

They would compensate by slowing increases for Medicare and dozens of other programs providing Americans with assistance. They would limit the annual cost-of-living boosts that go to the best-off Social Security recipients and federal retirees. They also would scuttle much of Clinton's plan to give income-tax credits to the poor.

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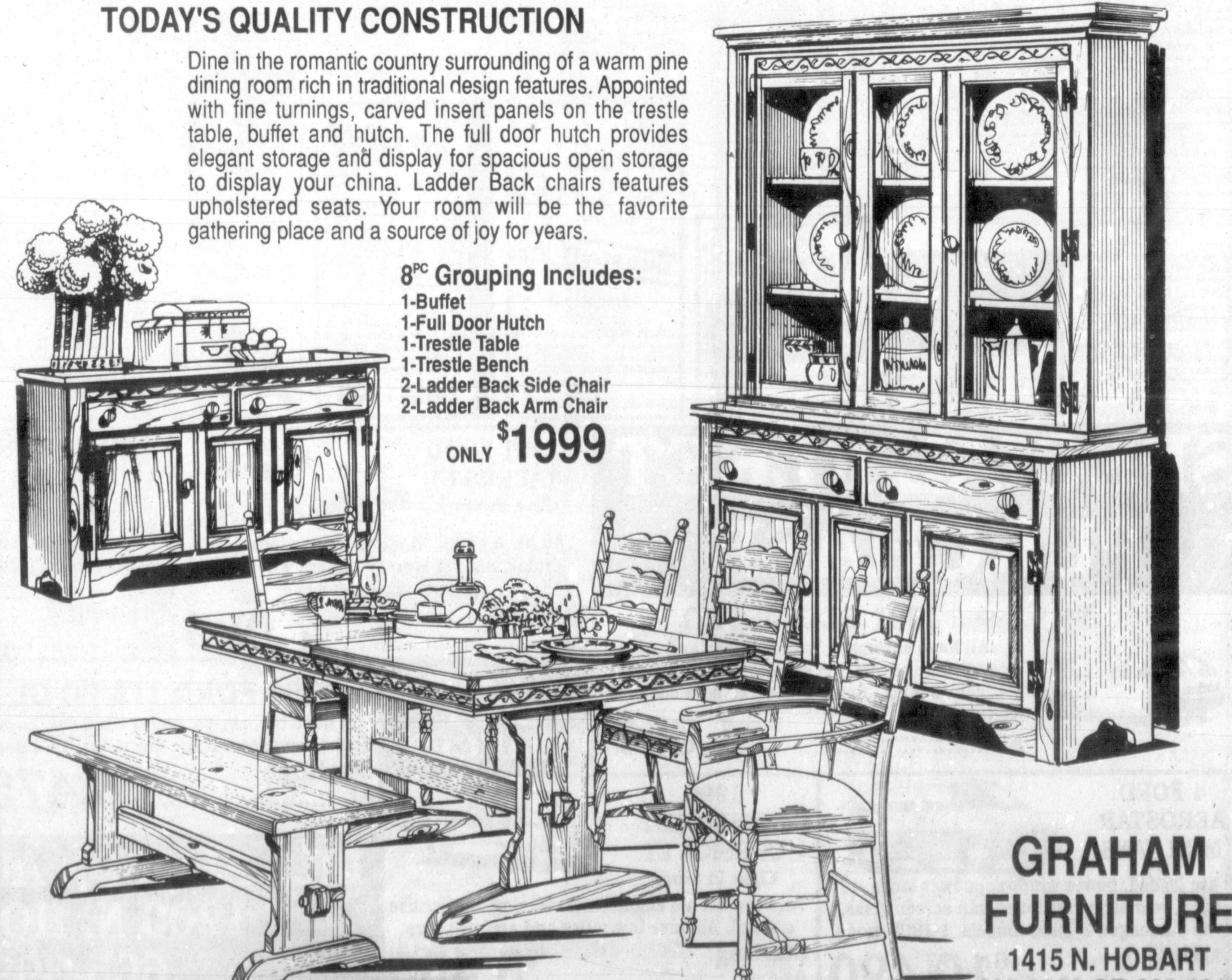
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