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WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's version of President Clinton's health reform bill got a cool reception from Republicans in its first outing before a Senate committee — the one he chairs.

Republicans on the Labor and Human Resources Committee ridiculed Kennedy's bill as warmed-over Clinton. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who could be a swing vote on health care, called it "a pasteurized version of Clinton's blueprint for socialized medicine — California style."

"The substitute still includes the same heavy mandates, extensive government controls and the high price tag that have already turned the American people away from the Clinton bill," Hatch said.

Kennedy made some major concessions in trying to put together a Clinton-type plan that could win committee approval. He dropped the requirement that health insurance be purchased from "mandatory alliances" — big regional buying clubs; eased the burden on the smallest businesses and added some benefits that committee members have demanded.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Natural disasters are more than twice as likely to inflict a heavy death toll now as they were 30 years ago — and more than four times as likely to cause catastrophic economic harm, a U.N. study suggests.

The major reason is probably an exploding world population and the increasing tendency of people to settle in disaster-prone places, such as flood plains. But environmental degradation may also play a role, U.N. officials said.

It's also possible that the increase has been exaggerated by improvements in global communications — that recent disasters have simply been better documented.

The author of the study, Charles Kerpelman, conceded that might be the case. Still, he said in a telephone interview Wednesday, "You can't avoid the conclusion that the number of serious disasters is increasing."

WASHINGTON (AP) — A taxpayer's odds of getting audited by the Internal Revenue Service are shrinking even as the total of uncollected taxes continues to swell, a congressional report says.

Between 1981 and 1992, the chances of getting audited fell from one in 56 to one in 110 for individuals and from one in 20 to one in 33 for corporations, the General Accounting Office said.

Even those numbers may be misleadingly optimistic, the watchdog agency said, because "IRS classifies certain taxpayer contacts as audits when in fact taxpayers' books and records were not examined."

Over the same 1981 to 1992 period, the annual estimate of uncollected taxes mushroomed 67 percent. It went from \$76 billion to \$127 billion — an amount that could have sharply reduced the record \$290 billion deficit in 1992.

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A police task force is scheduled to review a list of some 50,000 potential suspects in a string of killings along interstate highways.

A serial killer who killed two women at a Wichita bridal shop in 1992 apparently has struck again in Texas, and a three-state task force will begin meeting again next week to pore over a list of potential suspects, investigators said Wednesday.

Wichita police were sending a detective to the task force meeting in Jefferson City, Mo., on Monday to try to determine how many slayings attributable to the so-called I-70 killer have occurred since he murdered six people in April and May 1992, said Capt. Ron West.

Because the killer is believed to have murdered three people in stores near I-35, he is now being referred to as the I-70/I-35 killer.

Interest in the case was rekindled recently, West said, when investigators in Texas concluded that the same killer shot a woman to death in an Arlington dancewear shop on Nov. 1.

HOUSTON (AP) — A 66-year-old music instructor has been forced to give up his prized \$12,000 piano and post a sign on his front door warning children to stay away as part of his sentence for child molesting.

George R. Marrs, 66, pleaded no contest Wednesday to charges he fondled two children, ages 9 and 10, who came to him for piano lessons.

State District Judge Ted Poe sentenced Marrs to 30 days in jail, 20 years of deferred adjudication and 20 hours of community service a week for an unspecified amount of time.

Official says reactor fuel rod withdrawal under way

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.N. atomic energy inspectors reported that North Korea has begun removing used fuel rods from a small nuclear reactor suspected of supplying plutonium for a nuclear arms program, a U.S. official said today.

"They've started the process," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

North Korea last weekend stated publicly that it was going ahead with the reactor defueling process even though no agree-

ment had been worked out with the International Atomic Energy Agency to have IAEA inspectors present at the reactor.

President Clinton today declined to confirm that the removal of fuel rods was under way, noting that IAEA inspectors had visited the reactor site this week.

"I got a report this morning," Clinton said. "They are proceeding with their inspections and they should be in a position to give us a report imminently — in the near future."

The defueling is a normal event after a nuclear reactor has

been operating for a lengthy period. The international concern over this stems from the fact that North Korea has balked at allowing the IAEA to verify that the used fuel rods — which contain small amounts of plutonium — are not diverted to a weapons program.

The IAEA wants to monitor the defueling and to have its inspectors take samples from some rods in order to learn more about the disputed history of the experimental reactor.

North Korea contends its nuclear program is strictly for non-military purposes.

The CIA has said there is a better-than-even chance that fuel rods removed several years ago from the reactor provided enough plutonium to build one or two nuclear weapons.

Until today there had been no confirmation that the defueling was under way. The Washington Post reported in today's editions that North Korea's engineers are still at the early stage in the process of removing all the reactor's fuel rods.

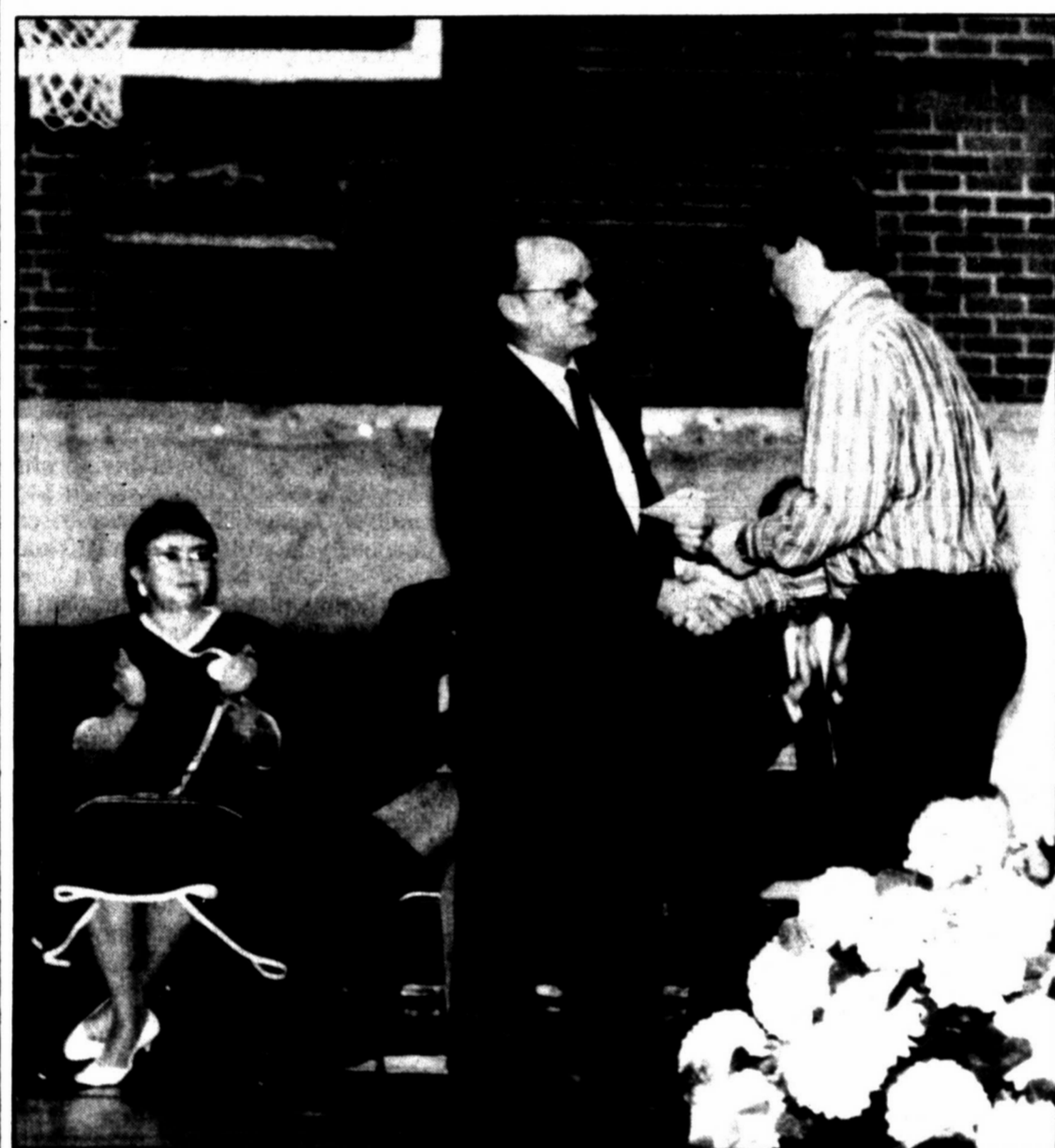
Confirmation that the fuel rod removal had begun was relayed by atomic energy inspectors who visited the 25-megawatt

reactor on Wednesday, the U.S. official said.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said in a television interview today that it was too early to judge whether North Korea was diverting the withdrawn reactor fuel to a nuclear weapons program.

The fuel rods contain small amounts of plutonium, which is a key ingredient in nuclear warheads. It was unclear today whether the IAEA had any indication that North Korea has diverted the fuel rods it had withdrawn.

PHS awards ceremony



Tracy Peet, right, a senior at Pampa High School, receives a \$1,000 scholarship award from Lewis Meers, a Pampa CPA, at this morning's awards assembly in the McNeely Fieldhouse at Pampa High School. Scores of students were recognized for their academic and vocational achievement during the past year. The list of award winners and other honors will be in Friday's edition of *The Pampa News*. Pampa High School's graduation is scheduled for 8 p.m. May 26 at the high school. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

PHS alum, scientist to address banquet

When the cream of Pampa High School's graduating crop is recognized for their academic achievement tonight at the annual Honor Banquet, they will be in the company of an award-winning scientist, patent holder and former Harvester.

Dr. R. Malcolm Brown Jr., a graduate of the 1957 class of Pampa High School, will be the featured speaker of the banquet tonight at the Pampa Country Club.

Brown is an authority in the biology of plants and currently holds the Johnson & Johnson Centennial Chair in Plant Cell Biology at the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his bachelor's and doctoral degrees.

Earlier this year, Brown and one of his theories was featured in a *Wall Street Journal* article. It concerned Brown's idea that bacterial cellulose, a distant relative of paper and wood, can be fashioned into dozens of products ranging from paper to strong sheets of plywood to low-calorie food products.

Brown is the recipient of the Darbaker Prize in Phycology, the Lamb Award, the Anselme Payen Award and the Teaching Excellence Award for the College of Natural Sciences at UT-Austin.

In addition, he is the owner or co-owner of seven United States patents and 20 foreign patents.

The students being honored include Pampa High School's best academics, the top 10 percent of the graduating class.

Leading that group of soon-to-be-graduates is Joyce Osborne, a National Merit Scholarship winner and a finalist in the Presidential Scholarship competition. She is graduating from Pampa High School with a 4.1762 grade point average.

This year's salutatorian is Julian Chen, a member of the Pampa High School tennis team and a member of the school's Science Bowl and math, number sense and science teams which qualified for regional UIL competition. He is graduating with a 3.9901 grade point average.

Other honorees at the banquet include Angela Rodriguez, Elasha Hanks, Teryn Scoggin, Cory Davis, Marina Ramirez, Rachel Beck, Jennifer Paulson, Kimberly Martin, Kyle Sparkman, Tim McCavit, Tyler Kendall, Lanny Schale, Maria Silva, Lara Adams, Brad Baldrige, Emily Brooks and Kelley Ford.

Graduation for Pampa High School will be at 8 p.m. on May 26 in the McNeely Fieldhouse.



Dr. Brown

Sales tax receipts on target for May

Collection up for fiscal year

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Pampa's monthly sales tax receipts for May were right on target as more than \$200,000 was collected, less than one percent under the city's budget estimation.

"We were real close this month to what we had budgeted," said John Horst, Pampa's director of finance. "It was under budget by \$3,244, which is 0.131 percent (less than expected), so we're still on track."

In the eight months of this fiscal year, Pampa has collected 6.59 percent more in sales tax money than last year and is presently \$71,287.97 over budget.

Merchants collect the state's 6.25 cent sales tax and the local sales tax of two cents and send it to the state comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state retains its share and returns to cities, counties and other taxing entities their portion of the sales tax.

This month's sales tax rebates include taxes collected on March sales and reported to the comptroller in April by businesses filing monthly, quarterly or annually depending on the amount of sales tax they collect.

As for other cities in Gray County, Lefors reported a drastic increase in sales tax receipts as it received a check for \$1,435,28, 134.8 percent more than it did last May.

McLean, however, reported a decrease of more than 10 percent in sales tax money from March.

On the whole, Gray County totals for May 1994 increased 0.06 percent as compared to the same period last year and are up more than 4.5 percent for the year to date as compared to the same point of time last year.

In Carson County, May's totals for the four cities that report sales taxes to the state — Groom, Panhandle, Skellytown and White Deer — increased 10.42 percent as compared to last May.

For the year-to-date sales tax totals, however, only one of the four cities, Panhandle, reported an increase. On the whole, Carson County has received 1.32 percent less this year as compared to the same point last year.

In Hemphill County, in which Canadian is the only city that reports sales tax totals to the state, May's sales tax total increased 1.55 percent as compared to last year while its year-to-date total decreased 2.52 percent as compared to 1993.

Roberts County, in which Miami is the only city to report sales taxes to the state, reported an increase of 24.15 percent as compared to May 1993 and 6.51 percent for the year to date.

In Wheeler County, the city of Mobeetie reported a huge increase of 443.07 percent in sales taxes collected in March and reported to the state in April. This month, it reported receiving a check for \$2,235.25 from the comptroller's office, more than \$1,800 than in May 1993.

Of the two other cities in Wheeler County that report sales tax receipts to the state, Shamrock reported an increase of 5.12 percent while Wheeler reported a decrease of 6.3 percent this month as compared to May 1993.

Sarpalius co-sponsors deficit reduction bill

By JEFF CARRUTH
Staff Writer

After withdrawing support for an earlier bill that would have shortened the process of cutting the federal budget, Congressman Bill Sarpalius (D-Amarillo) has signed on as an original co-sponsor of another bill aimed at creating a budget cutting mechanism.

"This bill is an alternative to the so-called 'A to Z bill,'" Sarpalius said of the Anti-Hypocrisy Deficit Reduction Act of 1994.

According to Sarpalius, the Anti-Hypocrisy bill offers the same time to consider a proposed cut, 56 hours, like the "A to Z" bill, but lengthens the time of notice of a proposed spending cut to one week.

The new proposal also requires that any proposed cut affect projects in the district of the member who sponsored the cut.

"This is the reason for titling the bill the Anti-Hypocrisy bill. All members of Congress want to cut spending, but not when those projects are in their own backyard," he said.

Sarpalius said he has supported cuts affecting the 13th District such as the streamlining of the federal helium program and overall cuts in the federal workforce.

"Deficit reduction must be done carefully. We didn't get into this mess overnight, and we will not get out of it overnight. ... I support a sensible approach to deficit reduction, and the 'A to Z' bill was not it," Sarpalius said.

The proposed "A to Z" bill allows for the consideration of a spending cut bill of 1 to 100 pages in length. Such measures would go to the House floor, instead of through a committee, and would receive one hour of debate before a vote.

Formerly a co-sponsor, Sarpalius withdrew his support of the "A to Z" bill earlier this month saying he feared federal spending in the 13th District on programs such as Pantex and Lake Meredith desalinization could be jeopardized.

Sarpalius said the responsible way to make cuts is through the committees that have jurisdiction over spending for various federal programs.

Sarpalius was criticized for his decision on the "A to Z" bill by his Republican opponent Mac Thornberry. He said Sarpalius gave in to House leadership and had not taken the opportunity to cut spending.

Sarpalius said he had been at the forefront of budget cutting efforts, citing a 40 percent reduction in the deficit in the 1994 and 1995 budgets.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ADAIR, Mary E. — Vigil service, 7 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Amarillo.

Obituaries

MARY E. ADAIR

AMARILLO — Mary E. Adair, 64, a former resident of Pampa, died Wednesday, May 18, 1994. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Amarillo with the Rev. Phil Lindly, pastor, officiating. Funeral mass will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa, with Rev. Lindley and the Rev. Phu Phan, associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Adair was born on Nov. 8, 1929 in Amarillo. She was raised in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School before leaving and returning to live here from 1969 to 1980, when she moved to Amarillo. She was a registered nurse at Worley Hospital and Highland General Hospital in Pampa and St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She was a former director of nursing at the Pampa Nursing Center. She retired from nursing in 1993. She was a veteran of the U.S. Army Nursing Corps during the Korean Conflict. She was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Amarillo and was a former member of the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa. She was a Red Cross volunteer for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Adair and Mark P. Adair, both of Fort Worth; two daughters, Teresa Meischen of Amarillo and Lisa Butts of Waco; a brother, Warren Kretzmeier of Frith; two sisters, Roberta Schwind of Borger and Margaret Hartman of Southgate, Ky.; and 11 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, Women's Breast Screening Clinic.

LILLIAN CALDWELL

Lillian Caldwell, 91, a longtime resident of Pampa, died Wednesday, May 18, 1994, in Birmingham, Ala. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. George Warren, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Caldwell was born on July 11, 1902 in Clay County. She married David "Shorty" Caldwell Sr. on July 19, 1923 at Henrietta. He preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 1979. She moved to Merten Lease in Gray County in 1926 from Corsicana and then to Pampa in 1942. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Gleaners Sunday School Class.

Survivors include two sons, David Caldwell Jr. of Pampa and Edmond Ray Caldwell of Tucson, Ariz.; two daughters, Dorace Guin of Birmingham, Ala., and Juanita James of Plainview; a sister, Sylvia Rush of Waurika, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

EDNA MAE COOK

AMARILLO — Edna Mae Cook, 74, the mother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, May 17, 1994. Services were to be at 3 p.m. today in the Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Clarence Jones of the Sanborn Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Cook was born in Abernathy and came to Amarillo in 1937. She married Phillip M. Cook in Littlefield in 1936. She preceded her in death in 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of the Sanborn Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne Cook and Donald Cook, both of Amarillo; two daughters, Glenda Shelly of Amarillo and Phyllis Beckham of Pampa; three brothers, Homer Lawson Peel of Amherst, Jack Peel of Littlefield and Joe Peel of Davison, Mich.; three sisters, Lula Gainer of Lubbock, Billie Ruth Dixon of Guymon, Okla., and Minnie Johnson of Amherst; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

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

PHS VARIETY SHOW

The Pampa High School Choir will hold a variety show at 7 p.m. Friday at the M. K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Admission is \$2.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, May 17

Jerry Hicks, 939 S. Hobart, reported forced burglary.

WEDNESDAY, May 18

Shawna La-Ray Shook, 220 Tignor, reported hit and run, failure to stop and render aid in the 200 to 300 blocks of Canadian.

Penny Edna Wise, 1057 Huff Rd., reported threat at 1037 Neel Rd.

Janesta Scotta, 1611 Varnon Dr., reported aggravated assault.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Sirocco.

Joseph Kieth Gilleland, 1812 N. Nelson, reported aggravated assault.

THURSDAY, May 19

Domestic assault was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, May 18

Mary Ann Owens, 27, White Deer, was arrested at 2225 N. Hobart on a charge of theft. She was transferred to Gray County jail, where she was released on bond.

THURSDAY, May 19

John Moore, 33, 104 S. Wells, was arrested at the residence on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, May 18

4:11 p.m. — A 1978 Chevrolet driven by Herman Russell Jeter, 72, 420 Magnolia, was in collision with a 1988 Sparta firetruck driven by Charles Theodore Cain Jr., 28, 624 Dwight, in the 400 block of Browning. The truck is owned by the city of Pampa. Jeter was cited for following too closely.

10 p.m. — An unknown white pickup was in collision with a BMX bicycle ridden by Cody Franks, 11, 220 Tignor, in the 200 or 300 block of Canadian.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions
Pampa
Carl Ray Allen
Ray C. Belcher
Othal Lee Hicks
Iva Mae Riddle
Michael Oden Wilson, Jr.
Nelle W. Baird (extended care)
Canadian
Jackie Don Vines
Birth
To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stephens of Pampa, a baby boy.
Dismissals
Pampa
Nelle W. Baird
Carl L. Bedford

Mildred B. Lafferty

Thelma Claudia Nees
Cletis G. Butcher (extended care)
Willie Belle Guill (extended care)
Bonnie C. Stuckey (extended care)

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions
Alanreed
Caroline Boydston
Dismissals
Shamrock
Mike Scarborough
Jessie Henry
Wheeler
Loyde Goad
McLean
Imogene King

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa

Wheat	3.12	NC
Milo	4.32	NC
Corn	4.98	NC

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

Serco	4 3/4	NC
Occidental	18 7/8	dn 1/4

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

Magellan	65.99	NC
Puntan	15.82	NC

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

Amoco	56 1/4	NC
Arco	101	dn 1/2
Cabot	49 3/4	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	20 3/4	dn 1/8

Chevron	86 3/8	dn 1/8
Coca-Cola	40 7/8	up 1/4
Diamond Sham	24	dn 1/4
Enron	29 3/8	NC
Halliburton	30 1/4	dn 1/8
Health Trust Inc.	29 3/8	dn 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	35 1/8	up 3/8
KNE	23	NC
Kerr McGee	44	dn 1/8
Limited	18 3/4	NC
Mapco	63 1/2	dn 1/4
Maxx	4 5/8	dn 1/8
McDonald's	60 1/4	NC
Mobil	81 3/8	NC
New Atmos	18 3/4	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	24 3/4	dn 1/4
Penney's	52	up 1/4
Phillips	32 3/4	NC
SLB	57 1/8	dn 1/2
SPS	24 3/8	dn 1/8
Tenneco	46 3/4	dn 1/2
Edwards & Kelcey	63 3/4	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart	24 1/8	NC
New York Gold	383.50	NC
Silver	5.62	NC
West Texas Crude	18.00	NC

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, May 18

12:41 p.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to a trash fire at 2206 N. Nelson. The fire was extinguished upon arrival of the firefighters.

2:47 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a car fire at 1301 N. Banks.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

Emergency numbers

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

Gray County joins in passing a resolution against Texas Antiquities Committee plan

By **CHERYL BERZANSKIS**
News Editor

Gray County commissioners in action this week unanimously passed a resolution drafted in opposition to the authority granted the Texas Antiquities Committee.

Commissioners adopted the local resolution Monday in response to a request by Wharton County to join it in opposition to the powers available to the Texas Historical Commission, said County Judge Carl Kennedy.

Language in the Texas Antiquities Code allows a county-owned property to be declared an historic site without the approval of the local county commission and attempts to forbid building modifications, especially exterior changes, without approval of THC.

Opposition to provisions in the code stems from a lack of accountability to the voters who pay the bills for county property and the officeholders who are charged with day-to-day operation of counties.

"It is just the realization that such exists. We hope the rest of the counties would like to unload this gun before it goes off," Kennedy said.

"The question is, 'Who really has the right to say if it's those who

did pay, do pay and will pay for that facility?'" the judge said.

Gray County commissioners unanimously adopted the following resolution. It is to be sent to local and state legislators.

The resolution reads:

WHEREAS, the Texas Antiquities Code empowers the Texas Historical Commission to cause undue and unjustified tax burden on local taxpayers without consent or even notification to local government or taxpayers;

and WHEREAS, state elected officials in the highest offices have stated their concern and opposition to state agencies passing mandates to local taxpayers without providing funds to support state requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Antiquities Committee will accept the nomination of any publicly owned building over 50 years old for designation as a State Archaeological Landmark on nomination by either one person from the county or one person from their own staff and without regard to the cost to local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the criteria published in the Texas Antiquities Code and promulgated in their regulations is written in a manner that will permit any building in Texas that is county

owned and over 50 years old to be nominated and designated as a State Archaeological Landmark and provides administrative fines against local taxpayers to enforce the rule;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gray County Commissioners Court respectfully requests the legislature to take action to investigate the impact created by actions of the antiquities committee, and pass corrective legislation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority granted the Texas Antiquities Committee/Texas Historical Commission enacted through publication rather than legislative debate, be changed to require that a nomination of county owned buildings be subject to approval of the Commissioners Court or of a majority vote by the registered voters in the county.

APPROVED in open court this 16th day of May, 1994, at the regularly called meeting of the Commissioners Court.

The resolution is signed by Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy, and commissioners from individual precincts, Joe Wheeley, Gerald Wright, Jim Greene and Ted Simmons, and County Clerk Wanda Carter.

Court report

COUNTY COURT

Criminal

An order was entered granting an occupational license and finding of essential need to Timothy Leon Wells.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Shanna Marie Bump because restitution was made and court costs paid.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft over \$200 against Kirk Wayne Fields because the evidence was insufficient.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of services \$20-\$200 against Athalee Coburn Burnett because the complaining witness requested dismissal.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of assault against Chester Ingram because the evidence is insufficient.

David Dwane Steele pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, second offense. He was assessed \$450 fine, 72 hours in Gray County jail, 180 days driver's license suspension, one year probation and \$210 court costs.

Cutrice Deshaun Evans pleaded guilty to theft by check \$20-\$200. The defendant was assessed six months probation, \$75 fine, and restitution, fees and interest of \$608.92.

Peter Scott Lyman pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was assessed \$300, two years probation and \$210 court costs.

John Paul Rush pleaded no contest to escape. He was assessed deferred adjudication probation of one year, \$450 fine, \$135 court costs and 20 hours community service.

Tina Marie Stamper pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated. She was assessed \$300 fine, two years probation and \$210 court costs.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Misty Nicole Maxwell because restitution was made and court costs paid.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of driving

while intoxicated against John Paul Rush because the evidence was insufficient.

An order was entered granting an occupational license to Tiburcio Rodriguez Rodriguez.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of services \$20-\$200 against Kathlene Bradford because the complaining witness requested dismissal.

Marriage licenses issued

James Nick Weinheimer and Renee Marie Ramaekers

Donald Eugene Terry and Carolyn Suzanne Hulsey Alfonso Montes Dominguez and Manuela Lozano Hernandez

Allen Edward Trimble and Reba Nell Peercy David Glen Deatherage and Willaina Louise Pyle Tommy Lee Fenley and Jo Ann Morris

Randolph Larry Pacheco and Barbie DShel Stanley Albert Don Schroeder and Othel Wathena Schroeder David Hunter Bressler and Debra Denise Sandefur Brian Louis Bailey and Stefanie Rene Jones Corey Corbin Coronis and Karen Lynn Moshenko Billy Kent McDade and Barbara Jean Brewer

DISTRICT COURT

Criminal

Orders were entered discharging Gary Wayne Jernigan, Charles Manesa and Sharon Yvette Captain from deferred adjudication probation.

An order was entered dismissing a motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt against Dennis Bliss.

An order was entered assessing three years deferred adjudication probation on a charge of forgery by making against Jennifer Lashell Harper.

A charge of forgery by passing against Theresia Thompson was dropped due to insufficient evidence.

Civil

Pauls Valley National Bank vs. Michael Blaine, registration of foreign judgement

Joseph Sottilo, ex parte, petition for a writ of habeas corpus

Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14 and Gray County vs. Doile E. Ward.

One Lotto winner

By The Associated Press

One ticket in South Texas correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket is worth \$10 million.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$3 million.

LOTTO

Wednesday's winning numbers are:

10 - 24 - 29 - 40 - 41 - 50

City briefs

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

SALE AT Call's Antiques, 300 N. Ward. Adv.

FRIDAY NIGHT Delivery at Kevin's Catering - Chicken Hawaiian, \$6.95. 669-1428 thru Thursday night. Adv.

COMING BACK by request, The Dancing Baptist, Friday and Saturday night. Easy's Club. Adv.

ROLANDA'S JUST received Fritz and Floyd Caribbean Fruit Room spray, Potpourri and oil. Adv.

CITY LIMITS: Dance to Clyde Logg, Friday \$3 single, \$5 couple. Saturday \$4 single, \$7 couple. No membership required. Bring your own bottle. Adv.

ALL STAR Autos and Trucks, Grand Opening. May 19 and 20th. Come by and celebrate with us. We can save you money. We finance. 810 W. Foster, 665-6683. Adv.

GREAT GIFTS for the grad at Celebrations, 665-3100. Adv.

LINGERIE SHOW, Live Thursday night, Easy's. No cover. Adv.

HOUSES CLEANED - Reasonable rates. 665-3270, 669-9437. Adv.

FENCE REPAIR, Joe Johnson, 665-3368, 669-9232. Adv.

HUM-ALFA SOIL Conditioner buy 1 get 1 free at Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

DARK GREEN and Peach Floral couch. Good condition, \$75. 669-3505. Adv.

NEW SHIPMENT of Geraniums and bedding plants. Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, otherwise mostly cloudy. Low in the mid 50s with south winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, variable cloudiness and warm with a high in the mid 80s. Wednesday's high was 77; this morning's low was 59.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms western sections. Lows in mid 50s. Friday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms western sections. Highs from upper 70s north to mid 80s southeast. Friday night, mostly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. Lows in upper 50s to low 60s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms western sections. Lows around 60. Friday, mostly

cloudy. A chance of afternoon thunderstorms mainly western sections. Highs 80-85. Friday night, mostly cloudy. A chance of mainly evening thunderstorms. Lows from near 60 to low 60s.

North Texas - Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in low 50s northeast to near 60 southwest. Friday, sunny. Highs in low to mid 80s. Friday night, fair with lows in mid 50s east to low 60s west.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly fair skies. Lows in the 60s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 80s to near 90. Friday night, mostly fair skies. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Coastal Bend: Tonight, mostly fair skies. Lows in the 70s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 80s and low 90s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 70s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, mostly fair skies. Lows in the 70s. Friday and Friday night, partly cloudy.

Highs in the 90s inland, 80s coast. Lows in the 70s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, scattered thunderstorms east becoming fair central and west. Lows mid 30s and 40s mountains and northwest with 50s east and south. Friday, fair to partly cloudy west and partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms east, most numerous northeast. Moderate afternoon winds with highs 60s and 70s mountains and north to 80s lower elevations central and south. Friday night, scattered thunderstorms east and fair west. Lows 30s and 40s mountains and northwest to 50s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Tonight and Friday, partly cloudy. Lows tonight in mid 50s to near 60. Highs Friday in low to mid 80s. Friday night, partly cloudy with a chance for thunderstorms in northwest Oklahoma. Lows in upper 50s to low 60s.

Man who hit wheelchair-bound student gets 10 year sentence

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man who has been convicted of drunken driving three times was sentenced Wednesday to 10 years in prison for running over a wheelchair-bound student.

Kenneth Wayne Williams, who at 34 already had more than a dozen criminal convictions, pleaded guilty to

involuntary manslaughter and DWI in the Oct. 21 death of Marco Evans Boston, 22.

A grand jury had originally refused to indict Williams on the manslaughter charge because grand jurors believed Boston was crossing the road where there was no intersection or crosswalk.

The case was resubmitted after prosecutors found witnesses who said Williams could've stopped on time if he was sober.

In return for Williams' guilty plea, police agreed to drop their demand that Williams serve at least half his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

U.S., Japan reopen talks on trade fight

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said today negotiators from the United States and Japan had made a good start in trying to achieve a breakthrough in a contentious trade fight between the two countries.

Kantor, who broke away from the talks after less than an hour to testify before Congress, told reporters that both sides were looking at very detailed proposals that he said had launched the discussions on favorable footing.

Both countries are searching for a way to jump-start market-opening talks that have been stalemated since a Feb. 11 summit between President Clinton and then-Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa ended in acrimony.

The United States wants to establish numerical benchmarks in a number of key U.S. export areas ranging from autos and auto parts to medical equipment as a way of narrowing a soaring trade deficit with Japan.

The need to act was underscored dramatically today by newly released government figures showing the U.S. trade deficit with Japan shot up 25.4 percent in March to \$5.80 billion, third highest imbalance with Japan on record.

That sharp deterioration came despite the fact that the country's overall deficit in goods and services narrowed dramatically to \$7.46 billion, an improvement of 18.5 percent from the February level. Big gains in sales of gold bullion, commercial airliners and telecommunications equipment helped push American exports to an all-time high.

While Kantor sounded optimistic after his initial meeting with the Japanese, Japan's negotiators were noncommittal going into today's session.

Asked whether he was optimistic about the outlook for the talks, Sozaburo Okamoto, Japan's vice minister of trade, told reporters, "We will see." He and Deputy Foreign Minister Sadaayuki Hayashi continued closed-door discussions with senior administration officials while Kantor kept a prior commitment to testify before Congress.

Officials said the talks could well go into Friday.

The battle between the world's two largest economies has rattled financial markets and sent the dollar skidding earlier this month to a near-record low against the Japanese yen.

Because of the unease in financial markets, the U.S. side has toned down its hard-line rhetoric. But the administration insists it has not retreated from its goal of achieving numerical benchmarks for measuring progress in opening Japan's markets in such areas as autos and insurance.

U.S. officials had expressed cautious optimism Wednesday about a possible breakthrough in the talks, which were initiated by new Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata.

"I'm sure we will get past this period of non-negotiations and at some point will soon get on to restarting these talks," Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman said Wednesday in an interview on CNBC.

President Clinton and then-Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa negotiated the framework accord in Tokyo last July with a deadline of February for reaching market-opening agreements in four areas — autos and auto parts, medical equipment, telecommunications equipment and insurance.

Merchandise for school



John Leland, manager of Homeland, stands with Stephen F. Austin Elementary School students Tyler Holmes, Anna Johnson and Jera Skinner, who are just a few of the students who helped save enough receipts from the grocery store to help buy some merchandise for their school. Austin students saved a total of \$325,000 worth of receipts, and items such as televisions, sports equipment, calculators and books have already been purchased with more to come. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Family members gather at Jackie Onassis' bedside

By JUDIE GLAVE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis has come home from the hospital and will get no more treatment for cancer because "there is nothing they can do for her," a spokeswoman said today.

Family members gathered at the former first lady's side after doctors granted her wish Wednesday to leave New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, where she was treated for serious cancer complications.

"I think all the members of the family are distressed by the medical reports," her brother-in-law Sen. Edward Kennedy said Wednesday after flying in from Washington.

"All the members of the family love her very deeply. We wanted to be here this evening."

The 64-year-old Mrs. Onassis announced earlier this year that she has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph system.

Her spokeswoman, Nancy Tuckerman, said this morning: "She's home, she's comfortable and she has family around her. There was nothing more to do for her at the hospital and she wanted to go home."

"She will not have any further treatment," Tuckerman said. "The disease has progressed and there is nothing they can do for her."

Asked if she was given a prognosis, Tuckerman said: "They can't tell. Everyone is different. Obviously she's very ill."

"It is just another phase of her illness which she's facing with great fortitude," Tuckerman said.

The widow of President John F. Kennedy had been admitted on Monday "as a result of serious complications of her malignant lymphoma," the hospital said in a statement.

"In accordance with the patient's clearly expressed wishes and with the concurrence of her physicians, she has been discharged home."

Tuckerman and hospital officials said they would not discuss specific details of her illness. "We're hoping she can get as much privacy in this phase of her illness as possible," Tuckerman said.

About 1 1/2 hours after Mrs. Onassis returned to her Fifth Avenue apartment, paramedics arrived carrying covered equipment that appeared to be oxygen canisters, the New York Post reported.

Sen. Kennedy and his wife, Victoria, visited her, as did Mrs. Onassis' sister, Lee Radziwill Ross, and the sisters' half brother, Jamie Auchincloss. The senator said Mrs. Onassis' children, John Kennedy Jr. and Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, also were at the apartment. Both live in New York.

John Kennedy Jr. spent the day at his mother's bedside at the hospital, the newspaper said.

Mrs. Onassis also was hospitalized for several days in April for surgery on a bleeding ulcer.

Passenger ferry catches fire in Gulf of Suez; 8 killed

GEBEL ZEIT, Egypt (AP) — Passengers jumped overboard in panic today after a boiler exploded on a ferry carrying 588 people, many of them Egyptian workers and their families heading home for a holiday. Eight were killed.

Hospitals reported more than 50 injured, most in the rush to abandon the burning ship traveling up the Gulf of Suez. Thirty-eight people were missing, the Egyptian navy said.

U.S. warships and helicopters, Egyptian navy patrol boats and oil company vessels helped in the rescue, plucking survivors from the water. One U.S. Navy ship took 270 survivors to Hurghada, a port on the Red Sea.

The Egyptian-operated ferry was especially crowded because workers and families were returning to Egypt to celebrate the three-day Eid el-Adha holiday, which begins Saturday.

The boat, identified as the Al-Qamar Al-Saudi, or Saudi Moon, shuttles passengers between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, where thousands of Egyptians work.

The ferry sent out an SOS when the boiler exploded just before midnight, bringing ships to rescue the 505 passengers and 83 crew, but not before dozens jumped overboard.

On board the ferry was an Egyptian housewife who gave birth to a girl two hours before the ship caught fire. Doctors said the mother and child were well but kept them in the hospital for observation.

Dr. Sayid Attia, who works at Hurghada General Hospital, said it was unclear how the two reached safety.

The ship, on its way to Suez from the Saudi port of Jiddah, had left off some of its 1,028 passengers before proceeding northward to Suez, a port

on the southern end of the Suez Canal. The accident occurred near Gebel Zeit, 210 miles southeast of Cairo.

Egypt's worst maritime disaster occurred Dec. 14, 1991, when the ferry Salem Express sank in 15 minutes off Safaga after hitting a coral reef. Some 464 people died.

Texas, Mexico governors talk at trade conference

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas and its Mexican neighbors have hope for action on longstanding, long-ignored border problems in the wake of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Gov. Ann Richards says.

"For the first time in our history, we are going to have a binational opportunity to address problems that have existed on this border for centuries that have not been acknowledged and have not been addressed by either of our countries," she said at a trade conference Wednesday.

Richards said the transportation and environmental problems would be addressed.

The establishment of a North American Development Bank branch in San Antonio, along with offices dealing with the environment, labor and NAFTA in Mexico and Texas, will put officials with expertise in critical areas, she said.

The free trade agreement creates a board that will look at infrastructure needs and arrange for their financing.

The North American Development Bank, whose main branch will be in Washington, will consider financing recommended projects with capital from NAFTA partners, according to the governor's office.

Richards spoke at the 5th annual Cuatro Caminos Conference and Trade Show, including Texas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon. The governors of the latter three states also attended, voicing hope for the opportunities presented by NAFTA.

"It is now up to the business people ... to make reality the opportunities that this great trade era gives us," said Nuevo Leon Gov. Socrates Rizzo Garcia, through an interpreter.

Tamaulipas Gov. Manuel Cavazos Lerma spoke of the "TNT metroplex, which means not only dynamite, but Texas and Tamaulipas."


He referred to the conference's name, which means "four roads," with a hope for "four superhighways toward achievement."

The conference is aimed at developing partnerships between businesses, with an expected 500 companies at this year's event.

Richards said such a working relationship is crucial for companies.

"The most important thing for business in this country and in Mexico is to form partnerships with each other," she said. "It's a lot easier for a Mexican business to do business in Texas, for example, if they've got a partner up here who is Texan and who can guide them through the process."

"The reverse of that is that it works very well if Americans go to Mexico and partner up with a business in existence there to help them through the process."

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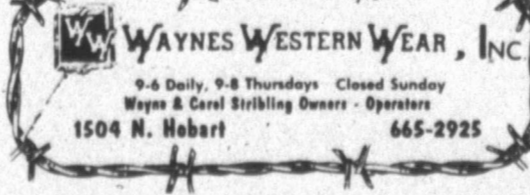
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Opinion

Social insecurity:
Just a sacred cow

The trustees of the Social Security "trust fund" reported a few weeks ago that the system will run out of money in 2036, eight years earlier than had previously been projected.

U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has stepped forward with a proposal to keep the fund solvent. But as long as discussion about Social Security is open — and it will be for a year or so, until yet another "fix" is implemented — it would be helpful to talk about the more fundamental problems afflicting Social Security.

The real problem with Social Security is that it is a pay-as-you-go tax system rather than a self-funding insurance program. There is no trust fund; using that term perpetuates a comforting but dangerous myth. Revenues from Social Security taxes are spent immediately on benefits or government debt instruments. Benefits are paid from current revenues taken from young workers and bear no relationship to previous contributions.

Such a system can, at least in theory, be run responsibly, but in practice ours hasn't been. Benefits have been increased in response to political pressure with little concern for financial feasibility. At the same time, demographic and social trends have decreased the number of working people supporting each Social Security recipient.

Rostenkowski-style tinkering — capping increases, making benefits more readily taxable and increasing payroll taxes — can't hide forever the fact that the present system is essentially a Ponzi scheme. Increases enacted now to keep the system "solvent" in 2036 will, in fact, eventually have to be paid for by workers in 2036.

More fundamental reform could make Social Security a fully-funded government insurance plan, like those in Singapore, Malaysia and some 20 other Asian countries. Workers pay payroll taxes into individualized accounts, and retirement benefits are tied directly to what people have in their own accounts. If some retired people have made no other provision for themselves and find themselves indigent, separate welfare programs are available.

Chile and a few other countries have opted for a more private business type system. Workers are required to set aside 10 percent of their wages for retirement, but can invest in it one of several competing private insurance/investment plans. When the plan was launched 13 years ago, authorities hoped that annual returns of 6 percent could be realized. In fact, the return has been closer to 12 or 13 percent (inflation-adjusted).

A similar system could work quite well in the United States. But it will be resisted by lobbyists for groups that know perfectly well they are now getting more than they put in (plus compounded interest) and in no mood to give up a transfer program that benefits them directly.

In Chile, older workers were given the option of staying in the old pay-as-you-go system or transferring into the privatized system with a bond valued in proportion to past "contributions." Most chose to transfer. Would that also be the case in the United States if a new system were intelligently designed?

We're unlikely to find out soon, given the unwarranted sacred-cow status of the present system. But before the system collapses of its own weight, we should be talking about alternatives.

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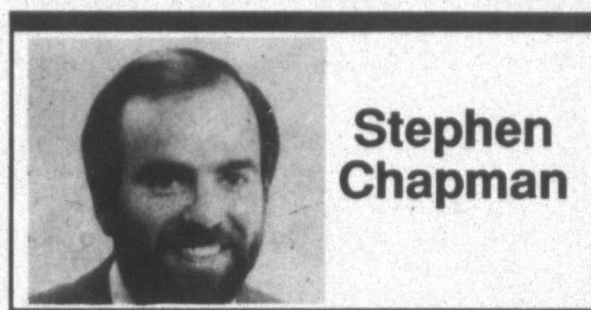
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Assault weapons ban an illusion



Stephen Chapman

Politicians don't feel obliged to smoke crack on camera to demonstrate the dangers of drug abuse or get behind the wheel of a car after several drinks to inveigh against drunk driving. But Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and Charles Schumer, chairman of the Crime and Criminal Justice Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, somehow couldn't find a way to rouse public concern about "assault weapons" without firing off a few rounds at a Washington police target range.

I imagine the effect was not what they had intended. A lot of Americans who saw Bentsen with his AR-15 rifle and Schumer with his Tec-9 pistol probably exclaimed, "Say, that looks like fun!" Others may have concluded that the demonstration simply dramatized the folly of allowing dangerous weapons in the hands of anyone connected to the federal government.

But it also served to underline the character of the campaign to ban "assault weapons," which from the outset has been composed of 10 parts vapor to one part substance. The advocates have done more to confuse than to inform, which is a shrewd tactic given the scarcity of facts on their side. Last year, their effort was enough to persuade the Senate to approve a measure forbidding the sale, manufacture or possession of 19 different guns. This month, the House passed a similar measure.

The gun control lobby and sympathetic journalists frequently give the misimpression that the issue is machine guns, which have been illegal for decades. The *New York Times* caption on the Schumer photo referred to the Tec-9 as an "automatic" weapon, when in fact it is semiautomatic — just like millions of other firearms that will remain legal.

Elsewhere, the *Times* says the proposed ban affects only those weapons that "spray" bullets.

Wrong again. Semiautomatics differ from automatics in that they cannot fire in a continuous stream. Each bullet requires a separate pull of the trigger.

Much is made of the menacing appearance of the guns that would be prohibited. That's because appearance is about all that separates them from supposedly legitimate sporting arms. But looks, it should be unnecessary to note, don't kill.

The Tec-9, pictured in one lurid newspaper ad, certainly lacks a cuddly exterior, but it won't kill you any more quickly or permanently than an ordinary 9mm handgun. About the only advantage enjoyed by the Tec-9 is a 32-shot clip, but the bill already bans clips of more than 10 rounds. It's hard to see what this restriction achieves, since any minimally clever thug can carry more than one clip and reload in an instant.

This bill doesn't attempt to get rid of every "assault weapon" in America or, in fact, any of those that already exist — only new ones will be illegal. But even if it did, the effect on crime would be something close to undetectable. Last year, Chicago police confiscated more than 20,000 firearms. Of those, only 722 (about 2 percent) fell into the category of "assault weapons." Virtually all of the rest were garden-variety rifles and pistols — the kind the

"assault weapon" bill explicitly protects.

The "most dangerous weapon around is the humdrum .38 revolver, which in 1993 accounted for more than one out of every four gun murders in Chicago, surpassing any other firearms. But, as Northwestern law professor Daniel Polsby points out, no one has recommended a ban on .38 revolvers. That's because any fool can see that criminals would simply substitute another equally lethal firearm. Why then, asks Polsby, do people assume that a crook deprived of his AR-15 will suddenly be rendered harmless?

During one committee hearing, Schumer charged that "assault weapons" are 18 times more likely than others to be used in the murder of a police officer and 19 times more likely to be traced to a crime. Two calls to his office in search of evidence to support that claim, however, yielded absolutely nothing. Contrary to what you might THINK from all this hysteria, the rate at which police officers are killed on duty has been dropping over the last 20 years, impervious to the supposed epidemic of doomsday guns.

President Clinton says, "It's amazing to me that we even have to have this debate," describing the ban as a "lay-down no-brainer." But it shouldn't be surprising to find skepticism about a measure that tries to outlaw one class of weapons for no obvious reason. Like most of the gun control measures on the books, this one is likely to fail. And like most of its predecessors, its failure will be used to justify new restrictions, which will be a genuine burden to the law-abiding and a minor annoyance to criminals.

America was not a safe place before the rise of "assault weapons," and it has not gotten more dangerous since. That should make us wonder if the problem might lie not in our guns, but in ourselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, May 19, the 139th day of 1994. There are 226 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 19, 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII was beheaded after she was convicted of adultery.

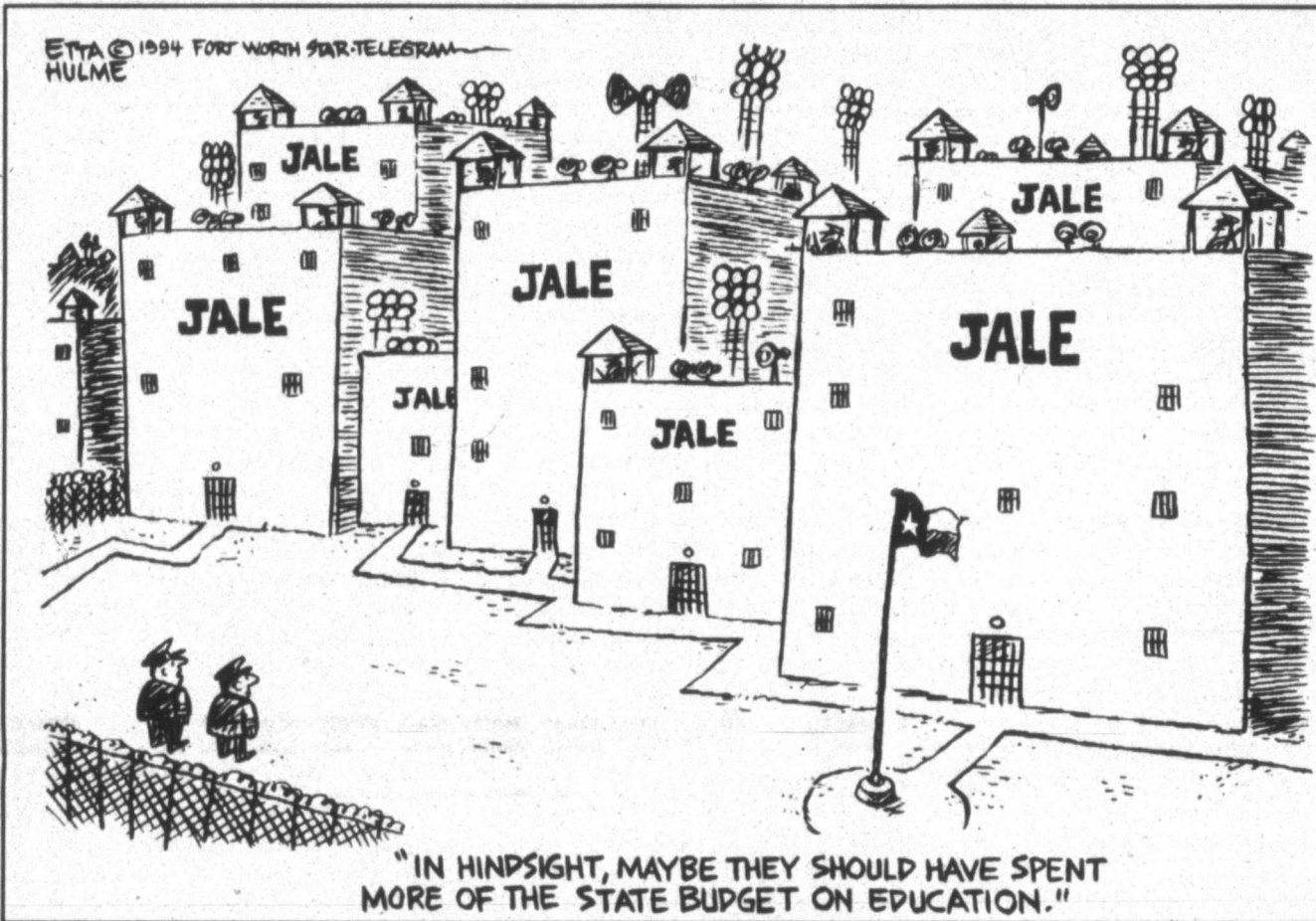
On this date:
In 1588, the Spanish Armada set sail from Lisbon, headed for England; it was soundly defeated by the English fleet the following August.

In 1643, delegates from four New England colonies met in Boston to form a confederation.

In 1780, a mysterious darkness enveloped much of New England and part of Canada in the early afternoon; the cause has never been determined.

In 1906, the Federated Boys' Clubs, forerunner of the Boys' Clubs of America, were organized.

In 1921, Congress passed the Emergency Quota Act, which established national quotas for immigrants.



Where Navy and women don't mix

Charley Reese

The Navy is making a big mistake putting women on combat ships.

Now let me make it perfectly clear that I do not question the courage or competence of female pilots. Listen, I grew up in Pensacola, the home of naval aviation. I used to go out on the training carrier and watch pilots make their qualification landings. I respect anybody who will take off and land on a carrier — male, female or some combination.

I learned a lot about naval aviation. So much, in fact, that when my turn came, I went straight to the Army recruiting office. Give me a rifle, a shovel and a good pair of boots, and I will gladly serve the ground part of my country. The air and water parts, I leave to others.

I am not fond of deep water or flying — even between airports that are firmly anchored to the earth. You'll never catch me flying off an airport that can bob, weave, roll, move and even sink. No way, no sir.

So let not even the most stone-headed feminist think that I do not respect the courage and competence of the Navy's women pilots. I do. It's just that women don't belong on warships.

The reason is sex.
There's nothing duller, really, than a long sea

voyage. There's no place to go. Not much to do. Watching an occasional dolphin or a sea gull can only go so far. After a while, you get tired of listening to the ship creak and squeak. The last time I crossed the Atlantic by ship, I was driven to read a 750-page history of Japan written by a British historian whose convoluted prose made William Faulkner's novels seem like telegrams.

And what do young men, in the bloom of youth and pink of fitness, think about most often? It's not the meaning of the universe or quantum physics. It's sex. And so if you put 500 or so women on an aircraft carrier with 5,000 or so men, just what do those idiot admirals in the Pentagon think is going to happen? Fights, intrigues, sex, pregnancies and courts-martial.

I do not jest. Lt. Roberta Spillaine mentioned in an article published in *Proceedings of the U.S. Naval Institute* the experience aboard the USS Acadia. She wrote: "One West Coast-based tender reported that more than 40 percent of her female

non-rated seamen became pregnant during work-up for deployment — and no replacements were authorized."

The sex drive of the human being doesn't give a hoot what politicized admirals in the Pentagon or fanatic feminists think or believe or wish, or even what Navy regulations say. We have all of recorded human history, all of serious literature, as testimony of the chaos in human affairs caused by sex.

As an old police beat reporter and part-time cop, I can tell you that sex causes a heck of a lot more homicides and fights than anything else. Greed, booze and guns are six laps behind.

The physiology of sex in the male has to do with hydraulics and blood supply. There's no question that when one part gets lots of blood, the part that gets drained of blood is the brain. Finding rational thought and sex together is as unlikely as finding ice cubes in the Devil's drink.

The old sea dogs of the past were realists and despised the idea of women on board ships. Nothing but trouble. An inevitable morale-buster. A cause of conflict. It is especially true today, because in America's politicized armed forces, the introduction of females has meant blatant discrimination against males.

They do it for money? What a hoot!

"Dear Sarah Overstreet, You still don't get it," the letter began in reply to my recent column on four ex-waitresses at Hooters restaurants.

The four young women had filed a lawsuit claiming sexual discrimination and sexual harassment at Hooters, where their "uniforms" consisted of sexy, skimpy clothing.

The women knew the Hooters dress code before they took the jobs, and one of them stayed at Hooters nine months because she could make five times as much there as she could in other restaurants. I said in my column that I didn't understand why a young woman who doesn't want to dress in provocative clothing, would work in a place where her half-clothed body was used to draw customers.

"Women who do not want to wear provocative clothing and do not want to be looked at as sexual objects go to work at these places because they need a job," the letter I received continued.

"It seems that the openings for columnist for the Newspaper Enterprise Association" (she means me, folks) "and president of General Motors have already been filled."

In other words, since the president of General Motors and I have already lessened the employment pool by two, a couple of poor young women will have to go to work at Hooters? Using that kind of logic, Hillary Clinton could have explained away turning \$1,000 into \$200,000 speculating in cattle futures.

None of the young women working at Hooters



Sarah Overstreet

said they went to work wearing halter tops and too-small shorts because they couldn't find another job: They went to work at Hooters because they couldn't find a similar job that paid as well. Parading around in the almost-altogether has always paid well, as have a lot of other "non-traditional" occupations. These jobs carry more risk and/or unpleasantness than others and, therefore, always pay more.

Every time I consider this issue, I remember when a bright, pretty young college student I knew was approached by a local sporting good store to be part of a calendar, featuring women in various stages of undress. They offered her a lot more money than she could make in many weeks of working her minimum-wage job, which, by the way, was the same wage the college-age men at her company made.

She agonized over the modeling offer, which wouldn't have been nude yet would have still been somewhat undressed and sexually provocative. I thought she was crazy to even consider it. She was

one year from graduation and what I thought was a bright future, and this could follow her around for the rest of her life. Another woman, however, commiserated with her and told me, "but she really needs the money, and it's hard for a woman to make this kind of money!"

"Heck, it's hard for a man her age to make this kind of money!" I told her. "Why does she need money more than men do? And if she were a man, would you think he should jump at an offer to appear in a Chippendale calendar, no matter how it might affect his future?"

The women thought I was being rather hard-hearted. I thought they were nuts to even give the offer more than the 2 seconds it would take to say, "Not if this were the next-to-the-last job on Earth and the last one were pulling the heads off live chickens."

The young woman didn't accept the calendar offer. Twelve years later she holds a prestigious and well-paying public relations position in the same city where the calendar was published and quite popular. If she had been a calendar girl, she'd have had about as much chance at that job as Pee-wee Herman.

Are we supposed to believe that every woman who works in a sexually exploitative profession needs the money so drastically that she cannot hold a lesser job while taking a few trade courses toward a better one? And if she can't, why are there hundreds of thousands of people throughout this country doing it?

Berry's World



Jim Berry
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Appreciation barbecue



Phyllis Harden, with Miami Roustabout Service Inc., holds out her plate for some sauce for her barbecue at W-B Supply Co., 200 N. Price Rd., during a special lunch Wednesday. The oil field supply company held the lunch to show its appreciation to customers and friends, the second year for the occasion. Catered by Gerald Rasco, the barbecue was sponsored in part by Landers Specialty, Well Mark, Best-O-Life, TNEMEC and Trico Industries. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Deadline approaches on China trade decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers took opposing views on what to do about China as a deadline approached on what could be the administration's most crucial foreign policy decision yet.

At one end of the Capitol, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., said Wednesday that setting conditions on trade relations with China was "the economic equivalent of a nuclear bomb."

On the other, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said China has failed to improve its human rights record as specified by President Clinton a year ago, and "I don't see how the president could renew" China's favored trade status.

Clinton has until June 3 to decide whether to extend China's most-

favored-nation trade status, which gives it the low tariffs enjoyed by almost all other U.S. trading partners. He could also opt to impose sanctions on targeted goods or industries to punish China for its continuing human rights abuses.

Clinton sent an envoy to Beijing recently in a last-ditch effort to spell out what China can do to win renewal of its status. A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, identified the envoy as Michael Armacost, a former ambassador to Japan.

Asked about the mission, State Department spokesman Mike McCurry would only say, "There have been many aspects of quiet diplomacy that

we have been pursuing." He said that Secretary of State Warren Christopher was "very determined to see that the communications circuits would be open and available," but he refused to go beyond that.

After China's 1989 military suppression of the Tiananmen democracy movement, Congress three times tried and failed to override President Bush's decision to renew MFN. Last year, Clinton's policy of linking future renewal to improvements in human rights won wide congressional support.

But with \$9 billion in U.S. exports to China at stake and many foreign policy experts saying the link between human rights and trade is a mistake, some lawmakers are clearly wavering.

Capriati said to be 'whacked out on heroin'

By STEVE WILSTEIN
AP Sports Writer

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Jennifer Capriati binged on crack, painkillers and alcohol and was "whacked out on heroin" the weekend she was charged with marijuana possession, according to a man arrested with her and the man's lawyer.

Capriati voluntarily entered a drug rehabilitation center in the Miami area on Wednesday, her agent, Barbara Perry, told USA Today.

Police charged Capriati, who hasn't played in a tennis tournament since last year, with misdemeanor marijuana possession, saying there was no evidence she used heroin or cocaine.

Tom Wineland, 20, who was arrested with Capriati, was quoted Wednesday in several London tabloids alleging that the tennis star took part in a weekend drug orgy.

"We smoked the crack together in the bathroom," Wineland was quoted as saying. "She was also eating painkillers and drinking. That makes you go pretty high. She smoked for a couple of hours, and then when we stopped, we started smoking reefers."

Capriati, 18, was arrested Monday in a Coral Gables motel room, where she had checked in Saturday, the manager said.

Wineland's attorney, Edward Abramson, claimed in an interview with The Associated Press that Capriati paid for the drugs with cash advances from her credit cards, and the others arrested with her went out to buy them because she was too high to go along.

"There was a party. She was whacked out on heroin," Abramson said he was told. He would not say whether Wineland was the source of his information.

Abramson said Capriati was fortunate police didn't perform a blood test, which would have detected drug use. Coral Gables police said such a test is not routine unless the suspect is driving.

Capriati's attorney and agent called a news conference for today.

"We're not fully aware of the accusations at this point, so we can't comment on the specifics," Linda Dozoretz, publicist for Capriati's agent, said Wednesday.

The *New York Times* today quoted Capriati's agent as saying her lucrative endorsement deal with racket manufacturer Prince has been canceled.

In Italy today, the Diadora sportswear company ended its multimillion-dollar endorsement deal with Capriati because the drug charge "offends the image" it was seeking, spokesman Evan Nonni said.

Wineland was charged Monday with possession of suspected crack

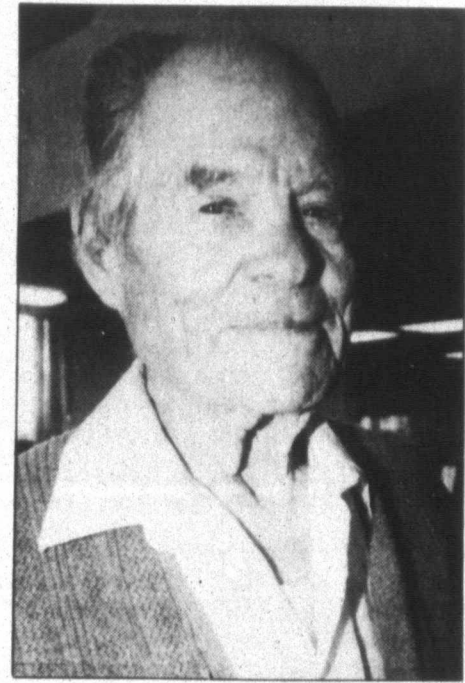
and drug paraphernalia. Timeeet Branagan, a 17-year-old runaway, was charged with possession of two packets of heroin.

Police had gone to the motel on a tip from Branagan's mother. Capriati let detectives search the room, and they found just under an ounce of marijuana in her knapsack, said Coral Gables police Sgt. Mitch Fry.

Capriati, who was released in the custody of her attorney, was staying in Boca Raton, where she has lived since moving out of her parents' home near Tampa in March.

She hasn't played a tournament since losing in the first round of the U.S. Open last summer.

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U.S. Corps of Engineers to start charging lake use fees in June

DALLAS (AP) — Texas lakes will start charging fees for boating, swimming and camping next month to try to make up for a cut in federal money used to maintain the lakes.

"Our federal budgets are shrinking, but interest in maintaining and operating the parks is increasing," said U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Ron Ruffennach.

The Corps will collect \$2 for boat ramps, \$1 per person for swimming beaches.

No one will pay more than \$3 per vehicle regardless of the activity, and children younger than 12 won't have to pay, Ruffennach said.

Beginning in June, \$25 season passes for all activities will go on

sale, and will be available at half price for senior citizens, Ruffennach said.

Last year, Congress passed legislation allowing the Corps to charge for recreational facilities at lakes across the country.

Fees will be charged at 20 of the 25 lakes in the Corps' Fort Worth district, and officials estimate that will raise \$850,000.

The Fort Worth District lakes that will start charging fees June 1: Bardwell, Belton, Benbrook, Canyon, Granger, Grapevine, Hords Creek, Lake O' The Pines, Lake Georgetown, Lavon, Lewisville, Navarro Mills, Proctor, Sam Rayburn, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Town Bluff, Waco, Whitney and Wright Patman.

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Defense lawyers, prosecutors trying to resolve Rostenkowski investigation

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Write

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorneys for Rep. Dan Rostenkowski are trying to resolve the nearly completed criminal investigation of the Illinois Democrat, according to sources familiar with the case.

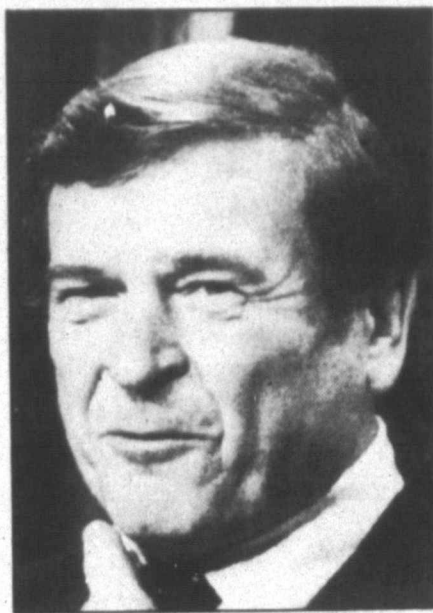
One source, speaking only on condition of anonymity Wednesday, said Rostenkowski's defense attorney, Robert S. Bennett, was "having discussions" with prosecutors aimed at avoiding a lengthy criminal trial.

The *New York Times* and the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported today that Bennett hopes to negotiate a plea bargain that would avoid a broad felony indictment.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported today that Rostenkowski's lawyers have been trying to convince prosecutors that his spending practices should be dealt with internally by the House or that they warrant civil, rather than criminal, penalties.

The U.S. attorney's office in Washington has been investigating Rostenkowski's use of his office and campaign accounts and allegations that he improperly received money in stamp transactions at the House Post Office.

News organizations, including The Associated Press, have reported previously that U.S. Attorney Eric Holder has sent the Justice Department a memo recommending that Rostenkowski be indicted. Holder



Dan Rostenkowski

informed Congress, in a letter made public earlier this year, that his investigation was nearing a conclusion.

If Rostenkowski were indicted for a felony, House Democratic Caucus rules would force him to step down as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. That could harm President Clinton's health care plan, since the president is counting on Rostenkowski's clout — which comes with his chairmanship — to line up crucial votes.

There was no indication that Rostenkowski has agreed to plead guilty to any charge, and he publicly has

asserted his innocence of any wrongdoing.

Legal sources familiar with high-profile criminal investigations said defense lawyers often get a chance to discuss a case with prosecutors before an indictment and one source familiar with the discussions regarding Rostenkowski described the talks as "not unusual."

Sometimes the defense lawyers try to convince prosecutors they don't have a case that can be won. Other times, the discussions involve an agreement to plead guilty to a lesser charge than prosecutors were contemplating.

The investigation began as a drug and embezzlement probe of House Post Office employees in 1991, but eventually focused on Rostenkowski.

While there were initial allegations that Rostenkowski improperly received money from stamp transactions, the probe later spread to a broad investigation of Rostenkowski's campaign and office account spending. The investigation reportedly looked into his use of cars and buildings in Chicago, his purchase of furniture and gifts, and payments to employees who might have done no work.

Bennett also is representing Clinton in a sexual harassment suit filed by a former Arkansas state worker. Bennett also will help Clinton prepare for expected congressional hearings on the Whitewater real estate affair.

Wood County sheriff faces family abuse allegations

QUITMAN (AP) — The editor of *The Winnsboro News* says he's received a death threat for a story he wrote about an investigation into allegations that Wood County Sheriff Frank White physically and sexually abused members of his own family.

Winnsboro Police Chief Gary Lile said he received a report that an anonymous caller phoned editor Ralph Jensen on May 10 and told Jensen if he did not drop the investigation "your life will be in peril."

Caseworkers from the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in Tyler have begun interviews, and a Texas Ranger in Sulphur Springs has been reviewing the case, the *Winnsboro News* said Wednesday in a copyright story.

However, the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services wouldn't confirm an investigation, and Capt. Maurice Cook of the Texas Rangers said his agency isn't investigating White.

"I'm not going to comment on it

one way or the other," White told the *Wood County Democrat*. "It's absurd. This involves family, and I'm not going to say anything against (my family), and (my family) is not going to say anything against me."

White didn't return phone calls from the Associated Press Wednesday night.

Wood County District Attorney Marcus Taylor said the child protective services is indeed investigating White.

Canadian government wants to force plainer packaging for all cigarettes

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
Associated Press Writer

TORONTO (AP) — The Canadian government thinks if cigarette companies are forced to wrap their products in plain packages fewer people will smoke and Canadians will be healthier.

Cigarette companies, not surprisingly, think that's nonsense. What's more, they say forcing them to give up fancy packages is an infringement of trade rules and intellectual property rights that would cost them millions.

That's the crux of the argument brewing north of the border as a parliamentary committee studies a proposal to make Canada the first country to require the plain packaging of cigarettes.

The committee will make a recommendation next month to Health Minister Diane Marleau, who then will prepare legislation for consideration by the Cabinet and eventual introduction to Parliament.

American cigarette manufacturing heavyweights have been exerting pressure on the committee to junk the plain packaging idea, pressure resented in a country keen on maintaining its independence.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien, whose Liberal Party ousted the Conservatives in last autumn's elections, also needs to reassert his commitment to reducing smoking in this nation of 27 million. His image took a severe beating earlier this year when he made deep cuts in tobacco taxes as part of an effort to curtail cigarette smuggling.

The high taxes drove people to buy cigarettes that had been legally exported to the United States, then smuggled back into Canada. Reducing those taxes seems to have been effective. Overall sales by manufacturers remain unchanged, but domestic sales are up sharply while exports have plunged, reflecting increased legal sales.

"Thirty-eight thousand Canadians die as a result of smoking every year," Ms. Marleau said as the health committee began its work. "I think it's very important that we do everything to discourage them from taking up the habit in the first place and packaging is but one tool I have in that war against smoking."

Earlier this month, the president of Philip Morris International, Inc., wrote the health committee threatening to reconsider further investment in Canada if the plain packaging law goes ahead.

"If Canada adopts legislation in total disregard of internationally recognized trademark rights, this would be a significant consideration in any new investment decisions," wrote William Webb, whose company owns the Philip Morris tobacco company, its Canadian subsidiary, and Kraft-General Foods as well as a piece of Molson, Canada's largest brewer, and Rothmans Benson & Hedges.

The letter followed an appearance before the committee by Julius Katz, formerly the chief U.S. negotiator for the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Katz, representing the American tobacco giants R.J. Reynolds and Philip Morris, said banning the use of trademarks and graphics on packages would amount to confiscation of intellectual property.

"If such an expropriation occurred, the Canadian government would be left to face huge compensation claims," Katz said.

Ms. Marleau, for one, was unimpressed. "No U.S. multinational tobacco manufacturer or its lobbyists are going to dictate health policy in this country," she huffed.

Both sides have gone to the committee armed with studies that seem to back them up.

Robert Parker, president of the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council, the industry lobby group, says neither advertising nor packaging influence the size of the market. The sole purpose of advertising, he says, is to influence choice of brand.

Garfield Mahood, executive director of the Non-Smokers' Rights Association, maintains that packaging does influence smoking, particularly young, entry-level smokers.

Richard Kennedy, president of the Canadian Medical Association, says it doesn't matter. He says the government should require plain packaging even if there is no conclusive evidence it would cut smoking.

"I think anything we can do, any small step we take in this campaign, is important," he said.

Arguments are equally unclear about infringement of complex trade rules under NAFTA or the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Anti-smoking forces say the government already places restrictions on the industry, prohibiting most advertising, requiring health warnings on products as well as disclosure of toxic contents, not to mention bilingual labeling in Canada.

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Lobbyist enters no contest plea on misconduct in A&M probe

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A former lobbyist for the Texas A&M University System pleaded no contest Wednesday in College Station to a charge of official misconduct stemming from alleged fraudulent reimbursement practices.

Timothy Shaunty, 49, who was with the A&M System for 23 years in areas of teaching and research, had served as its legislative affairs director in Austin for the 1993 Legislature. He was fired on March 31, according to A&M System spokeswoman Terri Parker.

Shaunty pleaded no contest to a charge of official misconduct. He was sentenced to six months deferred adjudication, meaning if he completes the next six months without criminal incident, the charge will be erased from his record, authorities said.

According to Texas law, a plea of no contest is treated by the court the same way as a guilty plea.

Shaunty also is required to perform 150 hours of community service and pay a \$300 fine. Authorities said Shaunty also must pay restitution of \$1,485 in reimbursements from A&M that he was accused of pocketing illegally.

Gaines West, Shaunty's attorney in College Station, didn't immediately return messages left at his office by The Associated Press. West said last week, "This is a hypertechnical case. Mr. Shaunty did not knowingly violate any criminal law."

Wednesday's action comes amid a sweeping nine-month investigation by the Texas Rangers and FBI into A&M business practices. But Brazos County District Attorney Bill Turner said the case against Shaunty wasn't connected to that probe.

Turner said the charge against Shaunty was tied to an internal audit by the A&M System that then was investigated by the Texas A&M University Police Department.

According to a stipulation of evidence that was entered along with the plea, Shaunty was provided an apartment in Austin during the legislative session last year by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, a subdivision of the A&M System.

FDA OKs sale of genetically altered tomato

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government gave its approval Wednesday for the first time to the marketing of a genetically altered food — a tomato that will stay ripe longer.

The tomato is called Flavr-Savr by its developer, Calgene Inc., of Davis, Calif. The company said the tomato will be in grocery stores of the Western and Midwestern states within 10 days.

The tomato, said the Food and Drug Administration "is as safe as tomatoes bred by conventional means."

It was the first time the agency evaluated a whole food produced by biotechnology, although it gave approval in 1990 to a food product, chymosin — a milk-clotting agent used in making cheese.

The tomato's genetic changes will enable the grower to "allow it to ripen on the vine longer, let it get redder and more flavorful and still have time to

ship it long distance," said Laura Tarantino, an FDA scientist.

But the approval, expected since last month when the FDA's Center for Food Safety ruled the tomato was safe for consumption, met with complaints from a number of consumer and environmental groups.

Most of the dissatisfaction is not with the new tomato; in fact, Calgene was praised for voluntarily requesting the FDA to study it and promising to label it as being genetically altered.

FDA approval "gives the misleading impression that the agency is going to oversee safety of all genetically engineered food," said Jane Rissler, a plant pathologist at the Union of Concerned Scientists. "It sends a wrong message to approve any product on an ad hoc basis before there is a policy for safety assessment and labeling of all genetically engineered food."

Douglas Hopkins, an attorney with the Environmental Defense Fund, said the agency "devoted an enormous amount of resources to the tomato and has ignored the larger and more important food safety and consumer safety questions involved here."

While Calgene has promised to label the tomato, he said, "unfortunately the FDA doesn't require it." The Pure Food Coalition said it would organize a national boycott of the Flavr-Savr tomato, extending a campaign against the genetically engineered bovine growth hormone which causes cows to produce more milk.

The FDA's Tarantino said there is no requirement for food producers coming to the agency to review food data. "Calgene chose to do this and did it voluntarily and we hope it encourages others to discuss it with us."

The Grocery Manufacturers of America issued a statement hailing the decision as ushering in "a new era for consumers" and predicted that 50 new products would come on to the market in the next six years.

The tomato is in the vanguard of research to modify crops. Some companies are working on making cotton and soybeans resistant to herbicides, a prospect that alarms the Environmental Defense Fund.

"FDA's policy doesn't address serious food allergy concerns," he said. The soybean research includes a Brazil nut protein, he said, which might affect some of the millions of Americans with food allergies.

FDA Commissioner David A. Kessler said consumers can be confident that "we remain committed to assuring that foods produced by genetic engineering are as safe as food in our grocery store today."

The Food and Drug administration said it had not found it necessary to require special labeling for Flavr-Savr "since it maintains the essential characteristics of traditionally developed tomatoes."



Carolyn Hayworth, of the Calgene Company, displays a genetically altered tomato at the firm's Davis, Calif., greenhouse on Wednesday. (AP photo)

M.D. Anderson Cancer Center lays off 180 employees

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center laid off 180 employees Wednesday, the first in a series of job cuts to help the hospital reduce costs.

The layoffs, plus attrition, brought the number of employees to less than 8,330, or down about 5 percent from a peak last fall. On Wednesday, the cancer hospital also eliminated 271 positions that are not currently filled.

M.D. Anderson must reduce its annual costs by about \$90 million to about \$500 million over the next three years, said David Bachrach, the hospital's executive vice president for administration and finance.

To achieve that goal, more employees must be laid off because labor costs amount to nearly half of the hospital's total expenditures, he said.

Wednesday's layoffs touched virtually all areas of the hospital. They included 79 people providing care to patients such as nurses and medical records staff, and 101 support people in areas such as accounting, clerical duties and construction, Bachrach said.

M.D. Anderson's patient count is up about 1.5 percent so far this year compared with last year, he said.

Upbeat cotton farmers begin work in newly moist fields

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

SMYER, Texas (AP) — Traces of rain tinge the cotton fields Bill Brown started planting this week.

The soft soil, sliced open by Brown's tractor, smells damp and rich.

Up to 5 inches of rain fell last week on the farm, enabling Brown, like other South Plains cotton growers, to sow seeds in ground that had been powder-dry since last harvest. Recent thunderstorms turned pessimism into promise across the region, agriculture experts say.

"It's wonderful," Brown said. "It's enough to be optimistic."

Planting hit high gear Monday in the wake of rainfall varying from 1 1/2 to 6 inches last week across the world's largest cotton patch. To the south, through the Abilene region, rain gauges caught from 6 to 9 inches.

Lubbock received 5.96 inches of precipitation in the past month, according to the National Weather Service. But meteorologists said only 2.13 inches fell during the crucial span from October to mid-April, when deep soil moisture is usually replenished.

Before last week, Brown said, he hadn't received a good shower since July on his land about 10 miles west of Lubbock. He said this spring was the driest he has witnessed in 32 years farming with his brother, Mack.

Fields were so parched that many farmers hadn't bothered to plow — until now.

"Just in the nick of time," said Kater Hake, cotton specialist for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. "Two weeks later would have been pushing the end of our window."

Farmers irrigate about half the 3 million acres planted in cotton in 25 counties surrounding Lubbock, Hake says. The dryland acres must depend on Mother Nature for moisture.

Hale County extension agent Robert Benson proclaimed the Plainview area in good shape.

"The rain we did get came relatively slow and was soaked up," Benson said. "Our attitude and outlook are a lot better than 30 days ago."

Hake said farmers need warm, sunny weather for two or three weeks after planting. Then they'd like more rain.

Hail and high winds beat up some of the cotton that was planted earlier, he said.

Water still is standing in terraces around Abilene, where cotton farmers likely will start planting by Monday, said Taylor County extension agent Gary Bomar. No one is complaining about muddy fields and rain, Bomar said.

"Maybe the drought has broken," he said. "(But) we didn't get too much."



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Study says more Asian Americans living in poverty

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Asian-American community contains pockets of poverty that need help, despite its image of education and success.

Median income among Asian-Americans tops that of whites, but there are also more Asians living in poverty than whites, according to a new study by Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, a nonprofit public policy research group based in Los Angeles.

The report was released in Washington by the Asian Pacific American Public Policy Institute.

"In many ways, the experience of Asian Pacific Americans reflects the increasing income polarization that has afflicted everyone in this nation," said Paul M. Ong of the University of California at Los Angeles, editor of the report.

The 1990 Census said the nation's Asian and Pacific Islander population totaled 7,273,662, more than double the 1980 total. The number includes immigrants from and people who trace their ancestry to such places as China, the Philippines, Japan, India, Korea, Vietnam, Samoa, Tonga, Hawaii and others.

The study said that while many professional, highly educated Asians have migrated to the United States, so have many of the poor and unskilled.

Median income for people of Asian and Pacific backgrounds is \$36,000, the report said, well ahead of the \$31,100 for non-Hispanic whites.

But the Asians also had more people in poverty, 14 percent compared with 9 percent of whites.

Limited English-language ability, lack of transferable job skills and discrimination, holds back the impoverished segment, the report said.

And even for highly educated Asians, schooling is not enough to guarantee continued advancement, it said, citing a "glass ceiling" that prevents them from moving into higher positions.

Many Asian medical graduates have found employment in the United States, for example. But while these doctors provide a disproportionate share of the service in urban, inner-city hospitals, they have not moved into management positions, the report said.

Among Asians, the disadvantaged population is largely a product of immigration, the study found, with nine-tenths of the impoverished being from other countries.



Daniel Hernandez, 2, of Tijuana looks at Mexican milk next to a vacant shelf at Calimax supermarket Wednesday. (AP photo by Dana Fisher)

Mexicans reportedly banning U.S. milk

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — In apparent violation of the North American Free Trade Agreement, American milk is being pulled off Tijuana grocery shelves.

Supermarkets in the border city began stocking American milk earlier this month, for the first time in recent memory.

But the plastic jugs were yanked soon after, banned by Baja California state officials who say they're trying to protect their state's crucial dairy industry.

The move to restrict U.S. milk appears to violate NAFTA, which eliminated import quotas, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official told the *San Diego Union-Tribune* newspaper.

Although NAFTA allows the exclusion of agricultural products under health regulations, restrictions to protect a domestic industry are not within its provisions, the official told the paper, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official said Washington has not taken any action in this case and he was not sure whether it would.

The free trade agreement among the United States, Mexico and Canada went into effect Jan. 1, creating the world's largest free trade zone.

The gallons of whole milk from a Yuma, Ariz., dairy, marketed under the name Sarah Farms, first popped up May 9 in the Calimax chain's 18 Tijuana stores. The jugs sold for \$2.34, slightly more than the \$2.18 per gallon charged for milk from the Jersey dairy in Tijuana.

Calimax was told it had committed a technical violation by not obtaining a state permit for the milk, but state officials concede they are reluctant to grant the permit.

"The state government is very concerned about protecting the jobs and the economic benefits that the milk industry generates," said Jose Manuel Salcedo Sanudo, undersecretary in Baja California's department of agricultural development.

Milk producers in Baja California say 120,000 people are employed in the state's dairy industry, either growing alfalfa for cows, raising cows or processing milk.

The United States exports milk to all Mexican border states, including Baja California, but no one had tried to break into the Tijuana market before.

Tijuana is the biggest Mexican city along the U.S. border, and the import of American milk for Tijuana consumers could seriously hurt domestic milk producers.

Lobbyists win reprieves from new food labeling rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lobbyists fighting for a reprieve from the government's new food labeling rules have won on two fronts: in federal court and on Capitol Hill.

The Senate late Tuesday approved a bill that would give food packagers until Aug. 18 to use up old boxes, cans, bags and wrappers with outdated nutrition labels. The House is expected to follow suit within a few days.

A court order took effect Wednesday that would bar the Food and Drug Administration from enforcing the new rules for soft drink cans until Aug. 8.

Judge Stanley Sporkin said the FDA had "sent regrettably confused signals" to food packagers in its published regulations. By then soft drink makers had millions of dollars in old-style cans stockpiled to meet summer demand, he said.

Sporkin said the industry is making good-faith efforts to change to cans with the new labels, and noted in a footnote: "Unlike wine, soft drinks do not get better with age."

The actions follow a lightning lobbying campaign by the packaging industry, which feared the rules

would force it to dump millions of dollars worth of packaging material into landfills.

Industry relied on language in FDA's rule that said products labeled before May 8 could be sold after that date. The product was considered labeled on "the date that the label is affixed to the product or product container."

To packagers, that meant stocks of old boxes and bags already printed could be used up. But the FDA called that "a complete misreading" of the rule.

Voter fraud complaints investigated in San Antonio school board election

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police are investigating possible voter fraud in the May 7 South San Antonio School Board election, a police spokesman has confirmed.

The probe centers on approximately 40 ballots, including several linked to incumbent trustee Ray Montez, who is seeking reelection, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported.

Police spokesman Sgt. David Ramos confirmed this week that the department's Special Crimes Unit had formally received information from the school district. Ramos declined to provide details.

Among the questionable ballots were six cast by people who claim residence at Montez's home.

Seven other voters listed the address of a neighbor, and one vote was cast in the name of a man who died in January. Also, five of six voters who claim to live at the home of a Montez campaign worker's relative were people who registered this year.

An *Express-News* columnist revealed many of the allegations in an article in the newspaper.

Montez won the plurality of votes in the four-person race May 7, out-polling second-place challenger Albert Ray Herrera by 86 votes. They face each other in a

runoff June 4. Montez said he had been advised by his attorney not to comment. But he accused other board members of taking part in similar election incidents in the past.

"This stuff has been going on for years, for (the past) 30 years," he said. "And just now, they're noticing these things?"

Montez said he has urged the school board to turn over election duties to the Bexar County elections administrator. Currently, the district runs the election.

"If there are so many irregularities, why doesn't the elections administrator monitor her employees, or train them better?" Montez said. "That's her fault."

South San elections administrator Denise Menchaca said evidence of other possibly fraudulent votes include an allegation that one woman voted twice and complaints that a dozen unregistered voters cast ballots.

The police investigation is the second in as many weeks involving the school board race. Montez and Herrera filed criminal assault complaints against each other last week stemming from a May 6 scuffle involving them and their supporters as they erected campaign signs outside a school.

Spotlight On...

Kathy Land R.N. -
Emergency Department -
Coronado Hospital



We at Coastal Emergency Services are proud to recognize Kathy Land, R.N. for her exceptional performance at Coronado Hospital. Her knowledge and character make her a very important part of the emergency department team.

Fifteen years ago, Kathy came to Coronado Hospital. She has been apart of the emergency staff for the past thirteen years. Born and raised in Canada, Kathy chose to attend college in New York at Niagra College. She continued her education to become a registered nurse.

Kathy is the mother of two daughters and has one dog - Jessica 13, Melissa 8, and Max the dog. In her free time she enjoys to hike, read and travel.

As the head nurse of the Emergency Department, Kathy's skills, personality and wisdom are priceless. When asked what was her number one goal for the Emergency Department in service to the community - her response was to provide the best possible care to the patients.

We at Coastal Emergency Services salute Kathy for her time and loyalty to the community and to Coronado Hospital.

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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: As an owner of a hot tub, and a grandparent with several grandchildren who are the light of our lives, I wish to thank the grandparents in Oregon for the warning in regard to the danger of the suction of the circulating pumps. His letter also prompted me to send my own warning off to you. I hope you find it is as important to print.

One of our little granddaughters had always been afraid of the leaf blower, which I used almost daily on our deck. I thought it was important to teach her that it was not something she had to be afraid of, and when she finally allowed it near her, I began to blow it toward her so she could see that it would not hurt her, but just made a lot of noise. How wrong I was!

The next thing I knew, the vacuum suction on the side of the motor had sucked her long hair into the fan, twisting it, and had pulled her right up against it within seconds! By the time I turned off the switch, most of her hair was twisted and tangled inside the blower.

You can imagine the fear this poor child suffered — not to mention the pain of the whole ordeal.

It was not life-threatening, but could have been avoided with a little foresight in my part. I hope this will warn others, and avoid a similar incident.

"NANA" FROM OROVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR NANA: You can be sure someone will read this and benefit from your harrowing experience with a leaf blower. Thank you for writing.

DEAR ABBY: What do you do with a husband who things that as long as he gives his wife his paycheck, he is being the perfect husband?

We have been married for five years, and he never once has put his arms around me unless I've asked him to. He's 29 and I'm 26.

When I ask him if he loves me, he says, "I married you, didn't I?" Maybe I shouldn't complain because he is decent, hardworking and faithful, and we are both regular churchgoers.

But how can I get him to be more loving? He talks baby talk to our dog.

NEEDS LOVE

DEAR NEEDS LOVE: Legal tender without legal tenderness does not a marriage make. Here we go again — get your husband to a marriage counselor. Or if there's a marriage encounter group in your area, it could do wonders for your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I laughed when I read the article in your column about people who sleep in the nude. You suggested that they keep a robe handy in case they had to make a sudden getaway. The brought back the following memory:

About 40 years ago, my basketball team was on a Canadian trip. It was late in the evening, and we had just finished eating dinner in a Montreal restaurant. As we were getting into our car to go home, the late Michael DeVita (who later became the mayor of Paterson, N.J.) was knocked to the ground by a naked man who was being chased by a man who was fully clothed.

Mike got up and said, "Lovely day," as the naked man dashed off.

JAMES LABAGNORA, PATERSON, N.J.

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All that jazz — Near home or far away

By JENNIFER MERIN
For AP Special Features

This summer, world-class jazz is in the air, and you can catch the beat in a variety of venues — the Caribbean, Europe and the States.

Pick dates and places from the following roundup, which cites only a very brief sampling of the starry lineup of performers at each venue. Then be sure to make reservations in good time.

In Puerto Rico, Heineken Jazzfest '94 trumpets into San Juan for Memorial Day weekend. Thelonious Monk opens the four-day event May 26 with a jazz workshop at noon and concert at 10 p.m. Performances are outdoors at the Luis Munoz Marin Park Amphitheater, and the festival emphasizes Latin jazz. Performers include Diane

Schuur, the Benny Green Trio and Latin jazz stars. Tickets cost \$6 per night, or \$18 for four nights.

The seventh Aruba Jazz & Latin Music Festival rocks the Dutch colonial town of Oranjestad on two successive weekends, June 17-19 and June 24-26, presenting the Rippingtons, the Yellowjackets and Tito Nieves, among others. Concerts are at the Entertainment Center, an outdoor arena with room for dancing. Founded to celebrate the Caribbean's rich cultural heritage, the festival brings local musicians into the international limelight.

Montreal Jazz Festival, widely acknowledged as one of the world's best, celebrates its 15th anniversary June 30-July 10 with a special edition featuring the likes of John McLaughlin, Paco de Lucia and Wynton Marsalis. Performances are

scheduled from noon to midnight in streets, clubs and concert halls in the heart of the city. Seventy percent of the concerts are free; the remainder are ticketed at \$10-\$40 per event.

The Montreux Jazz & World Music Festival bows into this Swiss lakeside retreat July 1-16, presenting three acts nightly in Stravinsky Hall and additional performances in the Miles Davis Club. This year's lineup includes Bobby McFerrin, Natalie Cole, Bob Dylan and Pat Metheny. Ticket prices range from \$45-\$75 per night; three-night passes cost \$140-\$250.

Copenhagen Jazz Festival takes over the Danish capital, July 4-11, filling concert halls, palaces, clubs and public squares with the hot sounds of Tom Harrell, Betty Carter, Roy Haynes and others.

Eighty percent of the shows are free; tickets to the remainder cost \$6-\$10.

Holland's prestigious North Sea Jazz Festival shakes The Hague July 7-10, featuring headliners B.B. King, Nina Simone, Gerry Mulligan and many more. Music is performed nonstop from 4 p.m. to at least 2 a.m. on 13 indoor stages at the Netherlands Congress Center. Tickets cost about \$50 per day; a three-day pass costs about \$125; the all-festival pass is about \$225.

In Finland, Pori Jazz presents music almost 24 hours a day, July 20-24, in concert halls, cafes and streets in Pori, western Finland. This year's lineup includes Herbie Hancock, Tito Puente and the Tossaint New Orleans Band. Tickets to multi-act performances cost \$12-\$40.

Telluride Jazz Celebration turns the Colorado ski resort into a jazz center the weekend of Aug. 5-7, presenting concerts by the Jimmy Heath Quintet, the Susannah McCorkle Quartet and others, in Town Park and in town clubs. Tickets for the three-day event cost \$97; a jazz workshop for youngsters age 9 and up costs \$125.

Russian River Jazz Festival jazes up scenic Johnson Beach, near Guerneville, Calif., with day-long, surfside performances Sept. 10 and 11. Sunbathe to the sounds of Grover Washington Jr., Betty Carter and others. Tickets bought before June 15 cost \$24 for one day, \$43 for two days; up to July 15 the cost is \$27 for one day, \$49 for two days; by Sept. 9, it's \$29 for one day, \$55 for two. Tickets at the gate cost \$33 for one day, \$60 for two.

Toothpaste brightens science student's future

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Lifestyles Editor

Toothpaste is why this budding young Pampa scientist has reason to smile.

An experiment to see which brand of toothpaste fights plaque the best has led Angela Rodriguez, a graduating high school senior, to the 45th International Science and Engineering Fair where she placed fourth out of 82 in the microbiology competition. Even though Rodriguez has never taken a course in microbiology, she has been studying the subject on her own.

Rodriguez got the idea to do an experiment with toothpaste several years ago as a freshman in high school from a combination of things.

As a youngster, she had a few cavities and was curious to know which brand cleaned better than others. "I had braces," she said, and had to carry a few small tubes of toothpaste with her to clean her teeth. But she explained, "I had a general interest in teeth."

Later on, she read an article in Consumer Report that ranked different brands of toothpaste on price and taste appeal.

"But they omitted bacterial inhibition," Rodriguez said, explaining that it means keeping the bacteria from growing.

Originally when she first started her experiment, she was going to see which toothpaste removed stains better than others, but her ninth grade biology teacher, Denver McMurry, encouraged her to pursue the experiment with "bacterial inhibition."

Using plaque specimens provided by local dentist Dr. J. A. Johnson, the two different kinds of plaque bacteria she tested were Streptococcus and mutans.

Even though Denver McMurry no longer teaches here, Rodriguez still thinks highly of him and the influence he had on her.

"I thought it could be really nice if he were here this year," said Rodriguez since she went the International Science and Engineering Fair for the second time in a row.

"He was really the only mentor I ever had," she said.

While he was here, she said it was the only time she had ever worked one on one with an adult sponsor. "He supported me a lot and he was one of the main reasons I did this," she continued.

As for becoming interested in science, Rodriguez said there was no certain point where she did.

"I've never been uninterested in any subject in school," she said.

"I first took a chemistry class in seventh grade and I got really excited," she said, and began to develop more of an interest in the subject.

She entered the High Plains Regional Science Fair sponsored by Amarillo College when she was in the eighth grade and has competed and placed every year since then. In her junior and senior years, she placed first overall which qualified her to compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair both years. She has also received awards from the American Chemical Society Award and the Society for Microbiology.

Rodriguez sees these fairs as quite an experience. Over 900 science students from different states as well as different countries competed against one another this year in Birmingham, Ala., May 8 through 14. Rodriguez said although there were quite a few people competing, there were no feelings of contempt but of good will.

She said Texas had the largest delegation and every time a student from Texas won an award, they would wave their Texas flags. "There was a lot of camaraderie."

In an effort to develop an interest in science, the Amarillo Independent School District has asked her to make a video promoting science for their schools. Here in Pampa, she has been taking a board she made of last year's international fair, which has pictures of the fair and information about science, around to the different elementary schools. Last year, she did this as part of her honors chemistry course but is now doing this on her own.

Most of the children are impressed with her board, particularly an autographed picture she has of USN Capt. Ken Reightler, an astronaut that she met at last year's fair.

At both of the science fairs she attended, trading pins was a popular pastime with most of the science students. She has a quite a few pins from different states and several from different countries pinned all over a denim hat that she had collected from last year's international fair that was held in Biloxi, Miss.

This fall Rodriguez, ranked third in her class, will attend Angelo State University. Even though she has plans to become a medical lab technician, she would eventually like to become a dentist.

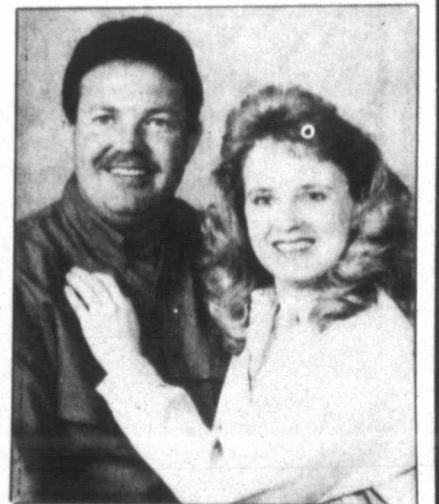


Angela Rodriguez collects pins from other American and international students she has met at science fairs. She obtained most of the pins last year at the International Science and Engineering Fair held in Biloxi, Miss. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

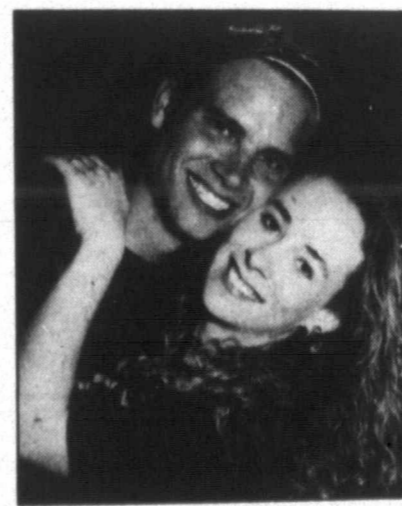
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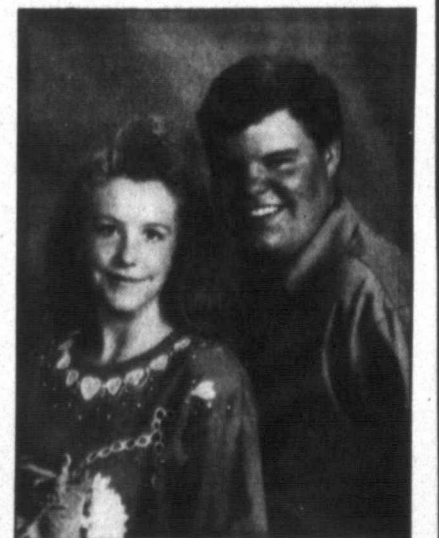
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- 1 Flower
- 5 Station
- 9 Ariz. time
- 12 Mouth parts
- 13 Diminutive suffix
- 14 Comedian — Philips
- 15 Newspaper opinion column
- 17 Even (poet.)
- 18 — Commandments
- 19 Future bks.
- 20 Locations
- 22 — West
- 23 Range (abbr.)
- 24 — Gantry
- 27 Covering
- 31 Egyptian goddess
- 32 Not rich
- 33 Barnyard cry
- 34 Male sheep
- 35 Persia

- 36 Character in Othello
- 37 Everlasting
- 39 Playwright Neil
- 40 Cheat
- 41 Roman 2,001
- 42 Fairylike
- 45 — Tse-tung
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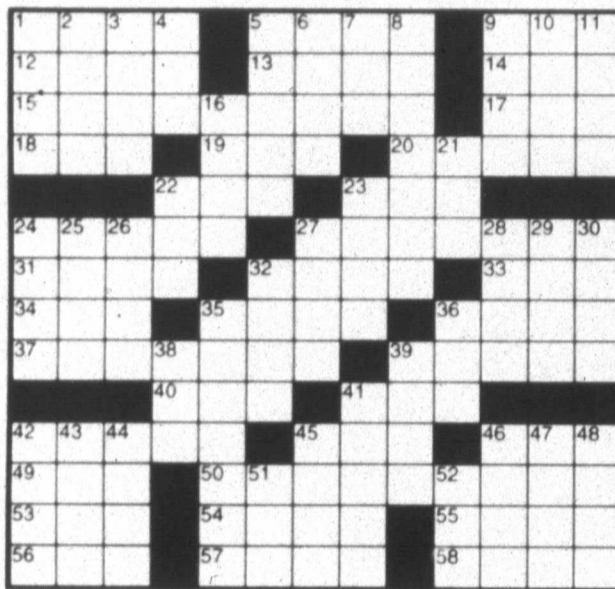
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- 3 — the Mood for Love
- 4 Fast aircraft (abbr.)
- 5 In itself (2 wds.)
- 6 Elevator maker
- 7 RR depot
- 8 Communications satellite
- 9 Encounter
- 10 Type of duck
- 11 Lots and lots
- 16 — Khayyam
- 21 Believer (suff.)
- 22 Intermediate (pref.)
- 23 Satellite
- 24 Ireland
- 25 Future LL.Bs. exam
- 26 Silent actor
- 27 Fuel
- 28 Muslim prayer leader
- 29 Not functioning properly (sl.)
- 30 Thug
- 32 English baby carriage
- 35 Nonsense
- 36 Roman 3
- 38 Baseball stat.
- 39 Smoke and fog
- 41 Female horses
- 42 — Thompson
- 43 Falsehood
- 44 Lose color
- 45 Additional
- 46 Grafted, in heraldry
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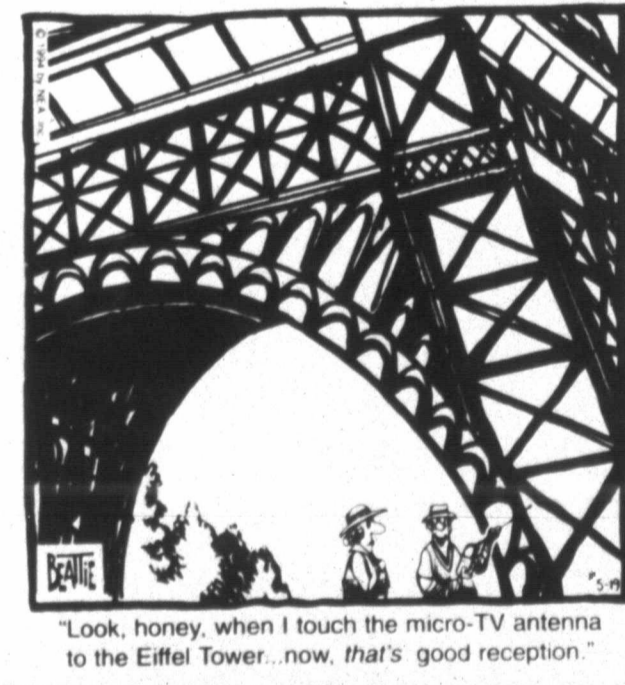
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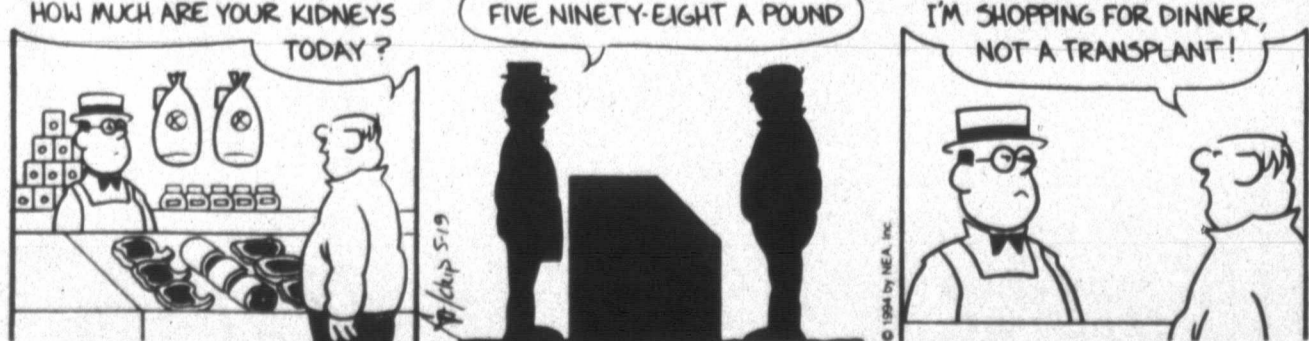
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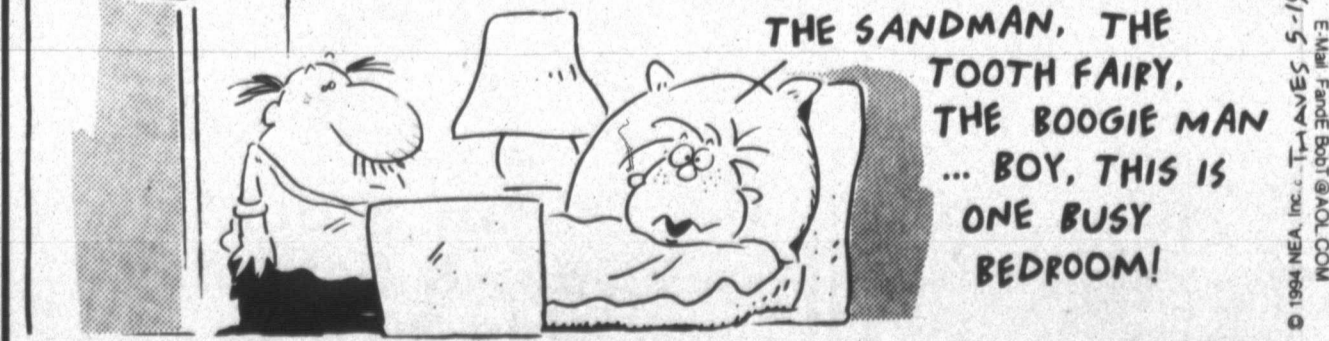
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GARFIELD



TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be careful today you don't do something thoughtless that could make a family member feel you're more concerned about outsiders than you are with your own kin. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your level of competency might be a notch or too higher than the level of co-workers today. This could create problems if they slow the production line down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Early in the day you are likely to be quite effective and productive, but your self-discipline might diminish by the afternoon. Schedule critical tasks for the a.m.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There should be ample material opportunities around you today, but there is also a possibility you might not fully appreciate what each one has to offer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In your dealings with others today let your innate philosophy emerge. Sincerely wins respect from others, game playing won't. Don't pretend to be something you're not.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be alert for an opportunity today where you could substantially profit in some manner from an arrangement another already has going. You can fit into this picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Associates who are in a position to further your ambitions might want to help you today, but don't take every promise literally. There may be certain things they can't deliver.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There is a possibility you might not accomplish all you set out to do today owing to a lack of total resolve. Either work or play, but don't attempt both.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) One of your best assets today is your ability to win or lose with grace. Your behavior will be observed by friends who will admire what they see.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today if you have the courage of your convictions and do that which you believe to be best, the end results should be to your satisfaction. It pays to be purposeful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The views and ideas of you and your mate are likely to be in harmony today, yet collectively you may produce little of value. Be sure both parties are doers rather than merely talkers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It isn't that you won't know how to make a good deal businesswise, your problem might come in not knowing what to do with it once you've got it.

Sports

Notebook

TRI-STATE FINALS

AMARILLO — The Tri-State High School Rodeo Association Finals will be June 2-4 in Amarillo.

Performances will be held at the Tri-State Fair Grounds and over 100 contestants who qualified in the top 15 in each event will be competing in boys' and girls' events.

Bareback riding, saddlebronc riding, bull-riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, ribbon roping, girls' breakaway roping, barrel racing, girls' goat tying, pole bending and team roping are the scheduled events.

Performances will be at 7:30 nightly June 2 and June 3 with the finals June 4 at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are four dollars for general admission and box seats are available.

High school athletes will be competing for year-end awards and qualification for the State High School Finals to be held in Abilene later next month.

For further information and box seat sales, contact the Tri-State Fair Office at 376-7767.

SWIM BANQUET

PAMPA — Jeremy Nunn and Talitha Pope were named most valuable swimmers for 1993-94 during the Pampa High School swim banquet earlier this month at the country club.

The boys' relay team, consisting of Nunn, Bobby Venal, Brian Stout and Clay Partain, receiving a plaque for placing sixth in UIL regional competition.

Coach Cody Huckaby presented the awards. Approximately 55 persons attended the banquet.

NEW CONFERENCE

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) — Representatives from nine Texas and Louisiana colleges are trying to make their dream of a new Big State Conference a reality.

East Texas Baptist President Bob Riley, who will serve as the new conference's president, says the move makes sense because of recent changes in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics competition.

"The Big State Conference idea came about because the NAIA changed the rules on how teams can get to championship events at the fall meeting in 1993," Riley said.

"If a team belongs to an affiliated conference that is approved by the NAIA, the conference winner now receives an automatic bid to the championship event in that sport."

The new league will include Wiley College of Marshall, LeTourneau University of Longview, Ambassador College of Big Sandy, Huston-Tillotson of Austin, Houston Baptist, Texas Wesleyan of Fort Worth, Jarvis Christian of Hawkins and Louisiana Christian of Sunset, La.

East Texas, which is hosting Thursday's meeting, rounds out the conference.

The meeting will focus on issues such as athletic scholarships, recruiting and overall philosophy.

NAIA guidelines require that the conference include a minimum of six schools that offer at least one sport per gender in fall, winter and spring. Several schools will be adding sports to meet conference requirements.

"This conference won't be in the high scholarship level that some other conferences are," Riley said. "We will be in the middle range, where we can have good program and compete with bigger schools if we recruit hard."

The conference also will provide the smaller programs an opportunity to forge local rivalries.

"We wanted to be in a conference since the beginning of our 4-year-old program," Ambassador College athletic director Gilbert Norman said. "It's going to make our scheduling tasks easier, and we are anxious to get in the good company of ETBU, LeTourneau and the others."

For schools like Wiley, the Big State offers a chance to upgrade their athletic programs.

"It is our plan to go back to giving scholarships and having a respectable, competitive athletic program," Wiley President Lamore Carter said. "Students want that kind of activity, and they want the school's teams to be competitive."

PENDERS VISITS NEW ORLEANS

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas basketball coach Tom Penders said Wednesday that he visited the University of New Orleans on Sunday to help athletic director Ron Maestri in selecting a new coach.

But Penders, 48, says he hasn't been offered the job and is happy at Texas.

Penders said he has been in contact with Maestri several times over the past two weeks in an "advisory capacity" as New Orleans looks for a replacement for Tim Floyd, who left May 5 to take the head coaching job at Iowa State.

The Privateers finished 21-11 in the Sun Belt Conference last season.

Penders, who has led Texas to more 20-win seasons and NCAA tournaments than any other Longhorn coach, said he was flown to New Orleans on Sunday by Maestri and the two played golf and toured the Privateers' facilities.

"We talked about the job and things like radio and television packages for a coach and shoe contracts. And we talked about some of the people, older coaches and younger coaches, who might be good for the job," Penders said.

"It's really a good situation for somebody. If I were somewhere else or looking for a job, it would be one I would have to consider."

"But Ron (Maestri) he has never said, 'Tom, would you like this job?' or 'Are you interested in this job?'"

Penders, who said he has served in such an advisory capacity roughly five times in the past 10 years, wouldn't say outright whether he would turn down the New Orleans job if it was offered.

"I would never rule out anything," Penders said. "I could get hit by a blimp tomorrow."

Penders said ruling out coaching at New Orleans next year would be "putting down somebody or something, and I would never say that."

"I plan to be at Texas for a long time," he added.

Maestri was out of his office Wednesday, according to a secretary, and couldn't be reached for comment. Officials in the UNO sports information department declined to comment on Penders' visit.

Knicks top Bulls to grab 3-2 lead

Davis' foul shots give New York 87-86 win

By **BILL BARNARD**
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — To the New York Knicks, the call went a long way toward ending years of frustration against Chicago. To the Bulls, the call was most foul.

"Those were two pressure free throws, a pretty tough situation," Hubert Davis said of his winning foul shots with 2.1 seconds left, after being fouled by Scottie Pippen on a 20-foot jumper. "It was pretty much a late foul. But as soon as I let go of the ball, he hit me."

After a last-gasp inbounds pass was knocked away, the Knicks had an 87-86 victory Wednesday night and a 3-2 lead in their second-round playoff series.

Chicago coach Phil Jackson was furious with the call by referee Hue Hollins, saying he "never saw a game end quite

like that. Tonight we go back to Chicago and tomorrow we'll read 'em and weep." He then stomped out of a postgame press conference without answering a question, and Pippen also refused to comment.

"I saw Scottie make contact with his shooting motion," Hollins said. "I'm positive there was contact on the shot."

Hollins' late call was defended by fellow referee Darrel Garretson, who also is the NBA's supervisor of officials.

"It's important to define what a shooter is," Garretson said. "A shooter remains a shooter until he regains his balance. Hue is looking for contact on the shot."

The outcome pulled the Knicks within a victory of their first successful playoff series ever against the three-time defending champion Bulls, who are 5-0 in the postseason against New York, including each of the last three seasons.

In the last two years, the teams were tied after four games, but this time the Knicks reversed the trend despite being held to 5-for-18 shooting and 14 points in the fourth quarter. The Bulls scored 15 in the final period, the fifth consecutive game this season they've failed to reach 20 in the last 12 minutes at New York.

"You have to give them credit for taking us out of our offense and forcing us to other options," said Knicks point guard Greg Anthony, who replaced suspended starter Derek Harper for two games. Harper returns for Game 6 in Chicago on Friday night.

The Knicks trailed 86-85 when they inbounced with 7.6 seconds left. John Starks drove to the basket but was cut off and passed to Davis, whose jumper from the top of the key hit the back of the rim. But he was fouled by Pippen after releasing the ball and sank both free throws for the one-point lead.

"I was fouled as I took the shot," said Davis, who scored just six points in 14 minutes. "The foul definitely affected the shot."

Knicks coach Pat Riley said

the final seconds were similar to a one-point loss by New York in the first round, when New Jersey's Chris Morris hit two free throws with 1.2 seconds left.

"I never said a word when Morris was fouled and the Nets beat us," Riley said. "The film shows Hubert was hit after the shot. If you lose one like that, you have to live with it."

"Obviously, it was a tough call for us," Bulls guard B.J. Armstrong said. "But that's how the game is played. What the ref saw, he saw."

On the Bulls' last chance, Anthony Mason tipped away an inbounds pass intended for Pippen. Starks picked up the loose ball just before the buzzer.

"Horace Grant was the first option, then B.J.," said Chicago's Pete Myers, who made the inbounds pass. "Scottie just happened to be the only one that was open, so that's why the pass went to him."

Patrick Ewing had 20 points and 13 rebounds, Charles Smith 16 points and Charles Oakley 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Knicks. Pippen scored 23 points, Armstrong 21 and Grant 14 for

the Bulls, who must return to New York for Game 7 on Sunday if they win Friday night.

Consecutive baskets by Ewing, his first points since the first quarter, gave the Knicks a 79-73 lead with nine minutes left. The Bulls pulled within one four times, the last time at 85-84 on Pippen's two free throws with 1:29 left, before Armstrong gave them an 86-85 edge with 44 seconds left, just before the 24-second clock expired.

Ewing, fouled by Bill Cartwright, missed two crucial free throws with 31 seconds left, but the Knicks got the ball back with 7.6 seconds remaining after a missed shot by Armstrong.

New York trailed by as many as nine points in the first half as Starks and Anthony scored two points each on a combined 1-for-6 shooting. However, the two starting guards each scored seven of the Knicks' first 20 points of the second half and made six of their eight shots in the third period, helping them lead by as many as six before settling for a 73-71 edge going into the fourth quarter.

Gymnasts plan Saturday recital



Students from Gymnastics of Pampa will perform in "A Spotlight on Broadway," recital on Saturday, starting at 5 p.m. at Gymnastics of Pampa. Some of the 100 students who will be performing are (top row, l-r) Elizabeth Thomas, Keshia Childress, Kristen Brooks, Tiffany Lucas, Britney Downey, Courtney Crawford and Payton Baird; (middle row, l-r) Ashley Ferguson, Matthew Daugherty, Kendall Stokes, Lindsay Jennings, Amy Youree, Chafren Wilson and Ashlee Childress; (bottom row, l-r) Brianna Bigham and Chandon Wilson. The gymnasts, ages 3-18, will perform on the bars and beams and will do special groups routines on the floor exercise. Most of the gymnastic students have been taking lessons since September. (Photo by Frank Anderson)

Rangers complete three-game sweep

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Will Clark hit a three-run homer, and Kenny Rogers pitched his first complete game of the season as the Texas Rangers completed a three-game sweep with a 6-2 victory Wednesday over the Oakland Athletics.

Rogers (4-3) allowed two runs on 11 hits, struck out four and walked none as Texas got its first series sweep this season and only its second three-game sweep in the last two years. His last previous complete game also was against the A's, a six-hitter Sept. 30.

For the third straight game, the Rangers got to Oakland's starter early, but this time held the lead. In the first two games of the series, the Rangers lost big leads after the second inning and were forced to win in extra innings.

After Dean Palmer's third homer gave Texas its first run in the second, the Rangers struck for five more in the third.

Former Ranger Bobby Witt (3-4) faced 10 batters and gave up eight hits. Clark hit his fifth homer, Manuel Lee got a two-out RBI single and Junior Ortiz followed with a run-scoring double for a 6-0 lead.

In the third, Stan Javier's RBI single scored Scott Hemond, who led off with a double. Oakland made it 6-2 in the eighth when Brent Gates led off with a double, moved to third on a ground-out and scored on Ruben Sierra's sacrifice fly.



KENNY ROGERS

The Rangers loaded the bases in the fourth and fifth innings, but failed to score. Lee popped up to end the fourth, and Vince Horsman struck out Juan Gonzalez in the fifth.

Witt lasted just four innings, allowing six runs on 12 hits. He walked three and struck out two.

Notes: Jose Canseco and Clark, two former stars in the San Francisco Bay area, combined to go 9-for-23 with 10 walks and 11 RBIs in the series. ... The Athletics have not retired the side in order in the first inning since April 30. Texas scored nine first-inning runs in the first two games of the series, but failed to get a run off Witt in the first on Wednesday. ... Rogers got his first road victory since Aug. 31, 1993, a span of six outings.

Drabek whiffs 10 as Astros defeat Giants

HOUSTON (AP) — Doug Drabek won his sixth straight decision and struck out a season-high 10 in eight innings to lead the Houston Astros to 4-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday night.

Drabek (6-1) hasn't lost since his first start of the season against Montreal. He gave up eight hits and walked four. John Hudek came on for his second save.

Mark Portugal (4-3) took the loss in his first appearance in the Astrodome since leaving the Astros in the offseason to sign with the Giants as a free agent. He gave up four runs on seven hits in six innings, striking out seven and walking three.

Houston took a 1-0 lead in the second when Jeff Bagwell led off with a double, moved to third on a ground-out and scored on Ken Caminiti's double.

The Giants took the lead in the third when Kirt Manwaring and Darren Lewis singled to put runners on first and third. Manwaring scored on catcher Scott Servais' throwing error trying to get Lewis stealing second. John Patterson followed with an RBI single.

The Astros tied the game in the bottom of the inning when Craig Biggio singled, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on a double by Bagwell.

Caminiti led off the fourth with his sixth homer of the season and the Astros' final run came in the next inning when Biggio was hit by a pitch, moved up on a walk and a wild pitch and scored on a grounder by Luis Gonzalez.

Notes: Houston is averaging 5.3 runs in Drabek's nine starts (48 runs overall). Last year, the Astros averaged 3.2 runs in his 34 starts. ... San Francisco has won its last 135 games when leading after eight innings, dating to July 1992.

NL standings

By The Associated Press

	All Times EDT			
	East Division			
	W	L	Pct.	GB<P>
Atlanta	24	13	.649	—
Montreal	22	17	.564	3
Florida	22	18	.550	3 1/2
New York	20	19	.513	5
Philadelphia	17	23	.425	8 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB<P>
Cincinnati	24	14	.632	—
St. Louis	20	18	.526	4
Houston	20	19	.513	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	18	20	.474	6
Chicago	14	24	.368	10

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB<P>
Los Angeles	22	18	.550	—
San Francisco	21	19	.525	1
Colorado	17	20	.459	3 1/2
San Diego	10	29	.256	11 1/2

Tuesday's Games<P>

Chicago 11, San Diego 4
 St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 0
 New York 4, Florida 3
 Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 3, 10 innings
 San Francisco 5, Houston 2
 Philadelphia 6, Montreal 5
 Colorado 7, Los Angeles 6
 Wednesday's Games<P>

Montreal 6, Philadelphia 1
 Chicago 5, San Diego 4
 St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings
 Atlanta 3, Cincinnati 1
 Florida 4, New York 3
 Houston 4, San Francisco 2
 Los Angeles 5, Colorado 2
 Thursday's Games<P>

Atlanta (Smoltz 2-5) at Cincinnati (Hanson 2-3), 12:35 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Herbster 2-0) at Colorado (Nied 3-2), 5:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Sager 1-3) at Houston (Kile 3-2), 8:05 p.m.

Only games scheduled

Friday's Games<P>

San Francisco at Chicago, 3:20 p.m.
 St. Louis at Florida, 7:35 p.m.
 New York at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m.
 Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7:35 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m.
 San Diego at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.

AL standings

By The Associated Press

	All Times EDT			
	East Division			
	W	L	Pct.	GB<P>
New York	26	12	.684	—
Boston	25	13	.658	1
Baltimore	22	14	.611	3
Toronto	19	20	.487	7 1/2
Detroit	16	21	.432	9 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB<P>
Chicago	21	16	.568	—
Cleveland	19	17	.528	1 1/2
Kansas City	19	17	.528	1 1/2
Minnesota	20	19	.513	2
Milwaukee	17	21	.447	4 1/2

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB<P>
Texas	18	19	.480	—
Seattle	15	22	.405	3
California	16	24	.400	3 1/2
Oakland	11	29	.275	8 1/2

Tuesday's Games<P>

Kansas City 4, Seattle 0
 Cleveland 7, Milwaukee 3
 Detroit 13, Toronto 6
 Baltimore 3, Boston 2
 Minnesota 5, New York 4
 Chicago 10, California 2
 Texas 8, Oakland 7, 10 innings
 Wednesday's Games<P>

Late Games Not Included<P>

Minnesota 13, New York 5
 Texas 6, Oakland 2
 Cleveland 5, Milwaukee 3
 Toronto 9, Detroit 3
 Boston 5, Baltimore 2
 Chicago at California, (n)
 Kansas City at Seattle, (n)
 Thursday's Games<P>

Milwaukee (Higges 1-3) at Cleveland (Morris 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Boston (Darwin 6-2) at Baltimore (Fernandez 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
 Kansas City (Appier 3-4) at California (Farrell 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
 Texas (Brown 3-6) at Seattle (Hibbard 1-2), 10:05 p.m.

Only games scheduled

Friday's Games<P>

Baltimore at New York, 7:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.
 Boston at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at California, 10:05 p.m.
 Chicago at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
 Texas at Seattle, 10:35 p.m.

Glavine gets 100th win

CINCINNATI (AP) — How appropriate that Tom Glavine got his 100th win in Cincinnati.

Glavine remained unbeaten at Riverfront Stadium by allowing only two hits over seven shutout innings Wednesday night, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 3-1 victory over the Reds.

Glavine (5-3) struck out three, walked two and allowed only a pair of hits to Brian Dorsett as he improved to 11-0 in 12 starts at Riverfront. The Reds have scored just 18 earned runs off him in those games.

"I guess the (appropriate) thing about getting 100 here is that I've done pretty well here for whatever reason," Glavine said. "I don't know what it is. I feel comfortable here and things just go well for me."

Canucks, Maple Leafs deadlocked in NHL playoffs

TORONTO (AP) — Jyrki Lumme scored a power-play goal with 4:14 left in the third period to lead the Vancouver Canucks to a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs Wednesday night and a 1-1 tie in their NHL Western Conference final.

Toronto's Dave Ellett had scored a power-play goal at 4:37 of the final period to tie the game at 3.

The series resumes with Games 3, 4 and 5 in Vancouver on Friday, Sunday and Tuesday.

Pavel Bure, Jeff Brown and Murray Craven also scored for the Canucks, who flew home immediately following the game to prepare for Game 3 Friday night.

Dmitri Mironov, with two goals, and Ellett scored for the Leafs, who were to fly west at noon Thursday.

Toronto's Doug Gilmour had three assists to increase his playoff points total to 27 — tops in the league.

Lumme beat Leafs goalie Felix Potvin with a knee-high shot from the slot

while Jamie Macouh sat out a holding penalty for tackling Cliff Ronning.

Canucks goalie Kirk McLean preserved the win with a scintillating save with his catching mitt on a Mike Gartner shot with little more than one minute remaining.

Ellett had tied it on Toronto's third power-play goal of the game. With Brian Glynn off for holding and Dave Andreychuk causing havoc at the front of McLean's crease, Ellett blasted a blue-line shot through the screen and into a bottom corner of the net.

It was Ellett's 17th point and it broke the club record shared by Tim Horton (1962) and Ian Turnbull (1978) for most points by a defenseman in one playoff year.

Potvin then made huge saves on shots by Bure and Brown to keep Vancouver from regaining the lead.

It was all Vancouver in the first period. The Canucks outshot the Leafs 15-7 and only solid work by Potvin limited the Canucks to a 1-0 advantage on

Bure's league-leading 10th goal of the playoffs at 18:43.

Bure intercepted the puck on a weak clearing attempt by Mironov along the side boards in Toronto's zone. Ellett couldn't cope with Bure's stickhandling and fell. Bure zeroed in on Potvin, threw head dekes as he cruised to within a few feet of the goalie and flicked a forehead shot over Potvin's left shoulder.

Toronto got into the game in the second period thanks to consecutive penalties to Cliff Ronning for slashing at 3:04, Gino Odjick for holding at 5:15 and Sergio Momesso for cross-checking at 7:07.

Mironov atoned in a big way for his first-period gaffe by scoring power-play goals at 4:38 and 6:21 to give Toronto a 2-1 lead. The goals were carbon copies. The power-play unit exerted tremendous pressure until Gilmour passed to Ellett, who relayed the puck to Mironov at the top of the faceoff circle to the right of McLean. Mironov slapped rising shots

that caught the far upper side of the net both times.

Mironov, with six playoff goals now, tied the club record set by Turnbull in 1978 for defensemen in one playoff year.

Ellett's two assists gave him 14 for the playoffs, breaking Horton's club record, 13 in 1962, by defensemen in one playoff year.

Despite being outshot 18-11 in the period, it was the Canucks who led at the second intermission on goals 36 seconds apart by Brown and Craven.

Ellett was sent off for hooking at 8:15 and on the ensuing power play Brown slapped a long shot. Potvin, needlessly dropping to his knees, allowed the puck through his legs.

Craven slapped a shot under the crossbar at 10:31 from the center of Toronto's zone to make it 3-2. Defenseman Bob Rouse backed up too far, allowing Craven all kinds of room and time.

Toronto outshot Vancouver 15-11 in the third period, 40-39 overall.

Duncan, Celanese win opening games

Duncan Insurance dumped Glo-Valve Service, 12-2, and Hoehchst Celanese shut out Curtis Well Service, 11-0, as the four teams opened their Optimist Major Bambino season Wednesday at Optimist Park.

In the early game, Kevin Osborne held Glo-Valve to four hits and two runs in three innings to earn the mound win. He walked two and struck out two. The game was shortened by the 10-run rule.

Cody Shepard took the loss for Glo-Valve. Josue Silva and Kyle Keith also pitched for Glo-Valve.

Tommy Lozano led a seven-hit Duncan Insurance attack with three hits, including a home run and a double. He scored three

Optimist baseball

times. Shepard, Shawn Strate, Silva and Heath Keeton had hits for Glo-Valve.

In the night cap, Jonathan Waggoner pitched hitless ball for three innings and aided his own cause with two home runs as Hoehchst Celanese pounded Curtis Well Service.

Russell Dubose pitched the last three innings, allowing only two hits to complete the shutout.

IRI edged Moose Lodge, 13-12, in a Minor Bambino League game played Tuesday.

Adam Jones was the winning pitcher.

Bass resigns as Spurs v-p

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bob Bass stepped down Wednesday as vice president of basketball operations for the San Antonio Spurs and will remain with the team as an advisor, said Spurs chairman Robert McDermott.

"Bob has served this franchise well in many capacities for more than 20 years and his loyalty is unquestioned," McDermott said.

The job futures of Bass and Spurs coach John Lucas had been the subject of speculation for days as members of the Spurs ownership group have held a series of post-playoff meetings. McDermott insisted there was no pressure from the ownership group for Bass to resign, but said Bass' decision resulted from recent media speculation.

"I think Bob decided he could not be as effective as he has been," McDermott said. "It was more his decision, not ours."

Spurs owners will begin searching immediately for a replacement, McDermott added.

The ownership group was unanimous in deciding to retain Lucas as coach, he said.

Bass joined the Spurs in December 1974, when he was named head coach. Since then he has held a variety of other positions with the team, including assistant coach, general manager and vice president.

Bass was named NBA Executive of the Year for the 1989-90 season, when the Spurs posted a franchise-best regular-season record of 56-26 and set an NBA record for best single-season turnaround.

As vice president for basketball operations, Bass has overseen player transactions, several of which have drawn criticism from Spurs fans the past two years.

Particularly controversial was a trade that sent Sean Elliott to Detroit last October in exchange for Dennis Rodman and the refusal of the Spurs to re-sign point guard Rod Strickland during the 1992 off-season.

Lucas, a former NBA player well known for his drug treatment programs for athletes, was named head coach in December 1992 after the firing of Jerry Tarkanian.

Rockets have Suns on ropes

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns have been saying since last year that they play better when the pressure is on.

Well, it's on.

Houston is on a roll and the Suns are reeling from three straight losses for the first time since last season.

Hakeem Olajuwon has everyone, including Charles Barkley, thinking second thoughts about venturing into the lane, and the Rockets have cashed in on their 7-foot-center's dominance to win by 16, 11 and 23 points.

Now they are in position to join the 1969 Los Angeles Lakers as the only team to drop the first two at home and still win a seven-game playoff. Game 6 is Thursday night at America West Arena.

"This is a very important game because the seventh game is very dangerous," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "If you can avoid it, that's what you've got to do."

Robert Horry said the Rockets will maintain a level of intensity that has seen them shoot over 54 percent in the last three games while holding the Suns to 41 percent. The Rockets have 40 blocks, 22 by Olajuwon.

"If we lose this game, I think that's going to pick them up a great deal," Horry said. "And when you have an inspired team like Phoenix that's very smart, it's just going to be hard to play them in our gym again."

The Suns are self-proclaimed comeback specialists who let the Lakers win twice in Phoenix during the 1993 first round, then took three in a row to clinch the five-game series.

Phoenix went on to win the Western Conference title, then lost to the Chicago Bulls in the finals in six games.

This year, Phoenix swept Golden State in the first round and, in the first two games of this series, overcame 18- and 20-point deficits, the second time making the greatest fourth-quarter comeback in NBA playoff history.

The Rockets did not relax their grip Tuesday, rolling up a 32-point lead in the fourth quarter on their way to a 109-86 rout.

"The first thing is to stay positive," Suns guard Kevin Johnson. "We've been in this situation before."

Added Suns coach Paul Westphal: "They've got to win four to win the series, but we haven't had four good quarters in the same game, and we're running out of chances."

To force a seventh game Saturday, the Suns need Johnson and Barkley hot in the same game. And a couple of teammates have to step up.

Johnson scored 38 points in Games 3 and 4, while Barkley was scoring 18 and 19. In the second game in Phoenix, they were the only Suns in double figures. On Tuesday, Barkley had 30, but the next highest Phoenix scorer was Oliver Miller with 13. Johnson hit 4-of-13 shots, and Majerle went scoreless, missing six shots.

Olajuwon said the Rockets expect to see the Suns come out hard in an attempt to win one at home in the series.

"They're going to come out fighting, very physical, so we expect a physical game, very tough game, but we'll be patient and play with confidence," Olajuwon said.

"It can change for us just like it changed for them," Suns guard Danny Ainge said. "We can get hot and confident again."

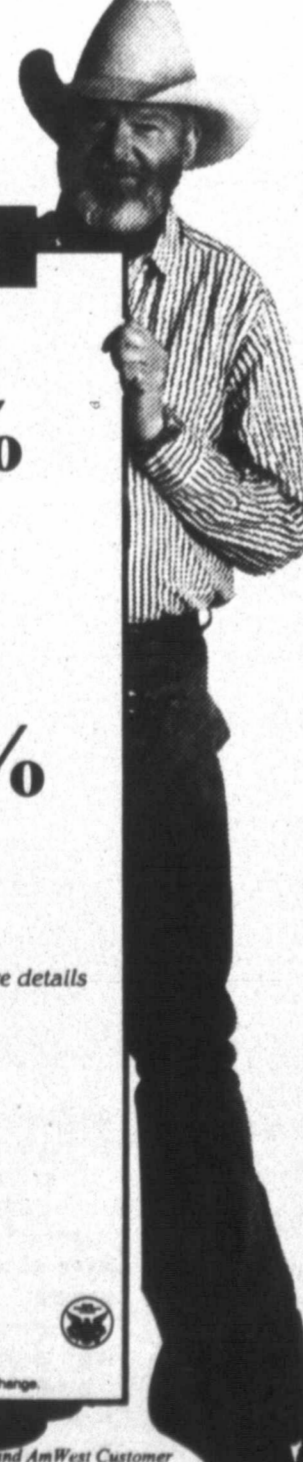
But they have to do it in Game 6, or there won't be another chance.

Texas fishing report

NORTHEAST
ATHENS: Water clear, 68 degrees, 2 inches high; black bass are good to 7 1/2 pounds on various baits including Carolina-rigged plastics in 25-32 feet of water with some fish caught shallow on spinners and topwaters; crappie are good at some brush piles; catfish are fairly good to 10 pounds on nightcrawlers off the piers; bream are fair in the shallows and off the banks.
BOB SANDLIN: Water clear in the main lake, 70 degrees, normal level; black bass are good between storms in 2-20 feet of water on topwaters, buzz baits and soft jerk baits in the shallows and Carolina rigged worms in the deeper water; white bass are fairly good in the deeper water structure on deep diving cranks and off the points in schools; crappie are good on minnows and jigs but are beginning to scatter at various depths; catfish are slow due to lack of fishermen.
CADDIS: Water clear, 68 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are fair on minnows and Beetle Spins in 8 feet of water; catfish are fair with a few large fish on blood-baited trotlines; bream are good in the shallows on crickets and worms.
CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 69 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 10 1/4 pounds; white bass are excellent in the schools and are very good at night as well; crappie are fair on live minnows; channel catfish are good to 10 pounds on beef liver.
CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 72 degrees, 4 inches high; black bass are fairly good to 8 pounds near the grass in the shallows on worms, Slug-GO's and topwaters; crappie are fair in 10-12 feet of water near the grass lines on small spinners and jigs; catfish are very good to 36 pounds off the docks and in the shallows on minnows and worms.
FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 80 degrees, 14 inches low; black bass are very good to 8 1/4 pounds on diving Rat-L-Traps and buzz baits early and late; hybrid striper are fair to 4 pounds on spoons with trailers; catfish are very good to 4 pounds on baited trotlines; red-fish are good to 15 pounds on Rat-L-Traps and D B 3's.
FORK: Water clear, 68 degrees, slightly above normal; black bass are good to 12 pounds on worms and weighted soft jerk baits in 15 feet of water over the grass beds with smaller fish in the shallows on topwaters; crappie are very good to limits on jigs in 12-18 feet of water over the brush and under the bridge; catfish are fair to 10 pounds on rod and reel on stink bait.
GRAPEVINE: Water stained, 68 degrees, 6 feet high; black bass are fair but running small; most all fishing slow due to high water.
JOE POOL: Water muddy in the creeks, 2 feet high; black bass are good to 7 pounds on spinners, lizards and jigs in 1-10 feet of water; white bass are good in the schools early in the morning and later off the humps on jigging spoons; crappie are fair with numerous throw-

backs; catfish are fair to 5 1/2 pounds on rod and reel and chicken liver.
LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 1 foot high, 78 degrees, black bass are fair to 8 1/2 pounds on dark worms, chartreuse buzz baits and soft jerk baits in 8 feet of water and less; crappie are fair on minnows in 15 feet of water and less near the brush tops; white bass are fairly good on small cranks near the river and along the shallow sand bars; catfish are good to 6 1/2 pounds on trotlines baited with worms and cut bait.
MOSS LAKE: Water clear, normal level; black bass are good to 10 pounds; crappie are fairly good; catfish are good at the mouths of the creeks.
MURVAUL: Water clear, 78 degrees, 6 inches high; black bass are good to 8 pounds on topwaters and worms in 4-6 feet of water; crappie are fairly good to 15 per stringer on minnows under the 1971 bridge and off the docks; catfish are very good to 8 pounds on minnows and night crawlers.
PALESTINE: Water clear, 79 degrees, 2 feet high; black bass are fair; white bass are slow; crappie are fair in the creeks on minnows; catfish are good to 48 pounds.
PURTTIS CREEK: Water off color, normal level; black bass are good to 9 pounds on various baits in shallow to 10 feet of water; crappie are fair on minnows late afternoons; catfish are slow.
RAY HUBBARD: Water off color, 68 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are slow on minnows; catfish are fairly good to 45 pounds on bream-baited trotlines and rod and reel using stink bait.
RAY ROBERTS: Water off color, 75 degrees, 8 feet slow; black bass are good to 8 pounds on live shad and watermelon french fries in 18 feet of water; white bass are fair and better during warmer days at the North end in the surface schools; crappie are good on the brush piles in 10-15 feet of water on medium minnows; catfish are excellent to 47 pounds on live perch, shrimp and worms.
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PUBLIC NOTICE		2 Museums	
<p>NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT AMENDMENT City of Pampa, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499, applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for an amendment to Permit No. 10358-02 to authorize on-site composting, marketing and distribution of sludge. The permit currently authorizes a discharge of treated domestic wastewater effluent at a final volume not to exceed an average flow of 3,000,000 gallons per day, which will remain the same. The proposed amendment will enforce more stringent effluent limitations as needed, in order to meet existing applicable rules and regulations.</p> <p>The wastewater treatment facilities are on the north bank of Red Deer Creek, at a point 3400 feet northeast of State Highway Loop 171, approximately 3.5 miles northeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and State Highway 273 in Gray County, Texas. The effluent is discharged into Red Deer Creek in Segment No. 0101 of the Canadian River Basin.</p> <p>In accordance with the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, the Commission staff must determine the existing uses for the receiving water in the area of the proposed discharge and whether the proposed discharge will cause significant degradation to any high quality waters in the area. The unclassified receiving waters of Red Deer Creek have no significant aquatic life uses. The designated uses for Segment No. 0101 are contact recreation and high quality aquatic life uses. The effluent limitations in the draft permit will maintain and protect the existing instream uses. No significant degradation of high quality receiving waters is anticipated. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revision. The Executive Director of the Commission has prepared a draft permit based on the application submitted by the applicant and other information presently available.</p> <p>Legal Authority: Section 26.028 of the Texas Water Code and 305 TAC Chapter 305 of the Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.</p> <p>This application is subject to a Commission resolution adopted August 18, 1993, which directs the Commission's Executive Director to act on behalf of the Commission and issue final approval of certain permit matters. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless one or more persons file written protests and/or a request for a hearing within 30 days after publication of this notice.</p> <p>If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. If one or more protests and/or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application to the Office of Hearings Examiners where a hearing may be held. Commission public hearings are evidentiary legal proceedings similar to civil court non-jury trials. Although general comments from the public may be submitted either in writing prior to the hearing, or orally at the start of the hearing, the law requires that the Commission's decision about whether to approve or deny the application be based on evidence and testimony submitted during the public hearing, presented under oath and subject to cross-examination by the other parties. Public comments are not evidence and cannot be the basis for the Commission's ultimate decision. In the event a hearing is held, the Office of Hearings Examiners will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision. If no protests or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will sign the permit 30 days after publication of this notice or thereafter. If you wish to appeal a permit issued by the Executive Director, you may do so by filing a written Motion for Reconsideration with the Chief Clerk of the Commission no later than 20 days after the date the Executive Director signs the permit. Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Chief Clerk's Office, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512) 463-7908. Information regarding hearing procedures may be obtained by contacting Kerry D. Sullivan, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner at the same address or by telephone at (512) 463-7875. Information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Zdenek Mal, Wastewater Permits Section, at the same address or by telephone at (512) 463-8201.</p> <p>Issued this 12th day of May, 1994. Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission B-12 May 19, 1994</p>		<p>WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa, Tuesday thru Sunday 1:00-4 p.m. Special tours by appointment.</p> <p>ALAN REED-McLean Area Historical Museum: McLean. Regular museum hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Sunday 1-4.</p> <p>DEVIL'S Rope Museum, McLean, Tuesday thru Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 1-4 p.m. Closed Monday.</p> <p>HUTCHINSON County Museum: Borger. Regular hours 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays except Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.</p> <p>LAKE Meredith Aquarium and Wildlife Museum: Frith, hours Tuesday thru Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday, closed Monday.</p> <p>MUSEUM OF The Plains: Perryton. Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekends during Summer months, 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.</p> <p>OLD Mobeetie Jail Museum. Monday-Saturday 10-5. Sunday 1-5. Closed Wednesday.</p> <p>PANHANDLE Plains Historical Museum: Canyon. 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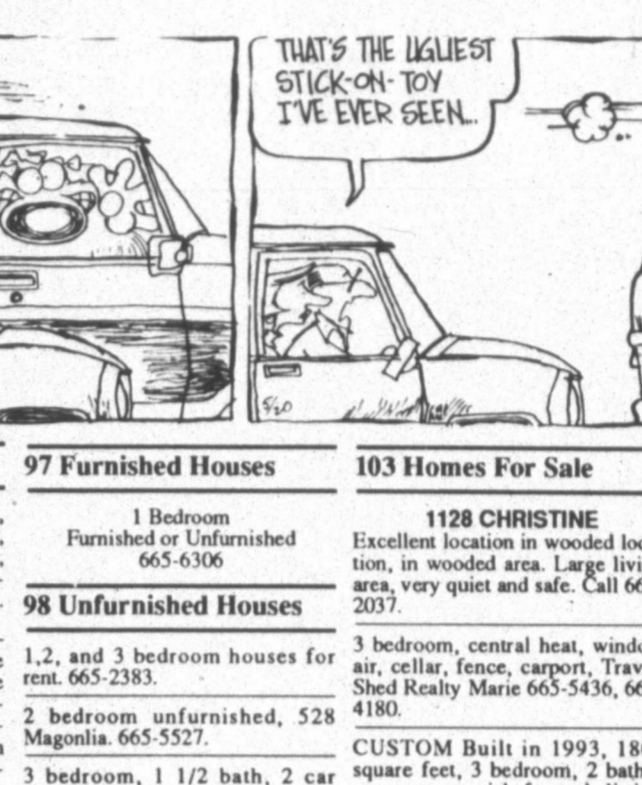
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Report: Diana helped save a drowning man in London park

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana helped rescue an Irish vagrant drowning in a lake in a London park, a newspaper reported Thursday.

The London tabloid the *Daily Mail*, in a story tagged exclusive, said the incident happened Sunday.

Diana, 32, the estranged wife of Prince Charles, had been jogging in Regents Park and was being driven home, the story said. A group of tourists flagged her car down as it was leaving the park, saying someone had fallen into a narrow lake nearby.

Diana, still in running shoes and shorts, told her chauffeur to call police on the car phone. Then she dashed to the bridge, where she was joined by Karl Kotila, 29, a Finnish student living in south London, the paper said.

Kotila, followed by Diana, climbed over the bridge's railing onto the bank of the lake. Kotila passed his backpack and wallet to Diana, then plunged into the 7-foot-deep lake, swam to the unconscious man and towed him to the bank.

Diana and other people who had joined her at the water's edge pulled the man out. Diana helped turn him on his side as Kotila checked his mouth for blockages, the paper said.

Kotila gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until police arrived and officer Derek Caldwell took over. It quoted Caldwell as saying: "The heartbeat was very, very faint. The princess was there taking a keen interest in attempts to revive him."

The paper said Kotila told police the man, named as 42-year-old Martin O'Donoghue, had been in the water about eight minutes.

The paper said Diana thanked Kotila and spoke to a friend of O'Donoghue's. It said the friend was understood to have told police that he and O'Donoghue had been drinking.

O'Donoghue was in critical condition in London's University College Hospital, where Diana had twice visited to talk with staff treating him, the paper said.

A switchboard operator at the hospital told The Associated Press that a patient named Martin O'Donoghue had been admitted. She said hospital administrators had said in a statement he was in critical condition, but that they would not comment further until Thursday.

The *Daily Mail* said O'Donoghue is an Irishman who, according to friends, has lived on the streets of London for 20 years and is often seen begging.

It said he lives under another bridge in Regents Park with seven or eight other vagrants. It said police described O'Donoghue as "a friendly tramp, not a troublemaker."

It said police will recommend Kotila for a bravery award.

On Wednesday, Diana's spending habits were the subject of British press reports. A number of British tabloids reported that Charles was furious when he came across a \$240,000 tab for Diana's clothes, beauty treatments and travel.

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman dismissed the accounts as "just gossip."

Fox refuses to air Melrose Place kiss

NEW YORK (AP) — The much-talked-about gay kiss didn't make the air in Wednesday's episode of *Melrose Place*.

The scene, as filmed by *Melrose Place* producer Darren Star, had shown series regular Matt Fielding (actor Doug Savant) kissing another man.

But as it was broadcast on Fox, they shook hands, gave each other a meaningful look, and moved toward one another in slow motion. Cut to Billy Campbell (Andrew Shue), looking through the blinds of the *Melrose Place* apartment complex with a shocked expression, then back to the couple as they moved apart.

The object of Matt's affection is Rob (Ty Miller), Billy's old college friend and best man at his wedding to Allison Parker (Courtney Thorne-Smith).

Star said his intent in including the kiss was to show a gay man who has a "well-rounded life." Whether the scene would air intact was Fox Broadcasting Co.'s decision, Star said.

Fox has refused to comment on the issue.

The network is seen as television's brashest and boldest.

The Emmy-winning cartoon *The Simpsons* lampoons everything from nuclear power to former Vice President Dan Quayle. The hero of *Married ... With Children* is sexist Al Bundy, and *In Living Color* had a sketch that gleefully mocked gay men.

"It's a real problem that such a progressive network would be worried about this ... a recurring gay character who happens to get kissed," Lee Werbel, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's Los Angeles chapter, said earlier.

Survey misread Americans' views on Holocaust

By HOWARD GOLDBERG
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A leading pollster has repudiated a widely publicized survey that seemed to show that a third of Americans were open to the possibility that the Holocaust never happened.

"The so-called Holocaust denial question was flawed," said Burns W. Roper, who is retiring as chairman of the polling company that conducted the survey for the American Jewish Committee.

The AJC said Wednesday it was evaluating a revised and updated survey commissioned from Roper Starch Worldwide, formerly known as the Roper Organization. That survey was taken in March, and the AJC received the full data May 9, said David Singer, director of research.

At a conference of pollsters Friday, Roper said the new survey was ready to be released if only his company and the AJC could agree on an accompanying statement. Singer denied that.

Noting that the AJC office was closed Monday and Tuesday for a Jewish holiday, he said, "We need an opportunity to look at it and evaluate it and then we will be coming forward with results."

Efforts to keep alive memories of the Nazis' attempt to exterminate Jews during World War II have gotten recent boosts from the opening of a museum in Washington, D.C., and the movie *Schindler's List*.

At the polling conference, Roper expressed regrets at ending his career by admitting an error. He personally took responsibility for misinforming the public, scaring the Jewish community needlessly and giving aid and comfort to neo-Nazis.

Colleagues applauded Roper's remarks and lavished praise on him for keeping the profession honest at the risk of irritating the research sponsor, which he said had asked him not to appear. Singer would not comment on that.

Frank Newport, editor of the Gallup Poll, agreed with Roper that question wording skewed results of the November 1992 poll, which was given prominent news coverage when it was released in April 1993.

The question, which followed 15 others that made clear what the Holocaust was: "Does it seem possible or does it seem impossible to you that the Nazi extermination of the Jews never happened?" More than one in five, 22 percent, said it was possible the Holocaust never happened and an additional 12 percent said they didn't know.

To affirm belief in the Holocaust, the respondent had to agree with a double negative: that it was impossible it never happened. Pollsters know that forcing people to decipher such tortured language does not work in telephone surveys, but Newport and his colleagues set out to test Roper's results.

A January Gallup Poll included a brief explanation of the Holocaust. Then half the respondents were asked Roper's question, which again got high Holocaust denial. The other half were asked, "Do you doubt that the Holocaust actually happened, or not?" This time, only 9 percent expressed doubt, and 4 percent were unsure.

Gallup went further: "Just to clarify, in your opinion, did the Holocaust definitely happen, probably happen, probably not happen, or definitely not happen?" Seventeen percent said probably not, and 2 percent said definitely not.

Unless respondents said the Holocaust definitely happened, they were asked to explain their views in their own words. This revealed that only about 4 percent have real doubts about the Holocaust; the others are just insecure about their historical knowledge or won't believe anything they have not experienced themselves, Newport said.

Both Singer and Roper said the fact that the original survey showed a lot of ignorance about the Holocaust, particularly among the young and less educated, lulled analysts into thinking a third could be open to believing it never happened.

Balaguer moves toward victory

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Independent election monitors cast doubt Wednesday on the legitimacy of President Joaquin Balaguer's apparent election victory because of widespread problems distributing ballots and counting votes.

The report from an independent monitoring group led by former U.S. Rep. Stephen Solarz came as the longtime ruler's main challenger repeated demands for a recount.

Jose Francisco Pena Gomez called Monday's election "an assassination of the democratic will of the Dominican people." He said his supporters would not stand to see victory stolen from them.

Balaguer's vice presidential candidate, millionaire businessman Jacinto Peynado, dismissed the fraud charges and denounced the independent monitors as "friends of Pena Gomez."

"This is the greatest turnout in the history of the Dominican Republic ... it's a very important victory," Peynado told The Associated Press, referring to official estimates of an 80 percent turnout of 3.3 million registered voters. In 1990 balloting, turnout was lighter due to fewer polling places and other difficulties.

With 93.4 percent of precincts counted, official figures gave the blind, 87-year-old Balaguer 1,186,583 votes or 42.5 percent and Pena Gomez 1,154,705, or 41.3 percent. Former President Juan Bosch had 369,931 votes, or 13.2 percent.

The election is being closely

watched in Washington because the conservative Balaguer has allowed massive smuggling with Haiti, weakening a U.N. embargo against military coup leaders in the neighboring country.

Solarz's monitors confirmed opposition allegations of problems in computer vote tabulation and the widespread denial of ballots to valid voters, mainly those of the opposition.

"The disenfranchisement, given its magnitude and distribution, could affect the outcome of the election," Solarz told reporters.

The group's statement did not give a figure of those denied the vote nor rule out that clerical error could have eliminated their names from electoral lists.

"The pattern of the disenfranchisement, however, suggests the real possibility that a deliberate effort was made to tamper with the electoral process," Solarz said.

A consideration for the international monitors is whether too swift or too strong a condemnation of the electoral process might prompt violence. Solarz's group was careful to recommend that Dominicans peacefully resolve the problem among themselves.

Seventeen people were killed in campaign violence, including a rural Pena Gomez candidate shot by a soldier during voting Monday. Hundreds of soldiers patrolled poor neighborhoods overnight, and soldiers randomly stopped and searched vehicles Wednesday, looking for weapons.


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