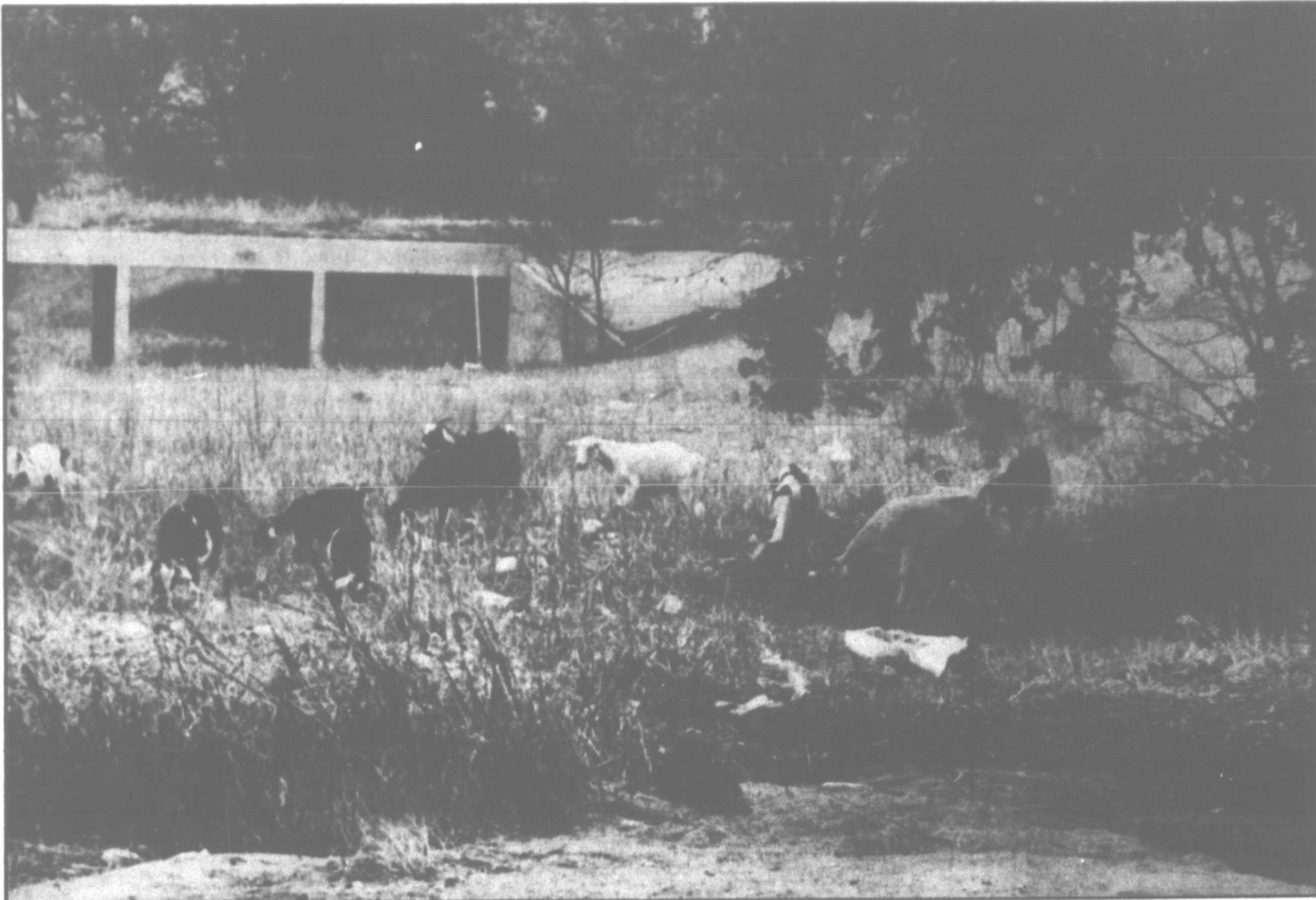


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It's been said that goats will eat just about anything, but here this group of goats has found a patch of grass and weeds to chew on as fall moves closer toward winter. These goats were enjoying a tasty snack Tuesday on land west of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Grounds. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Major faces trouble in Britain as another minister resigns

By MAUREEN JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister John Major suggested Tuesday that the owner of London's best-known department store tried to blackmail him, and the second government minister in less than a week resigned in a growing corruption scandal.

Corporate Affairs Minister Neil Hamilton, whose job included responsibility for business ethics, submitted his resignation just hours after pledging to remain in office.

Hamilton had been accused of accepting payments from Harrods department store in exchange for posing questions in Parliament. He denied the allegations and an inquiry instituted by Major cleared him. But Major said Hamilton quit over unspecified "unconnected allegations."

Major also told Parliament that Mohamed Al Fayed, the famed store's Egyptian-born owner, sent an intermediary a few weeks ago to try to make a deal with him — seeking the withdrawal of a critical government report on Al Fayed in return for hushing up allegations against government officials.

"I replied it would be impossible for me to see Mr. Al Fayed in the circumstances," Major said.

"If ministers had been guilty of wrongdoing, as Mr. Al Fayed alleged, I was not going to make any sort of deal, regardless of the cost to the government's reputation."

Asked if authorities were examining whether Al Fayed should be prosecuted for "attempted blackmail," Major replied that a note of the meeting was sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Al Fayed, who bought Harrods in 1985, denied trying to blackmail Major. In a statement Tuesday, he said he simply wanted Major "to know of my experiences in order that he could take action against malpractice."

Major, acknowledging widespread disquiet over a string of scandals surrounding his Conservative Party, appointed an appellate judge, Lord Nolan, to head a permanent committee to investigate standards in public life.

Eleven government ministers have resigned in the past few years over sexual or financial scandals.

Critics charge that after 15 years in office, the Conservatives have become ethically lax. They point to Tory supporters on semi-official bodies, big salaries and perks for heads of companies privatized by the Conservatives.

But the latest storm also threw the focus on Harrods.

After Al Fayed's intermediary raised the question of impropriety by government officials, Major privately instituted an inquiry.

The news broke last week when Al Fayed, who has also been trying unsuccessfully to get British citizenship for himself and his brother, told *The Guardian* newspaper he had spent thousands of dollars through a lobbyist to hire legislators to ask questions in Parliament.

He named Northern Ireland Minister Tim Smith, who resigned immediately, and Hamilton, who had a free week worth \$6,400 at Al Fayed's Ritz Hotel in Paris.

Hamilton maintained he took no money, said he would sue *The Guardian* and hung onto his office, initially with Major's backing. Major said Tuesday that the "combined effect" of the other, unspecified allegations required Hamilton's exit.

Woody Harrelson's stepsister missing after jumping from ship

GALVESTON (AP) — The Coast Guard has suspended its three-day search for actor Woody Harrelson's former stepsister, reported missing from a shrimp boat near Freeport, Texas.

Coast Guard Lt. Phyllis Blanton said Beverly Starr was reported missing Saturday by the crew of the shrimping boat "Pursuer." Late Monday, the Coast Guard suspended its search.

"The report that we received from the initial notification from the fishing vessel was they called and said we have a missing crew member," Lt. Blanton said.

The Coast Guard was told by the crew they believed Ms. Starr jumped off the boat with a life ring, about 20 miles off Freeport.

Starr's mother, Jo Ann Harrelson was convicted in 1982 of perjury and obstruction of justice for lying about buying a rifle used to assassinate U.S. District Judge John Wood in San Antonio.

The former Mrs. Harrelson divorced the killer, Charles V. Harrelson, shortly after she was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Charles Harrelson is serving a life term. Harrelson is the father of the *Natural Born Killers* and former *Cheers* star.

The "Pursuer" crew told the Coast Guard that Ms. Starr wanted to leave the shrimp vessel and be put on a nearby crew boat. But the Pursuer's master did not want to put the woman on a boat where she did not know anybody.

The crew went below and when they returned, Ms. Starr was gone. A life ring was missing also.

Ms. Starr's mother, reached at a Kentucky prison, told the *Houston Chronicle* her daughter planned to "disappear" because of marital problems she was having.

"I have to believe for my own sanity that she's safe," Ms. Harrelson said.

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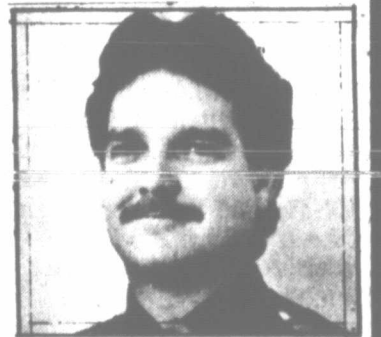
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'Snow White' expected to set record

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Heigh Ho! Heigh Ho! *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* will be rakin' in the dough — 57 years after its debut.

Walt Disney's first animated feature arrived in stores Tuesday and was expected to surpass a record 24 million *Aladdin* cassettes sold to date.

About 27 million *Snow White* cassettes have been ordered in North America. It is the first video release of the 83-minute classic.

"It's the power of the film — one of the most-known films that exists," said Ann Daly, president of Disney's home video unit. "With this particular movie, you have to see it — it's one of life's experiences."

James Boudreau, 24, sent his wife back into a video store to buy *Snow White* for his 3-year-old son after learning of its release.

"We've been using the Disney

movies to get him off the *Power Rangers*, especially *Pinocchio* and *Beauty and the Beast*," Boudreau said.

The boy, R.J. III, rattled off the names of the "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" but didn't know any of the dwarfs' names. (Sleepy, Dopey, Doc, Grumpy, Bashful, Sneezy and Happy).

Snow White was the last of the old Disney classic animated films to be released on cassettes. It first came out in theaters in 1937. Based on the children's story by the Brothers Grimm, and three years in the making, it was considered a huge gamble.

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Gee Gee Santos, a physical therapist with Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, works with one of her patients. Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency is joining with others as physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in Pampa and across the nation continue to observe National Physical Therapy Month in October. Physical therapists, whether working in the privacy of homes or at hospitals and other health care institutions, help some 900,000 individuals daily to restore health and alleviate pain through therapy aiding those who are disabled, injured, recovering from strokes or otherwise in need of special attention for recovery of physical abilities. (Courtesy photo)

Continental's CEO Robert Ferguson resigns

By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Robert R. Ferguson III, who led Continental Airlines through its second bankruptcy reorganization, quit unexpectedly Tuesday as chief executive officer and vice chairman.

The surprise resignation of Ferguson, a respected airline management veteran, came the same day the carrier announced disappointing quarterly financial results. No reason was given for Ferguson's departure except that he wished to pursue other career challenges.

But Ferguson's resignation was seen as ominous for Continental, which has come to symbolize the ups and downs of the U.S. airline industry.

It has emerged from bankruptcy twice, cut costs drastically and tried to survive in a brutally competitive struggle with low-cost carrier Southwest Airlines. But its Continental Lite operation disappointed the company this summer by losing money and Continental is ranked worst of the major airlines in customer complaints.

Analyst Michael Boyd, president of Aviation Systems Research in Golden, Colo., said Ferguson's departure didn't bode well.

"They're losing a strong manager with a track record like his. This is a man who achieved a lot," he said.

"The financial reorganization he oversaw was a tremendous achievement."

Ferguson said he would remain a director of the company and serve as a consultant on overall strategic planning and direction. He was also named a principal at Air Partners L.P., a controlling shareholder of Continental.

Gordon Bethune, Continental's president, will assume overall direction of both strategic and day-to-day operations, the carrier announced. However, he told airline analysts in a telephone conference that it would up the board of directors to name a new chief executive officer.

Bethune, who said he first learned of Ferguson's resignation on Monday, deflected questions about whether the board asked for Ferguson's resignation.

"I think he wanted to explore other options for himself and couldn't do that as chief executive here," Bethune said. "What Bob was doing was on track with what we want to do."

Ferguson, 45, had been chief executive since August 1991. He said his Continental tenure "has

been one of the most exhilarating experiences of my professional life."

He also said Continental's latest financial results reflected an improvement.

Continental announced Tuesday that its 1994 third-quarter earnings soared 147 percent to \$30.6 million, or \$1.03 per share after preferred stock dividends. That compared with net income of \$12.4 million, or 53 cents per share, for the same period a year ago.

Nonetheless, the numbers masked weakness. Without a special \$23.4 million gain this quarter because fewer frequent flier miles have been cashed in, Continental's earnings would have been \$7 million. Not counting special items a year ago, the company would have lost \$39 million.

Revenues were \$1.5 billion for the quarter, vs. \$1.6 billion a year ago.

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Food

Celebrate Autumn with apple desserts

By The Associated Press

On a brisk autumn day, there is nothing more comforting than a homemade apple dessert served warm from the oven. Use crisp, tart apples for a delicious deep-dish apple pie. Or pair apples with another seasonal favorite, cranberries, for cranberry-apple pie. Cranberries can be found in the produce section of most supermarkets, packaged in 12-ounce bags.

Deep-Dish Apple Pie

- 10 cups peeled and thinly sliced apples
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1-3rd cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup quick-cooking tapioca
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1-3rd cup raisins
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 15-ounce package refrigerated pie crust

Heat oven to 425 degrees F. In a large bowl, mix apples, sugar, brown sugar, tapioca, cinnamon, nutmeg, raisins and water. Let stand 15 minutes.

Fill a 10-inch pie plate with the apple mixture. Dot with the 2 tablespoons margarine or butter.

Roll one of the pie crusts to 12-inch circle on lightly floured surface. Cover apple mixture with pie crust; seal and flute edges. Cut several slits to permit steam to escape. Cut decorative shapes from remaining pie crust. Moisten with water; place on pie crust. Bake in a 425-degree F oven for 15 minutes. Decrease oven temperature to 350 degrees F. Bake 45 minutes or until juices form bubbles that burst slowly. Serve warm. Makes 10 servings.

Cranberry-Apple Pie

- 3 cups diced and peeled apples
- 1 cup cranberries
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 15-ounce package refrigerated pie crust
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter

Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Mix apples, cranberries, sugar, tapioca and salt in a large bowl. Let stand 15 minutes.

Prepare pie crusts according to package directions. Line a 9-inch pie plate with one of the pie crusts. Fill with fruit mixture. Dot with the 1 tablespoon margarine or butter. Cut second pie crust into 1/2-inch strips. Arrange in lattice design over fruit mixture. Seal and flute edges. If desired, brush pie crust strips with a beaten egg before baking for a golden top crust. Bake in a 400-degree F oven for 60 minutes or until juices form bubbles that burst slowly. Cool. Makes 8 servings.

*Recipes from: Kraft General Foods

Bite into delicious Halloween vampires



These cute ice-cream vampires look great, and they're easy to make. All you need is a scoop of ice cream, a soft oatmeal cookie and assorted candies for decoration. (AP/photo)

By The Associated Press

Imagine your little witches and goblins meeting up with luscious ice-cream vampires. This kid-pleasin' Halloween dessert is made with a large scoop of chocolate ice cream. Oatmeal cookies are used for the wings. Assorted candies add the finishing touches.

Ice-Cream Vampires

- 4 large (3 1/2-inch) soft oatmeal cookies
- 4 large scoops chocolate ice cream (about 1 1/2 pints)
- Assorted candies for decoration such as candy corn, licorice whips, jelly beans and fruit rolls

For the bat's wings: Place cookies on a work surface. Cut cookies in halves. Using a teaspoon, cut a scalloped edge on the straight side of each cookie; set aside.

For the body: Place a scoop of ice cream on four individual serving plates. Using a knife, make a 1/2-inch deep cut on opposite sides of each scoop of ice cream.

To assemble: Insert the end of cookie half into each cut in the scoop of ice cream to form wings. Decorate ice cream with candies to create the vampire's face. Use licorice whips for the antenna, jelly beans for the eyes, candy corn for the fangs. Serve immediately or freeze up to two hours before serving. Makes 4 servings.

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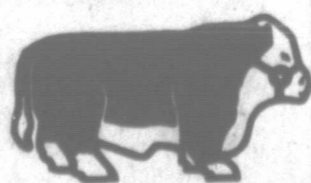
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See a variety in French cooking

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor
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Not long ago, we thought of French cooking as master chefs stirring up complex butter sauces and lighter-than-air souffles. Today, thanks to bustling bistro-style restaurants, we're more familiar with the simple, country cooking of provincial France.

Either way, France is considered by many to be the gastronomic capital of the world, and French cooks, whether they are chefs or homemakers, are noted for their ability to make the best of local ingredients.

The simple, honest flavor of those fresh ingredients has made French cooking popular in our kitchens. Who can resist a chicken baked with fresh apples and cream, or a steaming bowl of cassoulet, full of beans and meat?

French cooks also show great genius in their use of sauces, which are based on homemade stocks. Beurre blanc (a creamy butter sauce), hollandaise, bechamel and bearnaise are some of the better known sauces. Stocks and sauces get their flavor from a bouquet garni, mirepoix (a mixture of finely chopped vegetables), wine, onion or garlic.

Beyond the cooking techniques known throughout France are the many regional specialties. The quick tour below shows how distinct the cooking in each region can be. The next step is opening a French cookbook and letting your taste buds explore.

On the northern coast, Normandy and Brittany boast an

envious variety of fresh fish and seafood. Normandy relies on its fresh apples and dairy products, such as Camembert cheese and creme fraiche. Brittany is recognized for its fish dishes and crepes.

The Bordeaux region in southwest France is home to truffles (a vegetable delicacy) and pate de foie gras (made from fattened-goose livers). It is also here that cognac and Armagnac brandies are produced.

In southern France, cassoulets (mixtures of white beans and a variety of meats) are a favorite. Provence, on the Italian border, proffers the famous fish stew called bouillabaisse, as well as the Provençal sauce of tomatoes, garlic, shallots and olive oil.

In Burgundy, the region's famous red wine is added to tender pieces of meat to make beef bourguignon.

In the heart of the France, Paris is world-renowned for its range of dining experiences, from the sophisticated dishes prepared by five-star chefs to the simpler fare served at neighborhood bistros. Bistro cuisine typically consists of long-simmered, home-style dishes, such as pot-au-feu (boiled beef); veal, beef, lamb or rabbit stews; and bean and vegetable soups. Pears in wine, fruit tarts and mousses are popular desserts. Paris also is known for long loaves of crusty French bread, called baguettes.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I wish people would quit complaining about children (or adults) who do not write thank-you notes. How many of these people asked for a present? None! You decided to send it; now you want them to fall all over themselves thanking you.

Abby, I have five grown children, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and whenever I send any of them a gift, I enclose a postcard, addressed to myself.

On the back I have written:

"Please check one:
"I received the package.
"I loved the present.
"It was OK.
"I didn't like it."

Abby, I send these cards so I will know if my present arrived. Everyone loves the idea. All they have to do is drop it in the mailbox.

GRANDMA

DEAR GRANDMA: I'm curious: What kind of response do you usually get? Regardless of how easy you make it, there will always be a few who will fail to respond.

DEAR ABBY: My precious father died unexpectedly about a year ago. I am an only child. My husband and I have no children. My mother is still living. Daddy was everything to our family — our rock of Gibraltar.

Mother and Dad had a telephone answering machine for which Daddy had recorded a message. Abby, Mother calls that number several times a day, just to hear his voice. She finds it comforting, and I have not discouraged her — but there are several people who have told her it was "sick" and creepy to want to hear the voice of someone who is no longer living. Like "Big Brother Tom" who went to the mortuary and took pictures of the deceased laid out in his coffin, she has been severely criticized for wanting to hear my father's voice.

I am still of the opinion that everyone must deal with grief in his or her own way.

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DEAR SHEILA: I'm with you all the way. Please accept my condolences.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old girl who is very much in love with a guy I'll call Billy. He is 22. I really thought we had a future together, but I never felt I could trust him completely. Billy is very good-looking and can get any girl he wants.

I wanted to test his faithfulness, so I asked Tina — my best friend — to call up Billy just to see if she could get him to go out with her. Well, she did, and Billy jumped at the chance. She said he didn't take her to any place special; they just rode around, got some burgers, then parked and made out. (Just hugging and kissing.)

I finally told Billy that I had set the whole thing up with Tina, and he got really mad at me. Now he's going with Tina, and I'm afraid I've lost him for good.

Abby, was I wrong to have done what I did? I really had to know. Please don't say where this letter came from. Sign me ...

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DEAR TESTING: You were not only wrong to have set Billy up with Tina, you were also foolish.

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A number of prescribed drugs do double duty

By GOOD HOUSEKEEPING
A Hearst Magazine
For AP Special Features

A number of drugs do double-duty — prescribed to fight the illness they were approved for and also for unapproved uses.

Minoxidil, for instance, was approved as a treatment for high blood pressure in 1979. Francesca L. Kritz wrote in an article in the current issue of Good Housekeeping, but it wasn't until 1988 that the Food and Drug Administration OK'd it for what it had also long been prescribed for — male and female hair loss.

Such medications are called "off-label" because the FDA prohibits the drug's manufacturer from

putting information about unapproved uses on the drug's label or package insert. The manufacturer also may not promote any unapproved use.

Dr. Roy Schwarz, senior vice president of science and education at the American Medical Association, called off-label prescribing a common practice in the United States and estimated off-label drugs make up 40 percent to 60 percent of all drugs prescribed.

Some drugs such as minoxidil, or Rogaine, eventually do get FDA approval for an additional use. Others are never even submitted to the FDA for such uses. One reason is the cost of FDA-required testing, as well as application fees and expenses which can come to tens of

thousands of dollars or more. If a drug's unapproved use is for a small group of people, a company may decide to forego the approval process.

Off-label drugs are routinely used in cancer treatment. Roughly half of all cancer patients receive at least one off-label chemotherapy drug, according to a congressional report.

"The use of cancer drugs is driven by published ethical trials, not FDA approval," said Dr. Joseph S. Bailes, head of the clinical practice committee of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Based on published studies, for instance, doctors began prescribing the drug Taxol for the treatment of advanced breast cancer —

approved in 1992 for ovarian cancer — long before the breast cancer use approval came though earlier this year.

Sometimes, a doctor will prescribe an off-label drug only after approved drugs have either failed or stopped being effective. But often the data is so convincing that the doctor may ignore approved therapies and go right to an unapproved drug.

"If you're taking an off-label drug, it's important to alert the doctor to any side effects you're having, since they may be different than those listed for the approved uses," said Dr. Stephen E. Goldfinger, dean of continuing medical education at Harvard Medical School.

The double-duty drugs include: Amitriptyline (Elavil, Endep) — approved for depression; major unapproved usage, chronic pain.

Bupropion (Wellbutrin) — approved for depression; also used for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Cisplatin (Platinol) — approved for bladder, ovarian and testicular cancer; used also for breast, cervical, lung and prostate cancer.

Etoposide (VePesid) — approved for small cell lung and testicular cancer; also used for breast, non-small cell lung and ovarian cancer.

Foscarnet (Foscavir) — approved for a viral infection of the eyes (cytomegalovirus retinitis); also used for a viral infection of the lungs (cytomegalovirus pneumonia).

Imipramine (Janimine, Tofranil) — approved for certain leukemias; also used for breast cancer.

Prednisone (Deltasone, Meticorten, Orasone) — approved for arthritis, asthma; also used for hepatitis.

Sulfasalazine (Azulfidine) — approved for ulcerative colitis; used for arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, psoriasis.

Taxol (Paclitaxel) — approved for breast and ovarian cancer; used for lung cancer.

Terbutaline (Brethaire, Brethine, Bricanyl) — approved for asthma; used for prevention of preterm labor.

Many insurance companies, and Medicare, Good Housekeeping reported, reimburse patients for some or all of the cost of certain off-label drugs.

Museum to exhibit woodcarvings of award-winning woodcarver

PANHANDLE — The Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle will be exhibiting the works of J. Christopher White of Silverton, an internationally recognized and award-winning woodcarver.

The exhibition, titled "Expressions in Wood" after White's book of the same name, consists of 10 pieces. Nine are woodcarvings employing Texas juniper and black mesquite collected from the Tule Canyon near White's home. The last piece is a bronze casting of an original wooden carving.

White rarely exhibits his pieces outside his Silverton studio or woodcarving shows, mainly because he cannot keep enough around to put a show together. Square House museum officials said. His works are so popular they are usually sold before they are even completed.

For the "Expressions in Wood" show at the Square House Museum, White had to borrow eight of the 10 pieces back from their current owners just to have enough for the exhibition.

White's interest in sculpture began in high-school, where he whittled on chalk in class. From such a rudimentary beginning, he has developed his art to award-winning status. In addition to his sculpture, White also writes poetry which enhances each sculpture and delivers another aspect of the message he wants to share, museum officials said.

His woodworking and poetry are not ends in themselves, however. His purpose in pursuing his art is to help finance his missionary work. White has spent several years in Mexico and wants eventually to do full-time missionary work in Central

America. As White puts it, "It is my prayer that people realize the artist is but a tool in the hand of God, the supreme Artist and Creator of all things. The skills, ideas and patience required to complete one of these works are merely gifts to be used to His glory. Each sculpture is a work of grace, for which I thank my God and Lord Jesus Christ."

White was born in Amherst, Texas in 1953 and raised in Lubbock. He attended the National Institute of Fine Arts San Miguel de Allende at Guanajata, Mexico for five years. He has won top awards in local, state and international shows.

In the first statewide show put on by the Texas Woodcarvers Guild, White was awarded a first-place ribbon in two of the five award categories: wildfowl and stylized. His stylized piece won Best of Show from more than 100 carvers from four states.

Primarily working with wood from juniper and mesquite trees

native to West Texas, White utilizes their shapes and grain patterns to enhance the movement and detail of his sculptures.

"Art is an expression of the soul," White says. "The more clearly an idea is expressed, the better the art. My idea of successful art is a work that both pleases the senses and conveys a significant message."

"Expressions in Wood" can be viewed in the Opal Weatherly Purvines Gallery of the Square House Museum through Nov. 13. The museum is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 1-5:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission to the museum and the exhibition is free.

The public is also invited to a reception for White from 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. He will be available to sign copies of his book, which includes color photographs of many of his works and the poems he wrote to accompany the pieces.

Orthopedist to give program on arthritis at support group

BORGER — The Hutchinson County Arthritis Support Group will meet Monday in the Executive Board Room of the Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Barry Maron, orthopedist. His topic will be "Arthritis — From the Viewpoint of an Orthopedist."

Lunch is served in the hospital cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those planning to attend the meeting are invited to come early for a "Dutch lunch."

The group was organized last month to share help and hope with persons concerned about arthritis. The Arthritis Foundation and Golden Plains Community Hospital supplied literature and facilities, according to Bertie Platt, Hutchinson County Arthritis Support Group coordinator.

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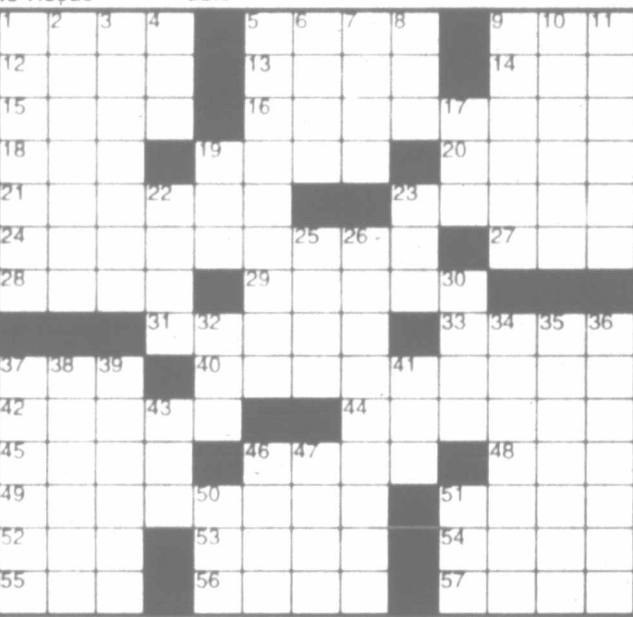
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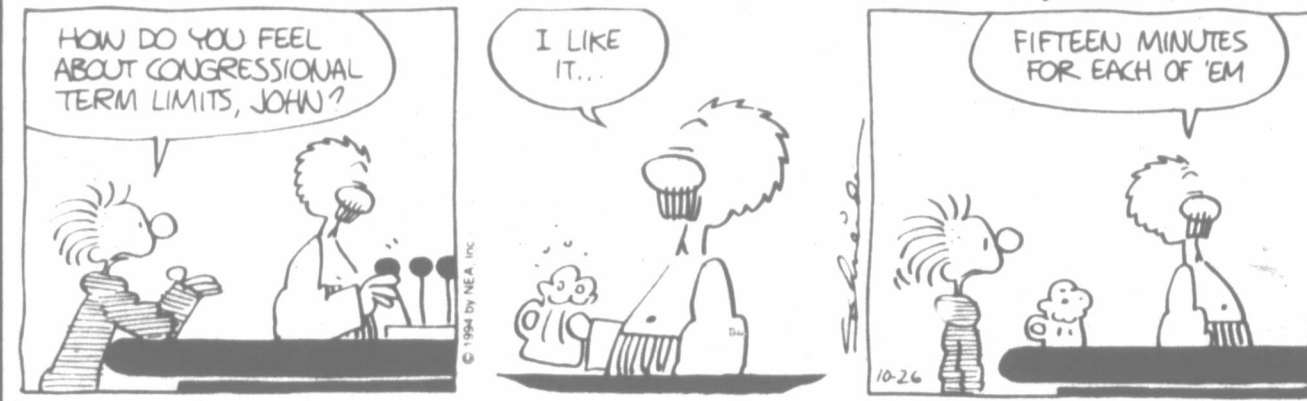
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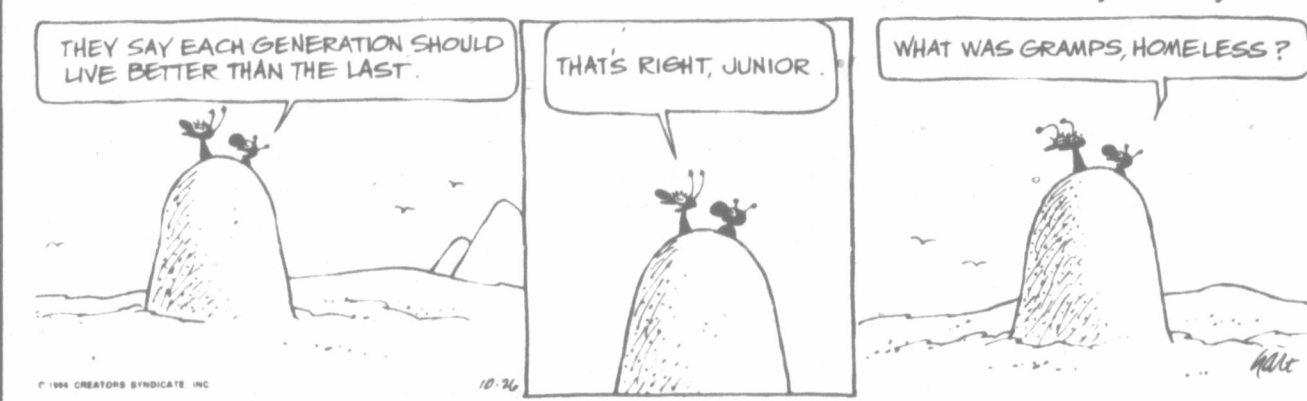
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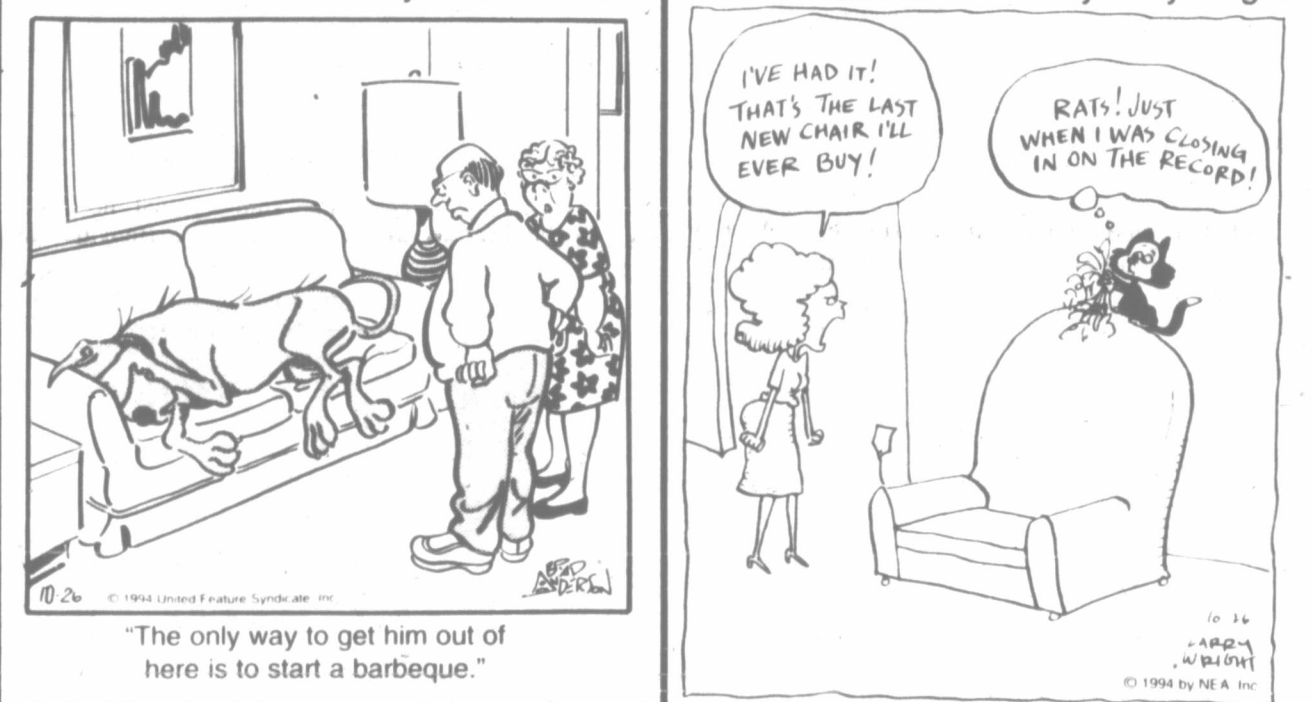
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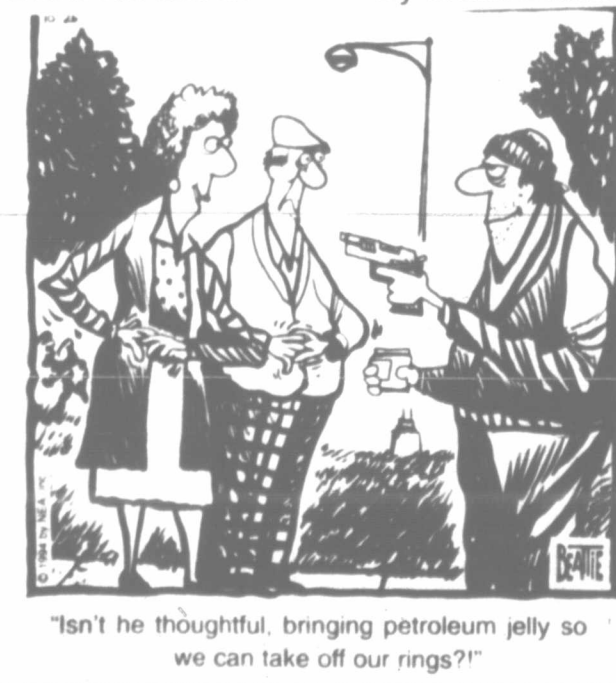
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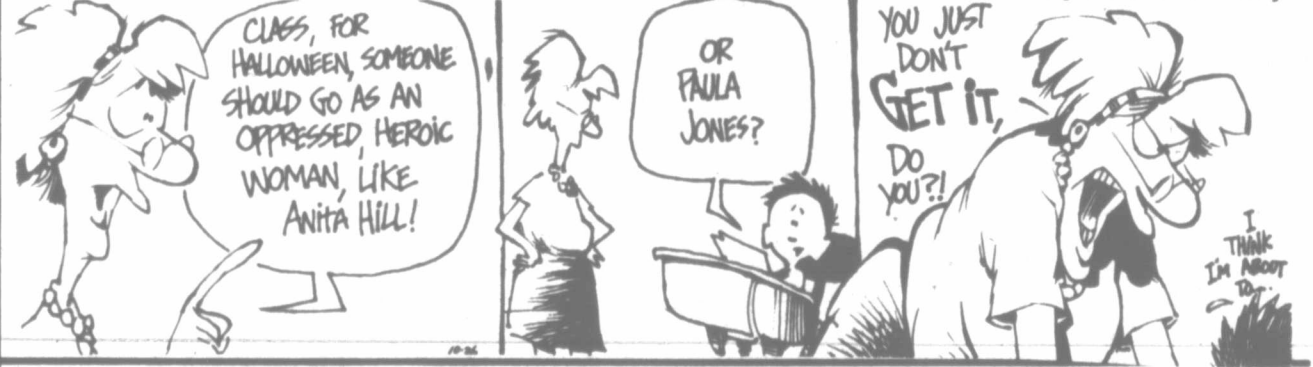
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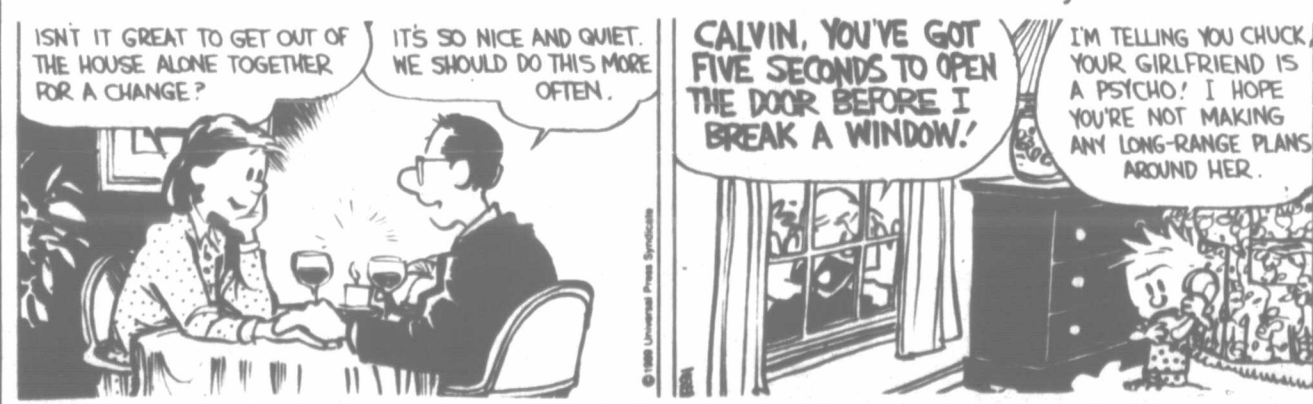
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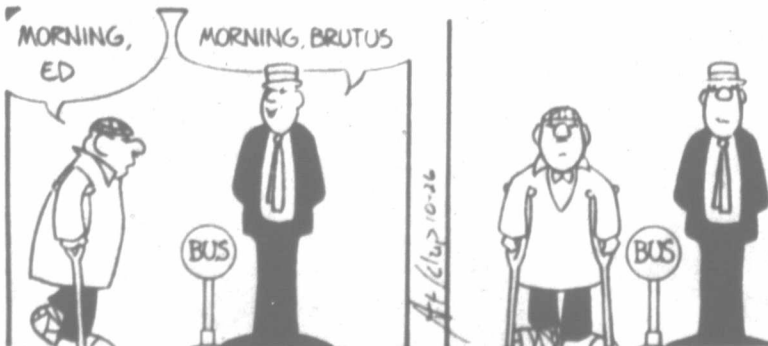
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Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Gratify your ambitions today in scrupulous ways. The end must justify the means, not the other way around. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Procedures that have been unsuccessful previously could hammer out zeros again today. Learn from past mistakes; don't repeat them.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be an observer rather than a participant in the affairs of others today. Intruding where you shouldn't could cause complications.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Unusual stress in important relationships is something you may have to contend with today. If opposed by someone who hasn't questioned you previously, keep your cool.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may be out of sync with your boss's way of doing things today. But think twice before biting the hand that signs your paycheck.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) In your financial and commercial dealings today, you might let feelings and emotions prevail over logic. This could provide a lot of wrong answers.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Neither you nor your mate should make major domestic decisions today without each other's consent. There's a chance your objectives will be in conflict.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're very observant today, but your attention might be focused on the negative aspects of people and things rather than their virtues. Leave your black cloud at home.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you mismanage your funds today, there's a strong chance you might end up with less than you had when you started. Manage money like a miser.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's marvelous to be able to operate in a free and independent manner. Today, however, this privilege might be denied you. Make the most of the hand you're dealt.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to deal with someone today who did something recently to embitter you. No one will benefit from the reunion today if this past incident can't be forgiven.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, steer clear of friends who have been known to make unreasonable demands upon your time and wallet. You might find yourself in a give-away position once again.
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Rating quality index unveiled for customer satisfaction

By BRIAN S. AKRE, Associated Press Writer

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Americans are least pleased with the IRS and most satisfied with the quality of their cigarettes, beer and other nondurable products, according to a new customer satisfaction index released Tuesday.

The American Customer Satisfaction Index tracks satisfaction with a range of American and foreign goods and services, from the Postal Service and the Internal Revenue Service to cars and appliances.

The quarterly index looks at goods and services from 200 companies and government agencies and 40 industries. Rankings of industry groupings and government agencies will be made public, but those for individual companies will not.

Its creators hope it will become a widely followed measure of consumer perceptions, much like the Consumer Price Index, which measures inflation.

"Our economic road map is outdated. The economy is changing, but measurement of it has not kept pace with the changes," said Claes Fornell, director of the index's creator: the National Quality Research Center at the University of Michigan.

The index is based on random telephone interviews nationwide with 46,000 consumers who recently bought or used a product or service tracked by the index.

In the initial index, measured on a 100-point scale, the overall score was 74.5. Fornell said that compares with mid-60s scores in Germany and his native Sweden, the only other nations with similar indexes.

The nondurable manufacturing sector got the highest score — 81.6. That sector includes products such as clothing, beer, cigarettes, gasoline, food and newspapers.

The lowest score went to the public administration and government sector, at 64.3. The IRS had the lowest score within that group, 55. Fornell said that wasn't bad, considering the agency has "a product without, shall we say, natural demand."

The American Society for Quality Control, a nonprofit group based in Milwaukee, is sponsoring the index with the university.

Blockbuster Video grand opening



Blockbuster Videos was welcomed to the Pampa business community recently by the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats representatives Selta Chance, far left, and Scott Hahn, far right. Cutting the ribbon during the store's official opening activities on Saturday morning is Ward Plato, Pampa store manager. To his right are Debra Foreman, customer service, and Greg Hurt, district manager, and to his left are Dora Lemons and Jennifer Hill, both with customer service. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Oil spill in Russia's far north soaks tundra

MOSCOW (AP) — An oil spill from a broken pipeline fouled two rivers and frozen tundra in Arctic Russia but posed no serious environmental threat, Russian officials said Tuesday.

The size of the spill was unclear. A U.S. Energy Department official cited in Tuesday's *New York Times* said more than 80 million gallons of oil have leaked — eight times more than in the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska.

Alexander Avdoshin, a spokesman for the Ministry of Emergency Situations, said the pipeline burst in February. He said he had no figure on the size of the spill but it was "considerably smaller" than reported.

There have been several minor spills along the aging pipeline, some 1,000 miles northeast of Moscow, dating back to 1988, officials said.

Valery Ilyin, a spokesman for Kominet, which operates the line, said the most serious spill of crude

occurred in late August, when 4.3 million gallons escaped. An estimated 4.9 million gallons of other contaminated liquids spilled, he said.

An emergency pipeline was built to bypass the area, and a 25-foot-high dike was built to contain the spill.

Heavy rain washed out the dike Oct. 1 near the town of Usinsk, and oil spilled into the Kolva and Usa rivers, tributaries of the Pechora, a salmon-spawning river which flows into the Arctic Ocean.

Avdoshin said regional authorities did not report the collapse until Oct. 4 because it was not major.

"These oil spots presented no serious danger to the environment," he said.

In Washington, Deputy Energy

Secretary Bill White described the spill as a 6- to 7-mile-long ribbon about 3 feet deep and 36 feet wide. Ice-covered ground and hostile weather made cleanup difficult, he said.

The United States offered to send expert assistance, but has not yet received a response from the Russians, White said.

U.S. Energy Department officials said the Russians had built earthen barriers to contain oil spilled from the 47-mile pipeline. Department spokesman Bill Wicker said the spill "has the potential of causing very serious harm to the life of the rivers" but that the extent of damage wasn't known.

"We know the Russians are taking this seriously," he said.

'Pulp Fiction' strong again; 'Love Affair' debuts softly

By JOHN HORN, AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The mordantly funny crime drama *Pulp Fiction* left no doubts this time about what was the most popular film over the weekend.

Competitors said Miramax Films inflated grosses for the film last weekend, and that *The Specialist* was really No. 1.

This weekend *Pulp Fiction* won by a wide margin, grossing \$8.4 million. *The Specialist* was second with \$6.1 million.

Warren Beatty's *Love Affair* debuted weakly in third place and the George Lucas-produced *Radioland Murders* seemed to be bombing.

In their second week, both *Wes Craven's New Nightmare* and *Exit to Eden* collapsed. Woody Allen's *Bullets Over Broadway* played well in just two theater locations, however.

Forrest Gump, with Tom Hanks, remained in the top 10 after 16 weeks, raising its total take to \$283.6 million.

The Top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters over the weekend, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations from actual returns and studio estimates:

1. *Pulp Fiction*, Miramax, \$8.4 million, 1,489 locations, \$5,634 per location, \$21.7 million, two weeks.
2. *The Specialist*, Warner Bros., \$6.1 million, 2,509 locations, \$2,450 per location, \$37.8 million, three weeks.
3. *Love Affair*, Warner Bros., \$5.4 million, 1,585 locations, \$3,431 per location, \$5.4 million, one week.
4. *Little Giants*, Warner Bros., \$4.2 million, 2,022 locations, \$2,084 per location, \$9.9 million, two weeks.
5. *The River Wild*, Universal, \$4.1 million, 2,137 locations, \$1,920 per location, \$33.2 million, four weeks.

6. *The Puppet Masters*, Disney, \$4.07 million, 1,481 locations, \$2,748 per location, \$4.07 million, one week.

7. *Wes Craven's New Nightmare*, New Line, \$3.6 million, 1,870 locations, \$1,920 per location, \$11.6 million, two weeks.

8. *Forrest Gump*, Paramount, \$2.8 million, 1,873 locations, \$1,492 per location, \$283.6 million, 16 weeks.

9. *Only You*, TriStar, \$2.7 million, 1,617 locations, \$1,675 per location, \$15.4 million, three weeks.

10. *The Shawshank Redemption*, Columbia, \$2.1 million, 972 locations, \$2,205 per location, \$10.2 million, five weeks.

11. *Jason's Lyric*, Gramercy, \$1.7 million, 545 locations, \$3,058 per location, \$16.2 million, four weeks.

12. *Quiz Show*, Disney, \$1.6 million, 714 locations, \$2,189 per location, \$17.9 million, six weeks.

13. *Exit to Eden*, Savoy, \$1.5 million, 1,664 locations, \$876 per location, \$5.4 million, two weeks.

14. *Timecop*, Universal, \$1.1 million, 1,012 locations, \$1,070 per location, \$40.7 million, six weeks.

15. *The Radioland Murders*, Universal, \$836,000, 844 locations, \$990 per location, \$836,000, one week.

16. *The Little Rascals*, Universal, \$663,000, 775 locations, \$855 per location, \$49.7 million, 12 weeks.

17. *True Lies*, 20th Century Fox, \$562,000, 566 locations, \$993 per location, \$143.2 million, 15 weeks.

18. *It Could Happen to You*, TriStar, \$513,000, 625 locations, \$820 per location, \$36.4 million, five weeks.

19. *Ed Wood*, Disney, \$471,000, 291 locations, \$1,619 per location, \$4.8 million, four weeks.

20. *The Client*, Warner Bros., \$446,000, 732 locations, \$609 per location, \$90.8 million, 14 weeks.

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