



DICK BODE, Alanreed school board president, raises questions on the tax appraisal board's \$500,000 budget during Thursday night's meeting. A standing room only crowd of about 80 persons attended the meeting to voice taxpayer protests of the budget and a \$44,000 salary for the chief appraiser.

(Staff Photo by John Wolfe)



CHIEF APPRAISER CHARLES RAND, left, takes a calculator to budget figures during Thursday night's meeting of the Gray County Tax Appraisal District Board. Board members shown discussing the budget are (from left, seated at table) Dr. Robert Lyle, County calculator to budget figures during Thursday night's meeting of the Gray County Tax Appraisal District Board. Board members shown discussing the budget are Judge Carl Kennedy and board chairman Jimmy Wilkerson. Seated in the corner is KGRO reporter Mike Ehrle.

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Angry residents protest tax appraisal budget

BY JEFF LANGLEY
Staff Writer

About 80 angry taxpayers jammed the board room Thursday night at the Carver Educational Center to air their gripes about the 1982 appraisal services budget for Gray County.

People filled extra seats set up to handle the crowd, but people still spilled into the hallway of the building. People sat on tables, crunched on the floor, and stood during the 3½-hour meeting, shifting from foot to foot. They were at the usually empty Gray County Appraisal District board meeting for one reason: to hear an explanation of the proposed appraisal services budget. And when the people, who will foot the bill for appraisal of all property in Gray County, were allowed an opportunity to speak up about that budget, the comments were certainly not approving.

In no uncertain terms, and many times in heated and spontaneous outbursts, the taxpayers said the budget was "a slap in the face," "ridiculous," "inflationary" and "out of line." And while many had much to say about the budget, only one person in the crowd had good things to say, and she was an employee who will be paid with the budget's funds. Vivian Jones, who works in the city-school tax office, said, "We should be grateful for what we receive for our taxes."

But others in the vocal crowd had more piercing questions about the budget.

Attorney Dave Martindale said, "I think the board should be more responsible. Who prepared this budget anyway, Mr. Rand?" Martindale wanted to know how the appraisal board figured contracting appraisal work to Rand's city-school tax office was the least expensive method of satisfying state law for a single district appraisal service. Appraisal board member Lloyd Hunt, representing the McLean School District, told Martindale using Rand's office should be least expensive because "his office is already set up."

Dan Chapin said, "I believe the inflationary thing in this budget are the salaries. The salaries you are proposing to pay these tax appraisers is a slap in the face to many of our county officials. The \$44,000 salary you want to pay Rand is way out of line. Some of our officials have been with this county 20 years, and they know their jobs inside

and out. But many of them don't make half that much. Most of the input you have received about this tonight is very negative, and I think you gentlemen should consider that the next time you discuss this budget."

Many of the taxpayers in the crowd asked appraisal board chairman Jimmy Wilkerson several times to state how much Chief Appraiser Charles Rand would be paid under the budget approved by the appraisal board Feb. 15. Appraisal board chairman Jimmy Wilkerson answered with different figures several times, and told taxpayers to ask the school district. One woman hollered, "Why can't you just tell us?" Under intense questioning, he finally admitted Rand's total annual salary as Chief Appraiser was pegged at \$44,000.

The initial appraisal services \$532,000 annual budget was approved by the appraisal board Feb. 15. At Thursday's meeting the board unveiled a revised budget that included a proposed pay cut for Rand. That revised budget has not been formally approved by the board, but based on the 10 months remaining this year, and on a delay of pay increases for appraisal staff, the new budget for 1982 would hit about \$473,000, according to Wilkerson.

Based on the 10-month breakdown for the remainder of 1982, Wilkerson said Rand would be paid \$22,863 by the appraisal district, combined with a proposed \$9,000 from the school district, a total salary for the 10 months left in 1982 of about \$32,000, and an annual clip of about \$38,000.

Harry West, 717 E. Browning, asked the board, "Have you investigated an outside appraisal firm?" Wilkerson replied that he had but not in detail. The chairman said, "The law requires that we set up this single appraisal district." West replied, "I mean turning over the total appraisal function to an outside, private firm. Hire one person, the chief appraiser, or whatever is the minimum required by law, and turn over the actual appraisal field work to an outside appraiser."

Wilkerson said, "Most people, and Mr. Rand, thought we could do the county's appraisal work cheaper with an in-house tax office."

The chairman admitted that West's idea should be investigated, and Rand said, "If we need an outside appraiser, I hope we go that way. My neck is on the chopping block when my office provides the county's appraisals. If we go to an outside firm, and somebody is unhappy with an appraisal, I can say, go ask him."

A check with the State Property Tax Board in Austin today confirmed the validity of West's idea that legal requirements for the new single appraisal district could be met by simply hiring a chief appraiser and contracting all appraisal work to an outside firm. And many figures suggest that that route could be much cheaper than contracting with Rand's office.

A spokesman for the state office Clay Blakeway said many counties are simply hiring one chief appraiser and contracting out all appraisal work. "They can do it if they want to, it's quite common. The outside firm does the appraisal work, and the figures are given to the chief appraiser, who reviews them and sends them to the taxing entities."

Using county parcel numbers and figures charged by outside firms for past appraisals, the idea to farm out the work seems much cheaper to the county entities and taxpayers, not just in 1982, but in 1983 and 1984.

Using figures provided by appraisal board member and County Judge Carl Kennedy, there are 36,280 total parcels in Gray County. All real and personal property inside the Pampa Independent School District, 14,590 parcels, were

reappraised in 1981 and will require no further appraisal work until 1984. A total of 18,285 parcels are mineral and industrial properties, which are reappraised annually, and only 3,405 real and personal property parcels lie outside Pampa ISD and need appraisals for 1983. Also, Gray County was one of a few across the state to receive a one-year delay in implementing the Peveto bill, which created the single appraisal district. Because of the delay, each county taxing entity will do its own appraisal work in 1982.

Consequently, if the district adopts the idea to use a chief appraiser and outside firm, the following figures and expenses for the tax appraisal district might apply:

1982 — only legal expense, chief appraiser's salary, estimated \$38,000.

1983 — appraisal for all mineral and industrial properties, by Thomas Y. Pickett, \$22,000; plus necessary appraisal of 3,405 real and personal parcels outside Pampa ISD, by Troy Sloan, at \$15 per parcel, \$51,075; plus

chief appraiser's salary, estimated \$38,000; total \$111,075.

1984 — appraisal for all mineral and industrial properties, by Thomas Y. Pickett, \$22,000; plus appraisal for all real and personal properties in Gray County, by Troy Sloan, at \$15 per parcel, \$269,925; plus chief appraiser's salary, estimated \$38,000; total \$329,925.

All the above figures are based on past charges for appraisal work by the mentioned outside firms. Rand pointed out Thursday that these firms charged the mentioned rates when up to date basic appraisal data was already available. The totals also do not reflect overhead or staff for a chief appraiser's office. The figures were based on data provided Kennedy at an appraisal board meeting Feb. 15.

Rand told people at the meeting that he could not put a hard figure on what his appraisal services might cost in 1983 or later. Jim Campbell remarked, "Most officials making \$45,000 a year should be able to look a few years down the road."



GRAY COUNTY COMMISSIONER Jimmy McCracken questions Chief Appraiser Charles Rand on his proposed salary and the difficulty of becoming a registered appraiser.

(Staff Photo by John Wolfe)

Shop owner quarantines birds

BY SHEILA ECCLES
Staff Writer

A local pet shop owner has self-imposed a quarantine on birds in her store and is awaiting test results from Texas A & M University which will verify or disqualify the presence of psittacosis (parrot fever) that attacks birds and can be transmitted to humans.

Pat Miller of Fish and Critters, 1404 N. Banks, said today she had two parrots die earlier in the month and sent the birds to be examined.

"I've placed my birds on quarantine even though I haven't heard anything officially from the labs at Texas A&M. The birds are being treated by Dr. Horne and are receiving antibiotics now. We will keep them in quarantine until we get the officials' results," she said.

"The birds can transmit the virus to humans and the incubation period is from three to seven days. We feel that we are doing all right here, because we have been with the birds and so far no one has come down with the symptoms," she said.

"I quarantined the birds for both their health and to prevent the spread of the virus to other birds or humans. I

have no idea if any other pet shops in town have had any problem," she said. Mrs. Miller said she purchases the birds from a distributor in Lubbock.

Two other pet shop owners in Pampa said today they have not noticed any problem in their birds.

"We purchase our birds from a distributor in Oklahoma City and they are all healthy," a spokesman for the B & J Tropical Fish Store, 1918 Alcock, said today.

"We haven't been contacted about the presence of the virus so far and our birds all come from a distributor in Florida," a spokesman for The Pet Shop, 1213 W. Wilks, said today.

Dr. M. W. Horne of the Gray County Veterinary Clinic said as far as he knows, the illness in the birds has been stopped.

"I haven't been contacted by any other pet stores in town. The virus looks suspicious, but there is no official word that it is psittacosis," Dr. Horne said.

"We are taking precautions, and I am satisfied that Mrs. Miller has done more than what was needed to stop the virus," Dr. Horne said. "The virus is a reportable disease and anyone that even suspects the disease in their pet stores should report it."

"The disease can affect any of the birds in the parrot family, such as parakeets, lories, or cockatiels. Owners of these types of birds should be cautious in handling their pets if they notice them becoming ill because the disease can be transmitted to humans. The bird will have a nasal discharge and become sluggish," he said. "The symptoms in humans act like flu."

Dr. John Galbreath of the Texas Department of Health Veterinary Department in Canyon said, "We received word from Texas A & M that the virus from the affected birds is the same one that causes psittacosis, but there are still numerous tests to be done to pinpoint the exact virus," he said.

"I cannot say this is an epidemic or even anything like it. We are still trying to run down the source of the virus which is a place in Lubbock where Mrs. Miller bought the birds," he said.

"Just because someone owns a bird of this type doesn't mean they have the virus. There is no cause to think this is a wild outbreak," he said.

"We haven't received any reports from any other pet shops in that area," he added.

Reagan boycotts oil trade with Libya

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is stepping up its campaign against Col. Moammar Khadafy, the Libyan leader, by imposing a boycott of oil imports from the militant Arab country and halting sales of American oil and gas equipment to the Libyans, informed sources say.

The decision was taken by the National Security Council Thursday and is expected to take effect in two weeks, after consultation with the West European allies, Congress and oil company executives.

While the United States has long accused Khadafy of promoting terrorism, there was no apparent specific provocation for the move, which was under consideration for several months. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. is understood to have played a leading role within administration councils in urging a boycott of Libya.

First word of the decision came from Middle East Policy Survey, a

newsletter published here. Informed sources confirmed the action, but insisted that they not be identified.

The export controls would place Libya in the same category as the Soviet Union, the Survey reported today. In addition to a ban on U.S. oil and gas equipment, Libya would be unable to buy computers, air traffic control gear or other items having a potential military use.

Despite official U.S. disapproval of the Libyan government, documents obtained last month by The Associated Press showed American firms had supplied Libya with \$53 million in weapons and material.

The equipment, exported to Libya since Khadafy seized power in 1969, ranged from military cargo planes to weapon-sighting devices and guided missile components.

Tensions built up last August when two U.S. warplanes shot down two Libyan fighters over the Gulf of Sidra during a U.S. navy exercise. Khadafy charged violation of his territorial waters. The administration denied it.

Pressure builds for Reagan to reject budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pressure is building on President Reagan to abandon his budget as congressional economists conclude it will produce annual deficits of \$100 billion for the foreseeable future and business leaders plead for a change of course to avoid economic disaster.

Leaders of the troubled financial and housing industries told Reagan in a letter Thursday that he has "no alternative" but to seek higher taxes, reduced military spending and cuts in government benefit programs such as Social Security in order to trim deficits.

House Republican leader Robert H. Michel of Illinois told reporters Thursday that a bill the administration will need passed by May to raise the national debt ceiling will fail unless it is linked to "a budget resolution that indicates we are narrowing the deficit."

Michel said he thinks the way to do that is to tone down planned defense spending increases, reduce cost-of-living increases in various

government benefit programs and defer an income tax cut scheduled for 1983.

The Congressional Budget Office predicted that even if Congress enacts all the budget savings proposed by the president, deficits will rise from \$111 billion this year to \$121 billion next year, \$129 billion in 1984, and \$140 billion in 1985.

That runs counter to the administration prediction that Reagan's budget will produce a steady downward trend of deficits — \$98.6 billion this year, \$91.5 billion in 1983, \$83 billion in 1984, and \$72 billion in 1985.

The differences are due to less optimistic assumptions of the economy and higher interest costs as well as

higher estimated spending for the programs in Reagan's budget, principally the Pentagon and farm price supports.

daily record

services tomorrow

SPICER, Ethel - 3:30 p.m., First Christian Church, Canadian.
MCDONALD, Mary - 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Higgins.

obituaries

ETHEL SPICER
 CANADIAN - Mrs. Ethel Spicer, 65, died Thursday in Amarillo.
 She was a longtime Canadian resident.
 Services will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the First Christian Church with Rev. Howard Guidrey, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Canadian Cemetery under the direction of Stickle - Hill Funeral Directors.
 Survivors include her husband, Elvin Spicer, four sons, Darrel McPherson of Canyon, Hank McPherson and Fred McPherson, both of Canadian, and Hobb McPherson of LaHonda, Calif.; one stepson, Gary Spicer of Midland; one stepdaughter, Connie Spicer of Midland; two brothers, Burlin Guffy of Canadian and Happy Guffy of Perryton; five sisters, Lola Shafer of Canadian, Lucille McLain of Perryton, Lena Jones of Pensacola, Fla., Wena Clements of Amarillo and Mary Phillips of Arnett, Okla.; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

MARY MCDONALD
 HIGGINS - Mrs. Mary McDonald, 84, died Wednesday. She was a longtime resident of Higgins.
 Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church in Higgins. Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery under the direction of Stickle - Hill Funeral Home.
 Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Daniels of Alameda, Christine Kanarr of Prince Frederick, Md., and Janice Thompson of Higgins; one brother, Marion Eller of Amarillo; 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

hospital notes

CORNONADO COMMUNITY Admissions
 Donna Hopkins, Pampa
 Deonne Berners, Pampa
 Susie Castillo, Pampa
 Vallery Luzk, Pampa
 Jannette Floyd, Pampa
 Opal Cook, Skellytown
 Kate MacDonald, McLean

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Johnny Kirkland, Shamrock

Dismissals
 J. D. Anderson, Shamrock

Births
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hopkins, a baby girl, Pampa
 Mr. and Mrs. Dayle Burner, a baby boy, Pampa

Dismissals
 Shirly Bailey, Miami

Melba Bordon, Pampa
 Alma Davis, Pampa
 Lavern Devall, Pampa
 Lawrence Henninger, St. Paul, Minn.
 Jimmy Minyard, Pampa
 Daisy Rutledge, Pampa
 Reta Wallace, Pampa
 Betty Wells, Lefors
 Wanda Winton, Pampa

Dismissals
 Sarah Gillispie and baby boy, Shamrock
 Neida Dukes, Allison
 Nami Bullock, Shamrock
 Viola White, Cheyenne, Okla.
 John Edwards, Wheeler.



POSTMASTER TAKES OATH. Pampa's new postmaster, Richard Wilson, right, was given the oath of office Thursday morning at the local post office by C.T. Davis, sectional center manager for the U.S. Postal Service. Wilson, a post office employee for 24 years, previously was postmaster at Friona. (Staff Photo by John Wolfe)

fire report

There were two fires reported to the Pampa Fire Department within a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. today.
 A car fire was reported by Glenda Walker, 408 N. Christy. The fire started from the carburetor. There was light damage under the hood.
 A fire was reported at the Joyce Oil Company, 4 miles west and 2 miles south of Pampa. A heater treater was on fire. A tank overflowed and ignited. There was light damage reported by the fire department.

police report

Officers of the Pampa Police Department responded to 31 calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
 A juvenile reported theft of a flute and carrying case from the band room at Pampa Middle School. Estimated value was \$290.
 Melvin Don Brown, 205 N. Nelson, reported someone entered his garage and removed several items, value estimated at \$18.
 Melissa Kay Watson, 423 E. Browning, reported someone had entered her residence and took several dollars worth of change.

minor accidents

THURSDAY, Feb. 25
 1:55 p.m. - A 1975 Kenworth tractor-trailer, driven by Bill Gene Speights, Carlsbad, N.M., collided with a 1971 Toyota, driven by Pamela Sue Smyth, Norman, Okla., at the intersection of Brown and Hobart. Speights was cited for defective equipment.
 3:30 p.m. - A 1975 Freightliner, driven by Carl Wayne Avant, Amarillo, collided with a 1981 Cadillac, driven by Carolyn Martin Kessel, 2357 Beech, in the 2300 block of the Perryton Parkway. Avant was cited for following too closely.
 6:52 p.m. - A 1981 Chrysler, driven by Carol Dyer Richmond, 321 Jean, collided with a 1975 Ford, driven by Joseph David Wilson, 100 Rider, in the 800 block of Tyng. Richmond was cited for failure to yield right of way.

animal shelter report

These animals are currently being boarded at the Pampa Animal Shelter located in the Hobart Street Park.
 The shelter is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturday, the shelter is open from 11 a.m. to noon and from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information call 669-6149 or 669-7407.
Male adults: brown and white fox hound.
Female adults: black cocker mix, black collie mix, black and brown shepherd puppy, tri-colored beagle, white and brown chihuahua.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler - Evans of Pampa		
Wheat	3.58	
Milo	4.15	
Corn	4.50	
Soybeans	8.96	
The following quotations show the range within which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation		
Ky. Cent. Life	15 1/2	16 1/2
Serico	13 1/2	14
Southland Financial	18 1/2	19 1/2
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Schneider Bernet Hickman, Inc. of Amarillo		
Beatrice Foods	18 1/2	
Cable	21 1/2	
Celanese	33 1/2	
Cities Service	27 1/2	
DIA	21 1/2	
Dorchester	17 1/2	
Getty	47 1/2	
Halliburton	36 1/2	
HCA	30	
Ingersoll-Rand	51 1/2	
InterNorth	25 1/2	
Kerr-McGee	31 1/2	
Mobil	25 1/2	
Penny	31 1/2	
Phillips	27 1/2	
PNA	22 1/2	
SJ	48	
Southwestern Pub	12 1/2	
Standard Oil	37 1/2	
Tenneco	27 1/2	
Texaco	30 1/2	
Zales	23 1/2	
London Gold	363.25	
Silver	8.12	

city briefs

STEVE PHELPS is now available to help you with your plumbing, heating and air conditioning needs. Call 665-5219.
Adv. NOW SERVING sandwiches Saturday 11:30 to 1 p.m. Health Aids, 305 W. Foster.
Adv. AUTHORIZED (ELECTROLUX) Sales - Service, repair all makes. Thorp's Vacuum's, 665-6005, 1236 S. Farley, Pampa.
Adv. PLAYDAY, SATURDAY, February 27, 11 a.m. Wheeler County Riding Arena All Ages.
LONE STAR Squares will dance Saturday at 8 p.m. at Clarendon College Gym. Earl Dallas calling, visitors welcome.
CALICO CAPERS will be dancing at the Youth Center at 8 p.m. Saturday. Phil Nolan calling, visitors welcome.
MR. AND Mrs. Jim Kirland of Austin are the parents of a son, Joseph Shiloh, born February 7 in their home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Slater and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Slater, all of Pampa.

Gas decontrol push abandoned

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Reagan administration, facing angry consumer groups and an election-year Congress, apparently has given up seeking faster decontrol of natural gas prices in Congress this year.
 Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker and House Republican Leader Robert Michel said they told President Reagan Thursday that Congress was in no mood to face a divisive debate on natural gas.
 "We've got enough problems at the moment without dealing with that one," Michel, R-Ill., told reporters after the meeting.
 After hearing the objections of Baker, R-Tenn., and Michel, Reagan met late Thursday with his Cabinet on the natural gas issue.
 Energy Secretary James Edwards made an impassioned plea for the administration to go forward with its decontrol bill, according to DOE spokeswoman Constance Stuart, but the president announced no decision.
 However, an administration source

who asked not to be identified, said it was "highly unlikely" that Reagan would push for decontrol this year. This assessment was confirmed by sources at the Energy Department, who said official announcement of that decision could come as early as today.
 The action would represent a victory for consumer groups, which have charged that Reagan's accelerated decontrol plan would cost homeowners \$40 billion more a year and double the average residential bill.
 But major oil companies, which produce 50 percent of natural gas supplies, had been exerting their own pressure on Reagan to honor his campaign pledge to seek accelerated decontrol.
 The Cabinet Council on Natural Resources unanimously recommended a decontrol package to the president last July. Reagan delayed introducing it until the fall budget battle was resolved. He made a second postponement when Republican leaders said they did not want the

measure introduced in 1981.
 Following a severe winter in which consumers paid their highest gas bills ever, Reagan came under renewed pressure not to force Congress into action on the issue in an election year.
 Nicholas J. Bush, president of the Natural Gas Producers Association, said he was disappointed congressional leaders would not feel the need to correct the "seriously flawed" 1978 Natural Gas Policy Act.
 That law is gradually removing price controls on the 60 percent of gas supplies discovered after April 1977. So-called "old gas" discovered before that date would remain controlled.
 Reagan's decontrol measure would raise prices faster on new gas and remove all controls on both old and new gas by Jan. 1, 1985.
 Gas producers contend that decontrolling all gas would spur production - thus cutting imports - and also eliminate severe regional price discrepancies they say will exist in 1985 under the current decontrol law.

Nerve gas is no match for squid

WASHINGTON (AP) - Deadly chemical nerve gas apparently is no match for the squid, scientists say.
 Researchers reported today that they have discovered a method using an enzyme from squids to destroy chemical warfare nerve gases in a cleaner way than previously possible.
 The method may provide a way to neutralize unwanted stockpiles, said Illinois Institute of Technology scientists in a report published in Science magazine.
 The scientists said they have succeeded in binding the squid substance to resin beads and making a

system that will detoxify principal nerve gases when passed through the beads.
 But the researchers said the laboratory-scale system they developed would only be practical if a way were found to produce large quantities of the squid chemical.
 They speculated this might be possible through chemical synthesis or genetic engineering techniques that possibly could develop microbes to produce the substance.
 Drs. Francis C. G. Hoskin and Allan H. Roush said their test results "suggest a means for detoxifying

unwanted chemical warfare agents."
 Hoskin said in a telephone interview that he earlier discovered an enzyme in the nerve cells of squid that broke down organophosphorus compounds used as nerve gas.
 The scientist said he had no idea why the common sea mollusk would have such protection against nerve gases. But he suggested that there must be some unknown substance in the sea that caused the animals to develop such a defense.
 The squid-enzyme method is a clean process that leaves no such waste, Hoskin said.

Final arguments underway in Williams trial

ATLANTA (AP) - Wayne B. Williams is a "pathological liar" with a split personality who killed "over and over without any apparent motive," a prosecutor told jurors at the murder trial today.
 Assistant District Attorney Jack Mallard, delivering the first closing argument in the nine-week-old trial, described Williams as "a strong-minded person, a dual personality."
 The climactic court session began after the smiling defendant flashed a victory sign for photographers as he was led from jail to the courthouse.
 "Any person who kills over and over

without any apparent motive would have to have a split personality, a Jekyll and Hyde," he said.
 Williams, a 23-year-old black free-lance photographer and aspiring talent promoter, is charged with murdering Nathaniel Cater, 27, and Jimmy Ray Payne, 21, two of 28 young blacks slain in a 22-month string of killings.
 No arrests have been made in the 26 other deaths, but prosecutors contend the deaths of Cater and Payne are part of a pattern of killings that includes 10 other slain young blacks.
 Mallard said the person who killed the victims would have to be intelligent.

able to get his victims' confidence, media-conscious, mobile, knowledgeable of police routine and at home on the streets.
 "That's a profile of a person who was able to get away with this for a long time. It fits this person over here perfectly," the prosecutor said, indicating Williams. "You tell me it doesn't."
 Court officials said Mallard would be followed by another assistant district attorney, Gordon Miller, then by defense lawyers Mary Welcome, Jim Kitchens and Alvin Binder. District Attorney Lewis Slaton was to argue last.

City, county studying storm sewer bids

Six contractors from Texas, California and New Mexico handed in bids to county and city officials Thursday that ran approximately 20 percent below the engineering estimate for the \$1 plus Pampa storm sewer project.
 The engineering firm of Merriman and Barber are studying the bids and will give their recommendations to the city and county officials.
 The firm of Kip Inc., Dixon, Calif., presented the low bid of \$976,140. Gilvin - Terrill Inc. of Amarillo presented a bid of \$1,055,430; the bid from Wes - Tex Construction Company Inc. of Borger was \$1,097,134; KNC Inc. of

Albuquerque submitted a bid of \$1,238,885; Panhandle Construction Company of Lubbock bid \$1,404,748; and Civil Constructors Inc. entered a bid of \$1,227,125.
 The Pampa storm sewer project is being done in preparation for the state highway department project that will be initiated soon along Perryton Parkway (State Highway 70) north from 21st Street to Loop 171. There are no state or federal funds being used for the storm sewer project.
 The bid for the county's \$500,000 portion of the work will be awarded at the Monday county commission meeting. Bids for the city's portion will be awarded at the city council meeting on March 9.
 "The city will offer certificates of

obligation authorized not to exceed \$1.4 million. These funds will also include some additional curb and gutter work as specified among the eligible items for funding," according to City Manager Mack Wofford.
 "However, we will use only the amount of funds deemed absolutely necessary for work included in this project," Wofford said.
 Gene Barger, engineer, said that he was satisfied with the bids.
 "But I am distressed that the contractors had to bid so low. This may actually be the last contract of this type they will have to bid on for a while. Their future looks bleak," Barber said.
 "People are out of work and construction is down. These bids came in much lower than we expect," he said.

Sculpture show slated

The Pampa Talented and Gifted (TAG) Association will host a special showing of bronze sculpture and a talk by the sculptor Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Pampa Middle School Library.
 Sculptor Nell Patterson of Spearman, who has displayed her work in shows in Oklahoma City, Amarillo, Denver, Midland and Pampa, will be on hand to discuss bronze sculpting, according to Ms. Kay Crouch, spokesman for TAG.
 The show and discussion is aimed for the students in the Gifted and Talented Program, but will be open to the general public and interested students as well, Ms. Crouch said.

Openings in Baker Head Start

The Pampa Independent School District Head Start Program, at Baker Elementary School has some openings in its full day program. This program is for children who were 4 years old on or before September 1, 1981.
 Eligibility guidelines for this program are based on family size, income, and handicapping conditions.
 Parents must provide transportation for their child. If you have a child this age and desire to have him/her in the

program please call Mrs. Thornburg at 669-2751.

In order to enroll your child in the Head Start program, you need to check following information to establish eligibility.
 For example, a one member nonfarm family would be eligible with an income of \$4,310. For each additional member add \$1,390. A one member farm family would be eligible with an income of \$3,680. For each additional member add \$1,170.

Anti-busing forces poised for Senate victory

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate conservatives are poised to claim victory in a congressional drive to eliminate busing as a tool to desegregate schools, but the proposal as a long way to go before becoming law.
 A small group of Senate liberals abruptly surrendered Thursday after a month uphill battle against a strong anti-busing majority.
 A fatigued Sen. Lowell Weicker, Conn., leader of a filibuster which had been blocking a final vote on the anti-busing measure, said he had run out of time, help and parliamentary tactics.
 As a result, the Senate will vote Tuesday on a Justice Department authorization bill that includes an anti-busing rider sponsored by Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Bennett Johnston, D-La.
 Approval in the Senate is a foregone conclusion, but another big fight is likely in the House and there still could be further discussion later in the Senate.
 Johnston said that while he is optimistic the legislation finally will be approved by Congress this year, he conceded, "It is not a foregone conclusion."
 Weicker said flatly, "This will not

become law."
 The measure would direct federal judges not to order public school students transported more than 10 miles or 30 minutes round trip from home to their classrooms.
 It also would prohibit the Justice Department from asking federal courts to issue busing orders, a policy already adopted by the Reagan administration.
 Although Weicker had help from a half dozen liberal Democrats, the fight was mainly his. For hours, he remained on the Senate floor, using a variety of procedural tactics to postpone the inevitable.
 "The forest service does not expect the fire danger to heighten during the weekend, Terry said.
 A fire near Bowie Hill in Cass County burned 525 acres before being brought under control Wednesday morning, officials said.
 The blaze began Tuesday and was the largest of 55 forest fires that burned more than 2,000 acres of grass and timber lands in East Texas that day.

Rain lessens danger of Texas wildfires

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) - Rains have lessened the danger of East Texas wildfires but outside burning is still a real idea, said officials of the Texas Forest Service.
 "We feel like our danger's not completely over," said Bill Terry, forest service information officer, after a number of wildfires dropped from scorching more than 1,000 acres Tuesday, to scattered isolated blazes Wednesday.
 Since Monday, 142 fires have destroyed 4,247 acres of forest and grassland, said Terry. The outbreak, he said, began much earlier than expected.
 "We normally don't start having fire problems until after March 1," he said. "We had a dry spell and it's windy. And we had a wet summer and wet fall so a lot of growth had dried over the winter."
 "We're hoping we get some more rain. We'd like to get an inch of rain

every week," he said.
 The forest service does not expect the fire danger to heighten during the weekend, Terry said.
 A fire near Bowie Hill in Cass County burned 525 acres before being brought under control Wednesday morning, officials said.
 The blaze began Tuesday and was the largest of 55 forest fires that burned more than 2,000 acres of grass and timber lands in East Texas that day.
 magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake 10 times stronger than one of 6.5.
 An earthquake of 3.5 on the Richter scale can cause slight damage in a local area. 4 can cause moderate damage. 5 considerable damage. 6 can be severe. A 7 reading is a "major" quake, capable of widespread heavy damage; 8 is a "great" quake.

Moderate earthquake rocks Anchorage area

PALMER, Alaska (AP) - A moderate earthquake that rocked northern Alaska was felt as far north as Anchorage area, but caused no injury or damage, officials said.
 The temblor, which occurred at 9:28 a.m. Thursday (1:28 a.m. EST today), is assigned a magnitude of 5.5 on the Richter scale of ground motion, said in Sidorf, seismologist with the

Alaska Tsunami Warning Center here.
 It was centered 180 miles southwest of Anchorage, he said.
 There were no reports of damage, although many people called to say they felt the quake, Sidorf said.
 The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in

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Testimony ends in Brown murder trial

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — After a month of testimony involving almost 50 witnesses, defense attorneys ended their case and prepared to turn the fate of capital murder defendant Eroy Edward Brown over to the jury.

Jurors will hear closing arguments today and then retire to decide if Brown, a Texas Department of Corrections inmate, acted in self defense when he drowned prison warden Wallace Pack on April 4, 1981.

If convicted, Brown, 31, could be sentenced to life in prison or death by lethal injection. Prosecutors have said they may also try Brown in

connection with the shooting death of Ellis Unit farm manager Billy Max Moore.

Defense attorney Craig Washington has argued Brown, currently serving a 10-year sentence for aggravated robbery, killed in self defense during a struggle with the warden he claims held a loaded and cocked pistol against his client's head.

Before he rested his case Thursday, Washington recalled the medical director of the Texas Department of Corrections for questioning concerning the death records of five inmates.

Dr. Ralph Gray told Washington none of the reports had indicated that autopsies were

performed on the dead men or that inquests into the cause of death had been conducted.

Washington also called two former TDC employees who both testified that Pack was known for violent behavior against inmates.

Rev. Gilbert Thornton, 58, of Longview, a former chaplain-in-training at the TDC's Wynne Unit, said he had regular contact with inmates, many of whom related that Pack was both violent and dangerous.

Another former employee, James R. Handy, now employed by the U.S. Department of Probation and Paroles.

Judges want to streamline redistricting trial

DALLAS (AP) — A three-judge federal panel notified the large cast of characters in the Texas redistricting lawsuit that they expect the trial to move briskly and efficiently when it begins Monday.

The judges — U.S. District Judges Jerry Buchmeyer and Barefoot Sanders and federal appeals court judge Carolyn Randall — denied five motions "in the interest of time" during a pre-trial hearing Thursday and frequently urged the attorneys in the case to pare their arguments and lists of

witnesses for Monday's hearing.

Buchmeyer said the judges were "extremely concerned" that the legal process not delay Democratic and Republican primaries beyond May 1.

"I hope we can be through in a day, at the most, two days," Sanders said.

The judges denied requests from Harris County, State Rep. Bobby G. Webber, D-Fort Worth, and the Northeast Civic Leaders Council that they be made parties to the suit.

They also rejected

demands from Gov. Bill Clements and House Speaker Billy Clayton for legal counsel other than Attorney General Mark White, with whom they disagree on redistricting.

The legal battle over redistricting has been protracted, complex and often bitterly partisan, with six parties already involved in the case.

The State of Texas, plaintiffs challenging the house redistricting plan, plaintiffs against the senate plan, the Texas Secretary of State, the Justice

Department and the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund all were represented at Thursday's pretrial hearing.

The judges warned the attorneys they expect a businesslike proceeding Monday.

"We need hard-core facts and figures from people who know, not a lot of opinion from people who don't know. That's the bottom line," said Randall during a discussion of potential witnesses.

Sanders then asked Assistant Attorney General Rick Gray, "How much lead time will it (changing plans) require until the primary can be conducted?"

"I honestly don't know," Gray replied.

"That's the kind of information we need to find out," Sanders said, with emphasis.

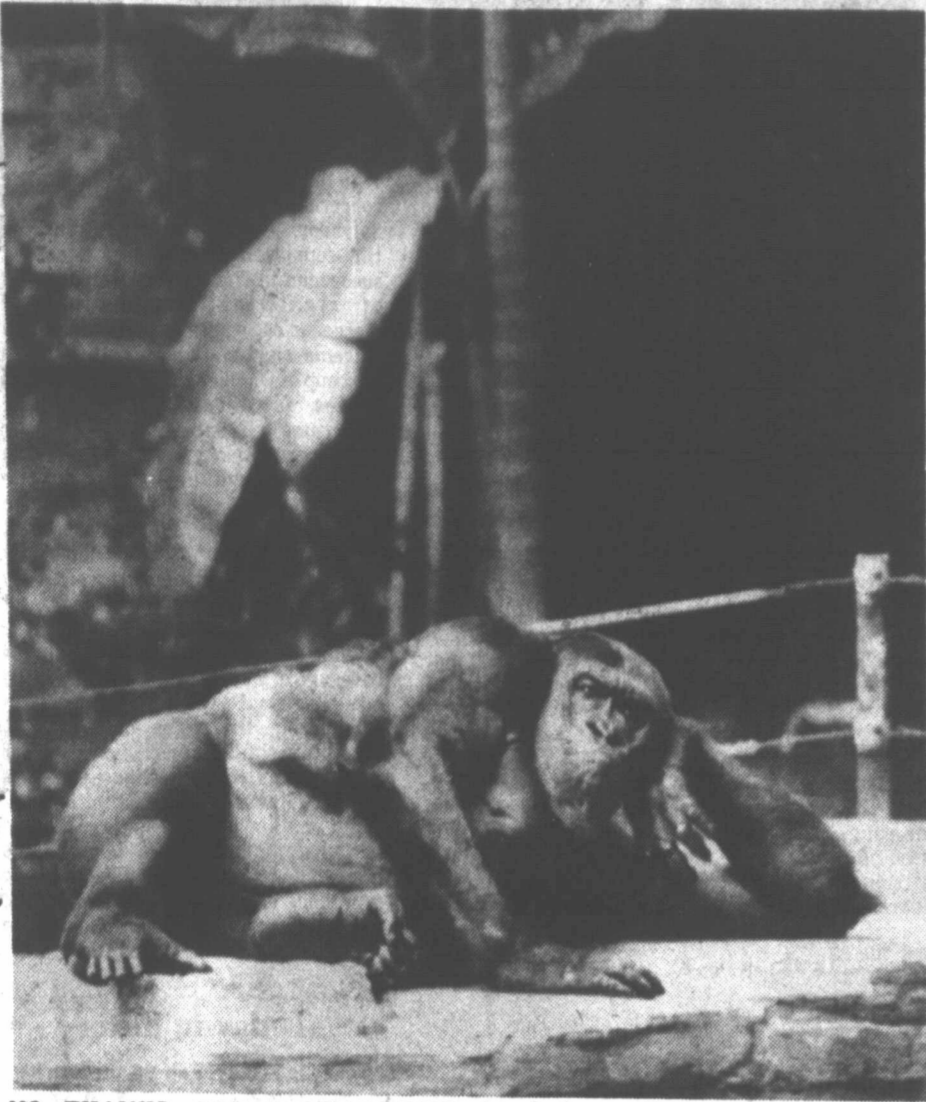
The judges urged each party submitting a redistricting plan to present only one witness in support of its program.

The panel agreed "with great reluctance" last month to redraw the boundaries for Texas' legislative elections, after the Justice Department invoked the Voting Rights Act to reject plans prepared by the Legislative Redistricting Board.

At that hearing Buchmeyer said redistricting is a "legislative function which

the federal courts should make every effort not to pre-empt."

The LRB — a special committee composed entirely of Democratic state officials — wrote the plans after the legislature failed to do so during its 1981 session.



NO THANKS, I'VE A HEADACHE! Vanilla, a 16-year old, 200 pound lowland gorilla and an endangered species, is running out of excuses for the Hermann Park Zoo in Houston. If she doesn't fall in love and mate with Abe soon, the would-

be father will be shipped home to Colorado. She rejected his amorous advances once again during the couple's first appearance before the press this week.

(AP Laserphoto)

Ape affair less than torrid

HOUSTON (AP) — Those who know say Abe's on the rebound from a humiliating affair in San Diego in which his girlfriend had him thoroughly intimidated.

So the handsome, 350-pounder may have been less than encouraged when Vanilla, a strapping 16-year-old, responded to his advances with a few smacks to the head.

Still, Hermann Park Zoo officials hold out hope that love will blossom between the two lowland gorillas. The animals are listed as a highly endangered species and international law bars importing them to the United States.

"We're very optimistic," said Victor Camp, curator of mammals. Camp said despite Abe's relatively advanced age of 26, "he has produced viable sperm."

Zoo manager John Werler said he is keeping one thing from the couple — they only have a year to produce offspring.

"We didn't want to tell them," he said. "It would put too much pressure on them."

If the couple doesn't make the deadline,

spokesman Joe Howard said Abe will be returned to his home zoo in Colorado Springs. Vanilla will be sent to a "group breeding program" in Cincinnati, in which Howard said different kinds of apes are put together in hopes of promoting a case of monkey see, monkey do.

Abe, whom Camp said was last on breeding loan in San Diego, came to Houston in November. Zoo officials kept the two separated by bars for the first month and a half. They could touch, but not embrace.

Vanilla was less than a gracious hostess at the couple's first appearance before the press Wednesday, heaving dung at her visitors.

Howard said zoo officials hope time will heat the romance.

"The plans are to allow them ample time to get the romance going and, hopefully, actually copulate," Howard said.

But so far the two have done nothing more romantic than hold hands.

Port commissioner and labor leader are convicted

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors who convicted Port Commissioner John Garrett and labor leader L.G. Moore of racketeering were polled privately by the presiding judge before the verdict was accepted because of one juror's hesitation.

Garrett and Moore, who were accused of trying to influence the awarding of city employees health insurance contract by bribing City Councilman Jim Westmoreland, were found guilty of using a long distance telephone call to try to make a bribe.

However, one juror hesitated when U.S. District Judge Norman Black asked if the decision was her verdict. Black then questioned each juror privately in chambers before he let the verdict stand.

The jury, which at one time claimed to be "hopelessly deadlocked," reached the decision Thursday after 23 hours of deliberations over a four-day period.

The panel, however, could not reach a verdict on a charge concerning another telephone call and a conspiracy charge. The failure resulted in Black declaring mistrials on those counts.

Garrett, 59, and Moore, 47, each face a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

After the verdict was read, U.S. Attorney Dan Hedges said he hasn't ruled out other indictments connected with the alleged bribery scheme uncovered in the FBI's undercover "Bribe" investigation in 1979.

Hedges said he has made no decision about seeking an indictment against Westmoreland, 44, who was elected in November to a fifth council term.

Westmoreland has denied any wrongdoing and refused to comment on developments during the six-week trial.

The alleged scheme was uncovered during the FBI's Bribe sting operation, in which Texas House Speaker Billy Clayton and two Austin attorneys were indicted for allegedly trying to influence a health insurance contract for state employees.

A federal jury acquitted Clayton and attorneys Randall Wood and Donald Ray of all charges in October 1980. All three have filed suits against FBI undercover agents and Prudential Insurance Co., which they claim knowingly participated in the sting operation.

Moore, regional director of the International Union of Operating Engineers, also was indicted in the Bribe case, but the charges were dropped last year.

Judge rules in favor of GM

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A state judge, ruling there is nothing illegal about General Motors Corp.'s "Let's Get Moving" rebate plan, says he is "hesitant to try to supervise the morals of the marketplace in our society."

"I just cringe at the thought of the court dictating to free business people the terms of a contract," State District Judge Herman Jones said Thursday. "It almost makes me gag. I'm not in the business of telling business people how they contract with each other."

Jones dissolved a temporary restraining order which had forced GM to pay 100 percent of the rebates it advertised in the "Let's Get Moving" program. Jack Ayres, lawyer for the state, said he would appeal Jones' ruling.

Under GM's original plan, begun Feb. 1, participating dealers were to contribute 25 percent of the rebate. Attorney General Mark White said the program was deceptive because dealers increased car prices to cover their 25 percent part of the rebate.

Jones said he had a "haunting feeling" that the state was misguided in its search for a "villain" in the program. He said it is the dealers, if anyone, who "fudge" on their share of the rebate, while GM pays what it promises.

"The plaintiff fires at the non-defaulting party in this lawsuit," he said. Jimmy Perkins, assistant national sales manager for Chevrolet, said GM would go back immediately to the original plan.

Under the "Let's Get Moving" program, "bonuses" of up to \$2,000 are offered to entice buyers to purchase slower-selling models. Perkins said all GM dealers in Texas had agreed to the program.

The temporary restraining order was signed by State District Judge Jerry Dellana of Austin when the suit was filed Feb. 9. Jones' ruling came at the end of a hearing to determine if the temporary order would be extended until the case is tried. No trial date has been set.

Tower to support Reagan on aid to El Salvador

WASHINGTON (AP) — The revolt of Social Democrats in El Salvador is a threat to U.S. security because it represents the presence in the western hemisphere of a Marxist group allied with the Soviet Union, Sen. John Tower said.

Tower said Thursday he will support "all means short of intrusion of American military forces" to resolve the political crisis in El Salvador.

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, during his monthly news conference with Texas reporters, sidestepped

questions about whether he ever would support sending U.S. fighting troops to Central America.

"I do not foresee use of American military forces at this point," the Texas Republican said.

When asked about the nation's "deepening role" in El Salvador, Tower replied, "I'd rather call it commitment than our deepening role."

Tower returned Tuesday from a 12-day trip to six Western European nations and said questions about El Salvador were raised several times.

Bue he said he does not believe the United States' involvement with El Salvador would cause a division with European nations.

"They're concerned, but they seem to regard it more of an irritant. They told me there are more things of importance to unite us to let something like this divide us," Tower said.

There is some sympathy in Western Europe for the rebelling social Democrats in El Salvador, he added.

"They regard it as Social Democrats rebelling against a right wing government. They don't perceive it of the same way we do," Tower said, adding that the philosophy of Christian Democrats in Western Europe is similar in many ways to the Social Democrats of El Salvador.

Mexican government cracks down on stores

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The government closed down more businesses around the capital as part of a crackdown on stores that violated official prices following last week's devaluation of the peso.

Hector Ortega, director of pricing at the Commerce department, said Thursday 30 businesses, including branches of the Sears, Liverpool and Sanborns department store, had been closed since department investigators started checking prices Wednesday.

Tuesday night the Commerce department announced controls on 50 items, adding to a list of about 5,000 on which some controls already existed.

Stickers that read: "Closed for violation of official prices" were slapped over the entrances of stores affected by the shutdowns.

But despite the apparent

seriousness with which the government declared its war on "mercenaries" and "greedy Mexicans" earlier this week, many residents were skeptical of how far the battle would go.

One killed, nine injured in bus crash

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A 20-year-old California woman was killed and nine people injured when a church bus carrying 17 people ran off an icy West Texas highway and overturned, authorities said.

The bus wrecked about 10:55 a.m. Thursday after slowing down in a construction zone because of an accident ahead of it on Interstate 20 about 18 miles west of Odessa, said Jerry Warren of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The bus was returning to the College Church of Christ in Fresno, Calif., after church members attended a seminar at Abilene Christian

University. The woman killed in the crash was identified as Jannell Viduarri of Fresno, Calif.

Warren, a DPS radio operator in Midland, said the injured, all residents of California, were taken to Odessa Medical Center and each was listed in good condition.

He said the nine, along with their ages, hometowns and injuries were:

—Marilyn Pittenger, 47, Fresno, facial lacerations.

—Walt Sennell, 46, Fresno, broken leg.

—Robert Fulfer, 46, Victorville, hip and chest

injuries.

—Don Carlos Berry, Fresno, chest injury. Berry was the driver of the bus.

—Mike Riley, 17, Redlands, head lacerations.

—Russell Bridges, 25, Redlands, facial lacerations and shoulder injury.

—Evyone Beard, 15, Ventura, head laceration.

—Deanna Ellis, 15, Redlands, back laceration.

—Ray Bolton, 48, Clovis, chemical burns to the eye.

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Assessing military costs

When facing a direct threat to their continued existence, people and societies throw all their resources into the fray. But when facing winter after winter of a cold war of attrition, we are mindful that in the long run, national security depends not only on armaments but on economic vitality.

Defense expenditures necessarily pose an economic sacrifice for Americans, but must be managed in present circumstances so as not to sacrifice our chances for economic recovery.

President Reagan has proposed a record \$215.9 billion defense budget for 1983, a 13 percent increase from last year, after allowing for inflation. In the face of severe cutbacks in social services and a spiraling overall budget deficit now predicted at \$98.6 billion, this defense budget will face criticism in Congress from representatives of both parties and all parts of the country.

We support a strong national defense as a priority for America. That does not mean that the Pentagon should get every program it wants. Increased training, ammunition and funds for conventional forces should take priority over untested weapons systems. At a time when fiscal austerity is demanded of the civilian sector, the military budget must have limits.

Strength in arms, like victory in battle, is not dependent on money alone. Leadership, preparedness and quantity of weapons are crucial. As the defense debate rages, we would like to suggest changes that would not cost the government more money, but might improve defense dramatically.

Technological innovation is becoming an increasingly costly part of defense expenditures. We can design more advanced weapons than the Soviets, to offset our smaller number of soldiers. But the Russians build greater numbers of medium-technology weapons. Which would prevail in battle: higher technology or superior numbers?

James Fallows, in his book "National Defense," says that the search for the magical weapon that can destroy many times its number has produced fewer weapons at greater cost and lower reliability. The advanced F-15 fighter is about four times as costly as the F-5 medium-technology fighter. The F-5 can fly 2.5 sorties a day, and the F-15 only one.

Thus, for the same price, the United States could build 1,000 F-5 fighters and only 250 F-15s. In combat, that would mean 2,500 sorties a day by the F-5, compared to 250 F-15 sorties, a differential of 10 to 1.

Is the F-15 10 times as good as the F-5? One analyst claims the F-15 can shoot down 88 targets at once. In

Air Force air games, the F-15 always prevailed in one-on-one combat. But when four F-15s were scrambled against four F-5s, the F-15 lost its edge. Given current squadron strengths, each F-15 pilot may have to face as many as six Soviet MiG21s in the air.

Retired Air Force Col. Everest Riccioni says: "The number of weapons systems that can be employed in battle varies inversely as the square of the level of sophistication." This is true not only of airplanes, but of tanks and submarines.

The United States should build greater numbers of its proven weapons and not be so quick to retire them. Independent testing and analysis of new weapons systems should be instituted. Relations between retired officers and defense contractors should be scrutinized to prevent corruption of the procurement process.

Men and women are the greatest resource of our military and must not be forgotten while the Pentagon pursues ever more expensive arms. There are American soldiers guarding the border of South Korea who get to fire their TOW Antitank missile with live ammunition once a year, because each round costs \$6,000. More live-weapons training and higher pay are crucial for morale.

But money alone cannot produce a good soldier. When veterans talk about heroism, they speak of the love of buddies, the trust in leaders of courage and commitment who stuck with them in danger.

In Vietnam, officers were rotated through combat units every six months, which is too often to cement that unquantifiable bond of loyalty. Field commands were seen as necessary for promotion, not as opportunities for leadership. The pressure to move up on the bureaucracy or to get out of the service has sacrificed many devoted soldiers.

The Pentagon is the largest bureaucracy in Washington and is run according to management policies. Managers have desks behind the lines. Fighting has always been done by warriors.

A newspaper cannot tell the military how to do its job. But we can pass on the advice written by instructor Dandridge Malone on a blackboard at the Army War College: "Management is the 'chemistry' of things, but leadership is the 'chemistry' of people. When, in war, men must die (and in war, some must), they can't be managed to death... they must be led there. 'Sacrifice' has an honored place in leadership, but not in management... and that may be the nub of our problem."

BY EDWARD J. WALSH

When the major media set about covering U.S. government policies, one expects the reporters, editors and commentators to be skeptical. It has been a long time since public officials got a free ride on the network news or in the major dailies. Indeed, we have traveled far from the days when reporters wrote only news. Today, they spice it with a strong dose of opinion, invariably liberal opinion.

That alone would seem to account for the hostile treatment the Reagan administration's policy on El Salvador is getting in the press. But, one would think, the press's natural skepticism would apply to all spokesmen for public policy. It doesn't — when the "spokesman" is a bearded Salvadoran

guerrilla toting an automatic weapon. NBC News recently bought some film from Jon Alpert, a freelance journalist who went to live with the guerrillas fighting the U.S. supported government in El Salvador. Aired first in December and again last week, Alpert's clips show smiling young men, appropriately clad in ragged civilian clothes, who chat amiably about their activities, which

The press and El Salvador

appear to be camping out in the mountains, and occasionally taking potshots at government occupied towns.

The weapons they displayed were ancient carbines and shotguns, with a few U.S. and European made semi-automatics. Alpert asked — repeat, asked them: "Where are all the Soviet weapons?" The young insurgents seemed hurt at the idea.

All this makes cute pictures on the evening news, but it doesn't say much for the network's claim to objectivity as a news medium. NBC, however, is not alone in buying propaganda. The New York Times and the Washington Post also sent correspondents to spend time among the guerrillas. Both produced stories making them out as romantic

freedom fighters, not terrorists. The Times reporter did report on the classes in Marxist ideology conducted by political commissars. But the tone of all of this sort of thing has been that the leftist guerrillas in El Salvador are no worse than adventurous Boy Scouts. In Alpert's film, they are hammering sharpened stakes into a concealed pit, reminiscent of the Viet Cong's "punji sticks" that impaled U.S. soldiers in

Vietnam. Alpert reports this as if it were a childish prank.

The liberals are right on El Salvador, as far as news coverage is concerned: it's Vietnam all over again. In other words, the communist guerrillas are okay guys and gals; the U.S. is on the side of the devil.

Meanwhile, human rights abuses by rightwing death squads and extremist factions of the government forces are played up; atrocities by the guerrillas, like the massacre of civilians reported by the government Feb. 2 are practically ignored. We see sickening footage of the government's victims, but get one sentence reports of similar acts by the Left.

One wonders: are these intrepid reporters so naive as to think the guerrillas would carry Soviet made weapons? In the State Department White Paper on El Salvador of February 1981, documented proof was supplied of the Salvadoran communists' negotiations for weapons with nearly every Soviet bloc country. But the weapons actually funneled to the guerrillas through Cuba and its Central American puppet, Nicaragua, have been exclusively of noncommunist manufacture. U.S.-made M16s lost in

Vietnam have been turning up in El Salvador.

As far as human rights violations are concerned, they occur every day in El Salvador. It is self-evident that the U.S.-supported government has not yet succeeded in ridding the armed forces of rightwing extremists and mercenaries whose loyalty is to the extreme rightists who were ousted in the coup of October 1979. But the United States is actually backing the moderates in El Salvador.

The perception given the American people, however, is that the government is a tool of the extreme right, and that the Marxists represent the people. That has been denied by Catholic Prelate Bishop Arturo Riva y Damas and his associate bishops. But we don't hear that on the evening news.

What we are witnessing in the press coverage of El Salvador is a reply of the coverage of the revolution in neighboring Nicaragua of 1978-79. There too, smiling guerrillas posed for the cameras. Today, Nicaragua is a squalid Marxist state, with a huge army and a ruined economy, beholden to Cuba, a puppet of a puppet. The Nicaraguan regime is endeavoring to reproduce itself in tiny El Salvador. So far, the script is being followed on schedule, by the American press.

Today in history

Today is Friday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 1982. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Feb. 26, 1952, Winston Churchill announced that Britain had produced its own atomic bomb.

On this date: In 1521, an earthquake in Portugal killed tens of thousands of people and flattened much of Lisbon and other cities.

In 1918, German planes bombed Venice, Italy, during World War I.

In 1962, the Saigon palace of South Vietnam's President Ngo Dinh Diem was bombed by two dissident pilots of South Vietnam's Air Force.

And in 1974, the Ethiopian city of Amhara was seized by army units demanding better pay and living conditions.

Ten years ago: More than 30 people were killed near the mining town of Logan, W.Va., when a huge coal slag heap serving as a dam burst under the pressure of torrential rains.

Five years ago: Ugandan President Idi Amin gave assurances that his government would not harm the more than 200 Americans in that African nation.

One year ago: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher met with President Reagan at the White House and praised his economic policies.

Today's birthdays: Comedian Jackie Gleason is 66 years old.

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The United States Supreme Court has once again frustrated criminal justice by overturning a murderer's death sentence. The Washington Legal Foundation is deeply disturbed by the

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BY PAUL HARVEY

Taxpayers have three pockets

By PAUL HARVEY
President Reagan promised and delivered some federal relief for America's taxpayers. That is good.

Americans with more money to invest create jobs.

Americans with more money to save build houses.

Americans rewarded for effort — instead of penalized for it — are encouraged to work harder, produce more and when production goes up prices come down.

So Reaganomics is alive and well and working — at the FEDERAL level.

But taxpayers have three pockets. And while federal government is taking less, state and local governments are taking more.

My home base is a residential suburb of Chicago.

Our local taxes are going up faster than our federal taxes are coming down.

While federal taxes are still the biggest single bite out of any family's income, state and local taxes are aggressively increasing their smaller bites.

The average suburban Chicago family of four — and don't think this concerns only Chicagoans — I'll get to you in a minute — the average family of four making \$20,000 a year pays out 24 percent of that in federal taxes.

Plus 6.65 percent for Social Security.

Plus 2.5 percent for state income tax.

If the family has a \$50,000 home, property taxes are \$1,633 a year.

Every time the family turns on a light

it turns on a 2 percent state tax plus a 4.5 percent Chicago tax.

Turn on the heat and the city adds 5.5 percent to the cost of that.

Use the telephone and the state adds 2 percent and the city adds 6.5 percent.

If the family has a car the vehicle sticker costs \$40 a year. The fuel is taxed 23 cents a gallon with the state taking the largest share.

On most everything a Chicagoan purchases there is a sales tax of 6 percent; there's an amusement tax of 30 cents or a meter tax of 25 cents an hour.

And the list goes on and on.

I have cited Chicago for two reasons. I live here. I pay these taxes every day. I am acquainted with this situation.

Also, among our nation's 30 largest cities, Chicago is about the middle — with half of them demanding even higher taxes.

And Chicago county and suburban taxpayers are about to get hit with another 15 percent increase on top of recent increases of 30 percent-plus.

Chicago's mayor contemplates expanding the city's expensive Summerfest to include a Winterfest — and maybe an Autumnfest and a Springfest —

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crime has on its victims, their families and society has led to the establishment of a Crime Victims Program. This program is designed to advance the rights of crime victims and to help reduce the alarming crime rate in America.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly stated that capital punishment is constitutional. It has repeatedly stated that imposition of the death penalty is to be determined by State legislatures, courts and juries. Nonetheless, the Court seems to find a new reason for overturning a death sentence in every case it reviews. The Court is merely substituting its personal judgment for that of the appropriate State authorities.

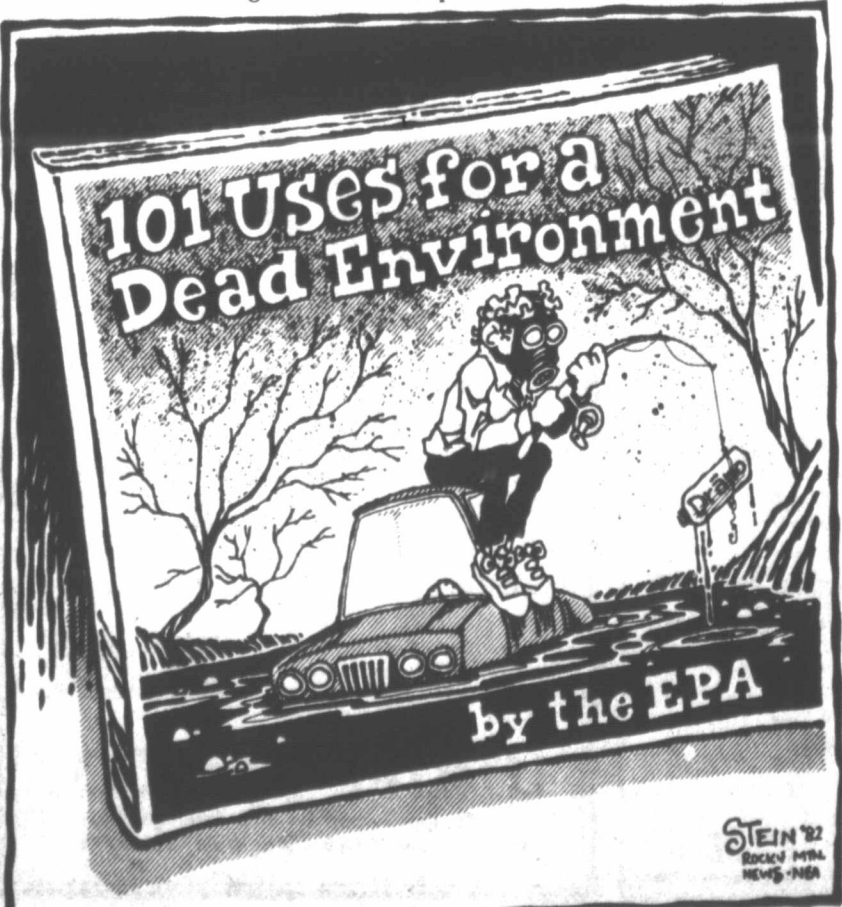
Such judicial interference has destroyed public confidence in the criminal justice system. More importantly, it has cheapened the value of human life by failing to severely punish criminals for the murders of law-abiding citizens. The Washington Legal Foundation believes that criminal justice is a right of the victims of crime and the law-abiding public as well as of criminals. We can only hope that a majority of the Supreme Court will some day agree.

Sincerely,
Nicholas E. Calio
Litigation Counsel
Washington Legal Foundation

Berry's World



"Give it to me straight, Robini Are we taking from the rich and giving to the poor, or is it the other way around?"



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James Watt cited for contempt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary James G. Watt is facing a contempt-of-Congress resolution, but a Watt spokesman says the Supreme Court probably will end up resolving the executive-legislative conflict.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee set the stage for an historic confrontation between Congress and the executive branch by voting 23-19 Thursday to cite Watt for contempt.

"The vote comes as no surprise," said Douglas Baldwin, Watt's chief spokesman. "As has been made clear from the beginning, this is a constitutional issue involving executive privilege" that probably will be decided by the Supreme Court, Baldwin said.

The committee resolution now goes to the full House, which must decide whether to refer Watt's case to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia. A criminal case could end up being appealed to the Supreme Court.

Records are incomplete, but congressional researchers say they cannot find an instance of a Cabinet officer being cited by the full House for contempt, which carries a maximum punishment of a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Watt, who says he's willing to go to jail, apparently is only the second Cabinet officer ever cited by a congressional committee for contempt. The other, then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, was cited in 1975 by the House Intelligence Committee. This dispute was resolved only a few hours before a vote by the House.

The present dispute involves 11 documents that President Reagan ordered Watt to withhold on the grounds of executive privilege. The papers relate to Canadian energy and investment policies.

In other congressional business:
—Losing already slim support on the Senate floor. Sen.

Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., ended a filibuster against legislation that would virtually eliminate busing as a school-desegregation tool. A final vote on the measure, certain to pass, is scheduled for Tuesday.

—Reagan's new budget raises a "very grim outlook" for deficits exceeding \$100 billion a year for the foreseeable future. Alice Rivlin, the head of the Congressional Budget Office, told the Senate Appropriations Committee. Reagan has projected deficits falling from \$98.6 billion this fiscal year to \$53 billion in 1987.

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(AP Laserphoto)

Daughter ends prosecution testimony

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — As the last prosecution witness in Claus C. von Bulow's attempted murder trial, Martha von Bulow's daughter testified that her heirss mother was "wonderful," drank little and once considered divorce.

Princess Annie Laurie Kneissl, 23, also testified Thursday that after insulin was found on a hypodermic needle in von Bulow's closet, "everything put together made us believe we had to go to police."

Judge Thomas H. Needham recessed the trial until Tuesday, when the defense will begin presenting its case. "Sunny" von Bulow, heirss to a utilities fortune, has lain in a coma at a New York City hospital while the

prosecution called 44 witnesses in an effort to prove the Danish-born financial consultant twice tried to kill his wife with insulin injections.

Mrs. von Bulow, 50, is not expected to recover from the coma, which she lapsed into on Dec. 21, 1980, at the couple's Millionaires' Row mansion in Newport. She also had fallen into a coma there on Dec. 27, 1979, but recovered quickly.

Mrs. Kneissl, bearing a striking resemblance to early photographs of her mother, said von Bulow told her his love affair with former soap opera actress Alexandra Isles had cooled after Mrs. von Bulow fell into her second coma. Mrs. Isles testified she and von Bulow were still lovers a year after the episode.

Mrs. Kneissl, Mrs. von Bulow's daughter by a previous marriage to an impoverished Austrian prince, added that her mother contemplated divorce from von Bulow a few months before the first coma because he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and blamed Mrs. von Bulow for his inability to find a good job.

Prosecutor Stephen R. Famiglietti has produced medical experts who said the two comas were caused by insulin injections.

The state contends von Bulow tried to murder his wife so he could marry Mrs. Isles, 36, and inherit half his wife's \$28 million estate.

Mrs. Kneissl acknowledged to defense lawyer Herald P. Fahringer that she admired von Bulow, who became her stepfather when she was 8.

But she refused to agree that a private investigation after the second coma produced insufficient evidence to justify calling police.

"All you had at that point was washings from the needle (showing traces of insulin and barbiturates) and a black pouch found in (von Bulow's) closet next to his study," Fahringer said.



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Gas dips to 88 cents

NEWCASTLE, Okla. (AP) — Saying it was a fight for the survival of his business, a Newcastle service station owner gave the town a taste of war — a gasoline price war many motorists hoped would continue.

Jack Patterson, who owns the Newcastle Texaco station, said the Oklahoma City suburb's APCO station located across the street had been hurting his business by lowering its prices.

Patterson declared a gas war Thursday, and the stations steadily reduced gas prices until the battle ended shortly before 5 p.m. with regular gasoline being sold at 88 cents a gallon at the APCO station. Patterson went as low as 89 cents for a gallon of regular.

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First Christian Church will have guest speaker

The First Christian Church will present Herb Miller, area minister and author of "Tools for Active Christians" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Miller began his duties as Hi-Plains Minister on Feb. 1, 1975. Having served for five years as Regional Minister for the Christian Church in New Mexico, he has pastored churches in Arkansas, Iowa, and New Mexico; he has taught at the college level, serving as head of the Department of Religion for the College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M.

Miller is also the publisher of the Net Results, a monthly periodical published by the National Evangelistic Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



REV. AND MRS. R.C. AMER

Guest ministers next week at Calvary Assembly of God

Evangelist and Mrs. R.C. Amer, Assemblies of God evangelists from Springfield, Mo., will be the guest ministers at the Calvary Assembly of God Church, Sunday through Friday.

Service times will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Rev. Amer is a native of Missouri and has been involved in youth ministry and evangelistic work. Both he and his wife hold degrees from Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.

Pastor Mike Benson invites the public to attend this Revival Crusade.



HIS IMAGE SINGERS

Gospel group to appear here

His Image Singers will be appearing in concert at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ after evening services Sunday.

Christians at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ and His Image Singers invite all those who are interested in worshipping God and hearing gospel singing at its finest to attend the 6 p.m. Sunday service and stay for the concert to follow.

Religion roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roman Catholic and United Methodist participants in four years of official dialogue have found "remarkable unity and agreement" in their forms for celebrating Holy Communion.

But they say "popular piety" in the two churches holds "different perspectives" on Christ's presence, with most Catholics seeing it in the Communion elements, and most Methodists seeing it in the words and spirit.

The 5,000-word report on talks from 1977 through 1981 says: "Mutual respect and love born of discovery of new dimensions in each other's traditions have grown as we have explored points of surprising convergence as well as remaining differences..."

NEW YORK (AP) — Books of the Bible have now been published in 1,739 languages and dialects, reports the United Bible Societies, an increase of 29 languages over the previous year's total.

The report says the whole Bible has been produced in 277 languages, the New Testament in another 518 languages, and single books of the Bible in another 944 languages.

MARYKNOLL, N. Y. (AP) — Heads of the Maryknoll missionaries have condemned increased U.S. military aid to El Salvador's ruling junta and questioned the "sudden activity" against national guardsmen held in the deaths of four American women church workers.

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STILL LIFE

This still life is in perfect harmony and balance; there is no motion or confusion to mar its perfect beauty. How peaceful and quiet it looks! This kind of static beauty is never possible for life, however, because life is never static; life means motion, activity, change, confusion. But this dynamic nature of life with its infinite variations doesn't mean that life need be without peace. New experiences of every kind, pleasant or painful, can be met with serenity if one understands that his whole life is a gift from God. The peace of God which passes all understanding is the gift given only with Himself. Worship Him and know peace in your heart!

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without government or society or way of life which hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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SEETHROUGH. A model wears Fendi's Wednesday's Milan fashion show in black organza seethrough dress accented by matching black enamel belts for 1982 spring and summer during Tokyo. Seven Italian designers presented their collection in Japan's major cities to promote Italian fashion.

(AP Laserphoto)

American Cancer Society offers educational programs

"According to our projected statistics, one in every four persons in Gray County will eventually have cancer. The mission of our committee is to prevent this projection from becoming a reality."

So stated Marge Penn, chairman of the public education committee of the American Cancer Society's Gray County Unit.

"We know," Ms. Penn continued, "that our best defense against cancer is to educate people on the value of early diagnosis and treatment and to show them ways of preventing cancer."

She appealed especially to presidents of civic and social clubs, to school officials and to employers to schedule a cancer control program for their group. "The committee thinks that every person in the county should know about cancer, and our program is designed to this end, but we really need help."

Dr. Lamb

Booze troubles his heart

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR LAMB — I have a friend who has been in the hospital for heart failure. He had swelling of his feet and ankles and even his belly was swollen. The worst part is that he had shortness of breath. He is too young to have heart trouble since he is only 32. It turned out that his heart was damaged from drinking. He does drink a lot, often more than a pint of whiskey a day. The doctors said the alcohol had damaged his heart muscle and caused it to get weak. That is why it failed.

Of course while he was in the hospital he couldn't drink and his heart recovered. All of the swelling and shortness of breath disappeared. I would like to know if his heart is completely recovered or if he will have the same thing

again. Also, I have read that alcohol protects a person against heart attacks. In that case, how come he had heart trouble?

DEAR READER — In the first place alcohol is a tissue poison. It can produce "alcoholic myocarditis" with changes in the heart muscle that can be seen with microscopic studies. In addition, alcohol affects important nutritional factors that lead to thiamine deficiencies and beri-beri heart disease. Prolonged excess use of alcohol can deplete the potassium stores in skeletal and heart muscle weakening the muscles involved.

This effect of alcohol is entirely different from the less than two cocktails or beers a day that has been found to be associated with a lower risk of heart attacks (and that is a generalization

Ms. Penn stated that the Society could arrange programs to suit the needs of any group, furnishing educational films, speakers and printed materials about the disease. "All of these are available, but they are worthless unless they are used."

She reported that of every six persons who have cancer, two will be cured, three will die because present knowledge about the disease does not permit a cure, and one will die because he was not "reached" in time.

"This last one is really a needless death," Ms. Penn said, "because his cancer will not have been detected early enough or because he does not know how to prevent cancer. And some forms of cancer are highly preventable."

Ms. Penn encourages any club or person wanting a meeting program to contact her or any member of her committee. Other members are: Marge Holland, Paul Simmons, Dr. K. Teague and Paul Murray.

Dear Abby

Man's cheapness is no cause for celebration

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old woman and my "problem" is a 25-year-old man I've been going with for nearly two years. To get right to the point, I have bought him presents (expensive for me) on every gift-giving occasion — his birthday, Christmas, Easter, Valentine's Day, etc. — but he has never given me anything. He has a good job and he could afford to buy me something, but this is what he does: He picks a fight with me just before Christmas or my birthday, and he decides it's better if we "cool it" for a while. We are always "cooling it" on special dates, and I get no present.

We were cooling it last Christmas, and we made up just before New Year's. Just before Valentine's Day he picked another fight so he wouldn't have to give me a present. (I gave him one anyway because I had already bought it.)

He's a nice guy otherwise, but I've just about had it with this stunt. Could there be some deep, hidden psychological reason for this? I really feel stupid because I was a ...

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

DEAR MAJOR: The problem is minor. The man is just cheap.

DEAR ABBY: When my son was born three months ago, my stepmother sent him a beautiful quilt she made especially for him. I was deeply touched by her thoughtfulness, until I found nine straight pins in it!

She is a meticulous person, so it's hard to believe she left all those pins in the quilt accidentally. I think my stepmother subconsciously willed evil on my child. You see, she tragically lost her only daughter, who was pregnant with her first child at the time. Now her only other child, a son, is dying of a terminal illness. So she is grieving for the grandchildren she will never have.

We had planned to visit my father and his wife when the baby is six months old. Now I have serious doubts about going. (They live 600 miles away.) I don't want to come out and accuse my stepmother, and I don't want to mention anything about this to my father, but I am honestly concerned about my baby's safety during that visit.

Do you think we should go and keep a sharp eye on our son? I hate to deprive my father of seeing his grandson, but I can't risk any harm to the baby.

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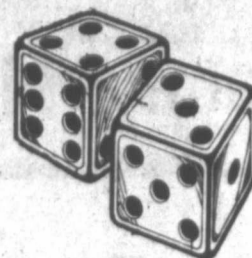
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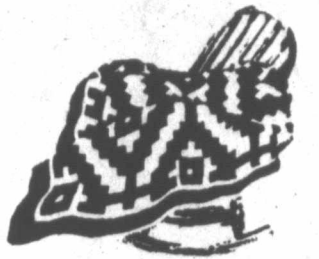
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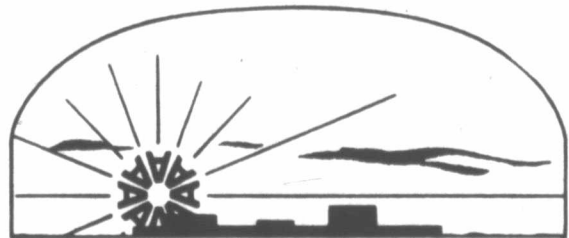
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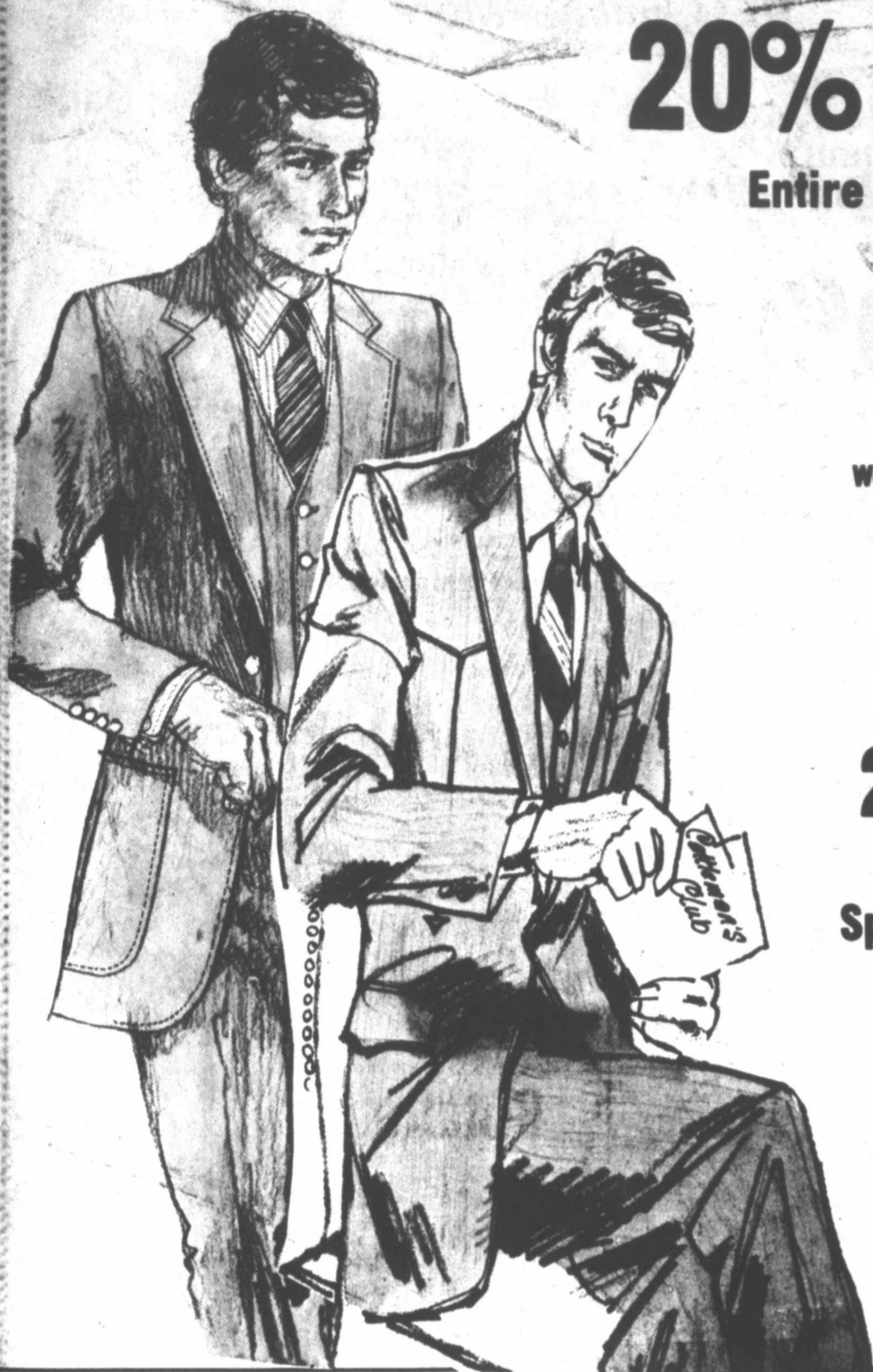
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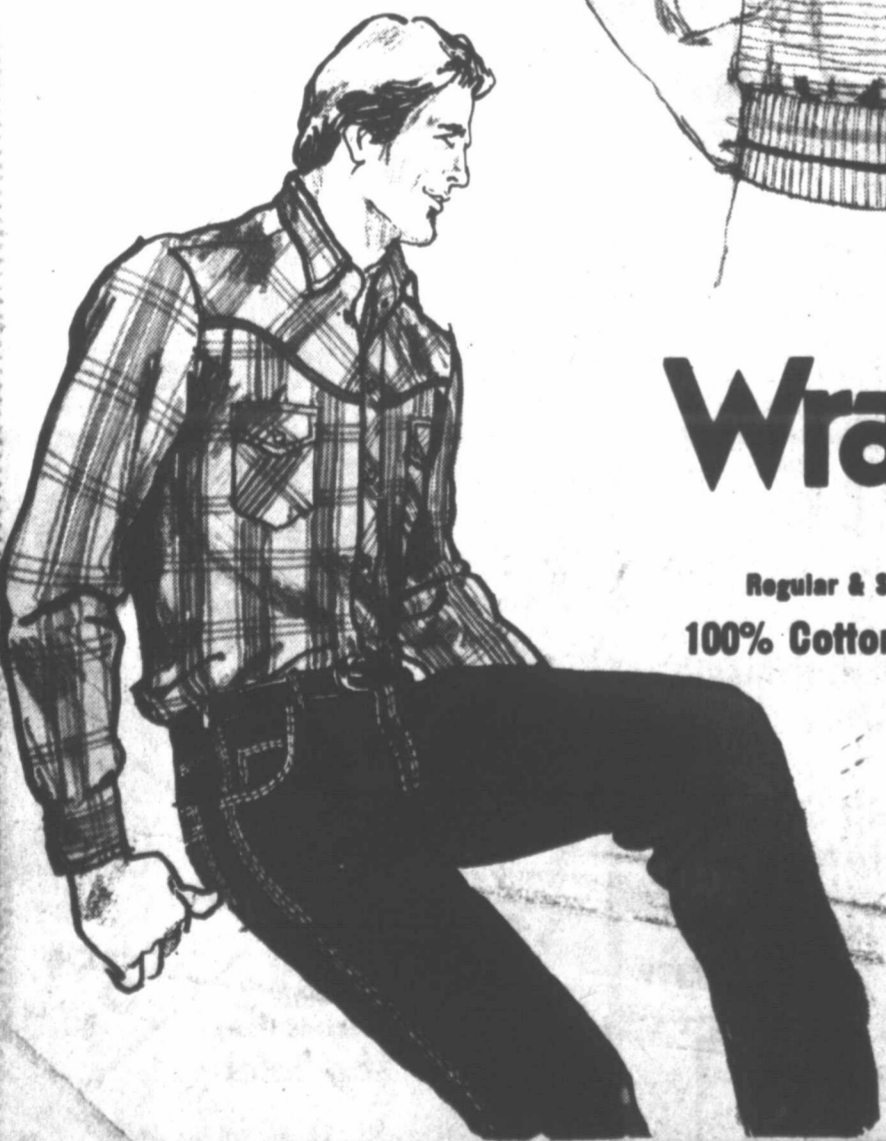


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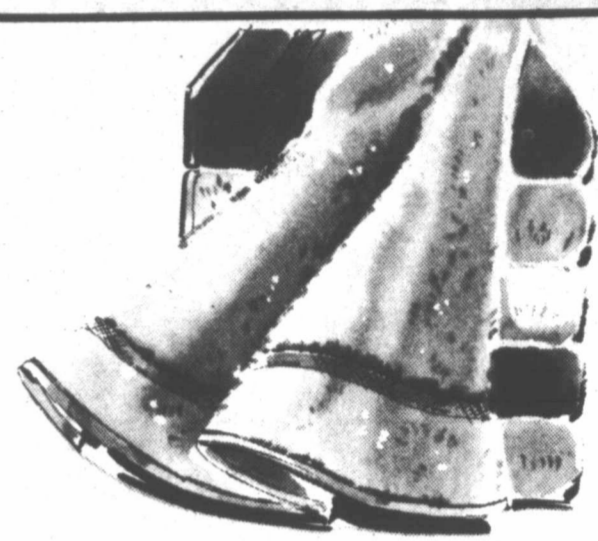
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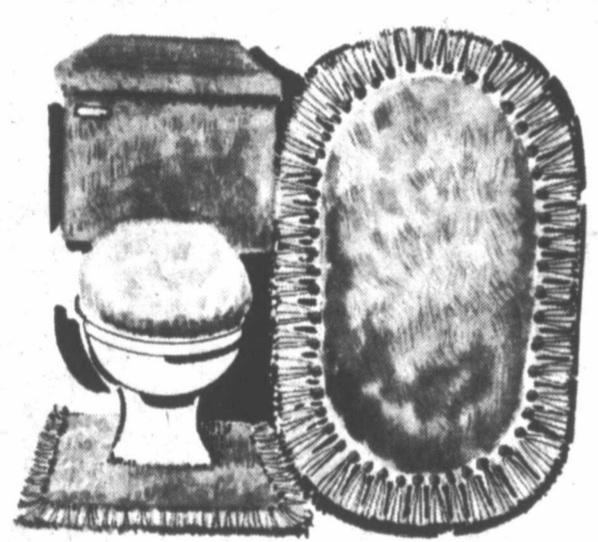
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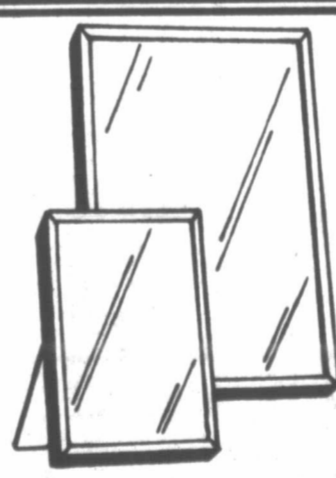
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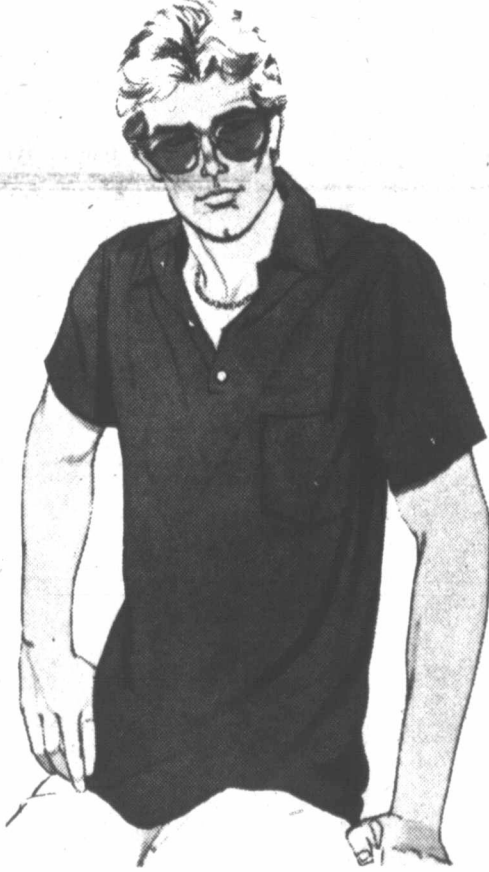
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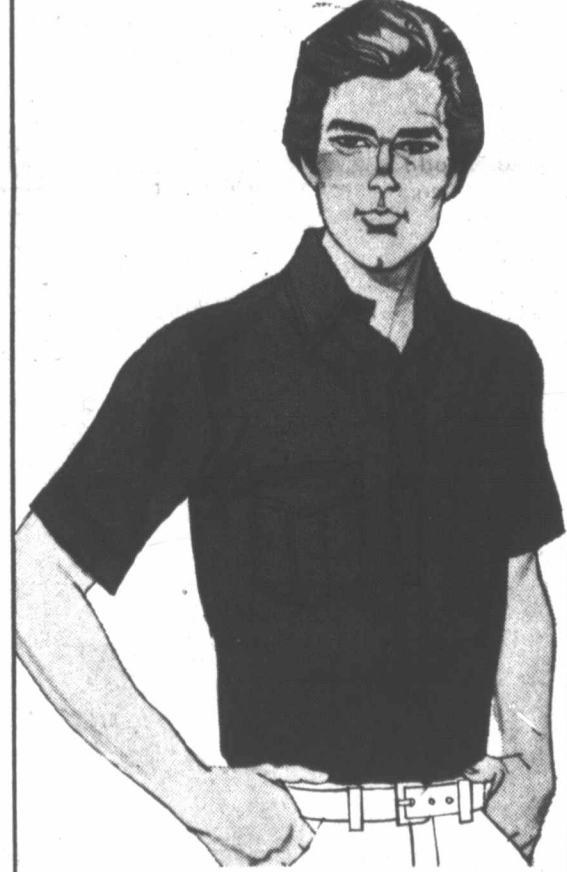
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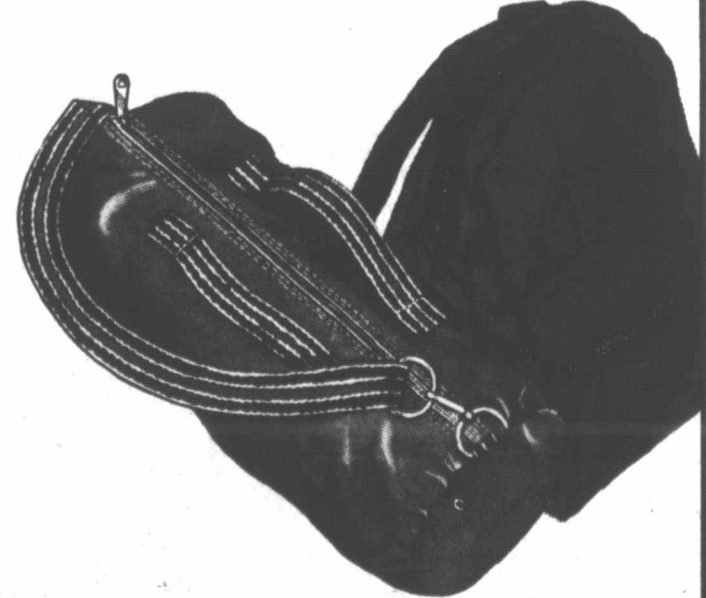
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Something down to earth about Skyy

By YARDENA ARAR
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Despite the lofty-sounding, oddly spelled name and the sci-fi-fantasy stage shows, there's something endearingly down to earth about the rhythm-and-blues ensemble Skyy: the personnel.

And that may be because behind the razzle-dazzle costumes and the party sound of such hits as "Call Me" — a No. 1 R&B tune that's been marching up the pop charts as well — is a group of people whose musical togetherness dates to their high school days in New York City. Not fancy Manhattan or middle-class Queens, mind you, but earthy Brooklyn.

"My father was a minister and my mother was a Tupperware manager," says Solomon Roberts, who not only sings, writes, co-produces and plays rhythm guitar for the band, but who provided the crucial

early breeding ground for its members: Hole in the Ground Studios, otherwise known as the Roberts' basement.

"That's where the whole community of musicians used to meet," he recalls with a laugh. "That's where everyone brought their equipment because no one else had the basement and no one else's parents would stand for it."

The first successes to emerge from Hole in the Ground Studios were Brass Construction — which Roberts' longtime buddy Randy Muller founded and which gave Roberts his first professional backup singing experience — and B.T. Express, for which Muller served as arranger.

Skyy was a little slower to get out of the basement, at least as far as a recording contract went. The instrumental backbone of the band was an outfit called Fuel, which Roberts founded with bassist Gerald LeBon.

guitarist Anibal Anthony "Butch" Sierra, drummer Tommy McConnell and pianist Larry Greenberg.

The group's three-sister vocal team, Denise Dunning-Crawford, Delores Dunning-Milligan and Bonnie

Dunning, was recruited for Brass Construction by the ubiquitous Muller, who heard them when they and Brass Construction were performing at the New York Miss Black America Pageant in 1973.

Roberts says there's more to Skyy than catchy dance tunes, but admits that "it was easier for a lot of black artists to get records under the disco banner at that particular time. And also, it was easier for them to get more exposure on white radio

SPEAKING OF SOAPS

by Mary Ann Cooper



Mrs. and Mr. Todd Davis (Rosalind Miles-Davis) pictured here with "Bubbling Brown Sugar" star Phyllis Hyman (at right) after performance of her SRO engagement in Los Angeles.

"General Hospital's" Todd Davis is one of the few black performers featured in the wonderful world of soaps. As Bryan, he plays a street-wise and stable individual who had escaped the grip of alcoholism and became a source of encouragement for Scotty's father, Lee, as he battled against his own booze addiction. With the addition of a love interest in the person of Claudia as played by Bianca Ferguson, it seemed that Todd would have his hands full with acting challenges and an exciting storyline. Somehow, despite all the promise, it has not come to be. Davis is an extraordinary performer who undoubtedly has so much more to offer than he is allowed to display. For some elusive reason, his talent has gone untapped.

"General Hospital" is going through a very critical time right now. The Luke and Laura storyline has come to a dead halt due to the exit of Genie Francis as Laura. The transitional period could be the perfect time to experiment with the character of Bryan. As for Todd, naturally he is becoming frustrated at the lack of storyline but has hopes that a new team of writers will develop an exciting storyline vehicle for him. When they do, they will find that Todd is

more than equipped to handle the task. An alumnus of the Julliard Drama School, Todd studied with Lee Strasberg. He has an extensive theater background and has appeared in numerous television series including "Kojak", "Quincy", "MASH", and the special, "A Woman Called Moses"

and "King". He also appeared in the theatrical releases "Education of Sonny Carson", "Death Wish" and "The Gambler."

SOAP BIRTHDAYS — The beginning of March heralds the birthdays of the following daytime stars: March 1, Jed Allan (Don "Days of Our Lives") and Richard Shoebert (Tom "All My Children") March 3, Denise Pence (Katie Parker, "Guiding Light") March 4, Steve Fletcher (Brad Vernon "One Life To Live") March 5, Marcia McCabe (Sunny "Search For Tomorrow") and Ray MacDonnel (Dr. Joe Martin, "All My Children). Now a look at what's been happening and what will happen on all afternoon dramas.

SEARCH FOR TOMORROW -- When the explosion at the Inn fails to kill "Operation Unbrust, reinforcements from Hong Kong stalk Henderson to finish the job. Sissy and Liza bury the hatchet over the tragedy that has befallen Roger Lee. Jo takes a second look at Brian and likes what she sees.

GUIDING LIGHT -- Ross is shattered by Carrie's predicament. Josh bristles when he learns how closely the police are monitoring Hope's activities. Quint puts phase two into operation in his plan to control Nola and her baby. Mark insinuates himself into Spaulding Enterprises and charms Vanessa.

AS THE WORLD TURNS -- Bob goes abroad to hunt for Tom and Margot. David sorts out his feelings and seeks out Cynthia. Ariel comes to town and makes the situation between Barbara and

James worse than ever.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS -- Robert uses Caldwell's knowledge to help free Lorie. Patty strings Danny along while running after Jack. Andy makes plans to divorce Karen so he can marry Jill. Snapper and Sally move closer together.

RYAN'S HOPE -- Ari decides to go to Egypt and take Faith with him but Yvonne overhears them making plans. Yvonne arranges for Misha to abduct Ari and Faith. In an attempt to obtain information from Ari, Misha threatens to torture Faith. Ari refuses to speak in spite of this. Faith finds out that Ari and Yvonne were lovers. Finally Joe saves the day.

THIS WEEK: Ox strings Jane along. Faith turns away from Ari.

ALL MY CHILDREN — Erica argues with Brandon and then goes dining with Kent. Donna and Chuck spend an amorous night together in a cave. Phoebe rushes to see Chuck and finds Melanie in bed. Donna sees Chuck and she wants to tell Palmer of their escapade but Chuck is reluctant to do so. Ellen gets permission to take time off from work.

THIS WEEK: Erica gives Brandon the shaft. Phoebe voices her opinion.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE — Edwina does not take Clint's job offer because Viki needs her. Katrina seeks evidence about the baby switch. Larry is acting like a zombie and asks Karen to go away with him. In spite of her doubts she agrees to go. Katrina questions Karen about the baby switch.

THIS WEEK: Clint and Edwina become sexually attracted. Peter steps up his plans to adopt a baby.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES — Lee warns Doug to keep Julie away from the Count's father. Under hypnosis Renee remembers smelling a man's cologne when she was attacked by the strangler. Mary is choked by the strangler but as she struggles she pulls off his mask and the strangler is revealed to be Jake.

THIS WEEK: More is learned about the strangler. The Count's father has many things to hide.

GENERAL HOSPITAL — Ann and Noah begin to make love but then Noah breaks things off with her because he wants her to stay a virgin. Joe finds out that Heather and Scotty were together and is furious. David finds out Laura T. is no longer under hypnosis and makes threatening noises. Monica decides to go to Paris.

THIS WEEK: Edward pressures Lila to give him power of attorney. Heather charms Joe once more.

TEXAS — Ruby is tied up by Gretchen who admits she shot Myles. Lurlene sets off the fire alarm and saves Ruby's life. TJ's parents arrive in Houston and want to make trouble for Ashley. Brett finds the missing compass pieces.

THIS WEEK: Ashley tries to cover her tracks. Ruby pieces together more clues.



ANOTHER WORLD — Tom arrives in Bay City and becomes Rachel's assistant. It's latter learned that he plans to snatch Matthew. Sam tells Rachel he loves her but she thinks he is moving too quickly. Henrietta realizes that Quinn is involved with Bob.

THIS WEEK: Bob is caught in the middle. Rachel thinks things over.

EDGE OF NIGHT — The black widow is prowling the Whitney mansion. Spencer confronts her and is surprised to recognize her. Raven is tired of being in morning and wants to kick up her heels. Raven donates the Whitney theater to Nancy but when she spots Gaven and Jody there she storms away saying the deal is off.

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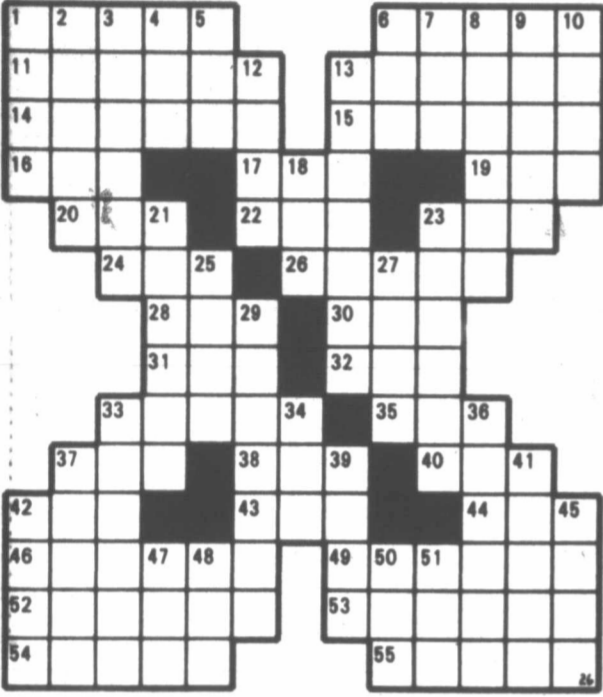
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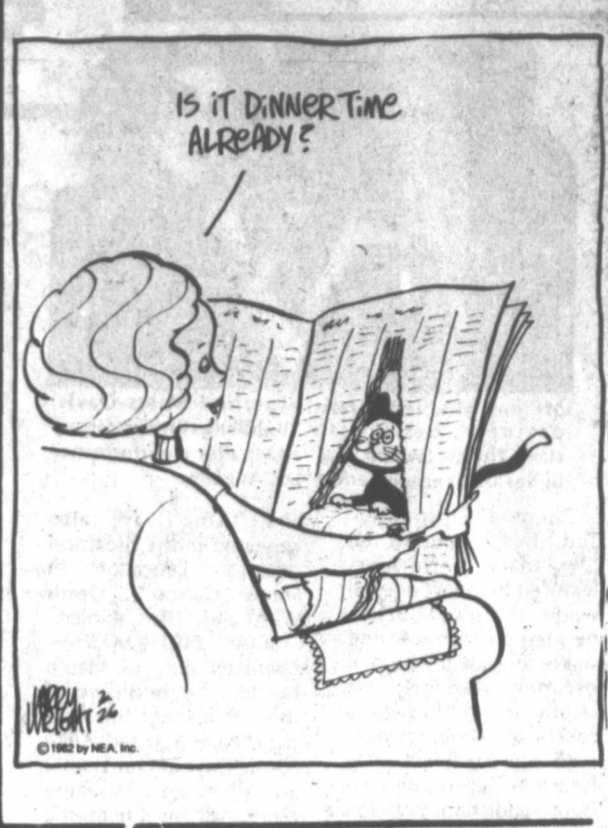
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Rather than earmarking incoming funds for new products or goods, it may be wise at this time to use some of your monies to pay off old obligations first. Predictions of what's in store for you in each season following your birth date and where your luck and opportunities lie are in your Astro-Graph. Mail \$1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It'll be easy to get along well with most people today, but one with whom you've had cross words in the past could still have a chip on his shoulder.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can achieve your aims today by using common sense and tact. However, if you begin to get too pushy you might undo everything. Be assertive, not antagonistic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In conversations with friends today, be careful not to force your views. You may win the debate but you could alienate a pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) From your vantage point you should be able to see ways to make changes today which could benefit your family. However, you won't get their support if you don't clearly explain your methods.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Partners or associates may have better ideas than you today, but convincing you might not be so easy. Don't let pride of authorship affect your judgment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your suggestions regarding ways another should manage his or her affairs will be on target today. However, you may not be as wise in your own dealings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Beware of a tendency today to get a trifle heavy in situations which should be treated lightly. Don't take yourself or events too seriously.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Tasks requiring concentration should be attended to early in the day. Possibilities for frustration and mistakes increase as your energy wanes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll enjoy socializing today, provided the events are not of long duration. When things drag on your social graces may desert you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should be able to find some good buys today that fit neatly into your budget. Subdue impulses to purchase something you know you shouldn't just because another owns one.

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Pampa goes for Celtics win tournament game district title

By L.D. STRATE
Pampa News Sports Writer

Despite lackadaisical workouts going into the District 3-5A playoff tonight with Tascosa, Pampa coach Garland Nichols has managed to retain his sense of humor.

"Our game plan is simple," Nichols said, when asked how he planned to stop Tascosa. "We're going to try to score more points than they do."

"That sounds like a pretty good plan since Pampa found out how precious just three points could be in the 67-65 loss to Tascosa in the last meeting between the two teams.

"Seriously, we're going to try to keep them off the boards and keep pressure on Dawn (James) and Lee (Reggie) and try and make them do things they don't want to do."

Lee scored 25 points and Dawn 21, including the game-winning basket at the buzzer that beat the Harvesters in the previous outing. That narrow win avenged a 79-72 loss to the Harvesters in first-half loop action.

"We haven't been looking good in practice this week," Nichols said. "I tried to shorten the practices to get rid of the monotony, but we still look sluggish. I don't if it's a good or bad sign. It's just the facts."

Tonight's game tips off at 7 p.m. in Amarillo's Civic Center Coliseum.

"The only bad thing about playing there is that the Amarillo fans won't have very far to drive," Nichols said. "However, all the fans will be able to get in to see the game and be comfortable while they're doing it. That outweighs everything else."

Pampa enters the contest with a 25-4 record while Tascosa is 22-6. Both had 7-1 overall district marks with Pampa winning the first half and Tascosa capturing the second half title.

"We didn't play good ball against Tascosa the second game, and that's not taking anything away from Tascosa," Nichols said. "Tascosa has a good team, but we just didn't play like we're capable of playing."

Nichols indicated he may vary his usual starting lineup of 6-6 sophomore Coyle Winborn (8.2 ppg) at center; 6-4 senior Charles Nelson (16.8 ppg) and 6-4 senior Terry Faggins (13.6 ppg) at forwards; 6-3 Mike Nelson (19.3 ppg) and 6-4 senior Jimmy Barker (3.5 ppg) at guards.

"To be honest, I may not know until gametime what lineup I'll go with," Nichols said. "I do know the kids are excited about playing in a place that seats 6,000."

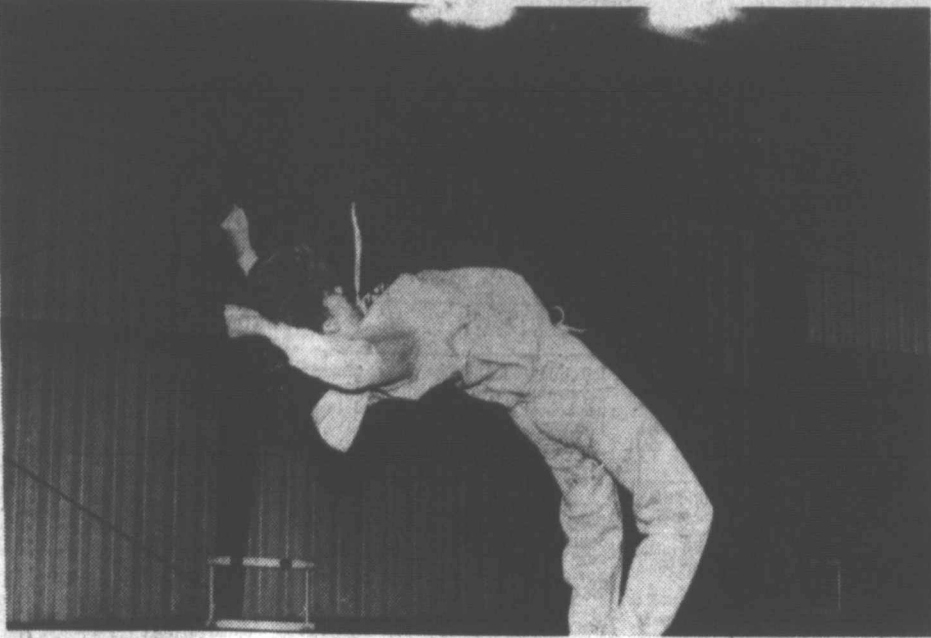
By BOB DIXON
Pampa News Correspondent

Sharp shooting Kevin Bunton hit for 26 points Thursday night to highlight a 48-39 win by the Celtics over the Spurs. The victory sends the Celtics into Saturday night's winners bracket game against the winner of tonight's game between the Bullets and Spurs in the Optimist Boys City Tournament being held in Optimist Gym.

The Bullets came back from a Tuesday night loss to the Celtics to post a 39-33 victory

over the Lakers. The loss eliminated the Lakers in this double elimination event. Troy Owens had 18 points to pace the Bullets, closely followed by Dustin Miller, who hit for 16. Kyle Clark was the leading scorer for the Lakers with 12.

The Celtics jumped off to an 8-1 lead after the first quarter and built the lead to 20-7 at the half. The second half was a shootout, but the Celtics kept the pressure on and were never in any serious trouble of losing the lead.



HIGH JUMPER. Texas gymnastics champion Kristi Hughes is a high jumper on the Pampa girls' track and field team this year. Kristi, a freshman, will be competing in the Top O' Texas track meet Saturday in Pampa, starting at 10 a.m. at Randy Matson Field. Kristi was unbeaten as an eighth grader in both the long jump and high jump. Defending champion Tascosa is favored to win the meet again. The finals are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

(Staff Photo)

College basketball roundup

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sport Writer

Nolan Richardson says his Tulsa University basketball team is "peaking at the right time" with the NCAA tournament a couple of weeks down the road.

"There's no telling how far they can go," Oral Roberts Coach Ken Hayes said Thursday night after watching Tulsa, the nation's eighth-ranked college team, rout his Titans 91-70.

The Hurricane won this year's bragging rights to the city of Tulsa with the help of a fine all-around performance by Paul Pressey. He had a school-record eight steals and scored a team-high 19 points.

"He does everything but sell tickets," Richardson said of Pressey. "And he'd probably do that if we asked him to."

"It was the best brand of defense we've played this year," Richardson said in assessing his team's overall performance. "When it's tourney time, that's when we need to play like that. We're getting ready for the tournament and peaking at the right time. Everyone is contributing."

Pressey's total steals broke his own record of seven set earlier this season. Pressey and Bruce Vanley keyed a surge that had Tulsa up by as many as 24 points in the final minute.

Vanley finished with 14 points while center Greg Stewart added 13 points and 12 rebounds. Herbert Johnson came off the bench to add 12 points while Mike Anderson had 10.

Oral Roberts' Chris Cantrell led all scorers with 22 points.

In other games involving the nation's ranked teams, No. 10 Memphis State beat Tulane 64-62. No. 11 Iowa routed Wisconsin 79-55. No. 13 Minnesota turned back Michigan 61-50 and No. 14 Fresno State tripped the University of Pacific 51-43.

The Top Twenty

Keith Lee and Derrick Phillips combined for 34 points as Memphis State beat Tulane to claim the regular season Metro Conference championship.

The victory avenged a 58-54 overtime loss to Tulane earlier this season in New Orleans. A victory Thursday night would have given the second-place Green Wave a tie with the Tigers for the conference title.

Otis Jackson, the Tigers' senior guard and playmaker, almost personally held off a Tulane rally at the end. First, he made two clutch baskets to give the Tigers a 64-60 lead. On the defensive end of the court, Lee had a key block and a rebound in the final seconds to preserve the victory.

Michael Payne, Bob Hansen and Kenny Arnold combined for 41 points as conference-leading Iowa routed last-place Wisconsin in Big Ten action. Iowa dominated the second half, outscoring the Badgers 15-0 during a five-minute stretch before Coach Lute Olson cleared the bench.

Darryl Mitchell scored 23 points and Trent Tucker added 18 to lead Minnesota over Michigan. The victory snapped a 19-year losing streak for the Gophers at Michigan's Crisler Arena.

A three-point play by Thad Garner pulled the Wolverines

even at 26 four minutes into the second half and the teams stayed close until a Mitchell layup pulled the Gophers ahead for good. Minnesota led by as many as 10 points, 48-38, with four minutes remaining.

Donald Mason's 12 points led Fresno State over Pacific. The victory nailed down the Pacific Coast Athletic Association title for the Bulldogs.

Pacific's Matt Waldron had a game-high 20 points and seven rebounds.

Unranked Teams

Clark Kellogg's season-high 24 points paced Ohio State over Indiana. Both coaches, Ohio State's Eldon Miller and Indiana's Bobby Knight, were models of decorum. In their first meeting, they exchanged heated words after Ohio State freshman guard Troy Taylor was charged with a flagrant foul against Indiana's Jimmy Thomas in the closing minutes.

"Kellogg played very well," said Knight. "He put a lot of pressure on us, particularly in the first half. He may be the best forward in the country."

Derek Smith scored 22 points to lead four Louisville players in double figures in the Cardinals' 95-74 victory over Cleveland State. Jim Stack scored 20 points to pace Northwestern to a 67-50 victory over Purdue. Dwight "Jelly" Jones and Bobby Austin sent Cincinnati on a streak early in the final half.

Lefors downs Mobeetie

LEFORS—Monte Basket poured in 26 points as Lefors downed Mobeetie, 58-40, Thursday night in the first game of the best two of three series for the District 3-1A championship.

Richie Tidwell contributed 11 points for the Pirates.

Danny Hiborn and Ray Estes led Mobeetie with 14 points apiece.

Lefors led at intermission, 34-22. Mobeetie never drew closer than eight points the second half.

Tonight's game will be played at Mobeetie. Should Lefors lose, the final game will be played Saturday night in Pampa. The winner meets Valley next week in the bi-district game.

Lefors, Mobeetie and Kelton had finished in a three-way tie for the district title. Mobeetie ousted Kelton in earlier playoff.

Warriors edge Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Golden State guard World Free only averages three rebounds a game, but the one he scooped off the floor against Dallas proved crucial.

Once Free had the ball, the dribbled away the final 15 seconds, before launching an 18-foot jump shot that was in the air as the buzzer sounded, then rattled home for the Warriors' 106-104 victory Thursday.

"We would have liked to have the ball out of Free's hands," moaned Dallas coach Dick Motta, who didn't think Free was entitled to the shot in the first place.

Warrior guard Mike Gale

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Pampa High swimmers enter district meet

Pampa High swim teams will compete for the District 3-5A title today at the Maverick Boys' Club Pool in Amarillo.

Amarillo High boys and Tascosa girls are the defending champions.

Preliminary swimming events started at 1 p.m. while the diving preliminaries are slated for 4 p.m. The final events are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. tonight.

The top three finishers in each event qualify for the regional meet scheduled March 12-13 at the Texas Tech Aquatic Center in Lubbock.

Pampa will have trouble winning a team title because of a limited roster. Amarillo High is favored to win both team titles.

Best bets to place for Pampa in the boys' division are Clay Douglass (100 backstroke and 200 IM), diver David Fatheree, Reid Steger (200 IM), Raymond Hill (100 breaststroke) and Cody Moore (100 backstroke).

Two-time state finalist Cindy Raymond paces the Lady Harvesters in the 100 freestyle and 200 Intermediate. Her sister, Amy Raymond (200 freestyle and 100 butterfly), Brianna Marsh (100 backstroke), Julie Turner (500 freestyle) and Julie Rabel (50 freestyle and 100 freestyle) are other top individuals. Pampa's 440 freestyle relay team of the Raymonds, Marsh and Julie Turner stand a good chance of placing.

Spurs defeat Pistons

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — George Gervin wants more than points.

"I have my eye on winning ball games, making money and making everybody happy," the high-scoring San Antonio star said after Thursday night's 119-116 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Gervin, who carried a National Basketball Association leading 32.9 points a game average into the game, scored 40 points to lead the triumph.

But it was unsung Mark Olberding who did the most damage. The 6-foot-9 forward scored seven points down the stretch as the Spurs — who had trailed throughout most of the game — came from behind to register the victory.

Lady Sandies meet Lewisville tonight

The unbeaten Amarillo High girls (28-0) will meet Lewisville (32-3) tonight in the opening round of the Region 1-5A Girls' Basketball Tournament at the Midland Junior College Fieldhouse.

The Sandies edged Lubbock Monterey, 64-63, in the bi-district game to advance to the regionals. Carmen Wynn

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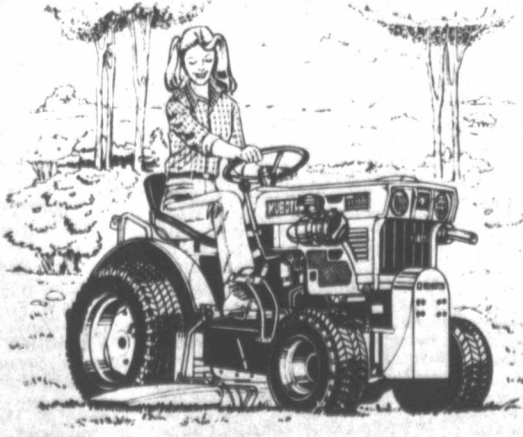
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California	2	1	10	Stanford
Columbia	3	1	10	Texas
Iona	1	1	10	Toledo
Nevada-Las Vegas	9	1	10	U. C. L. A.
Oregon State	5	1	10	Villanova
Pennsylvania	13	1	10	Virginia Tech
Princeton	7	1	10	Wake Forest
So. California	4	1	10	Washington
Texas-El Paso	4	1	10	West Texas State
Yale	3	1	10	West Virginia
Alabama	3	1	10	Michigan State
Boston	2	1	10	North Carolina
Houston	2	1	10	North Carolina State
Los Angeles	2	1	10	Ohio State
New Jersey	3	1	10	Oklahoma City
Phoenix	2	1	10	Oklahoma State
San Antonio	2	1	10	Oregon
Seattle	1	1	10	Providence
Washington	2	1	10	Ryland
Atlanta	3	1	10	Syracuse
Boston	2	1	10	Texas Tech
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Names in the news

LONDON (AP) — His bows may be wonky, but singer Tony Bennett is winning praise for his oil paintings, and having recorded 89 albums and nearly 1,000 songs, his ambition is to paint full time.

Bennett, here for a 10-city British concert tour, revealed his second talent Thursday under his real name, Anthony Benedetto.

"He's obviously been influenced by Matisse and has a feeling for paint and color," said the Blackman Harvey Gallery's artistic adviser, Marjorie Allthorpe-Guyton, who decided that Benedetto was showing here.

"After his career as a singer, he may well find a second career in painting," she said.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All those early afternoon news programs on local television are putting the squeeze on afternoon syndicated variety shows, and "The John Davidson Show" is being squeezed out altogether, says Group W Productions President Edwin Vane.

Vane said Thursday that marketing conditions have undergone a "dramatic change" and Group W Productions won't be renewing the Davidson show at the end of the current season.

The Davidson show is the second major syndicated show to fold this year. "The Mike Douglas Entertainment Hour" ceased production recently after its ratings became too small to be measured.

Vane said the Davidson show would leave the air Aug. 27.

LONDON (AP) — Inflation saw to it that last year's British coins aren't worth quite as much this year, but Queen Elizabeth II saw to it that at least they're the proper size and weight.

The queen presided Thursday at the 700th Trial of the Pyx, the yearly test of the size, weight and quality of the coins of the realm conducted in Britain since the time of Edward I.

Elizabeth thereby became the first monarch in more than 300 years to supervise the count personally. It was conducted at Goldsmith's Hall in the City of London, the capital's financial district.

According to the Royal Mint, the last sovereign to attend the ceremony was King James I in 1611. However, the Queen's Remembrancer, Master John Ritchie, said his records indicate it was King Charles II in 1669. The remembrancer is an officer of the British judiciary responsible for collecting debts owed the crown.

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BIKING THE ICE. Robert Hummel of Chicago, on his 125-cc bike, skids a little as he rounds a turn during a recent race on frozen Fox Lake. Bikers pound sheet metal screws into their tires for traction on the slippery ice. Fox Lake is north and west of Chicago. (AP Laserphoto)

Soviet Union on grain buying splurge

By DON KENDALL
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union's current buying splurge has pushed its grain purchases well past the half-way point of the amount the United States has agreed to sell Moscow this year.

But the National Farmers Union is skeptical that the latest round of buying indicates much long-term benefit for American farmers.

The Agriculture Department announced Wednesday that the Soviet Union has bought an additional 200,000 metric tons of U.S. corn — nearly 7.9 million bushels — for delivery through Sept. 30.

Officials said the sale raised to almost 12.1 million tons the amount of grain — 5.9 million wheat and 6.2 million corn — that the Soviets have bought for delivery in 1981-82, the sixth and final year of a grain agreement with the United States.

Since the Soviet Union began its current round of purchases on Feb. 10, it has bought about 1.35 million metric tons of corn under terms of the agreement.

A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 39.4 bushels of corn or 36.7 bushels of wheat.

The long-term pact guarantees that the Soviets can buy up to 8 million tons of wheat and corn annually. It allows more to be sold if U.S. approval is given. Moscow was told it could buy 23 million tons in 1981-82, 15 million more than guaranteed by the basic agreement.

Meanwhile, the National Farmers Union told members in its latest newsletter, circulated this week that farmers should not get their hopes up "that this is the start of a new market-firming wave of major purchases" by the Soviet Union.

"All indications are the purchases were made to keep the pipeline full, pending the harvest of crops in the Southern Hemisphere," the newsletter said.

"As long as tensions remain taut between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. and U.S. officials continue to hedge their pledges there will be no further embargoes, Soviet officials are unlikely to purchase large tonnages of U.S. grain for far-off delivery," it said.

"Likewise, exporters will be reluctant to make huge long-term sales to the U.S.S.R. for fear the U.S. may once again cut across contracts, leaving them highly exposed."

In another report issued Wednesday by the Agriculture Department, economists again outlined what appears to be a grim future for feed grains producers, at least until 1982 crop prospects are known.

Last year's record corn harvest has pushed feed grains supplies up sharply. By Oct. 1, when another new marketing year begins, the corn inventory will be around 51.5 million metric tons.

Letting Washington monitor vehicle safety standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Reagan tries to shift many federal programs to the states, his administration also is telling states to stop enforcing dozens of auto safety standards — and leave the job to Washington.

For a decade the federal government has allowed states to enforce safety standards on items from windshields and headlights to brake fluid and motorcycle helmets, as long as the state standards are identical to federal requirements.

But the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reversed its position recently and told the states to get out of the business of approving such equipment prior to sale. The new policy contends the job of monitoring the standards rests solely with the federal agency.

Furthermore, the agency claims that the state programs, handled through a central clearinghouse, frustrate compliance since they require a \$250 fee to get each product line approved, adding to the manufacturer's costs. Supporters of the states' program say the fees are nominal.

State enforcement of the standards has rested with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, which represents 48 states and approves each product line so it can be sold in all member states.

The association claims federal pre-emption will reduce safety because the federal government relies almost exclusively on the manufacturer certifying that its own product meets the standards, while the state programs require testing of

each item by an approved laboratory.

"We feel self-certification is no certification," said Don Bardell, executive director of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

George E. Walton, who oversees the state program, added in an interview: "What this (new federal policy) means is that American equipment manufacturers, and the motor vehicle manufacturers can do pretty much as they please."

In a recent letter to NHTSA administrator Raymond Peck, association's president Frank A. Mansheim also complained about the timing of the new NHTSA ruling, since it came only eight days after two manufacturing groups asked the agency to expedite a rule pre-empting the state programs.

Mansheim, who is director of the Colorado Motor Vehicle Division, said the quick ruling was "somewhat capricious" and "raises questions about what other factors influenced the decision."

The dispute over the states' enforcement programs has been simmering since Congress enacted a law in 1966 requiring federal standards on vehicle equipment sold over the counter. The standards cover scores of items, including tires, headlights, signal flashers, mirrors, motorcycle helmets — even brake fluid and antifreeze.

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