

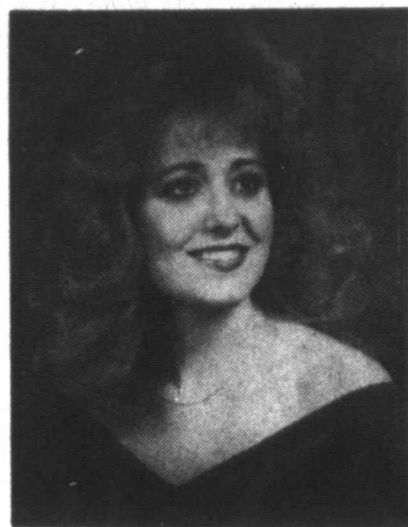
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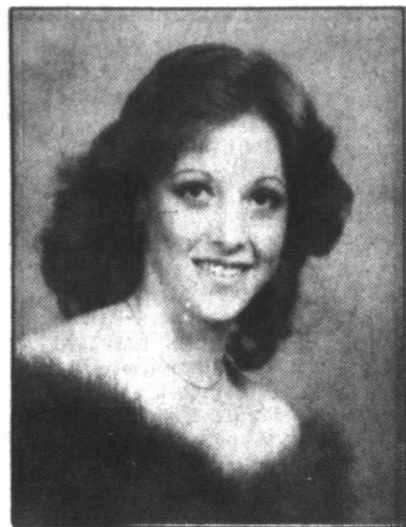
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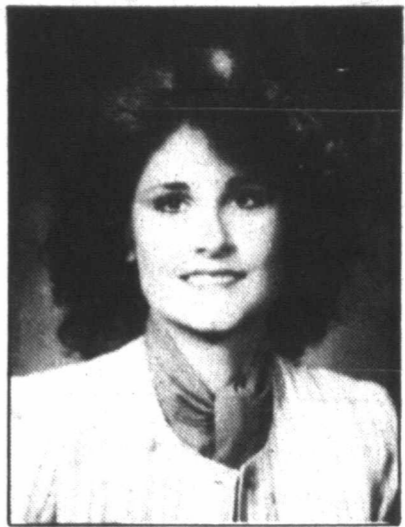
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Miss Top O' Texas 1982

Thirteen compete in Saturday's pageant

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

Thirteen local beauties plan to compete for the crown Saturday night during Pampa's annual Miss Top O' Texas Scholarship Pageant at 7:30 p.m. in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

As a special feature of this year's pageant, Miss America 1981, Susan Powell of Elk City, Okla., will be hostess for the gala event. Miss Texas 1982, Gloria Gilbert of Millsap, also plans to appear in the pageant and entertain with her ventriloquist figure, "Homer."

Little misses and their escorts — 24 local children aged 4 to 7 years old — is another facet of the program that should be fun to see. The youngsters are to parade on stage, all dressed up, as their first taste of show business.

Pageant participants will compete in four areas — personal interview, talent, swimsuit and evening gown. Judging will be according to the Miss

America pageant rules. The five judges — all Miss Texas pageant officials from the Fort Worth and Dallas areas — are Dub Fisher, Elaine Carroll, Vicki Britt, Steve Jones and Brad Woodridge. Carroll is Miss Texas' official chaperone.

The Miss Top O' Texas Scholarship Pageant is a preliminary to the Miss Texas and Miss America pageants.

Following are the 13 young women vying for the 1983 Miss Top O' Texas.

Amy Elisanan Brainard is the 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Brainard of Pampa. She is a sophomore at West Texas State University in Canyon and plans in the future to teach dance and work on the family ranch. She will perform a free-style ballet as her talent. Ted Gikas is sponsoring Miss Brainard.

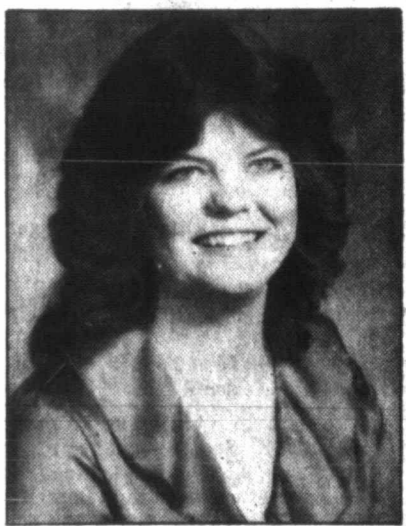
Doretta Lynn Bruce, 17, is a senior at Pampa High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace L. Bruce of Pampa. In the future, she hopes to attend Southern Methodist University at

Dallas, majoring in music therapy for handicapped children. Miss Bruce will sing "Quando Men Vo Soletta" from the opera "La Boheme" as her talent. She is sponsored in the pageant by Granny's Korner.

Christina Dale Carson, 22, plans to perform a dramatic monologue as her talent. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Carson of Borger. Her future plans include attending graduate school. She is sponsored by Pelicans of Amarillo.

Kelly Ann Copeland, is the 17-year-old daughter of Charles and Pat Copeland of Pampa. She is a senior at Pampa High School and plans in the future to go into the modeling and fashion merchandising, interior decorating fields. In the pageant, Miss Copeland will sing "Always on My Mind." She is sponsored by Sarah's in Coronado Center.

Tammy Charissa Donnell, has a full future planned which includes showing horses, modeling (see Contest on page 2).



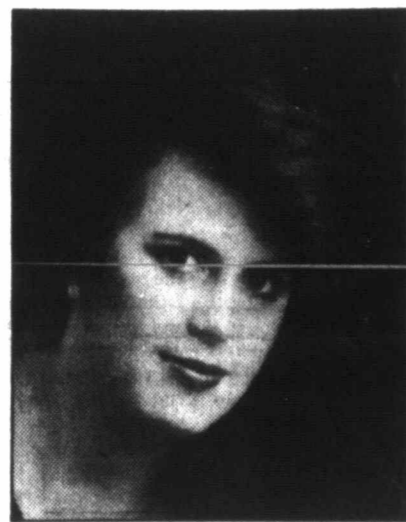
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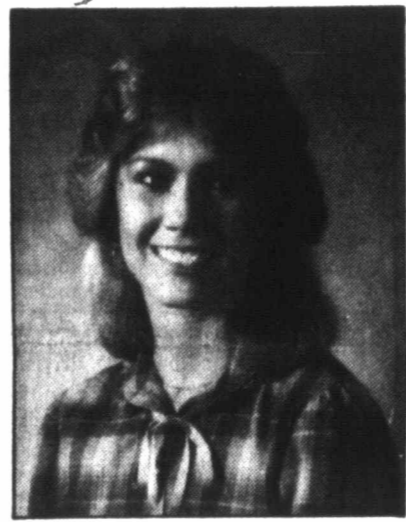
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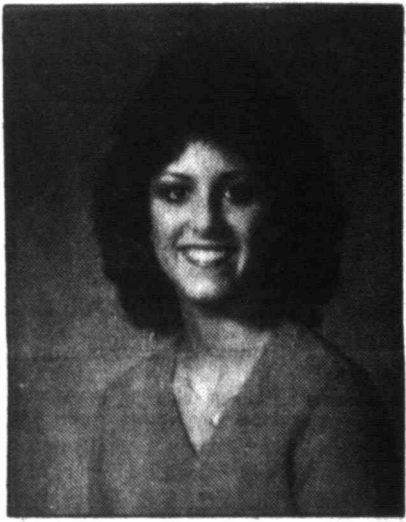
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Verdict in Perryton

Love triangle fracas costs rancher \$250,000

By SHERILL McLEAREN
Special Correspondent

PERRYTON — It cost prominent Pampa rancher Bill Stockstill, 60, \$250,000 to shoot his ex-wife's new boyfriend four times with a .38-caliber pistol.

The amount for damages Stockstill must pay Perryton-area rancher John Daniel, 57, was returned by a Perryton jury at 12:30 this morning.

The jury rejected Stockstill's plea of self-defense for the Oct. 23, 1980 shooting of Daniel in the living room of Daniel's Ochiltree County ranch and awarded the damages.

The amount, however, is less than the \$900,000 requested by Daniel's lawyers.

The civil suit, which had jurors deliberating into the wee hours this morning, was filed shortly after Stockstill pleaded no contest March 9, 1981 to a criminal charge of attempted murder for shooting Daniel. He received 10 years probation for the criminal charge.

The suit decided today is a later monetary award to the shooting victim for his injuries.

Though he previously pleaded no contest to the criminal charge because he was "nervous and flustered," Stockstill testified in the Perryton trial that he shot Daniel in self-defense.

In testimony over parts of two days, Stockstill claimed he went to the Daniel ranch to try to get his ex-wife Merdella to leave with him.

Though they received a divorce Dec. 31, 1979, Stockstill told the jury he believed he and Merdella had a common-law, marriage relationship.

He said he shot Daniel after he arrived at the Daniel ranch late at night October 23 and saw through a living-room window that Daniel was holding a shotgun.

He told jurors Daniel struck him when he entered the house. Only then, Stockstill fired his pistol. Stockstill testified.

Stockstill said he plugged Daniel three more times with the .38 because the victim "kept coming at me."

The jury refused to believe Stockstill, however, and answered "No" to the jury charge asking if the shooting was in self-defense.

When Stockstill finished his testimony Wednesday morning, surprise witness Merdella Roberts (Stockstill) was called to testify.

She admitted to Stockstill's lawyers that she continued to take numerous trips with her ex-husband, following their divorce.

After the divorce, Merdella and her ex-husband stayed together in motels, as they traveled to Greece, California, Canada, Colorado and Dallas, San Antonio and Houston.

She said on the trips, she didn't object to her ex-husband's signing credit receipts as "Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stockstill" because, "I didn't want to argue."

Roberts said she began using her maiden name again two months ago, and she said she continues today to use credit cards in Bill Stockstill's name.

Roberts, however, denied that she and Bill Stockstill lived under a common-law, man-wife relationship after their divorce.

She said she resumed their relationship "as a girlfriend."

After getting a Perryton restaurant employee to accompany and give him directions to the Daniel ranch, 20 miles southeast of Perryton, Stockstill entered the Daniel home about 11:30 p.m. the night of the shooting. He began arguing with Merdella and Daniel.

Stockstill shot Daniel in the neck, chest, abdomen and right arm.

A Perryton doctor testified during the trial, which began Monday, that he didn't believe the victim would survive during initial treatment.

After the shooting, Daniel was hospitalized in Amarillo for

37 days.

Daniel told the jury the story of continuing physical problems, once removing his shirt in the courtroom to show jurors his scars.

He also claimed his injuries caused him to lose a large amount of money on a complicated, wheat-futures deal, but the jury rejected that portion of the claim for damages.

Final arguments from both sides concluded, and the eight-

woman, four-man jury began deliberations at 6:40 p.m. Wednesday.

The jury returned with its decision at 12:30 a.m. today.

Deciding the shooting was not in self-defense, the jury awarded Daniel \$100,000 for past pain and mental anguish, \$25,000 for future pain and mental anguish; nothing for loss of income; \$20,000 for additional ranch labor Daniel had to hire due to his injuries; \$50,000 for past physical impairment; \$25,000 for future physical impairment; and \$30,000 for punitive damages.

Here's something to hang on rest home walls

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Bill Baldwin has put a new wrinkle in the pinup calendar business — senior citizens in the buff.

"The only things I've ever seen about old people are negative," the 61-year-old Baldwin explained Wednesday. "I thought, 'Let's do something positive and see what happens.'"

Many people who first bought the calendars sent pictures

of themselves for future editions, and a physician says the pinups could help combat "ageism." But a Washington group that lobbies for the elderly says old people don't need to bare all to be important.

The 1983 edition of Baldwin's "Sexy Sixties" calendar is his second such effort. Last year's version featured senior citizens fully clothed, although some wore come-hither attire.

With each mail-order copy of the 1982 booklet-style calendar, Baldwin sent a request for more pictures to make another edition.

"We started to get nude ones," said Baldwin, self-employed in industrial sales and training. "There must be an interest. I think we had about 40 without even asking."

So Baldwin asked for more nudes and received 187 in all, some from people in their 80s.

Alert deputies smash burglary ring in the act

By JEFF LANGLEY
and
JULIA CLARK

"I did them," said Larry Welch.

Detective Howell asked Welch if he was making a verbal confession to committing the burglaries he was being charged with in Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge's office Wednesday afternoon.

Welch said what was not to confess, he did it. Gray County Sheriff's deputies arrested four men and one woman Friday, who the sheriff believes are responsible for several recent burglaries in Pampa and the county.

"They would break in and take anything they could get their hands on," Sheriff Rufe Jordan said.

The four men arrested and arraigned Friday are Larry Welch, 19, Levi Aubrey Moore, 18, William Dewayne Welch, 19, and Richard D. Page, 19. The four men and one woman, Joyce Ann Welch, were arraigned on more charges of burglary Wednesday.

All five people live 736 S. Barnes as their address.

The suspects were arraigned on separate counts of burglary by Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge, the first time on Friday, and again on Wednesday on additional charges.

Welch was arraigned on one count of burglary charged by the county. Bond was set at \$10,000 on Friday.

Moore was charged by the county with two counts of burglary. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Page was charged with three counts of burglary, one by the county and two by the city of Pampa. Bond was set at \$30,000.

Welch was charged by the county with three counts of burglary, on Friday, and on Wednesday, he was charged by the city with two counts of burglary for a total of six counts of burglary. Total bond was set at \$60,000.

Joyce Welch was charged with one count of burglary, and arraigned before Prestidge on Wednesday. Her bond was set at \$10,000. She has been released from jail.

The men remain in custody in the Gray County Jail.

The sheriff said the men were arrested early Friday morning.

Jordan related the following story of the men's arrests:

About 2:30 a.m. Friday, a burglar alarm went off at the Harvester Lanes bowling alley, 1401 S. Hobart, just south of the city limits.

Deputies Larry Hines and Ken Minatrea

responded to the alarm and climbed onto the roof of the building, while other deputies covered entrances and exits.

The deputies saw an opening in the roof, where a large air conditioner had been moved aside. Hines and Minatrea started to climb through the opening, when out through the hole and into the deputies' waiting arms came Welch and Moore.

"They pulled them right out through the hole in the roof," Jordan said.

Jordan said two deputies outside the bowling alley, Paul Ortega and Michael Wopperer, "saw a car circling around."

The deputies stopped the car and noticed a distinctive purse, which has a miniature leather saddle on top of the flap that closes it, on the floorboard of the car.

Deputies searched the car and arrested Welch. The car contained numerous items taken from earlier burglaries, the sheriff said.

After all three men gave the same address, the sheriff said their house was searched. A huge cache of stolen merchandise was found at the house, Jordan said. Also found was a sleeping Page, who was then arrested.

The sheriff said the men moved here a few months ago from Grants, N.M.

Woman testifies

Judge's reputation worried Chagra

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jamie "Jimmy" Chagra, accused of ordering the murder of a federal judge to eliminate him from a narcotics case in 1979, was worried about the judge's reputation for tough sentencing, a witness testified in Chagra's murder trial.

February 1979, said he commented about a seven-year sentence Wood had given a man who killed an eagle. "If he gave him seven years, imagine what he's going to give me," Ms. Cote recalled Chagra saying.

the car." Goodman asked the witness if Harrelson had advised him to use caution while driving the car, or if it had been painted prior to being sold. Goodrum said "No."



Rusty Simmons, 11, waits for his school bus near Silsbee, Texas, and uses the time to practice his trumpet playing. The mailbox serves as his music stand along FM 92. (AP Laserphoto)

McLean sets election for city offices

By LORI-ANN D'ANTONIO Staff Writer

McLEAN-The McLean City Council set April 2 as the date for elections which will elect three city officials at its regular meeting January 11.

ten years, has not yet announced his intentions. Filing for city posts begins in February.

should they decide to subscribe to cable. The council also decided to investigate the legality of a tax exemption for the Young-At-Heart Club, and to look into the collection of delinquent taxes from the Rock Island Railroad.

Lawman not sure if others struck suspect

HOUSTON (AP) — A lawman accused of beating a teen-age burglary suspect who later died says he's not sure he saw two sheriff's deputies strike the youth, but may have told investigators he did to avoid suspicion.

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Judges consider stay for condemned man

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another lawyer, Carolyn C. Garcia, argued Barefoot should be granted a stay of execution so a federal judge could conduct a hearing on the effect of perjured testimony during his original trial.

Interviewed on death row Wednesday, Barefoot said the reappearance of Ms. Richards in the case was a "miracle."

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Inmate says he's confident he'll get stay of execution

By CHARLES C. HILL Associated Press Writer HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Thomas Andy Barefoot, though expressing confidence he won't be executed Tuesday as scheduled, says if the state kills him it will be "the most premeditated of murders."

Biano said Wednesday in a telephone interview that he had not received a request from Barefoot and would not go if asked. The guard, John Munselle, told The Huntsville Item, "If he wants me to go, I'll be glad to go."

interview last week that his relationship with the guard "kind of filled up that hole" left when his 89-year-old grandfather died Dec. 13.

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Bomb attack



Plainclothesmen gather evidence after a bomb exploded early Thursday morning outside the offices of the French armed forces publishing office in Paris. One person in an adjoining building was slightly injured by flying glass. An anarchial group claimed responsibility for the attack. (AP Laserphoto)

Pupils want bathrooms unlocked

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Merrimack Valley High School pupils say they must wait up to three hours to use bathrooms, and have asked the school to reconsider a locked-door policy aimed at preventing vandalism.

In two weeks, 320 pupils — about one-third of the student body — have signed a petition asking for another look at the 4-year-old rule.

The doors were locked as administrators tried to stop vandals from wrecking the bathrooms by breaking sinks and clogging toilets. Now, there are closely monitored "bathroom breaks" for four minutes between classes and limited bathroom openings before and after school.

Frustrated pupils say the breaks are too short, and that often people in line to use the facilities are shooped back to class by teachers.

"I think they should at least let us finish going to the bathroom," said a seventh-grader.

Principal Jonathan Russell said if the student council approves the petition, he will consider reopening the bathrooms for a two-week trial.

During classes, pupils must get a key from their teachers or the school office to use the bathroom.

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Watt says remarks misinterpreted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary James Watt says his remarks describing the "terrible socialism" on Indian reservations are being misinterpreted and he is not advocating the abolition of the reservations.

But New Mexico Gov. Toney Anaya, a Democrat, said Wednesday that Watt should be fired, and an Indian leader said Watt's statements were the greatest threat to the Indians' "God-given culture since smallpox."

Watt said government policy toward the 735,000 Indians living on reservations had led to the "highest divorce rate, highest drug rate, highest alcoholism rate, highest unemployment rate, highest social diseases" in the country.

The interior secretary called for the Indians to be given their freedom instead of being treated as "incompetent wards" of the state. He used the phrase "terrible socialism" to describe the reservations.

Many Indian leaders saw Watt's comments as a veiled

threat to renew attempts to abolish the reservations and sell off the 50 million acres of reservation lands.

"All of this is part of a pattern going on for the last year and a half calling for termination of the Indian tribes," said Elmer Savilla, former chairman of the Quechan tribe of California and executive director of the National Tribal Chairmen's Association.

Savilla said his organization, which represents 154 Indian tribes, would hold an emergency meeting Monday to vote on whether to seek Watt's ouster. He predicted the majority of the tribal representatives would support such a resolution.

Anaya asked President Reagan to fire Watt because of his "ignorance and insensitivity to the environment and cultures of our country. His idea of Indian rights is to integrate them into the American society ... and open them up to exploiters."

Watt, interviewed in Miami after a speech, said, "I have had people calling for my resignation for a long time. That's nothing new."

But he said his remarks are being misinterpreted. "I am criticizing the management of the reservations by Washington and think that we ought to let the Indians do it," he said. "The reservations are theirs and they should manage them."

Arson suspected in Galveston fire

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Arson is suspected as the cause of a fire that gutted a paint store and vacant hotel and injured four firefighters, authorities said.

The Wednesday night blaze roared through a two-story building containing a Sherwin-Williams paint store and the Maye Hotel. The hotel was closed Jan. 7 for fire code violations, officials said.

"That's the bad thing about closing down these things — you have to worry about somebody coming in and burning them up," Fire Marshal Willie Wisko said. He said arson was a "good possibility."

No one was inside the building, which was a total loss, Wisko said.

Carol Reese, a waitress at a nearby coffee shop, said two men were arguing outside the building about 5 p.m. She said she heard one of them say, "I'll burn this place down."

The fire was reported at 6:18 p.m. and brought under control about 9:30 p.m., fire department officials said.

Two firefighters were injured when a wall collapsed, Wisko said.

Carlos Alcazar, 31, was admitted to John Sealy Hospital complaining of back pains. Mike Varella, 26, was treated for an injured wrist at John Sealy Hospital.

Two other firefighters also were injured, according to Wisko.

Ernie Bonner, 35, apparently sustained internal injuries when he was struck on the head by an air conditioning unit which fell from the second floor of the building, a hospital spokeswoman said. Officials refused to release their conditions.

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Censors ban E. T. for kids in Sweden, Norway, Finland

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Sweden, Finland and Norway have banned youngsters from the movie "E.T." — the smash-hit fantasy tale that Swedish censors call a close encounter of the "frightening" kind.

The Swedish Board of Film Censorship, backed by child psychologists, limited audiences to those above age 11, claiming "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" portrays adults as enemies of children.

The official age limit in Finland is 8, and in Norway 12. In the United States, the movie carries a rating of "Parental Guidance" suggested, which does not impose a strict age limit.

Danish film censors, who restricted the "Star Wars" movies and most other science fiction films to those 12

and above, gave "E.T." the green light.

The Steven Spielberg movie shows Earth-bound children giving shelter to the stranded, gawky alien, E.T. for short.

It has delighted millions in the United States, set off a Christmas-time "E.T." craze, and now is sweeping countries throughout the world.

The ban on young children from the movie here prompted some young Swedes to hit the sidewalk with protest placards to show their displeasure.

"Away with the 11-year limit," "Children's films are made for children," and "We want E.T." read some of the children's picket signs in front of a major Stockholm theater

where the movie opened Dec. 10.

The movie's distributors say they doubt the bans are keeping all under-age children away from the movie.

Swedish newspapers reported many children under 11, some with their parents, were seeing the movie by pretending they were of age.

But chief censor Gunnel Arrback, in defending Sweden's ban, said moviegoers under 11 might be traumatized by a "threatening and frightening atmosphere" which she maintained prevails throughout the film.

The movie is an outstanding success in Sweden, according to the distributor, United International Pictures.

Blood banks won't ask about sex

By the Associated Press
Blood banks nationwide say they won't heed the advice of the National Hemophilia Foundation, which recommended asking male donors if they are homosexual to detect possible carriers of a mysterious disease found most often in gay men.

"We are not about to try to bar all gays from donating blood," said Dr. Herbert Perkins, research director for the Irwin Memorial Bloodbank in San Francisco, where an estimated 15 percent of the residents are homosexual.

The hemophilia foundation recommended Monday that blood banks ask male donors if they are homosexual and then ban all blood donations from gay men. It also said blood collection should be halted in areas heavily populated by gay men.

Homosexual men have a high rate of acquired immune deficiency

syndrome, or AIDS, an apparently irreversible breakdown of the body's ability to fight disease. AIDS also has been diagnosed in intravenous drug users, Haitian immigrants and hemophiliacs.

An Associated Press spot check Wednesday indicated that blood banks were not going along with the foundation request. Perkins called it "an effort for us to take action for emotional rather than scientific reasons."

Some regular donors "may take offense" at being asked whether they are homosexuals, said Mike Tregellas, director of laboratories at the Arizona Blood Services in Phoenix.

The foundation has "a real problem but they're asking a bit much... it's just not realistic," Tregellas said.

The country's three major blood collectors — the American Red Cross, the American Association of Blood Banks and the Council of Community

Blood Centers — said in a joint statement that they would suggest blood banks avoid recruiting specific groups with a high risk of AIDS.

But excluding donors because of their sexual preference alone would be "an invasion of privacy that can be justified only if (the foundation) demonstrates clear-cut benefit," the statement said. The three blood collectors receive 95 percent of the nation's voluntarily donated blood.

No one knows what causes AIDS, but some researchers say it may be transmitted through sexual contact or blood products. A 100-member task force at the federal Centers for Disease Control is studying AIDS.

The New York Blood Center, the largest center in the world, was drawing up a policy Wednesday to screen donors. Among the options: devising blood tests for high-risk groups and asking people who consider themselves high risks not to contribute.

1983 seen as the year of recovery

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Business Writer

After the steep drop in economic activity last year, 1983 ought to be a year of steady, if modest, improvement for businesses and consumers, many economists believe.

"The turn is at hand," Alan Greenspan, chairman of the economic consulting firm Townsend-Greenspan & Co. Inc., told a forum in New York on Wednesday.

"There has not been any deep-seated, permanent damage in our economy which would prevent it from really moving up very sharply, provided that interest rates, somehow, could be brought down," Greenspan said.

Many economists are looking for a turnaround from the 2.5 percent drop in gross national product during the 1982 fourth quarter. The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the fourth-quarter retreat ended a year in which the GNP dropped 1.8 percent — the biggest decline since 1946, when it fell 14.7 percent.

"This is a year of recovery," said Malcolm Baldrige, the Commerce Secretary. He added that he expects the recovery to pick up speed as the year rolls on.

Albert T. Sommers, chief economist at the Conference Board in New York, said he thinks a recovery already is under way and that the economy will grow much faster this year than the Reagan administration's forecast of a 1.4 percent rise.

Sommers estimates growth for the year of 2.4 percent. By historical standards, both percentages would be extremely small for the first year of a recovery in business conditions.

Sommers also sees no significant decline in the unemployment rate. The Conference Board is a research group supported by business.

In Washington, a group of business and financial executives told the Reagan administration Wednesday that they fear interest rates could be pushed higher in 1983 unless the federal budget deficit is trimmed from the current projections of \$200 billion.

"On this course, we could not expect either sustained economic growth or genuine price stability," the group said in a letter to President Reagan and congressional leaders.

In other economic developments:

—Martin S. Feldstein, the president's top economist, said Wednesday that the administration is considering a "major tax reform initiative." He said one approach being discussed was to move from the existing income tax to a tax on consumption.

—The president neared completion of a 1984 budget plan as Treasury Secretary Donald Regan promised deficits of under \$200 billion for each of the next three years and another senior aide vowed a return to black ink by the end of the decade.

Panama oil pipeline opens

RAMPALA, Panama (AP) — An oil pipeline designed to carry up to 800,000 barrels of Alaskan oil a day across the Isthmus of Panama was opened Wednesday in this Caribbean port city.

Vice President Jorge Illueca presided over the ceremony, attended by about 300 guests, including Sens. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., and Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, and banking and oil industry leaders.



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Taxing of consumption considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is studying a revamped income tax system that would exempt savings, stock and bond purchases and other forms of investment while taxing personal spending on consumer goods and services.

President Reagan's chief economist, Martin S. Feldstein, said Wednesday night the administration "is considering a major tax reform initiative," and a so-called consumption tax is "one of the approaches we have been discussing."

"The consumption tax approach is appealing in a number of ways," Feldstein said in a speech prepared for delivery to a tax conference.

Feldstein emphasized that administration discussions on a consumption tax are preliminary and

"no specific or final decisions have been made."

But he said a consumption tax "removes the distortion in the present law that favors current consumption and discourages saving." Without an increase in savings and investments, the economy cannot expand, he said.

Feldstein, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, did not describe in detail the consumption tax he had in mind, but economists usually apply the term consumption tax to food, entertainment, tobacco, clothing, rent and anything else that is not kept for its lasting value.

The idea behind a consumption tax, Feldstein said, is that individuals would pay federal taxes only on that portion of income they spend on personal consumption.

Cash savings, "purchases of stocks

or other assets, and repayments of loans" would be subtracted from that part of a person's income subject to taxation, he said.

The present tax code encourages people to borrow by allowing them to deduct interest costs from their taxable income, and discourages them from saving by taxing interest, dividends and capital gains, he said.

Critics of a consumption tax approach have argued that it favors wealthy people, who are in a better position to save a large proportion of their money or invest it in stocks and bonds. Lower-income people, critics say, often have little to save after paying for housing, energy, food and other necessities.

Feldstein is the first senior White House official to discuss publicly the administration's latest thinking on tax code changes.

Reagan aides walking thin line

By JAMES GERSTENZANG
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's aides are walking a thin line when they describe Reagan's role in the successful deliberations of the National Commission on Social Security Reform.

They are portraying the commission's success as an example of presidential leadership.

At the same time, there has been a weeks-long effort at the White House to stress Reagan's non-involvement in the commission's work.

Friday, when the outcome of the panel's work was uncertain, Reagan took issue with the idea that it was a presidential commission. That was before the panel

worked out a \$169 billion compromise using payroll tax increases and benefit cuts to help shore up the financially troubled retirement program.

On Monday, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the panel's success over the weekend exemplified Reagan's leadership "because he appointed the commission."

At the same time, Reagan was described as playing a spectator's role.

When a reporter said to Speakes that he seemed to be portraying Reagan strictly as a listener, the spokesman said "that's true."

By Tuesday, Speakes said that Reagan had not only been kept informed, but had

also told his chief representative at the talks "what he was thinking" about a possible agreement.

For weeks, members of the commission met, and periodically top representatives of the White House, including Chief of Staff James A. Baker III, congressional liaison chief Kenneth M. Duberstein and Baker's deputy, Richard G. Darman, conferred with them.

On Saturday, when the package was hammered out, the White House group shuttled from the commission meetings in Blair House across Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House and back.

But, said Speakes, "Baker did not take part in the actual

negotiations. Nor, he said, did Reagan. He said the president "never imposed his viewpoint on the negotiations."

Speakes said Reagan was kept "totally abreast of what was going on but not actively involved in the negotiations."

The spokesman also avoided saying whether Reagan would become actively involved in a campaign to win support for the compromise.

He pointed out that Reagan issued a written statement demonstrating his support.

Panel left many issues unresolved

NEW YORK (AP) — The Social Security reform commission may have lessened political friction between President Reagan and House Speaker O'Neill, but it seems to have left intact some problems it set out to resolve.

Among issues remaining are the funding of Medicare, the reliance on general revenue funds that already are inadequate, the age at which benefits are to be available, and the lopsided payments-benefits ratio 30 to 50 years ahead.

Three dissenting members of the commission are distressed about their colleagues dealing in scratches rather than surgery. And a former Social Security chief actuary said the issues were ignored.

A. Haeworth Robertson, Social Security's chief actuary from 1975 to 1978, commented in November, when the commission held hearings. He said "the commission still has made no significant recommendations, and it is becoming increasingly doubtful that it will ever do so."

Asked this week, after contents of the commission's final report were publicly discussed, Robertson said his comments still held. Then, seemingly reluctantly, he relented. "I suppose it's as good as anything," he said. "You can't go around being critical of everything people do."

The commission did address the problems of the next seven years reasonably well, he said, referring to a \$169 billion rescue plan, based on tax increases, slower growth of benefits and cash from general revenues. But he said the panel ignored Medicare, whose trust fund is likely to be depleted by 1990.

As matters stand, he contends, the combined cost for Old Age and Survivors, Disability Insurance and Medicare health insurance programs over the next 75 years clearly shows that tax income must be increased, nearly 50 percent.

Robertson is disturbed also by the commissions failure to deal with what he calls the design problem, and restated the criticism he made in November in an article for the William M. Mercer Co., a large employee benefits and compensation consultant, which he now serves as vice president.

Walesa renews bid to get job back

GDANSK, Poland (AP) — Former Solidarity chief Lech Walesa has made another bid to get back his job at the Lenin Shipyard, but informed Polish sources said they didn't think he would succeed in the effort.

Walesa applied Wednesday to be reinstated as an electrician at the Baltic port shipyard, where managers turned him away from the gates last Friday.

A spokesman for Walesa said the labor leader repeated his earlier argument that the shipyard's refusal to give him a job is inconsistent with Polish law. He said union officials are entitled to automatic leaves of absence.

The Polish sources, who requested anonymity, said they believed authorities wanted Walesa to work at a smaller enterprise in Gdansk, not the shipyard where the now-outlawed Solidarity union was formed during the strikes of August, 1980.

Walesa headed Solidarity until it was suspended under the declaration of martial law Dec. 13, 1981, and he was interned without charges for 11 months. The independent trade union was banned Oct. 8.

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Miss Top O' Texas contestants

Beauty Digest



BRANDI DIANE HUFF, 17, of Pampa is one of the 13 contestants entering this year's Miss Top O' Texas scholarship pageant here. She is the daughter of Chester and Vivian Huff. She is a senior at Pampa High School. Miss Huff plans to attend Southern Methodist University of Dallas in the fall studying music. As her talent, Miss Huff will perform a modern classical piano solo.



AMY ELISANAN BRAINARD, 20, of Pampa is to compete in the Miss Top O' Texas scholarship pageant scheduled Jan. 22 at M. K. Brown Auditorium. Miss Brainard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brainard of Pampa. She is a sophomore at West Texas State University in Canyon. Her ambition is to teach dance and to work on the family ranch. Her talent is to be a free-style ballet.



TAMMY CHARISSA DONNELL, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Donnell of Canyon plans to participate in the 1983 Miss Top O' Texas scholarship pageant Jan. 22. Miss Donnell is a freshman at West Texas State University in Canyon. Her future plans include showing horses, pursuing a modeling career and becoming an accomplished vocalist.

By Diane Robbins, editor Beauty Digest magazine

Kitchen magic

Did you ever think your kitchen pantry could be the source of luxurious beauty treatments? Try these. Mix a teaspoon of brown sugar with your soap lather, it works like expensive cleansing grains. For an instant hair cleanser/conditioner, add a dollop of plain yogurt to a handful of castile shampoo — great for permed or color-treated tresses. Buttermilk is a wonderful toning lotion for your face, dip in a cotton ball, gently pat on skin, then rinse with cool water.

A new twist

To firm up a hard to reach spot like the sides of your abdomen, try this "twist up" exercise. Begin by lying flat, hands palms up behind your head, knees bent. Now, with hands supporting your head, lift your upper body from the floor and twist your torso all the way to the right as you sit upright. Then, roll slowly back down to the flat position, straightening your body as you go. Lift torso again, this time twisting to the left, roll back to the floor. Alternate right and left twists 15 times, working up to 30.

Bathing boost

A relaxing herbal bath does wonders for aching muscles and tangled nerves. Just make a little muslin bag and fill it with a mixture of comfrey leaf, sage, thyme, lavender and

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Dear Abby

Operator's job is always on the line

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am one of many thousands of voices on the other end of the line when you dial 411 — "Operator Assistance."

We are rated on our productivity (the number of calls we take), courtesy and accuracy. In other words, we have to be quick, courteous and correct. (In an average day, an operator takes about 250 calls every two hours.) We are paid to serve the public. Most callers are polite and pleasant, but, Abby, you wouldn't believe what I've had to put up with. Being called "a dumb broad," "stupid" and "idiot" is all in a day's work. And we can't hang up on them — we are supposed to handle the situation professionally and impersonally without raising our voices.

A telephone operator's job is ranked as the 17th most stressful job in the nation (ahead of police). When a customer calls for a telephone number, he should give us enough information to find the phone number. I've had people ask for the number of "the little shop that sells buttons in the middle of the block in some shopping center." They aren't even sure if it's in the city or one of the suburbs!

I've also had people ask for a name they can't spell at

an address they aren't sure of. If I ask for more information, they cuss me out in a foreign language.

Abby, please tell your readers that the next time they give their fingers a rest from walking through the Yellow Pages, to remember that the telephone operators are people with feelings, too. Have a nice day.

"INFORMATION, PLEASE"

DEAR INFORMATION: Thanks for a dandy letter. And you have a nice day!

DEAR ABBY: How do you feel about adults ordering a child's portion in a restaurant? Many people, due to surgery or inability to eat large portions of food, must limit the amount of food they eat.

I have been told that because I am an adult I cannot order a child's portion. I think that's discrimination. My husband can eat an adult's portion but I cannot, and I just can't see all that food going to waste.

A doggie bag would work in some cases, but not at a pancake house. (My husband loves pancakes.)

We are not cheapskates, and we always leave a nice tip regardless of what we order.

SMALL EATER

DEAR SMALL: Most restaurants serve children's portions as an accommodation, but it would be economically unfeasible to serve children's portions to adults at reduced prices. If doggie bags won't do, eat what you want and leave the rest.

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By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

Dr. Lamb To staple or not

DEAR DR. LAMB — My friends and I were watching a TV program about stapling off a portion of the stomach so the person can only eat approximately three to four ounces of food at a time and therefore lose about eight pounds a month. The only side effects that a lady had was that if she ate too much she would vomit. This seems to us a minor side effect.

I am 100 pounds overweight. I have tried everything to lose weight and always wind up getting sick on a diet. I've also been

diagnosed as a borderline diabetic. There is a history of heart disease in my family. All of my grandparents and parents were heavy. My grandmother weighed more than 300 pounds.

I have arthritis and a sister has osteoporosis with a spine like powder and bones that break like fine china.

I weigh 238 and am 5-foot-6, age 49. I am willing to try anything, including this surgery, if you give the OK. Any information would be appreciated.

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Mexican folk ballet: Enjoyable lesson in culture

By DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

Icy roads and freezing winds Tuesday night did not deter a surprising number of Pampa Community Concert Association members who braved the weather to enjoy a breath of warm, Mexican air in the form of the Ballet Folclorico Nacional de Mexico.

The National Folk Ballet of Mexico troupe filled the auditorium with characteristic guitar, trumpet and violin music, bright attire and enthusiasm for their work.

For someone who does not know much of Mexican folklore, history and dance,

the performance was an enjoyable, cultural lesson. Some of the music could become tiresome to those who are not used to native rhythms, but the energetic dancers more than made up for that.

A pamphlet given out before the performance explained the dances, music and history behind the costumes which was all carefully and painstakingly researched by the show's director and choreographer, Silvia Lozano.

Persons who have been to Mexico and observed many of the customs there said the costumes and dances appeared to be authentic. The

Mexican government must also feel the show was authentic since they designated the ballet as an official national emissary of Mexico.

Dance of the Hunters and Deer, "Las Pascotas Y El Venado" was the most dramatic dance of the night, in my opinion. Two men dressed in Yaqui Indian clothes and a single dancer dressed in breechcloth, tenabares (dried coconuts filled with pebbles) and a stuffed deer's head tied onto his own head perform a ballet depicting the hunt, the fatal arrow shot and the dying of the deer — simple and beautiful.

Next Pampa Community Concert Association performance is the "Big Band Calvalcade" with Frankie Carle, Roberta Sherwood, De Castro Sisters and Jack Morgan. The concert is scheduled Feb. 5 at M. K. Brown Auditorium.



New York City Police Officer Susan McKenna, 25, left, is expecting a child in August. She shows off the maternity jacket that was designed for the police department by Judy Loeb, right. For demonstration purposes, Mrs. McKenna is wearing a small pillow under the jacket since her condition has not yet become visible. (AP Laserphoto)

Grant to help children

NEW YORK (AP) — The physical and mental health of poor children in the United States and Third World countries will be bolstered with Ford Foundation grants expected to total \$6 million over the next two years.

In the United States, funds will be spent to help children of farm workers in Florida and of

Mexican-American laborers in Texas, and to assist women in Appalachia and teen-age mothers in some major cities.

Franklin A. Thomas, president of the Ford Foundation, said that the need was great, since one in four children died before the age of 5 in Third World countries.

In the United States, one in 10

children lives in poverty, he added.

Besides grants for projects, the Foundation has provided about \$200,000 for a research program to be conducted by Columbia University and medical specialists in Cuba, with the aim of appraising Cuba's success in reducing infant mortality.

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By Judy Love

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KNIT KNACKS

Dear Judy Love: I knitted a sweater for my daughter and the ribbed sleeves are too-long. How can I shorten them to fit without reknitting the whole sleeve? — M.H., Virginia

Dear M.H.: There's no need to reknit the whole sleeve. Just open the seams and measure the amount to be shortened, plus ribbing. Cut a thread and pull across the row. The piece should drop off. Then pick up all the stitches with a very small knitting needle. Reknit the ribbed cuff with the correct size needle, tapering the sleeve by binding off a few stitches at each end on the first row. Knit ribbing the same length as before, binding off loosely.

Recession hits Greek fur industry

By KERIN HOPE
Associated Press Writer

KASTORIA, Greece (AP) — A chill north wind sends shreds of mink and fox fur swirling through the cobbled alleys of this lakeside town, home of a centuries-old industry that flourished unchallenged until five years ago.

Competition from the Far East and now the world recession, have ended a 15-year boom for the 18,000 furriers of Kastoria and its neighboring town of Siatistain in northern Greece, which hold a monopoly of the Greek fur trade.

Their skills, inherited from medieval craftsmen in the Byzantine Empire, used to earn Greece up to \$130 million annually in exports.

"When times get bad, people economize on luxuries first. My sales are down by more than half this year," said Michael Tassis, who spends much of the day hunched over a 50-year-old sewing machine, stitching together pieces of pale mink.

Small family-run workshops like Tassis', which make up the bulk of Kastoria's 4,000 fur businesses, are the most affected by the two-year-old slump. But bigger merchants are also beginning to feel the pinch.

Basement warehouses beneath their prosperous modern homes are stuffed with a fortune in unsold furs — from elegant dark mink coats intended for high-priced stores in New York and Paris to casual jackets made from hundreds of small fur pieces and bales of unsorted scraps.

"The market is just dropping away," said Athanasios Venetis, president of the Kastoria Furriers' Union. "Since 1980, when we exported a record \$130 million worth of furs, sales have fallen by more than 20 percent annually."

The town's unique tradition of making furs from "kormatia," or pieces, began in the 18th century when Kastoria merchants started buying up the sweepings from central European fur workshops.

When Kastorian craftsmen started emigrating last century to work in the New York fur business, they used to collect rejected scraps — head, paws, belly and tail fur — and send it home to their relatives to sew into garments for export," said Nikos Doikos, an architect who founded

Kastoria's local history society. From a jumble of assorted scraps, purchased now by Greeks who make rounds of European fur houses, the Kastorians expertly select and match pieces.

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Astro-Graph
by bernice bede osol

Be alert for opportunities this coming year which could take you off into new fields of endeavor. These openings may come through friendships you already have established.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be doubly careful how you handle your financial affairs today. Carelessness could lead to costly, hard-to-correct mistakes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's important today to be realistic regarding goals and objectives you set for yourself if you strive for the unobtainable you'll be disappointed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you discover obstacles in your path today, there's a strong possibility they may be of your own making, due to faulty planning.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to avoid situations today where you could feel forced to take a position opposing the majority. You won't like being out on the limb by yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are likely to be more successful today in independent ventures than you will be in those requiring a team effort. Associates could hold you back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Difficult tasks will be made even harder today if your attitude is negative. Try to find pleasure in what you hope to accomplish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to maintain control of your involvements today. In situations where too much is left up to others, things could go awry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might not be in the mood to do so, but it would be advisable to pamper your mate a bit today, rather than to take an opposing position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is one of those days when everything could pile up and squeeze you into a corner if you fail to keep pace with your responsibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your normally cautious approach could desert you today. You might be tempted to take chances where you shouldn't. Don't step out of

STEVE CANYON By Milton Caniff

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THE MAN ANSWERED AS THE TV REPAIRMAN, SAYING THAT I HAD GONE SHOPPING...

...THE CALLER WAS GENERAL CAMPBELL, STEVE'S BOSS, WHO SAID HE'D BE COMING BY TO CHECK ON ME...

...IT WAS THEN THAT I MANAGED TO PULL THE VENETIAN-BLIND CORD REVEALING THE "HELP" SIGN!

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"What's this about you talking back to him?"

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MARVIN By Tom Armstrong

NOW HOLD STILL, MARVIN

THERE, ALL DONE

HAPPINESS IS A DIAPER FRESH FROM THE DRYER ON A COLD MORNING

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THE WORST THING ABOUT BEING A DOG IS...

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LISTEN, YOU GOTTA PROMISE Y'WON'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT THIS FISHIN' SPOT!

AW, NOW, BONZO, I... I WANT TH' SCOOP!

HOLD ON, FRIEND OOP! I WANT TH' SCOOP!

I THINK I'M KNOWIN' IT'S FISHIN' YOU'RE GOIN', SO HEAR MY PLEA... WAIT UP FOR ME!

FOOZY!

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TUMBLEWEEDS By T.K. Ryan

SOUND OFF, DEPUTY! ANYTHING TO REPORT?

JAIL

ECHOS MEXICAN JUMPING BEAN DIED, CHIEF!

JAIL

I MEAN ANYTHING OF INTEREST!

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SHE GIVE PERMISSION FOR A AUTOPSY.

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THEY DIDN'T BREAK THE MOLD WHEN THEY MADE ERNIE.. THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY CONFISCATED IT.

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I CAN'T SPREAD IT, GLADYS, I'M PAST THE INCUBATION PERIOD...

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Sports Scene

Signs with Blitz



Linebacker Stan White, 33, speaks to reporters in Chicago Wednesday to announce his signing a three-year contract with the Chicago Blitz. White, formerly of the Detroit Lions and Baltimore Colts, is the first player to defect from the National Football League to the new United States Football League. (AP Laserphoto)

NBA Roundup

76ers continue record winning streak with 126-106 victory over Chicago

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

When a team wins a club-record 13 straight games, there have to be plenty of heroes leading the way.

That's how it has been for the Philadelphia 76ers, whose 126-106 victory over Chicago Wednesday night gave them the longest winning streak in the National Basketball Association this season.

Against the Bulls, Julius Erving was the key man, scoring 26 points, pulling down 12 rebounds and handing out four assists. But Erving was more anxious to talk about his teammates.

"We're more of a good rebounding team now with Moses (Malone)," Erving said of the Sixers' 6-foot-11 center. "He gives us 40 minutes of hard work. Other teams don't have that. It's the difference between our team and the others."

"(Andrew) Toney is equal to shooting anywhere. He's an all-offensive player, an all-star player. This

team is able to play consistent, winning basketball more than any we've had in the last six years."

Toney scored 25 points and Malone added 16 for Philadelphia, which hasn't lost in more than a month, or since Washington beat the Sixers 100-97 on Dec. 18.

"I think this can become a better and better team," said Coach Billy Cunningham. "I can see our confidence building. The bench (substitutes) is more confident. We're consistent in the center with Malone. He never relaxes. He never stops working. He takes a lot of pressure off Doc (Erving) and the others."

And Erving thinks they're good enough to continue the streak.

"Thirteen is a lucky number and I hope now we can double it," he said.

The 76ers scored 15 straight points to take a 17-2 lead and the Bulls never recovered in losing for the

10th time in 13 games.

Elsewhere, it was Detroit 107, Milwaukee 106; Denver 130, Houston 93; Phoenix 118, San Antonio 113; Kansas City 91, New York 88; Golden State 103, Utah 95; Atlanta 116, Seattle 111, and Los Angeles 107, San Diego 104.

Pistons 107, Bucks 106

Isiah Thomas threw in a short jump shot with three seconds to play to cap a six-point spurt by Detroit in the final 17 seconds. With those 17 seconds remaining, Kelly Tripucka hit two free throws to make it 106-103, then stole Milwaukee's inbound pass and made two more free throws after being fouled. When the Bucks couldn't get the ball inbound, Detroit took over and Thomas drove down the lane to hit the winning bucket.

Kings 91, Knicks 88

Kansas City held New York without a basket for 6:15 of the third period and scored 13 points of its own to take charge.

Denver will host NBA all-star game

DENVER (AP) — It's a reasonable question, one that anyone would ask after finding out that Denver would be the site for the 1984 National Basketball Association All-Star Game: Why Denver?

NBA Commissioner Larry O'Brien said it was a choice between Indianapolis and Denver, and the Mile High City won.

"It was a matter of reviewing Denver and Indianapolis presentations, which I did," O'Brien said Wednesday in announcing the league's choice.

"We came to a clear decision on Denver. I think it was appropriate in many ways. I think Denver's a city that will be an attraction for the press to come from around the country. We advised the people from Indianapolis that their presentation was strong and that if they could, they ought to present it again in the future."

"But the Denver presentation hit the mark very, very well. The mayor, the governor, all the people involved, the whole thing added up."

Perryton sweeps Dalhart

PERRYTON—Perryton rallied in the second half to down Dalhart, 67-57, Wednesday in a District 1-3A game.

The Rangers trailed by three, 32-29, at halftime, but tied the score at 44-all after three quarters.

Perryton was led by Chris Smith with 18 points and Clint Allied with 15.

Kirk Farris topped the losers with 18.

Perryton won over Dalhart, 45-30 in the girls' contest.

Teresa McIver and Lecreca Schickendanz led Perryton with 10 and 9 points respectively.

Ann Yoder led Dalhart with 13 points.

Cey traded to Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — The acquisition of Los Angeles Dodgers third baseman Ron Cey in a trade for two minor league players will give the Chicago Cubs a much improved infield as far as executives of the National League baseball team are concerned.

The Cubs, recently thwarted in efforts to sign free-agent Steve Garvey, announced late Wednesday that the 34-year-old Cey would waive his contract's no-trade clause and join the Cubs.

And General Manager Dallas Green said that obtaining Cey "more than made up" for the loss of Garvey.

"It means I don't have to move Bill Buckner off first base," he added.

Team spokesman Ned Colletti said Cey had agreed to terms in principle for five years, but details of the agreement were not announced.

Cey was in the final year of his contract with the Dodgers and reportedly wanted to renegotiate for four years at an average of about \$700,000 a year.

The Dodgers refused to go along with the proposal and Cey agreed to waive the no-trade clause so a deal could be made.

Cey is the Los Angeles Dodgers' all-time home run hitter with 228. The 10-year veteran hit .254 in 150 games last year with 24 homers and 79 RBIs.

Cey has played more games for the Dodgers at third base than any player in club history.

Noah upsets Gerulaitis in Volvo tournament

NEW YORK (AP) — With the preliminaries out of the way, the top seeds, including John McEnroe, move onto the court in the \$400,000 Volvo Masters tennis tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Ranked No. 1 in the world but seeded fourth in this elite 12-man field, McEnroe will meet Jose Luis-Clerc of Argentina in a quarterfinal battle tonight. Earlier today, third-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina played Ecuador's Andres Gomez.

On Wednesday night, Yannick Noah of France and Johan Kriek won their first-round matches.

Noah, who defeated Vitas Gerulaitis 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, advanced to a Friday quarterfinal meeting against second-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia. Kriek stopped Steve Denton 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, and now will face top-seeded Jimmy Connors Friday night.

"I took five weeks off," Noah said of his first-set loss. "I was not really concentrating and I wasn't serving really well. I was missing a lot of first serves and when I had some break points, I wasn't very confident."

The first set was a mass of missed opportunities for both players as Noah saved seven break points before losing his serve in the seventh game, while Gerulaitis had to fight off four break points in the first six games.

Noah evened the match when he broke

Gerulaitis in the eighth game, then held serve to take the second set.

The Frenchman broke Gerulaitis in the third game of the final set en route to a 3-1 lead, then broke him again in the seventh game to capture the match.

"I think I had many occasions to break him in the first set, and when I lost the first set, I was still confident — I thought I could win the match," Noah said. "In the second, when I broke him, I was really confident."

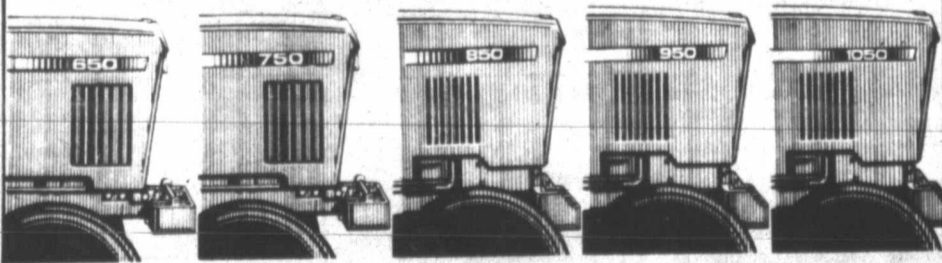
The ace of the French Davis Cup team, Noah said he is looking forward to meeting Lendl.

Kriek ran his winning streak against Denton to three: He beat him in the finals of the Australian Open in both 1981 and 1982.

The two started their match with three consecutive service breaks before the South African native broke Denton again in the ninth game to close out the first set. Denton charged back behind his blazing serve to capture the second set, breaking Kriek in the ninth game.

Kriek, whose serve is almost as hard as Denton's, used his quickness and superior groundstrokes to break his opponent in the second game of the final set, then closed out the match when Denton double-faulted at 15-40 of the eighth game.

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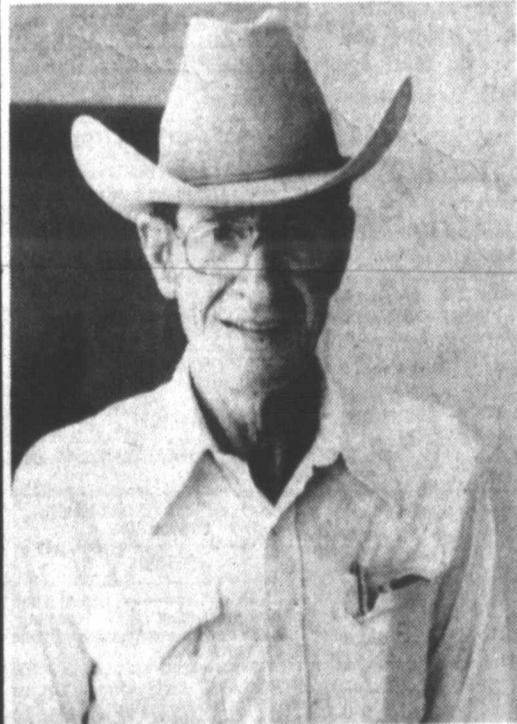
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Imogene Tullos raises the flag outside of the 12 by 13 foot post office in Centralia, Texas, as she does every morning, except Sunday. Mrs. Tullos has been the postmaster for the town, with a population of 26, since 1967. (AP Laserphoto)

With computerized world

Small town's post office is out of step

By ANDREW BENSON
Lufkin Daily News
CENTRALIA, Texas (AP) — Every morning except Sunday and holidays, Imogene Tullos runs an American flag up the crooked flagpole next to the white, one-room shack. Without the flag, the building easily could be mistaken for a tool shed.

Inside, Mrs. Tullos, sitting at her desk among stacks of mail, fills out forms and cancels letters. The eyes of numerous criminals wanted by the FBI stare out from the wall at her, frozen as if they are amazed by what they see.

For the 26 or so residents of this small Texas community, this is the post office.

"People will come in and wait on the mail," said Mrs. Tullos. Centralia's

postmaster since 1967. "This is the only building left for them to meet in since they closed the store over there."

She put five chairs and a desk in the lobby for those who come in to wait for the 10:30 a.m. mail delivery or for those who come in just to sit and talk. She said other postmasters don't understand that.

"One said, 'I've never seen a post office with chairs before,'" she said. "I told him, 'You've never been in a country post office where you have to sit on the mail.'"

Centralia has had a post office since June 22, 1874, and since then there have been 21 postmasters. Mrs. Tullos, 56, worked as an assistant to the previous postmaster before getting the job.

"When she died, they appointed me acting postmaster," she said.

Mrs. Tullis was confirmed as the 22nd postmaster in Centralia's history shortly after that.

The post office has been in the 12-by-14 foot shack for about 10 years, previously being housed in one corner of

Offers to replace stolen flag

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A Dallas corporate executive — and father of four Eagle Scouts — has offered an award of more than \$2,270 to replace a huge new American flag stolen from the Boy Scouts' national headquarters here, a spokesman says.

"We think it's a great gesture," Scouts spokesman

a local store. Mrs. Tullos, and her husband, Campbell, have just bought the land where the post office sits, and they plan to put a new building there to replace the shack.

"When I first open up in the morning, it's cold," she said of the small building. "But I turn the heat on and it gets warm. It stays pretty cool in

Mike Whittaker said. "We still have no idea why anyone would want to rip off an American flag that big. It doesn't sound very patriotic."

Southland Corp. executive vice president Walton Grayson III heard about the theft of the 30-by-46-foot flag and offered to replace it, Whittaker said.

the summertime because the wind will blow through the front and back door."

The fourth-class post office, open four hours a day to serve about 32 families in the area, seems oddly out of place in today's mechanized world of mail delivery.

"I sell everything that any other post office would sell," she said, adding that she can't sell international money orders. "I don't deliver the mail, though."

Several rows of cubbyholes hang over her desk with the names of residents scrawled on them.

"Part of them have names on them and part of the mail I stick in here," she said. "I know where it is."

Trade issues aren't understood

By SALLY JACOBSEN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — William E. Brock was saluted at a dinner in his honor for becoming a "genuinely big deal" in switching from politician to trade ambassador.

Then the speaker delivered the punch line: "Which goes to show these trade issues really aren't understood by anybody."

Brock, the U.S. trade representative, laughed with the rest of the audience.

But earlier, he told a reporter in his office near the White House that he was deadly serious about his job, which some see as keeping the United States out of a trade war like that before World War II.

It's not an easy task. But Brock, 52, who as the former chairman of the Republican National Committee largely rebuilt the GOP after the Watergate debacle, says he likes a tough assignment.

He calls his post the best job in Washington, then catches himself, adding, like a politician, "the second best," presumably after the presidency.

He acknowledges, though, that he is pushing trade at "a time of trouble."

"I think we looked into the chasm (at a recent trade conference) in Geneva and fortunately drew back," he says.

"There was an enormous temptation to just let the system go topsy-turvy into collapse," he says. "Fortunately, good sense and frankly a lot of good will kept us from making that mistake."

Even so, the grueling meeting of the 88

nations in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was generally viewed as disappointing.

At the root of the trade tensions is the worldwide recession that has battered industrialized economies and sent unemployment levels soaring, some to their highest rate since the Depression.

Trying to shield their weak industries from foreign competition, some governments want to restrict imports, a trend sometimes likened to the protectionist fever of the 1930s.

Brock doesn't like the trend — although critics say the Reagan Administration has taken its share of protectionist steps — and strongly opposes a move in Congress to limit imports of foreign-made cars. The drive, he says, is "as close as we have come in the last 50 years to repeating the mistake of the Smoot-Hawley tariff." The high rates of that tariff aggravated the Depression.

He's getting good reviews for his work, although there is criticism of the administration's trade policy.

"He's doing an excellent job," says Robert Hormats, former assistant secretary of state for economic affairs.

Says former U.S. Export-Import Bank director Thibaut de Saint Phalle: "With an almost impossible job, Brock has managed to keep things in balance."

Brock's skill as point man on trade is due partly to his political acumen, honed in 14 years in Congress and four years as GOP chief.

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