

Let's hear it for the Illinois mud turtle...

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's good news for the Illinois mud turtle and the wood stork — the government has added them to the list of protected species.

But there's bad news for the Thicktail chub, the Whiteline spinnow and the San Felipe leopard frog — the government is dropping those species from further consideration because scientists believe they are extinct.

The Interior Department, in a comprehensive review of the status of 363 species, says enough evidence is available that it will probably propose protections for 62 species. The department said it was dropping 36 species from

further review. Fourteen of these are presumed to be extinct, six are not regarded as valid species or subspecies and 18 are more widespread than originally believed, officials said.

More information is needed before deciding on the fate of the 301 other species on the list, the agency said.

In all the agency reviewed 363 animals — including 136 fish, 71 birds, 64 mammals, 47 reptiles and 45 amphibians. The review follows a similar one done two years ago for plant species.

While Interior in its announcement did not formally

propose adding any animals to the protected list, it said. "The preparation and publication of such proposals are anticipated."

Environmentalists, who have been critical of Interior Secretary James Watt because of his failure to add species to the protected list, discounted the impact of Tuesday's announcement.

"This is nothing more than a status report on a number of vertebrate species which have been around for a long time," said Michael Bean, wildlife expert for the Environmental Defense Fund. "This document has little real world

consequence because it doesn't put anything on the (endangered) list or take anything off."

There are currently 296 species listed as threatened or endangered in this country and 468 foreign species on the U.S. list.

Watt, in a meeting with reporters last week, said the Carter administration would win "hands down" in the number of species listed but he said the Reagan administration has been more aggressive in preparing recovery plans, detailed proposals for protecting species on the list.

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Burned-out family overwhelmed at generosity of the community

By JULIA CLARK
Staff Writer

"People in Pampa have been past fabulous," said Vicky Day, aunt of Dale Day whose home was burned December 28, 1982.

The family has been overwhelmed with donations of clothing, toys for the children, furniture, blankets, and other items.

Individuals have called and related stories of how they had suffered from home fires or other tragedies and so because they knew "how we felt, offered us help."

The Days said they heard from people who had suffered what seemed to them (the Days) much worse trying times, and yet these same people were opening their hearts and saying, "What can we do to help you?"

Tricia said, "We've been so much more fortunate than some of the people we've heard about. People have been just terrific."

Vicky Day said she was trying to keep notes on who had donated what, but with all the confusion in the house, some of them have been misplaced or lost.

Golden Spread Roustabouts, where Dale works, "have been extra fabulous. They have let Dale take off work when he had to be," she said.

The employees are going to help with the big clean-up of the house, Dale and Tricia said, Wednesday morning.

The insurance company has not "totaled" the house, as previously reported.

The family is being allotted a total of \$700 living expenses to get back into their house, so the family is going to live in the travel trailer out back while the renovation is done.

Pampa businesses have donated goods and services to help the young family.

The family now has clothing to wear.

The Hub Clothiers donated \$40 for each child for clothing. Individuals have donated clothing for Tricia and Dale.

Your Laundry on east Francis washed all of the salvageable washable items, such as linen and some clothing, for them.

Someone donated a bunkbed. Others donated blankets. "Some little ladies in their senior years brought quilts for the baby," said Vicky.

One lady, who said her son is retarded and could not use all of his Christmas toys, donated many of his gifts to Joey, Jeffrey and Tiffany.

"One day the door bell rang, and when I went to the door, no one was there," said Tricia.

But, on the doorstep were a "whole bunch" of wrapped gifts. The label read, "To the Boys, From Santa."

Wednesday morning, Dale and Tricia saw another example of the generosity of their Pampa neighbors.

They went to the First National Bank of Pampa and found over \$600 had been donated for them.

Eyes shining with tears, Tricia said she really appreciated all the kindnesses of the people of Pampa.

"It's just great, it'll help a lot. There's just no way we can thank all the people who have helped us, people who didn't even know us!" Tricia and Dale said.

They are ready to start cleanup and restoration work on their home.

Tricia said she is going to follow the men as they clean and re-build. "I'll be right behind them to make sure they do it right," she grinned.

All of the family's immediate needs have been met by what they are calling the "unbelievable" goodness of the people of Pampa.

Tricia and Dale Day watch as Janelle Cochran of the First National Bank of Pampa counts out more than \$600 which has been given by people in Pampa. Stunned by the generosity of the community, the Days say they'll use part of the money to replace or fix the major appliances which were damaged in the fire which drove them out of their home last week. (Staff photo by Julia Clark)



Henry Veach (left) and Lawrence Paronto began their three-year terms on the Gray County Airport Board at the board's regular meeting Tuesday. Veach and Paronto were appointed to the board by the Gray County Commissioners in December. At the meeting, the members of the board elected H.E. Crocker, Jr. as

chairman of the board. The board also formally approved some maintenance and repair on the airport's fire engine, which had been scheduled and planned for in the board's 1983 budget, according to Jack Hood, former chairman of the airport board. (Staff photo by Bruce Lee Smith)

Pampa police need one top-notch officer

The Pampa Police Department wants one good officer, said Chief J. J. Ryzman.

To find that officer, police applicant tests will be given Friday, January 7 at 1 p.m. at the Pampa Police Department. Anyone wanting more information or wishing to take the test should call or go in to see Captain Roy E.

Denman at the police department between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Applicants for police officer should be a minimum of 19½ years old, with weight and height in the proper proportions. The applicant needs 24 hours of college in any area. He or she will have to pass a two-part written examination, an oral interview, a rigid background investigation, a polygraph test, and physical and psychological testing.

Perryton police may double their phone lines

By SHERILL McLEARAN
Our Correspondent

PERRYTON — The City Council approved the possible addition of a second incoming phone line to the Perryton Police Department at its regular meeting last night.

The council, at the request of General Telephone Company, (GTC) which provides phone service to the city, approved a need study on the present one-line system. GTC will conduct the study over the next 60 days, during which the company will monitor and record the number of calls received over the existing phone line per day and the number of minutes per hour the line is in use during the day to determine if another line would better serve Perryton residents.

The current police department phone number is 435-4002, and GTC has 435-4003 available for hook-up if necessary. The council voted to allow the police department to spend the \$4 per month necessary to "hold" the number until after the study is finished. If the police department installs the new line, it will cost the city an additional \$33 per month.

In other business with GTC, the council approved a longer version of the existing contract with the phone company

which allows GTC to charge customers two percent of their monthly rate as a "franchise fee." The money collected is then transferred to the City of Perryton for maintenance of phone lines.

The former five-year contract expired recently, and the version approved last night would keep the franchise fee at two percent, but would be for ten years. Local GTC representatives will bring the contract to GTC headquarters in San Angelo for approval and bring the results to the council's January 18 meeting.

The council also appointed Doug Hale, a local bank official, as Perryton's representative to the Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Corporation (PRHFC). Council members also approved amendments to the PRHFC's articles of incorporation, which add Booker and Darrrouzett to the organization. They also approved an amendment that would restrict PRHFC construction to within the cities of Booker, Darrrouzett and Perryton.

Action on the proposed upgrading of the local ambulance service was tabled, pending action on the matter by Ochiltree County Commissioners and the local hospital district. Plans call for reeducating Perryton's Emergency

Brass fittings lead to man's arrest

By JULIA CLARK
Staff Writer

Johnny Ray Arnold, 37, of 526 N. Faulkner, was arrested Monday morning after he tried to sell about 800 pounds of brass fittings to Broadbent's scrap metal on Price Road.

According to Chief J. J. Ryzman, Texas Pipe and Metal at 630 W. Brown reported to the police department on Monday morning that the business was entered by the removal of sheet metal on the side of the building. An estimated \$600 worth of brass fittings were reported missing.

A Gray County Deputy Sheriff said, Roy Jones of Texas Pipe and Metal was at Broadbent's, a scrap metal business

on Price Road, later that morning, when Arnold brought some brass fittings in to sell.

Jones saw the fittings which looked similar to some that had apparently been taken from his business without permission, related an agent of Broadbent's.

The sheriff's office was called.

After cooperative investigation efforts by Gray County Deputies J. D. Smith and Doug Davis, and Pampa police detective Ken Neal, the brass fittings suspected as belonging to Texas Pipe and Metal were recovered and Arnold was arrested on suspicion of burglary of a business.

Arnold was arraigned for burglary of a business before Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge Tuesday and bond was set at \$5000.

Weather

Pampa should see fair weather through Thursday, with low temperatures tonight in the mid 20s and southwest winds at 5 to 10 mph. Thursday's afternoon high should be in the mid 50s. Tuesday's high was 39 degrees, with the overnight low coming in at 24 degrees, recorded at 2:24 a.m.

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They found her head in the creek

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — A 23-year-old Garland man was being held for questioning today after his wife's head was found in a shallow creek near the site where the man's car crashed, police said.

Investigators said the man, who was screaming "I've got to die, I've got to die," was pulled from the car about 10:45 a.m. after the vehicle struck a tree near East R. L. Thornton Freeway, overturned and landed in a creek.

About 90 minutes later, the decapitated body of the man's wife was discovered at the couple's apartment in this Dallas suburb, police said.

Notified of the discovery, Dallas police returned to the accident scene and found the woman's head in about a foot of water, according to investigators.

The man, who suffered minor injuries in the crash, was being held for investigation at Parkland Memorial Hospital today, police said.

No motive in the killing was known, said Garland police detective Pat Martinkus.

Barbara Allen, manager of the apartment complex where the couple lived, said she received a telephone call at 11:30 a.m. from someone who noticed an open door at the suspect's apartment.

Ms. Allen said she went to the apartment, found blood on the porch and sidewalk and called Garland police.

The body of the man's 25-year-old wife, clad in a nightgown, was found in a bedroom about 12:15 p.m., according to Garland police detective Dennis Wheatley. The victim apparently had been dead a few hours or less, he said.

Except for the bloodstains and a hole in the bedroom wall, possibly caused by a knee or a foot, the apartment was "perfectly spotless," Wheatley said.

Dallas police said they were dispatched to the accident about an hour before Ms. Allen called authorities. Witnesses told police the man was driving west on the freeway at speeds of more than 90 mph when he clipped the bumper of another car and lost control of his vehicle.

The man was hysterical when police and paramedics freed him from the car, investigators said.

"He was screaming, 'I've got to die, I've got to die,'" Officer Buddy Dillard said.

daily record

services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to The Pampa News.

obituaries

No obituaries were reported to The Pampa News today.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa		Durchester	11 1/2
Wheat	3.45	Halliburton	27 1/2
Milo	4.25	HCA	25 1/2
Soybeans	4.84	Ingersoll-Rand	39 1/2
The following quotations show the range within which these securities could have been traded at the time of completion		InterNorth	28
Ky Cent Life	18 1/2	Kerr-McGee	29 1/2
Serico	5 1/2	Mobil	26
Southeast Financial	17 1/2	Penny	48 1/2
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by		Phillips	34 1/2
Schneider Bernet Hickman Inc of Amarillo	17 1/2	PNA	29 1/2
Standard Oil	17 1/2	SJ	closed Tues 47 1/2
Standard Oil	43 1/2	Southwestern Pub	17 1/2
Tenneco	34 1/2	Standard Oil	43 1/2
Texaco	31 1/2	Tenneco	34 1/2
Zales	closed Tues 20 1/2	Texaco	31 1/2
London Gold	454.75	Zales	closed Tues 20 1/2
Silver	18.86	London Gold	454.75
		Silver	18.86

city briefs

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service All Makes Thorp's Vacuums, 665-6005, 1236 S. Farley, Pampa.

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TOP O Texas Chapter Order of Eastern Star No. 1064 will meet Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. in the basement classroom of First United Methodist Church for a discussion of Alvin Toffler's "The Third Wave" led by Judy Marcum. Guests are welcome.

GRAY COUNTY HERITAGE COOKBOOK 2ND EDITION County residents wishing to submit recipes and materials for the second edition should mail them to the Cookbook Editor, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, this week.

LAS PAMPA DAR MEETING

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are scheduled to meet Thursday, Jan. 6, at 2 p.m. in the Flame Room of Energas. A program on National Defense is to be presented by Mike Waggoner, U. S. Navy recruiting officer. Hostesses are to be Mrs. Frank W. Kelley and Mrs. Kenneth W. Smith.

Senior citizen menu

THURSDAY

Salmon croquets or tacos, scalloped potatoes, mixed greens, navy beans, tossed or Jell-O salad, peach cobbler or pineapple pudding.

FRIDAY

Baked ham or chili burritos, cheese grits, buttered broccoli, pinto beans, tossed or Jell-O salad, lemon pudding or brownies.

school menu

THURSDAY

Taco salad, pinto beans, corn chips, apple burrito, milk.

FRIDAY

Hot dog with chili, french fries with catsup, pickle chips, peanut butter cookie, mixed fruit, milk.

hospital notes

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions

Dorothy Sorenson, Pampa
Joy Turner, Pampa
Dale Cooper, Borger
Betty McKinney, Pampa
Ocie Stewart, Pampa
William Hopkins, Pampa
Andeline Gercken, Pampa

Gladys Helbert, Pampa
Vickie Long, Pampa
Baby Boy Long, Pampa
Doris Lovelace, Pampa
Edward Meek, Canadian
Jimmie Poole, Pampa
Linda Reames, Allison
Murrell Stainthorpe, Jefferson
Martha Smith, Pampa

Pampa

Lupe Carrillo, Pampa
Jewell Cook, Pampa
Barry Grooms, Pampa
Catherine Land, Pampa
George Batman, Pampa
Tina Crossman, Pampa
Laura Jernigan, Pampa
Agnes Collins, McLean

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions

Robert Oldham, Samnorwood
Josephine Draper, Shamrock
Leslie Garcia, Shamrock
Geraldine Alley, Wheeler
Topsy Gossett, Shamrock
James Irving, Wheeler
Oscar Harrington, Shamrock
Bob Hammock, Shamrock

Dismissals

Harold Smith, Pampa
Becky Bridwell, Lefors
Baby Girl Bridwell, Lefors
William Butcher, Pampa
Myrtle Carmichael, Pampa

Vera Hardin, Shamrock
Tony Carter, Erick, Okla.

Births

Mr. & Mrs. Josephi Garcia, Shamrock, a baby girl

police report

Pampa police reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday. The police department received a total of 35 calls for the period.

Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, reported three instances of thefts of books by known persons who had checked the books out and didn't return them. The books are valued at: \$21.85, \$41.91, and \$80.90, respectively.

Carter Sand and Gravel, 213 N. Sumner, reported theft of a tire valued at \$200.

Mary Gething Jones of 423 S. Barnes reported a window broken with a rock. Estimated damage \$40.

Betty Sue Mackie of 1401 S. Barnes reported a theft from her vehicle which was parked at 410 N. West. Total loss \$150.

Audrey T. Burns of 429 Naida reported a theft from a vehicle in the 800 block of West Francis. Estimated value taken \$200.

Vela Bresee of 1048 Varnon, reported theft from a vehicle. Estimated value \$80.

Continental Realty, P.O. Box 1400, reported the burglary of a residence at 315 E. Francis. Estimated value taken \$450.

fire report

The Pampa Fire Department had one call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

TUESDAY, January 4
6:40 p.m. - Firemen responded to a smoke scare at Shed Realty, 1002 N. Hobart. An electric motor had over-heated. No damage was reported.

minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following minor traffic accidents to The Pampa News:

TUESDAY, January 4
3:02 p.m. - Steven Alan Stauffer of Pampa, driving a 1981 Ford pickup, collided with a '76 Buick, driven by Clarence Clay Hayter of Lefors at 111 Alcock. Stauffer was cited for running a red light. No injuries.

Taking office



District Judge Don Cain swears in County Auditor A.C. Thornton (right) Monday morning in the district courtroom. Cain swore Malone (left) and Assistant County Auditor Marlene Malone (center) in for their 1983 terms. (Staff photo by Lori-Ann D'Antonio)

Sharp customer aids in check bust

By JULIA CLARK
Staff Writer

Connie Sue Kirklun, 24, of 204 S. Nelson, was charged with forgery and arraigned before Justice of the Peace Margie Prestige, Monday, January 3. Bond was set at \$5,000.

According to the police report, Lisa Kay Fox of 720 1/2 W. Francis, called the Pampa Police Department on December 31 to report that a bedroom window at her home had been forced open. She also noticed that several blank personal checks and a radio were missing.

Glenda Briscoe, manager of the Lil' Speedy Mart at 225 W. Brown, approved a personalized check which was written by a woman shopper on the Fox account on January 1, she said.

After the shopper left the store, another customer told Briscoe the name of the shopper was not the same as the name on the check.

The name on the check was Fox and the second customer told Briscoe that she knew the individual who had apparently

written the check as Connie Kirklun. Briscoe said she immediately called the place of employment which the woman identified as Kirklun, had put on the check. The assistant manager said Kirklun no longer worked for him.

When she called the number imprinted on the check, the party at the other end said it was an unauthorized signature, Briscoe said. Briscoe called the police and told them she suspected that she had a forged check.

Before the police arrived, Briscoe was driven down the street by the husband of one of her cashiers. Where they found the woman identified as Kirklun.

Briscoe explained that some of the information on the back of the check was incorrect and she needed to come back to the store to give the right information.

An officer from the Pampa Police was taking the report, when Briscoe returned to the store with Kirklun, whom she identified as having passed the check.

Five elected to industrial board

By LORI-ANN D'ANTONIO
Staff Writer

Five Pampa businessmen were elected to the board of directors of the Pampa Industrial Foundation (PIF) Friday.

The five, who will serve three-year terms that began January 1, are Stanley Burnham, manager, Cabot Carbon Black plant; Milo Carlson, owner, J.E. Carlson Inc.; Kay Fancher, partner, Panhandle Insurance Agency; Vic Raymond, president, Ingersoll Rand Co.; and Bill Waters, senior partner of Waters, Holt, Fields and Waters.

According to Floyd Sackett, executive secretary of the Foundation, the organization was started in the 1960s to help bring industry to Pampa. In addition, the PIF helps keep industry in Pampa by making expansion and growth possible, he said.

The PIF has worked with many of the existing large companies in Pampa, including Ingersoll Rand, Celanese Chemical and Halliburton Services. Sackett said the recent Halliburton expansion and location on 200 acres of industrial

land east of town was an example of how the PIF works for the city and industry.

According to Sackett, the PIF had owned the 200 acres for some time, and because they bought it at a lower price years ago, and only sell land for the original cost, the 1982 buying price Halliburton paid for the land was much lower than if the company had bought the land from a private developer at 1982 prices.

The average turnaround time from the first contact with the PIF until the company locates itself in Pampa is about 18 months, Sackett said. Currently the PIF has several projects "on the back burner" because of the state of the economy, he said.

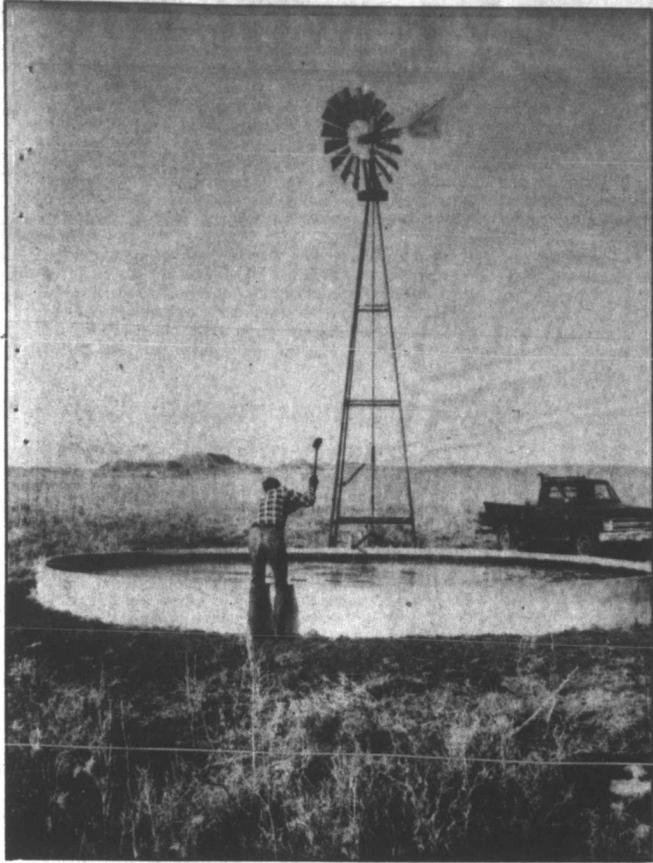
Sackett said the management of PIF consists of 15 directors who serve on the board of directors for staggered three-year terms. In addition, their financing comes from shareholders, who are allowed one vote for every \$25 they originally paid to join in the days of PIF's inception, he said.

Sackett also said there may be a drive to recruit new shareholders in the near future. While all 15 of the directors on the board are businessmen, any shareholder can be a director, and shareholders elect directors to the board.



Gray County elected officials took the oath of office for their 1983 terms Monday morning. The officials pictured (l-r) are Justices of the Peace R.C. Parker and Margie Prestige, County Surveyor Gene Barber, County Treasurer Jean Scott, District Clerk Mary Clark, and County Clerk Wanda Carter. 223rd District Judge Don Cain is in foreground doing the oath-reading.

Winter on the range



As the winter winds blow and temperatures drop, the ice must be kept broken on Panhandle stock tanks, like this one near the Canadian River belonging to the Lips Ranch. It is a tough and daily chore for the men who work the ranges, and means swinging a heavy sledge or ax on each one. (Photo by Jean Tierney)

Home Country

Texas and Area Reports

PUC holds hearing on fuel adjustment rule

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Public Utility Commission today will hear testimony on whether electric companies should be stripped of the right to set fuel adjustment charges used by the utilities to pass fuel costs on to customers.

before deciding on a proposed rule that would force electric companies to come in for quarterly review of fuel costs. If approved, the rule would give the commission the power to set the charges, which often are the largest portion of monthly bills.

Gov.-elect Mark White made the fuel adjustment clause one of the top issues in his campaign. He said the adjustments set by the companies unfairly raised bills.

White complained companies do not shop for cheaper fuel because they knew the full cost can be passed to consumers.

The system proposed in the new rule will get a test Friday. The three-member commission, in a recent rate case, ordered Houston Lighting and Power to come in every three months for review of its fuel charges.

Commissioners planned to listen to a day of testimony

Commission spokesman Rick Hainline said the Texas Utilities group — Texas Power and Light, Dallas Power and Light and Texas Electric Service Co. — probably would be placed under a similar quarterly review system regardless of whether the PUC approves

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Commissioner Rick Hainline said it is too early to tell if an end to the automatic pass-through would reduce consumers' bills.

"It possibly could," he said. "I don't know if they can really project that now." During the gubernatorial campaign, PUC General Counsel Allen King disputed White's claim that an end to the fuel adjustment clause would reduce bills. However, Don Butler, lawyer for the Texas Municipal League, has said the utility companies use the monthly fuel adjustment to pass on costs other than fuel.

Sunset panel says end PUC

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The state's controversial Public Utility Commission may face a tough fight in the Legislature after the state Sunset Advisory Commission voted to get rid of it.

Opponents of the PUC contend it is controlled by phone and fuel utilities, who regularly receive generous rate hikes from the agency. The PUC not only sets rates, but guarantees companies a rate of return, figuring in capital investments such as power plant construction.

PUC Chairman Moak Rollins argues that the guaranteed rate of return actually saves ratepayers money by keeping the utility company's bond rating up and cost of borrowing down.

"I doubt seriously that it will happen," Rollins said Tuesday of abolishing the agency. "This is a recommendation to the

The panel seemed to surprise even itself Tuesday when its members voted 7-3 for abolition of the eight-year-old agency after meeting for 2½ hours on other matters.

The commission's action is only a recommendation to the Legislature, which convenes Jan. 11, but ensures that complaints about the agency will get serious attention from lawmakers.

Sunset Commission members themselves said they do not expect the Legislature to disband the PUC, but called the vote a "strong message" for reform.

In its last meeting, on Dec. 17, the commission rejected a plan to improve the PUC by establishing a counsel to represent residential ratepayers and eliminating the fuel adjustment clause — an automatic pass-through to customers when fuel costs go up.

Supporters of the reform package vowed to try again. Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, tried to re-introduce the reform legislation Tuesday, but Sen. Ed Howard, D-Texasarkana and Sunset chairman, said the motion was out of order.

Caperton seemed ready to give up when former Legislative Budget Board Director Vernon McGee moved for abolition of the PUC.

"Our message was that the Public Utility Commission can only be viable if changes are made to keep the agency from being controlled by the industry," said Consumers Union Texas Director Carol Barger, a member of the Sunset committee.

The vote came after the commission approved minor changes in the Railroad Commission and State Board of Insurance — but voted to keep them.

Until Tuesday's action, the commission, which reviews all state agencies regularly, had produced no recommendation on the three-member PUC despite intense feelings and lengthy testimony about the agency.

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Air Force apologizes for closing Amarillo's airport

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The Air Force has apologized to this Panhandle city for the inconvenience caused by the crash of a C-141 transport plane, which sat disabled on the Amarillo International Airport main runway for 23 hours and halted all major airline traffic.

Force Base in Illinois, sent a telegram Tuesday to the Amarillo City Commission assuring officials the Air Force had given the clearing of the runway top priority.

The huge \$11 million jet was practicing touch-and-go landings at the airport Monday evening when the landing gear malfunctioned, forcing the jet to crash land in foam, said Don Johnson, spokesman for Oklahoma's Altus Air Force Base, where the plane was based.

Gen. James R. Allen, commander of the Military Airlift Command at Scott Air

Force Base in Illinois, sent a telegram Tuesday to the Amarillo City Commission assuring officials the Air Force had given the clearing of the runway top priority.

The couple also was told that if they were forced to spend an extra night in Amarillo, "they would not pay for our motel because it is a government plane that is causing the problem," she said.

Tower upset by nomination

The disabled plane forced the cancellation of 40 takeoffs and landings, and left 2,200 passengers stranded.

The plane was removed from the runway about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday after workers raised it on two 16-ton jacks, placed airbags underneath it, lowered the landing gear and towed it away, said airport manager Bill Wilson.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 45-minute meeting between U.S. Sen. John Tower and a White House official failed to resolve the impasse over the nomination of a new U.S. ambassador to the Central American nation of Belize, a Dallas newspaper reports today.

Continental, Southwest, American and Delta airlines were forced to either delay or cancel their flights to and from Amarillo.

None of the four crew members aboard was injured and the plane carried no passengers or cargo, Johnson said.

Tower was outraged over the proposed appointment of an El Paso optometrist S.L. Abbott and continues to back Brownsville businessman William Perrin for the post. The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions.

Planes weighing less than 33,000 pounds continued to use an auxiliary runway, said air traffic controller Larry Whisenhunt.

The jet crash-landed at 7:18 p.m. Monday at the airport, which was designed to handle Strategic Air Command bombers, but caused only minimal damage to the runway, airport officials said.

Tower, the Reagan administration's chief congressional ally on Pentagon matters, met Tuesday with White House Personnel Director Helene Von Damme, who reportedly tried to dissuade the senator from objecting to the nomination.

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A spokesman for Tower told The News "the White House has not yet sent a nomination to the Senate."

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Tower was angered because political protocol requires that the White House notify the home-state senator of its intention to name a Texan, and also because Tower recommended his own candidate for the same post two years ago.

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Asked what the next step would be, a White House official said, "Maybe some time for both sides to stand back and take another look at the situation."

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Tower, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, could invoke personal privilege and block consideration of the nomination.

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Sen. Tower recommended almost two years ago, at the outset of the administration, that Perrin be considered for an ambassadorship to Belize or another Central American country," said Will Ball, Tower's administrative assistant. "That remains his recommendation."

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The environment matter

Americans want their country to grow economically, but not at the expense of its environment.

That is the conclusion reached by Research and Forecasts Inc. after the firm conducted a nationwide survey, interviewing 1,300 members of the general public, 263 executives and 343 members of environmental groups.

The survey determined that 60 percent of those interviewed believe that environmental cleanups should be stressed, even if it means manufacturers have to charge more for their goods. Fifty five percent say pollution standards must be maintained even though some factories are forced to close.

Despite the fact that seven of 10 Americans have been adversely affected by the economic recession, 56 percent believe that environmental protection regulations are necessary, even if they slow production of energy. And 65 percent of those required want to keep sections of the U.S. in its natural state.

Asked about the current economic conditions, most of those interviewed demonstrated a strong sense of optimism.

Eight of 10 stressed that maintaining a strong national economy is among their top priorities, and seven of 10 believe government regulation of business usually does more harm than good. But they had those positions only if a decent regard is manifest for keeping the air and water clean and protecting the environment.

The survey was sponsored by the Continental Group, a forest products, insurance and energy company. The results show the company. The results show the public feels responsible growth is the right path toward the future, but protections for the environment remain an overriding concern with most Americans.

Points to ponder

Syndicated columnist William Murchison, who's based at the Dallas Morning News, has come up with a "compassion test" that just might be a thought-starter, to wit:

- (1) Is it compassionate to permit an inflation of nearly 300 percent in just 15 years' time?
 - (2) Is it compassionate to let federal taxes rise apace (the phenomenon called "bracket creep"), eating up pay raises as fast as they can be dispensed, and hindering, if not discouraging, the creation of new wealth?
 - (3) Is it compassionate to sit back and watch the American standard of living stagnate for a whole decade?
 - (4) Is it compassionate to promise more Social Security benefits than Social Security taxes, even at today's lofty levels, can finance?
 - (5) Is it compassionate, through inflation and a tangled tax code, to discourage savings, meaning private provision for private needs and necessities?
 - (6) Is it compassionate to leave all the foregoing problems unattended for so long that solutions are harder and more painful than would earlier have been necessary?
 - (7) Is it compassionate to duck the above questions by raving about the other fellow's lack of compassion?
- Seven "nos" get you an "A" in common sense. Unfortunately, representatives of both major parties have been flunking the test for years.

OPINION PAGE

Berry's World



The end of a bad year

By ANTHONY HARRIGAN

Nineteen eighty two marked the end of the era of great economic expectations. It was the most difficult year since 1932, save for the years of World War II when the nation was struggling for its survival.

It was a year of downturn and downward momentum. In the course of the year, Americans ceased to believe in a quick and painless turnaround. President Reagan has referred to the high unemployment as "extraordinarily tragic." So it is. For all the years after 1945 American expected full employment.

The downturn isn't President Reagan's fault. He inherited a terrible mess. He is absolutely right when he points the finger of blame at his predecessors in the office who permitted and encouraged profligate public spending. Dwight Eisenhower was the last President to insist on strict economy in government. For twenty years, liberal

administrations have been busy buying votes with giveaway programs. The Nixon administration had an opportunity to end all that but failed to do so.

During this period, the United States gave away or loaned vast sums to numerous countries around the world. The U.S. continues to give or "lend" billions of dollars to Israel and Egypt, for example, though America can't afford to do so. In effect, the U.S. has subsidized the recent war in Lebanon. Indirectly, it is paying the bills. And the Lebanese now want Uncle Sam to pick up the tab for reconstruction.

The U.S. also has loaned money to unstable countries that are now finding it almost impossible to pay interest, let alone principal. The nation's great banks have been equally irresponsible. They made bad loans totalling many billions. We are very likely to see huge taxpayer-financed bailout operations for these banks.

This is the grim reality with which President Reagan has to struggle. Under the circumstances, full economic

recovery is a long way off. Things may get worse before they get better.

The older generation of Americans remember hard times and are better prepared to deal with it, at least psychologically. Young Americans have no memory of hard times and will find the adjustment very difficult. It long has been assumed that austerity is something that other countries have to practice.

The U.S. will come through the years of hardship and austerity because it is a basically rich country, rich in human and natural resources. But Americans will have to revise their ideas and attitudes considerably. They will have to learn to do with less. They have to understand the imperative necessity of higher productivity and leanness in business. They have to insist on the dismantlement of much of the governmental edifice, otherwise they will suffer more, and recovery will be delayed even longer.

Let's hope Americans learn to adjust very quickly.

Behind natural gas prices

By Robert Walters

INDIANAPOLIS (NEA) — To understand why the cost of natural gas used as home heating fuel is soaring at a phenomenal rate, it's necessary to recall a series of extraordinary events which occurred almost six years ago.

Throughout the Midwest and Northeast, during the winter of 1976-77, the high temperature recorded here in Indianapolis was exactly zero — and the low was minus 20 degrees.

The pipeline companies which transport natural gas from the Southeast and Southwest faced their fifth consecutive year of shortages and were able to deliver less than three-fourths of the gas sought by local gas utilities (also known as distribution companies) throughout the nation.

Those severe gas shortages forced the closing of thousands of schools and factories. Approximately 500,000 workers

were temporarily jobless. Here in Indiana, the governor declared a state of emergency.

Determined to prevent a recurrence of those calamitous circumstances, the interstate pipeline companies signed long-term agreements with the producers of natural gas which assured a more reliable supply in the future but, in effect, obligated the pipeline companies to buy gas at almost any price.

Those companies, which act as wholesalers or middlemen between the producers and the local distributors, have little incentive to control their costs because of the scandalous conditions under which they are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

FERC procedures allow the pipelines to submit, every six months, Purchased Gas Adjustment filings which allow them to automatically pass through to their customers, the local

utilities, the cost increases imposed by the producers. Although FERC has the power to challenge those filings, it seldom scrutinizes and almost never contests them.

The local utilities, in turn, have authority in most states to automatically pass along their higher costs to their customers, in the form of Fuel Adjustment Clause increases.

At the end of the line is the hapless consumer who is faced with a noncompetitive situation in which natural gas is provided by only one local utility company at an uncontested — and constantly rising — price.

The Citizen-Labor Energy Coalition, which examined rate increases submitted to FERC by 16 major pipelines during the four-month period from July through October of this year, estimates that those price hikes will cost the country's gas users at least \$2.3 billion this winter alone.

Families using natural gas to heat their homes currently are paying \$5.60 to \$5.70 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) compared with \$1.06 per Mcf in 1973, \$2.26 per Mcf in 1977 and \$4.56 per Mcf last year.

But the current round of increases is occurring when the supply of natural gas is plentiful and overall demand is declining — down about 3 percent from last year, according to the Department of Energy.

There is, in fact, so much natural gas available that many wells have been temporarily capped and in some areas excess gas is being "flared" or burned off at the wellhead — yet the price continues to escalate.

The case for dense pack

By William A. Rusber

NEW YORK (NEA) — In the midst of the congressional infighting on President Reagan's "dense pack" proposal for deploying the MX missile, the American people are entitled to know the deadly chance the president's opponents would have us take.

The argument for deploying the MX in a "dense pack" is complicated but not utterly beyond human comprehension. Suppose you and your family are trapped in a room with a certified bad guy and his family. You have three guns: one accurate enough to knock a gun out of the bad guy's hand, the other two only accurate enough to kill his family. The bad guy is similarly equipped. You have no intention of shooting first, but what if he does? His accurate gun could knock your accurate gun out of your hand. You would then, of course, still have the option of killing his family. At that point, however, he would also kill yours, so what would be the purpose? You might as well surrender.

But what if you had a way of protecting your accurate gun so the bad guy couldn't knock it out of your hand? Installing such protection would logically deter the bad guy from trying to pull a fast one, and might even induce him to discuss scrapping or at least reducing the two weapons systems.

"Dense pack" is designed to provide that sort of protection for our highly accurate land-based missiles. (These missiles are our "accurate gun," capable of knocking out Soviet missile silos. Our sea and air-launched missiles are our other two guns, only accurate enough to hit Russian cities.)

The opponents of "dense pack," who I am sorry to see include my colleague and fellow conservative James Jackson Kilpatrick, raise three basic objections.

First, they say, we can't be positive that "dense pack" would actually protect enough of our land-based missiles against a Soviet first strike. And this is technically true, since the technique has never been tested and probably can't be effectively tested except in actual use. The theory, which certainly seems sound enough, is that if our missiles are

buried in silos close enough together, incoming Soviet missiles trying to destroy them would necessarily interfere with each other. This isn't as iffy as it sounds: Missiles in a first strike must, to be effective, explode simultaneously or nearly so, and an exploding missile needs plenty of room in which to do its dirty work.

But still, it's a trick untried. The question, however, is: Who would have the most to lose by the uncertainty? We couldn't be positive it would work, but the Russians would be far from certain that it wouldn't. In such circumstances, they would not dare risk a first strike.

The second big argument against "dense pack" is its cost: about \$27 billion. Kilpatrick, at least, acknowledges that we must pay for whatever defense we really need, regardless of its cost, but then he vanishes in a puff of smoke.

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Taking a look at a silentcrippler and killer

By JOHN C. GUSTAVSEN
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A young man's severe brain injuries left him partially paralyzed, blind, speechless and unable to function without constant supervision.

Another man appeared normal but can no longer withstand the rigors of academic life and has abandoned a career as a college professor.

Both suffer from the effects of traumatic brain injury, a "silent epidemic" that experts say may afflict more people than the total number of victims of cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and spinal cord injury combined.

Nationally, 500,000 people survive severe traumatic brain injury each year. Between 30,000 and 50,000 never return to normal life, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Most TBI victims are male, between the ages of 15 and 30, says the Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group, Inc., a private, non-profit organization, based in Norwich. Sixty

percent are injured in motor vehicle crashes and another 14 percent are hurt in falls or sports. The rest are victims of assaults, gunshot wounds, swimming and bicycle accidents, and child abuse.

Their injuries range from a bump on the head to severe blows.

For many, like the former college professor who bears no outward sign of injury, life is filled with misunderstanding, frustration and withdrawal.

"I have a young woman who was a respiratory therapist and now she is unemployed because she's so fatigued she can no longer work a full day," said Jean Harkens, director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group.

Often TBI victims are misdiagnosed as mentally retarded, she said. They usually cannot hold a job because employers cannot cope with their special needs for repeated and explicit instructions.

Because of their dependence they place financial and emotional burdens on their families. "People who formerly

lived in a better way, they must now accept doles in order to get by," Ms. Harkens said.

The injuries frequently result in a rebounding of the brain within the skull, leading to damage far from the initial injury location.

Since specific areas of the brain control various intellectual and physical functions, each injury usually produces a unique set of problems. They can include temporary or permanent disability in concentration, memory, learning, abstract thinking, social adjustment, oral and written communication and physical coordination.

Because of the complexity of brain injury, complicated and individualized rehabilitation programs are needed. But until recently, treatment consisted mainly of neurosurgery and convalescence.

"Many ... hospitals have established separate head injury

units in recognition of the fact that very special therapeutic approaches are required," said Dr. Martin L. Spivack, president of the National Brain Injury Foundation based in Framingham, Mass.

"Even in these units, however, there are rarely personnel trained to treat the cognitive and behavioral" problems that arise in the patients, he said.

Still, the medical profession is convinced that the condition of the traumatic brain injured can be improved, although treatment and rehabilitation require long periods of time and can be difficult to ascertain.

In Connecticut, Gov. William O'Neill has appointed a task force to study existing services, possible alternative programs, and the need for financial and other forms of assistance to families of victims.

Texas author writes science fiction here

By DORIS DANIEL
The Lufkin Daily News

CHIRENO, Texas (AP) — Ardath Mayhar lives in a typical rural East Texas setting, but she works in a world of imagination, writing science fiction.

Her house sits on wooded acreage in this community near the Attoyac River. A swarm of cats, one companionable dog and two goats live on the place with Mrs. Mayhar and her husband of 24 years, Joe, who operates a Nacogdoches service station. The farm atmosphere ends at the front door.

Inside, Mrs. Mayhar taps out her books at an electric typewriter, listening to tapes of Mozart or Beethoven. The characters that take shape on her pages exist light years away from East Texas, and their stories unfold only in the imagination.

She writes full time, several hours a day, and has published five books this year, including two reprints of previous works.

Her most recent books are set in distant galaxies, and her characters are better than ordinary. Mrs. Mayhar says she likes to keep the plots suitable for young readers.

"I like to write about people as they can be, not as they are," she said. "My books are for a general readership. Three books by the Atheneum Publishing Co. are in a young adult (student) series. All of my books, not just those three, are suitable for young readers."

Mrs. Mayhar creates treacherous worlds for her characters, but in those worlds good combines with courage to win out over evil. Her "Golden Dream: A Fuzzy Odyssey," features the Fuzzies, furry, 2-foot-tall creatures that walk upright and are at least as intelligent as humans.

She wrote "Golden Dream" at the request of an editor at Ace Books in New York, the book's publisher. The Fuzzies were invented by the late H. Beam Piper, and Ace asked Mrs. Mayhar to continue the series. She invented a language for the little creatures, who inspire affection and loyalty in humans.

Characters in "The Runes of the Lyre," published in September by Atheneum, communicate by linking minds. Music from a lyre wakes from centuries of sleep an ageless race of people to fight against evil.

These books and her two previous ones are set in distant galaxies. Fantastic plots and living adventures abound. Her characters feel joy and pain, grow fatigued

and disheartened and fight with righteous rage. The reader identifies with their feelings, especially in "Runes."

Mrs. Mayhar, the mother of two sons and two stepsons, all now grown, said she has not stopped learning since she stopped her formal education on graduation from Nacogdoches High School.

She operated a Nacogdoches County dairy for 15 years, and was a newspaper proofreader, reading and studying all the while. She has studied seven different languages, as well as geology, sociology, genetics and ecology.

Mrs. Mayhar made her first literary sale, a poem, at the age of 19.

"I soon found out there was little monetary reward for writing poetry, but that was what interested me. Twenty-five years later I wrote my first fantasy science fiction, and I was hooked," she said.

"I had discovered what interested me more than poetry — and I could even sell my work."



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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My sister's husband has always liked me. That's the problem. He likes me more than I want him to. He has propositioned me in the past, but I've always been able to put him in his place without making a scene. (I'm separated from my husband.) Thanksgiving night at my mother's he cornered me in the kitchen, and I had to threaten him with a butcher knife to keep him from forcing himself on me. He smeared my lipstick and tore my dress. (I said I was chilly and put on my coat so nobody would notice.)

On another family occasion, he followed me into the bedroom, locked the door and tried to rape me! He keeps

telling me he "loves" me. I can't stand the sight of that man, but we are thrown together constantly because he's family.

I can't tell my sister because they have three children and she loves him. Besides, I don't want to hurt her. It's a terrible strain to keep out of his way. He's even called me at work and tried to talk me into seeing him. He's making a nervous wreck of me. What should I do?
FEELS TRAPPED

DEAR FEELS: Tell your sister. Her husband needs help. Attempted rape is nothing to sweep under the carpet. If he's tried it with you, he's probably tried it with others — and maybe succeeded. Family or not, he should be exposed for what he is.

DEAR ABBY: Is it ever OK for a man to wear his hat in a restaurant? I'm dating a Texan who always keeps his cowboy hat on while we're eating out. We go to nice places,

and sometimes people look at him funny. By the way, he's not really a cowboy, but he always wears a cowboy hat. Thanks.

BETTY IN GREENWICH, CONN.

DEAR BETTY: Unless your Texan is an Orthodox Jew, he should remove his hat while dining.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column you asked if there was a city known as "The Pita." Well, there is. And I am sending you a T-shirt bearing the message, "HIBBING, MINNESOTA — IT'S THE PITS!"

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DEAR BILL: Thanks for the neat T-shirt. (P.S. It fits.)

DEAR ABBY: Please tell that lamebrained idiot who is forcing his left-handed child to use her right hand that I am a v-v-victim of th-th-that ka-ka-kind of st-st-stupidity. FA-FA-FA-RANK

P.S. I could write a book on the damage caused by such ignorance, but for now, I think the above sentence says it all.

Texas cook preserves roots of country food

Scratch an urban dweller and you are likely to find someone who gets a little emotional over memories of chicken and dumplings, homemade chow-chow, fresh ham and biscuits and buttermilk pie. Country food, like country music, seems to be attracting a widening following.

American cuisine is familiar to people raised in rural surroundings or by parents who came from a farm background.

When Louise Dillow and her sisters and brother gathered at a family reunion in Corsicana three years ago, they reminisced about the magic their mother, Bertha Blackwell, had performed on her cookstove during the Depression years.

"We wondered if our own children, facing threats of a new depressing and energy shortage and accustomed to every modern convenience, could do as well," Dillow recalls. They realized that the old recipes would be lost forever if someone didn't write them down.

The result is Mrs. Blackwell's Heart-of-Texas Cookbook, published by Corona Publishing Company of San Antonio and just out in a fourth printing. Subtitled "A Tasty Memoir of the Depression," it is more than a recipe book. It is, in the words of the foreword by Texas humorist John Henry Faulk, "a loving account of how a father and mother of nine children relied on the earth and hard work for their daily bread."

The central figure is Mother Blackwell. She served more than three meals a day; "love on a platter" is what she dished out, according to her daughter. She started cooking dinner right after breakfast. Her scribbled recipes, using "dibs" and "dabs" and handiuls and cooked on a wood-burning stove "until done," were painstakingly tested and translated into proper measurements by the author and her sister Deenie B. Carver.

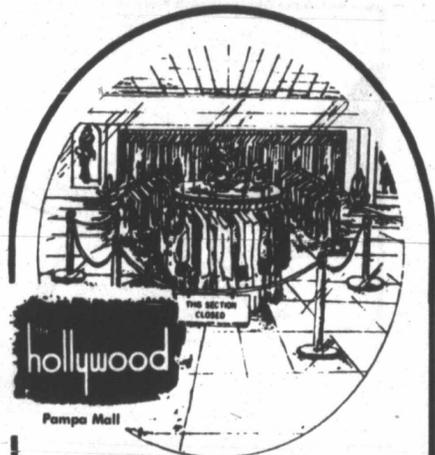
J. E. Blackwell, who lost his own farm just after World War I, supported the large family by raising cotton as a sharecropper and peddling eggs, butter, and homemade sausage. He made the family table and benches, on which 11 people sat down to eat at least twice a day. He also presided over hog-killing — usually on holidays. Comparing this with today's holidays and their focus on football, Mrs. Dillow ventures a sentiment that is downright heretical, especially in Texas:

"Given a choice between hog-killing and TV football on Thanksgiving, I'll take hog-killing," her father would say. The result at least was plenty of sausage, lard for frying — and cracklings: the solid substance left from the fat meat after the lard has been rendered out. Frequently these were mixed into cornbread batter.

Because farm cooking depended entirely on what was available at a given time, it could be fairly plain. Partly because of this, desserts took on a special importance. Frequently, two or more desserts might be prepared for the same meal. A long chapter of the cookbook is devoted to such sweet delights as green grape pie (made with unripe mustang grapes, not ordinary table varieties), peach cobbler, pecan cake, molasses taffy, fried pies, oatmeal quicks and apple

pudding. The ingredients might not suit today's diet-conscious cooks but the results were (and are) tremendously satisfying to the taste.

Before writing the cookbook, Louise Dillow was semiretired social worker who had never addressed more than a few dozen colleagues on professional matters.



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Creamy, dreamy Apple Cake

2 c. all-purpose flour
1/2 t. baking soda
1 t. cream of tartar
1/4 t. salt
Two 1/4-lb. sticks butter (1 cup)

3/4 c. sugar
1 t. vanilla
2 large eggs
Cream Cheese Filling.

recipe follows
Custard Topping, recipe follows
3 lbs. (9 med.) apples
(a variety that holds its shape)
1-3rd c. chopped pecans

Lightly wrap the outside of a 9- by 3-inch springform pan with 18-inch wide heavy weight foil so it covers the bottom and sides of the pan. Butter the inside sides of the pan.

On wax paper stir together flour, baking soda, cream of tartar and salt.
In a large bowl cream butter, sugar and vanilla; beat in eggs, then flour mixture, until blended. With a wide rubber spatula, spread batter over bottom and sides of prepared pan. Refrigerate.
Without washing the beater, make the Cream Cheese Filling and the Custard Topping.
Pare and core apples. In a food processor or with a knife, slice apples 1/4-inch thick.
Remove pan from refrigerator; spread the Cream Cheese Filling over bottom. Arrange apples over Filling. Pour Custard Topping over apples. Sprinkle with pecans. Bake on rack below center in a preheated 350-degree oven for 1 hour;

cover top with a sheet of foil; continue baking until a cake tester inserted in center comes out clean — 1 hour longer. Place pan on rack to cool completely; remove foil; with a small metal spatula loosen sides and remove band. Serve at room temperature.
Cream Cheese Filling: In a small bowl beat together until blended two 8-ounce packages cream cheese (at room temperature), 2 teaspoons vanilla, 1-3rd cup sugar and 2 teaspoons heavy cream.
Custard Topping: In a small bowl beat together until blended 1 cup minus 2 teaspoons heavy cream, 2 large eggs, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg.

American food matches any other nation's

With all the fuss today about the gourmet delicacies of France, Italy, China and other foreign lands, it is refreshing to see tribute paid to the cooking of America.

For the past two years, America's leading cranberry producer has been hosting a Salute to American Food Awards dinner, showing that our best dishes can stack up with those of any nation.

The event honors chefs, restaurants and food stores who have helped to develop our culinary heritage and to establish a uniquely American cuisine.

The result has been a mouthwatering assortment of dishes that are basically our own. They include recipes obtained from American Indians, formulas for pioneer specialties handed down by our forefathers and a dazzling array of regional masterpieces.

Indian cooking posed something of a problem, since there are few such restaurants operating. One American Indian couple whose tribal titles are Chief Roaring Bull and Princess Pretty Flower do run a restaurant in Rhode Island. They weighed in with such all-American dishes as pumpkin soup and Johnny cakes with maple syrup.

Food from pioneer days featured robust dishes like Western pit beef, wild rice soup and a tangy mixture of green chili peppers, diced tomatoes and garlic called salsa.

The most varied category was regional, which included such culinary treasures as New England clam chowder, New Orleans gumbo and that fabulous fish stew from San Francisco known as cioppino.

To me, one of the most interesting dishes was a pioneer recipe for cranberry steamed pudding, prepared by a country restaurant in Wisconsin. It was inspired by that state's thriving cranberry industry.

Wisconsin's Indians had enjoyed cranberries for centuries and the early settlers soon became fond of them.

Today, 30 percent of America's cranberry crop is grown on nearly 7,000 acres of Wisconsin marshland.

Here's the pudding recipe.
1 2-3rds cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/2 cup fresh cranberries
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 orange
1/2 cup soft butter
3/4 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/4 cup milk
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In medium bowl, sift flour, baking powder, salt, allspice and set aside. Chop cranberries and pecans. Grate orange rind and squeeze 1/4 orange juice, set

aside. In mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well. Alternately add flour mix, milk and orange juice with rind to creamed mixture and stir until smooth. Add cranberries and pecans. Grease 10 4-ounce custard cups and fill 2-3rds full. Cover cups with foil and place in deep pan. Pour 1 inch hot water into pan. Cover with foil and bake 25-30 minutes until firm. Serves 10.



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Chef inspired recipe

By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor
DINNER FOR FOUR
Pork Loin & Potatoes
Hot Broccoli Vinaigrette
Red Wine Pears & Coffee
RED WINE PEARS
Inspired by a famous French chef's recipe.
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup dry red wine
1/4 cup 35-proof domestic creme de cassis (black currant liqueur)
Juice of 1/2 medium lemon (about 2 tablespoons)
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 peppercorns
1 clove
4 medium Bosc pears (about 2 pounds)
In a straight-side, non-corrosive medium saucepan heat sugar, wine, cassis, lemon juice, vanilla, peppercorns and clove, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Pare pears but leave stems intact. Cut a small slice from the blossom end of each pear but leave uncored; stand upright in wine mixture; bring to a boil. Cover and simmer, turning pears on their sides and basting 2 or 3 times, until pears are tender when pierced with a fork — 20 to 30 minutes. Arrange pears upright in a serving bowl; pour wine mixture over them; cool, basting often. Chill. Makes 4 servings.

Two men held, another escapes in handcuffs after foreclosure melee

SPRINGFIELD, Colo. (AP) — Angry farmers who tried to halt a farm foreclosure sale with an egg-throwing demonstration broken up by tear gas say they were protesting federal policies that hurt the agricultural industry.

Two protesters remained behind bars today and a third escaped in handcuffs following the confrontation Tuesday on the courthouse steps, which drew farmers from as far away as Illinois and Missouri.

The demonstrators were trying to prevent the Federal Land Bank of Wichita from buying a 320-acre wheat and milo farm in southeastern Colorado owned by Jerry Wright, a founder of the American Agriculture Movement. The bank, which owned the deed, purchased the farm for about \$92,000, officials said.

Alton Warren, president of the Federal Land Bank Association of Lamar, Colo., said Wright was three years behind in his payments.

The American Agriculture Movement, which was founded in this southeast Colorado community five years ago and formed tractorcades to Washington to protest farm policies, organized Tuesday's protest, said Laurie Schroder of Campo, Colo., wife of another founder, Eugene Schroder.

Baca County Sheriff Willard Goff said Doug Goodpaster, 31, and his father, Jim Goodpaster, 56, both of Vilas, Colo., were charged with assault on a police officer.

Goff said one of the men was slightly injured and had been treated by a doctor. Neither was being allowed visitors because "we still feel under threat here," Goff said.

The third man arrested, Kinan Burk of Springfield, escaped by jumping out of a courthouse window while wearing handcuffs, Goff said.

In an interview on ABC Television's "Nightline" program, Wright admitted he owed the bank money. He said he was

unable to make the payments because of federal farm policies over which he had no control — including a grain embargo against the Soviet Union imposed by President Carter and lifted by President Reagan that forced grain prices down \$1 a bushel.

"That made the difference in my making the payments or not... I feel my constitutional rights have been violated here," Wright said, adding he would take his fight to the courts.

Farmers began gathering more than an hour before the demonstration. Scores of tractors were parked on both sides of Main Street, many with banners protesting the sale.

When County Treasurer Thelma Goodnight attempted to read public notice of the auction, the farmers began shouting "No sale! No sale!" Witnesses said deputies tried to leave the courthouse but were pushed back inside. Goff said he ordered the farmers to leave three times, but they refused.

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Rep. Rosenthal dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y., an early opponent of the Vietnam War who later became a crusader for consumers, died late Tuesday, the day after he was sworn for an 11th term. He was 59.

Rosenthal, who suffered from cancer of the colon, was described by New York Mayor Edward Koch as "among New York's greatest legislators."

His death comes eight days after Rep.-elect Jack Swigert, R-Colo., died, leaving the House with 268 Democrats, 16 Republicans and two vacancies. No date has been announced for a special election to fill Rosenthal's seat.

Rosenthal's sharp tongue and abrasive personality made him unpopular with some fellow politicians, including former President Lyndon Johnson, who objected when Rosenthal called his administration a puppet of South Vietnam.

Rosenthal, whose district covered several middle-class neighborhoods in Queens, a New York City borough, was a lawyer. He was elected to Congress by 264 votes in a special February 1962 election.

In the last Congress he served on the Foreign Affairs Committee and the second-ranking Democrat on the panel's Middle East subcommittee, where he was an ardent champion of Israel.

He chaired the Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee. He fought a losing, 14-year battle to establish a federal consumer protection agency.

Rosenthal's cancer was diagnosed in 1980. He underwent surgery in 1981, and aides maintained his illness was under control after that.

Agnew payment removes Maryland stain

BALTIMORE (AP) — Former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's payment of \$268,482 to compensate for kickbacks he allegedly took while governor and vice president helps "remove a stain" from Maryland, the state attorney general says.

Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs handed a cashier's check from Agnew's attorney to the state treasurer at a Tuesday news conference, marking the end of an unusual case started by a group of law students in 1976.

The \$268,482 represented compensation for \$147,500 in kickbacks Agnew was accused of

receiving from engineers seeking highway contracts, plus interest.

"It helps to remove a stain Maryland's reputation suffered," Sachs said.

Agnew resigned in disgrace as vice president in 1973 after pleading no contest to a federal tax-evasion charge. In return the U.S. Justice Department — which said Agnew had even accepted payoffs in his White House office — agreed not to press bribery, extortion and conspiracy charges against him.

Agnew continues to maintain his innocence, but said he agreed to make the court-ordered repayment because

an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court showed "no realistic chance of success."

The compensation lawsuit was filed by three Maryland taxpayers at the urging of George Washington University law students.

The students, required as part of a course to bring a legal action, believed Agnew had not been punished enough for his "no contest" tax-evasion plea. He had been fined \$10,000 and put on probation for three years.

Agnew was governor of Maryland when he became Richard M. Nixon's running mate in the 1968 presidential elections.

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 - 4 Guevara
 - 7 Baby bear
 - 10 Petroleum derivatives
 - 12 Pigeon sound
 - 14 Arrival-time guess (abbr.)
 - 15 Sooner state (abbr.)
 - 16 Put on solid food
 - 17 Angle measure (abbr.)
 - 18 Minor
 - 20 Roman deity
 - 22 Clobbered
 - 24 Hot spring
 - 26 Crossbar
 - 30 Gash
 - 31 Italian affirmative
 - 32 Cloth scrap
 - 33 Doctrine adherent (suffix)
 - 34 Dorothy's destination
 - 36 Trouble
- DOWN**
- 1 Cold
 - 2 Travel on foot
 - 3 Infirmities
 - 4 Shelled animals
 - 5 Go swiftly
 - 6 Legislature
 - 7 Yield
 - 8 American Indians
 - 9 Luggage item
 - 11 Bold
 - 13 Leg joint
 - 19 Printer's measure (pl.)
 - 21 Genetic material
 - 23 3-element tube
 - 24 Wait
 - 25 Diminutive suffix
 - 27 Medical picture (comp. wd.)
 - 28 Boys
 - 29 Concert
 - 30 On same side
 - 35 Island New
 - 38 Type of cross
 - 40 Weep
 - 41 Broad necktie
 - 43 Fervent appeal
 - 44 Australian capital
 - 45 Coin-operated phone
 - 46 Unclosed
 - 48 Selves
 - 49 Arm bone
 - 50 Defray
 - 51 Spanish hero
 - 53 Of God (Lat.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Astro-Graph
by bernice bede osol

It behooves you this coming year to raise your sights and set loftier goals for yourself than you have previously. What you envision and believe you can attain will be your reality. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your chances for success will be greatly enhanced today if you try to include others in what you hope to accomplish. Think in terms of "We" Order now: the NEW Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel and booklet which reveals romantic combinations, compatibilities for all signs, tells how to get along with others, finds rising signs, hidden qualities, plus more. Mail \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019 Send an additional \$1 for your Capricorn Astro-Graph predictions for 1983. Be sure to specify birth date.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have the ability today to "woo" the spirits of friends who need a boost. Lay it on gusto if a pal does something warranting a compliment.

PESSES (Feb. 20-March 20) Out-of-the-ordinary circumstances or sudden shifts in conditions tend to work for your benefit today. Be alert for unusual signals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others will find you a very desirable companion today. You'll know how to make all whom you encounter feel important. You'll bring out the best in them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Co-workers may coast a bit today, but your efforts will be

on fulfilling your ambitions. They'll gain nothing of consequence; you could reap substantial rewards.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your skills as a promoter or entrepreneur will be evident today. You should have no trouble in gaining support for projects about which you're enthusiastic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not be apprehensive about the outcome of a commercial nature. Hold positive thoughts. Time will prove you lucky.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your decisions today should work out well for all concerned. Your judgments won't be based on what's good for you alone, but on what's good for others, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your material prospects look extremely encouraging today. There should be several avenues open for personal gain. Tap each one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your peers may talk about doing nice things for others today, but you are likely to be the person who says little, yet gets the deeds done. Good going!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're a force to be reckoned with today if you operate behind the scenes without making your moves too evident. Help in quiet ways.

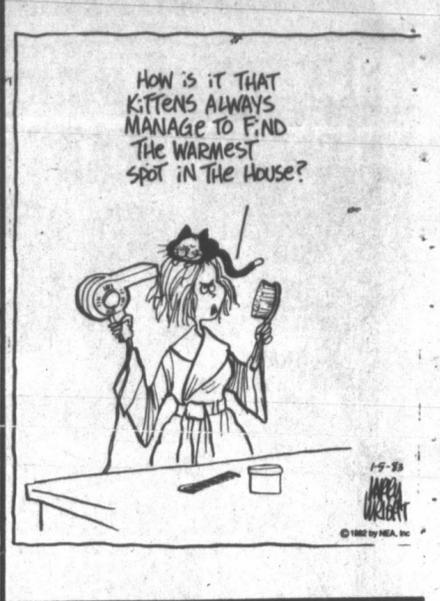
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The impression you make today will be both favorable and lasting. Too bad you won't be present to hear all the nice things being said about you.

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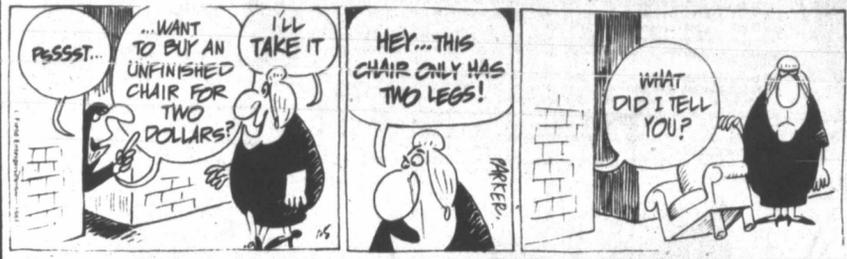
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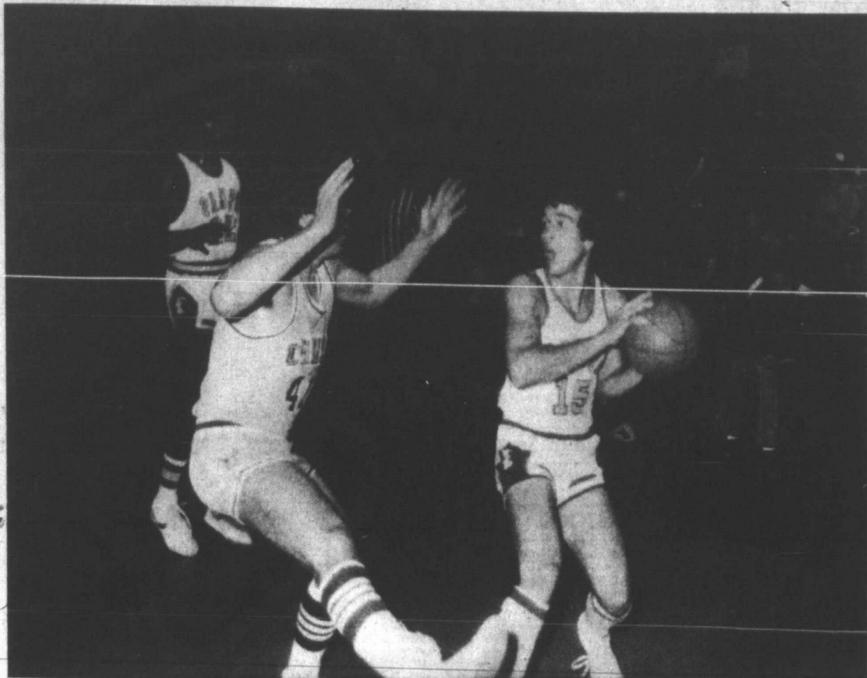


PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz



Looking for Help



Pampa guard Terry Ferguson (15) looks for an open teammate to pass to during the District 1-4A game with Canyon Tuesday night. Ferguson scored six points as Pampa won, 65-49. (Staff Photo by Bruce Lee Smith)

But Girls Lose

Harvesters roll past Canyon, 65-49

Pampa's first outing of 1983 wasn't exactly a model performance, but it was still good enough for a lopsided 65-49 District 1-4A win over Canyon Tuesday night in Harvester Fieldhouse.

Offensively, the Harvesters couldn't shoot better than 40.3 percent from the floor, but defensively dominated the visiting Eagles.

Pampa is now 13-3 overall and a perfect 2-0 in Joop play so far. Canyon drops to 6-10 and 1-1.

Mike Nelson and Coyle Winborn combined for 42 points for the Harvesters, who led by 12 points at halftime and as much as 21 in the second half. Nelson, hitting 9 of 19 attempts from the floor, finished with 24 points. Winborn tossed in 18 points and, along with teammate Phil Jeffrey, dominated play underneath the basket.

Jeffrey added seven points while Terry Ferguson had six. Craig Chapin five, Marty Cross four and Al Buchanan one.

Jim Gruhley led Canyon with 12 points while Greg Allen chipped in 10.

Canyon hit only 21 of 54 shots from the field (38.8 percent) for the night and 7 of 10 from the foul line (70 percent). However, the Eagles didn't make a trip to the free throw line the second half as Pampa committed only two fouls. The Harvesters downed 15 of 22 shots from the foul line for 72.7 percent.

According to the latest basketball rankings released by the Fort Worth Star Telegram, the Harvesters are ranked second in the state in Class 4A. Waxahachie is ranked No. 1 with a 15-2 record.

Canyon overpowered Pampa in the girls' contest, 67-31.

Sally Walling led the victors with 20 points while Catana Black tossed in 18.

Canyon jumped out to a 24-4 first-quarter advantage.

"We had a real bad first quarter and the Canyon coach said it was the best quarter they've had all year," Pampa Coach Jerry Johnson said.

Keva Richardson led Pampa with nine points while Whitney Kidwell added six, Gaye Hendricks five, Treca George four, Kerri Richardson three, Debi Young and Laura Day, two points apiece. Young pulled down nine rebounds while Keva Richardson had six.

"We missed 18 free throws," Johnson said. "It could have been a much closer game if we could have hit them."

Pampa is now 2-11 overall and 1-3 in Joop play. Canyon is 11-5 and 3-1.

Both Pampa squads travel to Lubbock Friday night for district contests with Estacado.

David McQueen tossed in 20 points as Pampa defeated Canyon, 64-51, in the boys' junior varsity game.

The Shockers are now 9-4 overall and 2-0 in district play.

Gaylon Faggins and Rodney Young added 18 points apiece for the Shockers, who play Lubbock Estacado JV there at 4 p.m. Friday.

After a slow start, the Shockers are starting to mold together as a team, according to Coach Frank McCullough. The Shockers lost their first three games, but bounced back to win nine of their last 10 outings.

McQueen, Faggins, Young, Troy West and Jeff Gaines have been the starting five for Pampa. McCullough said John Tarpley, Chris Comer, A.B. Del Bosque, David Jackson, Gary Workman and Cleve Deason are doing an outstanding job coming off the bench.

"All of these young men are doing a great job and are a pleasure to coach," McCullough said. "We've set our goal to win the JV district championship."

Cougars win SWC opener over Aggies

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ AP Sports Writer

The Houston Cougars are resisting the urge to jump up and click their heels and make reservations for the NCAA playoffs.

The 19th ranked Cougars romped to an 84-61 victory over Texas A&M in the Southwest Conference basketball opener for both teams Tuesday night, vaulting to an early 33-12 lead against the stunned Aggies.

"I'm not real excited about tonight," Houston Coach Guy Lewis said. "We've got 15 more to go."

The Cougars, now 9-2, hit 13 of their final 16 shots in the first half to take a 47-22 lead and the Aggies never recovered.

"We played pretty good defense in the first half," Lewis said. "Any time you can hold a team like that to 22 points, you're doing a pretty darn good job. I felt like we could win, but I never dreamed we'd get out by that much."

Larry Micheaux and Clyde Drexler each hit six of eight from the field in the first half to lead the decisive assault. Drexler finished with 19 points, while Michael Young hit 15 and Akem Abdul Olajuwon scored 10 points and got 17 rebounds.

Micheaux hit 11 of his 13 shots from the field for a season-high 84.6 percent from the field. He too, is keeping his head out of the clouds.

Area Cage Roundup

White Deer cagers sweep Miami

MIAMI—White Deer posted an easy 79-47 decision over Miami in area high school basketball action Tuesday night.

Larry Martin led White Deer with 17 points while Shannon Sanders followed with 14.

Kirk Gray had 13 points for Miami while David Scott added 11.

White Deer came from behind the second half to win the girls' contest, 45-34.

Chris Urbanczyk led the winners with 10 points while Kay Ford chipped in eight.

Miami's Haley Clark had a game-high 17 points. Mary Ann Gill added 10.

LEFORS—Monte Basket scored 25 points to lead Lefors to a 47-43 win over Mobeetie Tuesday night.

Lefors had to hold off a fourth-quarter rally by Mobeetie after the Pirates had led by 15 after three quarters.

Cody Allison added 10 for Lefors.

Wade Hathaway led Mobeetie with 21 points while Mike Kelsey followed with 11.

Mobeetie notched a 30-9 win over Lefors in the girls' contest.

Kim Hathaway had 10 points for Mobeetie while Jamee Batton followed with eight.

Michella Gee and Cindy Stubbs had four and three points respectively for the losers.

Lefors is entered in the White Deer Tournament Thursday Friday and Saturday.

McLEAN—McLean rolled past Briscoe, 59-33, Tuesday night in basketball play Tuesday night.

Randall Wynn, a junior, sparked McLean with 18 points while Scott Stubbs added 15.

Gerald Gilbert led the losers with 15.

McLean posted a 59-21 win over Briscoe in the girls' game. Maria Eck and Staci

Smith had 11 and 10 points respectively for McLean.

P. Gilman had 11 points for Briscoe.

McLean is entered in the Wheeler Tournament, starting Thursday.

WHEELER—Billy Taylor poured in 30 points as Shamrock defeated Wheeler, 64-38, Tuesday night.

Scott Wright and Paul Hartman led Wheeler with 12

points each.

Wheeler was edged by Shamrock, 43-41, in the girls' game.

Mona Jennings had 16 points for Wheeler and Tracey Weaver had 13.

Liz Bryant's 24 points led Shamrock.

MEMPHIS—Memphis downed Groom, 63-48, Tuesday night behind a 24-scoring output by Kenneth

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Names in the News

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Peter Falk, star of the "Columbo" television series, caught the attention of a defendant when the actor stopped in to watch a real-life murder trial.

"I occasionally wander into a courtroom," Falk said Tuesday. "I hear this is a hot one."

When the prosecutor in the "Sunset Strip" murder trial asked defendant Douglas Clark if he knew the color and size of one victim's underwear, Clark initially said he had no idea other than what he had read in police files.

"After the prosecutor pressed the question, Clark said: 'It doesn't take a Columbo to figure out what size (she wore).'"

Clark, 34, has pleaded innocent in the 1980 shooting deaths of six young women, ranging in age from 15 to 24, who frequented nightclubs along Sunset Boulevard. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

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Raggedy Ann survives the death of her toy company

By RUTH BONAPACE

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All seemed well for the dolls' manufacturer, the Knickerbocker Toy Co., and executives expanded the operation by adding a warehouse here and renting plush new corporate offices in nearby Plainfield.

Then, "The Dukes of Hazzard" turned on them. The trouble started when some of the 60-year-old company's stalwarts, such as teddy bears and fuzzy bunnies, lost popularity. Knickerbocker turned to television for new ideas.

The company invested heavily in a line of products based on one of television's most popular adventure series, "The Dukes of Hazzard." Its faith in the car-racing hillbillies led to the manufacture of an entire line of products based on the show, including tiny cars launched by plastic wristbands.

When two of the serial's principal actors — Tom Wopat and John Schneider — quit last summer, viewers soured on the show and so did retailers. Returned shipments of Dukes toys began pouring into the warehouse.

"The Dukes of Hazzard" show was all the way up to (number) 3 or 4 in ratings, and we woke up one morning and it was way down," said Jeffrey Holmes, vice president of Warner Communications, the parent company of Knickerbocker as well as Warner Bros. Television, which produces "Dukes."

Wopat and Schneider settled their contract dispute with Warner Bros. last month and will return to the show later this season, but meanwhile, the program has slipped to near 30th place in the ratings.

"It caught them (Knickerbocker) by surprise. It caught us by surprise. 'Dukes' for a number of years was a very hot product," Holmes said. "You live and die with the success of the show. And in a year like this, with a deep recession, retailers are nervous and quick to cancel orders."

Warner, which took over the company five years ago, announced the day before Thanksgiving it would scrap the toy company, which analysts projected would end the year with a shortfall of up to \$30 million.

"Working here you can see they're not making money," said Cliff Jackson, a shipping clerk in Edison and one of 716 employees the company is laying off. "We're shipping it out and getting it back almost as fast."

"What it boils down to was Warner had a problem on its hands with Knickerbocker, of which the decline in popularity of 'The Dukes of Hazzard' was a very important aspect," said Fred Ansel, a Dean Witter Reynolds entertainment analyst. "I would presume they were stuck with a lot of inventory."

The company had come a long way from the day in 1922 when Leo S. White founded a "toy hospital" in New York City. White had a knack for latching onto time-enduring toys that sold well with little or no advertising and the company prospered.

In 1964, White was granted the exclusive rights to Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, dolls based on the books about a

lovable rag doll and her brother. He moved the company from New York City to New Jersey two years later and the company began its greatest period of growth.

Hobbie Hollie dolls, Snoopy dolls and a menagerie of Sesame Street characters were added to the inventory. The company's sales catalogue bulged to more than 90 pages.

When the firm folded, it was the largest manufacturer of stuffed toys in the world, according to Warner executives and industry experts.

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