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Spring board

How's that?

Buying books

Q. When is the next time I can buy books from the Howard County Library?

A. A small selection of books is always available for sale in the library lobby. A larger book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., said Donna Jackson, the children's and adult youth librarian.

Calendar

Chili cook-off

TODAY

• State Rep. Larry Don Shaw will sponsor a chili cook-off at 6:30 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barns. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$15 per family. For more information, call 263-7383.

• A public meeting to discuss the proposed Sunstar Raceway will be at 7 p.m. at the Park Inn.

• The Kentwood Country and Western Band will give a concert at 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Older Adult Center. The concert is open to the public.

• A blood drive will be until 6 p.m. at Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital, co-sponsored by the Rotary Club's Committee for Senior Citizens and Handicapped Persons.

FRIDAY

• The Forsan Study Club will have a smorgasbord 6-7:45 p.m. at the high school cafeteria, preceding the football game. The fee is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students, and \$2 for children under 12.

• A senior citizens' dance will be at 8 p.m. at Industrial Park building 487. It's will be birthday night, and everyone is urged to bring their favorite dish. The Country Jammers Band will play. Guests are welcome.

• The Jarvis Christian College Choir from Hawkins will sing Negro spirituals and sacred choral music at 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. There is no charge, and the public is invited.

• The Merry Mixers Square Dance Club will have a square dance at 8 p.m. at the Square Corral. James Moore will be the caller, and everyone is welcome.

• The Suez Shrine Temple is having its Fall Ceremonial today through Sunday at the Park Inn. On Saturday, there will be a parade at 10 a.m. starting on 10th and Main.

SATURDAY

• The official seasonal time change is 2 a.m. Sunday. Clocks should be set back one hour tonight.

• The annual Coahoma Region 2 high school rodeo begins at 2 p.m. at Coahoma Arena, one mile east of Coahoma. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children under 6.

• The Suez Shrine Temple will have a Shrine Parade on 10th and Main Streets beginning at 10 a.m.

• Marcy Elementary School will have its fall carnival. The rooms will be open from 6-9 p.m. and the kitchen from 5-8 p.m. A chili supper will be served. Advance tickets will be sold at 8:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday. Tickets are 30 cents each or four for \$1.

• Lakeview Headstart will have its Halloween Carnival from 1-6 p.m. at the Lakeview gym.

• Bauer Magnet School will have its Halloween Carnival today from 5-8 p.m. Hot dogs, frito pie and nachos will be sold.

SUNDAY

• The Coahoma high school rodeo continues beginning at 10 a.m. at Coahoma Arena.



Burglary ring involves juveniles

By SCOTT FITZGERALD
Staff Writer

Acting on information provided by an outside lead, a deputy sheriff's arrest of two 14-year-old female juveniles Wednesday night uncovered a burglary ring that may have involved juveniles working with adults, said Sheriff A.N. Standard this morning.

Deputies expected to arrest two adult male suspects sometime today. They were implicated during questioning of the two girls Wednesday night, Standard said.

"It looks like we've got contributing to the delinquency of a minor," Standard said concerning the case.

One of the girls arrested was on probation

for stealing an automobile in May and was to return to the Brownwood State Home and School today, said Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Margy Thompson.

She was transferred Wednesday night to Abilene's youth detention center after giving statements to sheriff's deputies, Thompson said.

The other girl remained in custody of her parents after she was arraigned before Justice of the Peace China Long.

Thompson said she would seek a court probation order for the girl instead of voluntary adjustment because of the seriousness of the child's offense — classified as a felony.

Under a court probation order, the juvenile offender would report directly to Thompson, instead of an agreement between the court and the parents.

The child would be classified as a first-time offender, Thompson said.

The deputy arrested the two girls Wednesday night in connection with a series of county burglaries in taverns that have occurred over the last two months.

A third female juvenile gave statements to sheriff's deputies this morning concerning her suspected involvement in the series of break-ins that have occurred at the Hideaway Lounge on the Snyder Highway and the Sunset Tavern on North Birdwell

Lane. Both taverns are located about one to two miles north of Big Spring.

One of the suspected offenders in the initial arrest gave statements concerning her involvement in the break-ins Sept. 19 and Wednesday night at the Hideaway Lounge. She told the deputy she had been involved on three different occasions with breaking into the Sunset Lounge during the last two months.

Deputies have recovered some of the stolen items that includes a vast amount of beer and other token items from the tavern, Standard said.

Social Security to see increase

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's 37.4 million Social Security beneficiaries will get a 1.3 percent benefit increase in January that will put an extra \$6 in the average retired worker's monthly check, the government said today.

It is by far the smallest annual increase since benefits were tied to the Consumer Price Index 11 years ago.

The elderly will also be paying more for Medicare coverage in 1987. The government announced Oct. 1 that the monthly premium for Part B of Medicare, which helps pay doctor bills and out-of-hospital services, will jump from \$15.50 to \$17.90 — a 15.5 percent increase — in January.

Health and Human Services Secretary Otis R. Bowen said the Social Security increase will appear in the checks that beneficiaries receive on Jan. 2, and also in the checks that 3.8 million Supplemental Security Income welfare recipients get on Dec. 31.

It means that the average Social Security pension for retired workers will climb from \$482 to \$488 a month.

The average elderly couple who are both drawing Social Security will get an \$11 increase, from \$822 to \$833 a month.

And the maximum Social Security benefit for someone retiring in 1986 at age 65 will climb by \$10, from \$760 to \$770.

It is the fourth straight year that

the benefit hike has been at an all-time low. The benefits went up 3.5 percent for both 1983 and 1984, and 3.1 percent for 1985. The peak year was 1980, when benefits soared 14.3 percent.

Social Security beneficiaries would have received no hike for 1986 had not Congress and President Reagan scrapped a trigger in the law that barred any benefit increase if inflation fell below 3 percent.

Reagan signed legislation Tuesday eliminating that trigger.

When benefits go up, so does the maximum amount of wages subject to the Social Security payroll tax.

The government will levy the 7.15 percent payroll tax on earnings up to \$43,800 in 1987, up from this year's \$42,000 cutoff. The tax rate does not change in 1987.

But the maximum tax on an individual worker will be \$3,131.70. That is \$128.70, or 4.2 percent, more than this year's top tax. Employers must pay the same amount.

The self-employed, who pay a 12.3 percent tax, will see their maximum tax rise by \$221.40 to \$5,387.40.

Some 8.5 million workers and self-employed persons who earn more than \$42,000 will be affected by the higher ceiling.

Social Security Commissioner Dorcas M. Hardy said her agency will send out notices to all beneficiaries about the increase.

"They will not have to take any action," she said.

Surgeon general gives AIDS prescription

By WARREN E. LEARY
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The surgeon general today recommended sex education in the schools and careful screening of sex partners as ways to reduce the rising risks of getting AIDS.

Dr. C. Everett Koop, in a report to the nation on acquired immune deficiency syndrome requested by President Reagan, said that so-called safe sex and education were the key weapons against the disease until vaccines and effective treatments are developed.

"AIDS is not spread by casual, non-sexual contact," Koop told a

news briefing. "New infections can be prevented if we, as individuals, take the responsibility of protecting ourselves and others from exposure to the AIDS virus."

Koop said many people, particularly the nation's youth and members of some minority groups, are not getting information about AIDS that is vital to their health.

Young people are not being educated because of reticence in dealing with subjects such as sex, sexual practices and homosexuality.

"This silence must end," Koop said. "We can no longer afford to sidestep frank, open discussions

about sexual practices — homosexual and heterosexual.

"Education about AIDS should start at an early age so that children can grow up knowing the behaviors to avoid to protect themselves from exposure to the AIDS virus," he continued.

Koop said this sex education should be centered in the home with parents, but that schools have to play a role when children start inquiring about sex — often when they are in the third grade.

AIDS, an incurable condition that results in destruction of the body's infection-fighting immune system, has been diagnosed in

26,566 Americans to date, 14,977 of whom have died. There is no effective treatment for the disease and no one is known to have survived it.

The virus that causes it, known as HTLV-3 or LAV, is spread through intimate contact with victims' bodily fluids, such as blood and semen, and more than 70 percent of cases have involved promiscuous male homosexuals. Other high-risk groups include intravenous drug abusers and those receiving infected blood or blood products.

Koop said more efforts have to be made to reach minority populations who have a disproportionate

number of AIDS cases.

"While blacks represent only 12 percent of the U.S. population, 25 percent of all people with AIDS are black," he said. "Another 12 percent of AIDS patients are Hispanic, while this group comprises only six percent of the population."

The surgeon general noted that promiscuity plays a large role in the spread of AIDS among homosexuals, and is a factor in heterosexual transmission.

Single copies of the report are available from the U.S. Public Health Service by writing: AIDS, P.O. Box 14252, Washington, D.C., 20044.

Man injured in store fire

Anthony's manager F.D. McDonald was in stable condition at Scenic Mountain Medical Center this morning, a hospital spokeswoman said, after he was injured in a fire at the store.

McDonald suffered second degree burns on his hands and face when he battled through the fire to open the back door to allow firemen access to the blaze, said Assistant Fire Chief Burr Lea Settles.

Anthony's suffered an estimated \$20,000 to \$30,000 damage from the flames, and extensive smoke damage to the rest of the store, he said.

The fire department responded to the fire at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, according to fire reports.

Although the store was open, few customers were there, Fire Chief Carl Dorton said. About 12 people had been evacuated when the fire department arrived, he said.

Settles said the fire was in the freight receiving area, and it climbed up the wall to the roof. McDonald used a fire extinguisher to eliminate some of the flames to get to the back door, he said.

Anthony's is closed indefinitely, according to employee John Gordon. Corporate officials are expected to visit later today.

"It's a wonder (McDonald) didn't get hurt worse," Settles added.

Smoke inhalation is a danger, he said, explaining that most people who die in fires actually succumb to smoke inhalation.

In addition, toxic fumes are



Smoke rolls from Anthony's clothing store in a fire Wednesday night which fire department officials said caused extensive damage. Police Sgt. Pam Jordan, lower right, cautions a passer-by.

often released. Plastic, especially, is a danger because it causes toxic phosgene gas, he said. Phosgene is a colorless, volatile, poisonous liquid or gas

often found in the production of glass, dye, resins and plastics.

The cause of the fire hasn't been determined, he said, but no foul play is suspected.

Chamber '87 president, vice president elected

By SPENCER SANDOW
Staff Writer

Troy Fraser will be the 1987 Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce president, and Drew Mouton will be vice president.

Chamber board members elected the two at its Wednesday meeting. The board also voted for Glen Fillingim to remain treasurer and LeRoy Tillery executive vice president. Fraser and Mouton will be inducted at the chamber's annual awards banquet in February.

The board recognized new members Richard Atkins, Charles Beil, Steve Fraser, John Freeman and Tammy Stripling.

In other business, the board: Voted to begin a "grass roots" effort to change county elections to a nonpartisan basis, as recommended by the Governmental Affairs committee, chaired by Scott McLaughlin.

McLaughlin said county elections should be conducted in the same manner as city and

school district elections, without political primaries.

He said he believes electing county candidates through the party primary system is unjust. Most voters choose the party to vote for by looking at state candidates, he said.

"You don't get a proper turn-out for the local candidates," he said.

In addition, there would be economic advantages to changing the system, he said.

The Chamber is considering tactics for accomplishing this goal, including seeking statewide support for the measure through other chambers of commerce.

McLaughlin said approaching state representatives with the matter would be ineffective because most of them were elected through the party primary system.

Voted to have a membership drive contest Nov. 21-22, with the board of directors competing against the Ambassadors and Blue Blazers. The officers of the losing team



Chamber of Commerce president John Arrick, right, speaks with Troy Fraser, who was elected 1987 president at the Chamber meeting Wednesday.

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Nation

By Associated Press

Road hunters foiled

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Deer hunters who do their stalking and shooting from the front seat of a pickup truck may be in for a rude surprise.

"We've got some foam deer that we've covered with a real deer hide," wildlife official Harold Hurst said. "We set them up and have our officers hiding nearby and when someone comes along to do a little road hunting, we catch them."

It's illegal to hunt deer from a vehicle, but it's a common violation and one of the hardest to stop, Hurst, director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's west Tennessee region, said Wednesday.

"We're using the dummies sparingly, but it's one of our most effective ways to stop it," he said. "We've had a real problem with people doing all their hunting from the road."

"It's hard to catch them. You'll see a pickup driving down a road real slow and you know that they're waiting for a deer, but you can't do anything about it unless you actually see them do it."

Gunman surrenders

KENSINGTON, Md. — A gunman who barricaded himself with a hostage inside the Mormon Temple near the Capital Beltway outside Washington for more than 12 hours surrendered to police this morning, a spokesman said.

Clarence Leake, 29, of Harrisonburg, Va., surrendered to authorities about 8:50 a.m., said Montgomery County Police spokesman Harry Geehreng.

A second captive was released about 3:15 this morning, said George Luddington, a Montgomery County Police spokesman.

Leake and his remaining hostage, who was not identified, came out of a room inside the temple with their hands up and surrendered to police, Geehreng said. No shots were fired, and no one was injured.

New virus discovered

WASHINGTON — Researchers have discovered a new, herpes-like virus they say may prove to be the cause of some human diseases.

The virus, discovered by a prominent group of AIDS researchers at the National Cancer Institute, does not appear to play a direct role in acquired immune deficiency syndrome even though it was found in some patients with related conditions, they say.

Dr. Robert C. Gallo, a co-discoverer of the virus which causes AIDS, said Wednesday the new virus was picked up by his research team using methods developed to look for viruses that might be related to AIDS infections.

However, he noted in an interview, the new virus appears to be a member of the herpes family and not the retrovirus family to which the AIDS virus belongs.

Copter crash

New York reporter killed

NEW YORK (AP) — A million people heard a reporter scream "Hit the water!" as her helicopter crashed into the Hudson River during a rush-hour traffic report, killing her and critically injuring the pilot.

It was the second crash this year for WNBC traffic reporter Jane Dornacker, 40, who swam to safety with another person in April after their helicopter plunged into the Hackensack River in New Jersey.

Ms. Dornacker, a successful comedian and an actress who had a minor role in the movie "The Right Stuff," was afraid to fly for several months after the earlier crash, colleagues said.

She was giving a routine update on traffic at the Lincoln Tunnel at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday when she paused, then screamed at pilot William Pate, "Hit the water! Hit the water! Hit the water!"

But the chopper struck the sidewalk and a chain-link fence before falling into the river next to the U.S.S. Intrepid museum on the west side of Manhattan.

After the broadcast glitched out, shaken disc jockey Joey Reynolds told listeners, "OK, we're going to play some music here or something ... and find out what happened to the helicopter."

An estimated 1 million listeners were tuned in, according to WNBC.

A rescue crew equipped with scuba gear, pulled both victims from the water within 10 minutes of the crash, said Assistant Chief of Patrol Gerard Kerins.

Firefighter Paul Hashagen, 35, swam 20 feet down to unhook Pate from his seatbelt and bring him to the sur-

face. He then returned to find Ms. Dornacker floating inside the helicopter and brought her up.

"Both were unconscious and not breathing when I found them," Hashagen, a blanket around his shoulders, said at Bellevue Hospital, where he was treated for exposure and released.

Before firefighters arrived, two passing Secret Service agents apparently dived into the water in a vain attempt to rescue the two.

Emergency teams worked frantically to resuscitate the victims at the scene before transferring them to hospitals.

Ms. Dornacker was taken to St. Vincent's Medical Center where she was pronounced dead of drowning at 8:20 p.m. after prolonged efforts to revive her, said hospital spokeswoman Caroline McBride.

Pate, 30, was in critical condition at Bellevue Hospital where he underwent surgery for internal abdominal bleeding, said administrator Bill Allen.

Two Secret Service officers — who apparently tried to rescue Pate and Ms. Dornacker before firefighters arrived — nine firefighters and four police officers were treated for exposure and released, authorities said.

Spectrum Helicopters, of Ridgefield, N.J., owned the crafts involved in both accidents, said Doug O'Brien, news director of WNBC. In 1985, the company was grounded for 45 days for safety violations by the Federal Aviation Administration.

World

By Associated Press

Walesa asks to return

WARSAW, Poland — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said he would go to Los Angeles to receive a humanitarian award if the Polish government guarantees he will be allowed to return home.

Walesa said he was told to report to the Interior Ministry office in his hometown of Gdansk today to learn whether a passport to travel to the United States would be issued.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban, asked Wednesday whether the government had given its assurances that Walesa would be allowed back into Poland, repeated a statement he gave at a news conference Tuesday that the government never makes such guarantees.

Walesa said representatives of the California-based John-Roger Foundation, which named him one of three recipients of its annual "Integrity" award, told him that officials at the Polish Embassy in Washington assured them Walesa would be allowed to return to Poland.

Gorbachev responds

MOSCOW — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev said the Reagan administration was deliberately poisoning Soviet-American relations by ordering 55 Soviet diplomats out of the United States.

In a nationwide television address Wednesday night, Gorbachev said American officials "have taken actions in recent days which to the normal human mind appear simply wild after such an important meeting" as the Oct. 11-12 Reykjavik summit.

"There is no bridling the hawks in the White house," he said in the 50-minute speech as translated by Radio Moscow.

"Each time when there appears an opening in the approaches to major issues of Soviet-American relations ... it's followed by a provocation designed to disrupt the possibility of a positive solution, to poison the atmosphere."

Defense prepared

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — The attorney for captured American Eugene Hasenfus said he and former U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell would begin planning a defense today against Sandinista charges which include terrorism and violating Nicaraguan security.

Enrique Sotelo Borgen refused to say how he would plead Hasenfus' case before the People's Tribunal, which under Nicaraguan law must be done today. The tribunal of a lawyer and two laymen refused Wednesday to give him more time to prepare his case and enter a plea.

"There are some things we will deny. I will not say what," Sotelo Borgen told reporters following a two-hour meeting Wednesday with Hasenfus at the tribunal offices a half-mile from the U.S. Embassy in Managua.

Sotelo Borgen stopped short of saying how his client would plead, telling reporters, "We have not resolved that yet."



Pleased as punch

Sharon Elizabeth Howard, left, and her husband, Monte, and son, Corey, are overjoyed with excitement after being reunited with their 3-week-old daughter, Lauren Nicole Wednesday night in Riverside, Calif. Their daughter had been kidnapped Tuesday morning when a woman entered their home at gunpoint. An informant's tip led to the arrest of a husband and wife in Riverside Wednesday night when the informant called the police saying she knew a woman who claimed to be pregnant, but that she didn't believe the woman.

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Opinion

Drug attitudes seen in actions

Mexico and the Bahamas, as the two major conduits for illegal narcotics shipments to the United States, share much in common. Both governments, for example, profess a firm commitment to eradicating the drug trade in cooperation with American law-enforcement efforts.

But because actions speak louder than words, Nassau is regarded as a far better ally than Mexico City in the war against drug traffickers. Participants at a 12-nation conference on drug trafficking, which met recently in the Mexican resort of Puerto Vallarta, could learn much from the Bahamas' example.

When the Justice Department asked the Bahamas recently to allow the "hot pursuit" of suspected drug-smuggling aircraft into its airspace, Prime Minister Lynden Pindling promptly agreed. "We are only too pleased to get this American help," said a Bahamian spokeswoman.

By contrast, President Miguel de la Madrid vehemently denounced a similar request from Washington as an affront to Mexico's national sovereignty.

Two U.S. Air Force helicopters, manned by American crews, are stationed permanently in the Bahamas to fly local police on drug raids all over the sprawling archipelago east and south of Florida. At the same time, officers from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration are closely involved in nearly all Bahamian anti-drug operations.

In Mexico, top cabinet officials in Mr. de la Madrid's government have criticized DEA involvement south of the border and have questioned the need for direct cooperation between American and Mexican law-enforcement officers.

Meantime, DEA agent Enrique Camarena Salazar was tortured and murdered in Guadalajara, and the State Department still is dissatisfied with the Mexican investigation of the crime.

After DEA agent Victor Cortez was abducted and tortured under similar circumstances, President de la Madrid lodged a stiff diplomatic protest with Washington, complaining that the victimized American agent failed to carry a Mexican identification card and drove an automobile with improper license tags.

The differing levels of cooperation by the Bahamian and Mexican governments explains why Congress is allocating considerably more money to combat the Bahamian drug connection than to stem shipments across the Southwest border, where the problem is much worse. Indeed, about one-third of the marijuana, cocaine and heroin used in this country is imported through Mexico.

Mailbag

Ticketed coliseum area inspires ire

To the editor:
In the past, I've always considered traffic tickets something someone receives for knowingly breaking the law. After this weekend, however, I'm not so sure that is the case.

During the past year, the area along the south side of Kentucky Way in front of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum has been designated as a no-parking area. The reasoning for that designation in front of a major complex that seats nearly 5,000 people escapes me. I can think of no other community that has such a no-parking designation in front of their civic facilities.

Had this designation been made when the coliseum opened nine years ago, our citizens might have been aware of the restricted parking. However, since they have been parking along that unmarked curb for nine years, many have become accustomed to parking there.

To make matters worse, the no-parking signs are small, spaced far apart, and face south when the traffic through that area faces west. As a result, many people who previously had parked there were surprised to find parking tickets on their windshields when they returned to their vehicles.

The reasoning for the no-parking designation appears uncertain. One person said it was because the property owners had requested it. Another said it was a fire lane. And a third said it was to prevent congestion and help the traffic flow.

If the no-parking designation is designed to keep people from parking in the private drives along Kentucky Way, then I feel there are more effective ways of enforcing this. People who block private driveways without permission should have their vehicles towed away. Surely that would discourage people from knowingly breaking the law.

Our community should expect to find traffic congestion and traffic flow problems at events that draw large spectator support.

I also question the effectiveness of this no parking designation. After this past weekend, people began jokingly referring to that area along Kentucky Way as "44 parking" — the ticket price.

But I am concerned over the fairness and image of this practice. Many people who told me about tickets received during the weekend had never received tickets in the past and were not aware they were breaking the law when they parked there.

Again, the signs are too small, too few, and facing the wrong direction. And it wasn't the price of the tickets that upset them, it was the principle of the matter.

I also feel that the rest of the citizens of Big Spring need to be concerned about the poor image this practice could create for our community, especially to visitors.

I still vividly recall a similar ticket I received in Tatum, N.M., a couple of years ago, and I have nothing but negative feelings about that community since that time. I do not want citizens of other communities to start looking on Big Spring with the same dislike that I have for Tatum. Nor do I want respectable citizens of our community to be given tickets when they are not aware that a law is being broken.

I suggest, should this unreasonable no-parking designation remain in force, that the signs be enlarged, more signs be installed, the curb painted, and that the signs be turned to face the direction of traffic.

MEL PRATHER
Chairman, Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival Committee
Route 3 Box 214

AND IF MY DEMANDS AREN'T MET, THE HOSTAGE GETS IT...



City not the boogie man in Big Spring's problems

By HANK MURPHY
Staff Writer

My first perceptions of Big Spring came in August 1985 while barreling south on Highway 87 across mile after monotonous mile of flat, dry land between here and Lubbock.

I was fast becoming mesmerized by the drab conformity of the sun-baked landscape when I spotted green hills on the horizon and a highway sign that said, Big Spring — 10 miles.

I knew this town was physically different than others in West Texas. To a Wisconsin native, that was comforting.

To this day, I get comfort from the city's hills. They'll spark a nostalgic feeling whenever I see them, because it's time to move on.

Since that first, surface impression of the city, my view has become many-layered and multidimensional.

Big Spring is a city with beauty and charm scarred by decay and neglect. It's a city like many others — teaming with good, generous and caring people, yet beset with crime and senseless, macho-man violence.

It's a city ensnared in a bedeviling catch 22.

Extensive repairs and improvements are needed to the city's streets, water distribution network and wastewater system. Also, severe drainage problems exist as demonstrated by the demoralizing flooding of Jones Valley.

But the amount of money needed to correct those problems is astronomical. The city simply can't afford vast capital improvements in its present economic situation. Meanwhile, it deteriorates more.

Yet the city's beautification and capital improvement is essential if it hopes to bring in people and in-



Around the rim

dustry to broaden its tax base and boost its revenues.

Instincts tell me a bond election looms for financing reconstruction of Comanche Lake Dam. But citizens must determine if spending money to rebuild the dam is more important than paving roads on Big Spring's north and west sides or replacing corroded lines and valves throughout an aging and decrepit water system.

Furthermore, will Council be willing to allocate tax money for bolstering police protection? Or will police continue to spit into the wind, trying to stem the tide of youthful burglary and theft with too few patrol units and a revolving-door juvenile justice system?

Big Spring will continue to struggle as long as City Hall is seen by citizens as the boogie man responsible for the town's plight.

Sure, some bad moves have come from city officials. One that springs to mind is the mismanagement of the \$3.2 million renovation of the sewage treatment plant in 1980-81 — a project plagued by shoddy work, broken deadlines, conflict of interests and possible fraud. To this day, the plant has trouble meeting state and EPA pollution standards, despite the

millions flushed into it. It's easy to berate City Council for every problem the city faces. But is it City Hall's fault that private property owners refuse to maintain their property, letting it degenerate into scabby eyesores?

Is it City Hall's fault that people built or bought homes in flood plains and did not buy flood insurance?

Is it City Hall's fault that parents fail to discipline their children and allow them to roam at all hours of the night, getting their kicks by vandalism and burglary?

Did City Hall load the guns used in several murders and shootings this year?

Did City Hall cause oil prices to plunge and the rainfall that seriously damaged the cotton crop?

To some folks, the answer seems to be yes.

In reality, the problems have a wellspring of sources and only a concerted effort by the entire town — not just the seven men who sit in the council chamber Tuesday nights — can turn things around.

Little things, such as a homeowner painting his house, a person refusing to litter, a father showing a little interest in his kids, and a teen-ager finishing high school will benefit Big Spring far more than griping about City Hall.

Big Spring has a lot of things going for it. It's got honest and decent people, a good school system (with a great high school football team), scenic beauty, a fantastic city park.

Also, it appears to have a hard-working, above-board and accessible city manager. I hope citizens give him a chance.

So long Big Spring, I'll miss you.

Editor's note: Murphy has accepted a position as reporter at the Odessa American and completed his work at the Herald the beginning of this week.



Art Buchwald

Fund-raisers improve on techniques

By ART BUCHWALD
Political party money-raisers are now discovering that you have to do a lot more than just send out a computerized letter asking for funds. The best way to get donations is to invite the givers to become members of exclusive clubs which give them access to the high and mighty.

I went to a party bash the other night where Godfrey, the host, greeted me, "So good of you to come to our 'Give Our President A Senate Majority Autumn Fiesta Dinner Dance.'"

"Wouldn't miss it," I said. "Where's the President?"

"He's meeting in secret with his Wise Men."

"Wise Men?"

"Those who gave more than \$5,000. The Wise Men are entitled to consult with the President twice a year on any topic vital to the security of Hollywood."

"It must be an honor to be a Wise Man."

"It's not the highest honor. Seven thousand dollars makes you a Royal Gerryrander. A Royal Gerryrander is entitled to be privately briefed by the CIA on any subject of his choice. You also get to wear a green blazer to a White House Rose Garden ceremony."

"That sounds like a very exclusive club."

"There is so much competition for political money that we have to come up with ways of making it all worthwhile. We have organizations for women as well as for men. Owing there are the Mothers of a Noble America. You have to have given \$10,000 to be a Mother."

"What do you get for it?"

"A chance to try on Nancy Reagan's wardrobe when she isn't there."

I said, "It seems that the key to attracting contributions is to give the donors a role in the political process."

"People won't come across unless they feel important. This doesn't mean that if you forget to donate to the party, you're automatically going to fail to get a Federal Judgeship for your son ... but it does mean that you are not worthy to be an insider."

"One of your people seems to be herding that group over there behind the stage."

"That's the Golden Egg and Clam Chowder Society. They all raised at least \$25,000. Not only are the members entitled to play tennis on the White House courts, but they have first crack at any ambassadorships that might be floating around."

"Is that the top of the line for political donors?"

"No, we have an exclusive Imperial Breakfast Club for anyone who brings us more than \$30,000 from a PAC."

"What are the privileges?"

"You get to have breakfast with George Bush five times a week."

"That doesn't sound like such a big deal."

"In his bathrobe?"

"I guess for some social climbers it could have meaning," I said.

"We also have the Sparrow Beeper Club for Fat Cats. Anyone who has raised \$50,000 with his own family is issued a beeper which makes it possible for him to speak to any SAC bomber base in the United States."

I said, "I can see that your fund-raising has really become sophisticated."

"We're always trying to improve on our methods. It used to be if someone gave a donation, you sent him a thank-you note. Now if he raised \$100,000 for the party, you hand him a red fez, a sword and arrange for him to play Scrabble with Caspar Weinberger."

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Otwell school padlocked by court

AUSTIN — A state district court has ordered the Rev. W.N. Otwell's school for boys in Fort Worth padlocked, except for the little church, because Otwell would not get a state license.

"It is a spurious claim that the state has been trying to regulate religion," State District Judge Paul Davis said Wednesday after a brief hearing.

Davis also ordered Otwell, who fled the state earlier this month, to

pay \$67,000 in fines for contempt of court and \$2,685 in court costs.

"Reverend Otwell has defied not only this court but the entire judicial system," said Assistant Attorney General Sue Berkel.

At Attorney General Jim Mattox's suggestion, Davis' padlock order will not apply to the church sanctuary on the school grounds, the headquarters of the Community Baptist Church or to Otwell's personal living quarters.

Police officer indicted for murder

SAN ANTONIO — A police officer has been indicted on a murder charge in the shooting death of his former partner, the subject of an investigation into allegations that he had executed suspected criminals and was plotting to assassinate city officials.

A Bexar County grand jury Wednesday charged officer Farrell Tucker in slaying of Stephen Richard Smith, 31, who was shot five times as the two drove through Smith's neighborhood Aug. 18.

Smith was Tucker's best man at his wedding and the two had met at the police academy.

Tucker, 35, approached Assistant

Police Chief Frank Hoyack in August and said he had information, supplied by Smith's wife, that Smith planned to assassinate Hoyack, Bexar County District Attorney Sam Millsap and Deputy Police Chief Robert Hueck.

In addition, Tucker said Smith may have been involved in the executions of five suspected criminals.

Smith was no stranger to suspicion. He was the subject of two FBI civil rights investigations and had been indicted on a charge of criminal brutality after beating a shoplifting suspect.

NASA visitors' center to be built

SPACE CENTER — Construction is scheduled to begin early next year on a \$40 million visitors' center that will include a mini-AstroDome and two high-tech movie theaters, NASA officials say.

NASA officials said Wednesday the center will cost taxpayers nothing and will be built on 123 acres of unused land at the Johnson Space Center. Plans call for the facility to be open and operating by 1989.

A large geodesic dome, a small-scale version of Houston's famed

AstroDome, will be the complex's centerpiece, and there also will be two theaters that will show the new Omnimax and Imax kind of motion pictures.

The complex will include a space education center dedicated to the Challenger astronauts and paid for by donations, officials said.

Plans call for a non-profit organization, Manned Space Flight Education Foundation Inc., to be licensed to build and operate the center. JSC public affairs director Harold Stall will serve as foundation president.

Continental posts \$65 million profit

HOUSTON — Continental Airlines, fresh from bankruptcy proceedings that ended last month, posted a \$65.1 million third-quarter profit, the highest quarterly earnings in the company's 52-year history.

The quarter income marks a 58 percent increase over last year's third quarter profit of \$41.3 million. The net earnings for the three months ending Sept. 30 amounts to \$2.12 per share, compared with 72 cents per share during the 1985 third quarter.

"Continental made significant

progress during the quarter, including the major step of exiting Chapter 11 in early September," Continental Chairman Frank Lorenzo said.

The Houston-based carrier also recorded a third-quarter operating income of \$83.4 million, an increase of 37 percent from the \$61.1 million in last year's third quarter.

For the first nine months of 1986, Continental would have reported a profit of about \$75 million had it not been obligated to pay about \$80 million in reorganization costs, the company said.

Baylor students debate Soviets

WACO — The Soviets said if Americans would only trust them, the world would be safer.

The Americans said a Star Wars defense system must come before talk about trust.

The two debate teams met in a polite, unscored exchange at Baylor University Wednesday in what was billed as a forum to further the understanding of both countries.

It drew a standing-room-only crowd at the Bill Daniel Student Union.

The Soviet team, made up of three students of language and philosophy, said it was "urgent" for their country to gain our trust.

"The view of the Soviet Union is old-fashioned and negative," said Maria Mamonova of Moscow.

When Paula Denney of Baylor suggested that Soviets could be exiled to Siberia for criticizing their leaders, Olga Smirnova maintained that it wasn't so.

"We may say whatever we want in our country," she said. "The

question is whether you believe us or not."

Then it was Mrs. Smirnova's turn to be corrected. She waved a newspaper article about what she thought were protesters getting arrested in the United States, only to learn later the charge was for blocking traffic.

Both sides said they were for peace but disagreed on the ways to achieve it.

Eugeny Bobkov said he was against a strategic defense initiative, nicknamed Star Wars, because he feared it could be converted into an offensive system and "kill a person."

Mark Dyer, a Baylor law student, said the reason Soviets oppose the United States' pursuit of Star Wars is because the U.S. wants to remain the only country to have a defense shield in place.

Mrs. Smirnova said the U.S. interest lay mostly with the defense industry, which stands to profit from the development of the system.



PRAYER. At the outset one thing has to be established about prayer: God is under no obligation to answer prayer except where he imposes that obligation upon himself or where he has made a promise to us and thus will be faithful to do as he said he would do. And secondly, no one is in a position to be rightfully able to demand of God that he do anything. So whatever He has done or is willing to do it is because of his own will and volition to respond or not respond, choose and select his method of answering, as well as the right to remain forever silent. It appears from such passages as Proverbs 28:9 that when a person refuses the law of God, they give up the right to prayer. If a person does not listen to God, will he listen to them? Here are some "keys" to unlock successful prayer: humility, dependency upon Jehovah's infinite wisdom and omniscience, faith in God, prayer "according to the will of God", having pure motives of the heart, and faithfulness to obey the commands of God. If you want to have prayer answered the Bible gives these "keys" to use to open the door to heaven's response.

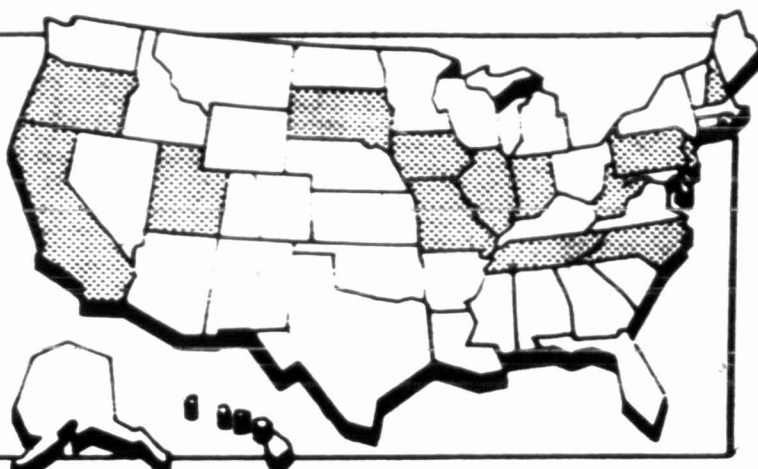
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Current makeup

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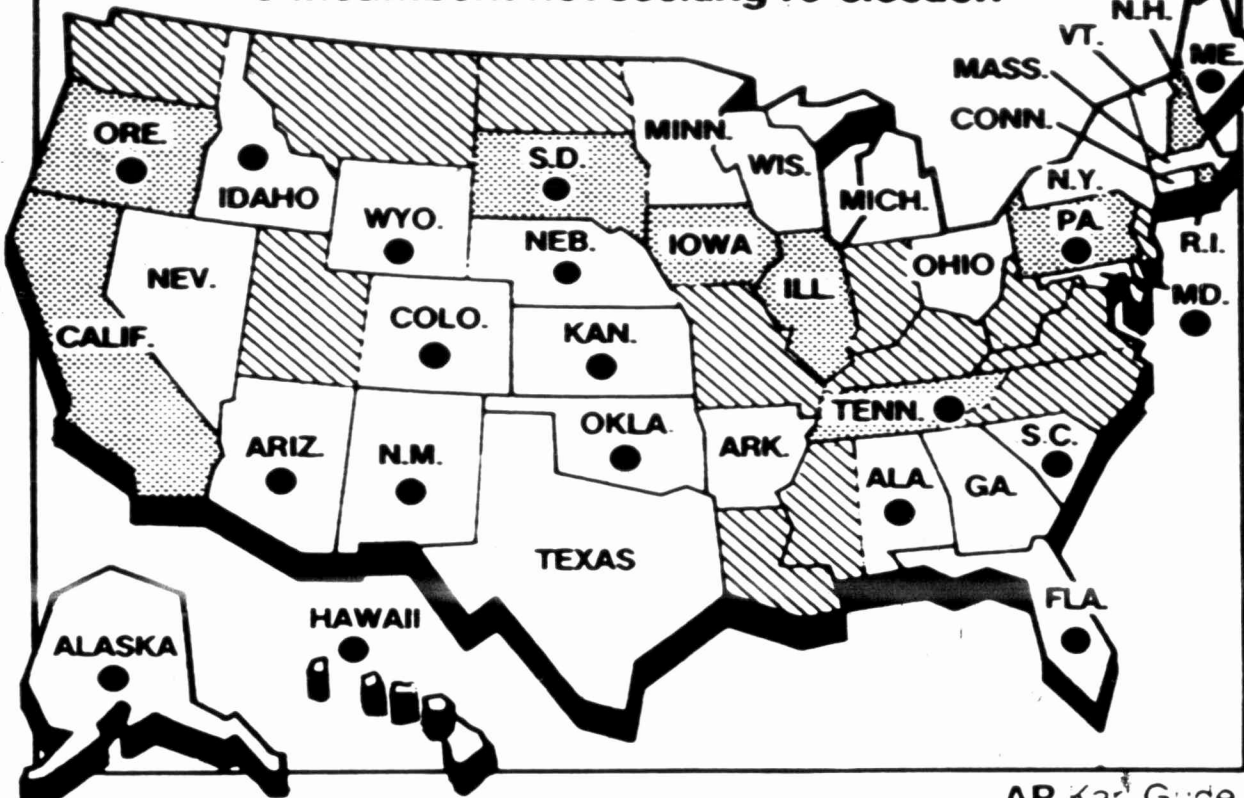


Race for Governor

36 seats — 27 Democratic and 9 Republican — are up for election.

Democrat Republican No race

● Incumbent not seeking re-election



AP Karl Gude

White defends record

HOUSTON — Gov. Mark White, defending his law-and-order record, says former Gov. Bill Clements should shoulder the blame for the forced early release of prison inmates.

It was Clements' 1979 veto of a \$30 million, 5,000-bed prison that helped create the overcrowding problems which plague the state today, White says.

"He vetoed a prison," White said during several campaign stops Wednesday. "It made no sense then. It makes even less sense today. It was reprehensible. It created disorder."

White also rejected Clements' argument that prison system officials asked him to veto money for the new prison.

"I don't know of anybody in the history of government ... that's ever called on the executive authority to veto their appropriation," he said.

On a related issue, the Democratic incumbent complained that a Bill Clements TV commercial unfairly blames his administration for the assault on a Texas woman. And in response, White released a letter in which the mother of a slain child says Clements did little to help crime victims.

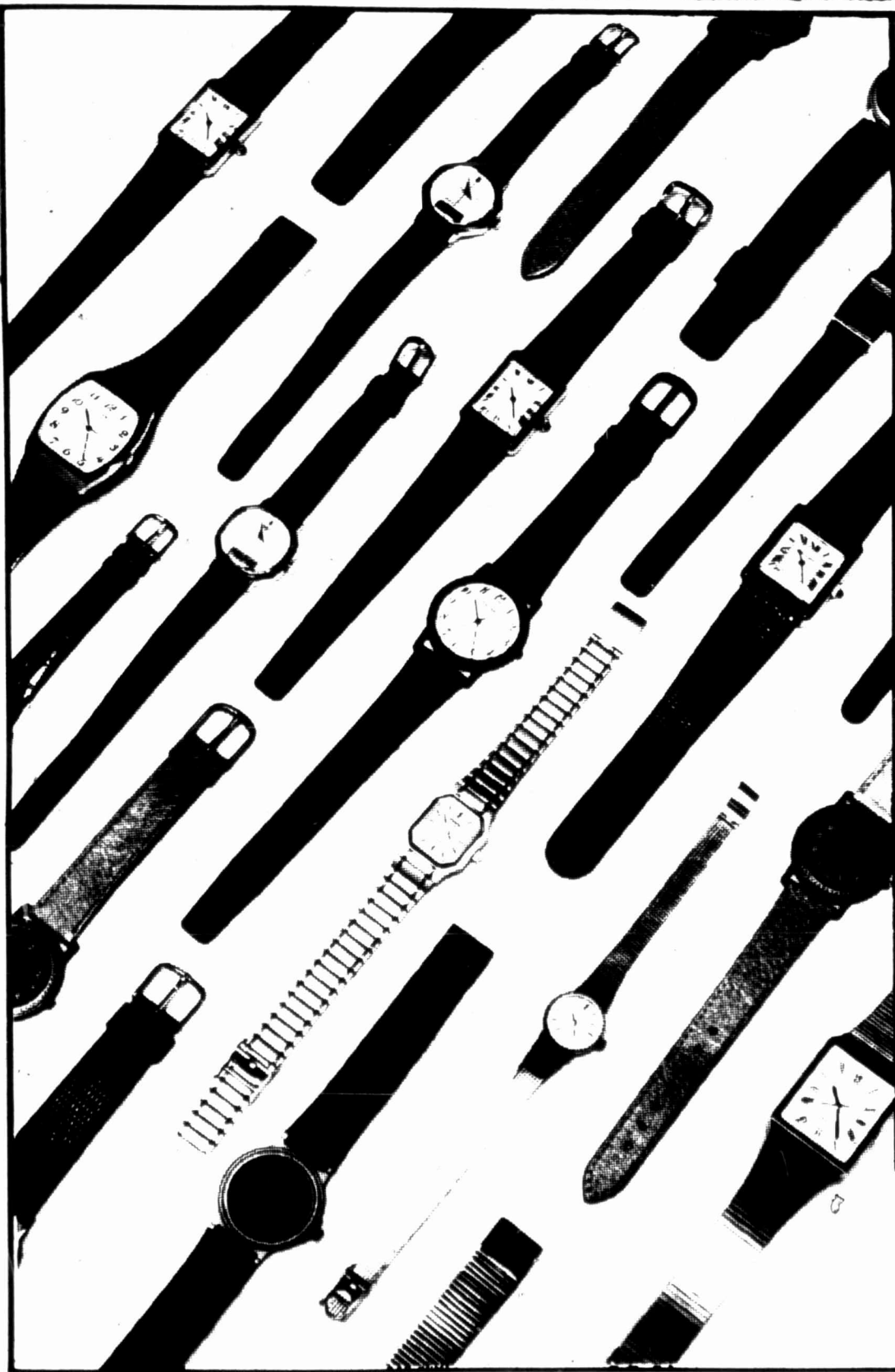
White said that although he believed his Republican opponent's ad was out of line, he wanted to show that such tactics can work both ways.

In the Clements ad, Susan Key complains that she was assaulted by a criminal who was paroled while White has been governor.

In response, White made public a letter from Glenda Page of Austin, mother of an 8-year-old girl who was raped and strangled by a parolee on Jan. 2, 1982, during Clements' term as governor.

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The two new New York Yacht Club's 12-meter yachts, both named America II and wearing identical sail numbers, race each other off in Fremantle, Australia, earlier this week as they prepare for the second round of the foreign elimination series in America's Cup competition. The two vessels, which bear the same name in an effort to confuse competitors from other nations, ended the first round of elimination races tied for first place.

Courtroom hippo helps children

CHICAGO (AP) — For children who have to testify in criminal cases, mostly sexual assaults, a courtroom can be a big, scary, cold place.

But on "Hamilton's Day in Court," the courtroom will be a friendly place where judges, clerks and bailiffs perform skits explaining their jobs and the children's guide is a big, cuddly purple hippopotamus named Hamilton.

The program is the first of its kind in the nation, part of the Victim-Witness Assistance Program in the Cook County state's attorney's office, said program director Eileen Murphy.

It's aimed at the hundreds of

child victims called to testify in Cook County each year in criminal cases, mostly sexual assaults, Mrs. Murphy said Tuesday in a telephone interview.

The aim of the program, which begins next month, is to make children who have already been traumatized "feel less traumatized when walking into a courtroom that is very cold, hard, austere and church-like, before somebody in a black robe," Mrs. Murphy said.

"We thought it would help to have a cartoon character who was cute and cuddly help" show them around the courtroom before they're called to testify, she said. Hamilton, actually a woman

from the sexual-assault unit dressed in a furry hippopotamus costume and papier-mache head, will lead a group tour of the courtroom about two weeks before the children are called to testify.

The children and their parents or guardians will get to sit in the judge's chair and jury box as the hippo explains court proceedings. Judges, court reporters, and other courtroom personnel then will come out and perform a skit explaining their jobs.

Children called to testify often "are scared, they're confused, they come in a little intimidated," he said. The program will show them "court personnel are human beings."

Busy beginning, quiet finish for agricultural legislation

Editor's Note: This is one of a series on the 99th Congress and what it did — and did not — do.

By JIM DRINKARD

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — After making bold marks on U.S. agriculture policy during its first session, the 99th Congress decided to add a couple of modest fig leaves this year before calling it quits: a limit on per-farmer subsidies and accounting maneuvers to prop up the Farm Credit System.

The lawmakers, worried by reports that some of the nation's largest farmers are reaping multimillion-dollar subsidy payments under the year-old farm law, placed a new ceiling of \$250,000 per farmer on certain kinds of payments.

And concerned about the possibility that the Farm Credit System, the nation's largest agricultural lender, could run out of money next year, Congress allowed the system to make some bookkeeping changes to put off the day of reckoning.

Backers of both moves conceded they were largely cosmetic and were not final solutions for the long-range problems at which they were aimed. Agriculture Department officials were still evaluating the latest legislation, which also included at least a half-dozen other moves fine-tuning the sweeping new farm program passed late in 1985.

"Our attitude was that tacking on amendments ... was not the way to go about revising farm policy," said Robert Thompson, the department's chief economist. "If there are problems we should wait until the 100th Congress and look at them carefully rather than trying to find a quick fix."

The payment limit, the work of Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., became politically irresistible after it became clear that the new farm law would result in record subsidies to some of the nation's largest agribusinesses.

The J.G. Boswell Co., for example, is due to get about \$20 million in payments on its California cotton and wheat operations; some dairy producers will receive

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millions through a subsidized cow slaughter program; and cotton middlemen have received tens of millions of dollars to make it easier to sell their goods at competitive prices overseas.

In all, the cost of the first year of the new farm program is likely to hit \$30 billion. By contrast, the payment limit will save the government about \$25 million over the next four years, the Agriculture Department estimates.

"There just aren't that many people you catch," said Thompson. "They're very visible for the size checks they're getting, but there aren't many of them."

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, argued on the Senate floor that the provision is ineffective because it puts no limit on the size of nonrecourse crop loan that a producer can receive, then keep after forfeiting the crop that serves as collateral. "That exception is a loophole big enough to drive a Mack truck through," Harkin said.

The Farm Credit System changes pushed through by Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and Rep. Ed Jones, D-Tenn., are essentially a way of buying time for the system, whose record losses in the last two years have pushed it near disaster.

The new language lets the system's regional banks set their own interest rates without advance clearance from the Farm Credit Administration, the system's federal regulators, in an attempt to remain competitive and retain the soundest customers.

It also allows the banks to write off over 20 years the cost of paying off high-interest bonds that are a major source of loan money but

also a heavy drain on system funds. An extended write-off period also would be allowed for some loan losses over the next year.

The changes should delay the time when the system has to come to Congress for a bailout, something the lawmakers recognized was likely in a Farm Credit law passed a year ago, said John Schnitker, who was the Agriculture Department's No. 2 official in the 1960s and is now a Washington consultant.

"The whole action on Farm Credit has to be looked upon as largely paper changes," Schnitker said. "The system is still in deep trouble and many huge losses are still yet to be identified and admitted. They probably will need federal intervention sometime in 1987 or 1988."

Also in the election-season grab-bag of farm policy changes were a \$400 million disaster aid package for farmers hit by drought and floods in the Southeast, Michigan, Oklahoma and other areas; and a requirement that the government make at least part of the 1987 wheat, corn, cotton and rice income subsidy payments in advance, instead of following the harvest.

Other items included \$5 billion in guaranteed loans to foreign purchasers of U.S. commodities; authority for the commercial refinancing of at least \$2 billion in Rural Electrification Administration loans to cooperatives; and a ban on addition of foreign matter to exported grain.

"It lets them have a little something to write home about, something to take home for the campaign," Schnitker said.

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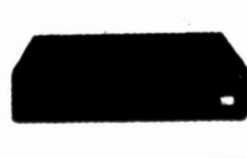
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Lifestyle

Club notes

Sagebrush Artfest winners lauded

The Crossroads Fine Arts Association has announced the following awards given during their recent Sagebrush Artfest competition and exhibit.

Cash awards for the four overall outstanding entries were presented to Amy Christensen for Best of Show; Madeen Blair, first place; Weston Mitchell, second place; and Betty Conley, third place.

Ribbons were awarded for excellence in specific media. First place in the oil/acrylic category was Madeen Blair's "Wind in the Willows." Sheree Moates' "Presidio La Bahia" received second and third place winners were Madeen Blair's "Shadows."

First place in watercolors was

presented to Amy Christian's "Baskets," second place was Betty Conley's "Ft. Davis Barn," and Amy Christensen's "Cold Morning" won third.

Madeen Blair's "Study in Aspens" won first place in the pastel category. Second place went to Doris Vieregge's "Indian Man," and third was awarded to Robert Ross' "Texas Bounty."

Graphic category winners were: first place, Weston Mitchell's "Mother's Touch," second place, Becky Smiley's "Rhonda," and third place, Jerry Rudinger's "Lost Cabin." In the three dimensional category, the three top awards were presented to Doris Vieregge for her pottery.

Learning to invest is club's topic

Naomi Hunt, county extension agent, presented a program on "Learning About Investing" to the Elbow Extension Homemakers Club at the home of Zula Rhodes on Oct. 16.

Hunt says that 53 to 83 percent of investors are women and that there is a difference between investing and saving.

She added that the best candidates for investing are people who can afford to take risks.

Families should have an emergency fund equal to about three months take home pay; adequate life, health and disability insurance; personal debt under 20 percent of in-

come; and a safe pension or retirement plan, she says.

Goals for saving, according to Hunt, are long term capital growth, income for old age and short term profits and taxes.

She suggested to be diversified and not to put all of one's savings in one place. Other suggestions were to avoid mistakes of poor planning, falling for a sales pitch, following the crowd and procrastinating. She said to use common sense.

Next meeting will be Nov. 6 at the home of Lola Kelly. A program on "Sewing for the Professional Look" will be presented by Frances Zant.

Hyperions welcome new member

The 1970 Hyperion Club met at the home of Sherry Alexander.

Carloyn Christensen was welcomed as a new member. Annie Matt Angel presented a program on "Texas - Past, Present and Future."

Two win high score at Rook Club

Members of the Rook Club met Oct. 17 at the home of Birdie Adams.

Guests were Adele Tibbs and Avenelle Cook. Cook also won high score.

High score was won by Norma Murdock.

Marie Affleck will be hostess for the November meeting.

Underwood family members reunite at Kentwood Center

Members of the Underwood family reunited at the Kentwood Senior Citizen's Center on Oct. 18.

Four generations from the families of H.M. (Mack) Underwood of Big Spring, Mrs. Fannie Underwood-Cates of Big Spring and Mrs. Mamie Underwood-Kinmag of Big Spring were represented.

The oldest family member present was Mamie Kinman, 78, and

the youngest was Ashley Pierce, 15-months.

Linda Houle of Burke, Va. traveled the farthest while other members traveled from California, Virginia, and other cities in Texas.

Family members were served a catered lunch and the evening was highlighted with a performance by the younger children who sang and danced in a skit.

Wife is courteous to husband's girlfriends

DEAR ABBY: By nature, I'm a very courteous person, but how far should a person go in observing the rules of courtesy? My husband is retired but does part-time work. When he's not working, he leaves the house anyway to spend the day with one of his young girlfriends. (Saturdays and Sundays, too.) He's sometimes gone for two or three days "fishing."

Although this hurts me deeply, I've come to realize that this is the lot of many older women, so I take it in my stride.

I become enraged when a female voice calls our home and says, "May I speak to your husband?" I feel like ripping the phone out of the wall, or telling her to go to hell, and slamming down the receiver! But instead, I politely say, "One moment, please. I'll get him." Then I dutifully call my husband to the phone.

One of these days I'll probably blow my stack.

BREAKING

DEAR BREAKING: Go ahead



Dear Abby

and blow your stack. It would be much healthier, and far more honest than practically gift-wrapping your husband for his girlfriends.

To calmly tolerate treatment that hurts you deeply instead of expressing appropriate anger, hurt and frustration, conveys the message that this blatant infidelity doesn't bother you. So, forget courtesy, and let off some steam. And the next time your husband

goes fishing, pray he doesn't catch anything he can give to you.

DEAR ABBY: Re: the 14-year-old girl whose parents gave her permission to invite two boys and another girl to their house for an evening - unsupervised - only to come home and find the boys in their liquor cabinet:

Abby, curiosity and experimenting with drugs, alcohol and sex are at an all-time high between 14 and 16, and parents who leave children this young alone, unsupervised, are asking for trouble. It's only natural for kids to take advantage of an unguarded situation. I'm not saying that children this age do not know the difference between right and wrong. They do. But they are still immature and will often make childish choices. The 14-year-old girl left the boys alone for a few minutes while she was visiting with her girlfriend in another room, and the thought of the boys getting into her parents' liquor probably never crossed her mind.

Instead of telling the girl she shouldn't blame her parents for not trusting her, you should have told her that her poor judgment was an honest mistake based on inexperience, and her parents used poor judgment in leaving her in a situation that she was not prepared to handle. Set it straight, Abby.

KATHY P. IN N.Y.

DEAR KATHY: I think you did, and very well. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of three, ages 15, 23 and 26, so I speak from experience. It is inappropriate for parents to leave four teen-agers home alone for several hours, with or without a liquor cabinet. I am also a volunteer at a crisis pregnancy center and I know that the majority of teen-age pregnancies occur in the home - not in the back seat of a car.

CONCERNED IN RICHMOND, VA.

(Problems? Write to Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Abby, P.O. Box 38823, Hollywood, Calif. 90038. All correspondence is confidential.)

Arthritis of the spine is managed by exercise

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I'm dating a 40-year-old man who has what is called ankylosing spondylitis. It's like arthritis, only the spine is affected. I love him and we are going to get married soon. He tells me it is difficult to live with sometimes, but he gets along fairly well with aspirin, which he takes daily. He has a lot of little exercises he does regularly too. I'm in the dark otherwise. I want to help. What else should I know? - K.K.

This is a form of arthritis. About 3 million Americans alone have it, most of them men. Ankylosis refers to immobility or fusing of a joint and spondylitis refers to the spine. The characteristic sign is a stooped posture and the goal of treatment is to minimize that effect, permit mobility, and keep inflammation in the joint under control. Your fiance's aspirin is often all that is needed in the way of medicine.

A specific goal of exercise is to improve posture and prevent rigidity. Here is where your understanding will be important. Your fiance has to strike the right balance between the beneficial exercise and required rest. I won't go into those exercises. There are many classic ones that help.

Perhaps it will be in the area of recreational activity where you might help. Dancing (ballroom type, not the boogaloo or twist) might be encouraged. Any activity that fosters an upright posture is good. Swimming is great. On the other hand, sports that call for stooping (golf or bowling, for examples) can be harmful. Biking might be OK so long as it is not on a bike that forces one to stoop over to grasp the handlebars. His bed



Dr. Donohue

should have firm board support under the mattress and be without a pillow.

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Most people with controlled spine arthritis live quite normal lives.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband takes Procardia. What is it for? - A Worried Wife.

Procardia (nifedipine) is a calcium-blocker drug. It's used for angina, especially the kind that arises from spasm of the arteries serving the heart. It is also being investigated for use in other illnesses, like high blood pressure. It is rather widely prescribed.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am worried about aluminum poisoning? How common is it? What about cooking ware? - Mrs. N.A.C.

Aluminum poisoning is not common. Our kidneys have ways of getting rid of any aluminum we might absorb in day-to-day living, including the minute amount one might get over a lifetime of aluminum utensil use.

I know you must have read about

aluminum somewhere, perhaps a report of studies of Alzheimer's patients. There is a tendency to overstress arcane medical findings. Much more study has to be done. From biopsies of Alzheimer's patients we know that many have that problem without signs of aluminum toxicity. Also, the changes found in brain tissue with

Alzheimer's are different than those found in poisoning. Still, studies continue.

Certain special situations must be recognized with regard aluminum. People on kidney dialysis have to be tested regularly, especially when using municipal water supplies treated with aluminum, which many are.



Let's talk.

Information about your changing telephone service from Darlene Gifford, Manager-Community Relations

SWBT urges Texans to become informed voters

Think back to last October. If you are like most of us, you probably had only a vague notion of what the strange word - sesquicentennial - meant. A year later, I would wager that there are very few Texans who aren't familiar with the term's meaning. Perhaps a few of us even learned how to spell and pronounce it.

Although many people may have grown a bit weary of the festivities surrounding Texas' century-and-a-half birthday, no one can deny that this event put the Lone Star State in the nation's spotlight.

Before that attention is diverted from us, however, we have one last opportunity to show the rest of the country that Texas is a dynamic state, committed to shaping its own future. And what better way to prove that fact, than by Texans voting in record numbers during the November general elections?

Few people would disagree that this year's elections are especially critical to our state, in light of our difficult economic situation. There is no doubt that the people we elect next month will be charting the future of Texas. Since each of us has a stake in this process, we must be certain our voices are heard by casting our ballot.

However, voting demands responsibility. Many would contend that it is better not to vote, than to vote without a firm grasp of the issues. As citizens of this state, we have an obligation to learn about each candidate's platform so that we are able to vote with the conviction of our beliefs.

Southwestern Bell Telephone is a strong advocate of our election process, and we encourage our employees to become informed voters. If they are so inclined, we encourage employees to become active in all levels of government.

Although we've heard it before, we all need to be reminded, now and again, that a democracy is only as strong as the people who participate in it. So this November, learn the issues and cast an informed vote.

Questions on a taxing subject

While on the subject of those things governmental and civic, I'd like to pose a couple of questions I heard on the radio the other day from a national columnist. They are on a favorite topic of most Texans ... taxes. Perhaps this exercise will give you something to ponder in your idle time.

Question #1 - Is it possible to divert taxes from individuals to businesses?

Some people would argue that when businesses do receive higher tax bills, they simply pass that surcharge along to the customer - that's you and me.

The reality is that in today's economy there are probably few businesses able - and fewer still willing - to absorb a greater tax burden. Proof of the unsettled business environment can be seen in the rash of recent bankruptcies.

Then, is it better to pay higher individual taxes or higher prices at the counter? We must decide that answer for ourselves.

Question #2 - Is it better to levy taxes from the federal or from the local level?

Corollary #1 - Does it matter, aren't we going to end up paying the bill anyway?

One argument can be made that when taxes are paid locally, there are fewer middlemen to claim a portion of those monies. Additionally, some would say local tax revenue can be monitored more closely by local residents. Theoretically, this allows each of us to have more of a say regarding how funds are spent.

Is this type of control evident in your community? If you answered, "No," speak up at your town's next council meeting. Your elected officials want to hear from you.

As you probably guessed, there are no right or wrong answers to these questions. This is usually the case when discussing complicated issues. However, I hope this short quiz may have started you thinking. We all need to give these kinds of topics some thought. After all, any constructive act has to begin with an idea. Perhaps something great will come from one of yours.

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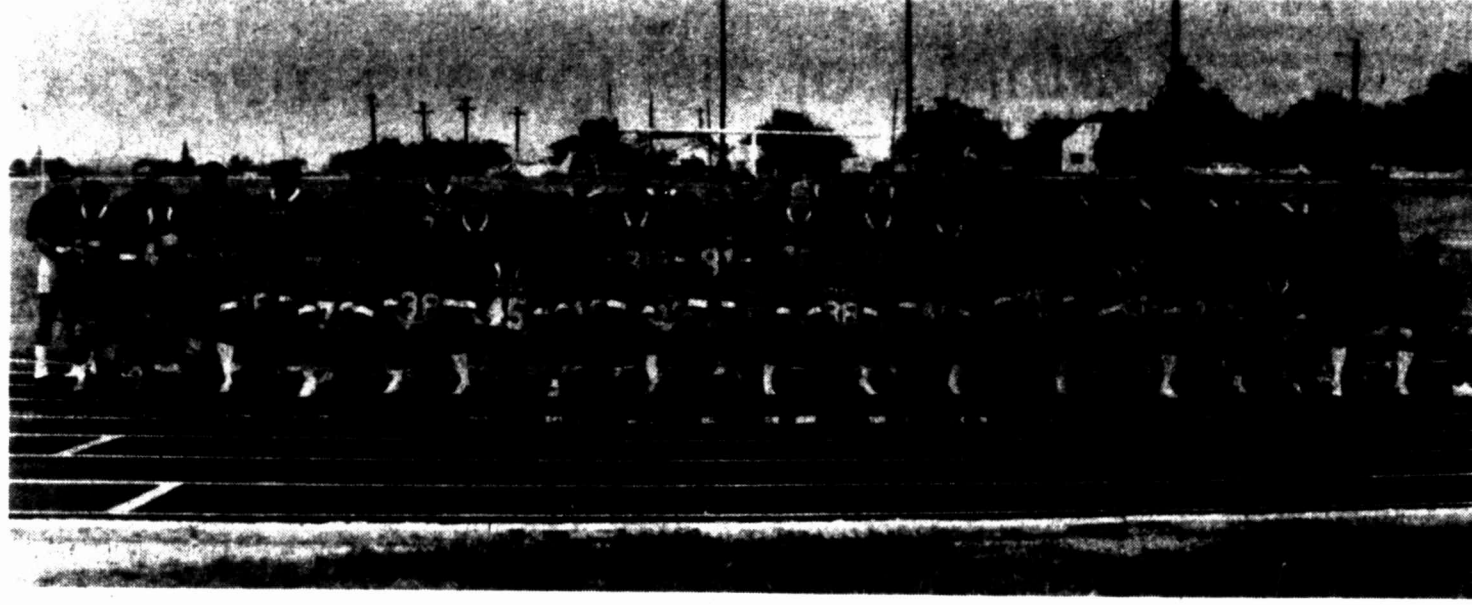
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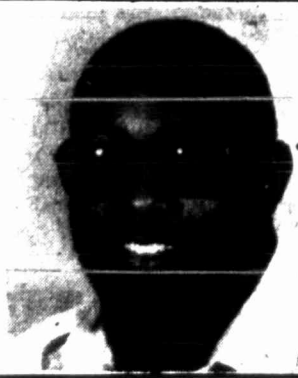
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Thursday Notes

By Steve Belvin



Local bowler notches PBA tour win

Big Spring has a pro bowler in its midst. In fact, there's a very successful pro bowler present. Last weekend Phillip Ringener competed in the 2nd Annual El Paso Bowl Pro Bowlers Association Tournament.

Ringener, who's on the PBA tour, won the tournament out of 148 competitors. The 28-year-old Ringener, who's been on the PBA tour for eight years, has placed in many tournaments, but this is his first tournament win.

His average of 210 in 24 games netted him \$3,000. Another Howard County native also competed in the tournament. Hal Aberregg of Coahoma placed 48th in the tournament.

Ringener will be competing at a regional tournament in Amarillo Nov. 27-31.

The United Girls Softball Association is getting an early start on its fund raising for the 1987 season.

The UGSA will have a garage sale at the National Guard Armory, located on Farm Market 700 on Saturday Oct. 25 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The garage sale will resume Sunday Oct. 26 from 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

Anyone wishing to donate items for this sale can call Janis Stroup at 263-0604 or can bring items to the armory after 5 p.m. Friday.

The Big Spring Sports Booster Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring High School cafeteria. All parents and club members are encouraged to attend.

The booster club will sponsor a bus to the Big Spring-Snyder football game on Nov. 7. For more information call the Big Spring High School front office at 267-7461.

The Figure 7 Tennis Center will have a Novemberfest Junior Tennis Tournament Saturday, Nov. 1 at Figure 7 Tennis center courts.

Entry fee is \$8 per player per event and deadline is Friday, Oct. 31 at noon. The tentative starting time is 9 a.m. There will be age divisions from 12-18 for boys and girls singles and doubles play. There will be first and second place awards in each event.

Mail entries to Charleen Sparling, Novemberfest Tournament, P.O. Box 3234, Big Spring, Texas, 79720. For more information call Figure 7 at 267-7777.

The Stanton Buffaloes varsity isn't the only successful football team in town. The Stanton junior varsity is doing quite well also.

The JV's currently sport a 4-2 record. Their only losses were a 21-0 loss to Coahoma and 19-6 loss to Greenwood. They also own 20-8 wins over Coahoma and Greenwood. Their other two wins were 6-0 over Seagraves and a 7-0 victory over Big Lake.

The team is led by freshman quarterback Randy Nevarez, taibacks Ronnie McCauley and Steve Scurlark and fullback Phil Orleans. Chris Carder, Jeff Haggard and Craig Fryar are the offensive line leaders.

Top players on defense are Jeff Hall, Joshua Vidal and Brian Cain. "We are proud of the JV's effort," said coach Key Allred. "We expect more success, continued hard work and dedication."

Besides, these players have some big shoes to fill next year.

The Big Spring Steers currently have the second ranked defense in District 2-4A, according to stats compiled by the San Angelo Standard-Times.

The Steers are allowing 207 yards per game, second only to Sweetwater, which is allowing a mere 139 yards per contest. Pecos has the third best defense in the league, giving up 210 yards every Friday night.

The Steers have the third best offense in 2-4A, averaging 292 yards per outing. Monahans leads the pack, averaging 423 yards per game. Sweetwater is second at 343 yards per game.

Individually, Charles White is the sixth leading rusher with 544 yards. Phillip Mathews is 10th with 378 yards. Charles Thompson of Monahans leads the league with 976 yards. He is followed by teammate Dana Amos, who has 769 yards.

Mathews is the sixth leading scorer. He has scored six touchdowns and one two-point conversion for 38 points. Monahans' Thompson is way ahead of everyone with 21 TD's for 126 points.

Safety Brian Mayfield is second in the league in interceptions. His four ranks second only to Sweetwater's Kevin Norman, who has seven.

There will be Go-cart races this Saturday and Sunday at the old Howard County airport, located on the Snyder Highway.

The fee is \$6 per person and practice runs will begin at 8 a.m. on both days. Races will start at 12:30 p.m. each day.

Gervin heads to Italy

ROME (AP) - George "The Iceman" Gervin, a former National Basketball Association standout, signed Wednesday to play with Banco Di Roma of the Italian league.

Officials of the Italian club said the 34-year-old forward signed a one-year contract after several hours of negotiations. According to club sources, Gervin will receive \$250,000 for the season, the average salary of foreign stars in the Italian

league. The 6-foot-7 Gervin formerly played for the San Antonio Spurs and the Chicago Bulls and has been one of the top scorers in the NBA between 1976-77 and last season. He led the league in scoring four times and was named to the league all-star team five times.

He began his pro career in the defunct American Basketball Association in 1972-73.

Will the 'big dog' yodel?

By EDDIE CURRAN
Staff Writer

As if you didn't notice, there's a big difference between the midseason situation of the 1986 Big Spring Steers and that of the 1985 Steers. Just ask Pecos Eagles head football coach Daylon Whitehurst about the state's ninth ranked 4A team in the Harris Poll.

"They've been the little dog in that other district and now they're the big dog and they're going to yodel. They were fighting a big battle with a short stick. Now they have a big stick and I believe they know how to use it," Whitehurst said Wednesday in a telephone interview.

Whitehurst said his team should probably be classified as a "patsy" for the Steers. However, the situation for his Eagles is not as bad as he likes to make it seem. Pecos destroyed Lakeview 26-0, and has a 5-2 record, 3-2 in district.

Whitehurst said his team return-

ed just three starters from last year, and he said Lamesa is the only district team smaller than his Eagles.

The Eagles' coach, after saying his team was the clear underdog, said he was impressed with the Steers' depth and offensive variations.

"Anytime you can line up 22 people that can play, then you are in pretty good shape in 4A. They have a pretty good working situation there. Both of those runners (Charles White and Phillip Mathews) are really good weapons, and they don't run out of weapons after those two. That quarterback (Paul Decker) is no slouch; he can run and pass the ball.

"Our strength is we play well as a team. But whenever you have to depend on sophomores for your most explosive talent you're kind of hurting talent-wise. But these

kids have done a good job of playing together as a team."

The explosive sophomore talent Whitehurst referred to is 150-pound quarterback Bobby Smith.

"He's a little 'ole sophomore kid with some talent and quickness. His passing's not as good as we'd like for it to be, but a lot of times he's trying to run for his life," Whitehurst said.

Steers head coach Quinn Eudy has been preparing his defense by using flanker Shawn Shellman at quarterback this week to run the Pecos offense.

"Pecos is a real solid ballclub. They have a quarterback with real good speed and elusiveness. We've been running Shawn to simulate their quarterback — he's kind of that type," Eudy said.

Eudy said this week's practices have been much improved over last week's. The coach was a little worried about nose guard Todd

Coker and running back Phillip Mathews, both of whom have sprained ankles. Both should play, as should defensive back Danny Williams, returning for the first time since hurting his knee in preseason. Eudy said Williams is capable of playing, though he will not start.

Friday night will be the Steers' third road game of the season. In other away contests, the Steers destroyed Lakeview 33-13 and crushed Lamesa 47-7. If those games are any indication, the Steers like to travel.

"Everything seems to be running pretty smooth, but keeping your goal to play one game at a time is extremely important. I don't think you can look ahead in this district to anyone.

"I've said all along that there's no weak sister in this district — we went over to Lamesa just totally, mentally prepared," Eudy said.

Mets even Series

BOSTON (AP) — Gary Carter homered twice and Len Dykstra added another behind Ron Darling's pitching and the New York Mets held off the Boston Red Sox 6-2 Wednesday night to square the World Series at two games each.

Carter's first homer, with a man on, opened the scoring as the Mets took a 3-0 lead in the fourth inning against Red Sox starter Al Nipper, who hadn't pitched in 17 days. The Mets catcher closed New York's scoring with a solo homer over the screen above the left-field wall in the eighth off reliever Steve Crawford. It was Carter's seventh RBI in the Series.

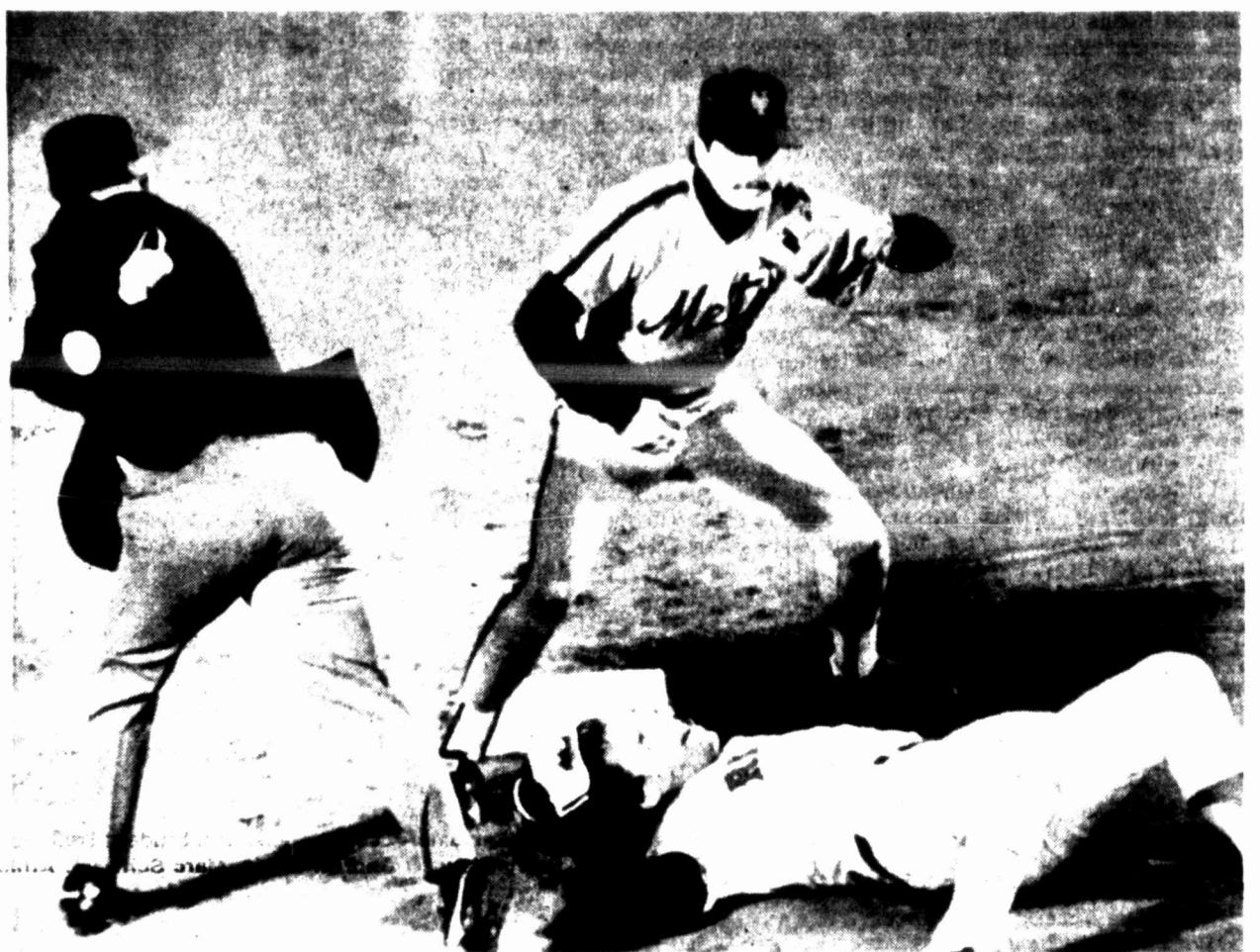
Dykstra's two-run homer in the seventh off Crawford made it 5-0 as the Mets continued their offensive resurgence. The Mets won Game 3, 7-1, after scoring only three runs in losing the first two games at home.

Dykstra's second homer of the Series, a two-out shot, tipped off the glove of Red Sox right fielder Dwight Evans and fell into the Mets bullpen.

Darling, working on three days' rest, blanked the Red Sox on four hits before leaving after seven innings. He lost the first game of the Series 1-0, giving up one unearned run in seven innings.

Roger McDowell, who pitched two perfect innings to close the Mets' victory in Game 3, gave up two runs in the eighth and needed relief from Jesse Orosco, who got the last out of the eighth with two runners on, and then closed out the Red Sox in the ninth.

The victory ensured at least a Game 6, giving the Mets the opportunity to bring the Series back to Shea Stadium. It was news that could have been greeted with mixed emotions. The Mets lost the first two games at home, then won two at Fenway Park.



Boston Red Sox Rich Gedman rolls over after being tagged out at second base by New York Mets Wally Backman while trying to stretch a single into a double during sixth inning action in the fourth game of the World Series in Boston.

Dwight Gooden, 17-6, who lost Game 2, was scheduled to start for the Mets in Game 5 Thursday night against Bruce Hurst, 13-8, who worked eight scoreless innings as the winner in Game 1.

Darling was not perfect, coming back for the first time this season on such short notice. He walked six and struck out four, and he was just good enough as the Red Sox stranded 11 runners, nine in Darling's seven innings.

Wally Backman led off the New York fourth inning with a single to center, the ball bouncing off the mound and just below Nipper's glove.

Then, with Keith Hernandez at bat, the Mets tried a hit-and-run at the same time the Red Sox tried a pitchout.

With Backman running, Hernandez reached for a pitch at least a foot outside, threw his bat at it

and hit the ball toward shortstop Spike Owen, whose only play was to first.

Carter, who had 24 homers and 105 RBI during the season but struggled through a 4-for-27 playoff slump, hit the next pitch from Nipper for his first postseason homer. The ball landed in the screen above the 37-foot high Green Monster in left-center field.

The Mets were not finished in the inning, though. Also swinging at the first pitch, Darryl Strawberry poked a ball into the left-field corner for a double, only his second hit in 11 Series at-bats, and Ray Knight drove him in with his second single of the game, giving the Mets a 3-0 lead.

It was the only time the Mets broke through against Nipper.

Darling sputtered early, got on track, then needed a jump start in the fifth.

The Red Sox loaded the bases with two out in the first inning, aided by two Darling walks, but came up empty when Evans grounded into a forceout at second. Gedman led off the second inning with a double, but Darling shut the door again.

He struck out Dave Henderson, got Spike Owen on a grounder that sent Gedman to third and ended the inning by getting Wade Boggs on a rare popout.

He retired 10 straight until he walked Owen with one out in the fifth. Boggs flied out high and deep to center field for the second out, and, when Barrett singled on a 3-2 pitch with Owen running, the Red Sox had runners at first and third with two out. Darling, however, got Bill Buckner to bloop out to second to end the inning.

Stage set for Buffaloes battle

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

One thing will be certain about the outcome of the District 6-2A clash between Stanton and Forsan at 8 p.m. Friday night at Forsan — the Buffaloes will win.

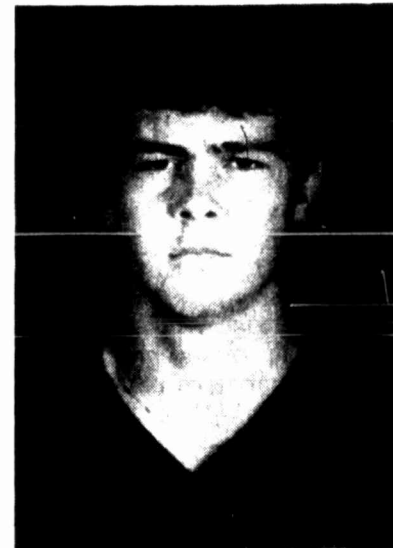
Both teams have Buffaloes for mascot names. But that's not where the similarities end. Both teams are battling for the district crown, both are undefeated in district play, both have potent offenses and stingy defenses.

This sets the stage for a barn-burner of a contest.

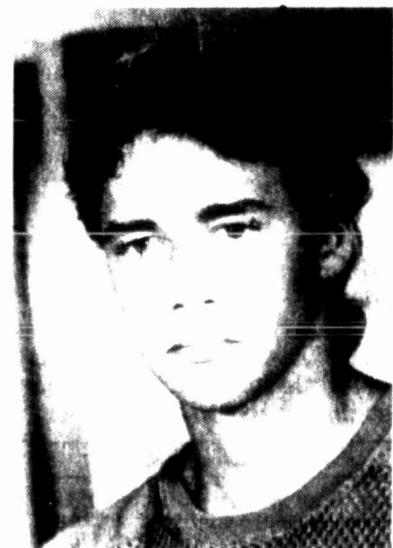
Although Forsan hasn't lost a district contest, it does have a blemish on its slate. It occurred last week when Forsan battled the No. 8 Big Lake Owls to a 13-13 tie. Thus Forsan is 6-0-1 for the season and 1-0-1 in league play. Forsan defeated Ozona 33-6 in its first district game.

Meanwhile Stanton is sitting on top of the district race with a 2-0 record. Last week Stanton defeated Rankin 8-6 and the week before, it downed Eldorado 27-6.

"This is a must game for us," said Forsan coach Jan East. "This one is bigger than the Big Lake games last week. With that tie, if we lose this one, we're out. The home field advantage will help some, but in game like this when they're leading the district and us in second, I don't think it will be a



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Forsan's leading rusher



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major factor."

"The kids, the town, everyone is excited about this game," said Stanton coach Dale Ruth. "We'll try not to let the home field advantage bother it, it's just another game as far as that is concerned. We realize if we win, it will put us in the running for the district championship."

Both coaches feel the contest will turn into a defensive battle. The way their teams have played so far, they are probably right.

Stanton has allowed a meager 79

points per game, seven more than Forsan. Both defense limit the opposition to less than 200 yards total offense.

"Both teams play really good defense. I don't think there will be a lot of scoring," said East. "In fact, the team that turns the ball over the least will probably win."

If that's the case both teams will have to cut down on their miscues from their last games. Last week Forsan had three turnovers and Stanton had five.

"With the way both teams play

defense, I'd say 14 points might be enough to win," said Ruth.

Ruth's defense will be missing a valuable link Friday night. Middle linebacker and leading tackler Derek Sorley will miss the game with a knee injury. Last week Robert Schoolcraft filled in for him and did a good job, leading the team with 14 tackles. "We'll miss Derek's leadership, but I think Robert can get the job done," Ruth said.

Stanton's main concern will be stopping Forsan halfback Wayne Wright, who has 870 yards rushing in 131 carries, passed for 64 yards and caught 10 passes for 141 yards. Forsan can also counter with quarterback Brant Nichols, who has completed 51 of 92 passes for 751 yards.

Stanton has a good offense of its own. Led by halfback Greg Barnhill, who has gained over 320 yards in the last two games, their Wishbone attack can grind out the yards. The speedy Barnhill has gained 726 yards in 117 carries.

So the stage is set for what is no doubt the top game in District 6-2A and perhaps the top AA game in the state.

The main question is — which set of Buffaloes will walk away as winners?

Flutie practices, McMahon will start

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — It all happened very quickly.

Coach Mike Ditka introduced Doug Flutie to the Chicago Bears Wednesday and then announced Jim McMahon would start at quarterback Sunday against the Detroit Lions.

But no one was saying whether the mere presence of Flutie, the 1984 Heisman Trophy winner out of Boston College, spurred McMahon into a sudden and miraculous recovery.

McMahon avoided reporters, Flutie was involved in meeting some of his new teammates and Ditka explained it wasn't McMahon's shoulder injury that kept him out of last Sunday's 23-7 loss to Minnesota — it was a back injury.

"Jim threw well in practice, he looked good," said Ditka. "The timing was there. It's his body. I can't assume what hurts and what doesn't."

McMahon's injuries to his shoulder, elbow and back kept him out of three of the Bears' first seven games this season.

His injuries and inability to practice were believed to be the reasons the Bears not only acquired Flutie's rights from the Los Angeles Rams but signed him for this season along with a 1987-88 contract.

"We need insurance at that position," said Ditka, who has until Nov. 4 before activating Flutie.

But after Wednesday's practice, Ditka seemed pleased with McMahon's condition.

"Jim did everything we asked him to do," said Ditka. "He threw 30 to 40 times and he'll throw again tomorrow and Friday."

Ditka also said he introduced Flutie to the Bears, some of whom were angered over the idea that the Bears had acquired the rights to the 5-9 quarterback.

"I told them I'd like to introduce Doug Flutie," Ditka related. "There was no resentment but a couple of them threw tomatoes at me."

McMahon was the most vocal in expressing his resentment over Flutie and questioned management's loyalty to the players.

Flutie said he hadn't met all of the Bears yet "but some of them, one by one, introduced themselves to me. It was a good greeting. It helped ease me in."

Flutie also said he met McMahon.

"He said 'Hi' and we had some casual conversation when I asked him about some pass patterns," said Flutie. "It was friendly and cordial."

Flutie, who last played for the New Jersey Generals in the spring of 1985 in the defunct United States Football League, glowed over the chance to be in uniform again.

"The football environment feels great," he said. "I missed it. I was lost on the practice field and I did a lot of thinking out there."

Flutie also met with the Bears' other quarterbacks, Steve Fuller, who started last week and was scheduled to start again this Sunday, and Mike Tomczak.

"Mike and I were in the Japan Bowl together," said Flutie. "I talked to Mike more than anybody else."

Flutie said he does not expect the pressure with the Bears that he experienced with the Generals when he had to go through four, two-a-day, practice sessions to get ready for his first game.

"It always seems I'm under pressure," said Flutie. "Maybe the Heisman has something to do with that. They expect Doug Flutie to come in and challenge. People have to be patient."

Ditka lost some of his patience when he was asked what it was about Flutie that intrigued him.

"This is the last time I'm going to answer that question," said Ditka. "I like 10,579 yards (Flutie's college passing record). He took his team to three bowl games. He won the Heisman. He didn't do it by mirrors, he did it throwing."



Doug Flutie (2) warms up before his first practice as a Chicago Bear Wednesday in Lake Forest, Ill., as back-up quarterback Mike Tomczak watches.

Evans says Mets using cork-filled bats

BOSTON (AP) — Are the New York Mets cheating?

Boston right fielder Dwight Evans, after watching 160-pound Len Dykstra hit two home runs in two consecutive World Series games, says it's time to find out.

"We've got to check that kid's bat. We've got to check a few other bats," Evans said after the Mets evened the series with the Red Sox at two games apiece with a 6-2 victory Wednesday night. Game 5 is scheduled tonight.

"I'm dead serious. We're going to check some bats tomorrow," he added. "Some balls carried awful funny tonight."

Evans refused to say which other players' bats he wanted to inspect.

"Let them think about it," he said.

Cork inserted into the head of a bat can make balls travel farther. The practice violates baseball rules.

Evans didn't get much support from his manager, John McNamara, while Mets' Manager Davey Johnson said Evans was welcome to inspect New York's lumber supply.

"I don't want to hear about it," McNamara said when told of Evans' statements.

"He can check them all he wants," Johnson said.

The Mets now find themselves subjected to accusations rather than making them. In the National League playoffs, they claimed Houston pitcher Mike Scott scuffed up the ball. League President Chub Feeney said there was no evidence to support that contention.

Dykstra said the same was true of Evans' suspicions.

"That's fine with me" if Evans wants to look at his bats, Dykstra said. "That's a compliment."

Dykstra's two-run homer in the ninth inning of Game 3 in the NL playoffs gave New York a 6-5 victory over the Astros. He homered



New York Mets Len Dykstra connects on a two-run homer off Boston Red Sox pitcher Steve Crawford as Red Sox catcher Rich Gedman and umpire Joe Brinkman look on. Boston outfielder Dwight Evans says that the 160-pound Dykstra is using a loaded bat.

to lead off New York's 7-1 victory in Game 3 of the World Series Tuesday night.

In the seventh inning Wednesday night, he belted a two-run shot that Evans had in his glove but lost when he hit the right-field fence. It gave the Mets a 5-0 lead.

"It carried back toward center," Evans said. "It also carried a little funny. It carried further than it should have."

"Lenny has surprised a lot of people," Johnson said. "He's a strong little guy. He's no weakling. He's got an awful quick bat."

"You may say, 'How can he hit home runs for a man his size?'" METS' RIGHT FIELDER Darryl Strawberry said, "but he has a very good idea of how to handle the bat. He knows what to do. People just underestimate him."

Bill Robinson said he had no knowledge of Dykstra doctoring his bats.

"He's hit some balls that are amazing," Robinson said. "If anything is altered on his bat, I can honestly say I know nothing about it. If he does, I don't want to know and I don't know."

He added that Dykstra's great bat speed is responsible for the distance of some of his hits.

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Sports briefs

Rookies named NFL top players

NEW YORK (AP) — Two NFL rookies, running back Rueben Mayes of New Orleans and defensive end Gerald Robinson of Minnesota, were named the NFC players of the week.

Mayes, a third-round draft choice from Washington State who ran for 108 yards the previous week, carried 24 times for 172 yards last week as the Saints beat Tampa Bay 38-7. Robinson, the Vikings' first round selection from Auburn, had 2½ sacks in Minnesota's 23-7 upset of Chicago.

Defender trial action heats up

FREMANTLE, Australia (AP) — Kookaburra III, skipped by Iain Murray, remained undefeated, defeating South Australia, piloted by John Savage, by six minutes and 43 seconds in the first round of the defender trials.

Australia IV, with Colin Beashe at the helm, also won, beating its Alan Bond syndicate stablemate, Australia III, steered by Gordon Lucas, by 3:07. Australia IV has four points with a 4-1 record.

In the third race, held in moderate seas and winds ranging between 12-18 knots, Kookaburra II recorded its third victory by beating winless Steak'n Kidney by 4:11.

Siegel shoots record-trying score

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Jay Siegel shot a record-tying 66 to lift the United States into the lead after the opening day of the World Amateur Team Championship.

The United States team score of 204, leads Canada by four shots and third-place New Zealand by 10. Completing the top 10 are China, Australia, Sweden, Venezuela, West Germany, Britain-Ireland, and Brazil.

Siegel, a two-time U.S. Amateur champion from Berwyn, Pa., finished with a 4-under-par 66, giving him a piece of the World Amateur record shared by five others, including Jack Nicklaus and Deane Beman.

Sukova rolls in indoor tennis play

BRIGHTON, England (AP) — No. 2 seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia became the first player to reach the last 16 of the women's \$200,000 Pretty Polly Classic indoor tennis tournament, downing Tine Scheuer-Larsen of Denmark 6-3, 6-1 in the second round.

In outstanding first-round matches, fifth-seeded Caterina Lindqvist of Sweden, eighth-seeded Terry Phelps, Barbara Potter and Grace Kim all advanced.

American wins wrestling title

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — American Bruce Baumgartner dethroned titlist David Gobedzishvili of the Soviet Union in the 130-kilogram (287-pound) final of the World Wrestling Championships.

Andreas Schroeder of East Germany beat Bulgaria's Atanas Atanasov 3-1 for the bronze.

In the 90-kilogram (198-pound) division, Maharbek Hadartsev of the Soviet Union beat East Germany's Torsten Wagner for the gold. Cuba's Raul Cascaret outpointed Atlan Varayev of the Soviet Union 5-3 to retain his title in the 74-kilogram (163-pound) class.

Jim Sherr of the United States captured the bronze in the 90-kilogram (198-pound) division, beating Roberto Limonta of Cuba 8-2.

Pepitone gets six month sentence

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Pepitone, the former New York Yankees first baseman convicted on misdemeanor drug charges, was freed from a Brooklyn jail a few hours after he received a six-month sentence.

Justice Richard A. Brown of the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court in Brooklyn agreed Wednesday to allow Pepitone to remain free temporarily until his lawyer could formally ask that the his sentence be stayed pending an appeal.

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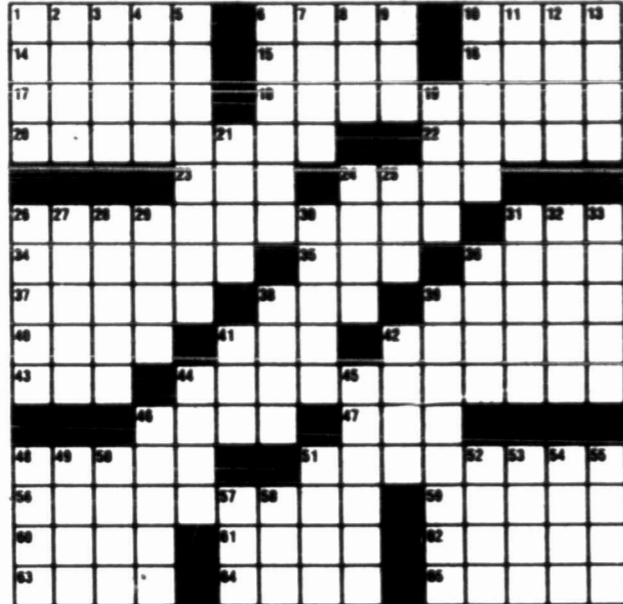
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THE Daily Crossword by Gayle Dean

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 - 43 Possessive
 - 44 Parisian salute?
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 - 48 Bird of prey
 - 51 The write stuff
 - 56 Hamlet?
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 - 60 Sty sound
 - 61 Killer whale
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 - 2 SPOT
 - 3 REAM
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- DOWN**
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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Home affairs are important today, even if you have to be out on business. Be more concerned with savings.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) If you get together with friends you can gain those personal wishes that mean much to you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Do those things that will bring more beauty and charm into your life. Improve your business surroundings.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) If you contact important people with a smile you can easily gain favors that you need.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Become more introverted so that you can gain more of this world's goodies by thinking wisely.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Good friends can assist you in gaining some personal aim that means much to you. Learn to save more money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) If you dress nicely and go after your goals you can accomplish a great deal today. Commercialize your talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Making as many new contacts as possible that are worthwhile is wise at this time. Garner new data for work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to be more emotional and please your mate more. This results in strong business ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A highly emotional partner has great ideas. These result in benefits that are important to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you schedule your activities wisely you can handle them properly and efficiently.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You want to enjoy recreation but be sure it can also prove profitable and add to your prestige.

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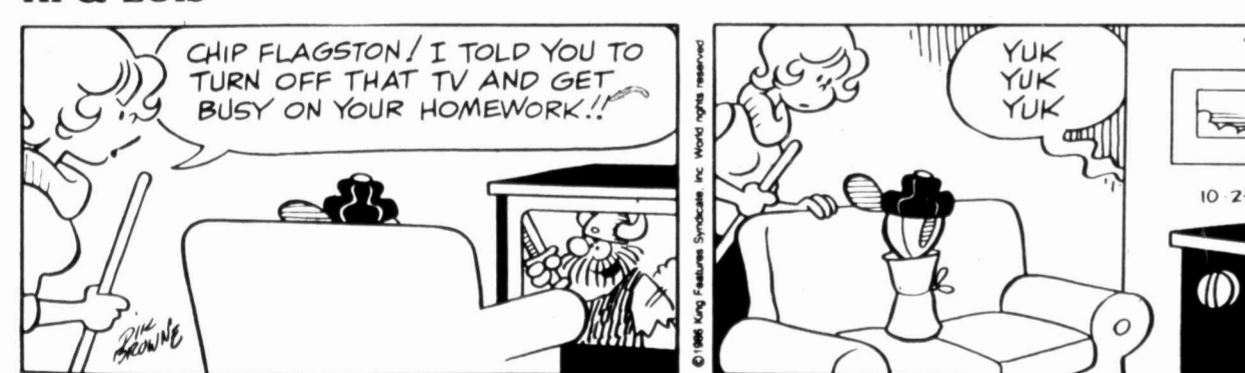
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Deaf teacher instructs in sign language

By NANCY PERDUE

The San Antonio Light
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The sounds of silence surround Job Ayantola's everyday world. The 36-year-old Nigerian native has been deaf since the age of 4, which has forced him to live without knowing such noises as alarm clocks, emergency sirens or his children's cries.

Understanding the heartache such a condition can bring, Ayantola is devoted to reducing frustration for other deaf people. He teaches sign language at San Antonio College so people who can hear can communicate with those who can not.

He also is a supervisor at Southwest Center for the Hearing Impaired where he helps deaf people learn to live independently by "acting as a role model."

"Deafness is not visible and that is a problem," Ayantola said, with the help of his friend, Susan Rapp, serving as a sign language interpreter. "We need to work through the problems that face us. We must fight through the tough times. It's part of our life."

Ayantola came to the United States in 1976, after the Nigerian government awarded him a college scholarship. He moved to San Antonio in 1984, after earning a bachelor's degree in California and a master's degree in Maryland.

He said physicians have not been able to determine why he lost his hearing. He has come to grips with knowing his problem can not be reversed, but he admits there have been some trying times. It has meant dealing with people who treat him as if he is mentally retarded. And, it has meant spending a lot of money to buy machines for his telephone and television so he can read captions in place of hearing.

Using Rapp's voice to make himself heard, Ayantola said his major pet peeve is the high expense of such gadgets that are necessary to alert the deaf of danger, emergencies and everyday events happening in the world.

"I feel it's not fair for the deaf to buy them because they are expensive and some people can't afford them. I think the government should do something. We need help so we can be independent."

He also contends local television stations could do more if they had people who know sign language interpret local newscasts so even the hearing impaired would know what is going on in the city and be able to prepare themselves for turbulent weather.

Meanwhile, Ayantola said his deafness has not made it difficult to teach sign language to hearing college students. He simply uses an interpreter until the class has a large enough sign vocabulary to understand his lectures.



Job Ayantola uses sign language to teach at the Southwest Center for the Hearing Impaired in San Antonio. Ayantola, who is deaf, tries to teach other deaf people how to live independently.

Armed attacker meets undaunted publisher

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A man who stormed into the offices of *The Anchorage Times*, set off a smoke grenade and fired an assault rifle didn't count on the wicked roundhouse left of the newspaper's 79-year-old publisher.

"I beat a guy up every 50 years," Robert Atwood said, laughing, Tuesday after he and his daughter Elaine subdued the man authorities identified as Donald Ramsey, a 41-year-old taxi driver who previously had written a threatening letter to U.S. Sen. Frank Murkowski.

Atwood said he had never before seen the man who stormed into the office Tuesday morning armed with a .223-caliber semi-automatic rifle, a .44-caliber Magnum pistol and a knife and carrying a backpack full of smoke grenades.

"He said he had put an ad in the paper, and I had his house burned down," Atwood said. "I told him I've never had anybody's house burned down."

Ramsey chained the building's front doors before setting off a military smoke canister and firecrackers, police said.

"I heard a lot of noise and a lot of firecrackers," said Atwood, who was in his office on the second floor. "I heard a lot of panicky-type noises from the women downstairs."

The man stormed upstairs, and demanded of Elaine Atwood, "Where's Atwood? You're an Atwood, get out here."

Instead, she said, she ducked behind her desk, and the man started shooting into the ceiling.

Atwood said he saw his daughter crouched by her desk and motioned her to come into his office. She refused, motioning him back.

"I didn't want the guy to see

him," Elaine Atwood said. "I went in to get her and met that guy with the rifle and we went at it," Atwood said. His daughter joined in, and they managed to keep the rifle barrel pointed downward as the man continued firing.

"I don't remember being scared," Atwood said. "I had no time to be scared. He was so busy with his weapons, and I was busy hitting him. If I had two hands I could have knocked him out."

Atwood said his right hand was tied up on the rifle and he was punching the man in the face with his left. "He didn't seem to like it. It encouraged me to hit him again. He was shooting down between my legs at the floor."

"I expected to feel bullets," Elaine Atwood said. "Nobody's going to kill my dad without a fight. I was yelling for help."

Other employees joined in and held down the gunman until police arrived.

Ramsey faces charges of weapons misconduct in the first and second degree; carrying a concealed weapon; attempted first-degree assault; and two counts of third-degree assault. He was being held on \$500,000 bail.

As officers led him away, the man looked at Elaine Atwood, and said, "Miss Atwood, I left you something," she said.

Officers found a backpack with more smoke grenade canisters and other devices, said John Franklin, city director of public safety. The building was cleared until about noon, when a bomb disposal unit removed the devices.

Atwood suffered a cut on his hand and burn on one finger in the scuffle with the gunman. Nobody else was injured.

Families spend \$520 year in entertainment

NEW YORK (AP) — The average American household is expected to spend \$520 entertaining itself this year with such things as a fancier television set or an evening at the theater, a private consulting firm says.

The forecast represents an 8.1 percent increase from the \$481 the average household spent on entertainment last year, according to a report from Wilkofsky Gruen Associates Inc., a New York-based consultant.

Early indications are that growth in consumer spending will accelerate through the first half of 1987. Arthur C. Gruen, president of Wilkofsky Gruen, said Tuesday. "Even though neither inflation nor real economic growth has done much recently to expand consumers' incomes, Americans continue to dig deeper into their pockets to be entertained."

Gruen said that if this year's forecast proves correct, entertainment spending will represent 1.65 percent of the household budget, compared with 1.61 percent last year and 1.23 percent in 1975.

His firm forecasts entertainment spending by using data that act as leading indicators in three areas of

consumer spending. Growth in spending on entertainment hardware such as stereos and video cassette recorders will accelerate through mid-1987 from a 12 percent growth pace earlier this year, it said.

But growth in spending on in-home entertainment, including recorded music and video programs and pay television, is expected to slow in the first half of 1987 to as low as 4 percent from 10 percent earlier this year, the report said.

Gruen attributed the slower growth in this category to weakness in the pay-cable and pay-TV industries. Video and audio software sales remain strong.

Spending on out-of-home entertainment, which includes movies, theater, concerts and sporting events, should increase at a double-digit pace early next year after growing at about a 5 percent rate in 1986, the report said.

Gruen said live theater and entertainment will be the biggest beneficiary of this trend, and that spending on the theater may pass spending on attending live sporting events for the first time.

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